

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Esso Station  
other names/site number CY0054

### 2. Location

street & number 287 W. Main  not for publication  
city or town Piggott  vicinity  
state Arkansas code AR county Clay code 021 zip code 72454

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets   
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
 nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathy A. Sate 4-24-00  
Signature of certifying official/Title 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 for additional  
comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:)	_____	_____

Esso Station  
Name of Property

Clay County, Arkansas  
County and State

### 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era & Architecture  
1910-1965

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

N/A

### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: Specialty store

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: Specialty store

### 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Brick  
Stucco  
roof Composition shingle  
other

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**SEE CONTINUATION SHEET**

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**  
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** moved from its original location.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Levels of Significance** (local, state, national)

Local

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Transportation

**Period of Significance**

1942

**Significant Dates**

1942

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**SEE CONTINUATION SHEET**

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Webb, Robert T. *History and Traditions of Clay County*, Bruce Brown & Patsy Truscott Publishers, Shiras Brothers Print Shop, Mountain Home, 1933, p. 53.

West, Elliot *The WPA Guide to 1930s Arkansas*. Kansas, University of Kansas Press, 1941. Pp. 255-256.

Piggott Banner, 20 February 1942.

Piggott Banner, 3 April 1942.

Sales, Ordene. 2000. Interview by Holly Hope, 16 February.

Materials submitted by Ordene Sales, Piggott, 3 November 1999 and 7 December 1999.

#### 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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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Esso Station  
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

All of Lot nine (9) and the North fifteen feet of lot eight (8) in block one (1) of Polsgrove's addition to the City of Piggott, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

This nomination includes all of the property historically associated with the Esso Station, Piggott, Arkansas.

11. Form Prepared By

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### SUMMARY

The Esso Station at the southwest corner of Arkansas Highway 62 and South Thornton Street is situated just outside of the historic downtown core of Piggott. Highway 62 is mostly commercial and is composed largely of modern and mid-twentieth century structures. The station now serves as the office for a monument company. The parking lot surrounding the building displays examples of headstones offered by the Redmon Monument Company. The stuccoed building, constructed in 1942, is a small Colonial Revival structure with shed-roofed restroom wings on either side of its one-room core.

### ELABORATION

The front or southern facade features a shed-roofed wing on the west end of the building. The wing, which served as a restroom, is stepped back from the facade approximately four feet. Centered in the restroom wall is a telescoping hexagonal window of nine lights. A narrow frieze board encircles the wing. The one-room core of the station is decorated with a row of modillions beneath the cornice. Two large plate glass windows flank a one-light wooden door beneath a shed-roofed stoop. Red brick sheathes the wall beneath the windows. The restroom wing on the east side mirrors the west wing and both wings are lined at the foundation with a row of soldier bricks that encircles the building.

The eastern elevation is lit at the southeast corner of the building by a six-over-six double-hung window. A six-light French door accesses the restroom wing. Cornice returns are featured at the gable. The rear, northern elevation is fenestrated by a single double-hung window. A narrow interior brick chimney rises from the northwest corner of the building. The western elevation mirrors the east.

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### SUMMARY

The Esso Station on Arkansas Highway 62, or West Main in Piggott is the second oldest gas station in the immediate area of the downtown core that remains basically unaltered. The station has had only two owners since its construction in 1942 and is the only example in town of a Colonial Revival gas station dating from the years when highway travel in Arkansas was considered an adventure.

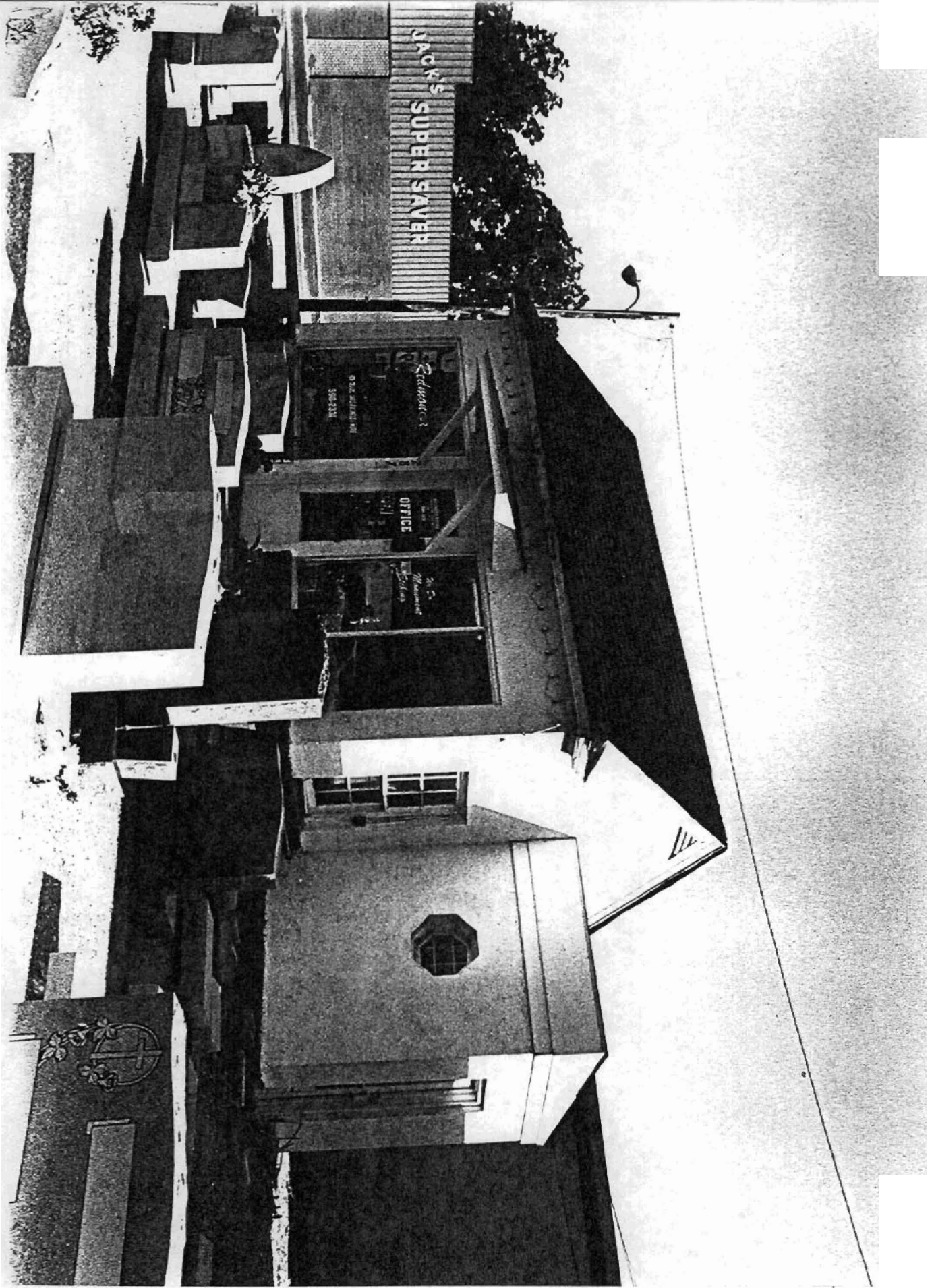
### ELABORATION

The town of Piggott, located on the eastern slope of Crowley's Ridge by the Black River, was laid out in November, 1882 with the arrival of the St. Louis and Texas Railroad. The entrance of the railroad into the area in 1873 had spawned the construction of several sawmills for the production of ties which contributed to the growth of the town. Piggott was named the eastern county seat of Clay County in 1888, which further influenced growth. By 1891 the town of Piggott was incorporated.

The Esso Station was built for Piggott residents W.A. James and brother Johnnie. A 1942 issue of the Piggott Banner contains a small ad for the opening of the Main & Thornton Esso Station at Highways 1 and 62 in Piggott. The building was operated as a gas station by the James brothers for thirty-six years. The current owner has rented the building out for various uses since 1975. The Redmon Monument Company is the present renter, and utilizes the gas station as an office and the parking lot for the display of monuments.

The Esso Station in Piggott is located in a commercial area west of the historic downtown. The station stands out among the usual simple fare of modern construction, and despite its diminutive size it is noticeable due to its Colonial Revival detailing. The station is the second oldest gas station in Piggott that is said to be intact. Hunt's Garage, associated with Hunt's Log Cabin west of the Esso Station on Arkansas Highway 62, was built in 1929 and as of February, 2000 retains its formed concrete construction.

The Esso Station's architecture reflects an era when traveling by highway was still an adventure and as such is being nominated to the National Register with local significance under Criterion C. The Esso Station is also considered a contributing resource to the multiple property listing "*Arkansas Highway & Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965*", in conjunction with the historic context, "*Arkansas Highway History & Architecture, 1910-1965*." It is also being nominated under Criterion A for its association with the development of Arkansas highway culture, which is documented extensively in the multiple property listing.



JACK'S SUPER SAVER

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OFFICE

OFFICE

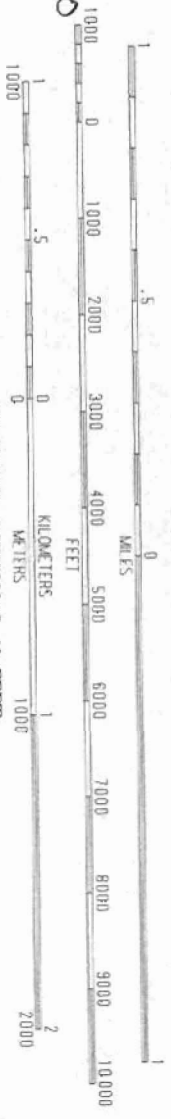
Est. 1923





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Esso Station  
 Piggott, Clay Co, AR  
 UTM:  
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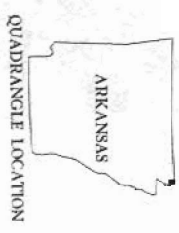
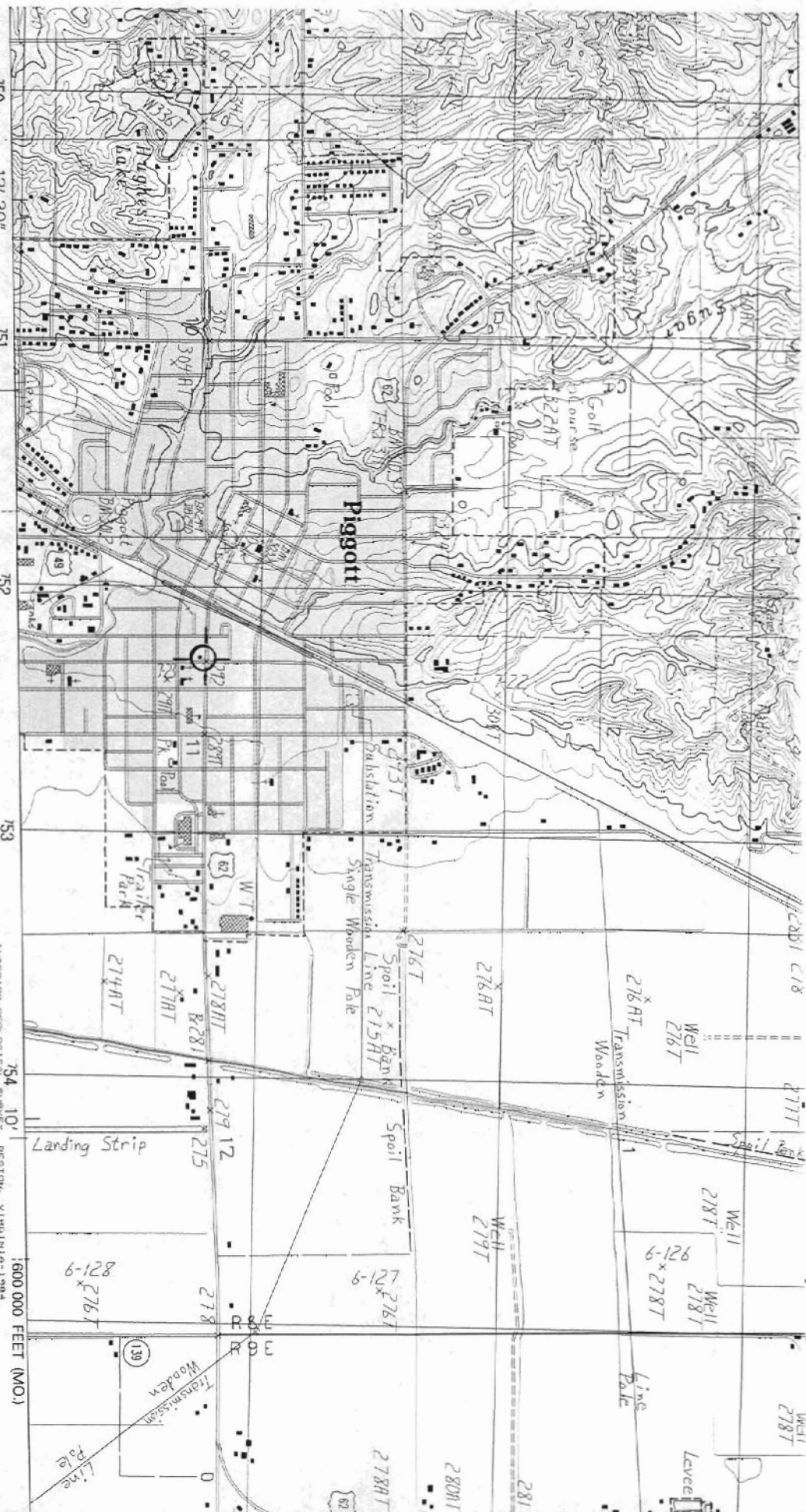
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 To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808

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 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ROLLA, MISSOURI 65401



1	2	3	1 Ogleville
			2 Glenmound
4		5	3 Valley Ridge
			4 Pollard
			5 Campbell
			6 Rector
6	7	8	7 Greenway
			8 Kennett North

ADJOINING QUADRANGLE NAMES