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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Arkansas
COUNTY:
Conway
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Moose House *3N0030*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
711 Green Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Morrilton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second

STATE: AR      CODE: 05      COUNTY: Conway      CODE: 029

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. James Sayle Moose, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
711 Green Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Morrilton

STATE: AR      CODE: 05

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Conway County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE: 05

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Moose House was originally a two-storey central hall plan with one room on each side. It is of rectilinear shape with gable roof. Stone inside end chimneys rise above the ridge line. A two-storey portico with second storey porch graces the front entry.

A provincial style best characterizes the Moose House. Weatherboard siding, green louver shutters, very little ornamentation, and symmetrical features combine to make a simple statement of the needs of the original builder.

The interiors of the Moose House continue the simple refinement of the exterior. All trim is plain, as are the fireplace mantels of clear finished oak.

A significant number of alterations in the form of additions to the original structure have been made to the rear of the house. Each addition blends harmoniously with the original structure, hence maintaining the integrity of the structure as a whole.

The original rectilinear plan has been altered to an ell-shape plan with an extruded corner in the elbow of the ell. The two-storey wing, forming the leg of the ell, was added about 1885 to accommodate the growing Moose family. About 1910 the central hallway of the original house was extended on both floors, thus forming the addition in the elbow of the ell. The one-storey room and enclosed porch were added soon afterwards. An original one-storey veranda across the front of the house was replaced by the present two-storey portico when the house was first enlarged.

The interior plan of the original structure is organized as a large central hallway with one room on either side. The open-well, two-flight stairway originates along the left side of the central hall with the landing across the end of the hall. The stair continues to the second floor along the right wall. The white walls were replastered in 1967.

The Moose House is in excellent condition, having been continually owned and occupied by a member of the Moose family. James Sayle Moose, Jr., grandson of the builder, now lives in this well cared for residence.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian;       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | <u>Local History</u>                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the Little Rock to Fort Smith Railroad was constructed through Conway County in the early 1870's, the tracks lay about one mile north of Lewisburg, a prosperous port city on the Arkansas River. A station was established north of the old town, and people began moving from Lewisburg to the railroad.

The land west of the Conway County station belonged to Edwin James Morrill, and that to the east belonged to James Miles Moose. The two gentlemen divided their lands into city lots and sold it to individual buyers who were moving to the railroad station area. As a town grew around the station Mr. Morrill and Mr. Moose decided to name the growing community. Purportedly, the unceremonious flip of a coin named the new town Morrilton rather than Mooseville.

Though the town was named for the Morrills, the Moose family has always been prominent in the city's history. The Moose family home, located in east Morrilton, has stood in the same spot for over one hundred years. It was built before the railroad came through and has witnessed the origin and continuing prosperity of the surrounding railroad community.

The Moose house was built in the late 1860's by James Miles Moose. After serving in the Confederate Army in Texas Mr. Moose returned to Conway County, Arkansas, to find that his former home had been burned during the war. He decided to rebuild on the same spot, about one mile north of Lewisburg. Using lumber from the Markham Tavern, an old stage stop in Lewisburg, Mr. Moose built the house around which the city of Morrilton grew.

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8. Significance (Moose House - Page 2)

In Goodspeed's 1890 History of Conway County the home of James Miles Moose was described as follows: "his pleasant residence in the eastern end is the old farm house re-modeled and rebuilt, which surrounded with flowers and shrubbery, presents a most pleasing picture of peace, contentment, and prosperity to the visitor." The "re-modeled and rebuilt" farm house could have referred to the original house burned during the Civil War, or it could have referred to improvements made on the house between its late 1860's construction and this 1890 reference to the house.

Before settling permanently in the Arkansas River Valley, the builder of the Moose house had made two trips to California. Along with his father, John L. Moose, James M. Moose first made an overland trip to the California coast in 1849. After three years in the West, he returned to Arkansas in the autumn of 1852. The next spring young Moose married Sophia Stockton, daughter of a local farmer. Soon after his marriage he bought a herd of cattle and drove them on a second overland trip to California. Returning to Arkansas in 1854, he settled permanently, except for his Civil War service, in Conway County.

James and Sophia Moose had ten children, one of whom was president of the Arkansas Senate and judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Arkansas. Their youngest son, James Sayle, was born in the Moose house in 1875 and died there seventy-eight years later. His son, James Sayle Moose, Jr., former U. S. Ambassador to several Middle East countries, now owns and lives in the family home.

The Moose House is the most prominent historic landmark of early Morrilton. Its significance lies in the importance to the community of the family it has housed for over a century, and the fact that it is the oldest home, older than the community itself, in the railroad town of Morrilton.

The provincial character of the Moose House has remained, despite the surrounding expansion of the town. The two-storey white frame residence has a two-storey portico centered on the five-bay wide facade. The green shuttered windows overlook a spacious lawn. Additions to the original structure are all on the rear of the building and are in

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keeping with the simple style. Architecturally, the Moose House expresses the rural lifestyle of a moderately wealthy Arkansas farmer in the years following the Civil War.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Anthony S. Riddle, Architect and Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: May 15, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 1030, Plaza West Building

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: AR CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William E. Henderson

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: June 11, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-22-74

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**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**  
 (Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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Moose House		Markham Tavern	
2. LOCATION STATE		COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas		Conway	Morrilton
STREET AND NUMBER			
711 Green Street			
3. PHOTO REFERENCE PHOTO CREDIT		DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Robert Dunn		April 19, 1974	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
4. IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

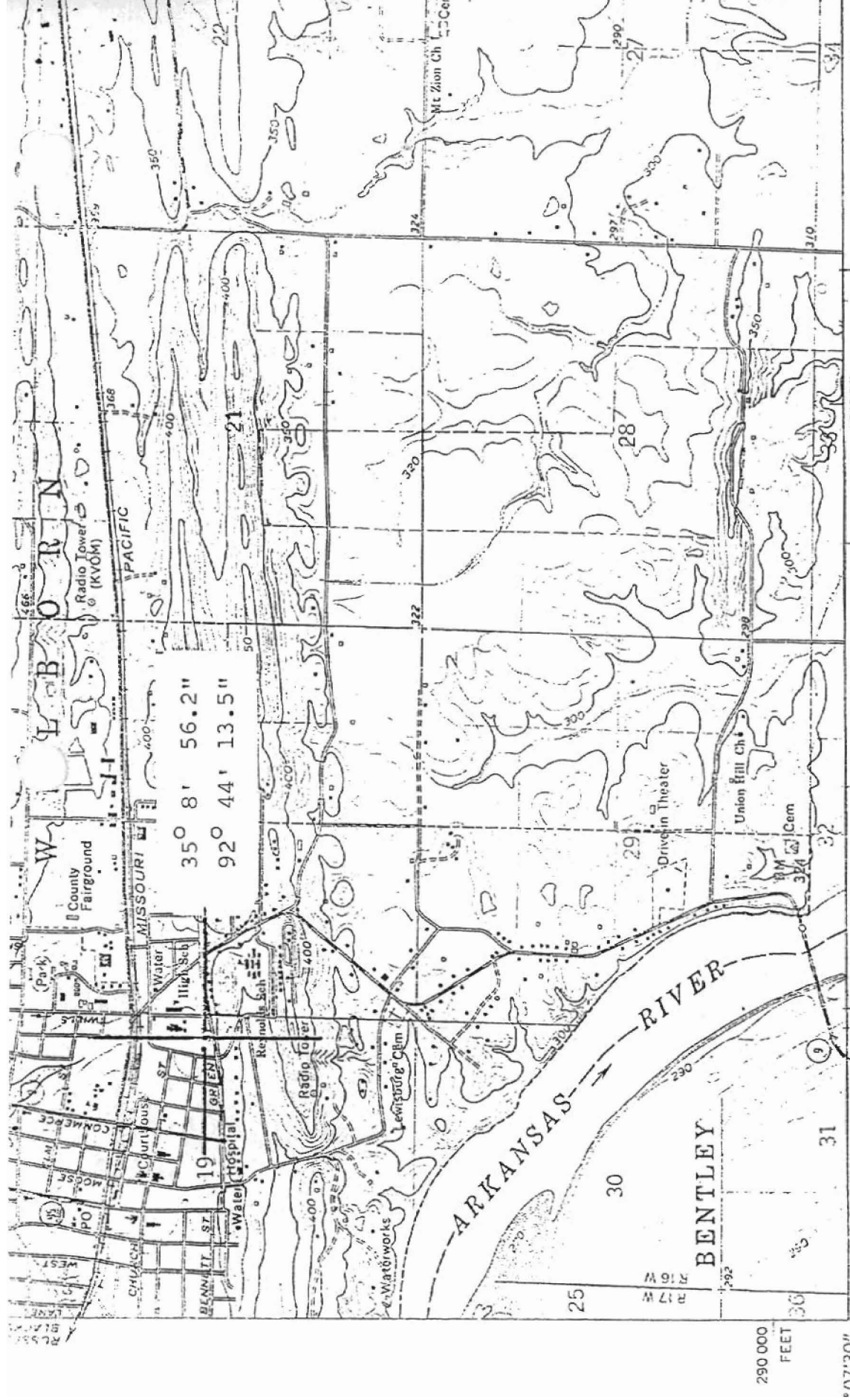
South facade viewed from the south.

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711 Green Street			
3. MAP REFERENCE SOURCE		DATE	SCALE
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.			



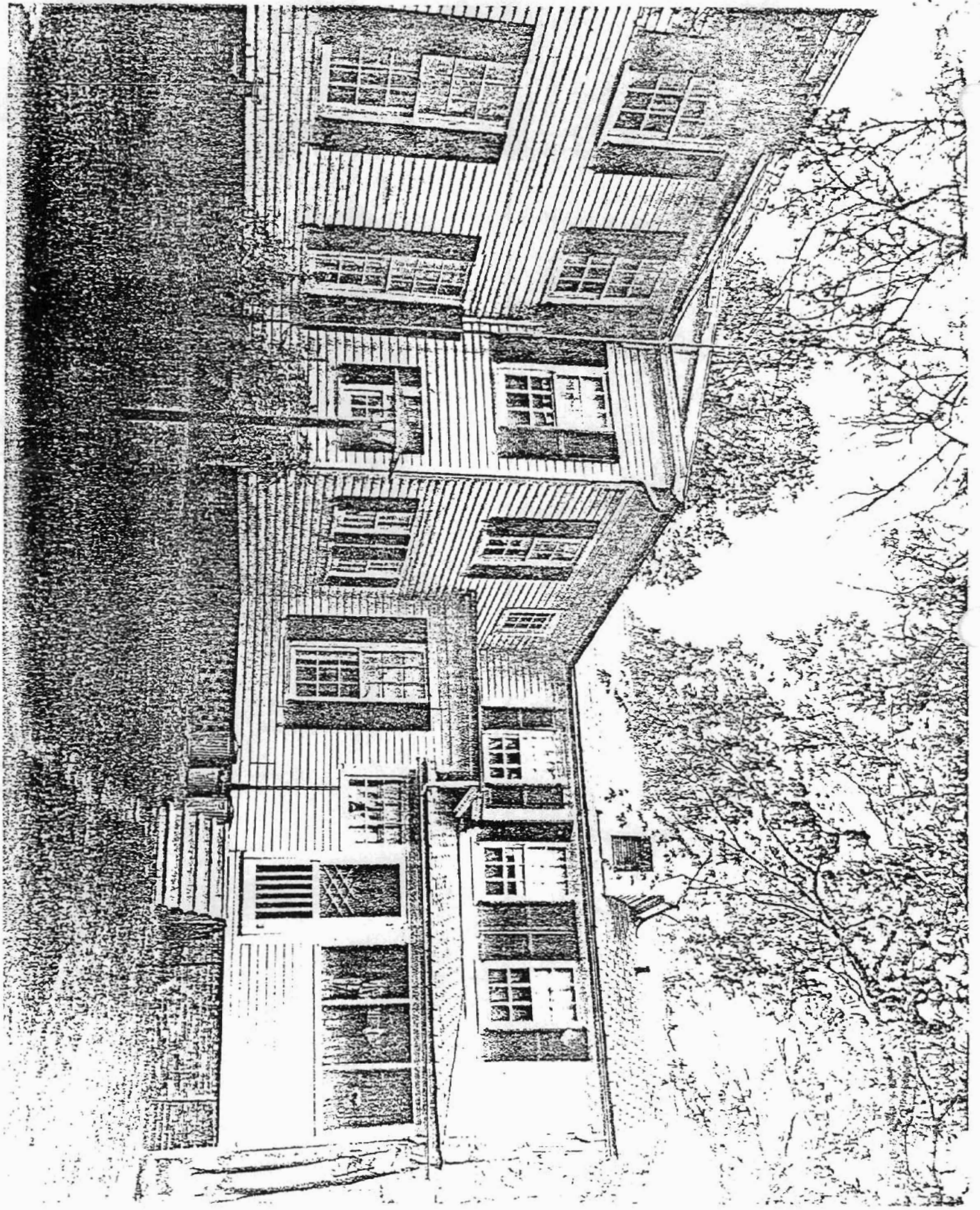


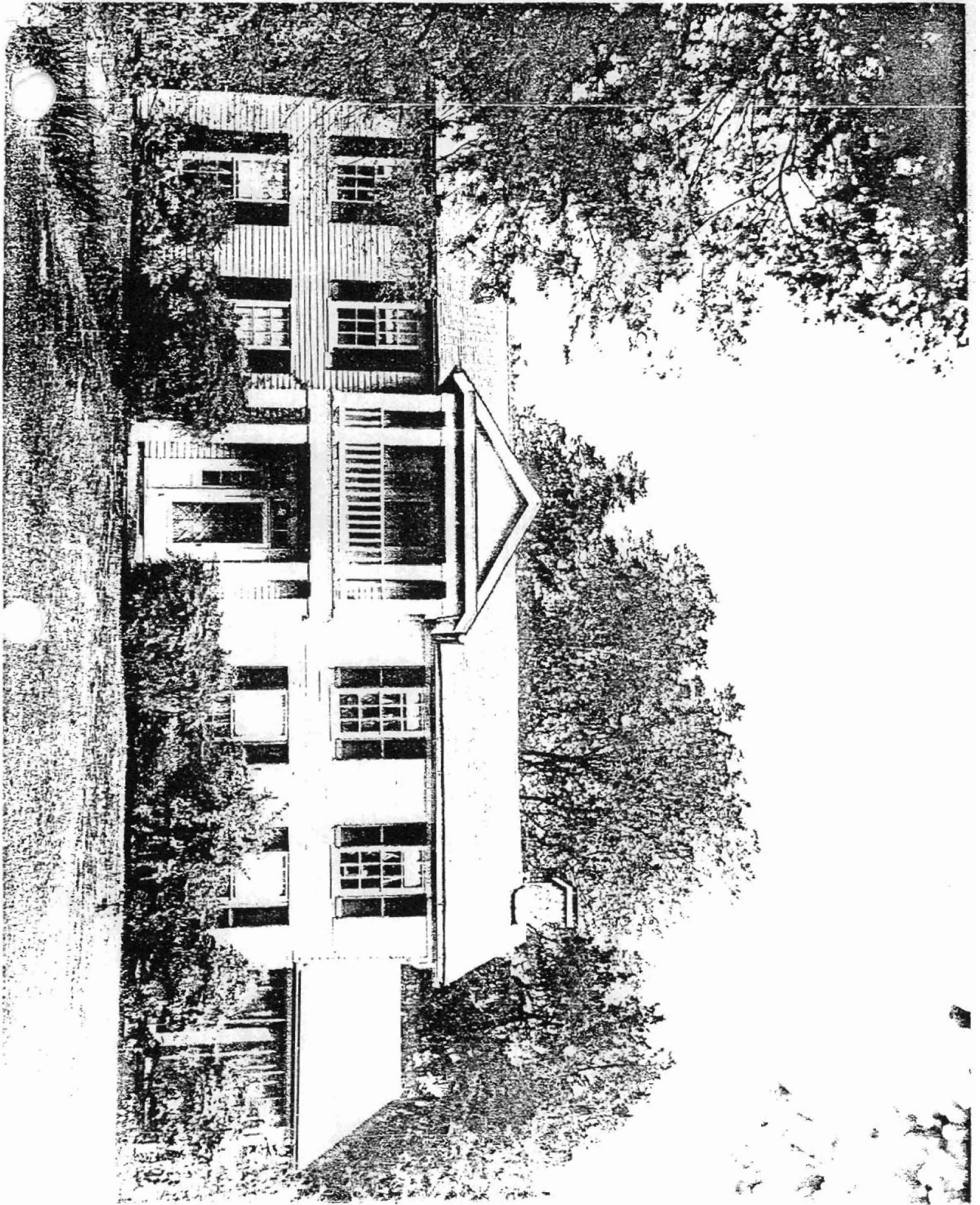
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 10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
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 Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
 Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH  
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 AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL AND  
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APPROXIMATE MEAN  
 DECLINATION, 1961  
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<b>DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.</b>		

East elevation, viewed from the northeast

