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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Alumni Gym
other names/site number Alumni Gym

2. Location

street & number On the Maryville College Campus in Maryville N/A not for publication
city, town Maryville N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Herbert C. Singer 6/8/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy SHPO, 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.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. 7/25/89

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
RECREATION AND CULTURE/Sports Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
RECREATION AND CULTURE/Sports Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/20th Century Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Wood

roof Asphalt
other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Alumni Gym is a one-and one-half-story, rectangular plan, eleven bay building constructed in 1923. The building has a concrete foundation, gable roof of composition shingles, and shiplap siding. On the main (north) facade are three pairs of double doors - the west and east bay doors are original five panel design while the central bay doors are ca. 1970 additions. Windows are six-over-six original rectangular sash. On the east facade are ca. 1970 sliding track doors. Other doors on the building are original two and six panels wood design.

In the half-story are original six light casement clerestory windows grouped in sections of three on both the east and west facades. Beneath the eaves are exposed eave rafters and brackets. At the roofline are three small gable monitor roof extensions with exposed eave rafters and shiplap siding. The interior is a large open gymnasium with wood basketball court, post and lintel construction and timber frame truss ceiling. Interior walls have horizontal board siding. The wings were designed to house the bleachers which have been removed. The west wing has been partitioned with added frame walls for use by the maintenance department. At the rear is a ca. 1970 frame office building which is non-contributing to the property. The building is located on the western edge of the Maryville College campus and is adjacent to the boundary of the Maryville College Historic District but it is not viable to include it in the district.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education

Period of Significance

1923 - ca. 1939

Significant Dates

1923

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Alumni Gym is significant under criterion A for its association with the early 20th century development of Maryville College. The building was constructed in 1923 to serve as the school's first recreational facility and was the main gym on campus until the construction of a new facility in the 1970s. It served primarily to house the school's basketball court and was built with shed roof wings to house the bleacher sections. The building continues to be used as a sports facility by Maryville College.

The Alumni Gym was completed in 1923 as part of the athletic campaign during the years 1920 to 1921. A campaign "to raise \$50,000 to provide for the College a modern gymnasium and an adequate athletic field" was opened by former students and the Alumni Association. Professors Horace E. Orr and Edwin R. Hunter were selected to direct the \$50,000 campaign. The architect for the building is unknown but the design was for a large frame vernacular structure with a gable roof and clerestory windows. Upon completion the building served to house basketball, volleyball and other sports activities. The building was the primary center for these college sports until the construction of a new gymnasium in recent years. The building continues to be used for sporting events by the college.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Lloyd, Ralph Waldo. Maryville College: A History of 150 Years, 1819-1969. Maryville, Tennessee: Maryville College Press, 1969.

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 Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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Maryville Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Alumni Gym is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 58-G, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The boundary for the gym is a rectangular parcel which measures 150 X 175 feet, whose northwest corner is 15 feet directly northwest of the northwest corner of the foundation of the building and whose southeast corner is 15 feet directly southeast of the southeast corner of the building.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Alumni Gym is drawn to include the building and its immediate surroundings. The boundary for the Maryville College Historic District runs along the northeastern edge of the boundary for the gym. To the northwest, southwest, and southeast the boundary is drawn to exclude open space and athletic fields on the campus.

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Photographs

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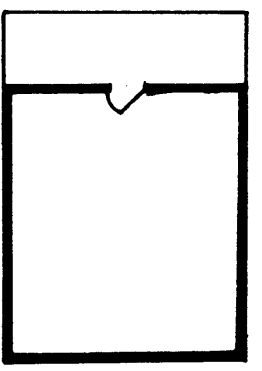
Alumni Gym
Maryville College Campus, Maryville, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: North and east facades.
Photo # 1

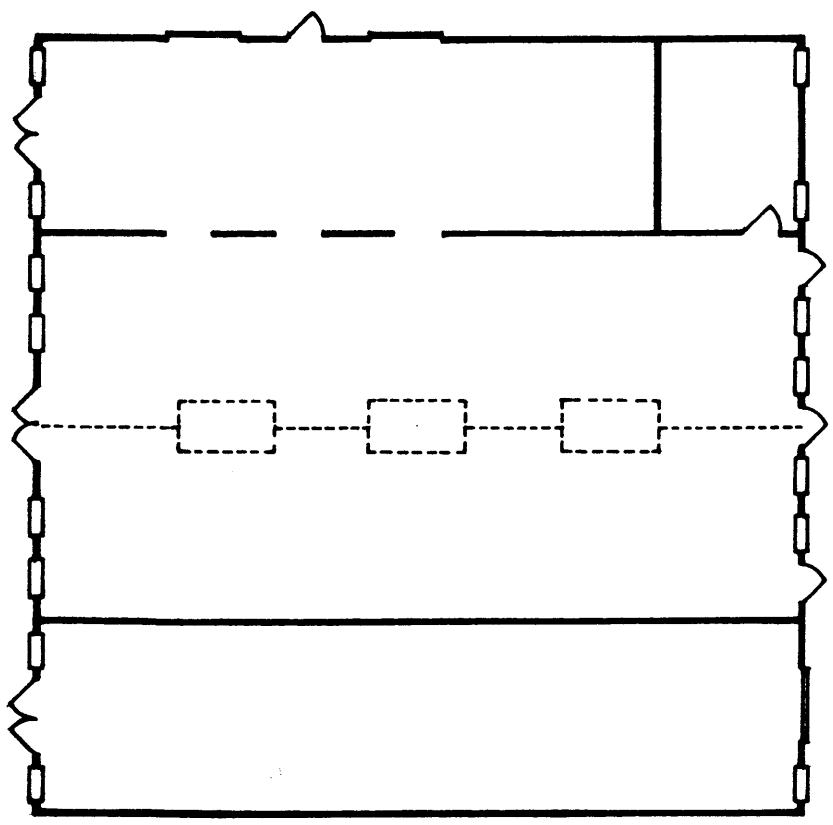
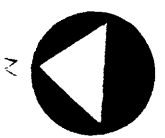
View: West facade.
Photo # 2

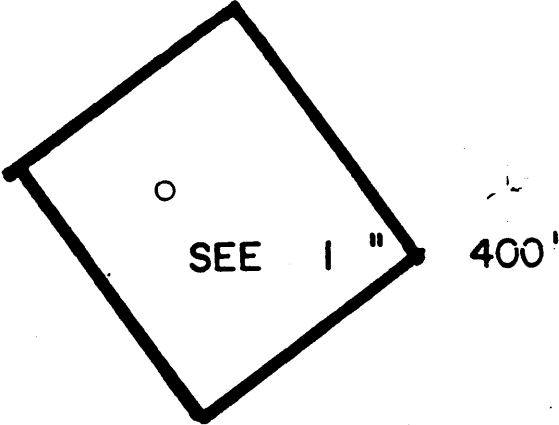
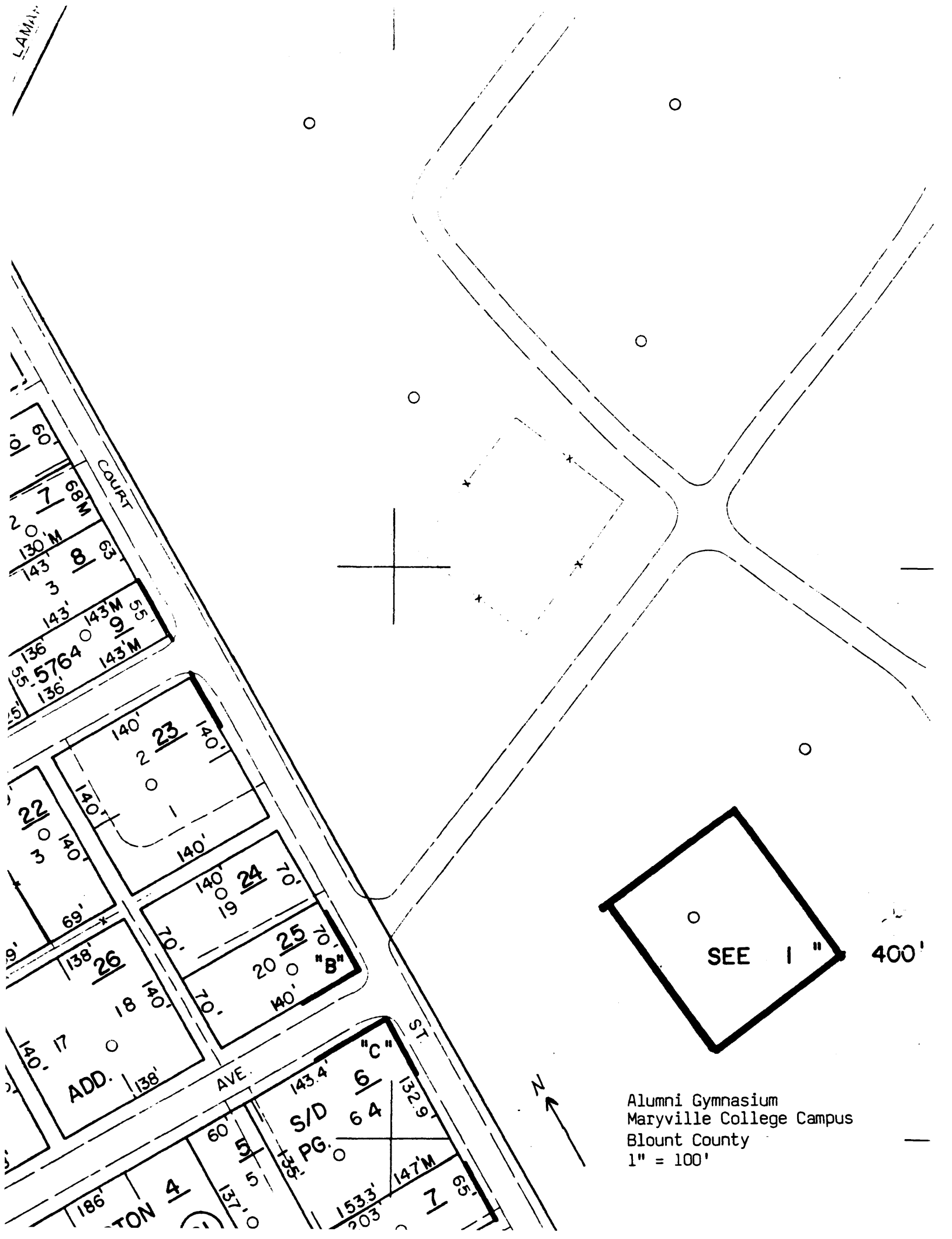
View: South and east facades.
Photo # 3

OFFICE



ALUMNI GYM
MARVILLE COLLEGE CAMPUS





Alumni Gymnasium
 Maryville College Campus
 Blount County
 1" = 100'