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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Copeland House

and/or common Winston Cloud House

2. Location

street & number Cookson Creek Road N/A not for publication

city, town Parksville <sup>vic.</sup> Cookson Creek vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Polk code 139

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Pearl Cloud

street & number Route 1

city, town Ocoee N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37361

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Polk County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Benton state Tennessee 37307

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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

Located near Cookson Creek, Tennessee, the Copeland House was built in 1869 as a detached residence as part of a complex of several buildings to suit the needs of a prominent county doctor. This two-story, L-shaped, three bay, brick Italianate style house was the hub of the activities of Dr. Warren Jones Copeland, a politician and county doctor who served the people of Meigs, McMinn and Polk counties from the Civil War to the First World War.

The house walls are 8" brick walls laid in common bond, with original decorative penciling and finished with plaster on the interior. The foundation is a 12" brick foundation. The floor construction is of rough cut wood joists with tongue and groove hardwood floors and ceilings. Two interior chimneys pierce the low pitched hip roof. The north facade is three bays wide with a one-story, flat-roofed frame, central porch sitting on a concrete foundation. This porch is a replacement. The original was a two-story frame, Italianate porch with decorative brackets and jigsaw work balusters. Some of these balusters were salvaged and rim the roof of the replacement porch. The doorway has a corbeled arch above the arched transom. This motif is mirrored on the second story balcony entry. The flanking bays have one window per floor which repeat the header arched motif and are the two over two light, double hung sash type. They still retain the original hardware and louvered shutters. The eaves are supported by coupled, scroll-sawn, brackets.

The east elevation is three bays wide and repeats the decorative motifs of the north facade. The two end bays make up one wall of the ell which has a low pitched hip roof with one central interior chimney.

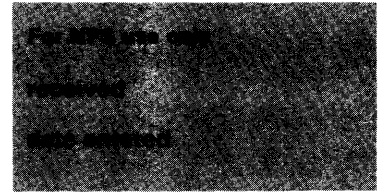
The south elevation has windows on the second floor and a one-story frame porch which has an addition which was enclosed for a bathroom and storage area. While the porch does not lend itself to the design of the house, it does not take away from the front elevation of the home.

The west elevation is one bay wide, has one window per floor and repeats the motifs of the rest of the house.

The interior plan has a central hall with a quarter turn stair with winders and two chambers off the upper landing. The lower hall has a parlor off to the right and another room off to the left. Behind this room, but not connected to the hall, are two additional rooms which probably were the dining room and kitchen. From a stair at the rear of this room, there is access to two chambers above the dining room and kitchen, which possibly were the servants quarters. Below the kitchen and dining room is a cellar area with access from a small stair, which is beyond the rear of the central hall exit. The doors are six panel wood doors with cast hinges having ornamental tracery. The original hardware has porcelain knobs and original mortise locks, which are still functional. The typical door assembly includes transoms above each door as well as a transom in the entrance door. The building still has all its original architrave baseboard trim and molding. The original tongue and groove ceilings have been plastered over. The stair has a cantilevered landing above as well as the quarter turn winders while the remaining part of the stair is supported by a closet located below the stair. The railing has turned balusters and a large, hexagonal newel post. The six wood mantel pieces around the coal burning fireplaces are still the original and have unfluted pilasters supporting a simple, arched entablature with a decorative keystone. Even though the old coalburning stoves have been removed and none of the fireplaces are functional.

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Generally, the house is in excellent condition except for the two areas where shear cracks are starting to appear in the corners. Otherwise, besides a general deterioration of the plaster walls which are common throughout the building, the facility is in good shape. The original low landscaping wall surrounding the house of rusticated stone is still in existence and has been patched with concrete block in a couple of places.

Several out-buildings surround the house as it currently stands. The old two-story wood frame hospital which used to adjoin the house has been torn down and only the foundation remains. Currently to the rear of the building a small pump house, smoke house and barn still stand. In the front of the building the old original maples are still standing that originally graced the building.

Within the nominated area, the old road still stands as is except it is now paved, but otherwise the house is surrounded by farmland at the edge of the Smokey Mountains, with views up and down the Valley towards the edge of the mountain range. Nothing has changed in the area since the original buildings were built. It still remains as much as it was one hundred years ago and is an excellent example of an old homestead from the post-war period.

## 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1869 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1869, the Copeland House is being nominated under National Register Criteria B and C for its historical association with Dr. Warren Jones Copeland, a prominent physician and politician in Polk County, Tennessee and for its architectural importance as a fine example of the Italianate style of architecture which was quite popular after the Civil War.

The building on Cookson Creek Road, known as the Copeland House, was a fine house of the Italianate style of the post-Civil War period. Constructed in 1869 by Dr. Warren Jones Copeland, a prominent physician on Polk, McMinn and Meigs counties, the structure displays fine craftsmanship and detailing. He was born December 27, 1835 near Athens, Tennessee and was the ninth of ten children born to John and Juda (Chapman) Copeland. He attended school at Benton and Zion Hill and worked on his father's farm until his majority. After teaching school in McMinn and Polk Counties for three years, he began the study of medicine under direction of Dr. Pendergrass in the Cookson Creek community of Polk County. He attended the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and then returned to Polk County. During the winter of 1861–62 he was forced to enlist in the Confederate Army of the Fifth Tennessee under Captain McClary. For six weeks he waited on the sick and wounded. He then went home and was elected by the Union party as representative to the General Assembly session which convened just prior to the close of the war. After the first session he resigned and returned home. He built an extensive and lucrative practice, and was very popular. On May 20, 1872 he was one of a list of prominent businessmen to file a petition in Chancery Court, Benton, Tennessee to incorporate Cookson Creek School Association for the purpose of organizing and establishing a school for the promotion of education. He served two years as superintendent of public instruction.

Dr. Copeland was a Master Mason, Knight of Honor and served in the State Legislature during the Reconstruction General Assembly in 1865. His son, Return Meigs Copeland served in the Tennessee General Assembly from 1899 to 1901 and also served as Presidential Elector for Theodore Roosevelt and the Bull Moose Party.

On February 24, 1863, Dr. Copeland married Onie McClary Pendergrass, the widow of Dr. N. Pendergrass. He died in 1916 and was buried in Cookson Creek Cemetery. After the death of Dr. Copeland, his son Flint Da Costa Copeland, acquired the home place and lived there until 1936 when Winston Cloud bought it.

Winston Cloud was born to A.J. Cloud and Winona Copeland Cloud, (Winona's father Tillman Copeland was one of the older brothers of Dr. Warren Copeland) on May 27, 1887. He married Pearl Lowery and they had six children. Mr. Cloud was a prosperous farmer and by hard work and careful management he accumulated large land holdings. He was a proud man and thoroughly enjoyed maintaining and living in the traditional old home until his death on April 22, 1980, at age 92. His wife still lives there.

The Copeland House is a fine example of the Italianate style of architecture, found in rural Polk County, Tennessee. Its fine craftsmanship is shown in the detailing of the woodwork including the mantels, window and door surrounds, and staircase.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Parksville, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	6	7	1	2	4	8	0	3	8	8	4	7	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ina Cloud Presswood

organization N/A

date October 1983

street & number 504 Weeks Drive

telephone 615-472-6360

city or town Cleveland

state Tennessee 37311

## 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 National Park Service.

Deputy

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Michael L. Byers*

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 3/1/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

4/5/84

*for Michael Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property square in shape and bounded on the north by Cookson Creek Road, on the west by an adjoining property line, on the south by an imaginary line running 400 feet from and parallel to Cookson Creek Road, and on the east by an imaginary line running 400 feet from and parallel to the western boundary. This acreage includes enough property to contain all the structures included in the nomination and sufficient area to preserve its historic setting.

88.5AC

3  
67AC  
0.5AC

25  
23AC  
19.5AC

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Cookson Creek Road  
Ocoee, Polk County, Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 400' N ↑

25  
1AC  
27

34 26  
35

ROAD

29.01  
40AC  
39.4AC

29  
104.8AC  
103.8AC

28.01  
3AC

29.02  
13.3AC

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CREEK



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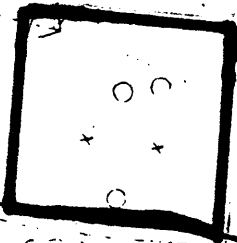
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

Beginning at point A, the boundary moves easterly along the right of way of the road approximately 400 feet; thence northerly 400 feet; thence easterly 400 feet; thence southerly 400 feet to the point of the beginning. See enclosed map. This acreage includes the house and associated outbuildings.

3  
37AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
0.5AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$



25  
23AC.  
19.5AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$

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Cookson Creek Road  
Ocoee, Polk County, Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 400' N ↑

25  
1 AC.  
27

34 ROAD 26  
35

29.01  
40AC.  
39.4AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$

CREEK

29  
104.9AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
103.5AC.

28.01  
3 AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$

29.02  
13.3AC.  $\frac{1}{2}$