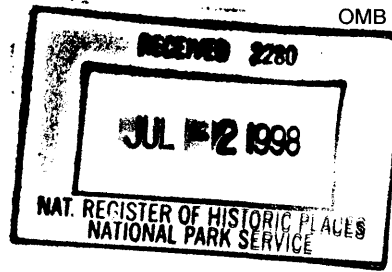


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Shook - Vanzant Farm

other names/site number Moore Farm

2. Location

street & number 210 Moore Farm Road (US 64)

NA not for publication

city or town Winchester

vicinity

state Tennessee

code TN

county Franklin

code 051

zip code 37398

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.)

Herbert L. Hays

6/26/98

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Deputy 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.)

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.

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determined eligible for the National Register.

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determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Edson H. Beall

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

7-31-98

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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	
17	2	buildings
1		sites
1	3	structures
		objects
19	5	Total

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

Historic Family Farms in Middle TN

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: processing

AGRICULTURE: field

AGRICULTURE: storage

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: processing

AGRICULTURE: field

AGRICULTURE: storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne Influence

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK; STONE; CONCRETE

walls Weatherboard; WOOD

roof ASPHALT; METAL

other WOOD

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 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** moved from its original location.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 year of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Agriculture _____

Period of Significance

circa 1893 - circa 1930

Significant Dates

NA

Significant Person

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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:

Shook - Vanzant Farm
Name of Property

Franklin County, Tennessee
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 400 acres Belvidere 87 NW

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>16</u>	<u>577640</u>	<u>3889900</u>	3	<u>16</u>	<u>577800</u>	<u>3888260</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>16</u>	<u>576400</u>	<u>3888480</u>	4	<u>16</u>	<u>579140</u>	<u>3889900</u>

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 Lynn W. Hulan/Historic Preservation Consultant
organization NA date April 1998
street & number Post Office Box 290 telephone 931-684-3611
city or town Shelbyville state TN zip code 37162

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 F.G. and Gracie Moore
street & number 210 Moore Farm Road telephone 931/967-3950
city or town Winchester state TN zip code 37398

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VII. DESCRIPTION

Located in rural southeast Franklin County, Tennessee, near Winchester, at 210 Moore Farm Road, immediately east of US Highway 64, the Shook - Vanzant Farm, approximately 400 acres, is a significant contribution to Tennessee's agricultural history and local economic development. The farm and farmhouse, as well as surrounding farm buildings and contributing structures and crop patterns, contribute economically and socially on this south-central Tennessee landscape from late in the nineteenth century, and continue to contribute more than a century later. The core of the farm site is the Shook - Vanzant farmhouse, a circa 1893 Late Folk Victorian/Queen Anne influenced structure which is, typical of farm properties, surrounded by the two contributing tenant houses, several barns, two smoke houses, tool sheds and other related outbuildings, and a second family related domestic dwelling, the circa 1930 Vanzant-Kelly Moore house.

The farm retains a high degree of integrity in its location, form, function, environment, materials, workmanship and setting. The original house and farm building placement, and its surrounding property were all conveyed to the F. G. Moore family through the Vanzants, grandparents of F. G. Moore. The farm's design and buildings are organized in a traditional manner with the main house physically and centrally situated with work-related structures and tenant houses arranged at the side and to the rear. The setting retains the character that comes with a long association as a working farm in a rural environment; in this regard little has changed in one hundred years. Buildings are composed of materials that are original with very little alteration, and represent a well maintained working farm complex. The farm is an important extant operating example of Franklin County and Tennessee's late nineteenth and early twentieth century agricultural heritage. The Shook - Vanzant farmhouse is the visual and physical center of the farm site complex and is an excellent example of the late Victorian vernacular finished with some outstanding expressions of the Queen Anne period. The central hall floor plan is typical of the period but is enhanced by the interior and exterior details.

The Shook - Vanzant Farm site is laid out [see attached site map] according to the road placement [historic and current] and geography of the land with the rear property line near the Monteagle Mountain, the western escarpment of the Cumberland Plateau. The main farmhouse, the Shook - Vanzant house, faces north/northwest and is well sited at the end of a long drive lined with mature Tennessee red cedar trees. The farm is comprised of primary and secondary dwellings as well as a complex of barns and outbuildings that have evolved from their early twentieth century construction and continue to maintain their historic function in this agricultural setting.

The Shook - Vanzant farmhouse, clearly the visual focus on this large agricultural complex, is a two story, weatherboarded, central hall I-house. The Queen Anne influenced structure sits on a continuous brick foundation and is surrounded by mature trees and plant material. It is relatively unaltered, except with south rear elevation porch and family room, and it exhibits many classic Queen Anne details such as the two story wood front porch, two story gable wing with a two story bay window dominating the front [north/northwest] facade; a cross gable pressed tin roof; wood spindlework and turned wood posts; wood patterned shingles; one-over-one double hung sash windows surrounded with small colored panes and small colored panes surrounding the bay windows. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof. The west and east elevation and southeast rear elevation are simply articulated expressions of the north/northwest facade. The Shook - Vanzant farmhouse is an excellent local example of a dominant Folk Victorian form finished with Queen Anne influenced details. An especially important extant detail on the north facade are the one-over-one windows with small colored panes surrounding the top window. This house represents a important and significant transition period

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when the Shook family moved from self-sufficient or subsistence farming to a broader, more extensive market economy near the beginning of the twentieth century. Family tradition maintains that before Shook built the larger, more formal dwelling circa 1893 the family lived in the extant tenant house, a vernacular one and one-half story board and batten building (covered with asphalt siding around 1930). Behind this tenant house is a small circa 1920 weatherboard storage shed; to the rear of the shed is a large circa 1930 stock barn. The Shook family move, circa 1893, is typical of a pattern as the family farm finances and priorities were reorganized and expanded to accommodate the prosperity associated with the early twentieth century progressive attitudes that encouraged more acreage under cultivation to increase yield for a broader market.

The north/northwest or front facade presents a striking architectural visual form of the late Folk Victorian period; a Queen Anne influenced vernacular farmhouse that, while once common, is fast becoming endangered. Its decorative wood spindle-work, wood shingles, two story porch (first floor of concrete, second floor of wood) supported by turned wood posts with millwork balustrade, transomed entry [first and second floor], colored glass window lights surrounding one-over-one double hung sash windows, a bay window sheathed with fishscale wood siding, a gable end also sheathed with wood fishscale shingles, and wood louvered shutters all speak of this picturesque style of domestic architecture. Protected by a storm door, the entry door is wood panels with a single light surrounded by multi-paned colored lights. The original transom surrounded by multi-paned colored lights is above the entry door. The second story replicates the first floor of the north facade in its fenestration. The second story porch door is identical. One-over-one light windows in the facade are situated on the first and second floor; the lights are surrounded by multi-paned colored lights. The porch floor is wood.

The west elevation is simply articulated, with the original two story structure and its rear ell featuring symmetrically arranged one-over-one double hung sash windows with wood louvered shutters. Two brick chimneys pierce the pressed metal roof. The west elevation reflects several stages of change over time, with the main body of the house and a circa 1970 one story shed roofed porch that gives access to the rear interior. There is also a shed roofed family room circa 1960 addition. The rear two story ell features one-over-one double hung sash windows; a rear shed roofed addition to accommodate a modern bath with contemporary windows, and a rear shed roofed mud room entry.

The south rear elevation exhibits the change over time and features, in addition to the original elements, a contemporary shed roofed porch, the family room, and the enclosed back porch addition. All have metal shed roofs in keeping with the existing original roof on the main, two story dwelling. The rear ell area is enclosed with one story shed roof circa 1960 porch. The porch enclosure created space for a family room and bath room. A rear mud room-entry with a shed roof and band of contemporary one-over-one light windows and a rear storm door complete the expansion.

The east elevation is simply articulated with a projecting bay on the first story at the northwest corner. Above the projecting bay on the second floor is a one-over-one double hung sash wood shuttered window with a decorative window hood featuring original spindlework. All windows on the east elevation include wooden louvered shutters. The rear shed roofed addition is composed of a band of one-over-one modern windows, and does not intrude on or conflict with the overall character and integrity of the dwelling.

The interior of the Shook - Vanzant farmhouse is defined by a central entrance hall with its original staircase from which access to the other primary rooms and upstairs is gained. Moldings, floors, mantels, staircase, baseboard, wood paneled

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and transomed doors and other decorative details date from the original construction, circa 1893. The rear rooms added [family room and bath] or modified [kitchen] are not intrusive and do not affect the character of the original dwelling.

The entry hall is a long narrow hall with heavy fluted wooden surrounds with bull's-eye trim door moldings and transoms over the doors. It leads to a parlor on the west side, a dining room on the west side, the bedroom and kitchen on the east side, a rear mud-storage room which features an original rear wood stair to the second floor, and the family room to the south rear. The painted wood fluted surrounds are a decorative feature in all the downstairs rooms.

West of the entrance hall is the parlor, entered through wood fluted surrounds and a wood paneled door opening. This room has baseboards and moldings that match the entrance hall, approximately one and one-half feet high. Additionally, the room is sheathed with large painted wood wainscoting panels that are placed in a horizontal pattern with inset vertical panels set above. There is a two-over-one double hung sash window in the west wall. A bay with a one-over-one light window with colored panes is located in the northwest elevation and a Sewanee limestone mantel with a rock shelf is prominent on the south wall. The wooden floors in this room are covered with carpet.

On the east side of the entry hall is a bedroom. This rectangular room is similar in size and detail to the parlor and maintains the same decorative treatments as the entry hall and the parlor. A bay window is located in the west wall of the room and the window in the north/northwest facade includes small colored panes surrounding the one-over-one double hung sash window.

The dining room, located with access from the west side of the entrance hall, features a fireplace surrounded by a wood mantel with a scroll decoration centered on its face and a plain wood shelf on the north wall, a door on the south wall opening to the rear porch, and one-over-one double hung sash window in the west wall.

The family room, kitchen, modern bath, and mud room-back porch are located in the south rear section of the farmhouse. The kitchen occupies the southeastern rear, and is a large rectangular room with a transomed door in the north wall leading into the bedroom, a transomed door in the west wall leading into the central hall, a wood door in the west wall leading into the family room, and a small wood door in the south wall giving access to the rear mud-room-storage. The family room, modern bath, and a covered side porch complete the first floor plan. The kitchen, a large rectangular room, is located within the original circa 1893 house; while the family room, bath, and side porch are more contemporary, circa 1960, additions to the original dwelling.

The second floor plan of the Shook - Vanzant house is composed of a large wood floored central hall that opens to the second floor porch-balcony through a wood paneled door with glass panes surrounded by small colored glass panes in the north/northwest facade, and with a wooden stair leading to the second floor. All four bedrooms, two in the east side and two in the west side, are located from the central hall and roughly correspond with the parlor, dining room, bedroom, and kitchen on the first floor. The two bedrooms on the west side feature fireplaces surrounded by wooden mantels.

The setting is rural and agrarian, west of Winchester, Franklin County, off US Highway 64, a major transportation route. The house is surrounded by, in addition to crops, generous green space and mature shade trees. Landscaping at the dwelling is informal and composed of native plant material. Nearby, west of the Shook - Vanzant property, is the community of Belvidere, and Falls Mill on the Elk River. Despite its location on a major east-west US highway route,

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the community is dominated by its rural character and agricultural focus. The Shook - Vanzant Farm is an excellent expression of rural life in southern Middle Tennessee.

As identified in the Historical-Architectural Assessment prepared by Leo J. Goodsell, Historic Preservation Consultant, September 17, 1997, and detailed by field work and interviews with Glenn and Gracie Moore, other outbuildings in the immediate vicinity of the Shook - Vanzant house that support the historic farm operation include:

- West of the Shook - Vanzant house is a large circa 1880 wood sided, gable metal roofed barn, with shed additions on the north and south ends, used for livestock, dairy, haying, grain and implement storage. Situated to the west of the main house and said to exist before the building of the Shook - Vanzant house, the big barn is an example of the importance of and priority given to the farm needs. Identified as **#1** on the site map. Contributing.
- A circa 1890 rectangular tool shed, wood board with a metal side gable roof, used for grain and implement storage. Southwest of the Shook - Vanzant farmhouse. Identified as **#2** on the site map. Contributing.
- Three metal silos-grain bins. East of the above mentioned tool shed [outbuilding #2]. Contemporary grain and silage storage structures. Identified as **#3** on the site map. All three are noncontributing.
- A circa 1930 concrete block well house, west of the Shook - Vanzant house, with a front gable roof and wood door. Although at one time there were seven active cisterns on the farm, the well house supplied the livestock water. Identified as **#4** on the site map. Contributing.
- Lean-to tractor canopy, circa 1940, with vertical wood board and batten construction, and a metal roof. Situated west of the house. Implement storage. Identified as **#5** on the site map. Contributing.
- A circa 1990 carport, post support metal hipped roof. West of the Shook - Vanzant house. Identified as **#6** on site map. Noncontributing.
- Tenant house, circa 1900, situated some distance west of the Shook - Vanzant house. One story with vertical board and batten construction. Metal side gable roof with metal shed roof porch. Used for tenants who lived on the farm for approximately fifty years, worked and received crop shares. A large wood hay barn was closely aligned with this tenant house; the barn burned circa 1980. Identified as **#7** on the site map. Contributing.
- Meat-smoke house. Circa 1890. Vertical wood siding, side gable, metal roof, two bay, immediately south of the Shook - Vanzant house. Used to hang and store cured meat. Family meat production centered around this common place but important architectural element in the supply process. Identified as **#8** on the site map. Contributing.
- Meat-smoke house. Circa 1940. Vertical wood siding, front gable, metal roof, one bay, located immediately south of the Shook - Vanzant house. Used to hang curing meat. Identified as **#9** on the site map. Contributing.

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- East of the main house is a chicken/goat shed circa 1930. Source of farm income beyond household needs; chicken house is now converted to goat shed. Vertical wood board construction. Identified as **#10** on the site map. Contributing.
 - Southeast of the house is a large, wood board construction, metal gable roof, loft, side shed addition, barn circa 1930, for grain [corn and wheat] for farm consumption and to sell. Functions in same capacity today. Identified as **#11** on site the map. Contributing.
 - Granary/storage barn circa 1930. Metal front gable roof. Identified as **#12** on the site map. Contributing.
 - A circa 1900 cistern that today supplies barn water is located under the rear of the Shook - Vanzant dwelling. Identified as **#13** on the site map. Contributing.
 - A large, approximately 1/2 acre, fruit orchard and garden, located immediately to the south of the meat-smoke houses. Identified as **#14** on the site map. The orchard and garden date to circa 1930. Contributing.
 - Tenant house, board and batten construction, one and one-half story construction, two bay shed porch with metal roof in west elevation; one bay in north elevation. Constructed prior to the main house, it is now sheathed in asphalt siding. It has a pressed metal side gable roof with shed roof porches on the west elevation and the facade. A shed roof addition is on the east elevation. The Moores report that Nathan Shook and his family lived in this house prior to the construction of the Shook - Vanzant house. Occupied by tenant farmer/farm hand until the 1970s. Identified as **#15** on the site map. Contributing.
 - Directly behind, to the south, of the tenant house #15 on site map is a circa 1920 small wood frame shed that is covered in weatherboarding and has a front gable metal roof. Identified as **#16** on the site map. Contributing.
 - To the south of the tenant house #15 is a circa 1930 stock barn, wood board construction, shed addition, metal gable roof. Identified as **#17** on the site map. Contributing.
 - The Kelly Moore house, circa 1930, is located some distance to the west from the Nathan Shook house. This part of the farm was acquired by the Moores in 1939 and added approximately 105 acres to the Shook - Vanzant Farm. The Kelly Moore house is a bungalow-influenced brick house with three bays in the north facade; the asphalt shingle side gable roof features a dormer in the facade; two brick chimneys pierce the roof. Identified as **#18** on the site map. Contributing.
 - Wood frame barn. Circa 1940. Used for grain and implement storage. Identified as **#19** on the site map. Contributing.
 - Wood frame barn. Circa 1940. Identified as **#20** on the site map. Contributing.
 - Garage. Circa 1960. One story garage with a hip roof and brick siding. Identified as **#21** on the site map. Noncontributing.

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The evolution of the Shook - Vanzant Farm, an excellent example of historic farming traditions preserved and maintained, is exhibited in the above described farm house and the supportive farm structures. The original dwelling, the tenant house, temporary housing for the Shook family, and the large stock and storage barn all help trace the growth and development of the farmstead. The circa 1893 Queen Anne-influenced dwelling represents a commitment to the economic and social structure of the time and place. The original smoke/meat house is an important example of farm production, in any rural farming situation. Into the twentieth century new, crops and techniques required an additional commitment of land and outbuildings that is exemplified in the circa 1930 storage/stock barn and tool shed, the circa 1930 chicken house, and the second tenant house. The period of circa 1893-1930 represents a progressive attitude and rapid growth coinciding with techniques supported and promoted and advocated by Tennessee's Agricultural Department and the newly established federal program - the agricultural extension service for Middle Tennessee farms. With its experimental crops and acreage committed to cultivation, and active trade in livestock of mules, horses and polled Herefords, the Shook - Vanzant Farm embraced the progressive environment of the early twentieth century, which in turn helped sustain the economic well-being of the farm and the community. The Shook - Vanzant Farm continues in this active, progressive role.

Approximately four hundred acres of the Shook - Vanzant farmland comprise the present Moore farm. The nominated property has a high degree of integrity in setting, workmanship, function, environment, and materials. The extant farm buildings represent historic patterns of growth and development beyond the immediate needs of the family to adding and consolidating land holdings, adapting to family and economic growth, changes in farming techniques, and social obligations.

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VIII. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shook - Vanzant Farm, located off US Highway 64 in southwestern Franklin Co., Tennessee, is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria C and A for its architecture and its significant association with the history and development of agriculture in Franklin County. The farm's arrangement of dwellings, outbuildings, and tenant houses is an important surviving example of agricultural patterns from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In a region of innovation and diversity, the Shook - Vanzant Farm is recognized for its high degree of integrity of setting, materials, and workmanship. The main dwelling is a good local example of Queen Anne influenced architecture and the associated outbuildings present a good collection of agricultural buildings under criterion C.

There are approximately four hundred acres comprising the present-day farm. The farmstead is an example of the late nineteenth century - early twentieth century transition from subsistence farming into a wider market economy. The extant farm buildings represent historic patterns of growth and development beyond the immediate needs of the family. The farm reflects patterns of adding and consolidating land holdings, adapting to family and economic growth, and changes in farming techniques and social obligations.

According to Leo J. Goodsell's Historical/Architectural Assessment Report of September 1997, Nathan (N.G.) Shook, born February 1856, was a prosperous and committed community member whose farm produced the essentials for a working farm of any size [horses and mules, cattle, grain]. He built the circa 1893 house with timber, another valuable commodity, from the farmland. In a 1940 Christmas booklet written by descendant Charlie Paschal Shook, Nathan Shook is described as "making farming his life work." N.G. Shook is shown on the 1890 Franklin County, Tennessee, poll tax list in District 16 with 250 acres. In 1892, according to deed records, N. G. Shook purchased from Martin Shanber, land for \$10,500.00. An A. M. Shook, probably a relative, is also listed on the tax rolls with 500 acres. Clearly, the Shooks were a farming family and contributed to the area's economy with the acquisition of and work in farms of large acreage with a variety of crops and livestock. The N. G. Shook land stayed with the family until the late 1920s. The death of his wife gave Nathan Shook a shock from which he never fully recovered, and the farm was sold to the grandparents of the current owner. Charles Andrew and Zona Vanzant purchased the farm for \$25,000.00. Additional acreage was acquired by the family in 1939. The additional acreage, which includes a bungalow, is the farm now occupied by Kelly Moore, the son of the current owner of the Shook - Vanzant Farm. The house was owned by his grandparents F.G Moore (Sr.) and his wife, ElaMae Vanzant Moore. F.G. Moore (the current owner of the farmstead) was raised in the bungalow on this farm. The adjacent properties were combined to form one farm of approximately four hundred acres in the twentieth century.

Tennessee's central basin contains some of the best farmland in the state. It is noted for its livestock, including, and especially, horses and mules. Tobacco, cotton, and grains were predominant crops of the nineteenth and early twentieth century period. In the mid-nineteenth century, the establishment of a dependable rail transportation system allowed farms and farmers in the heartland region to become connected to a larger marketplace. After recovery from the aftermath of the destruction caused by the Civil War, Middle Tennessee farmers willingly adopted progressive farming ideas and practices. Encouraged by several actions at the state and national levels at the turn of the century, farmers moved into a prosperous era, sometimes referred to as the golden era of American agriculture. The Hatch Act of 1887 created experiment stations to aid and educate the farming industry. The Smith Lever Act of 1914 created a service - the

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extension service - that interacted directly with farm workers to meet the farm family needs. The extension service encouraged total family involvement in a successful farming enterprise. At the same time, the state of Tennessee encouraged the production of new crops and placing more acreage under cultivation to meet a growing demand. The Shook - Vanzant Farm filled the profile of the progressive farm by its experimentation with various crops such as crimson clover, forked deer oats, and alfalfa. The farm has produced dairy and beef cattle, swine, mules, and horses. The farm supported the local marketplace by raising chickens for the county market, as part of the total family farming experience. In Franklin County, the Shook - Vanzant Farm is an excellent working example of the transition from self-sustaining local farm economies to active involvement in a national network of commercial enterprise.

Franklin County, Tennessee, with soil classified as mountain plateau loam lands, red loam valley land, and gray loam soil, was early on one of the leading agricultural counties in the state with production in corn, wheat, cotton, barley, dairy products, cattle, hogs, sheep, timber, and nursery stock. Nurseries began in the 1870s when Englishmen brought their nursery experience to the area. The nursery industry continues today. Other indications of the importance of agriculture in early twentieth century Franklin County, Tennessee are numerous and include an annual County Fair and prize winning Polled Shorthorn Cattle. Also, circa 1930, Franklin produced the states' largest production of Irish potatoes and, circa 1920, the Sweet Potato Producers Association, the Poultry Producers Association, Livestock, Strawberry, and Dairy Associations were organized in the county. Another important event in Franklin County, and throughout the state, was the passage of the Smith Lever Act of 1914 with Federal funding allocated to support and teach agricultural enterprise.

Additionally, Franklin County is famous for its crimson clover, first seeded by John Ruch in 1892, and leads the United States in its production. Crimson clover, an example of a new crop raised to meet a high demand outside the local market, was grown extensively on the Shook - Vanzant Farm for commercial purposes, and as a land builder crop. At one point during World War I, the popular crop seed, valued as a cash crop, pasture, and a cover crop, was prohibited from being imported from France. Franklin County supplied farms across the United States. In the 1930s, 5,000 acres of crimson clover in Franklin County produced seed that was shipped, once again, all over North America. A Crimson Clover Festival was held annually between 1936 and 1954. By the mid 1950s, due to changes in production and techniques and farm technology, the popularity of crimson clover gave way to other interests. The Shook - Vanzant Farm, surrounded as it was by new crops [i.e.: crimson clover] and progressive ideas, benefited economically and socially in this progressive farming environment. Another new crop experiment, forked deer oats, was grown on the Shook - Vanzant Farm in the mid-twentieth century, and is, in fact, no longer widely available. The Shook - Vanzant Farm used the grain for the stock, as well as selling the seed. This is an example of the farmer's willingness to experiment in the development of a variety of new crops and techniques. It is known that the Shook - Vanzant Farm both guaranteed the family self sufficiency, and played a part in the larger profitable farming community above and beyond household needs. The layout of the Shook - Vanzant Farm and its outbuildings with multiple barns historically dedicated to livestock, grain, hay and implement storage speaks to the farms involvement with the progressive farming practices advocated by Tennessee's Agriculture Department early in the twentieth century - increase acreage under cultivation and increase production. The farm continues to operate under that principle.

The farm of John Kaserman [or Kasserman] is adjacent to the Shook - Vanzant Farm. Kaserman is credited with seeding the first alfalfa grown in all of Franklin County, and perhaps Tennessee. The Shook - Vanzant Farm is today seeded in alfalfa which, weather permitting, is cut four or five, or more, times a season. An important survival of the early

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twentieth century progressive farming techniques includes the crop patterns, such as the crop alfalfa, introduced during the progressive period on the Shook - Vanzant Farm as a cash crop and grown today on the Shook - Vanzant Farm as a major cash crop. Common denominators in farm production recur in Franklin County from mid- to late nineteenth century until the present: cattle, swine, mules, timber, hay, corn, wheat, soybeans, alfalfa, horses, crimson clover, forked deer oats. The Shook - Vanzant Farm has been or is now involved in most, if not all, of these enterprises. These crop patterns are evidence of the Shook - Vanzant Farm's involvement from the historic progressive period in the early twentieth century and throughout this century.

As a result of a road project, there has been a consensus level determination of eligibility between the Tennessee Historical Commission and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The farmstead meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for Historic Family Farms in Middle Tennessee. For over 100 years of continuing influence and involvement with the agricultural and architectural heritage of Franklin County, the Shook - Vanzant Farm is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria C and A.

Other Franklin County National Register Properties include some agricultural or ethnic related properties in the area of the Shook - Vanzant Farm: These are Falls Mill [NR 1972] and the Falls Mill District [NR 1987], Circular Barn at Cloverdale Farm [NR 1973], Zaugg Bank Barn [NR 1973]. The Shook - Vanzant Farm is a good example of a working, extant farm site whose function and form is intact, and relatively unaltered.

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X. BOUNDARY

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property contains approximately four hundred acres which are indicated on the attached Franklin County tax maps #85, #86, and #95, parcel #25 and #25.01. The property is bounded on the northwest by US Highway 64; on the west by Faris Chapel Road; and on other sides by adjacent property lines.

The tax map for this property has a scale of 1" = 400'. The map is prepared by the Tennessee Broad of Equalization for rural areas and is the only scale map available.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property contains acreage historically associated with the farmstead that retains integrity.

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PHOTOGRAPHS.

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Franklin County, Tennessee

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Date: March 1998

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Nashville, TN

North/northwest facade, main house, facing south
#1 of 28

West elevation, main house, facing west
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South rear elevation, main house, facing north
#3 of 28

East elevation, main house, facing west
#4 of 28

North facade, main house, facing south
#5 of 28

Barn with shed additions, east facade, facing west
#6 of 28

Barn with shed additions, east facade, facing west
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Tool shed, three grain bins, north facade, facing south
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Smoke houses, north facade, facing south
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Smoke House
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Smoke House
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Entrance hall, entrance door, first floor, facing north
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Stair detail, entrance hall, first floor, facing east
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Fireplace detail, parlor, first floor, facing south
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Dining room, first floor, facing west
#15 of 28

Kitchen door, first floor, facing north
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Rear stair, mud-storage room, facing south
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Door detail, second floor hall, facing north
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Fireplace, second floor bedroom, facing south
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Tenant House
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Tenant House
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Kelly Moore House, north facade, facing south
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Kelly Moore House, east elevation, facing west
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Kelly Moore House, west elevation, facing east
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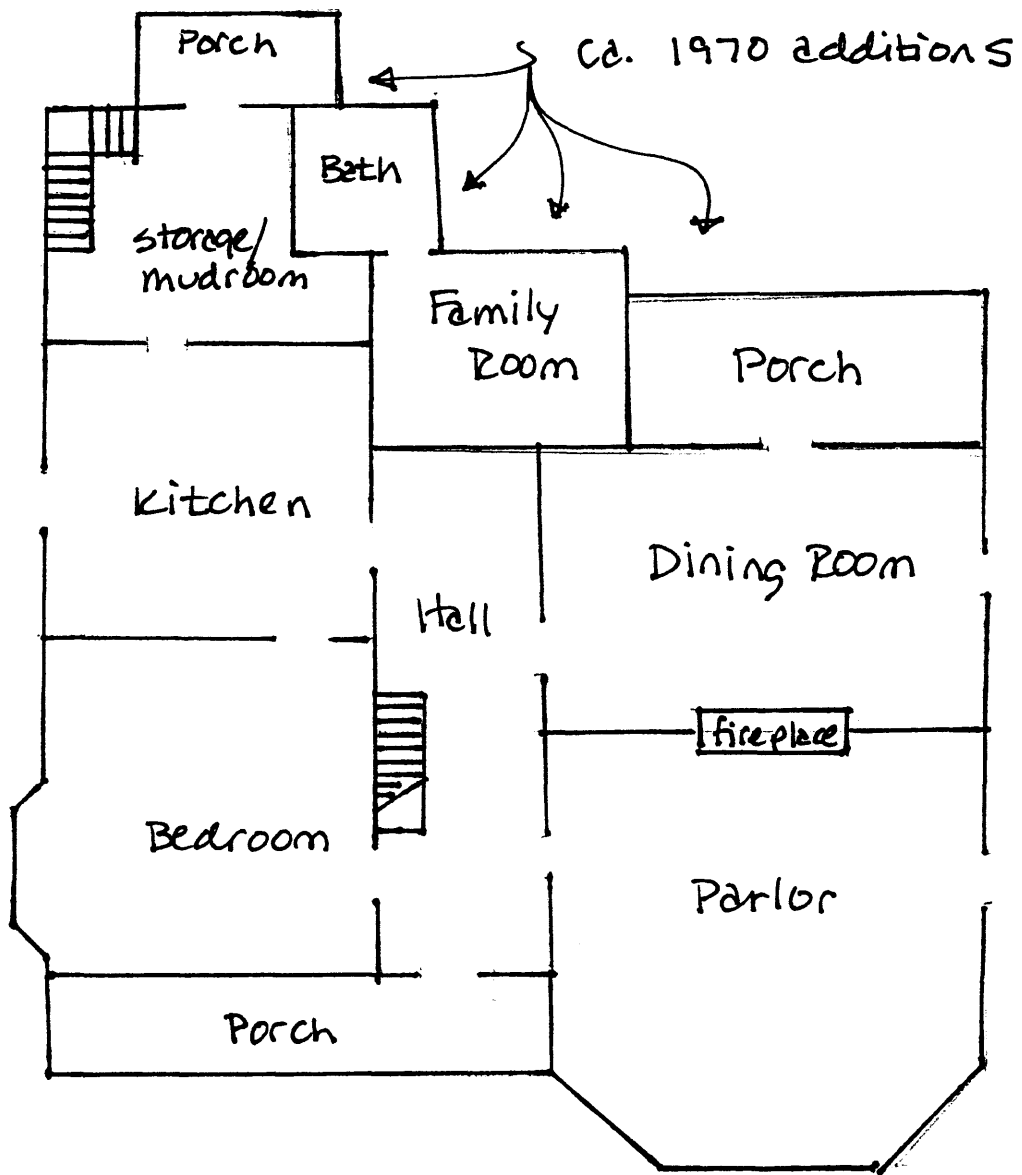
Garage, west of Kelly Moore House
#25 of 28

Shed
#26 of 28

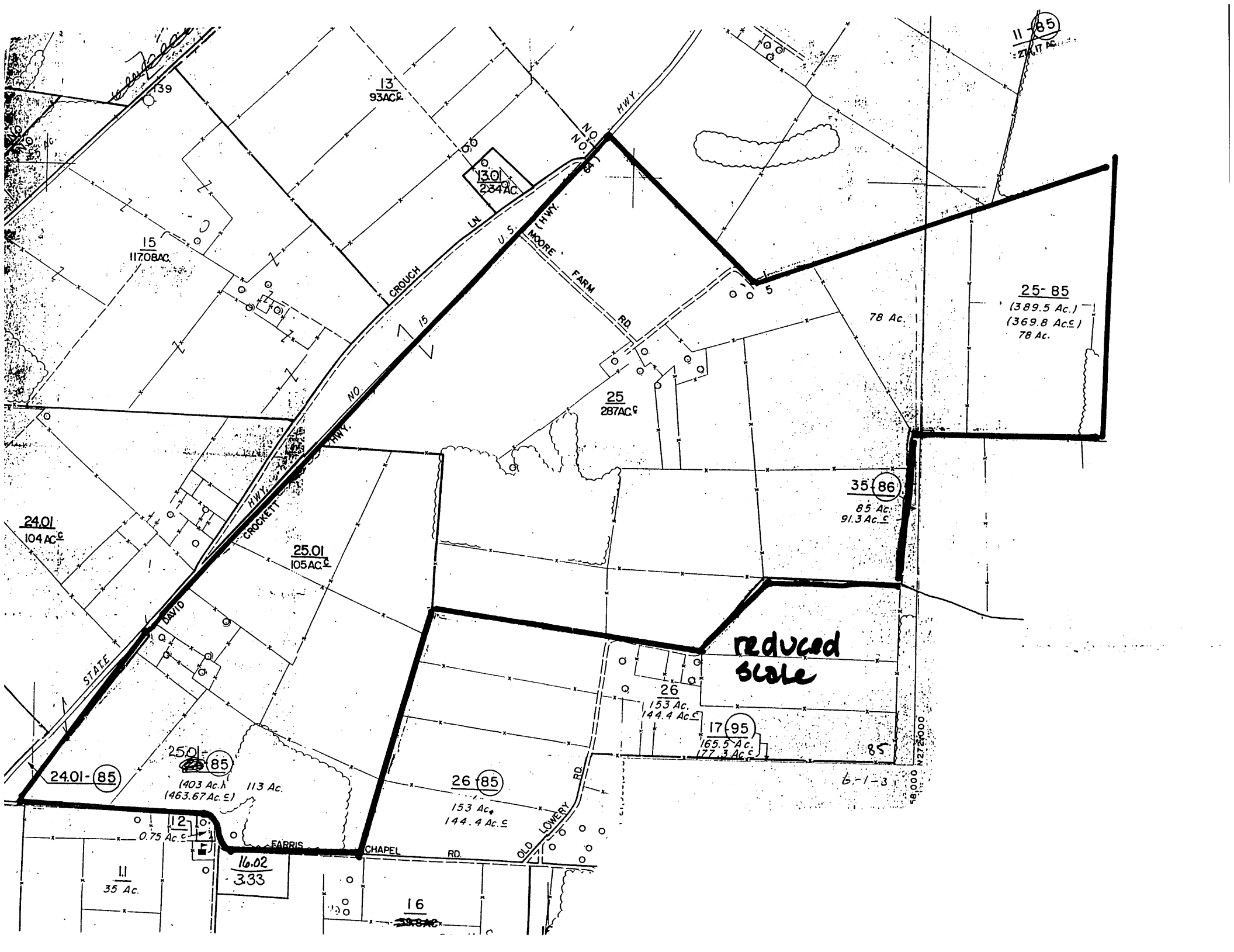
Overview, barn and shed
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Barn
#28 of 28

Shook - Vanzant Farm (House)
Franklin County, TN



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SCALE



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93 AC.

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130
234 AC.

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25.01
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35 (86)
85 AC.
91.3 AC. E.

25-85
(389.5 AC.)
(369.8 AC. E.)
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144.4 AC. E.

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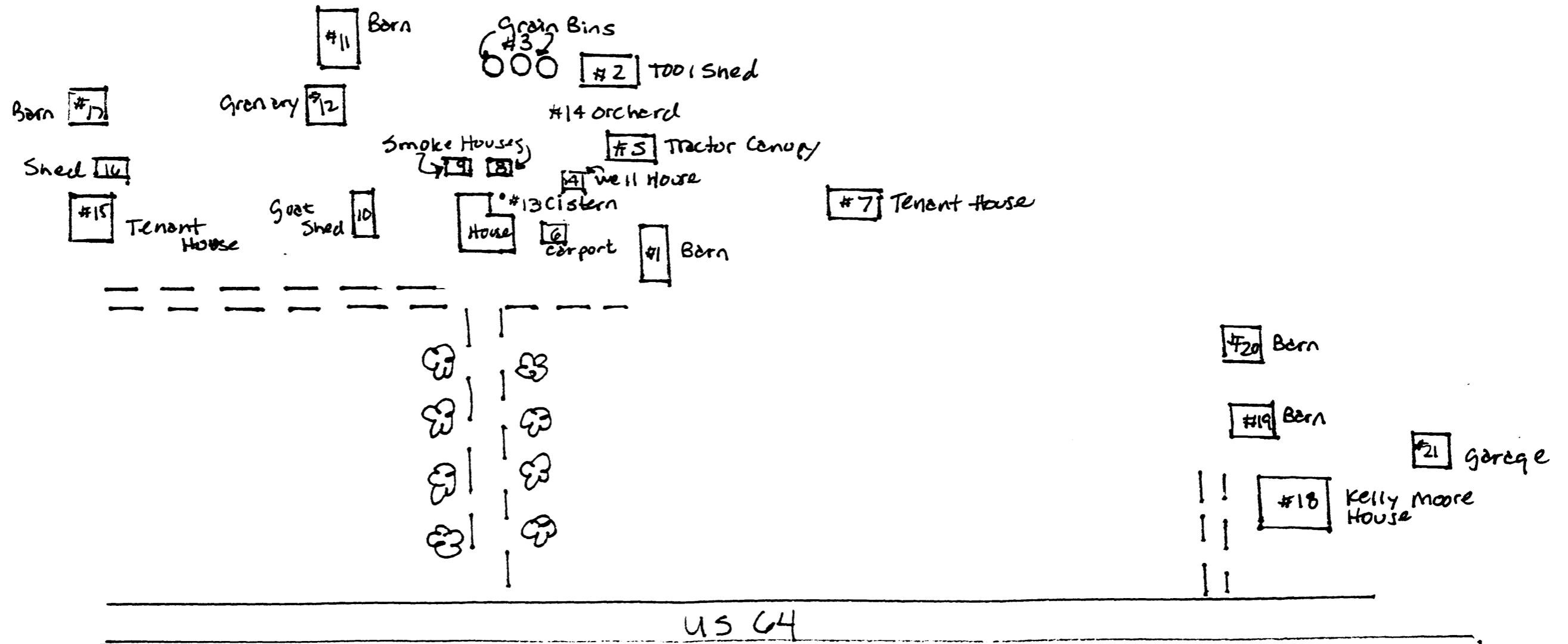
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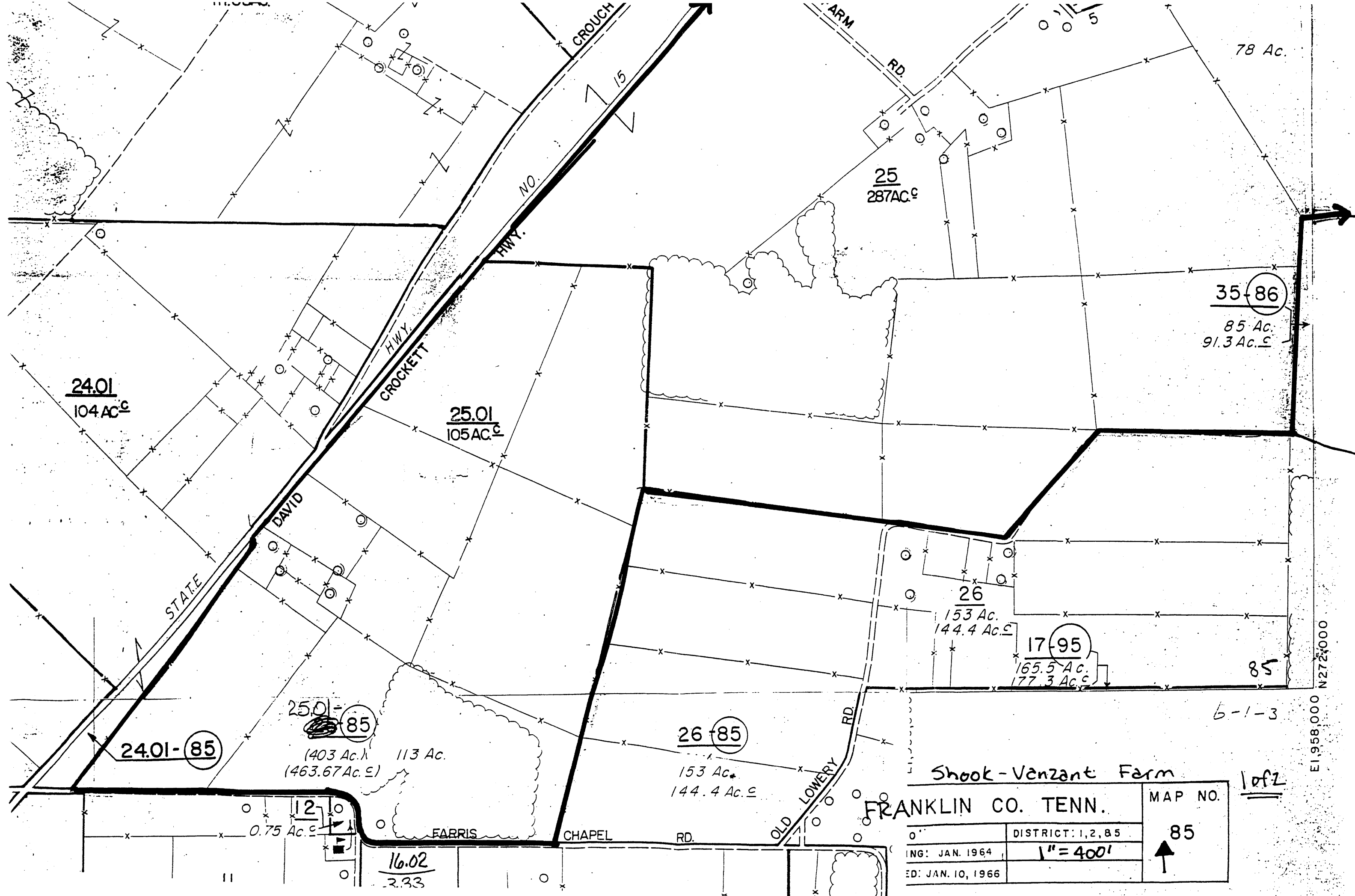
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Shook-Vanzant Farm
Franklin County TN

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Shook-Venzant Farm

FRANKLIN CO. TENN.

MAP NO.

85

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ING: JAN. 1964
ED: JAN. 10, 1966

DISTRICT: 1, 2, 85
1" = 400'

1 of 2

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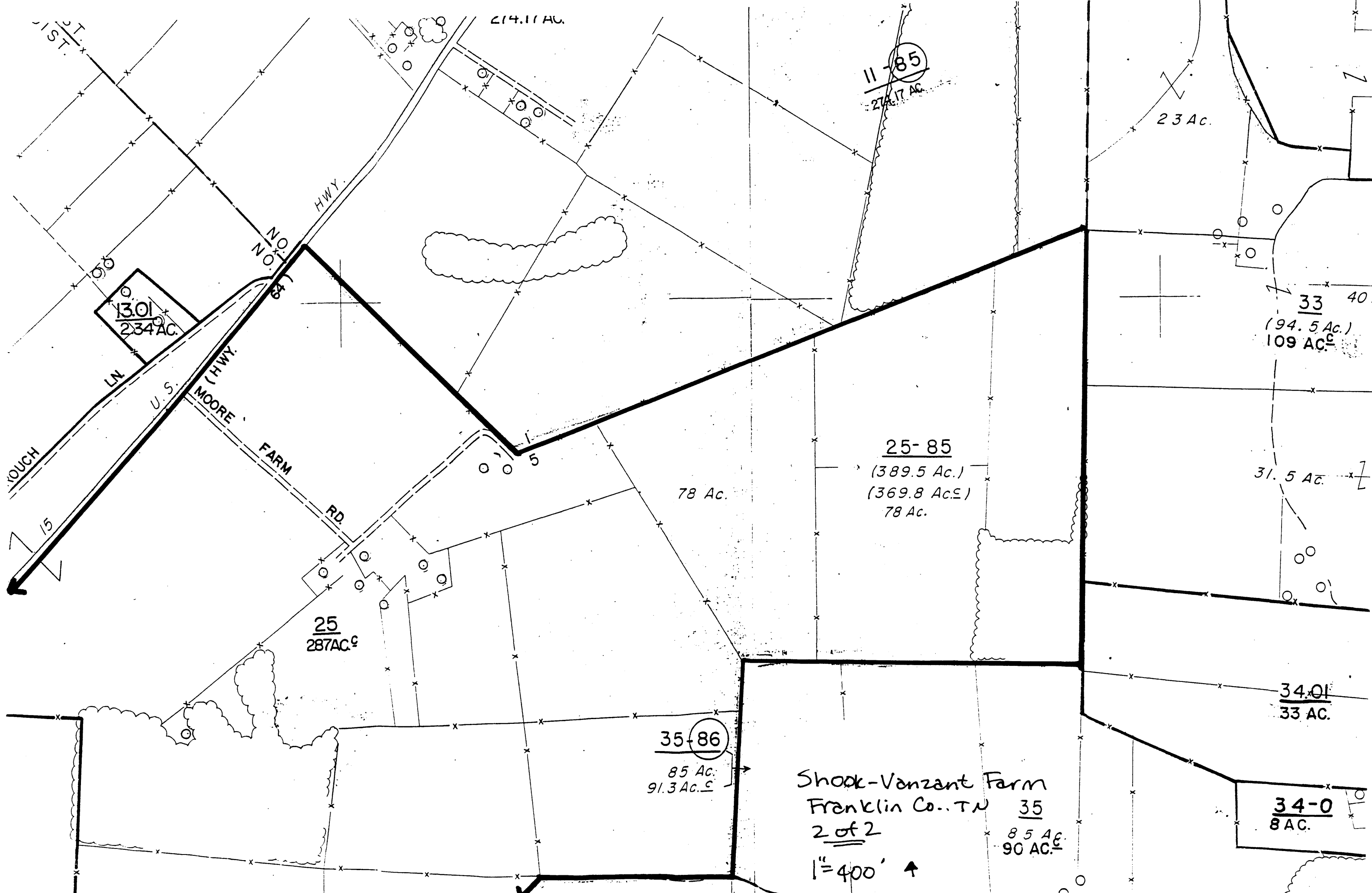
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OLD LOWERY

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Shook-Vanzant Farm
Franklin Co., TN 35
2 of 2
1" = 400' ↑

85 Ac.
90 AC.±

35-86
85 Ac.
91.3 AC.±

25-85
(389.5 Ac.)
(369.8 Ac.±)
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(94.5 Ac.)
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25
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