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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 Dudney, Jack, House  
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 90 West Poplar Avenue N/A not for publication  
city, town Collierville N/A vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Shelby code 157 zip code 38017

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Hist. and Arch. Resources of Collierville, TN

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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.

Signature of certifying official Robert L. Hrypa Deputy SHPO, Tenn. Hist. Comm. Date 2/7/91

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.  
 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:)

Patrick Andrews

3/29/91

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD/weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other WOOD/porch columns

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The Jack Dudney House is a rambling frame late victorian cottage with Colonial Revival styling, situated on a high terrace above the right of way for West Poplar Avenue (State Highway 57) in the Town of Collierville (pop. 7,839, 1980 Census), located in the southeastern corner of Shelby County, Tennessee. Built in ca. 1911-1912 for John Frank (Jack) Dudney, Jr., the residence is a one-story, five bay, frame variation of the late-Victorian Cottage plan and form, detailed with elements of the Colonial Revival style. The structure is covered with a complex hip and gable roof structure with a hipped gable and gable ends enclosed with a pent roof. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The exterior of the structure features an L-shaped porch extending across its front, which is covered with a half-hip roof and supported by paired columns with Doric capitals on Tuscan shafts. Two entrances lead to the interior from the porch. The main entrance features a full leaded glass transom and sidelights around a single-light door. The side (eastern) door from the porch features a single-light transom above a single-light door.

The exterior of the structure is clad with weatherboard siding. Windows of the structure are one-over-one double-hung sash lights.

The interior of the structure is laid out in a variation of the traditional cottage plan. Public rooms of the house flow from one to another through large openings; the private spaces of the home are grouped around a partial center hall leading to the kitchen at the rear. A large informal living room space lies inside the front door, with a formal dining room beyond to one side, separated by a double, multi-light door. Both rooms feature fireplace mantels and trim details of the Colonial Revival period.

The dining room is notable for its mantel, which features a pair of shadow boxes detailed with Arts and Crafts fretwork, and for its trim features, which include a high plate rail and a cornice composed of an elongated cyma and picture mold. Beyond the dining room is a butler's pantry connecting it with the kitchen.

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The bedrooms and other private spaces of the house are arranged on the eastern side of the plan, across the hall from the others. Each room is simply detailed. Enclosures of rear porches were made in the 1950s to provide an office space and a den space.

Associated with the Dudney House is a single-story frame carport and storage building, built in ca. 1950 with a hip roof and weatherboard siding. This structure does not contribute to the significance of the property.

**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)  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
1911

Significant Dates  
1911

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.

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The Jack Dudney House is significant under National Register Criterion C in the area of architecture as a significant local example of the Colonial Revival style. Built in 1911 for local merchant and politician Jack Dudney (1875-1954), the residence remains as a distinctive part of the residential and commercial construction boom in Collierville during the period ca. 1895 to 1920. The structure remains as a visible and notable part of the streetscape of West Poplar Avenue (State Highway 57), the major east/west transportation artery through this portion of Shelby County.

Born in 1875 in the town of Macon, Tennessee in nearby Fayette County, John Frank (Jack) Dudney, Jr. moved to Collierville with his mother and father in 1885 to establish his father's general store on the Collierville Town Square. Raised in the mercantile environment of his father's business, the younger Dudney entered the retail trade after completing high school as a clerk in the McDonald Brothers Mercantile Store, also on Collierville's Town Square.

Aside from his retail business interests, Dudney maintained a daily interest in a 600 acre family farm, like many other merchants in the town. The farm was run by overseers from its headquarters on Peterson Lake Road. The farm was assembled by Dudney's father from 1885 to ca. 1900, and its operation was continued by the family until dissembled by Dudney's estate following his death in 1954.

In about 1905, Dudney joined the grocery and dry goods company of W. J. Crenshaw of Collierville and rose to the position of partner. While employed there, Dudney acquired a tract on the old State Line Road (now West Poplar Avenue) and employed an unknown local builder to construct this house in 1911. It is suspected to be the work of prominent local builder W. W. McGinnis (1876-1959), though no evidence of this association has yet come to light for this particular property.

Following the construction of his home, Dudney joined with J. T. Biggs in 1914 to open a general merchandise and dry goods store under the name of Biggs and Dudney. During

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the early part of the twentieth century, Biggs and Dudney served as a small department store of a sort for the retail needs of the growing Collierville area. While partner of this successful enterprise, Dudney entered the world of local politics with his election as magistrate of the County Court beginning in 1922. With the death of J. T. Biggs in 1935, the firm of Biggs and Dudney was disbanded. At this same time, Dudney was elected Chairman of the County Quarterly Court, a position he held until his death at his West Poplar Avenue home on April 2, 1954. Dudney's tenure as Chairman of the Shelby County Court lasted longer than any county elected official in the years before or since. The property is carefully maintained today by the son-in-law of Dudney, Thomas Dean, who first occupied the home in the 1930s with his wife, Eula Dudney Dean.

The Jack Dudney House stands as a significant element of the Town of Collierville as outlined and defined in the Multiple Resources Property Form for the Historical and Architectural Resources of Collierville, Tennessee. The property maintains aspects of integrity in the qualities of its design, materials, setting and workmanship as set forth for the evaluation of individually-eligible properties under Criteria C in the area of architecture. The property also reflects qualities of its historical association consistent with residences constructed during the Post-Bellum Development of Collierville in ca. 1866 to 1920.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Collierville Herald, April 6, 1954, pg. 1. Obituary of Jack Dudney, Jr.  
Dean, Thomas M., personal interview with John L. Hopkins, July 25, 1990.  
Office of the County Register, Shelby County, TN. Deed Book 434, page 139,  
September 29, 1908.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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 one acre

UTM References

A 16 256890 3881170  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

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Collierville 416SW

Verbal Boundary Description

The property in nomination is located in Civil District 10 of Shelby County in the Town of Collierville at 90 West Poplar Avenue (northwestern corner with Burrows Road), also described as a part of Block 44L, Lot 791 as delineated on the enclosed Shelby County tax map.

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Boundary Justification

The property in nomination contains all of the contiguous property historically associated with the residence of Jack Dudney that remains in association with the structure today.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

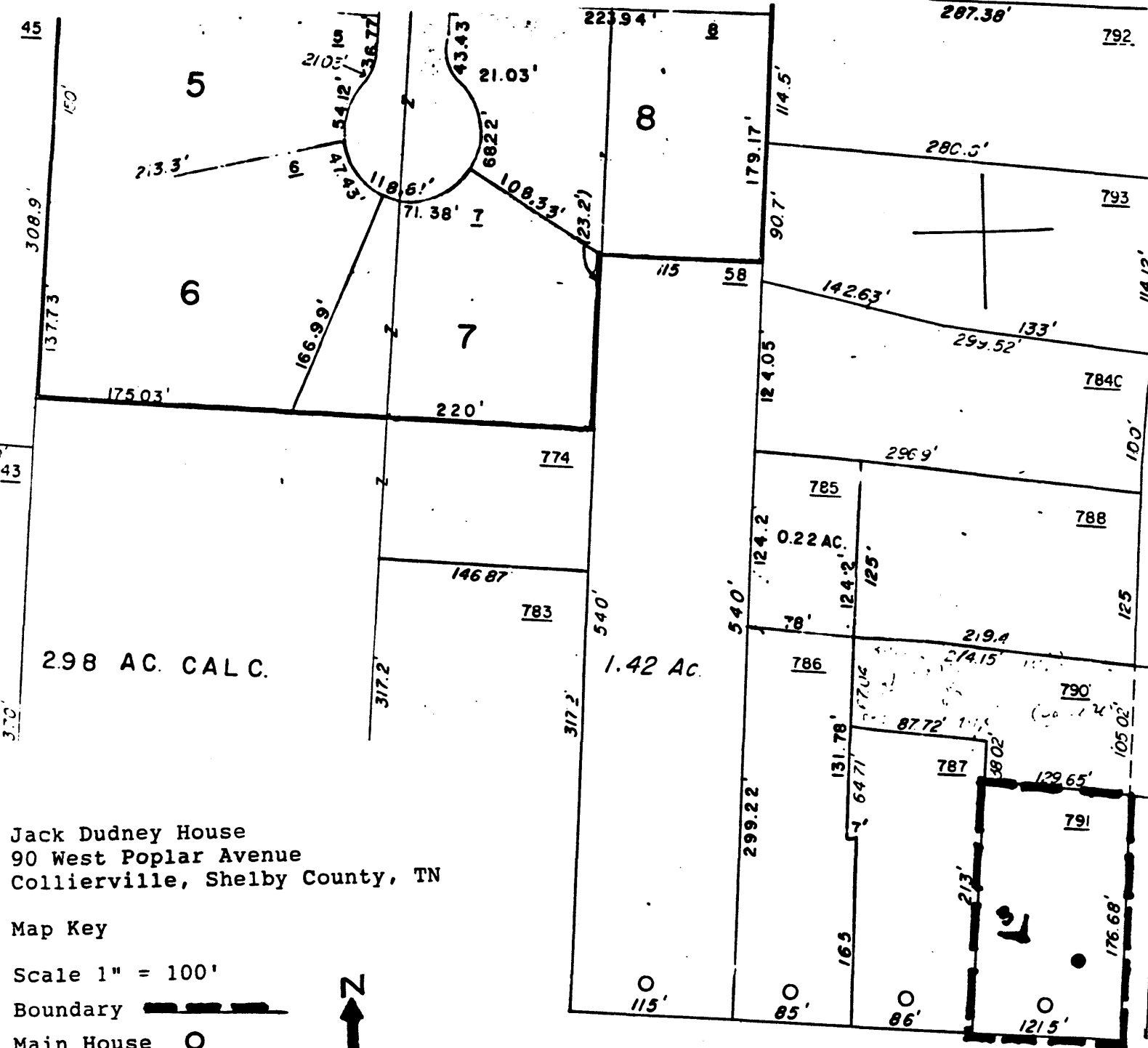
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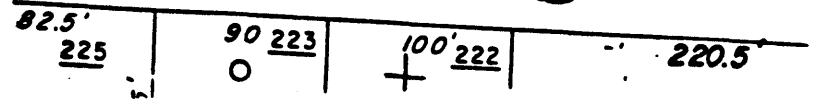


Jack Dudney House  
90 West Poplar Avenue  
Collierville, Shelby County, TN

Map Key

- Scale 1" = 100'
- Boundary
- Main House
- Non-contrib. structure
- Photo location

POPLAR AVENUE



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90 West Poplar Avenue  
Collierville, Shelby County, TN

Photographed by: Barry Heifner  
Date: August, 1990  
Negs: Tenn. Historical Comm.

View of the front (southern) facade, looking generally northwest.  
Photo 1 of 8

View of the front (southern) and side (western) facades, looking generally northeast.  
Photo 2 of 8

View of the rear (northern) and side (western) facades, and the rear carport structure, looking generally southeast.  
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View of the living room from the front entrance.  
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View of the living room and the dining room beyond. The door to the butler's pantry and the kitchen lies to the left of the fireplace.  
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View from the dining room back to the living room and the front entrance.  
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View of the front bedroom its door leading to the porch, and the rear bedrooms through the door at right.  
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View of the kitchen area, with the door to the butler's pantry and dining room at right.  
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