

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historical name: Dr. A. G. Anderson House

other name/site number: N/A CHOLKO

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2. Location

street & number: Opposite intersection of Duncan & Main Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Eudora

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Chicot code: AR 017 zip code: 71640

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3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byford _____ 6-12-92
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- _____ entered in the National Register _____
_____ See continuation sheet.
- _____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register _____
_____ See continuation sheet.
- _____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register _____
- _____ removed from the National Register _____
- _____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Domestic Sub: Single dwelling

Current : Work in Progress Sub: N/A

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Other: Plain Traditional

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick roof Wood shingle
walls Wood other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1901

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

Table with 4 columns: Zone, Easting, Northing, Zone. Row A: 15, 662230, 3664540, B. Row C: empty, empty, empty, D.

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The west 122 ft. of the south 30 ft. of Lot 2 and the west 122 ft. of the north 20 ft. of Lot 3 of the Anderson Addition to the Town of Eudora.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with the resource.

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 06/10/92

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Summary

The Dr. A. G. Anderson House is a vernacular central hall cottage designed in a T-shaped plan. The board-and-batten frame house, constructed of cypress and pine, rests upon brick piers and is covered by a wood-shingled cross-gable roof. The house is currently in the process of restoration by the Eudora Chamber of Commerce.

Elaboration

The Dr. A. G. Anderson House is a vernacular central hall cottage designed in a T-shaped plan. The board-and-batten frame house is constructed of cypress and pine and rests upon brick piers. The cross-gable roof was originally covered with hand-split wood shakes, but had long been covered with corrugated tin. During the restoration of the house, the roof was reconstructed with sawn wood shingles to give an appearance similar to the original structure. The full-facade porch is covered by a dropped shed roof supported by six box columns. Three decorative interior brick chimneys, one for each room, protrude from the roofline.

The front or western elevation consists of a full-facade porch covered by a dropped shed roof supported by six box columns. In the center of the elevation, a modern single-leaf door with an upper half fenestrated by a nine-pane sash was recently installed as part of the planned restoration. Two six-over-six double-hung windows provide lighting for this elevation and are placed on each side of the door. The current windows, however, are modern replacements that are actually single panes over single panes with separate plastic muntins that are attached to the sash to simulate a six-over-six sash appearance.

The northern elevation is fenestrated by three of the aforementioned type of six-over-six double-hung window with one placed in the center of the gable end and the remaining two symmetrically located along the T section. The eastern elevation is broken only by a single-leaf entrance placed near the southern corner of the gable end of the T section. The southern elevation is identical in fenestration to the northern elevation.

The interior is a typical central hall plan with a room on each side and at the rear (in this case the hall leads directly to the T section). The interior walls, which had been removed by the previous owner, are in the process of being replaced, and plans by the Chamber of Commerce reveal that a visitor center office will be located in the room south of the hall and a parlor in the northern room. The rear T room will be utilized as a meeting/work room with rest room facilities.

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Before the restoration the building had been used by C. M. Helms to store lumber. To accommodate its new function, the two interior walls were removed and some holes were cut in the ceiling. Exterior modifications included the addition of two shed roofs on either side of the T section. Large freight-door size openings, which have now been reconstructed, were also cut out of the northern and southern walls of the T section where the easternmost windows were located. Otherwise, the building has simply suffered from neglect and deterioration.

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Summary

The Dr. A. G. Anderson House is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example in Eudora of a T-shaped, three-room, central hall cottage.

Elaboration

The Dr. A. G. Anderson House was constructed circa 1901 for Dr. A. G. Anderson by his hired farm laborers, most of whom were black. Dr. Anderson graduated in June, 1890, from the Kentucky School of Medicine in Louisville. He first settled at Pilchers Point in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. After about five years, Dr. Anderson moved to Eudora and established his practice there. He boarded with Dr. S. A. Scott, a prominent doctor who began practicing in Eudora in 1874, for five years before purchasing from Dr. Scott the property upon which his house and office were later built.

The town of Eudora is located in the extreme southeast corner of the state, roughly eight miles north of the Louisiana state line and four miles west of the Mississippi river. Situated near the north head of the Bayou Macon Hills, a natural ridge some twenty-five feet higher than the Mississippi river bottoms to the east and the Boueff river bottoms on the west, Eudora has escaped the destructive floods which have routinely plagued the Arkansas Delta.

Prior to the Civil War, the area around Eudora was sparsely settled despite its protection from flooding. In 1851, a man named E. C. James purchased over 700 acres of land where the town of Eudora is now located. He named his land holdings the Eudora Plantation after the middle name of his infant daughter, Frances Eudora James. In 1856, the United States government established a post office, called Eudora, in the vicinity. Postal service was discontinued in 1867, and it was not until 1888 that service was renewed under the name of Carmel.

Although the Civil War retarded development in the area, the land was basically untouched by the ravages of war. The cessation of hostilities did nothing to spur growth, in fact, the area remained sparsely settled until the beginning of the twentieth century. Elbert Thomas Cashion, in his *History of Eudora*, reveals that in 1895 the only residences in Eudora were that of the Scott, Gilmore, Stephenson, and Hawkins families in addition to "some negro cabins scattered up and down the ridge facing the Mississippi river bottoms." A year later some development activity began when W. H. Stephenson erected a frame store building "down under the hill" along the old county road to Lake Village. This prompted Doctors Scott and Anderson to build offices along the same road. The post office soon relocated there as well.

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In 1901, the Iron Mountain Railroad arrived in Eudora and ran parallel to the east of the county road toward Lake Village. With the arrival of the railroad, Dr. Scott began mapping and surveying the community to file for incorporation. The county road to Lake Village became Main Street. The town was filed under the name of "Carmel Townsite" after the name of the post office. Confusion began when the railroad called their station "Eudora" after Eudora Plantation. The Federal Government then changed the name of the post office to Eudora. Dr. Scott was eventually able to change the name on the land records from Carmel Townsite to Eudora after spending eighteen months overcoming legal technicalities.

Dr. A. G. Anderson had his new home constructed in 1901 directly behind the office he had built earlier on the east side of Main Street, just west of the railroad. Dr. Anderson eventually became a large landowner, served as city councilman, and was appointed as a member of the Health Board when Eudora was incorporated in 1904. He practiced into the 1950s.

Currently being restored by the Eudora Chamber of Commerce, the Dr. A. G. Anderson House is significant today as the best extant example of a T-shaped, vernacular central hall cottage. It is even more unusual that this fine example is found in the middle of the business district composed almost entirely of brick commercial buildings. For these reasons, the Dr. A. G. Anderson House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C with local significance.

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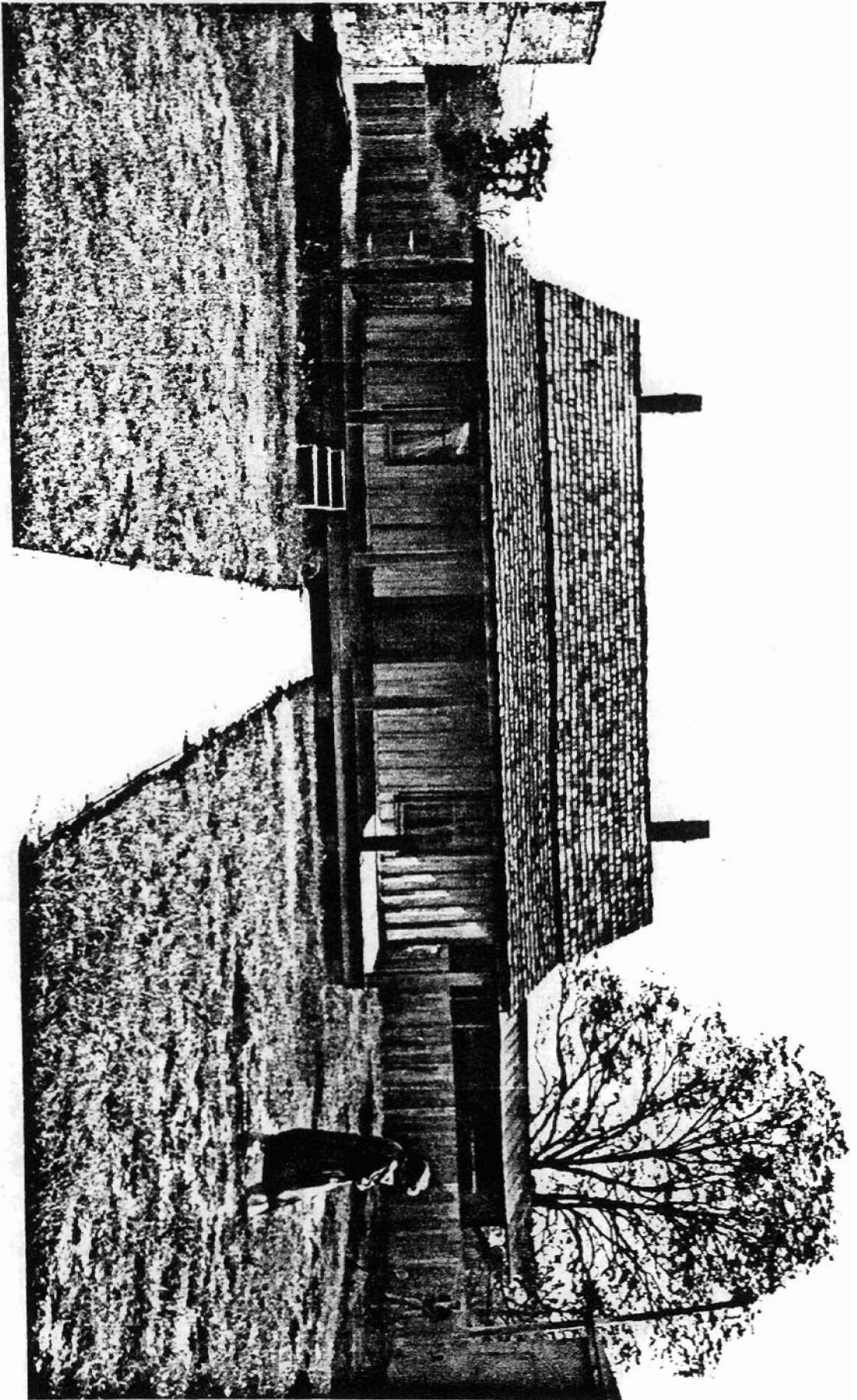
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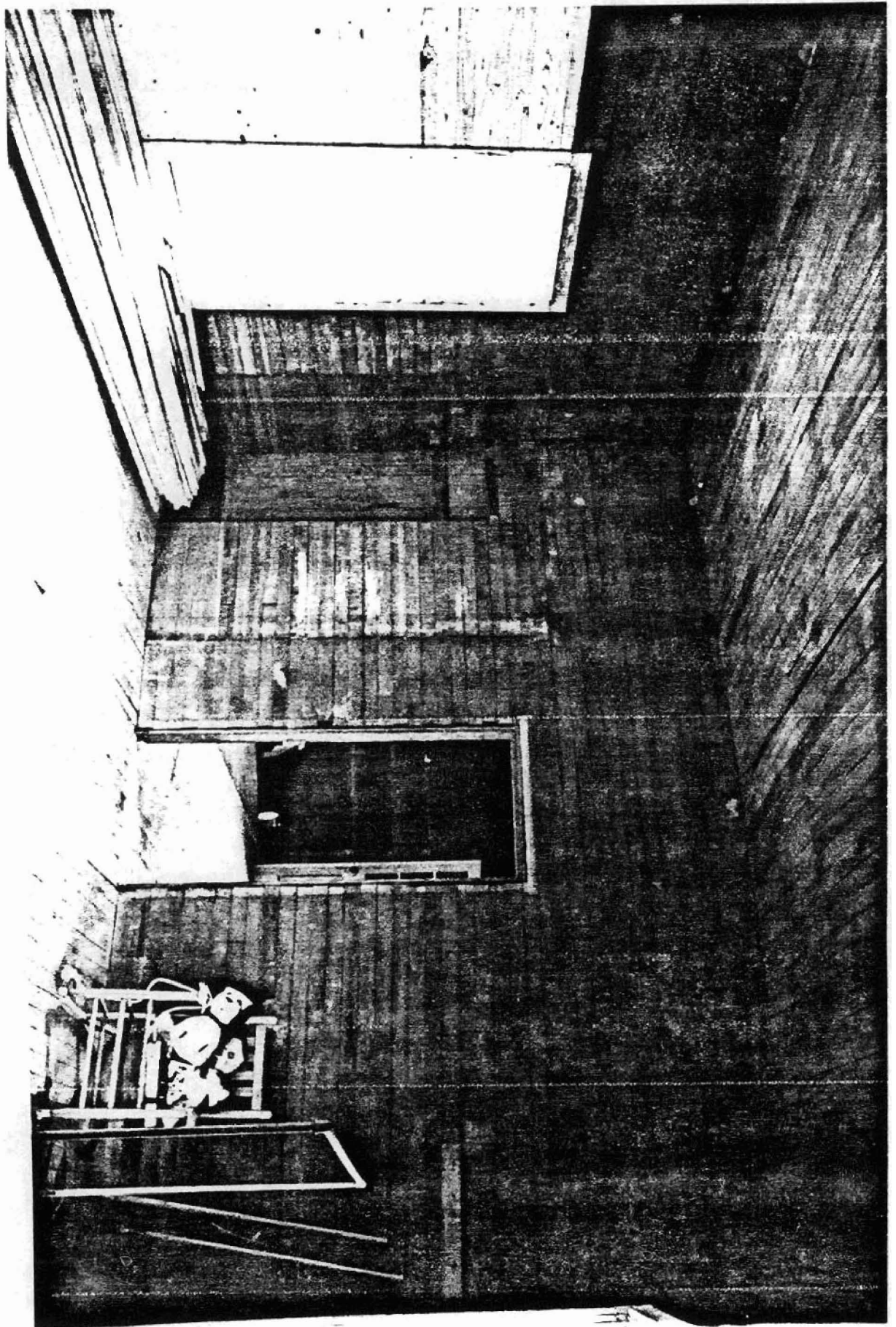
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Interview with Barbara Knapp, President of Eudora Chamber of Commerce, July 23, 1991.



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View from the west



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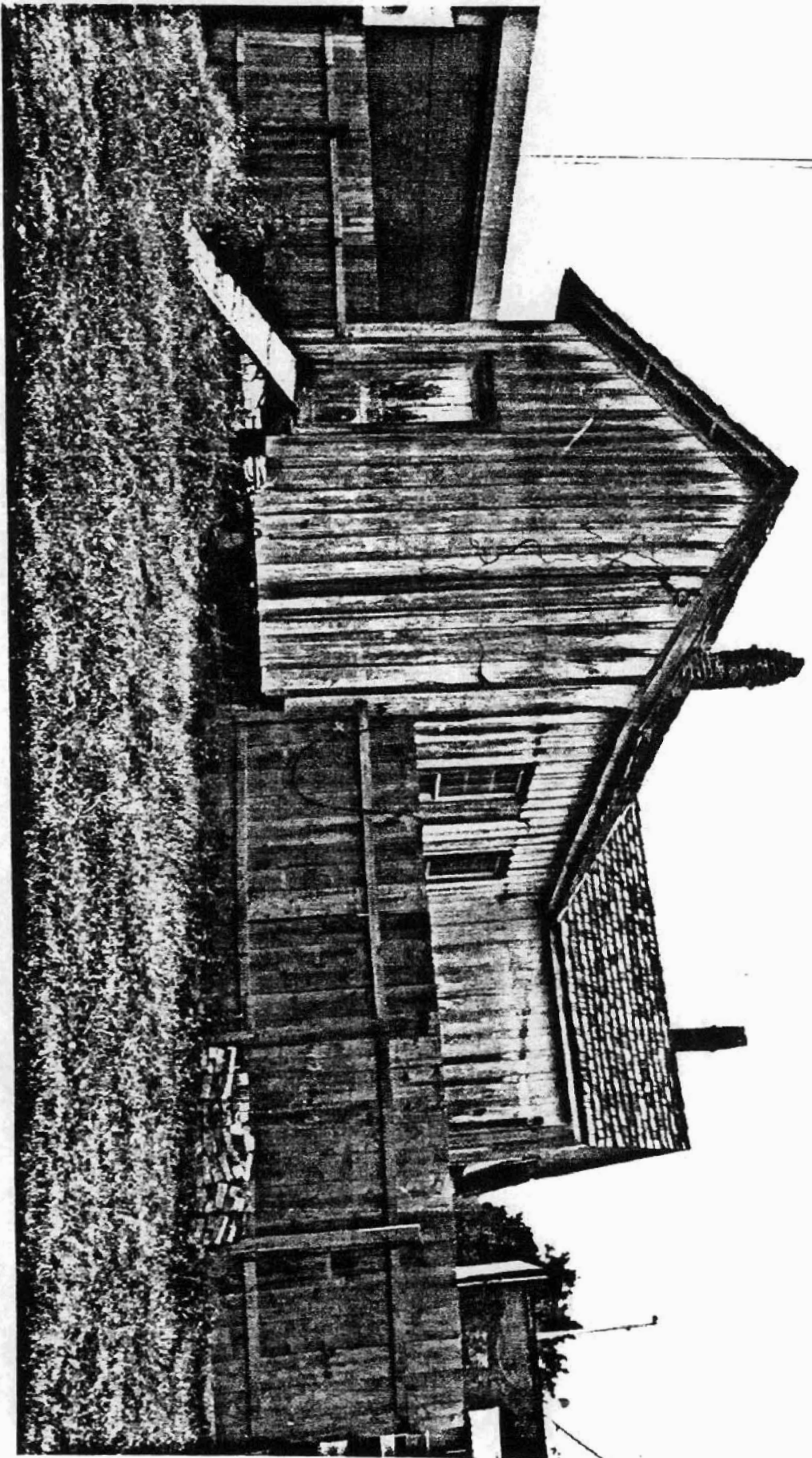
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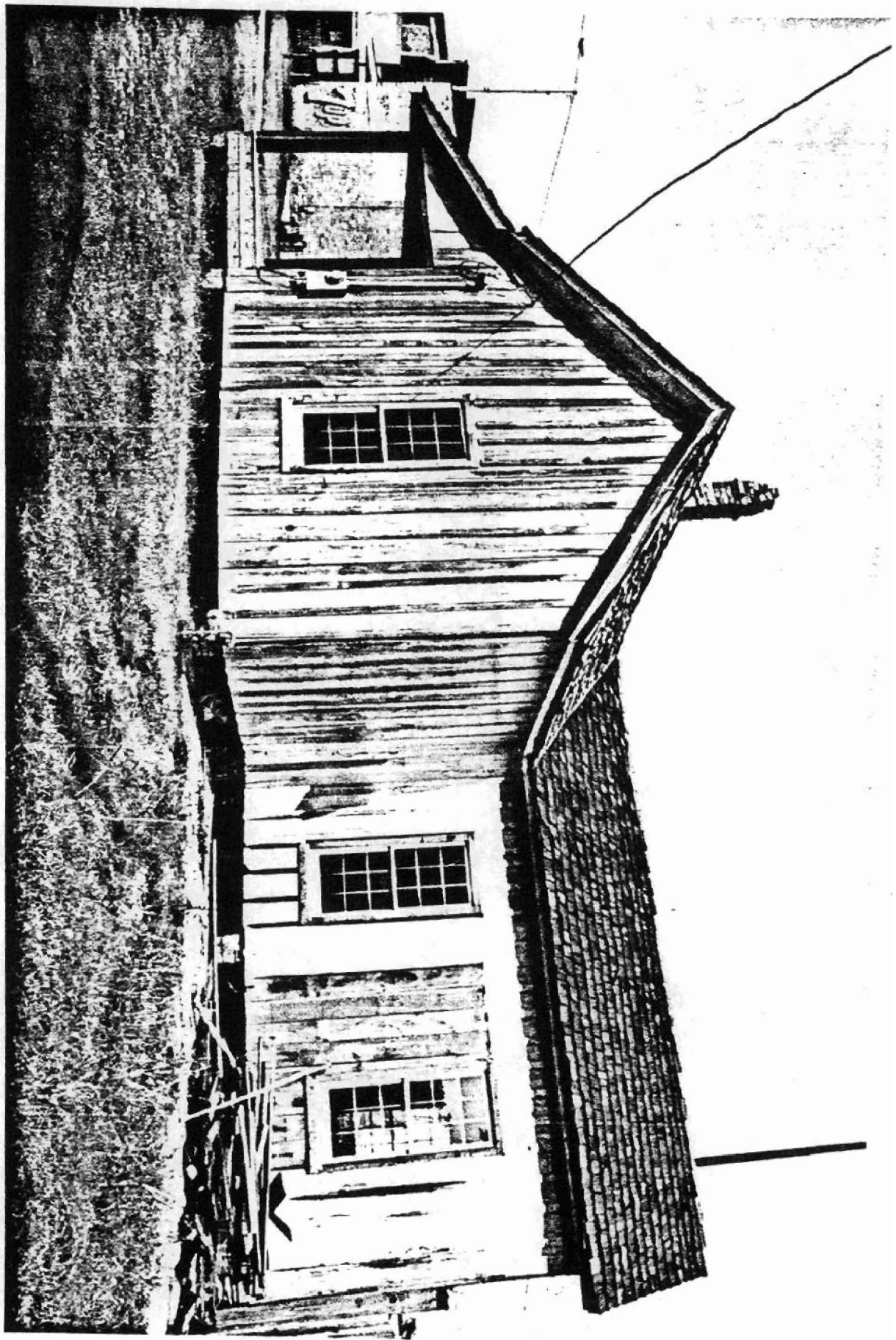
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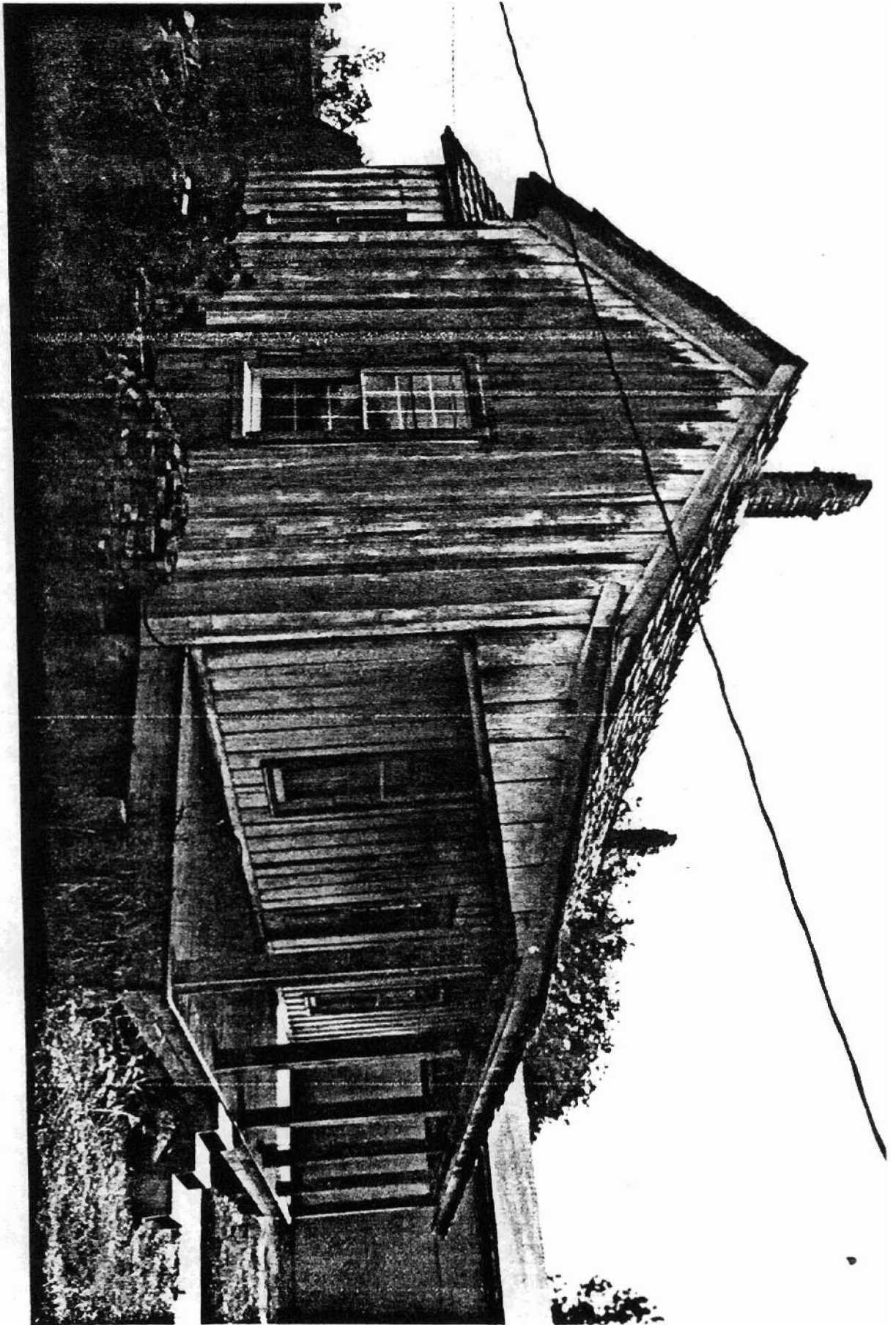
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View from the east.



Lowville, New York
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View from the South



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T. J. Jones, Williams

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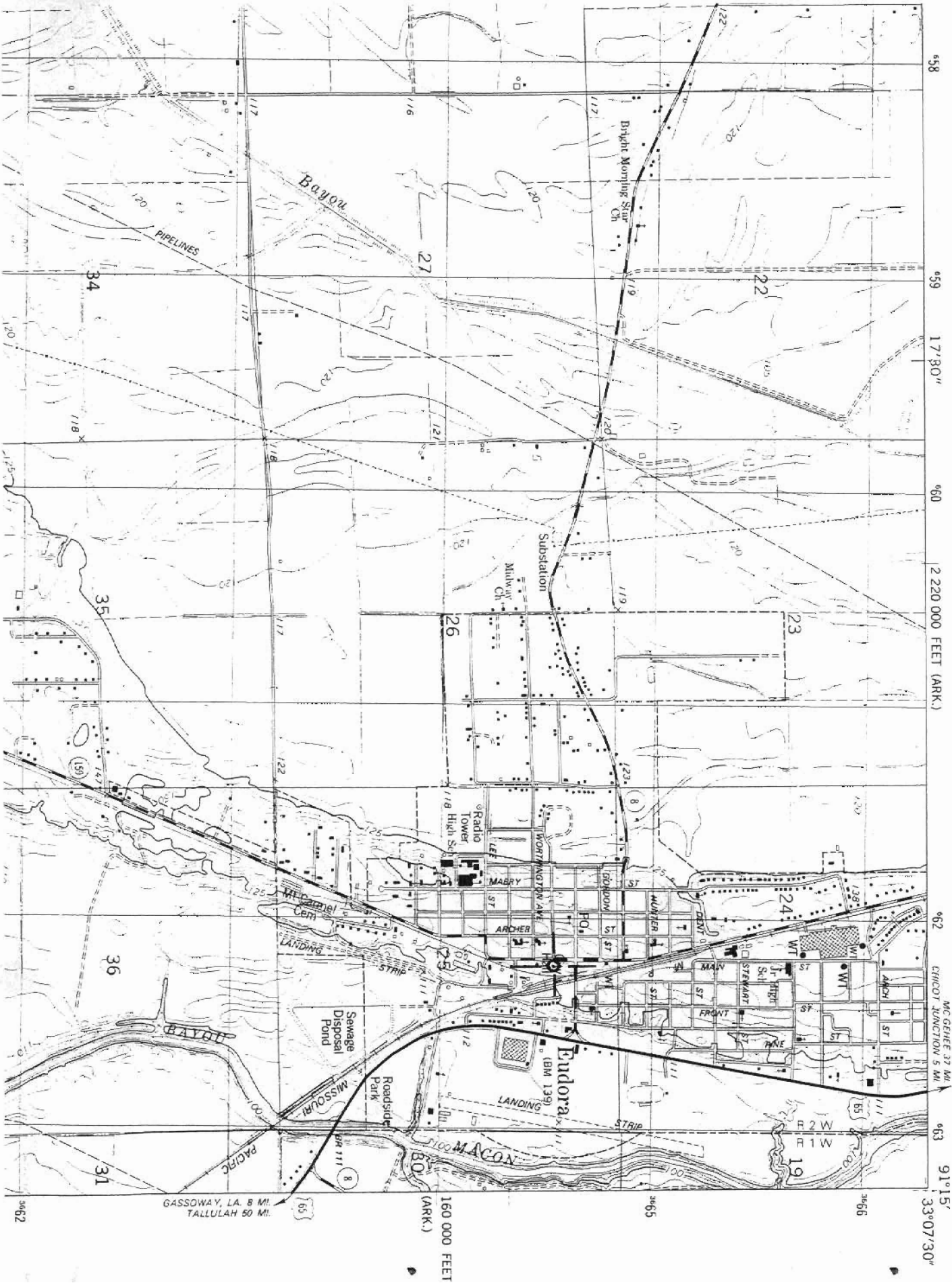
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ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SE/4 EUDDORA 15' QUADRANGLE

T750 II, NW
(EMMENGE)



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