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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 McConnell, John, House  
other names/site number McConnell, John, House (BL-571)

2. Location

street & number One-half mile west of Maple Lane Road Junction on  N/A not for publication  
city, town McConnell Road - Maryville  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>1</u>	<u>1</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>1</u>	<u>1</u> objects
			<u>1</u> 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 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.

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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:)

Allan Byers Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
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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)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/ I-House/Three Room

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

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walls Weatherboard

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Brick

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roof Metal

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other WOOD

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The John McConnell House is a two-story brick and frame structure constructed in two separate stages. The original section is a one-and-one-half story brick residence built in 1807 in a three room, or Quaker, plan. This brick section was expanded ca. 1875 by a two-story frame addition which was placed at a right angle to the original brick structure. The present appearance of the house is that of a frame, central passage plan I-House with a rear brick wing and the ca. 1875 frame section composes the main facade.

The original brick section is 3 bays wide of Flemish bond construction. Windows are ca. 1880 two-over-two sash with original sills and pegged jambs. The main entrance has a ca. 1960 glass and frame door with an original fluted and pegged door frame. The interior brick chimney is original but the exterior end chimney on the west facade was replaced ca. 1975. According to the owner a one-story detached brick kitchen originally stood at the northwest corner of the building but this was removed in the early 1900s. A one-story frame porch was added to the north facade of this section ca. 1935. The interior of the original brick section has a Quaker or three room plan on the first floor. The two east rooms share a common chimney and each room has a fireplace opening. The original mantles are missing but the rooms retain molded chair rails. The second story is composed of one large room and an original frame mantle with simple detailing exists on the west wall. A corner staircase connecting the two floors is also original with but no other original doors or other original features remain. This enclosed staircase retains its vertical board access door.

The ca. 1875 frame section is a two-story, three bay, hall-parlor plan form. The house has original two-over-two sash windows, weatherboard siding and gable metal standing seam roof. The main entrance has a ca. 1960 glass and frame door. On the main (E) and S facades is a one-story porch with tapered posts on frame piers added ca. 1940. In the gable fields are square wooden shingles. No original mantles or decorative features remain in this section of the house.

At the rear of the house are a series of post-1940 and altered pre-1940 outbuildings which are excluded from the property boundary. A one-story, ca. 1950 concrete block canning house is located adjacent to the house within the property boundary and is included as a non-contributing property. The property sits in a rural section of the county and is surrounded by open fields and farmland.

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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)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1807/ca. 1875  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1807/ ca. 1875  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 John McConnell House is significant under criterion C for its architectural design and evolution. The house is one of three residences in the county which share common building forms and evolution. All three houses began as early 19th century, two-story brick homes and were later enlarged in the late 19th century by the addition of two-story frame sections at right angles to the original brick structure. This type of building evolution is unusual in Tennessee and the McConnell House is one of three residences to illustrate this construction. Despite 20th century rear additions the 19th century plan and form is apparent.

John McConnell was recipient of land grant #2300 and moved to Blount County in the early 1800s. His land is listed as surveyed in 1807 and tradition states that McConnell finished the original brick residence on this site during this year. The house built for McConnell was a one-and-one-half story brick, three room, or Quaker plan, residence. McConnell married Annie Stewart in 1815 and during these years he owned between 250 and 300 acres of surrounding land. McConnell's farm was typical of the period and he raised hay, corn, wheat and livestock.

McConnell's will in 1857 passed the land to his son, James Campbell McConnell. James McConnell served in the Union army in the Civil War and later donated land for the McConnell's Schoolhouse which stood approximately one-half mile to the south (now demolished). His son Elliot McConnell inherited the house and it was later passed to his son, William Fred McConnell, the present owner. The house was recently noted as a Century farm in Blount County.

See continuation sheet

**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**

Acreage of property Approx. 1 acre.

UTM References

A 16 758806 3953250  
Zone Easting Northing

B           
Zone Easting Northing

C         

D         

Meadow Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the McConnell House is illustrated on the accompanying Blount County tax map 88, lot 15, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the west and north by a wooden rail fence, on the south by a driveway, and on the east by McConnell Road.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the McConnell House is drawn to include the house and adjacent lot which are historically associated with the property. The boundary excludes modern or altered outbuildings to the west and north.

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Photographs  
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John McConnell House  
McConnell Rd., Maryville Vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: East and north facades.  
Photo # 1

View: South and west facades.  
Photo # 2

View: West facade.  
Photo # 3

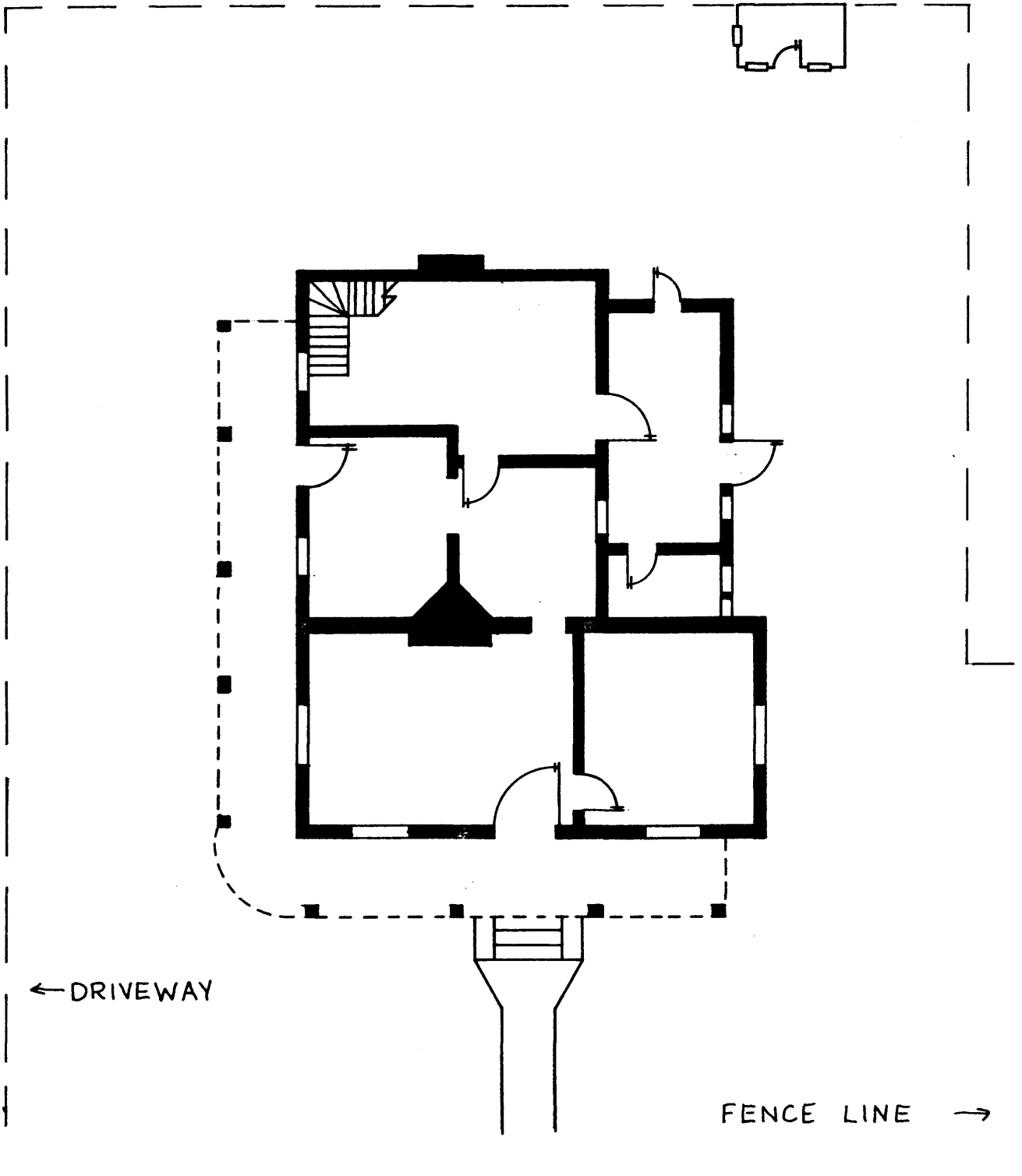
View: Interior, fireplace openings.  
Photo # 4

View: Non-contributing outbuilding.  
Photo # 5

JOHN  
#571 - McCONNELL HOUSE

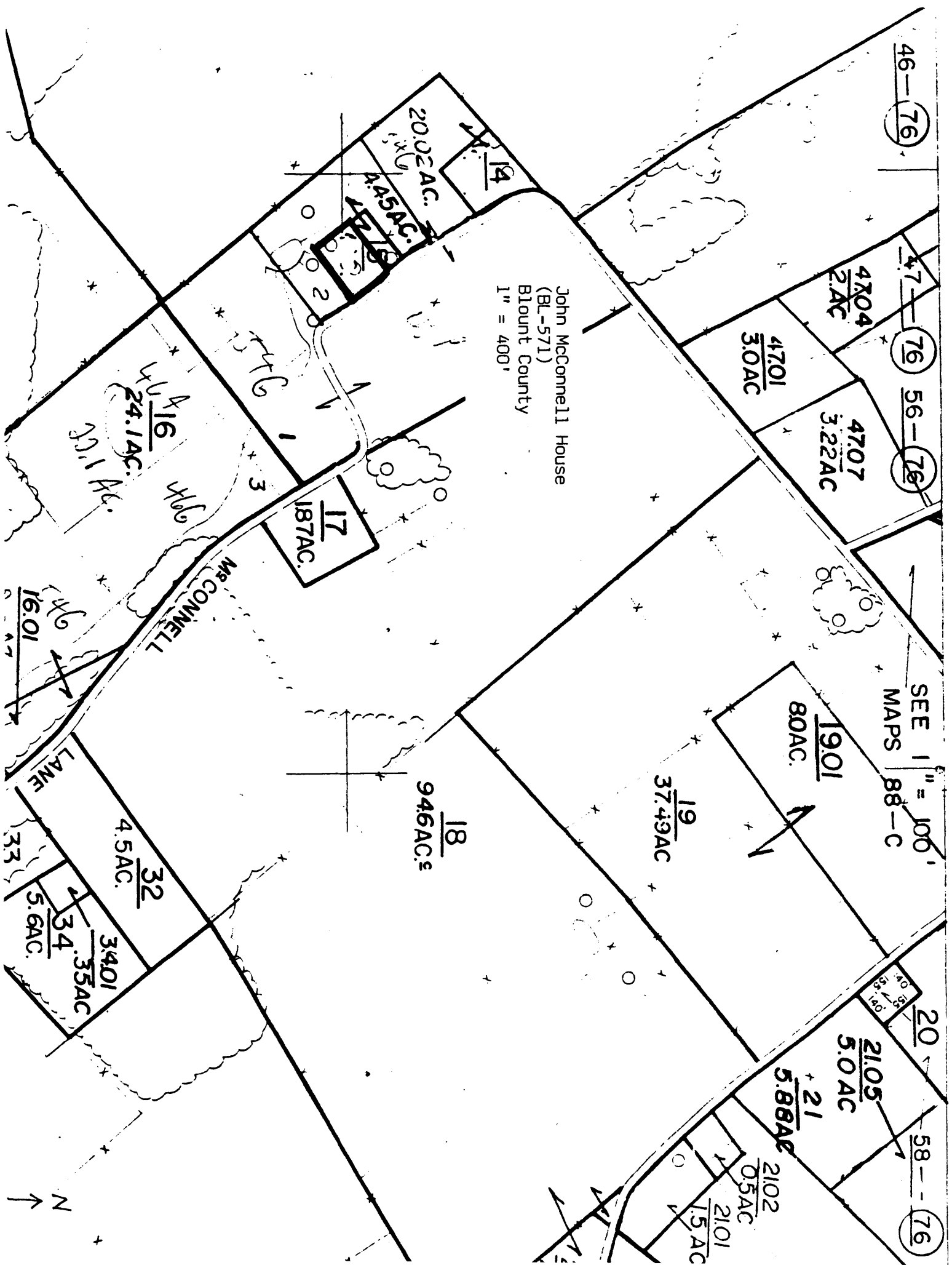


CINDER BLOCK  
CANNING HOUSE



← DRIVEWAY

FENCE LINE →



46-76

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56-76

SEE 1" = 100'  
MAPS 88-C

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58-76

John McConnell House  
(BL-571)  
Blount County  
1" = 400'

20.02 AC.

4.45 AC.

4704  
2 AC

4701  
3.0 AC

4707  
3.22 AC

17  
187 AC.

24.1 AC.

1901  
80 AC.

19  
37.49 AC

18  
94.6 AC.

32  
4.5 AC.

34  
5.6 AC.

2105  
5.0 AC

21  
5.88 AC

2102  
0.5 AC

2101  
1.5 AC

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