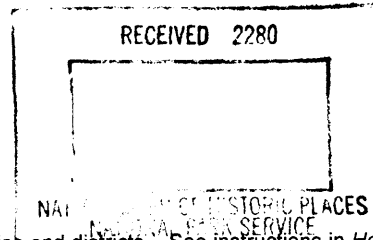


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Maple Cottage  
other names/site number Elkin, Robert, House; Harris, Amanda, House; Anderson House; Lewis House; SU.290

2. Location

street & number 1335 Long Hollow Pike NA  not for publication  
city or town Cottontown  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Sumner code 165 zip code NA

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
Herbert L. Hays 1/28/00  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 3/15/00

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County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local       | <input type="checkbox"/> district               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State       | <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal     | <input type="checkbox"/> structure              |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		sites
	2	structures
		objects
1	4	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls BRICK

roof METAL

other WOOD

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** moved from its original location.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 year of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

circa 1825 - circa 1850

**Significant Dates**

NA

**Significant Person**

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

NA

**Cultural Affiliation**

NA

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

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County and State

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property eight acres Cottontown 310 NE

#### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>16</u> Zone	<u>544010</u> Easting	<u>4026520</u> Northing	3	<u>          </u> Zone	<u>          </u> Easting	<u>          </u> Northing
2	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	4	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Scott Adkins  
organization NA date August 1999  
street & number 1335 Long Hollow Pike telephone 615/230-6613  
city or town Gallatin state TN zip code 37066

#### Additional Documentation

submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Scott and Barbara Adkins  
street & number 1335 Long Hollow Pike telephone 615/230-6613  
city or town Gallatin state TN zip code 37066

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## Narrative Description

Maple Cottage sets on the crest of a low hill overlooking Long Hollow Pike. Open fields in rural Sumner County surround it. The house is approached by a gravel drive which crosses a bridge over a stream that flows into East Station Camp Creek. The gravel drive continues up the hill passing an old shed on the left (northeast of dwelling), curving right across the front (north) of the dwelling, and then curving around to the garage located near the southwest corner of the dwelling. The front yard of the dwelling contains a shrub-lined walkway leading to the front porch. The front yard also contains a dozen old, large trees planted in the mid- to late 1800s. The approaches to the house and yard are a mix of modern features and the remains of historic features.

The actual date of construction for Maple Cottage is uncertain. Based on the style of the house and deed research, the construction date is estimated to be between 1825 and 1850. It is likely that the house was constructed circa 1825 and the front portico and rear ell were added circa 1850. The house is a one and one-half story, raised cottage brick dwelling with classical and Greek Revival influences. It has a standing seam metal gable roof, double-hung six-over-six windows, functioning wooden shutters, and a continuous brick foundation. The windows retain their original lintels and frames. The L-plan dwelling has three interior end brick chimneys. In 1991, a room was added to the south elevation. Set back from the historic part of the house, the addition is in the approximate location of a historic addition. Modern decking, driveway, pool and landscaping were also added to the property at this time. Five original windows are extant; six windows have been replaced.

The north facade is dominated by a one bay, central Greek Revival pedimented portico. Four square wooden columns with Ionic-influenced capitals support the portico. A simple wood balustrade and two pilasters are additional decorative elements of the porch. Steps lead to the brick and frame porch. The primary entry retains an original wood panel door capped by a multi-light transom window and lintel. Glass and multi-light sidelights flank the door. Six-over-six double-hung windows with shutters are found on both sides of the entry. The raised basement, or half-story, windows on the primary facade are double-hung three-over-three design. They are placed directly below the larger windows. The frame addition contains multi-light ribbon windows on its north facade.

There is no fenestration on the east elevation. The rear porch, situated in the ell of the house, and deck, are visible from this view. Plain wood columns resting on brick piers support the raised porch floor.

The rear (south) elevation has a reconstructed one and one-half-story porch with a simple wood balustrade, square columns and screening. Behind the porch on the first story is a six-over-six window, while the lower story has the smaller three-over-three window with functioning shutters. The brick ell of the original house has a single double-hung window. Walkways are located at both the primary floor level and half/sub-level entrances, facing east and south. The modern frame addition and decking are seen on this elevation.

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At the west elevation is the 1991 addition with single-light windows, synthetic siding, and a brick foundation. A pedimented porch, also constructed in 1991, extends further west of the addition with a frame deck that continues around the south.

The floor plan of Maple Cottage makes use of the central-passage plan. There is a formal central entrance hall (foyer) that leads to rooms on the east and west. The room to the west expands back into an ell, with one room allowing access to other rooms in the rear of the house. The interior of the dwelling has hardwood floors throughout the main level. Door openings are highlighted by molded surrounds and paneled casings. The original portion of the floor plan has no stairs inside the structure. The back porch contains the stairs that allow access to rooms in the lower floor, which duplicates the plan of the upper floor. Former owners placed drywall over the plaster walls.

The most noticeable historic feature of the entrance hall is the principal entrance to the house. Paired two panel doors are flanked by sidelights composed of four light windows and panels. A multi-light transom and molded surrounds are additional features of the entrance. Hardwood floors, baseboards and a two panel door with molded surrounds are also seen in this area of Maple Cottage. Molded door and window surrounds, picture railing and baseboards embellish the room used as a living room. The fireplace in this room has a simple wood mantle piece, pilasters resting on plain bases and brick lining. A built-in bookcase is situated to the north of the fireplace. Like other rooms in Maple Cottage, the bedroom has hardwood floors, picture railing, molded surrounds and baseboards. The wood fireplace has a plain mantle piece, pilasters and brick lining. Both the dining room and the sitting room have wood fireplaces, molded wood trim, hardwood floors and paneled doors. The lower level of the house contains only one fireplace with a mantle. Baseboards, molded surrounds and paneled doors are found throughout the lower level of the house.

The current addition was built in 1991 with respect to the historic addition. The door that now leads to the kitchen previously led out to a porch that gave access to the addition. The stairs in the addition allow the only interior access to the lower level. The door on the lower level that now leads to the addition was previously a window. A photograph taken in 1894 shows the exterior of the house looked much as it does today, including having an addition on the west.

There are four other buildings or structures on the property:

Garage. 1991. Frame, weatherboard siding, standing seam metal roof, two and one-half cars. Noncontributing.

Pool. 1991. Noncontributing.

Gazebo. Wood. 1991. Noncontributing.

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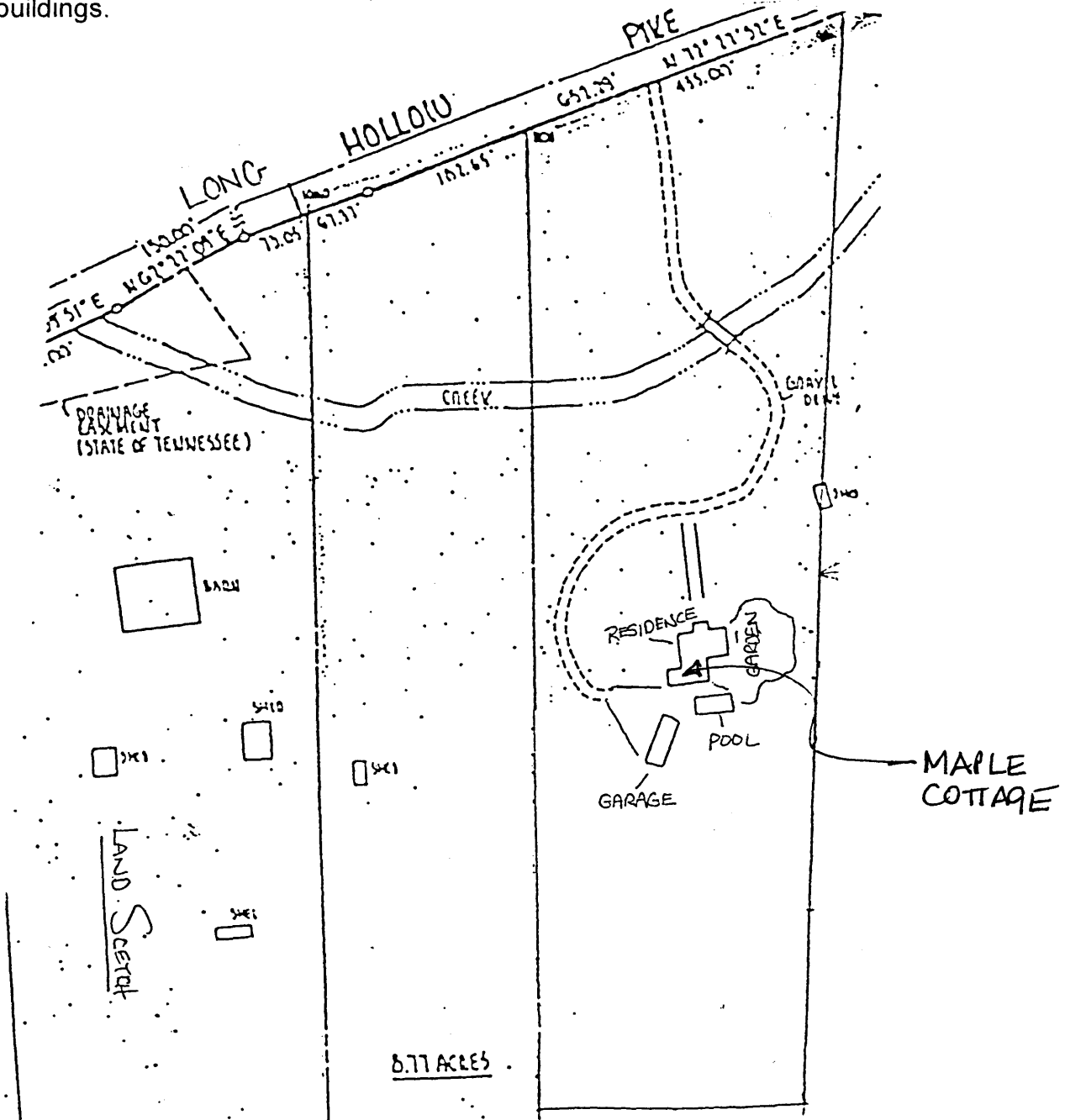
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Outbuilding. Late nineteenth century. Frame, metal gable roof, side shed roof wings. The outbuilding was used as a garage in the twentieth century. Noncontributing (falls outside period of significance.)

As late as 1990 there were additional outbuildings associated with the property. A previous owner demolished the buildings.

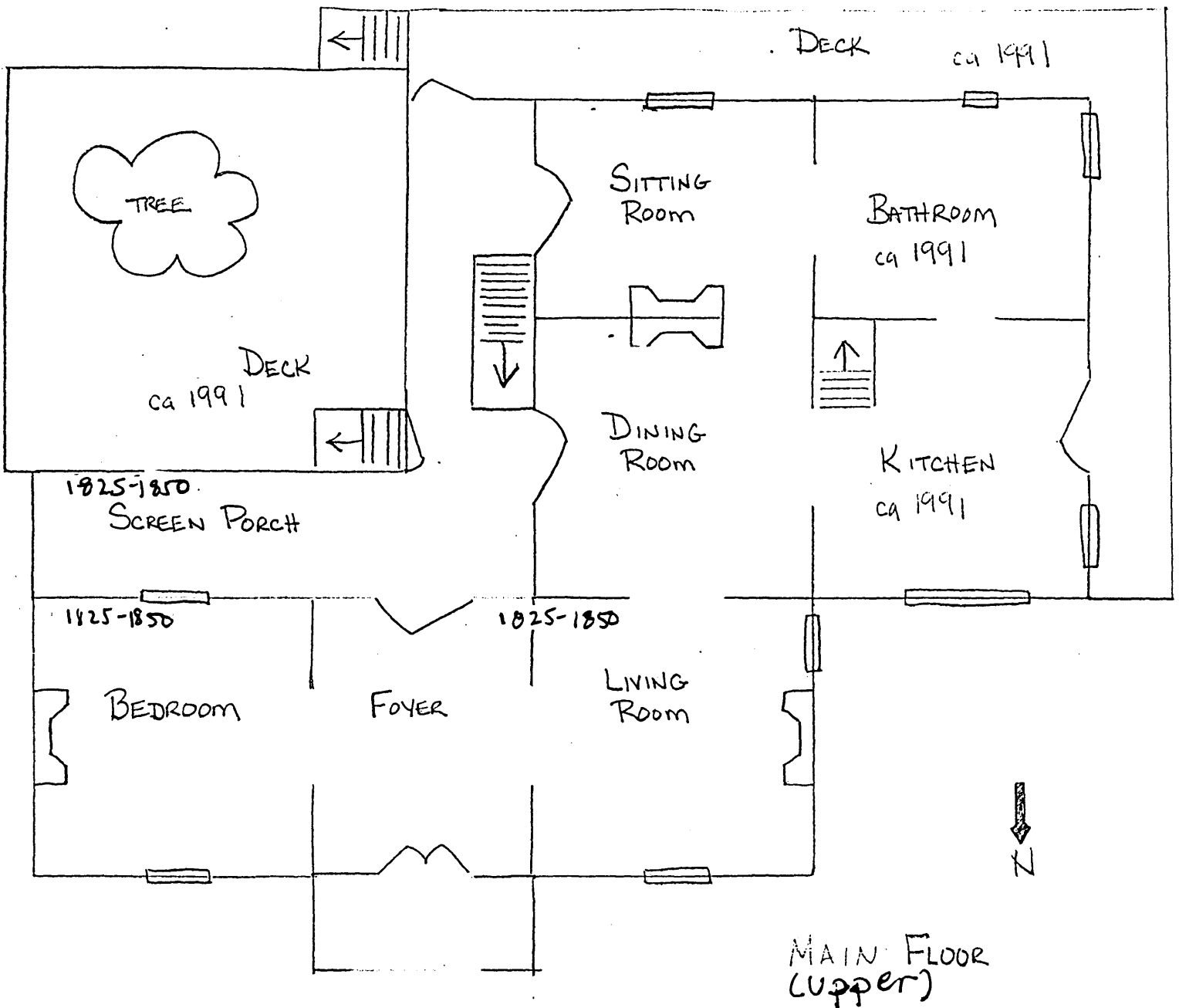


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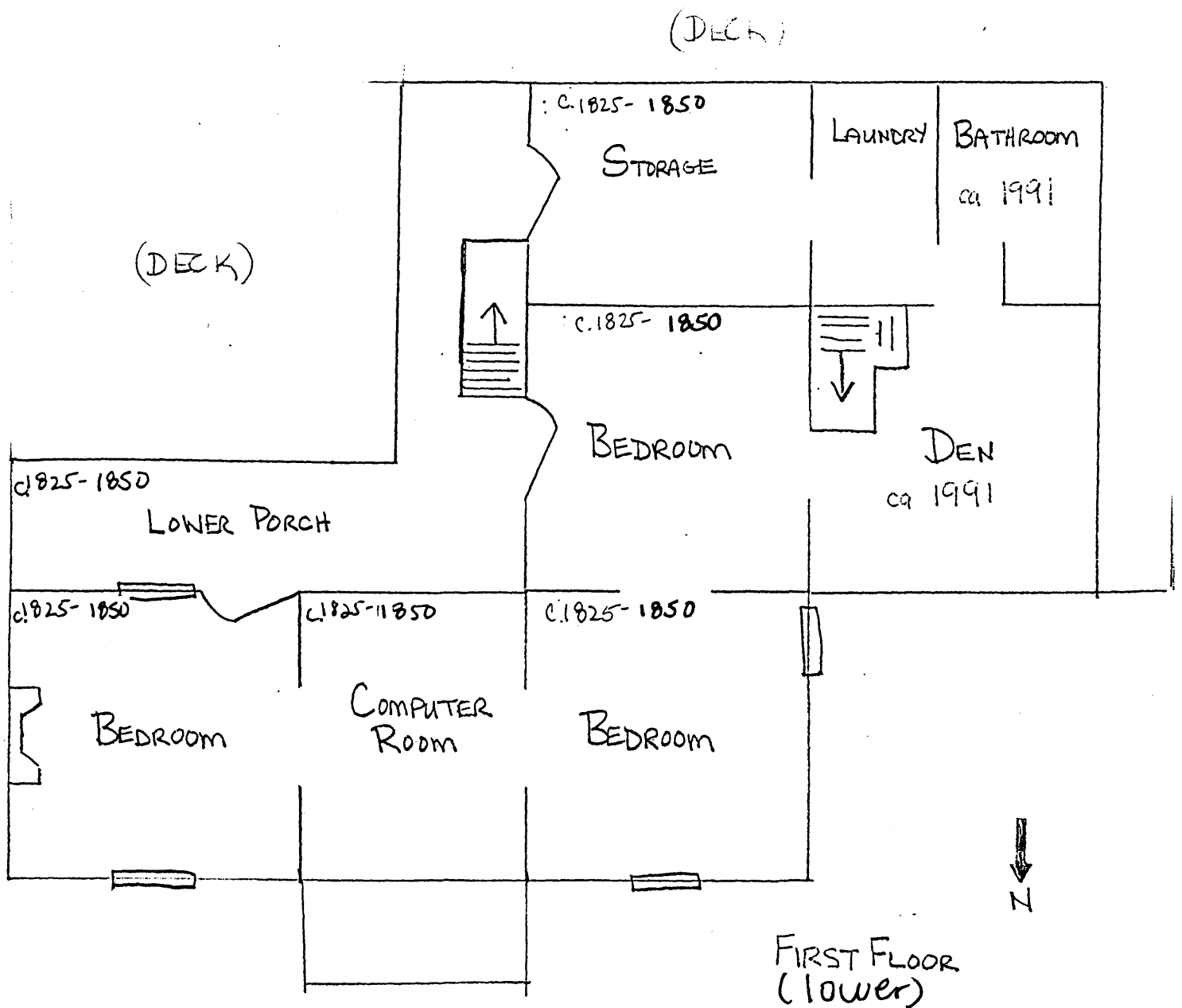


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## Statement of Significance

Maple Cottage is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places for its local significance in architecture. The raised cottage plan was built with classical details, such as the window lintels, circa 1825. Around 1850 the Greek Revival pedimented portico was added to the facade. This house is the only known example of a raised cottage plan in Sumner County. The interior retains its wood fireplace mantels, doors, and decorative wood trim. A modern addition was added to the house in 1991. Set back from the main body of the building, the addition does not detract from the overall integrity of the dwelling.

The floor plan of Maple Cottage makes use of the Georgian formal central-passage plan that dominated Tennessee architecture from 1820 to 1850. This plan used a formal central entrance that led to rooms on the left and right, with access to another level with an identical plan. (*Architecture in Tennessee*, 63). Like Maple Cottage, many plans were expanded into an ell form, where one room allowed access to rooms in the rear of the house. All these rooms traditionally had access to a back porch. (*Architecture in Tennessee*, 62). Because Maple Cottage had no interior stairs, the back porch contained stairs allowing access to rooms in the lower floor.

Maple Cottage's exterior appears as it did when it was first built. Through observing old photographs, the exterior restoration was finished in 1996. Although not many of the original wooden shutters remain, the new wooden shutters were custom made to be identical in appearance, size and function. The exterior walls were painted, because the house has always been whitewashed or painted. Although new stairs were made to replace the damaged ones on the front porch, the rest of the fabric of the original front and back porches is intact.

The property on which Maple Cottage rests, was granted to Mussenden Matthews in 1787 by the North Carolina General Assembly in consideration for his service in the Revolutionary War. (North Carolina Land Grants, Book 1, 394). The land was sold to William Snoddy in 1791. Snoddy sold the land to Matthew Anderson who bequeathed it to his son Stephen Anderson in 1803. In 1811 Stephen Anderson sold the property to James and Mary Cryer. (Sumner County Records, Book 3, 362; Book 6, 113).

Upon James Cryer's death in 1817, his estate granted a widow's dower to his wife, Mary Cryer. This estate included the land on Long Hollow Pike including a dwelling house, road and spring house. (Sumner County Records, Book 9, 60). This is the first time any dwelling is mentioned. Previous owners believed that this dwelling, or part of it, was Maple Cottage.

Although solid documentation of Maple Cottage's existence cannot be found, documentation of other activities on the land can. James Cryer was a Sumner County Commissioner in the late 1790s and was involved in the formation and development of Gallatin. (*The Great Leap*

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*Westward*, 78). Until the first Sumner County Courthouse was built in 1803, court was held in various houses in the county, including Cryer's home. (*The Great Leap Westward*, 83). More significant to the land in which Maple Cottage rests is James Cryer's development of horse racing. The first public race meetings in Middle Tennessee were held on Cryer's farm on Long Hollow Pike at the east fork of Station Camp Creek. (*American Thoroughbred*, 96 - 98). Andrew Jackson rode in many of these races, although without much success. The race complex at Clover Bottom (NR 4/3/75) is said to have been fashioned after James Cryer's racetrack. Unfortunately, there are no significant remains of Cryer's track.

In 1819, Mary Cryer sold the property to James Stratton. (Sumner County Records, Book 9, 60). The Stratton family cemetery still lies on an adjoining property a few hundred yards from Maple Cottage. James Stratton sold the property to David Chenault in 1845 and in 1849 Chenault sold the property to Robert Elkin. (Sumner County Records, Book 19, 261).

During the time in which Elkin and his wife, Lucy M., owned the property, it has been said that Maple Cottage attained its present form and style. During the Civil War, tradition has it that the Confederate soldiers used Maple Cottage for a hospital and later the Union soldiers used the house to store ammunition. An 1878 Sumner County map shows Maple Cottage on Long Hollow Pike in District 4.

In 1889, Amanda Harris purchased Maple Cottage from the Elkins. (Sumner County Records, Book 30, 272). The first photograph recorded of Maple Cottage was taken in 1894 with Mrs. Harris and several members of her family. (*A Celebration of Homes*, 103). The Harris family, as well as those who followed, used Maple Cottage as a farmhouse. Amanda Harris sold the property to Byrd Anderson and his sons, H.H. and Ed L. Anderson, in 1909. (Sumner County Records, Book 61, 99). The property was later sold to S.O. and Mary J. Dillon in 1916 and finally to James Douglas and Jane Lewis in 1917. (Sumner County Records, Book 72, 414; Book 75, 532).

The Lewis family held the property until 1991. The Lewis family used the lower level for cooking, dining, storing fresh and canned food and storing coal. The upper level was used for bedrooms with the exception of the foyer, which was used for "courting." Although electricity was added, no indoor plumbing was added. The Lewis family continued to farm the land until it was sold to Joel and Cathy Moss in 1991. (Sumner County Records, Book 207, 559).

Renovations and restorations began immediately. The Moss family restored the interior, being careful to leave the original floor plan in place. Plumbing was included in the addition to the west side of the structure in proximity to the original addition.

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Scott and Barbara Adkins purchased Maple Cottage in 1995. (Sumner County Records, Book 542, 424). The Adkins family finished restoration of the interior and restored the exterior to its original antebellum appearance.

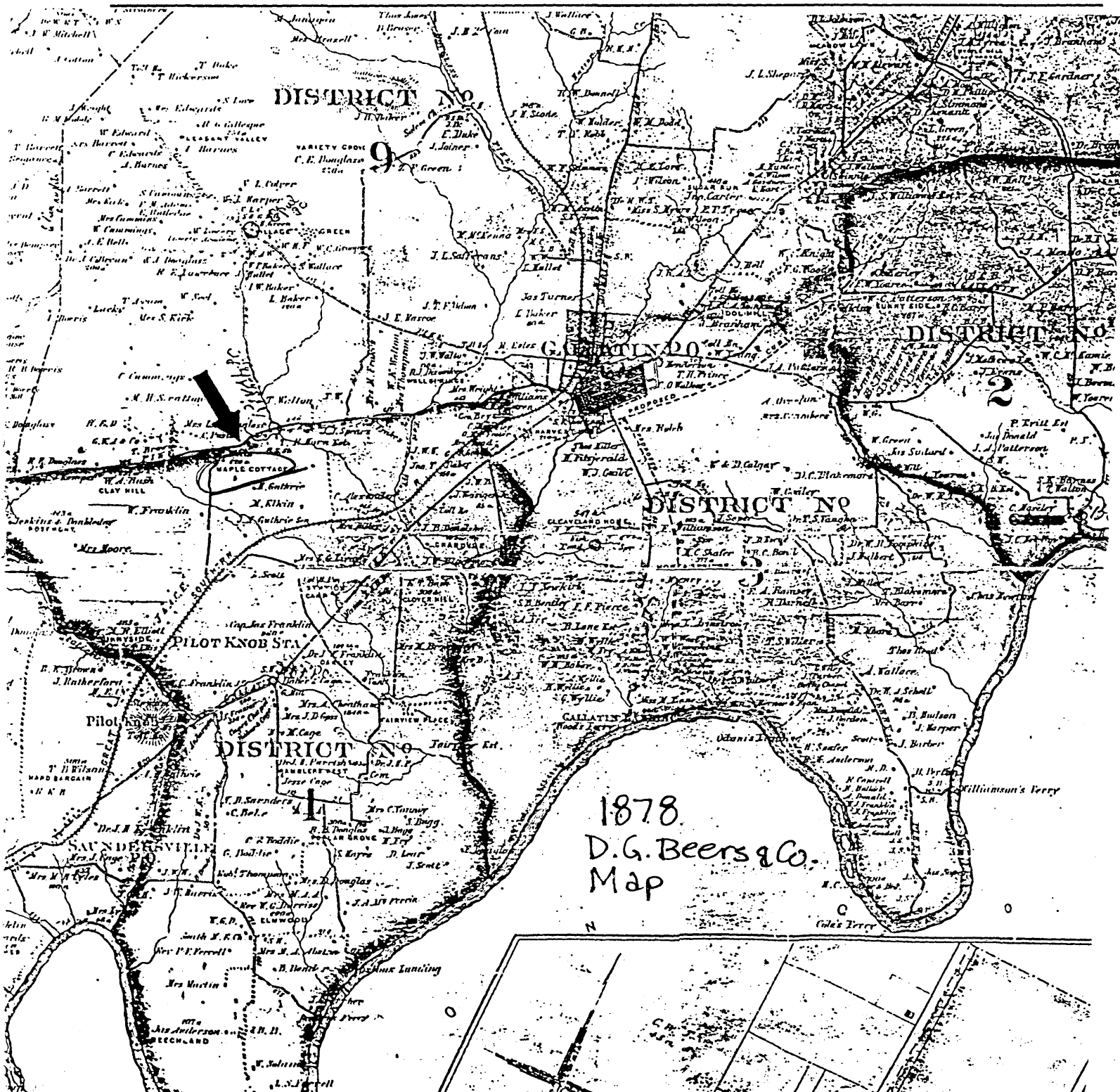
Sumner County has a number of two story brick Greek Revival or classical influenced residences that were built in the first half of the nineteenth century. Greenfield (NR 11/7/90), Hazel Path (NR 4/5/84), the James B. Jameson House (NR 11/25/85) and Oakland (NR 10/2/92) were all constructed during this time frame. They are two story brick residences with one bay pedimented porticos and symmetrical detailing. None of these residences represent the smaller scale raised cottage plan that Maple Cottage has.

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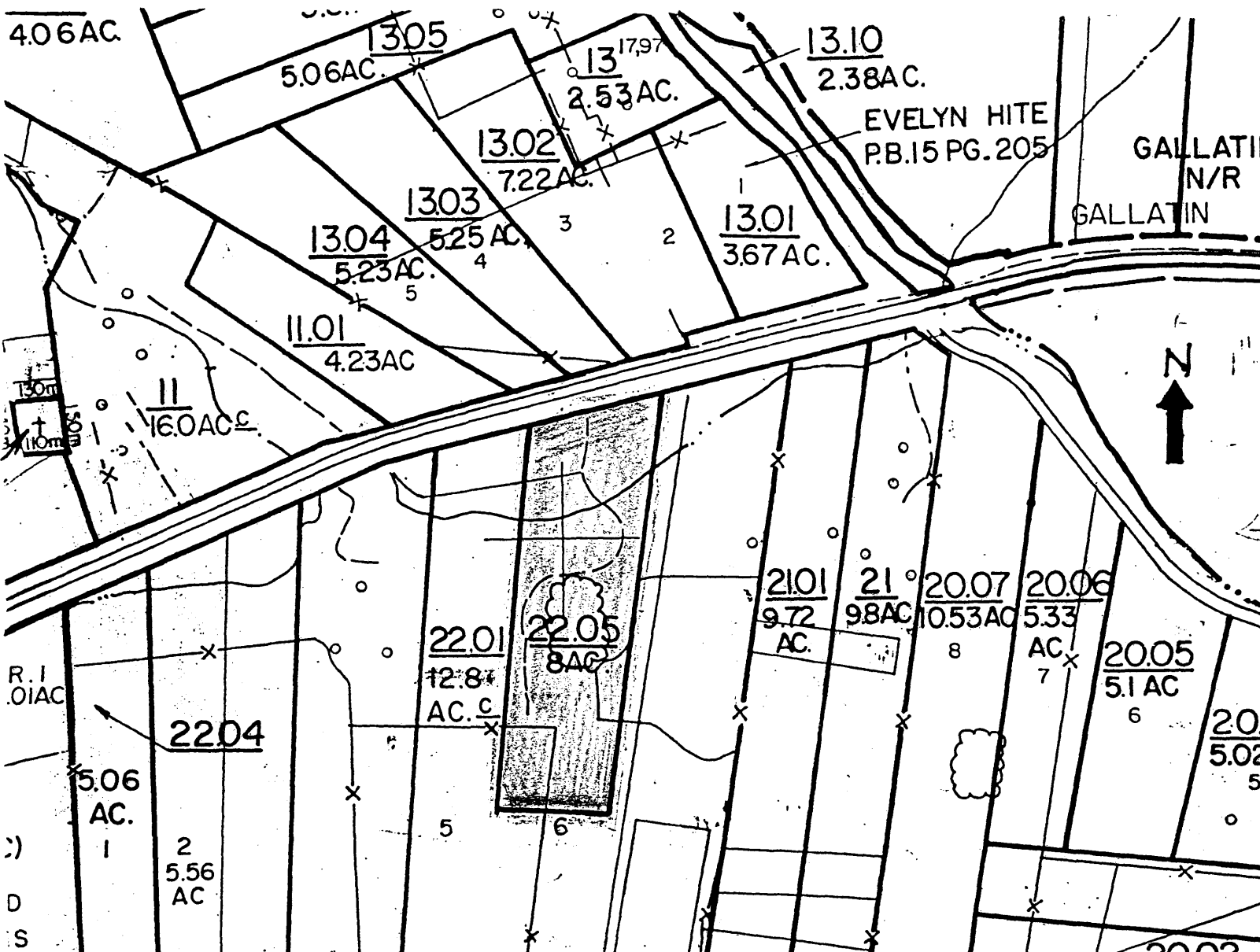
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## Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The property being nominated consists of parcel 22.5 on Sumner County tax map 125. It contains eight acres. This is all the historic land currently associated with Maple Cottage.

The map for this property has a scale of 1" = 400'. This is the only scale map available for this portion of Sumner County.



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## Photographs

Photos by: Scott Adkins

Date: September 1998 and December 1999

Neg: NA, digital camera

1894 View of north facade, including addition on west. Amanda Harris and family in photograph.  
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North facade, facing south, view of original house and 1991 addition.  
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West elevation, facing east, view of original house and addition with side porch.  
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South elevation, facing north.  
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East and south elevations, facing northwest, view of original house and porches.  
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East elevation, facing west.  
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Foyer showing main entry, facing north.  
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Foyer showing interior door.  
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Living room interior.  
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Living room interior.  
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Living room interior.  
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Bedroom interior.  
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Bedroom interior.  
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Dining room interior.  
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Dining room interior.  
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Sitting room interior.  
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View of screened porch.  
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Shed located northwest of the dwelling.  
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Garage, facing southeast  
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Perennial garden located on the east side of the dwelling.  
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