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National Register of Historic Places
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Huddleston Store & McKinzie Store
and or common Lum 'n' Abner's Jot 'em Down Store and Museum

2. Location

street & number Highway 88 N/A not for publication
city, town Pine Ridge N/A vicinity of
state Arkansas code 05 county Montgomery code 097

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dorothy McClure
street & number P. O. Box 37
city, town Pine Ridge N/A vicinity of state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse
street & number Mt. Ida Square
city, town Mt. Ida state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no N/A
date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local
depository for survey records
city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date Huddleston Store on original site
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			McKinzie Store moved in 1930's and in 1972.

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY

The Lum 'n' Abner Jot 'em Down Store and Museum consists of two general store buildings that sit next to one another in Pine Ridge, a tiny Arkansas town made famous by the Lum 'n' Abner Radio Show. The Huddleston Store is a large one-room, one-story frame structure with a steeply pitched tin-covered gable roof and stands where originally built in 1912. The McKinzie Store is a much smaller one-room one-story frame structure with a stepped false front that was constructed in 1904 on a site now covered by the Lum 'n' Abner Highway 88 which passes the two buildings to the south. It was moved to its present site and attached to the north side of the Huddleston Store in 1972.

ELABORATION

Built by Dick Huddleston in 1912 to replace a 1901 structure that had been destroyed by fire, the Huddleston Store is a simple frame structure that sits on randomly spaced stones and cinder blocks. A tin shed roof covers the full front porch that is supported by four square posts. The front, rear and north elevations are covered with board and batten siding. The south wall is now covered with asphalt wall tile after the original wood siding was destroyed by a robbery attempt by the locally infamous Mike Risenhoover, the "Robin Hood of the Ouachita's".

The front gable end has siding extending above the roof at each corner creating a false front that does not extend above the ridge. A pair of double-hung windows flank either side of the double-doored center entrance. Unbent wagon wheel rims function as window bars. The false front extending above the porch roof has over the years sported a variety of signs - "J. R. Huddleston General Merchandise" (1912), "Dick Huddleston of Lum and Abner" (c. 1930), and currently, "Lum and Abner's Jot 'em Down Store Formerly Dick Huddleston's." Signs have been added to the front of the porch, but the original 5¢ cold drink advertisement is still in place. The building has not been painted since the 1930's when the tradition began of visitors and townspeople writing their names on the front wall. This practice is no longer encouraged in an effort to preserve the old names and dates. A shed-roofed lean-to at the rear originally functioned as a feed room.

The interior of the store has a wood floor, wood ceiling covered with insulation paper and pegboard. The wood shelves on the north and south walls, the tables, display cases, spool case and some of the displays hanging from the ceiling are original. Though a replacement, the pot-bellied stove resembles the original. The Pine Ridge Post Office is located in the southwest corner of the store. A large oak screen and brass eagle boxes were installed during the 1940's.

The A. A. McKinzie Store originally sat across the street from the Huddleston Store, as did the "Jot 'em Down Store" on Lum 'n' Abner's radio program. This store is smaller than the Huddleston Store, though of similar construction. A general merchandise store from 1904 to 1930, the structure was used as a house until 1955 when it was moved when Highway 88 was straightened and paved. After being moved south to a small hill, the building was used for hay storage until 1972, at which time it was moved to its present location and repaired. A small shed-roofed addition added in 1972 extends from the side of the Huddleston Store to the rear of the McKinzie Store, thus connecting them. Like it's neighbor, the

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McKinzie Store has board and batten siding, a stepped false front, metal-covered gable roof, a shed-roofed full front porch and random stone foundation. A single paneled wood door is flanked by one double-hung window on each side.

The interior, which today functions as a museum, has wooden shelves on the north and south walls and other original store fixtures from the Huddleston and McKinzie Stores.

McKinzie Store, 1000 McKinzie Street, St. Louis, Missouri, is a historic building that was built in 1840. It is a two-story building with a gable roof and a full front porch. The building is made of brick and has board and batten siding. It is a good example of a typical store building of the period.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Huddleston Store (1912)
McKinzie Store (1904) Builder/Architect Huddleston and McKinzie - builders

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SUMMARY

The Huddleston and McKinzie Stores represent not only typical country trade centers, but also the great impact of the radio antics of Chet Lauk and Norris Goff - known throughout the country as "Lum and Abner." The stories and anecdotes the two regaled radio listeners and movie goers with throughout the 1930's, were collected from friends they had grown up with in the Polk and Montgomery County area. Their radio characters included Dick Huddleston, Squire Skimp, Cedric Wehunt, Grandpappy Spears, Little Pearl, and others. All were based on people from Pine Ridge. Dick Huddleston was the proprietor of the simple board and batten general merchandise store which was constructed in 1912. The A. A. McKinzie Store was built in 1904 and was referred to by Lum 'n' Abner in their broadcasts as the "Jot 'em Down Store." The two building served as focal points for the radio shows which delighted millions for two decades.

ELABORATION

The community of Pine Ridge, which was originally Waters (its name was changed in 1936 to reflect the fictional name Lauk and Goff had given it), is located near the Ouachita River in Montgomery County. At one point there were a large number of wooden buildings constructed prior to 1920, which served the community. Today the sawmill, gristmill, blacksmith shop, and other structures are gone. The Huddleston and McKinzie Stores and the post office are all that remain.

Dick Huddleston had his store built by local labor, many of whom worked off their debts to Huddleston with this labor. The store provided a wide array of items suited to the needs of its clientele. Huddleston achieved some fame aside from his association with Lum 'n' Abner. He traveled around the country promoting Arkansas, especially the Ouachita Mountains, with his "Pine Ridge Follies."

A. A. McKinzie's store was built in 1904 as a general mercantile as well. During the 1930's, as it achieved prominence as the "Jot 'em Down Store," it ceased to function as a store and became a private residence. It was later moved and used as a hay barn. In order to save the building, it was again moved in 1972 to serve as a museum for Lum 'n' Abner memorabilia.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Oral history: Ethel Huddleston Graham Bell, Dorothy McClure Stephens.
2. Arkansas Gazette Centennial Edition, 1936, pg. 176.
3. Pine Bluff Commercial, Sunday, June 6, 1965, pg. 16.
4. Arkansas Gazette Magazine, Sunday, Jan 10, 1937, pg. 3.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Oden, Ark

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property being nominated is bounded on the South by Highway #88. On the East the nominated property extends fifty feet out from the front elevations of each of the stores into a gravel drive. On the North the nominated prop-

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathryn Moore Stucker, edited by Arkansas Historic Preservation Program staff.

organization N/A date August 31, 1984

street & number P. O. Box 38 telephone (501) 326-4442

city or town Pine Ridge state Arkansas

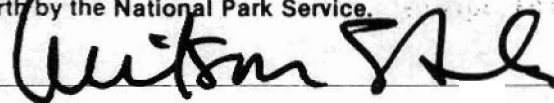
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

8-31-84

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

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Chief of Registration

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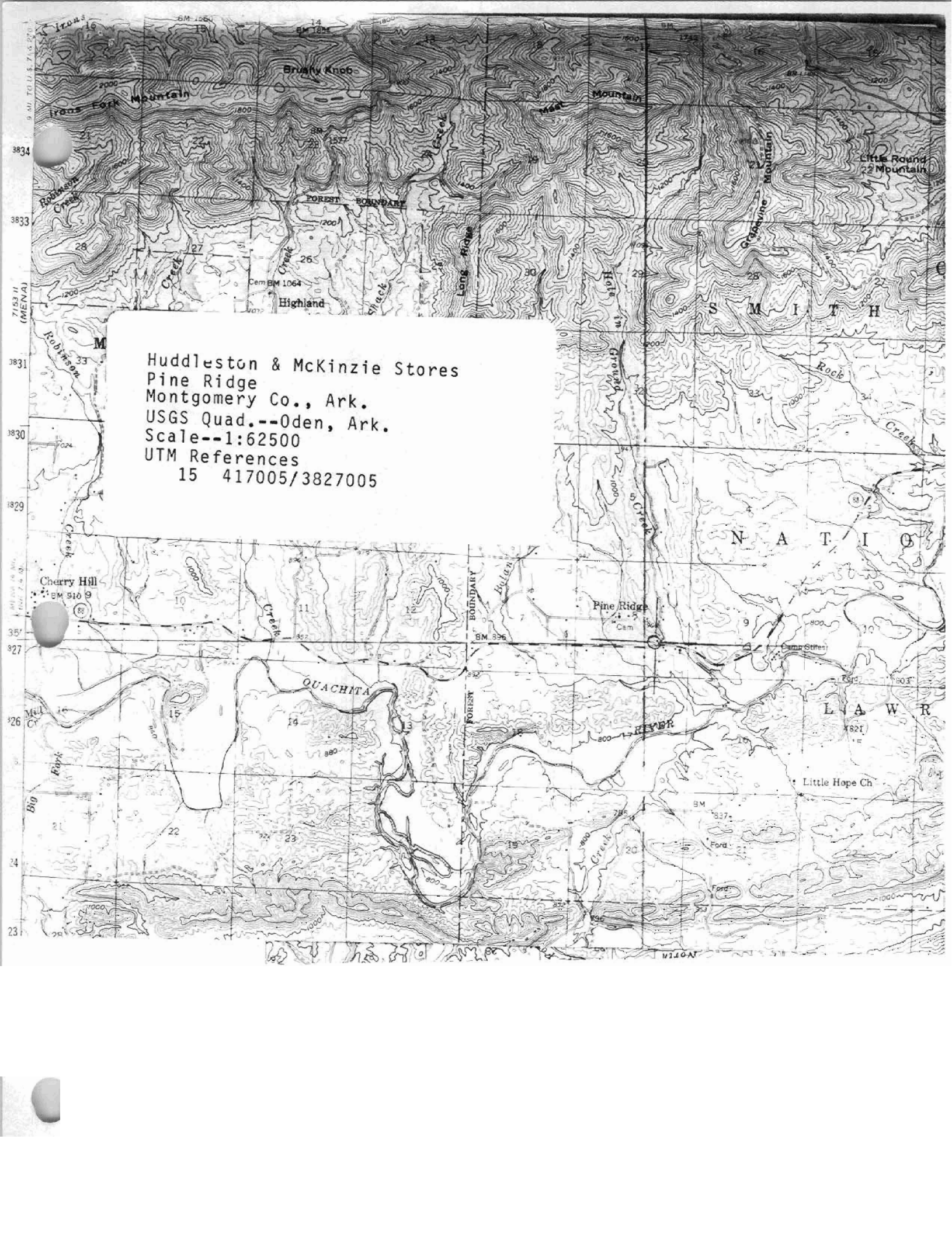
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erty extends ten feet from the exterior wall of the McKinzie Store.
On the West the nominated property extends fifty feet from the exterior
walls of both buildings.

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Montgomery Co., Ark.
USGS Quad.--Oden, Ark.
Scale--1:62500
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