

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM

TITLE: Historic Resources of Grundy County

COUNTY: Grundy  
SITE: 15

HISTORIC NAME: Shook, Colonel A. M., House  
COMMON NAME: Boyd House  
ADDRESS: Corner of Depot and Montgomery Streets  
Tracy City, Tennessee

OWNER: Rosalee Werner Boyd  
ADDRESS: Box 219  
Tracy City, Tennessee 37387

HISTORIC USE: Residence                      CURRENT USE: Residence  
CATEGORY/BUILDING TYPE: Residence  
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1890              ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown  
ORIGINAL SITE: yes      MOVED: N/A      DATE: N/A  
ORIGINAL OWNER/SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS: Colonel Alfred M. Shook

HAS THIS PROPERTY BEEN DETERMINED ELIGIBLE?    no                      DATE: N/A

CONTRIBUTING:		NON-CONTRIBUTING:	
buildings	1	buildings	2
structures	0	structures	0
sites	0	sites	0
objects	0	objects	0
TOTAL	1	TOTAL	2

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Parcel #20. See Map #15. The Boundaries for the Colonel A. M. Shook House include the property historically associated with the house.

ACREAGE: 1.7 acres

UTM REFERENCE: Tracy City, Tennessee 99SW  
16/614580/3902240

SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The Colonel A. M. Shook House is located at the corner of Montgomery and Depot streets in Tracy City. The two-and-a-half story frame house is a good example of a vernacular Second Empire style house. The house's appearance had been altered somewhat by the application of synthetic siding. However, the corner boards and diagonal tongue and grove siding on the porch and bay windows have been retained as well as the projecting window hoods. The main portion of the house has a mansard roof which retains the original hexagonal slate shingles. Composition shingles cover the roof of the two story addition that extends from the rear of the house.

The main or southeast facade of the house appears symmetrical centered around a projecting entrance tower with a concave mansard roof which contains small gable roof dormers. The main entrance is a recessed double leaf door with etched glass panels surmounted by an etched glass transom. The majority of the windows are one over one sash topped by projecting arched windowhoods. An open frame porch extends along the main or southeast facade of the house and has chamfered porch posts and simple arched vergeboards with cutouts. The second story of the porch is surrounded by the original wrought iron railing.

On both the northeast and southwest facades of the house are two story bay windows that are surmounted by steep hexagonal shape roofs with flat tops. The bay on the southwest facade is larger than the bay on the northeast facade. The southwest bay has diagonal tongue and grove siding on the first story. Both bays have an open balcony on the second story surrounded by wrought iron railing.

An gable roof addition has been added to the rear of the house. The addition is set back and does not significantly detract from the main portion of the house. Windows on the rear addition are for the most part double hung 6/6 sash.

The house contains an outstanding foyer of alternating walnut and white ash tongue and grove paneling. The floor to ceiling paneling extends the entire three stories of the stairway. The paneling contains diagonal siding, four-point stars, and greek key motifs. A diagonal pattern baseboard extends into both front parlors. The interior also retains the pilaster trim and bullseye corner block door surrounds, a built-in china cabinet in the dining room, and several fireplaces both upstairs and downstairs.

There are two non-contributing outbuildings on the property located behind the house. The buildings include a four car garage and a small tenant house. The garage appears to date from the 1960s and the tenant house from the 1930's or 1940's.

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**SIGNIFICANCE:**

**CRITERIA:** B, C

**CONSIDERATION:** N/A

**AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE:** Architecture, Industry

**PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE/SIGNIFICANT DATES:** c.1890-c.1923

**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** Local

The Colonel Alfred M. Shook house is being nominated to the National Register under criteria B and C for its association with Colonel Alfred Montgomery Shook, an important figure in the coal mining industry in Grundy County, and for its architectural significance to Grundy County.

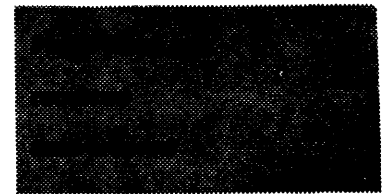
Colonel A. M. Shook moved to Tracy City soon after the Civil War and by the 1870's held a position of responsibility in the Tennessee Iron and Railroad Company. By 1882 Shook owned interest in the coal company and was made general manager. Both Shook and Einar O. Nathurst, superintendent of TCR, encouraged the miners of the community to build their own houses, striving to make Tracy City more than a mining camp. In 1889 Shook donated \$39,700 of his own money for the construction of a school. As Shook's financial interests broadened, he moved out of Tracy City, but continued to use the house as a summer residence.

After Shook's death in 1923, the house changed ownership and was eventually purchased by Sam Werner, of the Werner Lumber Company another major Tracy City company, and is currently owned by Werner's daughter and husband, Rosalee Werner and Charles Boyd.

The Colonel A. M. Shook House is an excellent example of a vernacular Second Empire style house with its mansard roof, projecting window bays and dormers, and trim. The house has an outstanding interior, especially the wood paneled foyer.

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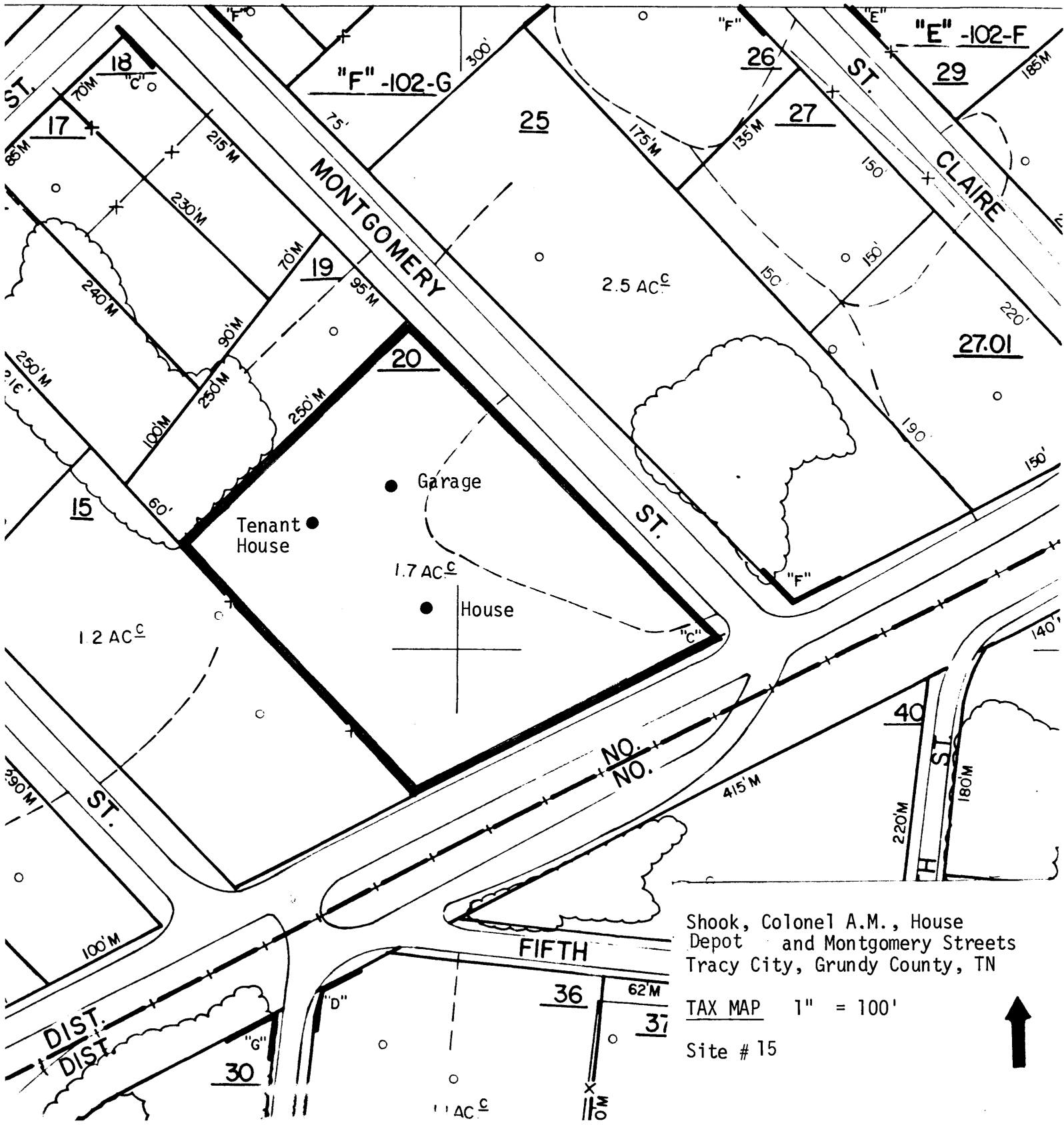


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TAX MAP 1" = 100'

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