

**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 Dodson House

and/or common Dodson-Himelright House

**2. Location**

street & number 119 North 17th Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Humboldt

N/A vicinity of

congressional district #7

state Tennessee

code 047

county Gibson

code 053

**3. 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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name David and Cheryl Himelright

street & number 119 North 17th Avenue

city, town Humboldt

N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee 38343

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Gibson County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Trenton

state Tennessee 38382

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date N/A N/A federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town

N/A

state

N/A

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on North 17th Avenue in Humboldt, Tennessee, the Dodson-Himmelright House is a 2-and-½ story Queen Anne style residence built on an irregular plan. An encircling porch with balustrade is located on the principal facade of the frame dwelling. A round turret with a conical roof is a feature of the second story. There are three brick interior chimneys. The roof is multi-planed.

The house rests upon its original full brick foundation. Exterior walls are covered in weatherboard siding. The three interior chimneys each have two flues which service upstairs and downstairs fireplaces. Original grey slate shingles have been retained as the roof covering for the entire structure.

Windows are straight-topped and glazed with plate glass in both the upper and lower wooden sash. Small-paned stained glass windows are located in the attic story of the turret. A large priel window is found in the right elevation of the principal facade. Original exterior louvered shutters flank both upper and lower story windows.

Other exterior features include: spindle and spool-like balusters, pedimented porch entrance with bouquet and garland decoration, roof finials, modillion brackets, and denticulated porch entablature. The gables contribute much to the overall design of the house. Both the north and south gables exhibit half-timbering, wood panels, and decorative patterns of sunbursts.

Although the interior has been altered over the years, the present owners are in the process of restoring the house. Detailed restoration which has been completed as of December, 1980, includes: reproduction and replacement of missing door and windows frames, baseboards, and crown molding; reproduction and replacement of corner block rosettes; replastering of interior; replacement of stained glass stairwell window; and replacement of wooden portieres in downstairs and upstairs hallways. Future plans include researching exterior paint colors and repair of damaged exterior architectural features.

## 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1894 **Builder/Architect** William W. Dodson

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criteria B,C

The Dodson-Himelright House, built in 1894, is significant for its association with personalities who played important roles in both the social and economic development of the small west Tennessee town of Humboldt. The house is an example of Queen Anne architecture and is located in the older residential neighborhood of the town.

W.H. Dodson, a Humboldt banker, organized and established the Haywood County Bank in Brownsville, Tennessee, in 1889. His son, William, was duly elected assistant cashier of the financial institution. William remained with the bank until the fall of 1892 when he moved to Humboldt and established a real estate company. In February, 1893, William Dodson purchased a townlot from W.N. Bennett for the amount of eight hundred dollars. Early in 1894, he began to oversee the construction of a Queen Anne style residence which was completed by that fall.

After William Dodson's death in 1904, his son moved from Knoxville to Humboldt. George Dodson practiced law in Humboldt for four years before purchasing the Ford automobile dealership. In 1931 William Hooper, grandson of William Dodson, moved into the family residence after graduation from Vanderbilt University. He soon became associated with Dodson Ford dealership and in 1950 he purchased all rights to the dealership. Mr. Hooper was active in community affairs and served on the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Board, and the Ford Dealer Council Board (Memphis District).

Architecturally, the Dodson-Himelright House is a good example of the Queen Anne style residence. Although the interior of the house was altered by the Hooper family, much of the original fabric was retained. The present owners, who purchased the house in 1980, are restoring the interior and plans have been developed for the restoration of the exterior.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Who's Who in Tennessee. Historical Record Association, 1960.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Humboldt, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

B                    
Zone Easting Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property occupies townlot number 10, section "M", tax map 170-G for Humboldt, Tennessee. The property's boundaries, outlined in red, are shown on the accompanying sketch map taken from the Gibson County property assessor's map, and conform to the lot on which the house is situated.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A		N/A	

state	code	county	code
N/A		N/A	

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cate Hamilton, Historic Preservation Specialist

organization Northwest Tennessee Development District date December 12, 1980

street & number Weldon Drive, P.O. Box 63 telephone (901) 587-4213

city or town Martin state Tennessee

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

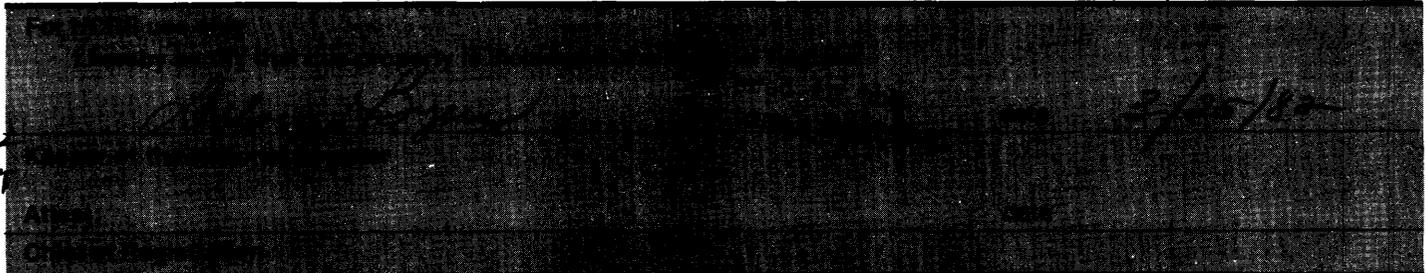
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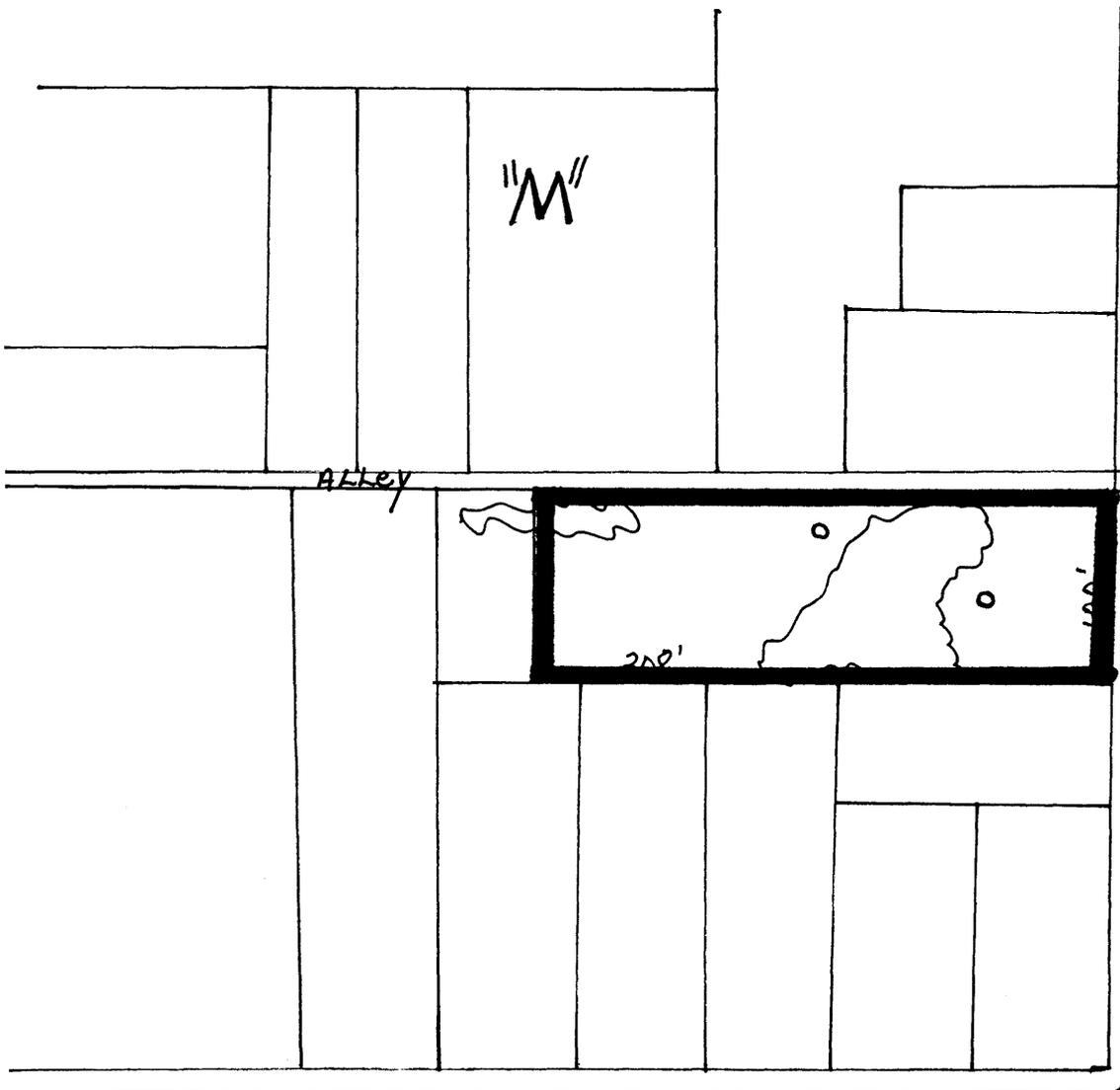
national  state  local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

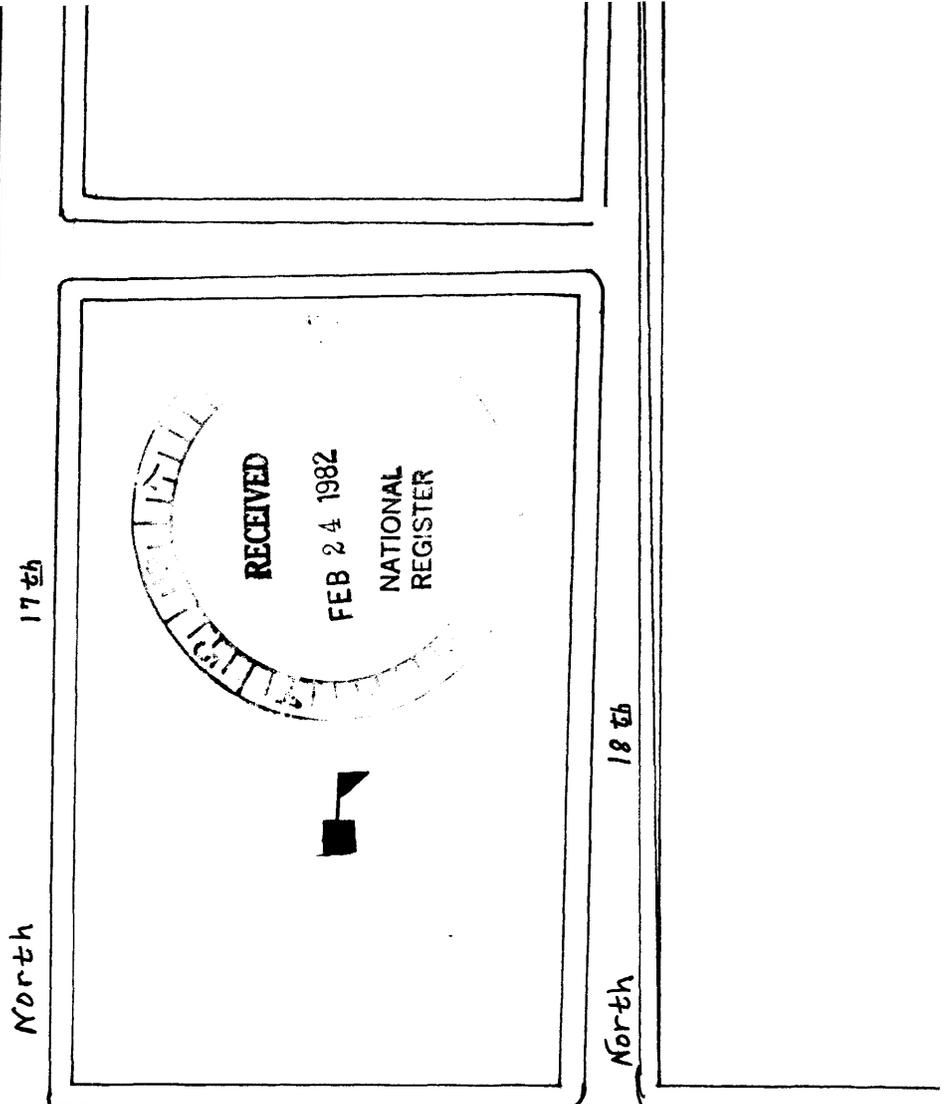
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert E. Hayden

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 2/11/82





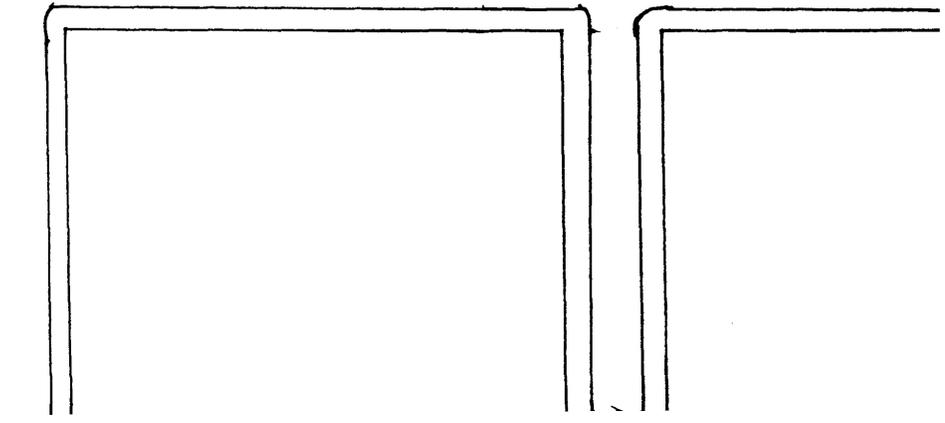
Route # 76



North

18<sup>th</sup>

North



SKETCH MAP: Dodson-Himelright House  
 Humboldt, Gibson County, Tennessee  
 Taken from property assessor's Map  
 Number 170-G. Location of map: Gibson  
 County Courthouse, Trenton, Tennessee.  
 APPROXIMATE SCALE OF MAP:  
 1" : 100'