

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

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## 1. Name

historic Beersheba Springs Historic District

and/or common Same

## 2. Location

TN 56

street & number Multiple Locations not for publication

city, town Beersheba Springs vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Tennessee code 047 county Grundy code 061

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Owners (see continuation sheet)

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Grundy County Courthouse, Registrar's Office

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Altamont state Tennessee 37301

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Beersheba Springs Historic District, located in Beersheba Springs, Grundy County, along Tennessee Route 56 on the Cumberland Plateau overlooking the Collins River Valley, consists of some 55 log and frame structures with white columns, balustrades and verandahs. Although there are some permanent residents, the district is primarily a resort area.

### CONTRIBUTING BUILDINGS

1. Beersheba Hotel Complex (Armfield Avenue): 1856-58, constructed around tavern (1836), two stories, weatherboard, upper and lower verandahs with balustrades and Greek Doric tiers, dentilled cornice, window shutters, original exterior dinner bell, guest chambers

Cozy Corner Row (hotel addition): Alternate log and weatherboard siding, two chimneys, tin roof, parallel verandahs with tiers and balustrades

Family Row (hotel addition and adjoining building): Two stories including ball room, dining room, masters chambers, slaves chambers; adjoining building--weatherboard, tin roof, guest chambers, verandahs

Brick Row: Brick siding, tin roof, guest chambers, parallel verandahs with doric tiers and balustrades

Cross Row: Double log with center passage, tin roof, guest chambers, parallel verandahs with doric tiers and balustrades

Post Office Row: Log, bellcast gable tin roof, guest chambers, parallel verandahs with doric tiers and balustrades

Whiskey Row: Adjoining cabins with asbestos siding, tin roof, tiered porches

Vesper Point: New wooden benches confronting an old stone altar

2. Old Northcutt Store (Armfield Avenue): 1856-1860, two stories, weatherboard, and asbestos siding, front verandah and rear upper and lower balconies with doric tiers and balustrades, window shutters

3. Harding College (Armfield Avenue): 1856-1858, one and one half stories, brick siding, verandah with corner extension, ornamental balustrade and tiers, wide wooden stairway to verandah

4. Armfield Cottage (Armfield Avenue): 1833-1839, weatherboard, verandah with wooden tiers, bellcast gable roof, twin interior chimneys

5. John M. Bass Cottage (Armfield Avenue): 1856-1858, two stories, weatherboard, upper and lower verandahs with corner domed octagonal extensions, wooden tiers, balustrades, and stairway, open bed pediment

6. Armfield Cemetery (Armfield Avenue): Stone monuments including monuments above grave of John Armfield surrounded by iron fence

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PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE BEERSHEBA SPRINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT

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| <p>1. Beersheba Springs Hotel<br/>United Methodist Church<br/>Tennessee Conference<br/>1907 Acklen Avenue<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 38112</p> <p>2. William F. Earthman<br/>527 Belle Meade Blvd.<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 38105</p> <p>3. Ewing Drumwright<br/>1608 N. Gallatin Road<br/>Madison, Tennessee 37115</p> <p>4. Mrs. Albert Phillips<br/>222 Deer Park Drive<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>Mrs. W. M. Watkins Jr.<br/>113 Herron Drive<br/>Knoxville, Tennessee 37919</p> <p>Mrs. Charles Cox, Jr.<br/>4436 Alcott Drive<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> <p>Mrs. Robert Wasik<br/>46 Myers Ave.<br/>Denville, N.J. 07834</p> <p>Mrs. Harry Williams<br/>3616 Meadowbrook Ave.<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>Mrs. Frank Reynolds, Jr.<br/>1801 S. Live Oak Parkway<br/>Wilmington, N.C. 28403</p> <p>Miss Barbara Lauderdale<br/>2321 Golf Club Lane<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> | <p>4. Cont.</p> <p>Mrs. Allen Brown<br/>4505 Wayland Drive<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>Mr. Bryant Leak Glasgow<br/>3615 Woodlawn Drive<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> <p>Mr. Sam Glasgow<br/>3615 Woodlawn Drive<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> <p>Mrs. W. A. Lauderdale<br/>2321 Golf Club Lane<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> <p>5. Mrs. John E. Fassnacht<br/>209 Rainbow Drive<br/>Lookout Mtn., Tennessee 37350<br/>and<br/>Rev. Robert W. Turner III<br/>861 W. Tarpon Blvd.<br/>Port Charlotte, Florida 33952</p> <p>6. Armfield Cemetery</p> <p>7. Mrs. A. T. Sikes<br/>Royal Oaks Apartments<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>8. Leonard Tate<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>9. Robert C. Taylor<br/>2140 Chickering Lane<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 38115</p> <p>10. United Methodist Church<br/>(See # 1)</p> |
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| <p>11. Morton B. Howell<br/>401 Court Square Bldg.<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37201</p> <p>Samuel H. Howell<br/>1710 Hayes Street<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37203</p> <p>William W. Howell<br/>1541 Williams Street<br/>Denver, Colorado 80218</p> <p>Alfred H. Bartles<br/>7 Stuttgart 50<br/>Obere Waiblinger Str 158<br/>West Germany</p> <p>Clopper Almon<br/>International Inst. of<br/>Applied Systems Analysis<br/>A-2361 Laxenburg<br/>Austria (till 8-79)</p> <p>permanent:<br/>7303 Dartmouth Avenue<br/>College Park, Maryland 20248</p> <p>12. Robert R. Daniel<br/>Route 3<br/>McMinnville, Tennessee 37110</p> <p>13. Ralph Baugh<br/>137 51 St. N.<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37209<br/>and<br/>Dr. Gretta Geldreich<br/>2714 Tucker Road<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37218</p> <p>14. G. W. McGee<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305<br/>and<br/>Mrs. Lyndon Hillis<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> | <p>15. Mrs. Adam G. (Faith Yow) Adams<br/>333 University # 231<br/>Coral Gables, Florida 33134</p> <p>Mrs. Morton B. (Mary Avent) Adams<br/>1515 San Remo, Apartment # 9<br/>Coral Gables, Florida 33147</p> <p>Mrs. Marion S. (Monnie Blackshire) Adams<br/>301 West Street, Flo Clair<br/>Mobile, Alabama 36604</p> <p>Mrs. Howell E. (Crenshaw Waller) Adams<br/>60 Plaza Square, Apartment # 1003<br/>St. Louis, Missouri 53103</p> <p>Mrs. David P. (Mildred Goodpasture) Adams<br/>115 Woodmont Boulevard<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>Chancellor Alfred T. Adams<br/>3701 Brighton Road<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>George Elliott Adams<br/>3256 Riverside Avenue<br/>Jacksonville, Florida 32202</p> <p>16. Kitty Adams Chenoweth<br/>101 Hun Road<br/>Princeton, New Jersey 08540</p> <p>17. Mr. S. M. Thomas<br/>1841 N. Geyer Road<br/>St. Louis, MO 63131</p> <p>Mrs. E. B. Franklin<br/>2203 Valleybrook Road<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> <p>Robert Orr, Trust<br/>c/o Robert Orr Franklin<br/>2203 Valleybrook Rd.<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> |
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| <p>17. Mrs. T. S. Weaver<br/>3424 Hampton Avenue<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37215</p> <p>18. Mrs. Flossie Argo Tate<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>19. Thompson P. Crowe<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>20. Mrs. Ruth Miller<br/>2101 Prytania St.<br/>New Orleans, LA 70130</p> <p>21. Mrs. Frank Davenport<br/>103 Ross Avenue<br/>McMinnville, Tennessee 37110</p> <p>22. Carl Willis<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>23. Ted Summitt<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>24. Miles Thomas<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>25. Roger W. Noone<br/>607 East Brow Road<br/>Lookout Mountain, Tennessee 37350</p> <p>26. Beersheba Springs Library<br/>Board Members<br/>Bobby Thompson<br/>Francis Holt<br/>Elsie Rogers<br/>Stanton Bess<br/>Homer Knight<br/>William Stewart<br/>Mike Walker<br/>Bud Whitman<br/>Johnny Gross<br/>All above -Beersheba Springs,<br/>Tennessee 37305</p> | <p>27. Nelson Andrews<br/>4421 Warner Place<br/>Nashville, Tennessee 37205</p> <p>28. Mrs. Barney Hobbs<br/>1224 S. Seminole Drive<br/>Chattanooga, Tennessee 37412<br/>and<br/>Bennie M. Tate<br/>273 N. Peachtree St.<br/>Norcross, Georgia 30071</p> <p>29. Elsie S. Tate<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>30. Douglas Brown<br/>307 Lind Street<br/>McMinnville, Tennessee 37110</p> <p>31. Rev. Willie B. Nunley<br/>Grace Chapel Methodist Church<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>32. Eugene H. Bohr<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>33. Parsonage<br/>United Methodist Church<br/>See # 1</p> <p>34. T. W. Mayhew<br/>Route 12, Box 216<br/>Clarksville, Tennessee 37040</p> <p>35<br/>through</p> <p>37. G. W. McGee<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> <p>38 and</p> <p>39. Lyndon Hillis<br/>Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305</p> |
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- 40 and
- 41. United Methodist Church  
See # 1
- 42. K. T. McConnico, Jr.  
Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305
- 43. Dr. Herschel Gower  
1006 Estes Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37215
- 44. Mrs. Floyd Coppinger  
Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305
- 45. Victoria Morrison  
Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305
- 46. Fay Hill  
Beersheba Springs, Tennessee 37305
- 47. See # 44 above
- 48. Charles Trabue, Jr.  
654 Timberlane  
Nashville, Tennessee 37215
- 49. See # 45 above
- 50. Bob Myers  
Westview Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
- 51. Dr. Ben Caldwell  
4321 Chickering Lane  
Nashville, Tennessee 38115

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7. Indian Rock Cottage (Armfield Avenue): 1912, two stories, facade-log and shingled, other elevations--weatherboard and shingle, open bed pediment.
8. Leonard Tate Cottage (Armfield Avenue): 1927, weatherboard, corner porch.
9. Dr. John Waters Cottage (Dahlgren Avenue): 1856-1858, log bungalow, rear verandah with wooden columns and balustrades, partially burned and reconstructed in 1949.
10. Alex Nelson Cottage (Dahlgren Avenue): 1887-1895, weatherboard, verandah with wooden tiers, twin interior chimneys.
11. Nanhaven (Dahlgren Avenue): 1856-1858, weatherboard, perimetric verandah with wooden tiers, bracketed cornice, twin exterior chimneys, rock pier foundations.
12. Hege Cottage (Dahlgren Avenue): 1883, weatherboard, covered porch, rock pier foundation.
13. Middle Hege Cottage (Dahlgren Avenue): 1883, log front, other elevations are weatherboard, weatherboard door trim, verandah with ornamental tiers.
14. Cockrill Cottage (Dahlgren Avenue): 1856-1858, weatherboard, tiered verandah, tin roof.
15. White House (Dahlgren Avenue): 1856-58, weatherboard, tiered verandah, tin roof.
16. T'other House (Dahlgren Avenue): 1856-58, log front, other elevations are weatherboard, weatherboard door trim, parallel verandahs with open-box frieze.
17. Bishop Polk Cottage (Tennessee 56): 1856-58, log front, other elevations are weatherboard, tiered verandah, twin exterior stone chimneys.
18. Bishop Otey Cottage (Tennessee 56): 1856-58, log front, other elevations are weatherboard, weatherboard door trim, verandah with diagonal screened extension.
19. Hemlock Hall (Grassy Ridge Road): 1856-58, weatherboard, tin roof with ginger-bread wooden gables, verandah with ornamental iron columns.
20. Dr. Paul Eve Cottage (Grassy Ridge Road): 1856-58, log front, other elevations are weatherboard, front door weatherboard trim, tiered verandah, opposite exterior chimneys.

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21. ~~Nathan Cottage~~ (Grassy Ridge Road): 1856-71, weatherboard, tiered porch, window shutters, opposite exterior chimneys.
22. Hunerwald Cottage (Tennessee 56): 1911, 1½ stories, weatherboard, enclosed front patio, rear entrance foyer, twin open bed pediments with returns.
23. Lovers Leap Cottage ( Grassy Ridge Road): 1909, log front, other elevations are weatherboard, perimetric verandah, open bed pediment, front door weatherboard trim.
24. Ferriss Cottage (Grassy Ridge Road): 1856-58, weatherboard, center gable roof, main entrance with surrounding lights, corner porch.
25. Roger W. Noone House (Tennessee 56): 1896, weatherboard, bell cast (tin) gable roof, verandah with bowling pin balusters, stone foundation.
26. Beersheba Springs Library (Tennessee 56): 1923, log, verandah with unfinished log columns, rock pier foundation, hipped roof.
27. Nelson Andrews Cottage(Armfield Avenue): c1925, weatherboard, 2 stories, upper and lower screened verandahs, brick chimney, side porch supported by brick piers.
28. Bunk House (Tennessee 56): 1890, moved 1930, log, verandah with ornamental iron tiers, weatherboard entrance trim.
29. Elsie Tate Cottage (Tennessee 56): c1900, weatherboard, verandah with wooden tiers, exposed rafter ends, main entrance with transom and side lights.
30. Douglas Brown Cottage (Tennessee 56): c1900, log, bellcast gable roof, verandah with wooden tiers, main entrance weatherboard trim.
31. Grace Chapel Methodist Church (Tennessee 56): 1897, weatherboard, gable roof, pedimented portico, shingle trim, radiating symbols at pedimental corners, side addition.
32. Dan (Tennessee 56): 1891, 1½ stories, weatherboard, verandah with wooden tiers and balustrade, bay window, two pedimented dormers, stone foundation, two stone chimneys, built by a leader of the nearby Swiss community of Gruetli, Colonel H. Plumacher.

OTHER BUILDINGS

33. Methodist Parsonage (Hege Avenue): weatherboard, shingled roof, carport.



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34. T. W. Mayhew House (Hege Avenue): weatherboard, tin roof, porch.
35. G. W. McGee House (Tennessee 56): weatherboard, shingled roof, porch.
36. General Store (Tennessee 56): weatherboard, wrought iron columns, porch.
37. Beersheba LaundryMat (Tennessee 56): concrete block walls, shingled roof.
38. Lyndon Hillis Log House (Hege Avenue): log, tin roof, rear weatherboard addition.
39. Lyndon Hillis House (Hege Avenue): weatherboard, shingled roof, twin column placements.
40. Methodist Garage (Hege Avenue): c1930s, weatherboard, 2 stories, shingled roof.
41. United Methodist Church (Armfield Avenue): weatherboard, columned portico, square turrett.
42. K. T. McKonnico House (Grassy Ridge Road): weatherboard, shingle roof.
43. Herschel Gower House (Grassy Ridge Road): weatherboard, shingle roof, garage.
44. Ole Brown Museum (Tennessee 56): weatherboard, tin roof, stone foundation.
45. Phillips 66 Service Station, United States Post Office (Tennessee 56): coursed, stone surfaced walls, verandah, single panel windows.
46. Fay Hill House Trailer (Armfield Avenue)
47. Mrs. Floyd Coppinger House (Tennessee 56): weatherboard, shingle roof.
48. Charles Trabue Jr. House (Armfield Avenue): weatherboard, shingle roof.
49. Victoria Morrison House Trailer (Armfield Avenue).
50. Robert Meyer House (Armfield Avenue): reconstructed log house.
51. Dr. Ben Caldwell House (Armfield Avenue): reconstructed log house.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In 1833, Mrs. Beersheba Porter Cain "discovered" a chalybeate spring descending the Cumberland Plateau into the Collins River Valley in Warren County, Tennessee. Six years later, the owners, George R. Smartt and Dr. Alfred Paine, incorporated the Beersheba Springs Company under the laws of Tennessee and a road was constructed across the Plateau. The company built cottages of the "Virginia Style" and invited the people of the South to take advantage of the beautiful scenery and "therapeutic waters".

The County Court of Grundy County organized in 1844 and met in Beersheba Springs for several years. In 1854, John Armfield, financier and former slave trader, purchased the resort. Armfield built the present hotel in 1856–1858, around a tavern which was constructed in 1836. From 1856 to 1860 he built a number of cottages, which he rented to wealthy friends from the Middle and Deep South, including Episcopal Bishops Leonidas Polk and James Otey of Louisiana. Armfield styled his resort with the functional simplicity of the log cabin and the grandeur of full length verandahs and balconies, adorned with white columns and balustrades, representative of the "White Pillar Period" of architecture in the South. The Board of Trustees of the Episcopal University of the South organized at Beersheba Springs in 1858, creating the foundation of the school, under the direction of Bishops Polk and Otey.

Beersheba Springs entertained as many as 400 guests at a time during the height of its popularity, 1856–1860. Guests might dance, bowl, play tennis, sing along, dine on fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, or relax in the spring. However, the practice of gambling and sale of liquor were prohibited. Many guests found refuge in the plateau climate from the fever epidemics of the lowlands. The driver of a stagecoach full of guests announced his approach with a bugle at various points along the road up the mountain.

The Civil War brought about the decline of popularity of the resort. On at least one occasion, July 26, 1863, the resort was looted by bushwhackers. The war was responsible for the death or bankruptcy of the majority of the resort's patrons. After the war, Armfield repossessed the cottages and John Bass bought the hotel. Due to hard times which followed the war, the resort never regained its pre-war popularity. The beautiful scenery inspired many stories by part time resident and full time author Mary Noailles Murfree, pseudonym Charles Egbert Craddock, at the turn of the century. The hotel and cabins have changed hands many times since the Civil War. In 1941, the Tennessee Methodist Conference purchased the hotel and continue to use it as a retreat. The cabins continue to be used extensively, particularly during the summer season. Due to construction, the spring has long since disappeared.

The Beersheba Springs Historic District is one of the most noted surviving representatives of a unique institution--the mountain springs resort of the ante-bellum South.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Coppinger, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Tennessee's Oldest and Most Historic Summer Resort-Beersheba Springs, Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Bentley, Blanche Spurlock, Sketch of Beersheba Springs and Chickamauga Trace, Chattanooga Lookout Publishing Company, Tennessee State Library and Archives

## 10. Geographical Data

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Beersheba Springs Historic District nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "Grundy County, Tennessee-21" and "Grundy County, Tennessee-26" and drawn at a scale of 800 feet to the inch. The boundary was drawn so as to include

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

state	code	county	code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britt Casteel, Research Assistant

organization Tennessee Historical Commission

date December, 1979

street & number 4721 Trousdale Drive

telephone 615/741-2371

city or town Nashville

state Tennessee 37219

## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Herbert L. Harper*

title Herbert L. Harper, Executive Director

date 1/4/80

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

*W. Roy Luce*

date 3/20/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Kristin J. O'Connell*

date 3/14/80

Chief of Registration

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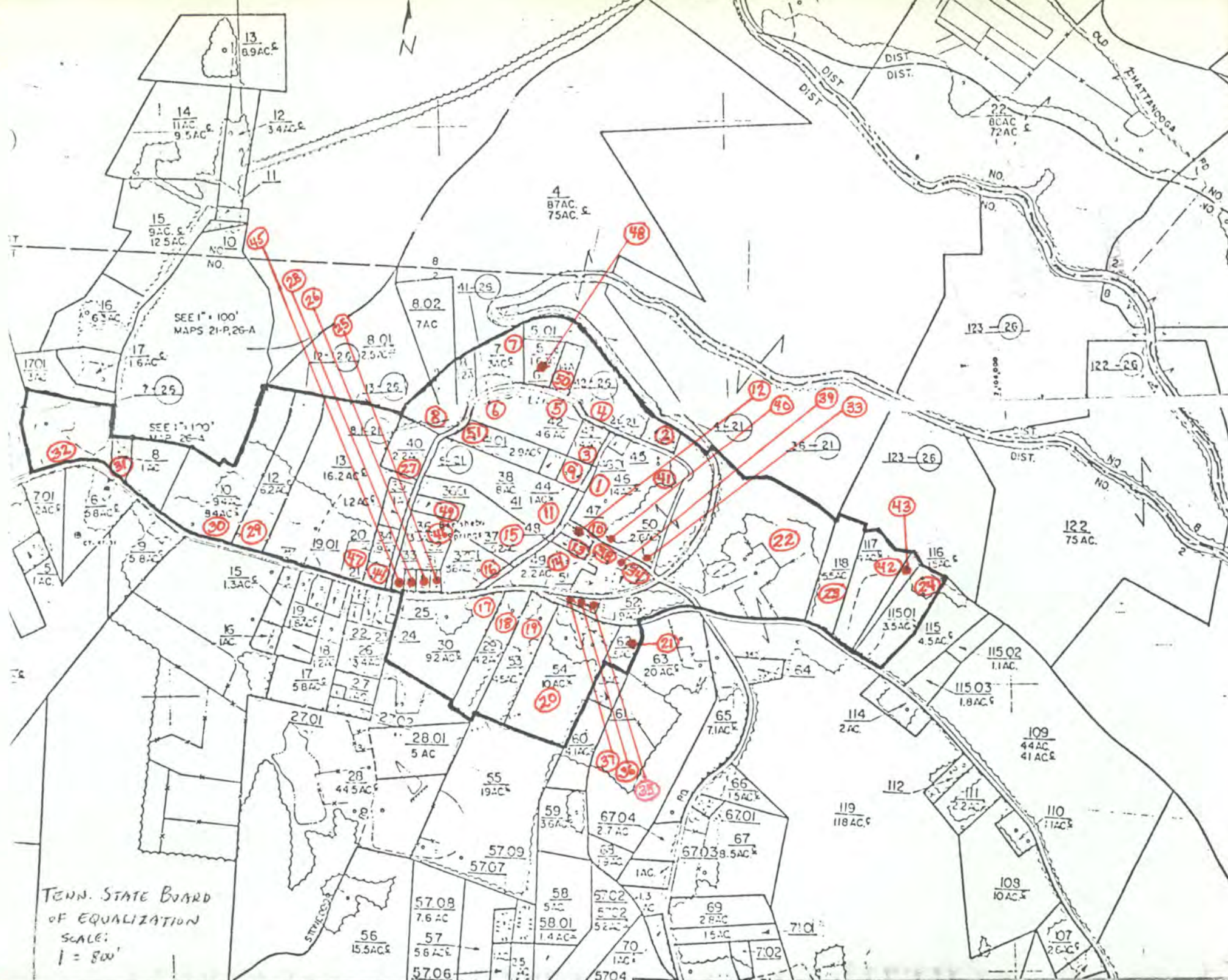
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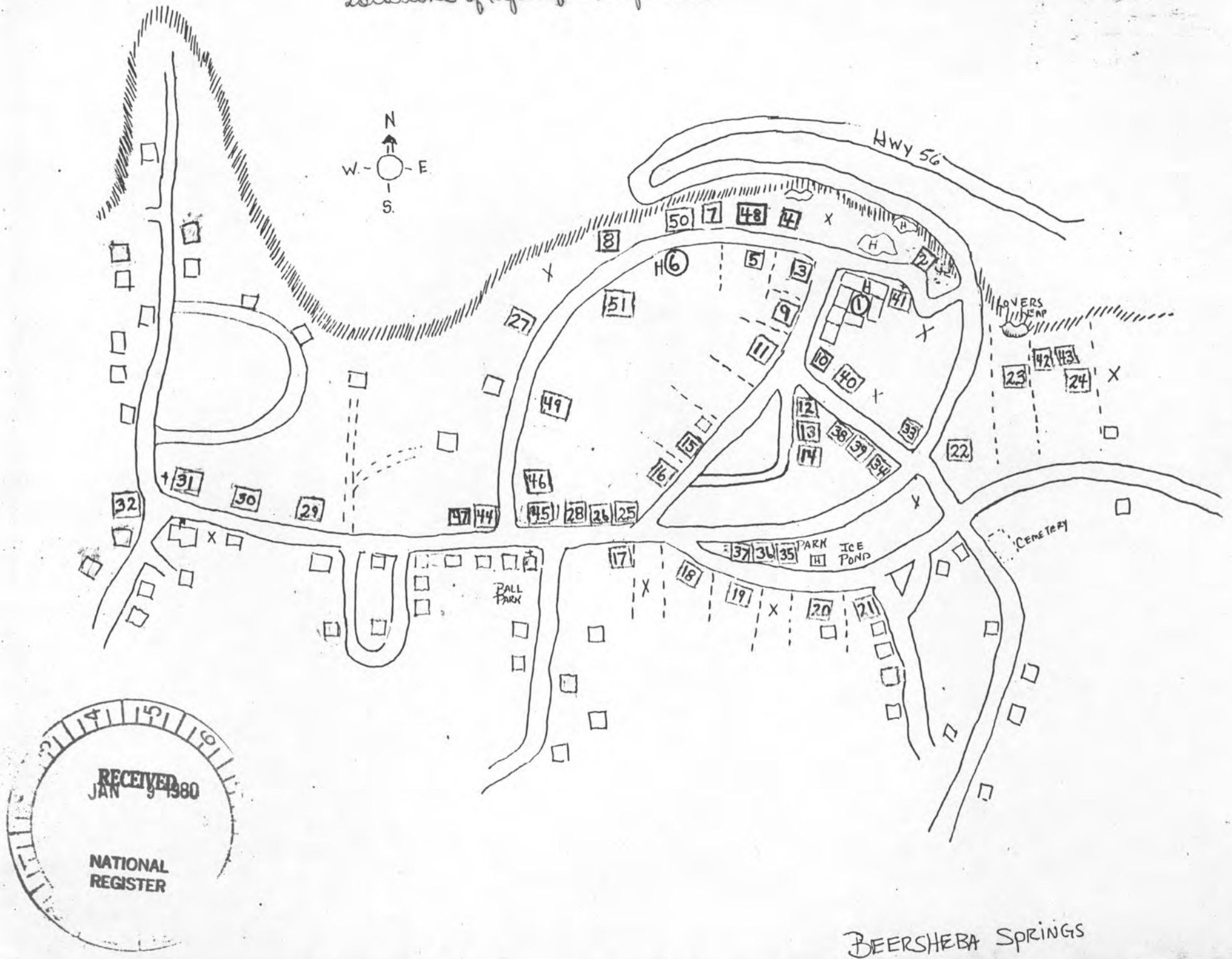


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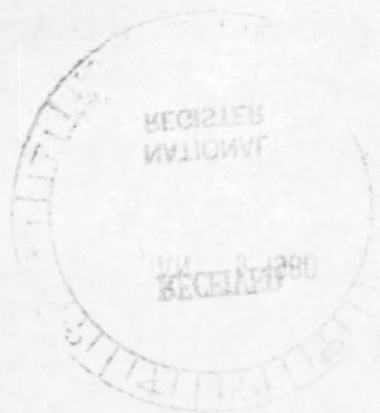
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BEERSHEBA SPRINGS



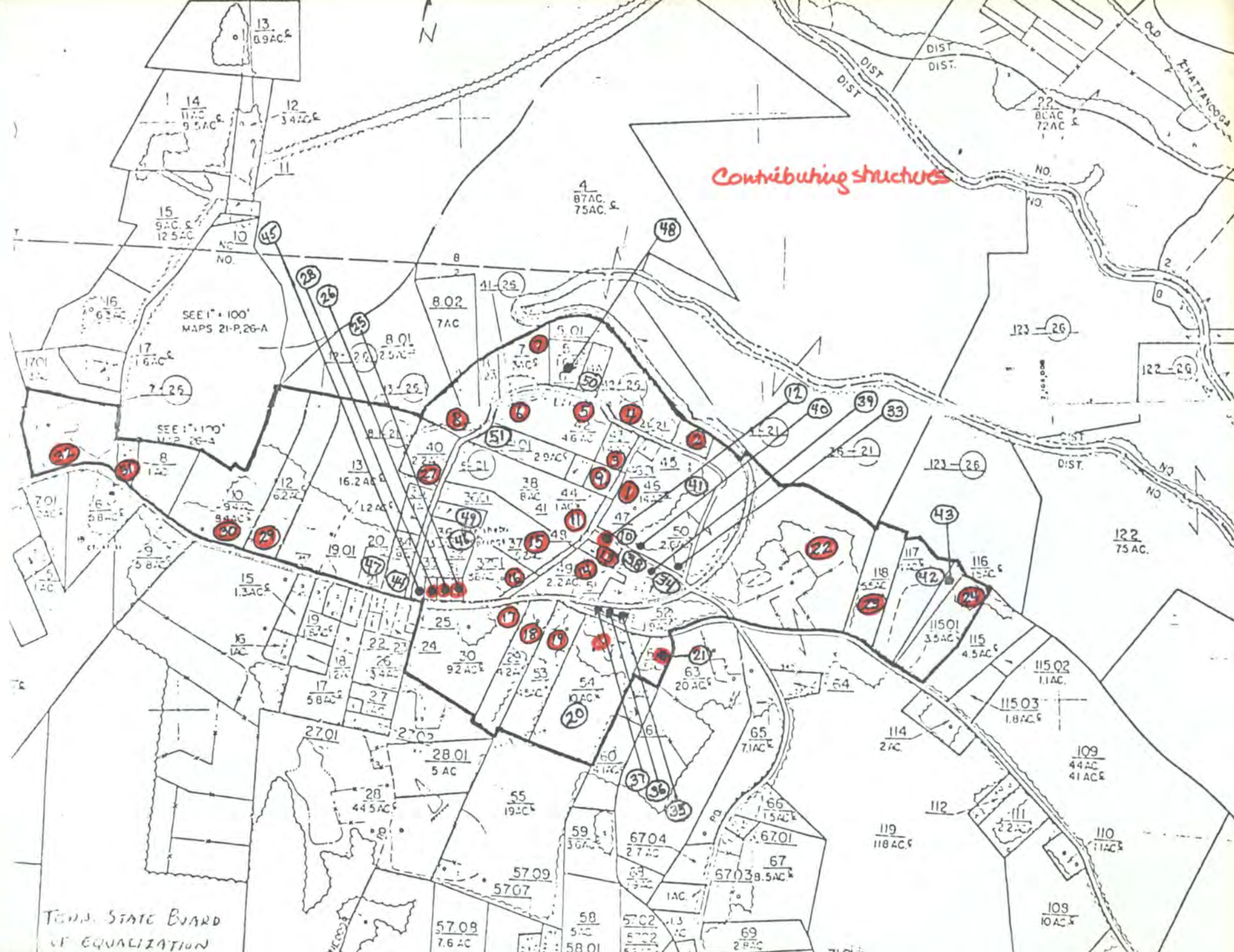


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Contributing structures

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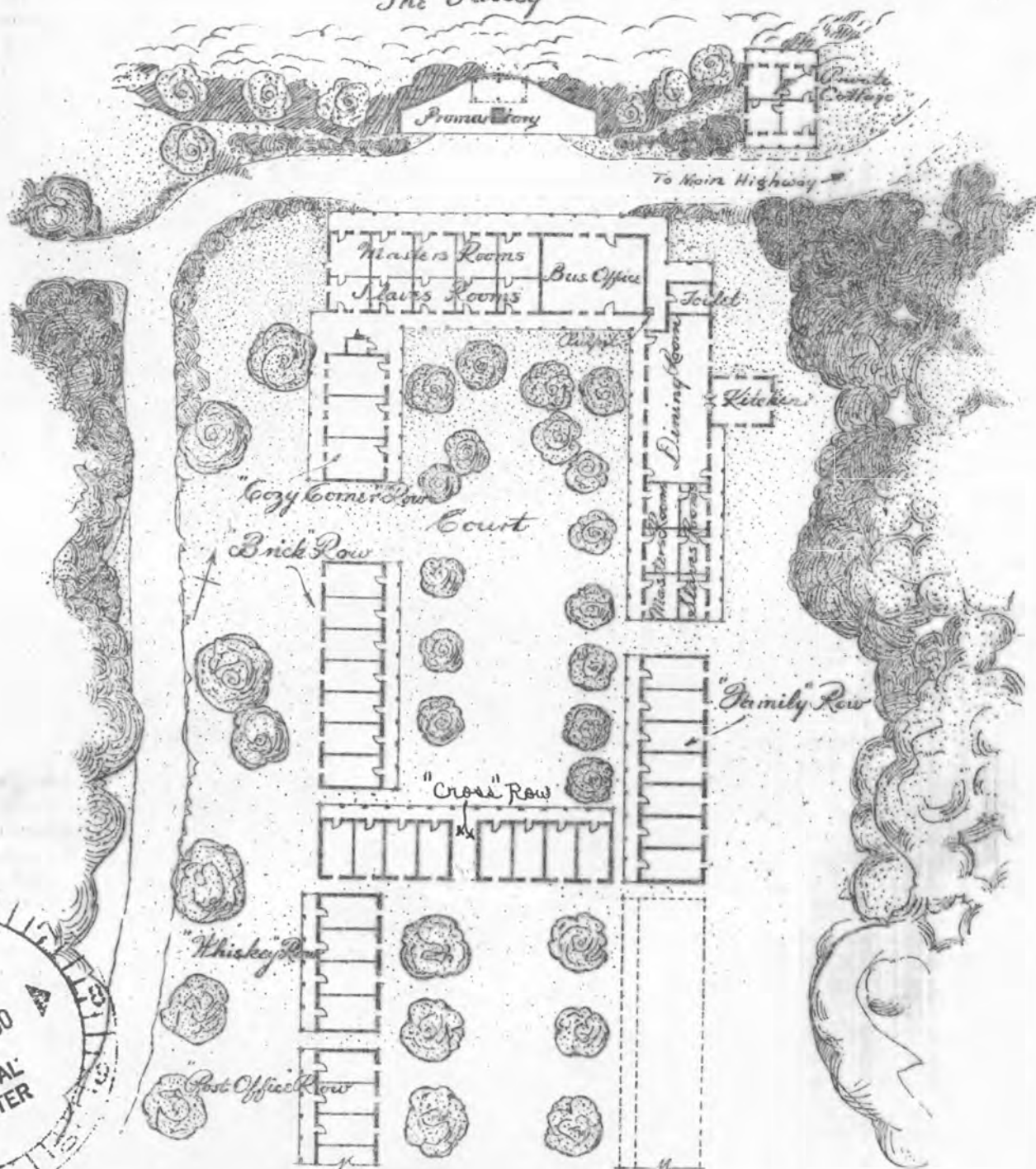
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The Valley



The BEERSHEBA SPRINGS INN  
(Detail of No. 1 on location map)

The Plan

An open plan—a quadrangle of row houses, one room deep, with porches opening onto a common court, all covered with shade from enormous forest trees. Here one could relax in a combination of maximum privacy and comfort, scarcely noticing the difference between in and out of doors.

From the publication book "White Pillars" - There is an interesting attical and other drawings.

Property Beersheba Springs Historic District

80003801

State TN - Grundy

Working Number 1-9-80110

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 60  
Maps 5

**HISTORIAN**

Antebellum spa which achieved greatest popularity ~~1850-60~~ 1850-60; auxiliary significance in association w/ founding of Episcopal U. of South (which was organized here in 1858) + w/ writings of local author Henry Waulles Murfree. ~~He~~ Never achieved previous level of success after CW; since 1941 owned + used as retreat by Tennessee Methodist Conference. District contains main antebellum hotel complex, a number of contemporary cabins, most w/ pillared porches, and later vacation residences, ~~no~~ all comparable in scale + many comparable in style with primary historic structures. Boundaries are drawn to take in 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings, including shingled chapel at west end and notable high gabled cottage at east end (#s 31 and 24). Though proportion of non-contributing to contributing structures appears high (19 to 32), in fact few of non-contributing are visually intrusive, + ~~most~~ continuity of district promotes preservation of rural context, which is important. Accept

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept  
O'Connell  
3/14/80

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
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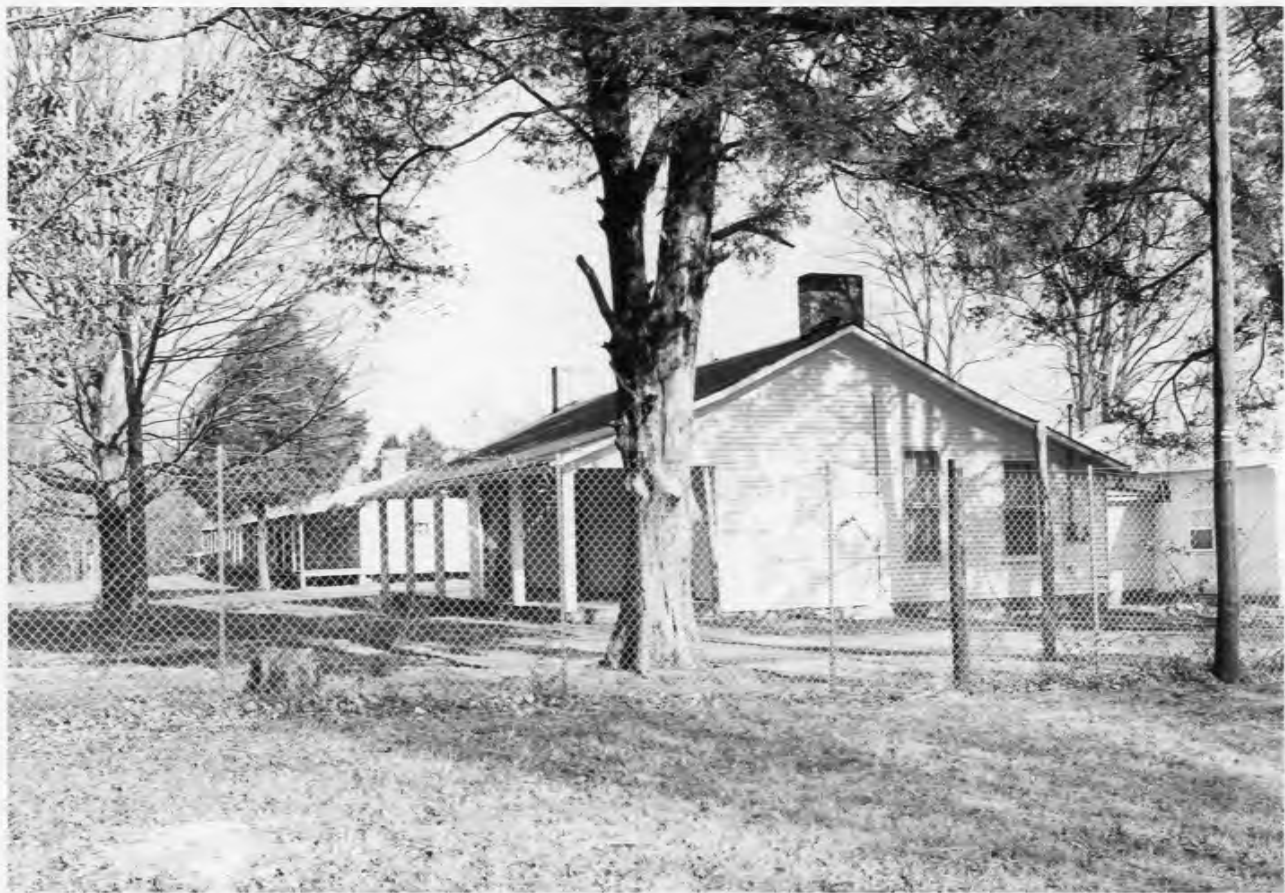


























































GRACE CHAPEL  
METHODIST CHURCH















BEERSHEBA LAUNDRY MAT

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DON'S SUPERETTE

JAMES SLOOP

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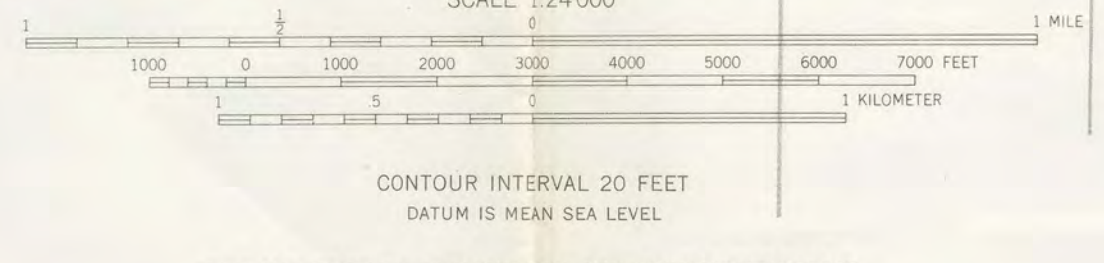
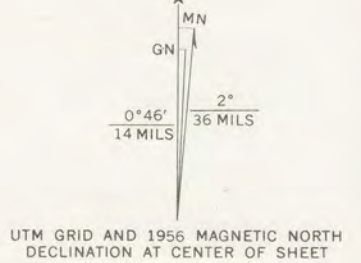






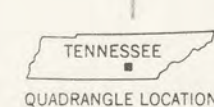
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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ALTAMONT, TENN.  
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DEAR HERBERT. MY MOTHER FAITH YOW ADAMS TO WHOM THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED IS MOST SUPPORTIVE OF THE NOMINATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER, I HOPE WITH HER SIX SISTERS-IN-LAW & REMAINING BROTHER-IN-LAW. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, PLEASE ADVISE IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE

INCIDENTALLY, THE HOUSES & CHURCH ALTHOUGH OUT OF THE "CIRCLE" UNDER CONSIDERATION, DESERVE RECOGNITION ON THEIR OWN. I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP. CONSTANT REGARDS, FAITH ADAMS YOUNG  
DIXON SPRINGS, 37657



(PLUMACHER HOUSE & GRACE CHAPEL)

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
4721 TROUSDALE DRIVE, NASHVILLE 37220  
615/741-2371

(735-1862)

Mrs. Adam G. (Faith Dow) Adams  
333 University, #231  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

July 25, 1979

Dear Mrs. Adams:

Due to new federal procedures, the property you own, White House located in the Beersheba Springs Historic District must be considered again by the Historic Sites Advisory Committee, our state review board, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation.

Listing in the National Register makes private property owners eligible to be considered for Federal grants-in-aid for historic preservation and provides limited protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally financed, assisted, or licensed undertakings on historic properties.

If your property is depreciable and is listed in the National Register, there are also certain provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 encourages preservation of historic depreciable structures by allowing favorable tax treatments for rehabilitations. In addition, it discourages destruction of historic buildings by reducing tax incentives both for demolition of historic structures and for new construction on the site of demolished historic buildings.

If you wish to comment on whether your property should be nominated to the National Register, send you comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Herbert L. Harper, State Historic Preservation Officer, 4721 Trousdale Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37220. When responding to this letter or communicating with our office concerning your property, please identify it by name (if it has one) and complete address, and the name of the historic district (if it is located in one). Comments must be received before the State Review Board considers this property on August 29, 1979.

Sincerely,

*Herbert L. Harper*

Herbert L. Harper  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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# Board of Camp and Assembly Grounds

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1907 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37212

Phones: Office (615) 292-3326 Home (615) 361-0558

Carl Elkins,  
Executive Director

July 30, 1979

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Mr. Herbert L. Harper  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
4721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, TN 37220

Dear Mr. Harper,

In response to your letter of July 24, 1979, we are very anxious to have the Beersheba Springs United Methodist Hotel and Parsonage nominated for inclusion in the National Register. This property is located at Beersheba Springs, Tennessee and is in the Beersheba Springs Historic District.

I am very much aware of its historic significance, and as the Director of Camping for The Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, I am committed to the preserving of the Hotel and Parsonage as historic buildings. The Board of Camp and Assembly Grounds, which has the responsibility for the maintenance, operation and management of the Beersheba Assembly Grounds is, likewise, committed to preserving these facilities as historic buildings.

The name and address of the facility is: Beersheba Springs Assembly, Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, 37305. It is located in the Beersheba Springs Historic District.

Sincerely,

Carl Elkins  
Director of Camping

CE/dc





Aug. 1, 1979

Dear Mr. Harper:

On behalf of the other owners of the Glasgow Cottage at (Hwy. 56) Beersheba Springs, I want to say that we are delighted that our property is being considered for nomination to the National Register.

We are very interested in obtaining more information concerning grants for preservation, as we are getting ready to do some essential and possibly extensive exterior work. Can you advise us as to how long the process of nomination takes and any other information



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you feel is pertinent  
Is there any  
further information we  
can provide to help  
with the nomination?

Many thanks for  
the efforts of you  
and your department.

Very sincerely,  
Susan Glasgow Brown  
(Mrs. Allen C. Brown)  
4505 Wayland Dr.  
Nashville, Tenn.  
37215



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Mr. Herbert L. Harper,  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer,  
Tenn. Dept. of Conservation,  
Tenn. Historical Commission,  
4721 Trousdale Drive,  
Nashville, Tenn. 37220

July 31, 1979

Dear Mr. Harper:

Mr. Watkins and I would like very much to see the  
Glasgow Cottage located in the Beersheba Springs Historic  
District be included in the National Register of Historic  
Places.

Reasons:

1. Historic value of the place.
2. Assistance in keeping up this property by Federal grant  
and lower taxes.

Hoping to hear the area of Beersheba Springs will be included  
on this Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. W. M. Watkins Jr.*

Mrs. W. M. Watkins Jr.  
113 Herron Drive,  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37919



Indeed 2 as Thiers Bushua Springs  
should be listed in the Register  
of Historic Places - just in my book  
there are six houses that were built  
just before and right after the Civil War.  
The house 2 was owned & built by  
Ormfold for his colored servant  
Nathan - 127 years old - 2 don't  
mind money to restore it because  
that has been done as the need was  
urgent. all the houses have been  
properly cared for as time passed for.  
Thank you for this letter.

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Wmst Smokey  
Edna H. Dehner

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Mrs. Claude Coffinger (nee Wagoner Brown)  
has any record about Bushua Springs  
which any one can obtain at any  
time -

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August 4, 1979

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Mr. Herbert L. Harper, Executive Director  
Tennessee Dept. of Conservation  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
4721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, TN 37220

Dear Mr. Harper:

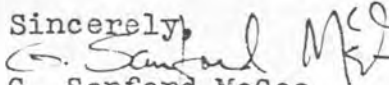
I am responding to the recent letter which my father, G.W. McGee, received concerning the property which my family owns in Beersheba Springs, Tn. The property of interest was built by Col. John Armfield in 1857 and was known as the Cockrill Cottage for many years. My grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. McGee, bought the property in 1927 and it has been the McGee "home-place" since then. My parents are not as interested in historic preservation as I am, so they have given the responsibility of the procedures involved for inclusion of our property into the National Register of Historic Places to me. Therefore I would appreciate receiving any correspondence of interest concerning this matter.

The house has been vacant since my grandmother died two years ago. There are repairs, electrical and plumbing work, etc., needed before my parents move permanently into the house. I am encouraging them to keep preservation as top priority in any work done. Would you please send information mentioned in your letter concerning grants-in-aid, tax treatments, etc. If something along these lines can be used I feel my parents would be very open to working with preservation in mind. I would appreciate any help in these areas which you might give.

I am working with Margaret Coppinger concerning the formation of a Beersheba Springs Historic or Preservation Society. This would be of great value in promoting our cause with many people who love Beersheba Springs.

Please excuse my rambling, but I did want you to know that I am very interested in the preservation of the McGee property and my parents are developing my enthusiasm. Therefore please include our property to be nominated to the National Register.

Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
  
G. Sanford McGee  
Sunset Bluffs  
Monteagle, TN 37356



T. W. MAYHEW  
ROUTE 12, BOX 216  
CLARKSVILLE, TENN. 37040

August 6, 1979  
Clarksville, Tenn.

Mr. Herbert L. Harper  
Tennessee Department of Conservation  
4721 Trousdale Drive,  
Nashville, Tenn. 37220

Dear Mr. Harper:

I appreciate your letter of July 25th relative to the historical sites at Beersheba Springs, Tenn. We have a small cottage up there, but since it was built in 1942 I should think that it would not qualify as a historical site.

When the Methodist Church bought the hotel and grounds in 1941, I purchased a small lot from the church property and built my little cottage, and that is as far back as my property would go, but thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,

*T. W. Mayhew*  
T. W. Mayhew



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August 11, 1979



Herbert L. Harper, Officer  
State Historical Preservation  
4721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, TN 37220

Re: White House, Beersheba Springs, Tenn.  
Beersheba Springs Historic District

Dear Mr. Harper:

I would be delighted to have my property, the White House, nominated to the National Registry.

I greatly appreciate the government taking an interest in preserving Beersheba Springs.

Sincerely, *Mary A. Adams*

Mrs. Morton B. (Mary Avent) Adams  
337 University Drive  
San Sebastian Apt. 327  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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Speed Message

To Tn. Dept Conservation  
Herbert Harper  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
4721 Trousdale 37220

From ANDREWS PROPERTIES  
224 WHITE BRIDGE ROAD  
NASHVILLE, TN 37209  
615/352-3300

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

We were indeed flattered to receive a letter about our home in Beershiba, "Pecennial II" on Armfield Drive.

This house has no redeeming historical or architectural feature, unfortunately. It would suit the historical register just about the same as the trailer home across the road from it.

We do not plan to, nor would you like us to, apply for loans to renovate. It really has no redeeming feature, except location (and that's because I'm one of the Adams clan) - there isn't even a view. I do hope the beautiful old summer homes, including the Adams' "White House" will be on the register, as they well deserve!

Signed

Sue Andrews (Mrs. Nelson)





THE TURNER COTTAGE

BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TENN. (615) 692 - 3832

August 21, 1979

Mr. Herbert L. Harper  
Tenn. Dept. of Conservation  
4721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, Tenn. 37220

Dear Mr. Harper:

Thank you for your letter of July 24, 1979 concerning the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of The Turner Cottage located in the Beersheba Springs Historic District.

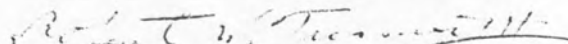
I think that our house here is worthy of being included in the National Register and, from the comments in your letter, would be in favor of the nomination.

My comments are limited in value, as I own only one fourth of the property through direct inheritance.

We will be in residence here through August 29th or 30th. Please let me know if there is additional information which would be helpful.

We would, of course, be interested in the results of the State Review Board.

Cordially,

  
Robert W. Turner, III  
861 W. Tarpon Blvd.,  
Fort Charlotte, Fla. 33952

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TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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615/741-2371

August 27, 1979



Mr. Herbert L. Harper  
Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
4721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37220

Dear Mr. Harper:

I am the owner of the following property which is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Property in the Beersheba Springs Historic District

I am aware of both the incentives and disincentives of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the other consequences of National Register listing and hereby waive my right to the thirty-day commenting period before the meeting of the state review board, the Historic Sites Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

*Douglas F. Brown*  
*Rose M. Brown*

*P.S. If we can be of any service to you, please advise*

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Meister  
Backbone Road  
Beersheba Springs  
Tennessee 37305



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
4721 TROUSDALE DRIVE, NASHVILLE 37220  
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Sincerely,

*A. G. Meister*  
*Mrs. Adam G. Meister*

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Concerning: Glasgow Cottages  
Peersheba Springs Historic District

September 3, 1979

Dear Mr. Harper,

I was very much interested in receiving your letter concerning the nomination of my property in Peersheba Springs to the National Register. I am extremely concerned with preservation of historic sites. The Glasgow cottage on Armfield Ave, along with many other cottages in Peersheba Springs is certainly worthy of this nomination. Please let me know if there is anything more that I can do.

I do hope that my response is not too late.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Margaret Williams  
(Mrs Lane Williams)

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ASSOCIATED OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS, P.C.  
BENJAMIN H. CALDWELL, JR., M.D.  
ANTHONY E. D. TRABUE, M.D.  
329 22ND AVE. NO.  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

September 20, 1979



Mr. Herbert L. Harper  
Executive Director  
Tennessee State Park  
Preservation Office  
Department of Conservation  
2721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, TN 37220

Dear Mr. Harper:

In regard to your letter concerning my property in the Beersheba Springs District, I would encourage this area to be included in The National Register of Historic Places. This place has long been a historic watering place for many noted people, and the fact that it has been so little disturbed makes it even more valuable. I certainly hope that it will be included. As the past President of Historic Nashville, Inc., I understand your concern for this place and would encourage you to include this as a historic landmark.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben".

Ben H. Caldwell, Jr., M.D.

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January 4, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull,  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation and  
Recreation Service  
440 G. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the forms necessary to nominate the Beersheba Springs Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Herbert L. Harper,  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

HLH:sg  
Enclosure





IN REPLY REFER TO: 661

United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

JAN. 31 1980

Beersheba Springs  
Hist. Dist. 42480

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Dear Property Owner:

The property you own is located in a historic district that has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. This nomination is pending in our office.

If your property is depreciable and the district is listed in the National Register, there are certain benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. We are enclosing information about this law and a general description of the National Register program.

Soon we will be considering whether the district should be listed, using as our guidelines the "Criteria for Evaluation" shown in the enclosed material. If you wish to comment on whether the district should be listed, we would be pleased to hear from you. Send your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM). Please include the name of the district (as shown on the address label on this letter) and property address. If you have any questions about the National Register program or the enclosed material, you should also address them to me.

In the enclosed material you will note references to standards for rehabilitating old buildings. These standards are a list of do's and don'ts for people who are fixing up old buildings. If the owner of a building listed in the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, wishes to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act benefits, these standards must be followed. A copy of these standards is available from Technical Preservation Services, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243. Questions about the standards should also be addressed to that same office.

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Mrs. Adam G. (Faith Yow) Adams  
333 University #231  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

further!  
ADAMS  
FAITH YOW  
2/6/80

RE: Beersheba Springs Hist. Dist. - TN

Do please do whatever you want to - I think  
you own my share of White House now, don't you?

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
DATE RECEIVED FEB 12 1980  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NO. OF RESPONSE (ATTACHED)  
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NO. OF TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)  
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INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

*8/12/80*

*MA 3 1 1980*



Beersheba Springs Hist. Dist. 1-22-80  
Warren Co


Every one should be interested in the preservation of this sweet little Mountain town that was begun before the civil war its being visited by thousands of people besides the owners of property, most of the property is in very good repair. The old Hotel is in fine shape

I don't know of any one who could not keep his or her own property in good shape - with out help -

My house, which I bought six years ago - to keep it from being torn down its now lovely sweet and comfortable I don't need help - Its 128 years and best for Amfields negro settlement, all other houses lose a long and interesting history - I am enjoying living in a negro house

ETH - Beersheba Springs - must be accepted in the National Register of Historic Places. There are too many people interested who will not take time to write even if they could vote favorable for the acceptance  
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United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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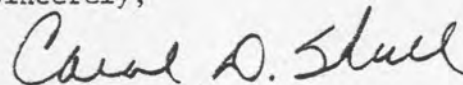
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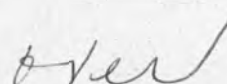
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Mrs. Frank Davenport  
103 Ross Ave.  
McMinnville, TN 37110

RE: Beersheba Springs Hist. Dist.





# United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO: 661

JAN 31 1980

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4436 Alcott Drive  
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527 Belle Meade Blvd.  
Nashville, TN 38105

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Mrs. Morton B. (Mary Avent) Adams  
1515 San Remo, Apt. #9  
Coral Gables, FL 33147

RE: Beersheba Springs Hist. Dist. -7A

Beersheba Springs Hist. Dist. 1-22 80



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Carl Elkins,  
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February 11, 1980

Carol D. Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Pension Building, 440 G Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

In reply to your letter of January 31, 1980, regarding the Beersheba Springs Hotel and Parsonage being included in the National Register in the government's official list of historical buildings, we are very definitely interested in this being accomplished.

The Beersheba Springs Hotel property was built around 1850. We have endeavored to maintain the exterior of the property in it's original state. The interior we have continued to update and improve.

There is a great appreciation on the part of residents of the Beersheba Springs community and the owners of the Beersheba Springs Hotel and Assembly of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church to preserve the historic significance of these various properties.

Since we are a church Assembly Grounds, many of the benefits listed in the brochure regarding tax incentives of Historic Rehabilitation do not apply. However, we are very much interested in the preservation of this property for historical reasons, as well as, present day ministries.

Therefore, we respectfully urge that the Beersheba Springs Hotel and Parsonage be listed in the National Register of Historic places.

Sincerely,

Carl Elkins  
Executive Director of Camping

CE/dlc

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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The Secretary of the Interior has the honor to acknowledge the letter and enclosure for National Register, as well as the letter and enclosure.

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Very truly yours,

Director, National Register of Historic Places

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Washington, D.C. 20240

Enclosure

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12 February 1980

Carol D. Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Pension Building  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20243  
(ATT: NOM)

Dear Miss Shull:

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosures. My family and I are delighted to hear that your department and other interested persons are considering Beersheba Springs as a historic district. As a landowner there and summer resident for the past thirty years, I heartily endorse this move toward preservation and hope that all arrangements can be effected without delay.

I have been privy to some of the negotiations at the local level, have long urged recognition for Beersheba, and will be happy to provide any further testimonials required.

Yours sincerely,  
*Herschel Gower*  
Herschel Gower  
Associate Professor of English



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Acting Keeper of the National Register  
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Re: Beersheba Springs  
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This will give you authority ~~to~~  
to list my property, located in  
Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, in  
the National Register of Historical  
Places.

To avoid confusion I am  
returning your letter of 1/31/80  
relating to the matter.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TENNESSEE

Date Entered MAR 20 1980

Name

Location

Beersheba Springs Historic District

Beersheba Springs  
Grundy County

North Main Street Historic District

Bolivar  
Hardeman County

Also Notified

Honorable James R. Sasser

Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.  
Honorable Robin L. Beard, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Herbert Harper  
Executive Director  
Tennessee Historical Commission  
4721 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

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May 6, 1980

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 U. S. Department of the Interior  
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 440 G. Northwest  
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Dear Ms. Shull:

I am writing you in regard to property 661. I would encourage you to place the whole small town of 300 people on the National Register. The area map which I saw does not include all of the early houses and buildings of the town, and I feel there would be some advantage to include all of the early log houses and buildings that dealt with the early watering spa of Beersheba Springs.

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping that covers a little bit of the history of the town.

Thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,

*Ben Caldwell*  
 Ben H. Caldwell, Jr., M.D.

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Enclosure

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