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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Flavius Holt House

AND/OR COMMON

Rhodes House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Kohler Street, Route #4, Box 13

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Howard

CODE

061

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Rhodes

STREET & NUMBER

Route #4, Box 13

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Flavius Holt House is a single story, single-pile structure with central hall. The roof is gabled with a single exterior end chimney on the west. There is a shed addition on the rear (north). On the front is a Victorian pedimented portico with full entablature. Within the portico's pediment is a secondary pediment joined to the first by vertically placed brackets with scroll tops. The cornice is particularly well articulated. The portico is supported by four box-columns, two on each side of the front, and by two pilasters where the portico joins the house. The columns are bracketed with "free-form" curvilinear brackets. Siding within the confines of the portico and its ceiling is wide flush board. The original siding on the house is narrow weather board. (Siding is patched on the west and is novelty siding on the east.) The house had a wide frieze board with ogee cornice and end pilaster. The frieze ends abruptly on the west and east where the shed addition joins the house. The addition has returns.

Windows are six over six. The entrance door, transom and sidelights have been changed.

The interior is in good condition and has its original molding.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Before 1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Flavius Holt House is a frame, single-story, structure noteworthy for its associations with the early settlement of Nashville, Arkansas, with innkeeper Flavius Holt and Nashville's early hotel trade and for the distinctive architectural treatment of its facade.

While it is known that the house was standing in 1877, the time of its purchase by Flavius Holt, no established date can be given for the building's construction. Set north of the banks of Dodson Creek, one of the focal points around which occurred the initial settlement of Nashville, the Holt House rests on property initially deeded to Isaac Cooper Perkins, the first settler on the site of present-day Nashville. Traditional accounts claim that Perkins first built a one-room, log cabin, before 1836, near the site of the Flavius Holt House. This cabin, the first building in Nashville, is said to have later served as an unconnected kitchen to a two-room, central-breezeway cabin, built by Perkins before 1850, on the site of the Holt House. Furthermore, it is claimed that the second or central-breezeway cabin forms the nucleus to the rear half of the existing Flavius Holt structure. An on-site inspection of the house by staff members of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program disclosed that 1) the original log cabin, later used as a kitchen, is gone, 2) the rear half of the Flavius Holt House could well have been a two-room, central-breezeway dwelling, but that this section of the building does not appear to have been built before the front half of the house and 3) the really distinctive architectural properties of the house are located on the building's front half. However, no conclusive statement can be made about the origins of the house, other than it appeared much as it does today by the 1870's.

Flavius Holt was born in Lebanon, Tennessee in 1846. A year after his birth, his family settled in Hempstead County, Arkansas. He served with the First Arkansas (Confederate) cavalry during the Civil War and participated in a number of engagements in southern Arkansas. In 1869 he entered the mercantile business in Nashville. In 1871 he married Hope Parker and they had six children.

Holt purchased the Flavius Holt House in 1877 and began operating it as a tavern and inn, which is designated in The History of Howard County (1973) as being the first professional hostelry in Nashville. At this time, the house also served as a stagecoach stop for stage lines that ran in southwest Arkansas. A 1936 reminiscence about the Holt inn and tavern by Nashville attorney, W. C. Rodgers, stated that "Mr. Holt kept a popular place of entertainment and the traveling public seemed to be glad to get to Nashville for a pleasant stay with him. They (Mr. and Mrs. Holt) kept a table that would tempt the appetite of the most confirmed grouch and dyspeptic. They were excellent people and one of the most hospitable families that ever lived in Nashville."

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However, the success of the inn was short-lived. In 1884 the railroad made its appearance in Nashville and almost immediately thereafter, the center of town shifted from the close vicinity of Dodson Creek to land parallel to the railroad tracks, a good distance to the south of the creek. The Holts sold the Flavius Holt House and for a number of years kept the Nashville Hotel, situated in a location better suited to take advantage of rail travel.

Currently, the Flavius Holt House is one of about three surviving structures that commemorate Nashville's early, pre-railway development around Dodson Creek. Although development has occurred north of the creek in the intervening years, the section of Kohler Street on which the house stands is appropriately isolated. The relatively simple, single pile, central hall dwelling is lifted above the ordinary run of structures of its type by the impressive Victorian, pedimented portico with full entablature, which dominates the facade (south elevation). Within the portico's pediment is a secondary pediment joined to the fir by vertically placed brackets with scroll tops. The cornice is particularly well articulated. The portico is supported by four box-columns, two on each side of the front and by two pilasters where the portico joins the house. The columns are bracketed with "free-form" curvilinear brackets.

The present owners of the Flavius Holt House, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Rhodes, are committed to maintaining the character, especially facade integrity, of the house.



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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME _____
UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

A []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C []
E []
G []

B []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D []
F []
H []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
TATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE
Frezil Miller, Architectural Historian; Mike Shinn, Historian
ORGANIZATION
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE
2/22/78
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Suite 500, Continental Bldg., Main & Markham Streets 501-371-2763
CITY OR TOWN STATE
Little Rock Arkansas 72201

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____ STATE _____ LOCAL _____

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

TITLE DATE

USE ONLY

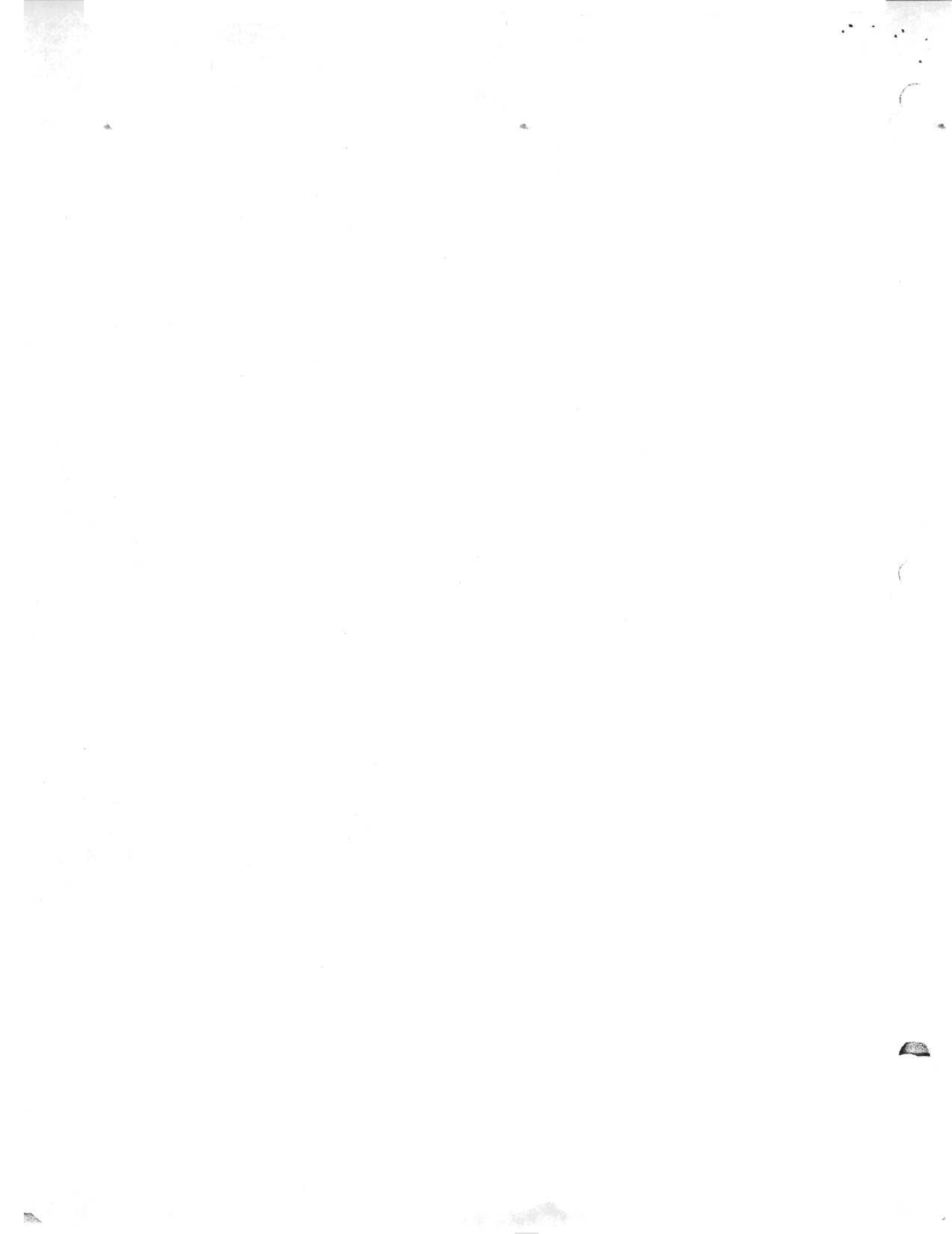
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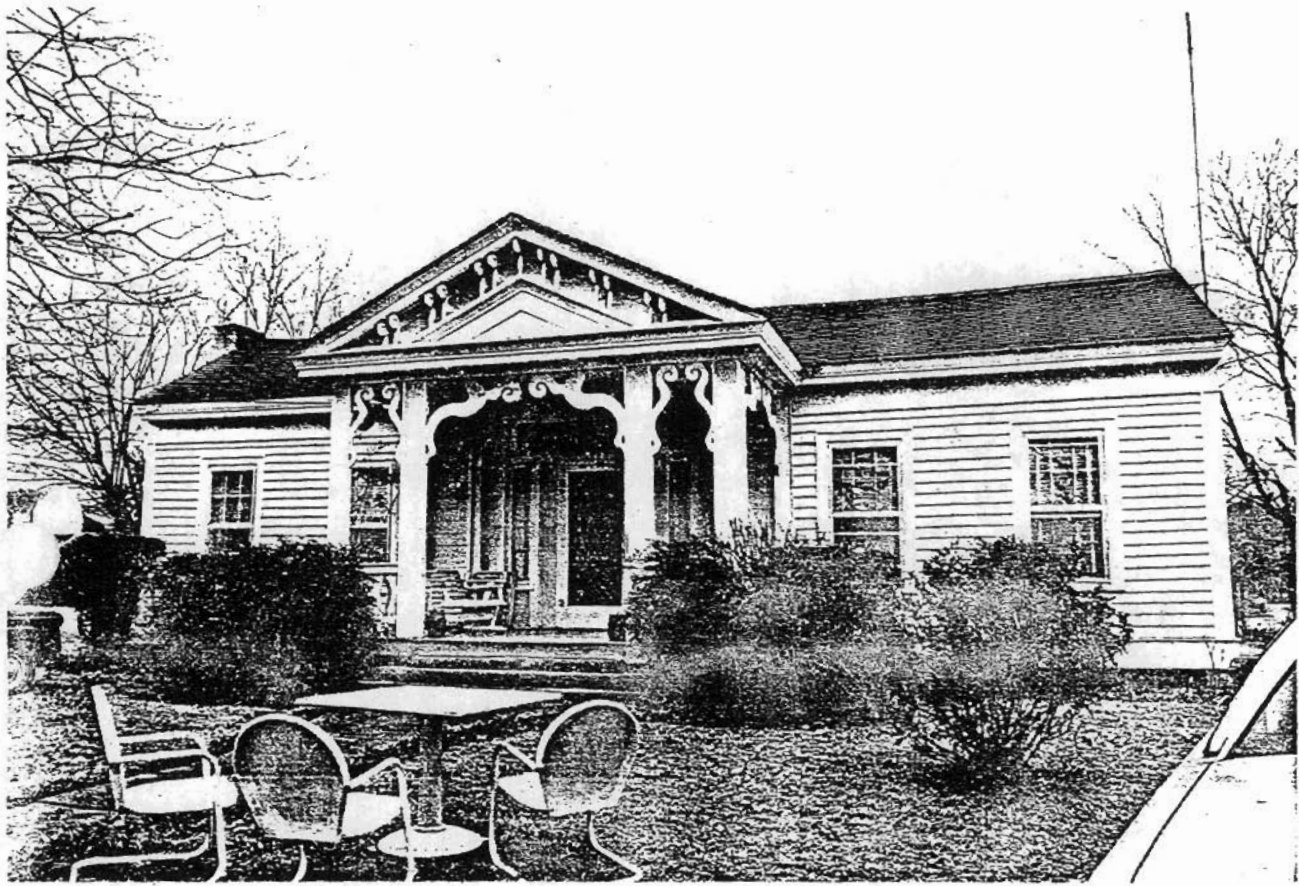
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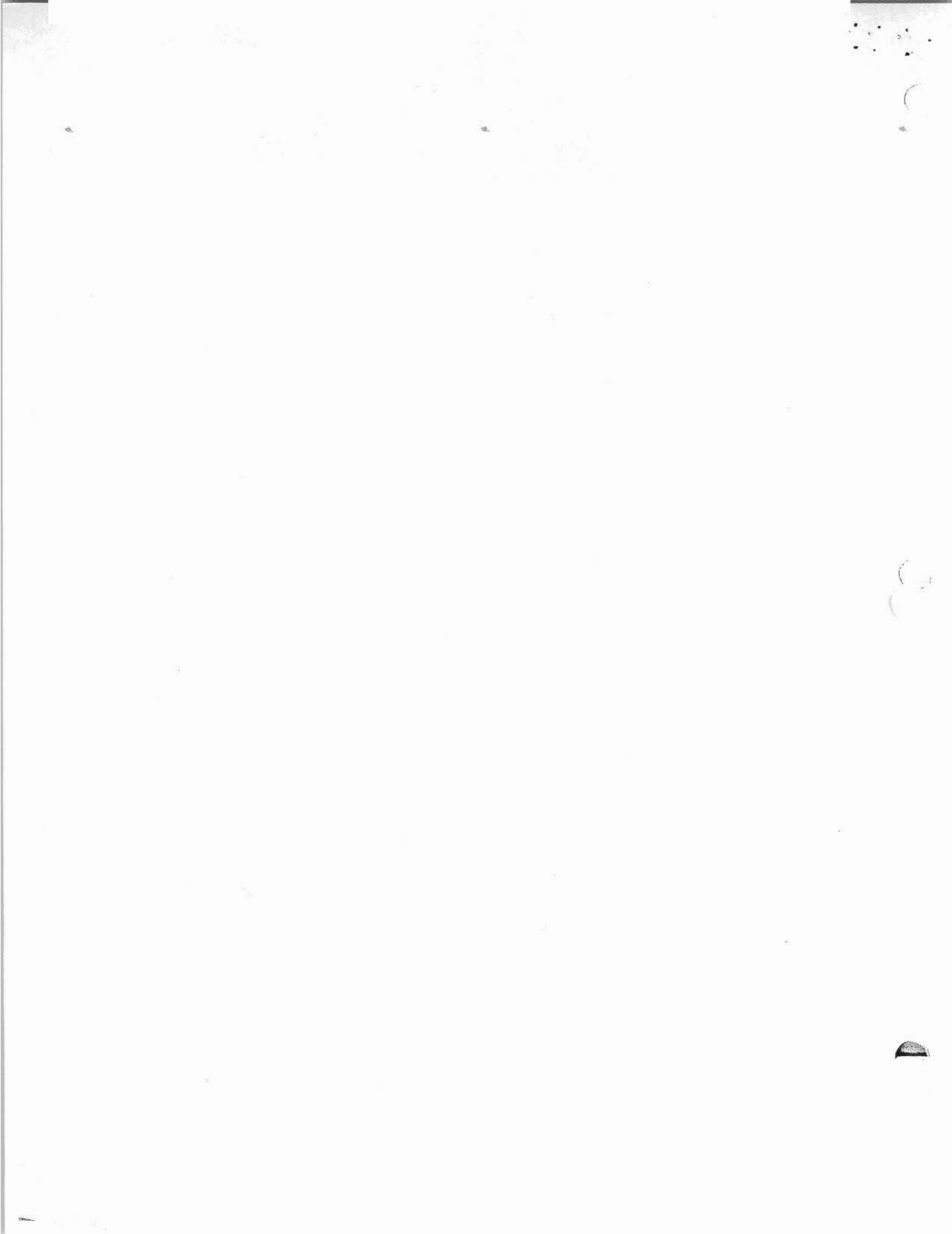
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION







NERAL SPRINGS NORTH)

LOCKESBURG 17 MI. DIERKS 17 MI.

57°30"



