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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Porter, Stephen, House
other names/site number Porter, Stephen, House (BL-1814)

2. Location

street & number On Martin Mill Pike, two-tenths of a mile west of N/A not for publication
city, town Glover Road intersection - Rockford X vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37853

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>1</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<u>2</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Herbert P. Byers
Signature of certifying official
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
Date 6/8/89
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official
Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Herbert P. Byers Entered in the National Register 7/25/89

Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
 DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
 DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/I-House

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
 walls Wood/Weatherboard
 roof Asphalt
 other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Stephen Porter House is a two-story frame, 3 bay central passage plan I-House residence with Greek Revival influences built in 1856. The house was built with a two-story rear ell. The house has a stone foundation, weatherboard siding, three exterior end and one interior brick chimneys and a hipped roof of composition shingles. On the main (south) facade is a one-story porch added ca. 1880 with tapered wood columns, spindled frieze, milled brackets and railing with milled balusters. This porch appears to have replaced an original two-story porch which encompassed the central bay. The main entrance has original two panel double doors with three light sidelights, corner lights and a five light transom. Windows are original six-over-six wood sash with the central window of the main facade's second story added ca. 1880 with a pedimented window hood.

At the northwest facade is an original one-story porch with tapered frame posts and added screening. Many of the windows retain original shutters. On the east facade the entrance has an original four panel door. On both the east and west facades of the rear ell is an added ca. 1980 frame deck. The interior of the house has not been significantly altered and retains its original central staircase with round newel post and square balusters. The house also retains original paneled doors, wainscoting, and Greek Revival influenced mantles with Doric pilasters.

To the rear of the house is a rectangular plan, single cell brick springhouse built in 1856. This building is of six course common bond with a gable roof of metal standing seam. On the west facade is a rectangular opening with wood fixed louvered design for ventilation. On the main (north) facade is a ca. 1900 vertical board door and added ca. 1960 metal awning. Also on the property is a ca. 1980 one-story frame garage which is included as a non-contributing building and a ca. 1980 swimming pool which is included as a non-contributing structure. The house is located in a rural area in the northeast section of the county.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1856/ca. 1880

Significant Dates

1856

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Stephen Porter House is significant under criterion C for its architectural design. The house was built in 1856 and is a fine example of an central passage plan I-House with Greek Revival and later stylistic influences. The house is one of the largest built in the county in the ante-bellum period and retains its original Greek Revival influenced main entrance and interior detailing. Around 1880 its original one-story porch was replaced by the present Eastlake design porch. The house is one of less than a half-dozen unaltered ante-bellum frame homes known to exist in the county. The springhouse is also significant as the only known ante-bellum brick outbuilding known to exist in the county.

Stephen S. Porter built this residence in 1856 following his marriage to Mary Elvira Henry. Porter was the son of Captain James Porter who was a prominent farmer and businessman in the Rockford area. Stephen and Mary Porter lived here for nine years, selling their home to Peter Brakebill in September of 1865. Peter Brakebill lived here his lifetime and passed the property to his son, George in May 1887. Upon George Brakebill's death in 1927 the property passed to his son, Hugh W. Brakebill who raised his family here and descendants of the Brakebill family continue to own the house.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 3.75 acres.

UTM References

A

1	7	2	3	7	6	2	5	3	9	6	7	9	2	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

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D

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Maryville Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Stephen Porter House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 28, lot 8, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The boundary is drawn to include both the residence and contributing outbuilding. The property is bounded on the southwest by the north right-of-way of the Martin Mill Pike, and on the northwest, north-east and southeast by a wire and wooden rail fence line.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Stephen Porter House includes the house and outbuildings which have historically been associated with the property. The boundary is drawn to exclude modern outbuildings to the north and south. No other properties from the period of significance exist.

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Photographs

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Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Stephen Porter House
Martin Mill Pike, Rockford vic., Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: North and west facades.
Photo # 1

View: West and south facades.
Photo # 2

View: East and south facades.
Photo # 3

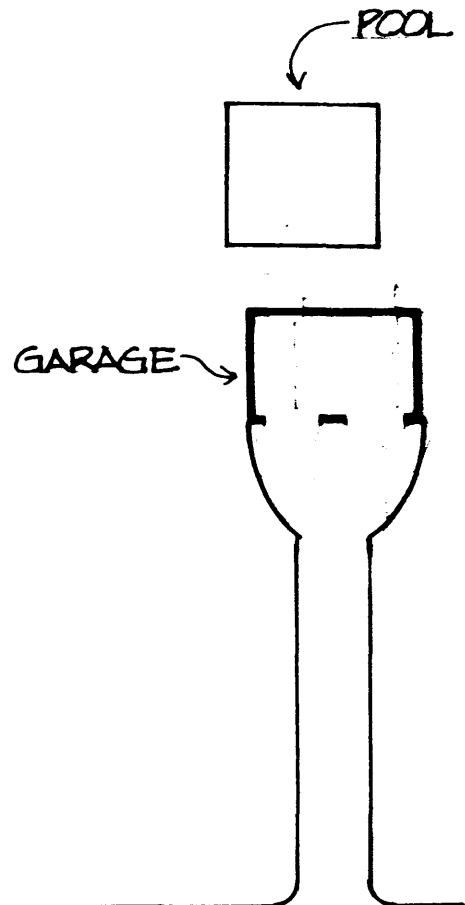
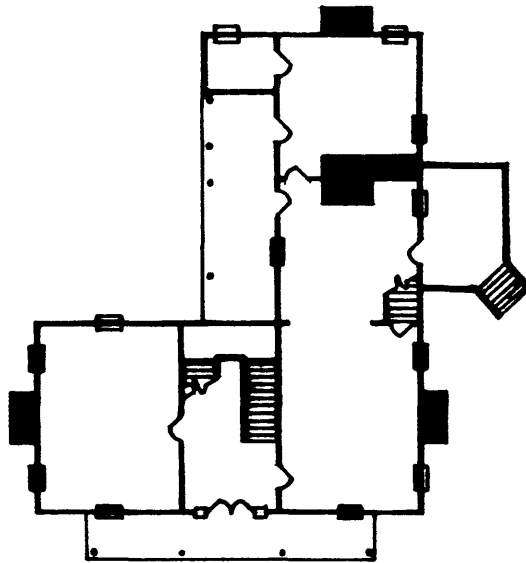
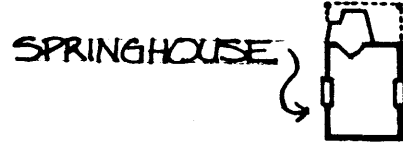
View: Interior, staircase.
Photo # 4

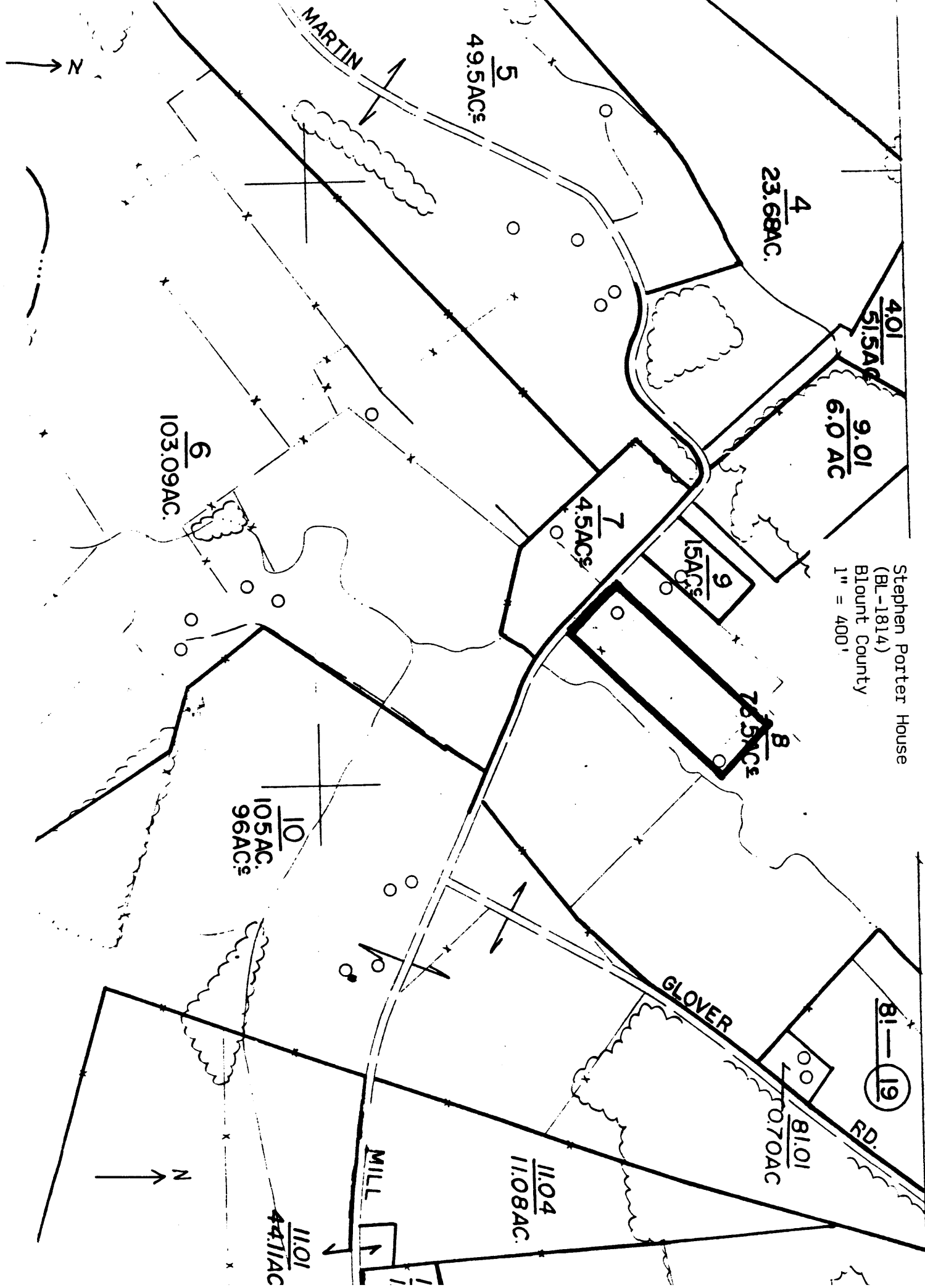
View: Interior, door.
Photo # 5

View: Springhouse.
Photo # 6

View: Non-contributing garage.
Photo # 7

#1814 - STEPHEN PORTER HOUSE





Stephen Porter House
 (BL-1814)
 Blount County
 1" = 400'