

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Robertson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
OCT 30 1973	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
William Randolph <sup>Home</sup> ~~Home~~ (Representative Richard Fulton)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
~~State Highway 25~~

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cross Plains

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Robertson	CODE 147
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. Beulah Villines

STREET AND NUMBER:  
State Highway 25

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cross Plains

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Robertson County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Springfield

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

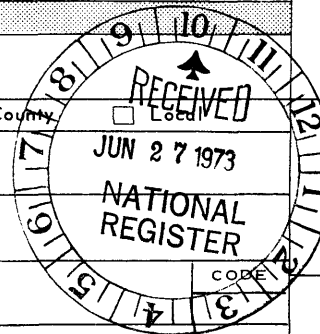
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)  
 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)  
 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)  
 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

William Randolph constructed a combination home and inn of notched logs in 1816. A separate brick kitchen and dining room was built nearby. The house originally consisted of two rooms on the ground level connected by a dog trot. Corner stairways in each of the rooms led to a half story above. The two upstairs rooms served as the ladies' and gentlemen's sleeping quarters for the inn which was a stop on the Gallatin, Tennessee, to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, stage route.

In 1830 Captain William Villines bought the inn and remodeled it extensively. He enclosed the dog trot, raised the roof, added the two front porches and had the log structure covered with clapboards. The ground level porch was constructed of brick.

A room was added to the east end of the house circa 1900 to serve as a store and later as a post office. When it was built the original logs were left exposed in the room.



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7. DESCRIPTION (cont.)

The one-story frame cottage immediately to the west of the William Randolph House is the only similar building in the area. It has handsome bracketing around the front porch columns. However, it would be very difficult to justify its significance as a separate nomination to the National Register, and there are not enough buildings to nominate a district.



**5. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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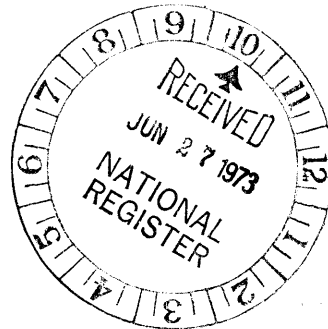
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Randolph Home was the first building in Cross Plains, Tennessee. It served as a stop on the Gallatin, Tennessee, to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, stage route. The Cross Plains post office was located in this home from 1828 until 1969. This house is typical of the early dwelling that served as residence, tavern, inn, post office, and stage stop. As it was remodeled from time to time, it took on the appearance of the clapboard Tennessee vernacular house with the two-story porch which was so popular in the state in the mid-nineteenth century.



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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Holman, Catherine and Jean Durrett, Historic Robertson County,  
Robertson County Board of Education, p. 12.

Clippings from the Nashville Tennessean, vertical file,  
Tennessee State Library and Archives.

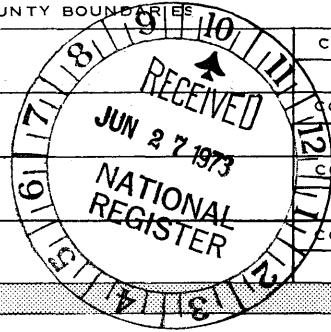
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		36° 32' 54"	86° 41' 52"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mrs. Linda O'Neal**

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission**      DATE: **6-15-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**403 7th Avenue, North**

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville**      STATE: **Tennessee**      CODE: **47**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Michael J. Smith</u></p> <p>Title <u>Executive Director</u> <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date <u>6-21-73</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connolly</u> <del>Chief of Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</del> Associate Director, Professional Services</p> <p>Date <u>OCT 30 1973</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Don Montague</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>10.20.73</u></p>
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8. SIGNIFICANCE (cont.)

The nomination was submitted as one of local significance only, and there is no history pertaining to the building other than the fact that it was the first building erected in Cross Plains, it served as a stagecoach stop, and later served over 140 years as a post office. It is a very important landmark for the small town of Cross Plains and for Robertson County. Its place in the development of the area for over 150 years, serving as a residence, tavern, inn, stage stop, and post office, is certainly significant to the area, although no events of major historical importance occurred there.

