United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name			
historic The Lenoir City	Company	M	
and/or common N/A			
2. Location		**************************************	
street & number Depot Street	- P.O. Box 220-	N.	/A not for publication
city, town Lenoir City	N/A vicinity of	congressional district	Second
state Tennessee	code 047 county	Loudon	code 105
3. Classification			
Category Ownership district public structure both site Public Acquisition object in process being considered	Status _X_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted _X_ yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agricultureX_ commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
name The Lenoir City street & number Depot Street	Company et - P.O. Box 220		
city, town Lenoir City	N/A vicinity of	state	Tennessee 37771
5. Location of Le	gal Description	on	
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Register of Deeds		
street & number	Courthouse		
city, town	Loudon	state	Tennessee 37774
6. Representatio	n in Existing S	Surveys	
title N/A	has this pro	perty been determined ele	egible?yes _X_ no
date N/A	N/A	federal stat	e county local
depository for survey records N/A			
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Condition		Check one	Check one	
_X excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	unaltered X altered	original site moved date _	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

Constructed in 1890, the Lenoir City Company Office is a one story frame structure which exhibits the influence of Stick style of architecture or what is otherwise a rather single Victorian cottage. The office is located on a shaded lot which was situated so as to be readily accessible to the railroad near its south border and to the commercial blocks immediately to its north. It originally served as the ticket office serving passengers on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway in addition to its function as the land office for the Lenoir City Company. Primarily square in plan the office rests on a limestone foundation and is crowned by a complex hipped roof which has a single dormer containing two louvered attic vents. The exterior walls are covered in stagger butt pattern wood shingles which are broken by a belt course of tongue and groove boards at the bottom and a panelled frieze at the roof line. Windows are asymmetrically placed and include both single light and multi-light hung sash.

A projecting bay at the rear of the building was created when the area around the original exterior railroad ticket window was enclosed to provide additional office space. Another addition to the original structure is the small projecting porch which presently shelters the original front door.

The interior of the structure has undergone only minor alterations through the years. One ceiling has been slightly lowered, carpet has been added and the woodwork has been painted. The original door and window trim, wainscotting, doors and ticket window are still intact, and the interior spaces retain their integrity of feeling and association as the structure continues to function as the Lenoir City Company Office.

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8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 X 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture architecture art commerce communications	 X community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlemen 	landscape architectur law literature military music t philosophy politics/government	re religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1890	Builder/Architect Ba	umann Brothers, Knox	ville

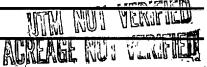
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria A,C

The Lenoir City Company Office is significant as the only surviving original building associated with the Lenoir City Company which planned and developed Lenoir City, Tennessee. This building continues to serve as the office for the Lenoir City Company which is still functioning as a land development and ownership concern. The office is additionally significant as an example of Victorian Cottage architecture.

Late in the 1880s a group of investors, principally from Knoxville, Tennessee, formed the Lenoir City Company for the expressed purpose of building and developing Lenoir City as a "manufacturing city". It was their contention that the geographic location and natural resources of this East Tennessee region would form the foundation for successful enterprises in steelworks, sawmills and lumberyards, woodworking plants, wagon spoke, handle and furniture factories, canneries and all kinds of textile mills. Toward that end they surveyed their almost 3,000 acres of land and developed the town plan for Lenoir City. On September 30, 1890, property in the development area was placed on sale. Lenoir City today is a town of almost 6,000 people; however, it never became the "manufacturing city" envisioned by its developers. The Lenoir City Company continues to operate out of its original company office and manages over 700 parcels of land still under its ownership. The original town plan for the city remains intact and Lenoir City is one of only a few commercially planned and developed towns in Tennessee.

The Lenoir City Company Office was designed by the Knoxville architectural firm of Baumann Brothers and is principally reminiscent of Victorian Cottage architecture. Despite its small size, the structure exhibits many details of Stick Style architecture which was popular in the 1890s and is the only example of such in Lenoir City.

9. Major Bibliographical References



Lenoir City Company, Prospectus of the Lenoir City Company, Lenoir City, Tennessee, 1891.

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and Bank Street and proceeding thence 110' south along Bank Street to a corner, and thence 130' west to a corner, and thence 79' northwest along A Street to a corner, and thence 200' northeast along Depot Street to the point of origin.