

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in the *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 Farris and Evelyn Langley House

other names/site number FA1242

2. Location

street & number 12 Langley Lane

not for publication

city or town Republican

vicinity

state AR

code AR

county Faulkner

code 045

zip code 72058

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.)

Carolee Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/14/05
Date

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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Farris and Evelyn Langley House
Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR
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		Total

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

A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry
Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/ Mixed Masonry
MODERN MOVEMENT/ Ranch

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	Concrete
walls	Cut stone
	Aluminum
roof	Asphalt
other	_____

Narrative Description

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

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

Period of Significance

c. 1955

Significant Dates

c. 1955

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Silas Owens, Sr., Mason

Albert Palmer, Carpenter

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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

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:

Farris and Evelyn Langley House
Name of Property

Faulkner County, AR
County and State

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.)

Beginning at a point ten feet north of the northeast corner of the Farris and Evelyn Langley House proceed south approximately fifty feet, thence proceed west approximately forty feet, thence proceed north approximately fifty feet, thence proceed east approximately forty feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

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

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program date 04/13/05
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city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Evelyn Langley
street & number 12 Langley Lane telephone 501 679-2340
city or town Republican state AR zip code 72058

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SUMMARY

The Farris and Evelyn Langley House in Republican is an example of the Mixed Masonry style executed by Silas Owens, Sr. of Twin Groves. The home is constructed in the linear Early Ranch style with a gable roof and it exhibits the exemplary workmanship of Owens in its artistic use of cut stone veneer.

ELABORATION

The 1954 Farris and Evelyn Langley House in Republican is located at 12 Langley Lane, a private road south of Republican Road in Faulkner County. The house has a rectangular plan on a stone pier foundation and exhibits few architectural embellishments. Original four-over-four double-hung windows have been replaced with one-over-one double-hung vinyl windows; however, the current fenestration fits within the original openings and the style is similar to the historic windows so the change does not detract from the intent of Owens' work. A rear, shed roofed porch has been enclosed to provide more interior room but this change is not visible from the front of the house and its proportions were not enlarged.

The front, north façade features a concrete floored half porch supported at the northeast corner by a single square post composed of cream brick with inset squares of cut stone. Beneath the integral roof of the porch fenestration consists of a large, single pane stationary window flanked by narrow one-over-one double-hung windows. This wood frame picture window is original to the home but the surrounding double-hung windows are replacements. The single-leaf front door is adjacent to the windows. The front wall of the house then extends approximately five feet to the north and features a pair of double-hung windows.

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The west elevation is fenestrated from north to south by a pair of windows, a single window and a second pair of windows. The southwest wall of the rear enclosure is slightly stepped back and consists of a single double-hung, one-over-one window. An original stone half wall is topped by a wall of wide aluminum siding.

The rear, south elevation consists mainly of the porch enclosed sometime before 1962, and features a row of five windows at the level of the original stone half wall. Affixed to the southeast end of the addition is a narrow, corrugated fiberglass greenhouse. The greenhouse end of the addition extends approximately seven feet north to the original wall of the house and the southeast corner is fenestrated with a single window.

From south to north, the greenhouse addition features a single-leaf, screened entry. At the southwest corner of the original house, a single-leaf, paneled door with single light is sheltered by a small gabled porch supported by two wooden poles. An off center chimney with rounded shoulders is flanked on the south by two windows and on the northwest corner by a single window.

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SUMMARY

The Farris and Evelyn Langley House in Republican was built as the family home of the Langleys. According to the Langley's granddaughter, Lynita Langley-Ware of Greenbrier, her grandfather "was into building things to last..." so it would have been appropriate that he hired Silas Owens, Sr., to apply the stone veneer to his house. The Langley House is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance as a good example of a Ranch influenced Mixed Masonry built by Silas Owens, Sr. It is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: The Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955." Despite some minor alterations the building retains its massing and the high degree of workmanship associated with Silas Owens, Sr. A distinctive herringbone pattern in the stone coursing also identifies it as the unmistakable work of Owens.

ELABORATION

The 1956 Farris and Evelyn Langley House was constructed in the popular Ranch style. This was a shift in the stylistic course of Owens' previous work as he departed from the usual Craftsman and Mediterranean influenced farmhouse and produced a home that was in keeping with the popular architectural styles of the mid-1950s.

Farris and Evelyn Langley both grew up in the Guy/New Home area of Faulkner County and they remained in the county throughout their adult lives. The Langleys were farmers, producing cotton and corn, supplementing their income with dairy farming from 1964 to 1980. Farris Langley believed in quality work and in 1950s rural Arkansas there was not much disposable income to be wasted on continual upkeep; therefore, the logical choice as stonemason for his home was well

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known Faulkner County mason, Silas Owens, Sr. The carpenter, Albert Palmer was a local craftsman who also enjoyed a reputation for quality work and frequently employed Owens as a subcontractor. His perfectionist personality was revealed when Palmer made Farris Langley remove some roofing nails because the slope was askew by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and thus was not square.

Thriftiness was the watchword for the Langleys during the construction of their new home. An existing building on the site was destroyed and utilized for salvage materials. Langley traded work for boards sawn from logs in Republican and he attained the stones for the veneer from Peavine Creek and the fields south of the house. The Langley's twelve year old son pulled rocks for the house from the fields with a tractor and he and his father constructed the foundation piers. During the course of construction the family resided in a chicken house for a few months until their new home was ready.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though the Langleys sought ways to save money in building their farmhouse, their goal was to construct a building that would last. They knew that hiring local contractors Albert Palmer and Silas Owens, Sr., would provide them with a comfortable, modern home that would meet their needs and shelter them for years to come. The artistic herringbone pattern of Owens' rockwork is as sturdy as the day it was built. Despite minimal alterations the home still presents the quality craftsmanship of Silas Owens, Sr. Its situation in an undeveloped valley west of US Highway 65 obscures it from the view of the highway, which serves to muffle traffic noise as well and thus evinces the feel of a rural farmhouse. The Farris and Evelyn Langley House is being nominated to the National Register under

Farris and Evelyn Langley House

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Criterion C with local significance is also being submitted under the multiple property context, "A Storm Couldn't Tear Them Down: the Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr., 1938-1955."

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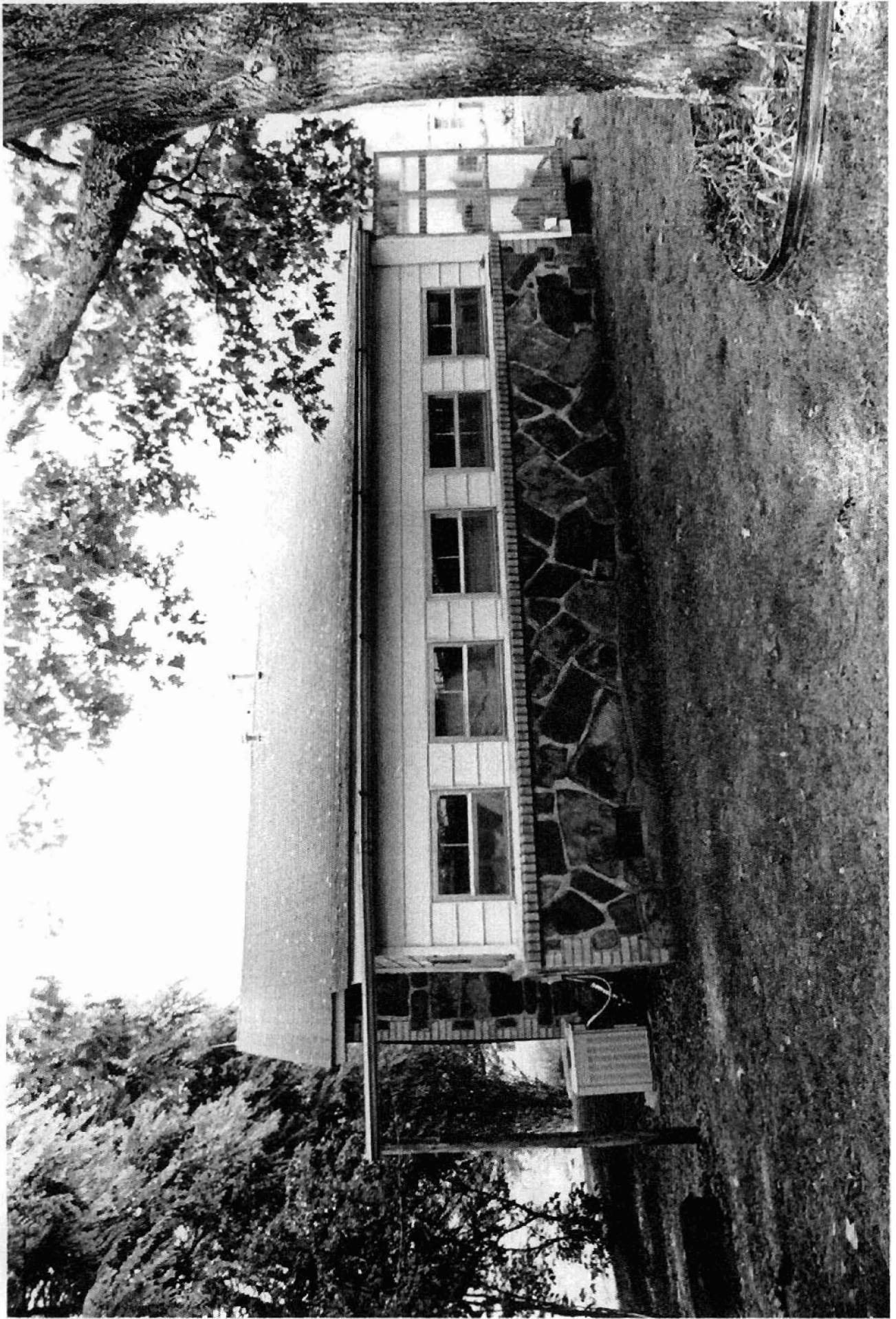
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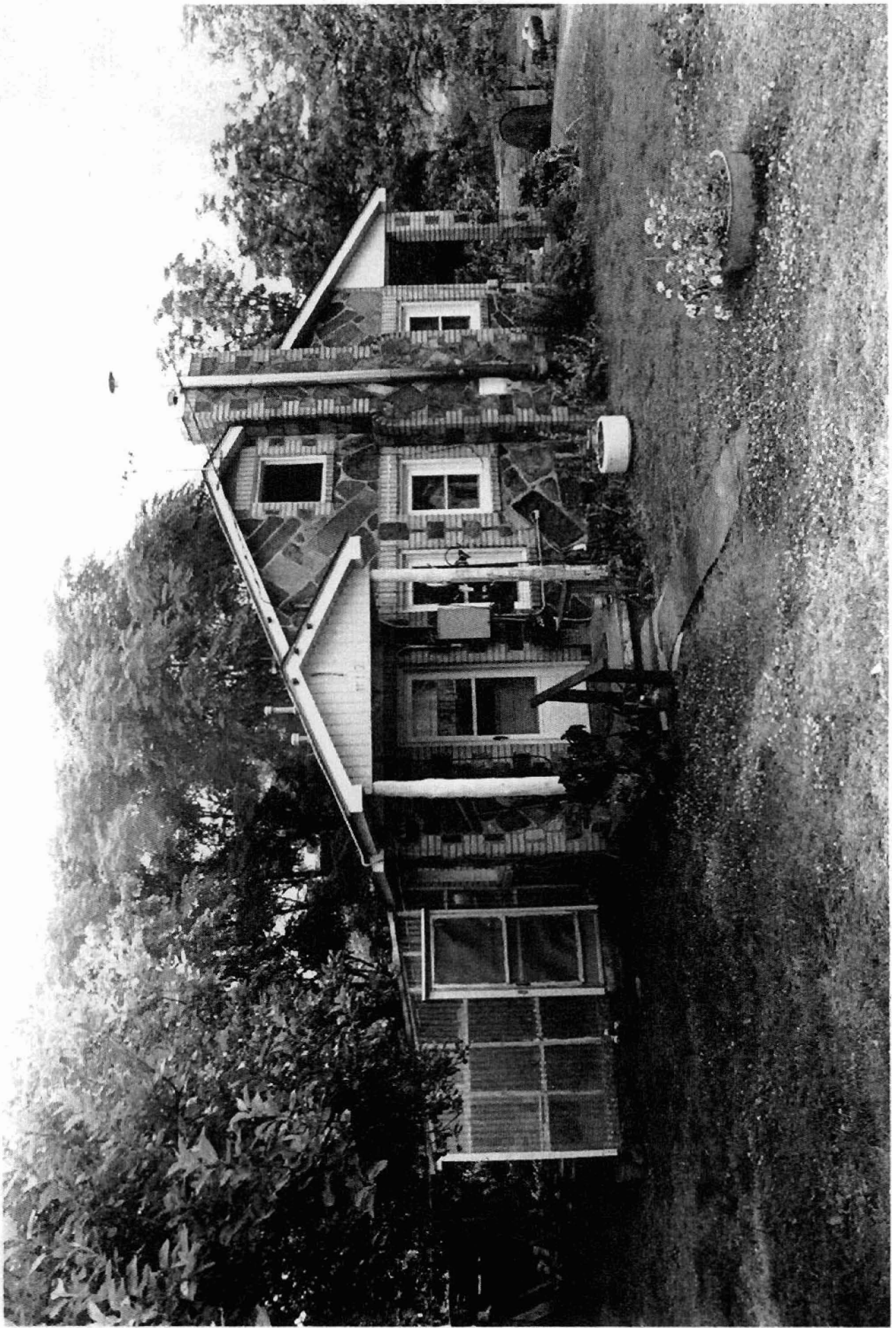
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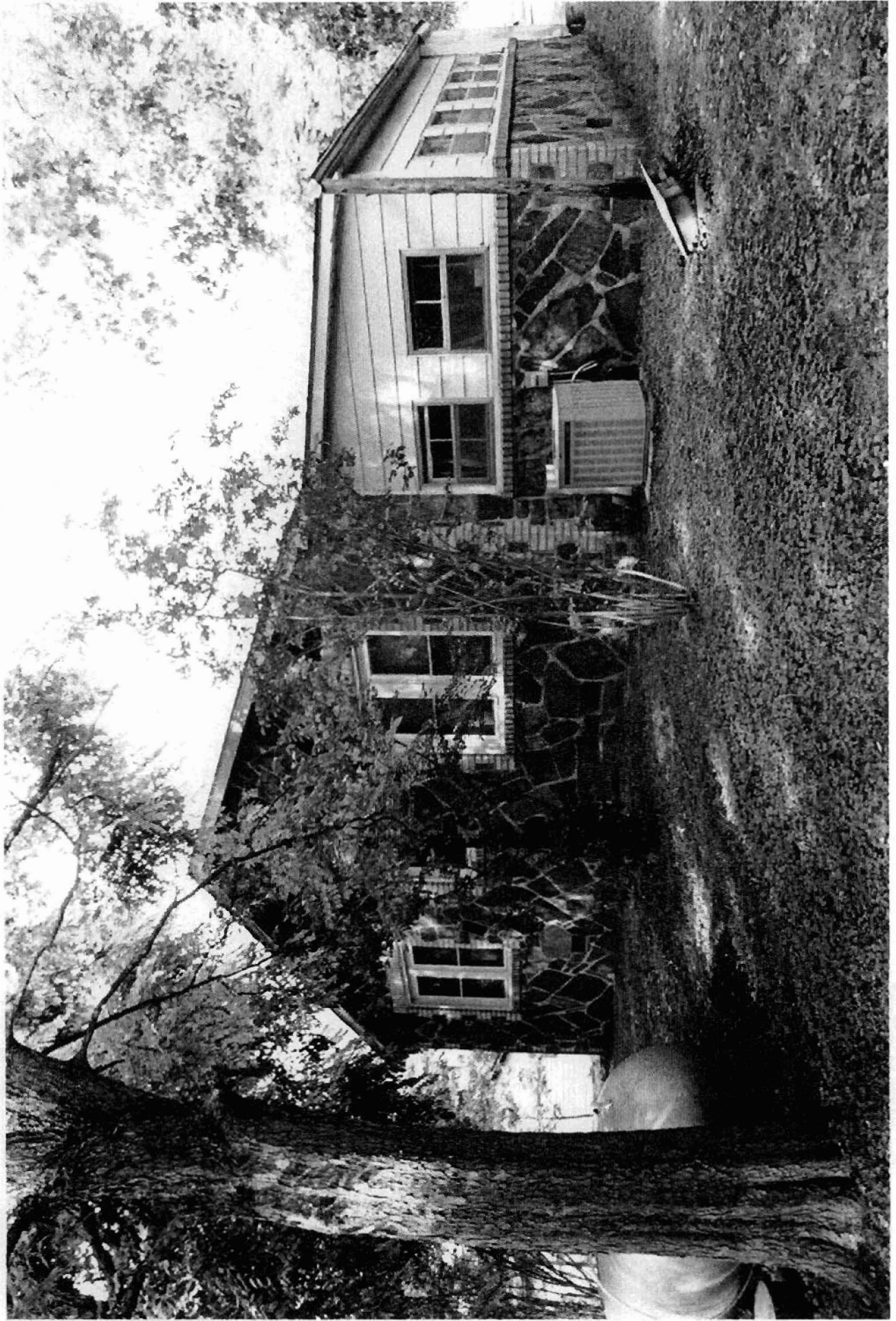
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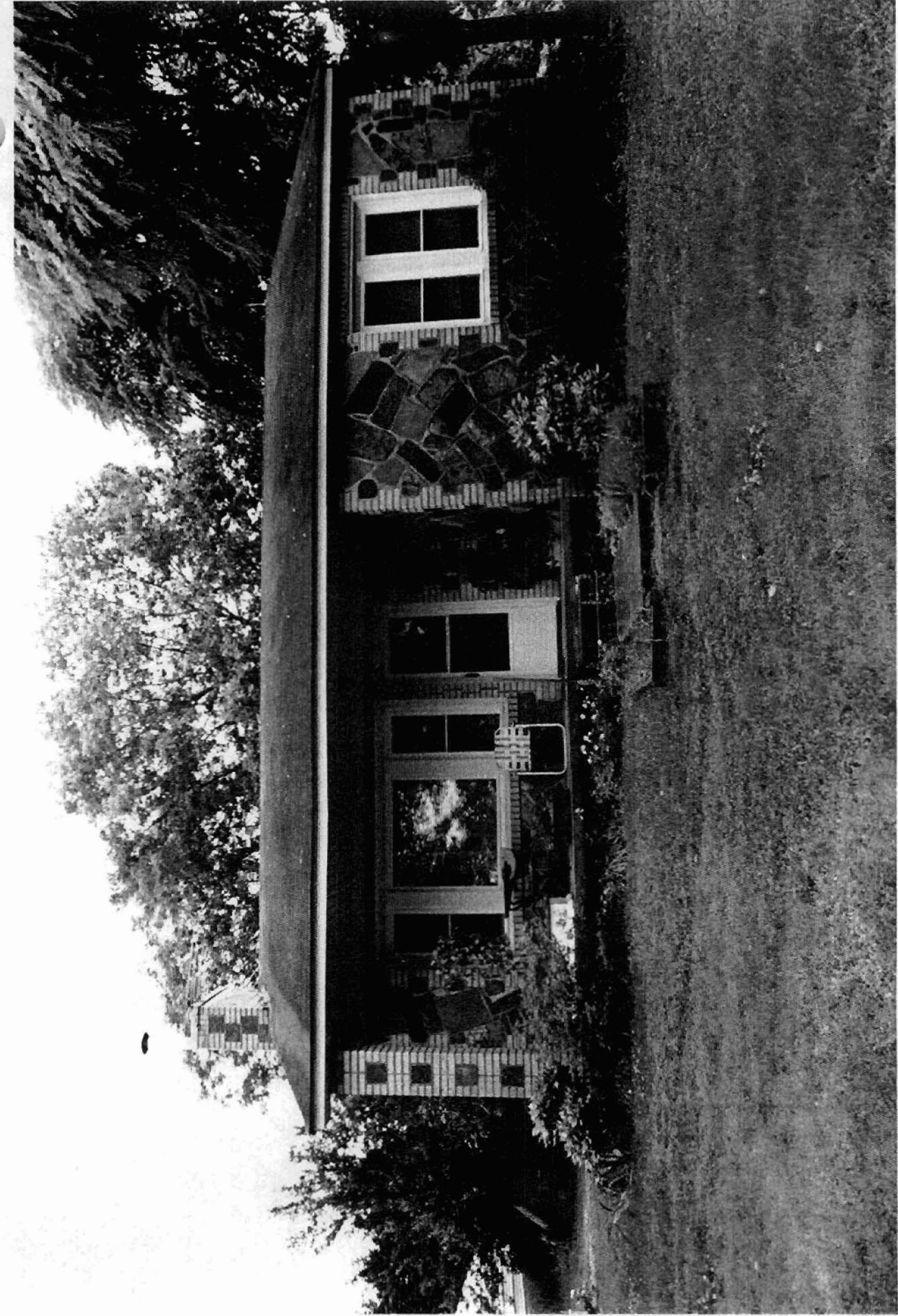
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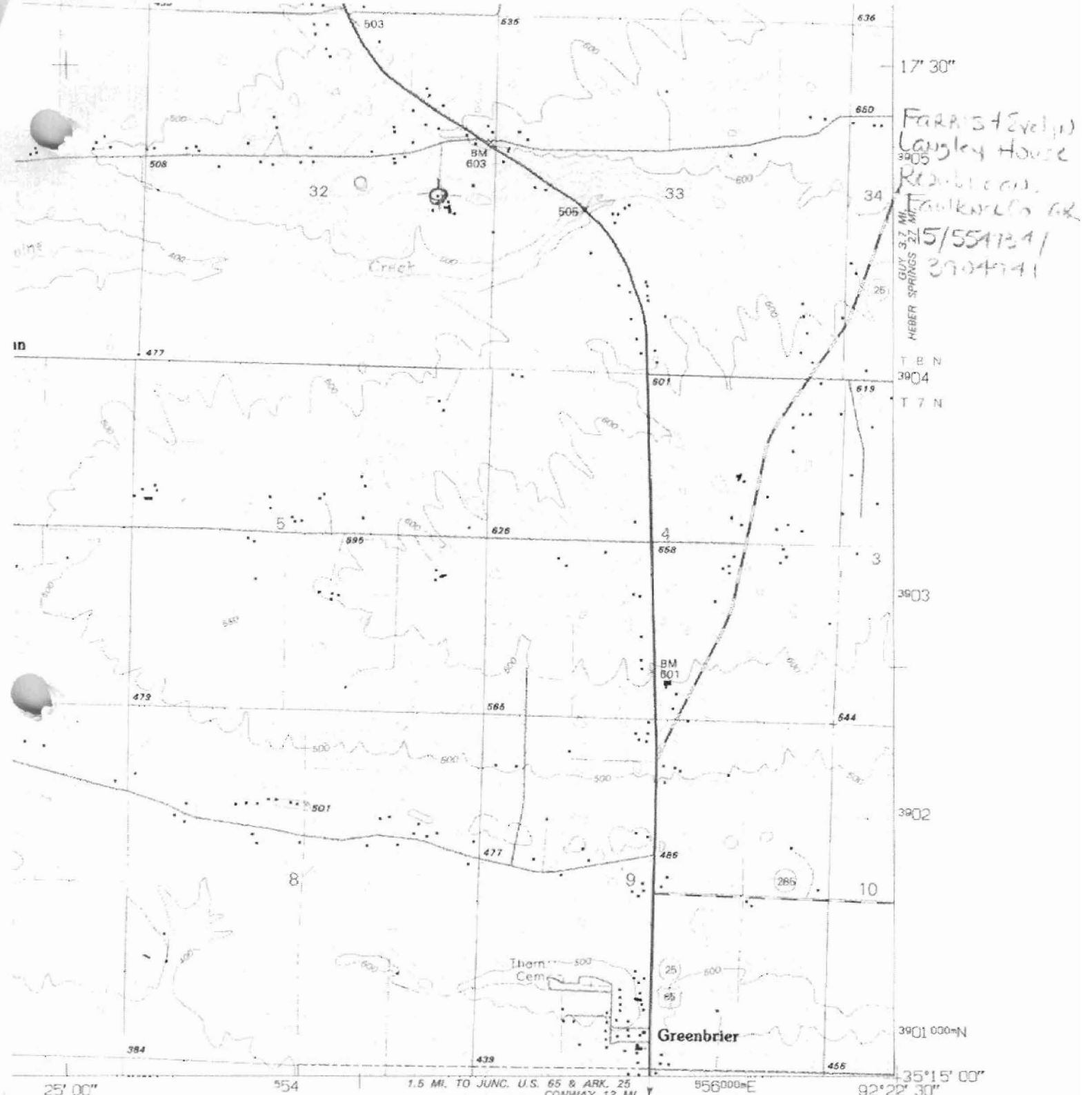
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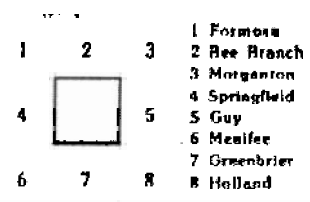


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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| Primary highway
hard surface | Light-duty road, hard or
improved surface |
| Secondary highway
hard surface | Unimproved road |

Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



DAMASCUS, ARK.
35092-C4-TF-024

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