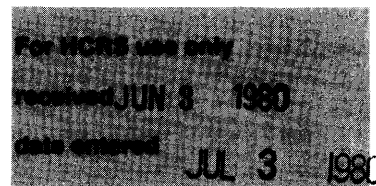


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Cocke, William House

and/or common Carmichael House or Langley

2. Location

NE of Rutledge

street & number Route 2 _____ not for publication

city, town Rutledge _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Tennessee code 047 county Grainger code 057

3. 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	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Tom Roach

street & number Route 2, "Langley"

city, town Rutledge _____ vicinity of _____ state Tennessee 37861

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Grainger County Courthouse

street & number _____

city, town Rutledge _____ state Tennessee 37861

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Summer 1973 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission

city, town Nashville _____ state Tennessee 37219

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 William Cocke house, built ca. 1850, is located 3.7 miles northeast of Rutledge, Tennessee and .2 mile south of the Lee Highway (11W) in Richland Valley. The two story brick structure, built in a Greek Revival style, rests on a solid brick foundation. A one story ell attached to the south elevation serves as the kitchen. The house is arranged in a rectilinear floor plan with a central hall, interior chimneys and covered with a pitched hip roof with asphalt shingles.

The main entrance to the Cocke House is bordered by a double row of 75 boxwoods. A symmetrically spaced 5 bay facade comprises the north elevation. The central bay consists of a rectangular double paneled door with rectangular transom and side lights on both floors. Two sets of double hung sash six over six windows with louvered shutters and stone lintels flank the main entrance. The lintels over the second story windows were covered when a modern portico with six doric columns was added. Photographs taken during the late 1800s revealed the house had a two story, three bay Victorian porch during that time.

The east and west elevations are typical examples of Greek Revival symmetry. Two rows of two double hung sash six over six windows with stone lintels are equally spaced and in vertical alignment. The wood cornice of the house is done in simple yet universal design.

Furnished with antiques collected by the present owner, the interior of the Cocke House is covered by decorative wall paper. The sitting room is emphasized by an elaborate plaster ceiling medallion over a crystal chandelier. A curved staircase with large newel, round balusters, and decorative end rails winds to the second floor. Several rooms have built-in wood paneled book cases and wardrobes. Presently all the fireplaces have been closed (one was removed from the dining room), but the present owners intend to re-open the fireplaces. The mantels over the fireplaces are generally of simple design, but the parlor mantel is more decorative with carved pilasters.

The only alterations to the Cocke House have been the enclosing of the porch that attached to the original kitchen and converting it into the new kitchen. The large cooking fireplace in the original kitchen was removed and converted into a large storage area. Additionally, a small bathroom was built into what was once William Cocke's library.

A large wood frame spring house with a stone foundation is located behind the house. The spring still supplies the water to the house. A lake south of the house was constructed by James Carmichael for irrigation purposes.

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"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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. 1850 **Builder/Architect** William Michael Cocke

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William Cocke House was probably built soon after Cocke purchased the 300 acre tract of land from Frederick Kearns for \$2500 on October 8, 1847. Situated in a fertile valley along Richland Creek, this land was occupied as early as 1796 when Michael Kearns purchased the property from Christian Rhodes for \$1333.33.

The Cocke family was politically important in this section of Upper East Tennessee. William's father, Sterling Cocke, represented Grainger County in the State House from 1815-1817, elected to the State Senate 1817-1819 and served as Attorney-General for Tennessee's 1st District from 1818-1833. His grandfather, General William Cocke, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1796, circuit court judge, member of the Tennessee General Assembly and the man for whom Cocke County, Tennessee was named. William Michael Cocke, born in Rutledge, Tennessee, on July 16, 1815, graduated from East Tennessee State College in Knoxville. He studied law and upon admission to the bar returned to Rutledge to begin his legal practice. Politically a Democrat, Cocke spent much of his adult life holding some type of elected office. Cocke was Clerk of Grainger County Circuit Court from 1840-1845. He was elected to the State House of Representatives, serving from March 4, 1845 to March 3, 1849. He was later elected to the State Senate serving from 1855-1857.

In November 1858, Cocke sold his property to James T. Carmichael for \$5340 and moved his family to Asheville, North Carolina for the duration of the Civil War. The house was the scene of considerable activities throughout the war. While Union troops camped along Richland Creek, the Cocke House was used as a field hospital.

A familiar landmark to the community, the Cocke House stands as a ever present reminder to Grainger County's political history, and as an excellent example of the Greek Revival style of architecture as displayed in East Tennessee.

The boundaries of this nomination were drawn to the dimensions of that tract of land which was purchased along with the house by the present owner.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Biog. Dictionary of American Congress, P. 997, Lawson-McGhee Library, Knoxville, TN
 Register of Deeds, Grainger County Courthouse, Rutledge, TN

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 6.13 **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Avondale Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

A	<u>17</u>	<u>279400</u>	<u>4020020</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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Nashville state Tennessee 37319

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Nehmet L. Hays

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 5/30/80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 date 7/3/80
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Justin P. Connell date 7/2/80