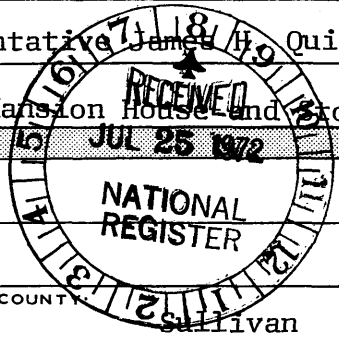


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Deery Inn (Representative James H. Quillen.)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Deery Inn, The Old Tavern, The Mansion House and Store

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street, R.F.D. 2

CITY OR TOWN:
Blountville

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Joseph Anderson Caldwell

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street, R.F.D. 2

CITY OR TOWN:
Blountville

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Sullivan County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse, Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Blountville

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Old Deery Inn," as it fronts Main Street in the small village of Blountville, is an impressive two-story clapboard structure with handsome architectural detail. It is believed that the inn was built in three stages, the earliest dating circa 1794-95, when Blountville was established as a town. The supposed original east section is a two-story log dwelling with two limestone chimneys. Built a few years later was the combined frame store house and tavern section, having three sizable rooms on the first floor, and six smaller "sleeping rooms" on the second, reached by an outside stair. The ell or third section is three stories and built of limestone. The enormous fireplace with its hooks found on the first floor of this section suggests that this was once the kitchen, and tradition states that the large room on the second-floor was the dining room of the tavern. The dwelling portion of the structure was not connected by an interior passage to the tavern area until the 1940's, when the present owners adapted the structure to family living.

The appearance of the building has changed little since the early nineteenth century when its owner and namesake, William Deery, is believed to have unified the structure and added the architectural embellishments. Especially notable for the area are the vigorous cornice and doorway.

Interior refinements also date from Deery's ownership. The most elaborate mantel is located in the "gathering room" on the first floor of the log section. It is decorated with rope carving and geometric figures, and has an overmantel with a punched swag design across the top. Some woodwork and hardware were, of necessity, replaced in the 1940's. With the exception of one room, oak and pine flooring throughout the structure is original.

To the back of Old Deery Inn are ten outbuildings, some on their original site, others moved to the property by the present owner. Representing the inn complex of the nineteenth century are four structures, all restored since 1940: a "wood house" of frame construction; the brick "cook house," said to have been used as a kitchen before or in addition to the kitchen located in the ell of the main house; the brick slave quarters which, in fact, may have been a smoke house; and a brick well house, now used as a carport, but at one time, location of the main water supply for Blountville.

Other buildings, all found in the Blountville area and all threatened by demolition, have been moved to the yard. These include numerous log buildings; a smokehouse; a small house which was originally the office of the King Ironworks; a cabin built of only three logs to a side, each log measuring about 30 inches; a barn; and a springhouse. Also on the property is the clapboard law office of Attorney General John Fain, moved from another Blountville yard.

The outbuildings line the boundaries of the property. Buildings on the west overlook the Sullivan County Court House and Jail. To the rear of the property is a creek, once hadly polluted by a local

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7. Description

industry, a problem recently remedied, at least temporarily. To the east, a driveway and a row of outbuildings separate the Inn from the Rutledge House, circa 1800. This building and yard, when threatened several years ago, were also purchased by the owner of the Old Deery Inn.



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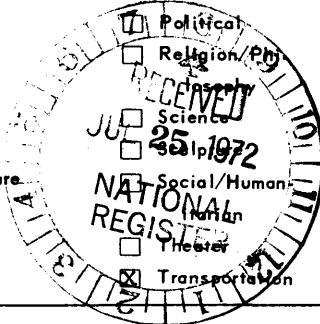
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Deery Inn has been a major landmark in East Tennessee, first during the nineteenth century as a tavern and inn for travelers along the Great Stage Road and now as an historic site for local citizens as well as visitors. Its history is a continuous one for it includes the story of one family's, and primarily one woman's individual preservation efforts.

When Blountville was organized in 1794-95, Walter James was the first owner of the lots on which the Old Deery Inn was built. Presumably James was responsible for constructing at least a portion of the building prior to sale of the property to William Deery in 1801. Deery was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1757, and immigrated to America twenty years later. Whether or not he started as a poor peddler, as tradition states, has not been determined. Whatever his background, Deery became a wealthy merchant, owning numerous stores in Tennessee and Virginia, as well as the tavern and inn in Blountville. Deery was a man of prominence and substance as disclosed by deed which refer to his fine horses and slaves. References to his "mansion house" no doubt refer to the structure as it appears today with its Federal facade. Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and the Marquis de Lafayette are among those said to have been entertained by Deery.

After Deery's death in 1845, his estate was in litigation for almost forty years. During the late nineteenth century, several families owned the property, including Gideon and Mary Cates, at which time it was called "Cate's Hotel". In 1940, Mrs. Joseph A. Caldwell purchased the property with the main building in derelict condition.

Restoration of the Old Deery Inn became a family project for Mrs. Caldwell, her husband, who was a lawyer and county judge, and their five sons. Mrs. Caldwell, with an inherent understanding for the integrity of the building, oversaw the restoration of the main structure, and subsequently, the restoration and reconstruction of the outbuildings. Mrs. Caldwell, who was widowed in the early 1960's, once again made the Old Deery Inn a gathering place for friends and visitors.

Perhaps most importantly, Mrs. Caldwell's one-woman struggle to preserve the Old Deery Inn has meant the preservation of Blountville. Although the location of the county seat, Blountville remains a

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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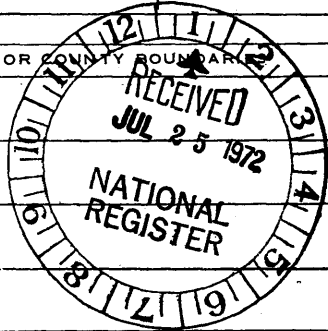
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission

DATE: July 17, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 Seventh Avenue North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville

STATE: Tennessee

CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Michael J. Smith</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Executive Director</u> <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u></p> <p>Date: <u>July 17, 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>5/7/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>4 26 73</u></p>
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8. Significance (cont.)

small and quiet town, with many late eighteenth and early nineteenth century houses along Main Street. In the very center of town is the largest and most imposing of these buildings, the Old Deery Inn.

