

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Smith, William H., House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: N. of int. of SR 98 and County Rd. 85

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Atlanta

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Columbia

code: AR 027

zip code: 71740

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</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. Byrd
Signature of certifying official

10-20-92
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 : Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

reek Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick/Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Weatherboard other Brick

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. 1857

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: Approximately three

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>495020</u>	<u>3664400</u>	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the northern curbline intersection of SR 98 and County Rd. 85, proceed north approximately 600 ft. to a point that is approximately 50 ft. NW of the NW corner of the garage outbuilding. Then proceed east to a point approximately 50 ft. NE of the NE corner of the garage. Then proceed south approximately 600 ft. to the northern curbline of County Rd. 85. Then proceed west along the curbline to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes the William H. Smith House, the only extant building or structure that remains of the original William H. Smith farm. The boundary also includes a noncontributing pumphouse that is historic but later than the period of significance and a modern garage outbuilding.

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and sidelights, however, appear to retain the original framing and several of the original glass panes.

Both side elevations contain pedimented gable ends similar to the smaller porch roof on the front elevation. On the western elevation, the exterior brick chimney pierces the boxed eave on the slope north of the roof peak; however, on the eastern elevation, the position is reversed. The eastern elevation is fenestrated by a six-over-six, double-hung window adjacent to both sides of the chimney and a pair of identical windows at the northern end. On the western elevation, a single six-over-six, double-hung window at the southern corner and another identical window adjacent to the northern side of the chimney provide illumination for the interior. A single-leaf entry is placed adjacent to the southern side of the chimney. This entry is covered by a metal canopy roof supported by wrought-iron columns and accessed by a brick stoop.

The western elevation is also composed of the side elevation of the original ell. It contains a pair of six-over-six, double-hung windows near the juncture with the side-gabled roof and an identical single window near the northern corner. The rear, or northern, elevation of the ell likewise features a pedimented gable end over the entablature. The original window opening in the center of the wall has been shortened and a more recent window installed.

An L-shaped, hipped-roof porch is attached to the rear of eastern section of the dogtrot and the eastern side of the ell section. The portion at the rear of the dogtrot appears to have been enclosed during the 1920's as it contains two, small three-over-one Craftsman windows. The porch attached to the side of the ell was apparently enclosed at the time of the 1950's remodeling. A single-leaf door, covered by a metal canopy roof similar to the one used on the western elevation, provides access into the porch. Jalousie-style windows, identical to the ones of the front entrance, span the entire portion of the porch on this elevation. Both portions of the L-shaped porch are enclosed with matching weatherboard, but contain a much simpler entablature than that found on the main house.

The interior was drastically altered during the 1950's remodeling. All six of the rooms were covered with vertical elm panelling and the two fireplace mantels were replaced. The ceilings were lowered from fourteen feet to twelve feet (ten in some rooms), and the kitchen, in the northern room of the ell, was completely remodeled and modernized. Fortunately the central hall was preserved in its original condition - fourteen-foot ceiling, white-painted, flush horizontal-board wall cladding, chair rail, and three original, four-paneled doors. The single six-over-six, double-hung window on the eastern elevation of the ell can also be viewed from inside the enclosed rear porch.

There are two noncontributing outbuildings located within the boundaries of the nomination: a historic Craftsman-style pump house that does not contribute to this property's period of significance and a modern garage.

Located in the small rural community of Atlanta in southeastern Columbia County, the William H. Smith House is prominently situated on a set back of approximately 400 feet from the intersection of State Route 98 and County Road 85.

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Summary

The William H. Smith House is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example of an antebellum, Greek Revival-style residence in Atlanta.

Elaboration

The area around present day Atlanta was first settled c. 1850 by several families from Georgia, who named the new settlement after that state's capital and largest city. According to local tradition, William H. Smith and his brother built two identical houses, and, being of different religions, built two identical churches as well. The houses were constructed primarily with slave labor, and one of the houses is reputed to have been used as a hospital for wounded Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

Atlanta was a farming community with cotton as the chief export. The cotton was hauled by wagon to Camden and Shreveport, Louisiana and traded for supplies. Atlanta prospered during the short period before the Civil War, and in 1859 the Atlanta Male and Female Academy was chartered. The curriculum consisted of higher mathematics, the sciences, Greek and Latin. The Fine Art Department also included music, both vocal and instrumental, oil painting, drawing, embroidery, and needlework.

Several of the families left during the Civil War, and many of those that survived the war moved after the cessation of hostilities. Atlanta never benefitted from the transportation advantages of the railroad as did other towns in Columbia County and remained a small community through the end of the nineteenth century. In 1890, the *Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas* described the town as having "three stores and the usual number of people." Ten years later, the town is recorded as having three stores, a school, two doctors, a post office, a hotel, and two cotton gins. Atlanta experienced a small boom during the 1940's as a sawmill community, but by 1947, both sawmills relocated, the post office and stores closed, and the school consolidated with Emerson.

Today, Atlanta is a small rural community, and the William H. Smith House provides the only visual connection with the town's antebellum origins over 135 years ago. The William H. Smith House is a good example of a relatively common Greek Revival building plan: a wood-frame dogtrot with an original ell and a central front porch. The house is unusual, however, in the window treatment on the front elevation. Other houses, notably the Clardy-Lee House (placed on the National Register in 1977) at Center Point in Howard County, contain sidelights flanking the windows, but few Greek Revival houses in the state feature sidelights *and* transoms surrounding the principal windows. For these reasons, the William H. Smith House is being nominated as the best example of an antebellum, Greek Revival style house in Atlanta.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

The William H. Smith House is a single-story, L-shaped, braced-frame residence constructed c. 1857 in the then-predominant Greek Revival style of architecture. A modern continuous brick foundation supports the weatherboard-clad, braced-frame structure that is covered by a moderate-pitch gable roof. The house features a central, projecting gable-roof porch, a dogtrot, which has since been enclosed, and two large six-over-six front windows that are surrounded by sidelights and transoms. Principal alterations to the original building occurred in the 1950's and include: the replacement of the original chimneys with two, square Ranch-style versions; a complete renovation of the interior rooms with the exception of the dogtrot; and the replacement of the original wood porch columns with wrought-iron columns (which the current owner intends to remove and replace with replicas of the original porch columns). Two noncontributing outbuildings, a historic Craftsman-style pump house that does not contribute to the property's period of significance and a modern garage, are included within the boundaries of the nomination. The William H. Smith House is in good condition and clearly retains its significant Greek Revival features despite the 1950's alterations. Located in the small rural community of Atlanta, in southeastern Columbia County, the house is prominently situated on a set back of approximately 400 feet from the intersection of County Road 85 with State Route 98.

Elaboration

Constructed c. 1857, the William H. Smith House is a single-story, L-shaped frame residence designed in the Greek Revival style of architecture. The original brick pier foundation has been replaced by a continuous brick foundation (with intermittent concrete piers) that supports the mortise-and-tenon braced-frame with 8" X 8" posts at the corners. Exterior walls are clad with weatherboard that is fastened with square nails. The original dogtrot, since enclosed by a glassed-in front entry and an L-shaped rear porch, is sheathed with flush boards as was common in Greek Revival-style residences of the period. Composition shingles have supplanted the original wood shingles on the moderate-pitch gable roof. The two exterior end chimneys were replaced in the 1950's with square, Ranch-style chimneys with no shoulder.

A central, gable-roof porch dominates the front, or southern, elevation. The porch roof was originally supported by wood columns; however, in the 1950's they were replaced with two wrought-iron columns. Also at this time, a new brick porch and steps were installed. The pediment, which rests upon a full classical entablature that circumscribes the entire house, is outlined by a projecting boxed eave with a shallow, composition-shingled pent roof at the base. Ordinary weatherboard is used to fill the interior of the pediment. Although the porch originally sheltered a dogtrot, the open hallway was enclosed during the 1950's remodeling. A single-leaf door is now located in the center and is surrounded by aluminum-frame, jalousie-style glass windows above a short, weatherboard bulkhead. Three wood-frame, six-pane window sashes are juxtaposed in the manner of a transom above the jalousie-style windows and provide a more classical appearance to the otherwise modern enclosure. Two original wood pilasters flank the enclosed dogtrot. The square pilasters rest upon a simple base and taper upward to a correspondingly simple capital. The owner plans to reconstruct the original porch columns based upon these pilasters.

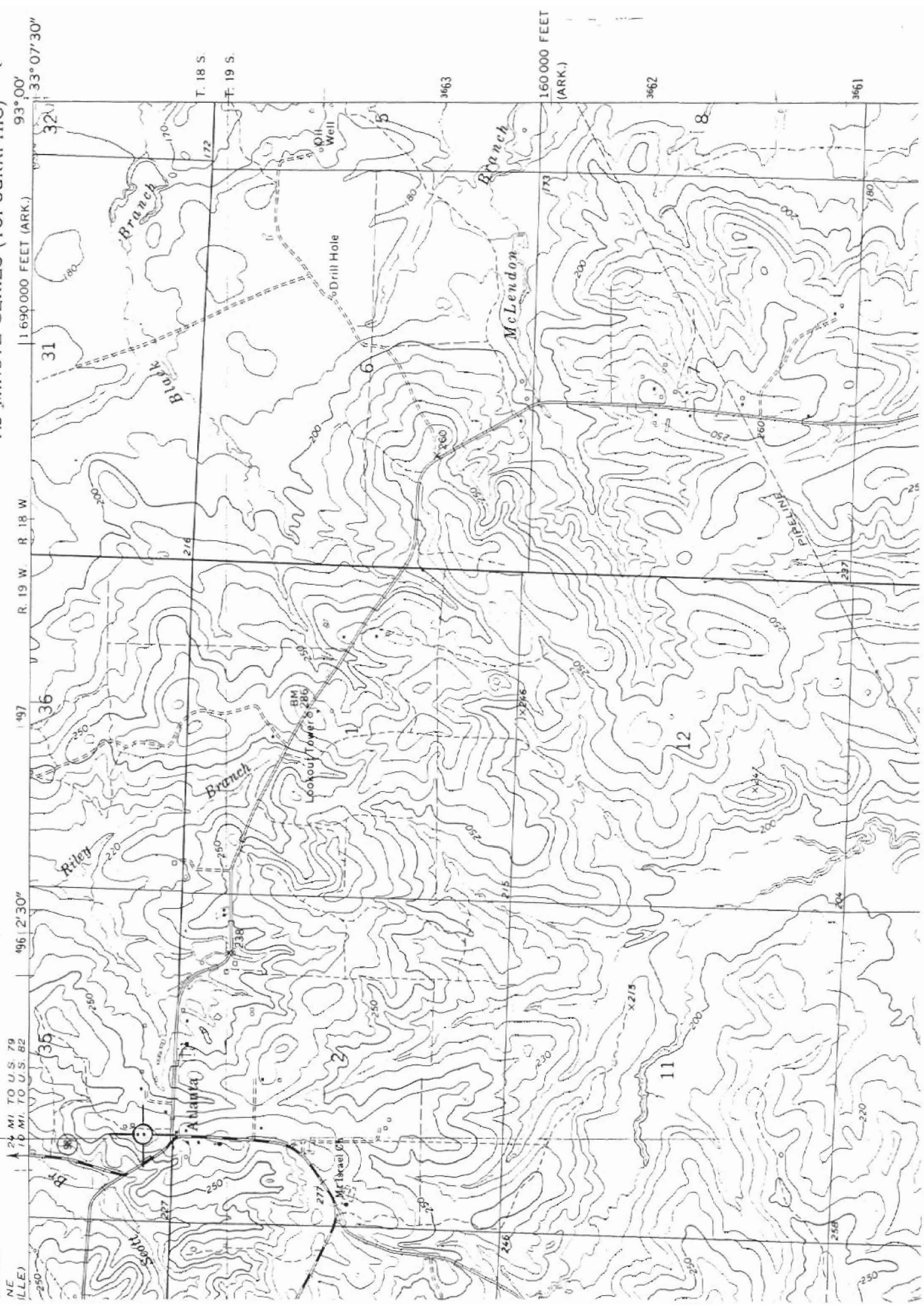
The remainder of the elevation is fenestrated by two symmetrically placed, six-over-six, double-hung windows that are unusual in that they are each surrounded by a four-pane transom and four-pane sidelights. Apparently, the original windows have been replaced with wood-frame windows of identical sash configuration. The transoms

Smith, William H., Mouse
Atlanta, Columbia Co., Arkansas

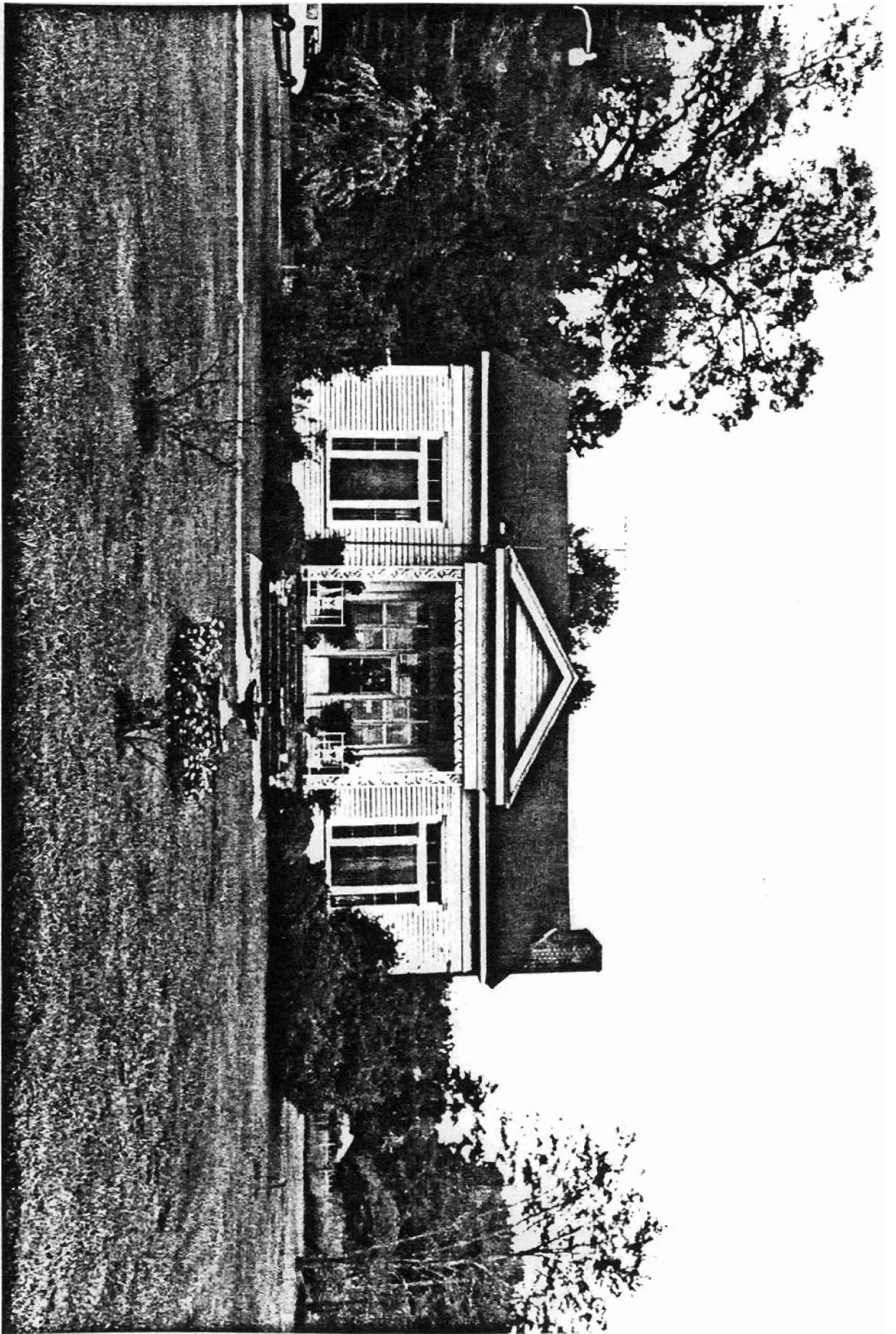
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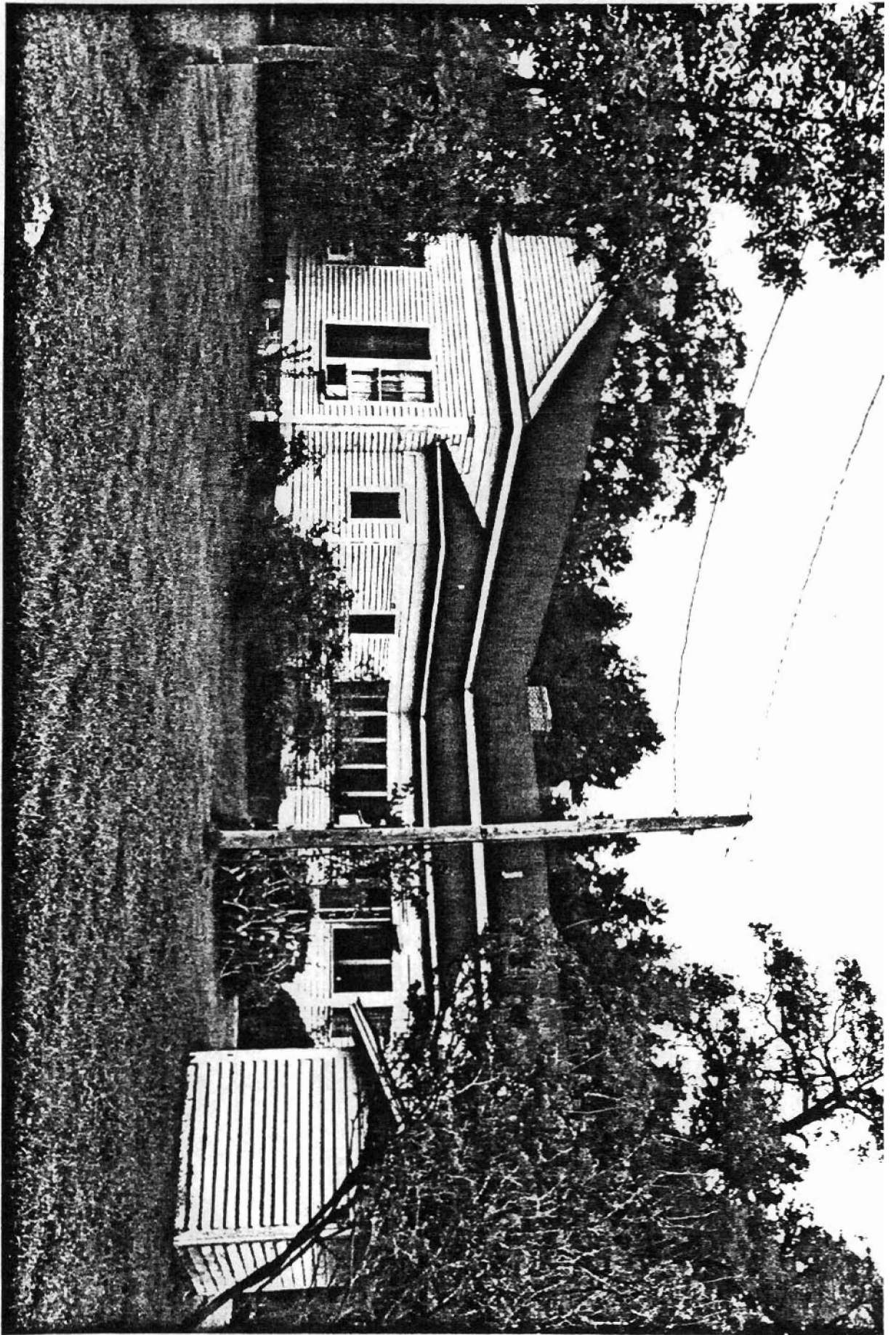
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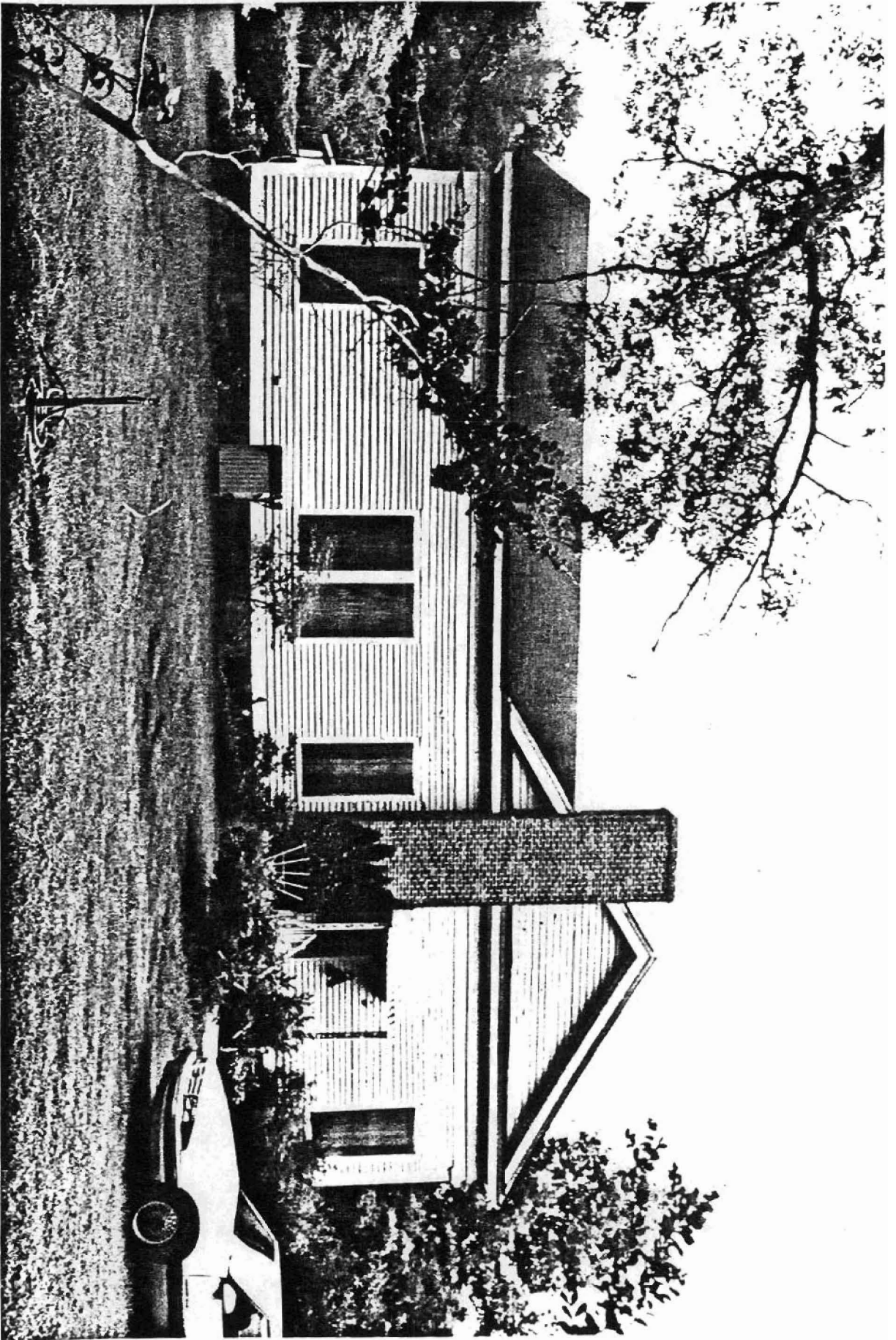
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Columbia Co., Arkansas
Photographed by Patrick Zolner
August 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View from the south



Smith, William H., House
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View from the northeast

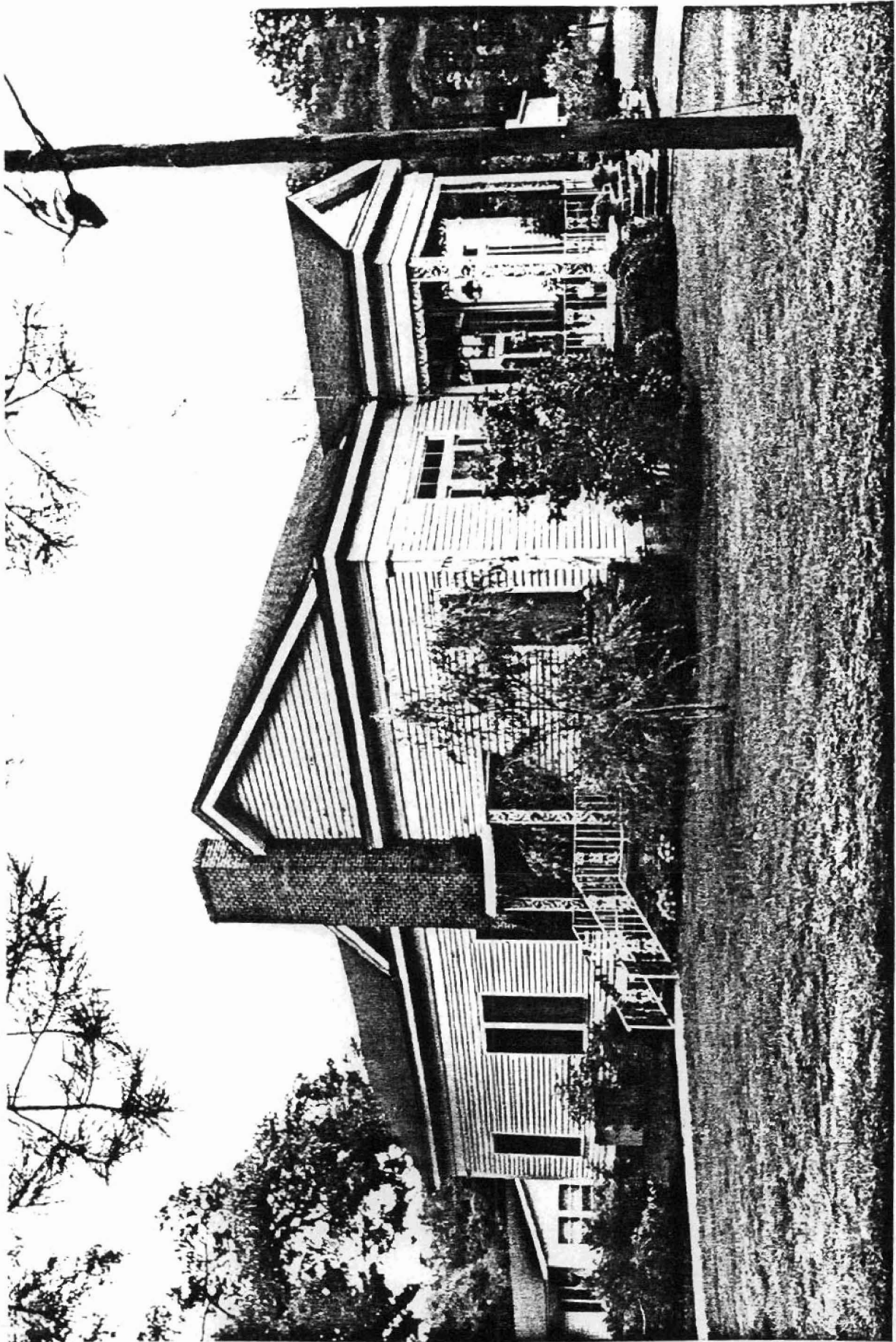


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View from the northwest

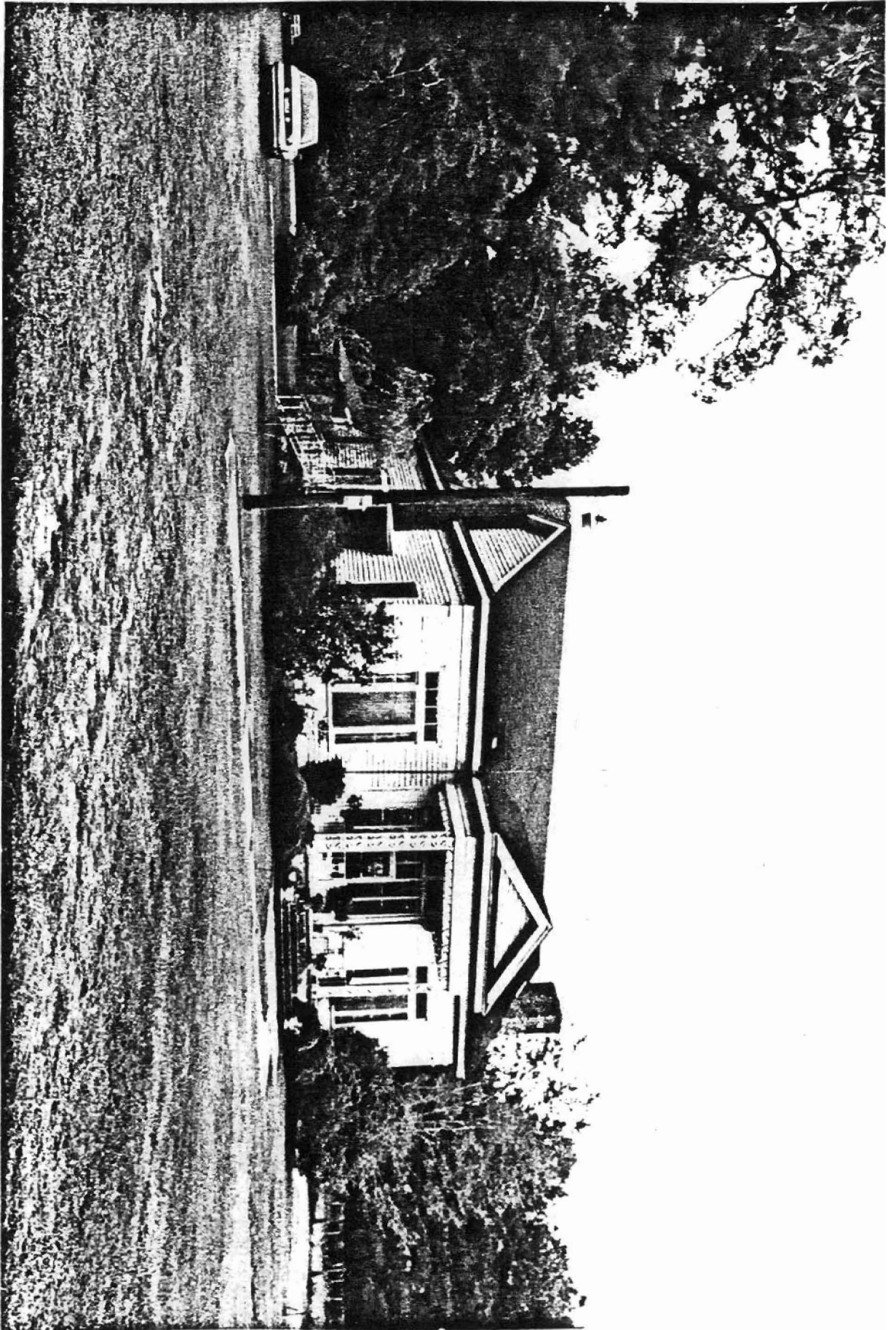


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View from the west

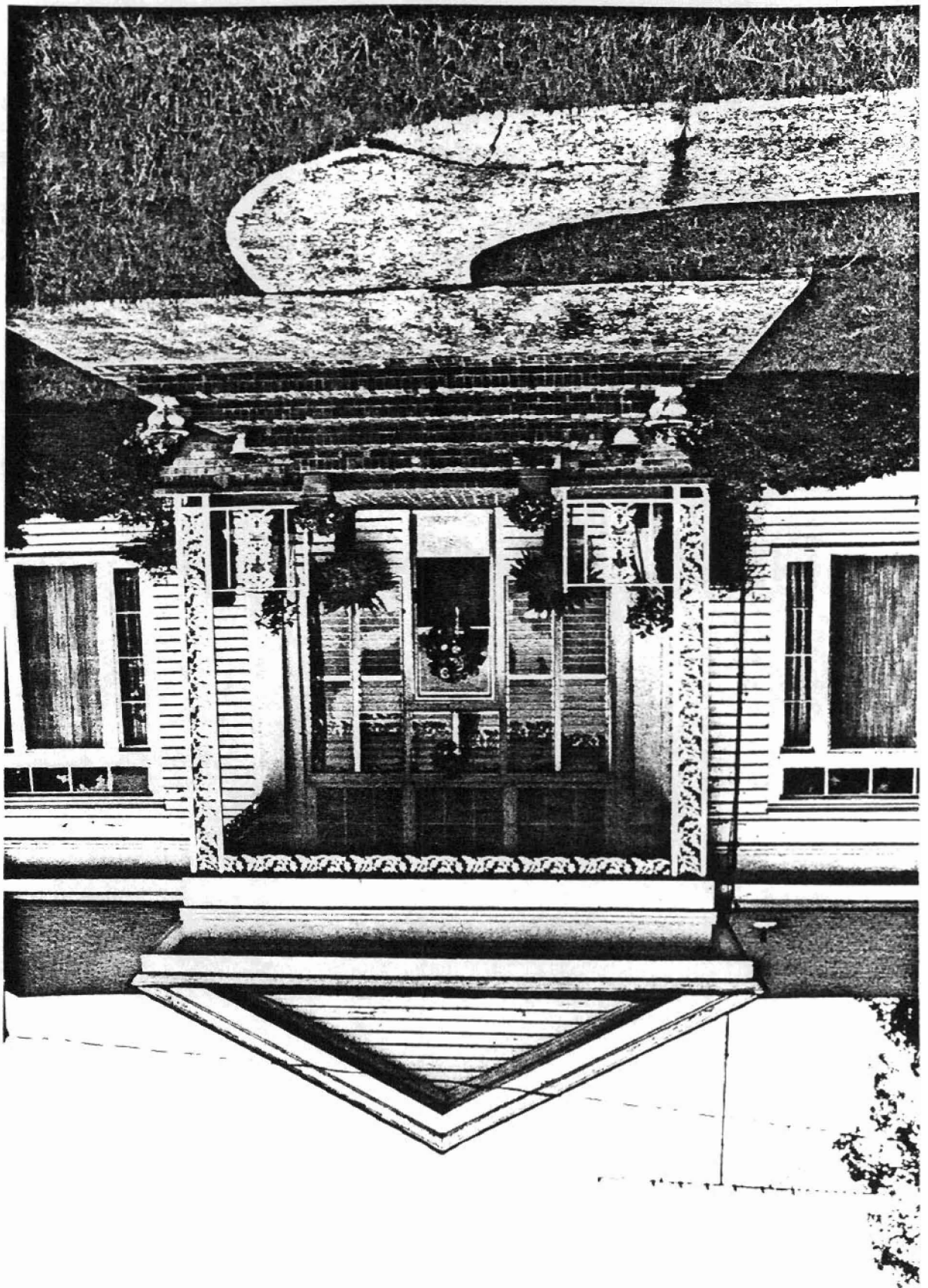




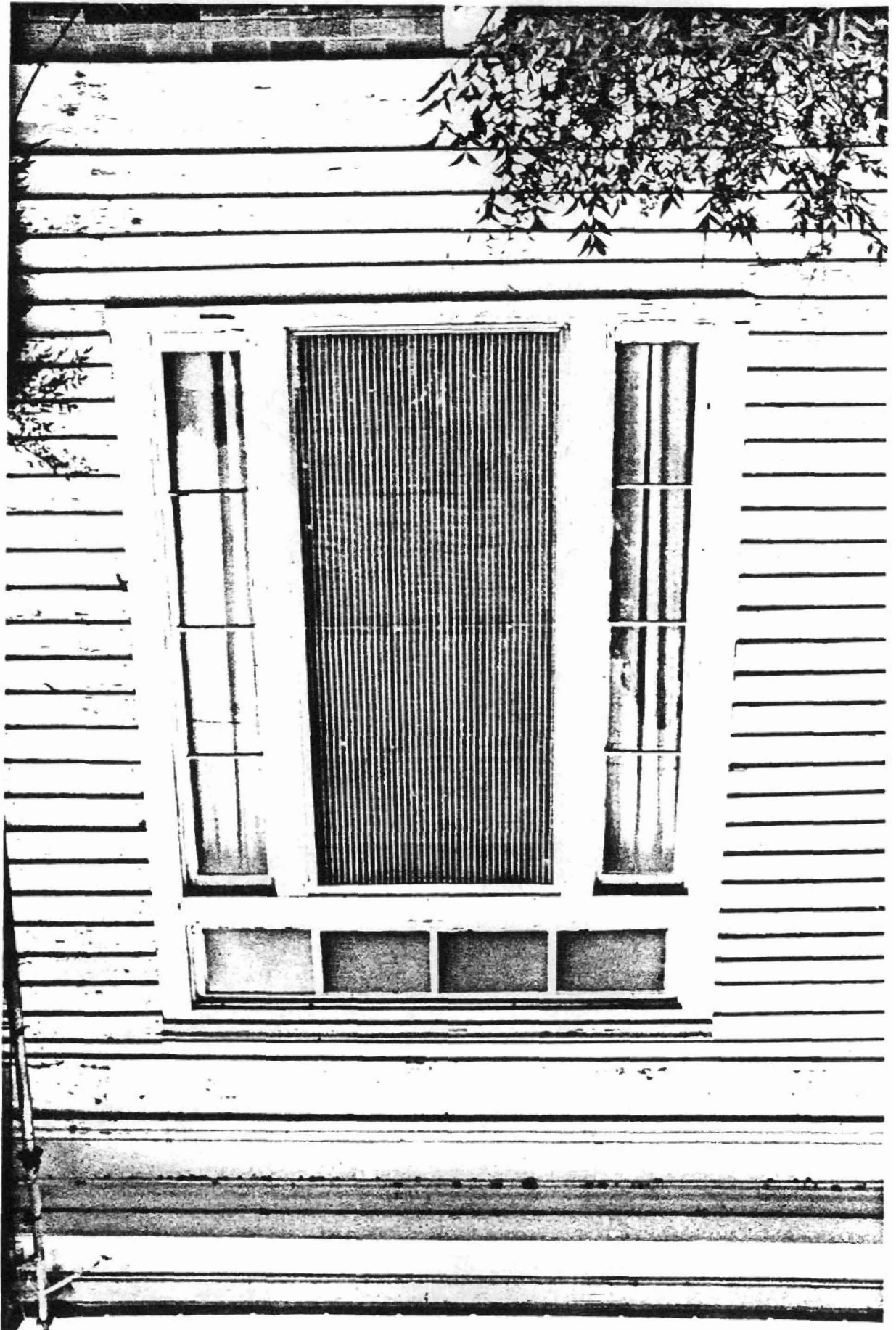
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View from the southwest



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View from the southwest



William H. House
Columbia Co., Arkansas
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View of front porch from
the south



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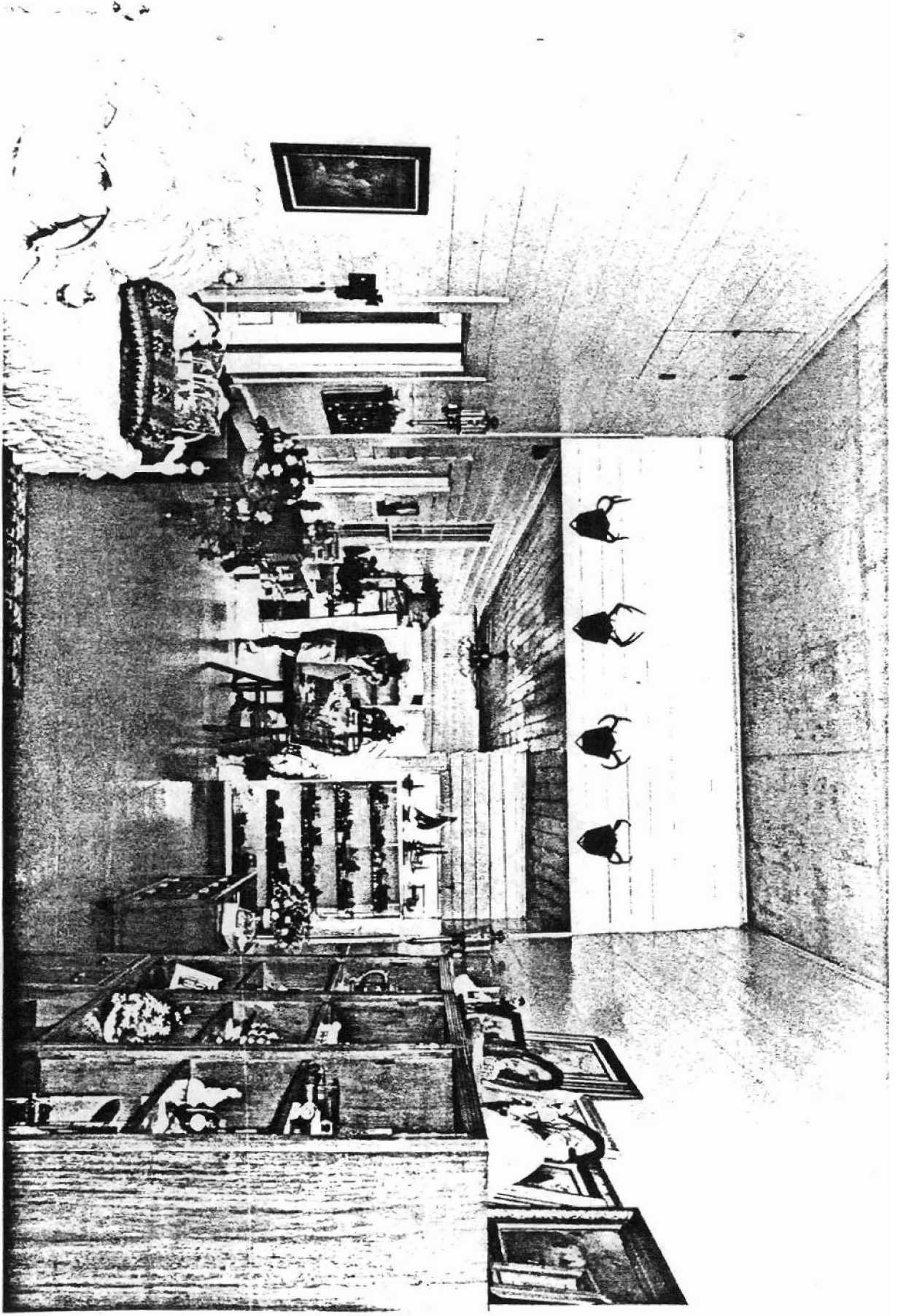
Columbia Co., Arkansas

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View of western front window from
the south.



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August 1992
Negative on file at AHPP
View of dogtrot from the south

