

**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 Ivandale

and/or common Ivandale

2. Location

street & number 115 North McCombs Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Martin

N/A vicinity of

congressional district #7

state Tennessee

code 047

county Weakley

code 183

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> <input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other antique shop

4. Owner of Property

name Thomas Dodd

street & number 162 Brooks Drive

city, town Martin

N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee 38237

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Dresden

state Tennessee 38225

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

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Ivandale, located on a large, gently rolling lot on McCombs Street in Martin, Tennessee, is a two-and-½ story, irregularly planned Queen Anne style frame house. Two additions, circa 1940, are attached to the rear. A verandah with a circular projection on the principle facade wraps-around the asymmetrical house. There are four tall brick interior chimneys. The roof is multi-planed.

The house is supported by a full brick foundation with decorative metal vents. A variety of exterior wall coverings give Ivandale a textured surface; these include: weatherboarding, vertical wood siding, fish-scale shingles, and high-relief beaded board wood siding. The four brick chimneys have two flues which service upstairs and downstairs fireplaces. Two of the chimney stacks were originally individual in design and incorporated such features as paneling, corbeling, and molded brick. Presently, the chimney in the right elevation of the principal facade is covered with buff-colored stucco added in the 1940s. The multi-planed roof which consists of gable, pyramid, and tent styles is covered in asphalt shingles.

The majority of windows in Ivandale are straight-topped with plate glass in both the upper and lower sash. Two other window forms are also found: small turret windows with slender vertical stained glass lights in the upper sash and large windows in the principle facade which have small square stained glass lights in the upper sash. All windows have simple wooden surrounds.

Ivandale features a variety of richly decorative architectural elements. The most prominent of these includes a polygonal three story tower with tent roof which is located at the left elevation corner of the principal facade. Carved brackets support a polygonal eave which is covered with asphalt shingles and is located above the second story windows of the tower. The north elevation features a projecting bay with gable overhangs supported by decorative brackets. The principle facade displays a projecting second story gable with recessed porch. Other architectural elements are turned porch posts, spindled porch friezes, spindle and rectangular balusters, cutout-patterned brackets, dentiling, and highly decorative vergeboards.

Structurally the house has undergone minor alterations, is in excellent condition, and retains its original interior woodwork and exterior architectural trim.

A small brick outbuilding with pyramidal roof is located to the rear of the house. It is in fair/poor condition and in need of stabilization.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1894 **Builder/Architect** Vowell Brothers Construction

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria B and C

Built in 1894, Ivandale is a significant resource to Northwest Tennessee both in its architectural design and its historical associations with the Sebastian family of Martin. The house is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture and displays a high-degree of craftsmanship in its detailing.

Dr. Charles Moore Sebastian arrived in Weakley County, Tennessee, after receiving his medical degree from Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky in 1871. After a short residence in the community of Ralston, Dr. Sebastian moved his family to the small railroad town of Martin. There he purchased 3½ acres from William Martin and constructed a Greek Revival style house.

In 1878 Martin was struck with a yellow fever epidemic. Dr. Sebastian, the only physician in town, diagnosed and treated 400 cases of the disease within the first three months of the epidemic. Knowledge of the fever's transmission was virtually non-existent and, after careful observation of each case, Dr. Sebastian evolved the theory that yellow fever was not a contagious disease as previously thought, but was carried by an insect, possibly a gnat or mosquito. Although he was locally ridiculed for his theory, he was invited to the Illinois State Medical Convention in 1879 as well as to later meetings in Tennessee in order to discuss the theory he had formulated. Dr. Sebastian is also noted for being the first physician to administer the diphtheria antitoxin in Weakley County, to utilize a hypodermic syringe in Martin, and to introduce the use of the catheter to other physicians in the area.

In January, 1894, the Doctor's Greek Revival residence was destroyed by fire. After clearing the debris, Dr. Sebastian hired local carpenters to build a fashionable Victorian residence. Using walnut, cherry, and yellow poplar from the nearby river bottoms, the Vowell Brothers constructed a 2½ story Queen Anne style house. During the construction of the house, a son was born to Doctor and Mrs. Sebastian, following seven girls. In honor of his first son, Ivan, Dr. Sebastian named the family home, Ivandale.

Today, Ivandale is owned by Martin antique dealer, Thomas Dodd, who purchased the house from the Sebastian heirs in 1968. Although it is now used as an antique shop, Ivandale retains all of its original interior and exterior fabric with the exception of the roofing material and porch floors.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The TenneScene. Supplement to the Weakley County Press: February 1968, pp. 9 and 10.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Martin, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	6	3	3	4	2	6	0	4	0	2	3	4	6	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

G

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property occupies townlot number one, section "J" of tax map 72-I for the town of Martin, Tennessee. The property's boundaries, outlined in red, are shown on the accompanying property assessor's map, and conform to the dimensions of the lot on

which the house sits.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

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

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert L. Hryca

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 2/10/84

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I hereby certify that this property is Included in the National Register

Melissa Byers
Keener of the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 3/25/82

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration