

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Arbuthnot's Grocery and House _____ APR 08 2016

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

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

NA

2. Location

Street & number: 8990 Pinckneyville Road _____

City or town: Woodville _____ State: MS _____ County: Wilkinson

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A X B ___ C ___ D

<u>Katie Blant</u>	3-31-16
Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>SHPO</u>	Date
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

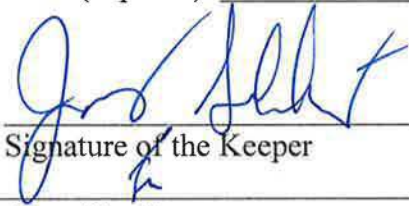
Signature of commenting official: **Date**

Title : **State or Federal agency/bureau
or Tribal Government**

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

5.20.2016
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
-

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Site

Structure

Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

3

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE/department store

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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DOMESTIC/single dwelling _____

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: vernacular _____

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: CONCRETE, CINDER BLOCK, WOOD,
ASPHALT SHINGLES _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Arbuthnot's Grocery and House are located in the Pinckneyville community, about 10 miles southwest of Woodville, the Wilkinson County seat. The one-story concrete block store and one-story house are set on a slight rise on the north side Pinckneyville Road near its intersection with Arbuthnot Lane.

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Narrative Description

Arbuthnot's Grocery and House are located in the Pinckneyville community about 10 miles southwest of Woodville, Mississippi, the Wilkinson County seat. The store and house are on a slight rise on the north side of Pinckneyville Road. The road is an important east-west rural highway in central Wilkinson County that connects Woodville with the Fort Adams community to the west. The Pinckneyville community consists of scattered residences, churches and small businesses set close to Pinckneyville Road. The general area is heavily wooded with little significant development.

Arbuthnot's Grocery and House are located in the fork of the intersection of Pinckneyville Road and Arbuthnot Lane, with entry to the parking area off Arbuthnot Lane. The store building faces southwest and the house is immediately to the northeast.

Store Exterior

The store is a one-story rectangular concrete block building with a side gable roof built in 1955 with a mid-1960s shed roof addition set to the east. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has narrow eaves with exposed rafters. The building sits on a concrete foundation.

The primary elevation, facing southwest, has a single-leaf wood door, offset to the west. The door has four vertical lights over wood panels. A screen door with a Holsum Bread logo handle remains in place. A window with bars and a concrete lintel is set to the west. The door and window are sheltered by a partial-width flat-roof porch supported by three metal poles. A gasoline pump formerly sat on a concrete pad in front of the porch. A 6/6 double-hung metal window is set to the east, in the primary elevation of the addition. The window has a concrete lintel. The east elevation of the store building has a similar window. An air conditioner projects from this wall. The west elevation has a single window. A single-leaf wood door with a metal screen door, sheltered by a wood awning, opens from the rear of the store. A window is offset to the east.

Store Interior

The interior is one room, with an enclosed bathroom in the northeast corner. The floor is concrete. The ceiling is sheetrock. Wood shelving is set along the west and north walls. Beverage coolers are along the east wall. A metal gas heater was also on the wall. Although it has been removed from the building, the owner still has it.

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House Exterior

The Arbuthnot House, built in 1951, is directly behind the store. The one-story house, facing southwest, is constructed of concrete blocks and has a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. An addition, probably dating to the mid-1960s, on the east side of the house has brick veneer and features an exterior chimney. A carport with a hipped roof supported by decorative iron posts is on the south side, between the house and the store. The east end has an enclosed storage area with a single-leaf door on the carport-side and a 6/6 double-hung metal window on the opposite exterior wall.

The primary entrance is under the carport, where a single concrete step rises to a screen porch with a single-leaf screen door. A single-leaf partially glazed door on the northwest side of the porch opens to the interior. A second door, on the southeast elevation to the east of the storage room, opens to the living room. There is no other fenestration on the southeast elevation.

The northwest elevation has three openings, paired 2/2 wood windows, a single window with an air conditioner and a wood window, all with decorative brick sills. The northeast elevation has three 2/2 windows. Five windows are spaced along the southeast elevation. The living room windows are 1/1 with paired 2/2 windows offset to the northeast. All the windows have metal security bars.

House Interior

Entry is through the door on the screen porch which opens to the kitchen. Like most of the interior, the kitchen walls and ceiling are sheetrock. The floor is linoleum. The original wood cabinets, Formica countertops and gas oven remain in place. A cased opening in the northeast corner leads into the dining room which also has linoleum floors. A hallway with linoleum floors leads from the dining room to the living room. A bedroom is located on the southeast side. The living room, built as an addition in the mid-1960s, is slightly lower than the hall and is reached by two steps. The living room walls are paneled and the floor is concrete. A half-bathroom and closet are set in the northeast corner of the room.

Parallel to the hallway between the dining room and living room is a shorter hall with the master bedroom at the northwest end and another bedroom at the southeast end. The walls and ceilings are sheetrock and the floors are hardwood. Both bedrooms have closets. A full bath with original fixtures and a linen closet open off the hall.

The light fixtures throughout the house are original. The living room and all the bedrooms have ceramic grated wall heaters, all original to the house.

Garage

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The garage is a one-story concrete block building with a hipped-roof covered in asbestos shingles. The garage was built in 1951, contemporaneously with the house.

Integrity

The Arbuthnot Store retains a reasonable degree of integrity. Originally constructed in 1955, an addition in the mid-1960s increased the size of the store. The addition is constructed of the same materials as the original building. The interior is a single room with many of the store fixtures in place.

The Arbuthnot House was built in 1951. The house retains a reasonable degree of integrity with original exterior and interior materials mostly in place. The living room addition is the primary change to the house and was built during the time Estelle Arbuthnot, the original owner, lived in the house. According to family history, it was built at the same time as the addition to the store building.

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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

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE _____

ETHNIC HERITAGE: BLACK _____

SOCIAL HISTORY _____

Period of Significance

1955-1966 _____

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Estelle Arbuthnot _____

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Tommy Johnson, Builder (House)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Arbuthnot Grocery and House are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for local significance under Criterion A for association with Commerce as an example of a rural grocery store; under Criterion A for association with Ethnic History: Black as an example of an African American owned and operated business in rural Wilkinson County; and under Criterion A for association with Social History as a social gathering and meeting place for the African American community in the Pinckneyville community in the 1950s and 1960s. The Arbuthnot Grocery and House are also eligible for listing for local significance under Criterion B for association with Estelle Arbuthnot, an entrepreneur and social leader in her community.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Arbuthnot Grocery and House are located on Pinckneyville Road in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. The store and house are in the Pinckneyville community, about ten miles west of Woodville, the county seat. The area was home to the Natchez Indians at the time of European contact. The first Europeans to claim the territory were the French, who conquered the Natchez following a brief war in 1729. Many Natchez were killed or sent to the Caribbean as slaves. The survivors settled among the Chickasaw.¹

The territory passed from French control to the Spanish. The area became American territory after a 1795 treaty with Spain. The United States Congress established the Mississippi Territory on April 7, 1798.² The territorial legislature created Wilkinson County on January 30, 1802 and named the county for General James Wilkinson, the commander of the United States Army during the territorial period.³

¹ Arrell M. Gibson. "The Indians of Mississippi." In A History of Mississippi, ed. Richard Aubrey McLemore, Vol. 1 (Hattiesburg: University & College Press of Mississippi, 1973), p. 75-76.

² Robert V. Haynes. "The Formation of the Territory." In A History of Mississippi, ed. Richard Aubrey McLemore, Vol. 1 (Hattiesburg: University & College Press of Mississippi, 1973), p. 174.

³ "Wilkinson County." Wilkinson County Subject File. Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

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Pinckneyville was founded in 1809 and named for Thomas Pinckney of South Carolina.⁴ Pinckney negotiated the 1795 treaty that established the 31st parallel as the border between the United States and Spanish West Florida, the same line that marks the present day boundary between Louisiana and Mississippi. Early American settlers built cotton plantations in the Pinckneyville vicinity. Salisbury Plantation (NR, 1983), northeast of Pinckneyville, was built around 1811 by Captain Moses Hook, an army officer.⁵ Another early plantation in the vicinity is Desert Plantation, (NR, 1987), a Federal-style plantation house built c. 1825-1835⁶. The cotton fields associated with these genteel houses were worked by enslaved people of African descent. Many modern day residents of the Pinckneyville community are their likely their descendants, including the owners of Arbuthnot's Grocery.

Willie and Estelle Arbuthnot

Willie Arbuthnot was born on January 13, 1892 on the Millbrook Plantation in Wilkinson County. He was one of ten children born to Nolan and Pinky Arbuthnot, and worked with his family, who were sharecroppers. Willie Arbuthnot was an industrious worker and rose to become the overseer for operations on the Millbrook Plantation and a noted cowboy. After service in World War I, Arbuthnot returned to Wilkinson County and worked for the Wax and Ransom Logging Company estimating timber. Mr. Arbuthnot was a member of the Fort Adams Masonic Lodge and St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Estelle Arbuthnot was born on November 29, 1919, on the Woodstock Plantation, one of three children of Albert Gross and Adelle Palmer Jolia. Her family were also farmers and owned their farm near Pinckneyville. As an adult, Estelle worked at the Joan of Ark Cannery in St. Francisville, Louisiana. She also worked at Mammie's Dress Shop in Woodville.

Estelle and Willie married in 1943, a second marriage for each. Willie had four children and Estelle had one child. Together they had one daughter, Jacqueline. They hired local builder Tommy Johnson to build their house on Pinckneyville Road in 1951. The Arbuthnots lived in the home until their deaths.

Although she had only an eighth grade education, family members recall that Estelle Arbuthnot said "I always dreamed of a better life and I was determined to be a success." With her savings and financial assistance from her husband, Estelle Arbuthnot opened Arbuthnot's Grocery in 1955. Her nephew, Phillip Jolia, recalled that in the early years she continued to work at the Joan of Ark cannery during the day and opened the store after she got off. She was one of the first African Americans to own and operate a business in rural Wilkinson County. The store served

⁴ "Wilkinson County-A Brief History of its Communities." The Woodville Republican, March 22, 1973.

⁵ National Register of Historic Places. Salisbury Plantation, Wilkinson County, Mississippi. National Register #83000970.

⁶ National Register of Historic Places. Desert Plantation. Wilkinson County, Mississippi. National Register #87000543.

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the Pinckneyville community as the only grocery store. Many people employed in businesses like the Joan of Ark cannery in St. Francisville, the Mat Plant and the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana, passed through Pinckneyville. Arbuthnot's Grocery was the only store and gas station along the route and many people stopped in. Although the building was small, it sold a broad range of products, including meats, vegetables, fruits, dairy products, medicines, clothing, hardware and animal feed. Many patrons would stop and visit, play the juke box and feast on salami, a well-sought after commodity.

Many of the patrons were farmers and sharecroppers, and many had large families. These families lived on tight budgets and often were without cash. Estelle Arbuthnot offered generous credit. Her nephew, Phillip Jolia, recalled that she never charged interest no matter how long it took to pay.⁷ Many residents did not have telephones. Estelle would allow them to use the telephone in the store with no charge.

In addition to serving as a social center for the community, the store and the grounds were used for political and civil rights organizations. Thomas C. Tolliver, Jr., Clerk of the Wilkinson County Chancery Court, recalled meetings at Arbuthnot's Grocery

where the exchange of ideas regarding the survival of a depressed community were shared, discussed, deliberated and dissolved and became contributory to a long term change for the oppressed African American community...On these grounds the African Americans held campaign rallies vying for elected political positions wherein platforms were explored and declared by candidates. Several were successfully elected to become the first African Americans elected to office in Wilkinson County.⁸

In addition to her role as a pioneering African American entrepreneur in Wilkinson County, Estelle Arbuthnot was a noted humanitarian. When local people lost their homes to fires, Estelle and Willie Arbuthnot donated groceries and other goods to help them get back on their feet. When local residents needed transportation to the doctor, the Arbuthnots drove them there in their own car. When college students needed to get back to school at Alcorn State University, the Arbuthnot "taxi" was available to them. She employed college students in the store to assist them in financing their education.

Even though Estelle worked in the store seven days a week, she opened her home to assist her neighbors to complete applications for FHA loans so they could purchase their own homes. She was instrumental in helping to build the consolidated African American high school, the Wilkinson Training School in Woodville, by sponsoring and hosting fundraisers. Local youth gathered at the store for social activities, but Estelle also taught them how to conduct a formal business meeting.

⁷ Personal Interview with author. 2014.

⁸ Letter to MDAH, August 5, 2015.

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Estelle was an active in her church, King Emmanuel Baptist Church, located in Pinckneyville. According to fellow church member Mrs. Martha Dorsey, she was a noted Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Dorsey recalled

I knew Stell better from teaching Sunday school. She was wonderful and would bring out the point of the lesson so you could understand.⁹

Estelle had a strong commitment to her church. When she discovered that King Emmanuel Baptist Church was the property of the county, she and James Anthony, another member, went before the county board to propose the county sell the property to the congregation. She convinced the board to sell the property for \$1.00. She was known to be a persuasive speaker, a skill she developed as a member of the Eastern Star, where she often offered the keynote address.

Describing Estelle Arbuthnot, Thomas C. Tolliver, Jr., the Wilkinson County Chancery Clerk, wrote that she

was considered one of the leading citizens for African Americans as she would bravely ascend to the front to say boldly "we going to resist any plan that did not include African Americans." She attended Wilkinson County Board of Supervisors meetings regularly, it was unpopular and not tolerated by this governing body for an African American to participate.¹⁰

Willie Arbuthnot died on October 4, 1967. Estelle Arbuthnot died on November 23, 1998. She was widely respected in Wilkinson County as a businesswoman, humanitarian, church leader, and political organizer. She was the first African American woman to serve as a foreperson on a Wilkinson County jury. Her funeral was held November 28, 1998 at the King Emanuel Baptist Church. The program for the service, "The Homegoing of Sis. Estelle Jolia Arbuthnot," recalled that

Estelle was truly a pioneer and a business woman in her own time. In 1955, she built a grocery store which she owned and operated until her untimely death. Sis. Stell was a community person, she cared and shared with the needy.

The Arbuthnot Grocery was not the only rural market in Wilkinson County. One of the best known is the Pond Store, located near the intersection of Pinckneyville Road and the Fort Adams Pond Road. The one-story frame building, built in 1881, incorporated a store and residence into a single frame structure. The Wayside Store, later called the Bell Store, is located on Wayside Road just east of Pond. This one-story frame building was already in a deteriorated condition when it was surveyed in 1990.

The Arbuthnot Grocery was not the only African American owned business in Wilkinson County during the 1950s and 1960s. However, many of those businesses were in Woodville, the county

⁹ Personal interview with author. 2014.

¹⁰ Letter to MDAH August 5, 2015.

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seat and only substantial town in the county. Polk's Meat Market at 109 Boston Row (NR, 1982) was constructed around 1930. Louvenia Brown operated Brown's Grocery and there were several cafes operated by African Americans.

The Arbuthnot Grocery and House are simple vernacular buildings. But they are intimately tied into the African American experience in Wilkinson County especially the important place of property-owning African Americans who became leaders in the civil rights movement.. The store that Estelle and Willie Arbuthnot built was not only a business, but the social and political hub of a community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

McLemore, Richard Aubrey, ed. A History of Mississippi. Hattiesburg: University & College Press of Mississippi, 1973.

National Register of Historic Places. Desert Plantation. Wilkinson County, Mississippi. #87000543.

National Register of Historic Places. Salisbury Plantation. Wilkinson County, Mississippi. #83000970.

Tolliver, Thomas C. Letter to William M. Gatlin, MDAH National Register Coordinator. August 5, 2015.

Wilkinson County Subject File. Mississippi Department of Archives and History; Jackson, MS.

The Woodville Republican

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 # _____

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_____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
_____ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: Ms. Jacqueline Arbuthnot _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): 157-WDV-5063 _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 2 _____

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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See Continuation Sheet

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The subject property is in Woodville, MS, SW Section 53, Township 2 North, Range 3 west.
More commonly: S/T/R 53-2N-3W DW 12DDP649

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary was selected to include the lot historically associated with the Arbuthnot Grocery and House.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Billie Faye Harris, Great granddaughter and Jacqueline Arbuthnot, Granddaughter
of Willie and Estelle Arbuthnot _____
organization: _____
street & number: P.O. Box 1795 _____
city or town: Powder Springs _____ state: GA _____ zip
code: 30127 _____
e-mail: jfa0113@gmail.com, hawcinc@live.com _____
telephone: 404-717-2056, 678-519-7435 _____
date: August 27, 2015 _____

Additional text by William M. Gatlin, MDAH Architectural Historian

Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Arbuthnot Grocery and House

City or Vicinity: Woodville vicinity

County: Wilkinson State: Mississippi

Photographer: William M. Gatlin, MDAH Architectural Historian

Date Photographed: December 11, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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- 6 of 21. Arbuthnot Grocery. Interior. Camera facing southeast.
- 7 of 21. Arbuthnot Grocery. Interior. Camera facing southeast.
- 8 of 21. Arbuthnot Grocery. Interior. Camera facing northeast.

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- 12 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Exterior. Camera facing southeast.
- 13 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Exterior. Camera facing southwest.
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- 15 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Interior. Kitchen. Camera facing southeast.
- 16 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Interior. Kitchen. Camera facing south.
- 17 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Interior. Dining room. Camera facing north.
- 18 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Interior. Northwest bedroom. Camera facing northwest.
- 19 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Interior. Northeast bedroom. Camera facing northeast.
- 20 of 21. Arbuthnot House. Interior. Living room. Camera facing southeast.
- 21 of 21. Garage. Camera facing northeast.

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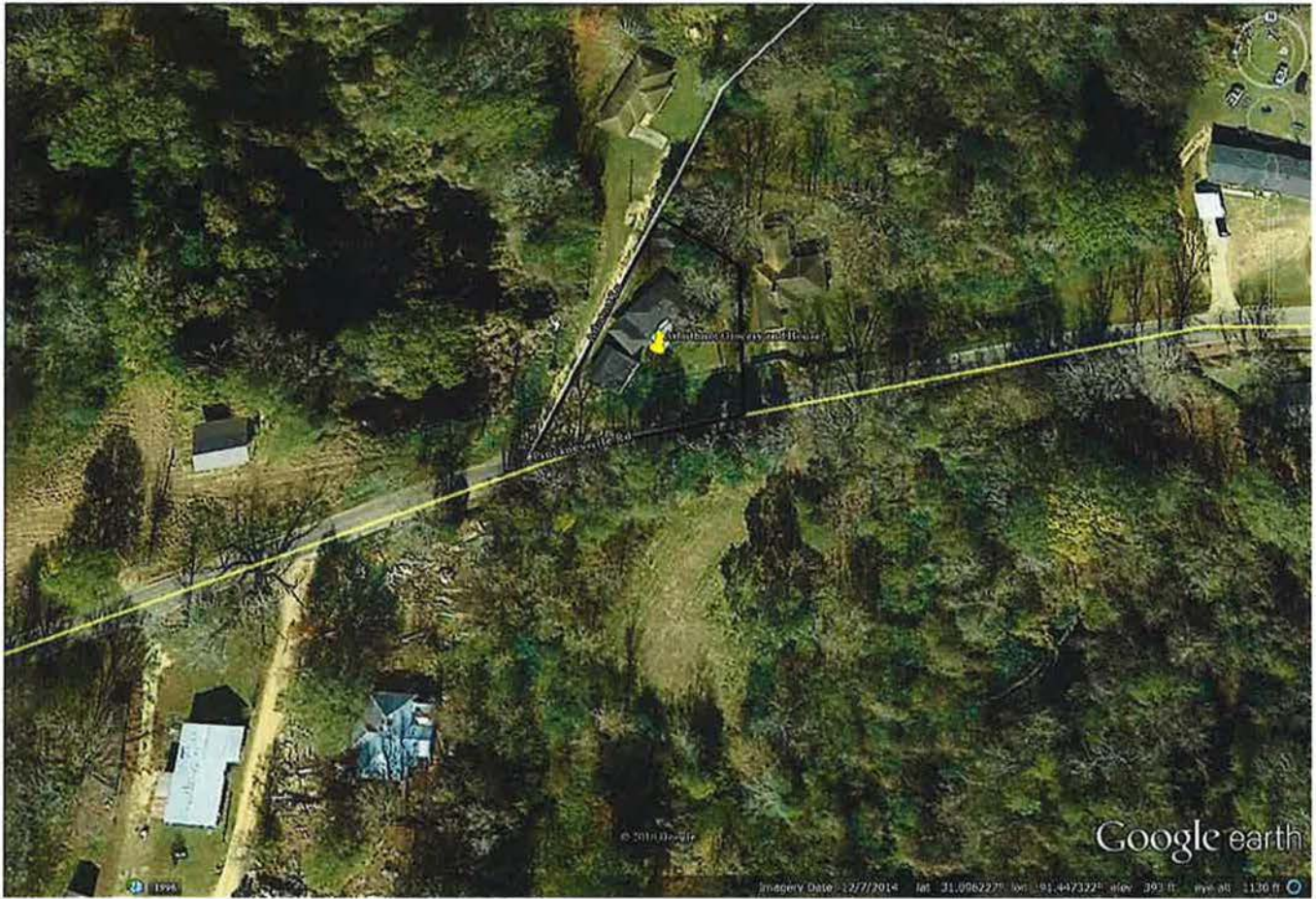
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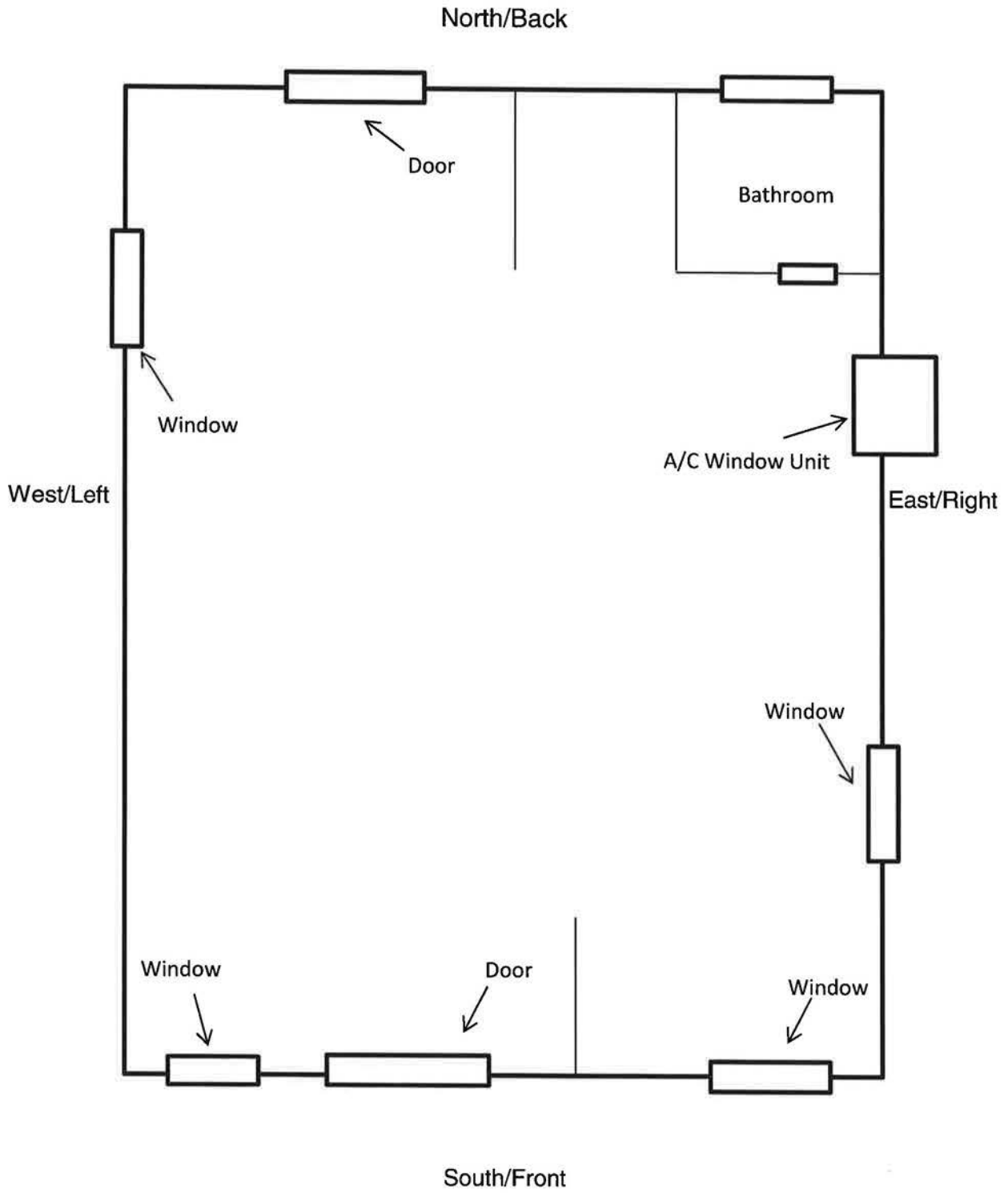
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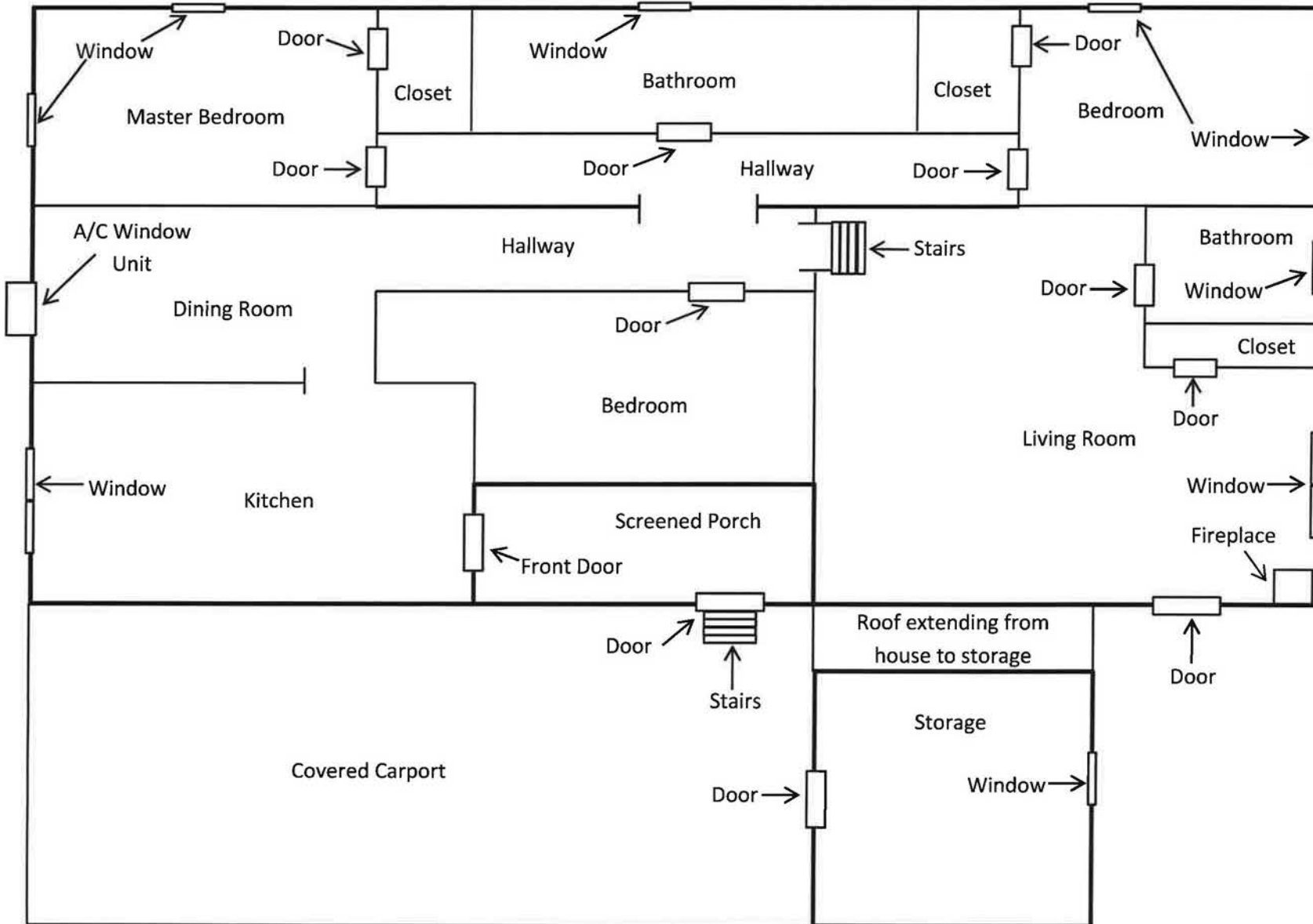
Arbuthnot's Grocery Store Floorplan

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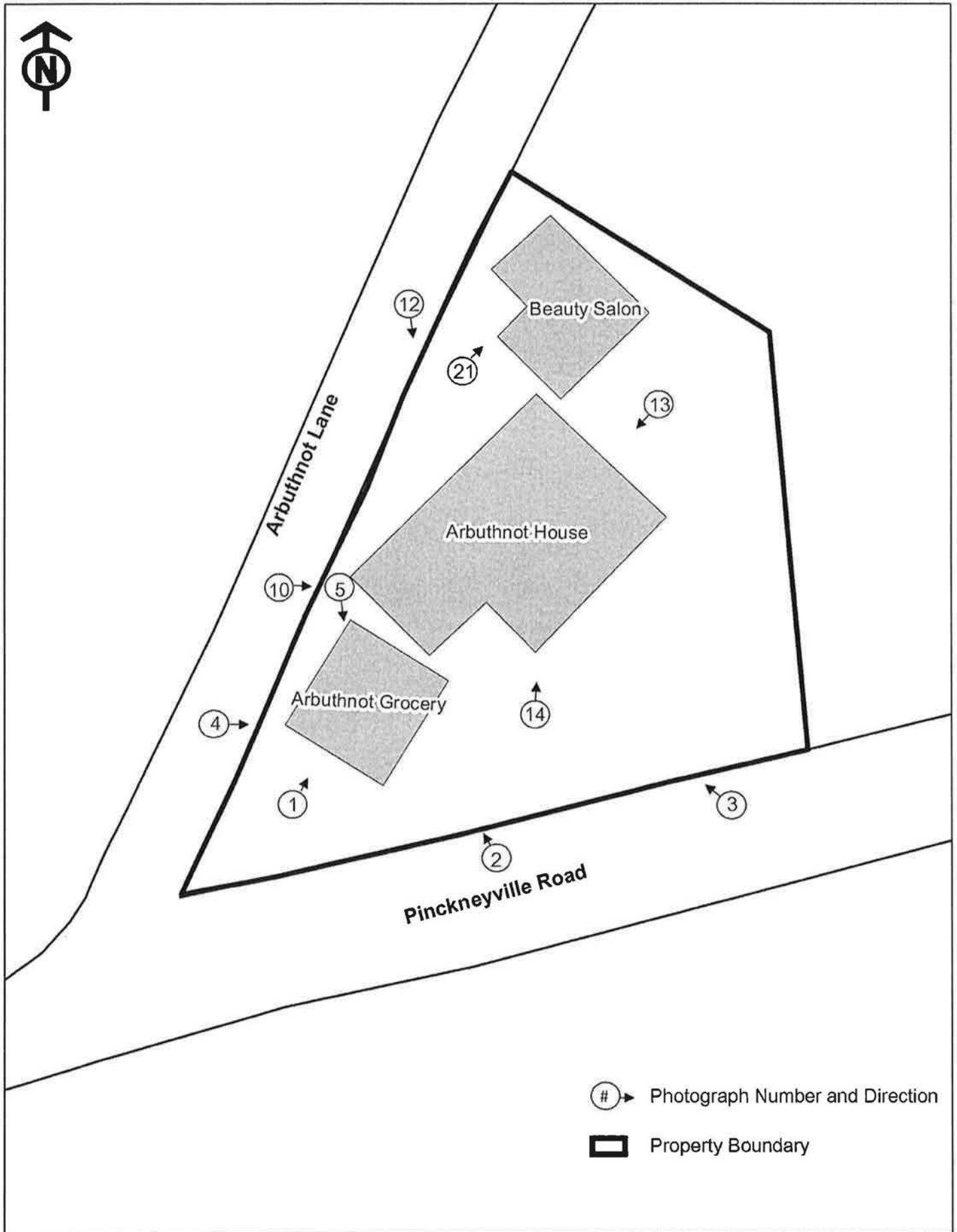


The Arbuthnot Home

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: Nomination

PROPERTY NAME: Arbuthot's Grocery and House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Wilkinson

DATE RECEIVED: 4/18/2016 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/29/2016
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/16/2016 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/24/2016
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 16000284

DETAILED EVALUATION:

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 5-20-2016 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Written by a non-professional, the nomination claims significance in Commerce, Social History, & Ethnic Heritage, with Estelle Arbuthot as a significant figure. MS A was a rarity - an African-American woman who owned a thriving business in rural Mississippi, and whose business also served as a focal point for local social & political action. While the nomination itself is not clear or the argument well defined, the property nonetheless is likely significant.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+B

REVIEWER J. Hubbert DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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March 31, 2016

Mr. Paul Loether
Program Director, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW (2280)
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to enclose the nomination form and supporting documents to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

Arbuthnot's Grocery and House, Woodville vicinity, Wilkinson County

The property was approved for nomination by the Mississippi National Register Review Board at its meeting on March 24, 2016.

We trust you will find the enclosed materials in order and will let us hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Blount". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie Blount
State Historic Preservation Officer

By: William M. Gatlin

National Register Coordinator