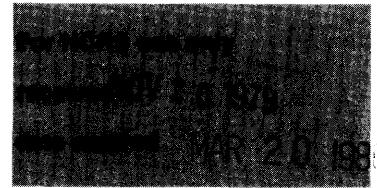


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic North Main Street Historic District

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Irregular pattern along North Main Street, Sycamore Street,
Jefferson Street, Washington Street, and Water Street not for publication

city, town Bolivar _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Sixth

state Tennessee code 047 county Hardeman code 069

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple ownership

street & number _____

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hardeman County Courthouse

street & number Court Square

city, town Bolivar state Tennessee 38008

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historical and Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date November 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local _____

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission, 4721 Trousdale Drive

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37220

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Bolivar is the county seat of Hardeman County, which is located in southwestern Tennessee. The North Main Street Historic District is located north of the court square and includes thirty-seven buildings, all but one of which are residences; twenty-five buildings contribute to the significance of the district, and there are twelve other buildings.

Buildings and sites contributing to the character of the district:

1. Baker House, "Mansion House" (517 North Main Street): ca. 1849, Greek Revival, 2 stories, frame, weatherboarded, bracketed cornice, later portico with paired columns with volutes, polygonal gazebo with latticed sides.
2. Kahn House (515 North Main Street): ca. 1867, Victorian cottage, 1½ stories, frame, weatherboarded, decorative bargeboard, 20th century portico, designed by Fletcher Sloan.
3. Buchanan House "Mallory Manor" (505 North Main Street): 1867, 1 story frame, weatherboarded, porch with columns and arched brackets.
4. Thompson House "The Manse" (501 North Main Street): ca. 1860, Carpenter Gothic, 1½ story, frame, weatherboarded, center gable, designed by Fletcher Sloan.
5. Wilson-Bradley House (427 North Main Street): ca. 1890, vernacular, 1 story, frame, clapboarded, stained glass windows, shingled gable, front porch with columns and pierced railing.
6. Vincent House (419 North Main Street): ca. 1860, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front porch with columns.
7. Mitchell House (411 North Main Street): ca. 1925, bungaloid, 1½ story, frame, weatherboarded.
12. Doyle-Wheeler House (412 North Washington Street): ca. 1900, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front porch with slender, turned posts.
13. Fentress-Vincent House "The Gardens" (West Sycamore Street): 1871, Carpenter Gothic, 1½ story, frame, weatherboarded, modern front porch, center gable, clustered chimney stacks, decorative bargeboard, designed by Fletcher Sloan.
14. Pierce House (314 North Washington Street): ca. 1900, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, modern front porch, aluminum siding, much altered.
16. Cross House (308 North Washington Street): ca. 1915, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, hipped roof, front porch with turned posts.
17. Pierce House (304 North Washington Street): ca. 1900, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front porch, external gable chimneys.
18. Rogers House (315 North Main Street): ca. 1890, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, shingled gable, front porch with turned posts.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Hardeman County was created from a portion of neighboring Hardin County by the Tennessee General Assembly on October 16, 1823. Named for Thomas Jones Hardeman, an early settler in the area, the new county was organized in November 1823. Hatchie Town, located one mile north of Bolivar on the Hatchie River, was selected as the temporary county seat by the county court. Four commissioners appointed by the state legislature to choose a permanent county town selected Bolivar. Ezekiel Polk and William Ramsey donated fifty acres on April 22, 1824, for the new town, which was named for Simon Bolivar, the Venezuelan independence leader. The county court appointed a committee to sell town lots and erect public buildings. Bolivar was incorporated in 1827.

The North Main Street Historic District has twenty-four significant residences and one contributing public building. Fourteen of these buildings were erected before 1900, and four of these predate the Civil War; of the remaining eleven, six were built between 1900 and 1910 and the other five during the 1915-1925 decade.

The district is architecturally significant as an expression of the evolution of town cottages from the 1840s to the 1930s in a small West Tennessee county seat. The district includes one of nearly every type favored in that period; as such it is a catalog of forms originally found throughout that region but which survive today in widely scattered sites.

The district illustrates the predominance of wood for siding and the general small size of town cottages in West Tennessee; only two houses are two stories in height, and only one is brick. These were the houses of the craftsmen and tradesmen found in every county seat, and the small size and general lack of pretension reflect the economic status of the builders. (The elaborate portico on the "Mansion House" (No.1) is a later addition)

Each house is located on an individual lot surrounded by a small lawn which is sometimes defined by an iron fence. Most of the houses are set back from the street allowing for shaded front yards. This pattern is typical of residential areas in small towns in West Tennessee, in contrast with the row-houses or narrow town houses of many urban areas in the north.

Although the district contains only twenty-four buildings, it includes examples of almost every style used in cottages in West Tennessee. The ante-bellum period is illustrated by a small Greek Revival cottage (Vincent House, No.6) and a more stylish Gothic Revival cottage ("The Manse" No.4). This period was one of general affluence in West Tennessee and this prosperity is illustrated by the larger, two story "Mansion House" (No.1) and "Magnolia Manor" (No. 28). The post-war period is illustrated by a cottage

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bolivar Bulletin Times, July 4, 1976.
 Civil War Centennial Commission, Directory of Civil War Monuments and Memorials in Tennessee, Nashville: Civil War Centennial Commission, 1963.
 Sophie and Paul Crane. Tennessee Taproots. Old Hickory, Tennessee: Earle-Shields Publishers, c. 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 35 **UTM NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Bolivar East, Tennessee **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the North Main Street Historic District is shown as the red line on the tax assessment maps No. 70-J, No.70-O, and No. 70-P for Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee; these are drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The boundary of the nominated district was

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara Hume Church, Architectural Historian
Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

organization Tennessee Historical Commission date November 1979

street & number 4721 Trousdale Drive telephone (615) 741-2371

city or town Nashville state Tennessee 37219

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert L. Haysen

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 11/15/79

For NCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

W. Ray Jones date 3/22/80

Walter J. O. Council date 3/14/80

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1. Mr. Austin Alexander Baker, Jr.
517 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
2. Mrs. Aubrey M. Kahn
515 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
3. Mrs. Evelyn Tate Buchanan
505 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
4. Mr. Samuel W. Thompson
501 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
5. Mrs. B. Harris Bradley
133 Mecklinburg Drive
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
6. Miss Gladys Vincent
1758 Lawrence Place
Memphis, Tennessee 38112
7. Mrs. John K. Mitchell
411 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
8. Mr. Bill Sykes
306 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
9. Mr. Roger Sellers
114 West Sycamore Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
10. Mr. and Mrs. Thad Williams
Jack Corsar
118 West Sycamore Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
11. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers
120 West Sycamore Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
12. Mrs. Alvin Wheeler
412 North Washington Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
13. Miss Patsy Vincent
c/o Mrs. M. O. Vincent
612 Wright Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
14. Ms. Magella Pierce
314 North Washington Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
16. Ms. Mary Cross
308 North Washington Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
17. Mr. Palmer Pierce
304 North Washington Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
18. Mr. Kenneth Rogers
315 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
19. Mr. Kenneth Rogers
315 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
20. Mrs. Curtis Vaughan
305 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008

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| 21. Mr. Joe Wheeler
East Harris Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 30. Mr. Victor Moss
456 Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 22. Mrs. Hall Brooks
304 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 31. Mr. Ralph Wiggs
Middleton, Tennessee 38052
and
Mrs. Wiggs
c/o Bolivar Police Department
West Jackson Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 23. Mrs. Hall Brooks
304 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 32. Mr. William King Weems
502 Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 24. County Executive
Hardeman County Courthouse
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008
also
Mayor
City Hall
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 33. Mr. Thomas Stallings
508 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 25. Mrs. David Durrett
113 East Jefferson Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 34. Mrs. Alan M. Prewitt
516 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 26. Mrs. B. Harris Bradley
402 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 35. Mr. Gale Harrell
524 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 27. Mr. Ben T. Williams, Jr.
400 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 36. Miss Etta Dorris
532 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 28. Mr. S. Frank Avent
418 North Main Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 | 37. Ms. Hattie Pearl Scott
414 North Washington Street
Bolivar, Tennessee 38008 |
| 29. Mrs. Ruby Wiggins
428 North Main Street
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21. Wheeler House (307 North Main Street): ca. 1895, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front porch with turned posts and tuned balusters.
22. Lockman-Brooks House (306 North Main Street): ca. 1890, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front door with side lights, front porch with slender posts, internal gable chimneys.
24. Bolivar-Hardeman County Library (North Main Street): ca. 1920, Colonia Revival, 1 story, brick, formerly Hardeman County Library, front portico with pediment and square pillars.
25. Durrett House "Greenberry Bright" (113 East Jefferson Street): 1867, vernacular, 2 stories, frame, weatherboarded, internal gable chimneys, later 1 story front porch, incorporates log portion dating from ca. 1835.
26. Ragon-Bradley House (402 North Main Street): 1915, bungaloid, 1½ stories, frame, weatherboarded, shingled siding over front porch, center dormer.
28. Avent House "Magnolia Manor" (418 North Main Street): 1849, Greek Revival, 2 stories, brick, parapeted chimneys, front door with rectangular head and side lights, front porch with square pillars, 1 story brick dependency, ca. 1849, internal gable chimneys, modern front porch.
29. Wiggins House "Miller Cottage" (428 North Main Street): ca. 1890, vernacular 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front porch with slender columns.
31. Cox-Wiggs House (424 North Main Street): ca. 1890, Queen Anne, 1½ story, frame, weatherboarded, polygonial tower, front porch.
32. Weems House (502 North Main Street): ca. 1910, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front porch with turned posts and balusters.
33. Stallings House (508 North Main Street): ca. 1900, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded, front door with side lights, front porch with turned posts.
34. Prewitt House (516 North Main Street): ca. 1920, vernacular, 1½ stories, frame, weatherboarded, bungalow, center dormer, front porch with paired columns.
36. Dorris House (532 North Main Street): ca. 1900, vernacular, 2 stories, frame, weatherboarded, 1 story front porch.

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Nonconforming intrusions detracting from the integrity of the district.

8. Grantham House (306 North Main Street): 1938, bungalow, 1 story brick.
9. Sellers House (114 West Sycamore Street): ca. 1950, Cape Cod type, 1 story, frame.
10. Williams House (118 West Sycamore Street): ca. 1950, Cape Cod type, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded.
11. Rogers House (120 West Sycamore Street): ca. 1970, house trailer.
15. Sammons House (312 North Washington Street): ca. 1950, vernacular, 1 story frame, weatherboarded.
19. Rogers House (111 West Sycamore Street): ca. 1950, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded.
20. Vaughan House (305 North Main Street): ca. 1935, vernacular, 1 story, frame brick veneer, front chimney.
23. Brooks House (304 North Main Street): ca. 1940, vernacular, 1½ stories, frame, brick veneer.
27. Williams House (400 North Main Street): ca. 1900, vernacular, 2 stories, frame, drastically remodeled.
30. Moss House (456 North Main Street): ca. 1950, vernacular, 1 story, frame, brick veneered, front chimney.
35. Kahn House (524 North Main Street): ca. 1940, vernacular, 1 story, frame, brick veneered.
37. Scott House (414 North Washington Street): ca. 1960, vernacular, 1 story, frame, weatherboarded.

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with a front porch in antis "Mallory Manor" (No.3), a form popularly known in West Tennessee as a "piano box" house from its resemblance to a square grand piano. The general decline in economic conditions of the late nineteenth century is illustrated by several small cottages with traces of gingerbread trim, such as the Rogers House (No.18). Finally, the ubiquitous bungalow continues the cottage pattern into the twentieth century (Mitchell House, No. 7).

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The Goodspeed Histories of Fayette and Hardeman Counties of Tennessee. Columbia, Tennessee: Woodward & Stinson Printing Co., 1973 (originally published in 1889).

Information provided by James T. Stevens, Jr., and Mrs. Faye Tennyson Davidson, Hardeman County historians, both of Bolivar.

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drawn to include the contributing properties along and adjacent to North Main Street and to exclude intrusive buildings; the area joins more modern residential and commercial areas.