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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name American Legion Bohannon Post #4
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 121 South Church Street N/A not for publication
city or town Livingston N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Overton code 133 zip code 38570

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
[Signature] 4/10/2012
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
D State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet
 determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Elsan H. Beall Date of Action 8-7-12

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object |

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: specialty store

Social: civic/meeting hall

Education: library

Recreation and Culture: music facility/dancehall

Other: voting precinct

Social: civic/meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Quonset Hut

foundation Concrete

walls Metal; Brick

roof Metal

other Metal; Glass Blocks

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Physical Description

The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 is located on the east side of S. Church Street in downtown Livingston (population 3,560), the county seat of Overton County, Tennessee. The building is a good example of a modified, mid-20th century Quonset hut. Erected in 1948, the American Legion Bohannon Post #4 building is a one-story, prefabricated structure with a skeleton of a row of semi-circular steel ribs covered with corrugated metal sheet siding. Added shortly after the erection of the Quonset hut, its brick false front containing large groupings of decorative glass blocks is indicative of mid-20th century commercial vernacular facades. The interior space of Bohannon Post #4 remains substantially intact with minimal alterations. The openness of the main hall continues to evoke a sense of community as a center for social gatherings, events, and meetings.

The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 is situated within a small lot in downtown Livingston. The building occupies the entire lot and fronts a sidewalk along S. Church Street. Overgrown grass surrounds the building and there is no evidence of planned landscaping.

The rectangular-shaped building sits on a poured concrete foundation. While the traditional Quonset hut measured 20' x 48', the Bohannon Post #4 building is a larger version oftentimes referred to as a "Utility Building" or "Elephant Hut," and measuring 40' x 100'.¹ Reportedly, "a single unit could be erected by a team of 10 men in 300 man hours, weighed only 23, 381 pounds, and could be shipped in 23 crates."² Due to the efficiency in the construction of the building, there were a total of 11,800 Utility Buildings fabricated by the end of World War II. Following World War II, military surplus of Quonset huts was sold to the public and used for a variety of functions.³

The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 building occupies the entire parcel on which it is situated. The building fronts the east side of S. Church Street, southeast of Courthouse Square in Livingston. A concrete sidewalk separates the street from the building. There is no setback between the sidewalk and building. Vegetation along the north consists of a grassed lawn and planting beds. Along the south, vegetation is less planned with a scattering of overgrown bushes and ivy. A narrow, concrete slab is situated to the rear (east) of the building.

The exterior of the building reflects the original Quonset hut structure as well as a false front of brick construction added to the façade and fronting S. Church Street. The façade is a brick, false front consisting of three bays (W, D, W) with a centered, recessed entry. The entry consists of a wood door with single-light transom flanked by groupings of 42 decorative glass blocks situated within the angled walls. End bays each consist of 90 glass blocks (6 high and 15 wide).

¹ Quonset: Metal Living for a Modern Age. Available online at <http://www.quonsethuts.org/huts/index.htm>; accessed 29 November 2011.

² Quonset Hut. Available online at <http://www.polarinertia.com/may04/quonset01.htm>; accessed 30 November 2011.

³ Quonset: Metal Living for a Modern Age.

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Surmounting the glass block groupings, a total of 6 transom windows containing 3, fixed lights allow for additional light to enter the building. A brick belt course extends above the 3 bays of the facade. Above the belt course, brickwork changes from a running bond to American bond within the cornice. The brick cornice is modest with brick headers positioned along rounded corners. A semi-circular pediment hides the metal body of the Quonset hut. Reportedly, the brick, false front that we see today was added to the façade after its initial construction.⁴ It is unknown as to the date the false front was added; however, its style is indicative of mid-20th century vernacular commercial architecture.

The north and south elevations offer a lengthwise view of the body of the Quonset hut. Paint fragments indicate that the metal was at one time painted green. There are no window or door openings located on either elevation. An off-centered metal ventilation pipe extends from the building near the rear of the north elevation. A slightly off-centered, interior brick chimney is located near the rear of the structure.

The east elevation is green-painted corrugated metal with a centered, metal double door. A square, metal vent is located directly above the rear door. On either side of the rear double door, rectangular-shaped metal patching suggests the presence of window openings at one time. Utility boxes and associated piping originate on the rear elevation.

The building is basically a single-room cylindrical frame facility with interior dividing walls installed to create separate spaces for various functions. The floor plan is generally organized around a large, rectangular-shaped hall with small administrative office spaces located at the front of the building and bathrooms, kitchen, and storage space to the rear. An open attic is accessible near the rear. Quonset hut walls typically consist of airspace between the steel frame, followed by insulation and most often masonite or fiber board. Such is the case with the Bohannon Post #4 building; however, the majority of the walls are covered with a modern, vertical laminate paneling. Wood flooring is stained unless otherwise covered with carpeting or linoleum. Like early Quonset huts, the arch of the building extends to the floor providing a cylinder-like interior space. Ceilings of the Bohannon Post #4 are dropped allowing for the concealment of electrical equipment and providing an attic space above. This was a common practice for the adaptive reuse of the Quonset Hut. Original interior doors are paneled, stained and feature original hardware in most instances.

Upon entering the Bohannon Post #4 building through the main entry on S. Church Street, a small, central entry space is flanked by an office on the south and a former library to the north. The entry hall is irregular in shape as a result of the angled and recessed entryway. The room extends only the width of the recessed entryway. Unlike much of the Bohannon Post #4 building, the entry hall features stained wood wainscoting and linoleum flooring. A metal mail slot and wood basket are installed on the main entry door. Three original doors lead from the entry hall to the adjacent office

⁴ Interview. Mr. Gabe Sales. 10 December 2011.

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to the south, the former library to the north, and the events hall to the east. The door leading to the office space features replacement hardware.

The small office space located at the southwest corner of the building features carpeted floors and dropped ceiling. The ceiling appears to be higher than that of the events hall. A large window opening on the west elevation accommodates the 90 glass block grouping visible on the facade. The glass blocks do not reach the top of the window opening. This space features brick in-fill, most likely installed as a result of the placement of an air conditioning unit located within the window opening. A long fluorescent light hangs from the ceiling.

Opposite the office, north of the entrance hall, the former Livingston library is situated. This room is larger than the office, extending eastward into the open events hall. The top portion of a former wall survives suggesting that the original space was identical to that of the front office and was later extended to accommodate the growing needs of the library. Other evidence suggesting a later extension of the space includes a clear separation of interior wall siding. The original space features laminate paneling that matches the entrance hall, while the later extension walls match the stained laminate siding of the events hall. The floor is covered with carpet. A large window opening cases the glass blocks visible on the façade. A 3-light transom and air conditioning unit are located directly above the glass blocks.

The principal events hall is accessible through the central door located on the east wall of the entrance hall. The events hall is a large, open space featuring tongue-and-groove wood flooring and faux-stained laminate walls. Ceilings are dropped with 2 sets of fluorescent lights running the length of the room. Original speakers and fans hang from the ceiling. A row of wood folding chairs reminiscent of mid-20th century auditorium seating is located along the northern wall of the events hall. A few wood benches are also located near the northern wall of the room. Neither the folding chairs nor benches are attached to the flooring. A small wood stage is located near the southern wall of the events hall. The stage is approximately 2 feet high. An original microphone hangs from the ceiling above the stage. Various items not attached to the building itself are located near the rear (east end) of the room, including a metal voting box that was utilized between the 1960s and 1980s when the building served as a voting precinct.

The men's bathroom is accessible at the southeast corner of the events hall. There is no door leading to the bathroom. Upon entering through the open doorway, a partial dividing wall extending from the south wall of the building creates a u-shaped hall. At the east end of the hall, a smaller door opening leads to the bathroom and washroom space. Walls within the u-shaped passage and bathroom match that of the events hall. The ceilings are wood flush board and are relatively lower than the front portions of the building.

The women's restroom is accessed via a door located at the northeast corner of the events hall. Like the men's bathroom, a partial dividing wall extends from the north wall of the building creating

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a u-shaped hall leading to the women's restroom. At the east end of the hall, a doorway leads to the women's restroom. A sink is located on the south wall. A single step leads to a short elevated platform at the southeast corner of the bathroom. Two toilet stalls are located on the elevated platform. The bathroom, including partitioned hallway, features linoleum flooring and laminate paneled walls painted yellow. The interior walls of the bathroom are bead board. Stall doors are also painted yellow.

A door centered at the eastern wall of the events hall leads to the building's kitchen area. The walls match that of the events hall and floors are linoleum. The dropped ceiling is lower than the ceiling of the events hall. A modern, ell-shaped countertop extends from the west wall of the kitchen into the center of the room. A stove, sink, and countertop are also located along the northern wall of the room. A furnace is situated just west of the stove along the northern wall. The kitchen countertop along the northern wall appears to be original to the building.⁵ A white, paneled door is located on the east elevation and leads to the exterior of the building. Unlike the other interior doors within the building, this door reaches the ceiling and is surrounded by a white painted door frame. The door is a modern installation. It is not visible from the exterior of the building as it is hidden behind the large, metal double doors on the rear (northeast) elevation.

South of the kitchen is an ell-shaped storage area. The room is accessed via a door located on the south wall of the kitchen. Upon entering the storage area, modest wood stairs with no string is located along the northeast wall and lead to an attic space above. A single fluorescent light is attached to a dropped ceiling. The walls of the room are the same laminate paneling as the events hall and the flooring is exposed concrete. A chimney is located on the west wall of the storage room and is completely covered with laminate paneling. Long-time residents of Livingston, recall the chimney being used with a large pot-bellied stove for heat during the early years of the.⁶

The attic of the American Legion Bohannon Post #4 building is an open space with wood, board flooring and metal walls and ceiling. The corrugated metal walls and ceiling are rounded and show the building's arch-rib T-section steel frame,⁷ the typical construction method for the mid-20th century Quonset hut designed for the military.⁷ Unlike the lower level, the steel frame in the attic is exposed with no insulation or interior siding. The front three-quarters or more of the attic space is raised approximately 3 feet above the rear portion into which one enters from the stairs. The raised section is wood and supports the building's electrical equipment. A fan and vent are installed in the raised platform and face into the events hall. A brick chimney extends from the storage room below, and through the attic space and ceiling/roof. A large ventilation fan is located on the rear (northeast) elevation of the attic.

⁵ The additional countertops were reportedly installed during the early years of the Legion's ownership. Mr. Phillip McCormick.

⁶ A.B. "Gabe" Sells. Oral interview conducted by Livingston-Overton County Chamber of Commerce. 10 December 2011.

⁷ Quonset Hut. Available online at <http://www.polarinertia.com/may04/quonset01.htm>; accessed 30 November 2011.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Period of Significance

1949-1962

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
Previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal Agency
Local Government
University
Other

Name of repository:

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 in Livingston, Tennessee is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A for its local significance in social history. The current building is a modified World War II-era Quonset hut, the only known American Legion post in the State to be housed in one of these iconic World War II military structures. The building has hosted multiple social organizations and has been used by the local community as a gathering place, event venue, reception hall, meeting hall, dance hall, library, voting precinct, and veteran's service office. The building has served the Town of Livingston and the surrounding area since the property was acquired by the American Legion in 1949, and has become a unique and integral part of the community. The building retains its historic integrity as a military surplus Quonset hut, historically modified to adapt to its many mid-20th century uses.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The American Legion was formed in Paris, France 15-17 March 1919, by former members of the American Expeditionary Force, who were veterans of World War I.⁸ The Legion was granted a national charter by the U.S. Congress on 16 September 1919.⁹ The American Legion's primary focus was to be the care of disabled veterans, and the establishment of hospitals and other services for veterans. The scope of these services has expanded over the years to include compensation and pension issues, as well as other advocacy services. The Legion sponsored the creation of the U.S. Veteran's Administration in 1930, and was instrumental in the creation of the G.I. Bill in 1944.¹⁰ In the year 2000, the total membership of the American Legion, made up of veterans of every war and military action since World War I, was approximately 3,000,000, with 15,000 local posts worldwide.¹¹

Since its establishment, American Legion posts have been woven into the social fabric of their respective communities. This is especially true of smaller communities such as Livingston, Tennessee, where American Legion posts have served a multitude of roles throughout the years, often becoming one of the most utilized and familiar gathering places in the community. Such is the case with Bohannon Post #4.

American Legion Bohannon Post #4 was established in Livingston, Tennessee on 14 April 1922, the first such post established in a primarily rural area of Tennessee, and the fourth established in the state, as indicated by the post number. The post was named for Lieutenant Shirley D. Bohannon, the son of a local judge, and an early casualty of World War I.¹² Bohannon Post #4

⁸ American Legion; <http://www.Britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/19927/>; accessed November 2011.

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² Notes from Ronald Dishman, Overton County Historian, December 2011.

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was organized by a group of World War I veterans from Livingston and other parts of Overton County, led by prominent local attorney, George O. Lea, who was elected first commander of the post.¹³ The post was chartered on 24 June 1924.¹⁴

According to the local paper of the time, the *Livingston Enterprise*, Overton County's casualty list from World War I "was larger in proportion to population than that of any other county on record."¹⁵ The newspaper pointed out the participation of the men of Overton County in World War I, and their disproportionate sacrifices, and used this as a point of emphasis and justification for the establishment of the local American Legion post. The editor of the newspaper saw the American Legion as an organization that could bring fundamental change to the community when he editorialized that, "an intense effort will be made to enroll every veteran in the county in the Legion Post. Later on, after this has been accomplished, it is the intention of the Post to become a factor for good in the progress and development of the county."¹⁶ Bohannon Post #4 was seen as more than just an organization and meeting place for local veterans, it was seen as an integral part of the post-World War I development of Livingston and the surrounding area.

The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 met in the Overton County Courthouse (NR/1980) from 1922 until 1949, when the Post moved to its present location on Church Street. The post acquired the property from Mr. W. T. Reagan in November 1949.¹⁷ The Quonset hut was purchased and erected the previous year by Reagan and briefly used as an Army Surplus store.¹⁸

The Quonset hut was designed as a lightweight prefabricated structure of corrugated galvanized steel. The structure was semicircular in cross section, and was based on the Nissen hut developed by the British in World War I.¹⁹ The name of the structure comes from the site where they were first manufactured, Quonset Point, at the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, Rhode Island, home of the famed Navy Seabees.

The Quonset hut was born of the U.S. Navy's need for a lightweight, all-purpose building that could be shipped anywhere in the world and erected without skilled labor.²⁰ The first Quonset huts were delivered in 1941. The original design was a 16 feet x 36 feet structure formed with steel members and covered with corrugated steel sheets. The two ends were most often covered with plywood, which had doors and windows. The interior was insulated and had a pressed wood lining and wood floor. As the design evolved, and its utility increased, the size of the structure grew to a standard of 20 feet x 48 feet, with 720 square feet of usable floor space. Interiors were flexible,

¹³ *Ibid.*

¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹⁵ "American Legion Post Organized." *Livingston Enterprise*, 19 April 1922

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

¹⁷ Overton County, Tennessee Deed Book 4, page 167.

¹⁸ A.B. "Gabe" Sells Oral interview conducted by Livingston-Overton County Chamber of Commerce. 10 December 2011.

¹⁹ Quonset Huts. Available online at http://www.seabeesmuseum.com/quonset_huts.html ; accessed 19 January 2012.

²⁰ *Ibid.*

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allowing for use as barracks, latrines, offices, medical and dental offices, isolation wards, housing, bakeries, and numerous other uses.²¹

While the traditional Quonset hut measured 20 feet x 48 feet, the one purchased by W.T. Reagan in 1948 is a larger version, oftentimes referred to as a "Utility Building" or "Elephant Hut," and measuring 40 feet x 100 feet.²² Reportedly, "a single unit could be erected by a team of 10 men in 300 man hours, weighed only 23, 381 pounds, and could be shipped in 23 crates."²³ Between 150,000 and 170,000 Quonset huts were built during World War II. Approximately 11,800 of those were the larger Utility Building-type. After the war, the U.S. military sold the surplus Quonset huts to the public for as little as \$1,000.²⁴

The end of World War II and the unprecedented numbers of veterans returning to the Upper Cumberland area necessitated a new, permanent building to house American Legion Bohannon Post #4. The post purchased the property from Reagan in November 1949 and the surplus Quonset hut was to serve as the new home of American Legion Bohannon Post #4.

The new American Legion Bohannon Post #4 quickly became integrated into the community life of Livingston and the surrounding area. Soon after the building was completed, the regional library was moved there.²⁵ From 1950 until the early 1960s, the Livingston Public Library was located in the check room of the American Legion building.²⁶ This was among the first of many different community-oriented activities and services located or carried out in the building since it was first opened. From the early 1950s until the mid 1980s, the American Legion building was also used as a voting precinct.²⁷

In addition to the American Legion, the building also hosted various meetings and functions of local social organizations including the Ladies Auxiliary who continue to host meetings and events there.²⁸ Community events were held year-round in the building. These events included Boy Scout gatherings, various school functions and auctions, spelling bees, among others. But among the most popular events to be held in the American Legion building were square dances, which have been central to rural Appalachian folk culture since the 18th century. Square dances sponsored by

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² Quonset: Metal Living for a Modern Age. Available online at <http://www.quonsethuts.org/huts/index.htm>; accessed 29 November 2011.

²³ Quonset Hut. Available online at <http://www.polarinertia.com/may04/quonset01.htm>; accessed 30 November 2011.

²⁴ *Ibid.*

²⁵ "Library Now Located in American Legion Bldg." *Livingston Enterprise*, 01 September 1950.

²⁶ "Overton County Library to Hold Open House." *Livingston Enterprise*, 22 July 1998.

²⁷ Notes from Lucy Newberry, former Overton County Election Commissioner, 19 September 2011.

²⁸ Copeland, Horace and Mrs. Clarice West, Oral interview conducted by Livingston-Chamber of Commerce. 10 December 2011.

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various community organizations have long been popular in the Upper Cumberland region.²⁹ The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 has hosted many such sponsored dances through the years. Local bluegrass and folk bands have traditionally provided the music for the dances. Communities throughout the Appalachian uplands would compete for dancing championships, which helped create a sense of social cohesion and pride within the individual communities. The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 had its own square dancing team. In 1950, the team competed, along with the Alpine, Overton County band, Ferrell and Norris Brothers as musical accompanists, in the *Nashville Banner* All Free Square Dance Contest Finals at the old Sulphur Dell baseball park in Nashville.³⁰

The American Legion Bohannon Post #4 has become an integral part of the Livingston landscape. The building has a special place in the community, and represents the ideals and values of the county and region. The building has functioned as a focal point for Livingston and the surrounding area since the Bohannon Post acquired the property. The building has hosted many events through the years, and will host many more in the future. With the exception of the Overton County Courthouse, no other building in the Livingston area has been as central to the overall life of the community as has the American Legion Bohannon Post #4, a unique and invaluable community resource. The building itself retains its historic integrity as a modified military surplus Quonset hut. Its mid-20th century modifications reflect the various needs of the American Legion Bohannon Post #4 and that of the Livingston community as a whole.

²⁹ "Benefit Square Dance Sponsored By Rotarians." *Livingston Enterprise*, 26 May 1950.

³⁰ "Legion Will Be Represented at Banner Square Dance." *Livingston Enterprise*, 26 May 1950.

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10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property Less than one acre Livingston, TN 330 NE**UTM References**

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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 city or town Nashville/Cookeville state TN zip code 37214/38506

Additional Documentation

submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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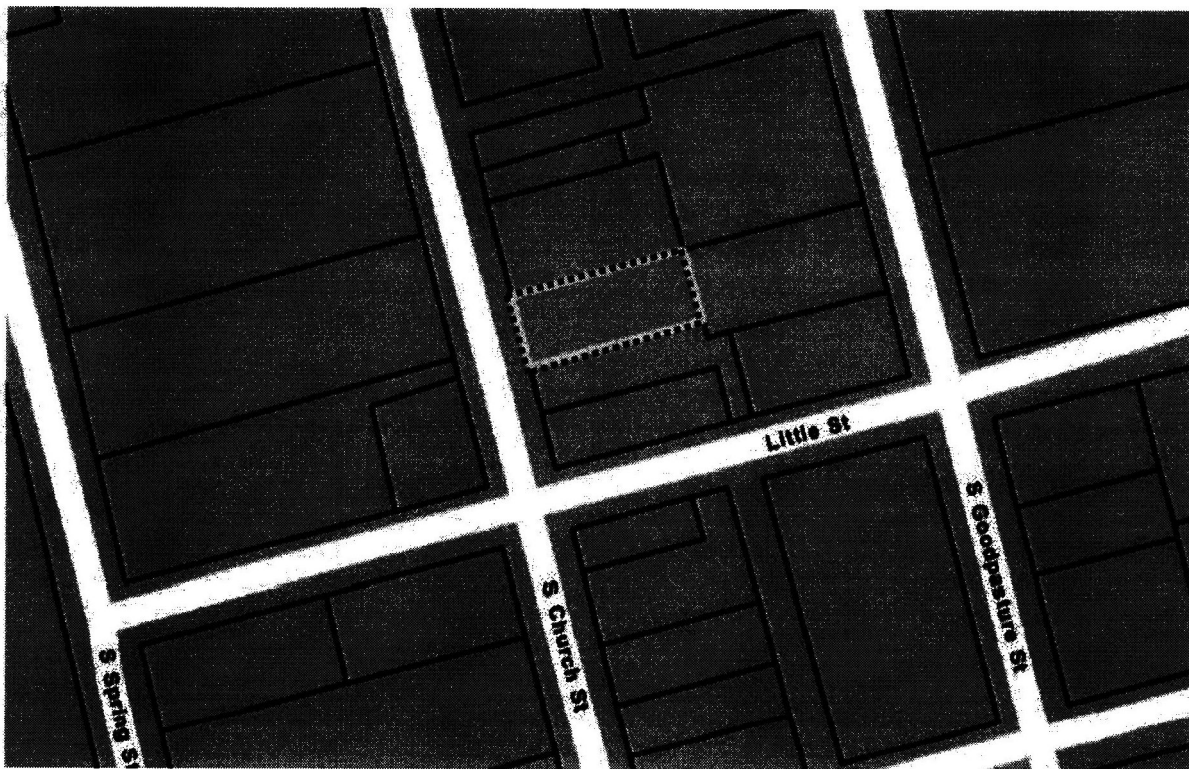
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10. Boundary Description and Justification

The proposed boundary includes the entire tax parcel (number 054G I 022.00), as indicated on the parcel map below. The property is 40 feet wide fronting S. Church Street and 100 feet deep. The boundary includes all land currently and historically associated with the American Legion Bohannon Post #4 Building.



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Southwest elevation (façade). Photographer facing northeast.

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Entry detail. Photographer facing northeast.

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North elevation. Photographer facing southeast.

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Rear (northeast) elevation. Photographer facing northwest.

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South elevation. Photographer facing northeast.

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Front office. Photographer facing southwest.

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Former library room. Photographer facing east.

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Main hall. Photographer facing northeast.

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Main hall. Photographer facing northwest.

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Kitchen. Photographer facing northwest.

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Women's bathroom. Photographer facing east.

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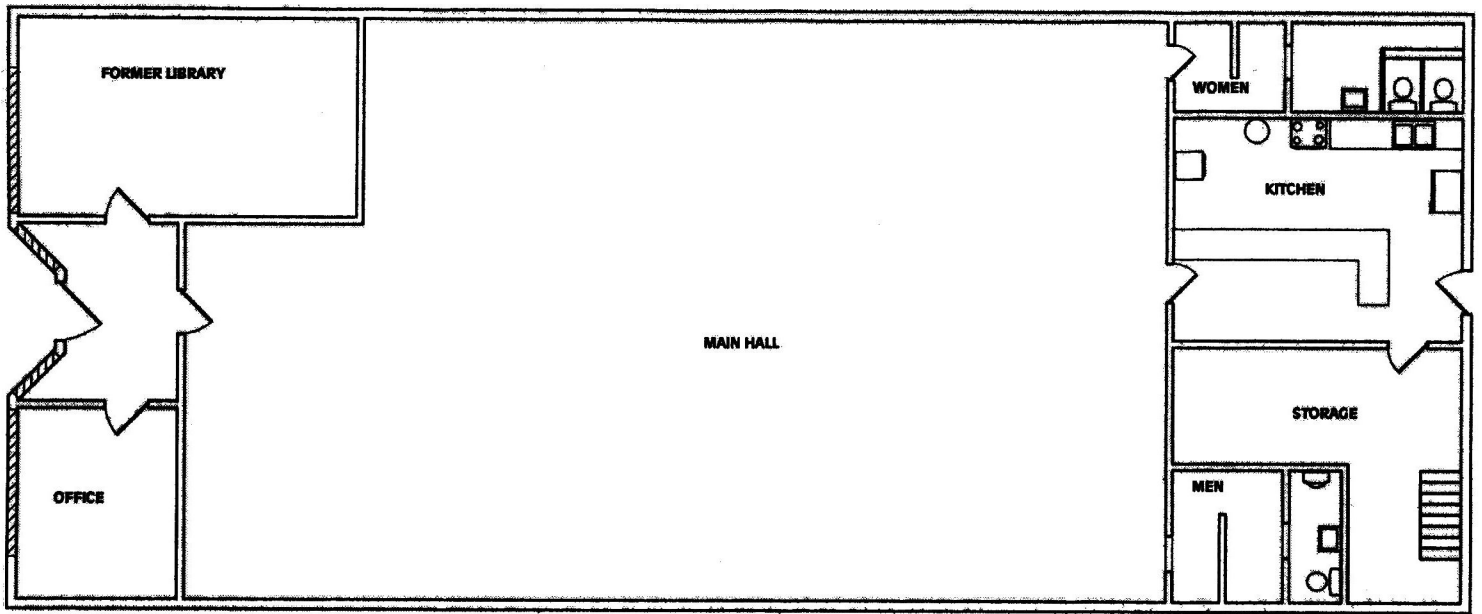
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Floor Plan



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY American Legion Bohannon Post #4
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Overton

DATE RECEIVED: 6/22/12 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/24/12
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/07/12 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/08/12
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 12000489

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8.7.12 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in
The National Register
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RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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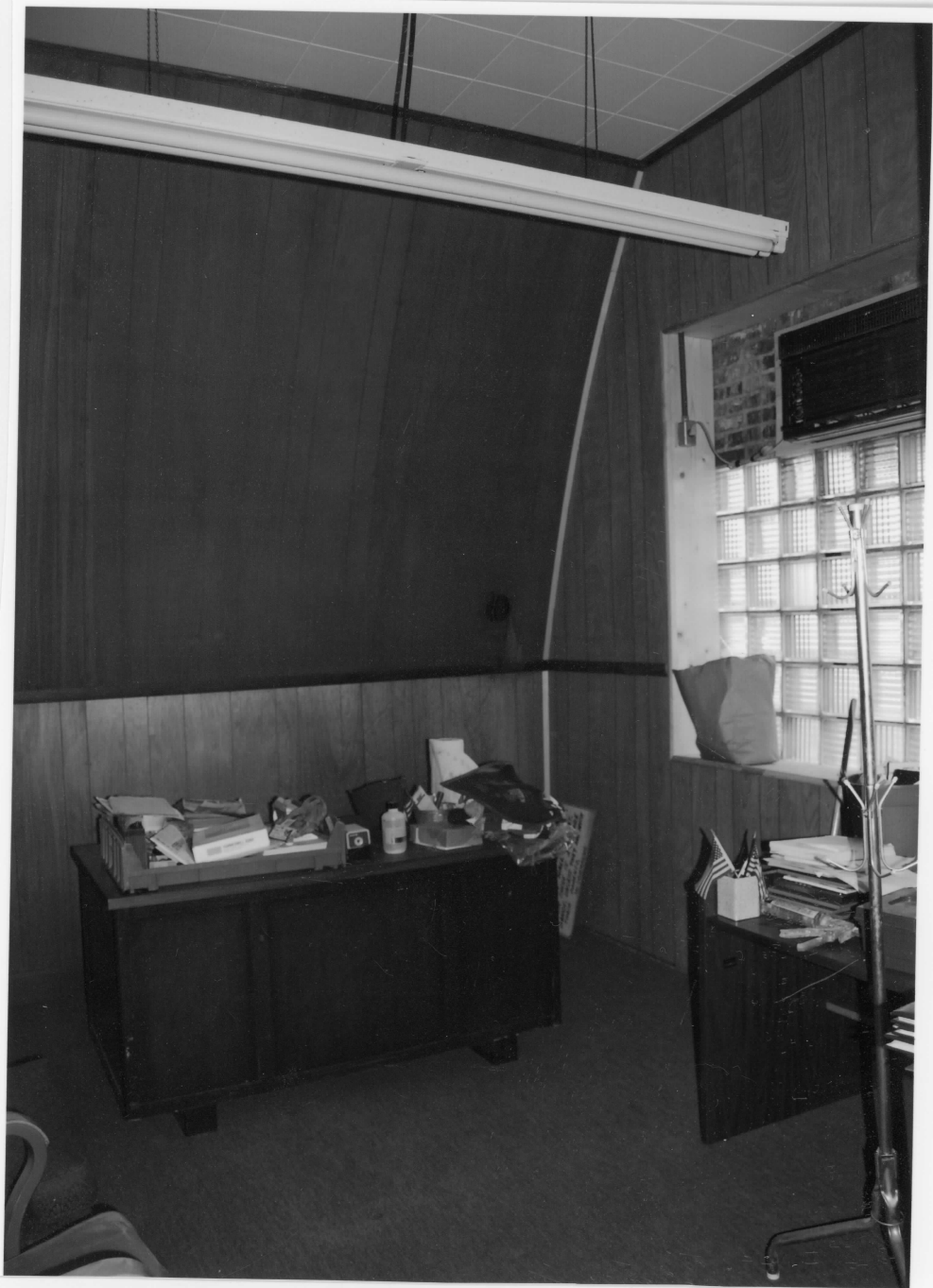












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For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to exercise law and order; to foster and perpetuate a new hundred years among the American; to preserve the memories and traditions of our associates during the Great Wars; to acculturate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to consider the welfare of both the citizen and the masses; to make right the matter of right; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to associate and unite our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

















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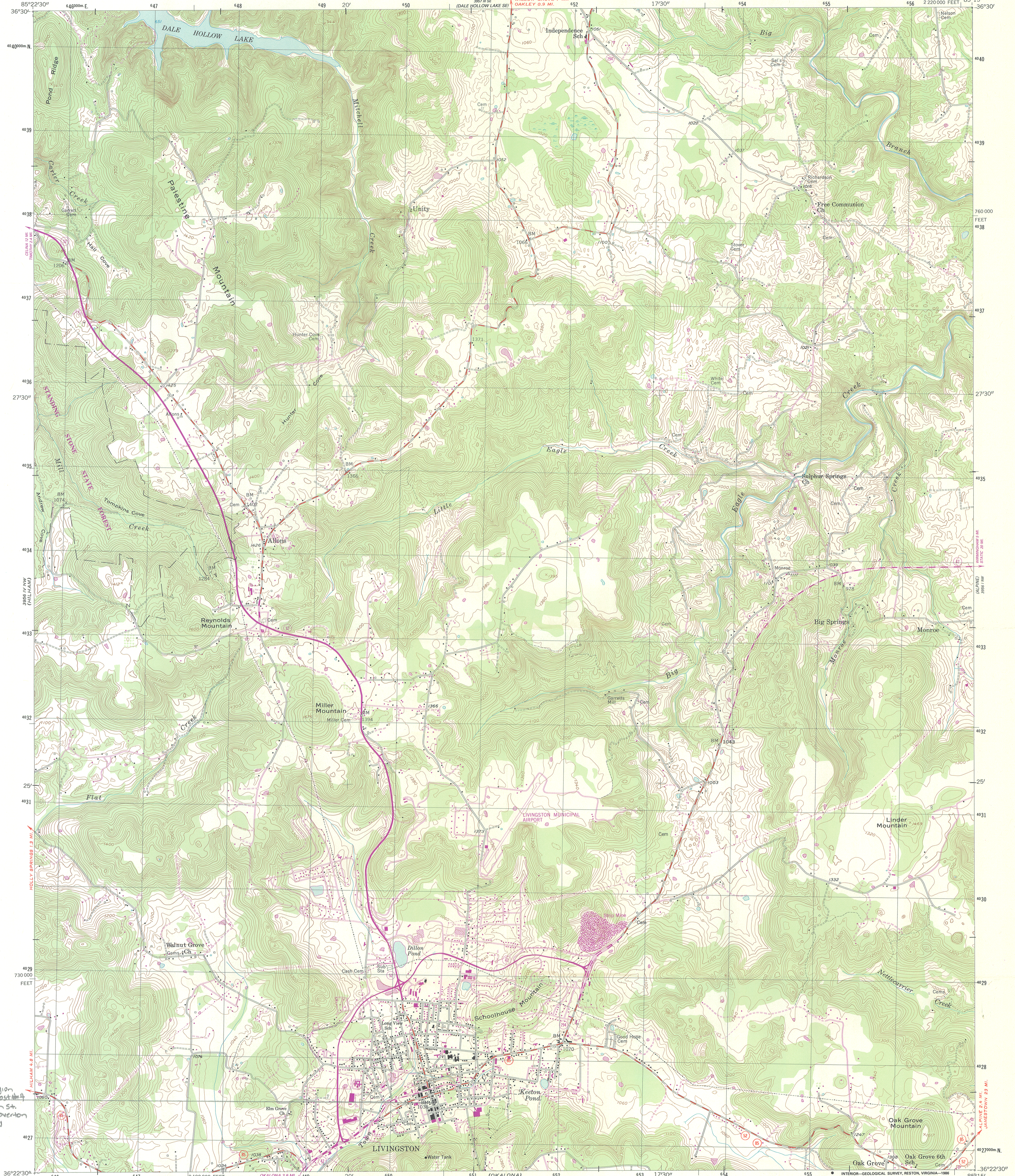


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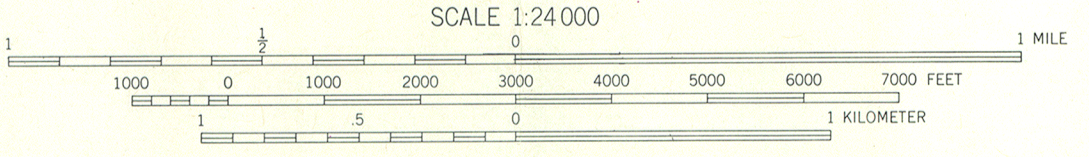
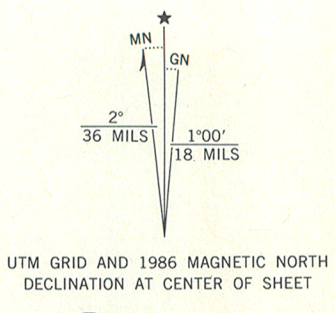


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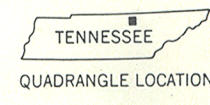
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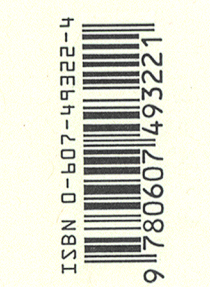
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June 18, 2012

Carol Shull
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
National Register Branch
1201 Eye Street NW
8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the documentation to nominate the *American Legion Bohannon Post #4* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Jaime L. Destefano at 615/532-1550, extension 125 or Jaime.Destefano@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudette Stager
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

EPM:cs

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