

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Monroe
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ENTRY DATE OCT 9 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cook-Kefauver House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Kefauver Lane

CITY OR TOWN:
Madisonville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Monroe CODE: 123

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Vacant

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Children of Estes Kefauver, c/o Ms. Lynda Kefauver

STREET AND NUMBER:
2785 Union Street

CITY OR TOWN:
San Francisco

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Monroe County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Madisonville

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

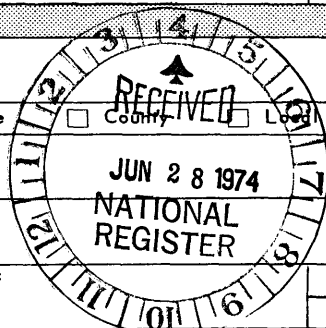
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

The Cook-Kefauver house is located on the outskirts of Madisonville, Tennessee, the town where Estes Kefauver, the late senator and vice-presidential candidate, was born and grew to manhood. The exceptionally fine proportioned home stands regally in terminating the country lane of the farm. The home is a two story brick structure which was most probably built by Blanchard, the same English architect who built the Stickley and Ballard homes which are in the same vicinity (it has been suggested by Mrs. Stickley that the Kefauver home was built by a man named Woolridge; although the above mentioned homes display such striking similarities that it would seem that the same man designed them). It was Dr. Robert Fielding Cook who originally commissioned the construction of the home in the mid-1840's. The Kefauvers later came into the possession of the house; their family cemetery, including the grave of Estes Kefauver, overlooks the fields near the home.

Upon first glance, the Kefauver Home strongly resembles the elegant Stickley Home nearby; however, the Kefauver Home is more elongated and has different proportions. The facade is accented by the columned porches and large paneled doors which are surrounded by glass panes inset in the delicate wooden frame; the porches are terminated at the roof by a corniced gable. Wings are formed by the kitchen and dining room on one side of the home, and by the doctor's office on the opposing end (the late owner of the home, Mrs. Lottie Johns, added glassed enclosed rooms to the frontal portion of the wings which accentuate the symmetry of the home).

The interior is also similar to the Stickley Home. A spiral staircase leads to the second floor from the short hallway. The second floor contains the bedrooms of the home; the rear bedrooms contain a sloping ceiling which allows extra window space above the roof line. The downstairs contains the parlor, sitting room and dining room; the huge oven and cooking fireplace are the foremost features of the kitchen which was once separated from the central kitchen and dining room by a dog trot. The paneling, staircase and balustrade, and very decorative mantels are exemplative of the fine craftsmanship of the day. An interesting facet of the home is an octagonal-shaped room which is attached to the right (or office) wing of the house. Brick walks and nicely landscaped grounds add complementary touches to this outstanding home. Behind the home is the servants' cottage; like the home it is constructed of fine brick masonry.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input 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 Cook-Kefauver house has almost become a misnomer in that the home at the site is thought to be the home of the late nationally renowned statesman, Estes Kefauver. Surely Kefauver spent many days at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Lottie Johns, but it was not his residence. The home originally belonged to Dr. Robert Fielding Cook, a local physician who practiced at the home. Cook was a wealthy man and active in the Baptist Church; he heard of a notable Chattanooga minister, Reverend J. P. Keefauver, whom he invited to Madisonville to lead a revival. During the month-long stay Keefauver married Cook's daughter. At the death of Cook, they moved into the stately home. Robert Cook Keefauver, father of the late senator, was born in Madisonville; the Keefauver Farm was his boyhood home. Professionally he entered the hardware business and ran the Keefauver Hotel; politically, he was a five term mayor of the city.

Architecturally, the home is of outstandingly fine proportions. The handsome Federal-style house is flanked by similar wings which accent the symmetrical qualities of the home. The cornice brickwork, the octagonal office to the rear and even the masonry of the servants cottage stand as testament to outstanding craftsmanship of the masons; the elaborate mantels, paneling, and spiral staircase are likewise the complements of the fine interior work.

Although Estes Kefauver did not reside on a permanent basis at the house, it is important because of his association with the house and because he is buried here. His father was also an important and influential man of the area.

The Cook-Kefauver house, therefore, possesses two-fold significance -- both as a fine architectural example and its association with an important family.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Monroe County Democrat. Sesqui-centennial edition, November 1969.
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 Selected clippings, Estes Kefauver Room, Main Library of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

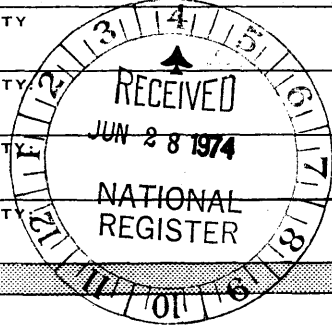
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Carberry, Research Associate

ORGANIZATION: East Tennessee Development District DATE: March 10, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 1810 Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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: Lawrence C. Henry
 Title: Executive Director
 Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: June 24, 1974

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

A. R. [Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/9/74

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10 4 74

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Cook - Kefauver House
Monroe County, Tennessee

Historic Name

The name "Cook" associated with the Kefauver House is not the historic spelling of the name. The correct name should be "Cooke."