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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 Bonds House
other names/site number Bonds-Williams House

2. Location

street & number 204 South 19th Avenue N/A not for publication
city or town Humboldt N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Gibson code 053 zip code 38343

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.)

E. Patrick Middy, Jr. August 4, 2010
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
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:)

Jerry Buller Signature of the Keeper 8/30/2010 Date of Action

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)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing

Noncontributing

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	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)

Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick veneer

roof Asphalt shingle

other Wood, Stucco, Concrete

Narrative Description

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

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Narrative Description

The Bonds House is located just east of downtown Humboldt (pop. 9,467) in a residential section close to East Main Street. The Craftsman style of the house is seen in its low-pitched, hipped roof, deeply overhanging eaves, brackets under the eaves, and front porch beneath an extension of the main roof. Originally built around 1900 and extensively remodeled in 1923 for the James D. Bonds family, it has retained the characteristics that reflect its Craftsman architecture.

The one and one-half story, red brick veneer structure rests on a brick foundation. The house was originally built with wood framing and cedar siding that were enveloped with a brick veneer in a major 1923 remodel of the house, and are still present today. The asphalt-shingled roof has clipped gables with projecting gable ends on both the northwest (porte-cochere) and southwest (porch) corners, and over an addition to the master bedroom on the south side of the house. The gable fields consist of a triangular stucco field with vertical trim pieces interrupting the field. Two brick chimneys pierce the roof on the north and south ends of the house west of the main gable. Beneath the roof is a box cornice with bead board eaves. The porch ceiling is also clad in bead board. Most of the windows are either six-over-one or nine-over-one and are wooden double-hung sash. All of the windows are original to the house, except for four windows on the south side of the house that were replaced after a fire in the 1980s.

The west facade of the house is marked by a large porch under an extension of the main roof. The porch spans the entire width of the house across the front and continues down the south side of the house, terminating at a projection of the master bedroom on the south side. On the north side, the porch leads to a large porte-cochere that is under the same extension of the main roof. The porch is supported by large brick columns that feature a wide bottom section that curves into a narrower section below the top of the porch wall. The porch wall itself is also brick, topped by a concrete rail that mimics the curves in the columns. This west facade features a centrally-located wooden door with fifteen lights, and two sets of three windows in the pattern of a large middle window with nine-over-one and two flanking windows with six-over-one. The south end of the facade is recessed to the back of the porch and features a fifteen-light wooden door flanked by two nine-over-one windows. The main roof of the house has a shed dormer with four twelve-light casement windows.

The front porch wraps around to the west end of the south elevation. This end of the elevation features a brick chimney flanked by two fifteen-light wooden doors, all under the roof of the porch. In the east end of the porch is a nine-over-one window. Immediately east of the porch is a small room (part of the larger master bedroom) that projects out from the main building. This projecting portion has a gable end and three six-over-one windows that span the entire width of the section. On the gable end is a triangular-shaped stucco field interrupted by vertical trim pieces, and the bead board box cornice is supported by knee braces. The upper portion of this elevation features a clipped gable. It is anchored by a set of three windows, with a small casement window flanking the set on each side. This upper section also features a bead board-clad box cornice supported by knee

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brackets. At the east end of the façade is a single nine-over-one window. At the rear of the house, which is the east end of this façade, an enclosed sunroom projects out from the main part of the house. On the south façade of this sunroom are three six-over-one windows that span the entire width of the sunroom.

The east elevation of the house consists of the sunroom on the south end and a utility room on the north end that projects from the house. The sunroom has a set of three nine-over-one windows. Between the sunroom and utility room is another set of three slightly taller windows consisting of one nine-over-one flanked by two six-over-one windows. The utility room is clad in a combination of bead board and weatherboard siding, with a single six-over-six window. Each of these three areas of the rear portion of the house were porch areas or additions that were closed-in at some point in history. The most recent conversion of porch to interior room is the utility room, which was enclosed in the early 1950s. The upper story includes a dormer identical in construction to the one on the front, except it is half as wide and has only two casement windows.

The north elevation is also a clipped gable end, and has an addition on the back that houses the kitchen and utility room. Beginning at the east end, there are two single six-over-one windows, along with a set of two six-over-one windows that light the kitchen and utility room. On the main part of the house there is a set of three windows for the lower story that match the ones on the façade, with a set of three nine-over-one windows for the upper story. On each side of the upper story windows is a six-pane casement window, and there is one additional nine-over-one window on the west end of the lower story gable end. On the east end of the main part of the house, a small porch projects from the house. This porch covers a fifteen-light wooden door and a single nine-over-one window, which lead to the stairwell. The entry to the porch is arched and three steps lead to the driveway. On the west end of the elevation is the gable end of the porte-cochere, which also consists of a triangular field of stucco interrupted by vertical trim pieces. The lower portion of the porte-cochere is identical to the front porch, with a brick wall capped by a concrete rail. Under this porte-cochere is the driveway and a fifteen-light wooden door leading to the library. There is also a brick chimney on this gable end that mirrors the one on the south elevation.

Directly behind the house on this one-acre city lot is a shed built c. 1960. This structure is a simple "lean-to" type shed clad in sheet metal and framed by telephone poles. It is a non-contributing building.

Throughout the interior of the house, original wood floors from the original construction and from the 1923 remodel remain in place. The original 1900 wood floors consist of tongue and groove pine painted black and laid with square cut nails. During the 1923 remodel 1 ½" wide oak tongue-and-groove flooring was laid on top of the original pine floors. Original interior doors and much of the original trim also remain. The interior walls and ceilings are made up of horizontal tongue-and-groove pine boards attached to the framing, which was originally clad with wallpaper. During a later renovation of the house (most likely in the early 1990s) all the walls and ceilings were covered in ¼" –

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thick drywall, in many cases leaving the original tacks and scraps of cheesecloth and wallpaper underneath.

The floor plan for the lower story consists of large, formal rooms at the front of the house with informal rooms at the back. The upstairs floor plan is basically a wide central hallway flanked by a large bedroom on each side.

The front door to the house opens into a large formal living room, which is in the southwest corner of the house. It is anchored by a painted stone fireplace on the southernmost wall flanked by two exterior doors. The fireplace consists of a field of split-faced blocks trimmed by smooth pieces of stone. There is a keystone in the center of the fireplace and the mantel is supported by two rounded brackets. The west wall, which is the front of the house, has a set of three windows, and the north wall has a set of French doors that lead to the library.

The library is in the northwest corner of the house, and also contains a set of three windows on its west wall. These windows are flanked by matching built-in bookcases that date to the 1960s. The north wall has an exterior door leading to the porte-cochere and a single window. On the east wall is another set of French doors leading to the dining room. The north wall of the dining room has a set of three large windows. On the south wall is a door leading to a small bathroom.

In the east wall of the dining room, there is a door leading to the stairwell. The staircase is made up of stained wood treads and painted risers. There is a stained wood rail atop painted rectangular balusters, anchored by rectangular, stained wood newel posts. The bottom two steps extend east to a landing, and then turn south nine steps to another landing, then turn west another three steps to the landing upstairs. The staircase is open underneath, and the underside is covered in painted bead board.

In the center of the house is a long, narrow den with doors leading to the stairwell, the master bedroom, and a small hallway between the den and formal living room. The east wall of the den has a large opening to the sunroom on the back of the house.

South of the den is the master bedroom, which is comprised of two rooms that were adjoined during remodeling in the early 1990s. The main part of the room showcases a fireplace on the north wall, and a single window on the south wall. The fireplace has two columns with Ionic capitals supporting the mantelshelf. Adjacent to the fireplace on the north wall is a small closet that runs the length of the room between the fireplace and the west wall. On the west wall is a door leading to a relatively large bathroom. This bathroom is the combination of an old bathroom and an old hallway that led from the living room to the bedroom. This combination was also done in the 1990s. Adjoining the main part of the bedroom is a small addition that projects southward from the main part of the house. This area of the bedroom features continuous windows on three sides. On the west wall of this addition is a door leading to the front porch.

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On the east end of the house is a long sunroom adjoining the kitchen and den. The east wall of the room features two sets of three windows each, and the south wall consists of three windows as well. The north end of the sunroom opens to the kitchen, located in the northeast corner of the house. The kitchen has three windows on the north wall, and there is a door on the south end that accesses the stairs to the basement. On the west wall is a door that leads to the stairwell. Adjacent to the kitchen on the east end is the utility room. This room has a window on both the north and east walls, with an exterior door on the south wall.

The upper story floor plan is much simpler, consisting of two large bedrooms flanking a large central hallway. The stairs land on the eastern end of the hallway. On each end of the hallway is a dormer with a bank of casement windows; the front dormer has three windows and the back dormer has two. There are two closets off the eastern end of the hallway, located under the sloping roof. Each closet has a small casement window, as well.

The bedroom on the north side of the hallway has a small nook that contains the fourth front dormer window. On the north wall is a set of three windows. The west wall has a door that opens to a large closet located under the sloping part of the roof, and this closet has a single casement window. The north bedroom has paneled wainscoting that extends the entire perimeter of the room. The bedroom on the south side of the hallway is a mirror image of the other, except for the nook on the west end. The closet in the room was converted to a bathroom in the 1940s, and the original small tub is still in use in this bathroom today.

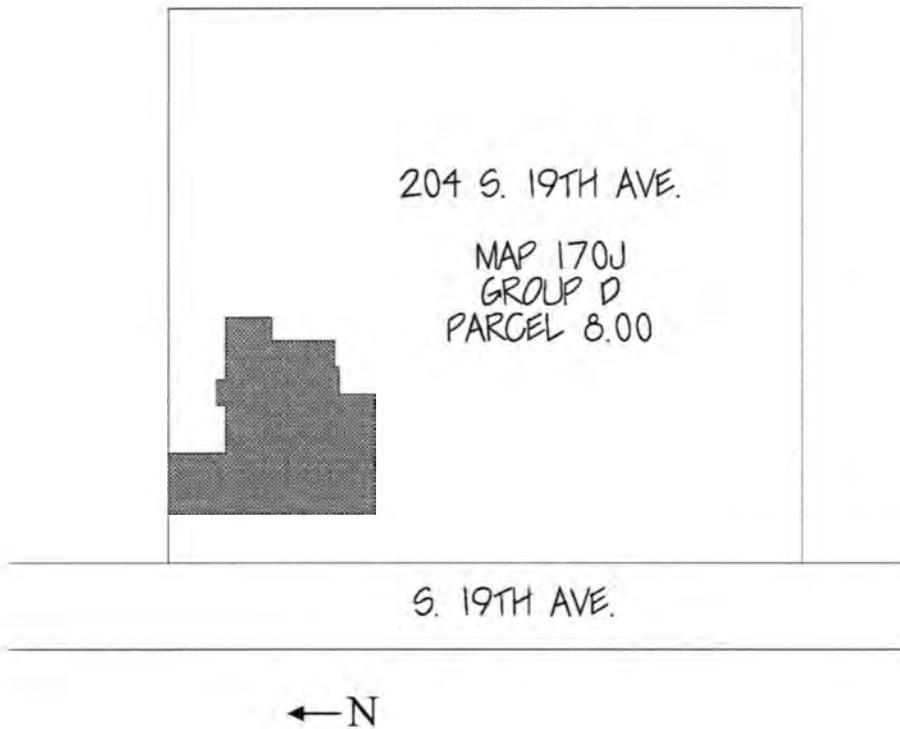
There is relatively little attic space because of the slope of the roof. The space above the bedrooms is used for HVAC, and there are small spaces outside the closets that are difficult to access. There is an attic space above the kitchen, which is also difficult to access. The majority of the house has a concrete-floored basement underneath, with the remaining area having a crawlspace. This space is used for storage, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC.

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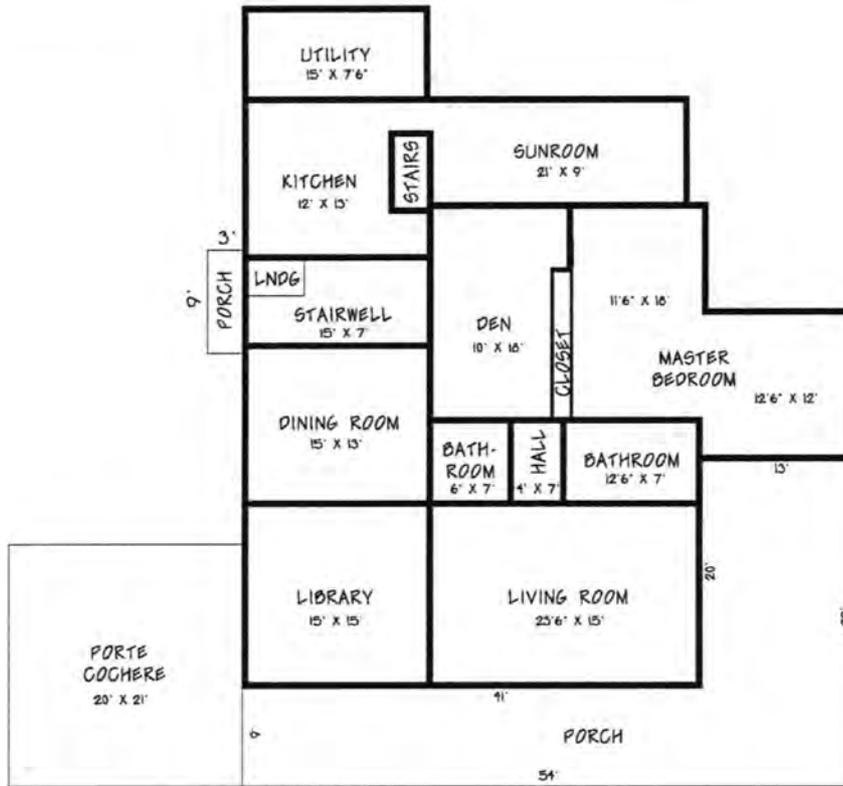


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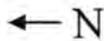
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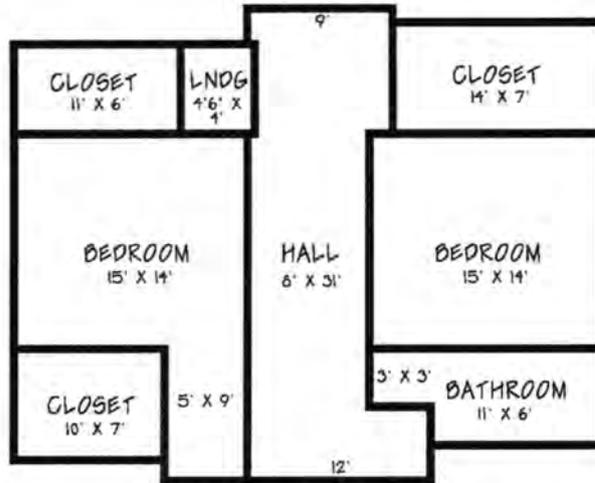


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SECOND FLOOR



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

(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** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance

1923 - 1965

Significant Dates

1923

Significant Person

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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Statement of Significance

The Bonds House is eligible for listing in the National Register under criterion C as a good example of a brick Craftsman style house in Humboldt. Originally built in 1900 and remodeled in 1923, the Bonds House is one of a very few examples of a large, brick Craftsman house in Humboldt. Notable architectural features include a low-pitched roof, deeply overhanging eaves, brackets under the eaves, shed dormers, and front porch beneath an extension of the main roof. The house is also eligible under criterion A for its association with the locally prominent Bonds family. James D. Bonds, along with his sons and grandsons built and maintained a profitable fruit brokerage in the Crossing area of Humboldt for nearly 70 years. The house highlights the Bonds family's success in one of the town's most prosperous industries in the early 1900s. The house retains the majority of its historic materials and has a high level of integrity.

James D. Bonds, Sr. was born in 1851 on a farm in rural Gibson County, Tennessee, in an area between Humboldt and nearby Milan. According to the 1870 census, James was living at home and his occupation was listed as farm laborer. In 1877 J.D. Bonds bought a lot in the town of Humboldt, and in that same year he married Clara Viola Brown. The 1880 census lists the couple and two young sons in Greenfield, Tennessee, where James' occupation is listed as a grocer.

Between 1880 and 1888, James and the family moved to Humboldt. The 1888 Tax List for the area shows J.D. Bonds owning a single town lot worth \$300. His older brother Thomas had moved to Humboldt in the 1860s and established himself as a merchant. Thomas owned a dry goods store in 1877 and the tax list for 1888 shows him owning a total of 20 town lots and 80 acres in Humboldt.

In 1890, J.D. Bonds bought several properties in Humboldt, including a lot on the east side of Cannon Street (now 19th Avenue) from C.D. Allen for \$100. This is the land on which the Bonds House is now located. By this time, the Bonds family was well established and respected in the community. A publication from 1890 lists J.D. Bonds as the Town Marshal for Humboldt, and his brother Thomas A. Bonds certified the 1887 and 1891 Sanborn fire insurance maps for the city. During the decade of the 1890s, the Bonds family bought several lots and tracts of land in Humboldt, and by 1900 the census lists J.D. Bonds, his wife, and nine children living on a farm in the Third Civil District (Humboldt). This farm house was expanded over the years to its current 1923 Craftsman appearance.

As was the case in much of the South in the 1800s, cotton was "king" in Gibson County. By the 1870s, though, diversification of agriculture began to set in and tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, sweet potatoes, and other fruits and vegetables became more common. In particular the production of strawberries, sweet potatoes, and corn became important industries in the area. In 1920 Tennessee led the nation in the production of strawberries, and the area centered around Gibson County was consistently one of the leading regions in the state. According to agricultural census reports, the value of the 1919 strawberry crops in Tennessee amounted to \$2,363,560. This amount was almost

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triple the value of the crop reported in the 1910 census. The census data also shows that Gibson and its surrounding counties regularly accounted for more than a quarter of the state's strawberry production.¹

During the first decades of the twentieth century Tennessee also ranked in the top ten producers (in terms of yield and value of crop) of sweet potatoes. The 1919 crop for the state was valued at \$7,347,259. As with the strawberries, Gibson and other nearby counties were a leading production area in the state. In fact, Gibson and nearby Weakley and Henry counties accounted for nearly half of the state's sweet potato crop.²

Humboldt, being strategically located on the crossing of the Mobile and Ohio and the Louisville and Nashville railroads, became a major shipping point for many of these farm products. According to the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival's website, "a large number of shipping and processing industries developed to serve this growing and diversified agricultural base."³

One such business was J.D. Bonds & Son, opened in 1898 on Front Street in the "Crossing" area of Humboldt. Later records indicate this firm was the first one of its kind in Humboldt.⁴ The company was a buyer and shipper of farm produce with a packing shed and storage house at the Crossing. According to advertisements the company dealt in shipping strawberries, cabbage, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes. While the 1900 census lists J.D. Bonds as a farmer, the 1910 census lists his occupation as a retail grocer and his son, Vance, as a fruit broker. A bulletin issued by the Tennessee State Board of Entomology on the strawberry weevil in Tennessee dated 1919 shows J.D. Bonds operating a 5-acre strawberry farm in Humboldt. This farm was not a part of the nominated property. J.D. Bonds, Sr. died in 1914 and the 1920 census lists his son James D. Bonds, Jr. as being in the fruit commission business.

It is not known precisely how many fruit brokerage businesses have been established in Humboldt. Based upon local records and advertisements J.D. Bonds & Son was one of the first and the most publicly visible business of its kind in the area.

Humboldt flourished in the early 1920s, and by 1925 the population had grown to over 4,000. This was also a period of great prosperity in the produce market in Gibson County. Clearly the Bonds family business benefited from the economic boom, as indicated in the large remodel of the family home in 1923. This remodel changed the one-story frame farm house to a one and one-half story brick-clad home in the prevailing Craftsman style of the 1920s. The 1930 census lists Clara V.

¹ Agricultural Census Data from 1910-1930. <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>. Web site accessed 4 Jan 2010.

² Ibid.

³ "West Tennessee Strawberry Festival – A Unique History." Official Site of the 72nd Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival. Web site accessed 12 Nov. 2009 < <http://wtsf.org/history.html> >

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Bonds as the owner of the house valued at \$6,000, which made it one of the more valuable homes in town. Also in the household was a servant named Sara Cranch.

Clara V. Bonds died in 1936 and left the home place to her son J.D. (Jim) Bonds, Jr. Jim's wife and only child died in 1902, so after his death in 1946, the house was left to his youngest brother Eugene (Genie). The business was carried on by Genie and Genie's son, James D. (Bubba) Bonds, III. A fire destroyed the company's operation in 1950, but as the local newspaper, the *Courier-Chronicle* reported at the time, the business was rebuilt. J.D. Bonds & Son moved the business a few blocks east to their sweet potato storage building on 12th Ave. after the fire. These buildings were subsequently destroyed in a fire circa 1990 and are no longer extant. By the 1940s and 50s the Bonds name had become synonymous with the wholesale produce business in Humboldt. According to advertisements from this era, J.D. Bonds and Son was a "pioneer" of the industry in Gibson County, shipping strawberries, cabbage, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes.

Eugene Bonds died in 1963. This loss along with his own declining health prompted Bubba to close the business in 1965. The 1960s also saw the decline of railroad prominence and a sharp decline in the Crossing area of Humboldt. J.D. Bonds & Son was the first fruit and vegetable brokerage in Humboldt, and was one of the last ones to close after 67 continuous years in business. The Bonds House is the last remaining building associated with the Bonds family and their produce business. As a result it best represents the commercial history of the family business.

After Eugene Bonds' death in 1963, the estate was divided among his wife and children. His son Bubba was deeded the old home place, as he was already living there with his wife and two daughters. After Bubba's death in 1975, the house was left to his widow, Virginia W. Bonds, who sold the house in the late 1970s to the Byrd family.

In 1990, the house was bought and remodeled by Leonard Began, who lived there until his death in 2002. The next owner, Steve Doolin, owned the house until 2007. James D. Bonds, III's grandson, Lee Williams, bought the house in 2007 and lives there today with his wife and child, making them the fifth and sixth generations of the family to occupy the old Bonds home place.

The majority of residential buildings in Humboldt are fairly modest in scale and appearance. Likewise there are very few Craftsman style residences in Humboldt. No other Craftsman style homes in Humboldt directly compare to the Bonds House in terms of size, integrity, and detail. Other houses built in the 1920s in Humboldt are generally small in scale and lack distinctive stylistic details.

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“BONDS”

The name longest identified with Humboldt's Cash Fruit and Vegetable Market. Established in 1898, our firm has operated continuously for 43 years, thus rightfully earning the title of

“PIONEERS OF THE PRODUCE BUSINESS”

In business the year 'round, handling carlots and truck loads of

STRAWBERRIES---
CABBAGE---
TOMATOES---
SWEET POTATOES---

J. D. BONDS & SON

J. D. BONDS E. W. BONDS

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**Humboldt Storage Co.**

E. W. BONDS, Manager  
HUMBOLDT, TENNESSEE

Congratulations, Mr. Rooks! Many happy returns of the day

Advertisement from 1941

1898 1957

**J. D. BONDS & SON**

SHIPPERS OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES

The Pioneer Firm of Gibson County

*Shipper of Strawberries, Cabbage,  
Tomatoes and Sweet Potatoes*

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| E. W. Bonds, Sr.—Class of .....    | 1921 |
| Louise Locke Bonds—Class of .....  | 1924 |
| E. W. Bonds, Jr.—Class of .....    | 1940 |
| James D. Bonds, III—Class of ..... | 1942 |
| Betty Bonds—Class of .....         | 1945 |

Advertisement from 1957

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United States. Census. Gibson County, Tennessee, 1920

United States. Census. Gibson County, Tennessee, 1930

“West Tennessee Strawberry Festival – A Unique History.” Official Site of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival. 12 Nov. 2009 < <http://wtsf.org/history.html> >

Bonds House  
Name of Property

Gibson County, Tennessee  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of Property 1.0 acre Humboldt 437 SW

**UTM References**

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
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Zone Easting Northing  
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 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 Lee Williams  
organization N/A date \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number 204 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. telephone 731-784-7299  
city or town Humboldt state TN zip code 38343

**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 Lee and Jessica Williams  
street & number 204 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. telephone 731-784-7299  
city or town Humboldt state TN zip code 38343

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Gibson County, TN

## Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The nominated property is on Tax Assessor's Map 170J, Group D, Parcel 008.00. This includes all of the historic property associated with the Bonds House.



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Gibson County, TN

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## Photographs

Photographs taken by Lee Williams.

West facade, photographer facing southeast.  
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West facade, photographer facing east.  
2 of 25

South elevation, photographer facing northeast.  
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South elevation, photographer facing northwest.  
4 of 25

East elevation, photographer facing west.  
5 of 25

North elevation, photographer facing south.  
6 of 25

Northwest corner, photographer facing south.  
7 of 25

Living room, photographer facing south.  
8 of 25

Living room, photographer facing north.  
9 of 25

Library, photographer facing west.  
10 of 25

Dining room, photographer facing north.  
11 of 25

Den, photographer facing west.  
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Gibson County, TN

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Den, photographer facing east.  
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Bathroom, photographer facing south.  
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Kitchen, photographer facing northeast.  
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Kitchen, photographer facing northwest.  
16 of 25

Downstairs bedroom, photographer facing southwest.  
17 of 25

Downstairs bedroom, photographer facing south.  
18 of 25

Downstairs bedroom, photographer facing northeast.  
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Bedroom fireplace, photographer facing north.  
20 of 25

Main stairwell, photographer facing north.  
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Upstairs hall, photographer facing west.  
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South upstairs bedroom, photographer facing south.  
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North upstairs bedroom, photographer facing west.  
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North upstairs bedroom, photographer facing north.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bonds House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Gibson

DATE RECEIVED: 6/03/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/06/10  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/21/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/18/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000473

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ ACCEPT  RETURN \_\_\_ REJECT 7/11/2010 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*See Attached  
Comments*

RECOM./CRITERIA Return  
REVIEWER [Signature]  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 7/11/2010

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

## The United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

### National Register of Historic Places Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name: Bonds House, Gibson County, TN

Reference Number: 10000473

#### Reason for Return

This nomination is being returned for substantive and technical reasons.

#### Substantive issues:

The Criteria and areas of significance are not fully justified in the nomination. The nomination claims Criterion A, for its commercial importance as representative of the Bonds family, prominent fruit packers and wholesalers in Gibson County. The narrative provides a history of the family's business and demonstrates their early involvement in the business, but provides no context. How many fruit brokerages were there in Humbolt during the time the Bonds were in business? How did the Bonds brokerage relate to others? Is the business office and warehouse (mentioned on page 8-10) still extant? If so, does it retain integrity? Please provide a comparative analysis of why the house better represents the commercial importance of the Bonds than does the actual business building. The nomination mentions that the Bonds had "5 acres of strawberries"; was this associated with the nominated property? Please provide a more thorough commercial context and a better discussion of the commercial significance of the house.

The nomination also cites Criterion C for the architectural characteristics of the house and its significance as a good local example. However, there is no architectural context provided. How prevalent was the Craftsman style in Humbolt? Are there other examples to which the Bonds house can be compared? Please provide a more compelling architectural argument.

**National Register of Historic Places  
Evaluation/Return Sheet**

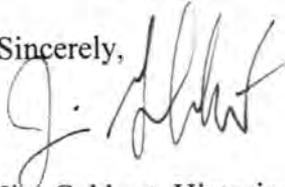
Property Name: Bonds House, Gibson County, TN  
Reference Number: 10000473

Technical Issues:

We no longer accept embedded images in the body of the narrative. Please remove the images found on pages 8-10 and 8-11 and place them on continuation sheets at the end of the narrative.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this nomination and hope that you find these comments useful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (202) 354-2275 or email at <[James\\_Gabbert@nps.gov](mailto:James_Gabbert@nps.gov)>.

Sincerely,



Jim Gabbert, Historian  
National Register of Historic Places  
7/11/08

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Bonds House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Gibson

DATE RECEIVED: 8/06/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/20/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000473

DETAILED EVALUATION:

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 8/30/2010 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Resubmission addresses comments.*

*Home of premier wholesale fruit dealer in state's largest fruit producing  
Region. House mixing and styling befits the status of the Bonds  
family*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C

REVIEWER Jay Slu

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 8/30

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N





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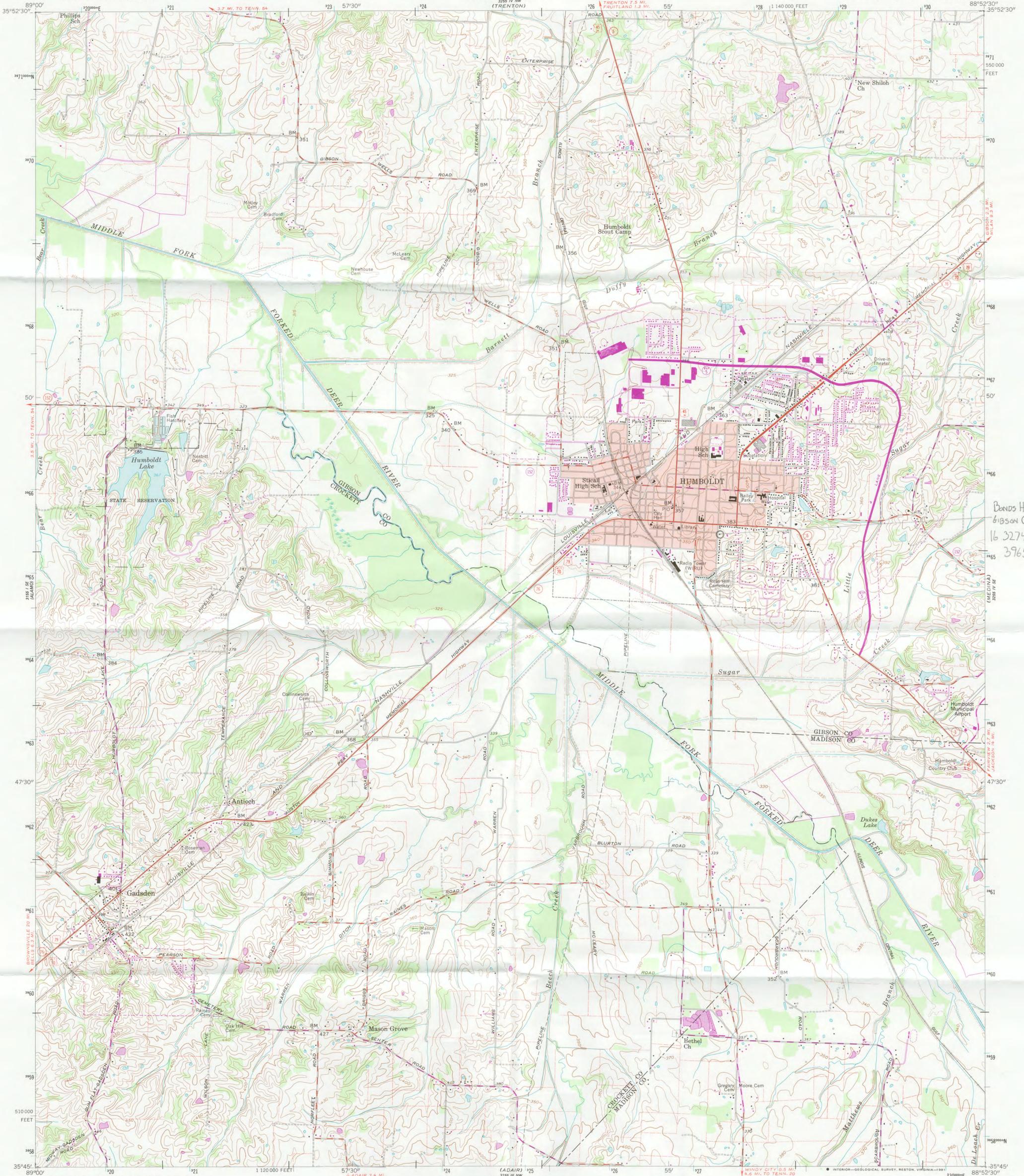






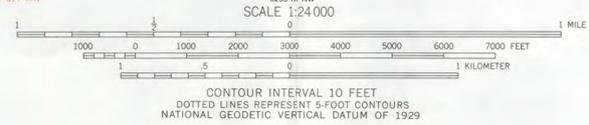






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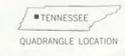
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty  | Light-duty      |
| Medium-duty | Unimproved dirt |
| U.S. Route  | State Route     |

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May 27, 2010

Carol Shull  
Keeper of the National Register  
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1201 Eye Street NW  
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find the enclosed documentation to nominate the *Bonds House* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Brian Beadles at 615/532-1550, extension 125 or [Brian.Beadles@tn.gov](mailto:Brian.Beadles@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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August 3, 2010

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