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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

Nomination Form

1. Name

historic Tibbie Store

and/or common Tibbie Post Office

2. Location

street & number AL Hwy 17

city, town Tibbie

---vicinity of Chatom

state Tibbie

county Washington County

zip 36583

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<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 Misses Bessie Dees and Gladys Madison

Phone number 334-847-3397

street & number U.S. Post Office

city, town Tibbie

---vicinity of

zip 36583

5. Floor plan & site plan. Use space below to sketch floor plan and site plan or attach additional sheet.

6. Description (See attached instructions for specific guidelines.)

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date late 1940s

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

Attached.

7. Significance (See attached instructions for specific guidelines.)

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

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph).

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Tibbie Post Office is eligible for listing on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage under Criteria A and C, in the areas of architecture and commerce. With its simulated ashlar pressed tin siding and steel truss-supported porte cochere, the building is an outstanding example of an early-20th century gable-front vernacular commercial building. It maintains a high level of architectural integrity, possessing essentially all of its original elements. Historically, it has served as a central social gathering place, an essential commercial establishment, and, since becoming a post office in the late 1960s, as the only governmental facility in the area. It is currently threatened by neglect due to plans of the U.S.P.S. to vacate the building.

Historical Summary attached.

8. Major Bibliographical References

Attached.

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ___ less than 1 acre _____

Quadrangle name _____

Enclose map showing location of property. (city or county map, state highway department map, or USGS map)

10. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally Moore (AHC)

organization _____

date 5/19/99

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town _____

state _____

zip _____

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

Color slides are essential to the review process.

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form and documentation to:

Alabama Register Coordinator
Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

NOTES ON THE TIBBIE POST OFFICE, WASHINGTON COUNTY

One story gable front wood frame commercial building, seam metal roof, pressed tin siding simulating ashlar, full brick lattice foundation, front hipped porte-cochere with single steel truss support, four over four sash windows (paired on front elevation, small central brick stove chimney, small rear concrete block addition, over shelf transoms on side elevations, exposed rafters under the eaves, fixed wooden louvre vent in front gable, front double door with four narrow panels per leaf, rear door that now leads into concrete block addition is single leaf with five stacked horizontal panels, flush board interior wall cladding, narrow beaded board interior ceiling, original metal plate for stovepipe in ceiling inscribed "McGowin-Lyons Hardware & Supply Co., Mobile, Ala.).

History:

Allegedly built early in the twentieth century, the physical presence of the building suggests a 1920s date at its earliest. Originally functioned as a company store for a local large landowning family involved in turpentine manufacture and cattle farming. The building was moved to its current site in the late 1940s or early 1950s. The rear concrete block addition was added in the 1950s. It functioned as a grocery store until one or two years ago, and still functions as the community post office, although this function is endangered by recent consolidations.

Mail certificate, if approved, to:

Tibbie Post Office, 36583

TIBBIE POST OFFICE
Alabama Highway 17
Tibbie, Washington County

AR 5/19/99

Owner:

Bessie Dees and Gladys Madison
Tibbie Post Office
Tibbie, AL 36583
334-847-3397

cc:

Judge Tom Baxter Ms. Maude Taylor
P.O. Box 1025 Tibbie Post Office
Chatom, AL 36518 Tibbie, AL 36583
334-847-2164

SUMMARY:

The Tibbie Post Office is a one-story gable-front wood-frame commercial building located in the rural Washington County community of Tibbie. Constructed during the early 20th century, probably around 1920, it features a simulated ashlar pressed tin siding, a seam metal roof, and a front hipped porte cochere with a single steel truss support. Other original elements include 4/4 wood sash windows, four-paneled double doors, wood floors, horizontal flush board interior wall covering, and narrow beaded board interior ceiling. An original metal stovepipe plate inscribed "McGowin-Lyons Hardware & Supply Co., Mobile" also remains. A concrete block addition dating from the 1950s was attached at the rear.

The building was constructed as a company store for a large landowning family (W.W. Kirkland family) involved in turpentine manufacture and cattle farming. After the improvement of Alabama Highway 17 in the late 1940s led to the re-routing of the road in front of the store, the building was moved approximately 100 yards to its current site. Elderly Kirkland daughters, Misses Gladys Madison and Bessie Dees, continue to maintain ownership of the timber property on which the store is located.

During the late 1960s, the front portion of building was rented to the U.S. Postal Service to accommodate post office boxes, and rural delivery was also provided. This facility replaced an earlier postal building located approximately a quarter-mile away that is no longer extant. For many years, the present structure served as a joint post office and country store, until the store was closed within the past year. The U.S. Postal Service has called upon the owners to make structural improvements to the building, consisting of floor and ceiling repairs and the addition of rest room facilities and a handicapped access. The owners have no plans for these alterations, so the building is rented by the USPS on a monthly basis until a new postal facility is found.

Sources:

Baxter, Judge Tom. Telephone interview, 5/12/99.

Farris, Nathan and Blythe Semmer. Site inspection, 3/99.

Tolkkinen, Karen. "U.S. Postal Service plans to suspend tiny Tibbie unit," *Birmingham News*, 2/23/99.



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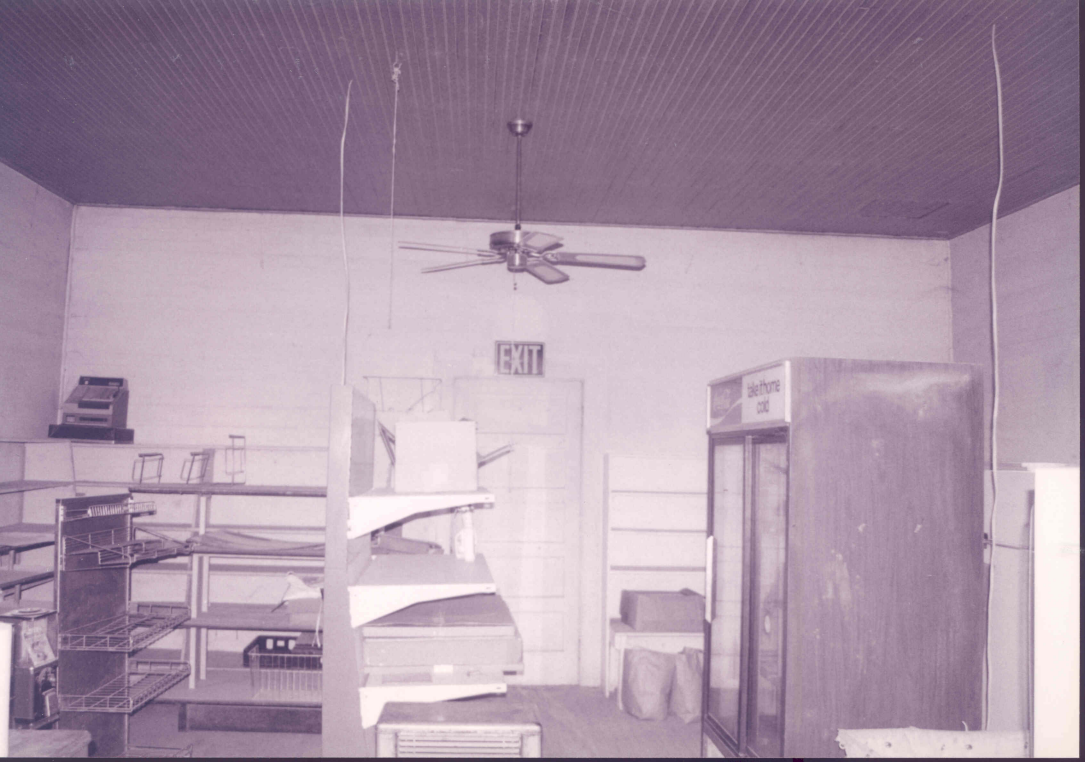
TIBBIE GROC.

ALL DAY LONG
ALL YEAR



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