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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Alexander, John, House
other names/site number Alexander, John, House (BL-3766)

2. Location

street & number 714 Hillside Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Maryville N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

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	<u>2</u>	_____ 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	<u>2</u>	_____ objects
			_____ 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.
Michael C. Bryan 6/8/89
Signature of certifying official Date
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. Michael Bryan 7/25/89
 See continuation sheet. **Entered in the National Register**
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Weatherboardroof OTHER/Compositionother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The John Alexander House is a two-story frame, three bay, rectangular plan Colonial Revival influenced residence built in 1906. The house has a brick foundation, interior brick chimneys, hipped roof of composition shingles and weatherboard siding. On the main (S) facade is a one story porch with Tuscan columns. The main entrance has an original single light glass and frame door with diamond light sidelights and transom. Windows are two-over-two and two-over-one rectangular sash. On the first story of the main facade are slightly projecting bay windows. At the roofline of the main facade is a hipped dormer with a wood shingle exterior and paired diamond light attic windows.

On the east facade are two projecting rectangular bays with small two-over-two sash windows on the second story. On the rear (N) facade is a single light glass and frame door in the central bay with diamond light sidelights and transom. Also on this facade is a two story porch with square Doric motif columns on the first story and an enclosed second story with two-over-two sash windows. The interior of the house retains original woodwork and decorative features. These include an oak staircase with a square newel post, mantles with Ionic pilasters and paneled pocket doors. To the north of the house is a c. 1925, one story single stall brick garage with a hipped roof of composition shingles and original hinged doors with vertical light fixed windows. The house is located on an urban lot adjacent to the Maryville College campus in Maryville.

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)

Education

Period of Significance

1906-1925

Significant Dates

1906-1925

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Alexander, Rev. John

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The John Alexander House is significant under criterion B for its association with Rev. John Alexander and his wife Mrs. Jane Alexander. The Alexanders were prominent educators of the early 20th century and taught classes at Maryville College. Mrs. Alexander was also notable for starting the first public library in the county. Their Colonial Revival influenced house was built adjacent to the college and in 1925 they sold the house to Maryville College for its use. The house has not been significantly altered and retains its original design.

This lot was purchased by Rev. Alexander and his wife in 1906 and they constructed this two-story residence soon after. Rev. Alexander was a Presbyterian minister who presided over several rural churches and was also a director of Maryville College. His wife, Jane Alexander, taught literature at the college for many years. She is best known for organizing the first public library in the county and donating her private collection of 500 books. The library was opened in 1919 in a downtown building and the city began funding of the library in 1924. A donation by the Harper family in 1930 led to the construction of the first public library building in the county. The Alexanders resided at their home adjacent to the college until 1925 when they sold it to the Directors of the college. The property has since been used as a residence by the college.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Lloyd, Ralph Waldo. Maryville College: A History of 150 Years, 1819-1969. Maryville, Tennessee: Maryville College Press, 1969.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Maryville Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the John Alexander House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 58-A , lot 14.02 , which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the John Alexander House includes the entire city lot which has historically been associated with the property.

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Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

John Alexander House
Hillside Ave., Maryville, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: Southeast and northeast facades.
Photo # 1

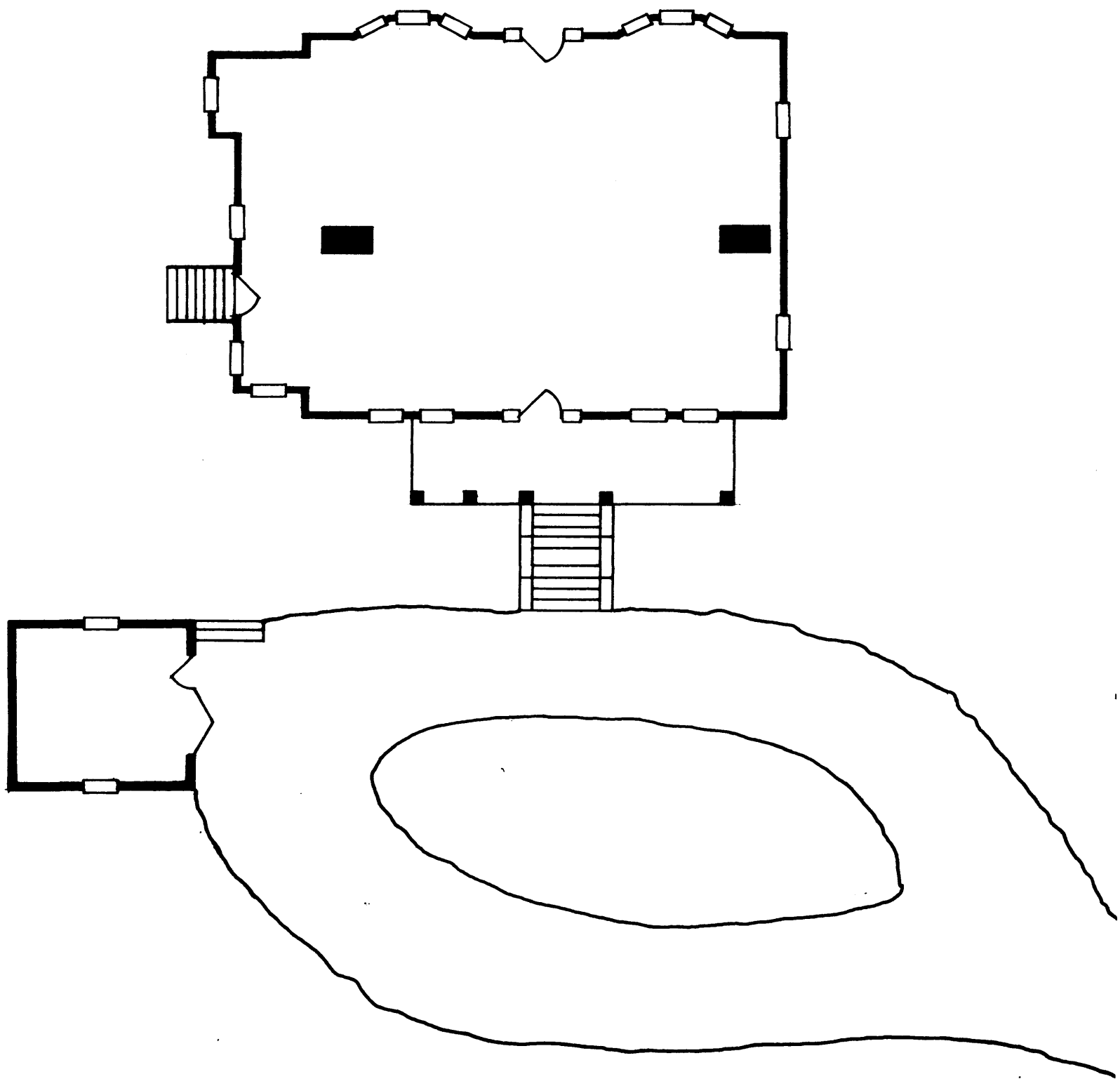
View: Northeast facade.
Photo # 2

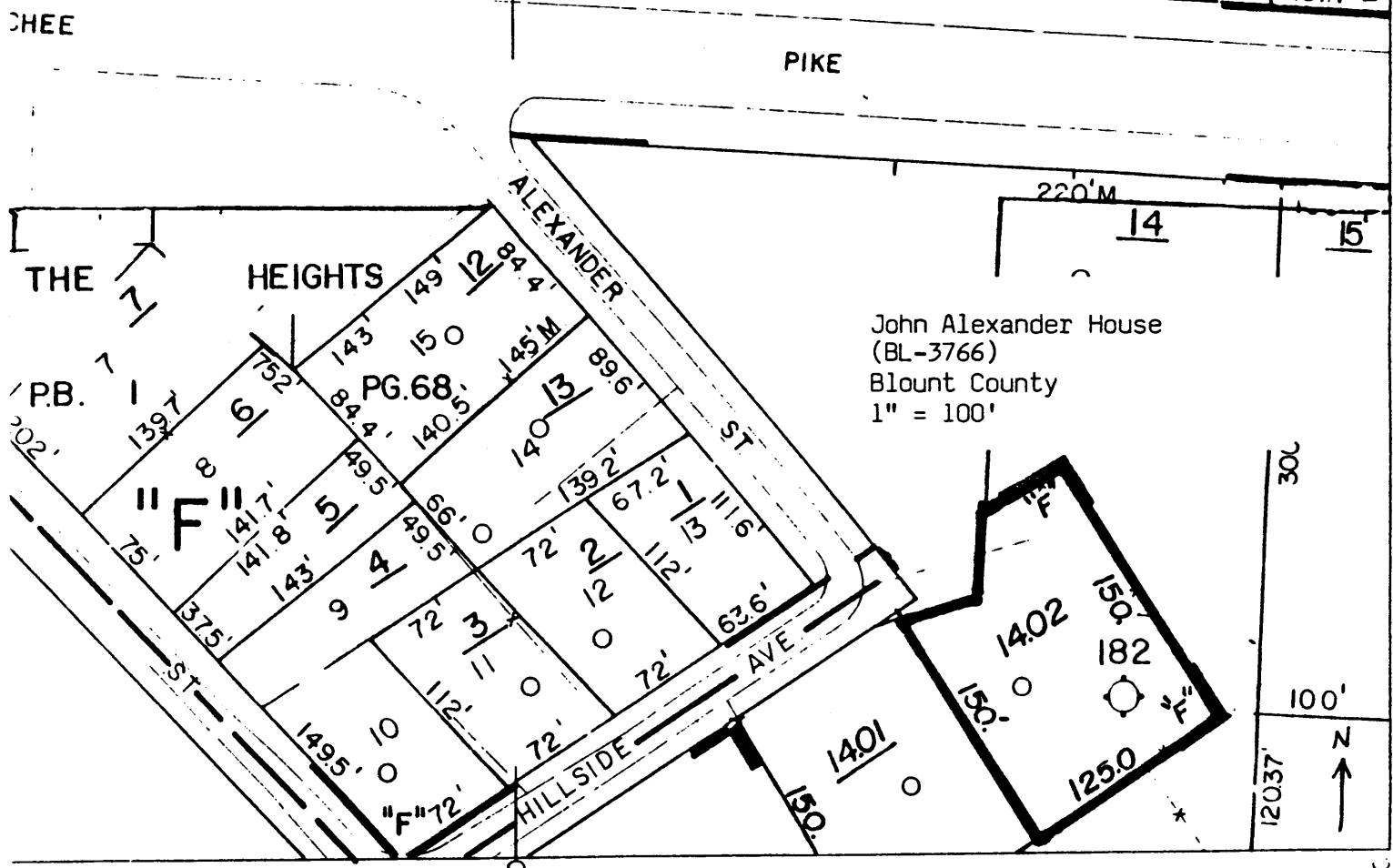
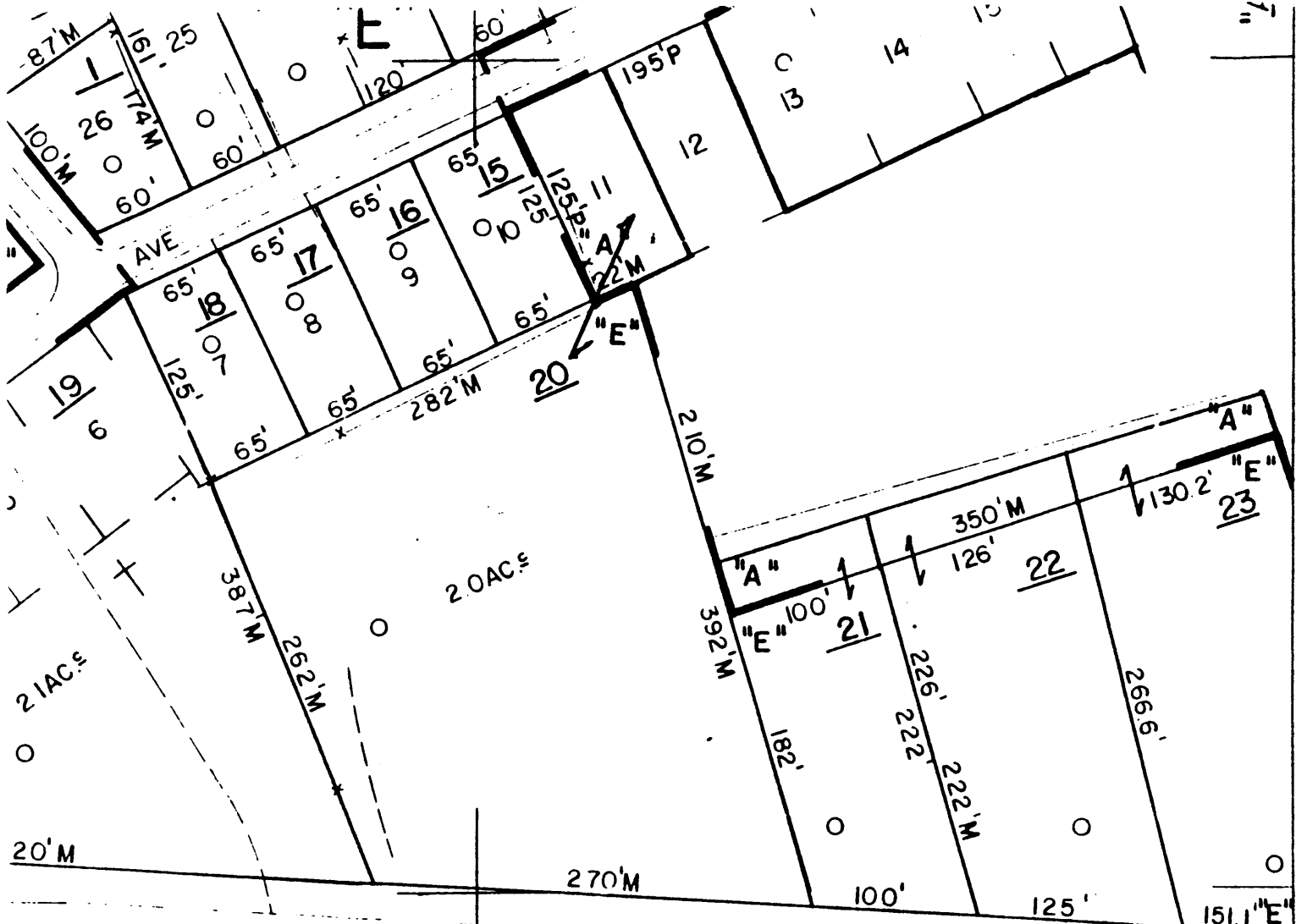
View: Northwest and southwest facades.
Photo # 3

View: Interior, pocket doors.
Photo # 4

View: Garage.
Photo # 5

#3766 - JOHN ALEXANDER
HOUSE





John Alexander House
 (BL-3766)
 Blount County
 1" = 100'