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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Winstead House

AND/OR COMMON (Same)

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South Margin St.

CITY, TOWN Franklin

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Tennessee

VICINITY OF CODE 047

COUNTY Williamson CODE 187

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Eloise P. O'More, O'More School of Design ✓

STREET & NUMBER 819 West Main

CITY, TOWN Franklin

VICINITY OF

STATE Tennessee 37064

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Williamson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Court Square

CITY, TOWN Franklin

STATE Tennessee 37064

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE June 1978
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Tennessee Historical Commission, 170 Second Avenue, North

CITY, TOWN Nashville

STATE Tennessee 37201

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Winstead House is located on South Margin Street in Franklin, the county seat of Williamson County. William O'Neal Perkins built the present house on the foundation of the McNutt House which burned ca 1865; Perkins began construction in the late 1860s, and he used materials -- brick and stone -- from the Public Office, which stood in court square and which he had bought and demolished.

The Winstead House is of the Italinete style, with a T-shaped floor plan and a symmetrical facade (northwest elevation). It is a two story, five bay, brick dwelling with a low pitched gable roof. In the central pavilion, which has a pedimented roof, there is a one story portico with a modillioned cornice supported by square pillars. The recessed entrance has double doors with arched glazing and a fanlight. Above the balustrade which surmounts the portico is a narrow arched window with a keystone. The other windows are two over two with flat lintels above. There are three interior chimneys in the house. Two of these are located in the front section at each gable; the third is in the center of the ell. The foundation, water table, and quoins are stone and the brick is laid in American common bond. The massive ornate cornice is supported by heavy paired brackets.

Both floors of the main portion of the house have a large room on each side of the wide central hallway. In the ell, running the full width of that section of the house, is another hall with an oval, spiral, cantilevered staircase. In this section there is a large dining room and kitchen on the ground level and two bedrooms upstairs. There have been additions to this section of the house. On the east side a porch, extending the full length of this section, has been enclosed with weatherboards and a half story and staircase added. The lower level of this room is open to the kitchen, dining room and stair hall. On the south side, which is also off the kitchen, there is another enclosed porch addition. It is built around a water cistern thereby giving it a hexagonal shape.

Some special features of decorative interest are the oak floor boards in the parlors and dining room with their inlaid geometric design borders of contrasting woods. There is a simple beauty to the woodwork throughout, especially in the thick paneled door jambs. In the centers of the fourteen-foot high ceilings in the parlors, dining room, and hallways are beautiful ornamental plaster center pieces or medallions. Some of the rooms have crystal chandeliers which are not original but are very old. The bronze window locks are unusual because they are mounted on the upper sash instead of the bottom. The early Victorian mantels are marbled cast iron and have stone hearths.

Structurally the house has been altered many times. Both porches were lattice/open, with the side porch extending from the back of the parlor the full length of the ell. Ghosts of a gable indicate that a porch formerly existed over the kitchen and cellar steps.

Located to the east of the east corner of the ell are a modern two-car garage and a pump shelter. These are at the end of a nearby 350 foot driveway.

The property nominated is the entire tract owned by the O'More School of Design. The 1.7 acre parcel is irregular in shape.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Perkins O'Neal

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James A. McNutt was living in a house on this site as early as 1858; this building was destroyed by fire ca. 1865. William O'Neal Perkins, the son of one of the Williamson County pioneer families, purchased the property shortly after the house was burned. In 1866 Perkins bought and demolished the Public Office which stood on the town Square; this two-story building was constructed of brick and had stone pilasters, and some of these materials were used in the house which was built on the foundation of the McNutt House.

Perkins sold the house to William E. Winstead in 1876, and the property remained in the Winstead family for eighty years. Winstead served in the Confederate Army for two years and held the post of clerk and master for the Williamson County Chancery Court.

The Winstead House is an excellent example of a post-Civil War Italianate residence. A large imposing house, it was built during a period of economic adversity in post-war Tennessee; it was one of the first major buildings erected in Williamson County during this difficult period. This building is particularly distinguished for its effusive use of ornamentation, such as the paired decorative brackets which highlight the cornice, quoins on the main section of the building and the projecting center bay, and the ornate porch with its balustrade, modillioned cornice, and pillars and spandrels with carved bracketed bases.

The O'More School of Design, an institution which trains interior designers, has recently purchased the building. It will be adaptively restored and space provided for classrooms and administrative spaces.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.7

QUADRANGLE NAME Franklin, Tenn. QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is irregular in shape; the precise boundaries are contained in the attached survey.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Eloise P. O'More

ORGANIZATION O'More School of Design DATE February 12, 1979

STREET & NUMBER 819 West Main Street TELEPHONE 794-4254

CITY OR TOWN Franklin STATE Tennessee CODE 37064

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert L. Hays

TITLE Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE 2/14/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: *Charles W. ...*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 9-18-77

DATE 4/17/79

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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