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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Miser Station Store  
other names/site number Miser, G. M., Grocery

2. Location

street & number At the southwest corner of the junction of Union Grove  Not for publication  
city, town Road and Chestnut Hill Road at Miser Station - Friendsville  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37737

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		1	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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  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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
*Herbert L. Hays* Signature of certifying official Date 6/8/89  
Deputy SHPO, 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.  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:)  
*Alvina Lyles* Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Department Store

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/Not In Use

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/20th Century Vernacular Commercial

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Wood

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roof OTHER/Compositionother Wood

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Miser Station Store is a one-story frame, 3 bay, rectangular plan, ca. 1920 commercial building. On the main (N) facade are original double doors on the central bay. The doors are original 5 panel design and above is a 2 light transom. Windows are enclosed by hinged wooden shutters. The building has a concrete block and poured concrete foundation, shiplap siding, and a shed roof of metal standing seam. Near the roofline are 4 rectangular louvered vent windows. The side facades lack fenestration. On the rear (S) facade are two windows also enclosed with wooden shutters. There are no associated outbuildings on the site. The interior was inaccessible. The building sits on an urban lot in the community crossroads settlement of Miser Station.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

ca. 1920 - ca. 1939  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Miser Station Store is significant under criterion A for its association with early 20th century rural commerce in Blount County. The store is the best remaining example of a rural crossroads general store and it has not been significantly altered. Rural crossroads stores were the centers of commerce for farmers in the county during the late 19th and 20th century but the majority of these structures have been razed. The store was one of the primary centers for trade in Miser Station from ca. 1920 to 1972.

Miser Station was settled in the mid-19th century and was a small crossroads settlement during these years. The earliest known business at the settlement was a tanyard during the 1840s. A grist mill was in operation here in 1887 under the ownership of Miser and Mahoney and a steam sawmill was also located here. By the late 19th century the community possessed several small store and other businesses with a population of around 25 persons.

This one-story commercial building was constructed ca. 1920 by S. A. Baker. Baker was a foreman for the John Craig quarry for many years and operated this store until 1940. The store supplied general goods and produce for area residents and was one of several stores in operation at the crossroads settlement of Miser Station. Gordon M. Miser purchased the property in 1940 and operated the store at this location until 1972 when it closed. The building is presently vacant but retains its original design and detailing. No other significant crossroads commercial building remains in the county.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

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

Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A 16 762920 3963050  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Louisville Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Miser Station Store is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 44, lot 27, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Miser Station Store includes the entire lot which has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

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Miser Station Store  
Miser Station Rd., Friendsville vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: South and east facades.  
Photo # 1

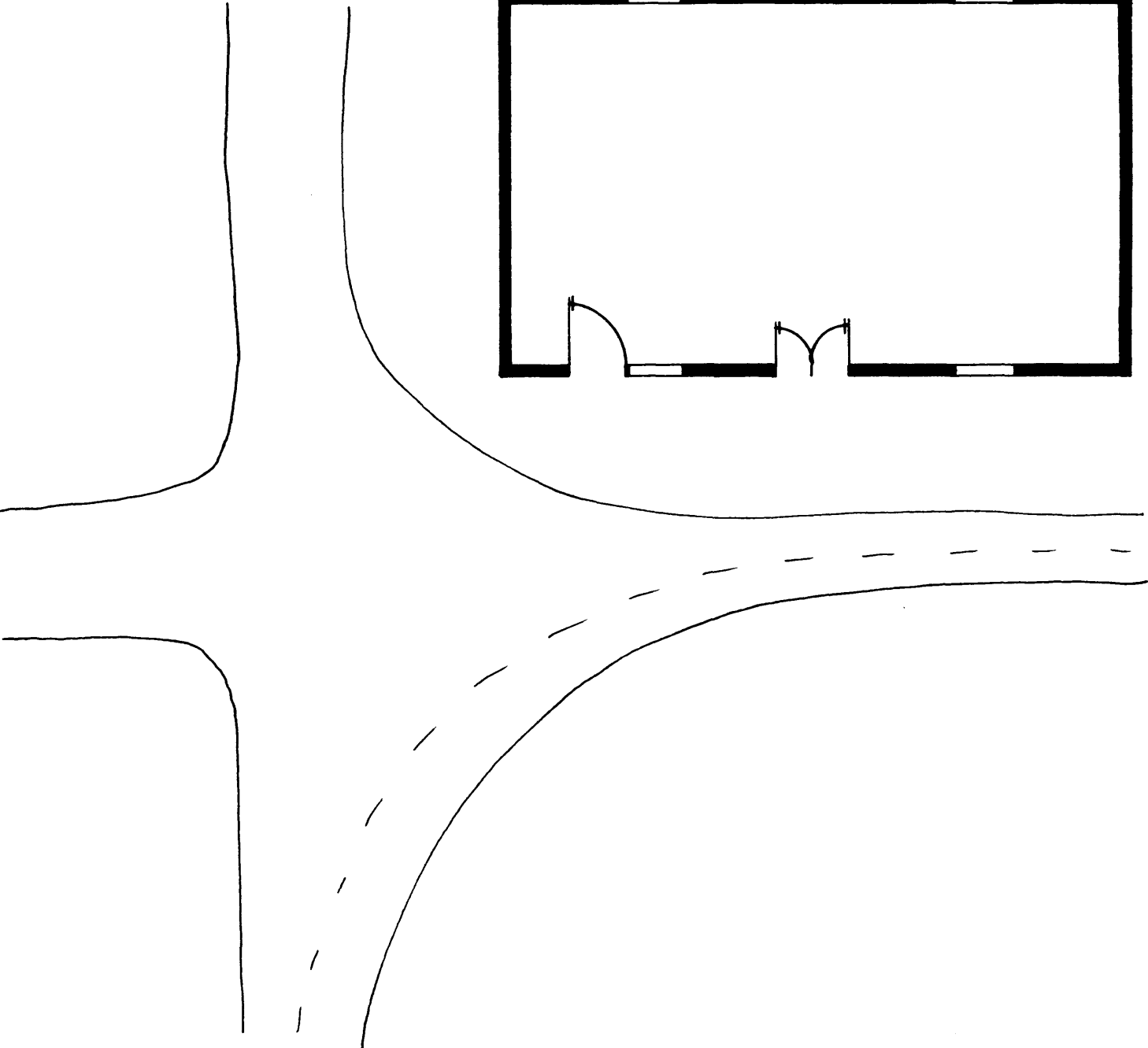
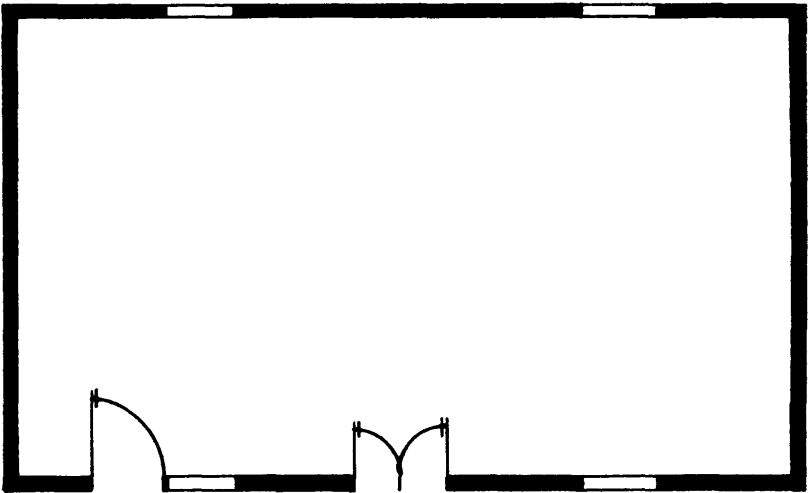
View: East and north facades.  
Photo # 2

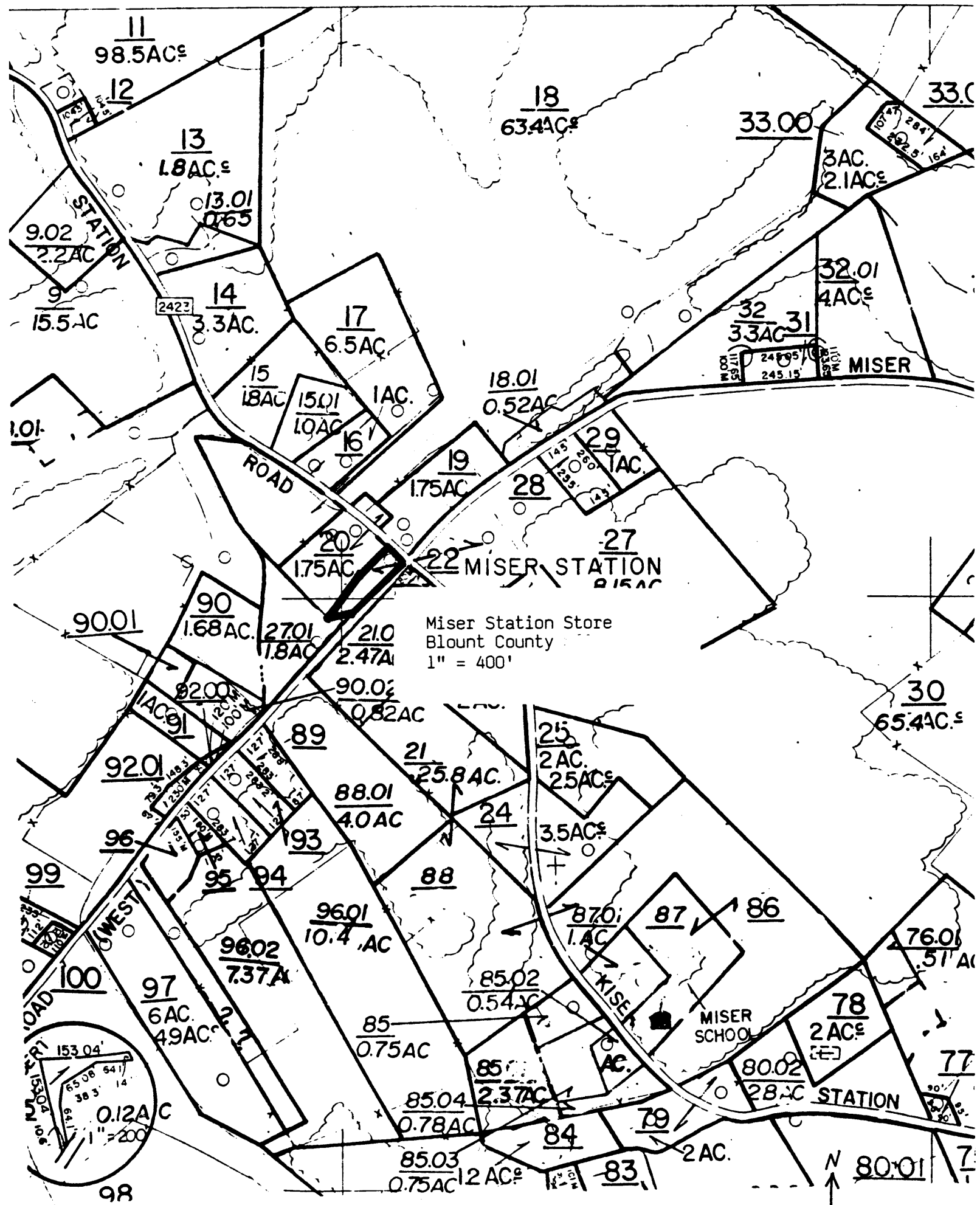
View: South and west facades.  
Photo # 3

MSER STATION STORE

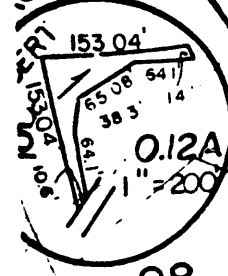


ROOF OVERHANGS SLIGHTLY





Miser Station Store  
 Blount County  
 1" = 400'



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