

IDENTIFICATION

Historic name: Jacob L. Grubb Store
 Common name: Erwin Grocery
 Address: 1728 Route 3
Decatur, Tennessee
 Owner's name: Mrs. Ruth Erwin
 Owner's address: Route 3
Decatur, Tennessee 37322
 Classification: Building-private
 Tax map reference: Dist. 2, Map 73, Parcel 46
 Acreage: .3 acres
 UTM reference: Zone 16 N 3918540
E 690680

STATUS

Open to public: Yes ___ No ___ Restricted X
 Visible from road: Yes X No ___
 Occupied: Yes X No ___
 Present use: Commercial
 Current condition: Good
 Alterations: None
 Site features: N/A

HISTORY

Date of construction: ca. 1930
 Architect/builder: Unknown
 Original or previous owners: J.L. Grubbs,
D.L. Perkinson
 Original use: Commerce
 Theme/s: Primary Commerce
 Secondary Architecture
 Other N/A

SOURCES

Bibliographical data: Fricklin, Marsha W.,
"Checkers: Tournament Still Exists at
Country Store in Meigs County", Meigs County
Statesman, March 8, 1978.
Interview with Ruth Erwin, Big Spring, TN.,
October 30, 1980.
 Form prepared by: Stephen T. Rogers
 Title: Cultural Resource Surveyor
 Organization: Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 11/20/80

DESCRIPTION

The Grubb Store is a 1½ story building on a stone pier foundation. Rectangular in shape, with a metal covered gable roof, the store has a one story drive through porch with a hip roof supported by three square wood posts on brick piers. The three bay facade (west elevation) features a recessed entrance with a double leaf front door between paired 6/6 light windows with Z-braced vertical shutters. The store is covered with weatherboards with the exception of the first floor which is covered by pressed metal. There is a lattice opening at the peak of the gable on the facade. A shed roof covers a second story door on the rear, and a flue projects from the center of the roofline. The store's interior remains unaltered with original shelves and is heated by a cast iron stove.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Grubb Store represents one of three stores recorded in the survey, and the oldest rural general merchandising establishment still in operation. The Grubbs family operated stores throughout the 19th century and this building was constructed ca. 1930 by J.L. Grubbs. Originally built on the opposite side of Highway 58, the store was moved to its present location ca. 1932 and sold to D.L. Perkinson. The Perkinson family operated the store until 1968. Historically, the Grubb Store was a gathering place for residents in the southern part of the county and it continues to serve that important function.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: Stephen T. Rogers

Date: 10/17/80

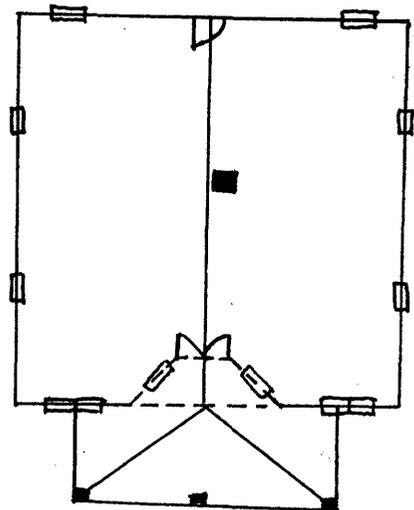
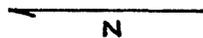
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Commission

Photographer facing: S&W elevation - facing NE

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CONTINUATION

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

34. The boundaries begin at the southwest corner of the property, a point 750 feet south of the intersection of Highway 58 and Armstrong Ferry Road, thence north along Highway 58 100 feet, thence east 150 feet, thence south 100 feet to the property line, thence west along said property line 150 feet to the beginning. This boundary roughly takes the form of a rectangle which encompasses the building. Due to the lack of property lines or visual boundaries on the north and east sides, imaginary boundary lines were established to include the store and approximately .3 acres of land on which it sits.

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