

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Knox	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.47.0013	DATE 5/6/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Marble Springs

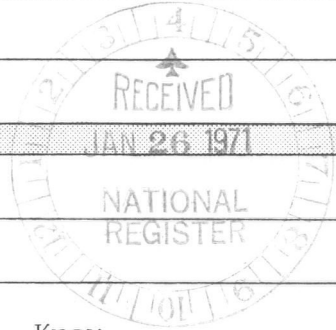
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: S of Knoxville on  
Neubert Springs Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Knoxville

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047 COUNTY: Knox CODE: 093



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Knox County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: DATE: 5/6/71

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

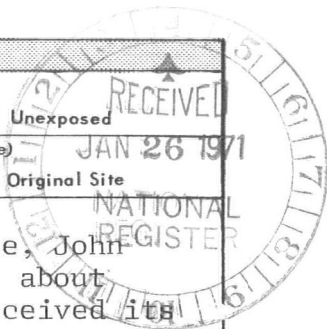
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  Deteriorated   
  Ruins   
  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered   
  Unaltered

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Moved   
  Original Site



DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Marble Springs, the home of the first governor of Tennessee, John Sevier, is located at the foot of a spur of Bays Mountain, about five miles south of Knoxville off U.S. Highway 441. It received its name from Sevier because of the numerous springs and marble deposits nearby.

The property on which Marble Springs stands had belonged to Sevier prior to 1790, and was part of a grant of 640 acres he had received from the State of North Carolina. A pioneer station or outpost had been in operation on the site when Sevier acquired the property, and some buildings were in existence. These were put to use and additional structures, such as a corncrib, springhouse, smokehouse, barn, stables, and servants' quarters were added. In addition to these, several two-story guest houses were constructed. The eventual cluster of buildings has been likened to a hamlet and as such made an ideal place to receive friends and official guests, as well as to accomodate his large family.

Of all the original log buildings, only the main cabin remains. The property passed from the Sevier family in 1818 through a succession of owners who farmed the land until farm operations proved unprofitable to small producers. Through the years various changes were made. In the 1930's, the exterior of the logs were covered with weatherboarding and a tin roof was put on the cabin. The interior walls were covered with pine ceiling boards. In 1929 the kitchen was destroyed by fire.

In 1941 the Tennessee legislature appropriated funds to purchase the site and restore the only remaining home of the state's first governor. Little was done toward restoration until 1957 when a log caretaker's house was built. In 1961 and 1962 work continued on repair and restoration on the main building, including the replacing of some logs, rebuilding of the stone chimney and fireplace, repairing the floor and joists, and chinking and daubing the logs. A new roof of hand-riven shingles from a large white oak on the place was put on the cabin.

The two-story structure, made of pine logs, measures 20 feet by 24 feet, and consists of two rooms, one upper and one on the ground floor. A narrow stairway in the northwest corner leads to the upper quarters where a single window afforded light. The flooring is of native pine, and the rafters are made of pine poles.

The kitchen, rebuilt in 1963 according to the original dimensions, is 13 feet by 17 feet, and is constructed of oak logs obtained nearby. It is east of the main cabin, separated by a dogtrot, and has a lean-to built on the back. At the east end is a spacious hearth and fireplace. The stick chimney is of heart poplar, plastered with mortar.

Reconstructed outbuildings include a springhouse, smokehouse, and loomhouse. Future plans include the reconstruction of other outbuildings to restore the site to its original appearance when Sevier lived at Marble Springs.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1790's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric            | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | JAN 26 1971                              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |                                                 |                                               | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Marble Springs is significant because of its architecture, typical of the style of the early Tennessee frontier which is rapidly disappearing. Its primary significance, however, lies in the fact that it is the only remaining home of Tennessee's first governor, John Sevier, who occupies a place in importance second to none in the building of the state.

Sevier was born in the present Rockingham County, Virginia, on September 23, 1745. He attended the common schools of Fredericksburg and Staunton Academy. Appointed a captain of Colonial Militia by Governor Dunmore, he fought in some final battles of the French and Indian war under George Washington. In 1773 he settled on the Watauga in what is now East Tennessee and became a leader in the Watauga Association. He engaged in farming and various business ventures, when necessary foregoing all else to lead in warding off Indian attacks or rounding up militia to pursue the Indians after one of their frequent raids. He established such an invincible reputation that settlers and Indians alike developed an awesome respect for his military prowess. Historians record thirty-five Indian battles to his credit without a single defeat, all with a loss of only fifty-six men. As an organizer of the "Mountain Men" mustering at Sycamore Shoals, he was instrumental in the defeat of the British at King's Mountain on October 7, 1780. In recognition of his skill in battle, in 1791 President Washington appointed him Brigadier-General of the Washington District of the territory south of the River Ohio.

As illustrious and successful as it was, Sevier's military career was equaled, if not exceeded, by his civil and political services spanning over forty years. One of the commissioners of the original Watauga Association, his leadership was sought thereafter for virtually every official undertaking of the western settlers. He was elected governor of the short-lived state of Franklin, serving from 1785 to 1788 and, as the earliest representative from the Mississippi Valley, was sent to the first United States Congress by North Carolina. Upon the admission of Tennessee as the sixteenth state of the Union, Sevier was elected as its first governor and served for six terms, 1796-1801 and 1803-1809. After his gubernatorial service he became a member of the State Senate and later represented Tennessee for two terms in Congress until 1815.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gilmore, James R., John Sevier as a Commonwealth-Builder (New York, 1887).  
 Ramsey, J.G.M., The Annals of Tennessee (Charleston, 1853).  
 Rose, Norvell S., "John Sevier and Marble Springs," Tennessee Historical Quarterly, Vol. XXIX (1970) No. 3, pp. 205-226.  
 Turner, Francis M., Life of General John Sevier (New York, 1910).

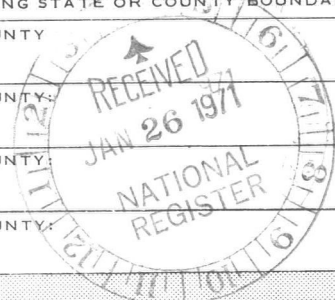
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10  
 LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Herbert L. Harper, Director of Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 1/4/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 047

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Stephen S. Lawrence  
 Title: Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
 Date: 1/19/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 MAY 6 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST:  
William Muntz  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 APR 18 1971  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Tennessee	
COUNTY Knox	
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8. Significance (cont.)

Sevier was appointed by President Madison to establish the boundary line between Alabama and the Creek Nation. He left Marble Springs June 10, 1815, became ill and died on September 24. He was buried near Fort Decatur, Alabama, and in 1889 his remains were moved to Knoxville and re-interred in the courtyard.

Marble Springs served as Sevier's home from 1790 to 1815, with the exception of the time spent in Knoxville while he was governor. It stands today as a visible memorial to one of Tennessee's most outstanding leaders.



Marble Springs

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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TENNESSEE  
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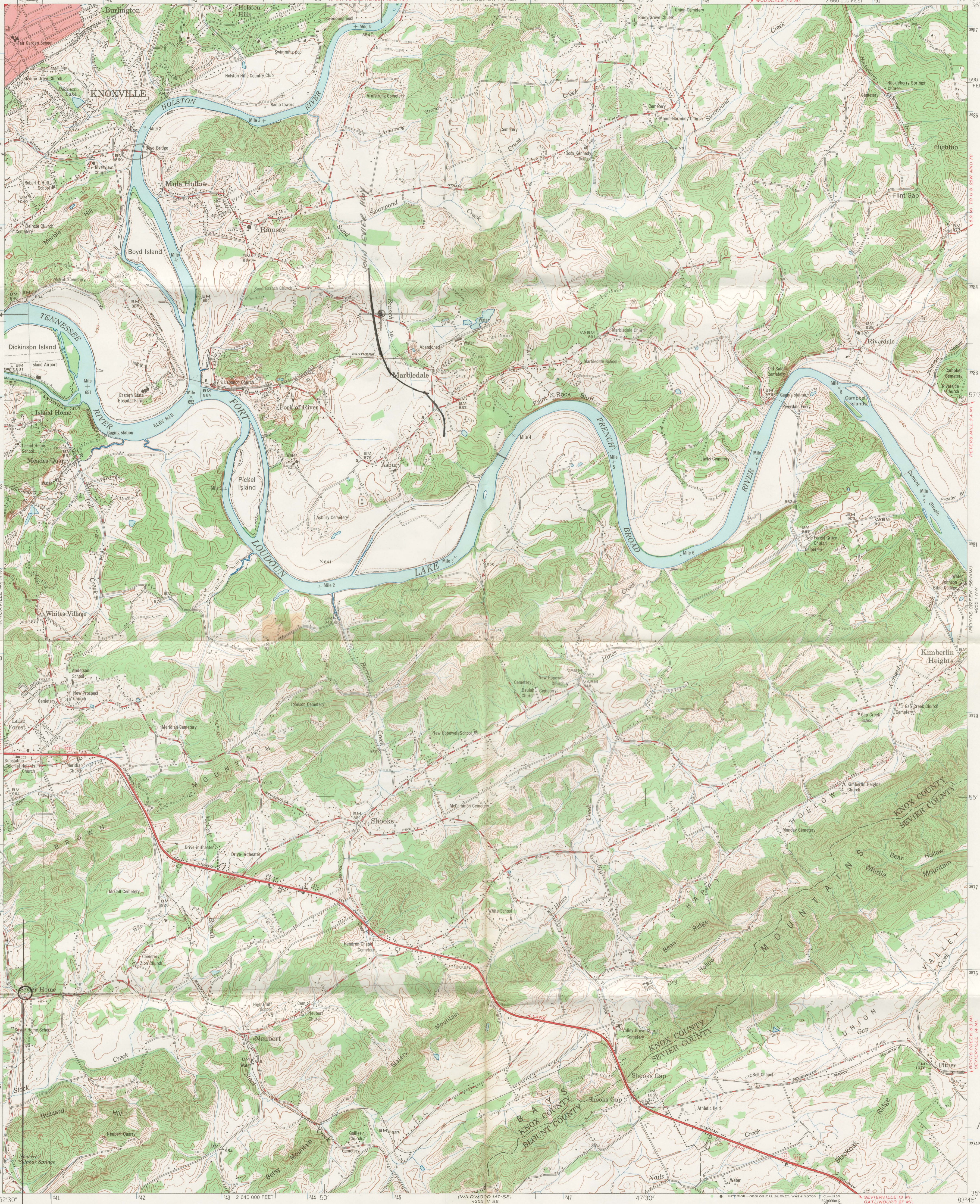
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Polycentric projection 1927 North American datum 10,000 foot grid based on Tennessee rectangular coordinate system

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Indicates Fort Loudon Lake Easement Boundary  
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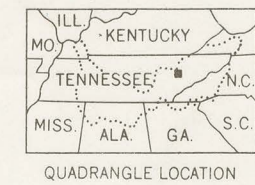
MARBLE SPRINGS

UTM GRID AND 1963 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DASHED LINES REPRESENT HALF-INTERVAL CONTOURS  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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AND TENNESSEE DIVISION OF GEOLOGY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION (TVA 147-NE)  
In developed areas, only through roads are classified  
HEAVY-DUTY ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS  
Medium-duty **1-LANE 16 LANE** Improved dirt  
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface **1-LANE 16 LANE** Unimproved dirt  
U. S. Route State Route

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**TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37219

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January 19, 1971

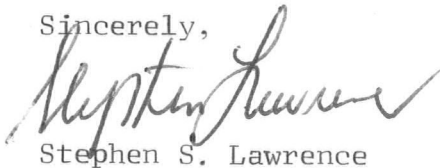
Dr. William J. Murtagh  
National Park Service  
801 19th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are the forms necessary for the nomination of  
Marble Springs to the National Register of Historic  
Places.

If any additional information is needed, please let  
us know.

Sincerely,



Stephen S. Lawrence

HLH:jg



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MAY 10 1971

H30-HR

Mr. Stephen S. Lawrence  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
State Library and Archives Building  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators W. E. Brock, III and Howard H. Baker, Jr., and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

MAY 6 1971

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

cc:

HR

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4/19/71

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TENNESSEE

Marble Springs

Knox County  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Nashville Children's Museum

Davidson County  
Nashville, Tennessee

Ryman Auditorium or Grand Old  
Opry House

Davidson County  
Nashville, Tennessee

Valentine Sevier Station

Montgomery County  
Clarksville, Tennessee

Belair

Davidson County  
Nashville, Tennessee

Pinewood

Hickman County  
Nunnally, Tennessee

Belmont

Davidson County  
Nashville, Tennessee

Wessyngton

Robertson County  
Cedar Hill, Tennessee

MAY 10 1971

H30-HR

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Hon. W. E. Brock, III  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Brock:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Tennessee and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr., and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Stephen S. Lawrence, Executive Secretary, Tennessee Historical Commission, State Library and Archives Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

MAY 6 1971

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Mr. Stephen S. Lawrence, Executive Secretary, Tennessee Historical Commission, State Library and Archives Building, Nashville, Tenn. 37219

Also notified: Hon. Howard H. Baker, Jr., Hon. John J. Duncan  
United States Senate Hon. Richard Fulton  
Washington, D. C. Hon. William R. Anderson  
Hon. Ray Blanton

cc: Director, Southeast Region

HR

4/19/71

PDHerrick:mm

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TENNESSEE

Marble Springs	Knox County Knoxville, Tennessee
Nashville Children's Museum	Davidson County Nashville, Tennessee
Ryman Auditorium or Grand Old Opry House	Davidson County Nashville, Tennessee
Valentine Sevier Station	Montgomery County Clarksville, Tennessee
Belair	Davidson County Nashville, Tennessee
Pinewood	Hickman County Munnely, Tennessee
Belmont	Davidson County Nashville, Tennessee
Wassington	Robertson County Cedar Hill, Tennessee

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**MARBLE SPRINGS (47-73-00027-00).** *Knoxville, Knox Co.* State ownership. Home of Tennessee's first Governor. Site planning and archeological research; drainage improvement; placing of electrical lines underground. \$5,000.00.