

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: McMinn
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAY 12 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cleage, Samuel, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Highway 11 at Business Route 11

CITY OR TOWN:
Athens

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: McMinn CODE: 107

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Robert Asa Davis, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highland Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Athens

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Athens

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

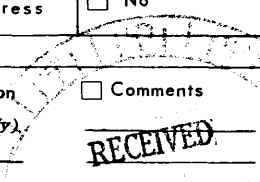
STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

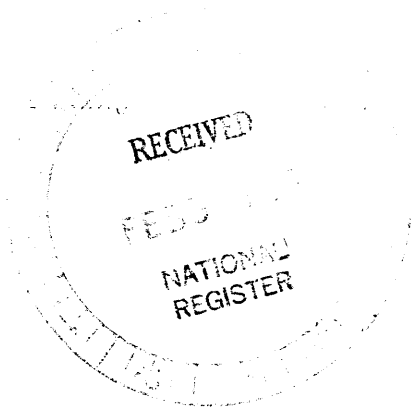
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story red brick masonry residence was built circa 1826. It has a true one and one-half story ell and is three bays wide and five bays deep. It is rectangular in shape and has an "L" plan. The front facade is Flemish bond and all other elevations are common bond. Its gable roof with ridge parallel to the front facade is covered with standing seam metal and is supported by sawn timber trusswork.

The house features stepped gables, molded brick cornice all round, fanlight, and plaster lintels. Its one-room deep side hall plan type is typical of townhouses of the era but uncommon to country-houses. Interior features include elaborately carved wood mantel-pieces, a two-flight open well staircase with turned newel post, and a box staircase, as well as a full front basement.

Before 1890 the sashes were replaced and wainscoting and a new floor for the dining room were added. In 1967 the ell porch was enclosed with 2 x 4 wood frame and covered with aluminum. In recent years the country road which the house faces has been expanded to a major highway to the detriment of the integrity of the original landscape.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1826

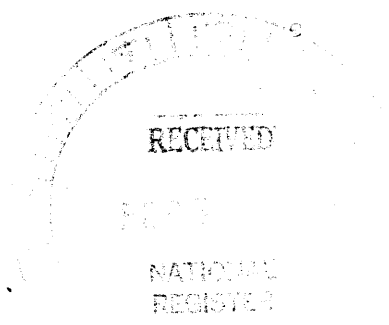
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel Cleage House, built circa 1826, is one of the best preserved high Federal style structures in the state. It is also one of the first brick structures built by white settlers in the newly ceded Hiwassee District. The house was designed and built by the notable Cleage and Crutchfield firm. Cleage's building influence stretches from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Fincastle County, Virginia, to Upper East Tennessee. Through his partner, Thomas Crutchfield, his influence spread throughout East Tennessee and into Alabama.

The house is notable for its Flemish bond brick courses, Flemish gables, molded brick cornice, unique proportions, side hall plan, elaborate interior detailing, and its original imposing dominance upon the landscape. The elevations are very similar to those of Asher Benjamin's townhouses. Significant is the original true one and one-half story ell.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Chattanooga Times, 1/21/34; 4/10/41.
 "Recollections and Hearsays of Athens Fifty Years and Beyond," by J. M. Sharp, Athens, Tennessee, 1933.
 "Cleage and Crutchfield - Early Tennessee Builders," an unpublished paper by Joseph L. Herndon, 300 Broad Street, Bruceton, Tennessee, July, 1973.
 Interview with Mrs. Penelope Johnson Allen of Chattanooga, Tennessee, historian and Cleage descendant.

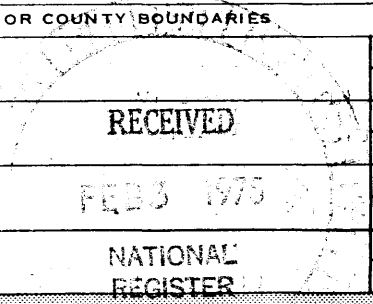
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 . .		35° 29' 24"	84° 34' 48"	
NE	0 . .	0 . .				
SE	0 . .	0 . .				
SW	0 . .	0 . .				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Joseph L. Herndon, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE: 9/1/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
National Park Service

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

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>Lauren [Signature]</u></p> <p>Title <u>Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date <u>1/27/75</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connelly</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>5/12/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Ronald M. Greenberg</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>5/9/75</u></p>
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