

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Colonial Hall

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Spring and Main Streets

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Oliver Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_ VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Roane

CODE

145

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Lewis Vaughan Blanton

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 337

CITY, TOWN

Oliver Springs

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Roane County Register's Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Kingston

STATE

Tennessee

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                  UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Colonial Hall, the original part of which was a two-story log house with a dog-trot, is the oldest house in Oliver Springs, Tennessee. Built by Major Moses C. Winters before 1799, it contained six large rooms. The logs were later covered with poplar siding. In 1898, a pedimented front porch with six fluted columns was added to the house. The entrance doorway, which opens into what was formerly the dog-trot, is flanked by panels of small checkered stained glass, which was added during the 1898 alterations. To the left are double doors entering a large oval-shaped living room. On the right a door opens into the library and a large dining room with a field-stone fireplace. Back of the dining room is a large kitchen with a brick fireplace and hearth and a four-inch thick walnut mantel.

From the dog-trot hall one climbs the steep stairway with a hand-carved walnut handrail and newel post, turning left up a short flight of stairs to the two bedrooms and bath upstairs. The master bedroom is directly above and the same size as the living room. Each room in the house contains a fireplace with a mantel.

On the back of the house, a L-shaped addition is used for a second living and dining room. Beside this addition is a brick-paved patio with an old fieldstone wishing well, ninety feet deep, formerly used for drinking water but now only used for gardening. A path leads to a smokehouse with a fieldstone and mud foundation. On the opposite side of the house a brick patio leads from the kitchen down a brick walk to a formal boxwood garden.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Before 1799, 1898 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Maj. Moses C. Winters

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Colonial Hall, Oliver Springs' most prominent landmark, has been associated with the lives of many important people of the area. The original part of the house was built by Major Moses C. Winters, who settled Winters Gap, Tennessee, before 1799, having come from Montgomery County, Virginia, through Carter's Valley in East Tennessee. At his death his son Moses C. Winters II resided there until he sold to Joseph Estabrook, fifth president of the University of Tennessee, in 1852. The next owner was Major John Scott who sold to Mrs. Eliza Gerding Hannah McFerrin, widow of Major John Harvey Hannah, 19th Tennessee Regiment, Confederate States of America and later the wife of Dr. R. A. McFerrin.

Mrs. McFerrin purchased the house in 1886, where she reared her two prominent sons, General Harvey H. Hannah and Gerald Gerding Hannah, and a daughter, Bernice McFerrin. Mrs. McFerrin was the daughter of George Frederick Gerding who formed the East Tennessee Colonization Company and in 1844 founded Wartburg, Tennessee, as a place for immigrants from Germany, France, Poland, and Switzerland to settle. Gerding later moved to Oliver Springs where he died in 1884.

Harvey H. Hannah was a lieutenant-colonel of the 4th Tennessee Infantry in the Spanish-American War and was military governor of Sancti Spiritus, Cuba. He was adjutant-general of Tennessee from 1900 to 1906, and was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of Tennessee. In 1906 he was elected Railroad Commissioner of Tennessee, being chosen as chairman of the Commission in 1922, a position he held until his death in 1836. A great orator and extremely popular man, the state of Tennessee named the highway from Oliver Springs to Harriman in his honor.

Gerald Hannah operated coal mines which belonged to his mother. He later became head of the motor carrier department of the Railroad and Public Utilities Department of Tennessee. He was also mayor of Oliver Springs. His daughter, Geraldine (Mrs. Lewis Vaughan Blanton), is now the owner of Colonial Hall, and the house is well maintained and preserved.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hannah, Gertrude Taylor, "Biography of George Frederick Gerding," unpublished manuscript.

Oliver Springs Newsweek, March 26, 1975.

Interview with Geraldine Hannah Blanton, April 1, 1975.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Robert Clack Woltz

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Bonny Kate Chapter, National Society Daughters of American Revolution

4-18-75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

408 East Redbud Drive

577-7665

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Knoxville

Tennessee

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Harold E. Hayden*

TITLE

Acting Executive Director - Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

7/10/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/11/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

SEP 8 1975