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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS --
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Harley E. Green House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Bear City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Third

STATE
Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY
Garland

CODE
051

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
James R. Berryhill
STREET & NUMBER
522 Spring Street

CITY, TOWN
Hot Springs

STATE
Arkansas 71901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Recorders Office of Garland County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Ouachita Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Hot Springs

STATE
Arkansas 71901

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1895

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harley E. Green House is a two-storey frame structure which uses the Latin cross plan. There are shed roofed piles between each leg of the cross. Front (east) piles are porches and rear piles (west) are small shed roofed rooms. A narrow shed roofed porch projects from the kitchen. The roof is gabled with a central chimney and gable pediments have imbricated shingles and are joined by carved vergeboards. The half gables of the sheds have imbricated shingles. The structure is finished in weatherboard. Porches are supported by turned posts and by jigsaw brackets. Turned balustrades link the lower posts, and turned rod and spool work links the upper area of the posts. Windows on the front cross leg are pedimented as is the window on the lower north leg. Upper windows on the north and south elevations and windows on the rear are butt-board with slim cornice molds. Mullions are asymmetrically placed on the front (east) leg and on the rear leg. There is a single pedimented dormer with gabled roof on the rear.

The front entrance door has a four-light panel; below is a radiating sun design. Over the four-lights is a carved broken pediment design. Interior doors and some windows have bull's eye corner and plinth blocks. Other windows are decorated with fan design corner blocks and have carved fan and floral design top pieces. An open stair with a round turn leads upstairs. The stair is paneled with curved fan and floral designs. Supporting the stair is a richly carved column. A vine wraps the column shaft. Above the circular necking is a stylized Ionic capital. In the dining room is a carved built-in cabinet. The two glazed upper doors are decorated with fan designs. Drawers have saw-tooth-cuts, and the top piece is a scrolllike design.

On the rear of the property is a gabled roof barn, once used to house the family carriage and livestock.

SIGNIFICANCE

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| MOD PERIOD --1400-1499 --1500-1599 --1600-1599 --1700-1799 --1800-1899 --1900- | --ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC --ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC --AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE --ART --COMMERCE --COMMUNICATIONS | --COMMUNITY PLANNING --CONSERVATION --ECONOMICS --EDUCATION --ENGINEERING --EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT --INDUSTRY --INVENTION | --LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE --LAW --LITERATURE --MILITARY --MUSIC --PHILOSOPHY --POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | --RELIGION --SCIENCE --SCULPTURE --SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN --THEATER --TRANSPORTATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Mining |
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SPECIFIC DATES 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harley E. Green

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harley E. Green House in western Arkansas is an historically significant structure representing a rural town which was greatly affected by a nineteenth century gold and silver rush. Architecturally, the Harley E. Green House is a carpenter's fantasy. The house, constructed in 1885, is richly detailed with Eastlake-cut doors, windows, cabinets, and stairs. The asymmetrical mullions of the windows are unusually designed. Even the plan, a Latin Cross, is an oddity in a period where most vernacular buildings were rectangular in plan with a single projecting bay. The house, while not belonging to any particular style (although the house does have some Queen Anne elements in its shingle work, and turned and bracketed posts and carvings), is certainly a significant vernacular cottage.

Bear City, Arkansas, is an area rich in history, both fact and fiction. In this section of the state was one of the largest gold and silver booms in the history of Arkansas. The 1880 census of Bear City, Arkansas, lists a few farmers and small businesses. Rumors of gold and silver began a few years later, causing the population to swell as miners and speculators flooded the area. Many of the farmers in the community did not accept the rumors of gold deposits; they took advantage of high land prices, sold out, and moved away from Bear City. At the height of the "boom" Bear City was larger than the Garland County seat, Hot Springs. The town contained a flourishing business district, including twenty-seven hotels, and supported three newspapers.

Harley E. Green, a local woodcraftsman, was believed to have settled in Bear City around 1851. Prior to the boom, he had established a small factory which produced chairs, violins, and grandfather clocks, all delicately designed and carved by Green. With the vast enlargement of the population of Bear City, Green formed a company with another local craftsman known as the Bixby and Green Construction Company. Green also maintained half ownership in a mining interest, and ran a drugstore and a grist mill. In addition to these activities, Harley Green housed the local telephone exchange in his home and served as Justice of the Peace in the community.

With the great demand for new construction and design talents brought about by the gold and silver boom, Green's services were often requested. The Bixby and Green Construction Company was responsible for most of the new construction in Bear City brought about as a result of the boom. Although there are no exact records to indicate the number of structures Green designed and built,

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it is believed to be well over fifty. Today there are only four structures left which represent Harley E. Green's workmanship in Bear City, Arkansas. Accepted to be the finest example remaining of Green's talents is the home he constructed for himself in 1885.

The gold and silver boom in Bear City began to decline in 1895 as miners realized it was costing them more to extract the metal than it was worth. By 1900 hundreds of residents had left Bear City, leaving over one-hundred mining shafts behind. Bear City continued its decline until 1933 when the discontinuation of local postal service officially marked the end of the town's brief history.

Today Bear City is inhabited by a few year-round residents, but it is most often noted as an area one passes in heading toward Lake Ouachita. This man-made lake destroyed another "gold boom" town known as Crystal, thus making Bear City the last remaining reminder of the gold rush in Garland County. The Harley E. Green house, in addition to architectural significance, possesses merit in its representation of the gold and silver boom in Bear City.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Personal References: Bear, Arkansas

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Crystal Springs, Arkansas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 474 820 3821660

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Pt NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 29 Township 2, South Range, 21 West

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE DESCRIPTION: Frezil Miller

SIGNIFICANCE: Sandra Taylor Smith

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

May 1, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas 72201

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Joan Williams Baldrige

TITLE State Historic Preservation Program

DATE May 8, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

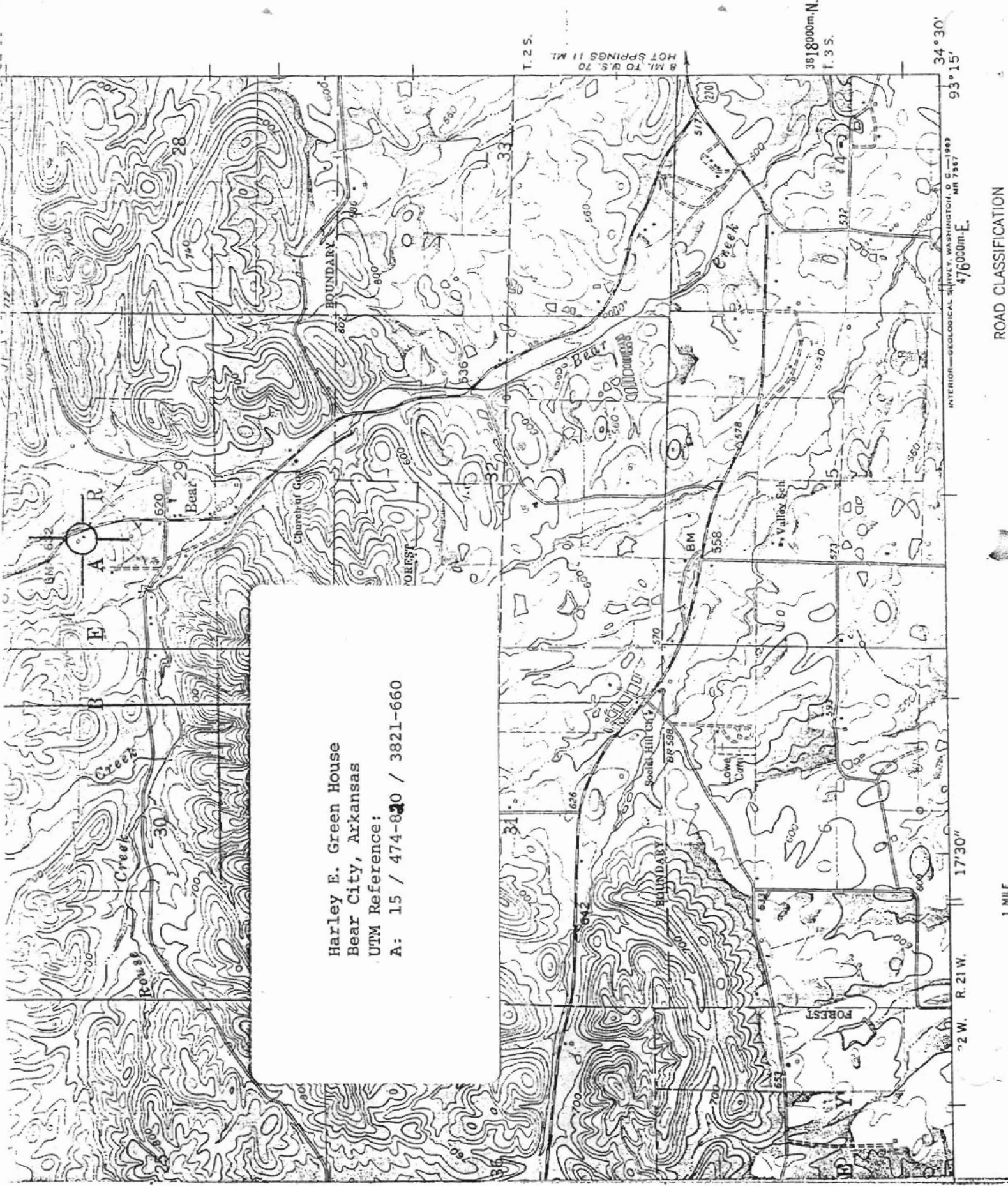
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



Harley E. Green House
 Bear City, Arkansas
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

1 MILE

72° W. R. 21 W. 17° 30' 3818000m. N. 93° 15' 34° 30'
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Harley E. Green House

Bear City, Arkansas

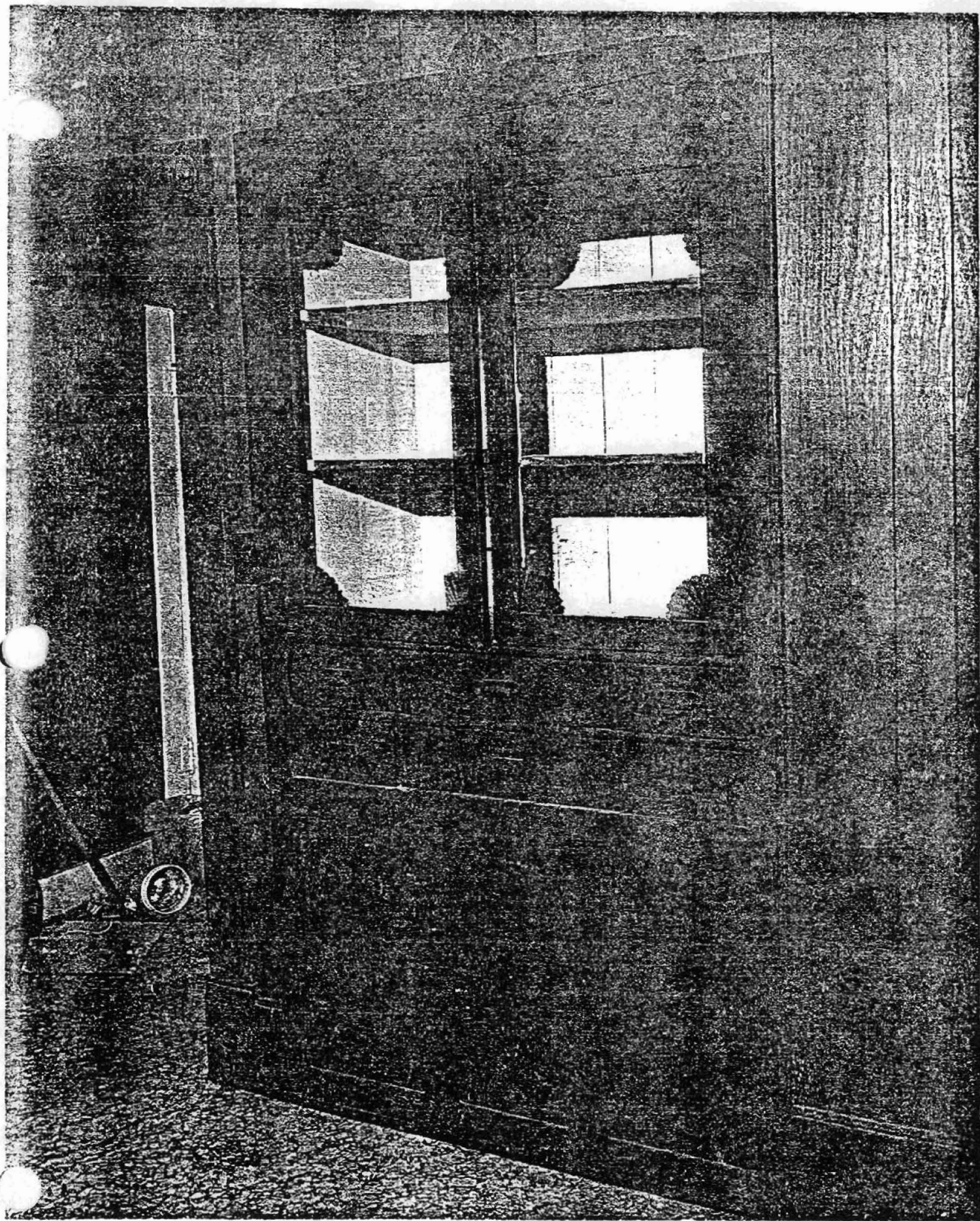
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1979

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interior stair

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Harley E. Green House

Bear City, Arkansas

Bob Dunn

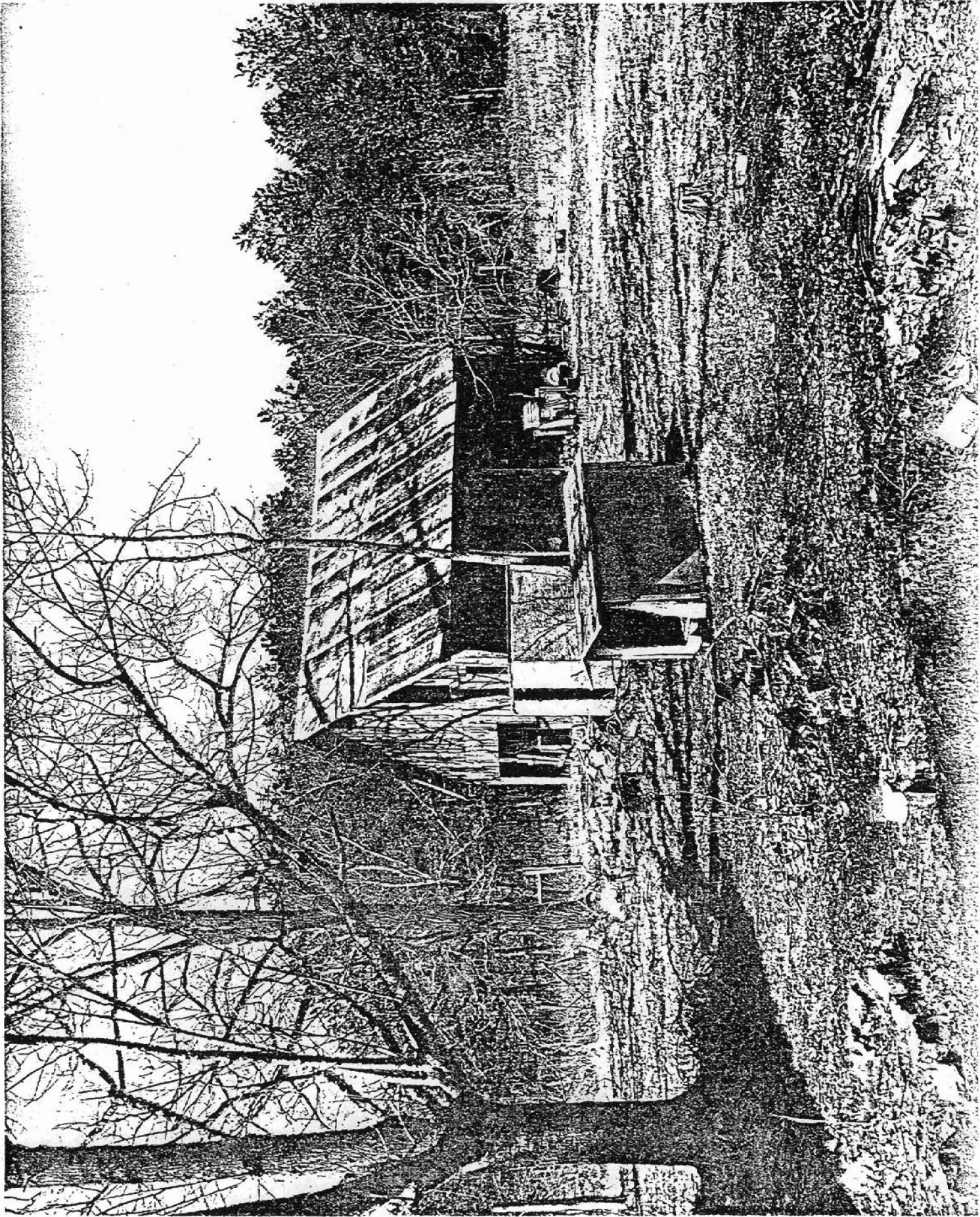
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dining room cabinet

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Ley E. Green House
Bear City, Arkansas
Bob Dunn
1979

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barn to the northwest of house,
viewed from the southeast
#5