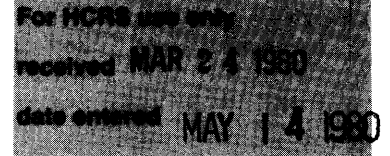


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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



1. Name

historic Kelley House

and/or common Madeline Sims Realty

2. Location

street & number 1903 McCallie Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Chattanooga _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Third

state Tennessee code 047 county Hamilton code 065

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Madeline Sims

street & number 1903 McCallie Avenue

city, town Chattanooga _____ vicinity of _____ state Tennessee 37404

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hamilton County Courthouse

street & number 7th and Georgia Avenue

city, town Chattanooga _____ state Tennessee 37402

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Chattanooga-Hamilton Co. Landmarks ^{Survey Plan} has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1976 _____ federal _____ state county local

depository for survey records Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission

city, town Chattanooga _____ state Tennessee 37402

7. Description

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

The Kelley House at 1903 McCallie Avenue sits on a small hill at the corner of Orchard Knob and McCallie Avenue, the major intersection in the Orchard Knob community. Constructed in 1891 as a private residence, the house is an imposing addition to McCallie Avenue, a street which once contained many elaborate homes, but which now is primarily commercial in use with few residences remaining.

The Kelley House is two and a half stories in height, resting on a brick foundation. The irregular gabled roof contains an off-center facade dormer. Although ell in shape, the irregular arrangement of the porch, rooms, and bay windows gives an asymmetrical appearance. This asymmetrical appearance is reinforced by the irregular fenestration arrangement. Most windows are arranged in groups of two or three, the most predominant group being the trio of windows on the projecting facade gable. On four sides of the house are one-story, three-sided bay windows. The predominant feature of the first story level is the one-story porch on two sides of the house; two of the bay windows project onto this porch. The main entrance area is reached through an off-center doorway which is entered through a small pedimented porch; the door is flanked by sidelights and topped with a fanlight. Yet, the most striking feature of the building's exterior is the shingle treatment which covers the second and third floors.

After the Kelley family moved to Connecticut around 1930, the house was used as a tourist home for many years, until becoming a residence in the 1960's and then being converted into a half-way house. Today, the Kelley house is used as offices by a real estate firm and as a private residence by the firm's owner.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The house at 1903 McCallie Avenue was constructed in 1891-92 for the William D. Kelley, Jr., family. Kelley was the son of William Darrah Kelley of Pennsylvania, a leader in the early Republican party. Due to the elder Kelley's lengthy term as a congressman, he was referred to as "the Father of the House" and, due to his relationship with Abraham Lincoln, he was mentioned several times in Carl Sandburg's biography of Lincoln.

Kelley was married in 1891 to Emily Caroline Tyler of Anniston, Alabama, the daughter of an early industrialist of that city. Kelley then moved to Chattanooga where he was involved in various commercial activities, eventually becoming President of Benn Messenger Service. Kelley was also a member of the Board of Public Works which, for several years, served as the governing body of Chattanooga.

The Kelley House is centrally located in the Orchard Knob neighborhood, a turn of the century residential area which centers around the historic Orchard Knob Civil War reservation. A combination of Queen Anne and Shingle styles, the Kelley House is one of the oldest major examples of the Shingle style remaining in Chattanooga. Only sparsely used in Chattanooga, the Shingle style primarily appears on smaller houses around the turn of the century or as trim for decorative elements; it was not used extensively in Chattanooga until the 1920's and 1930's when it was then used for many summer homes on the neighboring resort mountains. As transitional architecture, the house is an attractive blend of Queen Anne and Shingle styles, exhibiting such Queen Anne features as an asymmetrical appearance, encircling porch, projecting bay windows, and the most prominent element of the Shingle style, wood shingles covering the second and third floors.

The Kelley House serves as a focal point of the Orchard Knob area; although other older residences exist in the Orchard Knob area, none are as impressive as the Kelley House and alterations greatly minimize the possibility of a district there. Therefore, the Kelley House, which has recently been renovated, serves as a highly visible neighborhood landmark. In 1942, when William D. Kelley died, Colonel Milton Ochs, former editor of the Chattanooga Times and brother of Adolph Ochs, owner of the New York Times, issued a statement paying high tribute to Kelley and said of the house, "The Kelley residence ... was for years a highlight in Chattanooga's attractive homes ... This home was one of the earliest and most pretentious in the Orchard Knob vicinity, and it was a hospitable one."

More recently, a Department of Housing and Urban Development study in 1976 entitled Chattanooga-Hamilton County Landmarks Survey and Presentation Plan, identified Orchard Knob as a significant area. The only house specifically mentioned by the study in the Orchard Knob was the Kelley House.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Landmarks Survey and Preservation Plan, 1976.

Chattanooga Times, 16 November 1942.

Letters from William Darrah Kelley III to Madeline Sims, dated 15 May, 1 July, and 24 November 1978.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Chattanooga

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

County Assessor's Parcel Map No. 146-K-P11. See attached map.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title M.A. Carver, Preservation Planner

organization Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission date October 1979

street & number 200 City Hall Annex telephone 615/757-5216

city or town Chattanooga state Tennessee 37402

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Nescent L. Huger*

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 3/6/80

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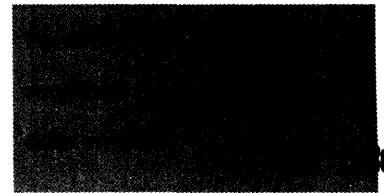
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

for W. Ray Luce date 5/9/80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Kristen O'Connell* date 5/8/80
Chief of National Register

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In summary, the Kelley House is representative of the larger inner city residences constructed in the late nineteenth century by the city's social and business leaders. As the most outstanding house in the Orchard Knob neighborhood, it is a neighborhood landmark. Architecturally, the house is one of the oldest remaining major examples of the Shingle style in Chattanooga.