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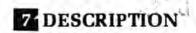
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Embree farm is located in the southwestern part of Washington County approximately one mile west of the Telford community. The two and one-half story stone farmhouse is approached by crossing over Little Limestone Creek which flows through the property from east to west, fronting the house, frame barn and farm buildings on the south. The Southern Railway right-of-way passes from east to west across the back of the property, located approximately 300 yards north of the Embree House which is built below the crest of the hill on the side that slopes down toward the creek.

The original section of the house, built in ca. 1780-1790, is the 40' x 25' rectangular shape, two and one-half story principal mass of sturdy coursed rubble stone bearing wall construction. The building was designed for the contour of the lot having an open basement on the south front with the basement entrance directly below the main entrance. The one-by-three bay symmetrical fenestration features squarish apertures for doors and windows, medium slope roof, and balanced chimney stacks flush with the wide gable ends. The enclosed chimneys are built wide to accommodate the twin fire-place design on the interior. The entrances feature arched, stone voussoirs in the door heads. The front porch and weatherboarded frame addition on the west were added and the entrance to this wing is from the porch. On the back side the former porch has been enclosed for the kitchen with a small open porch attached to one side. These are the only major changes to the design of the house which is said to have some of the same features and architectural character of the early Pennsylvania farmhouses of stone construction.

A main feature of this house is the sturdy hand-crafted construction and the simplicity of hand-crafted detail. On the interior the wood floors and ceilings are constructed across hewn wood beams, double pinned tenoned and mortised joinery, held in place by 1" diameter wood pegs. Beaded joists run between the lengthwise summer beam and the wall girts. The original board floors are one-inch thick yellow poplar with beading exposed on the underside. The gable roof over the garret is held in place by wood pegs and is presently clad with standing seam metal which replaces the former board roof which was laid like a shake roof. At each gable end the principal rafters are exposed above the bearing wall with the wood returns flush with the stone exterior wall. The garret has one square shaped window on the west wall. On the front of the house, the basement is open at the ground level. The 25' x 40' masonry walled room has a dirt floor and a wide fireplace which was used for cooking.

All of the windows are double hung, sash type, having six panes set in hand-crafted wood pegged casings and plain enframements. The downstairs windows are taller and the second story windows on the back side have closing batten shutters fitted with wrought iron strap hardware hung to the outside. All of the doors for the interior are beaded board and batten type hung with the original wrought iron hardware. Some of these have the early type wrought iron thumb latches, H and L hinges, and old wood lock boxes. The sturdy exterior doors are mortised and pinned, four panel doors with plain, carved moldings. The first and second story rooms are partitioned by walls constructed of yellow poplar wood vertical panels, one inch thick, with beaded edge tongue-and-groove boards. Masonry walls are plastered and painted. Hand-carved woodwork from the early period includes the plain chair rails, washboards, and presses built flush with the protruding chimney breasts, located in the southeast corner of the second story chamber.

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The front entrance leads to the first floor room that contains the closeted stair-case, fireplace, and rear door. The smaller room on the east end contains the twin fireplace with a double chimneypiece extending across the wide chimney breasts for the hand-carved wood mantel. These fireplaces have been closed up. The original window at the back is now a door to the enclosed porch.

The closeted staircase is built in the southwest corner next to the chimney. Mounted by two steps which extend out into the room this stair is constructed with narrow winders making a 90-degree turn to the second story. An identical stair extends above this to the garret room. The second story is partitioned into four chambers of unequal size. Each room is connected to the largest room which is in the southwest corner.

The Embree House is presently used as a farm residence and the owner, who is aware of the historical and architectural importance of the building, has taken care to preserve the original materials and detail.

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SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1780-1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Seth Smith

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Early settlers in Tennessee, Mose Embree II, and his wife, Sarah, built a log cabin and established an iron forge on this property ca. 1769. The Embree stone house was built on this land between the years 1780-1791 by Seth Smith, a skilled stone mason and a Quaker who immigrated to Tennessee from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Limestone was plentiful in East Tennessee and Smith, finding his skills very much in demand, traveled through this area and built several outstanding stone masonry houses in East Tennessee. Typical of transition of the Pennsylvania Colonial style in Tennessee, each house he built is similar in design. Before 1795, this house was used as a fort house for early settlers and their families who were troubled by hostile Indians. There were places in the 18" and 24" thick limestone masonry walls designed for musket holes.

The Embree family were Quakers, and iron makers by trade. Mose Embree, Sr. and his wife, Esther, settled in Egg Harbor, New Jersey, where in 1718 Mose was listed as an iron manufacturer. His son, Mose Embree II, operated a small scale iron forge, the first in this section of the state, and he produced small hardware items and horseshoes. Mose and Sarah Embree had several sons and daughters and the family built and operated a sawmill on Little Limestone Creek and a hominy mill located opposite the site of old Washington College. Two large millstones from the 1769 mill were moved to the campus where they remain. In 1776 Mose Embree cut and furnished lumber and manufactured mails and other items for John Sevier's home, Plumgrove. In 1790 Mose Embree sold 100 acres of his land located between the two branches of Limestone Creek to a Mr. Payne, giving him up to 100 years to pay for the land.

Mose Embree's son, Thomas Embree, operated an early iron ore mine in what is now Embreeville. On April 23, 1796, he was commissioned for the regular management of Embreeville. Elijah Embree and his brother Elihu Embree owned the E & E Embree nail factory, located on the Holston River in Washington County. The Embree brothers were also involved in the production of iron ore from the Bumpass Cove area in 1815. Called the Thomasville Iron Works this plant produced and manufactured iron for nails, pig and wrought iron. They were partners in the Edward West & Company iron furnace 1833-1844. This company became the Clarksville Iron Furnace and the Embrees used iron from this furnace to manufacture nails they shipped to Alabama. The Clarksville Iron Furnace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thomas Embree and his sons, Elijah and Elihu, were some of the earliest exponents of emancipation. Shortly after Tennessee became a state, Thomas called upon legislators to make possible "a gradual abolition of slavery of every kind" and urged the people of Washington and Greene counties to form anti-slavery societies.

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The most eminent anti-slavery leader in the state was Elihu Embree. He early espoused the cause of freedom, and began in March 1819 the publication of the Manumission Intelligencer, a weekly tabloid which was the mouthpiece of the manumission societies of Tennessee. By 1820 the paper changed to a monthly publication, the Emancipator. It had a paid circulation of about 2,000, but with only seven issues published, Elihu died suddenly at the age of 38. Embree's writing and lecturing on abolition did more to advertise the state as an abolition center in the 1820s than the work of all others combined. Historians credit Elihu Embree with publishing the first periodical in America of which the one avowed objective was opposition to slavery. Embree owned seven or eight slaves but in discussing his connection with slavery he said: "I repent that I ever owned one. And indeed the crime is of such a hue, that the time may yet come, that a man who has, in a single instance, gone astray thus far, may never be able in his life time to regain public confidence; and should this change of public sentiment take place in my day, and render me disqualified to act in the promotion of this glorious cause, I hope to acquiesce in, and be resigned to suffer the just judgment, and be more humble under a sense of my past misconduct; meanwhile, I shall doubtless have the pleasure of rejoining and seeing this stigma on our religious professions, and scar upon our nationa escutcheon, eradicated by men of clean hands." (Negro in Tennessee 1790-1865, Caleb Perry Patterson, 1922)

In 1863 the Embree property was the scene of a Civil War skirmish. Two Ohio volunteer infantry regiments under Col. Haze's command were attacked by superior forces coming from the direction of Brown's Schoolhouse, a confederate encampment. Col. Haze's troops retreated to nearby Limestone.

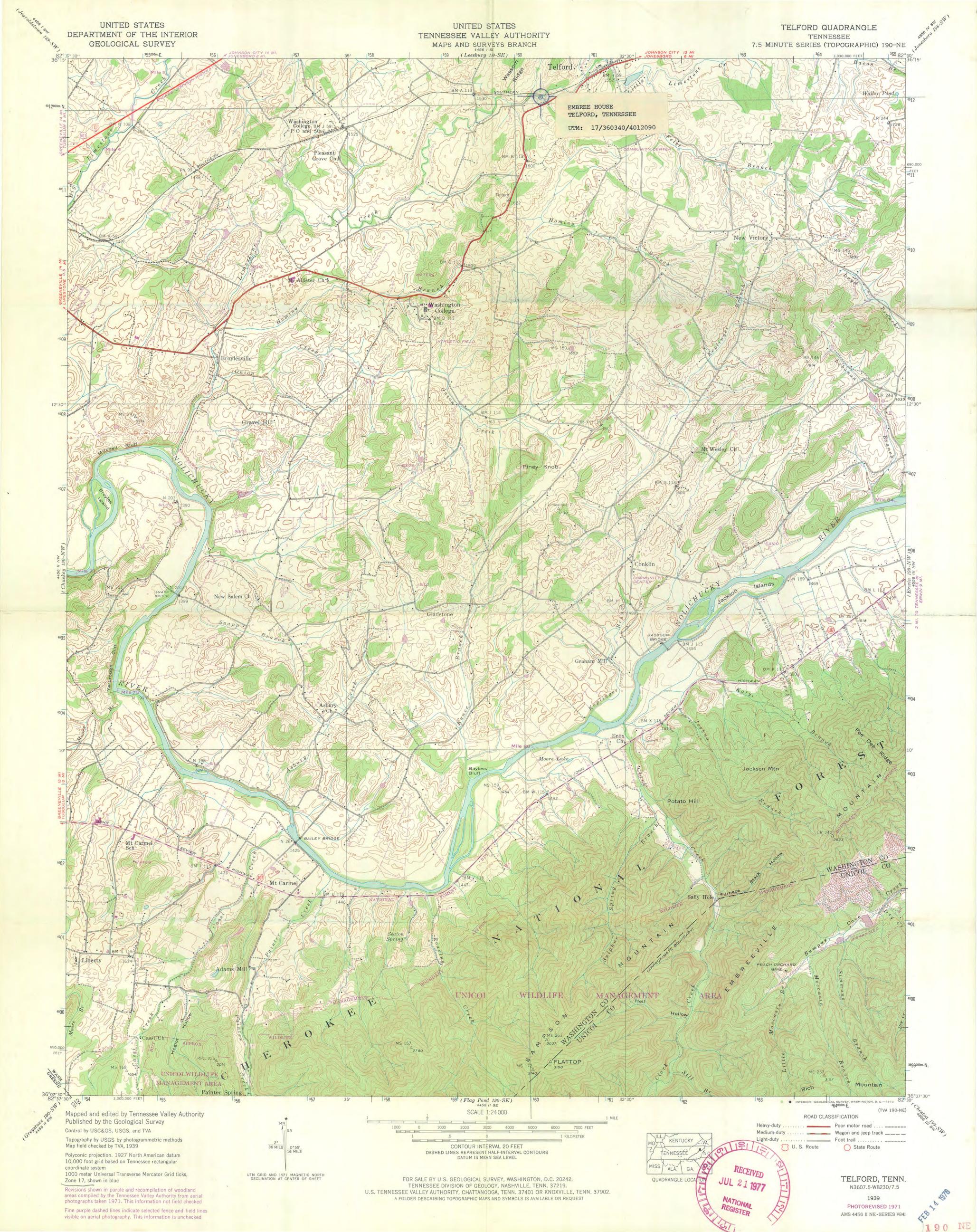
The architectural integrity of the Embree House has been carefully preserved in its present form. It is one of the few early stone masonry houses typical of the transition of the Pennsylvania Colonial style house in Tennessee.











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Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2013

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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION
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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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HERBERT L. HARPER, Executive Director State Historic Preservation Officer

Dr. William J. Murtagh National Register National Park Service 18th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please find enclosed the forms necessary to nominate the Embree House to the National Register of Historic Places.

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July 18, 1977

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Yours for a better tomorrow,

Herbert L. Harper

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November 8, 2013

Carol Shull Keeper of the National Register National Park Service National Register Branch 1201 Eye Street NW 8th floor Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find documentation in order to correct the location of the Embree House in Washington County, Tennessee which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on February 14, 1978.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Peggy Nickell at 615/532-1550, extension 128 or Peggy.Nickell@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudette Stager

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure (1)