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**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

Woodard Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NE of Springfield on
Owens Chapel Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Springfield *vic.*

VICINITY OF

Sixth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

47

COUNTY

Robertson

CODE

147

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Summer residence

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Josephine Brown Cervantes (Mrs. Ernesto)

STREET & NUMBER

Tampico 45

CITY, TOWN

Mexico (7), D.F.

VICINITY OF

STATE

Mexico

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Robertson County Register's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodard Hall sits on a hillside with its porches facing Beaver Dam Creek. The drive has approached the house from this side since 1880. The other side of the house was originally the front, facing the old road. The small porch on that side was added in 1854.

The original house is a two room, two story rectangular frame structure built either in or prior to 1792. Brick chimneys at either end are built out from the house in the North Carolina tidewater fashion, reflecting Thomas Woodard's migration from Edgecombe County. The living room fireplace next to the present hall has been faced in brick to match the arched brick fireplace at the other end of the long room. It was originally of stone and almost high enough for a person to stand in. The crack on its outer chimney was caused by the earthquake of 1812. The floors are hickory in the living room and yellow poplar in the attic. A summer beam runs across the living room ceiling. A small enclosed staircase on the exterior fireplace wall leads to the attic, originally used as a sleeping loft. The house is constructed of sawn clapboard siding painted white. The foundations are brick and stone. A fine log smokehouse and another log outbuilding stand nearby.

In 1854 Col. Wilie Woodard substantially enlarged the main house and added a separate kitchen and office. A hall with a stair leading to the new basement dining room was added off the living room and, next to that, a downstairs parlour or bedroom with a fireplace at its end. A stair in that room leads up to a larger bedroom and to a smaller bedroom over the hall. Porches with lattice railings were added above and below. An outside entrance from the basement dining room leads to the brick kitchen, which has an unusual double chimney. Nearby is a one room office, tin-roofed as is part of the main house. Its tall mantel and chairrail are painted in the original Prussian blue; the walls are plastered. A further addition, always known as "Number Three," was probably part of the 1854 renovation. It is a stepdown, two room addition to the original structure. The downstairs bedroom is now a dining room. The upstairs bedroom, unrestored and finished like the office, is connected by a tiny interior stair to the attic stair in the original house. The floors in that room are oak and, in the rest of the newer part, yellow poplar. The trim throughout the house was done on the place and is very simple.

Other features of interest are the stable, tobacco barn, tenant house (in use), rockwalled family cemetery, slave graves outside the wall and the remains of a garden modeled after the one at the Hermitage. In 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown modernized the house, adding an unobtrusive kitchen off the dining room.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1792, 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodard Hall is the oldest house in Robertson County continuously owned and inhabited by direct descendants of the original settler. It has been occupied by a family who, either directly or by blood ties, has played a significant role in the social, political and economic development of the region. Thomas Woodard and his wife, Elizabeth Pitt, were among the first settlers in the county. Willie Woodard was a colonel in the state militia and a member of the state legislature, as was his nephew Judge John Woodard. His wife, Elizabeth Henry Woodard, was the granddaughter of the "Widow Henry" and great-granddaughter of Hugh Henry, Sr., and Mary Donelson Henry, all of whom came to Tennessee on the Donelson flotilla. Col. Woodard and his son-in-law, Jordan Stokes Brown, were prominent distillers when this was the county's key industry. J. S. Brown became a banker and developer of great importance in the county. Their accomplishments were woven into the fabric of the community in many areas and over a long period of time, a tradition continued by their descendants.

The harmonious proportions of the house and its dominant site combined to produce a rural elegance that is unique. Another significant aspect is its authenticity. The materials were found and manufactured on the place, the plans were drawn by the owners to meet their special needs and the work was done by owners and slaves alike. It is their product and it is an authentic, important expression of the character of the region. Another consideration is its completeness. The house sits on the original acreage, surrounded by its outbuildings, still "in the family" and virtually in original condition, all establishing a functional wholeness that amplifies the effect of the main structure.

Since 1792 a continuous farming operation has gone on there. A tobacco base is under cultivation and the smokehouse was in use this winter. Vestiges of slave cabins and graves are a link with the agriculture of the past. It is a good example of what a farm was like a hundred years ago, and that is becoming unusual.

Woodard Hall has deep roots in the community and is a landmark of great local importance because it is an excellent example of early Tennessee architecture and also because of the prominence of the early families associated with the house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Winters, Ralph E. Hospitality Homes and Historic Sites, Clarksville, Tenn., 1971, pp. 76-79.
- Love, Charles H. The Springfield I Have Known, Springfield, Tenn., Robertson County Times, p. 5.
- Thomas, Mrs. Archer. Chronicles of Robertson County as Appears in the Springfield Record August 1902 (from the remembrances of Dr. J.S. Mulloy), p. 17.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Joe V. W. (Kay) Gaston

ORGANIZATION

DATE

4-23-75

STREET & NUMBER

Altura Drive, Route 1, Box 503

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Signal Mountain

STATE

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert L. Hays

TITLE

Acting Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE

7/2/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

A. H. Maclean

DATE

10/10/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Ronald D. Huebner

DATE

10-9-75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. G. ...

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Item 7 - Description

Other buildings on the site, as enumerated in the nomination form and shown on the map, include a log smokehouse, a stable, tobacco barn, and tenant house. There is also a rock walled family cemetery with slave graves outside the wall. A photo of the smokehouse was submitted, and the other buildings possess no significance.

Item 10 - Verbal Description

The site is a 225 acre working farm with the boundaries as shown on the map being the property lines of the farm.

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UTM grid marks are not shown on the Youngville Quadrangle map.
The latitude and longitude coordinates of Woodard Hall are:

	Latitude	Longitude
NW	36°32'18"	86°49'33"
NE	36°32'14"	86°48'47"
SE	36°31'43"	86°48'43"
SW	36°31'39"	86°49'32"

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVED

 4/20/95
PAUL R. LUSIGNAN

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 75001775

Date Listed: 4/28/95

Woodward Hall
(Additional Documentation)
Property Name

Robertson
County

TN
State

Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

4/28/95
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significant Dates:
1994 is deleted as a significant date.

Classification:
The number of contributing resources previously listed should be one (1).

U.T.M.:
The correct coordinates for Point 4 are: 16 515600 4042460.

This information was confirmed with Claudette Stager of the TN SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)