

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

TITLE: Historic Resources of Grundy County

COUNTY: Grundy
SITE: 4

HISTORIC NAME: Woodlee, L. V., House
COMMON NAME: Woodlee, L. V., House
ADDRESS: Cumberland Street
Altamont, Tennessee

OWNER: Thomas C. Hembree
ADDRESS: General Delivery
Altamont, Tennessee 37301

HISTORIC USE: Residence/Office CURRENT USE: Vacant
CATEGORY/BUILDING TYPE: Building/Residence
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c.1900 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown
ORIGINAL SITE: yes MOVED: N/A DATE: N/A
ORIGINAL OWNER/SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS: L. V. Woodlee

HAS THIS PROPERTY BEEN DETERMINED ELIGIBLE? no DATE: N/A

CONTRIBUTING:		NON-CONTRIBUTING:	
buildings	1	buildings	1
structures	0	structures	0
sites	0	sites	0
objects	0	objects	0
TOTAL	1	TOTAL	1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The boundaries for the L. V. Woodlee House begin at the northeast corner of Cumberland Street and Spring Alley and go 420 feet east along Spring Alley thence south 80 feet, thence east 420 feet, thence north along Cumberland Street 82 feet to the point of beginning. See Map #4. This includes the property historically associated with the house and includes enough property to protect the architectural and historical integrity of the house.

ACREAGE: less than one acre
UTM REFERENCE: Altamont, Tennessee 99NW
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SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Grundy County Herald, 2 September 1976.

Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly, Vol. II, 1861-1901.

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DESCRIPTION:

The L. V. Woodlee House is a two story frame house located directly behind the county courthouse in Altamont, Tennessee. The vernacular Colonial Revival style house is six bays wide with a center entrance. The main portion of the house is rectangular in form with a one story addition extending from the rear or north end of the house. The windows in the main portion of the house are one over one double hung sash flanked by wood shutters. The center entrance is surrounded by simplified pilaster and entablature frame. Brick chimneys are located near the end of each gable.

The front or main portion of the house was built c. 1900 onto an older, one story frame house (date unknown). The one story portion of the house is very simple in form and contains an entrance flanked by four over four windows and sheltered by a hip roof porch on the east end of the north facade. The south facade of the one story portion appears to be an early shed roof addition. The windows on this portion of the house are six over six sash. A small ell extending from the east end of the south facade shelters an early waterpump.

The front or main portion of the house consists of two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. The downstairs parlors contain the original mantels and wainscotted walls. The diagonal paneled wainscoting extends along the staircase which has a fluted square newel post and turned balusters. The door frames in the house are composed of fluted pilaster trim with bullseye cornerblocks. In the south room of the rear portion of the house is a built-in china cabinet.

Located immediately behind the house is a small non-contributing frame shed.

SIGNIFICANCE:

CRITERIA: B

CONSIDERATION: N/A

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Politics/Government

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE/SIGNIFICANT DATES: c.1900 - c.1930

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

The L. V. Woodlee House is nominated under National Register criterion B for its association with Levi Vernon Woodlee, an important political figure in Altamont, Grundy County, Tennessee. L. V. Woodlee, the first owner and resident of the house served in the Tennessee General Assembly as a Representative between 1897 and 1899 and as a Senator between 1905 and 1907. In addition to serving in the state legislature, Woodlee was a practicing lawyer in Grundy County. Woodlee used the north room in the rear portion of the older section of the house as his law office.

Levi Vernon Woodlee was a member of the Grundy County Board of Education for thirty years and served as Superintendent of Schools in Grundy County between his terms in the state legislature from 1899 to

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1905. Woodlee was also a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Tracy City for twenty-four years, attorney and vice-president of the Cumberland Mountain Bank in Altamont, and was legal representative for the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad and the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company. He also held several county offices in addition to superintendent of schools; county attorney, 1893, chairman of the county board of election commissioners, legal advisor and appeals agent for the county draft board during World War I, and back tax attorney for his district. The L. V. Woodlee House served as both residence and office for Levi V. Woodlee during his active years as an important political and civic leader in Grundy County.

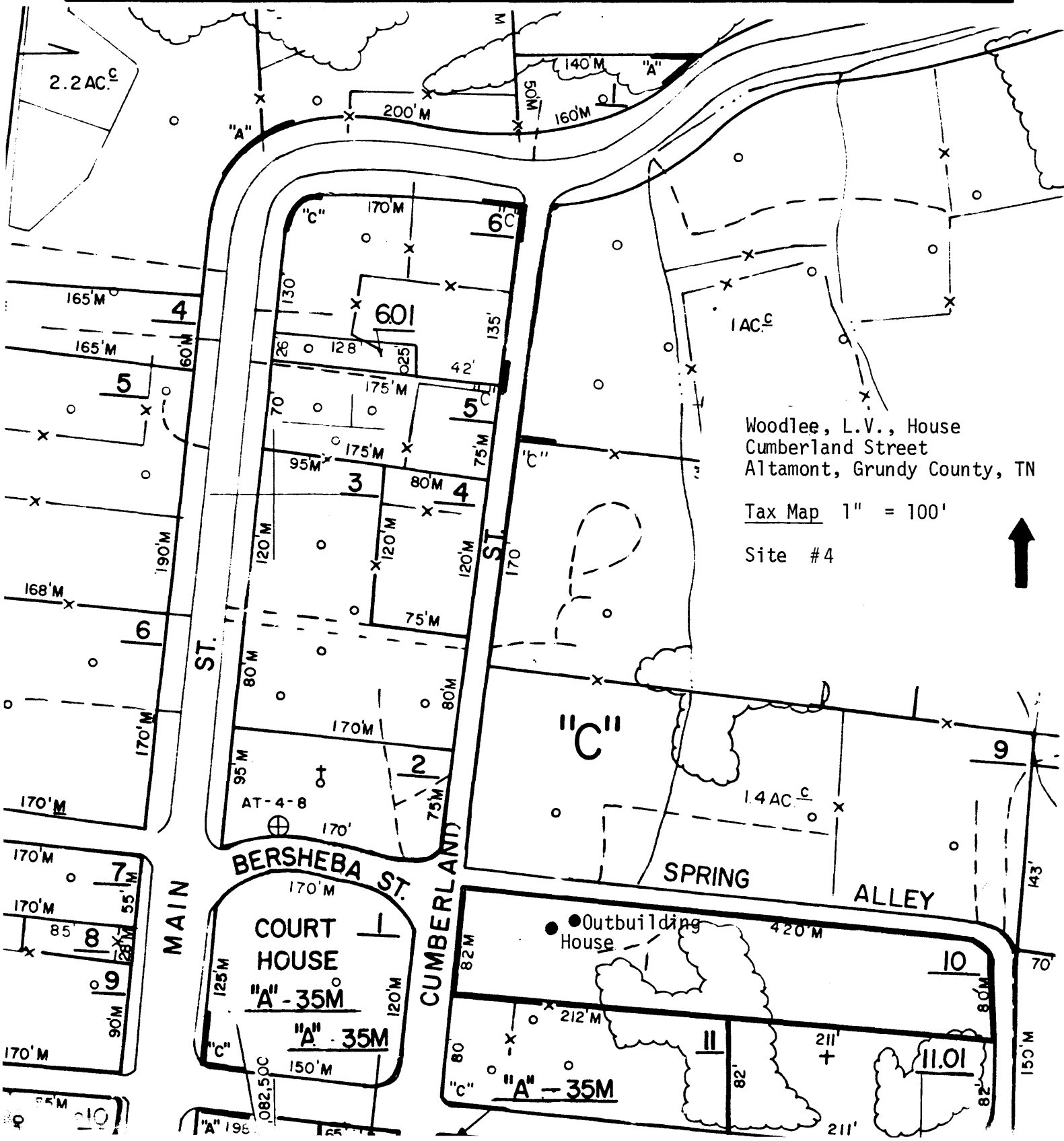
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Tax Map 1" = 100'

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