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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 Davis, James R., House  
other names/site number Davis, James R., House (BL-1771)

2. Location

street & number At the junction of River Road and Davis Ford Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Walland  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37886

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>7</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>4</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>11</u>	_____ objects
			<u>2</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.

Robert L. Byrnes 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:)

Robert L. Byrnes 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 DwellingDOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single DwellingDOMESTIC/Secondary Structure

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/T-Plan

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Brick

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roof Metalother Wood

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The original house on this site was a two story T-plan residence built c. 1885. This house was gutted by fire in 1914 and rebuilt using some of the original walls while the "T" section and rear wing were rebuilt entirely. The present structure is a two-story T-plan, three bay, late Victorian influenced residence with a two-story rear wing. The house is composed of both Flemish bond and stretcher bond brick, has a brick foundation, original interior brick chimneys, and a hipped roof of metal standing seam. On the main (north) and west facades is a one-story porch with original milled columns. On the west facade part of this porch was enclosed with tongue in groove frame panels and screen panels. The main entrances have single light glass and frame doors and single light transoms. Windows are rectangular two-over-two sash which are set within segmental arches.

On the east facade of the rear wing is a two-story porch with milled columns and original tongue and groove panels on the first story and screen panels (now plastic) added ca. 1960. On the second story is an enclosed porch with original two-light casement windows. The interior retains original four- and five-panel doors, oak mantles with Doric and Ionic pilasters and a staircase with milled newel post and balusters. Other original features are plaster walls and wood floors.

To the east and south of the house are a series of outbuildings constructed in the early 20th century. These include: a c. 1900, one-story frame gable roof shed with vertical board siding and a metal standing seam roof (C); a c. 1920, gable roof, implement storage shed with vertical board siding and four stalls (C); a c. 1920 gable roof storage shed with board and batten siding and a shed roof addition (C); a c. 1900 tenant house with a rectangular plan, weatherboard siding, vertical board doors and metal standing seam roof. At the rear is a c. 1980 frame addition (C); a one-story, c. 1960 concrete block garage (NC); a c. 1920 gable roof, stock barn with a side passage drive through. Has shiplap and vertical board siding and metal standing seam roof. The interior has both balloon frame and mortise and tenon construction. Adjacent is an c. 1920 concrete silo (C) (C); a c. 1960 one-story concrete block garage (NC); a c. 1930 one-story gable roof garage with vertical board siding (C); three c. 1900 shed roof henhouses - two have vertical board siding and corrugated metal roofs while the other has weatherboard siding and a metal roof (C) (C) (C). The house is sited in a rural area along the Little River in the central section of the county.

 See continuation sheet

**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)  
Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance  
ca. 1900/ca. 1914/  
ca. 1920/ca. 1930  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates  
1900  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 James R. Davis House is significant under criterion C for its architectural design. The house is one of only three brick residences constructed in the rural areas of the county in the early 20th century and is has not been significantly altered. The house is a T-plan residence with late Italianate detailing such as arched windows and milled porch posts. The property also displays an unusually intact collection of early 20th century outbuildings which are good examples of farm outbuildings of the period.

The original house on this site was built ca. 1885 by Isaac R. Davis. Davis purchased this land along the Little River in the mid-19th century and it became a well known farm at the turn of the century. His son, James R. Davis inherited the property and after a fire destroyed the original residence Davis constructed this two-story house. The builders of the house appear to have utilized some of the original walls in this construction. Upon completion the house was a late Victorian design with arched windows and milled porch posts. Since its construction the house has continued to be occupied by the Davis family.

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**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.

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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 5.9 acres.

UTM References

A 17 242345 3962215  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

D \_\_\_\_\_

Wildwood Quad

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the James R. Davis House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 49, lot 31, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the west by the eastern right-of-way of David Ford Road and a fence line, on the south and east by fence lines, and on the north by course of Ellejoy Creek.

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**Boundary Justification**

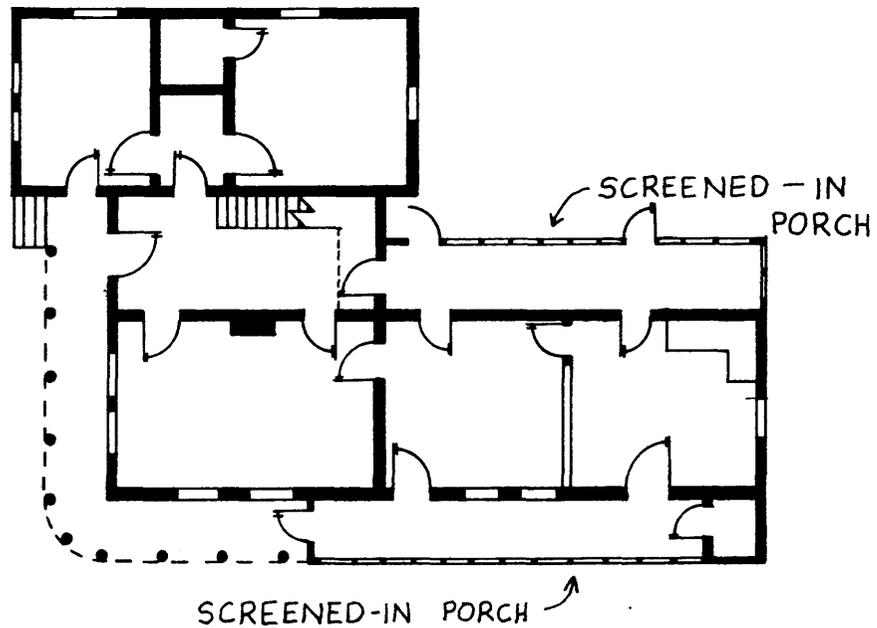
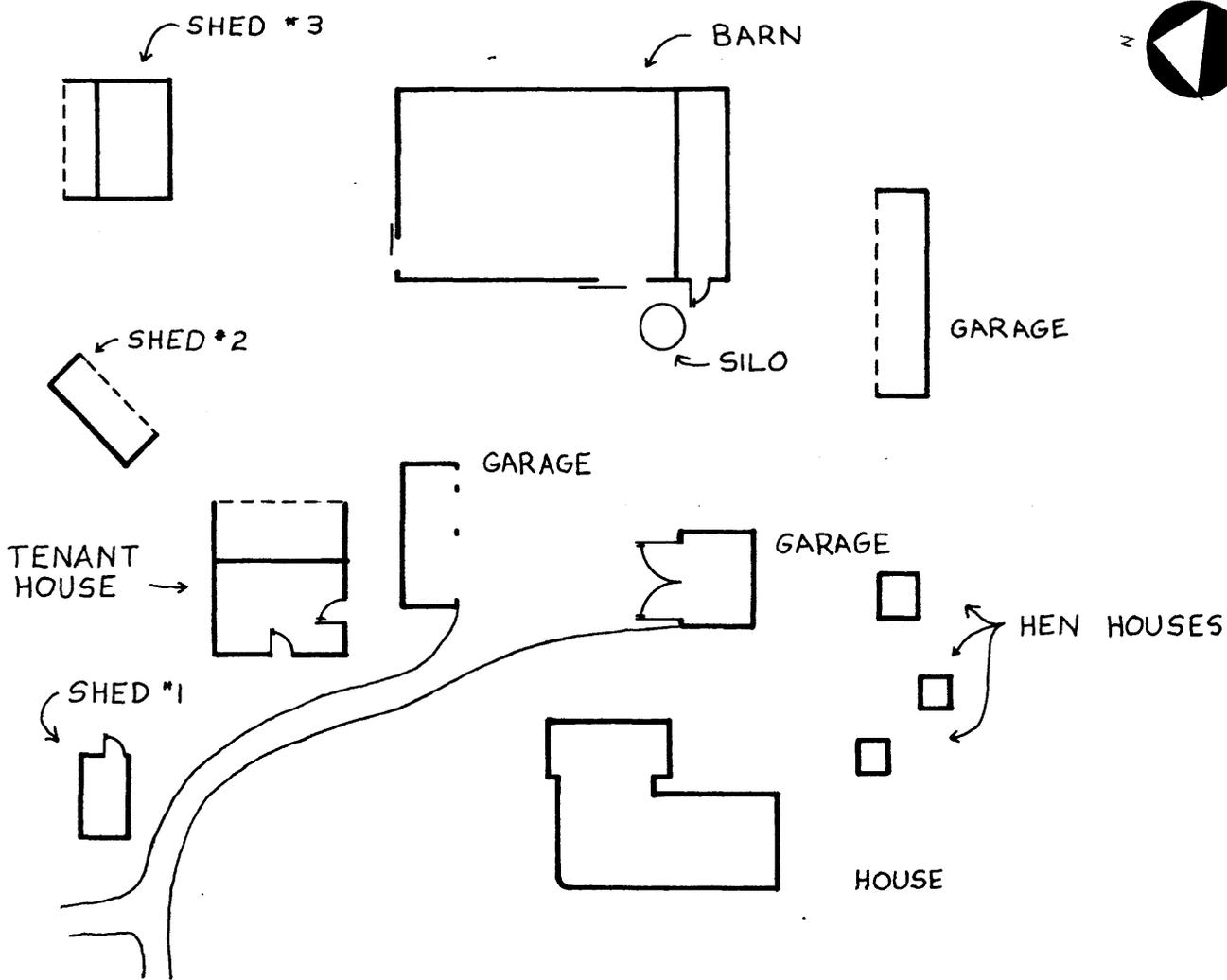
The boundary for the James R. Davis House includes all property historically associated with the residence. This includes the house and associated outbuildings located to the east and north. The boundary follows a road, creek bed, and fence lines which define the house and farm buildings. No other pre-1940 structures are extant.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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# 1771 - JAMES R. DAVIS HOUSE



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**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Photographs

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Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

James R. Davis House  
River Road, Walland Vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: North and west facades.  
Photo # 1

View: West facade.  
Photo # 2

View: East and south facades.  
Photo # 3

View: Interior, staircase.  
Photo # 4

View: Tenant house.  
Photo # 5

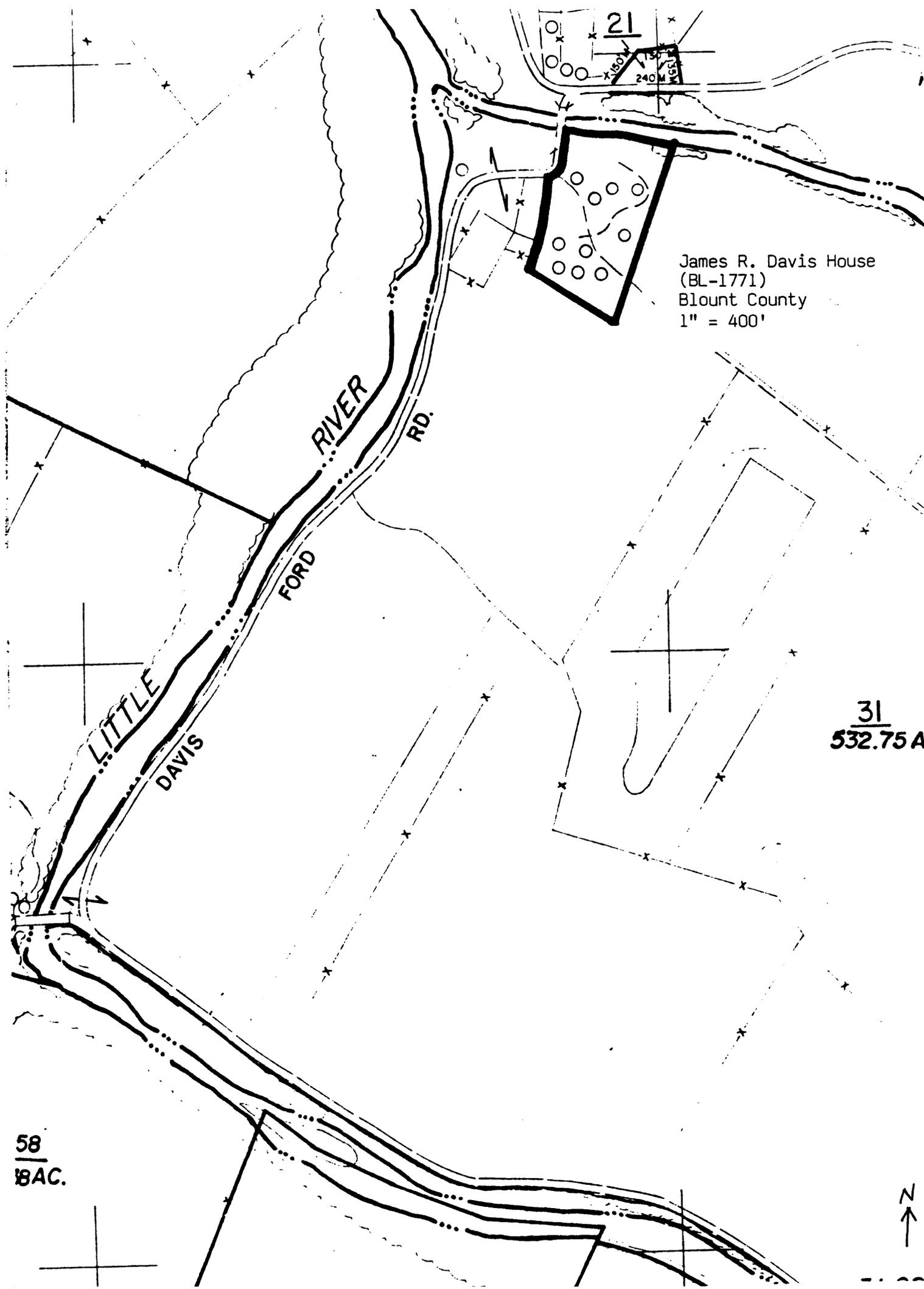
View: Sheds 2, and 3.  
Photo # 6

View: Shed 1.  
Photo # 7

View: Hen houses.  
Photo # 8

View: Contributing garage.  
Photo # 9

View: Non-contributing barn and contributing garage.  
Photo # 10



James R. Davis House  
(BL-1771)  
Blount County  
1" = 400'

31  
532.75 A

58  
BAC.

