

***Structures Purchased by TDOT, 2005***

### ***Buildings at the Intersection of State Route 28 and State Route 68***

Overview of the buildings that were purchased and removed by TDOT (photograph taken 2002 by TDOT historians)



A small commercial center that included six buildings sprang up at the intersection of State Route 28 and State Route 68. Five of the six buildings and the mobile home post-date the National Register listed Cumberland Homesteads period of significance (1934 to 1941). One building was an original Homestead building but it was identified in the National Register nomination as non-contributing due to alterations (see the enclosed Contributing/Non-Contributing map).

TDOT's Right-of-Way Division purchased these structures in 2005. After purchasing the structures, TDOT determined that the best course of action would be to remove the buildings rather than have them sitting empty until the proposed project could be completed.

It should be noted that the TN-SHPO's National Register coordinator participated in the Citizen's Resource Team (as well as the Enhancement Team). She was fully aware that the design would result in the demolition of these buildings and did not raise any issues about their historic significance or National Register eligibility. She also reviewed and commented on the Section 106 report.

**Structure #1:** Commercial building



According to TDOT's Right-of-Way Division's information sheet, this building was built circa 1945 as a commercial structure. In addition to the commercial building, a circa 1979 mobile home was situated on the parcel behind the commercial building.

This structure was a one-story concrete block building with a flat roof and a faux mansard roof on the facade. A triple, wooden door was located in the center of the façade with two large plate glass windows flanking it. One of the windows was broken and covered with paper. Two faux brick columns were decorative features on each end of the façade. The basement of the structure was partially finished as an apartment.

**Structure #2:** Commercial building



This is a mid-twentieth century, one-story structure with a flat roof that served as a commercial building that housed several different types of stores. According to signs in and around the building, it had been a Mastercraft parts store and Homestead Antiques. The facade has an integral roof, covered in standing seam metal and supported by plain, wood columns. The concrete block structure had a stone veneer on the façade. Underneath the integral porch, a central entry door was surrounded by three large, single pane display windows.

**Structure #3:** Warehouse



According to TDOT's Right-of-Way appraisal this one-story metal storage building was built circa 1998. It housed approximately 3,788 square feet of unfinished storage space. The metal panel exterior had a centrally located, storage door for loading and unloading warehouse items. The building sat on a concrete slab that was set back from State Route 28 with a large area of pavement for parking adjacent to the road.

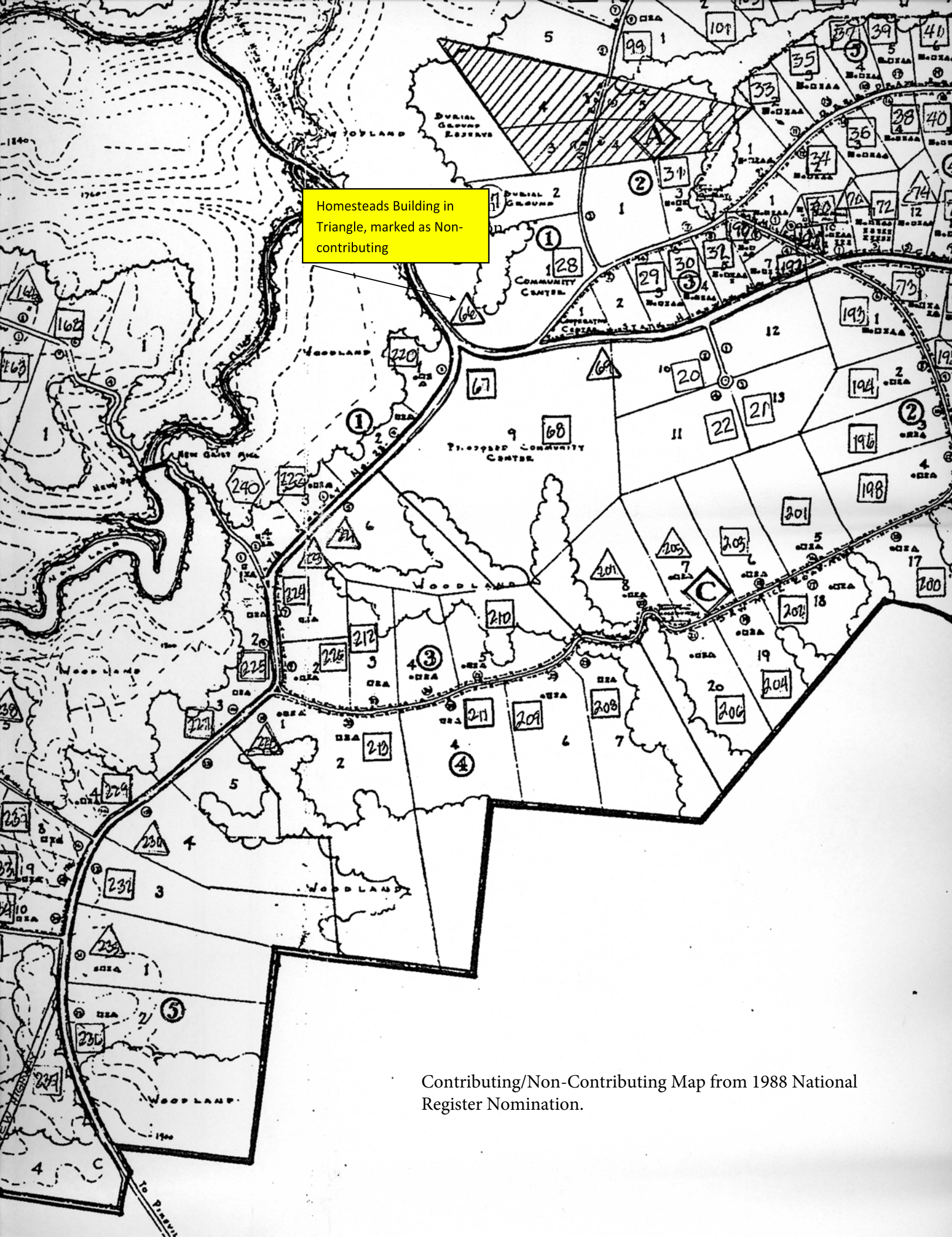
**Structure #4:** Masonry Building—Cumberland Homesteads Building



According to the National Register nomination for the Cumberland Homesteads Historic District, this structure was listed as a “government garage.” It dated from the period of significance for the Cumberland Homesteads but had been altered and had additions and was considered a non-contributing structure in the 1988 National Register nomination.

The one-story structure has a masonry veneer of Crab Orchard stone that was typical of structures within the Homesteads historic district. The side gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with an overhanging roof on the façade. The roof is supported by modern wooden posts with decorative spindles at the roof line. The façade has a variety of large, single pane windows and doors spaced throughout. According to TDOT's Right-of-Way Division, the building was divided into three units with concrete slab and asphalt tile floors. The interior walls were covered in drywall and the ceiling was covered in textured drywall with modern fluorescent lighting throughout.





Homesteads Building in Triangle, marked as Non-contributing

Contributing/Non-Contributing Map from 1988 National Register Nomination.

Cumberland Homesteads Historic District  
 Crossville vicinity, Cumberland County, TN  
 Map #1

- District Boundary
- Cumberland Mountain State Park Boundary
- Contributing Homesteads, principal buildings
- △ Non-Contributing Homesteads, principal buildings
- Cemetery
- ⬡ Park ( See Map #3)
- xxxx Road Not Constructed
- ▨ Non-Contributing Landscape Features





**Structure # 5:** The Cumberland General Store



According to an assessment by TDOT's Right-of-Way Division, the Cumberland General Store was built circa 1955 but had additions and alterations from circa 1990. The main retail space was a two-story flat roofed

concrete block building. The second story exterior was sheathed in synthetic siding. The façade of the store had a brick veneer and was made to look like an old-fashioned general store with a shed-roof porch covered in wooden shingles indicating the entrance to the store.

The first floor retail space included concrete slab floors with walls covered in drywall and wood paneling with exposed wood joists. Fluorescent lighting was found throughout the store with ceiling fans for cooling the store. Additionally on the first floor was a commercial kitchen that had been recently installed. The second floor of the building was partitioned into five rooms but remained unfinished. One room had been recently renovated for office space.

**Structure # 6:** Service Garage

According to TDOT's Right-of-Way Division's information sheet, this building was built circa 1960. It served as a service garage.

This mid-twentieth century concrete block building was a one-story structure with a double bay garage doors in one section. A large, single pane window is adjacent to the front door. An addition with a faux mansard roof is attached the concrete block structure.

