

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Isaac Cooper House

and/or common Cooper Farm

2. Location

street & number Glendale Road N/A not for publication

city, town Limestone N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Washington code 179

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartley

street & number 1215 North Baxter

city, town Johnson City N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37601

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Jonesborough state Tennessee 37659

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Washington County Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982-84 federal state county local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37203

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

Located in the small Washington County community of Limestone, Tennessee (pop. 572) the Isaac Cooper House (ca. 1838) sits in a field along Blackley Creek on Glendale Road. The two-story, brick, vernacular house with federal influence was modified in the late-nineteenth century. The house retains many original features and despite the later alterations, retains its architectural and historical integrity.

This two-story, gable roofed, L-shaped, three bay farm house was built of handmade brick, which was laid in common bond with penciled mortar joints and set on limestone outcroppings and timbers with no basement. The original 6/6 wooden windows with wooden sills and simple brick lintels occur on all the facades. The west (front) elevation has a central entry with four paned sidelights and a seven paned transom. The fenestration is slightly asymmetrical. The north and south elevations have interior end chimneys and are two bays wide with windows on both stories. The rear ell projects from the south side of the east elevation. This one-story structure has a gable roof which is pierced by a central interior chimney. A frame shed addition was attached to the south side of the ell in the early twentieth century.

Late-nineteenth century changes to the exterior include the retrussing of the roof, the addition of the wide plank cornice, and the placement of the wrapping shed roofed porch along the west, north and south elevations of the main house and along the north elevation of the ell. The detailing on this porch is very simple.

The present interior configuration is a central hall plan although structural evidence indicates it may have originally been built as a hall and parlor plan. Early interior features include a paneled staircase with simple, balusters and newell post, simple mantels and wide baseboards. The walls are plaster applied directly over brick. The flooring is original except for the upstairs rooms. The paneled doors appear to be original.

Also located on the nominated property are seven frame outbuildings which date from the late nineteenth century. They include a springhouse, smokehouse, barn, corn crib, and other miscellaneous farm buildings.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<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. 1838 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Isaac Cooper House is being nominated under National Register criteria B and C for its association with the Cooper family, early settlers of what later became known as the Blackley Creek region of Washington County, and for its architectural importance to the area as an example of a ca. 1838 vernacular interpretation of the Federal style with some modest late nineteenth century alterations.

The house was probably built ca. 1838 by Isaac Cooper (1806-1874), a farmer and miller who moved to the area in the 1830's from North Carolina. He farmed 140 acres of land and operate the local mill on what later became known as Blackley Creek. He sold the mill to Matthew Blackley in 1860 and the farm and house passed to one of his sons, Lewis Cooper, after his death in 1874. Lewis Cooper (1838-1889) was locally important as a furniture maker and farmer. He served as the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County in the 1880s. Aft the death of his wife, Tennessee Keys Cooper (1848-1899), the property was sold by the heirs to M.J. Clark in 1899. Bob Walker purchased the property in 1908 and sold it to Ray Brookshire in 1910. The Brookshire family retained the property until 1960 when it was sold to David Dickerson who built a residence on another section of the property and used the older house as a barn. James Owens purchased the property in 1982 and sold ten and one-half acres including the old house and its outbuildings to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Hartle, who are restoring the building for their residence.

The house was remodeled for the first time in the 1890s when the roof was retrussed and a wide frame cornice was added. The front and rear porches and the outbuildings also date from this period.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Deeds and Records, Washington County Courthouse.
 Johnson, Edward, Personal Interview. July 1983.
 Martin, Roe. Personal Interview. July 1983.
 Patrick, James. Architecture in Tennessee, 1768-1897. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3 1/2 acres
 Quadrangle name Leesburg, Tennessee Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	<u>117</u>	<u>354720</u>	<u>4020740</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated three and one half acre property is bounded on the north by Glendale Road, on the south by a creek and fence, and on the east and west by fences. The boundaries contain the minimal property necessary to convey the historical context of the residence, as they include major outbuildings on the farm.

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

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	S.A. Hartley Robin Krawitz	date	August 1, 1984
organization	N/A Historic Preservation Specialist	telephone	615/926-1440 615/742-6722
street & number	1215 N. Baxter 701 Broadway	state	Tennessee 37601 Tennessee 37203
city or town	Johnson City Nashville		

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

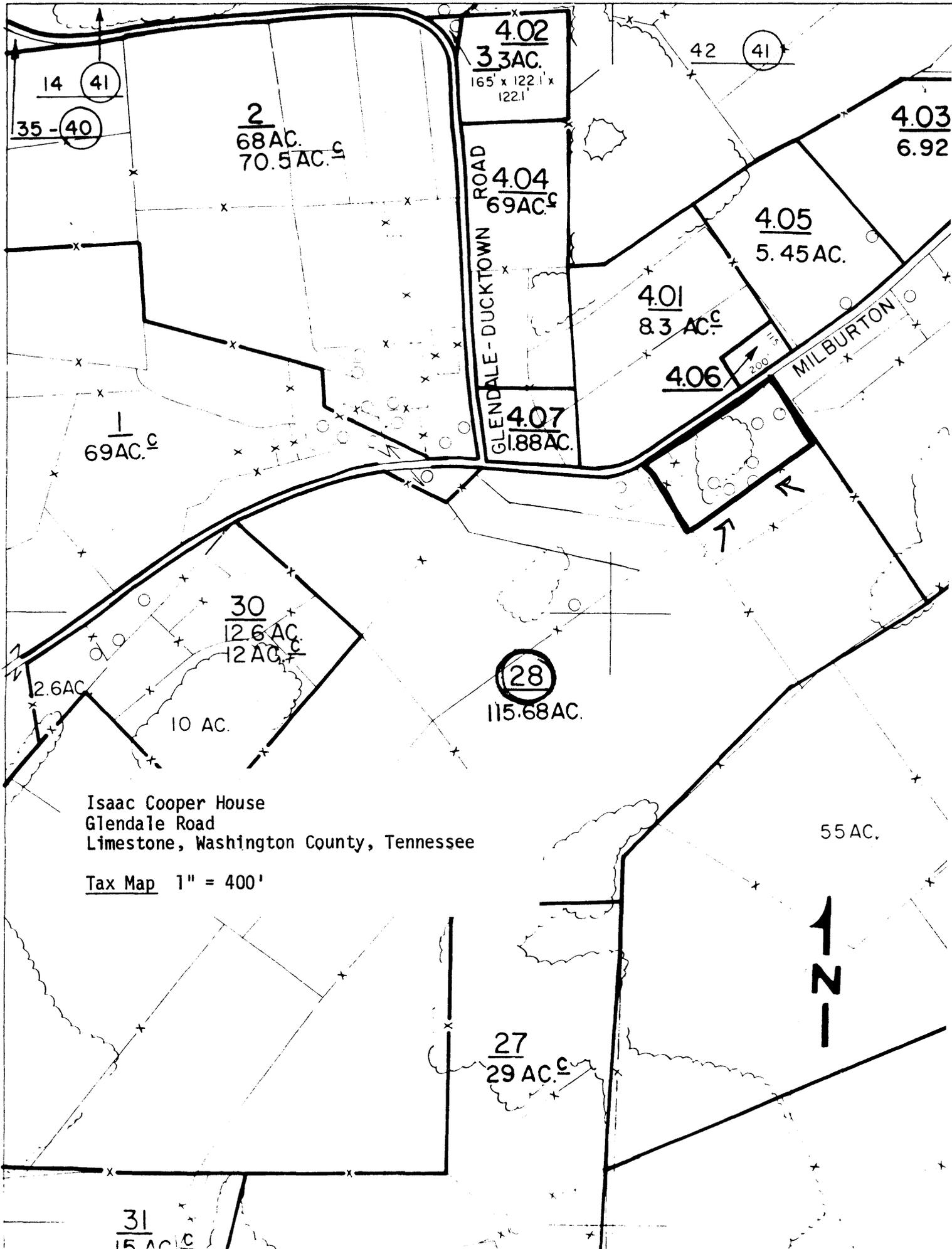
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert L. Hoyer
 title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 8/2/84

For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Herbert L. Hoyer Entered in the National Register date 9/7/84
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration



Isaac Cooper House
 Glendale Road
 Limestone, Washington County, Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 400'

