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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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Yarbrough, Franklin, Jr., Store
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Lee County Highway 68 not for publication
city, town Beulah vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Lee code 077 zip code 36854

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 3/16/89
Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:) _____

[Signature] 6/29/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade-Specialty Store

Social-Meeting Hall

Domestic-hotel and multiple dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

other

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone

walls limestone

roof asphalt shingle

other wood sashes

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Franklin Yarbrough Store, built c. 1870 is a two-story uncoursed stone structure with a wooden joist and closed stone foundation in fair condition. An iron tension beam runs east to west through the center of the building to provide support. On the west facade the end of the beam has a decorative "S." Fenestration includes six-over-six and four-over-four inset windows in their original sash. There is a door on the west and first-story elevations. The south elevation has a central first-story window and two-story window on the east side. The front facade, north, has two windows and a central door on the first story and two windows on the east and west sides of the second story. The east elevation has one window on the first story and three widows on the second story. The west facade has a window on the first story and three windows on the second story. Doors on the north and south second story were converted into windows when the building became a boarding house in the 1930s. At this time partitions were added upstairs and still remain. The interior staircase probably was added at this time.

The plan of the building is rectangular with three rooms on the first floor and three partitioned rooms on the second floor. An interior staircase on the west side provides access to the second floor.

Stone fireplaces with brick chimneys rise from the east and south ends of the plain gable roof. There is evidence that the original roofing material was shake shingle. The store now has a contemporary asphalt shingle roof.

Interior finish materials are plaster walls and second-story ceilings. Wood is used for the flooring and first-story ceiling.

A stone porch was added to the front of the building when it became a boarding house. The porch has stone masonry pillars at the corners. It is a vernacular adaptation of the Arts and Crafts style.

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Built after the Civil War as a general store in c.1870, the building is significant for its association with 19th-century agriculture, commerce, and community growth in Lee County. Its time of construction during the immediate Reconstruction Period provides evidence that there was a considerable movement among the planter elite of Lee County toward commercial development and agricultural diversity in the Deep South cotton belt, an extremely significant agricultural pattern of change in the late 19th century. The general store supplied planters and small farmers alike with new types of consumer products, goods made available through the new transportation networks which increasingly linked the rural South to the wider commercial marketplace of late Victorian America, while also providing its owners, the Yarbrough family, with new sources of revenue and potential avenues of economic growth.

The store also doubled as a lodge and tavern for travellers and the community. It became a social gathering place for the community. These several uses mirror its importance as the community center in Beulah during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. During the 1880s, the building's importance solidified when the building became the meeting place of the local Masonic Orders.

Abandoned during the agricultural depression that racked the rural South in the 1920s, the stone building became a boarding house in the 1930s. It served that purpose for several years, but now stands merely as a local storehouse and has no active commercial function.

The store's builder, Franklin Yarbrough, Jr., was the son of Franklin Yarbrough, Sr., the largest landowner and cotton producer in the Beulah community before the Civil War. The Yarbroughs retained much of their property after the Civil War and remained prominent citizens in the area. Franklin, Jr., became one of the leading businessmen of Lee County during the Reconstruction era. A member of the Masonic Order, he donated land for the Methodist Church in Beulah in 1880, which still stands today. As one of the founders of Lee County, Franklin Yarbrough, Jr., contributed to the community's political, social, and economic development. His general store was a physical manifestation of his significance.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce
Social History
Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1870 to c. 1930

Significant Dates

c. 1870
c. 1880

Cultural Affiliation

None

Significant Person

none

Architect/Builder

none

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

INTEGRITY

The Franklin Yarbrough Store maintains its integrity through its four original elevations exposed with no exterior alterations. The minor alterations within the building, the staircase and second-story partitions, do not detract from the store's historic quality. The added porch does not detract from the historic quality of the building. The store sits within a rural landscape, similar to its original historic environment.

CRITERION A - COMMERCE, SOCIAL HISTORY

The Yarbrough Store is significant under criterion A for its association with the commercial diversification of the Lee County economy during the Reconstruction Period. The store provided the rural populace with consumer products made available through new transportation networks which linked the rural South to the wider commercial marketplace of Victorian America. The store also served as a community gathering place in Beulah where farmers met to exchange information with neighbors and travelers, and housed the local Masonic Order.

CRITERION C - ARCHITECTURE

As the only 19th-century stone commercial building in Beulah, the store is a significant example of late 19th-century vernacular commercial architecture in Lee County. The store is constructed of local limestone and exhibits local building craftsmanship. Stone construction is rare in Alabama but more prevalent in this section of the state.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Nunn, Alexander. Lee County and Her Founders. Montgomery: Herff Jones, 1983.
Lee County Deed Books
Oral interview with Mrs. Nell Byrd.
Wheeling, Marjorie and Yielding, Teresa, eds. "History: Beulah United Methodist Church."
n.p., 1987.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Lee County Council of Governments

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property one-half

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundaries reflect the present lot and yard of the building.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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The property is located in Range 28E, Township 20N, Section 24. It is a portion of parcel 12 marked on the enclosed county plat map. The boundaries for the Yarbrough store are marked on the map. Its eastern boundary is Beulah and Blanton Road with McCollough Road on the northeast side.

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Information in items 1-5 is the same for all photographs listed.

1. Yarbrough, Franklin, Jr. Store
2. Lee Co. Hwy. 68, Beulah Vcn., Lee County, Alabama
3. Mary Mason Shell
4. January 1989
5. Alabama Historical Commission
6. facing southwest, northeast elevation - facade and side
7. Photo #1

6. facing northwest, southeast elevation - rear and side
7. Photo #2

6. facing east, west elevation
7. Photo #3

6. facing east, foundation on west elevation
7. Photo #4

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80 ROW

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5.1 AC^C

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281
304.7
170.3 133.4

BE
ME

BEULAH
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

11
57 AC^C

12
7.6 AC^C

13.01

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10 AC^D
9.6 AC^C

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69.6
100.6
182.1
207.8
269.9

RGE 28 E
RGE 29 E

13
84 AC^C



SCALE: 1" = 400 ft.
SOURCE: Lee County Plat Map
Lee County Tax Assessor Office