

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Tennessee</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Jefferson</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>JAN 22 1973</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Dandridge Historic District (Rep. James H. Quillen)**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Dandridge**

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Jefferson** CODE: **089**



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Multiple owners**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Dandridge** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Jefferson Co. Register's Office**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Dandridge** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

**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:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Both Jefferson County and its quiet county seat, Dandridge, were formed in the late eighteenth century. Most of the early buildings, which range in date from the early to the late nineteenth century, are concentrated on three streets, Main, Meeting, and Gay Streets. The proposed historic district encompasses this section which is bordered on the east by Mill Street extended to the dike, on the south by the dike, on the west by a line approximately 800 feet west of Gay Street, and on the north by a line approximately 900 feet north of Meeting Street.

Within the district are at least 26 buildings predating the twentieth century, plus additional points of historical interest including two early cemeteries. The Dandridge commercial area, along Gay and Main streets, consists of early structures interspersed with groupings of flat-roofed and nondescript twentieth century store buildings. Although a few recent businesses also front Meeting Street, the district, with its predominance of earlier buildings, and its plantings and occasional openspaces, retains the atmosphere of a small but prosperous nineteenth century community.

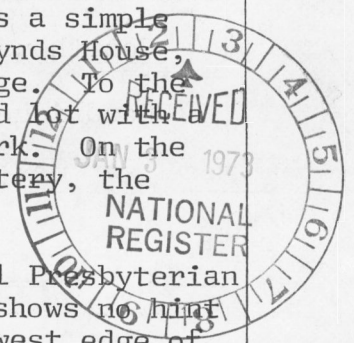
The greatest modern influence on Dandridge was the creation of Douglas Lake, a TVA project which threatened inundation of the town in the early 1940's until President Roosevelt intervened. Providing a surprising but not objectionable backdrop for the buildings on the southeast side of Main Street is a million-dollar dike of native stone set in tons of solid earth.

Near the dike are two buildings of major importance, the Hickman House and the Shepard Inn. Built in 1845, the two-story Hickman House with double chimneys and stepped gables on each end, is the most distinguished of several brick residences in the district. The building has been adapted for use as a community center, city hall, public library, and other offices. Directly across the street is the Shepard Inn, the original 1820 section covered with a subdued Victorian frame front.

Dominating the district is the Jefferson County Courthouse, built in 1845 on the site of the original log courthouse. It is a simple brick neo-classical building. Across Gay Street is the Hynds House, a two-story frame rectangular dwelling typical of Dandridge. To the north and east of the Hynds House is a sizeable landscaped lot with a spring considered by some to be ideal for a small town park. On the east, the Hynds property joins the Revolutionary War Cemetery, the burial ground of several men who fought in the war.

Another prominent building in the district is the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, built in 1879. The red brick building curiously shows no hint of the Victorian age in which it was built. On the northwest edge of the district is the Fain House, a recently restored two-story red brick structure with an l-wing. When built in 1845, it was considered one of the most elegant dwellings in the area. A combinations smoke and wash-house, and a row of slave quarters also remain on the property.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

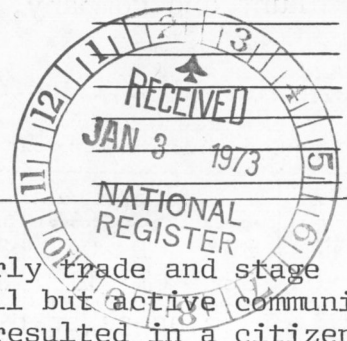
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- Pre-Columbian     16th Century     18th Century     20th Century  
 15th Century     17th Century     19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The location of Dandridge along important early trade and stage routes, resulted in the development of a small but active community in the years before the Civil War. It also resulted in a citizenry prosperous enough to build substantial and sometimes fashionable dwellings, which form the core of the proposed district.

In 1783, thirteen years before Tennessee became a state, the first permanent white settlers were attracted to the Dandridge area by the French Broad River and a good spring (located near the Hynds House). Two years later, the Hopewell Presbyterian Church was organized. By 1792, the settlement had grown to such an extent that Governor William Blount designated the new county of Jefferson in the Territory South of the Ohio River. Francis Dean, a wealthy landowner, gave 50 acres for Dandridge which became the county seat in 1793. It bears the distinction of being the only town in the United States named for Martha Dandridge Washington.

Dandridge became a regular stop for boats carrying provisions up and down the French Broad River. It was also a major stage stop on the road between Abingdon, Virginia, and Knoxville, Tennessee, as well as a road traveled by stock traders operating between Tennessee and North Carolina. As a result, it had an abundance of early taverns, three of which are still standing--the Roper Tavern, Shepard's Inn, and the Hickman House. According to Eastin Morris' Tennessee Gazetteer, published in 1834, Dandridge had by that time 300 inhabitants, including "three lawyers, three doctors, two divines, one academy, two schools, four stores, two taverns, four blacksmiths, one bricklayer, two carpenters, three cabinetmakers, one painter, one hatter, two tailors, two shoemakers, one saddler, two tanners, one wagonmaker, and one wheelwright." The list illustrates that the town had developed sufficiently to support a variety of artisans as well as the usual and necessary professions. The period through the 1850's continued to be prosperous because during that decade several banks were established and the first newspaper was published. After the Civil War, however, trade shifted to towns and cities located on the railroads and Dandridge began to decline.

Little is known about the earliest structures in Dandridge, although it is probably a safe assumption that they were log. When the first frame or brick buildings were built is also unknown. The

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Conversations with and files of Mrs. Jean Bible, journalist and historian, Dandridge, Tennessee.  
 Floyd, Don. "Frontier Advance Makes Its Way to Dandridge Area in 1783," in Citizen Tribune, Morristown, Tennessee, July 7, 1968.  
History of Tennessee. (Chicago and Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1887.)  
 Morris, Eastin. The Tennessee Gazetteer. (Nashville: W. Hasell Hunt and Company, 1834.)

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 100

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:  
**Ellen Beasley**

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission** DATE: **12-20-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**State Library & Archives Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE:

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: Michael J. Smith  
 Title: Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
 Date: 12-27-72

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

Robert K. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/22/73

ATTEST:  
Wm J. Smithey  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-22-73

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8. SIGNIFICANCE (cont.)

majority of nineteenth century structures remaining in the proposed district predate the Civil War and are in simple classical revival styles. Although there is an occasional evidence of "gingerbread," later nineteenth century structures are modest in scale and almost devoid of any ornament. There remains an obvious correlation between the architecture of Dandridge and the economic and commercial growth and decline of the town.



PROPERTY

*Dandridge Historic District* STATE *Tenn.*

73001792

WORKING NUMBER

*1.3.73.2055*

*Jefferson*

TECH REVIEW

Photos *7*

Maps *2*

CONTROL REVIEW

*YJ*  
*1-4-73*

HISTORIAN

*OK*  
*OB*  
*mean 1/16/72*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*OK*  
*mean 1/5/73*

ARGHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

*Ellen Spasby's hardware  
the first I have seen.*

*OK*  
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KEEPER

*Wm*  
*1/22*

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry *3/6*

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered JAN 22 1973



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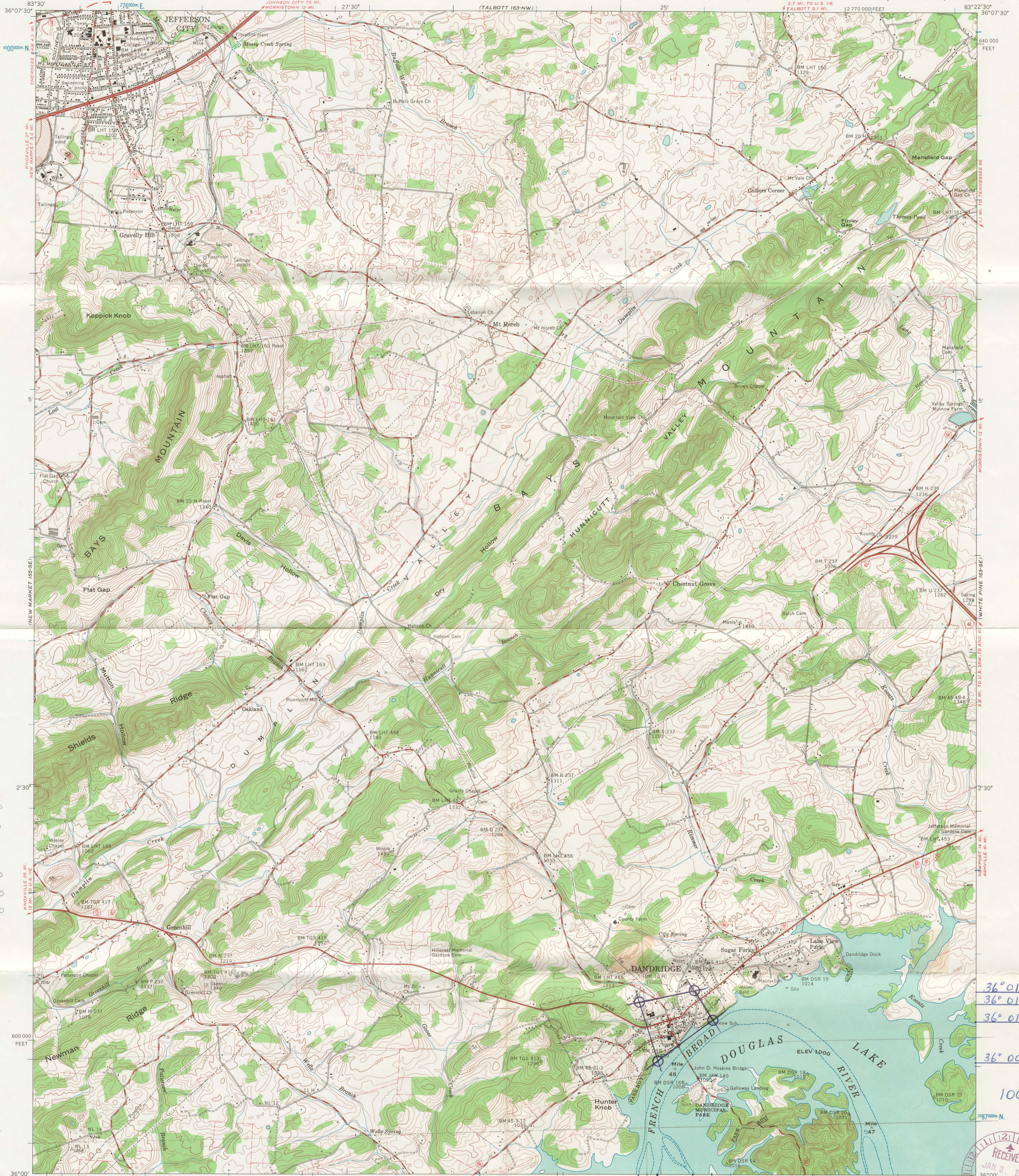
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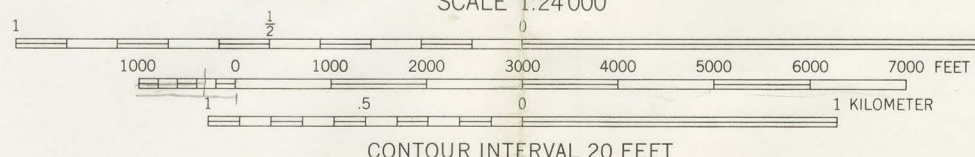
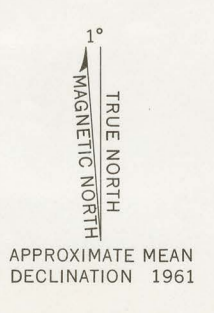
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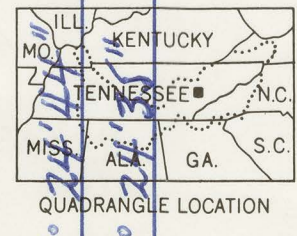
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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines  
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
TENNESSEE DIVISION OF GEOLOGY, NASHVILLE, TENN.  
U.S. TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, CHATTANOOGA OR KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Medium-duty	Wagon and jeep track
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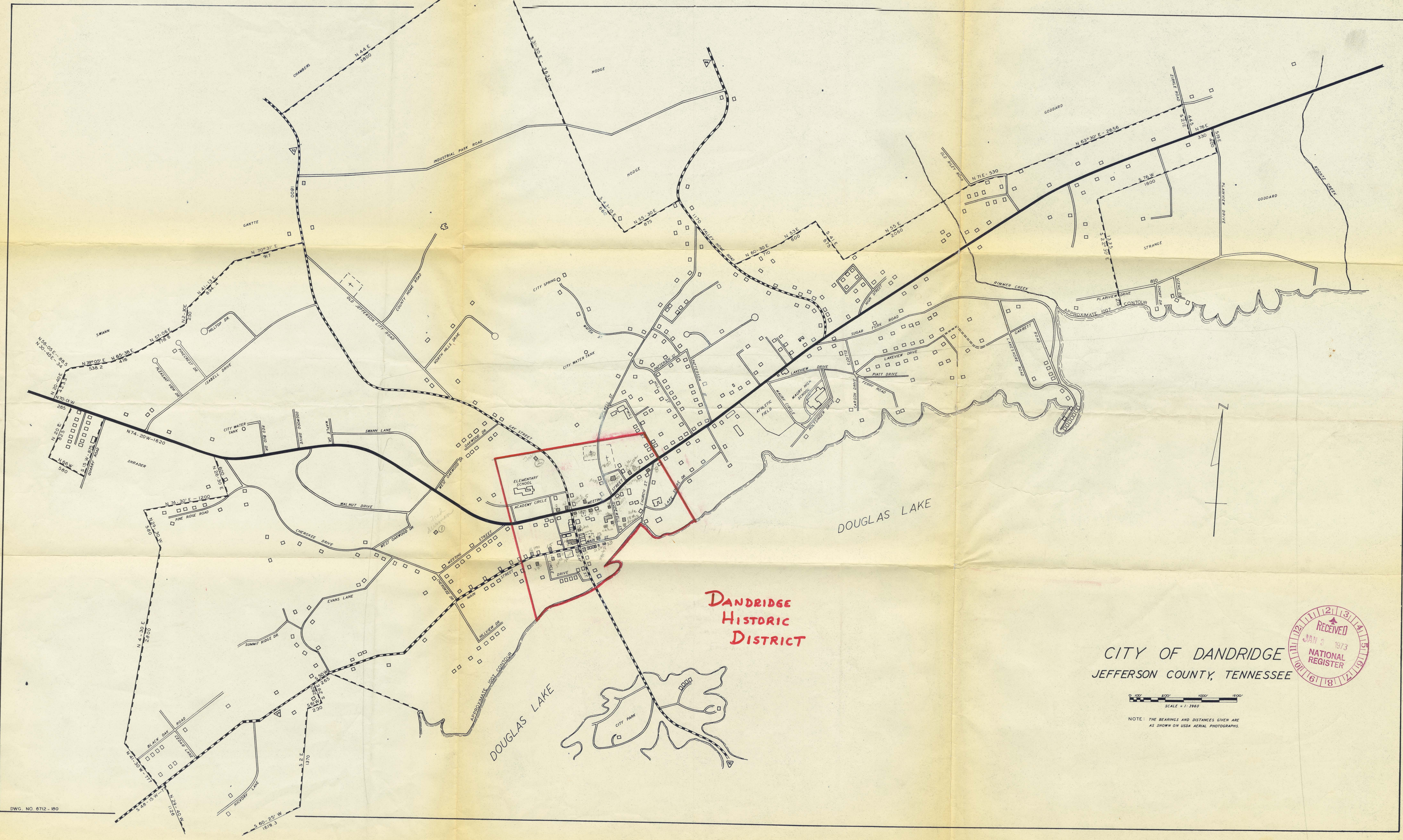
In developed areas, only through roads are classified

DANDRIDGE  
HISTORIC  
DISTRICT

JEFFERSON CITY, TENN.  
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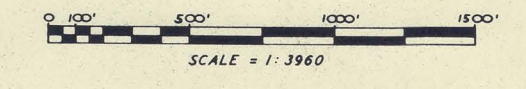


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**DANDRIDGE  
HISTORIC  
DISTRICT**

DOUGLAS LAKE

CITY OF DANDRIDGE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE



NOTE: THE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES GIVEN ARE AS SHOWN ON USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.



**TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES BUILDING  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37219

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NASHVILLE  
VERNON SHARP, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
NASHVILLE

December 28, 1972

MICHAEL J. SMITH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
The National Register  
Department of the Interior  
18th and C Streets  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find the forms necessary for the nomination of Dandridge Historical District to the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Sincerely,

Michael J. Smith  
State Liaison Officer, PL 89-665

MJS:jg  
Enc.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TENNESSEE

Date Entered JAN 22 1973

Name

Location

Dandridge Historic District

Dandridge  
Jefferson County

Also Notified

Hon. Howard H. Baker, Jr.

Hon. William E. Brock, III

Hon. James H. Quillen

Director, Southeast Region

State Liaison Officer

Mr. Michael J. Smith

Executive Director

Tennessee Historical Commission

State Library and Archives Building

Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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*Knox, Tenn.*

May 15, 1973

*PHR*

Mr. C. G. Oakes  
Director  
Knoxville Area Office  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
1 Northshore Building  
1111 Northshore Drive  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

Dear Mr. Oakes:

The Advisory Council has reviewed your letter of April 2, 1973, and the accompanying information concerning HUD project number TN-1078-OSC, the proposed Roper Tavern restoration, in Dandridge, Tennessee. Enclosed is a draft proposal, embodying the Advisory Council's specific concerns with regard to the undertaking. It is hoped that this draft can form the basis of an agreement on the project between the Advisory Council, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Historic Preservation Officer for the State of Tennessee, pursuant to procedures for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Also enclosed is a copy of these compliance procedures, which appear in the Federal Register, November 14, 1972, pp. 24146-24148.

The Council would appreciate your prompt review of the enclosed proposal, in order to expedite the conclusion of this agreement. Mr. Michael J. Smith, Executive Director of the Tennessee Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer, is also being sent a copy of this letter and the draft proposal for review and comment. Agreement by all three parties on covenants for the protection of historical and architectural values within the Dandridge Historic District, to be included in the final HUD proposal regarding this undertaking, will conclude the Section 106 process.

Your continuing cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Myra Harrison  
Acting Compliance Officer

Enclosure

cc:

S. K. Stevens  
SLO-Tenn  
FLO-HUD, Margaret Sweeney

DD-Flynn

PH-Utley

DDG-File: Tenn NR: Dandridge HD (Sec 106/Roper Tavern)

DDG-Gamble/cjs 5/15/73

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
PROPOSAL FOR PROJECT TN-1078-OSC  
DANDRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT,  
DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has received an application from the Town of Dandridge, Tennessee (Project Number TN-1078-OSC), for matching funds to be used in the acquisition, restoration, and adaptation for use as a public library and for municipal meeting and office space of Roper Tavern, a historic structure within the Dandridge Historic District, an area listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the provisions of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" (May 13, 1971), the Department of Housing and Urban Development proposes to fund the application subject to the conditions specified below:

1. In restoring and adapting Roper Tavern, the Town of Dandridge will preserve the essential architectural and historical integrity of the structure, including significant features of both the exterior and interior.
2. Off-street parking in conjunction with the Roper Tavern project will be appropriately landscaped to screen it from the street and from adjacent historic structures.
3. Pursuant to Section 3(f) of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" (May 13, 1971), the Department of Interior, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation will be afforded an opportunity, ordinarily not to exceed fifteen (15) working days, to review and comment upon the proposed plans for the restoration and adaptive renovation of Roper Tavern at the earliest stage of consideration, after submission of such plans to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Honorable James H. Quillen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Quillen:

Thank you for your letter to Acting Secretary Frizzell on behalf of Mrs. Bert Vincent concerning nomination of the Hynds House in Dandridge, Tennessee, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to advise you that the Hynds House was entered in the National Register as a property within the Dandridge Historic District on January 22, 1973. We are enclosing a copy of the Dandridge Historic District nomination form for your information.

Properties that are part of historic districts listed in the National Register are entitled to the same degree of protection from Federal undertakings as properties listed individually. Not only individual buildings themselves, but their setting and historical ambience are protected under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. In addition, preservation projects on properties within National Register districts can qualify for either acquisition or development grants-in-aid from the National Park Service. We are enclosing material which describes the National Register and the National Park Service grants-in-aid program. Further information about the National Register program in Tennessee and applications for grants-in-aid may be obtained from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Herbert L. Harper, Acting Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission, State Library and Archives Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37291.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Russell E. Dickenson

Acting Director

Enclosures

bcc: Mr. Herbert L. Harper  
Acting Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical  
Commission/w/c of inc.

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Honorable James H. Quillen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Quillen:

Acting Secretary Frizzell has asked me to acknowledge your inquiry on behalf of Mrs. Bert Vincent concerning listing the Hynds House in Jefferson County, Tennessee, in the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Gary Everhardt

Gary Everhardt  
Director

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JAMES H. QUILLEN  
FIRST DISTRICT, TENNESSEE

COMMITTEES:

RULES

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STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL  
CONDUCT

WASHINGTON OFFICE:  
ROOM 102  
CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DISTRICT OFFICE:  
ROOM 157—FIRST FLOOR  
FEDERAL (POST OFFICE) BUILDING  
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE 37662

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

August 1, 1975

Dear Mr. Frizzell:

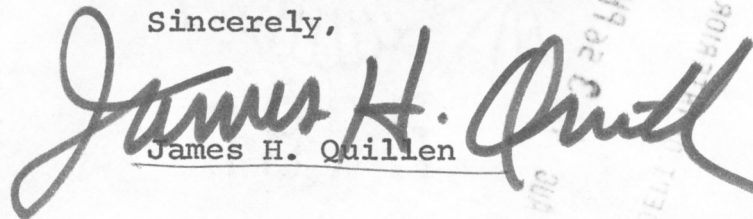
Re: Hynds House  
Jefferson County  
Dandridge, Tennessee

Mrs. Bert Vincent has been in touch with me regarding her desire to have the above cited historical house placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

I have enclosed for your ready reference some printed particulars concerning this historic landmark, and it is my feeling that this house merits such a distinction.

I will deeply appreciate your every consideration in this regard, and I look forward to the benefit of your advice.

Sincerely,

  
James H. Quillen

Honorable Kent Frizzell  
Acting Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
Interior Building  
Washington, D. C. 20240

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
ACTING SECRETARY  
HONORABLE KEVIN BRISSETT

FRANCIS H. SMITH  
SECRETARY

YOUR OFFICE

As you know, and I look forward to the possibility of  
I will be glad to discuss your early consideration

my feeling that this house needs such a distinction.  
I have enclosed for your reference some material  
on the national history of the office.

has been to find the people who are interested in  
the past and present and how they are related

Washington, D.C.  
Francis H. Smith  
Secretary

Dear Mr. Brissett:

Very truly,  
Francis H. Smith

Enclosure

cc: Mr. [Name]

CONFIDENTIAL

## HYNDS HOUSE

1845-1975

The Old Hynds House in Dandridge, Jefferson County, Tennessee, has had an interesting history. It has the distinction of being on the site of the first settlement of the quaint little town of Dandridge. The reason for this being its big spring in the back yard.

Tradition has it that a still-house had been erected close by the spring, and the commissioners, who were appointed to lay out the little town were so pleased with the quality of liquor it made they decided it to be the best location for the town. Liquor being used as a means of exchange with the Indians in those long-ago days (1792.)

The house was built in 1845 by Shadrack Inman, and given as a bridal present to his daughter, Elizabeth, when she married Judge Bradford. He also gave her the gift of a slave woman, named "Tish", and built a large basement for Tish to live in. The deed of Oct. 7, 1847 reads:

"Shadrack Inman to Judge W. M. Bradford and wife Elizabeth and their heirs, for love and affection."

The house was owned, and some of the rooms occupied by the D. H. Meek family during the years of the War Between the States. The two big front rooms were used as a hospital by the Confederates after the seige of Knoxville, when skirmishes were all around Jefferson County. The beds were poor and crude, being only ticks of straw placed on the floors in these two large front rooms for the sick and wounded soldiers. And the big spring in the back yard gave good, cold water for the parched lips of sick men and swathes for feverish brows and wounds.

The old Jefferson County Courthouse, built same year as Hynds House-1845 stands just a few feet from the long front porch of this house. The courthouse was often used by soldiers as their head-quarters during the War Between The States. And their sick men cared for in this old house. The soldiers replenished their canteens from the good spring water. (1)

Along the south border of the backyard of this old house lies the oldest burial ground in this section of the state...The Revolutionary War Graveyard.

This old graveyard is the site of the first church building of Hopewell Presbyterian Church. A little one room log house, organized in 1785. The old graveyard is still owned by Hopewell Presbyterian Church today. In this graveyard is the soldier's monument, erected to the memory of ten soldiers of the Revolutionary War who died in or near Dandridge.

This monument was erected in 1930 by the Martha Dandridge Garden Club, and the club has as their project the care and up-keep of the old graveyard.

On January 14, 1864, the left wing of the Confederate Army under General Longstreet surprised the Union Forces under General Granger in Dandridge, and after a short skirmish, General Longstreet drove the Yanks back to Knoxville. After the battle, or skirmish, a Dandridge woman, living in Hynds House, invited the Confederate Officers in for a celebration, in which General Granger, the Union Commander, had been a guest the night before. The General had left a bottle of brandy and from it the Confederate Officers drank a satirical toast to him!

In the front hall-way of this old house is a beautiful hand-carved oldtime stair-way leading to the second floor. The nine large rooms, with high ceilings, deeply recessed doors, many small pane windows, covered with old fashioned blinds, and the tall hand carved wood mantles are all work of the pioneer days.

The basement under the present kitchen was used as slave quarters and also for cooking and is unchanged.

Here in Dandridge, the second oldest town in the State, has stood the Old Hynds House for one hundred and thirty years (130.) But time has dealt kindly with the old place. And it has always been loved and well cared for.

In 1868 it was bought by Mrs Anne Hynds, widow of Judge Robert H. Hynds from the D. H. Meek family. It has been owned and occupied by the Hynds family since that date. It is now owned and occupied by Mrs Bert Vincent, (Mrs Vincent formerly Ellen Hynds) and her late husband, Bert, the well known and beloved columnist for the Knoxville News-Sentinel for 39 years.

So, Old Hynds House has been a land-mark in Dandridge for 130 years. It stands enhanced, mellowed, and rich in its history and its place in the making of Dandridge history, the little town so full of human interest, that tells so much of the pioneer times, the beginnings of our county and state. The tragedy of the wars, and the countless other things that have occurred in the making of what is now Tennessee.

And we hope it always remains; for someone has always loved this old house, it was built for love... Built for a bride.

Since the Old Hynds House has played a big part in making of interesting historical Dandridge and Jefferson County, we hope its fate will be as quoted from Proverbs, Chapter 22, Verse 28:

"Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set."

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STROLLING - August, 1942

# Strolling

with

BERT VINCENT



DANDRIDGE -- The historical old Hynds spring is not going to be destroyed. And Dandridge folks, especially Mrs. Anne Hynds, are feeling good about that.

This spring, the fount and foundation of Dandridge, is about 20 yards from the rear door of the old Hynds house. It booms its good water from the ground and sends it flowing off through beds of water cress and mint. It flows right on down against what will be the dyke TVA is building to keep Douglas Dam Lake from flooding a big part of Old Dandridge.

The TVA is to install a pump down there by the dyke to lift the water from this spring over the wall, and into the lake. This will be necessary because water from the spring eventually would make a lake big enough to cover as much of Dandridge as the Douglas Dam Lake would. The spring has a swift fast flow.

TVA could have taken the spring from Mrs. Hynds. Could have plugged it up. They have done so with other springs. This probably would have been the economical thing to have done. It's going to cost quite a bit to keep a pump throwing the water over the wall. But this old spring is just too much a part of Dandridge to permit it to be destroyed. And too, Mrs. Hynds, and other Dandridge folks -- well, they can raise plenty of Cain when their dander's really up!

I have read some of the history of this old spring, and it is quite interesting. If you have time I'll tell you about it.

## CHURCH STOOD CLOSE BY IT

Way back in 1792 while George Washington was President, five men came to this spot on the French Broad River looking for the best site for the county seat of the new County of Jefferson. From reading about them I can just see them, and hear them talking. Down the spring branch they found a mill house. They stopped.

"This sure is good liquor," said one, snacking his lip. "Best I ever tasted," said another. . . . "Here, try a swig." And they all did.

## Goldrush Prepares For Busy Season

Figures show that tourism across the state has accelerated over early 1971, up 127 per cent in Cumberland Park and up 50 per cent in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Goldrush Junction has prepared for a busy year.

To meet expected challenge, the management of Goldrush Junction has invested out-of-season expenditures of thousands of dollars locally to improve and beautify the facilities for the enjoyment of Goldrush visitors.

Helmet Koechert can be seen daily plying his expert skills in a near-lost and ancient craft, the art of metal spinning. Deftly he turns out original creations in brass, copper, and aluminum.

Blacksmithing as a trade is as old as the age of metals. The "smithy" was the number one artisan in his community.

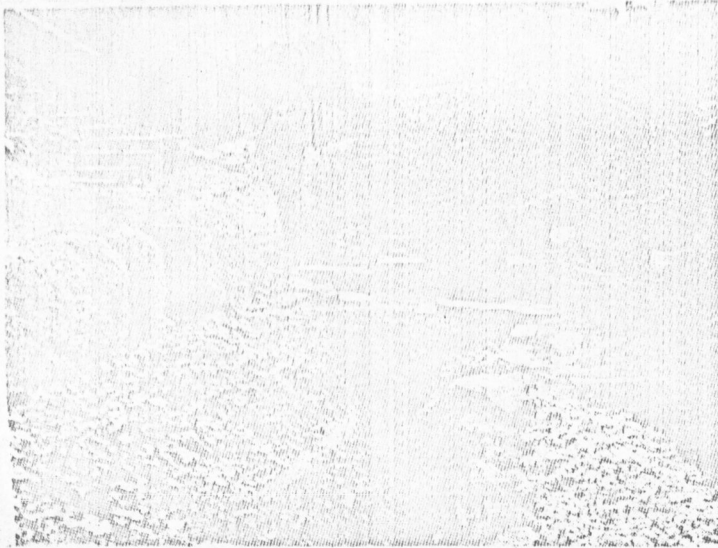
On Laughing Creek within the park area, Mrs. Olivia Smith's collection of antique dolls is of infinite variety.

On Highway 441 at the entrance to Goldrush Junction, an unusual flavor of yesterday has been achieved. Cross Ties Restaurant is housed in three shiny railroad dining cars connected to an old locomotive. The adjacent gift shop is a replica of the Southern Railway Station at Scottsboro, Alabama. Each aspect is authentic.

Mountain Meadows Travel Trailer Park has a beautiful setting overlooking the Smokies. All camping facilities are available.

Among other things to see and do at Goldrush will be swimming in one of the south's largest pools, horseshoe pitching, an original knife shop, a sawmill,

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Fount of Dandridge, where Davy Crockett would drink.

Another fellow took the jug. Turned it up. Down went a dram, or so, gurgle, gurgle. Then he passed the jug on around. All took big drams.

"It must be the water," one surmised. "Can't make good liquor 'less there's good water."

Then this committee of five left the still house and started looking around. They came to the big spring. They drank from a gourd an Indian had left hanging on a limb. Again they smacked their lips.

"Good water," they all agreed. "Very excellent water."

Near the big spring they saw a log meeting house, which by the way, was the founding of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

Folks mixed their religion and liquor in those days, and didn't go to hell any faster than they do today. Here they found both, good liquor from good water, and a church house already built, a little one-room log house. So, they made up their minds right then:

"This will be the County-Seat of Jefferson County."

And so it was. The town of Dandridge was laid out around this spring.

#### HOUSE ONCE SERVED AS HOSPITAL

But that isn't all the history this spring has. During the Civil War the large Hynds house where Mrs. Hynds and her daughter, Ellen, live, and which is over a hundred years old itself, was used as a hospital for the soldiers.

a community hall for oldsters. A non-denominational church is also in the makings.

#### "Frosty" Holt Elected Mayor Of Goldrush

Mr. "Frosty" Holt, Coach Emeritus of Carson-Newman College has been duly elected 'mayor' of Goldrush Junction at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

For over forty years Mr. Holt has been associated with football, basketball and baseball at Carson-Newman.

"Frosty's" duties at Goldrush are ambassadorial. He is especially interested in people, in seeing his many friends and past students, his athletes graduated and their families. His office hours are: Saturday through Wednesday - weekly.

This spring gave water for the parched lips of sick men and cool swathes for feverish brows and wounds.

These soldiers are all dead now. And the men who felt the need of good water to make good liquor -- Alexander Outlaw, "who had the blood of English kings in his veins," George Doherty, "Hero of King's Mountain," Garrett Fitzgerald, Andrew Henderson, and Hugh Kelso -- they long since have turned to dust.

But the old historical spring still booms its good water from the ground, and sends it flowing through beds of mint and water cress. And it will continue to boom and flow. Even TVA wouldn't want to destroy anything with so many sentimental attachments, and such rich historical interests.

MRS. ETHEL HYTOWER of Talbott, Tenn., writes:

"I drove in the alley and went a little ways into your back yard. It is just an amphitheater, a dream stop. I was afraid I would get caught snooping.

"I will leave you a bunch of wild phlox sometime. It seems to belong in a garden like yours. Mine has been a beautiful sight this season. It is going out now."

Thank you, Mrs. Hytower, for your kind words. You can snoop all you want to, and you certainly will not be trespassing. There are no gates to open, nor fences to cross, and no signs saying "Keep Out."

People come in just when they feel like it. Often we look out the side door and kitchen window, and see total strangers sitting in chairs under the maple tree, or just walking around looking. We don't mind.

Often too, we see total strangers who have parked their cars in the alley and are walking around in the lower yard like you were. Sometimes they come all the way up to the spring.

By the way, that alley is named Graveyard Alley, because of two graveyards. The old Revolutionary War Soldiers Graveyard is on one end, across from the old Shepherd Inn. And the Harris private graveyard is on the other end, across from Bill McMahan's home.

Did you notice that log and rock cabin in the back yard? That's something the likes of which there ain't nothing else anywhere. It is my own personal architecture. I designed it. And I studied no plans. No one told me what to make it look like. And I didn't know myself what it would look like, until Russell Bragg, the builder, had put it together.

The lower part is a garage. The upstairs is a small apartment. It is just as odd and different looking as anything you see from the outside. But folks like to live in it. Mrs. Iva Hale Smith is living there now. She says it is her cabin and she is going to stay there. And we like her so well she could live there rent free, if she wanted to.

That back yard—well, if it is pretty, and lots of people say it is, we don't deserve any credit for it . . . We didn't lay it out. It's just there, and has been there, naturally, for 119 years, or since the house was built. That was 16 years before the Civil War.

And the old spring, why, the Indians drank water out of that spring. And hundreds of years later, Davy Crockett dipped water from that spring with a gourd when he was courting Polly Findley. He married her in 1806, if you like to remember dates.

Here's an interesting story about the spring and Dandridge. When Jefferson County was laid out in 1792, three men were sent out to locate a place for the county seat. They came down the French Broad River and, where Dandridge now is, they found a branch running into the French Broad. They tied up their boat, walked up the branch, and found this spring.

Well sir, they were pleased. And they also found a still house, and they were pleased. And they found a little log meeting house, or church, Dean's Lower Meeting House, and they were pleased. These things were recommendation enough for a county seat town.

Now, don't look down your nose about that still house with the meeting house. These were very essential in those pioneer days, good spring water, a liquor still, and a place to worship.

So the three men said: "This shall be the town of Dandridge." And so it was—named for Martha Dandridge, wife of George Washington.

Some of the historians say it is the second oldest town in the state. Jonesboro being the oldest. But historians in Kingston claim their town is the second oldest. We at our house just let them fight it out.

Our old plank house was built so close to the street that the sidewalk bends around to keep off the front porch. We keep our front door shut all the time, and locked most of the time.

When we really want privacy we lock all the doors. Then if the door bells ring and the telephone rings, we just let them ring.

The house is old. It was used as a hospital during the Civil War, and we still find old relics and coins buried in the yard. The house is roomy. It's plenty cold in the winter-time, but during spring and summer, right now, it is a pleasure.

Being that the spring is the fountain of Dandridge, and this place is the beginning of Dandridge, when we are through living here, (a long time off, I hope) we may turn the place over to the city of Dandridge as a public park, or whatever wants to be done with it.

GIVE-A-WAYS: Three part-Persian kittens. Phone 522-0487.

GIVE-A-WAYS: Two ducks. Mother says her children are allergic to their feathers. Phone 588-1628.

GIVE-A-WAY: Solid white female kitten. House broken. Phone 522-7058.

*Lined only 5 1/2 yrs after writing this!*