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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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RECEIVED FEB 21 1978 DATA SHEET
DATE ENTERED MAY 22 1978NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

**

Barton Springs

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5, Old Russellville Pike

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Morristown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

CODE
47COUNTY
HamblenCODE
63

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Smith

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5

CITY, TOWN

Morristown

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hamblen County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Morristown

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Tennessee Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE

May 1974

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Barton Springs is located in a rural area east of Morristown on a section of the Old Russellville Pike. This scenic property has retained its historic character and is one of the oldest landmarks in this area where the early stagecoach road passed the ever-flowing spring located near the old log house that belonged to the Barton family. The property is shaded by many large trees, and clusters of tall water oaks and sycamore trees grow across the front yard around the spring.

The log house was built in two stages, resting on huge log sills for the foundation. The rear ell and cellar were added later. The earliest log section of the two-story house is the left side next to the center hall. This section has a large stone chimney on the west gable end and there is one 15' x 18' room on each story. The ceilings are eight feet tall and the interior log walls were finished and papered before they were paneled over at a later date. The earlier staircase was located in the southwest corner as it is indicated by patches in the wood floor above. Reportedly there was also an outside staircase leading to the second story room where young Davy Crockett stayed when he lived in this area. The stone fireplaces have hand-carved pine mantelpieces and stone hearths eight feet wide. Beaded pine paneling was added to the walls and stained dark to match the poplar wood floors and ceiling joists. These rooms have very plain woodwork detail, ten inch high baseboards and hand-carved paneled doors stained to match the walls and floors. The attic is unfinished.

The log addition was added to the east side by the Bartons. This section was constructed for the centered, transverse hall and 15' x 18' chambers to match the west side of the house. The chimney on the east end of the house is constructed of hand-made brick.

The two-story frame addition was added to the back of the house extending out from the northeast side. The kitchen, bathroom, and pantry are on the first story connecting to the southeast room. The second floor is a large bedroom connecting to the east bedroom. The back porch and carport are recent additions.

There is a minimum of carved woodwork detail in this house. The major decorative features are found in the entrance hall. The graceful staircase is built across the right side of the hall, facing the entrance with a long flight of stairs leading up through the open well that has a ballustrade composed of straight tapered balusters and wide, tapered newel posts. The ramped rail and railings are carved from single pieces of hard wood. The front entrance features carved pilasters and moldings to highlight the transom and side-light panels around the paneled door. The large windows across the front have 9/4 light double-hung sashes. Other windows have narrow 4/4 light double-hung sashes with closing type outdoor shutters. The lower sashes of these tall windows reach the washboards. All of the interior rooms have pine paneled walls with matching wood trim.

The present owner has added the new wood shingle roof and has recently cleaned and re-varnished the floors. The kitchen and bathroom have been remodeled for modern use.

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. 1801 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Rev. Isaac Barton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the earliest landmarks in this area is the old Barton Springs located three miles east of Morristown on the Old Russellville Pike. This road was originally referred to as the Stagecoach Road which ran between Bristol and Knoxville. The weatherboarded log house is one of the oldest residences in Hamblen County, which was not organized until 1870. It is believed the Barton House was constructed in the early 1800's when this area was part of Hawkins County. Located to the left of the house is the sparkling spring, landmark in the area, that has been included in the name of the Barton house. A stopping place on the old road, this spring was a favorite waterhole for travelers, including the Indians, pioneers, Confederate and Union troops, and is still an active spring today.

Rev. Isaac Barton purchased 258 acres from his sister Sara Barton Murphy on November 18, 1802; two hundred acres of this land had been given to her late husband, William Murphy, in a land grant by the State of North Carolina. Rev. William Murphy influenced Isaac Barton to both move to Tennessee and to embrace the ministry. Rev. Isaac Barton established the First Baptist Church of Morristown in 1803 and served that congregation for thirty years. The exact date of the construction of the house at Barton Springs as well as the name of the property's original owner is uncertain. When Rev. Barton purchased the land from his sister there was a house on the property. Historians differ in opinion as to whether the present house which is dated 1801 in the stone chimney is the original house built by Murphy and onto by Rev. Barton, or whether Isaac Barton, a nephew of the Rev. Barton, built the house in 1820 on the foundation of the 1801 building. Family tradition has always associated the house with Rev. Isaac Barton. The left side of the two-story log house is of the earliest period and the right side is a later addition but is still very early and also constructed of log. The logs were covered by hand-hewn weatherboarding and a back ell was added at some point. If this was the home of Isaac Barton, the necessity for additional space is understandable with a family of twelve children. It is also part of the family tradition that Davy Crockett worked for Rev. Isaac Barton and stayed in the left upstairs bedroom when he periodically ran away from home. (The Crocketts moved to Morristown in 1798 when Davy was twelve years old, which would have made possible the association with the Rev. Isaac Barton and would also date the house as early 1800s.)

Barton Springs, located on the main road with a good water supply, was a natural camping place for troops during the Civil War. The house was used as an army hospital by both the Confederate and Union armies; three round stones mark the grave sites of Confederate soldiers buried on the place. The house is also located near the Southern Railroad line which runs behind the house. At times the Bartons sold wood to the railroad and the train stopped for loading behind the house. A curve near the property known to be the worst curve between Bristol and Knoxville is named "Barton Curve."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2

QUADRANGLE NAME Springvale

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 299210 4012390

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the north side of Old Russellville Pike; thence approximately 400 feet southwest to a point; thence approximately 200 feet northwest to a point; thence approx. 400 feet northeast to a point; thence approx. 200 feet southeast to the

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES point of beginning.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gail Hammerquist, Architectural Historian and Debbie K. Henderson, Research Aide

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Tennessee Historical Commission

November 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

170 Second Avenue North

(615) 741-2371

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Nashville

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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. Harger

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

2/10/78

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

DATE

5-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles Adams

DATE

5-5-78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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The spacious two-story weatherboard over log structure is one of the oldest surviving homes of the Hawkins County period no matter which date of construction is chosen. The Barton and McFarlands (who intermarried) were some of the earliest settlers of Morristown and are still prominent families of the area. Barton Springs is now the home of the Kenneth Smiths who have restored many features of the house to the original design.