

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

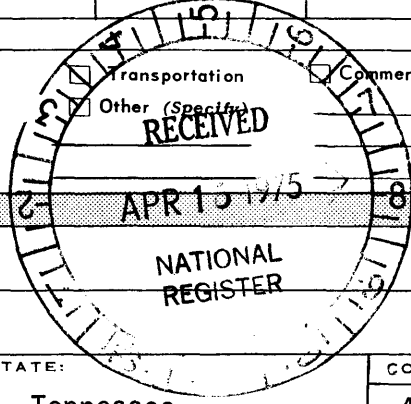
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STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Bedford
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE: JUN 5 1975

1. NAME
COMMON: Governor Prentice Cooper House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 413 East Lane Street
CITY OR TOWN: Shelbyville
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth
STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Bedford CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One): Building
OWNERSHIP: Private
STATUS: Occupied
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Private Residence



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. William Prentice Cooper
STREET AND NUMBER: 413 East Lane Street
CITY OR TOWN: Shelbyville
STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bedford County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: Public Square
CITY OR TOWN: Shelbyville
STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
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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 Governor Prentice Cooper House, built in 1904 by William Prentice Cooper, Sr., is a reconstruction of the Cooper's former home located in Henderson, Kentucky. The architectural style is eclectic, American picturesque, reflecting latent Victorian style overtones.

The original ell shape plan of the two story mansion was changed by the two-story addition on the northwest elevation, added by William Prentice Cooper, Jr. Original construction features brick bearing walls, common bond, rusticated stone masonry foundation walls and a full basement housing a fall-out shelter built during the 1960's. Three of the elevations feature original two story bays. Bays are accented by stone capped brick roof gables built flush with the bearing walls and extending above the eaves at each elevation. Gable ends are a silhouette composed of segmented curvilinear and straight lines. Attic windows in these sections feature extended, stone lintels. The modified hip roof is punctuated by attic story roof gables, four tall brick chimneys, original carved wood soffit, scrollwork, eave brackets and moldings. A raised terrace serves to connect the front veranda to the side porches. The verandas feature carved wood balustrades and hand railings with paired Ionic capitol columns. The front entrance is accented by side glass side light panels and a stained glass transom. A stained glass window is located at the second story above the main staircase. Other interior features include original carved cherry wood mantels and woodwork, pine floors and inside shutters. The guest house located on the property was built by Governor Cooper in the 1950's.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1904**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

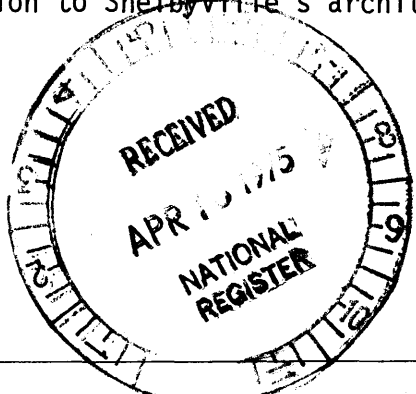
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The Cooper House is significant because it has been the home of two prominent Tennesseans. It was built in 1904 by William Prentice Cooper, Sr., a lawyer, farmer, and banker who became politically prominent as a mayor of Shelbyville and later as the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1915 and 1916. Cooper opened his law practice in Henderson, Kentucky, in 1891 and while living there he built a house which served as a model for his later Shelbyville home.

Prentice Cooper, Sr. removed to Shelbyville in the 1890's and in 1895 William Prentice, Jr. was born. The younger Cooper also became a lawyer and was politically active as a Democrat. He served in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1923 until 1925 and in the Tennessee Senate from 1937 until 1939. In 1938 he was elected to the first of three consecutive two-year terms as the Governor of Tennessee. From 1946 until 1948 he served as the United States Ambassador to Peru.

In 1950 Prentice Cooper, Jr. married and continued to live in the house with his parents. To accomodate guests without disturbing his parents, the former governor designed and built the commodious guest house which stands next to the main house. Construction of this guest house was undertaken in 1952, and Cooper was assisted by two Peruvian laborers who returned to America with him after his stay as ambassador to their country.

Prentice Cooper, Sr. continued to reside in the house he built until his death in 1961. Former Governor Cooper died in 1969, and his wife and sons continue to reside in the structure which contains a large collection of the Governor's memorabilia. In addition to its significance as being the residence of these men, this structure is a striking and unique contribution to Shelbyville's architectural heritage.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Doors to the Past. The Bedford County Historical Society, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 1969.
Biographical Directory: Bedford County Members of the Tennessee General Assembly, 1796- Nashville, State Library and Archives, 1968.
 Interview with Mrs. William Prentice Cooper, Jr., January, 1975.

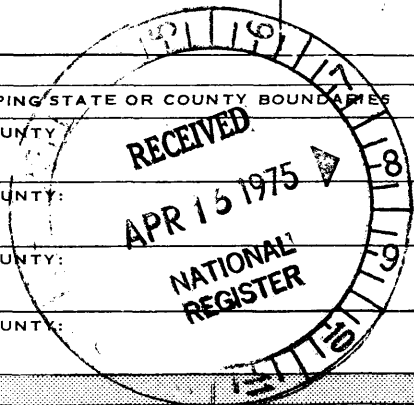
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.5

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:
Paul Cross, Historical Projects Officer/Gail Hammerquist, Architect-Historian

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: April 8, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
170 Second Avenue North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville 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 Lauren Anderson

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 4/10/75

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

AR Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/5/75

ATTEST:

W. M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 4 1975