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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations 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 any 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 Bo Lynn's Grocery

other names/site number n/a; WA00872

2. Location

street & number 850 Port Leon Drive n/a not for publication

city or town St. Marks n/a vicinity

state Florida code FL county Wakulla code 129 zip code 32355

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 forth 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.)

Flissie Lotane 12/19/16
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation
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.)

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
 - See continuation sheet.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain)

fn
Joe Salter
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

2-14-2017

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	2	structures
0	0	objects
1	2	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(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

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: department store

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: department store

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

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

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

(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.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

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):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) 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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1936-1967

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Lynn, Bo

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of Repository

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 10

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone		Easting					Northing							
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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

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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.)

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Summary

Bo Lynn's Grocery is a small frame vernacular grocery store and gas station located in the town of St. Marks, Florida. This building is a simple one-story wood building with a two-story rear residential addition and a large flat roof extension sheltering the forecourt. The forecourt features two gasoline pumps which are noncontributing to the nomination. The interior of the historic core of the building is a simple open space with wood flooring and wood ceilings. There are fixed windows on the side elevations and main façade of the building's historic core and two-light and three-light awning windows on the residential addition. The building currently reflects its 1967 appearance. Among the major alterations was the removal of the gable roof extension which originally covered over the forecourt and the two-story rear (west) residential addition which took place in 1967. There is also a carport extending off the south elevation of the building.

Setting

Bo Lynn's Grocery is located along Port Leon Drive, which is the main thoroughfare extending through the commercial core of the city of St. Marks. Located in Wakulla County, Florida, St. Marks is a small port town situated along the St. Marks River. The economy of the town relies heavily on recreational tourism as the port is a popular spot for boaters and fishermen. In addition to the small commercial core and residential community, St. Marks is also the location of San Marcos de Apalachee Historic State Park, a National Historic Landmark. The building is bounded immediately on the north, south, and west by vacant lots and on the east by Port Leon Drive. It is very close however to the commercial core and to the former St. Marks Railroad, which has since been converted into a trail. (Photos #1-2)

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Physical Description

Exterior

Bo Lynn's Grocery (Photo # 3) is a simple one-story wood building with a two-story rear residential addition and a large flat roof extension sheltering the forecourt. The historic core of the building rests on a concrete block foundation with metal vents between foundation piers while the rear addition sits on concrete footers of a different shape and height. The roof is cross-gabled and features vents in the gable ends. Asbestos siding was added to the exterior of the building's historic core sometime prior to 1965.

The main (east) façade of the building features the large flat roof extension covering the main entrance and forecourt (Photo #4). The roof is supported by four poles resting on concrete block foundations. There are three large signs prominently displayed resting atop the roofline of the extension. There are two gas pumps in the forecourt, which were added sometime after 1985 and are not contributing to the building (Photo #5). The main entrance to the building is through wood glazed double doors accessed via concrete steps and flanked by paired fixed one-light storefront windows. There is a freestanding sign affixed to a metal pole located just to the south of the main façade which is not contributing to the building.

On the north elevation, there are three windows, two of which are multi-light jalousie windows and the center is a one-light fixed window (Photo #6). This window used to hold an air conditioning unit but it was replaced. A larger fourth window, also a multi-light jalousie window, located a little further to the west of the smaller windows. The jalousie windows were put in place sometime prior to 1965 and are considered historic alterations to the building. There are three single wood doors, one of which is glazed, located on the west side of this elevation by the residential addition. The two doors farthest to the west were originally outdoor public restrooms which have since been replaced with storage closets (Photo #7). A wheelchair ramp was added to this side of the building for American with Disabilities Act compliance (Photo #8). On the second story addition, there are two-light and three-light awning windows. Also on this elevation is roof extension protruding

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from midlevel which shelters a raised platform used for storage (Photo #9). There is a gasoline tank on the north side surrounded by a cinderblock wall (Photo #10). This is where the gasoline for the pumps is brought in by trucks and it is essential to the functioning of the store. A second cinderblock wall extending down the north property line, which is outside the boundary and is not contributing (Photo #11). This cinderblock fence was originally connected to the Tenneco Oil Company operations.

The addition is perhaps most visible on the rear (west) side of the building, especially towards the southwest corner of the building (Photo #12). The siding is different than that of the building's historic core. The roof is also different, with a lower pitch than the rest of the building and exposed eaves on the west end. On the north side of this elevation, the addition is largely just an additional story added to the building while on the south side it is a full two stories and protrudes to the west. The air conditioning unit rests on a small wood tower constructed to elevate it from the ground, which is not contributing to the building. On the second story, a door was built in as an emergency escape (Photo #13)

On the south elevation, a one-story attached metal roof carport and enclosed porch extends off the side, partially obscuring the building (Photos #14-15). On the historic core, three jalousie windows similar in appearance to the three on the north elevation are visible. There are two doors located on the historic core, one which historically provided the primary exterior access into the residential section (Photo #16), and the other which provided side access to the commercial section (Photo #17). A screen door was added in front of the residential access. On the rear addition, a row of four three-light awning windows are along the second story. A non-historic metal chain link fence runs along this side of the property.

Interior

The interior of the commercial core of Bo Lynn's Grocery remains largely the same, with a single open space with wood floors; the alignment of the shelving, the butcher's block, and the cash register remaining largely the same as it was during the building's period of significance (Photos #18-21). A rear door provides access to the storage and residential

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areas in the back of the building. After a major flood brought on by a hurricane in 1985, the original pine wood flooring was torn up and replaced with the current plywood flooring.



Interior photograph of Bo Lynn's Grocery ca. 1930s. Bo Lynn is on the left and on the right is Louise Bragg, a worker at the store.

Source: Eddie Page, Images of America: Wakulla County (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2001), p. 19.

In the back of the interior are two doors, which are original to the building. The door on the north side provides access to a storage room while the door on the south access the residential section, opening into the kitchen. The historic residential core of the building includes a kitchen, bathroom, living area, and bedroom (Photos #22-24). The flooring in

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the kitchen, which is linoleum, was replaced in 1971 due to flooding from a hurricane. The first floor bedroom and living room flooring were also replaced around the same time.

Access to the 1960s addition to the house is through the living room, which opens up into a room used for storage and a staircase accessing the second floor (Photo #25). The flooring in this room was replaced by plywood following flood damage from a hurricane. The original back of the building, including the two-light louvered kitchen window, can be seen here. On the second floor, there is a hallway that accesses two bedrooms and a bathroom (Photos #26-27). The hallway leading into these rooms has tile flooring and remains relatively unchanged. The rooms themselves also remain relatively unchanged from their original 1967 construction.

The enclosed porch and carport are accessed through a door located on the rear addition to the building (Photos #28-29). There is poured concrete flooring and trellises on both features. The porch is also screened in and has two screen doors.

Alterations

The building has gone through some changes since its construction. The most noticeable of these changes is the additions constructed in 1965 and 1967. Although character-altering, these additions are considered historic alterations to the building. The building was intended from the beginning to be a combination commercial-residential building and the additions do not alter that usage. Asbestos siding was added to the exterior of the building likely in the 1950s. The building was also slightly elevated and the gabled roof above the forecourt was removed and replaced with a flat roof extension. Most of the windows in the historic core were replaced with jalousie windows and a chimney extending up near the center ridge of the roof was removed (Photo #30). The building was also likely expanded sometime prior to 1950. These changes all took place prior to 1965, however, and are considered historic alterations to the building.

Non-historic alterations include the attached enclosed carport, which extends off the south elevation and obscures much of this side of the building. There is also a small roof extension off the midlevel point of the north elevation, some replaced doors and windows, and a satellite antenna added to the roof, which are all non-historic. A non-historic HVAC

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duct was added into the interior and although visible does not adversely affect the interior integrity of the building (Photo #31).



Downtown St. Marks, circa 1950. Bo Lynn's Grocery is on the right. Note: the gable roof over the forecourt.
Source: unknown postcard

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Integrity

This building accurately reflects its historic 1967 appearance and retains its original usage as a combination commercial-residential building. The interior of the main commercial core of the building remains a single open space and the interior configuration of the residential additions retain their historic 1967 layout, retaining its integrity of design, workmanship, and feeling. The building remains in the same location and maintains its visual connection to downtown St. Marks, retaining its integrity of setting, location, and association. Although the building has undergone some changes, including the replacement of the historic wood floors due to flood damage, it retains most of its historic fabric and possesses integrity of materials.

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Summary

Bo Lynn's Grocery is nominated for National Register listing at the local level under Criterion A: Commerce. The period of significance for this building extends from its construction ca. 1936 to 1967. The store served for much of its history as the largest grocery store and gas station in the small town of St. Marks. The building itself is the oldest commercial retail building still standing in St. Marks and has been in continuous operation since its construction in 1936. The building currently reflects its 1967 appearance, when the owner added a two-story residential addition onto the back. The building has gone through some changes, but despite this still possesses sufficient integrity for listing in the National Register. It retains its historic usage as a combination commercial-residential building.

Historic Context

History of St. Marks

The history of St. Marks is closely tied to that of the historic Spanish fortification located there and to the history of Tallahassee. The nearby fort, San Marcos de Apalachee, was a stone fortification constructed by the Spanish in the mid-1700s on a peninsula overlooking the juncture of the St. Marks and Wakulla rivers. The Spanish retained a small garrison here, even after their eventual withdrawal from much of Florida, as it served as an important center for trade with the Native Americans in the area. Following Florida's return to Spanish control in 1783, the Spanish reoccupied the fort and with a few exceptions held it until the formal transfer of Florida to the United States in 1821.¹

San Marcos de Apalachee played a major role in the First Seminole War in 1818. During this time, General Andrew Jackson received intelligence that local Creek and Seminole refugees were pressuring the Spanish government in Pensacola to either lend them material

¹ Blanche Higgins Schroer, National Historic Landmark nomination for Fort San Marcos de Apalachee, Section 8, p. 1; Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly* vol. 13, no. 9 (Sep 1975). Note: this was a series of articles that appeared in the *Magnolia Monthly*, some of which are not paginated. As a result, citations other than the particular edition of the journal for earlier editions are not possible.

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aid or grant them possession of San Marcos. Wishing to seize the initiative and viewing the Spanish as inept in their ability to maintain control over the interior, Jackson made the fateful decision to attack the small Spanish garrison. Shortly after he took the fort, he hanged two British citizens, Robert Ambrister and Alexander Arbuthnot, for aiding and abetting the Native Americans. These actions created a major international incident that threatened to resume hostilities between the United States and the United Kingdom, and resulted in an official Congressional investigation of Jackson's actions during the war.² For its role in this particular incident and in the First Seminole War, San Marcos de Apalachee was listed as a National Historic Landmark in 1967.³

In 1824, shortly after the American takeover of Florida, the territorial council selected the nearby city of Tallahassee as the new capital of the territory. The Red Hills region became a center of cotton production and there was a need for a seaport to service the planters in the area. The politically connected elite drawn to Tallahassee viewed the land surrounding the old fort, which was under federal control and without an active military presence, as a prime location for a port town. In the early 1830s, the town of St. Marks was founded. Shortly afterwards, the Tallahassee Railroad Company was established and construction began on the railroad in 1835. The railroad was built out to St. Marks in 1837, and it served as the port hub of the railroad until 1839, when a railroad bridge built across the St. Marks River connected the new town of Port Leon to the railroad. As a sign of its importance, the town St. Marks received its own customs house in 1837.⁴

During the Second Seminole War, St. Marks' role as the primary port for Tallahassee made it an important communications and supply center for the territorial militia. St. Marks served as the primary debarkation point for the militia and US army units stationed in the area. Soldiers from nearby Fort Stansbury relied heavily on St. Marks. After a hurricane destroyed Port Leon in 1843, the railroad reconstructed its facilities in St. Marks. The Tallahassee Railroad was a single standard gauge, split rail track built from Tallahassee to St. Marks. It was for a brief time in the 1840s the only operating railroad in Florida.⁵

² Ibid.

³ Schroer, National Historic Landmark Nomination for Fort San Marcos de Apalache, Section 8, p. 2.

⁴ Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly* vol. 13, no. 9 (Sep 1975).

⁵ Ibid.

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Despite its position with the railroad, St. Marks struggled for much of the 1840s to regain the cotton business. The merchants from Port Leon moved further up the river and established the town of Newport, which overtook St. Marks and replaced Port Leon as the county seat for the newly created Wakulla County. The prospects for St. Marks changed in the 1850s. Around this time, the federal government established a Marine Hospital on the ruins of the old fort. The Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company also acquired the Tallahassee Railroad and began a modernization project, replacing the horse-drawn railcars with modern steam engines. This development was the final nail in the coffin for nearby Newport, which hoped to gain an edge over St. Marks through the construction of plank roads. St. Marks remains the last antebellum town along the St. Marks River still in existence. At the start of the Civil War, the federal government abandoned St. Marks and it remained under Confederate control for most of the war. Renamed Fort Ward, the Union invaded the area in March 1865 in an attempt to capture Fort Ward and Tallahassee but were stopped by the Confederates at the Battle of Natural Bridge.⁶

After the Civil War, St. Marks enjoyed a brief period of prosperity as the limited railroad infrastructure in the South at this time was in shambles, making trade by ship more expedient. By the early 1870s, however, railroads drove much of the cotton market away from St. Marks. This, coupled with a disastrous fire in 1868, which destroyed most of the town's commercial core, had an adverse effect on business. The port remained busy however, as lumber replaced cotton as its biggest export. The late 1800s saw Florida emerge as a leader in the ship stores industry and the vast expanses of longleaf pine forests in the Big Bend area provided ample business opportunities. The existence of St. Marks at this time relied heavily on its connection to the railroad and proximity to nearby lumber operations.⁷

The town evolved around the railroad and shipping operations, particularly the lumber industry, through the 1930s. The Standard Lumber Company had a particularly large presence in the city, taking up two whole blocks of the town with their facilities. The other

⁶ Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly*, vol. 13, no. 10 (Oct 1975); Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly*, vol. 13, no. 11 (Nov 1975).

⁷ Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly*, vol. 14, no. 2 (Feb 1976), 26-27.

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businesses there primarily catered to railroad and boating traffic. Among the local commercial landmarks built around the early 20th century was the Duval Hotel, which burned down, and the Harrell House. Built in 1901, the Harrell House served at various times as a railroad depot, store, post office, and express office for the community. This building is no longer standing, however. By 1933, the town had a boat works, railroad depot, post office, general store, a machine shop for boat repairs, and two railway docks capable of handling ships up to 80 feet in length. The first paved road into St. Marks was completed in 1932, opening up the town to automobile traffic. It was also during the 1930s that the oil industry first came into St. Marks, when the Gulf Oil Company built storage tanks in the city.⁸

Historic Significance

J. T. "Bo" Lynn founded Bo Lynn's Grocery Market in 1936 to service the community of St. Marks. The store provided the town with a wide variety of goods, including groceries, gasoline, clothing, automotive and boat parts, and fishing supplies. A native of the Bainbridge, Georgia, area, Lynn first moved to the Wakulla County with his family sometime before 1930. His father George Lynn worked in a sawmill in the town of Wakulla and later was involved in the fishing industry. Around 1930, Bo Lynn operated a country store in nearby Wakulla Station. When he opened his store in St. Marks, he saved up enough money to pay for the land and the construction of the building in cash, but did not have enough to pay for the goods to stock the store. As a result, he initially sold goods on consignment before selling them direct. The name of the builder is not known, but when the building was finished it served as both a residence and a store, with Lynn taking up residence in the side-facing extension on the rear. Operating on a system of credit, Lynn established himself in part by allowing locals to buy their groceries and goods ahead of time and paying later. He married Lillian "Lea" Moore in 1938, who became a co-owner of the business and helped him run the store. Within a relatively short period of time, Bo Lynn's Grocery grew into the largest grocery store and gas station in the town. Although he stayed largely outside of politics, Bo Lynn served for a brief time on the Wakulla

⁸ Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly* vol. 14, no. 3 (March 1976), 29-32; Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly* vol. 14, no. 4 (April 1976), 33.

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County School Board during this time. Aside from this brief tenure, he spent most of his life engaged almost exclusively in business.⁹

During World War II, the town of St. Marks saw much activity. The US Army's 922nd Rescue Boat Squadron was stationed in St. Marks as a rescue squadron for pilot trainees at Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee. The US Coast Guard also established bases in St. Marks and at the St. Marks Lighthouse. Over 100 servicemen were stationed in the town during the war. As the largest store and gas station in town, Bo Lynn's store saw a lot of activity during this period. Lea Lynn recalled years later waiting on 30 to 40 men at a time throughout the day. As rumors surfaced of locals looking to make money by providing German U-boats off the coast of St. Marks with supplies, the Lynns often called the commanding officers at the bases to confirm the identity of the men. At the nearby settlement of Newport, at the Newport Marine Industries shipyard, personnel landing craft were built, drawing in contractors and workers into the area who often frequented St. Marks and bought supplies and food from Bo Lynn's. As there were no movie theaters in town, from time to time Bo Lynn would project movies against the side of the building for the entertainment of residents.¹⁰

After the war, St. Marks continued serving as an oil storage center and catered to both commercial and recreational fishermen. The storage facilities expanded when the McKenzie Tank Lines and the Seminole Asphalt Company built tanks in St. Marks in the early 1950s. Shortly afterwards, the Warren Petroleum Company, Tenneco, and Murphy Oil also established operations in the city. Oil tankers became a major part of maritime traffic and a major part of Bo Lynn's business. His daughter Donna (Lynn) Card, who worked at the store until it was sold in 1965, recalls receiving orders from incoming tugboats and oil tankers for food and supplies and having the orders ready by the time the ships pulled into port. By the 1950s, Bo Lynn devoted most of his time to his fishing camp on nearby Shell Island. He turned over management of the store to his brother Releford Lynn but continued to own the building and the business. On Shell Island, Bo Lynn constructed four cabins and a small store for the business, which thrived.¹¹

⁹ Donna Lynn Card Interview, 19 Sep 2016.

¹⁰ Elizabeth F. Smith, "St. Marks: Stepchild of the River," *Magnolia Monthly*, vol. 14, no. 4 (April 1976), 33-35; Johnny Lynn Interview, 20 Sep 2016.

¹¹ Donna Lynn Card Interview.

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In December 1957, Bo Lynn along with a passenger named Kermit Jacobs and Lynn's dog Butch were returning from a duck hunting trip on a small cabin boat when a storm suddenly came up. They were east of the lighthouse, the temperature was unusually low, and the wind was so strong it held the tide out. The hunting party never made it back to St. Marks. Although they later found the boat, the bodies of Lynn, Jacobs, and Butch were never found and they were all presumed dead.¹² Lynn's widow Lea Lynn eventually sold the fish camp and devoted herself full time to the grocery store. Lea Lynn was joined in the store by her sister Millie Smith Cooper and they worked the store until 1965, when it was sold to Raymond and Joy Brown. Releford Lynn and his wife purchased a building across the street at the intersection of Port Leon Drive and Riverside Drive, which they tore down and replaced with a concrete block building in the late 1960s. Releford operated a store out of this building for several years before retiring. The building still stands and is now used as a restaurant.¹³

After the acquisition of the property in 1965, the Browns made the first of two additions to the back of the building, which was followed in 1967 by the two-story addition. The building suffered damage from multiple floods, most notably from hurricanes that struck the area in 1971 and 1985, resulting in the floor replacement. A large segment of the business for Bo Lynn's left when the oil industry left St. Marks after the 1970s but the store continues to serve the fishing industry and the local citizens of the town.

Bo Lynn's Grocery is the oldest commercial retail store building still standing in St. Marks and was for much of its history the only operating store in the town. Due to frequent hurricanes, flooding, and fires, nearly all of the buildings within the small commercial core of St. Marks have been replaced. As a result, there are insufficient historic resources to constitute a commercial historic district. At one time, there was a wood frame gas station building across the street from Bo Lynn's which has since been demolished. The concrete block building across the street constructed by Relaford Lynn still stands, but it has been altered significantly and ceased operations as a store soon after. The restaurants all either post-date 1970 or have been significantly altered sometime after 1970. There is a circa 1950 store built at the Shell Island Fish Camp by Bo Lynn which still stands but it is

¹² Historic St. Marks, Florida marker, "Shell Island Fish Camp: 1940s to Present"; Donna Lynn Card interview.

¹³ Donna Lynn Card Interview.

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located outside of the commercial core of St. Marks and primarily catered to the visitors and temporary residents at the fish camp while Bo Lynn's Grocery was the primary store for the town residents and oil industry workers.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses all of lot number 11-4S-01E-073-05832-000 in the Wakulla County, Florida, property appraiser's office records.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the land historically associated with the Bo Lynn's Grocery property.

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6. Detail view of north elevation storage shelter, facing southeast
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6. View of non-contributing gasoline tank, facing west
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6. View of north side concrete block fence, facing northwest
7. Photo 11 of 31

6. View of rear (west) elevation, facing east
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6. Detail view of rear elevation escape door, facing south
7. Photo 13 of 31

3. Mickey Cantner
4. July 2015
6. View of south elevation, facing north
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6. Side view of historic residential section, facing west
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6. Detail view of historic main residential entrance, facing northwest
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6. Detail view of historic commercial side entrance, facing north
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6. View of commercial interior main entrance, facing east
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6. View of commercial interior, facing northwest
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6. View of interior meat section, facing north

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3. Mickey Cantner

4. July 2015

6. View of rear section of commercial interior, facing west

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6. View of Kitchen, facing southwest

7. Photo 22 of 31

6. View of First Floor Bedroom, facing southeast

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6. View of Dining Room, facing southwest

7. Photo 24 of 31

6. View of Residential Addition First Floor, facing north

7. Photo 25 of 31

6. View of Second Floor Bedroom, facing east

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6. View of Second Floor Bedroom, facing southeast

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6. Interior view of Enclosed Porch, facing west

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6. Interior view of Carport, facing west

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6. Detail view of chimney remnant, facing west

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- 6. Detail view of HVAC Duct, facing southwest
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Bo Lynn's Grocery

850 Port Leon Dr.
St. Marks, Wakulla Co.
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Lat./Long. Coordinates:
30.456580 -84.279881

UTM:
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USGS Quad: St Marks

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Legend

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Date: 11/14/2016

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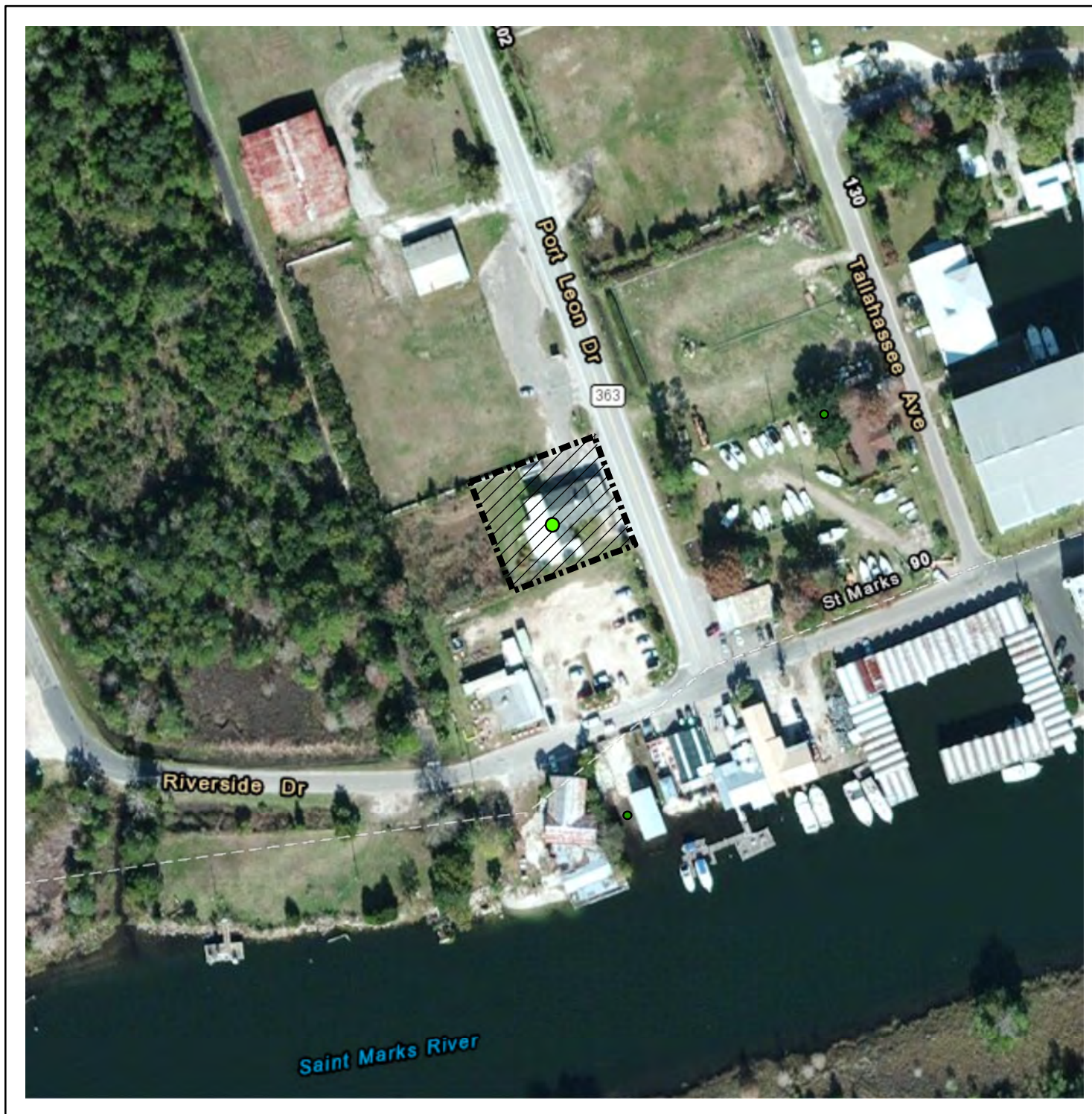


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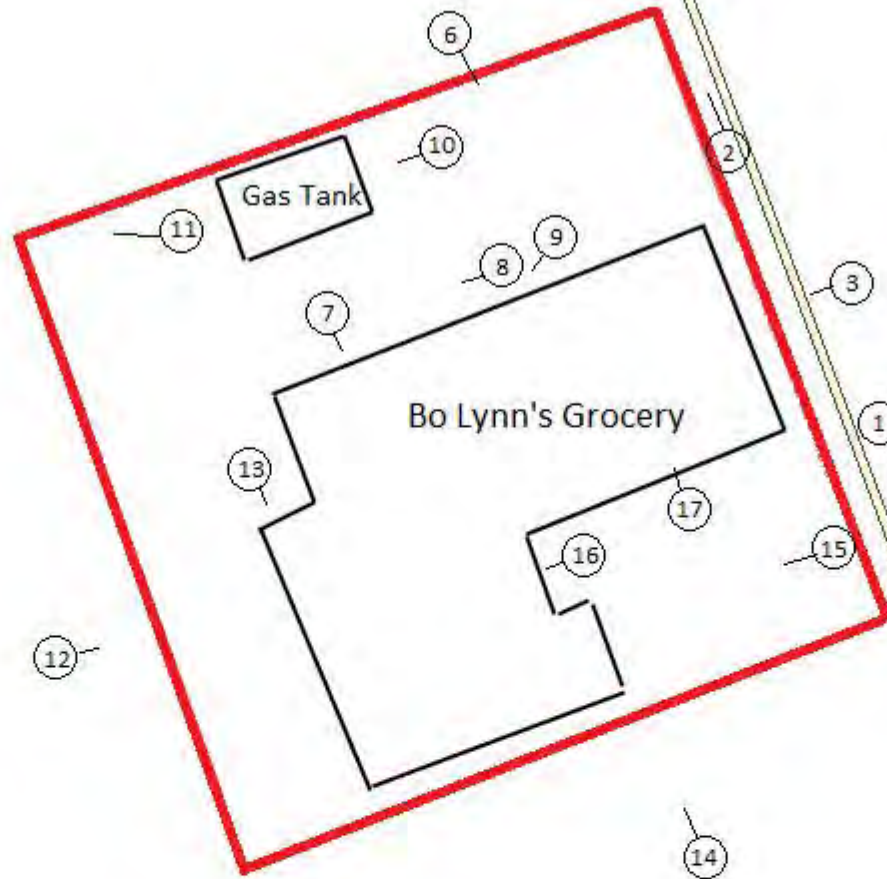
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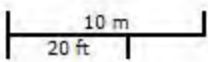
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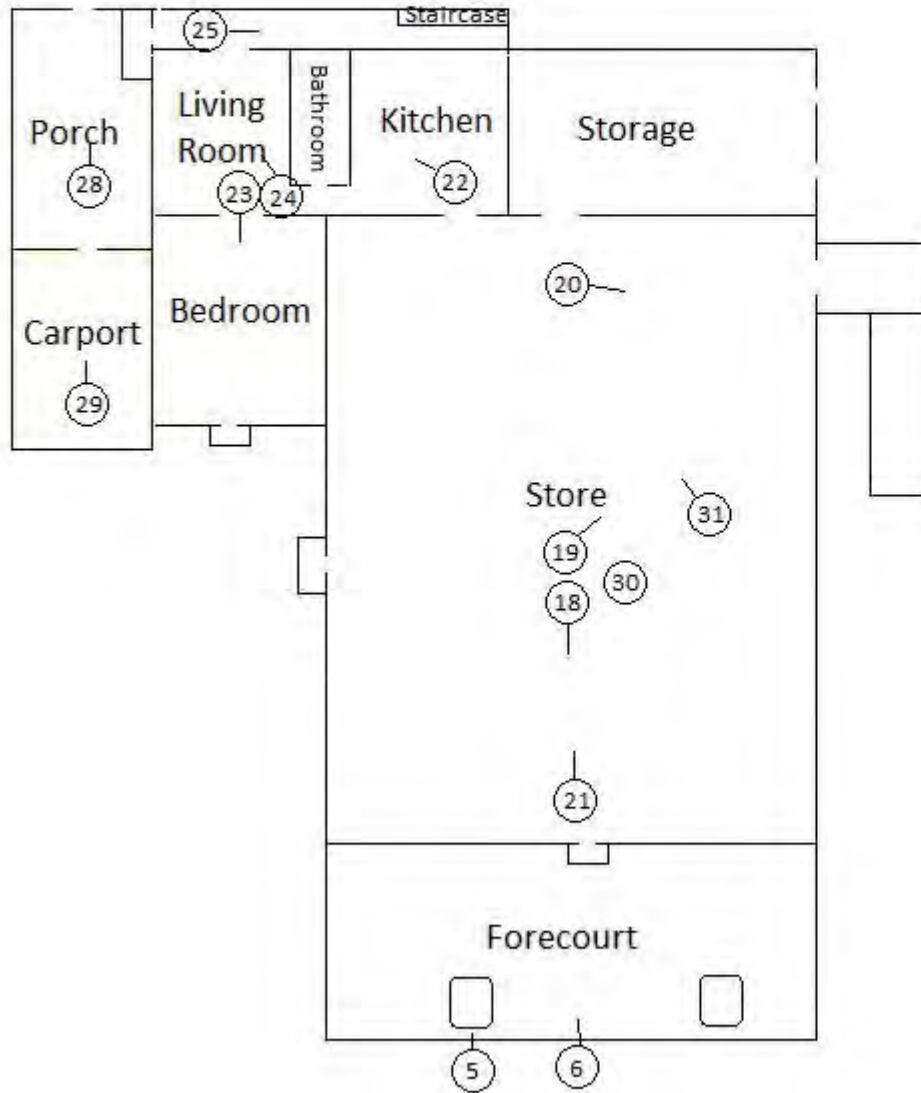
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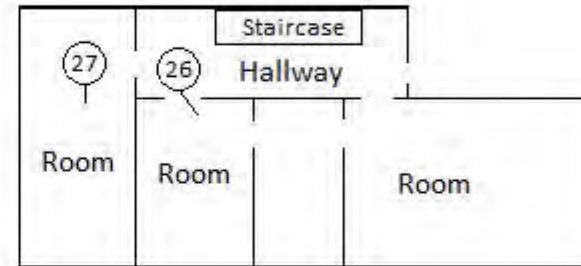
BO LYNN'S GROCERY

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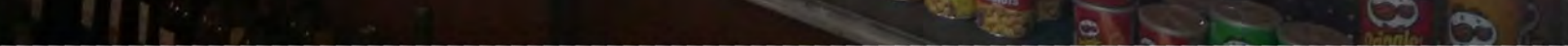
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Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 12/30/2016 Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: 2/14/2017 Date of Weekly List: 2/23/2017

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept Return Reject 2/14/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria:

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

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If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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December 19, 2016

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief,
National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs
Department of the Interior
1201 Eye Street, N.W., 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination for **Bo Lynn's Grocery (FMSF#: 8WA00872), in Wakulla County**, to the National Register of Historic Places. The related materials (digital images, maps, and site plan) are included.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-6364 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruben A. Acosta".

Ruben A. Acosta
Supervisor, Survey & Registration
Bureau of Historic Preservation

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