

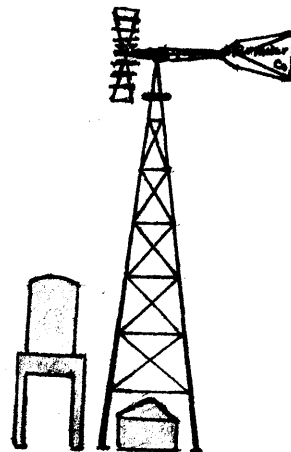
IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>N/A</u>	STATUS	Open to public: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Common name: <u>McKenzie Windmill</u>		Visible from road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Address: <u>1150 Highway 58</u> <u>Georgetown, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: <u>N/A</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Owner's name: <u>Bob Rymer</u>		Present use: <u>Agriculture</u>
	Owner's address: <u>Route 3, White Oak Road</u> <u>Cleveland, Tennessee 37311</u>		Current condition: <u>Good</u>
	Classification: <u>Structure-private</u>		Alterations: <u>N/A</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 1, Map 78-P, Parcel 33</u>		Site features: <u>Windmill is located approxi-</u> <u>mately 50 yards N of Vassey House</u> <u>(Meigs #290). (No other buildings are</u> <u>included within nominated boundaries.)</u>
	Acreage: <u>1.1 acres</u>		
UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3914360</u> <u>E 689420</u>			
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1931</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>Interview with J. T. McKenzie, Georgetown,</u> <u>TN., April 19, 1979.</u>
	Architect/builder: <u>The Aermotor Company,</u> <u>Chicago</u>		
	Original or previous owners: <u>J. T. McKenzie</u>		
	Original use: <u>Agriculture</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Agriculture</u> Secondary <u>Engineering</u> Other <u>N/A</u>		Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u> Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u> Date: <u>10/6/81</u>
DESCRIPTION	The McKenzie Windmill is a turbine-wheel type, self governing windmill. The mechanism that utilizes the wind for power consists of galvanized sheet steel blades in the wheel and a galvanized sheet steel vane stencilled "The Aermotor Co.-Chicago." The windmill mechanism is supported by a tall four legged steel rod derrick that is built over a small pump house. A water tank supported by a platform is located next to the windmill and stores water pumped by the windmill.		
SIGNIFICANCE	Erected in 1931, the McKenzie Windmill was manufactured by the Aermotor Company of Chicago. The only windmill in Meigs County, the McKenzie Windmill is one of the few windmills in East Tennessee. Because of plentiful surface water sources in Tennessee, windmills have seldom been erected in the state. The McKenzie Windmill is an excellent example of the turbine wheel, self-governing windmill, and is representative of windmill engineering early in the 1900's. The windmill is significant to Tennessee's engineering record as increasing fuel shortages lead to searches for alternative energy sources such as the wind. The McKenzie Windmill also preserves one of the few commercial signs from pre-World War II Meigs County. The shape and stencilling of the McKenzie Windmill's vane serves as a distinctive advertisement for the company that produced it, the Aermotor Company of Chicago.		

**PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA**

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**CONTINUATION**

**SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow**



**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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MEIGS COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION - McKenzie Windmill (#37)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

37. The boundaries shown of the accompanying map conform to the dimensions of the lot, occupied by the windmill, which consists of 1.1 acres of land.

Historic Resources of Meigs County,  
Tennessee

(Partial Inventory: Historic and  
Architectural Resources)

MCKENZIE WINDMILL (#37)



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1" = 100'