

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**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 Breckenridge Hatter's Shop

and or common Gibson-Hughes House

2. Location

street & number North Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Mt. Pleasant N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Maury code 119

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 checked="" 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 W. J. Hughes, % J. N. Hughes

street & number North Main

city, town Mt. Pleasant N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 38474

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Maury County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Columbia state Tennessee 38401

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1982-83 federal state county local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37203

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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

Located on Main Street on the eastern edge of the Mt. Pleasant business district, the Breckenridge Hatter's Shop is a small rectangular structure of log construction. The building, erected ca. 1819, is the oldest surviving structure in Mt. Pleasant and an excellent example of early architecture in the region.

The small building was constructed of cedar logs, and set on a stone foundation. The structure is forty feet wide by thirty feet deep and is topped by a gable roof of composition shingles. A stone chimney is located on the east elevation and above the second floor it is constructed of brick set back about eight inches from the eaves. A frame rear shed section was added before the house was weatherboarded in 1919. The house rests on a small city lot and is shaded by maples, magnolias and other mature trees.

The front of the building (south elevation) faces Main Street, U. S. Highway 43. A wooden paneled door topped by a four-light transom is centered between two 9/6 sash windows. The entry is covered by a small pedimented portico with an arched soffit which is supported by simple wooden columns.

The east elevation features a tall stone and brick chimney centered between two 9/9 sash windows on the first level and two four paned garret windows on the loft level. The west elevation displays a narrow six-paned window on the first level and two 6/6 windows on the loft level. The north elevation had a rear shed-roofed addition attached to it before 1919. This addition contains a kitchen, small service area and bathroom and is not visible from the street.

The interior of the building retains its original mantels and poplar flooring. It contains two rooms on the lower level and a large loft occupies the entire upper floor.

Despite the rear addition and the few interior alterations, the Breckenridge Hatter's Shop retains its historic and architectural integrity.

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 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	c. 1819	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Breckenridge Hatter's Shop on North Main Street in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, is being nominated under National Register criteria B and C for its local significance to Mt. Pleasant and Maury County, Tennessee, in architecture and local history. The small weatherboarded log structure is the oldest building in Mt. Pleasant and possibly the oldest commercial building in Maury County. The building is associated with the Smith and Breckenridge families, which settled in the western part of the county as early as 1806. The small log structure on the edge of the Mt. Pleasant business district is well preserved and maintained; it features a stone chimney, loft story, and simple side-passage floor plan typical of the earliest buildings constructed in this part of Maury County.

The Breckenridge Hatter's Shop was built c. 1819 by Ebenezer Smith, one of the early settlers of Maury County. He operated a hatter's shop from the building and then he deeded the property to his son, William Smith in 1824. William Smith sold the property to his partner David Breckenridge in 1826 who operated the hatter's shop until c. 1850. Even though the business was started by Ebenezer Smith, the building is known locally as the Breckenridge Hatter's Shop.

Henry Gibson moved his family from Mississippi to Mt. Pleasant c. 1850. He purchased the Breckenridge Hatter's Shop and converted it into his residence. The property passed to his daughter, Rebecca Gibson who lived there until her death in 1919. The house was covered in weatherboards and the large stone fireplace was converted to burn coal in 1919. The rear frame shed addition was probably built when the shop was converted to a residence. The house has stayed in the Gibson family and it is owned by W. J. Hughes.

Architecturally, the shop is a rare surviving example of log construction in the town of Mt. Pleasant. The Breckenridge Hatter's Shop is the oldest building and one of the most important landmarks in the western Maury County town of Mt. Pleasant.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Breckenridge-Hughes." Mt. Pleasant Record. 1 February 1968.

Jones, Nat, W. A History of Mt. Pleasant and The Western Part of Maury County. Columbia, 1903.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property is bounded on the south by North Main Street and on the west, east, and north by adjoining property lines. This is all the property historically associated with the Breckenridge Hatter's Shop,

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

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

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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. Huger

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 11/5/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for [Signature]

Keeper of the National Register

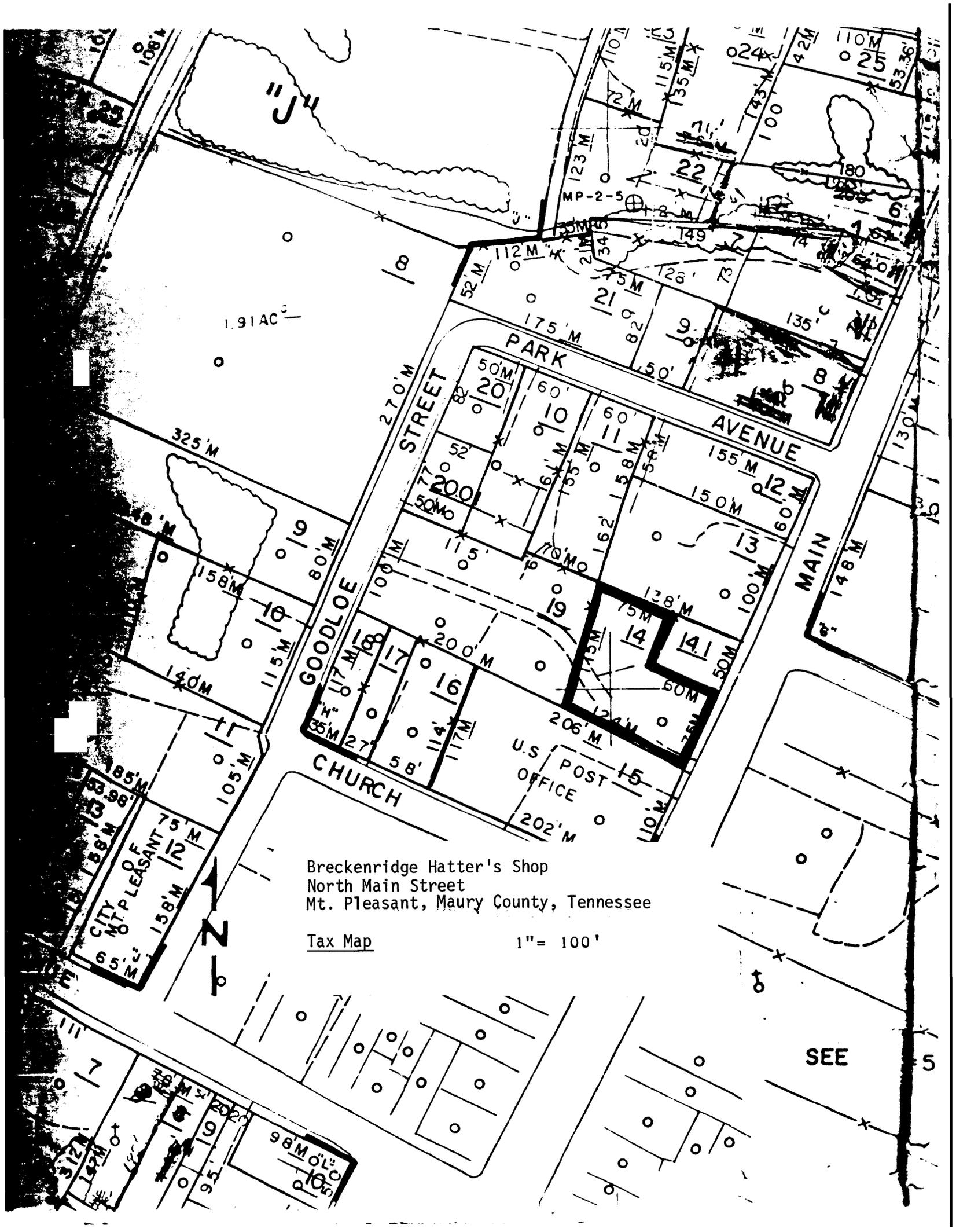
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date 12-13-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Breckenridge Hatter's Shop
 North Main Street
 Mt. Pleasant, Maury County, Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 100'

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