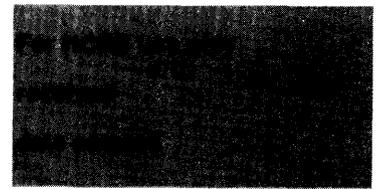


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Elisha White House

and/or common Maple Tree Farm

2. Location W of Waco on

street & number Yokley Road. N/A not for publication

city, town Waco vicinity vicinity of ~~CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT~~

state Tennessee code 047 county Giles code 055

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 |
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4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. David Kendall

street & number Route 1, Box 38

city, town Lynnville N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 38472

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Giles County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Pulaski state Tennessee

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None 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

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <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 _____ |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

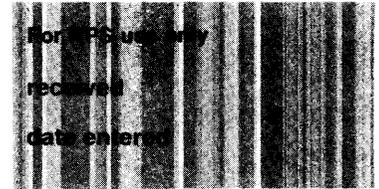
The Elisha White House is a two-story, rectangular-shaped brick house constructed ca. 1821 in the Federal style. Facing south, the house has a simple three bay facade comprised of a central single-leaf door flanked by nine-over-nine light windows. Gable-end brick chimneys topped by corbelled caps are located at the ends of a medium-pitched gable roof. The house has a one-story gable roofed brick addition with enclosed porches at the rear northwest corner of the house. Situated atop a gently sloping hill on a 107 acre farm just above the small community of Waco, the farm is reached by a long drive just over the Lynn Creek bridge on Yokley Road. The house overlooks a low wrought iron fence and has a superb view of the surrounding rural countryside and the community of Waco. The house retains its architectural integrity,

Built ca. 1821, the house was constructed on a stone foundation of brick and wood fired and cut respectively on the site. This Federal style home has a simple three bay facade with its bricks laid in Flemish bond. The south or front facade has a central entrance flanked by nine-over-nine light rectangular windows with simple wood trim and flat brick arches. The upper story of this front facade has three six-over-six light rectangular windows centered above the lower openings with the same simple wood trim and flat brick arches. The only alterations that have occurred to the facade were the addition in the early 1900's of a small central bay porch and the replacement of the original door with a single-leaf, fifteen-light door. The porch has since been removed although the door still remains. The roof covered with asphalt shingles is gabled and has a simple boxed cornice and wood frieze.

The east and west elevations of the original structure have bricks laid in English garden wall bond. The east elevation has two openings consisting of small square attic windows with simple wood trim on either side of the chimney. The west elevation has only one small square attic window with simple wood trim on the south side of the chimney.

The north elevation of the original structure is also laid in English garden wall bond. It is three bays wide, and on the upper story has three six-over-six light windows directly opposite those on the south elevation with flat brick arches and simple wood trim.

In 1847 to the northwest corner of the simple four-room, two-story home was added a brick one-story, two-room rear "L" with a medium-pitched gable roof and wooden porches on the interior of the "L." The addition also has a stone foundation and two chimneys, although the locations are different. There is a north gable end brick chimney with a corbelled cap as well as a central brick chimney between the two rooms that also has a corbelled cap. The rear porches were enclosed, ca. 1930's, with white wooden siding.

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The west elevation of the 1847 addition is laid in English garden wall bond and has one entrance with a nine-over-nine light window on either side, all three openings have flat brick arches and simple wood trim.

The north elevation of the 1847 addition is laid in English garden wall bond and has a window on either side of the gable end chimney. On the west side of the chimney the window is a six-over-six with a flat brick arch and simple wood trim, while on the east side of the chimney there is only a small square attic window with simple wood trim.

The south elevation of the 1847 addition has an entrance with a flat brick arch above and a small square attic window, both with simple wood trim. Its bricks are also laid in English garden wall bond.

The interior of the Elisha White House is practically unaltered and retains a high degree of historical integrity. Original flooring, mantels, staircases, and moldings around windows and doors remain unchanged. Few alterations have been made to the interior and they primarily consist of remodeling the rear room of the 1847 addition into a kitchen and the addition of two bathrooms in the center bay between two bedrooms on the second floor of the original structure. However, the exterior of the house has undergone some changes. The early 1900's porch was removed and the bricks were extensively repointed within the last several years. The only outbuilding is a mid-twentieth-century clapboard garage.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| Specific dates | CA, 1821, 1847 | Builder/Architect | Unknown |
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Elisha White House (Maple Tree Farm) is nominated under National Register criteria B and C for its association with Elisha White, one of the early settlers of Giles County and for its local architectural significance as an early Federal style building. Elisha White was an important early-nineteenth-century businessman and landowner in Giles County, who was influential in shaping the early settlement of the northern part of Giles County. Constructed ca. 1821, his house is the second oldest brick residence in north Giles County; the first brick house, which was built by John Laird and is located on the Pulaski Pike, has been drastically altered.

Elisha White and his wife Jane, originally from Virginia, moved to Giles County around 1810 and purchased land in the northern part of the county on Lynn Creek from a Mr. Thomas Armstrong who was given a land grant issued by the State of North Carolina to officers and soldiers of the Continental Line. Elisha White was an energetic and successful business man. He and John Walker, who arrived at approximately the same time in northern Giles County, opened the first store in the area which was soon to be named Old Lynnville. At the time that Old Lynnville (now Waco) was formed, Elisha White owned the land. A portion of the land he deeded to the town itself and portions he sold as lots for a large profit.

During the Civil War after the Battle of Franklin while the Confederate forces were retreating south along the Pulaski Pike, both the John Laird house on the pike and the Elisha White house in Old Lynnville were used as hospitals for the wounded Confederate soldiers.

As one of the oldest buildings in Giles County, the Elisha White House is noteworthy as a rare local example of Federal residential architecture. The building has the simple facade with symmetrical fenestration typical of Federal houses in Middle Tennessee. The interior mantels, staircases, and moldings are good examples of the period and are relatively unaltered.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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McCallum, James, Early History of Giles County Tennessee, Pulaski: The Pulaski Citizen, 1928,
Papers of Margaret Butler, M. Butler Giles County Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. one acre

Quadrangle name Lynnville, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References not available: 32° 22' 32" North Latitude
87° 2' 9" West Longitude

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated one-acre property is bounded on the west and north by fence posts and on the east and south by a wrought iron fence, The boundaries contain the minimal property necessary to convey the historical context of the building, *- see site map drawn to scale*

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title T. Lynn Hicks, Architectural Designer

organization N/A

date 8/11/82

street & number 318 Fry Branch Road

telephone 615/527-3643

city or town Lynnville

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 National Park Service.

Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Herbert P. Hayden

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 1/11/83

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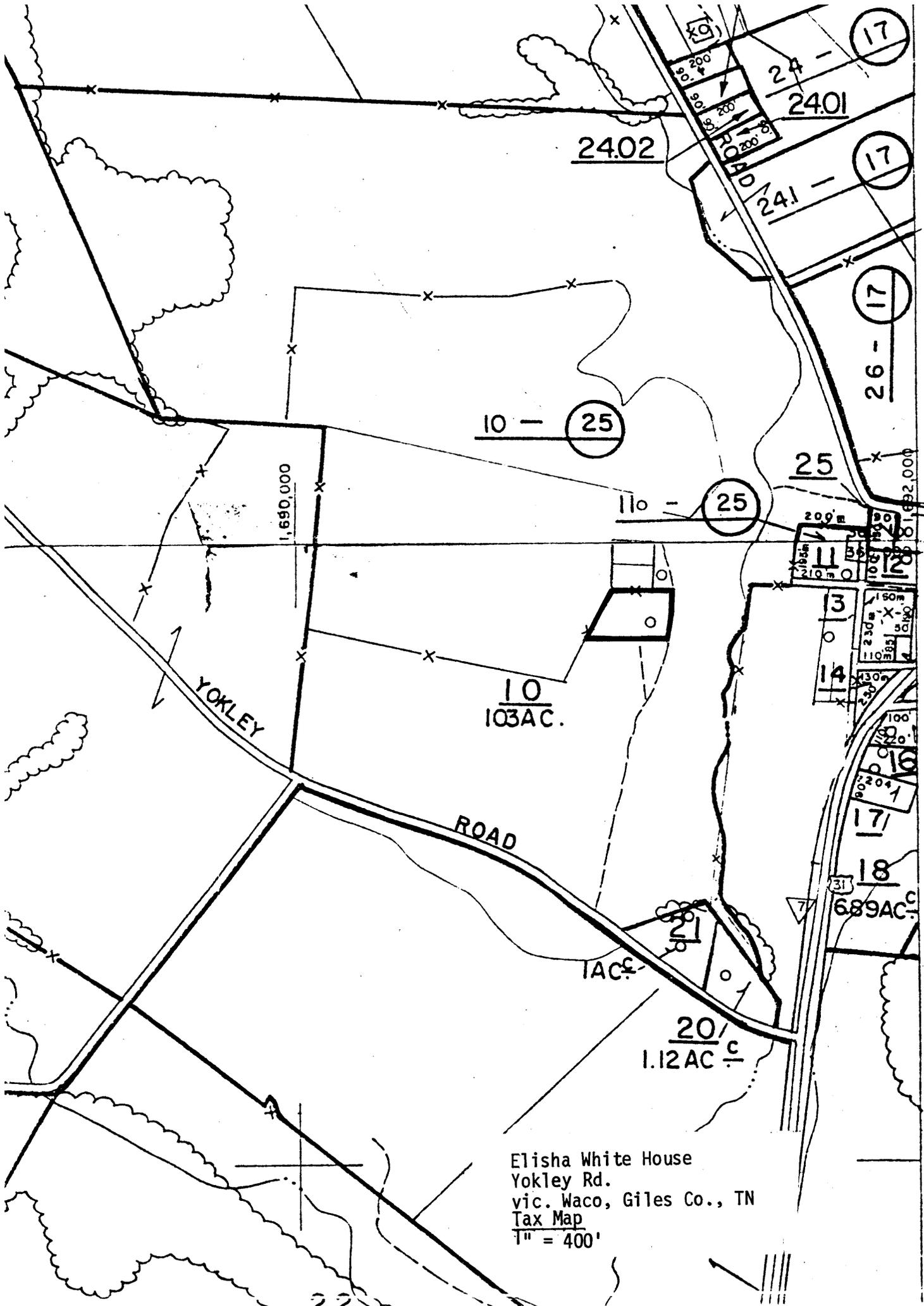
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Laura McClure
Keeper of the National Register

date 3/4/83

Attest: *Patrick Andrews*
Chief of Registration

date 3/4/83



Elisha White House
Yokley Rd.
vic. Waco, Giles Co., TN
Tax Map
1" = 400'