

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Loudon	
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ENTRY NUMBER 10-1-41-0001	DATE 7/8/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Bowman House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

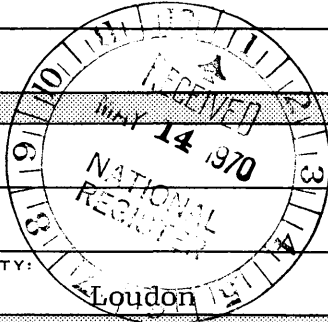
**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: *F of Loudon*  
Little River Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Loudon *vicinity*

STATE: Tennessee

CODE 41	COUNTY: Loudon	CODE 105
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No 
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ 

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Tennessee Valley Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Knoxville

STATE:  
Tennessee

CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of Register

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Loudon

STATE:  
Tennessee

CODE:  
41

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

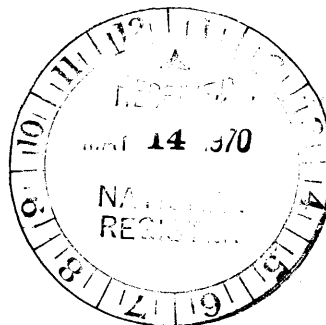
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1828 Mr. & Mrs. Bowman chose a hill site for their new home. The architect-builder was Jacob K. Ault. He had the limestone foundation rocks hauled from the quarry at Morganton in ox-drawn wagons. The kiln to make the brick was built near the site of the house, and oxen were used to tramp the clay.

The two story structure originally had four large rooms and a basement. It is made of beautiful brown brick somewhat peculiar to that area of East Tennessee. The structure is of the federal period as it was executed in the Tennessee country. A detached chimney on each end of the house serves to balance along with the window and door arrangement. Brick lintels over the windows and doors are well done as is the lovely corbeling under the front eave. The lower windows are not original but the upstairs ones most probably are. The present porch and a rear wing have been added.

The architecture of this house is very typical of many Tennessee country homes of the period. It is in good condition and is significant to the area.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

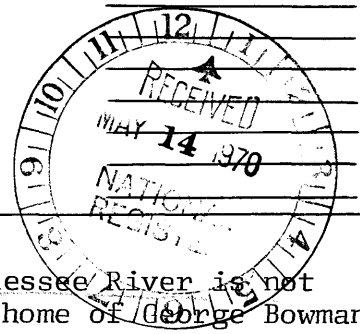
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bowman House located on the Little Tennessee River is not the oldest house in the county but was the home of George Bowman, thought to be the first white man to build a permanent home among the Indians. George Bowman was born in Germany on September 20, 1772, and landed in New York City in 1802, having made the trip from Germany in a sailboat. He claimed several hundred acres of land on the south side of the Little Tennessee River, building his cabin not far from the Indian huts. This first log cabin had only one room but no longer stands.

Mr. Bowman first married Susan Bowman and had one son, John. After his wife's death in 1825, he married Miss Nancy Browder and by her had a son, James, and four daughters.

Mr. Bowman was a cooper and sold most of his barrels to the government. He was also a commissioned government agent for the Cherokee Indians. Having won their confidence and esteem, he often settled disputes and thus helped avoid many trips on the warpath.

At one time Mr. Bowman owned 7,000 acres, but he sold a considerable amount of land on the opposite side of the Little Tennessee River near the Indian town of Coytee. A spot near the old Coytee Springs was the site of one important treaty between the white men and Indians. It is presumed Mr. Bowman helped in these negotiations. Mr. Bowman was assisted in his farming by the Cherokees. He, in return, taught them to make clothing and construct wells and cisterns.

John Bowman, the son, was the first white man to preach to the Indians of the settlement. This family's interest in their church inspired them to build a one-room log structure for worship, which served the community until Bowman's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was built.

The Bowman home remained in the family until the house and farm were purchased by Dr. J. R. Watkins in 1937. Presently, the home is used as a tenant house while the TVA makes a decision about the use for the house. This house is located within the area of the Tellico Dam Project, but will not be inundated. Government officials are seeking advice on a good adaptive use for this

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Beloved Landmarks of Loudon County, Tennessee (Loudon, 1962).  
 County Records, Loudon County Courthouse, Loudon, Tennessee  
 Private papers of Mrs. Earl Alexander, Chapter Historian, Hiwassee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

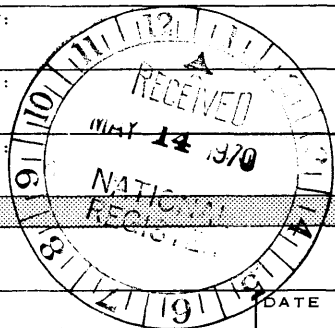
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		35 ° 42' 51"	84° 45' 15"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 10

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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 16/748400  
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
May Dean Coop, Director of Programs

ORGANIZATION:  
Tennessee Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
403, 7th Avenue, N.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Nashville

STATE:  
Tennessee

DATE:  
4-20-70

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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Stephen S. Lawrence  
 Title: Executive Director

Title: Tennessee Historical Commission

Date: 4-20-70

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

Connet Allen Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 8 1970

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William G. Ventresca  
 Keeper of The National Register

JUN 23 1970

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Significance (cont.)

property in the overall plan for the project area.

