

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Koon House #6
other name/site number: GR0094

2. Location

street & number: 3253 State Hwy. 167
city/town: Sheridan not for publication: N/A
vicinity: N/A
state: AR county: Grant code: AR 053 zip code: 72150

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	_____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945

Koon House #6
Name of Property

Grant County, AR
County and State

State/Federal Agency Certification

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.

Carlynn H. Slaton
Signature of certifying official

8-31-99
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

_____, 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

6. Function or Use

Historic:	<u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub:	<u>Single dwelling</u>
	_____		_____
Current:	<u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub:	<u>Single dwelling</u>
	_____		_____

Description

Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Vertical Log

Materials:	foundation	Concrete _____	roof	Asphalt _____
	walls	Wood/log _____	other	N/A _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. _____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Koon House #6 is a single-story, intersecting gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, with a recessed porch being placed beneath a gabled porch roof on the eastern elevation. The building is supported on concrete block piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

Elaboration

Koon House #6 is a single-story, intersecting gable roof residence constructed of relatively small logs placed vertically and split in half so that the round, unfinished side faces the exterior while the smooth, flat side faces the interior. Its floor plan is irregular, with a recessed porch being placed beneath a gabled porch roof on the eastern elevation. There are no visible chimneys. The building is supported on concrete block piers and covered with an asphalt shingle roof.

The eastern or front elevation is composed of the end of the main, gabled section of the house, into which a recessed porch has been set at its southeast corner and into which another gabled section intersects from the south. The gable roof porch is supported upon composite wood columns and covers a wood porch deck that leads to a single-leaf entrance and a single four-over-four wood window. The wall to the north is lit by a pair of identical windows, and the side gable wall to the south is lit by another identical pair.

The southern elevation is sheltered by the carport (which appears to be later, but which in fact may be original). The wall beneath features a central, single-leaf entrance that is flanked by three windows on either side of varying sizes. The western or rear elevation has been refinished with flat wood paneling; it is lit with a single window to the south and a pair of smaller windows to the north, near the center. The northern elevation is composed of two larger windows placed evenly across the house's main section and a smaller window toward the rear.

The known alterations are limited to what appears to be the recovering of the rear vertical log wall and the enclosing of a porch at the building's northwest corner. Otherwise the building is largely unaltered and in good condition.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Koon House #6
Name of Property

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County and State

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1940

Significant Dates: c. 1940

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Koon, Hillary Henry "Pappy"

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
____ See continuation sheet.

Summary

Criterion C, local significance

Koon House #6 is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance by virtue of both its distinctive vertical, split log construction and its direct association with Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon, the local farmer and carpenter who built these unique structures. As such, it is associated with the historic context *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945* and the historic significance of these properties noted therein.

Elaboration

Built c. 1940, the building known as Koon House #6 was constructed by local farmer and carpenter Hillary Henry "Pappy" Koon as one of several vertical split log buildings he constructed for residents of the relatively new community that sprang up along State Highway 167 south of Sheridan after it was paved by the state.

It was this building and the others built like it that gave the community the name of "Slabtown," as it was mistakenly believed that these buildings were of slab construction, which in fact they were not. Rather, the split vertical logs are notched into a sill below and plate above which supports the roof, and the logs serve as the load-bearing structure of the building. It is this unique construction method that distinguishes these buildings architecturally and thus the reason for their nomination.

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. Major Bibliographical References
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See *The Vertical Split Log Buildings of "Slabtown," Arkansas, 1935-1945, Section H.*

___ 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:

- X 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: Less than one

TM References:	Zone	Eastings	Northing	Zone	Eastings	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>555280</u>	<u>3791360</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the western edge of State Hwy. 167 with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of Grant Co. Rd. 519, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approx. 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along the western edge of State Hwy. 167 to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

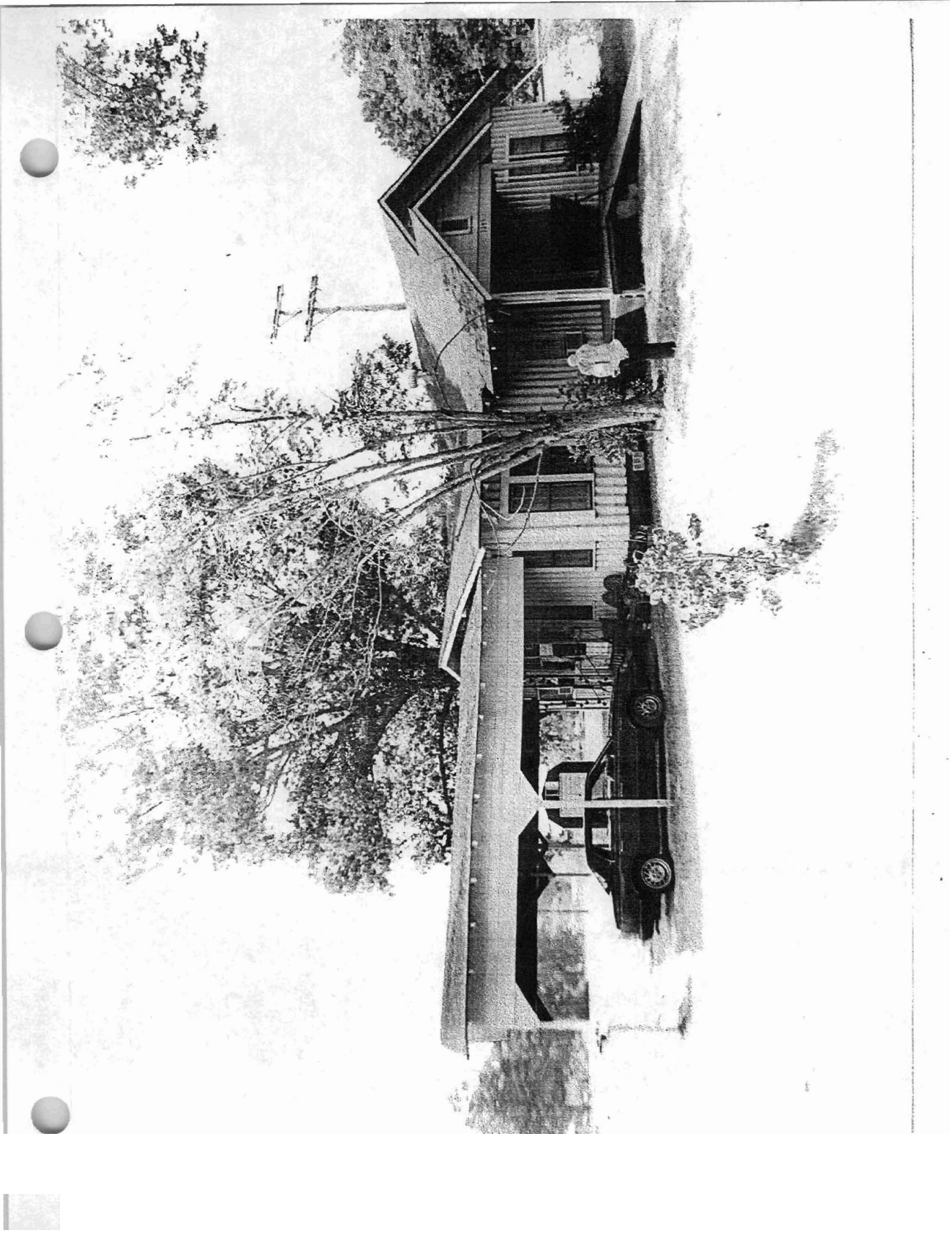
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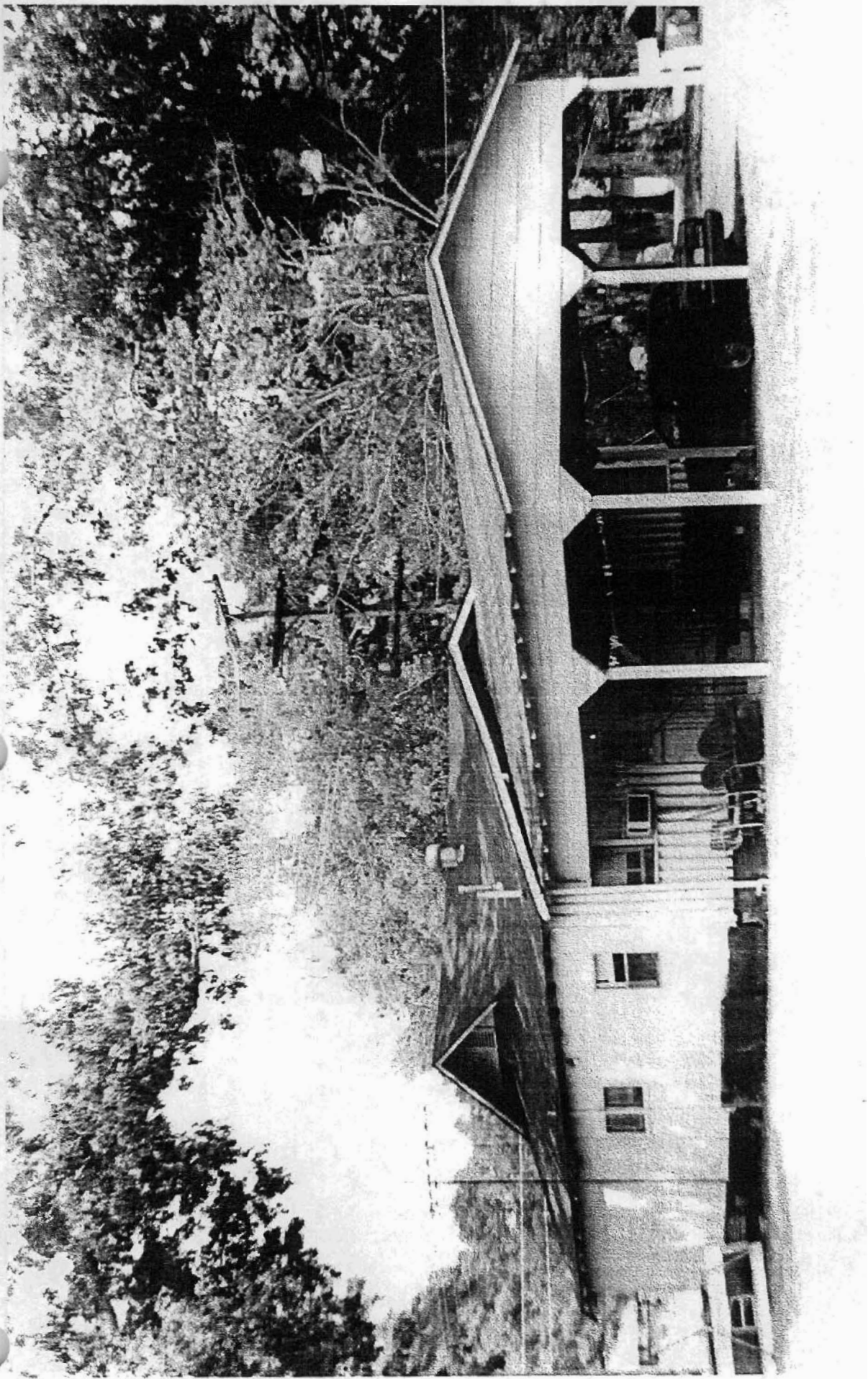
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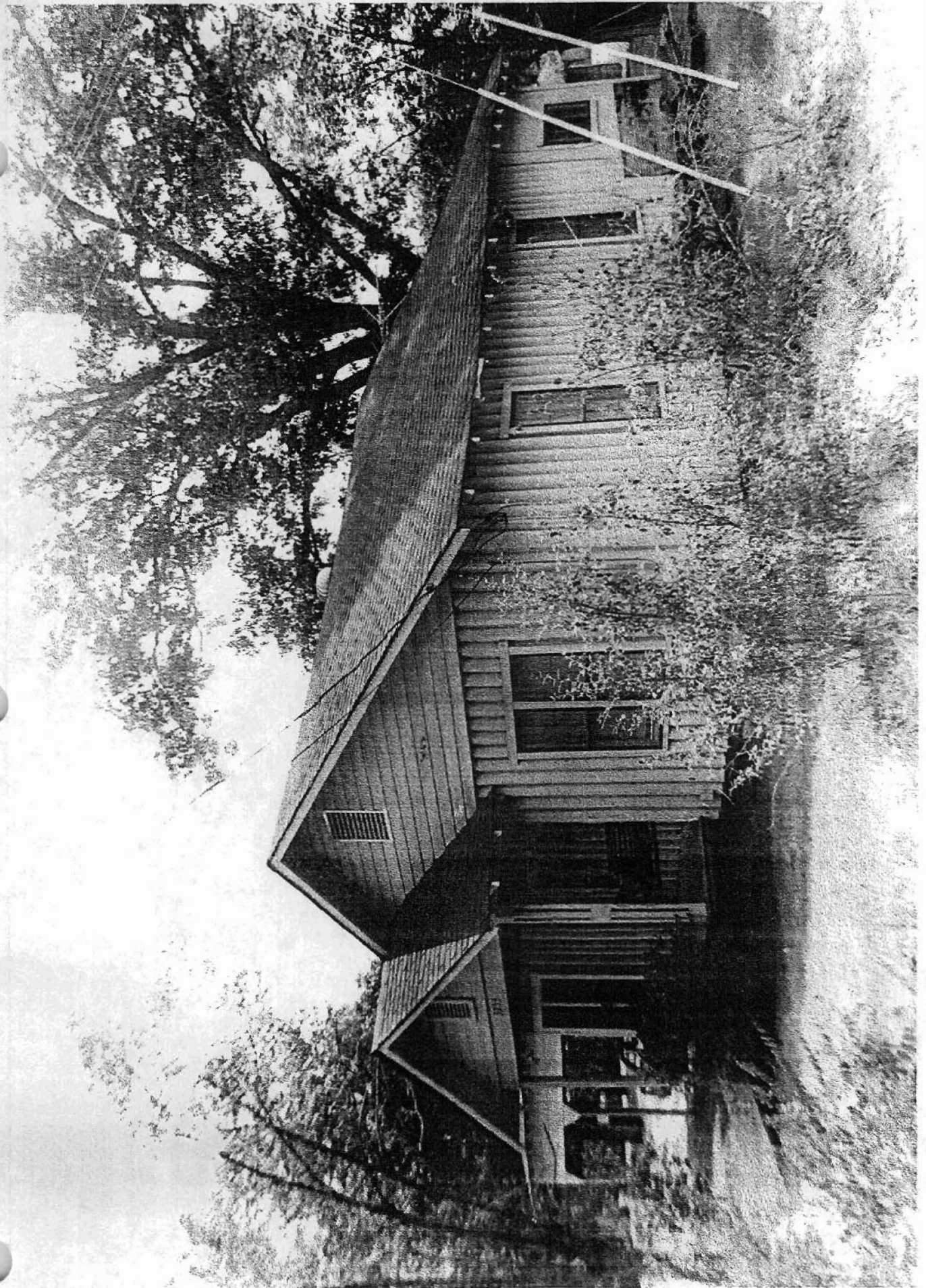
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1935-1945
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