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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 any 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 Neuhoff, Henry House
other names/site number Dubuisson, John H. and Dorothy, House

2. Location

street & number 1407 Chickering Road not for publication N/A
city or town Forest Hills vicinity N/A
state Tennessee code TN county Davidson code 037 zip code 37215

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Harold P. Keppeler 9/14/03
Signature of certifying official 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 commenting or other official Date

 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register Edson H. Beall
 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):
 Signature of Keeper 10/27/03 Date of Action

Neuhoff, Henry, House
Name of Property

Davidson County, Tennessee
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count).

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

"Historic and Architectural Resources of Forest Hills"

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>Agricultural Building</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

MODERN MOVEMENT: International

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>STONE</u>
roof	<u>ROLLED ROOFING</u>
walls	<u>BRICK; GLASS</u>
other	<u>WOOD</u>

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions).

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1939

Significant Dates

1939

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Criteria Considerations

N/A

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- 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.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

Neuhoff, Henry, House
Name of Property

Davidson County, Tennessee
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.4 acres, USGS Quad: Oak Hill 308 SE

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	511993	3991894	3		
2				4		

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Thomason and Associates date April 23, 2003
street & number P.O. Box 121225 telephone (615) 385-4960
city or town Nashville state TN zip code 37212

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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name Maclin Davis Jr.
street & number 1407 Chickering Road telephone 615-297-2183
city or town Forest Hills state TN zip code 37215

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DESCRIPTION

The Henry Neuhoff House is a two-story, brick veneer, International style dwelling built in 1939. The dwelling is located on a large suburban lot in the incorporated community of Forest Hills in Davidson County, Tennessee. The house faces a broad landscaped yard and behind the house is a wooded hill. A paved driveway connects Chickering Road with the house.

The house was designed in the International Style and has a flat roof of rolled roofing, a stone foundation, and an exterior of stretcher bond brick. On the main (east) facade is a two-story projecting bay with a curved wall of structural glass blocks. On the first story of this projecting bay is a recessed vestibule containing the main entrance. This entrance has original paired double doors of three-light glass and wood design. Adjacent to the entrance is an original nine-light porthole window. Also on the main facade is a projecting bay window with a wrought iron railing at the roofline. The bay window has original, paired four-light steel casement design units set within multi-light fixed steel design windows. Other windows in the dwelling are original multi-light steel jalousie design with transoms and brick sills.

On the south facade is a one-story sun room with ca. 1978 aluminum and glass windows. Below the roofline of the two-story section are two brick beltcourses. The north facade of the dwelling has three window bays on each of the two floors. On the rear (west) facade is an exterior wall brick chimney. This facade also has a projecting bay with a curved wall of structural glass blocks. The rear (west) facade also has a one-story ell. This ell has an original exterior wall brick chimney and entrance with an original five-light glass and wood door on the south facade. Windows in this rear ell are ca. 1978 fixed design. The entrance on the north facade of the ell has an original single-light glass and wood door. This rear ell originally had two garage bays on its north facade. These bays were enclosed with brick and single-light windows ca. 1978. In a storage wing at the rear are ca. 1978 solid wood doors.

The interior of the dwelling has original wood floors, plaster walls and ceilings, and solid wood doors with stainless steel hardware. The main hallway of the house on the first floor retains an original linoleum floor. The original central staircase is curved and has wood treads and risers, a wrought iron railing, and exterior wall of structural glass block. The first floor of the house consists of a living room, sunroom, dining room, kitchen, bedroom and two bathrooms. The living room has an original fireplace mantel of Colonial Revival design with a wood surround and tile hearth. The sunroom on the south facade has an original tile floor. The kitchen was remodeled in the 1970s and has added floor and walls surfaces, and added wall cabinets. The second floor has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The second floor has original plaster ceilings and walls, and added carpet over the original wood floors. The hallway and landing on the second floor has a curved wall of structural glass block. Bathrooms have original tile floors, tile walls, fixtures, and added cabinets.

To the west of the house is a ca. 1978 frame barn, which is a non-contributing building.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry Neuhoff House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architectural significance as a notable example of the International style. The International style was not widely constructed in Middle Tennessee, and few examples exist in Nashville. This dwelling is a significant example of this early 20th century style with elements such as the use of structural glass blocks, curved walls, and flat roof. Some windows have been replaced with late 20th century designs; however, the dwelling retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The Henry Neuhoff House meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic and Architectural Resources of Forest Hills."

The Henry Neuhoff House was constructed in 1939. The International style emerged in the late 1920s and early 1930s with an emphasis on smooth lines and modernistic design. Originating in Europe, this style was a break from traditional building. Architects such as Le Corbusier and Walter Gropius brought the style to America's attention.¹ Styles such as Colonial and Tudor Revival were the most popular in Tennessee during the 1930s and few examples of the International style were built. The Henry Neuhoff House is one of two examples of the style in the City of Forest Hills (the other dwelling, the Dr. Cobb Pilcher House or "Deepwood," is also eligible for the National Register). According to the present owner, the design of the house originated with John Dubuisson, the son-in-law of Henry Neuhoff. Dubuisson was not an architect and possibly selected the design of the house from a pattern book or from the plans of an architect whose identity is not yet known.²

This dwelling was constructed as the home of Henry Neuhoff, a prominent Nashville businessman. Neuhoff was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1887. He moved to Nashville in 1897 and established a meat packing business. The Neuhoff Packing Company incorporated ca. 1906 and became one of the largest independent packers in the South. The company is credited with introducing the first boneless ham in the region. In 1930, Neuhoff sold the business to the Chicago based Swift & Co.³

In the years following the sale of his meat packing business, Neuhoff began to invest in real estate, particularly parking lots and garages in the Nashville area, and made a second fortune with the Hermitage Parking Company. Neuhoff came to own several parking lots in Nashville and in 1947 built a three-deck ramp style garage in town, one of the first in the city. Throughout his life, Neuhoff also served as a director of the First American National Bank, the Life & Casualty Insurance Company, and the Nashville Automobile Club. In 1915 he helped organize the German-American Bank in Nashville, which developed into the Commerce Union Bank.⁴

Although Henry Neuhoff resided in the home at 1407 Chickering Road, deed records reveal that Neuhoff's daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and John H. Dubuisson, actually owned the property. The Dubuissons purchased the property from Edwin Warner in 1938. Warner was from a prominent Nashville family and was one of the area's largest landowners. Following Henry Neuhoff's death, the Dubuissons continued to own the property until December of 1977, when Dorothy Dubuisson sold the house to the present owner, Maclin Davis Jr.⁵

¹Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984), 469-470.

²Personal Interview with Macklin Davis, Jr., September 8, 2000.

³*The Nashville Tennessean*, 6 April 1964.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Davidson County Deed Book 5232, Page 38.

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The Henry Neuhoff House has undergone minimal alterations. After purchasing the home in 1977, the Davis family removed the exterior paint and remodeled a storage room and garage into a bedroom and bath and enlarged this section by a few feet. The Davises also replaced glass in the sunroom windows, and added cabinets and bookshelves in the living room. Despite these minor changes, the Henry Neuhoff House retains a high degree of its architectural integrity and remains a rare example of the International style in Middle Tennessee.

Additional information is located in the accompanying multiple property document, "Historic and Architectural Resources of Forest Hills."

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary for the Henry Neuhoff House includes all of lot 003 on Davidson County tax map 144-05. This parcel includes 3.4 acres and is bounded on east, north and west by adjacent lots lines, and on the south by the right-of-way of Chickering Road.

VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary for the Henry Neuhoff House includes all property historically associated with the dwelling. Within the 3.4 acre parcel is the dwelling and a non-contributing barn. No other buildings or structures are associated with this property.

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Henry Neuhoff House
1407 Chickering Road, Forest Hills, Davidson County, TN
Photo by: Thomason and Associates
Date: September, 2002
Negatives: Tennessee Historical Commission

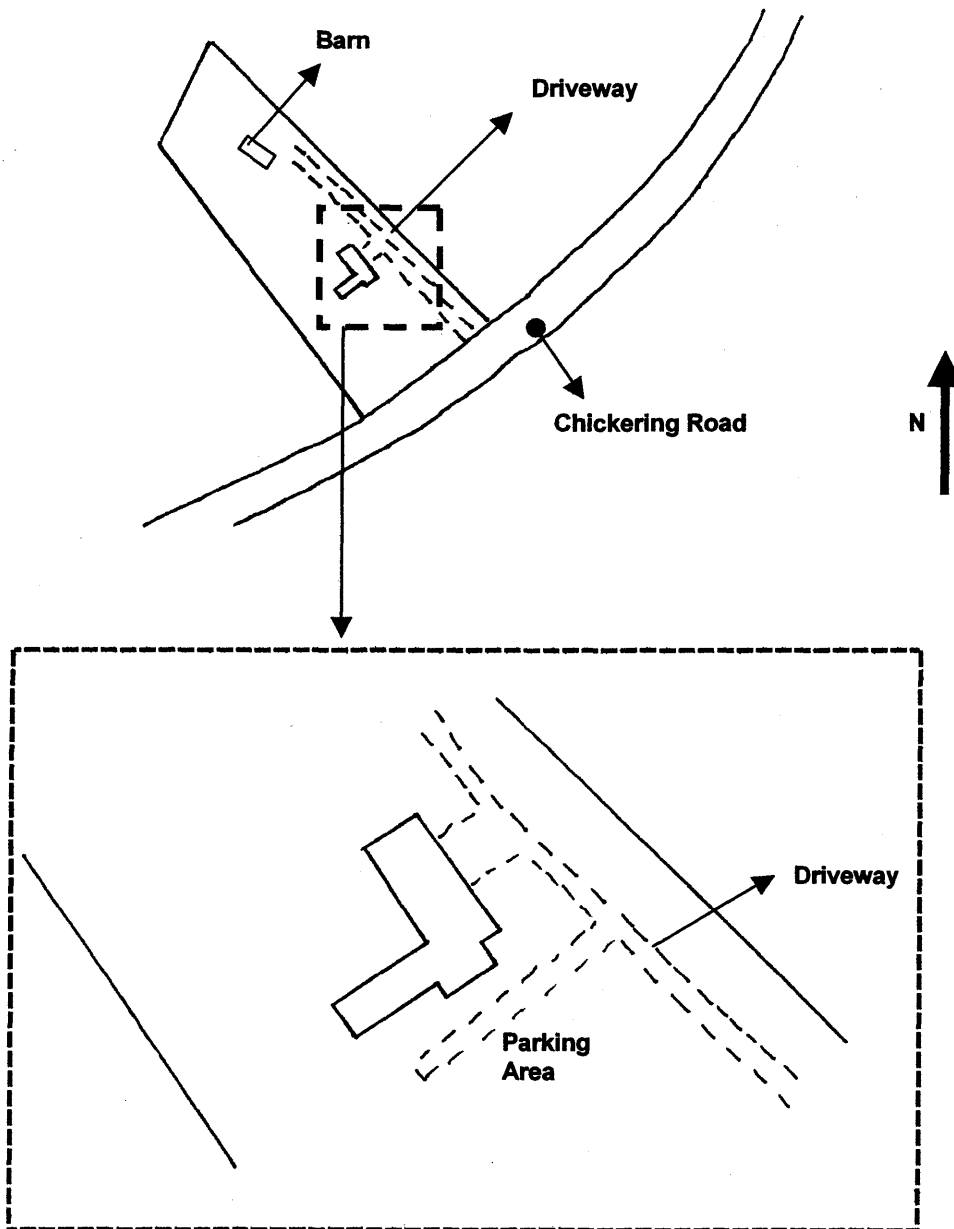
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- Photo No. 2 of 9: Detail of entry vestibule on the east) facade.
- Photo No. 3 of 9: South and west facades, view to the north.
- Photo No. 4 of 9: West facade, view to the east.
- Photo No. 5 of 9: West and north facades, view to the southeast.
- Photo No. 6 of 9: Interior, main staircase.
- Photo No. 7 of 9: Interior, living room.
- Photo No. 8 of 9: Interior, dining room.
- Photo No. 9 of 9: Non-contributing barn, view to the west.

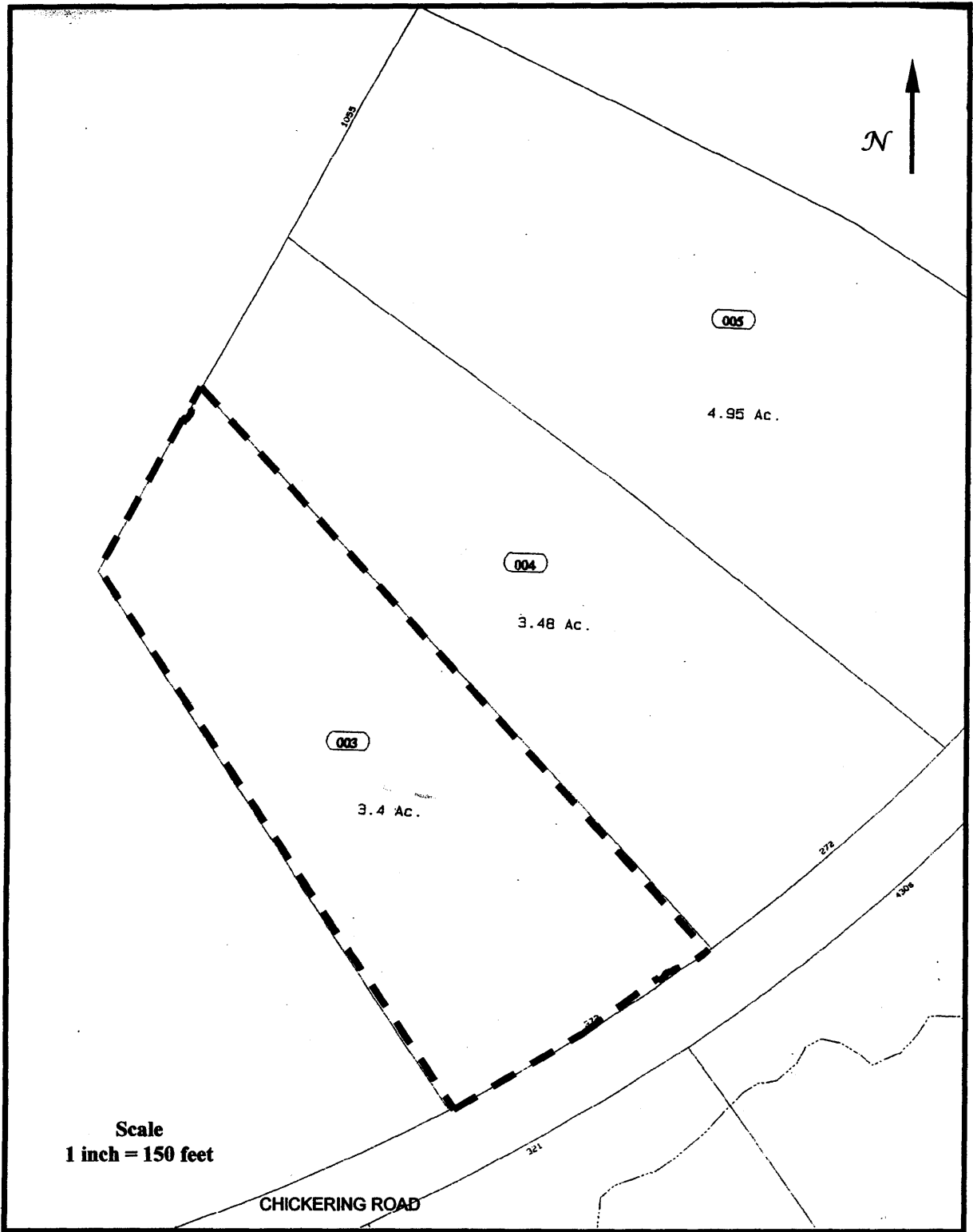
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**Henry Neuhoff House. 1407 Chickering Road. Forest Hills, TN
Davidson County Tax Map 144-05, Parcel 3.**

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Dubuissou--Neuhoff House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Forest Hills, Tennessee MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Davidson

DATE RECEIVED: 12/29/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/11/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 03001077

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/5/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 2/5/04

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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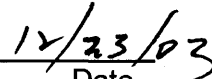
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The Henry Neuhoff house, 1407 Chickering Road, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places October 27, 2003. Since that time, a Neuhoff descendent has brought to the attention of the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office staff the name in which the property is listed under, is incorrect. According to the descendent, the dwelling at Chickering Road was not constructed as the home of Henry Neuhoff. Although Henry Neuhoff resided there, deed records show the owners as John and Dorothy Dubuisson, Neuhoff's daughter and son-in-law.

In light of the new information, the name of the property currently listed as the Henry Neuhoff House should be changed to the Dubuisson-Neuhoff House.


Herbert L. Harper, Deputy SHPO


Date