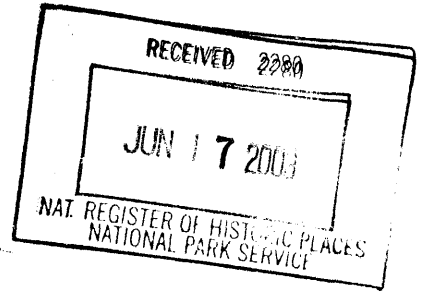


Rosine General Store and Barn
Ohio County, Kentucky

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Rosine General Store and Barn
other names/site number OH-23; OH-24; Woosley's General Store

2. Location

street & number 8205 Blue Moon of KY Hwy.—U.S. 62 not for publication N/A
city or town Rosine vicinity N/A
state KY code KY county Ohio code 183 zip code 42370

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally.

David L. Morgan 6-13-03
Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan, SHPO Date

Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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 H. Ball

AUG 1 2003

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Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: DEPARTMENT STORE
 COMMERCE/TRADE WAREHOUSE

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: DEPARTMENT STORE
 RECREATION AND CULTURE MUSIC FACILITY

7. Description

Architectural Classification OTHER: NO STYLE

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
roof metal
walls wood
other

Narrative Description (See continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

COMMERCE

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

PERFORMING ARTS

Period of Significance 1943-1953

Significant Dates 1947

Significant Person Monroe, William Smith "Bill"

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder UNKNOWN; WOOSLEY, EVERETT R.

Narrative Statement of Significance (See continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References (See continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- 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 # _____

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Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property **less than one acre****UTM References**

Zone	Easting	Northing	Rosine Quad
1 <u>16</u>	<u>0522890</u>	<u>4144685</u>	

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is a rectangular parcel measuring 170 x 135 feet, whose southwest corner is the intersection of U.S. Route 62 and S.R. 1544. See attached Ohio County map accompanying Index #86-A-8.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property encompassing the two buildings listed is the parcel historically associated with the Rosine General Store and Barn.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

name Edith R. Woosley
 street & number P. O. Box 366, S.R. 1544 & U.S. 62 telephone 270-274-4668
 city or town Rosine state KY zip code 42370

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Physical Description

The Rosine General Store (OH23) is a framed structure. The original structure was built in 1933 and added to in 1947 by its new owners, Edith and Everett Woosley. From its construction in 1933 until 2003, it has operated nearly continuously as a general store. The building is one story, measures 32 by 70 feet, and opens to the south onto a concrete front porch which faces U.S. Route 62 at the crossroads of U.S. 62 and State Road 1544 in rural Rosine, Kentucky, in Ohio County. To the immediate east of the Store is a board-and-batten vertical plank barn, built in 1947. The 32' x 50' Barn (OH24) is two stories high, faces south, sits on a concrete foundation, and has a gabled roof.

Both the Store and Barn retain a high degree of historic architectural integrity and integrity of location. The Rosine General Store was purchased in 1943 by Edith and Everett Woosley. At the time it was a 32' by 40' structure on a foundation of concrete piles; in 1947 the Woosleys added an additional 40' to the building's length, making it 32' by 70'. A few changes have occurred to the exterior since then. In the mid-1990s the historic wooden porch was replaced by concrete steps. Gasoline pumps in front of the building were also removed in the mid-1990s, in compliance with environmental regulations. The Store retains its original oak floor and no reconstruction (other than regular maintenance) has taken place; Everett Woosley milled all the lumber himself for the addition. Only two structural changes have occurred inside the Store: bathrooms were added in the 1980s in the space previously occupied by a post office (Rosine's Post

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Office had been moved to its own separate building) and a grill/deli now occupies the space formerly occupied by a barbershop. The asbestos shingle siding was added to the building, according to Mrs. Woosley, at the time the Store was expanded in 1947 (Woosley 2003). An inspection of the building lends credence to this. All the changes to the physical structure of the Store have taken place in accordance with the needs of the community of Rosine, thus adding to the building's integrity of design and association.

The adjacent Barn, built in 1947, is board-and-batten single wall construction; a single level of vertical planking creates both the internal and external wall (Ohio County PVA #86-A-8). This building technique is typical of the region and commonly found throughout the Upper South. A fire in the early 1950s did some damage to the Barn, but community members joined together to rebuild it as originally constructed (Woosley 2002). Everett Woosley milled local oak for the Barn in his sawmill. The Barn has been electrified. Second-story lofts create storage space within the barn; one small loft area has been removed to allow for better acoustics within the barn as it is now used as a site for weekly bluegrass jamborees. The barn has no internal plumbing, but external outhouses (connected to a nearby septic tank) are attached to the rear of the building. Until 1990 the Barn was used for storage of Store supplies; beginning in 1990 the Barn has been host to a regular bluegrass "Barn Jamboree" supported and hosted by local residents.

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The changes to the Store and Barn are minor and do not compromise the buildings' historical integrity as it relates to the period of significance. The Store and Barn have had their identities since their constructions, serving the needs of Rosine residents and visitors to the region.

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Statement of Significance

The Rosine General Store (OH23) and Barn (OH24) in Ohio County, Kentucky, meet National Register Criterion A and are significant within the historic context “Cultural and Economic Development in Rosine, Kentucky, 1943-Present.” The Store and Barn are the foundation of the rural economy in Rosine. The Store and Barn continue to play a vital role for the community by providing a central location for community activities and regular pilgrimages of bluegrass fans from around the world (see below). In many residents’ eyes, the Store and Barn are the “heart” of the community.

Criterion A: Cultural and Economic Development of Rosine, Kentucky, 1943-Present

Rosine, Kentucky, with a voter registration of about 300, is one of a handful of towns scattered through Ohio County along U.S. Route 62, one of the major arteries through western Kentucky prior to the construction of Interstate 65 and the Natcher Parkway. By all accounts, Rosine is a “sleepy town” with little commercial activity on a daily basis.

At one time one of ten or more such stores in the immediate Rosine area, the General Store sits adjacent to the intersection of State Road 1544 and U.S. 62 in the very center of Rosine. The store has been owned since 1943 by Edith Woosley; it had been

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built as a general store in 1933. Although in existence for a decade, the Store did not become an extraordinary addition to Rosine's economic development until the Woosleys purchased and shortly later expanded it. In 1944, Edith and her late husband, Everett, reopened the Store as "Woosley's General Store." Anticipating Rosine's growing needs for a wider array of goods, they added forty feet to its length in 1947. It is still open today, known as "Rosine General Merchandise." Throughout its existence, the Store has retained its integrity of setting, serving as the primary (now only) distributor of goods to the residents of Rosine. A number of factors have contributed to the Store's long life, among them the Woosleys' understanding of their neighbors' needs, the Store's central location, and its long association with the figure of Bill Monroe.

The Woosleys' initial community outreach is perhaps the primary cause of its longevity. The Woosleys wanted to use their store to serve their community. To that end, they sold grain, feed, and farm supplies as well as household items such as clothing, shoes, flour, lard, beans, coffee, candy, detergent, and meat—in short, everything that the local residents couldn't or didn't supply themselves. The Woosleys' General Store was, after its expansion, the largest of the general stores in Rosine, and as such was able to supply a larger variety of goods to town residents. The Woosleys used the Barn, sitting right next to the store and part of their original property purchase, to store feed, grain, and other items sold in the Store. (A smaller barn existed on the property initially; the current

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barn was built in 1947). This storage space allowed them to become the sole feed and grain supplier to Rosine's farmers. Long-term residents of Rosine credit the Woosleys with keeping the local economy going during lean times, as they often sold grain and feed on credit, expecting farmers to pay them back only when crops were sold at harvest (Harvey 2002).

Area residents, almost exclusively farmers, did their shopping in town on Saturdays. The Woosley's General Store became their main stopping point, and the primary place for neighbors to share news and somewhat break the isolation of farm life. A plum tree growing between the Store and Barn provided a wagon and horse hitching post. Anyone coming into Rosine unfamiliar with the area was directed first to the General Store, their final destinations located from that point.

The other stores in town were located at further remove from the center of town, mostly on "Front Street" near the river and by the railroad tracks in the southern part of town. As the railroads became less important to the economy of the region, and automobiles became more prevalent, these other stores lost clientele; the Woosleys' Store's central location made it the most accessible public place in town. Mrs. Frances Johnson Harvey grew up in Rosine and remembers buses running on U.S. 62 between Louisville, Rosine and Paducah, two buses each way twice daily in the 1940s and 1950s. The buses and passengers met at the General Store. Politicians stumping for office

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stopped in the Store, greeting local residents and making speeches to whomever would listen. Voting took place in the store before it was moved to the local firehouse (Harvey 2002).

Historically, Woosley's store had the only post office and barbershop in town. Generations of area children have waited on transportation to school in the store during inclement weather. The first, and for many years only, telephone in Rosine was put in at Woosley's Store; during World War II and Vietnam, overseas service men and women called the Store to contact their families. Even today Rosine has no public pay phone; the Store offers its private phone in cases of emergencies. Local couples met at the Store while courting; holiday festivals have always been held in the store since it's a central location for outlying farms and residences.

The Barn is an important adjunct to the Store. It once held a blacksmith shop and historically was storage for items the Woosleys sold in the Store. In the past dozen years it has become the site of a bluegrass jam every Friday night. On these nights the Store remains open late to accommodate the Jam's denizens. Before the jam, musicians and residents gather in the store to grab a quick bite to eat and catch up on local news and happenings.

Both the Barn and Store are still owned by Edith Woosley, although she retired from the day-to-day operation of the Store in 1989 and has since then leased the

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operation to a succession of managers. The current manager is Carroll Howard, who runs the Store in cooperation with his daughter and son-in-law, Jaujauna and Joe Bratcher. Ample room allows patrons space to gather and discuss the latest news.

Rosine defines itself through the Store. Mrs. Harvey, a long-time resident of Rosine and keeper of local history, says that everyone's spatial orientation in town is to the Store: "It's the *Store*, you know what I mean? It's *The Store*. If someone comes to town to come to my house, I tell them it's two houses behind The Store" (Harvey 2002). A physical examination of the building bears this out; the store provides the most accessible public meeting place in Rosine. In fact, the continued existence of the Store is due in part to the association with its most famous native, Bill Monroe.

Rosine gained national recognition when Rosine native Bill Monroe became famous as one of the chief architects of bluegrass music. The following statement, taken from the National Register Nomination of the Bill Monroe Homeplace, attests to the power of place in the continuing lure of fans to Rosine and its environs:

The singular style of [Monroe's] playing, musical leadership, and content of his songs were directly influenced by his experiences growing up on the Monroe Farm [in Rosine] from 1911 to 1929. The importance of Bill Monroe's birthplace to his music has not escaped Bluegrass fans; today, the Bill Monroe Homeplace serves as a pilgrimage for bluegrass fans the world over who journey to its site to experience first-hand the sights, sounds, and

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smells that shaped this great man and his uniquely powerful music (McCoy 2003).

Monroe made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry in 1939, effectively putting Rosine in the nation's musical consciousness. Prior to Monroe's 1996 death and the erection of a gravesite and the 2001 opening of the Homeplace, the only public gathering space for bluegrass fans was the Store. These pilgrimages occurred as early as the 1940s and have continued to the present day. Alabama native and Grammy-award winning dobro player Curtis Burch remembers a family vacation during the mid-1950s during which his father made a trip through Kentucky in homage to Monroe (Burch 2002). These pilgrimages to Rosine began during the Period of Significance, and although they have been especially evident after the Period of Significance, the Store has survived in large part because of its association with Bill Monroe. Fans have long come into the Rosine General Store wondering if this is indeed the hometown of the Monroe Brothers. For years the Store has been "the" place for fans of bluegrass to gather, trade musical anecdotes and, of course, pick out a few tunes. This stream of visitors has not abated; it has in fact increased in recent years due to the national resurgence of interest in bluegrass music. Indeed, the Store and Barn's history as *the* gathering space for devotees has kept the property economically viable.

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In keeping with this association, the Store sells t-shirts which proclaim Rosine--and specifically the General Store--the "Crossroads of Bluegrass Music." Mrs. Frances Harvey and Mrs. Edith Woosley are among the co-founders of The Rosine Association (TRA), a group of interested community members striving to promote Rosine, especially through its historical connection to the development of bluegrass music. The Store has hosted impromptu bluegrass picking sessions, and around 1990 TRA decided to further structure the pick-ups in the form of a regular Friday-night jam. Mrs. Woosley gave permission to divest the Barn of its storage role and it has since filled with donated chairs, former church pews, and quilts and local memorabilia to line the walls (including signs and equipment from the Store's early days). An outdoor sign advertises the "Rosine Barn Jamboree: Home of Bluegrass Music and the Monroe Brothers." TRA boasts that fans have come from around the world to attend their jams. The Store continues to host a Hoedown and "Singing" the first Saturday of every month, with tables and chairs rearranged to provide space for dancing. These activities keep Rosine on the cultural map and continue to bring visitors from all over the U. S. to Rosine (Jam Guestbook 2003).

The Rosine General Store and Barn give a centrality to Rosine and a physical place in which residents imbue their community values. The buildings have not only physical integrity but also have integrity of use and integrity of feeling. The Rosine

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General Store and Barn serve dual roles: they have long served as an important focus for community activity and the day-to-day development of the town, while they have also played an important role in the continuing development of bluegrass music. The Store and Barn provide an essential center to the community. Without the Store and Barn, Rosine would lack an anchor.

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