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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 Old Post House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *W of Clarksville on*
US 41A near Tennessee-Kentucky state line

CITY, TOWN Clarksville VICINITY OF Sixth

STATE Tennessee CODE 47 COUNTY Montgomery CODE 125

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Capt. William Edmiston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

STREET & NUMBER
Mrs. T. P. Mulvey, Regent, 136 Madison Terrace

CITY, TOWN Clarksville VICINITY OF Tennessee

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Second Street at Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN Clarksville, STATE Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historical and Architectural Survey

DATE
October 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Nashville STATE Tennessee

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Post House, located in the median strip between the northbound and southbound lanes of US 41A, is less than a half mile from the Tennessee-Kentucky state line. The city of Clarksville annexed this section of Montgomery County in 1976,

According to local tradition, the rectangular, story-and-a-half, brick building was erected in 1830 or earlier, and its appearance and style tend to corroborate this estimate. Both the attic and full basement--unusual features in buildings of this design in north central Tennessee--were used during the life of the structure; however, the points of access to the spaces have changed from time to time. The east elevation faces the northbound lane of US 41A, the early Clarksville-Hopkinsville Road, and was laid in Flemish bond; the brick in the other three walls is common bond. A photograph taken in ca. 1934 reveals that the present five-bay configuration of the facade may be original, but the windows flanking the southernmost door were lowered subsequent to the date of the photograph. The original porch was removed before the 1930s; patching in the brick work shows that it extended across the space between the cellar windows. The plain, boxed eave, a recent (ca. 1950) addition, may conceal evidence of a shed porch roof.

The above mentioned photograph also reveals evidence that a wing with a shed roof was attached to the south wall: the lower half of the wall appears to have been whitewashed or painted. The two, small, four-over-four attic windows are the only apertures in this elevation. Except for the internal brick chimney and a first-floor, six-over-six window, the north wall resembles the south. (Many of the window sashes seem to be either original or very early replacements.) A door and window, symmetrically positioned, are the only openings in the west wall. The building's three doors have beaded vertical planks facing the weather and similar, diagonal boards inside, all of which are fastened with rosehead nails. The southernmost door of the facade is double leafed, and the other two are single leaf doors; these appear to be very old, if not original. The facade doors each have transoms. Although the present owner removed the shutters in ca. 1950, the early photograph shows them to be double leaf in design and constructed exactly like the doors. The galvanized steel sheet roof duplicates the 1930s roof, but when the building was new, it very likely was clad with wood shingles.

The interior has a single room, and this was the way the building was designed. In ca. 1950 the floor and ceiling were replaced, but most of the original plaster remains under a modern skim coat.

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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 ca. 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tennessee was crisscrossed with stage coach routes from the early 1820s until the railroads supplanted the earlier conveyances after the Civil War. Travelers who had \$6.00 and twenty hours to spare could make the grueling, viscera-shaking, 76-mile journey from Nashville to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on four-horse coaches operated by the Nashville, Clarksville & Hopkinsville Mail Lines, owned by Allensworth, Slaughter & Co. The midpoint between Clarksville and Hopkinsville was a small brick post house near the state line and Oak Grove, Kentucky (now Fort Campbell). The coaches made thrice weekly trips each way carrying passengers, mail, and newspapers. The Old Post House served not only as a coach stop, where horses were changed and the passengers could regain their equilibrium and shake the dust off their clothes, but also as a post office. During the ensuing years, the building has also functioned as a residence, and meeting hall, and possibly as a church and school.

The Old Post House is the only known extant stagecoach stop in the north central part of the state and possibly one of very few surviving structures of this type in Tennessee. It was strictly utilitarian in design and obviously built to last; that it remains standing despite the ravages of highway construction and vandalism attests to this. The present owner has made repairs when necessary and together with officials of the governments of Clarksville and Montgomery County is committed both philosophically and financially to the complete restoration of the building. Representatives from Fort Campbell and private organizations in the area have also expressed interest in revitalizing this important building. It has been suggested that a small museum might be established there or it might be used as a visitor center; two agencies in state government are considering the feasibility of the latter use.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is an irregular-shaped lot bounded on the east and west by the right-of-way of U. S. 41A, on the north by a crossover road, and on the south by a crushed stone drive.

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

Robert E. Dalton, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION

Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

September 1977

STREET & NUMBER

170 Second Avenue North

TELEPHONE

(615) 741-2371

CITY OR TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert E. Hayden

DATE

9/15/77

TITLE

Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-8-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-6-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles A. ...