

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 McClelland, William Lee House  
and/or common Valley Farm (preferred)

2. Location

street & number U.S. Alternate 31 (Cornersville Road) N/A \_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Cornersville IC \_\_\_ vicinity of  
state Tennessee code 047 county Marshall code 117

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input 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 Mrs. Waverley Murrey Duning  
street & number Route 6, Box 453  
city, town Lewisburg N/A \_\_\_ vicinity of state Tennessee 37091

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register's Office  
street & number Marshall County Courthouse  
city, town Lewisburg state Tennessee 37091

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes  no  
date N/A N/A \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local  
depository for survey records N/A  
city, town N/A state N/A

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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

Completed in its current form around 1846, Valley Farm is a two-story, frame house located on the west side of U.S. Alternate 31 approximately two miles north of the small town of Cornersville in south central Tennessee. The Greek Revival building is distinguished by a large, hexastyle portico with two-story battered piers and a tall entablature. The interior of the house contains almost all of its original moldings, mantels, and doors. There are no surviving outbuildings on the property. The house has been little altered and retains its architectural integrity.

Facing east, Valley Farm is situated on a gently rising site on the principal highway between Cornersville and the Marshall County seat of Lewisburg. The house is in the center of informally landscaped grounds of approximately six acres on which there are many mature trees. Two graveled drives are located on the property, a circular one in front and one to the north side of the house. A field stone wall with a central gate extends across the front lawn approximately halfway between the house and the highway.

In general plan the house has a gable-roofed, two-story central section flanked by hip-roofed, one-story pavilions. On the rear of the house is a gable-roofed, one-and-one-half-story ell with a shed-roofed, one-story addition. The central section of the house was built around 1820 by James B. Record, and the portico and pavilions were added around 1846 by William Lee McClelland. The rear ell was built sometime later in the nineteenth century and, according to tradition, replaced a log structure built by a pioneer settler, John Cockrell. The shed addition to the ell was constructed in the 1920's.

The east (front) facade has a two-story, hexastyle portico set between two one-bay pavilions. The six battered piers of the portico have square capitals and vertical panels with bead- and-reel moldings. The portico's flat roof has a tall entablature with a dentilated cornice and a parapet. Along with 9/6 windows, the front of the house has two separate doorways set close together with transoms and Ionic pilasters. The cantilevered balcony above has a cast iron railing and a Greek Revival doorway with a transom and sidelights. Each one-bay pavilion has Greek Revival pilasters, 9/6 windows, and a parapet. The recent vinyl siding on the pavilions does not significantly detract from the historical character of the house, since the new siding matches the width of the original, which is still under the new material, no original decorative elements have been removed, and the new siding can easily be removed.

The north and south facades of the house consist of the one-bay side elevations of the pavilions, having the same details as the front elevations. In the center of the west (rear) facade is the one-by-four-bay ell with a shed-roofed addition attached to its long north side.

On the interior, the first floor has four interconnecting rooms across the front of the house, which are the two parlors of the building's central section and the single rooms in each of the pavilions. Since there is no central hall on the first floor, the rooms have separate doors onto the front portico, and the simple staircase to the second floor is located in the original south parlor. The second floor has a central hall and two rooms. Among the original features of the interior are late Federal mantels, chair rails and doors. Woods used on the interior are cedar, ash, and blue poplar. The house has a large limestone basement.

There are no outbuildings remaining on the property.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1820, c. 1846 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Valley Farm (McClelland House) is nominated under National Register criterion C for its architectural significance to Marshall County and south central Tennessee. The current appearance of the building is the result of a major c.1846 remodeling of a c. 1820 frame house. The outstanding Greek Revival design is a rare use in south central Tennessee of a monumental portico with battered piers. The building is also important as an excellent frame example of how simple early-nineteenth-century houses were often refashioned in the mid-nineteenth-century into stylish Greek Revival residences.

In 1820 Silas McClelland, a native of North Carolina, came with his wife, Jane Cowden McClelland, and their five-year old son, William Lee McClelland, to Giles County and purchased land along Richland Creek, south of Elk Ridge and some miles south of the present Valley Farm. In 1846 at the age of 31, William Lee McClelland purchased a 378 acre farm from James B. Record. On this land was the home erected around 1820 by Record, which forms the central two-story section of the nominated house. Soon after acquiring the building, McClelland, a wealthy farmer, had the monumental portico and pavilions added. In 1902 the house was inherited by his daughter, Zana McClelland Ogilvie, whose husband Waverley Wilson Ogilvie, was Secretary of Agriculture under Tennessee Governor James B. Frazier (1903-1905) and a well-known breeder of horses. Valley Farm has continued to stay in the same family and is now owned by Waverley Murrey Duning, a great-granddaughter of W.L. McClelland.

Valley Farm is a very important regional example of the Greek Revival style of the 1840's. The quality of its design and craftsmanship can be seen in its well-proportioned portico and pavilions with excellent architectural details and in its interior moldings, doors, and mantels. The house is also significant in illustrating the aesthetic solutions used in transforming a simple house into a high style mansion, as can be seen in the architectural treatment of the two central doorways.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Rogers, Sarah O. Personal interview. May 1979.

"Valley Farm." Lewisburg Tribune, Sept. 22, 1964, p. 7.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 6 acres

Quadrangle name Lewisburg, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

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

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

## 11. Form Prepared By

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Nashville

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Tennessee 37203

## 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. Byers

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 3/2/84

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

Entered 4/5/83  
National Register

date 4/5/83

for Herbert L. Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded on the east by U.S. Alt. 31, on the west by a rear fence line, and on the north and south by adjoining property lines. The boundaries contain approximately 6 of the 12 acres currently conveyed with the house, the excluded 6 acres being farmland. The nominated property is the minimal land needed to protect the architectural and historical integrity of the house.

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31 AC

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CEM.

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LOUISVILLE

TR 24.6 AC

HWY 31

Rock

NO. 60

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Valley Farm (McClelland House)  
U. S. Alternate 31 (Cornersville Rd.)  
Vic. of Cornersville, Marshall County,  
Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 400'



Bi

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