

**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 McCord, William Harrison, House

and/or common Same

**2. Location**

street & number U. S. Highway 41 A N/A not for publication

city, town Eagleville N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Rutherford code 149

**3. 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Vacant</u>

**4. Owner of Property**

name William P. McCord

street & number Nashville Highway

city, town Eagleville N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37060

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rutherford County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Murfreesboro state Tennessee 37130

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Rutherford County Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37203

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The William Harrison McCord House, located in southwestern Rutherford County, three-tenths of a mile north of the town of Eagleville on U. S. Highway 41 A, is a rare surviving example of a large vernacular farmhouse with fine Italianate detailing. Facing east, the two-story, weatherboarded, cross-shaped building originally rested on a limestone pier foundation which was filled with mortared brick and rubblestone during the 1920s renovations. The interior brick chimneys extend from the cross gable roof. The roofline of the McCord House has sawn decorative paired eave brackets, paneled and bracketed cornice, paneled corner pilasters and gable returns. The asymmetrically three-bay facade is dominated by the projecting one-story bay window with 1/1 double-hung sash windows. Pilasters and moulded paneling on the south wall of the third bay leads to the recessed main entry. The main entry and second story area have double paneled doors. The main entry also has the original screened door with sawn decorative brackets and spindles and a rectangular transom. The third bay is a wood and glass door that was added during the 1920s renovations. The Colonial Revival porch with three fluted square columns, architrave, frieze with dentil course, and cornice replaced the small but elaborate front porch in the 1920s which had sawn balustrade and arched knee braces with knobs. The two bays of the second floor are a doorway directly over the first floor entrance and a pair of 1/1 double-hung sash windows with a pedimented lintel and shouldered window surrounds over the bay windows.

The north and south elevation continues the decorative treatment displayed on the facade with paired sawn eave brackets, gable returns, and 1/1 double-hung sash windows with shouldered window surrounds. Louvered shutters remain on a two story window on the south elevation. Shutters on other windows have been removed although the original hardware remains in place.

A one-story board and batten rear addition projects from the west elevation. The addition has a central interior brick chimney extending through the fishscale, stamp metal gable roof, 4/4 double-hung sash windows, and a square extension on the north elevation which enclosed a well and covered by a shed roof. This rear addition was originally a detached kitchen with a connecting breezeway now enclosed.

An east/west passageway leads from the front entrance to the central stairhall. The front parlor doorway is in the north wall of the passageway. The walnut stair railing and turned balusters of the stairway are said to have been crafted by Tom B. Wilson, an Eagleville furniture maker. Walls in most of the rooms retain the original plaster and remnants of original Morris-like wallpaper remain. Window and door surrounds with shouldered architraves and baseboards and mouldings are still in place. The second floor hallway and all but one of the second floor rooms retain the original paint on baseboards and doors.

The various outbuildings associated with the McCord House date to the early 20th century. They include a framed barn sided with weatherboards and covered with a gable metal roof, and board and batten chicken house, feed and storage shed, and root cellar. A "Delco" house is also present among the outbuildings. This small vertical board outbuilding with a metal shed roof was built in 1919. Originally located in front of the house near the highway, it housed the batteries and generator that supplied electricity to the McCord House and two others located across the road. These were the first electrified houses in the community.

## 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 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** c. 1882      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located in Eagleville, Tennessee (population 451), the William Harrison McCord House is being nominated under National Register criteria B and C for its historical association with Dr. William H. McCord, a prominent local physician in the latter half of the nineteenth century, and for its architectural importance as a rare surviving example of a vernacular farmhouse with well developed Italianate detailing in southern Rutherford County. Built when the town of Eagleville was a thriving farming community, the fine craftsmanship displayed in the detailing of the William Harrison McCord House is an indication of the prominence of the man for whom the house was constructed within this community. The porch arrangement was changed somewhat in the 1920s however, despite this minor alteration the William Harrison McCord House retains its historical and architectural integrity.

William Harrison McCord (September 1, 1838 - June 14, 1896), son of Allen N. and Jane Jordan McCord, was born in Marshall County, Tennessee. McCord attended Union University in Murfreesboro, the College of Surgeons in Philadelphia and graduated from the University of Louisiana in New Orleans. During the Civil War McCord served as a surgeon under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest in the 13th Regiment of the Tennessee Cavalry. Following the close of the war McCord settled in Eagleville and married his first cousin, Sarah Macon Williams, the daughter of prominent local businessman Chelsey Williams and his wife Elizabeth Jordan. The Chelsey Williams House (c. 1834), located near the center of town, is currently under renovation. William McCord received 198.5 acres of land north of town, from his father-in-law as a wedding gift in 1868. William Harrison McCord became a prominent local physician with an extensive practice in Eagleville and surrounding communities during the 1870s and 1880s. Interested in local affairs, he served on the local school board in the 1880s.

The tax records show an increase of an almost doubled rate of payment between 1880 and 1882, indicating the construction of the house during that time. Situated on a knoll, the house has a commanding view of the surrounding countryside. With the exception of the extended porch on the first floor of the south (front) and west elevations and the enclosure of the rear porch, the structure remains substantially unaltered. Porch posts were changed when the enlargements took place in the 1920s. The fine detailing of the house in its eave brackets, interior and exterior doors, mouldings, staircase and balustrade are well executed examples of local craftsmanship and are reputed to have been executed by Tom B. Wilson, a local furniture and cabinetmaker.

Outbuildings include a root cellar, chicken house, various utility sheds, a barn and a Delco House which was moved behind the barn from near the highway in the last few years. The outbuildings date from the early twentieth century.

Sarah Macon Williams died in 1890. William Harrison McCord followed in 1896 and they are both buried in the Jordan Cemetery on Womack Road in Eagleville. John Harrison McCord inherited the property and it was eventually inherited by his nephew William P. McCord. The house has been vacant for fifteen years and is not weather tight. William P. McCord farms the surrounding land and utilizes the outbuildings.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6 acres

Quadrangle name Chapel Hill, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	6	5	3	1	5	0	0	3	9	5	5	6	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### 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

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Middle Tennessee State University date April 1984

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city or town Murfreesboro state Tennessee 37130

# 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. Hunter

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 11/13/84

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 12/20/84

[Signature]  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The nominated property is bounded on the east by Highway 41 A, and on the south, west, and north by adjoining property lines. This boundary includes a sufficient amount of land to preserve the historical setting and architectural integrity of the William Harrison McCord House.

108 AC. C

1.01  
5.76 AC. C

1.02  
4.88 AC

5  
100m x 100' x 90m x 135'

4

William Harrison McCord House  
U. S. Highway 41 A  
Eagleville, Rutherford County, Tennessee

Tax Map 1" = 400'

LIMITS

39.5 AC. E

CITY

8  
225 AC. E

32  
3 AC. E

27  
17 AC. E

26  
2.1 AC

28  
90m x 199 x 50' x 125m  
135m x

29  
200'

34

33

31  
190' x 148' x 120m

30  
140' x 200m

EAGLEVILLE  
FARM SUPPLY

SEE 1"=100'  
MAPS 144-G & 144-J

SEE 1"=100'  
MAPS 144-H & 144-I

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1.2 AC. E

10K