

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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 The Arcade

AND/OR COMMON

The Arcade Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7-13 South Jefferson Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cookeville

VICINITY OF

Fourth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

047

COUNTY

Putnam

CODE

141

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (partially)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Consolidated Design Group, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

Arcade Building

CITY, TOWN

Cookeville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee 38501

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Putnam County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court Square

CITY, TOWN

Cookeville

STATE

Tennessee 38501

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE

January 27, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission, 170 Second Avenue, North

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Arcade stands in a commercial block west of court square in Cookeville, the county seat of Putnam County. It occupies half of the block and provides a pedestrian link with another commercial street to the west.

Built in 1913, this building consists of a two-story center section flanked by one-story wings. The walls and columns are brick; steel beams span between the columns and support wooden joists. Gillian Maxwell designed and Joe Scott and Bill Smoot erected the building at a cost of more than \$22,000. The pedestrian passageway, which is open to the skylight, bisects the center section. A round arch expresses this passageway on the exterior.

The facade (east elevation) is divided into five bays on the first level and three on the second. A bracketed pressed metal cornice crown both the wings, the taller center mass of the building, and the arch over the passageway. The west elevation is plain and lacks the ornamentation of the facade.

The passageway provides access to stores in the arcade. The stores in the wings are entered from the street. A stairway rises in the center of the building and joins the lower level with a similar hall upstairs. On the second floor, balustrades delineate the two airshafts, and light is provided by skylights above the airshafts. The offices are paneled in narrow, oak, beaded boards.

The property nominated is the entire parcel owned by Consolidated Design Group, Inc. The tract measures 99 feet square and contains approximately .23 acres.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1913 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Gillian Maxwell

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building represents a significant feat in composition, workmanship, and materials in the form of a uniquely distinguishable entity--an arcade--with arched facade and skylighted balcony overlooking the roofed passageway supported by a series of columns at each side. The Arcade is the oldest unchanged building on the public square. It is located directly and symmetrically opposite the west entrance of the courthouse. Since it has remained unchanged, it is an excellent example of early twentieth-century architectural experimentation with covered commercial spaces.

Commerce in the Cookeville area in the early 1900's had reached a point of sophistication that evoked the desire for a central shopping and professional center. This desire in turn led to the conception of the arcade. Gillian Maxwell and Robert Farley, who were prominent local businessmen and among the original founders of Dixie College (now Tennessee Technological University), bought a tract of land directly west of the public square between the Algood Building and the Gibson Building (now the First Tennessee Bank Building). A small office building on the site that had been gutted by fire was razed and construction of the "Arcade" began.

The well-traveled Mr. Maxwell is credited with the design of the structure. Joe Scott (mason) and Bill Smoot (carpenter), who a few years earlier built the present courthouse building, were contracted to do the construction work at a total cost of \$22,000. This figure was later revised upward, when it was discovered that the glass for the structure had been omitted from the original bid.

The local residents, many of whom were familiar with the arcade in Nashville, were enthusiastic at their own arcade. Even before construction was completed in 1913, prospective tenants vied for space in this unique combination of spacious retail shops and distinguished professional offices.

A large portion of the building, including the entire south wing, was and is still used for a clothing store. The north wing was occupied by the Z. T. Hinds Drug Co., which remained as Willy's Drug Store for many years after. The Arcade itself, on the main level contained various small shops. Upstairs, the oak-paneled offices that surrounded the skylighted balcony housed doctors and lawyers. Downstairs, Western Union became an occupant of the Arcade and Buford Smith opened up a long-lived barber shop which served as the first public shower in the area. Herbert Whiteaker, one of Smith's barbers, who relocated to the front of the Arcade, still continues to operate his shop.

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In 1927 Bob Lee Maddux purchased the building from Charlie Gibson who had, a few years earlier, obtained the building from Maxwell and Farley in trade for a farm. Mr. Maddux retained possession of the structure for fifty years.

During World War II the Arcade housed the quarters for the Ration Stamp Program, which Mr. Maddux headed locally. Also during this time a popular composer and entertainer, Francis Craig, who wrote Near You, visited Cookeville and performed for the townspeople in the Arcade.

In later years Mr. Maddux left the building to disrepair, which in turn caused much of the building to become unoccupied. By 1964 the entire upstairs had become vacant and was boarded up. The offices became a roost for the town's pigeon flock, and it remains in this state today. The present condition of the Arcade is representative of many of the nearby commercial buildings around court square. It is hoped that the planned revitalization of the Arcade will stimulate interest in reversing the process of deterioration in these other buildings also.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Bob Lee Maddux of Cookeville, Tennessee, October 1978.

Putnam County Deed Books, Putnam County Courthouse, Cookeville, Tennessee.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .23

QUADRANGLE NAME Cookeville West, Tenn.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 634900 4002800
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a square parcel of land which measures 99 feet on each side; the boundaries of this tract are described in Putnam County Deed Book 21, pages 456-57.

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

Patrick P. Hicks, President

ORGANIZATION

Consolidated Design Group, Inc.

DATE

November 2, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Arcade Building

TELEPHONE

615-528-1084

CITY OR TOWN

Cookeville

STATE

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

ARCADE

COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE

PHOTO BY: Robert E. Dalton

DATE: December, 1978

NEG: THC

East elevation, facing west.



THE ARCADE

COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE

PHOTO BY: Robert E. Dalton

DATE: December, 1978

NEG: THC

East elevation, facing southwest



THE ARCADE

COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE

PHOTO BY: Robert E. Dalton

DATE: December, 1978

NEG: THC

East elevation, facing northwest



