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Carter Family Thematic Nomination, Virginia Division of Historic Landmarks
Thematic National Register Nomination Inventory Form

Historic Name: Maybelle and Ezra Carter House
Street Adress/Rt. No.: Rt. 614
Vicinity of: Maces Spring
USGS Quad: Hilton 7.5

Common Name: Maybelle & Ezra Carter House
VHLC File Number: 84-15
Owner: Johnny & June Carter Cash
Henderson, Tennessee

Date(s): Early 20th century
Original Use: Dwelling
Present Use: Dwelling
Condition: Very Good
Altered xx; unaltered ___

Architect/Builder: Garn Larkey, 1936 rennovations
Style: Vernacular

Physical Description:

The Maybelle Carter House began as a five-room dwelling, which was substantially remodeled during the Carter occupancy. Family members recall that the first, and only, floor contained four rooms, two across the front and two, divided by a small hall, behind these. A breezeway off the back provided access to a detached, one-room kitchen.

In 1936 Garn Larkey, a local carpenter, enlarged the house, creating its present form. At this time, several renovations were made to the original block; the partition between the front rooms was taken out and the hall dividing the back rooms was removed, but the two rooms were retained. Larkey added a third file of rooms along the back, removing the detached kitchen. Additional bedrooms were created on a new second floor, lighted by shed dormers along each side. On the exterior, a new wrap-around porch with turned columns, extending across the front and the length of both sides, highlighted the renovations. Other alterations included the construction of a bathroom, the excavation of the basement, and the modernization of the interior. The only change since that date is the spindle frieze added to the porch in 1981.

This small farm presently includes a wood-frame smokehouse behind the house, a small barn built by Ezra near the smokehouse, and a two-level, cinderblock garage and workshop, also built by Ezra.

Statement of Significance:

The primary significance of this dwelling rests with its association with Maybelle Carter, an original member of the Carter family. Ezra and Maybelle Addington Carter moved to this house soon after their marriage in March, 1926. Both were related to the two other members of the original Carter family; Ezra was a brother to A. P. Carter and Maybelle was a cousin to Sara Carter, coming from the Copper Creek community of Scott County. They spent most of their married life here, giving birth to and raising their three daughters, Helen, June, and Anita. After the original Carter family disbanded, Maybelle and her daughters continued to remain active in the music business, as Mother Maybelle and the Carter Sisters. In the early 1950s, Grant Carter bought their Clinch Mountain house. His widow remained here until June of 1981, when she sold the property to Maybelle and Ezra's daughter, June, and her husband, Johnny Cash.

Besides its primary significance in its connection with the Carters, this house with its gable-end facade, and simple rectangular form, illustrates a familiar and very representative samll house form for early twentieth century rural Virginia. The 1930s renovations clearly suggest the bungalow style growing in popularity during these years.

Geographic Data/Acreage: Approx. 2 Acres

Verbal Boundary Description: Beginning at a point on the left side of dirt access road approx. 475' N of intersection of said road with VA 614 which lies approx. 3000' (continued)
Boundary Justification: The bounds have been drawn to include the house, outbuildings, and immediate house yard.
UTM: 17/374660/4059420

Prepared By: Ann McCleary, Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: February, 1985

Verbal Boundary Description continued:

E-NE of intersection of VA 614 with VA 691; thence following left side of dirt road for approx. 200' N; thence following said road approx. 250' NE; thence approx. 300' W; thence approx. 400' S; thence approx. 200' E to point of origin.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Carter Family Thematic Resources
State Scott County, VIRGINIA

Cover 6/20/85 JR

Nomination/Type of Review			Date/Signature
1. Carter, A.P., Store	Substantive Review	Keeper	6/14/85
		Attest	
2. Carter, A.P. and Sara, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	6/12/85
		Attest	
3. Carter, Maybelle and Ezra, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	6/12/85
		Attest	
4. Mt. Vernon Methodist Church	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	6/12/85
		Attest	
5. Carter, A.P., Homeplace (Previously listed 7/30/76)		Keeper	
		Attest	
6.		Keeper	
		Attest	
7.		Keeper	
		Attest	
8.		Keeper	
		Attest	
9.		Keeper	
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10.		Keeper	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Carter, Maybelle and Ezra, House (Carter Family TR)
Scott County
VIRGINIA

Working No. MAY 3 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 5/30/85 - 6/17/85
Action: ✓ ACCEPT 6-12-85
___ RETURN
___ REJECT
Federal Agency: ___

Removed In the National Register

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria ___
Reviewer ___
Discipline ___
Date ___
___ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ___ technical corrections cited below
___ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date ___
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet