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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 an 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.

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Name of Property		County and S	State			
5. Classification						
Ownership of Property (check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)				
		Contributing	Noncontributing			
□ private	building(s)	3	0	buildings		
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public-State	site	0	0	structures		
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6. Function or Use						
Historic Function (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Fu (Enter categor	Inction ries from instructions)			
Domestic:single dwelling		vacant				
Commerce/Trade:general store						
Government:post office						
Storage: storage site		vacant				
Agriculture/Subsistence: barn		storage:				
7. Description						
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categor	ries from instructions)			
Other: two-part commercial block		foundation	limestone			
Other: Transverse crib barn		walls	weatherboard			
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Eggers and Company General Store

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

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

Eggers and Company General Store Name of Property	Perry County, MO County and State
8. Description Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
☑ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	<u>Commerce</u> <u>Architecture</u>
☐ <b>B</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.	Period of Significance 1894 - 1957
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	
Property is:	Significant Dates 1894
A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	
☐ <b>B</b> removed from its original location.	Significant Persons (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A
C a birthplace or grave.	
□ D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation N/A
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ <b>F</b> a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder Unknown
☐ <b>G</b> less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	<u></u>
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	⊠See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8
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Eggers and Company General Store Name of Property	Perry County, MO County and State
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property 1.16 acres	
UTM References (Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)	
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)	
Property Tax No. 076-09-8.0-034-000-000-004.50	
<b>Boundary</b> Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)	
11. Form Prepared By	See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10
name/title Terri L. Foley, Historic Preservationist	
organization Terri L. Foley Consulting	date <u>10-22-2006</u>
street & number <u>1615 Themis</u>	<u> </u>
city or town Cape Girardeau	state MO zip code 63701
Additional Documentation Submit the following items with the completed form:	
Continuation Sheets  Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the A Sketch map for historic districts and properties here. Photographs: Representative black and white photograph Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any account of the sheet series).	aving large acreage or numerous resources.  •••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Property Owner	
name/title Steven and Ellen Frye	
street & number 219 Portland Terrace	telephone 314-706-0159
city or town St. Louis	state MO zip code 63119
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### **Summary:**

The Eggers and Company General Store [preferred], 19 Perry County Road 328 (PCR) occupies a site at the southeast intersection of PCR 328 and PCR 343 in Farrar, Perry County, Missouri. The 1.16 tract acres of includes three contributing buildings: the general store and house built in 1894, a tin feed warehouse (circa 1905), and a transverse crib barn (circa 1900). The Eggers' buildings are clustered along side the country roads in the shape of an "L" with the general store/residence fronting county road 328 and the barn fronting county road 343. The Eggers General Store is the only remaining late 19<sup>th</sup> century general store in Farrar and served the area from 1894 to 2006. The Farrar post office located within the general store served the community from 1900 to 2006. Eggers and Company is comprised of the only remaining commercial buildings in the community from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The three contributing vernacular buildings are surviving examples of the "old general store and house," "feed warehouse," and "transverse crib barn," found in communities throughout American in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Eggers and Company General Store is a rare remaining example of the local general store and post office in a vernacular building which could have been found in any community in Southeast Missouri a century or more ago.

### **Elaboration:**

### Setting:

The Eggers and Company General Store is located approximately 9.56 miles east of Perryville, Missouri and approximately 5 miles west of the Mississippi River. It is located in a rural area and the terrain is gently rolling farmland characteristic of southeast Missouri. Across the street on PCR 343 is a feed store and equipment repair shop that was built after World War II. To the east across the PCR 328 is a residence. Directly to the north of the property is a residence approximately 45 yards away and to the south (rear) of the property is undeveloped land. The general store is the northern most building with the metal feed warehouse directly to the south. The transverse crib barn is located directly behind the warehouse. (see attached site plan, p. 15) The property has mature hardwoods trees and foundation plants. This area of rural Perry County, Missouri still retains its rural, farmland character.

### Eggers General Store:

The Eggers General Store, built in 1894, is a two-story building clad in weatherboard. It has a front facing gable end metal roof and two brick chimneys. It stands on a limestone foundation. The building is adjoined on the north elevation to a 1 1/2-story house clad in weatherboard. The house also has a front facing gable with a metal roof and can be

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accessed from the exterior or store interior. As is typical of rural two-part commercial blocks, the first floor has a broad shed roof porch sheltering large display windows. The second floor contains smaller 2/2 windows, indicative of the use of the second floor as residential, storage or office space.

### **Primary (East) elevation:**

The general store has a full width porch with four tall narrow spindle columns and a metal roof. The recessed glass and wood paneled entrance door is centered with a side light on the south side. On either side of the entrance is a two-over-two storefront window. To the south of the front porch is a storage addition with a metal shed roof. The entrance to the storage room, added c. 1910, is with accessed from the porch. The second level of the general store has two symmetrical placed two-over-two windows located directly above the storefront windows.

Adjoining the general store on the north elevation is the house. It is setback from the front of the store building a few feet. It is one and half story, and clad in weatherboard with a cross gable metal roof with a brick chimney. The first level has two opening with the stoop entrance on the southeast corner, located nearest to the store building. The glass and wood panel door has a two light transom above. Directly to the north of the door is a triple set of three-over-one windows. The windows have been removed for rehabilitation and large piece of plywood covers the opening. The second story gable end is clad in shingles and has one centrally placed three-over-one window.

#### North elevation:

The house section of the building extends nearly the full length of the building's north elevation. On the northeast portion of the elevation are two small three-light windows. To the northwest is a double-hung two-over-two window. Two, two-over-two doublehung windows are located in the gable end. Between the front and rear windows is a small one-story weatherboard clad addition with a hipped metal roof. Visible on the north elevation of the store building on the second level is a double hung two-over-two window located toward the front of the building and second smaller window is located directly west of the window but is hidden by the roof of the adjoining house.

### West (rear) elevation:

On the west elevation of the house section of the building is a two-over-two double hung window located near the north corner with a wood door directly to the south. The first level of the store building has two doors located at each corner of the building with a boarded up window located between the doors. The second level has a door located over the first level door on the northeast side and a three-over-three double hung

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window on the southwest side. On the south side is the one-story addition that was added in 1910. A concrete porch extends across the entire elevation.

#### South elevation:

The elevation has an overhanging porch roof with a metal roof and two wooden support posts. The foundation is visible with steps leading down to a walk-out basement. On the first level is a centered entrance accessed from the wooden porch. One two-over-two double hung window is located at the southwest corner. The second level of the store core store building has four double hung two-over-two windows.

#### Interior:

The interior of the first floor of the general store is still intact and retains its overall feel of 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century rural community general store and post office. To the right of the entrance is a counter and the postmaster's booth. To the left is another counter, a scale and refrigerators. The store has an open floor plan with wood floors. Entrance to the residence is located on the north wall of the store and entrance into the 1910 storage addition is located on the south wall. The south addition was used for storage and staircase on the north wall leads to the basement.

The residence retains its original wood trim and wood floors. (See attached floor plans for layout, p. 5 and 6.)

The house connect to the general store became the residence of the Eggers family after they purchased the store in the 1920s. Originally, the house had a side gable roof with a covered porch. Sometime between 1938 and 1940 an addition was added to the façade. The front was extended and a front gable roof was added to the side gable. The entrance was moved from the center of the façade to the south side and triple windows were added. With the removal of the full-length porch, a stoop was added over the entrance. On the second level of the gable end, shingles and a window were installed. (see historic photographs pgs. 10 and 11)

### Eggers Feed Warehouse:

The one-story tin rectangular warehouse sits on wooden support columns with entrance on the north elevation. There are two windows located on the north elevation with a metal awning that runs from the northeast corner to the entrance door. It is showing signs of disrepair and is starting to fall. Over the door is a small metal awning. The east elevation has no fenestration and a stepped gable front that was typical of early twentieth century storefronts, creating the illusion that the building is larger and more substantial than it really is. Centered on the west elevation is a large wooden cover over what was once an entrance. There are three windows located on the south elevation.

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### **Interior:**

The interior has an open floor plan with exposed wood beams. A door leads from the front section of the warehouse to the rear section.

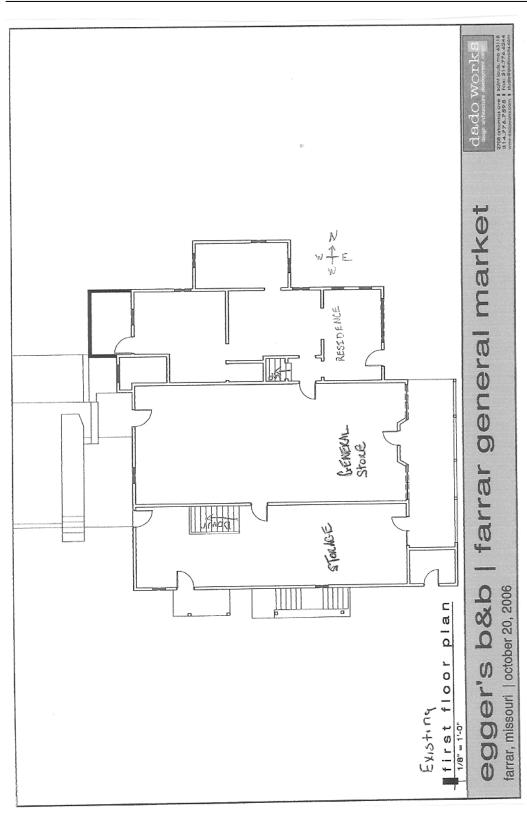
### Transverse Crib Barn:

The transverse crib barn, circa 1900, is covered with vertical wood siding and a tin roof. The barn is rustic in appearance. It has undergone some changes over the years. The foundation in some areas is rock with the majority of the foundation covered over with metal sheets to prevent rodents from entering the barn. The west section has a poured concrete floor extending to the exterior that does not appear to be original to the barn and it is unknown when the concrete was added. The original form of the transverse crib barn style can be observed on the gable end with the hayhood. While changes have occurred to the barn, it does not harm overall feel, and integrity of the building.

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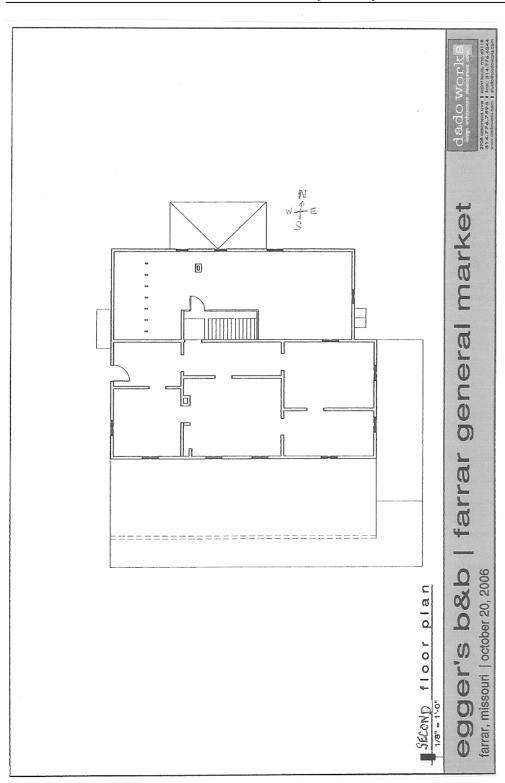
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### **Summary:**

The Eggers and Company General Store [preferred], located at 19 Perry County Road (PCR) 328, in Farrar, Perry County, Missouri, is locally significant under National Register Criteria A and C, in the areas of COMMERCE and ARCHITECTURE. Constructed in 1894, the Eggers General Store and outbuildings represent an era when general stores on crossroads or in small settlements were centers for commerce and community. As the oldest commercial building in Farrar, the building also represents the early period of development of this rural community. Originally known as the Buekman Store, Eggers & Company purchased the store in 1920. Under the management of Eggers, the services of the business expanded beyond general merchandising and the company acted as a middleman trading local agricultural goods with markets in St. Louis. The preferred historic name for the property is Eggers and Company because of its long association with the company and the Eggers family. The two-story building and its two associated outbuildings, a metal-clad warehouse and transverse crib barn, are highly intact and reflective of the building's use and period of significance. The buildings are also representative of general story property type in Missouri. The period of significance extends from 1894 to 1957 the arbitrary cutoff date for the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **Elaboration:**

### **History and Early Settlement of Farrar:**

Farrar, Missouri is located 9.56 miles east of Perryville, Missouri, the county seat of Perry County, and approximately 5 miles west of the Mississippi River. Farrar is an unincorporated community located within the civil township of Salem. There is little documented early history of Farrar. <sup>2</sup>

In or about 1855 or 1857, Zacharius Melhorn and August Lorenz purchased the land on which Farrar is now located. Settlement of the area soon began as families of German descent moved in. The small, but growing, population organized the Salem Lutheran Church in 1859.<sup>3</sup> Salem Township, where Farrar is located, is named for this church.

Commerce began to develop in the 1890s in Farrar with the establishment of a general store by R.P. Farrar. This store closed prior to 1920. Soon after Farrar's store opened for business, Carle Dede and Frederick Bueckman opened a second general store (Eggers General Store) down the road. Later, Herman Roth established a blacksmith

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Perry County Map. Craig Williams Creative, Inc., 2004

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Eggers, Walter. "Farrar," <u>Perry County Sesquicentennial Historical Booklet</u>, 1971.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.

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shop in the vicinity of the R.P. Farrar Store. Because Farrar is unincorporated, it is difficult to determine population for the community during its early development period. According to the 1900 U.S. census, the population of Farrar combined with four other unincorporated towns (Brazeau, Altenburg, Wittenburg, and Frohna) was 1200. By the 1910 census, population of the area had grown to approximately 2100.

The Farrar settlement was originally known as Salem and residents received their mail from the Schalls Post Office. Schalls was located approximately four miles north of Uniontown and 10 miles southeast of Perryville. Salem had a town messenger who would travel once a week to Schalls to pick up the mail for local residents. The mail would then be distributed every Sunday after church. In 1892, the residents prepared a petition to establish a post office at Salem. R.P. Farrar filed the petition at the state capital and was informed the name Salem had already been taken by another Missouri town. Farrar wrote in "Farrar" as a temporary name for the post office until another could be decided upon. However, Farrar became the permanent name of the post office and the town became known as Farrar at this time. R.P. Farrar became the community's first postmaster. He would remain the postmaster until 1900 when the town underwent political changes. In 1900 the town became republican dominated, and Farrar was removed as postmaster. The post office was relocated down the road to the Bueckman Store, and Henry F. Eggers became postmaster.

### **History of Eggers General Store and House**

Opened c. 1894, Buekman Store (later known as Eggers & Company) took over as the town post office in 1900. In 1903 Henry and Herman Klaus purchased the Bueckman general store. The father and son team would eventually become postmasters for the Farrar community, with Herman serving as the postmaster until 1921. Eggers died in 1917 and it is unclear what year he resigned as postmaster or when Henry and Herman Klaus took over as postmaster. The property was purchased by Eggers and Company on November 1, 1920. Members of Eggers and Company were: Martin H. Eggers, Walter A. Eggers (brothers) and their brother in-law, Dr. A.G. Lueders. Walter Eggers was appointed as postmaster in 1921 and served until 1929 when he became the public administrator of Perry County. In 1927, Eggers and Company formed a corporation with Martin Eggers as president. When he retired, Walter was named as president. Martin

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> United States Census. 1900 and 1910, Cape Girardeau Public Library, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Rand McNally Map, 1911.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Eggers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Eggers Resigns As Farrar Postmaster." 7 May 1959.

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H. Eggers would served as postmaster from 1929 to 1959. That year, Armin A. Mahnken, nephew of Martin, became postmaster. <sup>10</sup>

General stores in rural communities or at crossroads were more than businesses, they were also community and communication centers. The store keeper need to have an awareness of the community to best serve his customers. This is certainly the case for the Eggers & Company store. To meet the needs of the Farrar and nearby agricultural community, the store dealt in groceries, dry goods (fabric, shoes, clothes, etc.), paint, hardware, feed for animals, beer, and other goods. Though the railroad and overland shippers supplied the store, Eggers and Company also relied its farming customers to supply eggs, chickens, cream, hides (fox, mink, raccoon, and possum) for local trade and for shipment to larger cities. Eggers and Company storekeepers acted as salesmen, middleman, supplier and shipper of local goods. With the community depending upon the general store to serve their all their needs for living, business, a social, the general store building had to be multifunction. It was common for a general store to have a second level that was used for other purposes.

The Farrar Cream Association, is a good example of the services the Eggers provided to its farming patrons. Located within the store was the Farrar Cream Association was a cooperative that was owned by the local farmers. Store employees ran the Cream Association, buying cream from the local farmers, weighing it and testing it. It would then be sold to Aro Creamery in St. Louis, Missouri.

Tom and Walter Eggers, Ernest Steffens, and August Sticht established the Farrar Transfer Company, a business associated with the store. Steffens and Sticht operated the blacksmith and the auto/tractor repair shop across the street from the general store on PCR 343. The company was comprised of six trucks, and two full time drivers. General store employees operated the other trucks. On a daily basis, the drivers would make trips to St. Louis, transporting cattle and hogs to the stock yards in East St. Louis for local farmers. On the return trip, they would transport merchandise and feed for animals to sell in the general store. In addition, to the St. Louis trips, the company used smaller trucks to make local deliveries, and to pick up produce from the local farmers. The company also hauled gravel and other materials. <sup>16</sup> In the 1950s during

<sup>14</sup> Johnson, Lawrence A. Over the Counter and on the Shelf. New York: Bonanza Books, 1961. pg. 117.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "Eggers and Company To Discontinue Business Today." 31, March 1966.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Carson, Gerald. <u>The Old Country Store</u>. New York: Oxford University Press., 1954. pg. 117.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Calvin Walter. <u>Henry Eggers of Altenburg and Farrar, Perry County, Missouri, 1856 to 1914: His Descendants, Ancestors, Relatives</u>. 2005. pg.40-41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Eggers, pg. 40-41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Atherton, Lewis. Main Stret on the Middle Boarder. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1954, p. 44.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid

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economically good times, the store, had as many as 10 employees. 17

Around 1935, Eggers and Company started a business in St. Louis, known as "Eggers Excellent Eggs." The store located at 1913 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street sold eggs and chickens. In addition to the St. Louis store, Eggers and Company owned a general store and feed store in Menfro located 5.5 miles northwest of Farrar. After having dealt with floods for a few years, the company sold the general store and closed the feed store. <sup>18</sup>

On March 31, 1966, after being in business for 45 years, Eggers and Company sold the business to a corporation, Farrar General Market, Incorporated. The new owners were Hubert Lorenz, Arnold Luehrs, Earl Lorenz and John B. Muench. Lorenz and Luehrs had been stockholders in Eggers and Company. At this same time, the Eggers Excellent Eggs Company in St. Louis was purchased by R.M. Meyer and Carl Roth, employees of Eggers and Company in St. Louis. At one time, Meyer and Roth were residents of Farrar. With the changing of times and the development of chain retail stores and chain grocery stores, the general store experienced a decline in business. The general store closed in early 2006. The post office continued operation until February of 2006, with Earl Lorenz as postmaster. <sup>20</sup>

#### **Architecture**

The significance of the house and store together is that they are an intact example of house and store complexes that served rural communities during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house and store are distinguishable as an entity that has functioned from the construction of the store and house in 1894 through the closing of the store in 2006. The general store/house represents the "old general store" property type that was once prevalent in rural communities throughout the United States. The type is increasingly rare because of changes in commerce due to good roads and the popularity of the automobile. The frame Eggers and Company General Store is a two-part commercial building. Its division of commercial function and residential function is made visible on the façade. The first level is comprised of large display windows that welcome the customer into the store to shop separated visually from the more private second floor by the porch roof and change in fenestration. The general store and house retain a high level of integrity.

### **Feed Warehouse**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Eggers, pg.40-41.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "Eggers and Company To Discontinue Business Today."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Eggers, Calvin.

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The tin feed warehouse building associated with Eggers and Company, was built for storage of feed that arrived by railcar from Menfro, Missouri. The construction date is unknown but can be estimated around 1905, with the construction of the railroad line to Menfo.<sup>21</sup> Construction of the railroad started on September 22, 1905 for the St. Louis, Memphis, and South Eastern Railroad.<sup>22</sup> Each railcar would carry 90,000 pounds or 9,000, 100 pound sacks of feed, shorts and bran. Flour was also stored in the warehouse in 25, 50 and 100 pounds sacks. In addition, the warehouse held chickens until they were ready to be shipped by railcar to the market.<sup>23</sup>

The warehouse is showing signs of disrepair but overall is in good condition on the interior and exterior. It still maintains a high level of integrity.

### **Transverse Crib Barn**

The barn, circa 1900, was used as part of the general store business. Horses and wagons were stored in the barn when not in use for deliveries in the early years of the general store business. Prior to the railroad being established in Menfo, employees of the general store would have to travel by horse and wagon to other communities to pick up feed, shorts, bran, and flour. Another section of the barn was utilized to as storage for ice. The upper loft held hay.

The barn has suffered the most deteriration due to the natural elements and lack of maintenance. It is still being used for storage of dog food and other items for the equipment maintenance and garage located across the street on PCR 343. The transverse crib barn still retains a high level of integrity.

On November 17, 2004 the Eggers and Company was purchased by Steven and Ellen Frye from the Farrar General Market, Inc. Ellen Frye is a descent of the Eggers family. Her grandfather was Martin "Tom" Eggers the postmaster from 1921 to 1960.

#### Conclusion

The Eggers and Company meets the requirements set forth in the National Register of Historic Places eligibility requirements for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. It meets the requirements under **CRITERION A** and **CRITERION C** for its embodiment of late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century commerce which characterized rural Southeast Missouri and for the building type of the "old general store" that was once common but now is increasing rare. The general store/house is an excellent

<sup>23</sup> Frye.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Frye, Ellen. Interview 19 Oct 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Wikipedia Encyclopedia. < http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menfro, Missouri >, (19 Oct 2006).

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example of a preserved house-store combination that illustrates a horizontal division of the façade into two separate zones reflecting the different commercial and residential uses of the interior. With the large display windows, and the covered porch, the general store illustrates the early techniques designed to bring in the customer to shop the goods within the store. The three vernacular buildings; Eggers General Store and house, tin metal feed warehouse, and the barn, represent a once common type of architecture found in the rural towns in Missouri but which has now became rare as many have been destroyed or abandoned. The general store and house are discernible as an entity along with the feed warehouse and barn. The general store is a rare remaining model of the local general store in a vernacular building which could have been found in any community in Southeast Missouri a century or more ago. All three buildings are locally significant to the history of the commerce, and architecture of the community of Farrar. It is the only general store combination house, tin feed warehouse and barn that represent the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20th century in Farrar. Eggers and Company maintains its original location, association, feeling, workmanship, materials and design. The Eggers and Company maintains its sense of period of significance 1894 to 1957, and meets the requirements for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

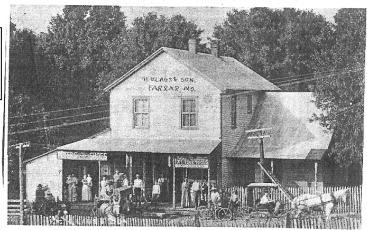
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Source for historic photos, p. 12 and 13. Ellen Frye, Personal papers.



### Farrar Store

This post card view of the Farrar Store as it appeared in the year 1911 includes a number of local people, a few of whom survive, according to Leona Stelling of St.

Louis.

Left to right are: Ernst Bachmann on the wagon; Lillian (Frede) Klaus, Sedona holding Alice (Warnek) Eggers, Edna (Suycott) Klaus. The man on the wagon is unknown. Mrs. Thom. Newberry is in doorway and the young lad in front is unknown; Anna and Henry Klaus nercon by most unknown; two men Klaus, person by post unknown; two men with bikes are Lorenzes and Herbert

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Mrs. Stelling says the only survivors are Alice Warneck, Adelma Krahn and Edna Suycott. The store belonged to Leona's grandfather and uncle.

Anyone with photos of a general historical interest is invited to share them with readers of Perry County Album. Mail to Perryville. Newspapers at P.O. Box 367, Perryville. Mo 63775, or P.O. Box 367, Perryville, MO 63775, or drop them by the office at 10 West Ste. Maries. The photos are not damaged by reproduction and can be picked up follow-ing publication.

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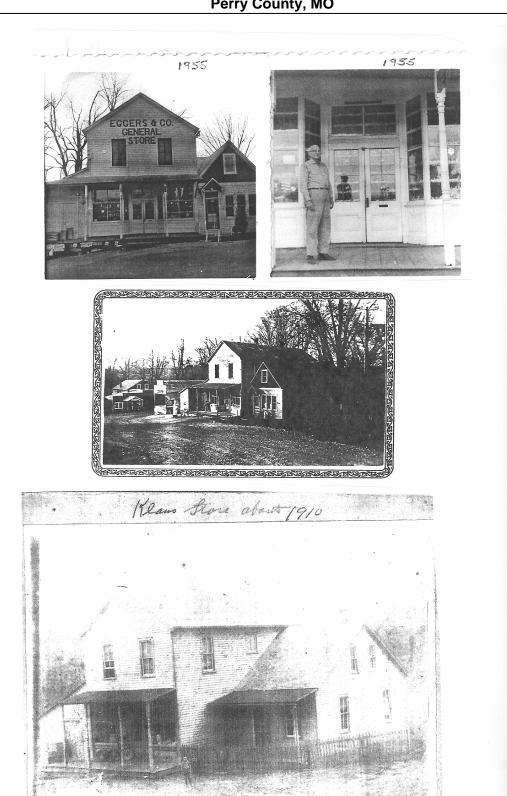


Farrar Store - 1938

Hilda (Steffens) Slesak stands on the porch of the Farrar General Market (Eggers and Company) where she was working in 1938. The Perry County Historical Society and The Perry County Republic-Monitor are publishing a pictorial history of Perry County during this era, 1920-1955. Deadline to reserve a book and receive a special discount is Thursday, July 31. The Republic-Monitor also invites readers to submit photographs of general historical significance for publica-tion in this album. Photos will be returned unharmed and may be picked up at the newspaper

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### **Verbal Boundary Description:**

1.16 acres in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 35 North, Range 12 East. Beginning at a stone on North side of road for most Northern corner of Klaus' land; thence North 89° West 1.73 chains to post; thence South 27° West 27 links; thence North 89° 43' West 1.82 chains with Section line. Thence South 72° West 1.83° chains; thence South 60 ¾° East 3.89 chains to center of road; thence North 27° 3.42 chains to harrow tooth in road; thence North 31° West 90 links to beginning, containing 1.16 acres. The boundary includes the following parcel on the Perry County Tax Map 076-09-8.0-034-000-000-004.50.

### **Boundary Justification**

The selected boundary includes all property historically associated with the Eggers and Company store and outbuildings.

### **Photographs:**

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Eggers and Company

Farrar, Perry County, Missouri 63746

Photographer: Terri L. Foley – exterior photographs

Paul S. Brenden – interior photograph

March 2006 and September 2006

Negatives in possession of Terri L. Foley, 1615 Themis, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 and Paul S. Brenden, 2708 Arkansas Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118

Photo No. 1: Looking west, showing the façade of the general store and house

Photo No. 2: Looking southwest, showing the façade of the general store and house

Photo No. 3: Looking south, showing the general store and the feed warehouse

Photo No. 4: Looking south, showing the west (rear) elevation of the house, general store, and feed warehouse

Photo No. 5: Looking northeast, showing the south elevation of the general store

Photo No. 6: Looking east, showing the west and south elevations of the barn

Photo No. 7: Looking north, showing the south elevation of the barn

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Photo No. 8: Looking northwest, showing the south and east elevations of the general store, feed warehouse and barn at the intersection of PCR 328 and PCR 343

Photo No. 9: Looking west showing the façade of the general store and the house

Photo No. 10: Looking southwest, showing the north elevation of the feed warehouse

Photo No. 11: Looking east, showing the interior of the general store

