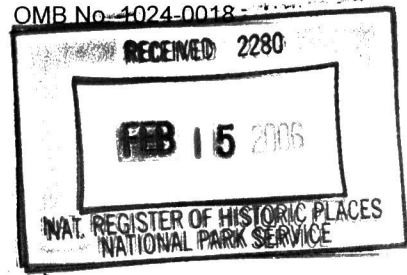


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: **Porterville General Store**
other names/site number: **Dr. W.F. Rogers Store; Jack McElvaine Store; Jack Webb Store**

2. Location

street & number: **old Highway 45** not for publication
city or town: **Porterville** vicinity
state: **Mississippi** code **MS** county **Kemper** code **069** zip code **39352**

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul FEB. 10, 2006
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

Daniel J. Vivan 3/17/06
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: **Private**

Number of Resources within Property:
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property: **Building**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

**Name of related multiple
property listing:**

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the
National Register:**

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: **COMMERCE/TRADE: department store**

Current Functions: **WORK IN PROGRESS**
 COMMERCE/TRADE: department store

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s): **No Style**

Materials:

foundation: **BRICK**
roof: **ASPHALT/METAL: tin**
walls: **WOOD: weatherboard**
other

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Porterville, Kemper County

Narrative Description

This store building is a wood frame structure built in 1913. Its foundation is brick. A single gable roof of corrugated tin extends the full length of the one-story general store section of the building. A two-story section is located at the rear of the general store, housing an apartment above an office/bank/storage/post office area. A covered shed-roof porch extends to the street in front facing west to the railroad tracks. This full-width porch includes wooden steps leading down to the two gas pumps which are also covered by the shed roof. Three wooden loafers benches are attached to the 6" wood posts on the porch. Double-leaf 10-light French-style doors at the center of the façade are flanked by paired original windows (4'9" x 5'11"), each with 18 panes. Iron burglar bars cover both front windows. On the N elevation are five 6-light transom/breeze windows and six of these types are on the S elevation. Near the rear of the N elevation of the general store section are two sets of wooden doors (6'6" x 4'2") with two glass panels each. Tin-roofed wooden awnings shelter these doors. A brick chimney over a coal-burning fireplace is on the N elevation flanked by two fixed windows with iron bars, and a smaller brick chimney, originally over a wood-burning stove, is located at the gable ridge.

A double-leaf 5-panel wood door opens into the interior from the front porch. The general store features unpainted pine flooring extending 48' to a concrete floor at the rear (see floorplan, attached). The concrete floor (35'9") extends, in turn, to the rear wall of the store. Three wooden posts are in a line down the center of the store. Walls and ceiling are pine flushboard painted white. Mahogany-stained wooden shelves line the long northern and southern walls. There are fifteen shelf units of 4'9" length and three boards per unit on the south wall (a total of 71'3"), and fourteen shelf units on the north wall (a total of 66'6"). Additionally, nine glass display cases form counter areas in front of the shelves and four freestanding wood counters are of later vintage. The rear section with concrete floor has a coal-burning fireplace with a wood mantel and a primitive wooden butcher table. The floor here is grooved for drainage as this section served as a butcher shop.

The two-story section at the rear of the building housed a small bank, post office, and doctor's office on the first floor, and a residence upstairs. A separate entrance, on the S elevation, with a 4-light, 2-panel wood door opens into a 17' x 26'6" area used for a bank, doctor's office, and storage. Original wood fixtures of the office remain. Two sash windows to serve customers are still functional, and the wood-plank floor is intact. The storage area to the north features a concrete floor. The door to the second-floor apartment is east of the office entrance, and further to the east, at the very rear of the building is a 40'5" x 31' one-story structure attached to the rest of the building but with a tin shed roof. It has two boarded windows and one boarded door. Entry to this section is through a double-leaf plank door, each leaf with six barn hinges. This section was the site of the early Porterville Post Office. A decrepit voting booth indicates it was likely also a voting precinct.

The exterior and interior of this extraordinarily intact early 1900s vernacular general store are basically unaltered. Electric lights and a couple of air conditioners in the transoms are the only "modern" features inside. Outside, two gas pumps under the shed-roof drive-through and electric lights are later additions.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

Areas of Significance

- 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.

Architecture

Period of Significance
1913

Significant Dates
1913

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person(s)

Cultural Affiliation(s)

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance:

See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

See continuation sheet.

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

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository:

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Porterville General Store
Porterville, Kemper County

Statement of Significance

The Porterville General Store is an outstanding example of the old country/village store. It was built in 1913 by Dr. W. F. Rogers to replace a previous building destroyed by fire in 1912. The building's location and vernacular design provide insight into rural village life in early 20th century Mississippi.

Porterville in 1913 was a thriving village of approximately 200 inhabitants. Its location on the M&O Railroad attracted commerce of all kinds. Pioneer settlers of Kemper County had farms nearby providing a trade area of several hundred families.

The actual setting of the store is significant historically. The building occupies most of the lot. A large parking area was unnecessary for customers who walked, came on horseback or in buggies or farm wagons.

Inside, the layout of merchandise is representative of a small mercantile enterprise. Goods were kept inside enclosed glass showcases or on wall shelves behind counters formed by the glass cases. The vast space of shelves and open areas for barrels, bags, boxes of home and farm needs connotes an ample customer base. Even caskets were displayed in the early 1900s.

With the arrival of the motorcar the current porte-cochere extension to the front porch was added to accommodate two gas pumps. Inside the store on the west wall are dates of oil changes and related car transactions jotted down in pencil.

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Porterville, Kemper County

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	362020	3617460	C		
B				D		

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

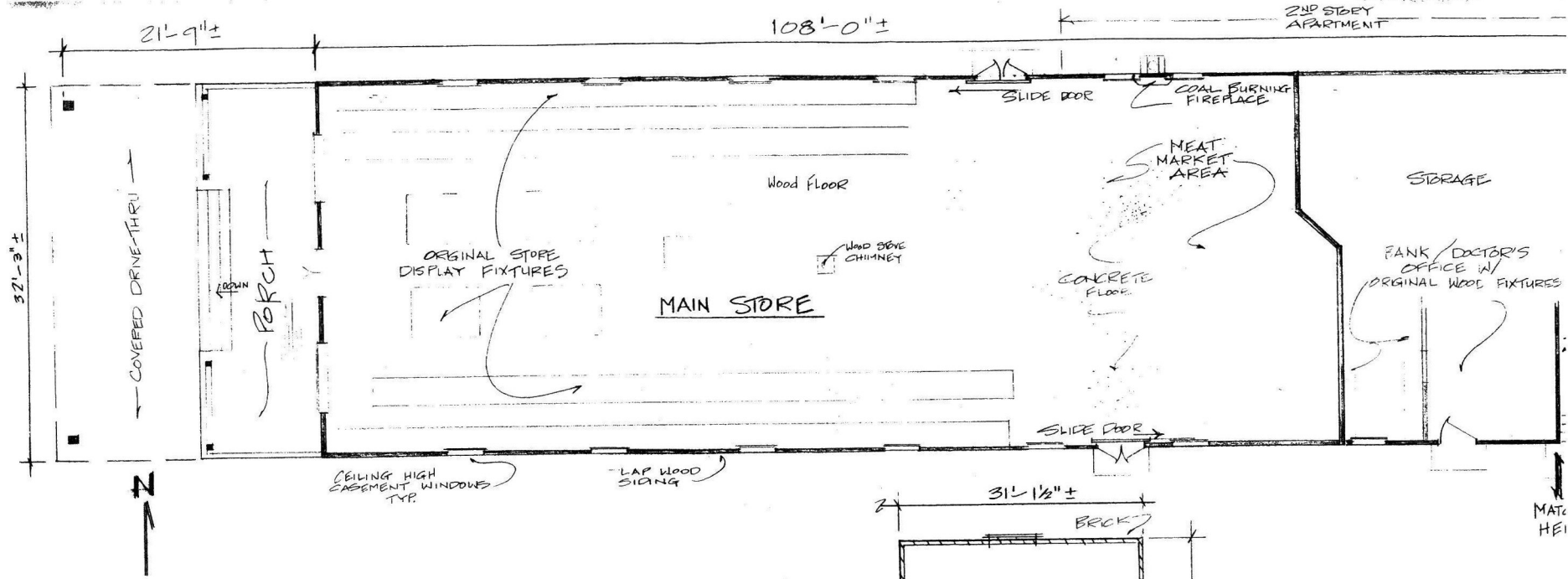
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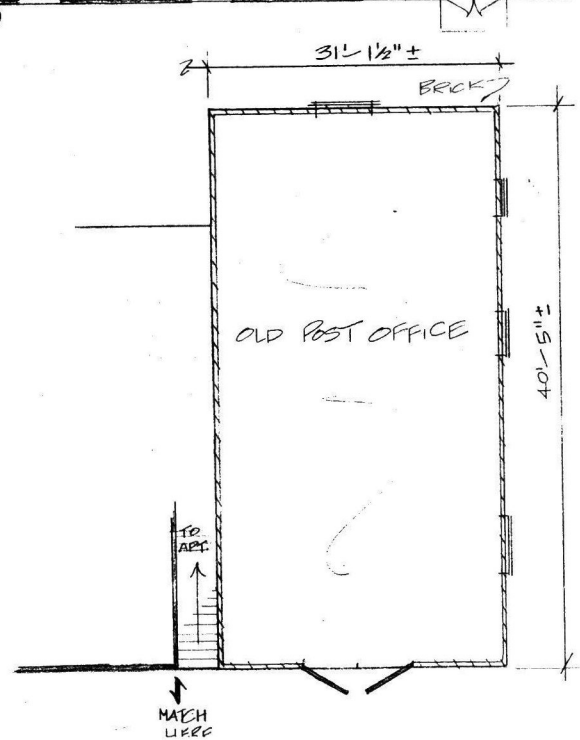
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PORTERVILLE
GENERAL STORE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Porterville General Store

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Kemper

DATE RECEIVED: 2/15/06 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/02/06
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/17/06 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/31/06
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 06000195

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Porterville General Store is locally significant under Criterion C as an outstanding example of a country store in the rural South. Dr. W. F. Rogers erected the building in 1913 to replace a structure that had been destroyed by fire the previous year. In its heyday, the store served Porterville (population 200) and the surrounding area. Its location at the intersection of Highway 45 and the M&O Railroad reflected its role at the center of the local commercial life. The plain vernacular styling and interior layout is typical of small-town general stores erected during the early twentieth century. Today, the store reflects the architectural history of Kemper County and retains integrity from its period of significance.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Crit. C
REVIEWER Daniel Vivian DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE (202)354-2252 DATE 3/17/06

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 NPS.



Coca-Cola

Jack Webb's
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Porterville General Store
Porterville, Kemper Co., Mississippi
W facade, view to E
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Porterville General Store
Porterville, Kemper Co., Mississippi
N Elevation & W-facade, view to SE
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Porterville General Store

Porterville, Kemper Co, Mississippi

W facade & S elevation, view to NE

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Porterville General Store
Porterville, Kemper Co., Mississippi
Main entrance, view to E
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Porterville General Store
Porterville, Kemper Co., Mississippi
Interior view to rear
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Porterville General Store
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Glass-Front bins
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Doctor's office/bank

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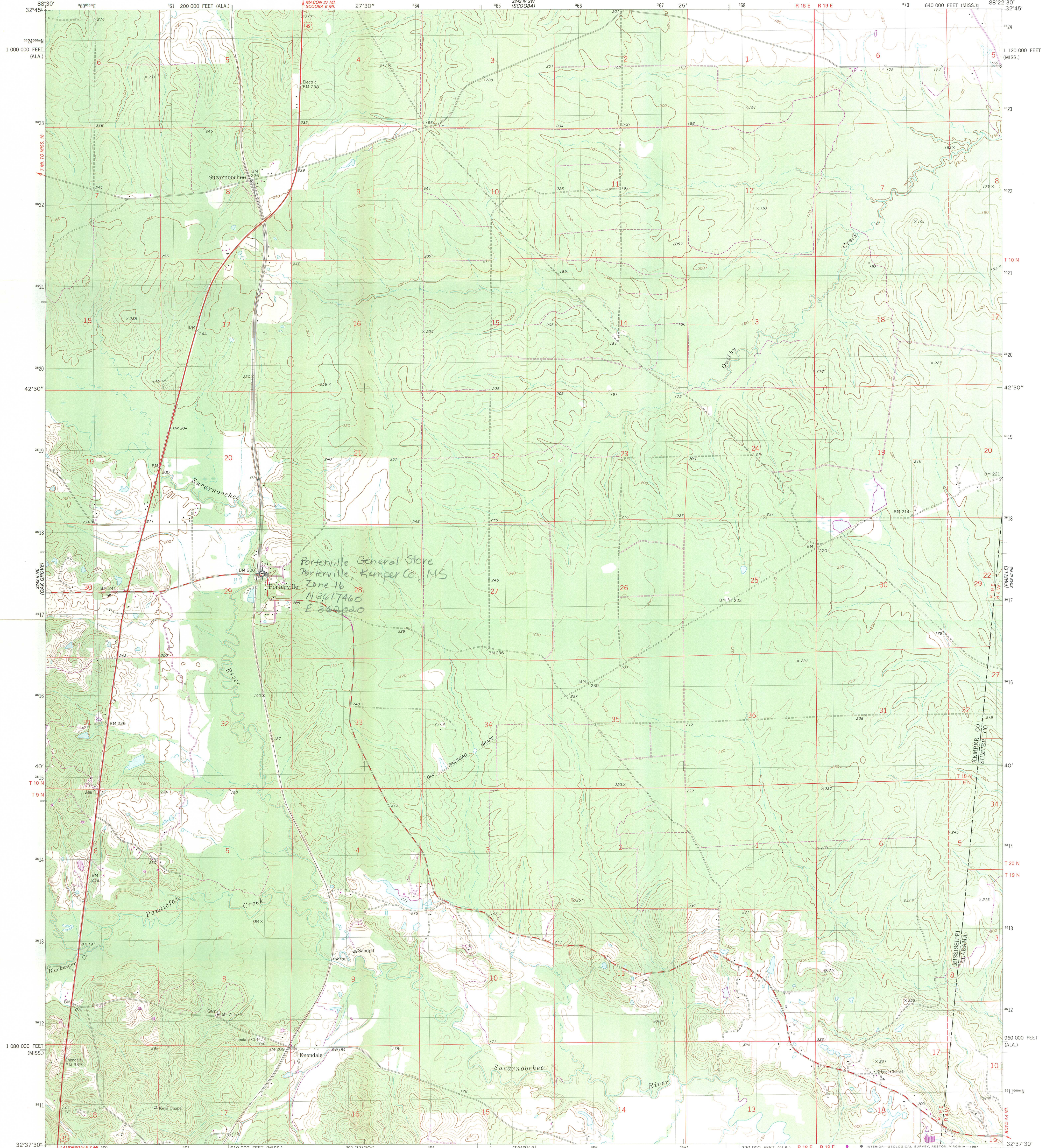
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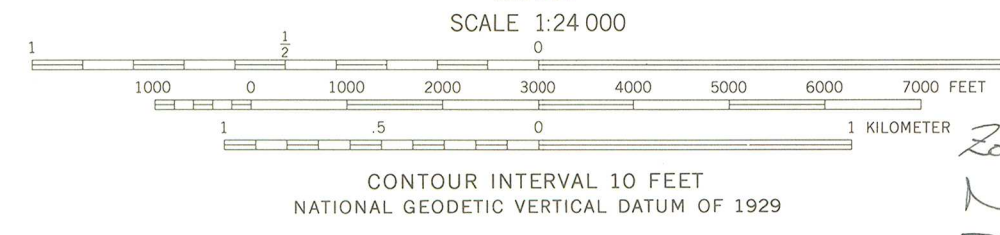
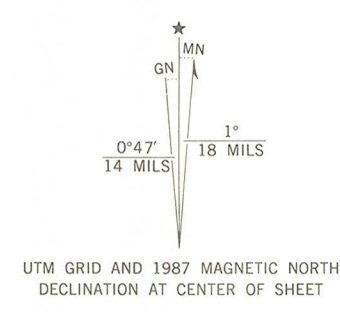
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Porterville General Store
Porterville, Kemper Co., Mississippi
Storage area
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Porterville, Kemper Co., Miss.
Zone 16
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

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