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Sheltered behind lush oaks and maples stands the Henry House. Its location is about one-half mile down Henry Lane off U. S. Highway 411 in the Brick Mill Community of Blount County. Only minor alterations have taken place at this fine Federal style brick home during its 140 years. The fields, pond and woodlands are still in the hands of the Henry family.

The house was planned by James Henry; during its construction from 1833-35 he passed away and his wife, the former Narcissa Howard, continued the project. The brick was molded and baked in an adjoining field and laid by slave labor. Ideas for the design of the house and sawed lumber for its construction were secured by James Henry and his carpenter, Buck Lattimore, on a trip to Virginia in the early 1830's.

Rooms in the central, two story portion of the home are twelve feet high. Fireplaces adjoin each room. Access is by a central hall which opens onto a Victorian porch which was added by George Henry in the later 1800's as a gift to his mother, Narcissa. In addition to the gingerbread porch there were green shutters added at the time; the shutters are no longer on the home. The kitchen is not separated from the house; it stands as a one story wing attached to the right side of the home. Two large fireplaces, one used as a baking oven, are prominent in the kitchen. In recent years a room was added to the kitchen; it was completed in old brick and only slightly alters the original layout and appearance of the The original brickwork is still in excellent condition; dovetailing home. at the roofline, the wooden slats above the windows and flared tops of the chimneys are a few details which, along with its outstandingly fine condition, make the Henry House a tremendous example of the permanent residence of the early western settlers.



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The Henry House lies on the original property granted to Samuel Henry who came to Blount County in 1788. Samuel Henry did much to develop Blount County in its early days. He set up a fort, trading post, and mill in the Baker's Creek area of the county. When his son, James, married Narcissa Howard (daughter of George and Elizabeth Jones Howard, and granddaughter of Benjamin and Prudence Slater Howard of Maryland), he gave them part of his original land grant. It was James Henry who started the Henry House in 1833; his wife finished it in 1835. The brick structure was one of the first in Blount County to be constructed in the Federal style. It has remained in the Henry family over the years; six generations have lived in the home.

James Henry, like his father and his sons, helped in the operation of the mill on Baker's Creek. The mill which was built prior to 1800 is still standing. It was constructed of brick and became known as Brick Mill, the origin of the community's name.

The Henry House, because it is an outstanding example of the Federal style of architecture as expressed in early Tennessee, and because it was the home of an important early settler whose descendents still own it, is a very significant landmark of the area.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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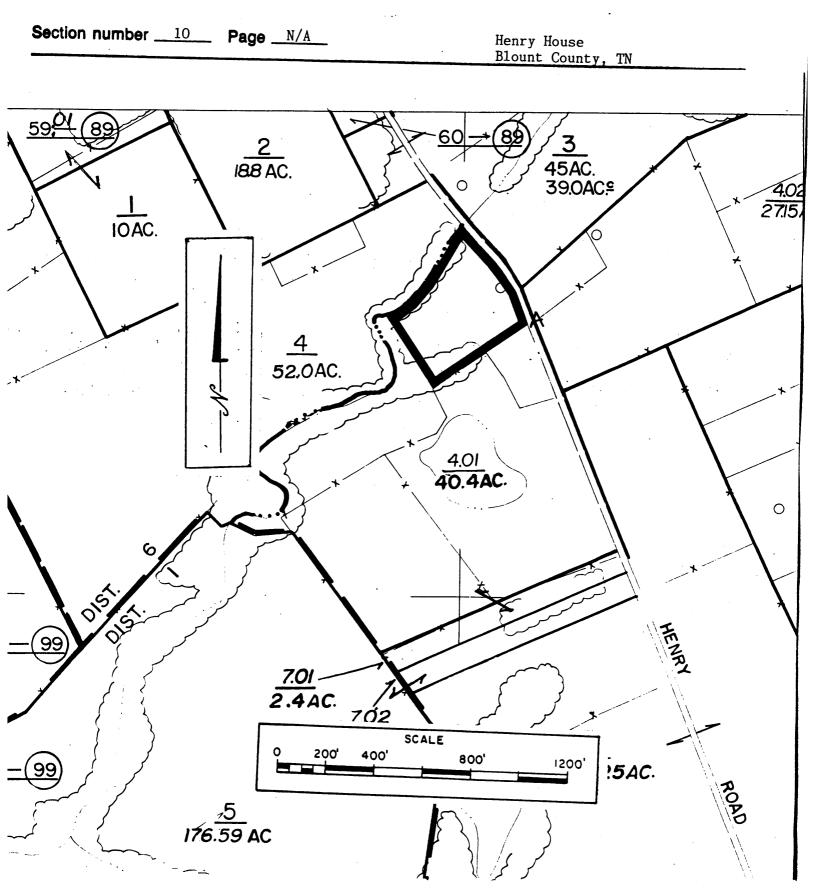
The National Register of Historic Places boundary for the Henry House is four undefined acres. When it was listed in 1974, the house set on approximately 117 acres. Since that time, the land has been subdivided and the house now sits on 40.1 acres. As a result of a road project, there is a need to define the four acres in the nomination. The boundary, approximately four to five acres, is as follows:

Beginning at approximately 2720 feet northwest of State Route 33 (US 411) along the south side of Henry Road (point A), the boundary moves southwest following the fence line approximately 470 feet, thence northwest approximately 350 feet to the creek, thence along the creek edge generally in a northeast direction until it intersects with Henry Road, thence generally southeast following along the south side of Henry Road to the point of the beginning.

A map with a scale of 1" = 400' is enclosed. This is the only scale map available for this area.

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