

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Presley Store

and/or common The Wehby Building (Western Auto Store)

2. Location

street & number 601 Main Street ~~Street~~ N/A not for publication

city, town Springville N/A vicinity of

state Alabama code 01 county St. Clair code 115

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. Harold H. Wehby

street & number P. O. Box 302

city, town Springville N/A vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Clair County Courthouse

street & number P. O. Box 220

city, town Ashville state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1970-present  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered  
(Minor)**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

This is a one-story detached commercial structure located on the southeast corner of Main and Robinson Streets. It is of frame construction with board and batten siding on the side and rear elevations and a cast-iron storefront and elaborate pressed metal cornice on the facade. The storefront is virtually unaltered.

The interior consists of one large room where store goods were sold and a smaller storage room behind it. The floors are wooden as are the walls and ceiling. The only window, other than those of the storefront, is a small square one in the upper back corner of the West wall.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      1902      **Builder/Architect**      Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Presley Store is one of Alabama's best examples of the use of ornamental pressed metal on a small commercial building and is the most ornate and elaborate commercial structure in the small town of Springville. In addition to the elaborate pressed metal entablature, the building features the town's only intact cast-iron storefront with ornamental detailing. The building was constructed in 1902 for Mr. R. Porter Presley and his brother John Presley to house their general mercantile business, and served this small community in that capacity during the first decades of the 20th century.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

St. Clair County Survey. Birmingham Regional Commission 1973.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .17

Quadrangle name Springville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	6	5	4	8	9	4	10	3	17	3	17	1	1	2	10
Zone		Easting				Northing									

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See red line on attached plat

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ellen Mertins, National Register Coordinator

organization Alabama Historical Commission date November, 1982

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone (205) 832-6621

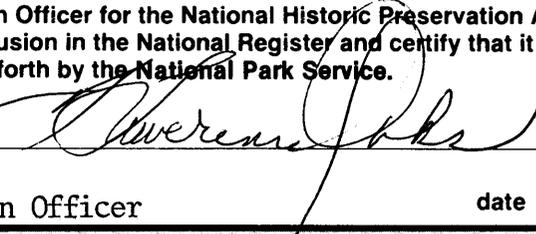
city or town Montgomery state Alabama

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

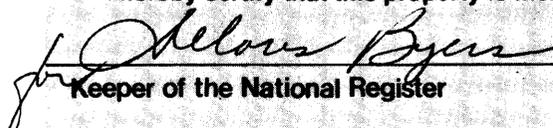
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12-6-82

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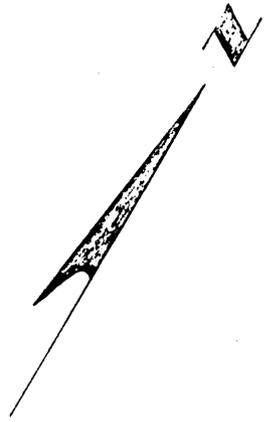
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 **Entered in the National Register** date 1/11/83  
Keeper of the National Register

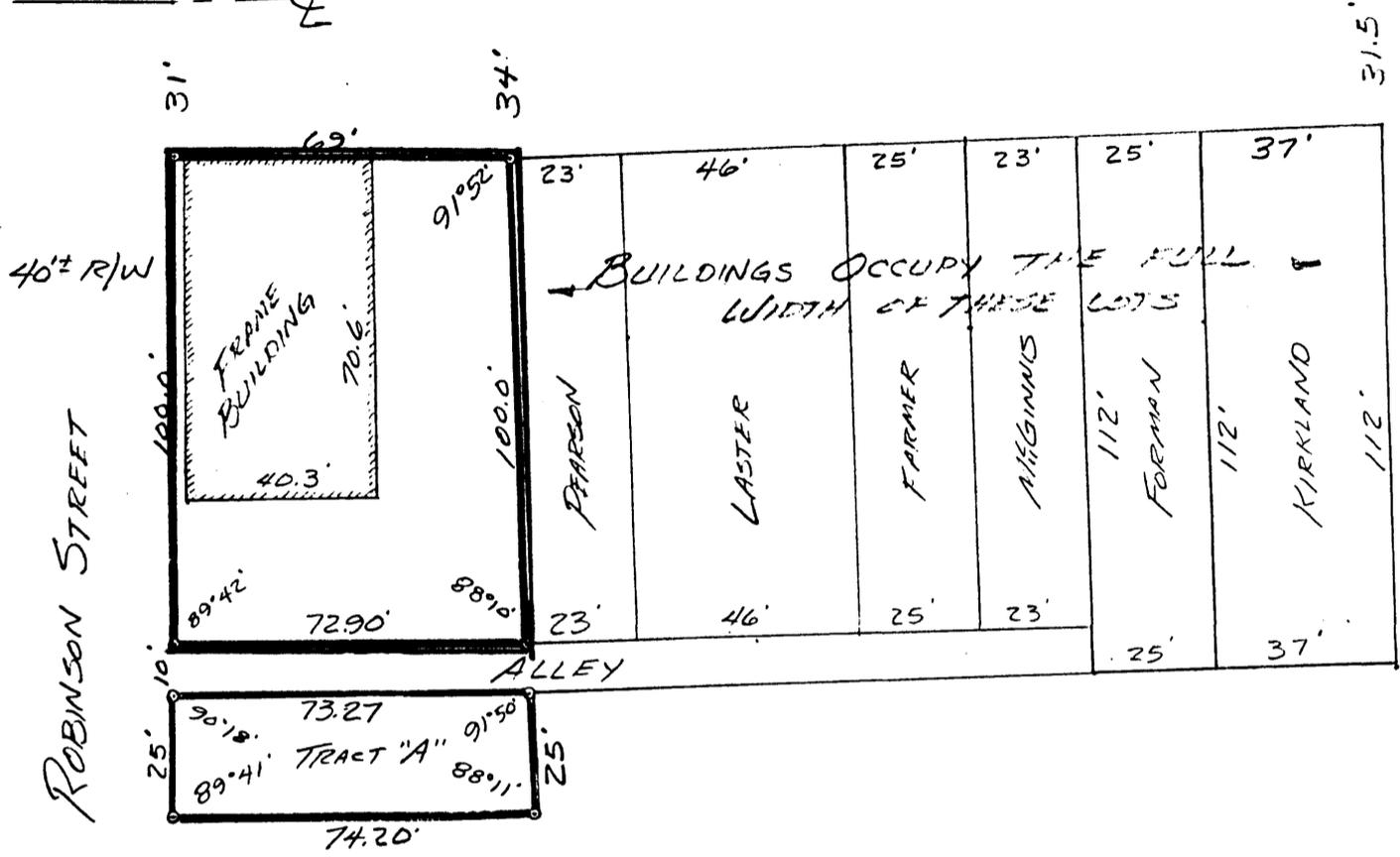
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

SCALE - 1" = 40'



MAIN STREET U.S. HWY #11 NORTH →



STATE OF ALABAMA:

ST. CLAIR COUNTY: I, James D. McGinnis, a Registered Land Surveyor in the State of Alabama, hereby certify that the within map or plat is true and correct as to a survey made by me of the following-described property:

TRACT A:

"A lot or parcel of land in the Town of Springville situated in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 31, Twp. 14 South, Range 2 East, St. Clair County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: From the point of intersection of the Southeast boundary of Main Street with the Northeast boundary of Robinson Street run thence Southeasterly along Robinson Street 110.0 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein-described; thence deflect left 90°18' and run northeasterly along the Southeast boundary of an alley 73.27 feet; thence form an interior angle to the left of 91°50' and run Southeasterly 25.0 feet; thence form an interior angle to the left of 88°11' and run Southwesterly 74.20 feet to a point on the Northeast boundary of Robinson Street; thence form an interior angle to the left of 89°41' and run Northwesterly along Robinson Street 25.0 feet to the point of beginning."

This the 25th day of February, 1982.

*James D. McGinnis*  
AL. Reg. No. 12699

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