HISTORIC DESIGNATION PETITION FORM

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

Site Name: GEO. W. PARKS GENERAL MERCHANDISE, aka/STUART FEED STORE

Site Address: 161 S.W. Flagler Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994

Name of Petitioner: Julie Preast, Historical Research Volunteer

Mailing Address of Petitioner: P. O. Box 2, Jensen Beach, FL 34958

Daytime Telephone Number: 772-692-1163

Email address: juliepreast@bellsouth.net

- If the petitioner is not the property owner, please attach owner's power of attorney authorizing the petitioner to act on the owner's behalf in reference to the property.
- Please attach a map identifying the location of the site within the City.
- Please attach a site plan identifying the location of the site on the parcel or parcels.
- Please attach a copy of the recorded deed for the parcel(s).
- Please attach a copy of the Master Site File, if any exists for the site.
- Please provide a detailed explanation of how the site meets the following criteria for designation as outlined in Section in Section 5.09.00.A. City of Stuart Land Development Code.

Please provide proof or justification the site meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Is significant in City of Stuart history, architecture, archeology or culture and possess an integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, or association; or

2. Is associated with distinctive elements of the cultural, social, political, economic, scientific, prehistoric, and architectural history that have contributed to the pattern of history in Martin County, South Florida, or the Nation; or

3. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in the City of Stuart's, the State of Florida's or the United States of America's past; or

4. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of construction or work of a master; or that possess high artistic value; or that represent a distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

5. Has yielded, or are likely to yield information in history, or prehistory; or

6. Is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please return this from and all requested attachments to:

City Manager's Office
Stuart City Hall
121 SW Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994
(772) 600-1267

City of Stuart

121 SW Flagler Avenue * Stuart * Florida 34994

David Dyess
City Manager

Telephone: (772) 288-5312

October 16, 2018

Stuart Historic Preservation Board
121 SW Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Members,

The City of Stuart is the owner of the Geo W. Parks General Merchandise structure located at 161 SW Flagler Avenue. On behalf of the City of Stuart, I authorize the nomination of listing this building to the Stuart Historic Register.

Sincerely,

David Dyess
City Manager

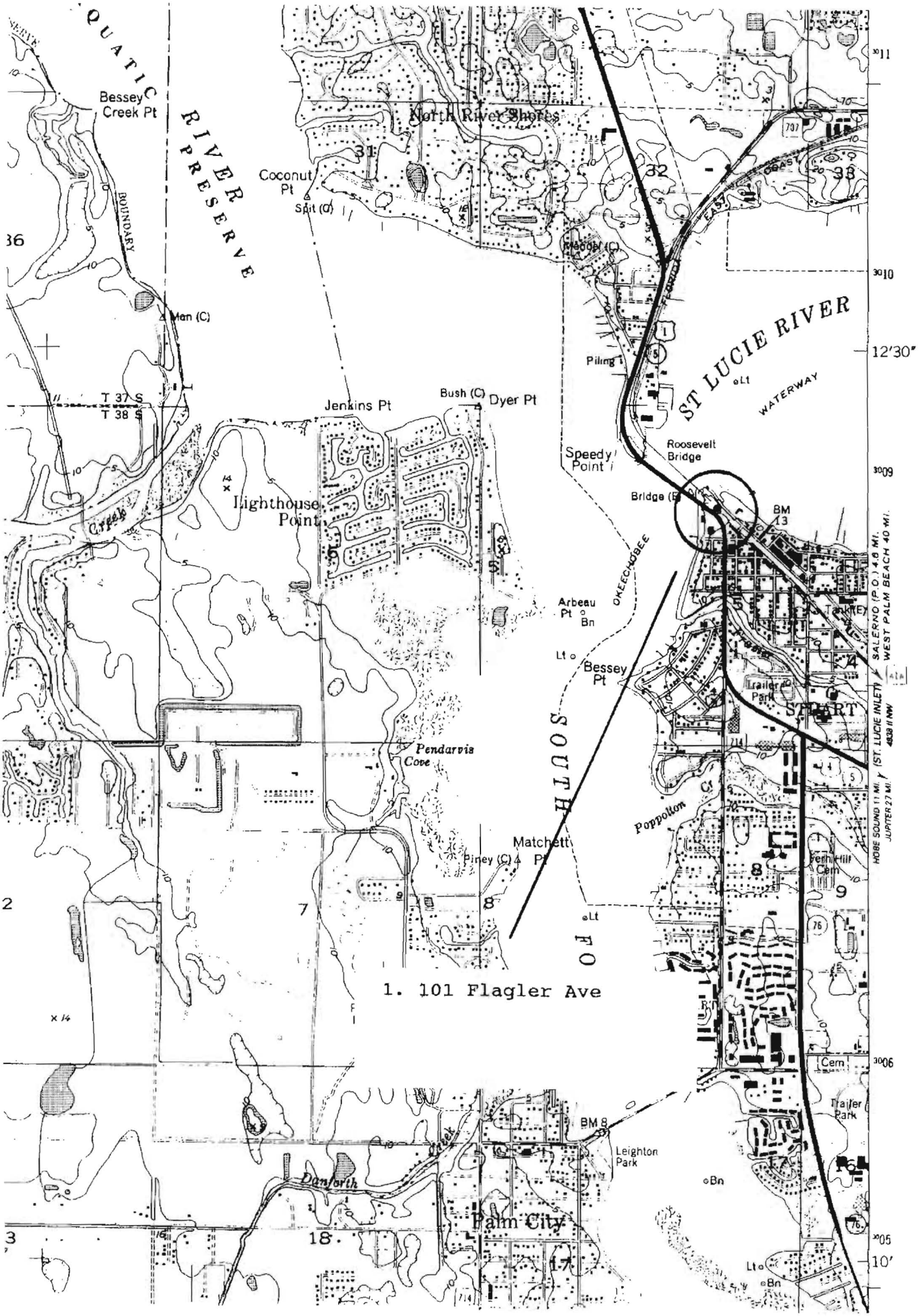
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General
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Geo. W. Parks
General
Merchandise
SW Federal Hwy
SW Dixie Hwy
SW Flagler Ave
SW Albany Ave
SW 1ST ST
SW Anchorage Way
FRENCH'S
REVISED DANFORTH'S ADDITION
GOVERNMENT LOT 2
GOVERNMENT LOT 1
200ft
27°12'10"N 80°15'28"W



60ft 27°12'02"N 80°15'19"W

MT-46



1. 101 Flagler Ave

This map/plat is being furnished as an aid in locating the herein described Land in relation to adjoining streets, natural boundaries and other land, and is not a survey of the land depicted. Except to the extent a policy of title insurance is expressly modified by endorsement, if any, the Company does not insure dimensions, distances, location of easements, acreage or other matters shown thereon.

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REVISED PLAT
DANFORTH'S ADDITION

TO THE TOWN OF STUART, FLORIDA
SHOWING BOGGAN'S SUBDIVISION OF
LOTS 7 & 8 and SUBDIVISION OF LOT 9
ALSO SHOWING
UNPLATTED LOTS NORTH OF RAILROAD
SOLD BY ERNST STYPMANN, and
HERE NUMBERED FROM 10 TO 16 INCLUSIVE,
COMPILED FROM THE OFFICIAL RECORDS AND INCLUDED IN
THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF STUART, RECORDED FEBRUARY 1911
OF STUART, FLORIDA.

Geo. W. Parks
General
Merchandise

ST. LUCIE RIVER

RAILROAD AVENUE

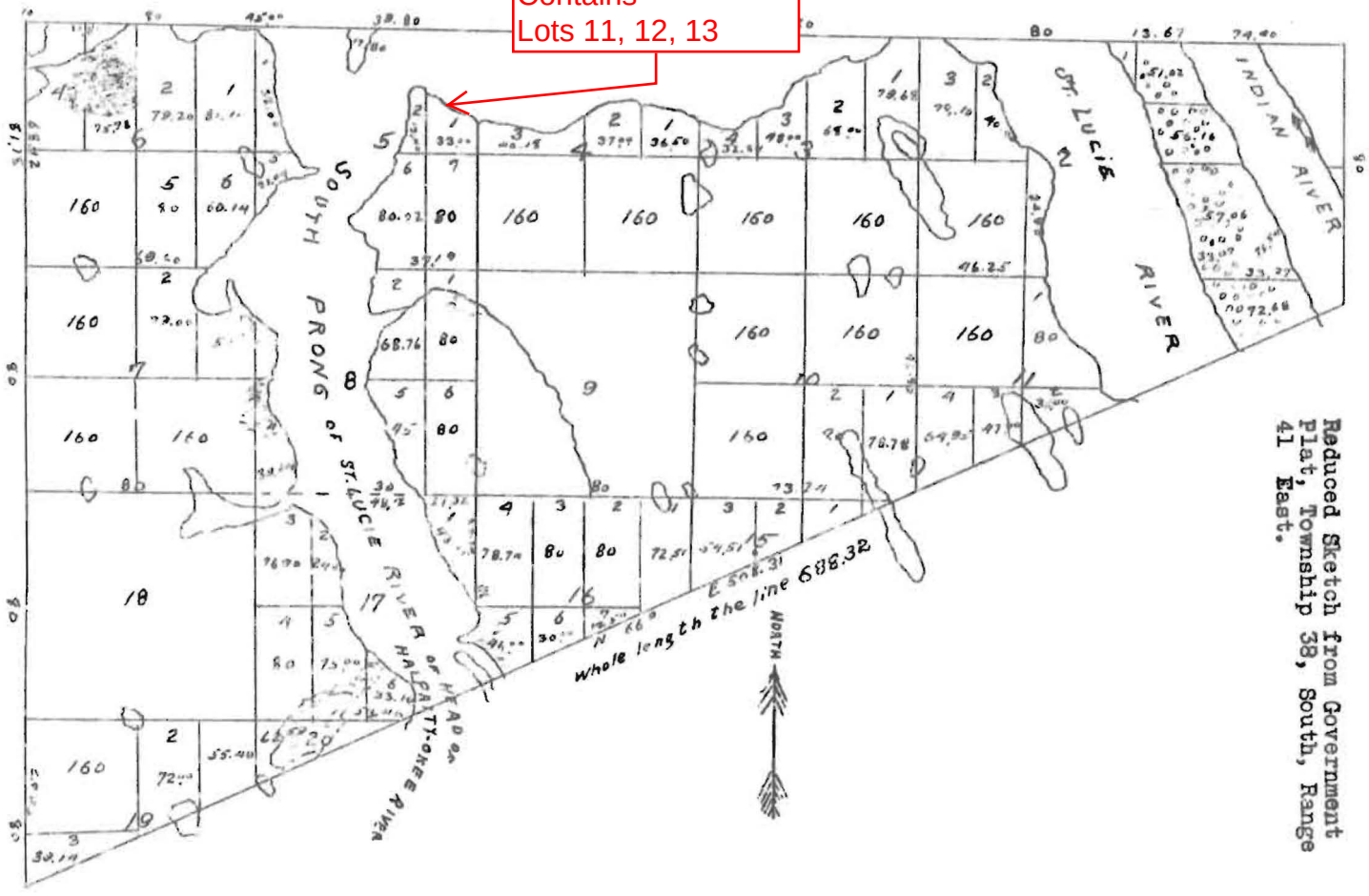
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Ernst Stypman U.S. Land Patent
June 3, 1985
Deed Book C Page 288 Dade County
Lot number 1 of Section 5, Township 38 South,
Range 41 East

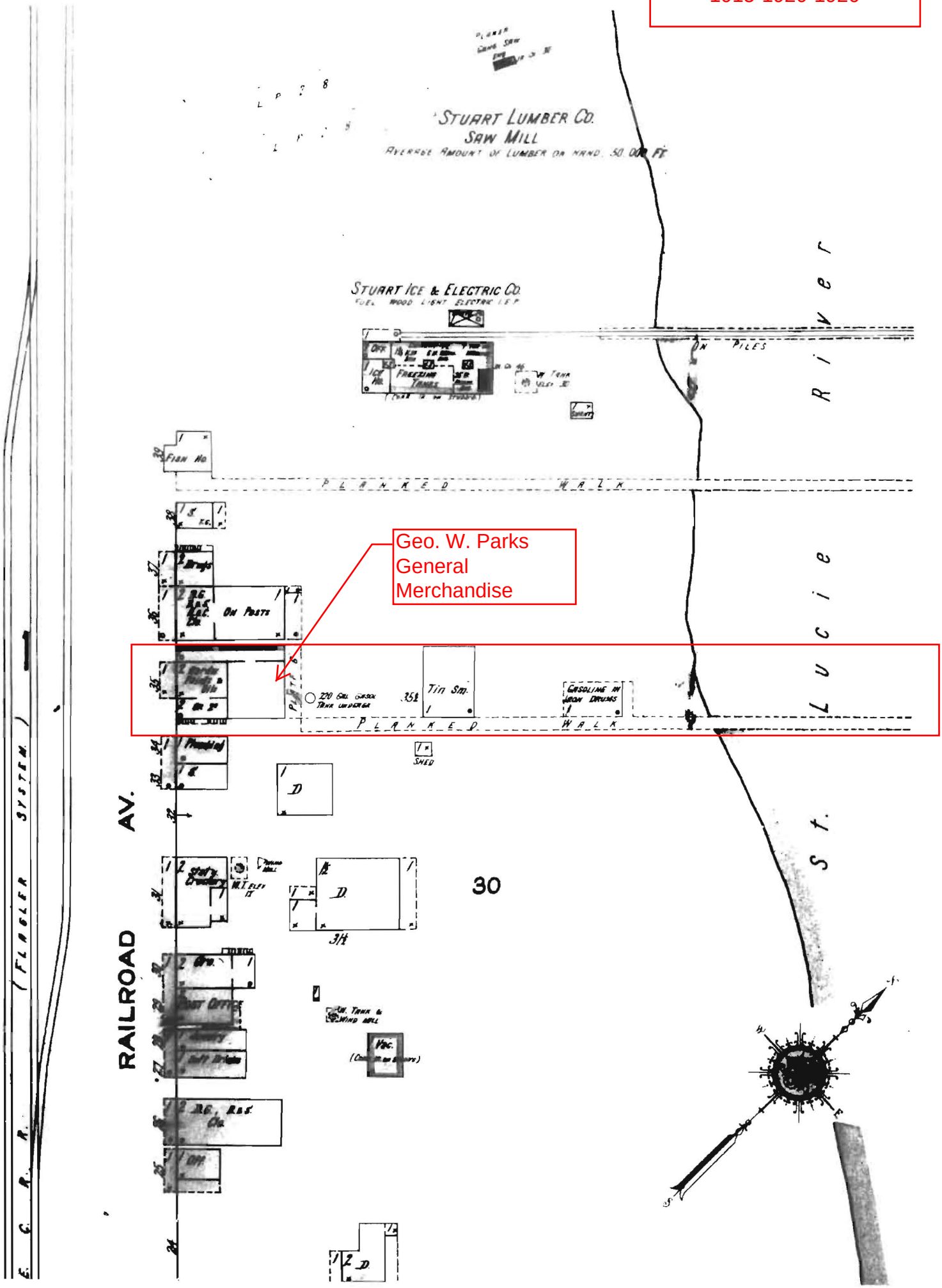
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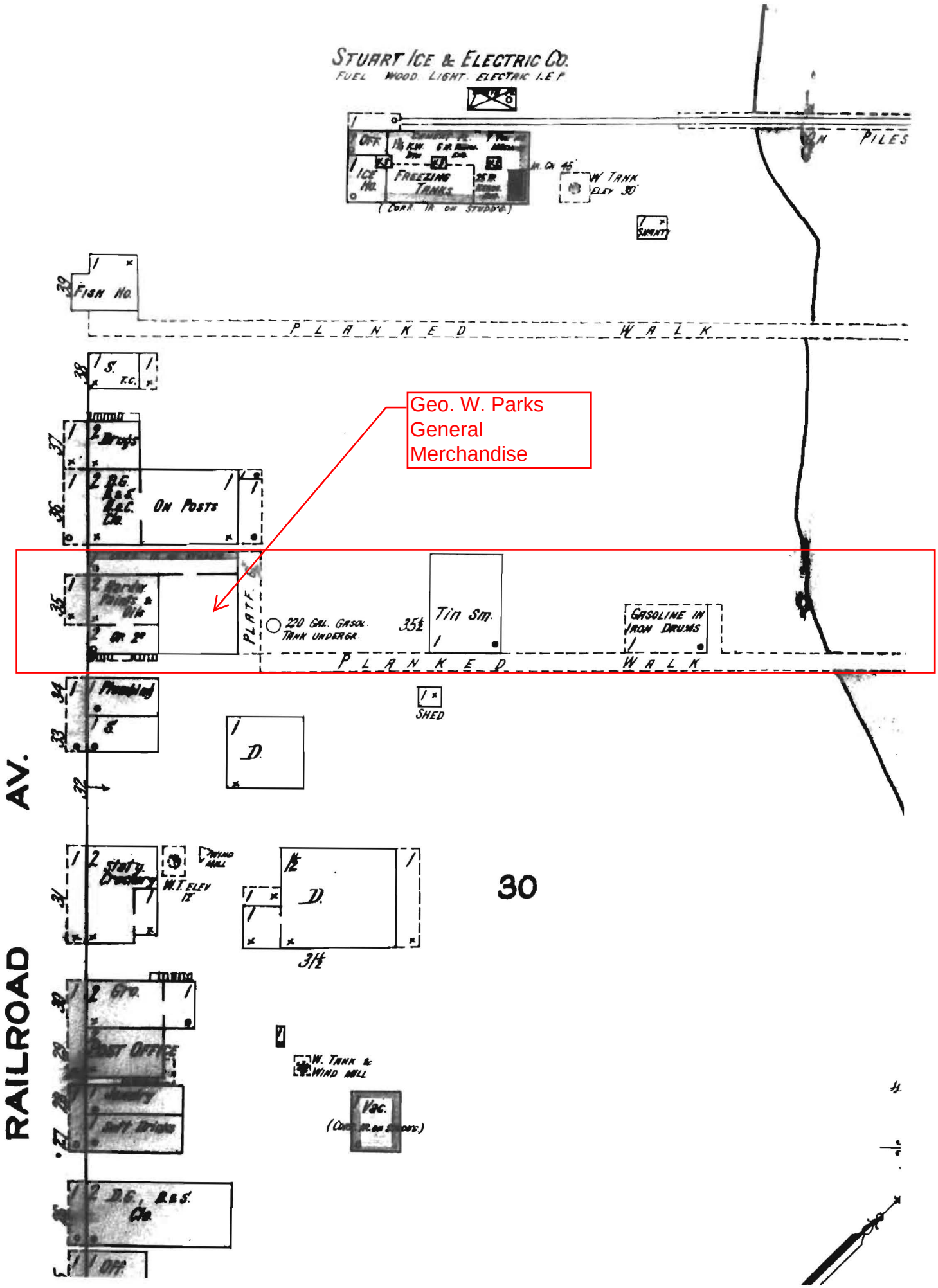
ERNST
STYPMANN
LAND PATENT
FOR 33 ACRES
Contains
Lots 11, 12, 13



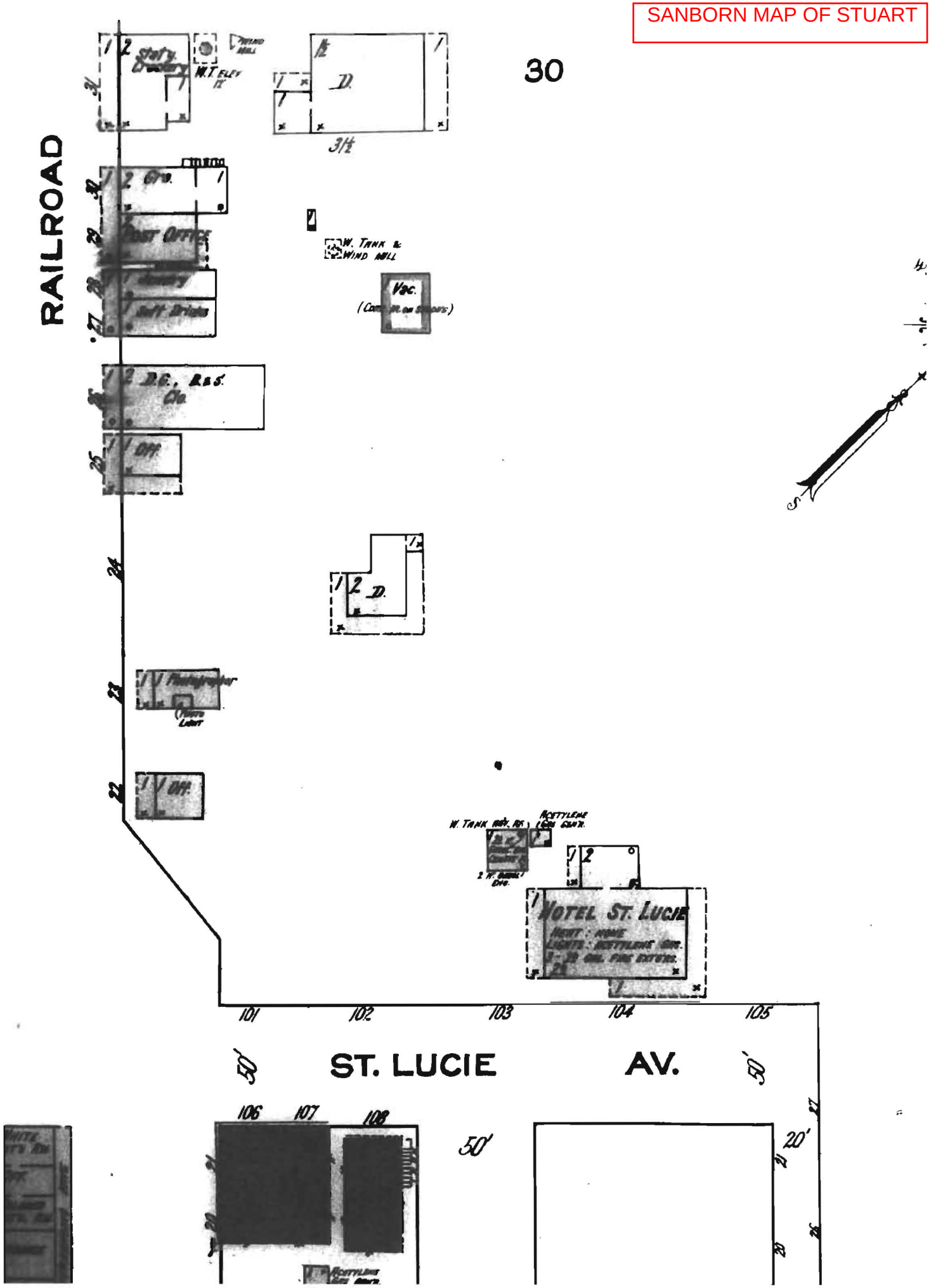
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STUART - SANBORN MAP
1915-1920-1926

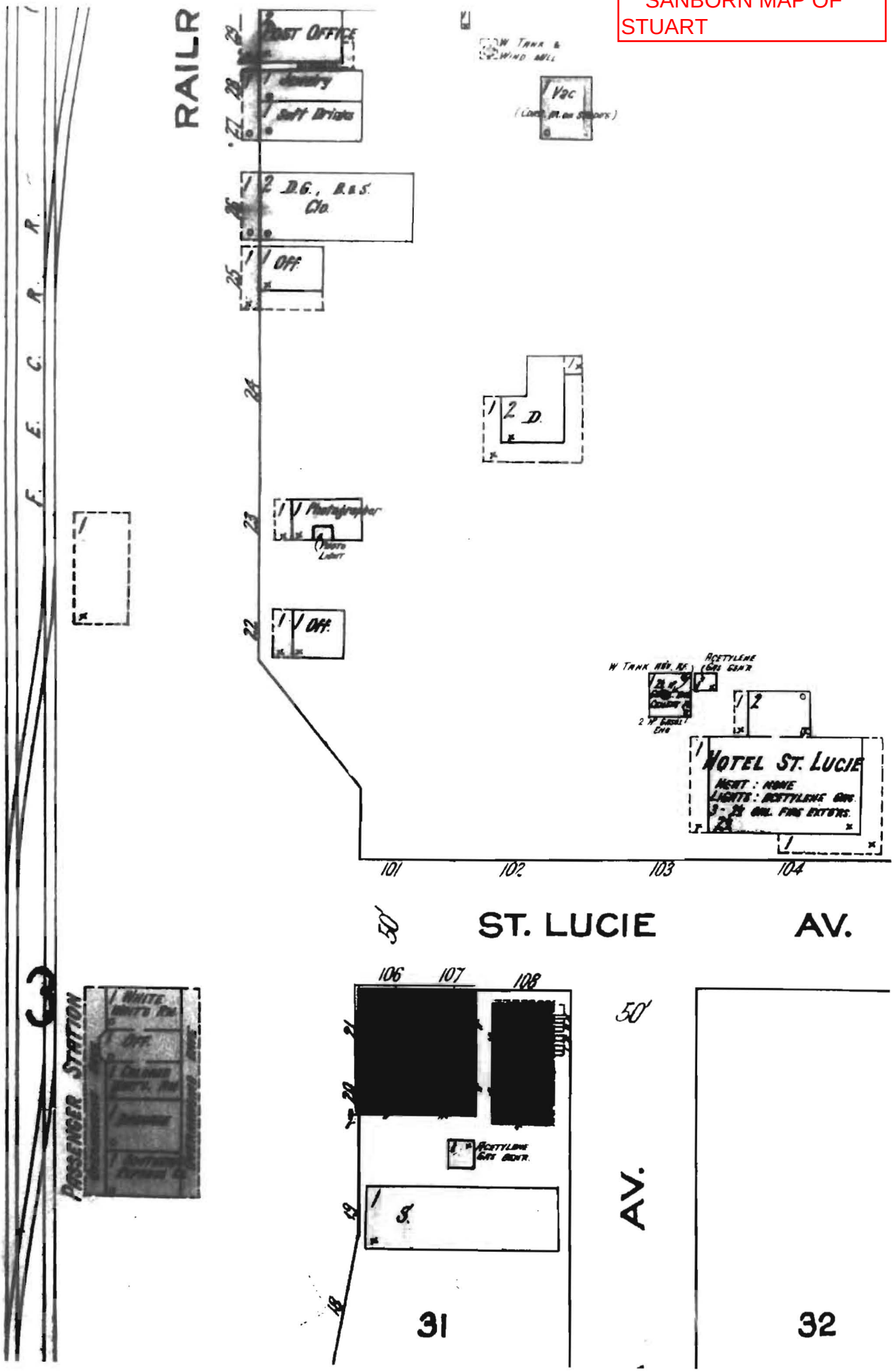



STUART ICE & ELECTRIC CO.
FUEL WOOD. LIGHT. ELECTRIC I.C.P.
FREEZING TANKS
W. TANK ELEV 30'
PILES
FISH NO.
PLANKED WALK
Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise
ON POSTS
220 GAL. GASOL. TANK UNDERGR.
Tin Sm.
GASOLINE IN IRON DRUMS
PLANKED WALK
SHED
D.
D.
30
W. TANK & WIND MILL
Vac.
POST OFFICE
RAILROAD AV.

SANBORN MAP OF STUART



SANBORN MAP OF STUART



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This Instrument Prepared By:
THOMAS R. SAWYER
WARNER, FOX, SEELEY & DUNGEY
Attorneys P.A.
1000 S. Federal Highway
P.O. Drawer 5
Stuart, Florida 34995-0606

701367

WARRANTY DEED
(STATUTORY FORM - SECTION 689.02 F.S.)

Ad Valorem Tax Identification #05-38-41-003-000-00110-7-0000

THIS INDENTURE, made this 10TH day of March, 1988, between ANTHONY J. BORELLO, as to an undivided one-third (1/3) interest; ALICE M. BORELLO, as to an undivided one-third (1/3) interest; and JOSEPH BECKAGE, as to an undivided one-third (1/3) interest, of the County of Martin, State of Florida, grantor*, and CITY OF STUART, A Florida Municipal Corporation, whose post office address is P.O. Drawer 599, Stuart, Florida 34995, of the County of Stuart, State of Florida, grantee*,

WITNESSETH, that said grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of $10.00 and other good and valuable considerations to said grantor in hand paid by said grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold to the said grantee, and grantee's heirs and assigns forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in Martin County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 11, Revised plat of DANFORTH'S ADDITION to the Town of Stuart filed September 29, 1914, and recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 69, Palm Beach (now Martin) County, Florida, Public Records. LESS AND EXCEPT the Southwesterly 50.68 feet for Flagler Avenue and concrete walkway as laid out and now in use.

SUBJECT TO taxes accruing subsequent to December 31, 1987, zoning regulations in force and effect, restrictions, easements and road rights-of-way of public record;

and said grantor does hereby fully warrant the title to said land, and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

*"Grantor" and "Grantee" are used for singular or plural, as context requires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has hereunto set grantor's hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence:

Mark S. Krumer

Thomas R. Sawyer

As to Grantor

Anthony J. Borello (SEAL)
ANTHONY J. BORELLO

Alice M. Borello (SEAL)
ALICE M. BORELLO

Joseph Beckage (SEAL)
JOSEPH BECKAGE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10TH day of March, 1988, by ANTHONY J. BORELLO, as to an undivided one-third (1/3) interest; ALICE M. BORELLO, as to an undivided one-third (1/3) interest; and JOSEPH BECKAGE, as to an undivided one-third (1/3) interest.

Thomas R. Sawyer

(NOTARY SEAL)

I am a Notary Public of the State of Florida and my commission expires:
11-19-90

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$ 759.00
Marsha Stiller
Clerk of Circuit Court
Martin Co., Fla.
By [illegible] D.C.

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This instrument Prepared By:
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WARRANTY DEED
(STATUTORY FORM - SECTION 689.02 F.S.)

Ad Valorem Tax Identification #05-38-41-003-000-00120-5

THIS INDENTURE, made this 10TH day of March, 1988, between STUART FEED & SUPPLY, INC., a Florida Corporation, of the County of Martin, State of Florida, grantor*, and CITY OF STUART, a Florida Municipal Corporation, whose post office address is P.O. Drawer 599, Stuart, Florida 34995, of the County of Martin, State of Florida, grantee*,

WITNESSETH, that said grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of $10.00 and other good and valuable considerations to said grantor in hand paid by said grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold to the said grantee, and grantee's heirs and assigns forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in Martin County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 12, according to the revised plat of Danforth's Addition to the Town of Stuart, filed September 29, 1914, and recorded in Plat Book 5, page 69, Palm Beach (now Martin) County, Florida Public Records. LESS AND EXCEPT the Southwesterly 50.68 feet for Flagler Avenue and concrete walkway as laid out and now in use.

The Southerly 4 feet of Lot 13, according to the revised plat of Danforth's Addition to the Town of Stuart, Florida, filed September 29, 1914, and recorded in Plat Book 5, page 69, Palm Beach (now Martin) County, Florida, Public Records and bounded on the Southeast by the Southeast line of Lot 13; on the Northeast by the waters of the St. Lucie River; on the Southwest by Flagler Avenue; and on the Northwest by a line parallel to and 4 feet distance measured on the perpendicular from the said Southeast line of said Lot 13. LESS AND EXCEPT the Southwesterly 50.68 feet for Flagler Avenue and concrete walkway as laid out and now in use.

SUBJECT TO taxes accruing subsequent to December 31, 1987, zoning regulations in force and effect, restrictions, easements and road rights-of-way of public record;

and said grantor does hereby fully warrant the title to said land, and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

**"Grantor" and "Grantee" are used for singular or plural, as context requires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has hereunto set grantor's hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of:

Joan C. Bernola

Thomas R. Sawyer

As to Grantor

STUART FEED & SUPPLY, INC.,
a Florida Corporation

BY: Alice M. Borello
ALICE M. BORELLO, President

Its: President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

FLA. DOC. PAID
$ 2541.00
Marsha Miller
Clerk of Circuit Court
Martin Co., Fla.
By [illegible] D.C.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, this 10TH day of March, 1988, by ALICE M. BORELLO, as President of STUART FEED & SUPPLY, INC., a Florida Corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Thomas R. Lanza

(NOTARY SEAL)

I am a Notary Public of the State of Florida, and my commission expires:
11-19-90

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Archives, History
and Records Management
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FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE
Site Inventory Form

FDAHRM 802 = =
1009 = =

Site Name George W. Parks Store/ Stuart Feed Supply 830 = = Site No. 8MT46 Survey Date 8612 820 = =
Address of Site: 101 S. Flagler Ave. 905 = =
Instruction for locating 813 = =

Location: Danforth's Revised (subdivision name) 1 (block no.) 12 (lot no.) 868 = =
County: Martin 808 = =
Owner of Site: Name: Stuart Feed and Supply Inc.
Address: 101 S. Flagler Ave.
Stuart, FL 902 = =
Type of Ownership Corporate 848 = = Recording Date 8703 832 = =
Recorder:
Name & Title: Melissa Wiedenfeld
Address: Florida Department of Transportation
Tallahassee, FL 32399 818 = =

Condition of Site: (Check One)
- ☐ Excellent 863 = =
- ☒ Good 863 = =
- ☐ Fair 863 = =
- ☐ Deteriorated 863 = =

Integrity of Site: (Check One or More)
- ☒ Altered 858 = =
- ☐ Unaltered 858 = =
- ☐ Original Site 858 = =
- ☐ Restored ( ) (Date: X) 858 = =
- ☐ Moved ( ) (Date: X) 858 = =

Original Use Commercial 838 = =
Present Use Commercial 850 = =
Dates: Beginning 1905 844 = =
Culture/Phase American 840 = =
Period 20th Century 845 = =

NR Classification Category: Building 916 = =

Threats to Site: (Check One or More)
- ☐ Zoning (X) X) 878 = =
- ☒ Development (X) X) 878 = =
- ☐ Deterioration (X) X) 878 = =
- ☐ Borrowing (X) X) 878 = =
- ☐ Other (See Remarks Below): 878 = =
- ☒ Transportation (X) X) 878 = =
- ☐ Fill (X) X) 878 = =
- ☐ Dredge (X) X) 878 = =

Areas of Significance: 910 = =

Significance: Originally built as the George W. Parks General Merchandise Store in 1901 it remains today as a prominent Stuart landmark. The Benjamin Park family came to Stuart in 1881 from North Carolina and established a pineapple farm. George W. Parks was one of the nine Park children.

George Parks lived with his wife (Julia Taylor) above the feed store where their two childred were born.

Located directly across from the Railroad tracks and the St. Lucie River (near the former location of the depot), the Feed Store was an important part of the original community of Stuart. Although there are several buildings from later periods, the Feed Store is the only commercial building in Stuart remaining from the turn of the century; few frame commercial buildings remain on the SE coast from that period.

911 = =

ARCHITECT 872 = =

BUILDER 874 = =

STYLE AND/OR PERIOD Frame vernacular 964 = =

PLAN TYPE Irregular; Irregular 966 = =

EXTERIOR FABRIC(S): Weatherboard 854 = =

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S) Frame 856 = =

PORCHES W 3 bay, Main entrance through Middle Bay 1 story 942 = =

FOUNDATION: Concrete Block Piers 942 = =

ROOF TYPE: Gable 942 = =

SECONDARY ROOF STRUCTURE(S): SHED 942 = =

CHIMNEY LOCATION: 942 = =

WINDOW TYPE: DHS 2/2; 2 front picture windows 942 = =

CHIMNEY: Stovepipe 882 = =

ROOF SURFACING: Tin 882 = =

ORNAMENT EXTERIOR: Weatherboard (corner boards), tin 882 = =

NO. OF CHIMNEYS 952 = = NO. OF STORIES 950 = =

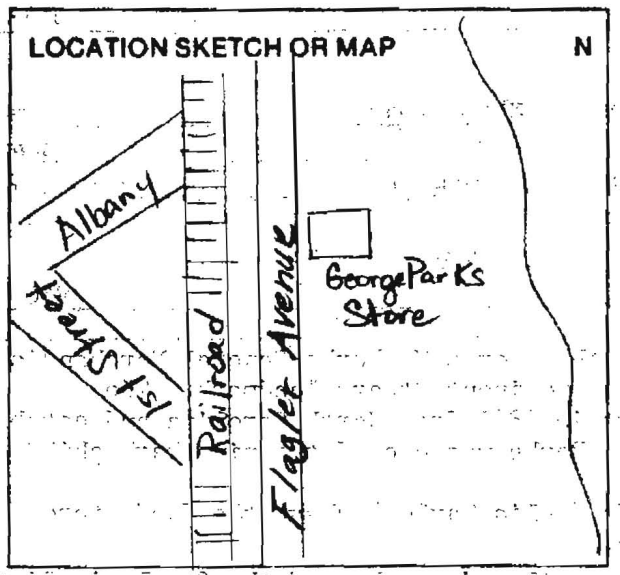
NO. OF DORMERS 954 = =

Map Reference (incl. scale & date) Palm City 1948 (PR 1970) 809 = =

Latitude and Longitude: ° ' " ° ' " 800 = =

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property): LT1 833 = =

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP



Township	Range	Section
38S	41 E	5

812 = =

UTM Coordinates: 890 = =

Zone Easting Northing

Photographic Records Numbers 860 = =

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SEE SITE FILE STAFF FOR ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR MAP(S)

RECORD NUMBER: 1
Page 1 HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM Site # MT 46
~~X~~ original FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE
X update
→ 8/12/91 FR
SITE NAME: Stuart Feed
HISTORIC CONTEXTS: Spanish-American War
NAT. REGISTER CATEGORY: Building
OTHER NAMES OR MSF NOS:
COUNTY: Martin OWNERSHIP TYPE: Private, individual
PROJECT NAME: Stuart, S+P DHR NO. 2761
LOCATION:
ADDRESS: 101 Flagler Avenue
CITY: Stuart
VICINITY OF/ROUTE TO: See attached maps

SUB: Danforth's Addition BLOCK 0 LOT 16
PLAT OR OTHER MAP: Property Appraisers Map of Stuart
TOWNSHIP: 38S RANGE: 41E SECTION: 5 1/4: 1/4-1/4:
IRREGULAR SEC? y n LAND GRANT: None
USGS 7.5 MAP: Palm City, FL 1948: PR 1983
UTM: ZONE: EASTING: NORTHING:
COORDINATES: LATITUDE: D M S LONGITUDE: D M S

HISTORY
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER: Sam Matthews
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1901 RESTORATION DATE(S):
MODIFICATION DATE(S):
MOVE: DATE: ORIG. LOCATION:
ORIGINAL USE (S): Commercial
PRESENT USE (S): Commercial

DESCRIPTION
STYLE: Frame Vernacular
PLAN: EXTERIOR: Irregular
PLAN: INTERIOR:
NO. STORIES: 2 OUTBLDGS: 0 PORCHES: 0 DORMERS: 0
STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S): Wood, balloon
EXTERIOR FABRIC(S): Drop siding
FOUNDATION: TYPE: Continuous
MATERIALS: Concrete block
INFILL:
PORCHES:
ROOF: TYPE: Gable
SURFACING: Metal, 3-V crimp
SECONDARY STRUCS:
CHIMNEY: NO.: 0
MATERIALS:
LOCATIONS:
WINDOWS: Double-hung sash, 2/2 lights

EXTERIOR ORNAMENT: Signage, parapet, shed extension
CONDITION: Good
SURROUNDINGS: Commercial
NARRATIVE:
See Continuation Sheet

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RECORD NO: 1
Page 2 **FMSF HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM** **Site 8** _____

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS AT THE SITE
FMSF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FORM COMPLETED? y X n
ARTIFACTS OR OTHER REMAINS: None observed

RECORDER'S EVALUATION OF SITE
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture; Commerce

ELIGIBLE FOR NAT. REGISTER?	X	y		n		**likely, need info**		**insf info**
SIGNIF. AS PART OF DISTRICT?		y	X	n		**likely, need info**		**insf info**
SIGNIFICANT AT LOCAL LEVEL?	X	y		n		**likely, need info**		**insf info**

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE
Architecture, Commerce

* * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * * *
* DATE LISTED ON NR _____ *
* KEEPER DETERMINATION OF ELIG.(DATE): _YES _____ _NO _____ *
* SHPO EVALUATION OF ELIGIBILITY (DATE): _YES _____ _NO _____ *
* LOCAL DETERMINATION OF ELIG. (DATE): _YES _____ _NO _____ *
* OFFICE_____ *
*
* * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * * *

RECORDER INFORMATION: **NAME:** Robert Bennett, Jr.
DATE: 01/01/91 **AFFILIATION:** Historic Property Associates, Inc.

PHOTOGRAPHS
LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: HPA, Inc., St. Augustine, FL
NEGATIVE NUMBERS: Roll 1, #1

PHOTOGRAPH M A P

See Attachments

Name: **GEO. W. PARKS GENERAL MERCHANDISE, aka/ STUART MERCANTILE CO. and STUART FEED STORE**

Location: 161 S.W. Flagler Avenue, Stuart, Martin County, FL 34994
(County changes: Stuart was in Dade County through April,1909, then in Palm Beach County, and now in Martin County since 1925)

Owner: City of Stuart, Florida

Erected: 1901

Architect: Unknown

Contractor: George Washington Parks

Present Use: Stuart Heritage Museum

Significance: **Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise** "is one of few remaining" examples of Frame Vernacular commercial architecture in Florida" according to the 1991 *Historic Properties Survey of the City of Stuart, Florida.* It was originally designed to contain a store on the first floor with a residence on the second floor – currently described as mixed-use. Opened as a grocery store in July of 1901 along the St. Lucie River, it was the second store to operate in Stuart with business hours till 9:00 PM, and was known as the "popular People's store" – it was the town's gathering spot with a soda fountain according to Anita Parks Morrison, daughter. The Parks family owned the Dade County Pine structure till 10-29-1948. The store remained open for business till 1988, when it was purchased by the City of Stuart. This pioneer-constructed commercial structure is easily recognized as the historic anchor of downtown Stuart.

George W. Parks (1875-1943) was a highly regarded proprietor and civic leader. C.E."Riley" Christenson (1877-1955), a Rio pioneer, became George's partner in late 1912 [he was elected sheriff in 1932], In 1913 the inventory was changed out to "hardware and kindred lines" and the store was re-named the **Stuart Mercantile Company** [*The Stuart Messenger*, 7-24-1924]. In 1914 the Stuart Mercantile Co. had a 30' x 60' warehouse constructed to store goods for this growing business at a nearby location. A 50' addition was made to that warehouse in 1915.

George Parks also represented the **Gulf Refining Co.** providing kerosene, lubricating oil and gasoline shipped in 55 gal. drums up to 400 pounds to the Stuart Mercantile Company from Jacksonville. Parks sold **fire insurance**. He donated right-of-way for the first concrete sidewalk along the Railroad Avenue businesses in 1916; and George Parks contributed goods to community organizations for events. He served as alderman and was elected **Mayor of Stuart for 1918 and 1919**; and George was a member and officer in numerous civic and fraternal organizations. He was appointed an elections inspector and voter registration officer. George Parks was a Guardsman and had registered for the military. George sold the Stuart Mercantile Company retail business (not the property) to L. E. Davis in 1925; and George continued as the agent for the Gulf Refining Company till he died in an explosion in 1943. It was reported that "Stuart would not be Stuart without Mr. Parks" [*The Stuart Messenger*, 1-8-1920].

Alterations and Additions:

The structure and business experienced several additions and modifications through the years to accommodate the Parks family (residing on the second floor) and growing enterprise. Soon after opening the store George Parks installed the longest dock on the St. Lucie River that was later enlarged to receive deliveries, i.e., in 1917 from the Swan, a 170' long freighter. The second floor residence of the structure was partitioned into rooms in November of 1901. In 1902 George's brother, Noah, joined the business; they named it **Parks Brothers**, and planned an addition. That addition to the structure was completed in late 1902 to hold more merchandise. In October, 1902, Ernst Stypmann supervised the construction of a veranda on the second floor. Another addition to the store was installed in late 1906.by S. S. Stanley and J. S. Speirs. In July of 1911 George Parks had the porch on the second floor residence enclosed. Contractor Speirs made another addition to expand the store in mid-1913; by then the store grew in size by four times the original. When the frontage road had to be widened in 1925, this structure and others were moved back 40' by R. L. Robb construction on behalf of the town. Photos indicate that the staircase was moved from the original location on the south side to the north side some time prior to1966.

The City of Stuart purchased the structure and grounds in 1988 for $462,000, and was awarded a grant in 1990 from the State of Florida for $77,000 to replace the air conditioning, install fire sprinklers and paint. In 1995 the City spent $33,299 for a new roof. Temporary foundation improvements amounting to $7,100 were made by the City in 1997. $27,334 was spent by the City for architectural review and plan for renovations in 1998 - Architect Leslie Divoll was hired to "prepare measured drawings, and to design the shell and structural restoration." The Division of Historical Resources of the State of Florida awarded $202,500 with matching funds from the City of $127,900 for" soil and foundation stabilization, internal and external bracing, weatherproofing, internal improvements and painting." The following restorative actions took place:

- correct foundation damage, soil conditions and settlement problems
- repair exterior siding and install structural sheathing
- window and exterior door repairs
- structural framing repairs
- correct life safety exit and handicapped restroom inadequacies.
- grant includes restrictive covenant requiring the City to maintain the structure for 10 years in accordance with the standards set by the Secretary of the Interior.

The City of Stuart has taken every precaution to protect the integrity of the 1901 Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise historic structure through the restoration phases. Original materials and elements were preserved, and deteriorated materials were replaced for the safety and longevity of this cherished historic 41'6" x 60' two-story landmark that is home to the Stuart Heritage Museum, where George W. and Julia Taylor Parks' daughter, Anita Parks Morrison, was an active member and contributor [Anita's biography written by her daughters is attached along with newspaper articles containing interviews with Anita).

THE GEO. W. PARKS GENERAL MERCHANDISE structure is significant in the City of Stuart in history and architecture and possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship.

INTEGRITY OF LOCATION

Ernst Stypman purchased the Land Patent from the United States of America for Lot 1, Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 41 East on June 3, 1885. On April 24, 1901 Ernst Stypmann sold a portion of U.S. Land Patent Lot 1 to Geo. W. Parks for the amount of $125 "Containing 1/3 of an acre. . . . TOGETHER with all and singular the riparian rights . . ." That Warranty Deed was corrected on 3-11-1902 to include the revised description of the "Lands conveyed." and recorded in Dade County.

George Parks began and completed the construction of his structure within 1901 on the land conveyed by Ernst Stypmann. The legal descriptions on the deeds have been modified through the years; however, the structure remains on the same land, having been moved back 40' by the town of Stuart (formerly named Potsdam) in 1925 for the road expansion and improvements.

The structure has stood tall, overlooking the railroad tracks with its rear to the St. Lucie River, since 1901. The orientation of the building with the façade facing West has remained the same.

INTEGRITY OF DESIGN

The additions and modifications through the years continued the Frame Vernacular design of the original Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise structure. Frame Vernacular architecture is known for its simplicity, use of local resources and a product of the experience of the carpenter. The structure is of typical rectangular design, including the additions. It was originally constructed on piers, some of which were tree trunks (The Palm Beach Post, 8-19-1997, p60). The temporary foundation improvements of 1997 and the 1999 stabilization have secured the structure from sinking into the soil and shifting.

Early photos of the structure show shingles on the roof – metal novelty shingles were a common roof covering for Frame Vernacular design. The front porch has the typical shed roof design that was also repeated on the original south side storage room containing double doors (the veranda was extended over that storage room in 1902). A gabled roof covers the second floor residence. The second floor tall parapet façade was designed to allow ample space for store signage enabling easy store identification. It was secured by the extended eaves to the gable roofed second floor. A flag pole rose above the center of the parapet above the peak of the gable.

The original structure was covered in wood siding with corner boards. That was modified to include metal siding in later years with that addition on the north first floor elevation. Signage has been painted on that metal siding.

Windows were tall double hung sash two-over-two to allow maximum light on the second floor. The original windows on the first floor store façade were wide two-over-two to allow viewing into the store from the exterior. Photos for the north, south and west elevations of the 1901 structure have not been found that would allow comparisons to the existing structure.

The interior Dade County Pine wood framing, floors and shelving remain in the structure. This carpentry is perfect for the purposes of the Stuart Heritage Museum. The exterior design attracts attention and visitors to the museum.

George Parks kept the design simple and practical. The second floor residence was functional and time-efficient for George, as the proprietor of the business. He did not have to boat or ride a horse or mule to work!

The detailed description of the existing design and architectural elements was contributed and prepared by Marcela Camblor and appears on following pages. Photos of the structure for the period from 1901 – 2018 are provided as attachments.

GEO W. PARKS GENERAL MERCHANDISE/STUART FEED STORE.
OUTLINE OF ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

Front Elevation

- Two story, wood vernacular frame construction, product of available resources, response to the environment and construction practice during the period. The second story only extends over the front half of the ground floor.
- Main roof in primary structure is gabled with an 8:12 pitch
- Front shows attic vent.
- Two-story wood-frame prominent false-front in the form of a tall parapet embellished with a simple, double cornice. Roof eave projects in front of false-front
- 1 story porch with metal shed roof and exposed, square-cut rafter tail sitting on four square wooden posts with chamfers.
- Double entrance wood door recessed and flanked by display windows.
- Display windows raised off the ground.
- Wood signboard above main entrance over porch
- Two double-hung sash windows on second story with divided lights, wooden surrounds and bottom sills.
- Top-hinged Bahama shutters
- Horizontal weatherboard with sparse ornamentation
- Vertical corner boards
- (west) Single story rectangular volume attached to the left of the façade with hip metal roof and false front parapet wall.
- Dual wood access door to left-side structure.
- Single story right wing with double wood access doors and gabled roof with a 3:12 pitch and two story veranda with flat roof over it.
- Left wing has horizontal weatherboard siding with full corner board surrounds.
- Right wing has horizontal weatherboard siding with corner board and roof eave overhang.
- Top floor veranda has flat cornice with horizontal siding details.

West Elevation

- Vertical board and batten siding on ground floor with vertical corner boards.
- Horizontal weatherboard wood siding on second floor with vertical corner boards
- Three double-hung sash windows on second story with divided lights, wooden surrounds and bottom sills.
- Top-hinged Bahama shutters
- Round galvanized steel gutters with single central down-spout

Rear Elevation

- Single story wood frame main volume with gabled roof with a 3:12 pitch.
- False-front parapet central structure with horizontal weatherboard siding and vertical corner boards.
- Single square proportion window with wood surrounds and bottom sill and top-hinged Bahama shutter.
- Metal roof/awning over single light wooden door with wood surrounds and prominent top sill
- Triple double hung wood windows with wood surrounds and bottom sill and top-hinged Bahama shutter
- Rear Porch with chamfered square wood post balustrade with tapered square wood spindles, vertical bottom rail and hand rail over posts. Porch sits on wooden posts over single story base.
- Rear of building sits on single story base of concrete pillars with vertical board and batten siding.
- Double wooden door access to ground floor.
- Second story presents vented gable end and two double hung, single light windows with wood surrounds and wood sills and top-hinged Bahama shutters.
- Wood stairs with iron hand rail.

East Elevation

- Two-story wood frame veranda over single story element with gabled roof that extends the entire side of the two-story section of the building.
- Veranda is wood frame with flat roof
- The structure of the roof and floor of veranda is wood sloping beams supported by double horizontal wood beams.
- Veranda posts supporting beam are square and extend the two stories
- Horizontal weatherboard siding with vertical corner boards covers the facade
- Wood stairs with square chamfered spindles and posts access the second story veranda
- Bay window with vertically proportioned double hung windows and two access doors along internal wall of veranda
- Widows have wood surround and bottom sill and top-hinged Bahama shutters
- Access door #1 has divided top light
- Access door #2 has single top light
- Veranda has solid, vertical siding railing with two round cast iron railings horizontally attached to posts.
- Veranda has flat roof with flat, square-cut overhung and horizontal siding details

General

- All roofing materials (except for flat veranda rood is “V” crimp metal.
- Roof overhangs are not deep.
- Fascias along gabled ends are deeper than along those exposed along the eaves.
- All doors and windows are vertically proportioned except for rear grouping of windows made of 3 vertically proportioned windows.

INTEGRITY OF SETTING

In 1901 transportation was by boat, rail, horse and mule. The Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise structure was strategically located with the railroad tracks to the front and St. Lucie River to the rear – that made deliveries of merchandise efficient. Most people traveled by boat between their residences and destinations.

George Parks constructed a dock soon after building his store. It was expanded, after a storm a few years later, and accommodated the Gulf Refining Co. deliveries of kerosene, lubricating oil and gasoline. A photo of the expanded wharf provided by historian, Sandra Thurlow, is attached.

There were few pioneers living in the area, but residences were usually on the river and surrounded by pineapple fields. The river provided a beautiful setting and served as the connection between customers and Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise.

The railroad had made its way to Stuart (Potsdam) by 1894. It brought visitors, mail and supplies to the community. The focus of community leaders, mostly members of the Commercial Club, was to attract more people to build, live and work.

At the time, what was considered downtown Potsdam, was the center of the community. As Cuba began to take over the pineapple sales, residents found other crops and ways of making a living. Many fished off of the dock constructed by George Parks. Anita Parks Morrison had said that her father had set up chairs in his store so that locals could spend time with each other.

This site was centrally located and easily accessible for that time.

INTEGRITY OF MATERIALS

Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise is composed of local resources: Dade County Pine and typical Frame Vernacular windows, doors and roofing. Pioneers had to make do with what little was available – and lumber mills had plenty of trees from which to cut planks for construction.

Creative ways of using local wood was a common practice because that was the primary material available for use by pioneers. The store's shelves and floors remain, as they were created in 1901.

The City of Stuart has restored and repaired the structure with care. Only deteriorated materials were replaced. Additional materials were necessary for the successful stabilization, fire and weather proofing.

It is obvious upon entering the Stuart Heritage Museum that original materials have been preserved. The City of Stuart in conjunction with the Stuart Heritage Museum are focused on the continued preservation of this historic structure.

INTEGRITY OF WORKMANSHIP

Frame Vernacular design and construction are simple – few embellishments. The workmanship is strong and functional.

The fact that this historic riverfront structure has withstood hurricanes since 1901 is a testament to the carpentry and framing skills. Most of the special features of the architecture are displayed on the façade. Those exterior architectural and finishing features attract customers to enter the front porch and go through the double doors,

The red and white paint accentuates the exterior features. The signage is reflective of the period.

The City of Stuart has restored the structure to its original design with the staircase on the south side. The additions made by George Parks to his store and residence have been protected.

George W. Parks is associated with the lives of people significant in the City of Stuart and South Florida.

Benjamin and Sarah Gray "Sallie" Parks moved to Altoona. Lake County, Florida in February of 1882 from Wayne County, N.C. In 1891 they moved the family to Potsdam (Stuart). An 80 acre Land Patent was issue to Benjamin Parks for land on Krueger Creek. George Parks, born in 1875, was one of seven children and worked on his father's pineapple fields as a young boy. During the 1890's George was a clerk in Walter Kitching's general store, where he gained experience in sales (*A Tropical Frontier*, Tim Robinson).

George Washington Parks purchased riverfront land in downtown Potsdam from Ernst Stypmann in 1901, and constructed a two-story wood structure to house his own general store and residence on the second floor. The Geo. W. Parks General Merchandise store opened in July of 1901 and sold dry goods and groceries. It was the second store in Potsdam, and "he kept one of the best stocks to be had (The Stuart News, 6-13-1913).

In August of that same year, George Parks constructed the longest dock on the St. Lucie River – 585' long with a Gulf Refining Co. building at the outer end (9-7-1917, The Stuart Messenger). During November of 1901, George had the second floor residence partitioned into rooms. His brother, Gordon, returned from vacation in Rocky Mount, N.C. by the end of October – in time to possibly step in and manage the store, while George traveled to Jacksonville to marry Julia Taylor, originally from Ireland, on November 20, 1901.

Noah, George's brother, joined George to form Parks Brothers on 12-31-1902. They hired a "force of men" to construct the addition to the store in September of 1902. That was followed by the construction by Ernst Stypman of the veranda on the second floor in October, 1902.

A hurricane severely damaged the dock so Noah and George constructed a wharf that had a bulkhead twice the size and was completed in November, 1903. In addition to local customers, their store provided supplies to Dade County.

George W. Parks was on the ballot for "county Committeeman" according to the Miami Metropolis of 4-12-1904. Potsdam was in Dade County. Parks was also appointed deputy registration officer for voting district no. 1 (The Miami Metropolis, 4-16-1904). Being appointed a registration officer occurred multiple times.

When George became ill, it was reported in the 6-8-1906 St. Lucie County Tribune with an update on 7-6-1906! That October, Mr. Stanley and Mr. Speirs constructed the second addition to the store. George Parks invited Mayor Sewell to a meeting to discuss the "county division" movement (The Miami News, 2-27-1907). Mayor Sewell opposed the Dade County Division Movement in his response letter to George Parks (The Miami News, 3-4-1907}.

On 10-16-1907 The Miami News reported that "Mr. George Parks of Stuart is spending the week in Miami attending court. **Mr. Parks is one of the pioneer citizens of the county, and well known throughout Dade."**

On 2-12-1909 the Fort Pierce News reported that "Mr. Parks is a prominent merchant of his town." In March the newspaper noted that George Parks was on the "sick list." That was followed-up with notification on April 2nd that he "is able to be around. We are glad to see him out again." In July, Mrs. Parks was reported to be ill.

The first report of a delivery from Gulf Refining Co. was on 1-7-1910 in the St. Lucie County Tribune, followed by regular reports of deliveries of kerosene, lubricating oil and gasoline by various freighters. On 2-8-1911 it was reported in The Miami Metropolis reported that a rescue party was sent to find George Parks and a "tourist" who were lost during a business trip to land on the north fork of the river. On 7-7-1911 The St. Lucie Tribune reported that George Parks was enclosing his second floor porch.

After a meeting of citizens, George Parks was one of three individuals asked to represent those citizens in proposing a bridge across the St. Lucie River to the Commissioners (The St. Lucie Tribune, 5-26-1911).

On 4-18-1913 The Stuart Times did a story on the "Businessmen of Stuart." It was reported that Charles E. Christensen and George Parks became partners starting on 9-1-1912 with Parks as the senior member. "They carry a general line of hardware and furniture which consists of up-

to-date stock and fare enjoying a big trade. Besides the above they have a line of dry goods, notions, . . .” The name of the store was changed to Stuart Mercantile Company, and the stock was cleaned out except for “crackery, paints and hardware” (WHO’S WHO IN STUART, The Stuart Times, 6-13-1913). The Stuart Times reported that the stores in Stuart would start closing at noon on Thursdays starting on 4-24-1913 – an indication that business was brisk enough to take an afternoon off!

George Parks was one of the signers to a letter notifying citizens to vote on the incorporation of the town of Stuart on July 22, 1913 at 7 PM (The Stuart Times, 6-27-1913). Mr. Parks also spoke to commissioners expressing his support for a Palm City Bridge (The Stuart Times, 9-5-1913)

“. . . both Mr. and Mrs. Parks are popular with Stuart citizens. Mr. Parks is temperate in every way and can be found on the job every day at the store and enjoys a good trade” (WHO’S WHO IN STUART, The Stuart Times, 6-13-1913).

Mr Speirs, contractor, was hired to construct a 9’ wide addition to the Stuart Mercantile Company store – reported on 6-20-1913 by The Stuart Times. It appears that this addition may have been constructed on the north side of the structure.

On 2-6-1914 (The Stuart Times) Stuart Mercantile Company began construction on a 30’ x 60’ warehouse nearby. Then on 7-15-1915 it was reported that the warehouse was enlarged another 50’ (The Stuart Times).

Stuart was growing and maturing – pedestrian and beautification measures were being adopted. It was decided to install “concrete sidewalks” along Railroad Avenue (now Flagler Avenue) in front of stores. Therefore, donated rights-of-way from property owners were requested. (The Stuart Messenger, 12-17-1915) The need for concrete sidewalks was proposed by the Commercial Club of which George Parks was a member. City beautification suggestions were also proposed by the Commercial Club (The Stuart Messenger, 5-26-1916).

George Parks was listed as Alderman on the City Council in The Stuart Messenger, 12-17-1915, He was a member of the Beautification Committee of the Commercial Club per The Stuart Messenger, 5-12-1916.

George Parks was elected mayor of Stuart in 1918 and 1919. He was a strong proponent for clean-up and beautification of Stuart.

George donated goods to community organizations (The Miami Metropolis, 9-20-1919). On 7-24-1924 for the Flagler Avenue improvements, 10 buildings had to be moved back 40’ (The South Florida Developer, 3-27-1925). The Stuart Mercantile Company structure was one of the ten. Improvements included: “laying new sidewalks, and repaving the street. The new improvements will add greatly to the appearance of the town, as well as relieve the traffic congestion along Flagler Avenue.” It was reported that the improved avenue was a first step in the beautification of the downtown area (Miami Daily News, 7-5-1925).

L. E. Davis purchased the Stuart Mercantile Company business (10-30-1925, The South Florida Developer). George Parks still owned the property and would continue to manage the Gulf Refining Company business that serviced the area between Jensen and Olympia (The Stuart Daily News, 10-31-1925).

What is described above and on the next page is just a fraction of what George Park did for the community and the county. Mrs. Parks and their children, Anita and George, Jr., were also active in the community. The civic and community activites of George Parks and his family may be found in the newspaper articles that are attached.

A SAMPLING OF PARTICIPATION BY GEORGE PARKS IN
CIVIC, COMMUNITY AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

9-6-1904 The Miami Metropolis – Parks appointed voter registration officer, Precinct No. 1
10-22-1904 The Miami Metropolis – " " " " " " "
10-27-1905 " " " - Parks to serve as "petit juror" for Circuit Court
4-13-1906 " " " - Parks appointed voter registration officer, Precinct No. 1
9-18-1906 " " " - " " " " " " "
6-21-1907 The Miami News - " " " " " " "
4-10-1908 " " " - " " " " " " "
12-18-1914 The Stuart Times - Parks was re-elected mgr. of Woodmen of the World camp-12
5-12-1916 - Parks appointed member of Commercial.Club Civic Committee
12-15-1916 The Stuart Times - Parks member of the Commercial Club Auditing Committee
5-26-1916 The Palm Beach Post – Parks appointed voter registration inspector, Precinct No. 1
12-22-1916 - Parks elected Junior Warden of Masonic Lodge
10-10-1925 The Stuart Daily News - George Parks is a "Worthy Patron" of The Eastern Star

letter

From: Stuart Heritage (stuartheritage1@yahoo.com)

To: juliepreast@bellsouth.net; pganhdi@ci.stuart.fl.us

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018, 11:03 AM EST

November 15, 2018

Chairperson of the Stuart Historic Preservation Board

We, the Board of the Stuart Heritage Museum, wish to join in the nomination of the Stuart Feed Store building at 161 SW Flagler Ave Stuart Fl. It has been lovingly preserved by us and the City of Stuart so that it will last as long as possible and display early Stuart history to the public .
We appreciate your consideration of our home and we will help in any way to make this possible.

Sincerely,

Mary Walton Jones
Executive Director
Stuart Heritage Museum

Florida Department of Transportation

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SECRETARY

May 1, 1987

Mr. J. R. Skinner
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
P.O. Box 1079
Tallahasse, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Subject: Cultural Resource Survey of
State Project Number 89010-1514 and
National Register Eligibility of the
Kitching's Addition Historic District,
Woodmen Hall, and the George Parks Store
Federal Aid Project Number BRF-485-5(26)
Martin County, Florida

A cultural resource survey was conducted on the subject project by Department personnel Mr. William Browning and Ms. Melissa Wiedenfeld. No archaeological sites were located during the field survey; however, several potential historic sites were found to be near the project. Kitching's Addition Historic District, Woodmen Hall, and the George Parks Store may be significant.

Enclosed are the National Register of Historic Places Registration Forms, Florida Master Site File forms, photographs, and maps of the Kitching's Addition Historic District, Woodmen Hall, historic sites located on State Project Number 89010-1514 in Martin County, Florida. This material is being provided in order that your agency may seek the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer as to the eligibility of this property for the National Register of Historic Places.

Kitching's Addition Historic District is significant as the earliest remaining residential area in Stuart. The District is the finest collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century architecture in the surrounding area. Kitching's Addition subdivision was the first to be developed, and many of the significant structures retain their original integrity. The District has no non-contributing buildings as most of the original buildings remain.

Walter Kitching's house was built in 1894, and in 1908 Kitching subdivided his pineapple plantation. The building of homes continued until 1926, when the Florida boom ended. The district is representative of that early boom, a significant growth period in Florida and Martin County history. A number of prominent persons built in Kitching's Addition, including his son-in-law, John Taylor, Confederate Officer B.H. Dudley, Judge Matthews, John Hancock, Hubert Bessey, and Ben Eckess.

The George W. Parks Store is significant as one of the last remaining commercial buildings from the earliest building period in Stuart, as the only building associated with prominent settler George Parks, and as a good example of early storefront architecture.

Woodmen Hall is significant as one of the earliest remaining buildings in the original Potsdam (Stuart) town plat, and as a fine example of early meeting hall architecture.

Based upon our research, it is our opinion that the sites are all eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as they satisfy the criteria of eligibility for listing as indicated on their respective forms.

Please process the enclosed documentation to the State Historic Preservation Officer for his determination of eligibility.

Sincerely,

C. L. Irwin

C.L. Irwin, Administrator
Environmental Impact Review

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Harold Kerr
Mr. David Twiddy

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May 12, 1987

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Dear Mr. Percy:

Subject: Florida - Federal Project No. BRF-485-5(26)
State Project No. 89010-1514
Martin County
Cultural Resources Assessment -
Kitching's Addition Historic District,
Woodmen Hall, and the George Parks Store

The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is conducting an environmental study for the subject project, which is located in Martin County. The proposed improvement provides for the reconstruction of US-1 from south of SR-76 to north of SR-707, including replacement of the Roosevelt Bridge over the St. Lucie River.

A cultural resources assessment has recently been completed for this project. The assessment has revealed that the following three sites located within the limits of the project may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places:

1. Kitching's Addition Historic District (Atlanta Avenue and cross streets).

2. Woodmen Hall (Site 8MT47), 217 Akron Avenue.

3. George Parks Store (Site 8MT46), 101 South Flagler Avenue.

Enclosed is a copy of a May 1, 1987 letter from Mr. C. L. Irwin of the FDOT, which describes these historic properties in detail. Also enclosed is a copy of the archaeological assessment of the project area and copies of National Register of Historic Places

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Registration Forms, Florida Master Site File forms, maps, and photographs of the three subject historic sites.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800, we request your concurrence in our determination that, based on the cultural resources assessment, the only sites that may have National Register qualities are the Kitching's Addition Historic District, Woodmen Hall, and the George Parks Store. In addition, we request your opinion on the eligibility of these three sites for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

James E. St. John

J. R. Skinner
Division Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Mr. J. C. Kraft (FDOT)
w/o Enclosures

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Memorandum FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

TO: Louis Tesar

FROM: Michael Zimny MZ

DATE: May 20, 1987

SUBJECT: National Register Eligibility of George Parks Store, Woodmen Hall and Kitching's Addition Historic District

GEORGE PARKS STORE

Opinion: Eligible
Applicable Criteria: A, B, C
Comments: A distinctive commercial building within its context, the George Parks Store has important historic association with a locally prominent personage and commercial significance as an early retail establishment.

WOODMEN HALL

Opinion: Eligible
Applicable Criteria: A, C
Comments: Significant through its association with the Woodmen of the World fraternal organization and as a distinctive building type within its setting.

KITCHING'S ADDITION HISTORIC DISTRICT

Opinion: Eligible
Applicable Criteria: A, B, C
Comments: The earliest residential subdivision in Stuart, the Kitching's Addition Historic District has important historic associations with several locally prominent personages. Architecturally, the district is representative of late 19th and early 20th century construction in Florida and possesses good physical integrity.

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May 22, 1987

Mr. J.R. Skinner
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

Subject: Determination of Eligibility for Kitching's Addition Historic District, Woodmen Hall, and the George Parks Store
Located on Federal Project No. BRF-485-5(26)
State Project No. 89010-1514
Stuart, Martin County, Florida

In accordance with the procedures contained in 36 C.F.R., Part 800 ("Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties") we have reviewed the well documented Determination of Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places on each of the properties listed above. Our comments follow:

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1) The George Parks Store is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criteria A, B, and C. The property is a distinctive commercial building within its context and had an important historic association with a locally prominent personage. The building also has commercial significance as an early retail establishment.

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2) Woodmen Hall is eligible under Criteria A and C, as it is significant through its association with the Woodmen of the World fraternal organization and as a distinctive building type within its setting.

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3) Kitching's Addition Historic District is eligible under Criteria A, B, and C. It is the earliest residential subdivision in Stuart, and has important historic associations with several locally prominent personages. Architecturally, the district is representative of late 19th and early 20th century construction in Florida and possesses good physical integrity.

It is our opinion that all of the above cited properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We further recommend that a formal Determination of Eligibility be sent to the Keeper of the Register in Washington, D.C. Therefore, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, the project impacts must be considered and all feasible and prudent alternatives taken to avoid or mitigate all project impacts to these properties.

We look forward to working with your agency and the Florida Department of Transportation on aspects of the project affecting these properties. If avoidance is not possible and adverse project impacts will occur, then consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation should be initiated.

Sincerely,

George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

GWP/mgw

cc: Ron Anzalone
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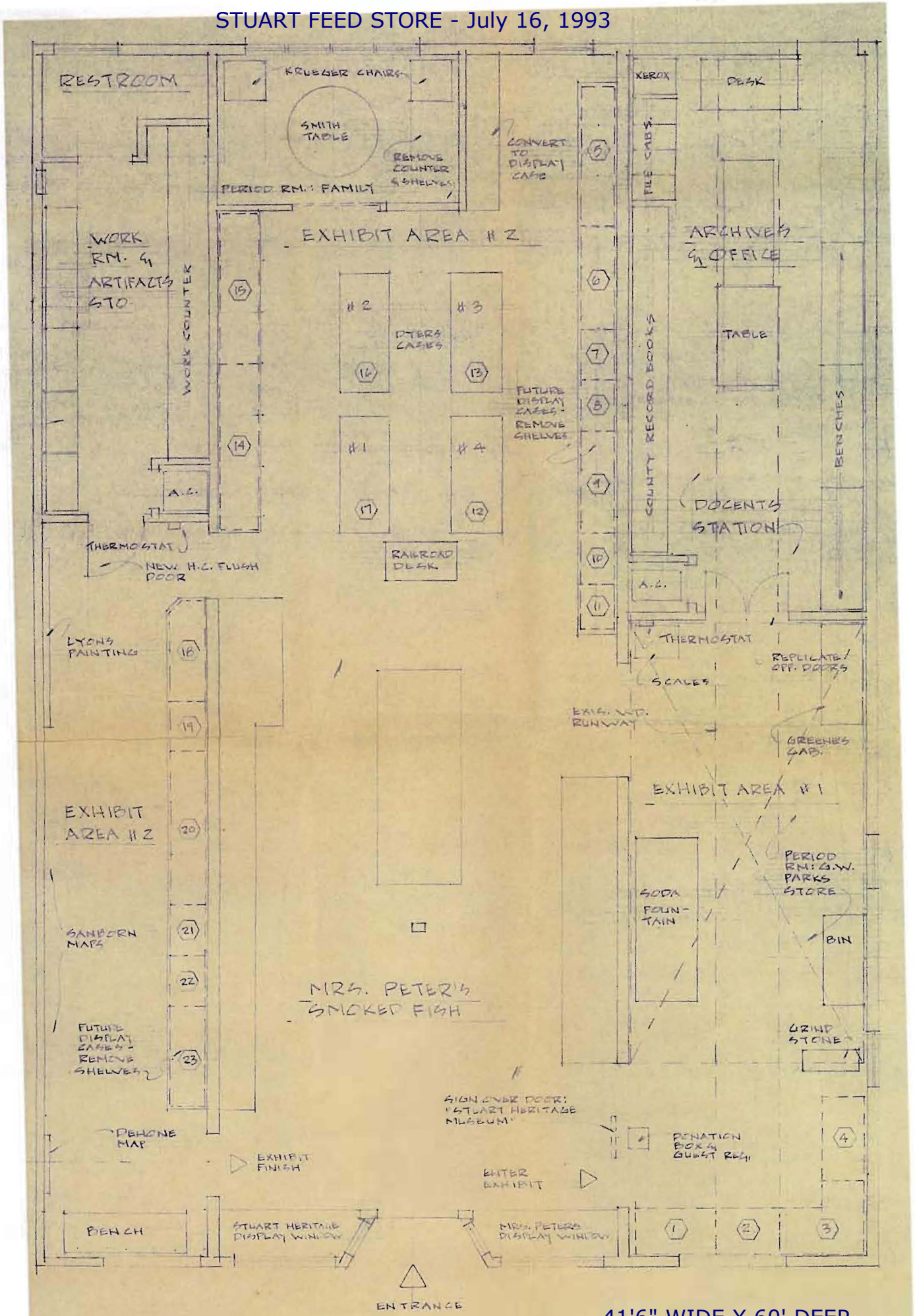
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STUART HERITAGE MUSEUM LAYOUT

via Stuart Heritage Museum Collection

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