

HUIE – Reid Store

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“In the northwest corner at the intersection of U. S. 1 and State 234 is an unpainted frame building – the Huie-Reid Store (R). Its two and a half weather boarded stories are covered by a lopsided gable roof. At the rear is a low wing. Here certainly before 1777 “Messrs Huie, Reid, and Company” conducted a general store, which carried everything from hardware and ship supplies to silver buckles and snuff as attested by an old daybook still in existence. It is recorded that paint and brown sugar were sold here to George Washington. Another daybook gives the names of ships chartered by Messrs Huie, Reid and Company. Among letters found in the loft of the store is one written by Thomas Lee (1758-1805), prominent attorney of the town, who stated that he was writing at the request of “Mr. D. C. Brent,” who wished to order certain white silk and white muslin for Miss Polly Brent.