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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: None

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Common Name: Huff Store (WM-638)

Classification: Building

Owner: Ken Huff, Route # 1, Thompson Station, TN

Location: On Carters Creek Pike in Burwood

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures:	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	1	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The Huff Store is a one and one-half story frame commercial building constructed in 1911. On the main (south) facade is the original storefront with double frame doors of five panel design. The doors are recessed and there is a two light transom. Flanking the doors are fixed paired twelve light display windows. The exterior has weatherboard siding. On the southeast corner are original paired five panel doors. In the half story are fixed six light windows. The building has a hipped roof with decorative eave brackets.

On the east elevation are six over six sash windows. On the west facade is an original pair of double doors. On the north facade are also original paired doors and six over six sash windows. In the half story are six light fixed windows. On the north, south and west facades is an original one-story porch with simple square posts. The porch floor is a ca. 1930 concrete replacement.

The interior of the building has not been altered and displays original shelves, ladders on metal tracks, display cases and tongue in groove framing on the ceiling and walls. The north section of the building contains a small balcony which is reached by original stairs with newel post and square balusters. The interior has original light fixtures and early 20th century stoves.

The store is located on Carters Creek Pike and sits on its own lot surrounded by roads and parking areas. This junction is the center of the Burwood community and the Huff Store is its focal point. No other store remains in operation in Burwood.

Period of Significance: 1911- ca. 1937

Area of Significance: Commerce

Criterion: A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Huff Store is notable as the finest remaining example of a pre-1930 rural country store in Williamson County. Rural country stores were quite common in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. General stores selling a wide variety of goods were found in every small community and many crossroads to serve area farmers. These stores often served as both social and commercial centers in the rural areas. By the late 1930s improved transportation and roads made access to commercial centers such as Franklin easier and crossroads commercial buildings began to decline. Almost all of these commercial buildings from the period have been razed or altered.

Constructed in 1911, the Huff Store a vernacular hipped roof commercial building which has been remarkably unaltered on both the interior and exterior. The store has been one of the central social and commercial centers of the Burwood community for seventy-five years. The store was constructed in 1911 by Millard and Vance Akin who ran a general store at this location until 1937. The Akin brothers used the building to sell general produce and utilized the small balcony area for the sale of shoes. In 1937 the store was purchased by R.G. Huff who operated the store into the 1960s when ownership and operation were taken over by his son, Ken Huff.

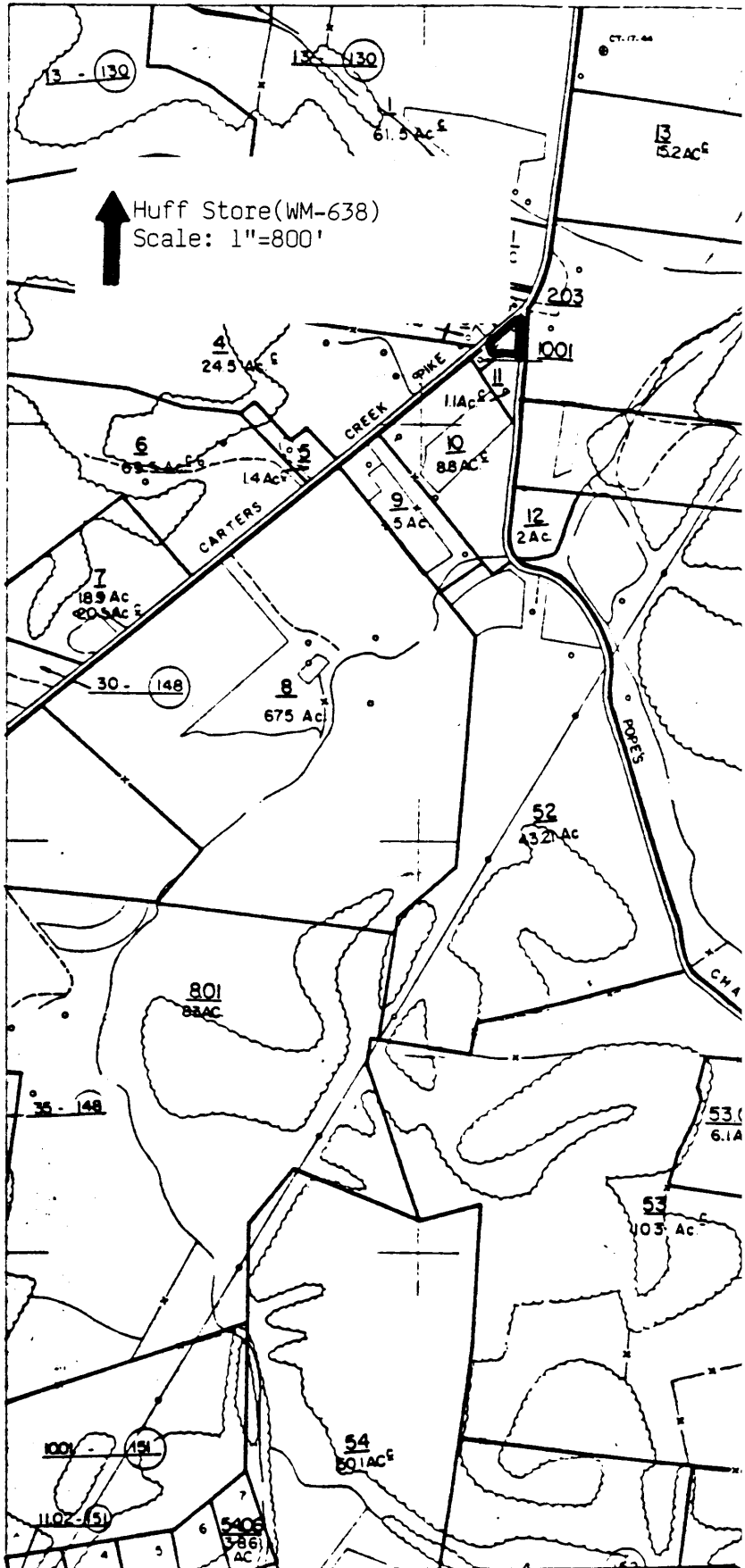
The Huff Store carries on the tradition of early 20th century commercial activity in many ways. It continues to sell a wide variety of goods to area residents and serves as a social gathering place with chairs situated on the porch and around the interior stove. This continuation of commercial and social use in a pre-1930 commercial building is unique in the rural areas of the county.

Acreage: Less than 1 acre.

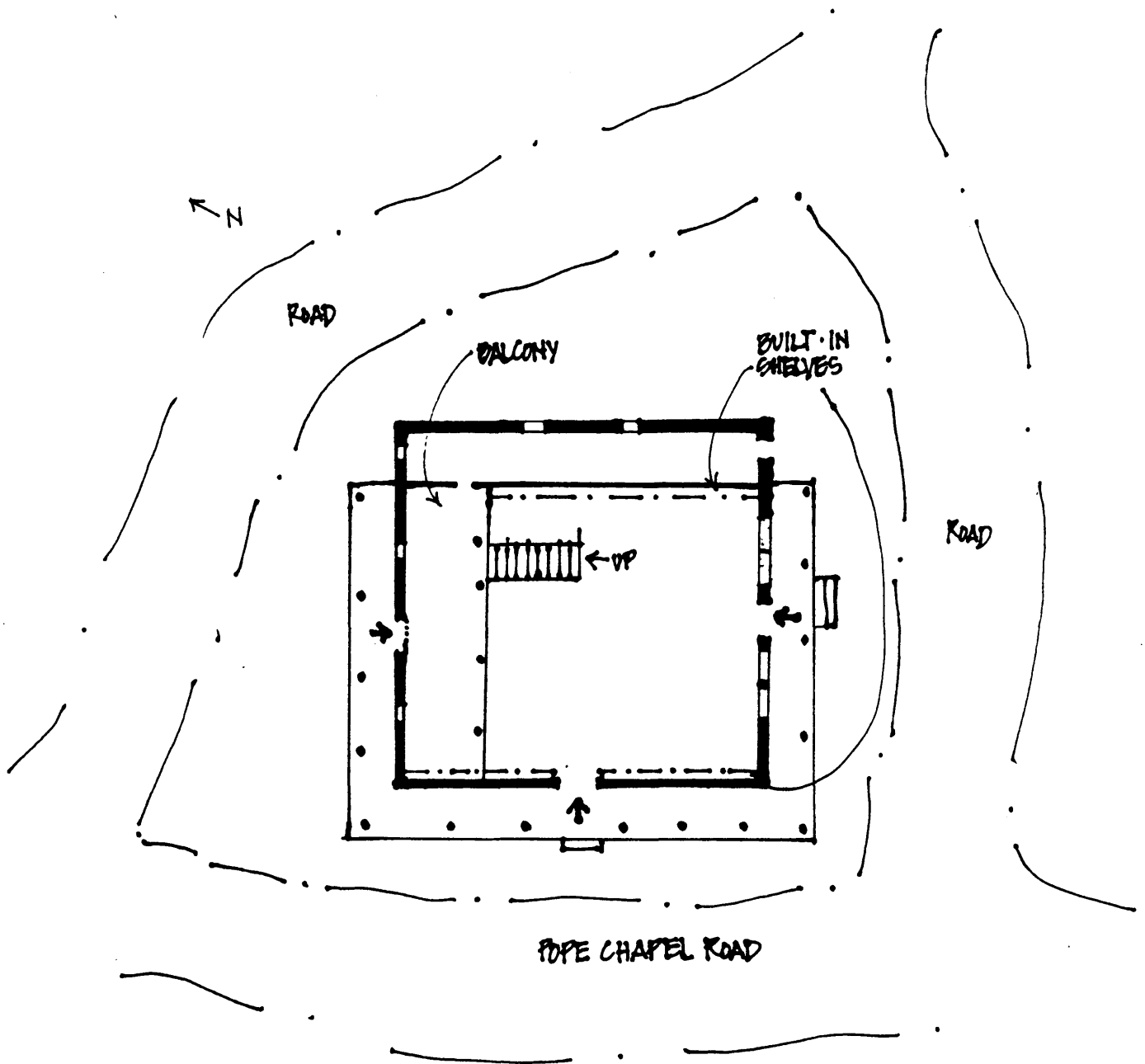
UTM References: Spring Hill Quad 16/501520/3962930

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Huff Store is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 147, lot 3. The boundary is drawn to include all property historically associated with the store. The boundary is defined by roads and parking areas on all four sides. The boundary is drawn to include sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:



#6288 HUFF STORE



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