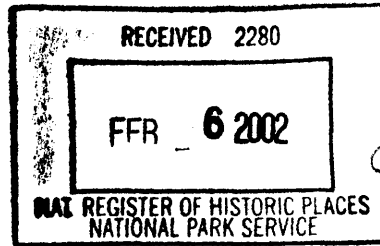


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



[Handwritten signature]
236

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gotten, Nicholas, House
other names/site number NA

2. Location

street & number 2969 Court Street N/A not for publication
city or town Bartlett N/A vicinity
state TN code TN county Shelby code 157 zip code 38134

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Herbert L. Hays 2/4/02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register.
- other,
(explain:)

Elson H. Beall 3/20/02
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Name of Property

Shelby County, Tennessee
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing

Noncontributing

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
	2	structures
		objects
1	3	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

GOVERNMENT/correctional facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: central hall plan

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK, CONCRETE

walls Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other GLASS, WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** moved from its original location.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1871- 1910

Significant Dates

1871

Significant Person

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

Gotten, Nicolas

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Gotten, Nicholas; unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.) Continuation sheet number 9.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- Previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Bartlett Historical Society

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Name of Property

Shelby County, Tennessee
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.2 acres ELLENDALE 409 NE

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>16</u>	<u>238360</u>	<u>3899520</u>	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See continuation sheet number 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Jeanette Rainey, Museum Director
organization Bartlett Historical Society date September 27, 2001
street & number 3712 Broadway Road telephone (901) 388-0422
city or town Bartlett state TN zip code 38135

Additional Documentation

submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Bartlett, c/o Mayor Ken Fulmer
street & number 6400 Stage Road telephone 901-385-6444
city or town Bartlett state TN zip code 38134

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20303.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 1

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

DESCRIPTION

Located in the city of Bartlett, a suburban community of nearly 36,000 northeast of Memphis, the Nicolas Gotten House was built in 1871. The residence is situated on a 1.2 acre lot that is surrounded by a white picket fence and dotted with mature trees. A quiet residential street containing mostly one-story bungalows and a few two-story modern houses make up the surrounding neighborhood. Rising two-stories from its brick pier and concrete block foundation, the Gotten House is a frame building sheathed with weatherboard siding and capped with a roof covered with asphalt singles. The main block of the house consists of a central hall plan that is two rooms wide and one room deep and accompanied by a rear extension and a twentieth century one-story addition. The extension is one and one-half stories, which runs the width of the rear of the main block and is probably original to the house, or an early addition. Constructed in the early twentieth century, the rear one-story addition runs only half the width along the rear of the extension. Both the extension and addition rest on brick pier foundations and are covered with weatherboard siding. Together, these rear extensions with their sloping roofs, create a saltbox roof form that adorns the Gotten House.

The house is owned by the city of Bartlett and is leased to the Bartlett Historical Society. During the course in which the historical society has occupied the building, the Gotten House has undergone an extensive restoration. This includes the reconstruction of the two-story front portico, new six-over-six, double-hung, sash, wood shutters, latticework between the brick piers, mantles, and the replacement of deteriorated plaster walls with modern dry wall. The exterior restoration was based on a photograph of the house from the 1920s. The interior retains its original plan and woodwork.

A central two-story portico and three front-facing gables that accent each bay highlight the symmetrical three-bay east façade of the Nicholas Gotten House. Although the portico is not original to the house, it is a superb reconstruction of the original in design and scale. Simple square columns, balustrades with tapered balusters and a beaded board ceiling support the wood portico. Railings, which are required by local codes, with accompanying newel posts along the entry stairs are the only deviation from the original design of the portico. A newly laid brick walk leads to the main entrance of the house, which consists of a modern six-panel wood door. Flanking sidelights with a recessed panel in the lower portion and a six-light transom complete the door surround. Access to the portico from the second floor is achieved through a multi-light wood door with flanking sidelights containing a recessed panel in the lower portion. The central bay is flanked by two window openings on each story containing six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash and adorned with wood shutters. Providing a decorative, yet functional, treatment to the Gotten House are the half moon attic vents that adorn the fields of each front facing gable.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 2

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

The north elevation is divided into three-bays consisting of the house and the two rear extensions that are flush with the original block. Two window openings containing six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash pierce each floor of the gable end of the main block. Wood shutters accent each window, while a pointed arch louvered attic vent is located in the gable field. A square window opening containing six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash with accompanying wood shutters punctuates the first rear extension, which is divided from the main block by a vertical board. Completing the detailing on the first extension is a square louvered vent located in the half-story. The last bay, divided from the first extension by a vertical board, reveals a double-hung window.

The west elevation has an early twentieth century addition that is pierced with a large square window containing twelve-light fixed wood sash. According to museum director Mrs. Jeanette Rainey, this addition was originally constructed as a rear porch, but was enclosed in the 1950s. South of the window is a door opening containing a solid wood door. This addition, although flush with the north elevation, does not extend to south elevation. South of the addition are two window openings containing six-over-six, double-hung wood sash, which are not flanked by shutters. A concrete handicap access ramp with a metal rail extends north from the door to a parking pad located on the northern portion of the property.

The south elevation reveals two window openings on the gable end of the main block. Like the majority of the windows, these are six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash. A window opening on the second floor consists of the same light pattern, which is joined by a pointed arched wood attic vent above. Wood shutters flank all of the windows. West of the main block is a window opening, adorned with wood shutters, containing six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash that is accompanied by a square louvered attic vent. Paired multi-light windows are located on the addition.

The interior of the main block of the Gotten House follows a standard central hall plan with an entry hall flanked by two parlors. A simple open string staircase complete with a tapered newel post highlights the central hall. A small closet is located underneath the staircase. The two parlors that flank the central hall, as with the hallway, retain their original baseboards, hardwood floors and door trim. The ceilings in the parlors reach approximately eight feet, with the south parlor containing a non-original metal mantle. This mantle is a simple design, composed of a plain mantelshelf, decorative keystone, and pilasters.

Access to the first extension is achieved through two door openings, one at the end of the main hall and the other found on the west wall of the north parlor. This area of the house contains a kitchen, two rooms utilized for display and small hall that provides access to the north parlor and the first story rear addition. Consistent with the rooms found in the main block, the rear extension contains original hardwood floors, door trim and baseboards; however, the kitchen contains modern cabinets and appliances. The rear one story addition contains a bathroom and a room

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 3

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

used to store archival material. A modern sink and toilet are found in the bathroom along with modern tiles. The archival room reveals hardwood floors and simple window molding.

The south wall of the upstairs hallway contains a wood door made of vertical planks that lead to the attic. Two bedrooms highlight the second floor of the Gotten House. Both rooms retain their original baseboards and trim molding for the door and window openings. Hardwood flooring also accents each room, which contains sloping ceilings that conform to the saltbox roof that caps the building. Each bedroom has a modern closet that project from the west walls.

Located directly behind the Gotten House is a simple circa 1990 wood frame structure that serves as a public restroom. The restroom is sheathed with wide weatherboard siding, capped with a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles and rests on a concrete slab foundation. (NC)

Historic Marker. NC due to date.

Fence. NC due to date.

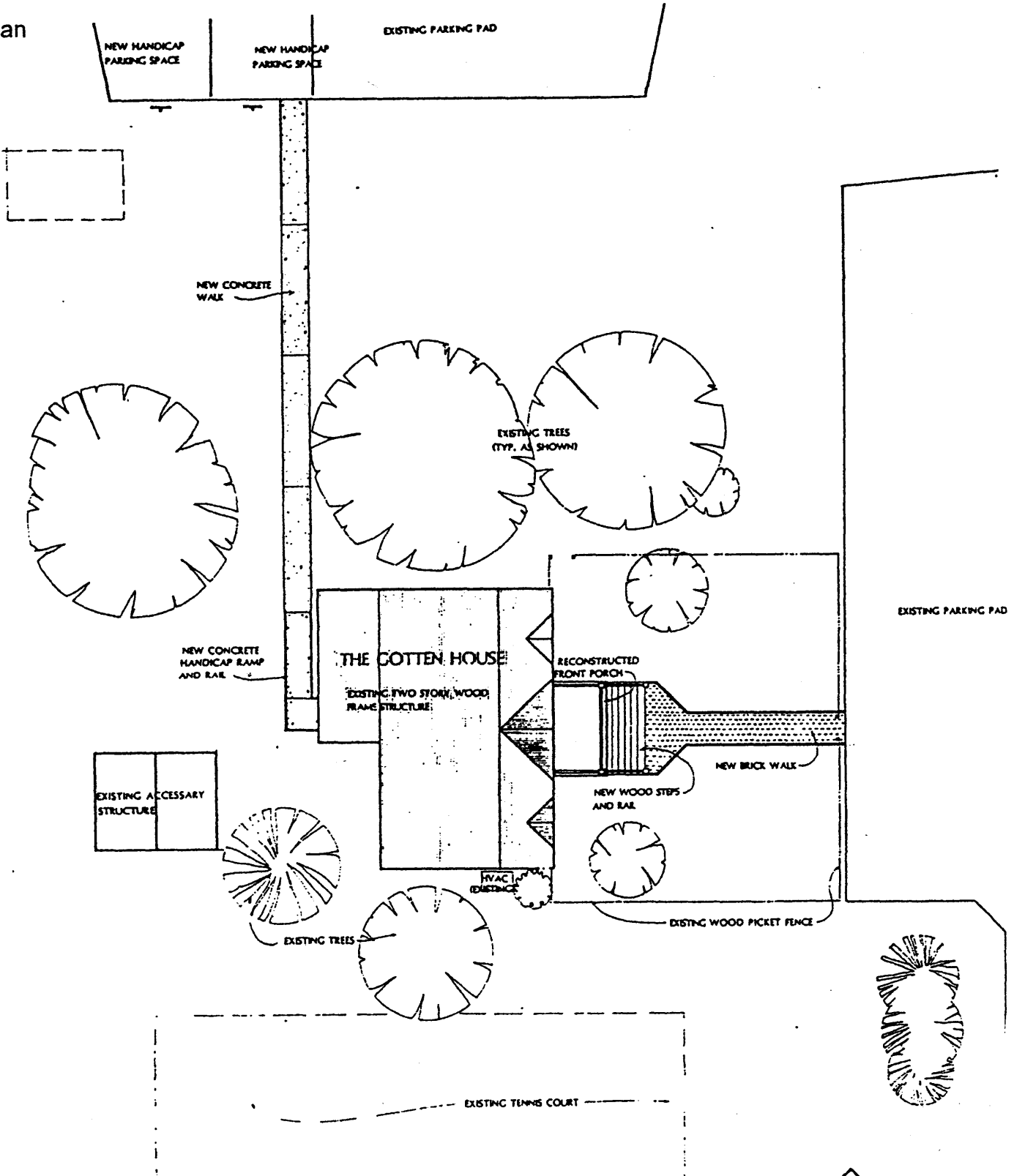
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 4

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

Site plan



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 5

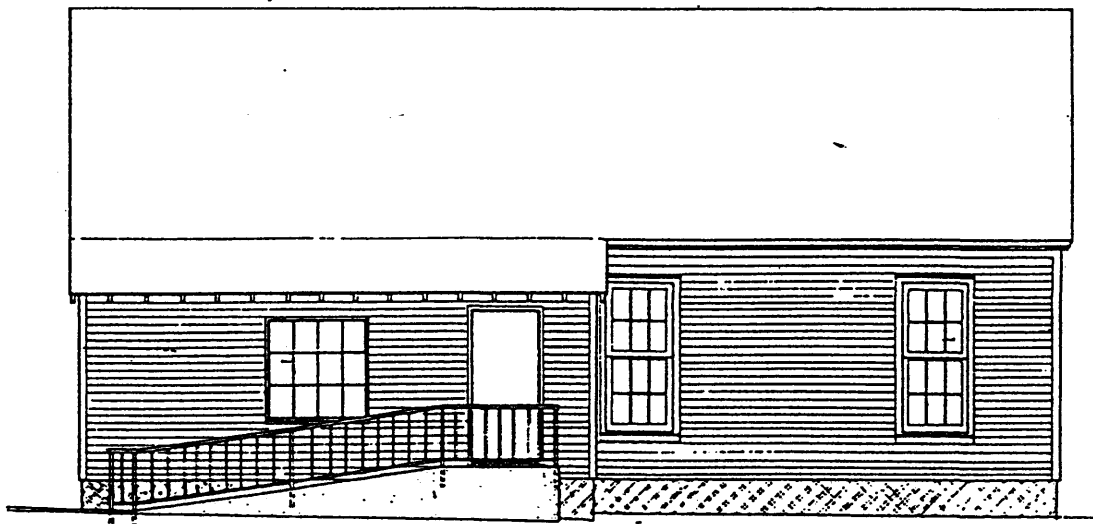
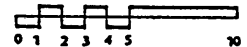
Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

Elevations



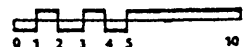
FRONT - EAST ELEVATION

THE HISTORIC GOTTEN HOUSE



REAR - WEST ELEVATION

THE HISTORIC GOTTEN HOUSE



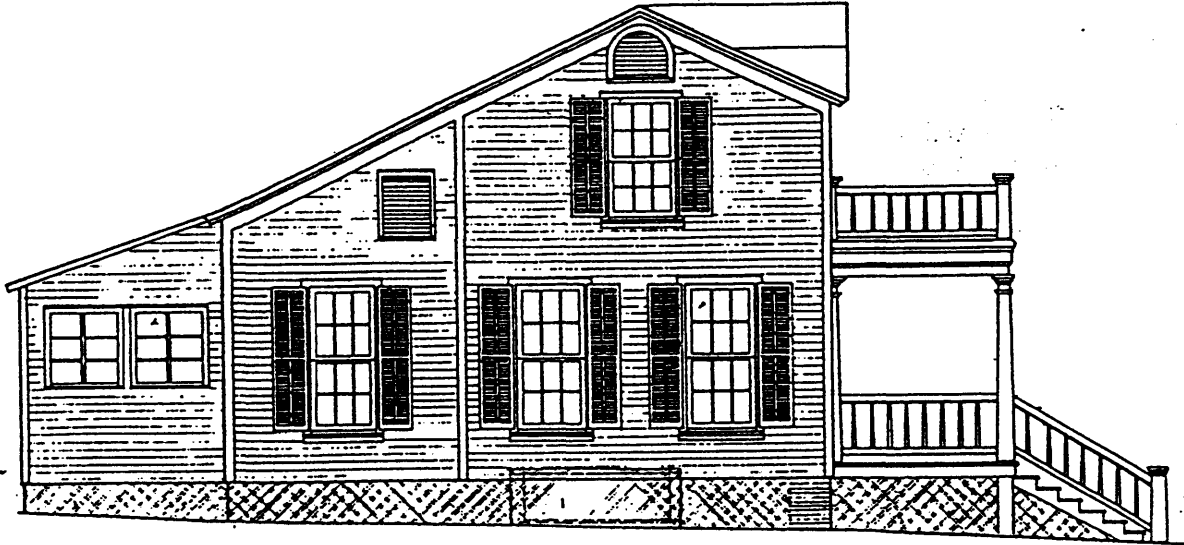
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

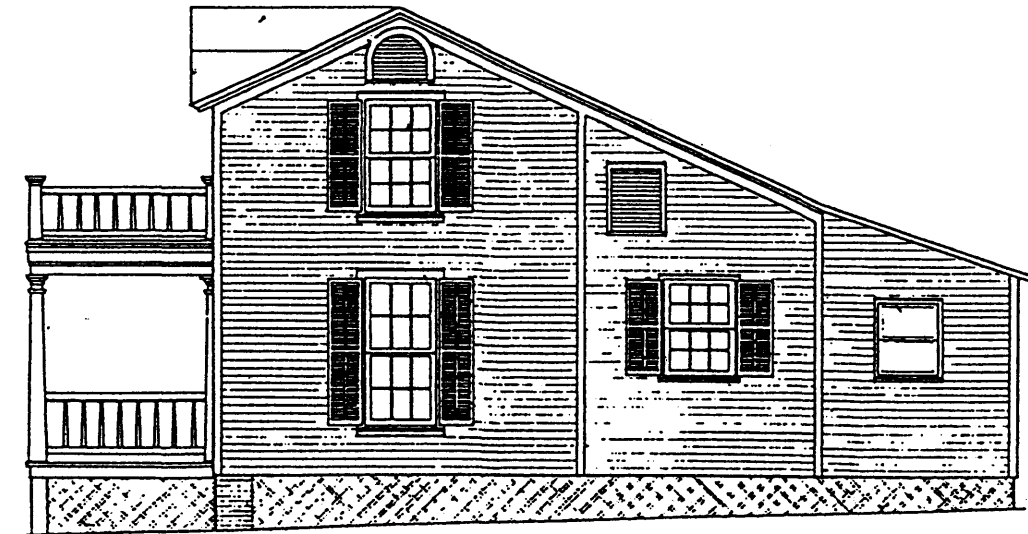
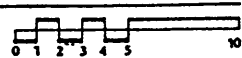
Section number 7 Page 6

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

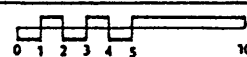
Elevations



SIDE - SOUTH ELEVATION



SIDE - NORTH ELEVATION



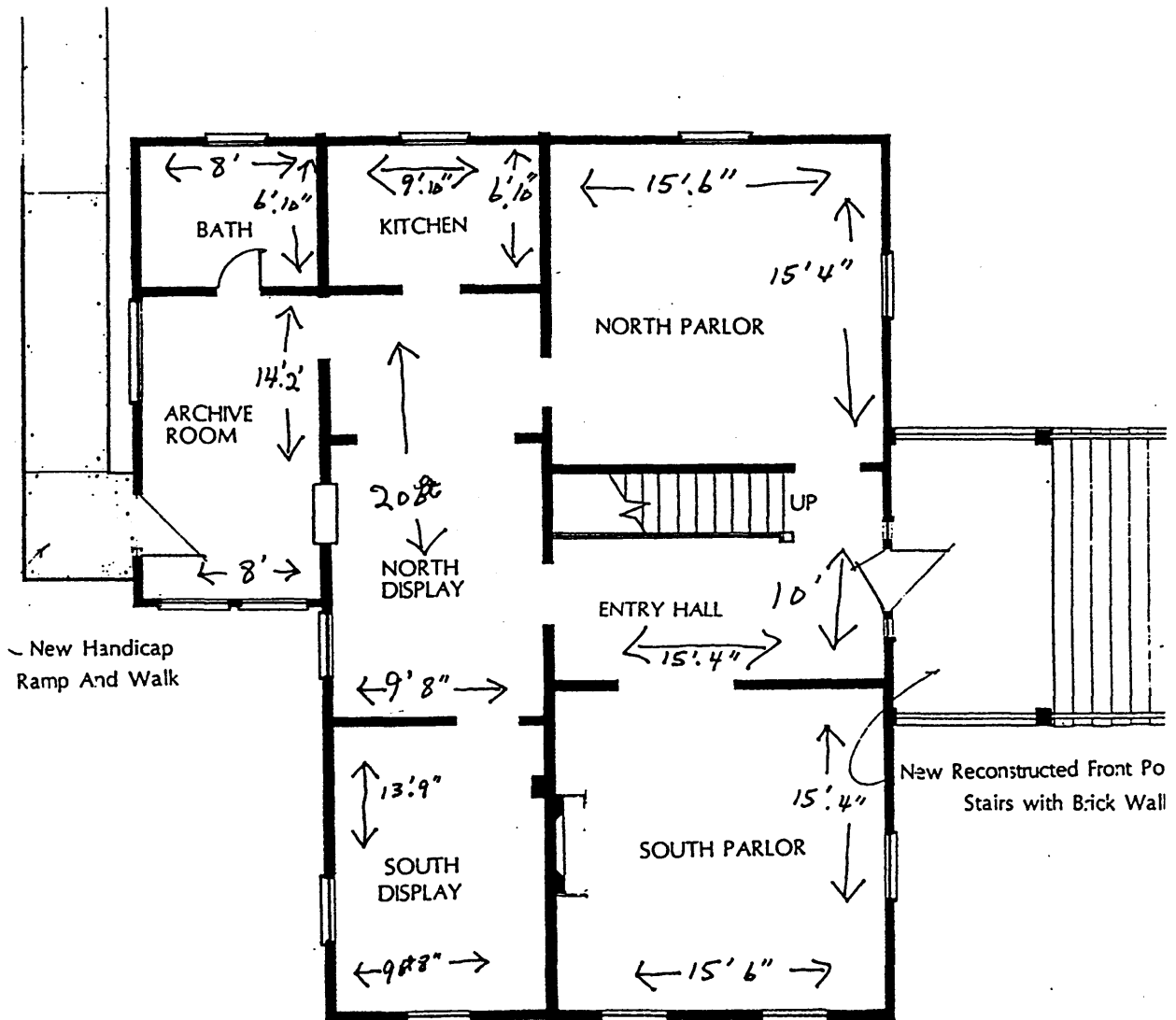
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 7

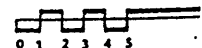
Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

First floor plan



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

THE HISTORIC GOTTEN H



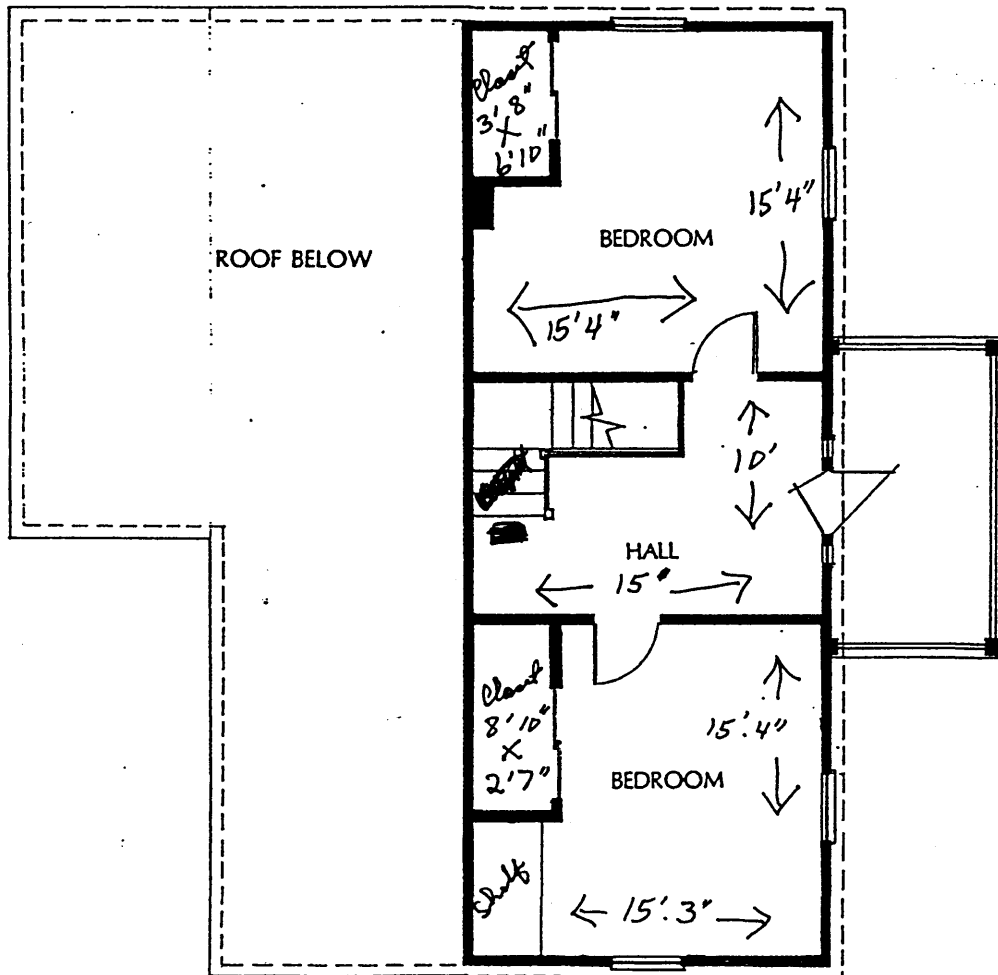
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 8

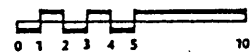
Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

Second floor plan



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

THE HISTORIC GOTTEN HOUSE



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 9

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nicholas Gotten House is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion B for its local significance with Gotten, an important businessman in the community. Nicholas Gotten arrived in Bartlett in 1860 and immediately began to have an impact on the town, then known as Union Depot. Gotten operated a gin and mill, patented a gin feeder, and was elected the community's first Constable. Although the Nicholas Gotten House was altered over the years, the City of Bartlett has restored the house to the period when Gotten resided. The house retains its overall integrity.

Nicholas Gotten was a native of Prussia, born August 17, 1832. The family lived in Spangdahlen, Germany, near the French and German border. At age twenty-two, he immigrated to the United States of America and spent four years in the north before moving to Memphis, Tennessee in 1858 and then to Union Depot (Bartlett) in January 1860.

Union Depot was a rural community providing essential commercial services to the early settlers of the area. The settlement was named Union Depot when the Ohio Railroad was built through the area in the early 1850s. Shortly after arriving, Nicholas Gotten purchased lots along the stagecoach route (now known as Stage Road) near the railroad and started his businesses. He first established himself as a blacksmith and then added milling and cotton ginning, all important services to the residents of Union Depot and the nearby farming communities.

When the Civil War began in 1861, Nicholas considered joining the Confederate Army. However, friends convinced him to stay home, since his occupation was so important to the community. But in 1862, after the fall of Fort Donelson (NR 10/15/66, National Military Park), he could not be restrained and enlisted in Company C, Third Cavalry, under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He fought bravely at Shiloh (NR 10/15/66, National Military Park), Corinth (NHL 5/6/91, Siege and Battle of Corinth), Britton's Lane, Iuka, Thompson's Station, and numerous other engagements. On May 3, 1864 he was seriously wounded while fighting at Bolivar, Tennessee. After several months of recuperation in private homes in the Bolivar area, he was captured by Federal troops and then exchanged. He continued his military service until the war ended.

After his return from the war, Gotten returned to Union Depot and resumed his business interests. Union Depot was renamed the Town of Bartlett and incorporated in 1866. According to the *Memphis Daily Appeal* of May 3, 1867

The town of Bartlett is incorporated, a charter having been granted by the last legislature. It is a beautiful little town, only eleven miles from the city, on the Ohio

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 10

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

railroad, improving considerably, with a population of three hundred. Several of our merchants reside at Bartlett.

G.M. Bartlett was elected Bartlett's first Mayor; W.T. Pryor, Dr. Wright, J.B. Mercer, H.I. Priddy, and Dr. Nicholas Blackwell were the first Aldermen; and Nicholas Gotten was elected the town's first Constable.

Nicholas was married to Julia S. Coleman, a daughter of Steven Coleman and sister of a Confederate comrade, James Coleman, on January 26, 1869. He and his bride took up residence in a house on the northwest corner of Blackwell Street and Sycamore View. On September 28, 1870, he purchased lot number 84 at the southwest corner of Court and Woodlawn streets from Dr. Nicholas Blackwell and William T. Pryor for \$300. According to the Trustee's records, the house known as the Gotten House at 2969 Court Street was built on that lot in 1871.

Nicholas and Julia had three children: Peter Monroe Gotten, born March 1870; David Henry Gotten, born September 1873 and Maggie Amelia Gotten, born December 1877. The sons both married and had families but the daughter never married.

As a blacksmith, ginner, and miller, his services were considered valuable among the people of the Bartlett area. Gotten worked to improve a cotton gin feeder and submitted a patent to the U.S. Patent office. He was granted patent no. 239.380 on March 29, 1881. However, he did not have the financial means to produce the cotton feeder on a commercial scale, so his invention was never profitable for him.

On June 27, 1910, Gotten sold his cotton gin and commercial lots to his son, D.H. Gotten, for \$4,000 and retired from business. On August 27, 1919, four days after his 87th birthday, he passed away, leaving his residence to his spinster daughter, Maggie. He was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis. His wife had died January 13, 1892 and was buried in the back yard of their home, but in 1920 her remains were exhumed and reburied beside her husband.

This family has been prominent in this community for more than 140 years. Nicholas' three children lived here all their lives. David Gotten, his grandson, and wife, Willie, lived here until their deaths. David owned an insurance agency and was a Bartlett Alderman for twenty years during the 1960s and 1970s. Nicholas' great granddaughter and her son, Michael Elder, still reside only a few blocks from the home their ancestors built. He and his bride Shirley were married at the Gotten House on April 15, 2000.

The Nicholas Gotten House remained in the family until 1948 when. The City of Bartlett purchased the house and used it for many years as a police station annex and jail. Presently, the

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places

Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 11

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

Gotten House is leased to the Bartlett Historical Society. They maintain the interior and the city is responsible for the exterior of the house.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 9 Page 12

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1910 U.S. Census, Civil District 7, Shelby County, Bartlett, page 171-A.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents, 1881, Washington, D.C., page 99, National Archives: Invention Patent 239380. N. Gotten.

Complete Confederate Military History Vol. 8, page 509, 1899.

Death certificate of Nicholas Gotten. Tennessee 1919 File 2307.

Gotten, David, H. Interview by Jonathan K. T. Smith

Kennon, Jonathon, and Thompson Smith. *Bartlett A Beautiful Tennessee City*

Magness, Perre. *Good Abode: Nineteenth Century Architecture in Memphis and Shelby County*.
Memphis: Junior League of Memphis, 1983.

Matthews, Paul A., and James B. Jones, Jr. *Passport to Tennessee History: A Guide to Selected
Historic Sites, Historic Areas and Museums*. Nashville: Tennessee Historical Commission,
1996.

Oral history of Ruth Dew, who lived in Nicholas Gotten house (on tape).

Shelby County Deed book 480, page 615, recorded March 29, 1911.

Shelby County Marriage Book D, page 78.

Shelby County Will book 31, page 64, executed February 5, 1912, probated August 27, 1919.

The Commercial Appeal (Memphis), 4 June, 1917.

The Memphis Daily Appeal (Memphis), 3 May 1867.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 10 Page 13

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

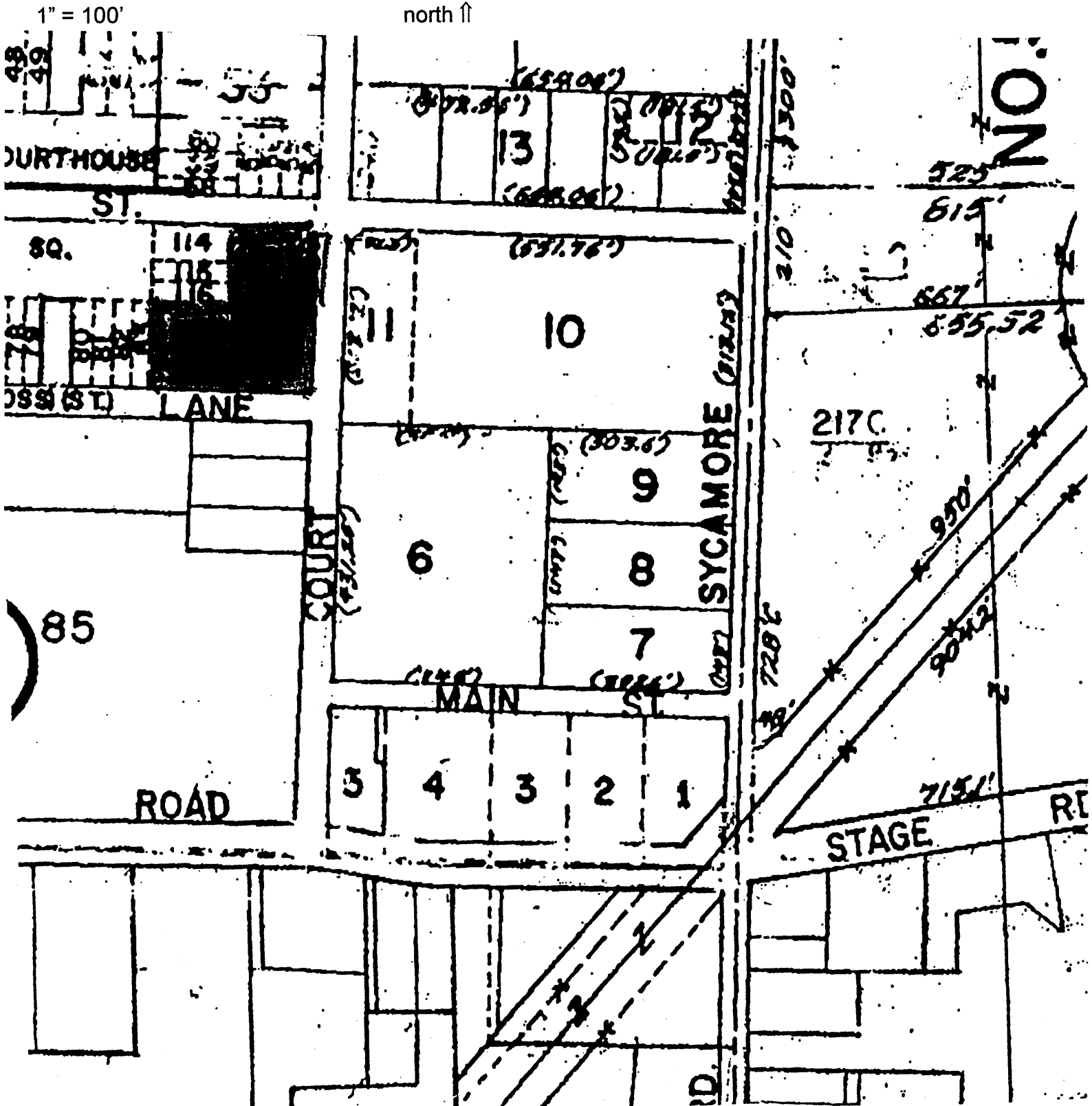
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The nominated boundary includes 1.2 acres containing the building that is historically associated with the residence of Nicolas Gotten from 1871 to 1919. This consists of lot 84 (Shelby County Deed Book Number 75, pages 503 and 504.) This is all the land associated with the Nicholas Gotten House.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 10 Page 14

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number photos Page 15

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos by: Jeanette Rainey
September 2001

Negatives: Tennessee Historical Commission,
Nashville, Tennessee

Historical marker, facing north

1 of 37

Gotten House facade, facing west

2 of 37

Gotten House façade, facing northwest

3 of 37

South elevation, facing north

4 of 37

Front portico showing second story porch and balustrade, facing west

5 of 37

Detail of brick pier and concrete block foundation, facing west

6 of 37

Detail of second story porch, facing west

7 of 37

Portico, facing southwest

8 of 37

Porch and picket fence, facing south

9 of 37

One-story rear addition, facing southeast

10 of 37

North elevation, facing south

11 of 37

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number photos Page 16

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

South elevation, facing northeast
12 of 37

North elevation with handicap ramp, facing southeast
13 of 37

Public restrooms, facing east
14 of 37

Entry hall (showing stair rail and newel post), facing north
15 of 37

Front door and sidelights, facing east
6 of 37

Stairs and rail, facing west
17 of 37

Detail of stair rail and newel post, facing north
18 of 37

South parlor with fireplace, facing west
19 of 37

South parlor, facing northeast
20 of 37

North display room
21 of 37

North display room
22 of 37

South display room (former dining room) facing south
23 of 37

Kitchen, facing north
24 of 37

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number photos Page 17

Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County, Tennessee

Bathroom, facing southwest
25 of 37

Bathroom, facing northeast
26 of 37

Archive room, facing south
27 of 37

North parlor, facing northeast
28 of 37

North parlor, facing northwest
29 of 37

Attic door, facing west
30 of 37

Upper hall, facing northeast
31 of 37

South bedroom, facing northeast
32 of 37

South bedroom, facing southeast
33 of 37

View of stair rail from south bedroom, facing north
34 of 37

North bedroom, facing east
35 of 37

North bedroom, facing northeast
36 of 37

North bedroom with projecting modern closet, facing southwest
37 of 37

PICTURE MADE IN 1920's

FRANCES GOTTON IN PICTURE.



Gotten, Nicholas, House
Shelby County TN