United States Department of the Interior National Park Service NOV 01 2013 This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being determined on the instructions
1. Name of Property
Historic name James Beaty General Merchandise Store
Other names/site number Grimsley Store
Name of related multiple
property listing N/A
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)
2. Location
Street & Number: 5004 State Route 28/US 127 Alvin York Highway
City or town: Grimsely State: TN County: Fentress - 049
Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this <u>X</u> 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 <u>X</u> meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance: national statewide X local
Applicable National Register Criteria: X A B X C D
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State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of Commenting Official: Date
Title: State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- Mentered in the National Register
- ____ determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register

other (explain:) Signature of the Keeper

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Category of Property

(C)

Private	X
Public – Local	
Public – State	
Public – Federal	

(Check only one	box.)
Building(s)	X

12.18Date of Action

District	
Site	
Structure	
Object	Γ

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Noncontributing	
0	buildings
0	sites
0	structures
0	objects
0	Total
	Noncontributing 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE/TRADE/general store

GOVERNMENT/post office

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.) OTHER: Early 20th century rural commercial building

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property:

BRICK; METAL; CONCRETE; WOOD: weatherboard; GLASS

Narrative Description

Constructed in 1924, the James Beaty General Merchandise Store is a one-story frame building sheathed with running bond brick on the façade and weatherboard on the elevations. A "false front" or parapet roofline covering a low pitch standing seam metal gable roof, shed roof porch, paired windows, double-leaf entry, and one story shed roof extension are the main features of the exterior. Inside is a large open space with the original wood flooring, plywood and metal walls, and wood support beams. The store is situated close to US 127/State Route 28 at the crossroads of a county road in the unincorporated community of Grimsley (pop., 167 in 2010). There is a concrete pad flanking the east steps to the building where gas pumps and a sign once stood at the front of the building and modern fencing to the northwest of the property that separates the commercial building from vacant land. The façade was bricked in the 1950s and there were interior modifications in the early 1960s, but these are the only major changes to the store. It retains its architectural and historic integrity.

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The east façade of the James Beaty General Merchandise Store is the only part of the building that is brick. In the 1950s, the one-story façade was sheathed in brick and a stone plaque with "JAMES BEATY GEN. MDSE SINCE 1924" added in the parapet. Originally, the façade was covered with weatherboard similar to the other elevations. A double-leaf wood and glass door capped by a three-light transom is centrally located on the façade. Paired wood two-over-two double-hung wood sash windows resting on rowlock courses of brick flank the door. A circa 1960 replacement fiberglass porch roof covers this part of the store and a built up brick and concrete porch floor is below the porch roof which was constructed prior to 1946. There is a an original shed roof extension that extends off the south elevation with its entrance on the east façade. The extension was used to store feed. Double-leaf wood panel replacement doors are the only openings on this part of the building. A brick and concrete ramp extends from the main part of the store to the extension. A photo taken in 1928 shows five-panel doors on the extension, wood screens covering the doors to the main part of the building, paired windows, a standing seam metal shed roof porch roof, and a wood porch floor.

There are no openings on the south elevation, although it appears that four, small rectangular two-light awning windows located below the eave have been covered over with weatherboard. The weatherboard shed roof extension covers most of this elevation, with just a narrow part of the gable roof building visible. A narrow concrete block flue is located near the west part of this elevation. Not visible on the façade, the stone pier/concrete block/concrete infill foundation is seen on this elevation and the other elevations. The same weatherboard shed roof extension extends to the west rear elevation. Again, there are no openings and only the gable field is visible. Four, small, rectangular awning windows pierce the north elevation. The glass panes have been painted white. A larger window and door at the west part of this elevation have been enclosed. Like the other elevations, this side is covered with weatherboard.

Today, the store is a large open space, but historically there was a check-out counter in the southeast corner, shelves for grocery goods on the south wall, a post office area in the northeast corner, and dry goods along the north wall. Walls on the north and west are plywood, while much of the south wall is metal. During the 1960s, the store sold sandwiches so a sink was placed in the sandwich counter area in the northwest corner. Two wood support poles and the duct for the air conditioning system separate this area, the one story extension, from the remainder of the store. This part of the one story extension is incorporated into the main store but the south extension is a separate room and functioned as the feed storage area. A single-leaf door in the west part of the south wall leads to a small room in the extension currently used as a bathroom. Another door on the south wall leads to the main part of the store. The walls of the extension are covered with vertical wood.

A concrete and grass oval was put in front of the store's parking area by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) when the highway was widened. Although the TDOT oval appears to be part of the property, it is actually in the highway right-of-way and not included in the nomination. Additionally there is a concrete block trash area that is partially within the boundaries and partially in the right-of- way and this is omitted from the nomination. The circa 1930s concrete gas pump and sign pads are set close to the store and included as part of the landscape of the property.

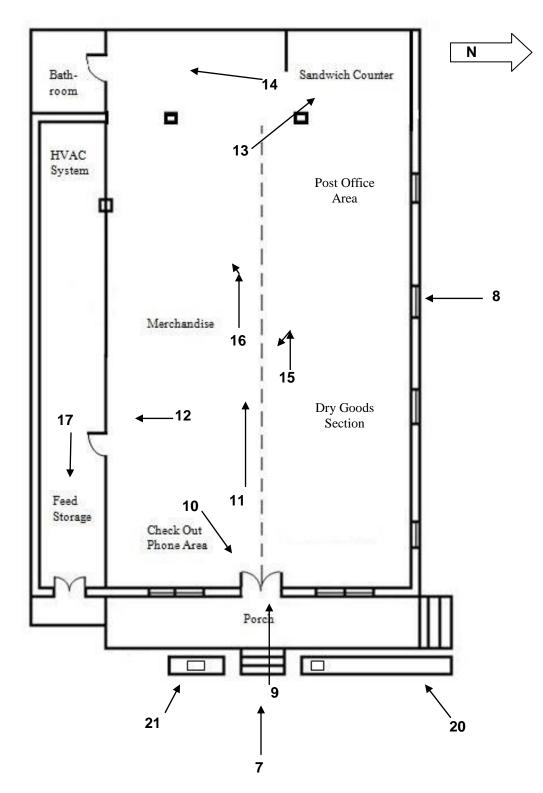
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Site Plan and Photo Key (not to scale)



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Floor Plan and Photo Key (not to scale)



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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

X

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.
- X 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 N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) Property is:

A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

- D a cemetery.
 - E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 - F a commemorative property.less than 50 years old or achievingG significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Fentress, Tennessee

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COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1924-1963

Significant Dates

1924; 1945

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Rogers, Sam and Elmer

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The James Beaty General Merchandise Store, located on U.S. 127/Alvin York Highway in Fentress County, Tennessee, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. It is eligible under Criterion A due to its function as the primary center of commercial, social, and economic development for the rural community of Grimsley. The store is eligible under Criterion C because it is a largely unaltered example of a rural general store and retains significant design and materials which reflect its original use. The structure is the only commercial building constructed in the first half of the twentieth century in the Grimsley community.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Fentress County was established on November 28, 1823 from sections of Morgan and Overton counties. It was named in honor of James Fentress, the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives who assisted in passing the enabling legislation to form the new county.¹ The county seat of Jamestown was also named for James Fentress. The county enjoys a diverse history but is best known as the home of Sgt. Alvin C. York, the World War I sharpshooter and Medal of Honor recipient who came home and devoted his life to improving local education.² Approximately five hundred square miles in area, the county is situated in the northeastern section of Tennessee's rugged Cumberland Plateau and has remained largely rural and undeveloped.³ In 1901, John Hogue moved into the area about twelve miles south of Jamestown and named it Grimsley, in honor of his friend Bart Grimsley.⁴ The first settlers moved into the area just after the turn of the twentieth century.⁵ The James Beaty General Merchandise Store was central to the economic, governmental, and social life of the unincorporated community of Grimsley from 1924-1963.

James Beaty was born on June 13, 1876 in Glenobey, Fentress County.⁶ He married Alice Rogers of the nearby Roslin community and the couple had six children. They taught school before they were married and were one of the first families to settle in the Grimsley area.⁷ Beaty established a general merchandise store in Grimsley in 1915 with his partner, Mr. Reagan. He then bought out his partner's share of the venture and constructed his new business at its current site in 1924. Beaty built his store at the intersection of the Wilder and Banner-Roslin roads on Highway 127 to take advantage of the crossroads traffic.⁸ Around 1926, he constructed the family homestead just to the north of the store. Until the time the house was constructed, the family lived in the rear shed roof wing of the store. An astute businessman and engaged citizen, Beaty donated both land and financial support in 1928 to construct the nearby Grimsley United Methodist Church and cemetery.⁹ Beaty operated the store until his death on April 26, 1945. James Beaty, Jr., known as "Sonny," assumed management of the store and operated it until his death in 1981. James and Alice Beaty's

¹ Lorene Cargile, "Fentress County," *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*.

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 $^{^{2}}$ *Ibid*.

³ Claudette Stager, *Historic and Architectural Resources of Fentress County, Tennessee*. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form, 14 May 1991. Nashville, TN: Tennessee Historical Commission.

⁴ Alpha Black, "The History of Education in Fentress County," *Fentress Courier*, (Jamestown, Tennessee, September 3, 1986).

⁵ Ms. Lucille Beaty, interview with Mark Dudney, April 30, 2013.

⁶ Wilma R. Pinkley, "Genealogy History," *Fentress Courier*, (Jamestown, Tennessee, June 24, 1987).

⁷ Beaty interview with Mark Dudney.

⁸ Mr. Bob Taylor, interview with Randall Williams, April 19, 2012. Mr. Taylor is a retiree who grew up in Grimsley.

⁹ Mr. Bob Taylor, interview with Mark Dudney, April 30, 2013.

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daughter, Wilma Beaty, ran the store during World War II while Sonny was serving in the U.S. Army and the elder Beaty's health was ailing.¹⁰

From 1924 to 1963, the Beaty Store served as the economic, governmental, and social hub of the Grimsley community. Much of the store's business reflected the agricultural nature of the community it served. One "side room" was dedicated to storing feed, farming tools, and supplies. A large set of scales were used in this room to measure the feed for the farmers. The room also contained a large pump with a spigot to dispense coal oil to customers. Included in the side room was a large table displaying smoked meats available for sale by the pound.¹¹ Beaty operated a store directly across the street from his general store which served as his primary "feed and grain" venture. But when that storefront ceased to operate, the "side room" of the store assumed the feed and grain role entirely.¹²

The Beaty Store offered the Grimsley community an extensive array of goods and services. Inside the store, oak counters circled the main entry and shelves lined three sides of the interior with aisles between the shelves and counters.¹³ On the right side of the store, dry goods were available for sale "from the floor to the ceiling."¹⁴ These dry goods included items such as men's and women's clothing, hats, shoes, overalls, buttons, laces, cuff links, rolls of ribbons, belts of cloth, and oil cloth. The store sold all manner of household necessities, such as washboards, brooms, coal buckets, and kegs of nails. The south side of the store housed the canned goods, fresh produce and other food supplies. Many of these supplies, like coffee, pinto beans, and sugar, were stored in barrels and could be "dipped out," weighed and sold by the pound.¹⁵ Meal and flour were sold in twenty-five pound cloth bags. The store sold a large amount of tobacco products like snuff, Prince Albert cigarette tobacco in the red tin can, cigars, and "twists" and "plugs" of chewing tobacco. Cheese was stored in long wooden boxes and sliced on a "cheese cutter." The store sold lard in buckets and "lard stands."¹⁶ The front left (southeast corner) of the store featured saltine crackers sold by the pound and a large candy showcase on the counter displaying "stick candy."¹⁷ In the mid- right rear (north side) of the store, smoked hams were available. By the 1960s, this specific area was used as the "meat department," a designated place to slice meat and make sandwiches.¹⁸ The store contained a large ice chest for its customers and also served as the local apothecary, offering "patent medicines" like Rosebud salve, castoria, turpentine, and castor oil.¹⁹

Although automobiles were initially scarce in the area, James Beaty installed gasoline fuel pumps for his customers in the 1930s and this aspect of his business grew along with the community. Modern conveniences came slowly to rural areas like Grimsley. There was an old "crank" telephone on the wall behind one of the

¹⁴ Beaty interview with Mark Dudney.

¹⁷ Beaty interview with Mark Dudney.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Taylor interview with Williams.

¹² Beaty interview with Mark Dudney.

¹³ Taylor interview with Williams.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Taylor interview with Williams.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Taylor interview with Williams.

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counters, which connected only to James Beaty's residence next door.²⁰ Beaty used old Delco Light Plants to light his store and a large potbelly stove furnished heat for the building.²¹ His ledgers, provided to the author by Lucille Beaty, reflect James Beaty's precise record-keeping and demonstrate the diverse nature of his business. Representative 1925 records include entries like "Banks Goney, by Cash—knife file, hay, overalls, domestic apricots and vanilla."²² An entry for customer Sam Jones states "shorts, meat, matches and hog medicine-\$6.35." ²³ Another entry for Jones lists "Two yards of India linen-60 cents." ²⁴ For the year 1930, Mr. Beaty recorded his delivery expenses as \$4,539.95 and his business expenses as \$16,510.50.²⁵

James Beaty served as the Postmaster for Grimsley before he built his new store and continued to do so until near the time of his demise.²⁶ The right rear (northwest) section of the Beaty Store served as Grimsley's Post Office, where its citizens sent and received their mail and posted domestic money orders. As the federal office in the community, the Beaty Store was also the designated location for young men to register for Selective Service in the United States military.²⁷ During World War II, James Beaty and his store assisted the U.S. Government with its federally-mandated rationing program.²⁸ The store likely ceased to operate as a post office soon after World War II.²⁹

In addition to its official governmental role, the Beaty Store was the unofficial center of Grimsley's social life. This was the natural result of its role as the "go-to" location for nearly everything in the community. Old men regularly gathered around the potbelly stove and told stories. Lucille Beaty remembers the men sitting around the stove when she and her siblings would come running into the store as children. One of the old men would always say, "Here come Jim's mice."³⁰

General stores in rural communities served an important function during the early twentieth century. James Beaty's commercial enterprises soon after the establishment of Grimsley were crucial to the community's development. Lucille Beaty stated that before her father built his store, the area "was little more than a dirt road from Grimsley to Jamestown."³¹ The store's construction and operation provided the people of the Grimsley community a local feed and grain, farmer's co-op, grocery, clothing store, apothecary, gas station, post office, hardware store, and place to socialize. In a very real sense, the James Beaty General Merchandise Store *was* Grimsley.

²⁰ Beaty interview with Mark Dudney.

 $^{^{21}}$ Ibid.

²² Beaty Store Ledger. Borrowed from Lucille Beaty by author on June 3, 2013.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Ibid.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):		Primary location of additional data:
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)	X	State Historic Preservation Office
previously listed in the National Register		Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register		Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark		Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #		University
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	X	Other
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #	Name of repository: Upper Cumberland Development District	
Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):		

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.0 acre USGS Quadrangle Grimsley – 115SW

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: N/A

1. Latitude: 36.266919 Longitude: -84.984792

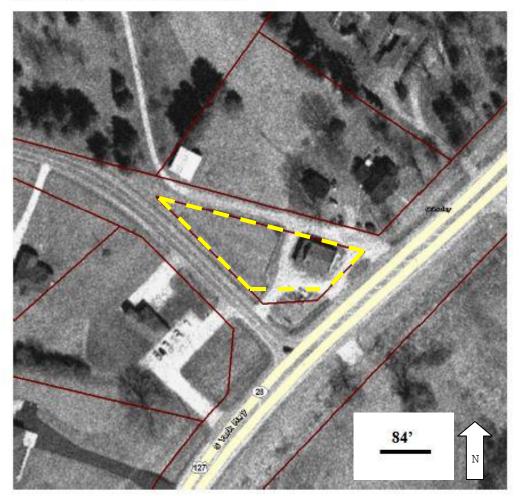
Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary includes land in parcel 128 064.02 except for part of the southeast corner that contains part of a modern concrete trash pit.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to include the majority of the property historically associated with the store. It includes a corner with a modern structure that is part in the parcel and part in the right-of-way of State Route 28/US 127. This structure has no historic association with the James Beaty General Merchandise Store.

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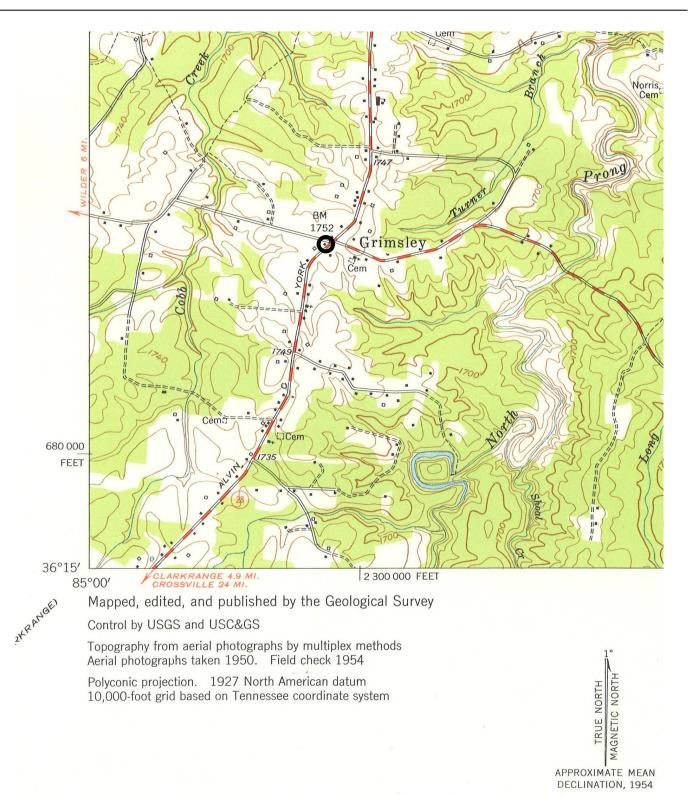
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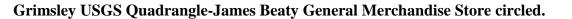
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Maps: A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to map.
- **Photographs** (refer to Tennessee Historical Commission National Register *Photo Policy* for submittal of digital images and prints)
- Additional items: (additional supporting documentation including historic photographs, historic maps, etc. should be included on a Continuation Sheet following the photographic log and sketch maps)

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Photo Log

Name of Property: James Beaty General Merchandise Store City or Vicinity: Grimsley County: Fentress State: TN Photographer: Peggy Nickell Date Photographed: April 30, 2013

- 1 of 23. East façade. Photographer facing west.
- 2 of 23. South elevation. Photographer facing north.
- 3 of 23. Rear (west) elevation. Photographer facing east.
- 4 of 23. North elevation. Photographer facing south.
- 5 of 23. Parapet Roof on east façade showing the name plate. Photographer facing west.
- 6 of 23. Shed roof feed store entrance on the east facade. The feed store section is located off the south elevation. Photographer facing west.
- 7 of 23. East façade showing the storefront. Photographer facing west.
- 8 of 23. Original window opening on the north elevation. Photographer facing south.
- 9 of 23. Main entrance on the east façade-exterior. Photographer facing west.
- 10 of 23. Main entrance on the east façade-interior. Photographer facing north-northeast.
- 11 of 23. Interior of the store from the main entrance. Photographer facing west.
- 12 of 23. Interior of the store showing the beadboard wall cladding on the south wall. Photographer is facing south-southeast.
- 13 of 23. Interior of the store showing the northwest corner within the rear wing. Photographer is facing northwest.
- 14 of 23. Interior of the store showing the southwest corner within the rear wing. Photographer is facing southwest.

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- 15 of 23. Interior-ceiling of the main section of the store covered with wood squares in a parquet fashion. Photographer facing up and to the southwest.
- 16 of 23. Interior- Original tongue and groove wood floor. Photographer facing to the west.
- 17 of 23. Interior of the feed store wing. Photographer facing east.
- 18 of 23. North elevation foundation showing both pier and concrete infill. Photographer facing south.
- 19 of 23. Exterior porch floor, foundation and steps. Photographer facing southwest.
- 20 of 23. Concrete Gas Pump Island. Photographer facing southwest.
- 21 of 23. Concrete Sign Pad located to the south of the main entrance stairs to the porch. Also shows the brick foundation and concrete floor of the porch. Photographer facing west.
- 22 of 23. Curbed easement island built by Tennessee Department of Transportation when the state highway was expanded. Not within the boundary. Photographer facing east-southeast.
- 23 of 23. Concrete block garbage pit. Not included within the boundary. Photographer facing east.

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Figure 1: James Beaty General Merchandise Store in 1928.





Figure 2: James Beaty, Proprietor of the James Beaty Store ca. 1900 (left) and again ca. 1929 (right).

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Figure 3: James Beaty General Merchandise Store in 1945.

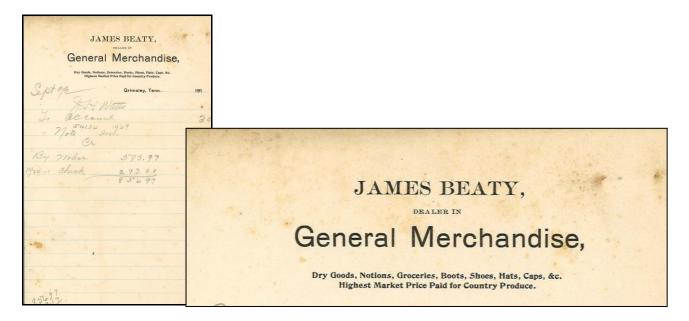


Figure 4: James Beaty General Merchandise Store Letterhead.

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Figure 5: James Beaty's children. Wilma Beaty in 1943 (left), Wilma, James Beaty, Jr. (Sonny) and Blanche in 1944 (middle) and Sonny Beaty in 1946 (right).

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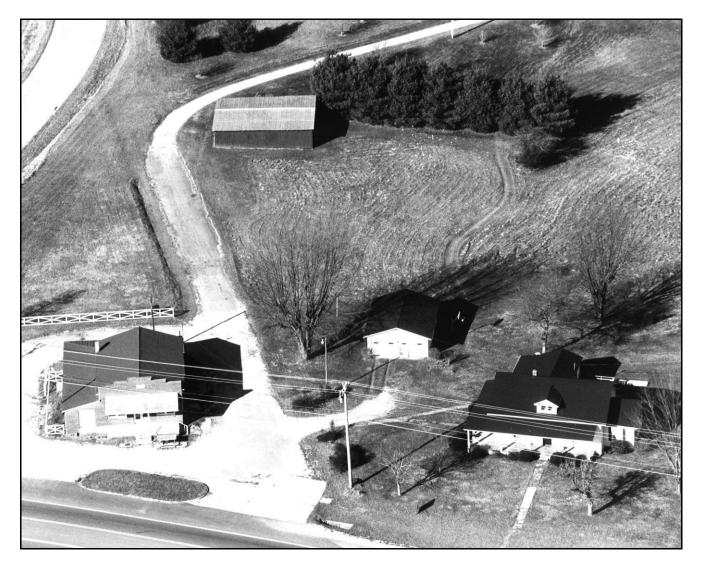


Figure 6: James Beaty Store and Homeplace in 1983.

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Figure 8: James Beaty Store in Winter of 1986.















































UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Beaty, James, General Merchandise Store NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Fentress

DATE RECEIVED: 11/01/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/25/13 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/10/13 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/18/13 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 13000947

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE_____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE ____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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October 21, 2013

Carol Shull Keeper of the National Register National Park Service National Register Branch 1201 Eye Street NW 8th floor Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the documentation to nominate the *James Beaty General Merchandise Store* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Peggy Nickell at 615/532-1550, extension 128 or <u>Peggy.Nickell@tn.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Claudette Stager Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures(4)

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August 26, 2013

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr. Executive Director Tennessee Historical Commission 2941 Lebanon Rd. Nashville, TN 37214

Dear Director McIntyre:

I am writing you to offer my full support for the nomination of James Beaty General Merchandise Store to the National and Tennessee Registers of Historic Places. The General Store is already considered a historic landmark by locals and is a known staple for the community of Grimsley. I strongly urge the State Review Board to give James Beaty General Store the upmost consideration during the nomination process.

Sincerely,

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Ken Yager, Senator