

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 100003906

Date Listed: 5/8/2019

Property Name: Sparta Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase)

County: White

State: TN

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

5.8.2018

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8: Period of Significance

The Period of Significance is hereby changed to 1870-1921.

This reflects the construction of the house and the major architectural change – the alteration of the porch.

The Period of Significance applies only to this boundary increase and not to the original district which remains C. 1876-1941.

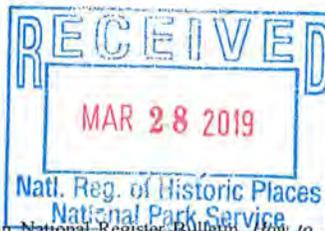
The house was inexplicably left out of the original district despite clear association with the architectural theme. Since the original listing, the only alterations to the exterior of the house include replacement of much of the porch – decking and columns - and addition of a metal roof. Otherwise, it remains much as it was when the original district was listed.

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file**
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Sparta Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase)
Other names/site number Eagle House; Eagle's Nest; Dibrell House; Jenkins House
Name of related multiple property listing N/A
(Remove "N/A" if property is part of a multiple property listing and add name)

2. Location

Street & Number: 8 East College Street
City or town: Sparta State: TN County: White
Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A Zip: 38583

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

Chaudhary Singh March 25, 2019
Signature of certifying official/Title: Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of Commenting Official: Date

Title: State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

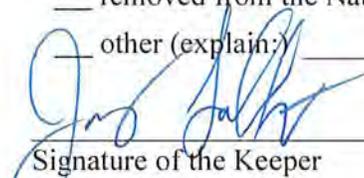
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____


 Signature of the Keeper

5-8-2019
 Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Gable Front and Wing

Folk Victorian

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Wood/Weatherboard; Metal

Narrative Description

The Sparta Residential Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The district is immediately north of Sparta's original commercial area. The residential district's contributing buildings reflect residential architectural styles and forms common in the late nineteenth and early-to-mid twentieth centuries.

The house at 8 East College Street is immediately adjacent to the eastern edge of the Sparta Residential Historic District. Built ca. 1870 it exemplifies the late nineteenth century Gable Front and Wing form with Folk Victorian details. The building is set on a post and beam foundation, sheathed in weatherboard, and features a metal roof that recently replaced the previous wood shingle roof. The facade features a one-story porch. Previously the home had a wrap-around ornamented porch (see Figure 1), but it was changed to the current, simpler porch sometime before 1921.¹ The home features various types of ornamental wood details throughout its exterior, including a prominent decorative belt course and brackets. Among the most notable

¹ Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Map for Sparta, Tennessee, October 1921.

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features of the home are its original windows. Most of the windows are one-over-one double-hung with a wide entablature and patera motifs. First-level façade windows include upper sashes with original decorative stained glass. A window hood with ornamental cut trim and elaborate brackets on the west elevation is an example of this home's Folk Victorian details. Wood doors and brick chimneys are original. There is a two-story ell at the western side of the rear elevation.

The form and style of the home fits with the other buildings that comprise the Sparta Residential Historic District. The home sat empty and in a dilapidated state for thirteen years before the current owners purchased and rehabilitated it (see Figure 2). The rehabilitation, completed in 2018, was carried out with the historic integrity of the structure in mind, repairing features such as the original weatherboard, windows, and doors.² The roof material and the hardware on doors and windows are the only aspects of this home that were changed. The home's overall exterior form is intact, and historic materials and workmanship are visibly evident. Integrity of setting, location, feeling, and association are also strong.

² The owners used historic photos and oral history guidance from descendants of former owners for information on how the house originally appeared.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
 (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria
 qualifying the property for National Register
 listing.)

Areas of Significance
 (Enter categories from instructions.)
 ARCHITECTURE

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Period of Significance
 1870-1941

Significant Dates
 1870

Criteria Considerations
 (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

N/A

Property is:

Significant Person
 (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation
 N/A

Architect/Builder
 Unknown

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Sparta Residential Historic District Boundary Increase is located at 8 East College Street in Sparta, Tennessee. The boundary increase is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C for its local significance in architecture. The nominated parcel contains one ca. 1870 house that is an excellent example of the Gable Front and Wing form with Folk Victorian details. The architecturally significant Sparta Residential Historic District's period of significance was ca.1876-1941. The house contributes to the architectural significance of the district and justifies expanding the district's boundary and adjusting the period of significance to 1870-1941.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The history of White County, Tennessee can be traced back to the year 1806. The county was formed out of present day Warren County, Tennessee. The area was popular to settlers due to its location along waterways such as the Caney Fork and Calfkiller Rivers. The town of Sparta was commissioned in 1810.³ The name comes from the Greek town bearing the same name. Sparta became home to various places of commerce, churches, and elaborate homes. The house at 8 East College Street was constructed ca. 1870 just north of Sparta's courthouse square and commercial district. Members of the Dibrell Family owned and lived at the house until it was sold in 1904 to J.H. Eagle.⁴ A photograph taken of the house after the sale referred to the house as the "Eagle's Nest" (see Figure 1). In 1942 Eagle's heirs sold the property to Rebecca Turner Jenkins.⁵ She and later her son, William Warren Jenkins, owned it until 2001 when James C. Rascoe purchased the property. The current owners purchased the property in 2014.⁶

About the same time as the house's construction in 1870, other homes were constructed nearby, creating one of Sparta's first residential neighborhoods. The buildings represented a wide variety of late nineteenth and early twentieth century styles and house forms, including Queen Anne, Italianate, Colonial Revival, Craftsman Bungalow, American Four Square, Central Hall Plan, Gable Front and Wing, Minimal

³ Heritage of White County Book Committee. *Heritage of White County: 1806-1999*, 1-2.

⁴ State of Tennessee Real Assessment Data, https://www.assessment.cot.tn.gov/RE_Assessment/ParcelDetailIMPACT.aspx, accessed September 13, 2018; Deed, S.S. Dibrell and Wife to J.H. Eagle, Liber 45, folio 414, November 9, 1904, White County Register of Deeds. Hardware dated 1870 was found in the house during rehabilitation, providing further evidence suggesting a ca. 1870 construction date. There is conflicting information regarding the original owner of the house. Descendants of the Dibrell family state that Confederate General and prominent Sparta citizen George Dibrell built and owned the property until his death in 1888. Deeds show that his son, Stanton Dibrell, did own the house until 1904, but no known deeds exist to show who owned the property before Stanton Dibrell. Secondary sources, such as White County Architectural Survey data at the Tennessee Historical Commission, state that General Dibrell lived at a different property on Gaines Street. Pinky Hill, granddaughter of General Dibrell, said that he owned multiple houses during his lifetime, so it is possible that there are multiple extant residences in Sparta that were historically associated with Dibrell. General George Gibbs Dibrell was a significant individual in Sparta's history. According to Teresa Biddle-Douglass and Brian D. McKnight, Dibrell became one of the most well respected lawyers in town, and was eventually elected White County Court Clerk, and later elected White County State Representative. When the Civil War broke out, Dibrell was commanded to raise a company of men from White County to go fight. Following the Civil War, Dibrell became heavily involved in the railroad and coal mining industry. His coal mining company grew to become one of Sparta's largest employers. Dibrell also served in the United States House of Representatives from 1875-1885. He later ran for governor of Tennessee, but was defeated.

⁵ Deed, W.H. Eagle, et all to Rebecca Turner Jenkins, Liber 45, folio 414, May 6, 1942, White County Register of Deeds.

⁶ Warranty Deed for Property Map059B, Parcel 002.00, James Clifton Rascoe to Kurt M. Messenger and Laurie D. Messenger. White County Register of Deeds.

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Traditional, and others. In 1991 this area, known as the Sparta Residential Historic District, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places for local architectural significance. According to the original district National Register nomination, “the architecture of this district reflects the stages of economic development and population growth of Sparta during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This economic development and population increase resulted from the continuing growth and variety of industrial, commercial, and service related opportunities that were emerging during this time period.”⁷ For unknown reasons, the house at 8 East College Street was left out of the original boundaries.

The house at 8 East College Street is an excellent example of an 1870 Gable Front and Wing home with Folk Victorian details. According to Virginia Savage McAlester’s *A Field Guide to American Houses*, the Folk Victorian style first gained popularity about 1870. Decorative details such as jigsaw cut trim and brackets were frequently applied to post-Civil War house forms, such as the Gable Front and Wing.⁸ The house retains its characteristic Gable Front and Wing form and incorporates details reminiscent of the Folk Victorian style. These details include a prominent decorative wood belt course between the first and second levels, pilasters on the second level, and decoratively cut brackets in the cornice. Windows feature entablatures and patera details. A prominent second-level window on the west elevation features cut trim and ornate brackets.

The residence is one of the few examples of the Gable Front and Wing form and Folk Victorian architectural style within the district. Constructed in 1870, it is also one of the earliest examples of the Gable Front and Wing and Folk Victorian architectural styles in the area as the form and style was only beginning to be popular. As the original nomination stated, “The earliest period of residential development dates to the Victorian era of 1870 to 1890 when Sparta was largely a sleepy little rural county seat, attempting to recover from the Civil War years and developing new economic structures to meet the demand for a "New South" during the reconstruction period.”⁹ The Sparta Residential Historic District’s original Period of Significance was c.1876-1941. The Period of Significance should be expanded to 1870-1941 to more accurately reflect the historical and architectural development of the district. The house at 8 East College Street contributes to the local architectural significance of the district and therefore justifies expanding the boundaries of the National Register listed Sparta Residential Historic District.

⁷ Floyd, Michael and Jennifer Martin, et al. “Sparta Historic Residential District National Register Nomination.” Middle Tennessee State University Center for Historic Preservation: June 10, 1991, p. 13.

⁸ Virginia Savage McAlester. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015), 397.

⁹ Floyd, 13.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):		Primary location of additional data:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)	X	State Historic Preservation Office
<input type="checkbox"/>	previously listed in the National Register		Other State agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	previously determined eligible by the National Register		Federal agency
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<input type="checkbox"/>	recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #		University
<input type="checkbox"/>	recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #		Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #	Name of repository:	
Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): WH-714			

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than 1 **USGS Quadrangle** Sparta 332-NW

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: N/A

1. Latitude: 35.927365 Longitude: -85.462837

Verbal Boundary Description

The proposed boundary increase is located at 8 East College Street and includes all property outlined with a dashed line (Parcel 059B B 002.00) in the enclosed property map. The property is fronted to the south by East College Street, and is bounded to the east, west, and north by private property.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries in the enclosed property and USGS maps are drawn to reflect the property historically associated with the house at 8 East College Street at the immediate eastern edge of the Sparta Residential Historic District.

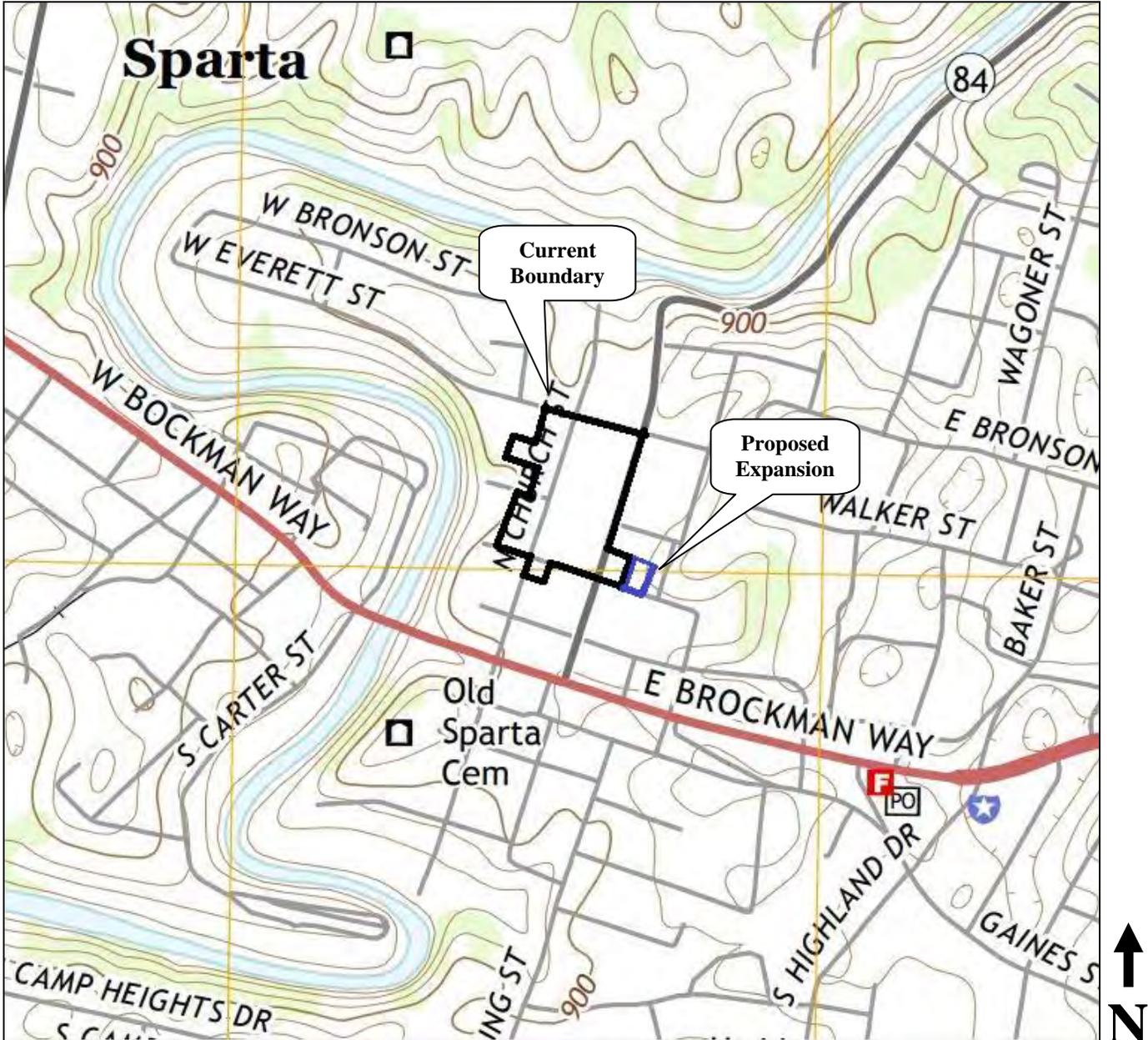
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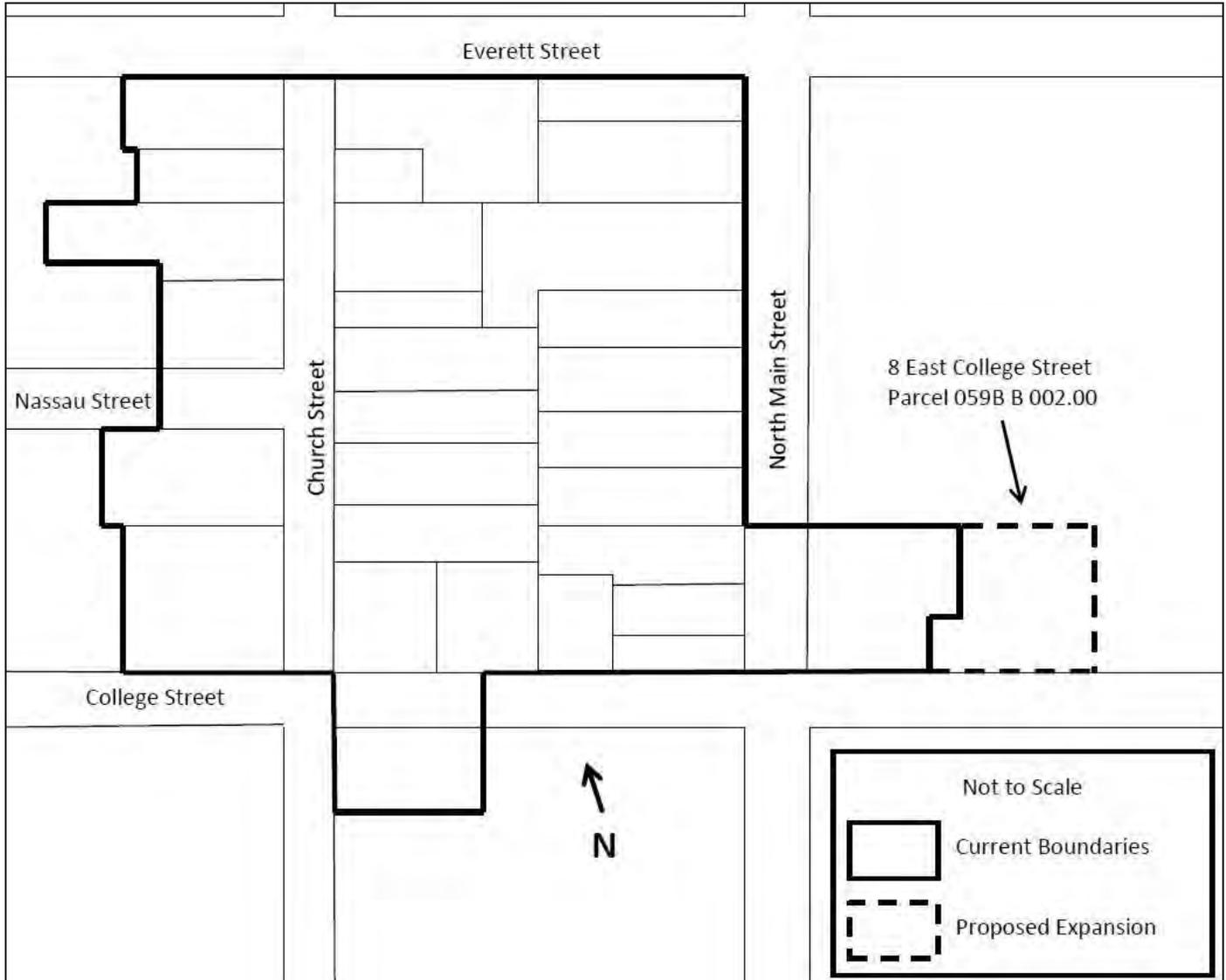
USGS Topographic Map of Current and Proposed Sparta Residential Historic District Boundaries
Scale 1:24 000



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Property Map of Current Boundaries and Proposed Expansion of Sparta Residential Historic District



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11. Form Prepared By

Name	Carver Moore		
Organization	Moore Historical Consulting		
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City or Town	Cookeville	Telephone	931-644-1854
E-mail	moorehistoricalconsulting@gmail.com	State	TN Zip Code 38501

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to map.
- **Photographs** (refer to Tennessee Historical Commission National Register *Photo Policy* for submittal of digital images and prints)
- **Additional items:** (additional supporting documentation including historic photographs, historic maps, etc. should be included on a Continuation Sheet following the photographic log and sketch maps)

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: Sparta Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation)

City or Vicinity: Sparta

County: White

State: Tennessee

Photographer: Holly Barnett and Carver Moore

Date Photographed: August and September 2018

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 5 Streetscape of Sparta Residential Historic District with the proposed expansion at the far right (east). Photographer facing northeast.
- 2 of 5. Oblique view of façade and west elevation of 8 East College Street. Photographer facing northeast.
- 3 of 5. Façade of house. Photographer facing northeast.
- 4 of 5. Oblique view of façade and east elevation. Photographer facing northwest.
- 5 of 5. Folk Victorian Details on West elevation. Photographer facing east.

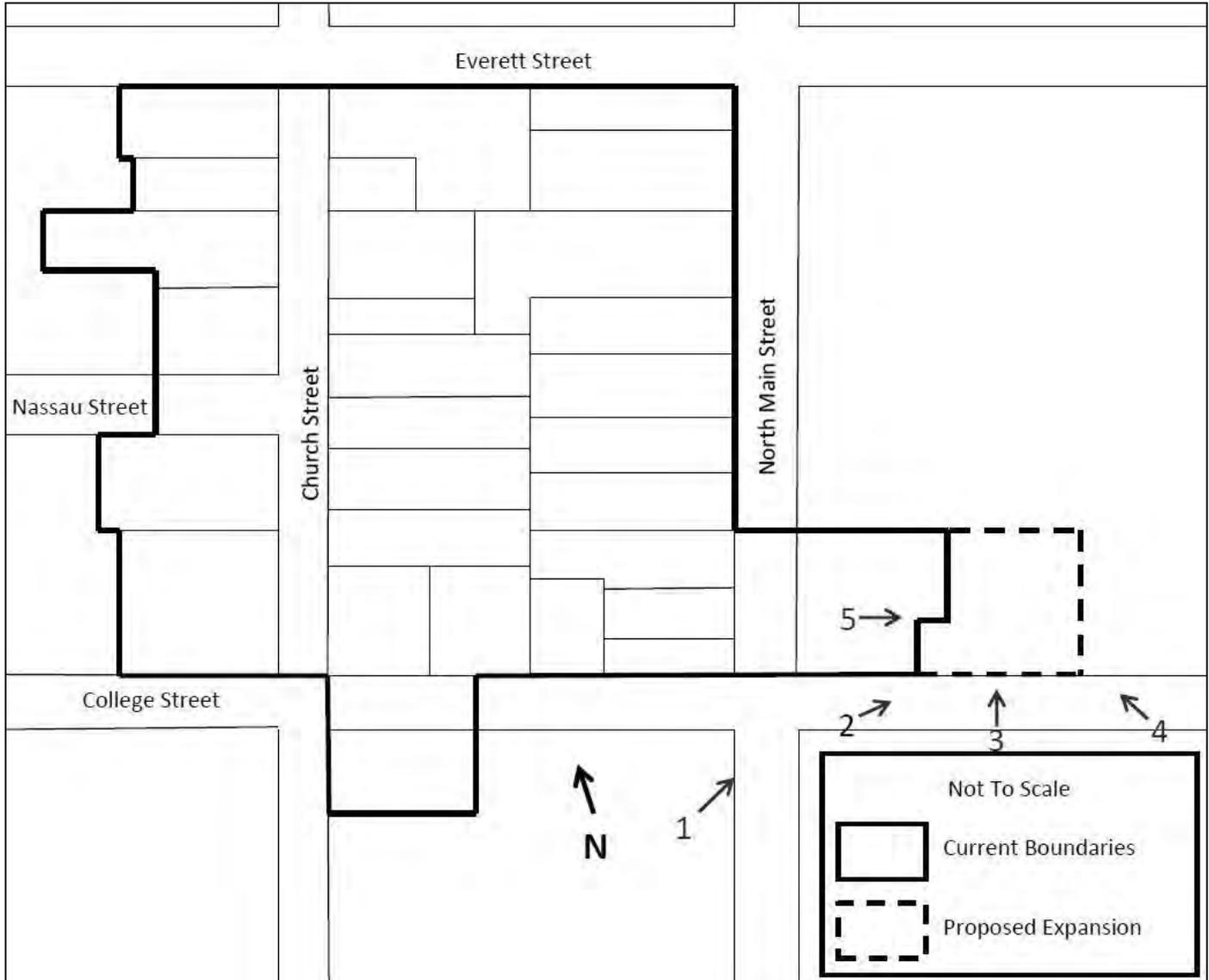
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Photo Key Map



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Figure 1: 8 East College Street, 1904



Figure 2: 8 East College Street in 2015 at beginning of Rehabilitation











UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Boundary Update

Property Name: Sparta Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Multiple Name: _____

State & County: TENNESSEE, White

Date Received: 3/28/2019 Date of Pending List: 4/22/2019 Date of 16th Day: 5/7/2019 Date of 45th Day: 5/13/2019 Date of Weekly List: _____

Reference number: BC100003906

Nominator: Other Agency, SHPO

Reason For Review: _____

X Accept Return Reject 5/8/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: It is unclear why this property was not originally included in the district, but it should have been. It meets the theme and period of the original district and is an excellent example of folk building traditions with a veneer of popular stylistic elements.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept / C

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW

CLG: Sparta

PROPERTY: Sparta Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase)

ADDRESS: 8 East College Street, Sparta, White County

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EVALUATION

NAME OF COMMISSION: *Historic Commission*

DATE OF MEETING: *12-18-18*

HOW WAS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING? *Standard meeting notice*

ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

REASONS FOR ELIGIBILITY OR NON-ELIGIBILITY:

The Board decided that the Osbell House located at 8 E. College St. is eligible to be included in the boundary of the Sparta Residential Historic District. The architectural character and details would be a contributing building for the district.

SIGNATURE: *Jenny Reitz*

TITLE: *City Clerk & CLG.*

DATE: *12-19-18*

THC STAFF EVALUATION

ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

REASONS FOR ELIGIBILITY OR NON-ELIGIBILITY:

The Gable Front and Wing house at 8 East College Street is eligible to be included in the increased boundary of the Sparta Residential Historic District. The home's vernacular form and Folk Victorian architectural details contributes to the architectural character and significance of the district.

SIGNATURE: *Rebecca Schmitt*

TITLE: Historic Preservation Specialist, National Register Program

DATE: 11/30/2018

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN BEFORE: January 28, 2019

RETURN FORM TO:

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March 15, 2019

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National Register Program
National Park Service
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Dear Ms. Beasley:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct nomination for listing of the *Sparta Residential Historic District (Boundary Increase)* to the National Register of Historic Places. We received only CLG comments in support of the nomination.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, please contact Rebecca Schmitt at (615) 770-1086 or Rebecca.Schmitt@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudette Stager
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

CS:rs

Enclosures(2)