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- **B** removed from its original location.
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- **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure
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10. Geographical Data		
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Narrative Description

The Thomas Drugs building, faces south and is located on the main thoroughfare in the original business district of Cross Plains, Robertson County, Tennessee (1988 population 872). The building sits on the northeast corner of the intersection of State Highway 25 and Cedar Street. Businesses have continuously occupied this corner location since the early nineteenth century.

The existing wood frame structure was built in 1915 to replace an earlier store building that burned in 1914. The existing structure is one story with a fourteen foot ceiling height and originally measured approximately twenty-four foot wide by fifty foot deep. The store is a common early twentieth century commercial style building with a symmetrical facade and a parapet concealing a simple gable roof. The facade is dominated by two large display windows on each side of a central recessed entrance consisting of a pair of two foot six inches by eight foot glazed doors. The doors and display windows share a continuous dentiled molding between the display windows and the transom. The transom lights are currently painted over on the exterior and papered on the inside. The window and door casings are of wood and the door inset is marked by flanking vertically striated pilasters. The entrance doors, display windows and trim are all original. The facade parapet is dominated by its original dentiled cornice with console brackets of shaped tin and is crowned by a cast iron feature displaying the year "1915." Prior to circa 1935 an awning was added over the store windows and entrance. Just above the awning in the center of the facade is a simple rectangular vent.

In circa 1935 the mercantile store ceased occupancy and Thomas Drugs acquired the facility. At that time a simple and unadorned wood frame addition was added to the east side to provide office space for a local physician in the rear and a barber and hair dresser in the front. The addition is approximately ten foot wide and extends the depth of the original structure. The awning was extended to protect the front of this addition. The facade of this addition contains three sections of glazed windows, side by side on the west side of the addition. Each window is two foot four inches by four foot eight inches. To the east of these windows, is the entrance door which is a standard glazed two foot six inches by six foot eight inches door. All windows and the door are original to this 1935 addition. The awning may have changed to corrugated tin with a rolled front edge circa 1935 and the east and west side of the structure were covered with a pressed tin siding made to resemble rusticated stone at the same time.

The west side of the store is void of any windows at this time. However, in the original structure there was a display window in the northwest corner. This was a glazed display window, approximately five

foot by five foot. This window was covered circa 1945 with the pressed tin that resembles the tin siding that was originally on the main portion of the building. The inside of this window was covered with display shelves. On the southwest corner of the original building is a sheet of pressed tin that is not original to the building. The tin replaces the original siding that was damaged when removing an advertising sign. This repair to the siding was thought to be done at the same time the window on the west side was covered, circa 1945.

A storage and restroom addition was added across the rear of the building circa 1945. There are no doors or windows on the north elevation which is visible only as the lean-to which was built in circa 1945. The original gable roof with a simple board frieze and rectangular vent is visible above the shed roof addition.

The rear addition can be seen on the east elevation of the building, now the Medical Clinic. The east elevation is the only elevation, other than the facade, to have window and door openings. There are seven windows. Going from south to north, the first two windows on the west elevation are double hung, one-over-one, two foot four inches by four foot windows. These windows originally served the barber and beauty shops. The next window is a small infill window that was added circa The change was made when the doctor's office expanded into the 1940. front portion of the addition. This window is double-hung, two over two, two foot two inches by four foot three inches. The next three windows are one-over-one, double hung windows that are set closely together. These windows are the same size as the first two windows and provided light for the original doctor's examining room. North of these three windows there was originally a pair of French doors that served as an entrance to the doctor's office. The doorway is now covered with a sheet of pressed tin to resemble the original tin siding on the The French doors are covered in the interior with storage building. The covering of this doorway was thought to be done during cabinets. the remodeling of the doctor's office, circa 1940. The northern most window on the eastern wall is the same size as the larger windows on the east side. This window served the doctor's personal office. Since 1982 this window has been covered with paneling in the interior.

The property has maintained the primary exterior components and appearance it had in the late 1930s. In the event of the addition and the closure of some of the doors and windows and repairs made to the original building, an attempt was made to match the pressed tin siding as closely as possible. The tin siding has a pattern of rusticated stone. When the repairs and remodeling were done they did not align the pattern to meet the original, so newer sections of tin are more noticeable. However, the unmatched sections of tin and the changing of window or door openings does not compromise the overall integrity of the building.

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The interior of the store has changed through the years to keep up with the needs of a thriving business. These changes were done gradually through the years, but most were done in keeping with the historical fabric of the building. The majority of the changes were done while Mr. William Burgess Thomas, the pharmacist, owned the building. The changes represent the evolution of his retail business. The original floors of the store building were tongue and groove pine, three inches in width. The original flooring was covered in circa 1940 with nine inch square composite tile that is still in use. The walls and ceiling are plaster and lathe. The walls are covered with wallpaper in the store portion. The original ceiling was covered with one foot by two foot ceiling tile circa 1950. In 1915 there were six suspended school house light fixtures. These were replaced by six four foot suspended fluorescent fixtures at the same time the ceiling tile was added. In 1985 the florescent fixtures were replaced by five eight foot and one four foot fluorescent fixtures. The building originally contained three ceiling fans, two fans spaced were spaced equal distance in the center of the building and one fan was located just outside the front doors. Only one fan remains and it is located in the front portion of the store.

The interior of the store still has five, eight foot and one six foot and one four foot and one three foot long free standing glass and oak display cases. One of the eight foot cases still has its 1915 shipping tag on the on the underside. The wall cabinets on the east and west walls were designed for display of sundry items. Though not original to the 1915 store, they are believed to have been built circa 1915 and installed into the drug store in 1945. The net result is that the freestanding display cases and the wall cases are from the era of the original construction which certainly contributes to the property's historic presence.

The original drug store business incorporated a soda fountain. Its original back bar of mahogany, marble top, brass handles and hinges and a large beveled mirror is still in use. The original fountain and stools were removed in 1991 and replaced by a black and chrome soda fountain from circa 1940. The booths installed in circa 1940 are still in use today. The drug counter is located at the rear of the store. The original 1935 counter was replaced in 1955.

The circa 1935 addition still has the majority of its exterior details, but the interior had been modified in layout and decoration. Originally the floors were covered with nine by nine inch composition tile, but were later covered with twelve inch by twelve in vinyl tile. The additions walls and ceiling were originally plaster and lathe and covered with wallpaper. The ceiling is ten foot high. There are presently six rooms in the addition.

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The southern most room is eleven foot by ten foot and was originally the barber shop. The plaster walls are covered with three quarter inch, tongue and groove, fluted knotty pine panel of random width from circa 1945. The original plaster ceiling is covered with two foot by one foot ceiling tile. The tile is similar to the tile in the drug store from circa 1950. On the south wall of the room, in the southeast corner, is the standard glazed entrance door. West of the door are three windows. On the west wall is a half glazed door with three panels. This is a This is a standard interior door, thirty-two by six foot six inch, and is original. The north wall contains a standard half glazed door with three panels in the northwest corner. The door originally lead to the next room, the former beauty shop. The door now leads to a small hallway. On the east wall of this room is double-hung, one over one, window. The original light fixture was a suspended bulb and socket. This was replaced by a four bulb, two foot fluorescent fixture circa 1950. The 1950 fixture was replaced in 1993 with a new four bulb, two foot fluorescent fixture.

The second room, the original beauty shop, originally was nine foot six inches by eight foot. During the 1945 renovation of the doctor's office, a three foot hallway was created on the west side of the room. In addition, a four foot room was built on the north side of this room and opened into the new hallway. The walls were covered with sheet paneling in 1982. The ceiling was lowered to eight foot with drop in panels measuring eighteen by thirty-six inches. The original lighting, like the barber shop, was a suspended bulb and socket fixture replaced in 1982 with a fluorescent fixture. On the east wall is a double-hung, one over one window. On the west side of the room is a standard solid wood three panel door to the hallway.

The third room is the smaller room that was created in the 1945 renovation. The room presently serves as the doctor's lab. The room measures four foot by eight foot. On the east side of the room is a small double-hung, two over two window which was added in the 1945 renovation. As in the second room, and all the remaining rooms, the ceiling was lowered and a fluorescent light fixture added in 1982. On the west side of the room is a solid wood three panel door that opens into the hallway.

The fourth room was originally part of the doctor's office and measured seven foot six inches by eight foot. On the east side of the room are two double-hung windows. Originally located on the south wall in the southeast corner, was a doorway, but this has been converted into bookshelves. The doorway was from circa 1945, and the bookshelves from circa 1950. Also located on the south wall is a small one foot by one foot pass through to the lab. On the west wall of the room is a standard three panel wood door opening into the hallway. Originally the walls were covered with narrow beaded paneling which was laid

horizontally to floor in an unusual method. This panelling is exposed on the east and south wall, but is covered with wallpaper (circa 1992) on the west and north walls.

The fifth room, also originally part of the doctor's office, is the largest room in the addition, measuring twelve foot four inches by eleven foot. On the east wall in the southeast corner is a double hung, one over one, window. In the center of the east wall there was originally a pair of French doors that served as the main entrance to the doctor's office. These doors were closed circa 1945 and are covered on the interior with shelves. On the south wall in the southwest corner is a standard solid wood three panel door that leads into the hallway. On the north wall of this room in the center is a standard three panel door that leads to the sixth and final room of the addition. The walls are covered with sheet paneling for 1982.

The sixth and northern most room, part of the original doctor's office, originally measured thirteen foot by eleven foot. Originally located on the east wall in the center was a double hung, one over one window. The window remains in place but has been covered with sheet paneling. In the northeast corner of the east wall, there is a four foot by five foot restroom from circa 1950. Also located on the east wall is a two foot by eight foot storage closed that was added in 1982. On the south wall is a standard solid wood three panel door that leads into the fifth room. The walls are covered with sheet paneling and, along with the previous four rooms, has had its ceiling lowered.

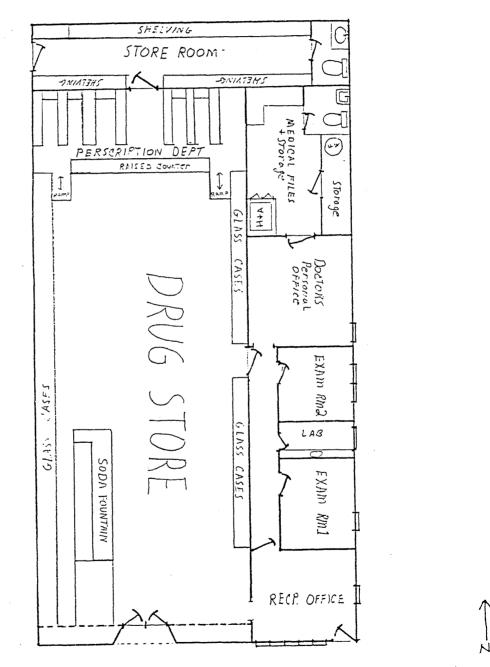
A storage addition was built onto the rear of the original building and doctor's addition. The only entrances to this storage room are from the rear of the drug store and from the west end of the storage room. When the addition was first constructed, it was called the paint room because at that time the drug store was the primary retailer for paint in town. The storage room measures thirty-five foot by eight foot. The floor is poured concrete and three walls and the ceiling are constructed of unpainted drywall. The west side of the storage room has a standard exterior solid wood six panel door that leads to the outside. The north wall is of unpainted dry wall and has oak and pine utility shelves built from the floor to the ceiling. The east end of the storage room contains a four foot by eight foot restroom, added in 1974. The south wall still has the pressed tin siding from the original rear wall of The were originally four porcelain light receptacles the building. attached directly to the ceiling. These were replaced with four fluorescent fixtures in 1992. The concrete floor was covered with carpet in 1985. The south wall also has oak and pine utility shelves. The storage room was added circa 1945.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Thomas Drugs building, originally a general mercantile store owned and operated by several different owners or partners was built in 1915. In 1935 the building was purchased by the Thomas family and an addition was built to house a doctor's office. Thomas Drugs is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterions A and C as a locally significant commercial building. Thomas Drugs is eligible under criteria A for historical association to the commercial center of the small community of Cross Plains, Robertson County, Tennessee as both a dry goods and general store, and later a corner drug store with the town's doctor's office attached to the side. It is also eligible under criterion C for its significance in architecture to Cross Plains as a good example of a 1915 commercial building with 1935 addition that illustrates the evolution of a small community's store.

Cross Plains is located on the Highland Rim approximately thirty miles north of Nashville. It has been a community since the early nineteenth century. The location of the store has a long history as a commercial site. The first known store to occupy the site was owned by William Etherly and John Copeland circa 1850. Between 1899 and 1911 H. J. Crocker and Sons operated a dry goods business at the site. J. H. Richards purchased the business from the Crockers in 1911 and, with Paul West, continued to operate the dry goods store until the building burned in 1914.

In 1915, the existing store building was constructed by a local builder, Charlie Dowell. At approximately this time Mr. Richards sold his interest in the store to Claude Howard. The store sold sewing materials, clothing, shoes, and hats made to order. In 1917 West volunteered for service in World War I and sold his interest in the store to Joe H. Swann. Mr Howard and Mr Swann ran the business until circa 1920. In 1921 E. B. Glidewell began operation of general merchandise in the present building. Glidewell left the store to open the first automotive dealership in Cross Plains.

Circa 1935 Dr. James Thomas and his son, William Burgess Thomas, moved their drugstore from its original location on the northwest corner of the intersection into the building vacated by Glidewell. At this time they added the addition on the east side which has provided office space for Dr. Thomas in the rear of the addition. Between circa 1935 and 1940 Alfred Cummings operated a barber shop in the front room of the addition and his wife operated a beauty salon in the second room.

The east addition has provided office space for the town physician since 1935. Dr. Thomas was the first physician to practice full time in Cross Plains. After his death in 1938, Dr. Roy Hendley became the local physician. Around 1940, both the barber and beauty shops moved out of

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the building and the two front rooms of the addition were modified and incorporated into the doctor's office. The east wing is still occupied by a town physician.

There have been physicians in the community since the early 1800s, but none of them had an office in a separate building. The majority of the doctors worked from their homes. The addition to the Thomas Drug Store building is the first know doctor's office to be located outside of a physician's house.

There have been other commercial buildings in Cross Plains, including other drug stores. However, the Thomas Drugs building is the only extant drug store, the others have burned down over the years. Thomas Drugs is one of three remaining commercial buildings from the turn of the century. The other two commercial buildings include Grave's Market, built in the late nineteenth century and an old bank building. Both the market building and the bank building have undergone major alterations and no longer retain integrity. The Grave's Market building has had the windows replaced and vinyl siding applied. The bank building has been divided into apartments and a balcony has been added to the facade of the building.

The Thomas Drugs building is significant for its architectural integrity and for its role in the commercial history of Cross Plains. Originally built as a general merchandise store and later modified to become a drug store and doctor's office it has been near the center of commercial activity in the small community. While the doctor's addition has been modified over the years, the majority of changes were made before 1940. Recent changes in both the doctor's office and the drug store do not detract from the buildings integrity.

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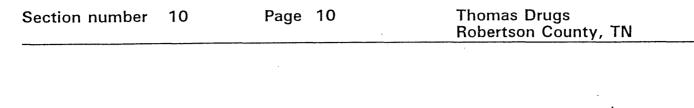
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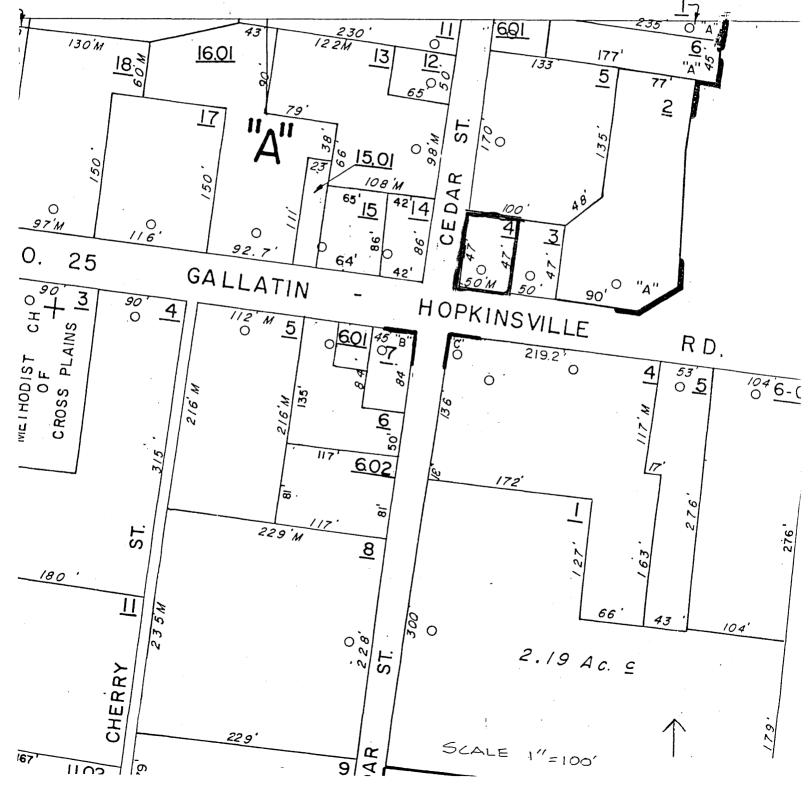
The Thomas Drugs building is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of State Highway 25 East and Cedar Street. Parcel 4, Group A, on Robertson County tax map 061M. See attached map.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the all the land historically associated with the building.

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