Request for Removal

State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this ___ additional documentation ___ move _X__ removal
___ name change (additional documentation) ___ other

meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

_____

Signature of Certifying Official/Title: Date of Action

Holly Barnett, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register

___ determined eligible for the National Register

___ determined not eligible for the National Register

___ removed from the National Register

__ additional documentation accepted

___ other (explain:) _____

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Signature of the Keeper Date

Justification for Removal

The Buchanan House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on July 6, 1982, for its architectural significance. The house was destroyed by a fire in February 2020 (see Figure 2).[1] The property is now an empty lot (see Figure 1). The Buchanan House has lost the characteristics for which it was listed and should be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

Supporting Documentation

Figure 1: Buchanan House Property, March 28, 2022. Photo taken by TN-SHPO Staff.

[1] Collins Parker, "Historic Decatur Home Destroyed by Fire," WDEF, February 17, 2020, accessed July 13, 2022, https://www.wdef.com/historic-decatur-home-destroyed-fire/.

Historic Decatur home destroyed in Fire

February 17, 2020 by Collins Parker (https://www.wdef.com/author/wparker/)

DECATUR, Tenn. (WDEF) – One of the oldest homes in Decatur, Tennessee was destroyed by a fire over the weekend.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. However, officials believe it might be electrical and that it started in the attic.

from Decatur Fire Dept.

It was currently owned by the Decatur United Methodist Church. They used it as a youth house.

"We have been using it for youth activity space, so our youth group is comprised of children from around the community from all around the county. All of our churches get together for youth group and they meet here every Sunday evening and they often do other events throughout the year here," Pastor Will Connor said.

The pastor says he is thankful the fire happened on a Saturday. He is glad inside.

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Figure 2: Online Article about the Buchanan House's destruction by fire