

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

**historic name** Butner-McTyre General Store  
**other names/site number** House Family Blacksmith Shop; Country Store of Seven Springs

## 2. Location

**street & number** 4455 Marietta Street (U.S. Highway 278)  
**city, town** Powder Springs ( ) **vicinity of**  
**county** Cobb **code** GA 067  
**state** Georgia **code** GA **zip code** 30127

( ) not for publication

## 3. Classification

### Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

### Category of Property:

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

### Number of Resources within Property:

#### Contributing

#### Noncontributing

<b>buildings</b>	1	0
<b>sites</b>	0	0
<b>structures</b>	0	0
<b>objects</b>	0	0
<b>total</b>	1	0

**Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:** N/A

**Name of previous listing:** N/A

**Name of related multiple property listing:** N/A

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

W. Ray Luce  
Signature of certifying official

12-7-05  
Date

*W. Ray Luce*  
W. Ray Luce  
Historic Preservation Division Director  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency or bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson F. Beall 2/1/06

determined eligible for the National Register

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determined not eligible for the National Register

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removed from the National Register

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other, explain:

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see continuation sheet

for  
Keeper of the National Register Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

COMMERCE/TRADE: department store

### Current Functions:

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

OTHER: vernacular wood store

### Materials:

<b>foundation</b>	BRICK CONCRETE
<b>walls</b>	WOOD: weatherboard
<b>roof</b>	METAL
<b>other</b>	N/A

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Butner-McTyre General Store is located in downtown Powder Springs, a small, formerly rural community which is located 12 miles southwest of Marietta, the county seat of Cobb County, which is now part of the metro Atlanta area.

The frame, one-story, freestanding building occupies a lot on the corner of Marietta and Broad streets (photographs 1 and 2). The building was constructed in three sections: the main store, a center section that is a historic enclosed ramp/breezeway, and a rear portion, which originally was a separate building (photographs 1 and 4). The lot slopes downward to the south and the rear portion of the building sets much lower than the storefront. The oldest portion of the building (c.1879) is the rear section, originally a separate building that housed a livery, blacksmith shop, and cotton warehouse during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (photographs 4-7). The main store portion of the building (c.1881 to 1883) faces Marietta Street and features a typical late 19<sup>th</sup>-century storefront with a flat wood parapet and recessed entrance (photograph 1). The two buildings were connected by a ramp or breezeway, which was enclosed sometime during the historic period (photographs 1 and 4).

The main store and center section of the building are weatherboard, and the rear section is board-and-batten. The building has a front-gable metal roof and a brick pier foundation, portions of which are enclosed with concrete. The rear section of the building has a separate front-gable metal roof. A large painted sign advertising "Coca-Cola" is located on the northwest side of the building (photograph 3). The Coca-Cola Company has recently repainted this sign, which apparently has adorned the building for many years.

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**Section 7—Description**

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On the west side façade, there are two small, wood windows and a single door with wood steps on the front portion (photograph 3), a single window and door with no steps on the center section (photographs 4 and 5), and a wood, freight-type, loading door on the rear portion (photograph 5). On the east side façade of the rear portion of the building there are two small window openings (photographs 7 and 9). The center section of the building has a small nonhistoric or rebuilt porch on the east façade with a door and window (photograph 9). There is also a faded painted sign that says "Butner Bros." (photograph 10).

The north storefront façade has a flat, rectangular parapet or "false front" and a shed-roof porch that covers the sidewalk in front of the building. The store retains its recessed entrance and entrance doors, large plate-glass display windows, transom windows, and wooden bulkheads (photograph 11).

The interior of the store is intact and retains its flush-board walls and ceiling and pine floors and large open space (photographs 12-15). At the rear of the store are two small rooms: one is the historic office space and the other is a nonhistoric bathroom (photographs 16 and 17). The center portion of the building was historically a ramp/breezeway that led to the rear building. During the historic period, it was enclosed and retains an unfinished, utilitarian appearance with exposed rafters and unfinished walls and floor (photograph 18). The rear portion of the building may predate the store and was once a separate livery stable, blacksmith shop, and later a cotton warehouse. The interior has board-and-batten walls, wide, plank floors, and an exposed ceiling (photograph 19).

The building is located near the center of the small Powder Springs business district along Marietta Street, comprised of approximately half a dozen historic and non-historic one-story wood and brick buildings (photographs 1-4). A large new downtown development is located one block to the north.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:**

nationally       statewide       locally

**Applicable National Register Criteria:**

A       B       C       D

**Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):**  N/A

A       B       C       D       E       F       G

**Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):**

ARCHITECTURE  
COMMERCE

**Period of Significance:**

c.1879-1955

**Significant Dates:**

c.1879—construction of the oldest section of the store

**Significant Person(s):**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation:**

N/A

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

N/A

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**Section 8—Statement of Significance**

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**Statement of significance (areas of significance)**

The Butner-McTyre General Store is a rare surviving example of a late 19<sup>th</sup>-century wooden general store. General stores were once ubiquitous throughout Georgia's small towns and rural areas as places to buy, sell, and trade goods. There are few remaining examples of general stores left in the state, and surviving wood-frame stores are very rare. It is also rare for a wood general store to remain intact in the highly developed metro Atlanta suburbs.

The Butner-McTyre General Store is significant in the area of architecture as an excellent and intact example of a late 19<sup>th</sup>-century, wood-framed general store. The building is a rare example of the once-common wood store buildings. Most surviving general stores in the state (87%) are masonry. The store retains its historic character-defining features including the extraordinary intact storefront, the interior open space, office, and wood walls, floors, and ceiling. The Butner-McTyre General Store is also among the oldest extant general stores in the state.

The Butner-McTyre General Store is significant in the area of commerce as an excellent example of a late 19<sup>th</sup>-century general store that continued to be operated as a general store through the end of the historic period. The store is the oldest extant general store building in Powder Springs and was one of several general stores serving the population during the historic period. The general store was vital to small towns as a place to purchase a variety of goods from clothing and dry goods to fertilizers and plows. The earliest known record of this general store building in Powder Springs is a listing in the 1879 *Georgia State Gazetteer* as John C. Butner and Son General Store, and a blacksmith shop and stable occupied the then-separate rear building. In 1881, John Butner purchased the property, and the 1883-84 *Georgia State Gazetteer* lists J.C. Butner & Son (T.W. Butner), general store, fertilizers, and cotton buyers. According to oral history, the rear building was used as a cotton warehouse during this time. The Butners ran the general store until the death of John L. Butner in 1935. C.M. McTyre and J.B. McTyre purchased the store and the McTyres ran the store until the death of C.M. McTyre in 1968. The store changed owners a few times until 1998 when the current owners purchased the building. The store currently operates under the name of the "Country Store of Seven Springs" as an antiques and gift shop.

**National Register Criteria**

The Butner-McTyre General Store is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as an excellent and rare example of a late 19<sup>th</sup>-century, wood-framed general store in Georgia and as one of the oldest extant general stores in the state. The store is eligible for listing under Criterion C as an excellent and intact example of a late 19<sup>th</sup>-century, wood-framed general store.

**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

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**Section 8—Statement of Significance**

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**Period of significance (justification)**

The period of significance begins with the approximate date of construction for the Butner-McTyre General Store, c.1879, and ends with the end of the historic period, 1955, to reflect its continuous use as a general store in Powder Springs.

**Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

The store is the only contributing resource on the property.

**Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)**

**NOTE: The following developmental history was prepared by Marion Ellis, associate, Ray and Associates. "Butner-McTyre General Store," draft National Register of Historic Places Form April 8, 2004. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

(NOTE: The Butner-McTyre General Store is located in downtown Powder Springs in Cobb County, Georgia. An attempt to nominate a Powder Springs Historic District in 1988 failed because of property owner objections. In 2001, a new attempt to complete the district nomination was again aborted. This nomination does not include the background data about the history and development of Powder Springs. That information is part of the district nomination, which is on file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.)

The lot the store sits on today was part of forty acres of land that were granted on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1835 in the 1832 Georgia Gold Lottery to Archibald Miller. Miller came from Compton in Fayette County.

Due to several fires in the Cobb County Courthouse, many deed records were destroyed and the next deed found was dated January 28, 1879. At this time, a much smaller property was transferred from W. H. Goodwin to Francis C. House. According to the deed this included "Goodwin's store house," possibly the rear section of the current building. The 1879 *Georgia State Gazetteer* listed W. H. Goodwin as a Justice of the Peace. If he did not actually run a store on his property, he might have rented it to another businessman. Francis C. House, who was from Decatur in DeKalb County, served in the Civil War in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Georgia Volunteers from March 4, 1863 to October 14, 1863. The 1867 *Atlanta City Directory* lists him as living on Peters Street in Atlanta, between the intersections of Whitehall and Forsyth streets. The 1879 *Georgia State Gazetteer* lists Francis C. House as a contractor in Powder Springs, and in the 1880 U.S. Census, he is listed as a house carpenter. At the same time, Henry C. and Mark House, probably sons, were listed as blacksmiths. This would confirm part of the oral history that a blacksmith occupied the once-separate rear building at one time. In 1882, "House and Holcomb" are listed as blacksmiths, and by 1883 "Holcomb and Son" is the only blacksmith listed for Powder Springs.

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In 1881, the property was subdivided, and one part was sold in August 1881, to John C. Butner. John Christopher Butner was the son of Thomas M. Butner and Anna Barbara Foltz, both from Stokes County, North Carolina. Thomas Butner left Stokes County after his wife died and moved to Walton County, Georgia, where he married Marena Nehemiah Chandler. They had eight more children and eventually moved to Newton County, and then to Powder Springs in Cobb County. In 1862, 35 years old and widowed with two sons, the oldest son John C. Butner enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Georgia Volunteers, Company F. He served about six months, and then furnished a substitute in July 1863. In 1879 the *Georgia State Gazetteer* lists "Butner J. C. & Son (J. C. and T. W) general store." By 1883, the Butners were listed as "general store, fertilizers and cotton buyers." According to oral histories, the building in the rear was used for cotton storage during this time.

The other part of the property was sold in November 1881, to George Edgeworth. He was listed in the 1881-1882 *Georgia State Gazetteer* as a carpenter and probably had his shop in the building. There was no listing for him in the 1884 *Gazetteer*. In the 1886-1887 *Gazetteer* he was listed as the owner of Edgeworth and Hill, General Store. It is not known to whom Edgeworth sold his part of the property, but it was probably to John C. Butner or one of his family members.

The Butner's store stayed in business for a long time. The 1886-1887 *Gazetteer* still listed Butner, J.C. and sons, as a general store, fertilizers and cotton buyers. In the 1909-1910 *Directory of Georgia*, two Butner stores are listed under Powder Springs. They were Butner Brothers, general merchandise and Butner J. L., general merchandise. John L. Butner died on May 25, 1935.

In 1935, the property went into bankruptcy, and J. B. McTyre and C. M. McTyre bought the property from the estate of John L. Butner and W. E. Butner. These were the two sons of John C. Butner, who each owned half of the property and had probably inherited it. It is not known when John C. Butner died or how long the Butner sons ran the store. McTyre was listed as early as 1909 as having a general store in Powder Springs. He was partnered with Hardage in 1921. It is not sure in which location his shop was before he bought the property, but he could have rented the store from the Butner family.

With the acquisition of the store by the McTyres, a second period of serving the community from this location began. McTyre owned the store until 1968. Many residents of Powder Springs remember shopping at McTyre's, and getting their first pair of shoes there.

In 1968, Willis W. and Dorothy M. Decker bought the store from the estate of C.M. McTyre by J.B. McTyre. It was sold again in 1975 to William Ward Watkins III. In 1981 he sold it Steven W. and Mary Frances Leak, who sold it to the current owners, Gloria W. Hilderbrand and Diane C. Reese in 1998.



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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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*Atlanta City Directory*, 1867.

Butler Family Papers, on file at the Georgia State Archives.

Cobb County Deed Books, 1879-1998.

*Directory of Georgia*, 1909/1910.

Ellis, Marion. "Butner-McTyre General Store," draft National Register of Historic Places Form April 8, 2004. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

Georgia Land Lotteries, [www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/rs/lotteries.htm](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/rs/lotteries.htm).

*Georgia State Gazetteer*, 1879-1884.

*Powder Springs Advertiser*, December 15, 1921.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested**
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued**  
**date issued:**
- 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 Record #**

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office**
- Other State Agency**
- Federal agency**
- Local government**
- University**
- Other, Specify Repository:**

**Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A**

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## **10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property**      Less than one acre.

### **UTM References**

A)    Zone 16      Easting 714213      Northing 3748722

### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The National Register boundary is indicated on the attached tax map drawn to scale with a heavy, black line.

### **Boundary Justification**

The National Register boundary includes the property historically associated with the building and is the current legal boundary including the right-of-way and extending to the edge of the curb to include the original sidewalk width and the front porch of the store.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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(X) **consultant**  
( ) **regional development center preservation planner**  
( ) **other:**

**Property Owner or Contact Information**

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**organization (if applicable)** N/A  
**mailing address** 4455 Marietta Street  
**city or town** Powder Springs      **state** Georgia      **zip code** 30127  
**e-mail (optional)** N/A

**National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

**Photographs**

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**Name of Property:** Butner-McTyre General Store  
**City or Vicinity:** Powder Springs  
**County:** Cobb  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** December 2004

**Description of Photograph(s):**

Number of photographs: 19

1. Front façade and streetscape; photographer facing southeast.
2. Front façade and streetscape; photographer facing south.
3. West façade; photographer facing northeast.
4. West and rear facades; photographer facing northeast.
5. Detail of rear addition; photographer facing east.
6. Rear and east facades; photographer facing northwest.
7. East façade; photographer facing northwest.
8. East façade; photographer facing southwest.
9. Detail of east façade; photographer facing northwest.
10. Detail of faded painted sign "Butner Bros."; photographer facing west.
11. Detail of storefront; photographer facing southeast.
12. Interior, detail of entrance; photographer facing north.
13. Interior, main store; photographer facing north.
14. Interior, main store; photographer facing southeast.
15. Interior, detail; photographer facing west.



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**Photographs**

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16. Interior, rear wall of main store and office door; photographer facing southwest.
17. Interior, office; photographer facing southeast.
18. Interior, middle section, storage; photographer facing south.
19. Interior, rear addition; photographer facing east.

(HPD WORD form version 11-03-01)

**BUTNER-MCTYRE GENERAL STORE**  
**COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**NATIONAL REGISTER MAP/TAX MAP**  
**NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY:**   
**SCALE: 1" = APPROXIMATELY 200'**  
**NORTH:**   
**SOURCE: COBB COUNTY TAX ASSESSORS' OFFICE**

43-3

L.L. 875-19-2

827,828

PINEVIEW DRIVE (SEABOARD AVE.)

POWDER SPRINGS PARK SEE SHEET 43-10

OLD LOST MOUNTAIN ROAD  
 OLD DALLAS HWY

CEMETARY ST  
 CEMETARY

JACKSON WAY  
 DRIVE

PINEVIEW DRIVE

U.S. 278 (MARIETTA ST)

BROWNSVILLE RD.

THOMAS ST.

MURRAY DEPOT ST.  
 BROAD ST.

901 902

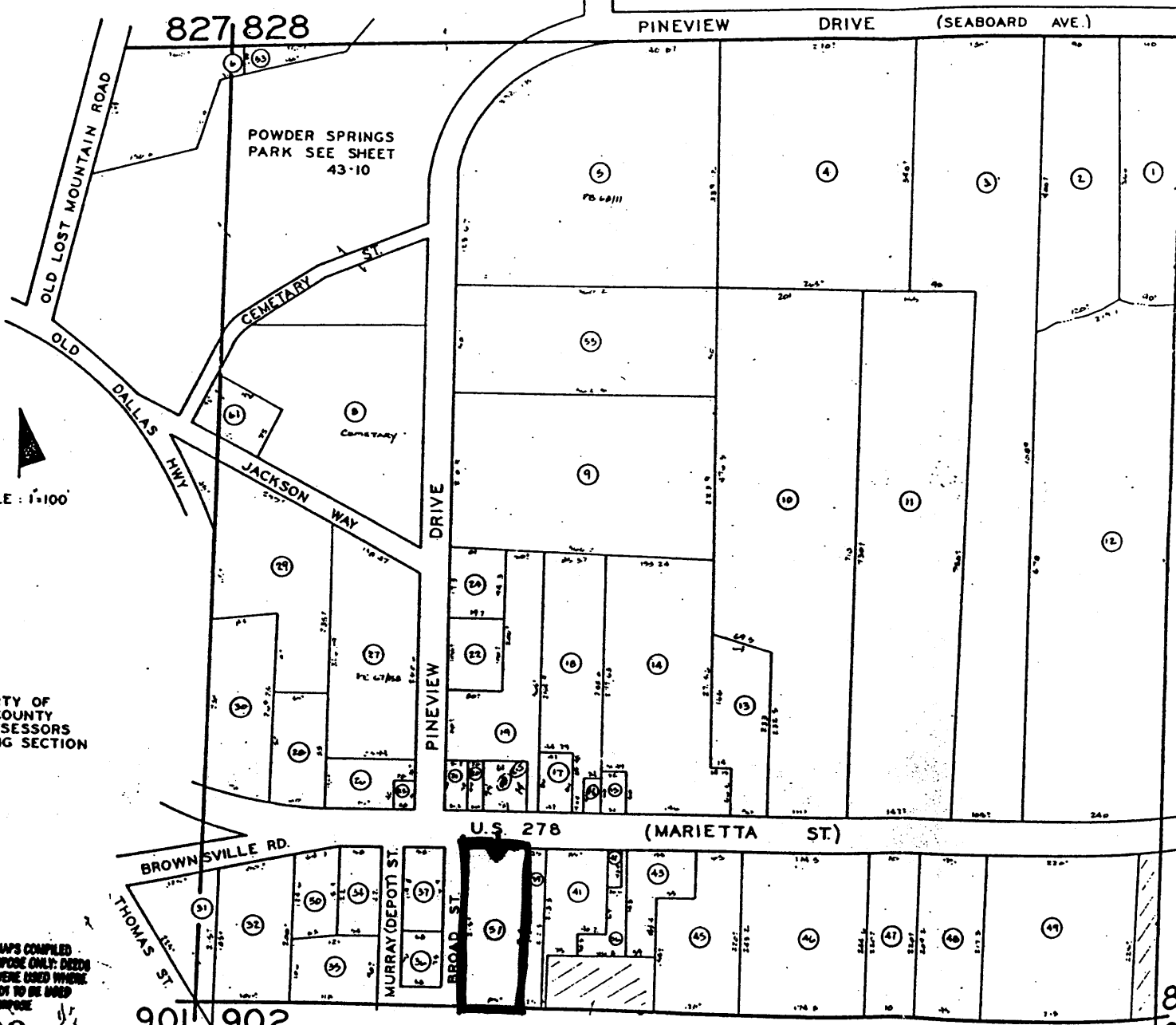
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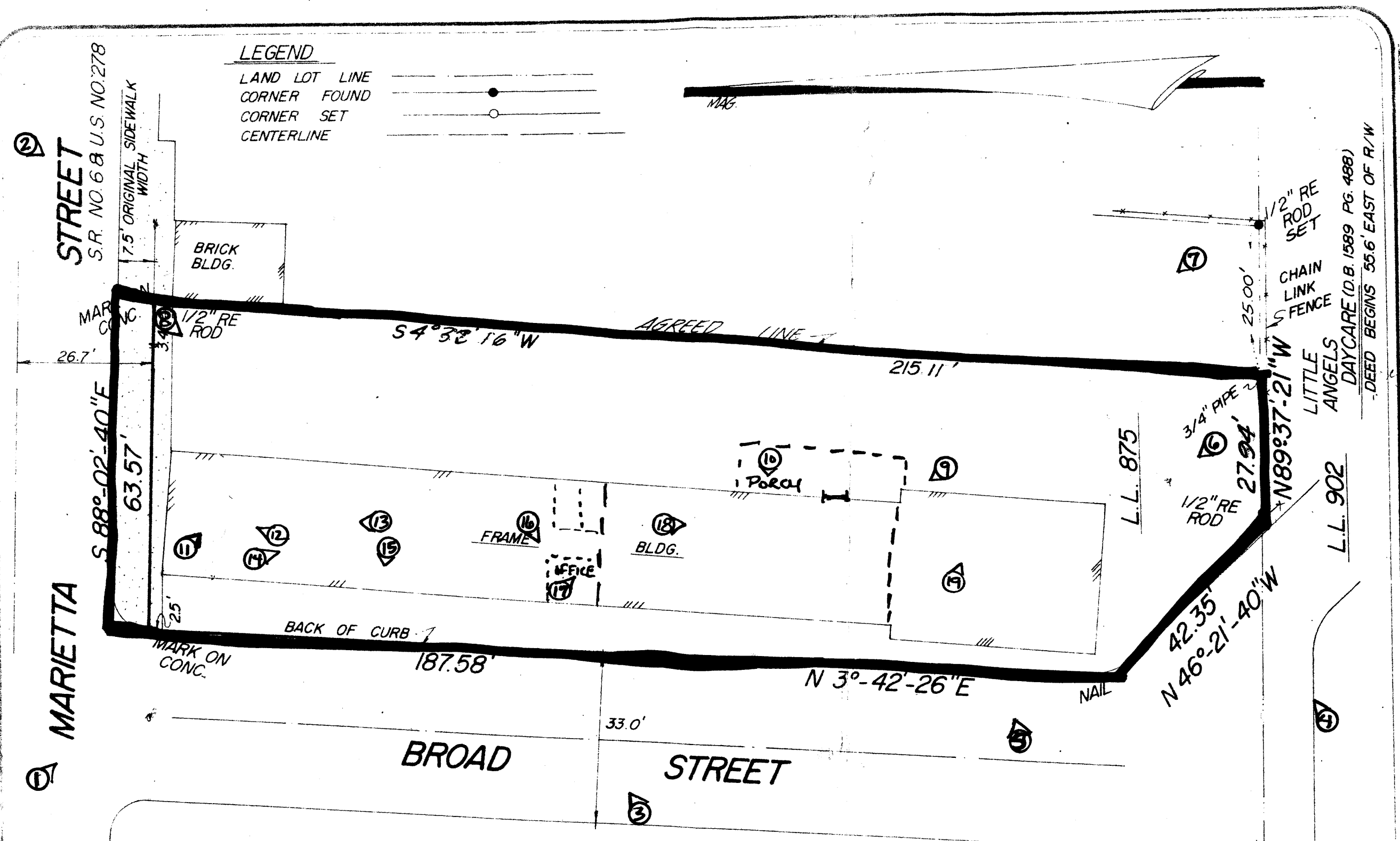
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PROPERTY OF  
 COBB COUNTY  
 TAX ASSESSORS  
 MAPPING SECTION

THESE TAX MAPS COMPILED  
 FOR TAX PURPOSE ONLY; DEEDS  
 AND PLATS WERE USED WHERE  
 AVAILABLE-NOT TO BE USED  
 FOR TITLE PURPOSE

1390





AREA = 0.296 ACRE

SURVEY FOR  
**STEVEN LEAK**

DATE MARCH 10, 1982  
 REVISED DEC. 13, 1983 REV. 3-14-84

SCALE 1" = 20'  
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BUTNER-MCTYRE GENERAL STORE  
 COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA  
 SKETCH MAP/FLOOR PLAN/PLAT MAP  
 PHOTOGRAPH/DIRECTION OF VIEW:   
 SCALE: 1" = 20'  
 NORTH:   
 SOURCE: PLAT MAP PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT  
 NR BOUNDARY:

PROJECT NO. 3277