

BA-1169
Davis Store
15209 Old Hanover Pike
Fowblesburg
Private
c. 1926

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1169

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Davis Store
 other _____

2. Location

street and number 15209 Old Hanover Pike _____ not for publication
 city, town Fowblesburg _____ vicinity
 county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maurice Edward Powell, Jr. and Robert L. Powell
 street and number 5238 Byerly Rd telephone _____
 city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155-9504

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 31-271
 city, town Towson liber 15437 folio 399

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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The interior of the store retains many original features. The floor is about three-inch-wide pine that runs east-west, and the ceiling has battens that form squares. There are shelves along the north, east, and south walls and a counter along the north side that contains a glass case. The store is still heated by a stove.

About 50 feet south of the store is a lumber shed. The east half of the building is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure with corrugated metal siding, concrete piers, and a gable roof with standing seam metal and an east-west ridge. The north elevation of this section has two doors hung on rollers. The west half of this building is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with the same metal siding as the store and a gable roof of standing seam metal with a north-south ridge. The north elevation of this section has a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door on rollers in the first story east bay, a two-over-two sash in the center, and a door on rollers in the west bay that is covered in siding. The second story has a boarded-up window opening in each end bay and a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door in the center. There is a false front over the center and west bays of this section. On the west elevation the first story has no openings and the second story has paired two-over-two sash in the center. On the south elevation, the west half has two bays to the west that project forward several feet. On the first story, the west bay has a board and batten door and the center bay has a shed roof wing with the same siding and roofing as the rest of this half of the building. The second story has no openings. The east bay of the west half has no openings on the first or second stories, and the east half has no openings at all.

South of the lumber shed, near Byerly Road, is the old mule barn. It is a one-story, four-bay by two-bay structure with a concrete foundation, corrugated metal siding, and a gable roof of standing seam metal with an east-west ridge. The building has been converted to a dwelling and has six-over-one sash.

Approximately 75 feet north of the store is a one-story, one-bay square privy with German siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge, and a vertical-board door on the south that is off its hinges.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	n/a
Construction dates	c. 1926		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

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Notes:

(1) Baltimore County Land Records, WPC 467-252, WPC 509-313, RJS 1354-167.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.81

Acreage of historical setting 1.81

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries include the entire parcel.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization

date 01/29/2003

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city or town Baltimore

state MD zip code 21212-1915

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Continuation Sheet

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See endnotes

Davis Stone

- 437-399 24 July 2001 deed - fees.
Maurice Edward Powell, Jr. to M.E.P. Jr. & son Robert L. Powell
\$0. 1.81 A.
@ SW cor. of "old Fablesburg school house lot"
known as 5238 Byerly Rd Upper 21155
- SM
1555-192 12 Apr. 1976 deed - fees
Edward C. Coveley & Pete L. Caples, trustees to M.E.P. Jr.
\$50,000 1.81 A. 5238 Byerly
- 103-556 23 Mar. 1978 deed - fees
Edward C. Coveley, Jr. & Louise L. Caples, pers reps of Est. of
Delphin D. Caples to Edward C. Coveley, trustee
\$5,00
① 7/8 A. in Registers. are 9 lots total - all over
#6 is Fablesburg lot. - 1.81 A.
- LB
430-7 23 Jan. 1951 deed -
Vincent J. Caples, Jr. to D. Delmas Caples - ?
\$5,00 1.81 A. annual rent \$3.00/yr.
- 255
449-153 D. Delmas Caples & wife Louise S. ^{Balto Co.} to Vincent T. Caples, Jr. ^{Balto Co.}
Lease 20 Feb. 1946 ≈ 2 A. \$3.00/yr.
1st tract below
- RIS
449-151 20 Feb. 1946 deed - fees
Vincent T. Caples, Jr. & wife Olga M. to D. Delmas & Louise S. Caples
all in Balto Co.

\$5.00 2 A

RJS
1354-167

29 June 1944 Deed - fees
Louis D. Davis, admin. of will of Annie E. Davis ^{Balto Co} to U.T.C.I.
Buy O.M.C. - Balto Co
will JPC 38-496
private sale \$4,000 2 A.

WPC
509-313

9 May 1919 Deed - fees.
Alvin C. Bossom & Beulah B. ^{Balto Co} to W. Harvey Davis & Annie ^{Hannover}
w H O d. 1932 \$5.00 2 A.
Old Hannover Rd, B. ~~Beulah~~ Rd & W M Rwy

WPC
487-86

4 Aug 1917 Deed - fees.
J. Kensey Marshall ^{2 of Isabelle - Balto Co} to Alvin C. & Beulah B. Bossom - Balto
\$5.00 "Thomas's Choice" 2 A.

WPC
487-90

20 May 1917 Deed - fees.
Newton S. Warts & of E. Va. C. - ? to J. Kensey Marshall - ?
NSW - being mother Rose Ann Warts - has outstanding interest in
property \$5.00 2 A.

WPC
467-252

29 July 1906 Deed - fees.
William T. Algire & of Sine Loop A. ^{Balto Co} to J. Kensey Marshall ^{Balto}
\$5.00 "Thomas Choice" 2 A.

LMB
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BA-1169 INCORRECT
Davis Store LOCATION
15209 Old Hanover Rd
Hampstead Quad - USGS



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Davis Store

15209 Old Hanover Pike

Balta Co., MD

Ken Short

Dec 2002

MD SHPO

N. B.W. et al US

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Davis Store

15209 Old Hanover Pike

Balto. Co., MD

Ken Short

Dec. 2002

MD SHPO

Lumber shed, NW eicus

2/2

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1169
Davis Store
15209 Old Hanover Road
Fowblesburg, Baltimore County
Ca. 1926
Private

The Davis Store dates to a period of growth in Fowblesburg that directly relates to the impact of the Western Maryland Railroad on the small community. The store, which was operated by W. Harvey Davis, is the second commercial building to be located on the property. The first building most likely dated to circa 1919, when the Davis Feed Mill (BA-1170) was constructed. The Davis Store was in a strategic location immediately west of the railroad tracks and north of the Davis Feed Mill. A corn sheller and buckwheat mill were also associated with the property; however those buildings are not extant. The Davis Store was sold by Mrs. Davis, the widow of W. Harvey Davis, in 1946.

Fronting west at 15209 Old Hanover Road, the circa 1926 Davis Store is a one-and-a-half story wood frame building clad in sheet metal with a front gable, parapeted roof clad in standing-seam metal. The parapet rises only halfway to the gable, which is visible above the outer ends of the parapet. The structure, which sits on a random rubble stone foundation, has a central two-light, double-leaf wood door flanked by two 1/1 windows. The façade openings are sheltered by a one-story, three-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by round metal posts. Directly above the porch is a semi-circular boarded window opening. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. A one-story, full-width shed addition extends from the east elevation of the building.

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To the northeast of the Davis Store is a one-story, one-bay square circa 1940 wood frame privy clad in German siding. The building, which sits on a concrete foundation, features a front gable asphalt-shingled roof and a flush vertical board single-leaf wood door.

The circa 1940 poultry house, located directly east of the Davis Store, is a wood frame structure clad in asbestos shingles with a shed roof clad in sheet asphalt. The building, which sits on a concrete foundation, has a small single-leaf wood door and one square window opening with no glazing or screening.

The circa 1980 poultry house has a wood frame that is screened with wire mesh. The building has a corrugated fiberglass roof that is deteriorating.

These buildings are part of a larger property that includes the Davis Feed Mill (BA-1170), which is located directly south of the Davis Store and its accompanying outbuildings.

The Davis Feed Mill is a wood frame structure that sits on a solid poured concrete foundation. Clad in sheet metal, the feed mill has a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building has been extensively altered since it's original construction circa 1919, and the two-story, three-bay-wide main block is now augmented by the addition of an elongated rectangular one-story wing that projects from the structure's east elevation. The Davis Feed Mill fronts north on the east side of the road, and its façade is pierced by one wide vehicular door opening without a door, two flush vertical board sliding doors, two boarded window openings, and one 2/2 window with a boarded bottom sash.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1926 ca., 1946, 1970 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1926 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

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The 1850 county atlas reveals that Fowblesburg, while still a thriving residential community, had not yet been provided a name. By 1877, the small community, named for the Fowble family, included a school house and tavern. The nearby town of Upperco, similarly named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A toll gate was located between the two communities on Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, which replaced the Old Hanover Road as the primary route from Baltimore to Hanover in Carroll County. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowblesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area.

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1926, the Davis Store has been associated with the 1.81 acres known as parcel 271 of tax map 31 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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PATAPSCO 3.6 MI.
HOUCKSVILLE 0.5 MI.

USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD
Scale: 1:24,000
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GATE KEEPER'S HOUSE
15405 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

F 1167
FOWLESBURG INN
15401 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

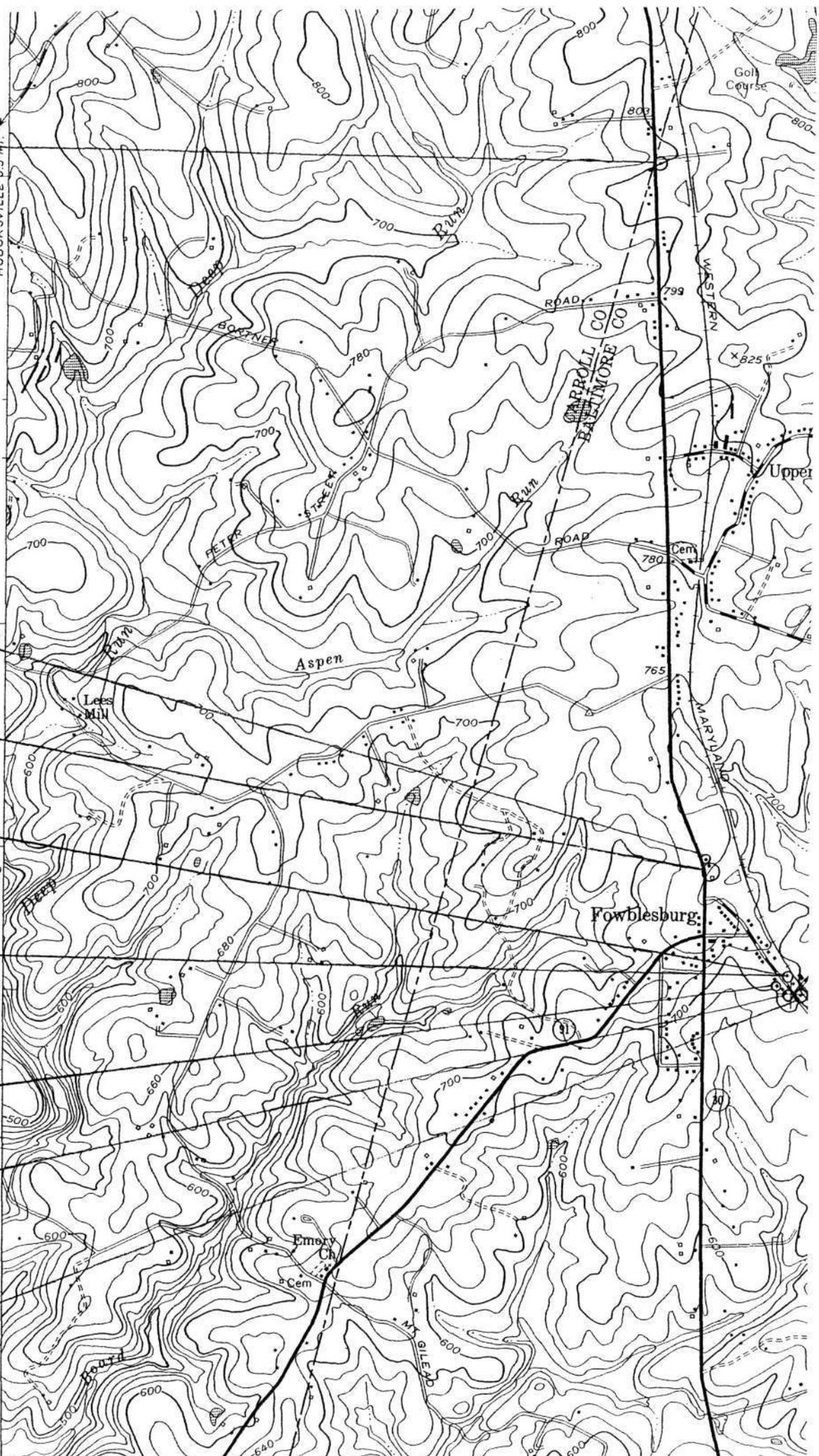
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DAVIS STORE
15209 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1170
DAVIS FEED MILL
15209 OLD HANOVER RD 32'30"
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1174
FARMER'S + MERCHANTS BANK
15204 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1173
THE PARSONAGE
15200 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1172
ANNIE HOUCK BYERLY HOUSE
15239 BYERLY ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY





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Davis store

15209 Old Hanover Road

Baltimore County, MD

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store, south corner, view looking North

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Davis Store
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store, North corner, view looking South

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