# **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How ve access Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* If any item does not apply to the property being documented onter "NA" for mot applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

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#### 1. Name of Property

Historic name Sutto	n, T.B., General Sto	ore			
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Name of related multiple					
property listing	N/A				
	(Remove "N/A"	if propert	y is part of	a multiple property	listing and add name)
2. Location					
Street & Number:	169 Clover Street				
City or town: Granvi	lle	State:	TN	County:	Jackson
Not For Publication:	N/A Vicinity:	N/A		Zip:	38564
3. State/Federal Agency (	Certification			_	
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Deputy State Historic	Preservation Officer	, Tennesse	e Historical G	Commission	
State or Federal agence	y/bureau or Tribal	Governm	ent		
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Signature of Comme	nting Official:			Date	
Title:			State of	Federal agency/bure	eau or Tribal Government

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#### 4. 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

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other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

#### 5. Classification

#### **Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private

Public - Local

Public - State

Public - Federal

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### **Category of Property**

(Check only one box.)

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Date of Action

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Building(s)	
District	
Site	
Structure	
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#### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Noncontributing	
0	buildings
0	sites
0	structures
0	objects
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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_0

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#### 6. Function or Use

#### **Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE/Department Store **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

# COMMERCE/Department Store

## COMMERCE/Restaurant

#### 7. Description

#### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Rural Commercial Building

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property:

Wood/Weatherboard; Stone; Concrete; Metal; Glass; Vinyl

#### **Narrative Description**

Constructed in 1880 along Clover Street (Tennessee Highway 96) in the heart of the unincorporated community of Granville, the T.B. Sutton General Store is a two-story frame building sheathed in weatherboard on the façade, west and east elevations, and vinyl siding on the rear, north elevation. The facade features a low hanging "whittling porch" and a parapet which hides the front gable metal roof. Inside the store is a large open sales space above which is a wrap-around balcony that spans the entire sales floor. A dining room (historically a feed room) and modern industrial kitchen are located in the eastern most portion of the store. The floors, walls, and ceiling are all sheathed in wood. The store sits on a hewn stone foundation, which was reinforced with modern concrete blocks to provide stability, during the store's renovation. In 2000 the store was renovated after sitting vacant for over 30 years. This renovation was carried out keeping the historic integrity of the building in mind. Most of the seven aspects of integrity are intact. The aspects of this store that are the strongest are location, setting, feeling, and association. The store's overall exterior form is intact, and historic materials and workmanship are particularly evident within the interior.

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#### Exterior

A low hanging, one-story "whittling porch" is the most prominent feature of the facade. It features a sign that says "T.B. SUTTON STORE" and is flanked on each side by Coca-Cola advertising. The porch has a concrete floor and is supported by black metal posts. The first level of the façade is sheathed in brick set in running bond and painted white. The second level is sheathed in new wood siding added during the store's 2000 renovation to replace dilapidated wood siding that could not be repaired or reused. The first floor features two paired four-over-four fixed windows, flanking the main entry door, which is offset to the west. The main entry door features a wood double door, each leaf with two panels and a single-pane window, with a wood double screen door protecting it. The entry door is flanked by four-pane sidelights and topped by a single-pane transom. Two four-over-four windows flank a second door, offset to the east, which goes in to the original feed room. This wood double door is topped by a three-pane transom. Both first floor doors are original, as are the first floor windows. Various signage is also located on the lower level of the facade. The second floor of the facade features two double four-over-four double hung wood windows and two four-over-four single double-hung wood windows. These windows were installed during the 2000 renovation. At the top of the facade is a parapet, which hides the gable metal roof.

The west elevation of the store is sheathed in weatherboard with signage near the southern edge. This elevation features a single wood door that is accessed via a ramp. The ramp has a wood base and railing. This ramp and door were added shortly after the renovation to accommodate disabled persons and merchandise shipments.

The rear, north elevation of the store is where the renovation elements are the most visible. This gabled elevation is sheathed in modern vinyl siding, and features eleven windows. All windows are one-over-one with faux muttons, covered with screens. They replaced original windows in the same fenestration pattern during the 2000 renovation. As this is the rear elevation, these alterations are not visible from the street and therefore do not significantly diminish the property's overall integrity.

The east elevation of the store is sheathed in weatherboard. A modern wooden door, which features a fifteen light glass window, leads into the upstairs storage room, which is located directly above the feed room. There is a wooden stairway leading up to this door. The door and stairway were added as part of the 2000 renovation. The east elevation showcases a historical exhibit known as "Down Memory Lane," which includes many historic photos of the town of Granville affixed to the elevation for tourists to view.

#### Interior

The interior of Sutton Store retains numerous original features. The floor, walls, and ceiling are all sheathed in wood. Most of the wood work in the interior of the building is original. Sales counters span the west and east ends of the first floor sales floor. Behind these sales counters are the original sales display cases. At the northern end of the main sales floor is an original lunch/ice cream counter. Adjacent is a modern wooden stage. To the east of the main sales floor is the original feed room. This floor was raised 37 1/2 inches during the restoration, and is now used as a restaurant dining room. Non-original wood beams are reinforcing the ceiling of this room. The room features all wood elements except for carpeting on the floor. Directly behind this room is a modern industrial grade kitchen, which was historically a barber shop. Modern restrooms are located beside the kitchen.

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A wooden stairway along the western wall of the sales area leads to the upstairs portion of Sutton Store. A wooden balcony spans the perimeter of the main sales floor, leaving the rest of the area open to the first floor below. The balcony is supported by square wood posts. The balcony features an all-wood balustrade. Sales display cases are found along the western and eastern walls, just like downstairs. The sales room is lit by a combination of modern display lights, bare bulb lights, and a chandelier with bulbs that mimic candles. Two modern fans hang from the ceiling to help with cooling.

In the eastern part of the second floor is a merchandise storage and former "Fix it Shop" room that is now used as a quilt and art gallery. The floors and walls in both sections are wood, while the ceilings are covered in modern sheetrock. The wood wall covering and flooring in the rear quilt section were installed in 2000. This space is lit by modern display lights. Modern HVAC ducts are visible along the ceiling in this section.

The basement of Sutton Store has and continues to be used for storage. The basement spans the entire area of the building. It features a hewn stone foundation. This stone was reinforced in 2000 using modern concrete blocks to serve as foundation footings.

#### Integrity

The Sutton General Store retains a high degree of its integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association. Situated on its original location on the main commercial street of Granville, the general store continues to be a social and commercial hub as it was historically. The store retains the majority of its integrity of design, workmanship, and materials. It's most notable exterior characteristics, including its rectangular footprint, two-story massing, fenestration patterns, façade parapet wall hiding the front gable roof, and front porch are all intact. The interior configuration and features of the general store are intact, including the flooring, the permanent wood counters and display cases, staircase, and balcony. Interior adaptations, such as the adaptive reuse of the feed room into a restaurant, have overall been done sensitively to the historic materials, as shown by the installation of a modern kitchen into a secondary space rather than the main sales room. Adaptations for modern amenities have also been completed sensitively, as shown by techniques such as installing HVAC ductwork in a second-floor secondary space rather than the main sales room. Changes done in 2000 as part of the renovation to repair the building's extremely dilapidated exterior condition are overall minimal on the façade and are most evident on the rear elevation where it is not visible from the street. Therefore, the changes do not negatively impact the building's ability to convey its historical significance.

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#### 8. Statement of Significance

#### **Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

X

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

С	Property embodies the distinctive
	characteristics of a type, period, or method
	of construction or represents the work of a
	master, or possesses high artistic values, or
	represents a significant and distinguishable
	entity whose components lack individual
	distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### **Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) Property is:

N/A

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.less than 50 years old or achievingG significance within the past 50 years.

#### **Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Jackson, Tennessee

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Commerce

Social History

#### **Period of Significance**

1880-1968

#### **Significant Dates**

1880, 1925

#### Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

#### **Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

#### Architect/Builder

Ragland, William H.

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#### **Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph**

The T.B. Sutton General Store, located on Tennessee Highway 96/Clover Street in Granville, Tennessee, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its local historical significance in Commerce and Social History. During its years of operation, this store was the main commercial hub for the town of Granville. Other stores came and went, but Sutton Store withstood the test of time for 88 years. The store functioned as a general store, providing Granville residents a "one stop shop" for dry goods, pharmaceutical products, and even agricultural tool repair. The store also played a role in the social history of the Granville community as it served as a community gathering place. The period of significance begins with the store's construction in 1880 and ends with T.B. Sutton's closure of the store in 1968. The historical significance of the T.B. Sutton General Store and its impact in the development of the Granville community makes it worthy of inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **Narrative Statement of Significance**

Located in the northeast section of Middle Tennessee's Central Basin, the area that came to be known as Jackson County, Tennessee was an attractive place for late eighteenth and early nineteenth century European settlement due to rich soil and closeness to the Cumberland and Roaring Rivers. Gainesboro became the first major city; it was designated as the county seat in 1820. Soon, European settlers began moving west from the city in search of homesteads. Granville, about five miles west of Gainesboro, became a popular area due to its location along the river.<sup>1</sup>

Early on, large plantations dominated the area. It was not until 1822 that a post office was established. In 1829 the Tennessee State Legislature authorized Augustine Shepard to lay out a town. Shepard called the town "Shepardsville." When the town was finally incorporated in 1830, the town's name was changed to Granville.<sup>2</sup> The lifeline of the new town was agriculture and the steamboat. Eventually the need arose for churches, schools, and commercial centers.<sup>3</sup>

According to documentation on file at the Granville History Museum, William H. Ragland is responsible for constructing this store in 1880. The building was constructed using artisan labor. These labor elements are evident by looking at the hewn stone in the building's basement.<sup>4</sup> The building's footprint is approximately two hundred feet to the south of the Cumberland River. This location made it easy for steamboats to deliver goods to the store throughout its years of operation.

Soon after construction of the store, Ragland sold the property to B.F. Cooper who owned it until his death in 1923 when it passed to his successor A.H. Willoughby. In 1925, Thomas Benjamin Sutton (T.B. Sutton or Ben Sutton) became the owner. <sup>5</sup> Local newspaper accounts indicate that Ragland may have continued to manage the store until 1916 when R.S. Sutton took over until his son Ben Sutton bought the property in

<sup>2</sup> The new name referred to Granville, North Carolina, from where many of the settlers had come.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Historic Granville Incorporated. *Granville: The Way It Was 1799-1996.* (Granville, TN: Self-Published, 1996), 1; Roy C. Holloway and Michael Birdwell, *Jackson County Survey Final Report*, 1984-1986, 3, on file at Tennessee Historical Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Historic Granville Incorporated. Granville: The Way It Was 1799-1996, 2-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The hewn stone has led to some speculation that the store might have been built before 1880, and possibly with the use of slave labor, but no documentation exists that proves this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Jackson County Register of Deeds for Sutton Store Property.

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1925.<sup>6</sup> Regardless of exact ownership and management chain, the store has fulfilled a commercial need in Granville since its construction. Under Ben Sutton's ownership, the store's role in the community grew as it became the most prosperous commercial center in the Granville community.

For rural communities, general stores functioned as an important place to buy necessities that could not be made locally. Ben Sutton offered a wide variety of goods and services during the forty-three years he ran this store. These goods ranged from food and clothing, to fertilizer and feed. Food items included but were not limited to corn meal, flour, bread, and meat. Clothing items could be purchased for any and all members of the family. Clothing items ranged from overalls and boots for men and boys, to dresses and hats for women and girls. Tools such as knives, saws, washboards, and brooms were available for purchase by consumers. Sutton also sold John Deere farming equipment. In the basement Sutton kept chickens. These chickens were sold both locally and statewide. They were often transported using the steamboat. A first person account of a Granville resident remembered chickens being herded from the steamboat right into the basement of the store. There is also an account of some of the chickens getting loose in the main store room.<sup>7</sup>

In addition to selling dry goods, Ben Sutton also ran a pharmacy, barbershop, and "fix it shop" inside of this store building. These entities truly made Sutton Store a "one stop shop" for all residents of the Granville community (Figure 1-3). An average Granville resident could come to Sutton Store and shop for clothing and food, get their prescriptions filled, get their hair cut, and bring in any farm or household tool that needed to be repaired all at the same time.

Other stores in Granville came and went, but none had the variety of goods and services and stood the test of time like Ben Sutton's did. One such store was the Kelly Store. Opened around 1870 by F.A. Kelly, this store was the first commercial institution in Granville. After W.H. Ragland and later B.F. Cooper and T.B. Sutton opened their store, their large variety of goods and services forced the Kelly store to close in 1914. Kelly and his family moved to Gallatin, Tennessee, where he entered the real estate business. Joseph Rueben Carver and cousin, Berry Shirley, opened a store next door to Sutton Store known as Carver and Company. This store was designed to be an extension of Carver's store located on his family's farm (Carverdale Farms was listed in the National Register on July 31, 2018). In 1932 Carver's health failed him and he was forced to sell his store to Oscar Grisham. Grisham operated the old Carver store until he went bankrupt in 1939. Perhaps Ben Sutton's greatest competition came from the Granville Mercantile Company. Operated by Thurman Dowell, Arthur Willoughby, and S.E. Tinsley, this store opened in 1923 in a brick building located directly across the street from Sutton Store. The Mercantile had a large selection of goods and services that rivaled Sutton's. However the fact that Ben Sutton provided such personal service and was known as a gentle, courteous man attracted people to his store. The Mercantile closed in 1963.<sup>8</sup> All this information proves the point that the T.B. Sutton General Store was indeed Granville's main, most popular, and longest lasting commercial center. It is interesting to note that all of these other stores failed in some financial way, whereas Ben Sutton closed his store due to his advanced age. All these stores sold the same goods that Ben Sutton did, but Sutton's business practices were just that much better. For example, during the Great

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "R.S. Sutton Buys Granville Store from W.H. Ragland." *Carthage Courier*, July 27, 1916; "Sutton Passes Granville Store to His Son." *Carthage Courier*, May 7, 1925.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Granville History Museum. "Oral History Collection." Accessed July 18, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Granville History Museum. Jackson County Census Records. 1920-1960. Accessed August 13, 2018.

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Depression of the 1930s, Ben Sutton made and exchanged "tokens" to give to customers who sold him their eggs. The value of a token could then be applied towards other items bought by the customer. These tokens would offset the tax that individuals would otherwise be required to pay, which aided with customer's financial burdens while the economy was poor.<sup>9</sup> As of 2018, Sutton General Store and the Mercantile Building are the only extant nineteenth or early twentieth century commercial buildings in Granville. The Mercantile is currently in the process of rehabilitation.

Throughout American history, rural country stores have served a wide range of purposes. Not only were they the main commercial hubs for their respective communities, but they also served as the main social hub for these communities as well. Store keepers were often the source of gossip and community news.<sup>10</sup> Men would come to whittle, smoke tobacco, and "shoot the bull." This was no different at Granville's Sutton General Store as the front porch became the main gathering place for residents of Granville. Men would gather on the porch and whittle, and recap the events of the day. The lunch counter was popular with men, women, and children, as they could get a quick and affordable bite to eat. Both White and African-American residents of Granville gathered on the front porch of Sutton Store (Figure 4). It is interesting to think about the many topics that were discussed on Sutton Store's front porch and at its lunch counter. These topics may have ranged from politics, and sports, to farming and marriage advice. Sutton Store not only met the commercial needs of the Granville community, but the social needs of the residents as well.

According to lifelong Granville African-American resident Greg High, there was no segregation inside Sutton Store. Both African-Americans and Whites could shop from the same racks and displays. He remembered that his family never experienced segregation in their years of living in Granville. He said that "Sutton Store was fully integrated and welcoming to African-Americans." High said that the only time his family was exposed to segregation was when they traveled to Cookeville or Carthage.<sup>11</sup>

Ben Sutton and his wife Ethel were life-long residents of the Granville community. Ethel (Figure 5) was devoted to her husband throughout the years he operated the store, as she worked in the store with him. She had inherited her childhood home, located just a block to the east of the store, where she and Ben lived until Ethel died in 1968. In that same year, Ben closed the store and moved to North Carolina to be with family. He died in 1975. Both are buried in the Granville Cemetery.<sup>12</sup>

After Sutton left, John Clemons briefly operated the store but closed it in 1971 due to declining life in Granville.<sup>13</sup> The main reason for the decline of life in Granville was the discontinuation of the steamboat. Another major factor that contributed to the small community's decline was the construction of Center Hill

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Granville History Museum. "Oral History Collection." Accessed July 18, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "General Store." Encyclopedia Britannica. April 5, 2002. Accessed August 20, 2018. https://www.britannica.com/topic/general-store."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> High, Greg. Lifelong Resident of Granville, Tennessee. Interview with Carver Moore, August 17, 2018.

Mr. High's family has lived in Granville for numerous generations. The information provided to the author in the interview with Mr. High, is information that was told to him by his mother who lived during the Civil Rights movement. The Highs and other African-American residents in Granville did have to attend separate schools, by law, but everything else was integrated. <sup>12</sup> Granville History Museum. "Descendants of Robert Sidney Sutton." Genealogical Collection. Accessed July 18, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Clemons, Randall. President of Historic Granville Incorporated. Interviews with Carver Moore, April 28, 2018; and July 18, 2018.

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Dam, which resulted in the flooding of much of the town's farmland. The older generation passed away, and their children and grandchildren moved to bigger cities for better jobs.<sup>14</sup> In an article written by Louise Davis in the *Nashville Tennessean*, the town of Granville was described as "a once busting street, now bordered in weeds and sagging buildings."<sup>15</sup> The store sat empty for the next few years, becoming extremely dilapidated. Siding, particularly on the façade, deteriorated quickly. The façade's second floor one-over-one windows were removed and the openings infilled with wood. The feed room's floor deteriorated and nearly collapsed. At some point the Sutton Store building was used as an auction house. This is evident by a sign that was affixed to the store building's facade in a pre-restoration photograph. In any event, the store, and the entire town of Granville became a "ghost town," for the next thirty years.

In 1999, the Granville community was given a second chance. The old Granville Church of Christ building, located two doors down from Sutton Store, was purchased by Joe Moore and Randall Clemons. The two men had a goal of preserving the community's history and restoring life back into the town. The old church building was repaired and outfitted for a new life as a history museum. That same year, Moore, Clemons, and other concerned citizens set plans in motion for a festival called "Granville Heritage Day."<sup>16</sup> Tourists came from all around to see what Granville had to offer.

In 2000 Harold and Beverley Sutton attended Granville's annual Heritage Day Festival. The Suttons immediately took notice of the old store building. Ironically, Harold Sutton's father's name was Ben Sutton, but was not related to the Ben Sutton who ran this store historically. Harold Sutton purchased the store and its contents. The store was almost beyond renovation, but Sutton tried anyway. Being careful to preserve the original materials, Sutton gave the store new life (Figures 6-11). He and his crew raised the feed room 37 and 1/2 inches in order to repair the foundation. They also restored the original weatherboard siding on the side elevations, as well as the wood trim in the interior. Most of the store fixtures within the store are original to the building, having all been recovered during the store's renovation. By the next year's Heritage Day, the store had reopened, offering ice cream, chips, and sodas to visitors. In 2007 the Suttons donated the store to Historic Granville Incorporated who continue to operate the store today.<sup>17</sup>

Today the T.B. Sutton General Store remains the main attraction in the Granville community. This store was vital in the development of the Granville community and remains vital in keeping tourism in Granville alive. The store serves as both a tourist attraction and restaurant, Wednesday through Saturday, with weekly Bluegrass shows on Saturday nights, and Andy Griffith Show dinner plays that coincide with the Christmas and Valentine's Day holidays. Many items that visitors today can purchase are items that were historically sold by Ben Sutton. These items include corn meal, Key brand overalls, Case knives, and candy. The display cases and shelves that visitors shop from are the same ones that were used by Sutton himself. The Bluegrass Shows are broadcasted nationwide on radio stations such as Nashville's WSM.<sup>18</sup> The store has been featured in magazine publications such as *Country Living*, and *Taste of the South*. Most recently *The National Geographic Traveler – UK Edition* paid a visit to Sutton Store and did a feature on both the store and its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Louise Davis, "Ghost Town." Nashville, Tennessean Magazine, August 3, 1971.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ibid. April 28, 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Historic Granville Incorporated. T.B. Sutton General Store. (Brochure)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Clemons, Interview with Moore. April 28, 2018

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Friday night Bluegrass shows.<sup>19</sup> The T.B. Sutton General Store continues to be one of the major tourist attractions in the Upper Cumberland and is one of the finest works of historic preservation in the area. In 2009 the Tennessee Historical Commission awarded Historic Granville Incorporated a certificate of excellence in historic preservation for their efforts in preserving Sutton Store. The commercial and social history of the T.B. Sutton General Store at a local level makes it worthy of inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Staff Reports. "Granville Mainstays Earn International Recognition." *Wilson Post*, July 1, 2018. July 1, 2018. Accessed July 13, 2018.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):		Primary location of additional data:
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)		State Historic Preservation Office
previously listed in the National Register		Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register		Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark		Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #		University
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	Х	Other
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #	Nan	ne of repository: Granville History Museum
Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): JK-298		

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre USGS Quadrangle Granville 321-SE

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: N/A

1. Latitude: 36.271750

Longitude: -85.797084

#### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property is located at 169 Clover Street and includes all property outlined in the enclosed Jackson County tax map, marked parcel 086G A 004.00. The store property is fronted to the south by Clover Street (TN Hwy 96), and is bounded to the north, east, and west by private property.

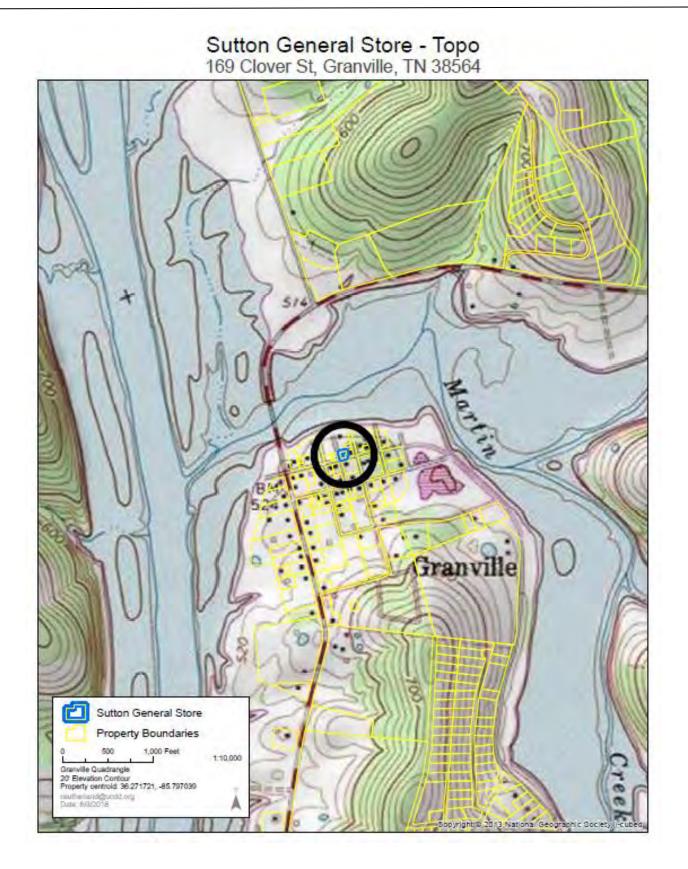
#### **Boundary Justification**

The boundaries in the enclosed tax and USGS maps are drawn to reflect the property historically and currently associated with the T.B. Sutton General Store.

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## Sutton General Store Tax Map

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#### **11. Form Prepared By**

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Organization	Moore Historical Consulting		
Street & Number	338 Hermitage Ave	Date	8/31/2018
City or Town	Cookeville	Telephone	931-644-1854
E-mail	moorehistoricalconsulting@gmail.com	State TN	Zip Code <u>38501</u>

#### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Maps: A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to map.
- **Photographs** (refer to Tennessee Historical Commission National Register *Photo Policy* for submittal of digital images and prints)
- Additional items: (additional supporting documentation including historic photographs, historic maps, etc. should be included on a Continuation Sheet following the photographic log and sketch maps)

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#### **Photo Log**

Name of Property: Sutton, T.B., General StoreCity or Vicinity: GranvilleCounty: JacksonPhotographer: Holly BarnettDate Photographed: June 6, 2018

- 1 of 18 Façade. Photographer facing north.
- 2 of 18 Main Entry Detail on Façade. Photographer facing north.
- 3 of 18 Oblique View of Façade and West Elevation. Photographer facing northeast.
- 4 of 18 Oblique View of West and North (rear) Elevations. Photographer facing southeast.
- 5 of 18 Oblique View of East and North (rear) Elevations. Photographer facing southwest.
- 6 of 18 East Elevation, including staircase and historical display. Photographer facing southwest.

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- 7 of 18 East Elevation, including staircase and historical display. Photographer facing northwest.
- 8 of 18 First Floor Interior, Main Sales Room. Photographer facing north.
- 9 of 18 First Floor Interior, Main Sales Room, looking up towards balcony. Photographer facing southwest.
- 10 of 18 First Floor Interior, Main Sales Room. Photographer facing northeast.
- 11 of 18 First Floor Interior, Main Sales Room. Photographer facing northeast.
- 12 of 18 First Floor Interior, Main Sales Room. Photographer facing north.
- 13 of 18 Stage on First Floor in Main Sales Room. Photographer facing north.
- 14 of 18 Bathroom Entrance. Photographer facing east.
- 15 of 18 Dining Room (former Feed Room). Photographer facing north.
- 16 of 18 Doorway between Sales Room and Dining Room. Photographer facing west.

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17 of 18 Second Floor of Main Sales Room. Photographer facing northeast.

18 of 18 Quilt Gallery. Photographer facing southeast.

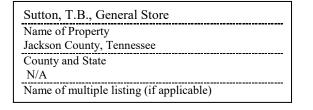
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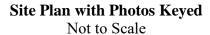
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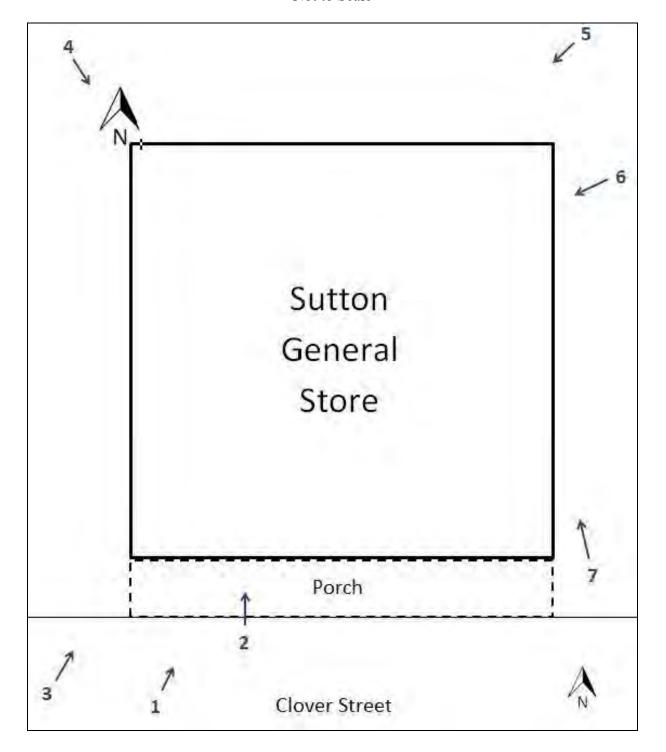
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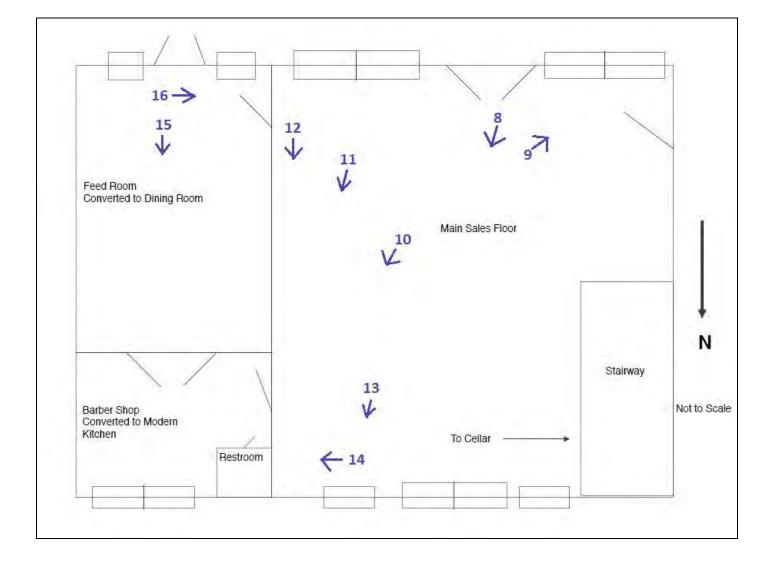
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#### First Floor Plan with Photos Keyed



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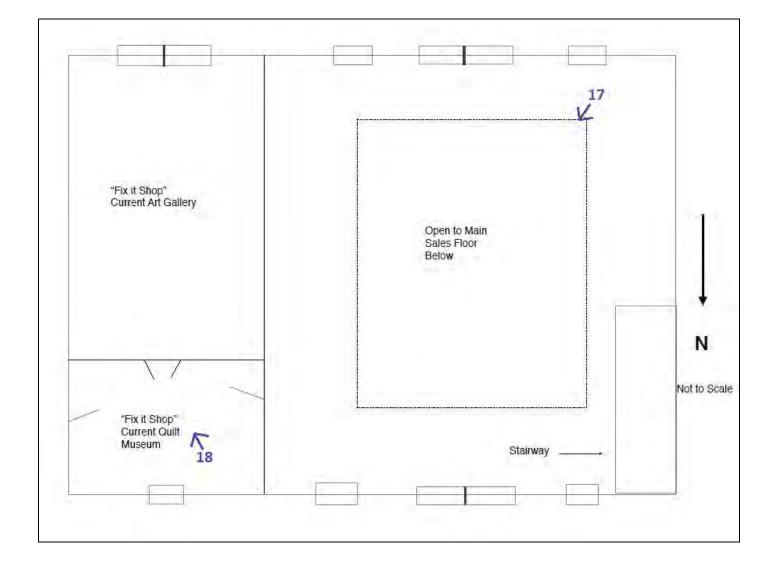
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#### Second Floor Plan with Photos Keyed



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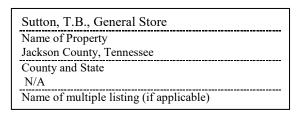
Figure 1: T.B. Sutton General Store, c. 1950. Photo courtesy of the Granville History Museum

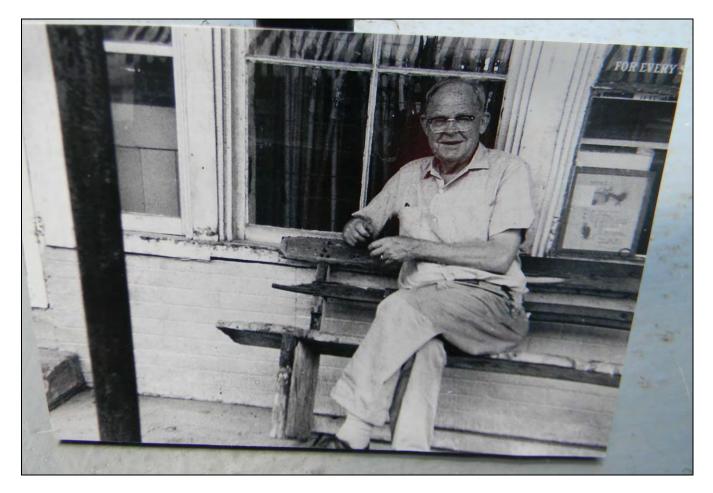
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Figure 2: Ben Sutton in front of the Sutton Store, c. 1950. Photo courtesy of the Granville History Museum.

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Figure 3: Invoices from the T.B. Sutton General Store, held at the Granville History Museum.

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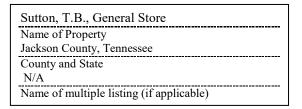


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Figure 4: Granville Residents on the Front Porch of the Sutton General Store, c.1950. Photo courtesy of the Granville History Museum

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Figure 5: Ethel Sutton with the Sutton General Store in the Background, c. 1950. Photo courtesy of the Granville History Museum.

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Figure 6: Sutton Store prior to Renovation, 2000. Photo courtesy of Historic Granville, Inc.

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Figure 7: Renovation of the Sutton Store in 2000, View of the Main Sales Room from the First Floor. Photo courtesy of Historic Granville, Inc.

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Figure 8: Renovation of the Sutton Store in 2000, View of the Main Sales Room from the Second Floor Balcony. Photo courtesy of Historic Granville, Inc.

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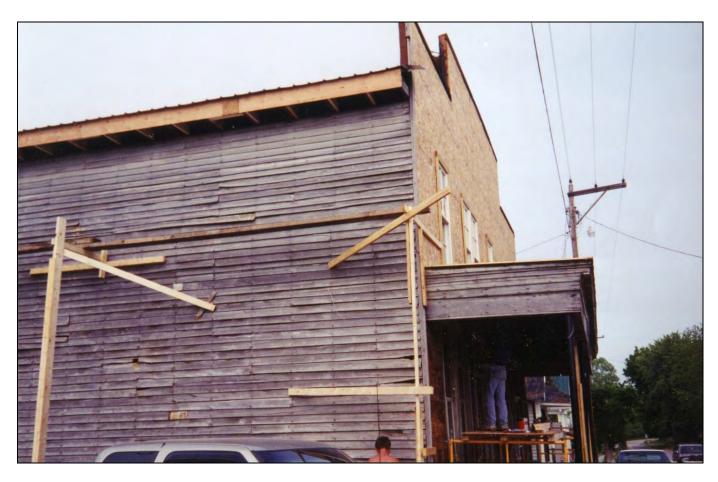


Figure 9: Renovation of the Sutton Store in 2000, View of the exterior façade and west elevation. Photo courtesy of Historic Granville, Inc.

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Figure 10: Renovation of the Sutton Store in 2000, View of the façade. Photo courtesy of Historic Granville, Inc.

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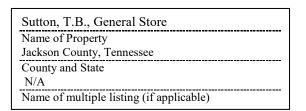




Figure 11: Renovation of the Sutton Store in 2000, View of the north elevation and the repair of the stone foundation using concrete blocks. Photo courtesy of Historic Granville, Inc.





































## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination				
Property Name:	Sutton, T.B., General Store				
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State & County:	TENNESSEE, Jackson				
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Reference number:	SG100003902				
Nominator:	SHPO				
Reason For Review	•				
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Abstract/Summary Comments:	Despite minor interventions during rehabilitation, this building is still an excellent example of the small town general store. The Sutton store served a small community whose lifeblood was the river. It was one of the few commercial operations in the area, and served as such until a decade or so after the river was dammed. The store served also as a defacto community building - a place to gather and socialize.				
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If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.





TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 2941 LEBANON PIKE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37214 OFFICE: (615) 532-1550 E-mail: <u>Claudette.Stager@tn.gov</u> (615) 770-1089

March 15, 2019

Joy Beasley Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places National Register Program National Park Service 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228 Washington, DC 20240

National Register Nomination

• Sutton, T.B., General Store, Jackson County, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Beasley:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct nomination for listing of the *Sutton, T.B., General Store* to the National Register of Historic Places. We received no comments.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, please contact Rebecca Schmitt at (615) 770-1086 or <u>Rebecca.Schmitt@tn.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Clandette Stager

Claudette Stager Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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