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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A) Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

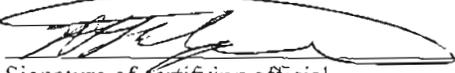
historic name Rogers' Store
other names/site number Gwaltnev's Store/090-5011

2. Location

street & number Intersection of Route 615 and Route 612, southeast corner not for publication N/A
city or town Surry vicinity N/A
state Virginia code VA county Surry code 181 Zip 23883

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)


Signature of certifying official
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

4/15/02
Date

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: other (explain): _____
 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

Signature of Keeper
Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> 2 </u>	<u> 1 </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> 1 </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> 1 </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> 2 </u>	<u> 3 </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

 N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Department Store

 Communications

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Work In Progress Sub: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian _____

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick piers _____
roof standing seam metal _____
walls clapboard _____

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- 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.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- 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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture, Commerce, Communications

Period of Significance 1827-1952

Significant Dates 1827

1855

1894

1952

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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: Surry County, Virginia Historical Society and Museums, Inc.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.28

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 18 321880 4107140 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Paige Weiss, Architectural Historian

Organization: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Portsmouth Regional Office _____ date 1/10/02

street & number: 612 Court Street, 3rd Floor telephone (757) 396-6707

city or town Portsmouth state VA zip code 23704

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.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Surry County, Virginia Historical Society and Museums, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 262 telephone (757) 294-0404

city or town Surry state VA zip code 23883

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7. Description:

Summary Description

The Rogers' Store property includes two retail buildings connected by a covered breezeway, a wooden outbuilding that is in ruins, and a small cinderblock voting shed, and remnants of the foundation of a bungalow style home; these buildings are situated 1.28 acre site on the northeast corner of the intersection of SR 615 and SR 612 in the Carsley Community of Surry County, Virginia. Gwaltney's Store, which was the first store on the property, dates from c.1827, and was operated until c.1894. The second retail store, called the Rogers' Store, was constructed c.1894, and Gwaltney's Store was converted to storage space at that time. The voting shed was originally constructed c.1960. There are foundation materials for a house that stood on the property until 1954, when it was destroyed by Hurricane Hazel, though there is no documentation regarding the date of construction for the house.

The property served the Carsley Community as a general store for generations; according to store records, it served as the central location for the local saw mill, telephone company, post office, pharmacy, and radio repair shop at different times during its operation. The building is situated at a prominent intersection in the community, and was used by all residents for their retail needs until its closure in 1952.

Description

Gwaltney's Store (1827)

The original retail building, constructed of mill-sawn lumber and cut nails, dates to 1827 when Samuel Smith owned the property. The name Gwaltney's Store is derived from a later property owner, who purchased the property and store from the Samuel Smith estate when he died in 1855. Mr. Gwaltney ran the store until 1878.

Gwaltney's Store is a one and one-half story two-room store with a gable front, and is located directly behind the newer 1894 structure. The front room of the 1827 building, which was designed as an unheated retail space, has horizontal sheathing and full height shelving on the sidewalls. The counting room, located at the rear of the original building, is heated and features exterior windows

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and a separate entrance. There is an original second doorway on the west wall of the counting room, which may have led to an enclosed space such as an early shed located on this side of the building.

The upper half-story is accessible through a stairway located in the southwest corner of the counting room; both the counting room and the upper floor retain remnants of plaster, which is not present in the front room. Study of the wood framing demonstrates that the majority of the ceiling joists are circular sawn. The roof appears to have been re-framed, though original wood beams were reused. Based on the angle of the mortise, it appears that the original roof was shallower than the existing roof. The first floor shed roofed additions meet the building at the eave of the main replacement roof, suggesting that the original roofline may have been altered near the same time that additions were constructed to accommodate the roofline of the shed additions.

The Gwaltney's Store building was in retail use continuously until 1894, though it changed ownership several times. Mr. J.W. (Watt) Rogers operated the store for approximately 16 years before he purchased the property in 1894. There were several modifications made to the original store building shortly after Mr. Rogers purchased the property. The changes included the introduction of a full-length shed on either side of the core building (this is likely when the roof framing of the original building was modified). The sheds were constructed of circular-sawn, dimensional lumber. Mr. Rogers also constructed the new two-story store in front of the original store building.

Rogers' Store (1894)

The Rogers' Store, the 1894 establishment, has a front gable façade with a full-length front porch supported by turned posts and a standing seam metal shed roof. The building exhibits vernacular interpretations of high style Late Victorian Queen Anne detailing typical of the period, including carved brackets, and the turned porch posts. The Rogers' store has double hung two-over-two windows, and an open first and second floor plan, with a stairway located at the northwest corner of the building. Both floors were used for retail sales, and are lined with original built-in shelving for the display of goods. The first floor has the original sales counter along the west side of the main room, and a shed roofed addition housing the office on the west side of the building. The interior of the building is finished with horizontal bead board and wood floors. The Rogers' store exhibits a higher level of finish than the earlier Gwaltney's Store building.

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Outbuildings

In addition to the two stores, there is voting building, an outbuilding, and remnants of the foundation of a residential structure.

A 1960 cinderblock gable front voting building remains on the site. Located to the west of the Rogers' Store, it is prominently situated adjacent to the intersection of Rt. 612 and Rt. 615. According to local records, the voting building was one of a several constructed by the county to better serve the voting population. The facility remained in use for approximately 20 years, in a lease arrangement with the descendents of Watt Rogers. It was closed when the polling station was moved to Jerusalem Baptist Church. There is one other voting building from this era that remains; it is abandoned, but stands in the nearby community of Spring Grove, VA.

There is a wooden outbuilding constructed of mill-sawn lumber located on the southeast corner of the lot. Its date of construction can not be precisely pinpointed however, based on the method of construction and the millwork, it is presumed to date to c1900. It is no longer in use, and is rapidly deteriorating, as the roof has fallen in and the exterior walls are failing.

The remnants of a foundation of a residential structure are extant on the north side of the parcel. There are no photographs of the house, but local residents' report that it was a bungalow style house destroyed by Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

All of the buildings were on the same parcel that was part of a 60-acre farm until 1.28 acres that include the Rogers Store and outbuildings were donated to the Surry County, Virginia Historical Society and Museums, Inc. in April 1999. Based on the method of construction and the saw marks on the lumber, it appears that the agricultural building dates to c1900.

The Rogers' store property is located at a prominent intersection in the Carsley Community. The store is surrounded by fields still in agricultural use, historic residential structures, and a historic church building. It clearly retains all seven aspects of integrity, given that few alterations have been made to the building, or in the immediate area of the property.

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8. Statement of Significance

Summary Statement of Significance

The Rogers' Store was a prominent local establishment from its opening 1827, until its closure in 1952. The store complex grew over time, however few modifications were made to the existing buildings. Instead, they remain unaltered and serve as excellent examples of their respective periods of construction.

The stores served the crossroads community of Carsley, Virginia for 130 years. According to local records, the Rogers' Store acted as an early post office, pharmacy, radio assembly and repair shop, a publishing company, lumber company, chemical company and the Surry-Sussex Telephone Company. Throughout its history, Gwaltney's Store and then Rogers' Store has been the town center for the people of Carsley, thus explaining its many roles in the community.

Significance Statement

The original building dates from 1827, when Samuel Smith acquired the property from the Carsley's, who owned the land as early as 1812. The Carsley family is the namesake for the area, though the original land grant was given to John Parsons from the King of England on June 5, 1736.

The Rogers' Store is significant under Criterion A because it served as a hub for community activity, and brought many otherwise unavailable products and services to Carsley and the surrounding community. Store records document that the Rogers' Store was the location of the first telephone company, thus introducing a new and exciting technology to a relatively rural area. Unfortunately, records do not reveal detailed information about the Surry-Sussex Telephone Company.

Watt Rogers was known as an entrepreneur who always sought to expand his business. To that end, he engaged in several business endeavors, including establishing a publishing company, lumber company, and chemical company that were run out of the Rogers' Store building. Unfortunately, through study of the store records, it appears that none of these business ventures were as fruitful as Mr. Rogers' had hoped.

The Rogers' Store is significant under Criterion C as a demonstrative example of a corner store that pioneered the sale of numerous products and services in the community. The architecture and method of construction of the 1827 building and 1894 buildings are both significant examples of

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their respective periods of construction. Because the buildings are connected by an open breezeway, the historic fabric of the original store was altered minimally with the construction of the Rogers' Store. Each establishment retains its original integrity of design, craftsmanship, and materials.

The period of significance spans from the date of construction of the first building, 1827, until the closure of the Rogers Store by the Rogers family in 1952.

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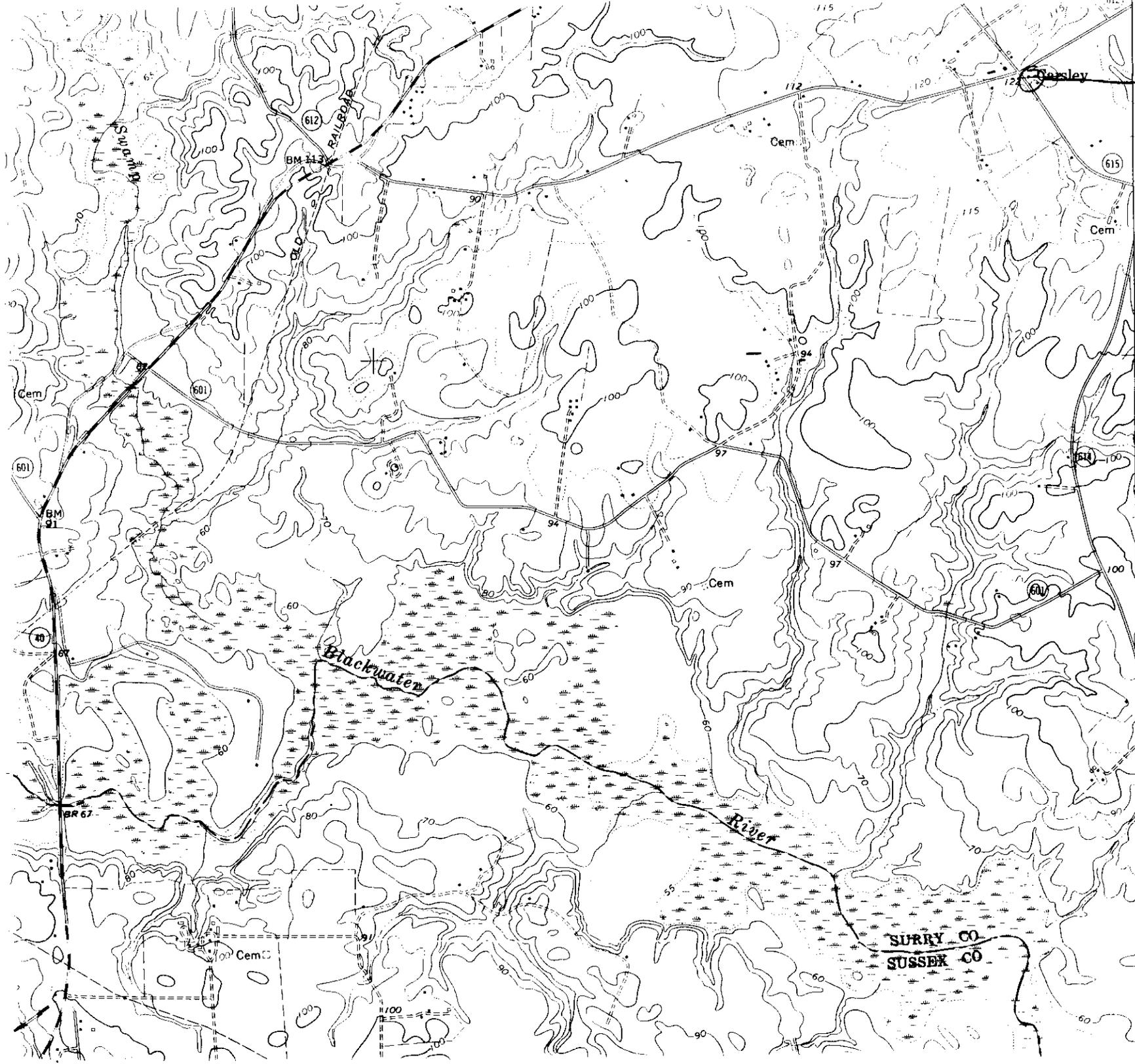
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary follows the legal boundary of the parcel. The boundary begins 79.68' east of the intersection of SR 615 and SR 612. It extends 111.79' in an easterly direction along SR 612. It then turns south and extends 307.41', at which point it turns west and extends 185.95 feet to the edge of right of way on SR 615. The boundary then turns in a northerly direction and extends 257.48', where it turns in a northeasterly direction and extends 90.79' to enclose the property.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary follows the legal boundary of the parcel, which was donated by the adjacent property owner to the Surry County Historical Society and Museums, Inc. The boundary encompasses the entire parcel as deeded.



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Surry Co, VA
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DHR # 090-5011

4106
5'
WAVERLY
QUAD

90-5011

4105

4104

(DENDRON)
5658 111 SW

4103

SURRY CO
SUSSER CO