

# DATA SHEET

Form 10-306  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Tennessee
COUNTY:	Sevier
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ENTRY DATE:	MAR 16 1976

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
McCarter, Tyson Place

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

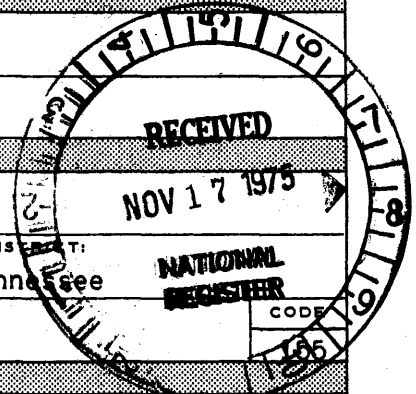
### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
10 miles east of Gatlinburg, Tennessee

CITY OR TOWN:  
Gatlinburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
1st of Tennessee

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Sevier CODE: 1465



### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input 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

### 4. AGENCY

National Park Service, Department of Interior

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
Southeast Regional Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3401 Whipple Ave

CITY OR TOWN:  
Atlanta

STATE:  
Georgia

CODE:  
13

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Sevier County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Sevierville

STATE:  
Tennessee

CODE:  
47

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1938  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D. C.

CODE:  
001

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tyson McCarter Place was once a typical Smoky Mountain area farm. In what is now Great Smoky Mountains National Park there were once hundreds of such farms.

Today, the fields have grown over on the McCarter farm, and fences, roads, and gates have disappeared. Where there were once patches of corn, beans, and tobacco, there are now hardwood trees and undergrowth.

The only surviving structures of the farm are three buildings, a springhouse, a barn and corncrib combination, and a smokehouse. Originally, these had shingle roofs, but at present they have a temporary asphalt roof to protect them. Except for the roofs and the fact that some doors and windows are missing, the appearance is little different from the original.

A. McCarter, Tyson Springhouse Lat. 35° 45' 36" Long. 83° 17' 56"  
 Building # 144  
 Recommended level of Treatment: Preservation  
 Cost Estimate N/A

This is a rectangular building 8'x12'. It is one story, constructed of hewn chamfer notched logs. All chinking is missing from between logs.

The roof is gabled, and has a new 65# asphalt sheeting roof. This roof is temporary, until such time as a shingle roof can be laid.

The foundation is loose fieldstone, and log.

Windows: None

Doors: There is one doorway. The door is missing. The opening is on the south end of the building.

Basic Interior Plan: This is a one room, unceiled, hut. The floor is earth, with a stone trough through which spring water flowed for cooling food. The trough is now full of trash and debris. Interior walls are hewn log, showing some adze marks and weathering.

B. McCarter, Tyson--Barn and Corncrib  
 Lat. 35° 45' 36" Long. 83° 17' 56"  
 Building # 142  
 Recommended level of Treatment: Preservation  
 Cost Estimate N/A

This is a rectangular log structure with an attached lean-to corn crib. It is one story high. The walls are of unhewn, saddle-notched logs on the ends of the main building, and the front and back of the structure are hewn log. The lean-to corn crib is un-hewn, saddle-notched log.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input checked="" 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)

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 checked="" 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

McCarter, Tyson Place

Tyson McCarter was a descendant of one of the earliest families to settle the Gatlinburg, Tennessee area. The descendants of the family spread out over the area, and Tyson McCarter moved to the Webb's Creek community and established himself. The dates which the various buildings were constructed cannot be determined, but they predate 1900.

McCarter arranged his buildings in an unusual way. They are closely spaced, in a ring around the farmyard. In this way the farmstead could be easily protected from wild animals, or the possibility of thieves.

The surviving buildings are the barn and corn crib, the smokehouse, and the springhouse.

A. McCarter, Tyson--Springhouse  
Order of Significance: 3rd

Prior to the development of refrigeration, a springhouse was a valuable asset to anyone fortunate enough to live near a branch or spring to provide cold water. Here food that spoiled easily could be preserved for some time. This made the springhouse a center of activity, just as the family refrigerator is today.

The McCarter springhouse was typical of hundreds that once could be found in what is now Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Today it is the only such structure to be found in the portion of the park where the farm is located.

The roof is the only alteration to the structure, and since it is intended to be temporary protection, it can easily be replaced by a shingle roof when the opportunity arises. Other than the roof, the building retains its integrity of architecture and workmanship.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Historic American Buildings Survey, McCarter, Tyson Place,  
Survey # Tenn. 115.

Hall, Joseph S., Smoky Mountain Folks and Their Lore, Cataloochee  
Press, Asheville, N. C., 1960.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

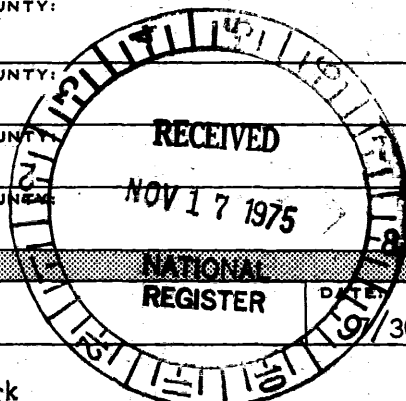
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

UTM Reference  
17/292070 3959570

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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BUSINESS ADDRESS: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (615) 436-5615

CITY OR TOWN: Gatlinburg STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

<p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><u>Lauren C. Allen</u> State Liaison Officer Signature</p> <p>In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State</p> <p><u>Robert B. Rattig</u> <u>NOV 11 1975</u> Federal Representative Signature Date Deputy Assistant Secretary Deputy Assistant Secretary Title</p>	<p>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Clayton K. Kopp</u> Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>3/16/96</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Robert B. Rattig</u> Acting Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>3-14-76</u></p>
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The roof is gabled, and was originally hand-split wooden shingles. There is presently an asphalt roll roof to protect the structure until a shingle roof can be laid.

The foundation is loose stone and log. In places the foundation logs have rotted away allowing the bottom log of the wall to rest on the ground.

Windows: There are three windows in the building. One is on the north end of the barn, and there is a small window into each of the two stalls in the barn's interior. All sash or other means of closing the windows are missing.

Doors: There are three doors into the structure. One opens into each of the two interior stalls. Another opens into the east end of the corn crib. The doors are missing from the two interior openings. The door of the corn crib is built of hand-split boards. It is hung on a wooden hinge, and is secured with a wooden latch, both hand-made.

Basic Plan: The barn consists of two stalls or pens, each 11'x16'. There is an 8' wide drive through separating the two. There is a shed roof overhang on both the east and west of the stalls. On the west, the overhang is 8', on the east 6'. In both cases the overhang is 30' long. On the south end of the barn there is a 7' wide by 18' long shed roof from the end of the barn to the corn crib. All portions of the building are un-ceiled, and all floors are of earth.

General Location: The barn is located 1/2 mile south of Highway 73, 10 miles east of Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

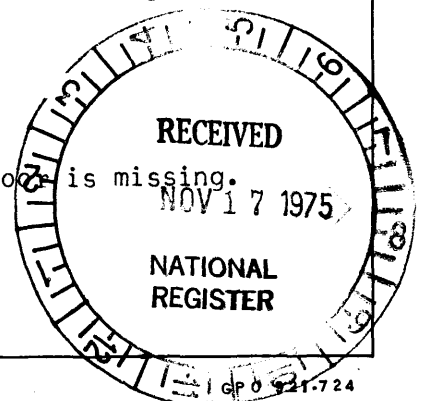
- 3. McCarter, Tyson--Smokehouse Lat. 35° 45' 36" Long. 83° 17' 56"  
Building #143  
Recommended level of Treatment: Preservation  
Cost Estimate N/A

This is a rectangular building 11'x17'. It is one story, built of split, dove-tail notched logs. The roof is gable, and was originally covered with hand-made wooden shingles. At present, 65# asphalt roll roofing has been placed as a temporary measure to protect the building.

The foundation is loose fieldstone and log.

Windows: None

Doors: There is one doorway on the south, and the door is missing.



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Interior Plan: The interior of the building is one small room. The floor is earth, and beams and storage shelves for the storage of meat are missing. The walls are hewn log, and show adze marks, and are badly weathered. There is no ceiling.

General Location Description: The building is east of the barn, and forms what was once the eastern border of the circle of buildings that surrounded Tyson McCarter's farmyard.



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B. McCarter, Tyson--Barn and Corncrib

Order of Significance: 3rd

To a self-sustaining farm in the Great Smoky Mountains, a stout barn was an absolute necessity. Here were stored the livestock feeds, farm tools, and dozens of other items necessary to keep a farmstead in operation. The barn was the center of farm activities much of the year, and even in winter there were always jobs that could be accomplished in the barn.

The McCarter barn is unique in that the corn crib is joined to it. Also, since much of the barn is given to shed room for livestock, this indicates that stock raising was the major activity of the McCarter farm. Today this is the only barn left in the Webb's Creek portion of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Also, the farms outside the Park have modern structures so that in its vicinity the McCarter barn is a relic of a by gone era, and a way of life that is largely gone.

C. McCarter, Tyson--Smokehouse

Order of Significance: 3rd

Prior to the development of refrigeration, a smokehouse was important in the preservation of meat, a staple of the frontier diet. Meat was salted down and smoked in houses such as this. Here meat would keep from year to year, and the slaughtering, butchering, and curing of meat was an important operation.

The appearance of the McCarter smokehouse testifies to its long honorable use, and is a relic of the hundreds of such small buildings that once dotted the Great Smoky Mountains.

