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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 Isabella Managers' Row

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number Ducktown--Isabella Road n/a not for publication

city or town Isabella n/a vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Polk code 139 zip code 37346

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 forth 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.)

Herbert L. Huger 3/26/92  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer/ Tennessee Historical Commission  
State of 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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Shelley Byers

5/15/92

~~Entered in the National Register~~

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
4	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
4	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of the Tennessee Copper Basin

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)

OTHER: Hall and Parlor

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls weatherboard

aluminum

roof ASPHALT

other n/a

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property approximately 2.5 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Isabella TENN-NC 133 SE

UTM grid for Zone 16, Easting 740850, Northing 3878750

UTM grid for Zone, Easting, Northing

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 Karen L. Daniels/ Historic Preservation Planner
organization Southeast Tennessee Development District date February 1992
street & number 25 Cherokee Boulevard telephone (615) 266-5781
city or town Chattanooga state Tennessee zip code 37405

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 Multiple Owners (see continuation sheet)
street & number
telephone
city or town state zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

**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** n/a  
(Mark "x" in all the 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)

Industry

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1890-1936

**Significant Dates**

n/a

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

**Architect/Builder**

Ducktown Sulphur, Copper & Iron Company

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** See MPDF 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:**

Southeast Tennessee Development District

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The Isabella Managers' Row, in Isabella, Polk County, Tennessee is comprised of four hall and parlor houses constructed circa 1890 as houses for the managers of the Isabella Mine.

The Isabella Managers' Row contains four houses which were the homes of the mine superintendent and the managers of the mines. The four houses were constructed of weatherboard and originally had metal roofs. The houses were simple hall and parlor plan houses on raised brick pier foundations. Houses have uniform setbacks from the Ducktown--Isabella Road, which they front on. The managers' houses have been well maintained with minimal alterations. Integrity of materials is maintained and most houses retain their weatherboard siding and original front porches. However, the tin roofs have all been replaced by asphalt. The original roofs were destroyed by the sulfuric acid clouds released during smelting early in the life of the buildings.

There are four contributing dwellings in the Isabella Residential district, and one non-contributing outbuilding, a circa 1970 garage.

Because there are no street numbers on the buildings in Isabella they are numbered by their tax lot number. The lots are numbered from north to south; all properties front on the Ducktown--Isabella Road.

## Inventory of Buildings:

Ducktown--Isabella Road

lot 53. c 1890. Hall and Parlor. One story, aluminum siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, brick foundation, rectangular plan, full front porch, rear shed addition, central chimney. (c)

c. 1970. Garage. One story, aluminum siding, asphalt shingle gable roof, rectangular plan. (nc)

lot 54. c 1890. Hall and Parlor. One story, weatherboard siding, asphalt shingle hip roof, rectangular plan, brick pier foundation, full front porch, two brick chimneys. (c)

lot 55. c 1890. Hall and Parlor. One story, weatherboard siding, asphalt shingle hip roof, rectangular plan, brick pier foundation,

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full front porch, end chimney. (c)

lot 56. c 1890. Hall and Parlor. One story, weatherboard siding,  
asphalt shingle hip roof, rectangular plan, brick pier foundation,  
full front porch, central chimney. (c)

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The Isabella Managers' Row in Isabella, Polk County, Tennessee is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C for its association with the development of the copper mining industry, and with the development of the Ducktown Sulphur, Copper and Iron Company, and for architectural significance as a complete managerial housing group.

Isabella was founded in 1853 by C. A. Proctor, who opened the Isabella Mine and named the community and the mine after his sister. Proctor opened the Isabella and Mary mines in 1853 and operated them through the beginning of the first stage of mining development. The two mines became part of Union Consolidated Mining Company and continued in operation until it became uneconomical to ship copper in the late 1870s.

The community of Isabella contained two segments of settlement, the managers' houses, and the workers' houses. The managers' houses were hall and parlor houses, with hipped roofs, full front porches and constructed on pier foundations into a hillside. Located along two blocks the workers' houses were simple catslide cottages constructed on brick pier foundations. The workers' houses have suffered alterations which have destroyed their integrity of materials and design. Many workers' houses are in an advanced state of decay, and are suffering roof and porch failure. The two sections were separated by a frame church (non-extant). Nothing remains of the community which developed prior to 1890. Neglect during the ten years when there was no mining activities destroyed many of the buildings.

When the mines reopened in 1890 the Ducktown Sulphur, Copper and Iron Company (DSC&I) made Isabella its headquarters, and it remained there until 1936 when the Tennessee Copper Company purchased DSC&I's holdings. DSC&I pioneered many important innovations in mining technology. This company led in developing smelting processes which would capture sulfuric acid fumes released in smelting copper ore. It also patented the technology which enabled zinc and iron ore to be recaptured.

The Isabella Managers' Row is the only collection of managers' housing built by DSC&I. Of the three major communities in the Basin, Ducktown, Copperhill, and Isabella, this collection of houses is the only extant collection of managers' housing built separately from the workers' housing. The Smelter Hill area, of

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Copperhill, which was the Tennessee Copper Companies managers row was destroyed in 1976.

Although the Manager's Row is not representative of the style of houses built in Isabella, or of managers' housing in the Basin it is representative of DSC&Is construction in the Basin. The houses are the only hall and parlor houses in Isabella (the workers' houses are Catslide Cottages), and Manager's Row is the only group of buildings in Isabella to retain integrity. Because of this the Isabella Manger's Row meets the registration requirements set forth for Residential Historic Districts in the Historic Resources of the Tennessee Copper Basin Multiple Property Documentation Form.



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## Verbal Boundary Description & Justification

The Isabella Managers' Row is bounded on the east by the Isabella-Ducktown Road, and on the north, south and west by the Isabella Mine property. See Polk County, Tennessee tax map 116. The area nominated is the historical managers' row, and represents the historical boundaries of the area.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

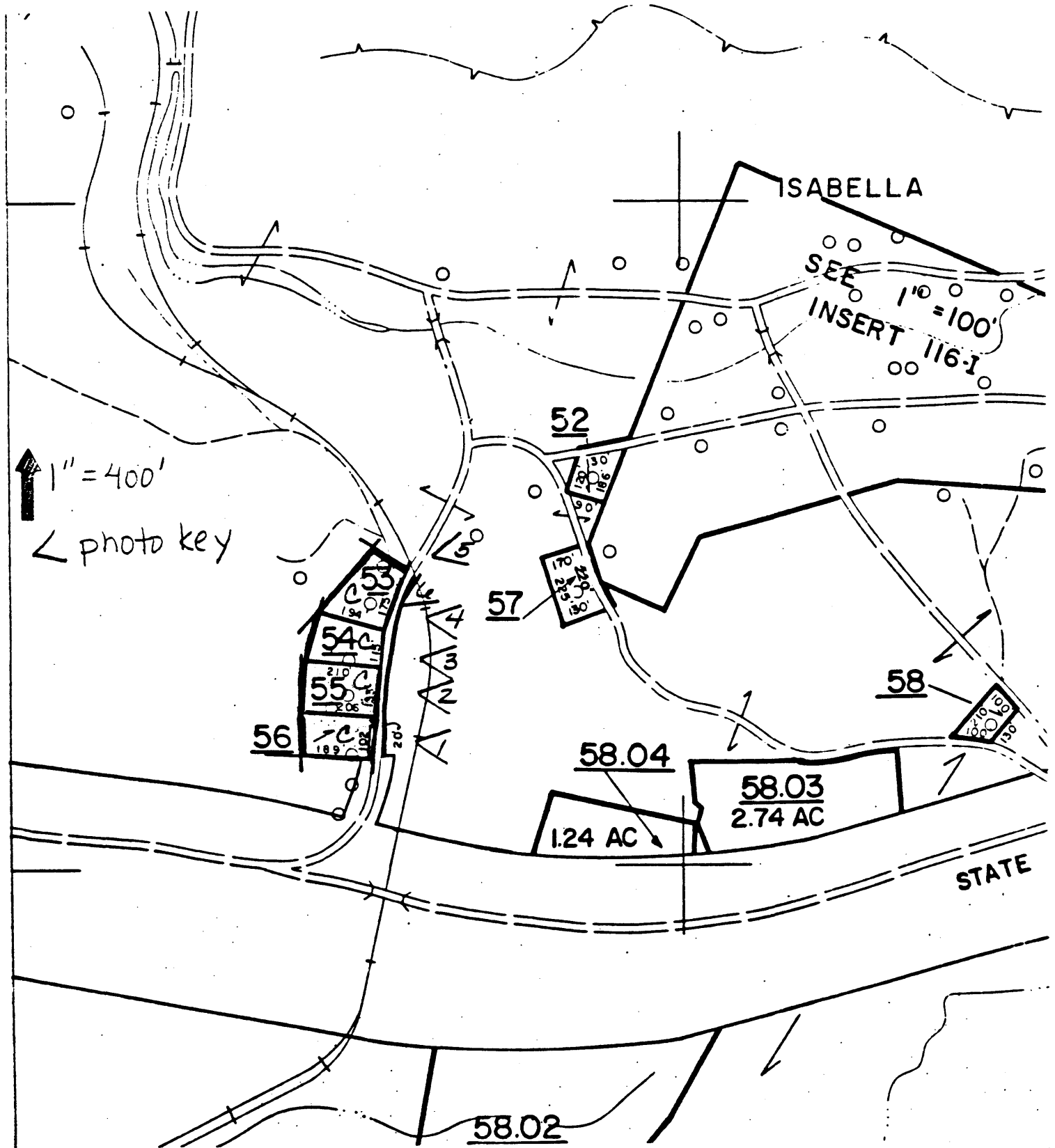
The tax map for this nomination has the scale 1" = 400'. This scale tax map is prepared by the Tennessee State Board of Equalization for rural areas. In the past, the Tennessee Historical Commission has used this scale map for nominations and has found that the 1" = 400' adequately meets our office needs. The Tennessee Historical Commission does not have the facilities to prepare maps to the scale preferred by the National Park Service. To supplement this map, the nomination includes a detailed verbal boundary description.

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Isabella Managers' Row  
Isabella, Polk County, Tennessee  
Photo by: Karen L. Daniels  
Date: August 15, 1991  
Neg: Tennessee Historical Commission  
Nashville, Tennessee

Note: The setbacks of the buildings in the Isabella Managers' Row did not enable streetscapes which showed more than one of the buildings, because of this photographs were taken of the individual buildings.

#1 of 6  
lot number 56.

#2 of 6  
lot number 55.

#3 of 6  
lot number 54.

#4 of 6  
lot number 53.

#5 of 6  
lots 53 and 54, facing south

#6 of 6  
view down Ducktown--Isabella Road facing south.

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Owner of property (by May 1991 tax records)

lot 53. Lake & Pauline Standridge  
Isabella, TN 37346

lot 54. Charles H. Cole  
Rt. 1 Box 409  
Copperhill, TN 37317

lot 55. E. G. & Mary York  
Isabella, TN 37346

lot 56. Herbert & Betty Newman  
Isabella & Ducktown Rd.  
Isabella, TN 37346