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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Loudon	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Albert Lenoir House (Representative John J. Duncan)

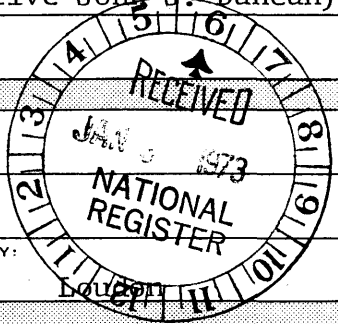
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: W of Loudon on
River Road (Tobacco Rd)

CITY OR TOWN:
Loudon *mi*

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Loudon CODE: 105



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. William Butler

STREET AND NUMBER:
River Road

CITY OR TOWN: Loudon STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Loudon 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)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lenoir house is a large, ~~three~~-storied brick structure of the type of dwelling befitting a large plantation owner. Most of the surrounding houses would have been frame farm houses in this period, and this house, in fact, replaced just such a house first built on the property. The original building of this house was 1857 but the exterior has been altered at least once to add large two-storied whitepillars to replace the original one-story porch. An iron balcony under the present porch probably was added at the same time to provide architectural balance. The house has double-doors at the entrance which lead into a small hall. The parlour with elaborately carved window trim is to the right but the mantels in this room are quite simple in style. The living room to the left is quite large with alterations having taken place when central heating was installed. But it is the stairway of this house for which it is famous. It rises for three stories, winding with grace through the huge central hallway. Originally the kitchen and dining room were on the basement floor but years ago they were more conveniently located on the main floor.

The grounds, consisting of 225 acres, are beautifully kept and an old brick slave house and a smokehouse are in good repair on the premises.



S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1857**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original owner-builder was Albert Sobieski Lenoir, an engineer and surveyor who in 1839 went to Ross's Landing to lay out the city of Chattanooga. His oldest child, Elizabeth, was the first white child born there. Elizabeth later married Judge David McKendree Key, who served as Postmaster General in President Hayes' cabinet.

Albert Lenoir was a son of William Ballard Lenoir who founded Lenoir City, which then was in Roane County. Albert Lenoir's wife was Catherine Welcker, a member of another prominent Roane County family.

When the Lenoirs sold the property, they moved all the graves in their private family cemetery to Chattanooga.

L. M. Matthews purchased the house in 1903. Two of his sons achieved fame in China, and both were brigadier generals, one of the U. S. Army and the other of the U. S. Marines. General Hugh Matthews married the sister of Andrew Higgins, a New Orleans ship builder, and they lived in the house until his death. The widow then sold the house in 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. William Butler, prominent business leaders in Loudon, who still occupy the house.

In addition to the prominent people who built and lived in the house, the architecture of the house, especially in the handsome stair, is significant in this area where few structures of this type were built.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beloved Landmarks of Loudon County, Tennessee
(Loudon, 1962).

Scrapbook, letters, and clippings of Mrs. Georgia Lenoir
Burdette, Lenoir City.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

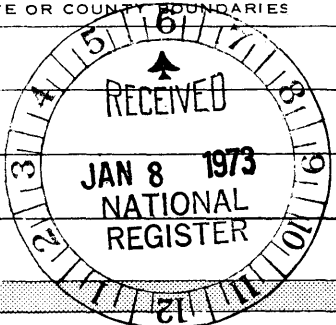
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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:
Mrs. Earl Alexander

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: **January 2, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Fowler's Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Loudon** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **047**

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: Michael J. Smith
Title: Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
Date: January 5, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/11/73

ATTEST:
W. J. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4 4 73