

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Hertford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
(William) Rea Store

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
East Williams Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Murfreesboro

STATE: North Carolina      CODE: 32      COUNTY: Hertford      CODE: 16

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Murfreesboro Historical Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
c/o Mr. Frank Stephenson, Jr., Chowan College

CITY OR TOWN: Murfreesboro      STATE: North Carolina      CODE: 32

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Hertford County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Winton 27986      STATE: North Carolina      CODE: 32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main block of the Rea Store is a two-story structure approximately 40 feet by 28 feet built of brick laid in Flemish bond. The main facade, facing Williams Street, features a center entrance with double flush panel doors and a jack arch. On either side are single large windows with jack arches. The center bay of the second floor has a similar double door above which is a projecting hoist bar. There are pairs of small windows with jack arches flanking the upper doorway. There is a three-bay one-story wing on the west side. This was a later addition to the main section and was also built of brick laid in Flemish bond. It has an exterior chimney on the western end.

On the interior, the larger block contains one room on each floor connected by a stair on the east wall. The walls are plastered, and the beaded beams of the second floor exposed. The utilitarian design of the Rea Store is evident in such features as those just mentioned and in the window arrangement. The larger fenestration of the lower floor may have facilitated the display of merchandise, the smaller windows on the second would merely have provided the necessary illumination for that storage area. The second floor door and hoist bar were used to facilitate the movement of bulky items to the storage area. The one-story wing is thought to have served as an office.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic            | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Rea Store in Murfreesboro is one of the oldest commercial buildings in North Carolina. The store was built on the corner of Fourth and Williams about 1790 by William Rea, a wealthy Boston merchant who traded extensively between Murfreesboro and New England. Rea and four brothers outfitted trading ships at Murfreesboro during the first half of the nineteenth century which made the town an important export center for the Roanoke Valley. An office wing was added to the store about 1803 and served as the law office of Thomas Maney who later became a prominent Tennessee judge. On March 31, 1831, William Rea sold the store to Benjamin B. Camp of Southampton County, Virginia. Subsequent owners included David A. Barnes, F. F. Ferguson, and H. U. White. In the early 1900s the old store was used as a machine shop where newly-invented mechanical peanut harvesters were serviced. Julia White Miles and her husband W. L. Miles sold the store lot to Edwin P. Brown on May 1, 1967, and Brown, in turn, donated the property to the Murfreesboro Historical Association on the same day.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deed, William Rea to Benjamin Camp, March 31, 1831, in possession of Camp family, Franklin, Virginia.

Hertford County Records, Hertford County Courthouse, Winton, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Records, Census Reports.)

Hertford County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers, Census Reports.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36°	26'	38"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		77°	05'	54"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/6 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
J. G. Zehmer, Survey Specialist; Sherry I. Penney, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History DATE: June 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh STATE: North Carolina CODE: 32

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *H. G. Jones*  
Dr. H. G. Jones  
 Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date June 16, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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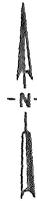
9. Parramore, Thomas C. The Ancient Maritime Village of Murfreesborough, 1787-1825. Murfreesboro: Johnson, 1969.

Winborne, Benjamin B. The Colonial and State Political History of Hertford County. Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton, 1906.

(William) Rea Store

East Williams Street  
Murfreesboro, North Carolina

City Map of Murfreesboro  
City of Murfreesboro  
Scale:  $2\frac{1}{4}''/1200'$   
No date



<u>Latitude</u>			<u>Longitude</u>		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds
36°	26'	38"	77°	05'	54"



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