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The primary importance of Hampton House is its relationship to the town of Dandridge. Located some distance from the center of town, which is on the National Register, the dwelling is the most sophisticated of the large more elegant houses in the area to remain relatively unaffected by commercial and residential developments or highways. Roads clearly define the landscaped and wooded lot thereby creating a country-park surrounding for the house. Guarded by trees and situated on a hill, it maintains an aristocratic distance from downtown Dandridge.

No doubt, Judge James Preston Swann was conscious of some of these things when building his house, circa 1855-60. According to Goodspeed's <u>History of Tennessee</u>, Swann entered the law profession in Dandridge between 1845 and 1850, and continued to practice until the early 1880's. He had been a Republican and Unionist throughout the Civil War.

Swann is credited in several sources with designing the Jefferson County Courthouse. Details regarding the construction of his own dwelling are unknown. Dandridge at this time could support highly skilled craftsmen as evidenced by numerous buildings in town. One cannot help but compare Hampton House with another Jefferson County house, Fairfax, built circa 1840 and located 10 miles from Dandridge. Fairfax, also nominated to the National Register, is far more sophisticated, but the basic design and detail of the two houses are very similar, too similar to be ignored.

Hampton House was given its name by the present owners, a young professional couple who have renovated the property.



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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Judge James Preston Swann had this house constructed in 1858. According to the current owner, who is a descendant of Swann, the house was historically known as Squirewood Hall. When the property was nominated, the house was not owned by Swann's descendants and they did not know of this historic name. The correct historic name of the property should be Squirewood Hall.

Jefferson County,

Signature of Certiffing Official

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