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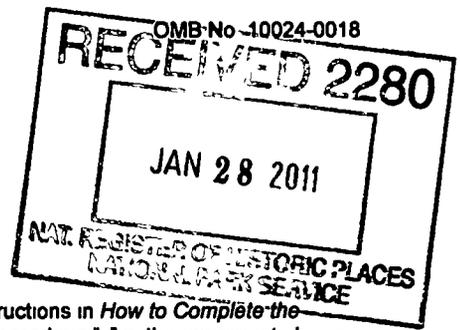
March 15, 2011

## Notice to file:

This property has been automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This is due to the fact that the publication of our Federal Register Notice: "National Register of Historic Places: Pending Nominations and Other Actions" was delayed beyond our control to the point where the mandated 15 day public comment period ended after our required 45 day time frame to act on the nomination. If the 45<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the property will be automatically listed the next business day. The nomination is technically adequate and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation, and thus, automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

  
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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hamilton-Lay Store  
other names/site number UN.266; Hamilton's Store, Lay's Store

2. Location

street & number Intersection of Mill Pond Hollow Road and Walkers Ford Road NA  not for publication  
city or town Maynardville  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Union code 173 zip code 37807

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

E. Patrick McHenry, Jr. January 21, 2011  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer, 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 for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 3.15.11  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Hamilton-Lay Store  
Name of Property

Union County, Tennessee  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
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1		buildings
_____		sites
_____		structures
_____		objects
1	0	Total

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

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**  
0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: General Store  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: gable front  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation MASONRY; BRICK  
walls WOOD  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof METAL  
other WOOD  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## Summary Paragraph

Hamilton-Lay Store is located at the intersection of Mill Pond Hollow Road and Walkers Ford Road near the corporate limits of Maynardville (pop. 1,782), TN. The building is sited near a creek in what was once the center of a small rural community called Hamilton's Crossroads. The store was constructed circa 1875 by Alexander Lafayette (Fate) Hamilton. It is a relatively unadorned two story wood frame building, rectangular in plan, with a weatherboard exterior, and a substantial front porch. A side shed addition, constructed before 1915-1920, spans the length of the south elevation. The metal roof store rests on a concrete and brick pier foundation. The first and second story interior spaces are characterized respectively by wall mounted shelves and tongue-and-groove ceilings. The building's immediate environs are most accurately described as rural, characterized by low density single family homes interspersed with open fields and limited tree cover. The Hamilton-Lay Store is in fair condition and retains its integrity. Known as Hamilton's Store before 1900 and as Lay's Store after that, the families are historically linked with each other and the store and the nomination name of Hamilton-Lay Store most accurately reflects this.

## Narrative Description

The east façade of the gable front building consists of the shed roof front porch and original double door entryway, as well as the facade of the side shed roof addition extending along the south elevation. The metal shed roof is supported by poles and braces. The porch is partially recessed into the façade, creating two canted corners at 180 degree angles, while the rest of the porch extends away from the building, covered by a metal standing seam shed roof supported by wood posts. Paired entry doors are paneled, with glass in the upper panel of the door on the left. The upper glass panel is missing in the door on the right. Decorative hardware remains. A total of ten wood panels accentuate the space above the entryway, with two square ones placed directly above the doors and four rectangular ones stretching left and right from the square panels. The decorative panels have diagonal wood and molded surrounds, while the spaces below where storefront windows would have been are sheathed with vertical boards. The one story addition is covered with vertical board and has horizontal boards in the gable field. A photograph from a 1969 survey of Union County shows the front of the addition having two double-hung sash windows with a doorway centered between them. The windows and entryway have been removed since then.

The second story of the façade has a historic door opening topped by a shallow, segmental arch head and flanked by boarded over window openings. Shouldered architrave pediment window heads cap the window openings. Historical photographs from circa 1915-1920 indicate the presence of a second story porch and roofline parapet, which local residents believe was removed during the 1930s or 1940s. The door used to access this porch is extant and is visible from the exterior and interior. A photograph from a 1979 survey of Union County shows the store building with the second story porch. (See figures 7 and 8.) Based on these photographs, the fenestration

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patterns on the main façade appear to be original. Additionally, the photos indicate that the original windows can be classified as operable, two-over-two double-hung sash. It is not clear if these windows had shutters like the ones on the north elevation. Window glass is missing and only portions of the muntins remain.

The south elevation is characterized by a long, narrow one-story shed roof addition. Historic photographs confirm its presence in 1915-1920, but it is unknown whether or not it was constructed contemporaneously with the main part of the store building. Along the side of the addition, facing south, there is one central rectangular entryway covered by weatherboard and two small rectangular openings. The southeast part of the addition is covered with vertical board, while the remainder has weatherboard siding. There are no operable windows visibly present on the addition. Fenestration on the second story of this elevation is the same as on the façade and north elevation. The four windows have lost most of their glass and muntins, but the two-over-two configuration is still observable. They were operable double-hung sash windows with wood shutters.

The west elevation is considered the rear of the building. The first and second stories each have two windows that appear to have been operable two-over-two double-hung sash windows. The fenestration patterns appear to be unchanged. The shed roof addition has one opening.

The north elevation fronts Walkers Ford Road. A door, likely the original, is still present near the western edge of the building. There are three windows on the first floor and four windows on the second floor, all of which appear to have been operable, two-over-two double-hung sash. Wood shutters cover the windows on the first story. Fenestration patterns appear to be unchanged.

The interior rectangular floor plan consists of two rooms on the first floor and four rooms on the second floor. The first floor functioned primarily as retail space, indicated by the presence of historic built-in merchandise shelving, all of which appears to be present and in good condition. The floor, walls, and ceiling are wood. Wood counters have paneled fronts, as do interior doors. There is a historic free-standing stove remaining on the first floor. A few metal signs are still present throughout the first floor, advertising products such as Vick's Vapor Rub. A small storage room is accessible at the rear of the main room by two separate interior entryways. The main room on the first floor served as display space for goods. Ledger books from the store, dating as early as 1905, indicate the following items were available at the store: chickens, coffee, eggs, tobacco, candy, sugar, and soda. Other "dry goods" items for sale included: hats, thread, matches, cotton cloth, and soap.

The second floor of the building had various uses, including storage space, apartment living, and a local telephone exchange. Like the first floor, all of the interior features are wood. The door at the rear of the store building was used to access the top floor when it was used as a telephone

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exchange.<sup>1</sup> It has one large room upon reaching the top of the stairs and two small rooms sectioned off to the north. One large room spans the rear of the building.

The building has electrical wiring but no plumbing.

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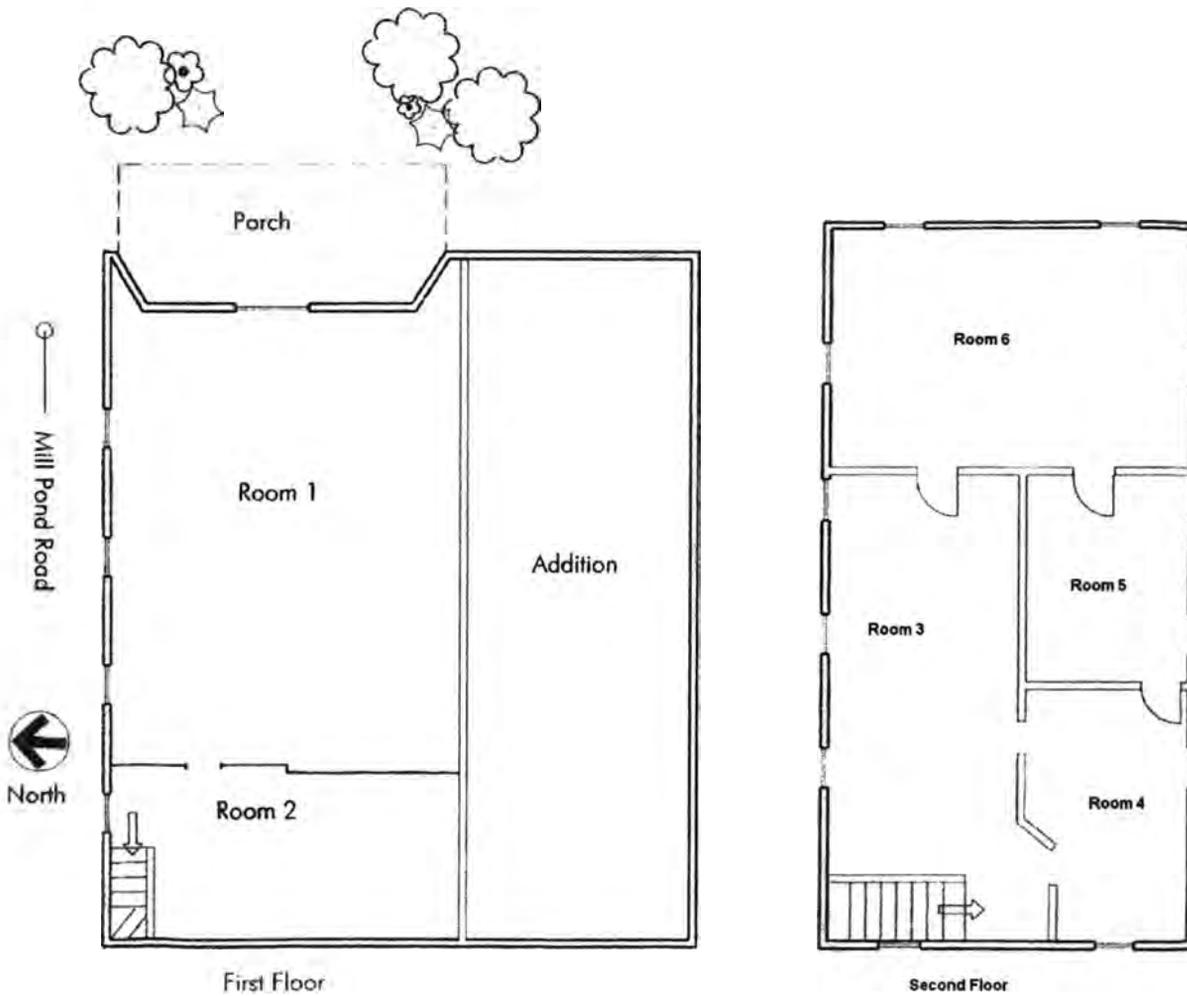
<sup>1</sup> Bonnie Heiskell Peters, *Union County Shopper-News*. November 2, 2009, A-9.

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Figure 1. Sketch floor plans



**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.)

- 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** N/A

(Mark "x" in all 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
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE  
 SOCIAL HISTORY  
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

**Period of Significance**

1875-1948

**Significant Dates**

1875, 1948

**Significant Person**

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Hamilton, Alexander Lafayette (Fate)

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

Hamilton-Lay Store, located on Walkers Ford Road just outside of Maynardville, Union County, Tennessee, is eligible under Criterion A for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for its local significance with the social history, commercial history, and patterns of settlement in Union County during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. From its construction in circa 1875 to its eventual closure in the mid 1940s, it operated as a country general store and was the center of the rural community. Hamilton-Lay Store, like the other numerous country general stores found throughout the county's rural landscape, facilitated the growth and development of small rural hamlets in Union County during its formative years.

## Narrative statement of significance

The building is located in the historic Hamilton's Crossroads community, settled in the late 1700s by William Hamilton, Sr., a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Hamilton was a native of Virginia and had served alongside Daniel Boone with Captain David Looney's Company of the Fincastle Militia.<sup>2</sup> He obtained a land grant in 1786 and settled his family in Tennessee in 1794. His military expertise won him a commission as the Captain of the Grainger County militia in 1799. In 1804, Hamilton Sr. was the third largest landholder (1,629 acres) out of the 659 landowners shown in property tax records for Grainger County.<sup>3</sup> Hamilton's Crossroads was part of Grainger County until the creation of Union County in 1850.

Union County is located primarily within the Valley and Ridge Province, a geographic region that stretches 40 miles wide and covers approximately 9,000 square miles from Alabama to New York. In East Tennessee, this area is known as the Great Valley, and it is comprised mostly of alternating northeasterly trending ridges and valleys.<sup>4</sup> Union County is bordered by Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, and Knox counties. Although Union County was created from portions of those counties, it greatly differs from them because of its rugged, inaccessible topography.

Much of Union County's developmental history is inextricably linked with its physical landscape. Characterized by steep hills and narrow valleys, the county's topography and distance from major urban areas were significant factors in precluding commercial farming, urbanization, and frequent travel during the early days of settlement.<sup>5</sup> Early residents were self-reliant and farmed independently despite the conditions of the land.<sup>6</sup> Those who did not have ownership of land

<sup>2</sup> Mary B. Kegley, *Soldiers of Fincastle County, Virginia, 1774*, published by author, 1974 and John Mack Faragher, *Daniel Boone, the Life and Legend of an American Pioneer*, NY: Henry Holt & Co., 1992.

<sup>3</sup> Grainger County tax list, 1804.

<sup>4</sup> USGS Groundwater Atlas of the United States. [online] URL: [http://pubs.usgs.gov/ha/ha730/ch\\_k/K-text4.html](http://pubs.usgs.gov/ha/ha730/ch_k/K-text4.html) Accessed September 16, 2010

<sup>5</sup> William G. Tharpe and Norman L. Collins. *From Hearth and Hoe: Union County, Tennessee, 1910-1940*, Maynardville TN: Union County Historical Society, 1985, 1.

<sup>6</sup> Tharpe, 1.

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sought work as tenant farmers. Nearly every farmer in the area raised some amount of corn, wheat, garden vegetables, pork, or cattle for insular consumption; they usually did not travel to the markets in Knoxville.<sup>7</sup>

The difficulty of navigating the terrain resigned the early residents to limit their travel to nearby cities and county seats, simply because the roads were either too dangerous or poorly constructed. As a result, numerous hamlets or, more commonly, "crossroads communities", began to develop—the Hamilton's Crossroads community is one such example. For example, a sketch by Ernest Hamilton, store builder Fate Hamilton's great nephew, indicates that in 1901, a saw mill, a blacksmith shop, two stores (including this store), two churches, at least ten residential structures, several springs, and a cemetery were present in Hamilton's Crossroads.

Entrepreneurial families living in these areas built their own country general stores, as Fate Hamilton did in Hamilton Crossroads in 1875. Residents living nearby could come and buy their daily necessities, rather than having to travel long distances to the county seat of Maynardville. Storekeepers often had responsibilities in addition to those of running the store. When Fate Hamilton's brother, William Lay Hamilton ran the store, he also had other incoming-producing ventures. He ran a gristmill and a cattle lot, both of which were located in the Hamilton's Crossroads community. These country general stores and tangential homegrown businesses quickly became critical for generating economic, social, and cultural activities within the rural hamlets, as well as for curtailing the sense of isolation experienced by the people living there.<sup>8</sup> The general stores were more accessible for farmers than the markets in and around Knoxville, the closest major market, so most of the locally produced foods stayed within the local communities of Union County.

Because Union County lacked large scale industry, store keepers often chose to make occasional trips to Knoxville for mass quantities of commercially-produced items and then sold these items locally at their general stores.<sup>9</sup> Fate Hamilton and his family typically followed this practice with their store in Hamilton's Crossroads. When Herbert Lay ran the store in the early 1900s, he would travel to Knoxville and buy wholesale goods from C.M. McClung's store. Also, he often hired men to travel by truck to Knoxville and bring the goods back to the store in Hamilton's Crossroads.

While people came to the country stores primarily to buy goods, they also had the opportunity to socialize with others living in and around their communities. The large front porches of the general stores welcomed people to sit, rest, and talk, when they weren't serving as loading docks for merchandise. Additionally, the front porches were used by traveling shows, peddlers, and politicians.<sup>10</sup> Jean Lay Palmer, daughter of Herbert Lay, lived in a big house across from the store building that has since been demolished. According to Ms. Palmer, the circus used to travel

<sup>7</sup> Tharpe, 2.

<sup>8</sup> Tharpe, 76.

<sup>9</sup> Tharpe, 77.

<sup>10</sup> Tharpe, 78.

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through Hamilton's Crossroads, with a caravan of colorful wagons and exotic animals.<sup>11</sup> She also noted that entertainers would camp in the lot across from the store building, and they often stayed for two or three days on their way to their next destination.<sup>12</sup>

Though general stores were typically places for entertainment, they also functioned as public voting places during elections. Many women cast their first votes in these general stores after 1920.<sup>13</sup> In some ways, the general stores were precursors to modern banks, as people could obtain credit from storekeepers. They also had the opportunities to locally barter and trade. It was customary for loan activity to be maintained in old ledger books. These banking activities predated the formal establishment of banks in Union County, which did not commence successfully until the 1920s.<sup>14</sup>

Prior to 1903, when Maynardville became the central location of the post office, shopkeepers of these country stores also served as postmasters.<sup>15</sup> Records from the National Archives indicate at least sixty different locations throughout Union County where mail was picked up and dropped off to the local postmasters.<sup>16</sup> For example, one general store in Union County, known as the Pinhook Store, was also known as the Effie Post Office, and mail was received there three times per week.<sup>17</sup> The postmaster not only had his duties and responsibilities for the store, but he also was in charge of delivering the mail throughout his community and returning to the central office in Maynardville at the end of the day.<sup>18</sup> The country general stores began being used as post offices as early as 1856 until 1903, when most routes were centralized through Maynardville and rural routes were served through offices based in Luttrell, Loyston, and Sharps Chapel.<sup>19</sup> The upstairs of the nominated store functioned as a post office and as a telephone exchange during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Hamilton-Lay Store is one of the few general stores still standing in Union County in the twenty-first century. Most of the country general stores began to close during the 1930s when TVA began the Norris Dam project in adjacent Anderson County. With so many locals being displaced, activity at the stores declined.<sup>20</sup> Many of Union County's crossroads communities and hamlets were lost, submerged forever under the newly created Norris Lake. During its years of operation, Hamilton-Lay Store was a place for people living in the vicinity of Hamilton's Crossroads to gather, socialize, and participate in the local economy. It is a representative example of a bygone era in

<sup>11</sup> Peters, p. A-9.

<sup>12</sup> Peters, p. A-9.

<sup>13</sup> Tharpe, 80.

<sup>14</sup> Tharpe, 81.

<sup>15</sup> Tharpe, 79.

<sup>16</sup> Union County Genealogy and History [online] URL: <http://www.tngenweb.org/union/po-a-l.html> Accessed September 24, 2010.

<sup>17</sup> Tharpe, 79.

<sup>18</sup> Tharpe, 79.

<sup>19</sup> Union County Genealogy and History [online] URL: <http://www.tngenweb.org/union/po-a-l.html> Accessed September 24, 2010.

<sup>20</sup> Tharpe, 80.

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Union County, symbolizing the efforts of the early residents to create their own networks of commerce and economic and social activity.

## Hamilton and Lay families

William Hamilton, Sr., the patriarch, and his wife, Elizabeth McFarren, came to East Tennessee by way of Rockbridge County, Virginia. They married in 1775 and had four children—Margaret, Anna, Alexander, and William II—before coming to the area that would later be known as Hamilton's Crossroads. Their son Alexander (Sr.) married Susannah Adamson in 1796 and had eight children: Robert, Margaret, Ann, Rebecca, Alexander Jr., Aaron, Vacey, and William. Not much is known about the other siblings of Alexander Sr. Alexander Hamilton Jr. married into the Lay family (the first of a series of Hamilton-Lay marriages) in 1830, when he wed Casandra (Cassie) Lay. They had eight children: William Lay, Charlotte, Francis, John Alvis, Aaron, Alexander Lafayette (Fate), Jasper, and Sarah.<sup>21</sup>

Alexander Jr.'s brother Aaron married Elizabeth Lay in 1838 after his first wife died in 1835. They had eight children, who were either born in Grainger County, Tennessee or Schuyler County, Missouri. They are all noted as having been buried in Schuyler, Missouri. William Lay Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, Jr., married Nancy Barthenia Buckner in 1849. They are documented as having eight children: Ezra, Thomas, Pauline, Francis Napoleon "Neap", Christopher, Alena, John, and Horace, all born in Tennessee. Ezra Hamilton served as postmaster for the Esco Post Office, which operated from Jack Sexton's Country Store, from 1887 until 1893, then again from 1897 until the service was discontinued and moved to Maynardville in 1903.<sup>22</sup>

The Lay family can be traced to 1735 when the patriarch Thomas Lay Sr. was born in England. He married a Middleton woman (name unknown) and had two children, Thomas Lay Jr. and Charles Middleton Lay. Thomas Jr. was born in North Carolina and married Mary "Polly" Lawrence in 1783. They had ten children: James, Thomas III, Martin, Lucy, Susannah, William, Nancy, Lewis, Sarah, and Dorcas. William Lay married Sarah Capps in 1813 in Grainger County. They had eleven children, including daughter Casandra (Cassie), who would later marry Alexander Hamilton Jr.<sup>23</sup>

William Hamilton's oldest son, Alexander Hamilton, inherited most of his father's land, most of which comprised the future Union County, with Hamilton's Crossroads being located just northeast of the most populated community, Liberty. After Alexander Sr.'s death, the land passed to the third generation, Alexander Hamilton, Jr. The land was then willed to William Lay Hamilton,

<sup>21</sup> All genealogical information in this paragraph retrieved online. URL: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/s/e/y/Ronald-E-Seymour-MI/FILE/0001page.html> and URL: <http://www.lavynder.com/descendants/> Accessed September 24, 2010.

<sup>22</sup> Union County Genealogy and History [online] URL: <http://www.tngenweb.org/union/po-a-l.html> Accessed September 24, 2010 and Tharpe, 80.

<sup>23</sup> Family Tree of Luanne Lynne Vernon Henthorn [online] URL: <http://www.lavynder.com/descendants/> Accessed January 20, 2011.

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brother to Aaron Hamilton and Fate Hamilton, and Alexander Hamilton Jr.'s oldest son.<sup>24</sup> In 1900, J.P. Hamilton (Alexander Hamilton Jr. and Cassie Lay's grandson) and his wife Mary deeded the land with the store building to J.P. (Jim) Lay.<sup>25</sup> In 1908, Jim Lay and his wife Cynthia sold the store building to their son, Herbert Lay.<sup>26</sup>

Sixty acres of the original Hamilton landholding was sold to Emily Tolliver, a Union County school teacher, in 1908, where she established her own farm. Hamilton-Lay Store was not part of this transaction, and it remained with its original landholding. However, Emily's brother George Tolliver began leasing the store from Herbert Lay in 1913. According to the lease agreement, George Tolliver not only had permission to run the store, but also to live in the dwelling space upstairs above the store. His rent payment to Herbert Lay was approximately \$48.00 per month.<sup>27</sup> George Tolliver operated his business at the store until about 1914 when he opened a new store on the site of the Hamilton Tolliver complex (NR 3/12/10). He bought his sister's farm in 1919 and soon began a rolling store business.<sup>28</sup>

After George Tolliver's lease ended at Hamilton-Lay Store, the upstairs area was utilized to provide telephone service for people in the Hamilton Crossroads community, beginning in 1915.<sup>29</sup> The Jasper Exchange, as it was known, had first operated out of Jim Lay's home near the store. After moving to the upstairs of the store building, residents of the area had access to a direct line to Knoxville and a trunk line that ran from Atlanta to Cincinnati. Herbert Lay kept ownership of the store within the Lay family, and he leased to other families who ran it until 1948.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Peters, A-8, A-9.

<sup>25</sup> Deed of Sale from J.P. Hamilton to J.P. (Jim) Lay, December 1900, Union County, Tennessee, Deed Book I, page 112. Register of Deeds, Maynardville, Tennessee

<sup>26</sup> Deed of Sale from J.P. and C.M. Lay to Herbert Lay, 14 May 1908, (filed 14 October 1908), Union County, Tennessee, Deed Book X, page 264-266. Register of Deeds, Maynardville, Tennessee

<sup>27</sup> Lease Agreement from Herbert Lay to George Tolliver, 11 November 1913, Union County, Tennessee, Book of Trust Deeds E, page 192.

<sup>28</sup> Van Winkle, Tony. National Register Nomination for "Hamilton-Tolliver Complex." Nashville: Tennessee Historical Commission, 2010.

<sup>29</sup> Kathleen George Graves and Winnie Palmer McDonald. *Our Union County Heritage*. Maynardville TN: Kathleen George Graves and Winnie Palmer McDonald, 1978, p. 313.

<sup>30</sup> Final date in the store's last ledger book.

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Hamilton-Lay Store  
Name of Property

Union County, Tennessee  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre Powder Springs 154 SW

**UTM References**

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 17 253868 4017142  
Zone Easting Northing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Lindsay Johnson, Historic Preservation Planner  
organization East Tennessee Development District date 10/4/10  
street & number 216 Corporate Place telephone (865) 273-6003  
city or town Alcoa state TN zip code 37701

**Additional Documentation**

submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name David and Jennifer Lay  
street & number 812 Walkers Ford Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Maynardville state TN zip code 37087

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

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## **Boundary Description and Justification**

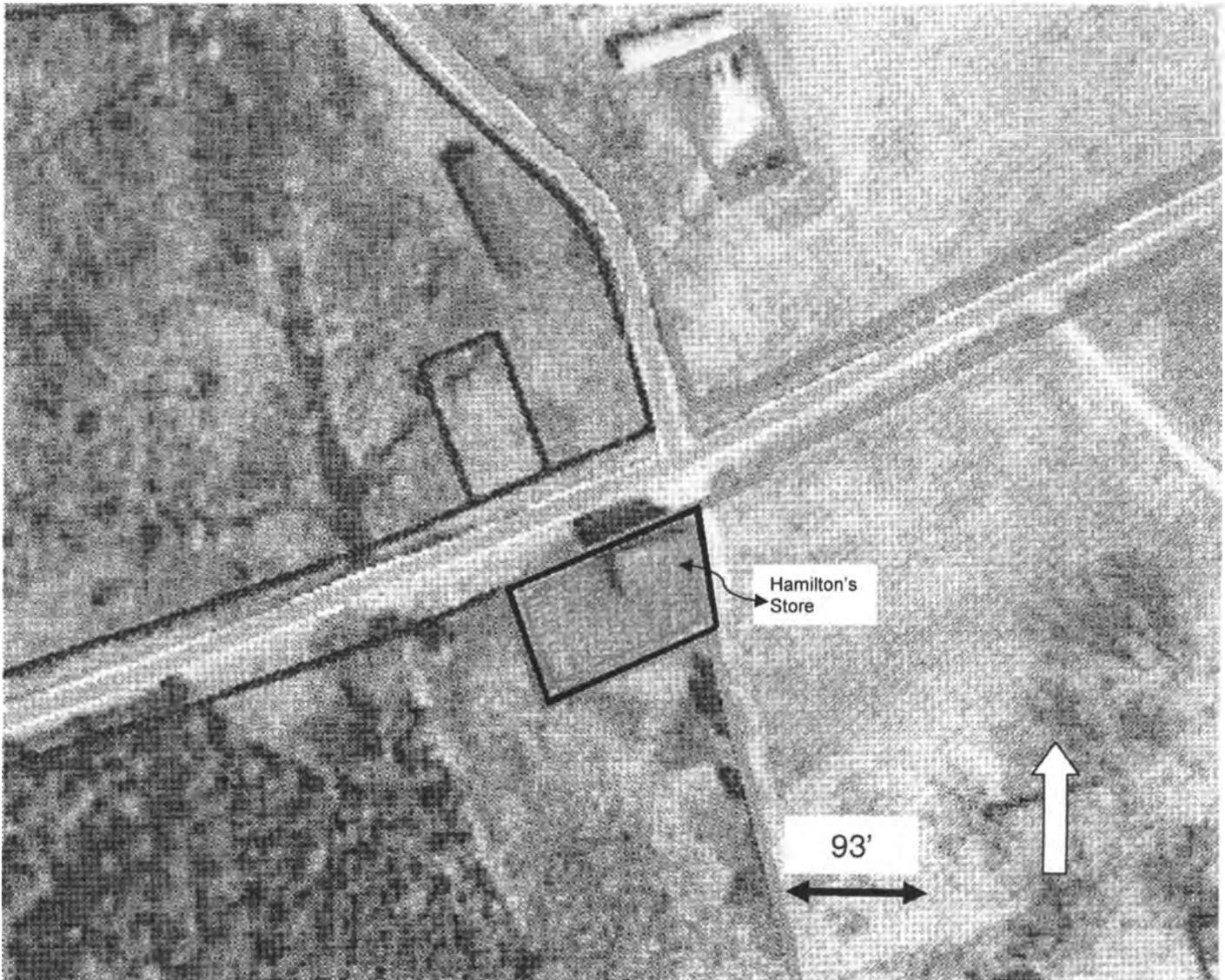
The proposed property boundary includes only a small portion of the total tax parcel (number 051 065.00), as indicated on the Union County Tax Parcel Map (enclosed). The nominated property occupies only about 0.059 acres of the total acreage of the parcel. The boundary includes land historically associated with the Hamilton –Lay Store.

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Figure 2. Tax map.



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## PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo by: Lindsay Johnson  
Date: March 2010  
Digital negative: Tennessee Historical Commission

Photo #	Description	Level (story)
0001	Exterior view of building, east façade, facing west	
0002	Exterior view of building, south elevation and east façade, facing northwest	N/A
0003	Exterior view of building, north elevation and east façade, facing southeast	N/A
0004	Exterior view of building, west elevation, facing east	NA
0005	Exterior, east facade, front porch detail, facing south west	N/A
0006	Detail of original hardware, entryway, front porch	N/A
0007	Foundation, north elevation, view of brick pier	N/A
0008	Shutter, north elevation, facing southwest	N/A
0009	Room 1, view of interior, room 1, looking west	1
0010	View of interior, looking north	1
0011	Room 1, view of interior, looking south	1
0012	Room 1, view of interior, original furnace	1
0013	Room 1, view of interior, detail of shelves	1
0014	Looking into room 1 from room 2, view of doorway	1
0015	Room 2, view of storage space under stairway	1
0016	Room 1, view of door, old signs	1
0017	View of door, room 2, looking north	1
0018	Room 2, looking into room 1	1
0019	stairs	1
0020	Top of stairs, room 3	2
0021	View of room 3 from top of stairs	2
0022	Room 3, view of landing	2
0023	Room 3, looking towards partition	2
0024	Room 4, looking south into room 3	2
0025	Room 4, looking west into room 5	2
0026	Room 4, looking into corner, view of walls	2
0027	Room 4, looking into corner	2
0028	Room 4, looking west into room 5, doorway	2
0029	Room 5, looking east into room 4	2
0030	Room 5, corner	2
0031	Room 5, looking east towards doorway	2
0032	Room 6, looking west into room 5	2
0033	Room 6, looking east towards door (once used to access 2 <sup>nd</sup> level porch, demolished before 1960)	2
0034	Room 6, looking west into room 3	2
0035	Room 6, looking south, view of window	2
0036	Room 6, view of beadboard interior finishes	2

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Figure 3. Circa 1915-1924. Store in background, shows parapet and second story porch.



Figure 4. Circa 1915 view of store in top left corner. The parapet and second story porch are visible.



Figure 5. Shows detail of window and shutters while standing on shed addition. (Date of photo unknown.)



Figure 6. Circa 1915-1924. Store in background.

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Figure 7. 1979 survey photo



Figure 8. 1979 survey photo



Figure 9. 1979 survey photo

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hamilton--Lay Store

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Union

DATE RECEIVED: 1/28/11      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/02/11  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/17/11      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/15/11  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000084

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    3-15-11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in  
The National Register  
of  
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.









500 REWARD  
FARM BUREAU  
MEMBER SERVICE

7 8  
D/M

Y-COVER

The image shows a weathered wooden structure, possibly a barn or shed. The upper portion features decorative diagonal wood paneling. A dark, vertical wooden door is the central focus, with a white sign affixed to it. The sign contains the text '500 REWARD' in large, bold letters, followed by smaller, illegible text. Below this, 'FARM BUREAU' is printed in a larger font, with 'MEMBER SERVICE' underneath. To the left of the door, there are some faint markings on the wood, including the numbers '7 8' and 'D/M'. In the lower-left corner, a piece of material with the word 'Y-COVER' is visible. The overall scene is dimly lit, with strong shadows and highlights on the wood's surface.





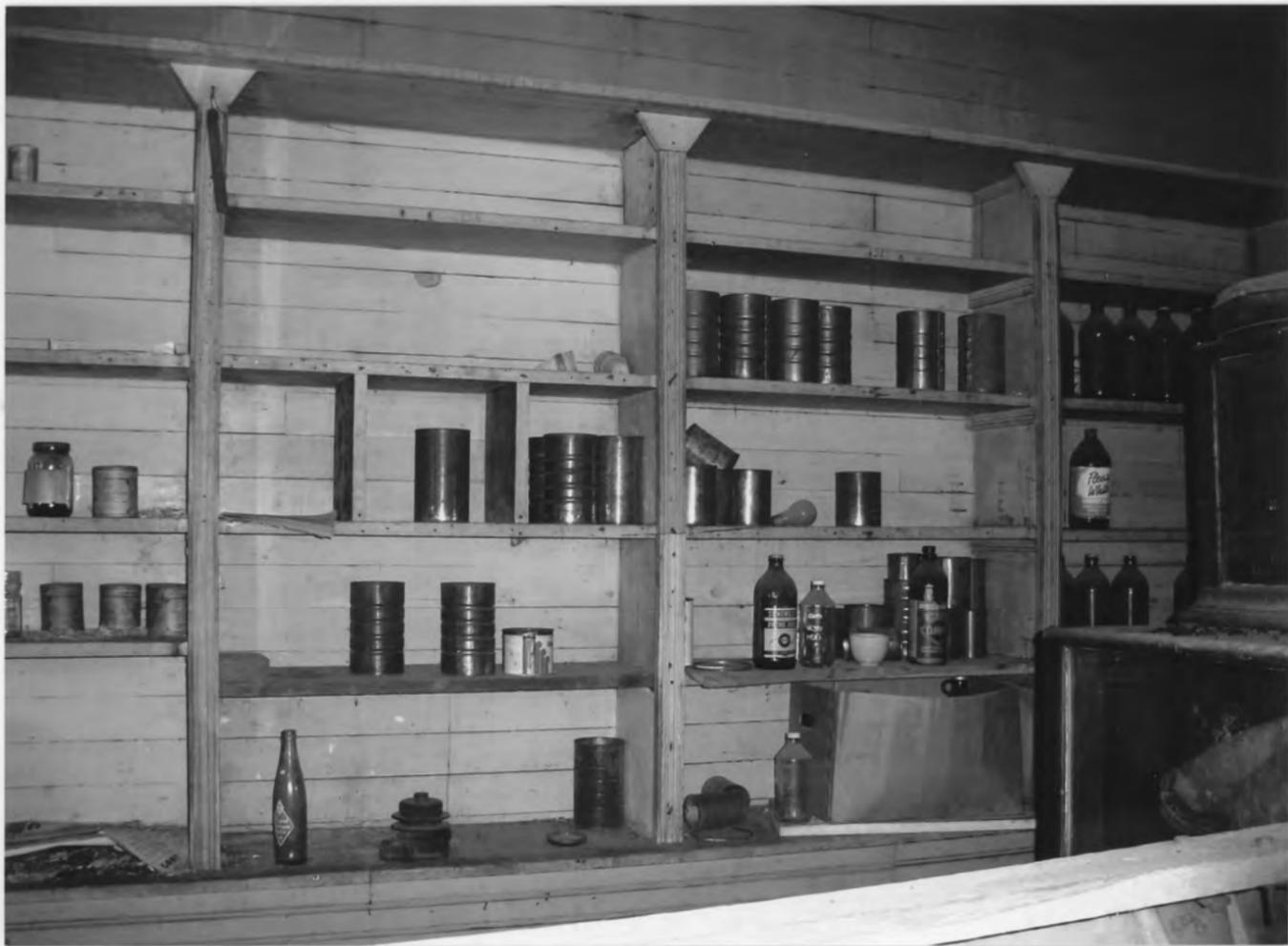




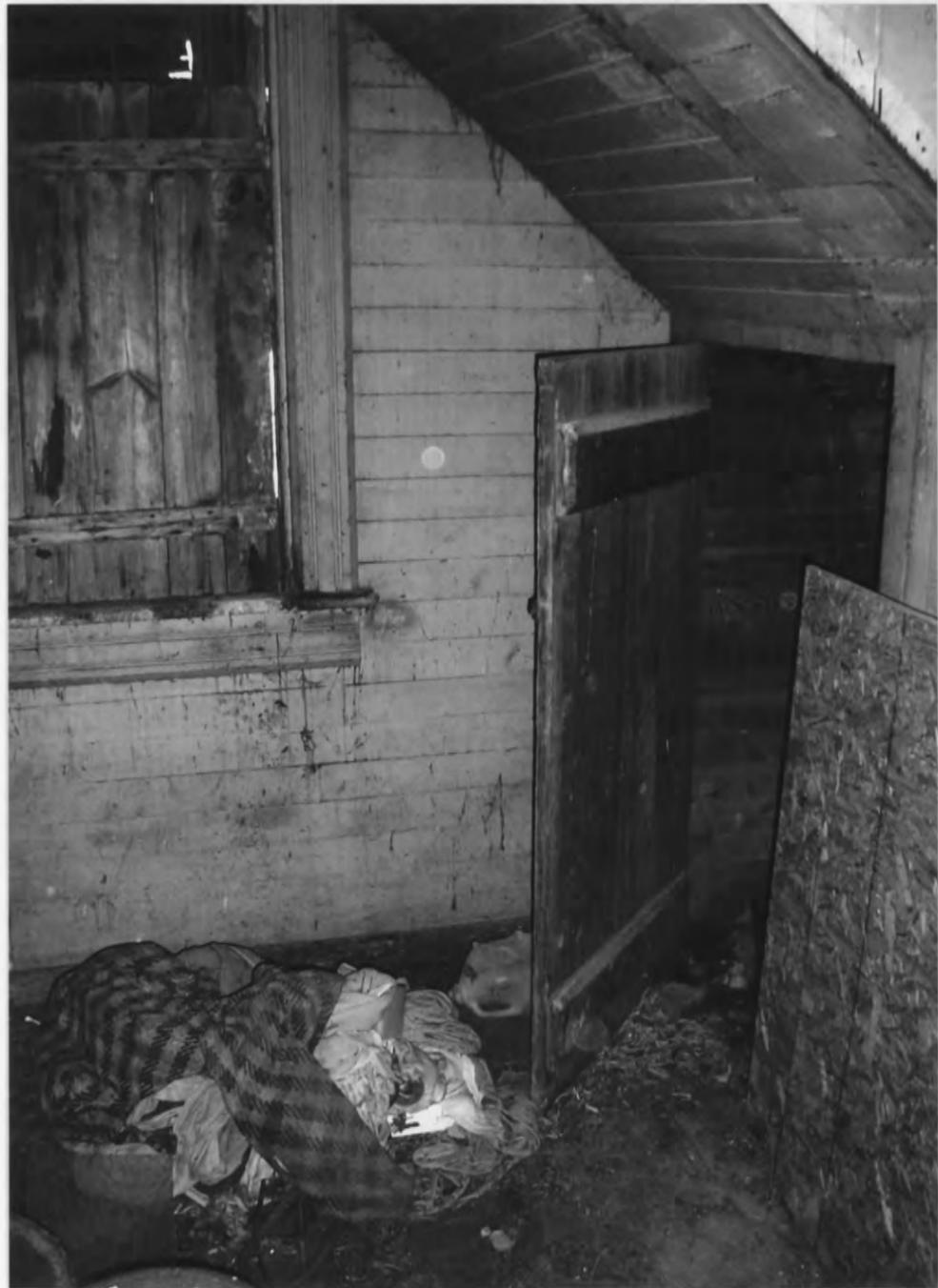






































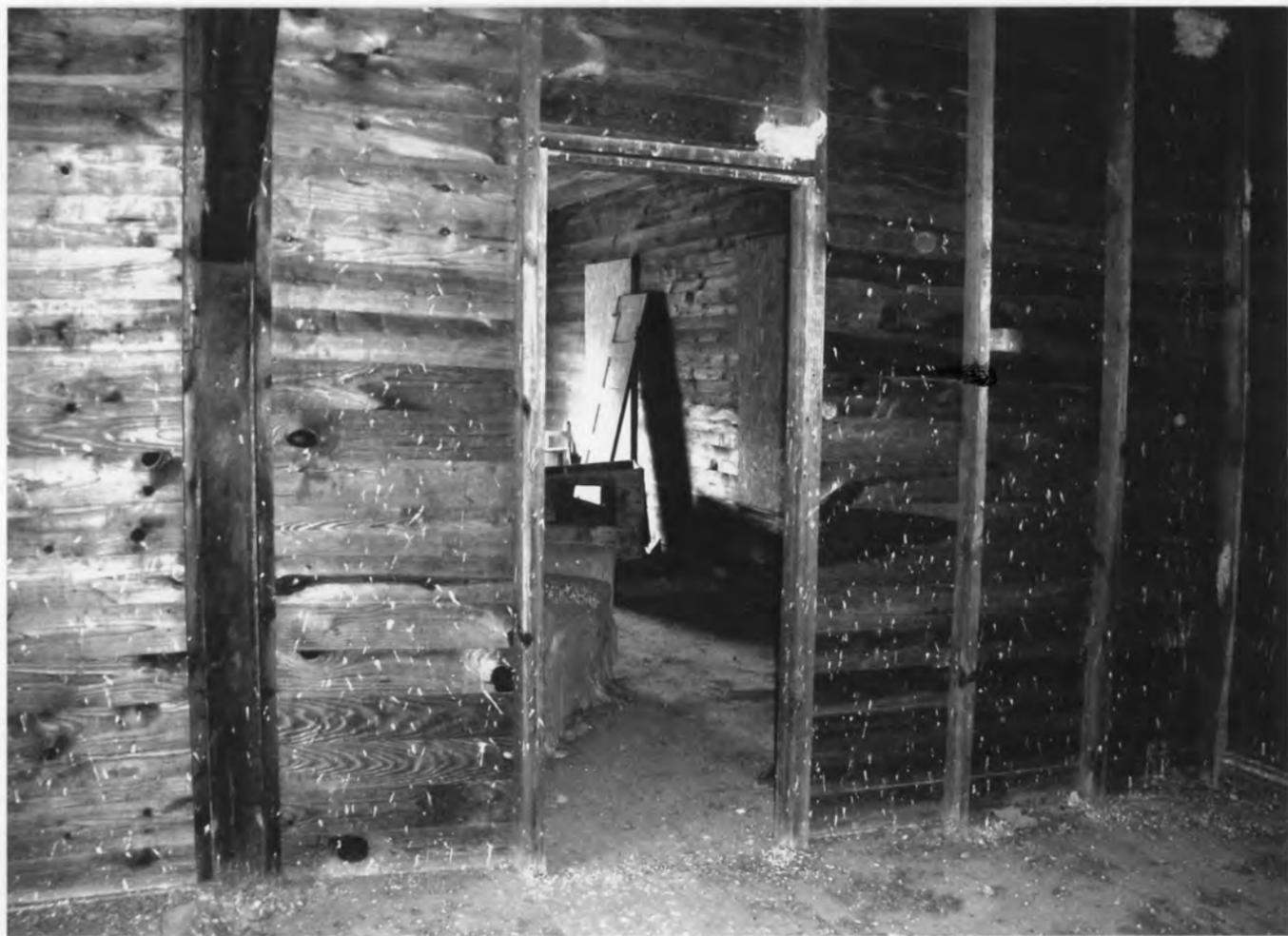




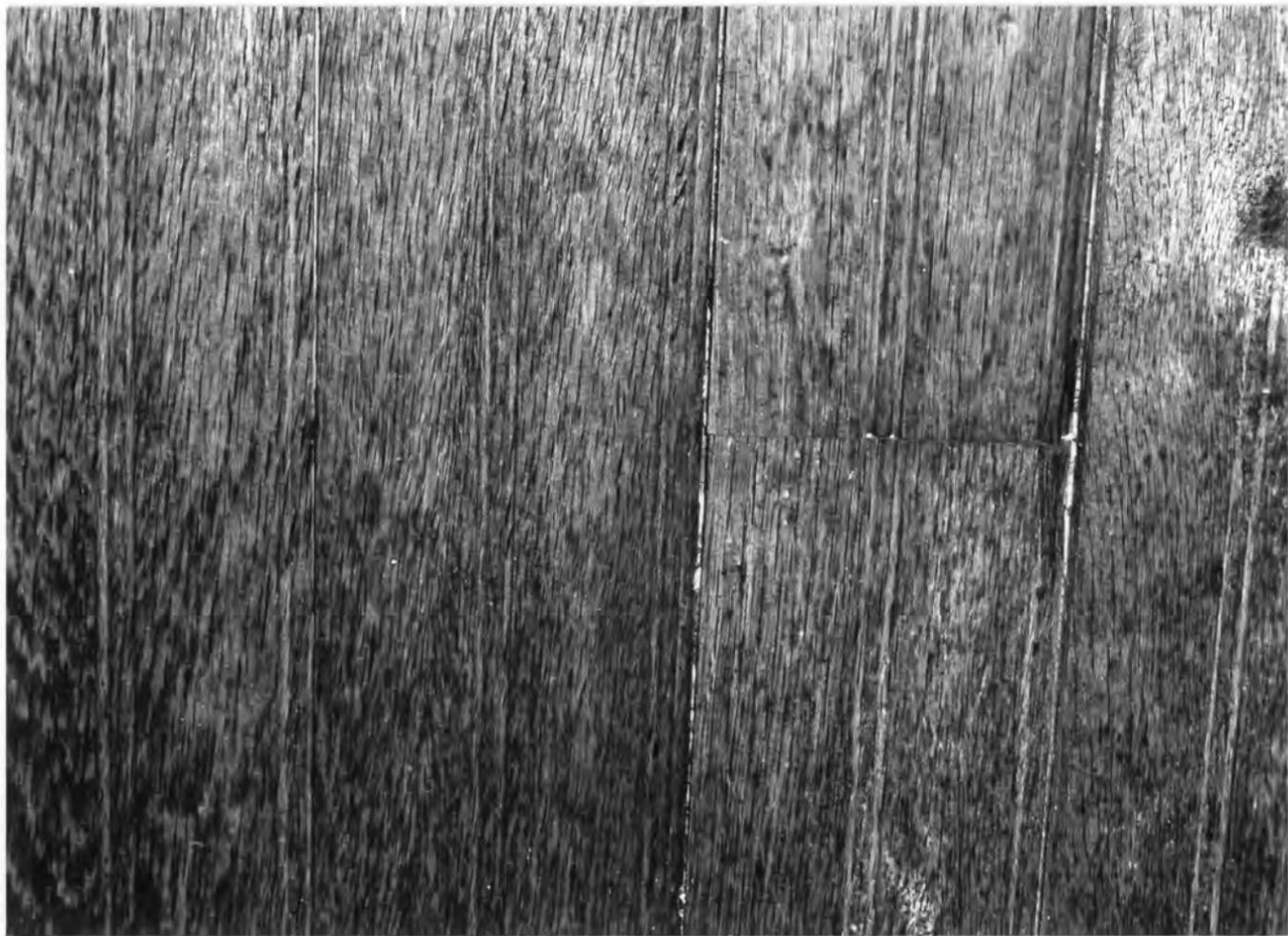


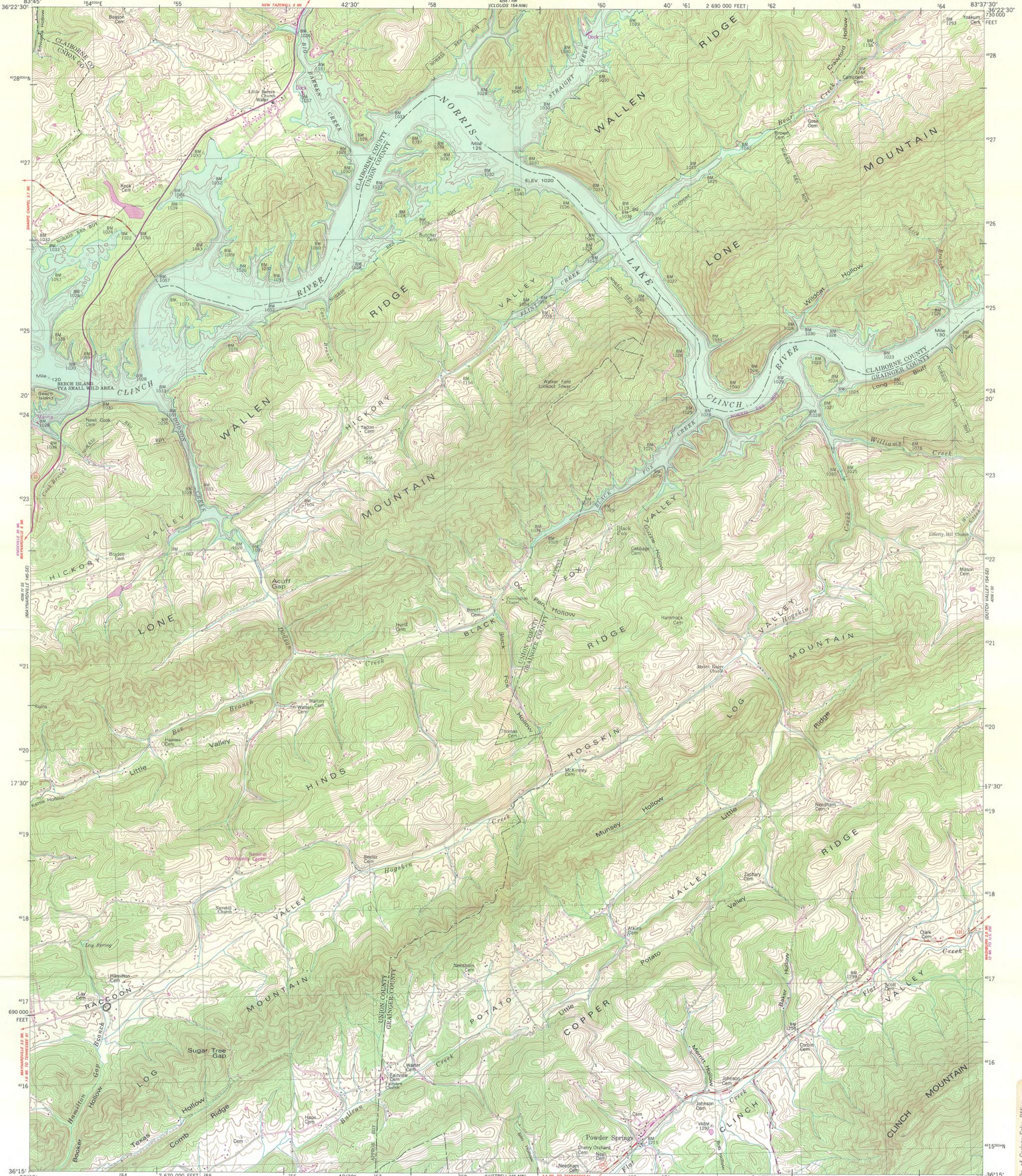










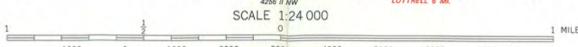
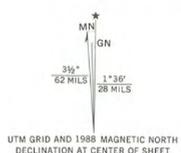


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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January 15, 2010

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer  
Tennessee Historic Commission  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
2941 Lebanon Road  
Nashville, TN 37807-4135

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

Re: Hamilton's Store  
Mill Pond & Walkers Ford Roads  
Maynardville Vicinity, Union County, TN

Thank you for copying me on the letter you sent to David and Jennifer Lay in Maynardville.

Hamilton's Store is a landmark in Maynardville and I am in support of the application and ask your full consideration for nomination to the National and Tennessee Registers of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Faulk".

Mike Faulk

Copy: David and Jennifer Lay



**TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
2941 LEBANON ROAD  
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January 21, 2011

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

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the documentation to nominate the *Hamilton-Lay Store* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Claudette Stager at 615/532-1550, extension 105 or [Claudette.stager@tn.gov](mailto:Claudette.stager@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
State Historic Preservation Officer

EPM:cs

Enclosures