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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

BE-2840

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORM
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Lakeside Hotel (1880 to 1946)
AND/OR COMMON
Crown Hotel (1946 to present)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
119 West University St.
CITY, TOWN
Siloam Springs
STATE
Arkansas
VICINITY OF
Third
COUNTY
Benton
CODE
05
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Third
CODE
007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Gordon Lee Smith and Geneva Smith (Husband & Wife)
STREET & NUMBER
119 West University Street
CITY, TOWN
Siloam Springs
STATE
Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Benton County Courthouse (Recorders Office)
STREET & NUMBER
East side of Town Square
CITY, TOWN
Bentonville, Arkansas
STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lakeside Hotel (1881) is a brick two-storey ell-shaped commercial structure which is distinguished by the double-tiered porch that wraps around the south and west elevations of the building.

Surmounting the hotel is a low hipped roof featuring a vented cupola on its west side. The cornice is divided into two sections of ornate brick-work. The upper part is brick laid in a dentil pattern, and the lower part is brick recessed to form a row of diamond-shaped indentations.

The lower section of the two-storey porch is supported by metal posts that rest on concrete piers. The posts are original but were shortened in the 1920's to accomodate the concrete piers. The second storey of the porch is distinguished by the original turned posts, scroll brackets and a turned balustrade. A shed roof tops the porch.

Most openings are segmental arches. The windows on the south and west elevations were given their present form in the 1920's. They are generally one-over-one (1/1) double-hung and many have transoms. Originally the windows were more narrow than their present shape. Windows on the north and east elevation (elevations that do not face streets) are original. Three doors are located on the first floor of the west elevation and two are found on the south elevation. All entrances are single-doored and possess transoms. Early photographs of the hotel indicate alterations were made to the first floor porch-supports; openings on the south and west elevations, and several early chimneys were removed.

The interior floor-plan retains its original form. The most distinguished interior feature is located in the entrance lobby; the main stairway is composed of a turned balustrade, newel-post and handrail. The halls and some of the rooms have been panelled, but many of the rooms retain their original plaster walls.

The Lakeside Hotel rests on the corner of two of Siloam Springs' most important streets. Across one street and to the south of the hotel is the old city park which contains the small dammed lake which served as the source of inspiration for the naming of the Lakeside Hotel. The hotel is located in the oldest commercial section of the city and is generally recognized as being the most impressive building in that section.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1881

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lakeside Hotel is one of the most historically significant commercial buildings that survive in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The hotel was erected in 1881, only one year after Siloam Springs was settled as a health resort. The building visually reflects the early settlement history of the city. The Lakeside Hotel has continuously served as a hotel since the date of its construction, and it is an important part of the town's commercial history. The hotel is a significant example of late nineteenth-century commercial architecture; it is perhaps the premier example of nineteenth-century commercial architecture in Siloam Springs.

The earliest white settlement of the community site of Siloam Springs occurred in the 1830's when several small farms were established in the area. Twenty-seven springs were located in the settlement area, and the largest of these springs was deemed to possess therapeutic qualities. This spring was named Siloam Spring after the healing Biblical pool of Siloam. The water of Siloam Spring was thought to be medicinal because of its distinctive taste. An 1887 writer noted that Siloam Spring produced the "only water in Arkansas that tastes like medicine."

In 1879 John V. Hargrave sensed that the benevolent qualities of Siloam Spring offered a potential for development. He built a store near the spring and platted the town of Siloam Springs. By offering cheap land and other inducements Hargrave was able to successfully promote the new community. Over 2,000 people crowded into Siloam Springs during its first year of existence. Among the new settlers was Seth Hollingsworth, who in 1881 had the Lakeside Hotel built within one-hundred yards of the popular Siloam Spring. No record that identifies the hotel's builder or architect survives.

The Lakeside Hotel may have been the first hotel built in Siloam Springs. It was certainly the first brick hotel erected in the resort community. The hotel was named the Lakeside Hotel after Siloam Spring was dammed to form a small lake in the early 1880's.

The 1880's was a boom period for railroad construction in the mountainous Ozark region of Arkansas where Siloam Springs is located. The new town of Siloam Springs, however, was bypassed by the railroad; and soon both the city's tourist business and population dwindled. By 1890 the population of Siloam Springs numbered less than one-half of what it had been in 1881. During this period of decline, Siloam Springs lost any chance it had possessed of becoming a major

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health resort; and, like several other Ozark boom resorts, the town faded into relative obscurity. After the building boom in Siloam Springs ended, the Lakeside Hotel remained the only large and substantial hotel in the town.

Siloam Springs was eventually connected to a rail-line; subsequently, the town experienced steady development and growth. Today, the population stands at 6,500. During this period of slow but steady growth, the Lakeside Hotel continued to serve as the town's major hotel.

The Lakeside Hotel is a brick, two-storey, ell-shaped structure that possesses two features of architectural significance. The first feature is the double-tiered porch which wraps around the south and west elevations of the building. The first storey of the porch is substained by metal posts which rest on concrete piers. The posts are original, but they were shortened in the 1920's to accomodate the piers which were set in place at that time. The second storey of the porch is distinguished by the presence of the original, turned support posts and the balustrade which links the support posts. Scroll brackets are located at the top of the posts. A shed roof covers the porch.

The second distinctive architectural feature of the building is the brick detail-work found on the cornice. The cornice is divided into two sections of ornate brick work. The upper section features brick that is laid in a dentil pattern, and the lower section is detailed with brick that is recessed to form a row of diamond-shaped indentations.

Most openings are segmental arches. The windows on the south and west elevations were given their present form in the 1920's. Originally, they were more narrow than their present shape. The windows are generally one-over-one (1/1) and double hung. The windows on the north and east elevations (elevations that do not face streets) are original.

The interior of the hotel has experienced several major alterations. These alterations include the panelling of the halls and some of the rooms, the lowering of ceilings, and the installation of new floor covering.

The most distinguished original feature that survives in the interior of the building is the main stairway, which is located in the lobby. The stairway is composed of a turned balustrade, newel-post, and handrail.

The Lakeside Hotel is located in the oldest commercial section of Siloam Springs, and it is one of the most impressive buildings in this section of the town. The hotel is situated immediately to the north of Siloam Spring and the lake after which the building was originally named.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Written by Mike Shinn; Architectural Research: Frezil Miller & Mike Shinn
Historical Research: Gordon Smith, Owner and Manager of Crown Hotel

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	4/ 16/ 79
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham Streets	501-371-2763
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Little Rock	Arkansas

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 Joan Baldrige *Joan Baldrige*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE May 22, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

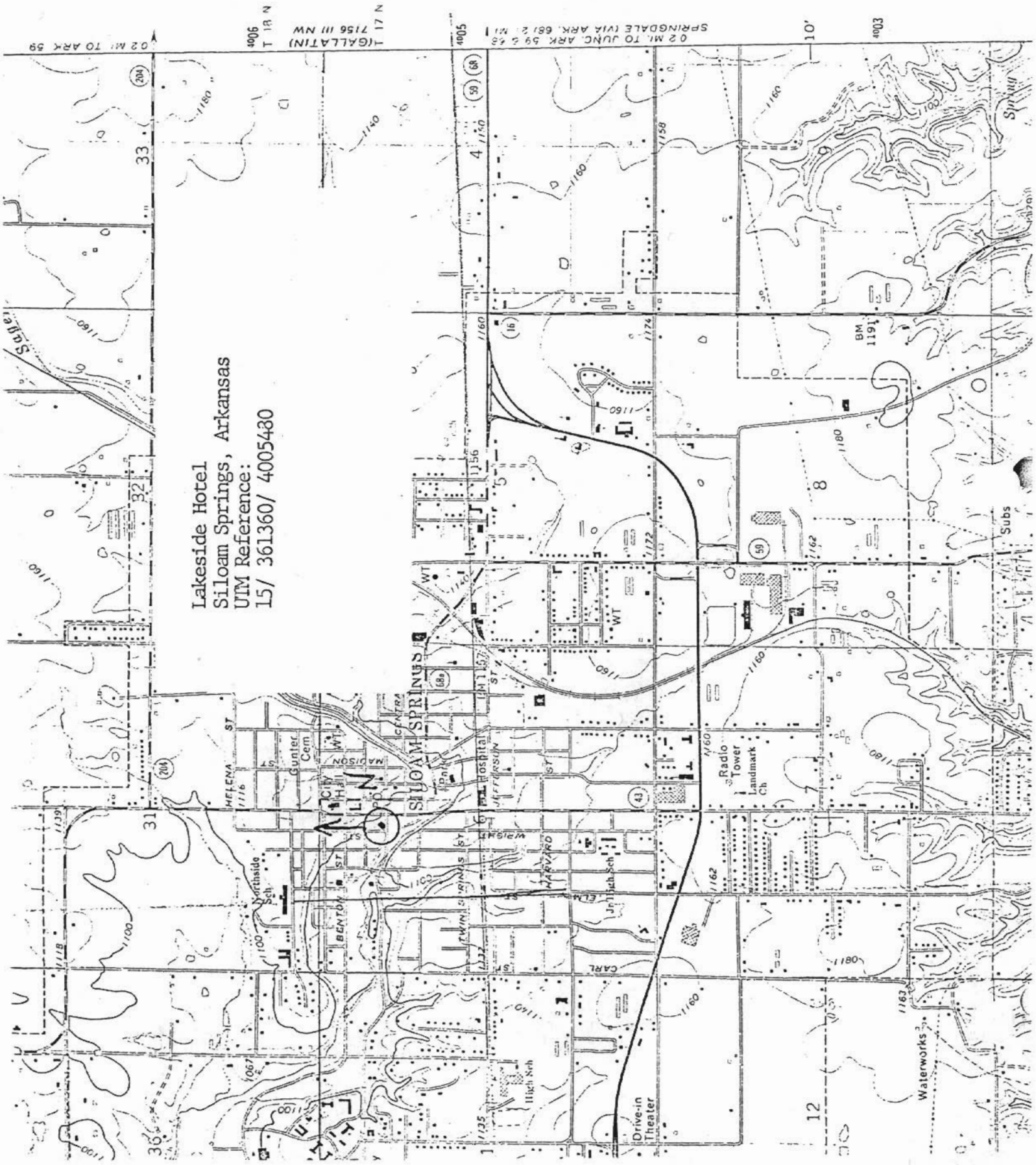
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
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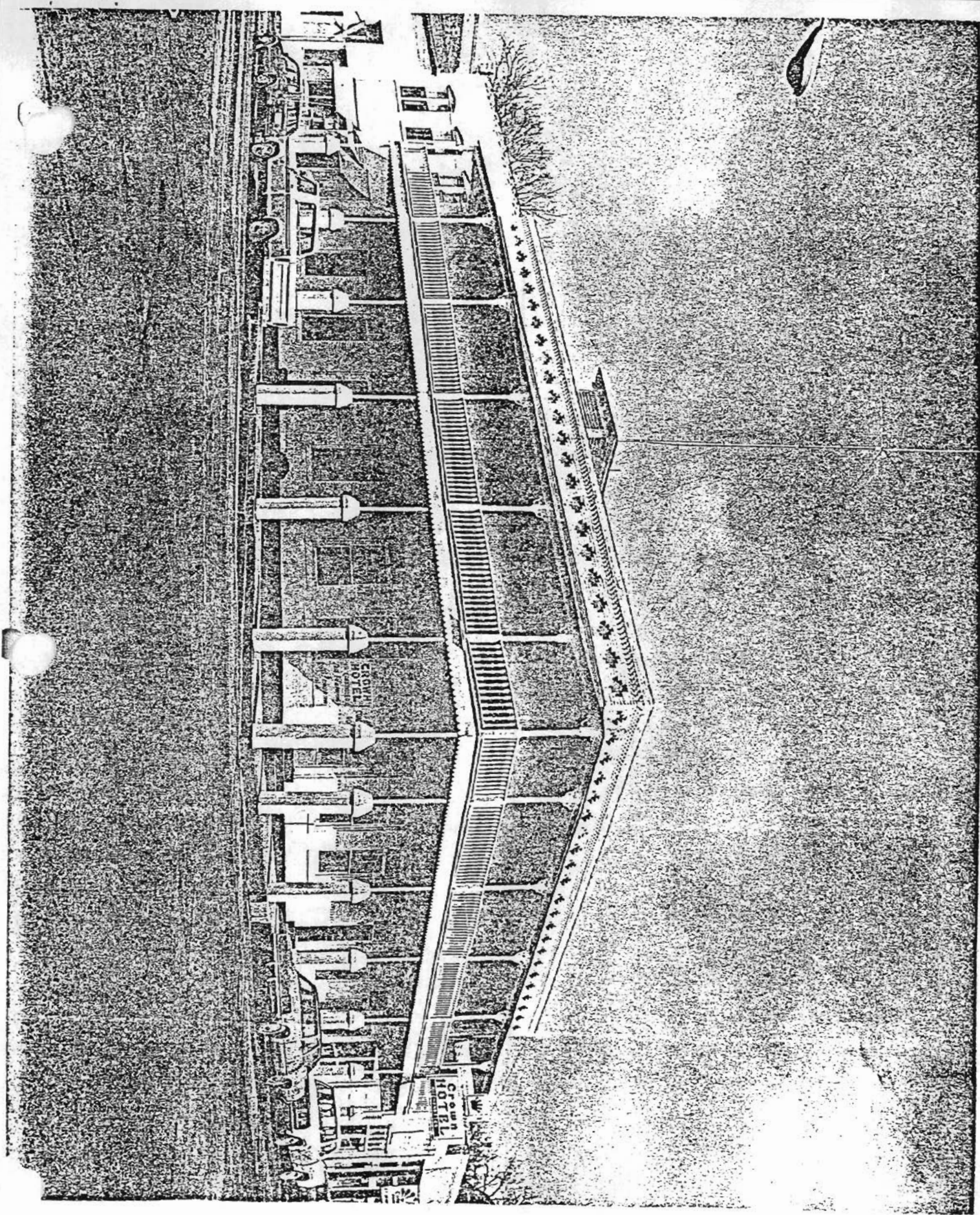
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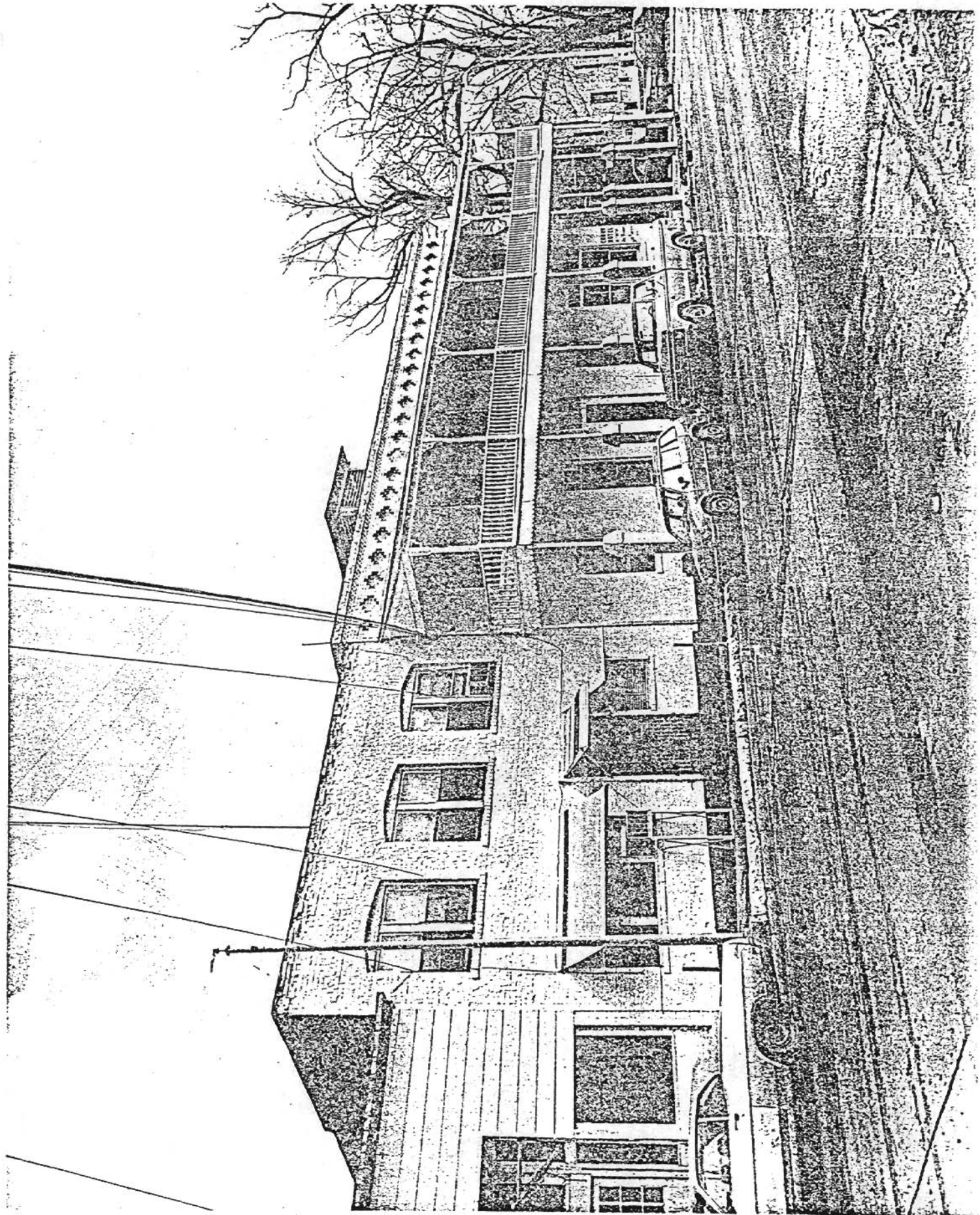
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Siloam Springs
Benton County, Arkansas

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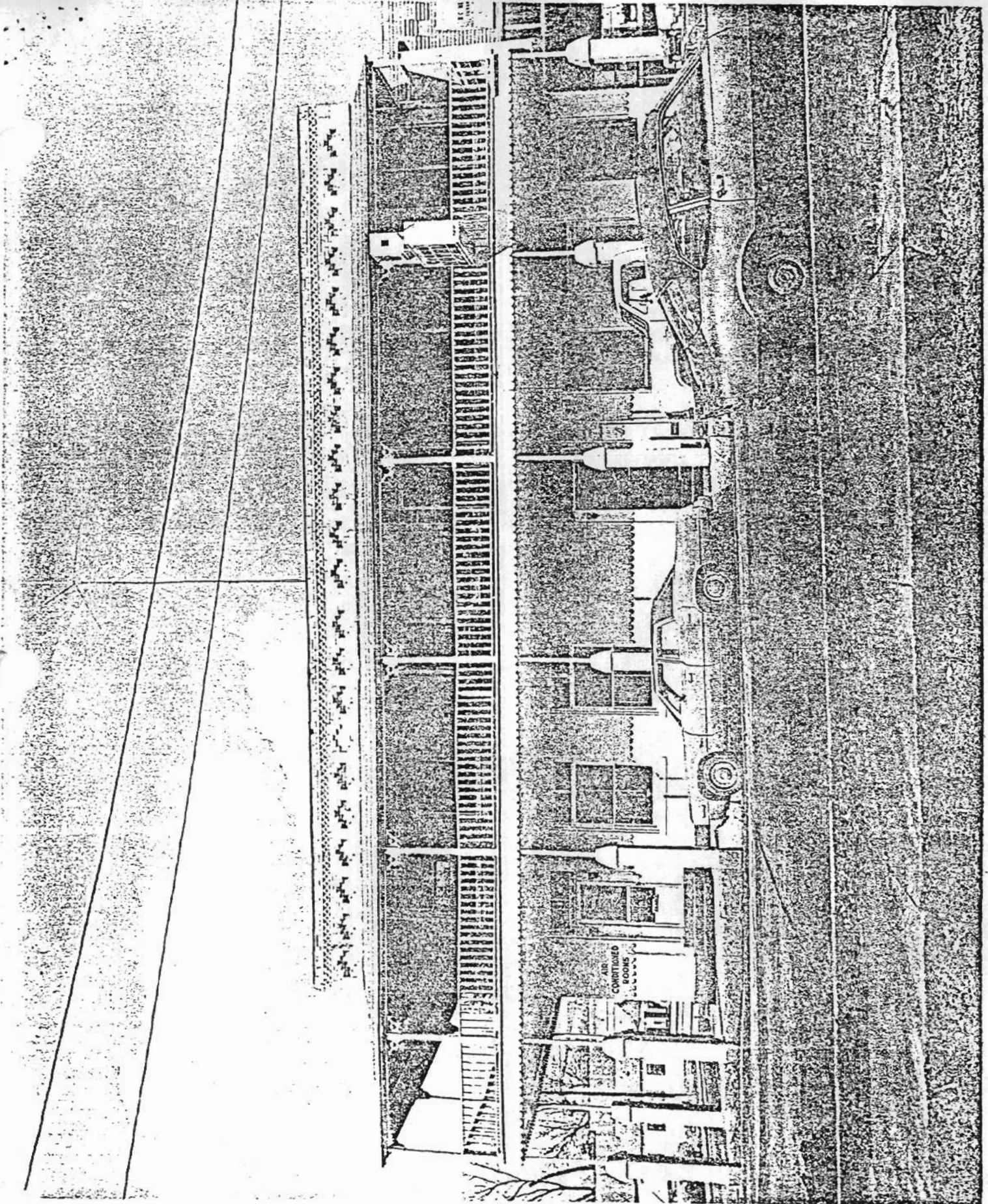
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8 inches to the place of beginning.



Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn
1979
AHPP
Southwest corner
#2



Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn
1979
AHP
West Elevation
#3



AIR
CONDITIONED
ROOMS

Lakeside Hotel
Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Mike Shinn
1979
AHPP
South Elevation
#1