

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Washington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
DeVault Tavern (Rep. James H. Quillen)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *W of Jonesboro on*
Route #6, Leesburg Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Jonesboro, Jic.

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 179
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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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Edward G. DeVault

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 6

CITY OR TOWN:
Jonesboro

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Jonesboro

STATE:
Tennessee

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

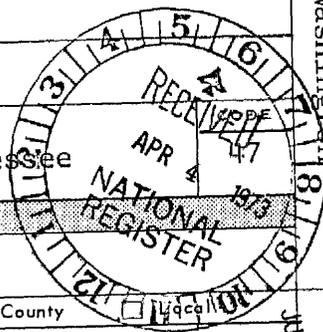
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

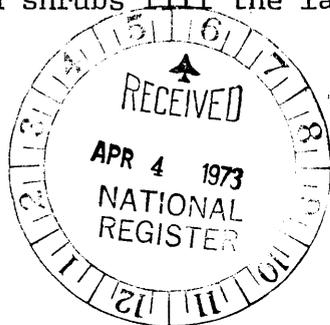
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1821, DeVault Tavern is a dignified two-story brick building in the federal style with a graceful lower and upper front porch. The porch is of wood construction and has a small, but well proportioned pediment. Two chimneys on each end of the house add to the balance in the house. A two-story ell extends to the rear and some enclosure has been made on the side porch of the ell.

The brick is laid in ~~the~~ flemish bond and the house rests on a limestone foundation. The windows are original [as are the shutters.] A handsome fanlight front doors leads to both the up and downstairs porches. A most handsome and unusual woodwork detail is found under the eaves and around the porch. This hand-carved detail gives the appearance of a honeycomb, and is found in several early houses in Washington County. The house has fine hand-carved cornice-work as well.

The interior trim is also unusual in detail, as are the doors and mantels. The old bar in the front room has been preserved just as it was originally. The original floors, walls, and stairs are all present as are the original brass locks with latch lifts controlled by knobs.

A log slave cabin remains in the back yard and the original brick spring house is just across the road from the DeVault Tavern. Many fine old trees and shrubs fill the lawn of the house to complete the rural setting.



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8. 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) 1821

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The DeVault Tavern, near Jonesboro, was built in 1821 by Frederick DeVault as an inn. It stands on what was the Great Stage Road between Abingdon, Virginia, and Knoxville, Tennessee, and was used by many travelers. Andrew Jackson was a friend of the owner and frequently visited the tavern. Beneath an immense oak which still stands in front of the tavern, many noted men of the early days are said to have made public speeches.

The architecture of the tavern is typical of that found in upper East Tennessee, especially in nearby Jonesboro. It has remained in the same family since its construction and has little alteration or desecration of the original design. It served many people in its day as an inn and tavern and still stands as an imposing reminder of the earlier days of stagecoach travel, dusty roads, and fine craftsmanship in building.

General John Hunt Morgan of the Confederate Army spent his last night in the inn before his death at Greeneville, Tennessee.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brandau, Roberta S. (ed.)
History of Homes and Gardens in Tennessee (Nashville, 1936).

Some Historic Landmarks of Upper East Tennessee, East Tennessee State University, 1936.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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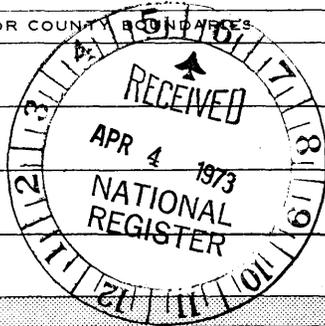
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 May Dean Eberling, Director of Programs

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 2-10-73

STREET AND NUMBER:
 403 7th Avenue, N.

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name: Michael J. Smith
 Michael J. Smith
 Executive Director
 Title: Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 3-30-73

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

Robertan Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/4/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5 24 73