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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Fisher, A. J., House
other names/site number Fisher, A. J., House (BL-1425)

2. Location

street & number On Old Walland Highway N/A not for publication
city, town Walland N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37886

3. Classification

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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>1</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | <u> </u> | <u> </u> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <u> </u> | <u> </u> structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u> </u> | <u> </u> objects |
| | | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> Total |

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.
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.
Arthur L. Hays 6/8/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy SHPO, 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.

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:)
Arthur L. Hays 7/25/89
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/Colonial Revival/Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Metalother Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The A. J. Fisher House is a one-story frame, 3 bay, asymmetrical plan residence built ca. 1902 with Colonial Revival/Queen Anne influences. The house has shiplap siding, a brick foundation, hipped roof of metal standing seam and interior brick chimneys. On the main (south) and east facades is a one-story porch with original square Doric motif columns and railing with square balusters. At the eave are dentils and in the gable field of the porch are fish scale shingles and paired diamond light casement windows. The main entrance has an original single light glass and frame door with a single light transom. Windows are rectangular one-over-one sash with wood sills. In the gable fields of the east and west facades are also fish scale shingles with single diamond light casement windows.

On the west facade is a projecting bay with a large one-over-one sash window. At the rear facade is a small one-story porch with an original chamfered column. At the northeast facade is a ca. 1915-1920 one-story frame addition with a poured concrete foundation, shiplap siding and one-over-one sash windows. The interior of the house was inaccessible. To the northwest of the house is a one-story, frame, ca. 1960 garage which is non-contributing to the site. The house is located on a large rectangular residential lot in the small community of Walland.

8. Statement of Significance

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 N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Industry

Period of Significance

ca. 1902-1931

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The A.J. Fisher House is significant under criterion A for its association with the Schlosser Leather Company, an important industry of the county in the early 20th century. The company began operations at Walland in 1901 and constructed a large industrial complex for the tanning of hides and leather. The company constructed this residence and most of the buildings at Walland during this period. This residence served as the plant superintendent's home from ca. 1902 to 1931 and until 1922 it was occupied by the plant's first manager, A.J. Fisher. In 1931, most of the plant buildings burned and those which survived the fire were later razed. The A.J. Fisher House is the only surviving plant building remaining from this industry and the property has not been significantly altered.

The Schlosser Leather Company purchased 223 acres from Josiah (Stut) Gamble in May, 1901 and was chartered to manufacture leathers, operate flour mills and build railroads. The company selected a site on the north side of the Little River for its ample water supply for its operation. Under the supervision of J. W. Fisher, the company began construction of a tannery which began operations in 1902. The town of Walland was officially established in March of 1902 with the company building several dozen residences and opening a post office adjacent to the plant. The plant itself was composed of several large frame buildings which were built adjacent to the Little River. The name Walland was a combination of Walton and England, two of the directors of the Schlosser Company. The plant handled an average of 300-400 hides per day and each hide was five months in process using about 250 carloads of tanbark per year.

Soon after the plant was constructed, the company built a one-story frame, Colonial Revival/Queen Anne influenced residence on a hill overlooking the plant site. This residence was to serve as the home of the plant superintendent who was responsible for the day to day operation of the company. The first superintendent was A.J. Fisher whose family occupied the house until 1922. From 1902 to 1922 the Schlosser Leather Company was one of the largest industries in the county with over fifty workers employed at the plant. In 1922,

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the plant was sold to the A.C. Lawrence Leather Company and James Shields became the plant manager. The company continued operations until January of 1931 when the major plant buildings were destroyed by fire. With the onset of the Depression and litigation over its pollution of the Little River, the company decided not to rebuild.

Since 1931, the majority of the buildings associated with the Schlosser Leather Company have been altered or razed. The only industrial building associated with the industry is the Walland Power Plant located downstream on the Little River. This brick building was constructed in 1909 and housed electric generators to power the plant complex. The building has not been altered and has been nominated to the National Register for its association with the plant. In Walland are several residences built by the company to house their workers but the majority of these have been altered and no longer retain integrity. Of the plant buildings constructed in Walland only superintendent A.J. Fisher's house remains.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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Kinzel Springs Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the A. J. Fisher House is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 72, lot 14.01. The property is bounded on the north by a fence line, on the east by a driveway, on the south by the north right-of-way of the Old Walland Highway, and on the west by the western property line. Tax map is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the A. J. Fisher House includes all property historically associated with the house. The boundary is drawn to include the house and adjacent non-contributing outbuilding and exclude a modern residence built to the east on the lot. No other buildings associated with the property's period of significance exist.

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Photographs
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A. J. Fisher House
Old Walland Hwy., Walland, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

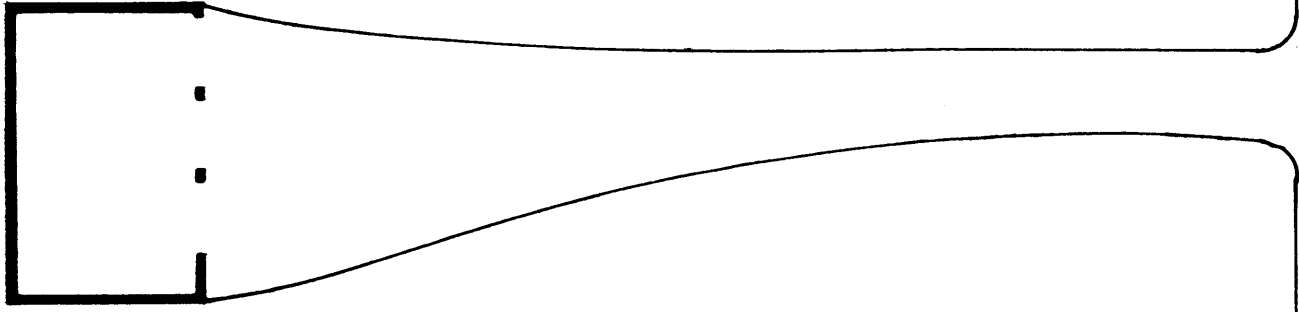
View: Southwest facade.
Photo # 1

View: Southeast facade.
Photo # 2

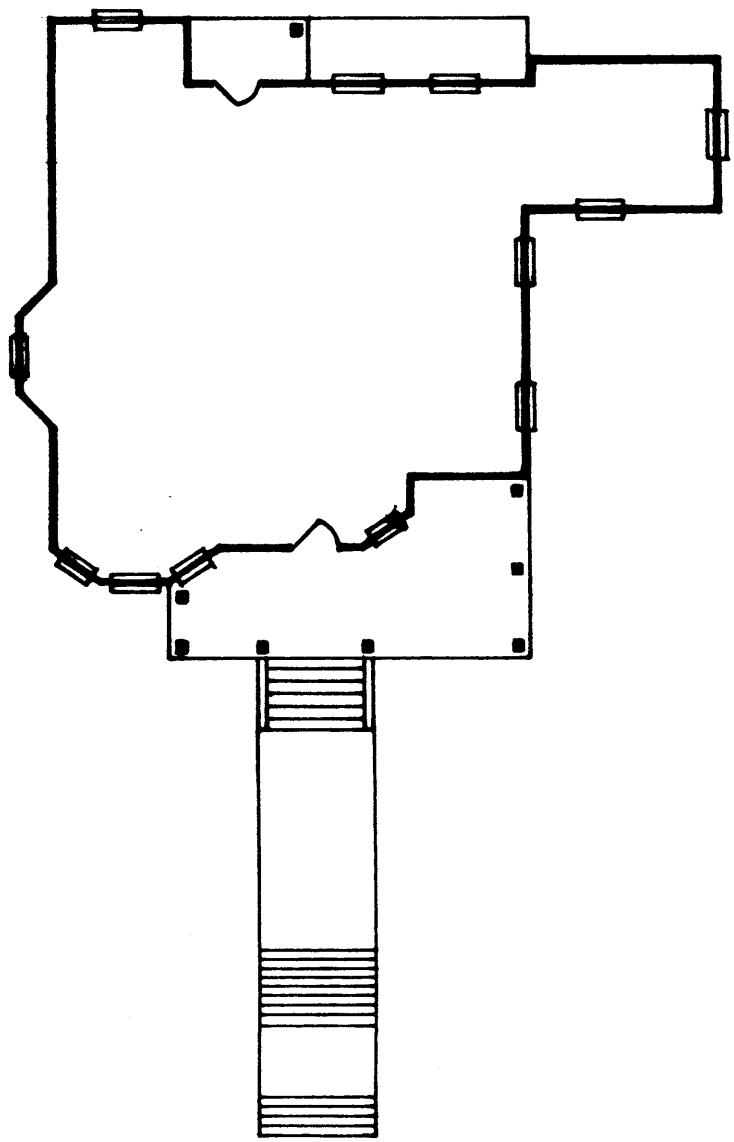
View: Northeast facade.
Photo # 3

View: Northwest facade.
Photo # 4

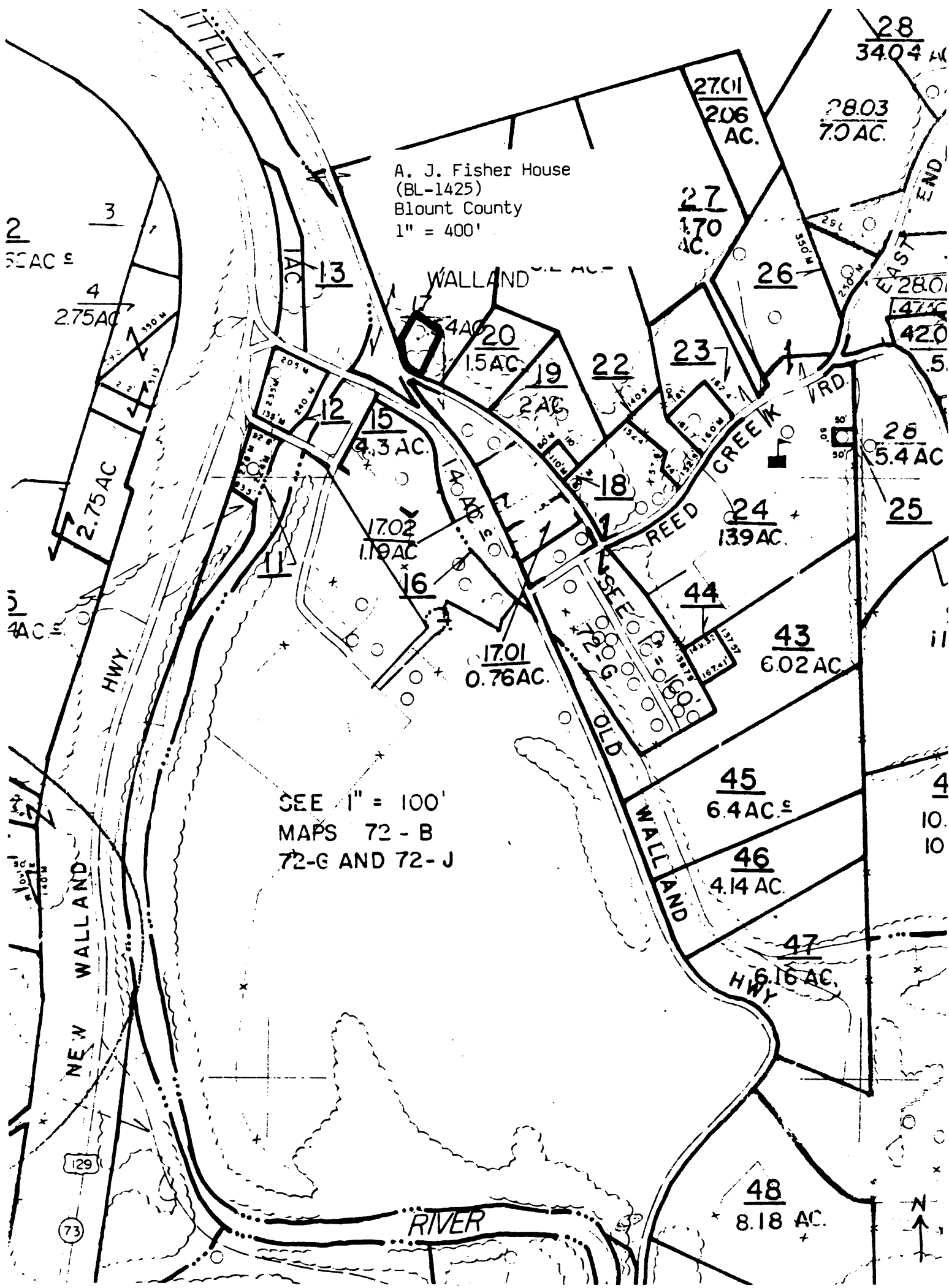
View: Non-contributing outbuilding.
Photo # 5



GARAGE



#1425 - A. J. FISHER HOUSE



A. J. Fisher House
 (BL-1425)
 Blount County
 1" = 400'

SEE 1" = 100'
 MAPS 72 - B
 72-G AND 72-J

28
 34.04 AC

28.03
 7.0 AC.

27.01
 206 AC.

27
 170 AC.

26

28.01

420

5

26
 5.4 AC

25

24
 139 AC.

44

43
 6.02 AC

17.01
 0.76 AC.

17.02
 1.19 AC

15
 4.3 AC.

20
 1.5 AC.

19
 2 AC.

22

23

13

12

16

2
 52 AC ±

3

4
 2.75 AC

7
 2.75 AC

4

10.

10

45
 6.4 AC.±

46
 4.14 AC.

47
 6.16 AC.
 HWY.

48
 8.18 AC.

