



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



**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

Trulock-Cook House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

703 West Second Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Pine Bluff

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

069

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ben Pearson Estate

STREET & NUMBER

Trust Department - Simmons National Bank - Fifth & Main Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Pine Bluff

STATE

Arkansas 71601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse, Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

1800 East Harding Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Pine Bluff

STATE

Arkansas 71601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Trulock-Cook House was originally built as a single-family residence, ca. 1903. This one-and-a-half story frame structure is irregular in plan and massing, and is characteristic of the "Shingle Style" and Colonial Revival.

Roof shapes include several gambrels, a steeply sloping curved roof over the southwest corner of the porch, and a semi-conical roof projecting from the west gambrel over a small second floor balcony. Hipped dormers are found on the south and west facades. The porch wrapping around the west and south sides is rounded on the southwest corner and has a projecting semi-circular bay at the west entrance. Simple Tuscan columns support the porch roof while the balcony employs two Tuscan columns resting on stylobates. Weatherboards sheath the first floor, and cedar shakes (replacing the wooden shingles) are used on the roofs and gambrel-ends.

Double-hung windows vary from the standard two-over-two light sashes to multi-lights over one light sashes. In the south gambrel is a Palladian window with multi-lights in the upper sashes. Three double-hung windows project slightly under that south gambrel on the first floor. In the southwest corner of the first floor under the porch, the two windows have bowed sashes and glass. The oriel window on the west facade is made up of a group of three double-hung sashes and transoms, the whole of which is supported by decorative brackets. The geometry of the muntins in the oriel and porch windows is interesting in that each upper sash is made up of rectangular lights with a semi-circle at the bottom, and the lower sash is single light. Often the lights in the upper sashes are frosted. Above the double entrance doors on the west is a multi-light transom.

The original natural finish is still remaining on the interior pine doors, door and window trim, window seats, picture molds, and two original mantels. The ceramic tile surrounding the fire place openings and hearths is original. All first story floors are oak. Two sets of paneled pocket doors with transoms are found in the north rooms, while the pocket doors leading to the dining room on the south have glass with divided lights.

It is believed that the second floor half-story originally used as attic space. A steep narrow stair leads to this area from a small hall in the middle of the house. The attic was probably planned to be used as additional bedroom space as the original Trulock family outgrew the six basic rooms on the first floor. However, this did not occur and the rooms were never finished.

In the 1940's, the Trulock-Cook house was divided into apartments, and in the early 1970's, an attempt was made to convert the building into a duplex, but this project was never finished. Plans are currently being made to rehabilitate the house back into a single-family residence for descendants of the original owners. An extensive amount of renovation is planned, including rewiring, replumbing, a central heat and cooling system, and structural repairs.

All significant architectural features will be retained. The one exception to the restoration will be retention of the cedar shakes added in the early 1970's to replace the original wooden shingles. The cost of this aspect could make the project economically unfeasible.

Located in Pine Bluff's oldest residential area, the Trulock-Cook House is an integral part of this historic neighborhood.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Trulock-Cook House is an excellent Arkansas example of the continuation of the Shingle Style and Colonial Revival, and is the sole remaining structure of its type in Pine Bluff. Typical of the Shingle Style is its wide gambrel roof with the roof and gambrel-ends all shingled, the whole of which is the dominant element of the building. The Colonial Revival details include the Tuscan columned porch, the Palladian window, and classically detailed mantels. The projecting half-circled balcony in the west gambrel with its semi-conical roof is a unique and significant feature. The unusual geometry of the window sashes, the window seats, the large pocket doors, and the original interior wood finishes also contribute to making this building one of the most architecturally outstanding homes in Pine Bluff.

In addition to its architectural merit, the Trulock-Cook House is significant in its association with two prominent Pine Bluff families. The Trulock family has been involved with farming, banking, hotel operation and civic affairs in Pine Bluff and Jefferson County since their settlement there in 1844. The Cook family have long been well-known merchants in the city.

Pine Bluff is located in southeastern Arkansas. Situated at the head of the Arkansas River delta, settlement of Pine Bluff began around 1820 as river trade developed. By 1832, Pine Bluff had become the trading center in southeast Arkansas and at the time of its incorporation in 1839, the surrounding land had been cleared by homesteaders with cotton as the dominant element of the economic base. The first newspaper in Pine Bluff was begun in 1847 and the first manufacturing establishment began operation in 1850.

In 1860 when the population of Pine Bluff was about 700, John J. Hammett bought two lots in the city from William E. Woodruff, founder of the Arkansas Gazette. In 1873 Hammett's daughter married Marshall Sutton Trulock. Trulock's family had come from Georgia to Jefferson County in 1844 and established a large plantation. Following his marriage, Marshall Trulock bought Lot 2 of Block 32, Woodruff Addition to Pine Bluff from his father-in-law. In 1876 Trulock built the Trulock-Gould-Mullis House (added to the National Register of Historic Places 1-3-78).

Upon the death of John Hammett, Marshall Trulock and his wife bought the other lot included in Hammett's original purchase. Their son, Harry Trulock, subsequently purchased the lot in 1903 and shortly thereafter constructed the Trulock-Cook House.

The Harry Trulock family occupied the structure until it was sold to Joe Cook in 1918. Cook operated a large wholesale grocery in Pine Bluff,

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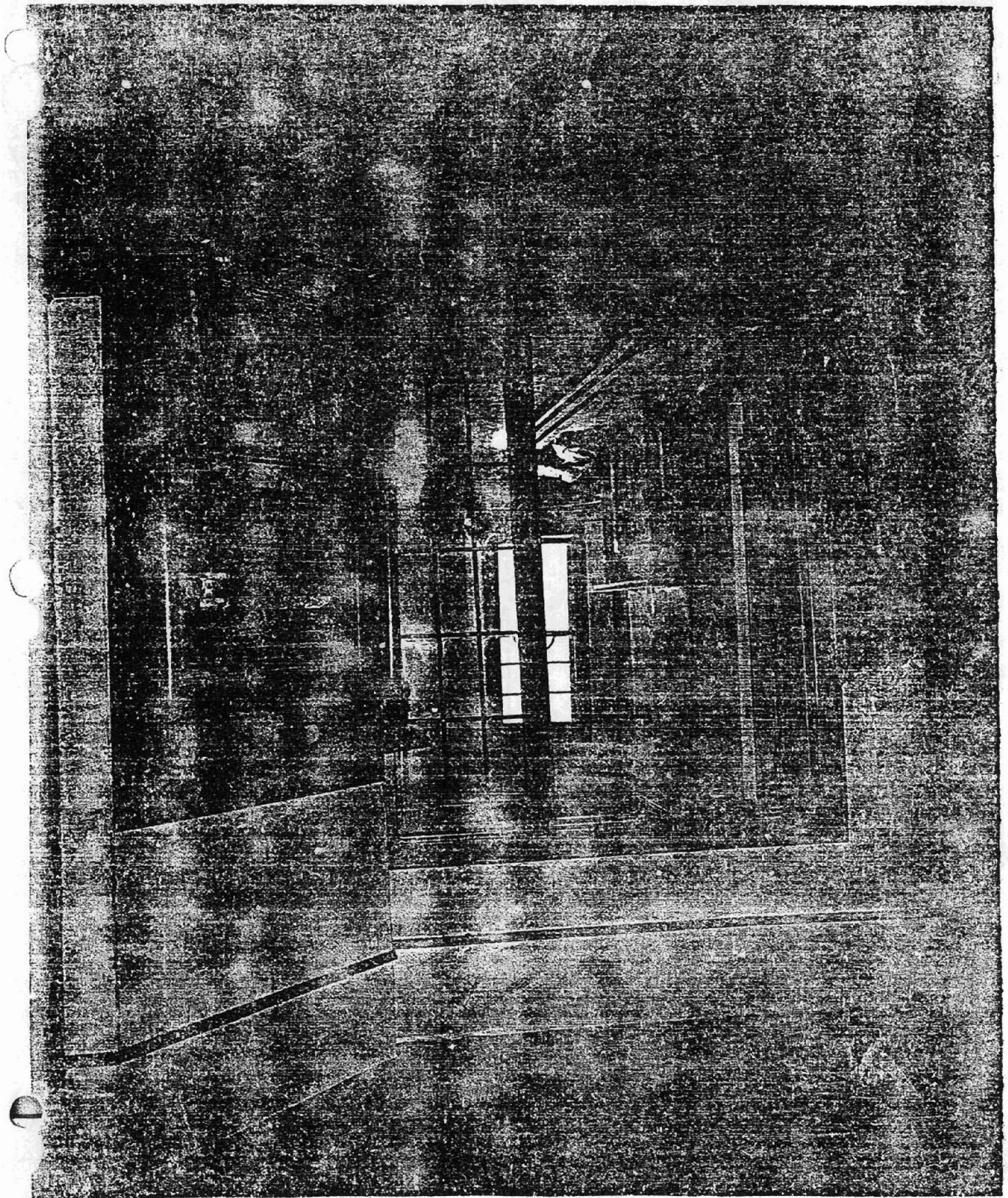
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During the time the Trulock and Cook families occupied the house, it was a single family residence. After the Cook family sold the house in 1940, it was divided into six apartments. In January, 1966, Ben Pearson, manufacturer of archery equipment, began purchasing all of the houses in Block 32. At the time of his death in 1971, Pearson owned all of Block 32 and had succeeded in restoring all of the homes except the Trulock-Cook House. Pearson had, however, begun work on the house. He had plans to convert it to a duplex with the exterior restored to its original appearance. No work has been done on the Trulock-Cook House since Pearson's death. At present, a descendant of Marshall Trulock is in the process of purchasing and restoring the family home.

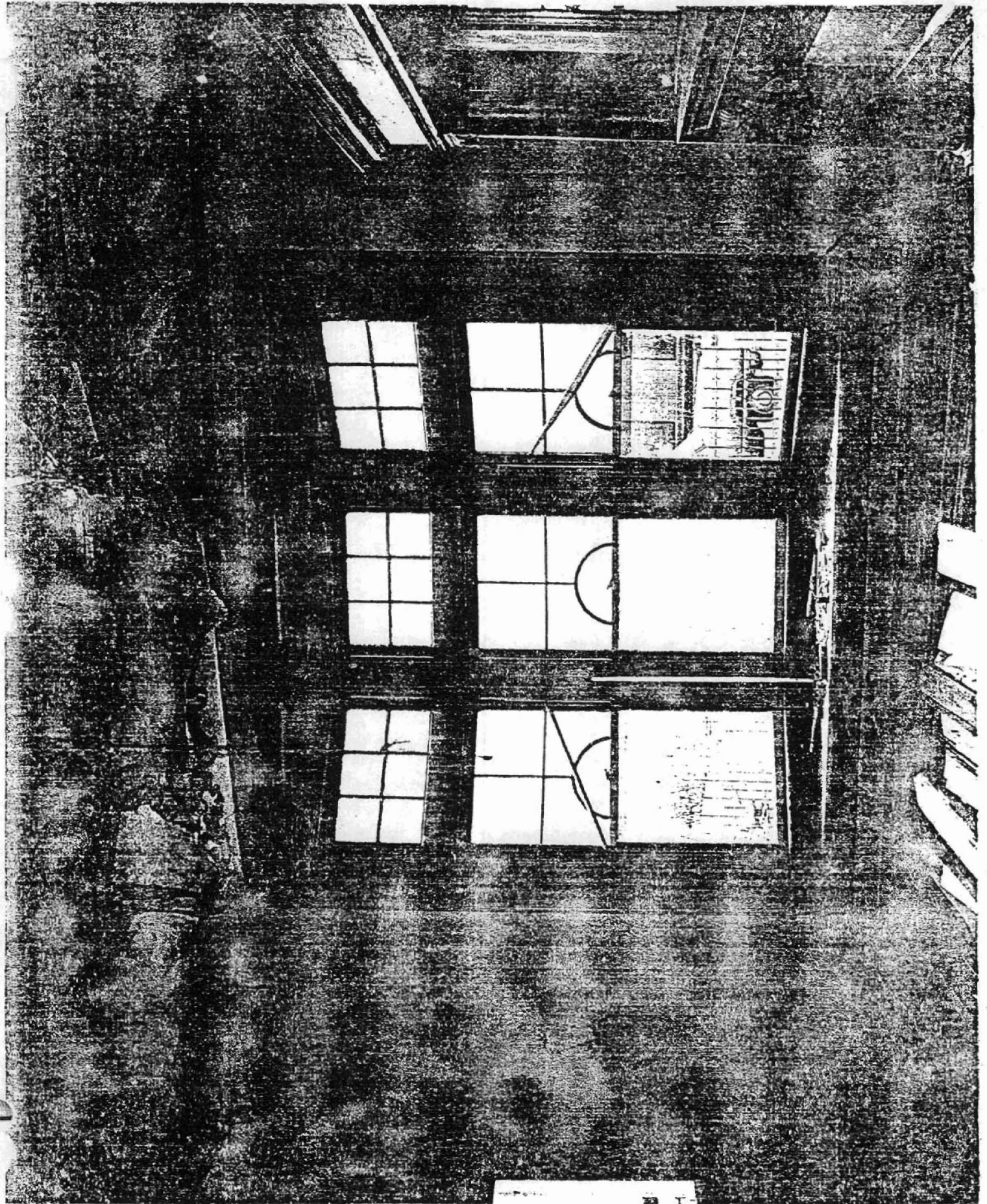
Block 32 of the Woodruff Addition to Pine Bluff is an intact collection of architecturally significant structures. Three of the structures in the block are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These are the Hudson-Grace-Borreson House (National Register 6-24-71), the Roth-Rosenzweig House (National Register 12-12-76), and the Trulock-Gould-Mullis House (National Register 1-3-78). The other two houses in the block, the Rowell-Day House and the Day-List House have been restored.

Restoration of the Trulock-Cook House will complete the "Pearson Block" (as it is known locally). Very few blocks in Pine Bluff's historic residential section remain as intact and original in appearance as the "Pearson Block." As the last step in completing Pearson's project, renovation and recognition of the Trulock-Cook House will serve as an example and stimulus for restoration of Pine Bluff's historic resources.

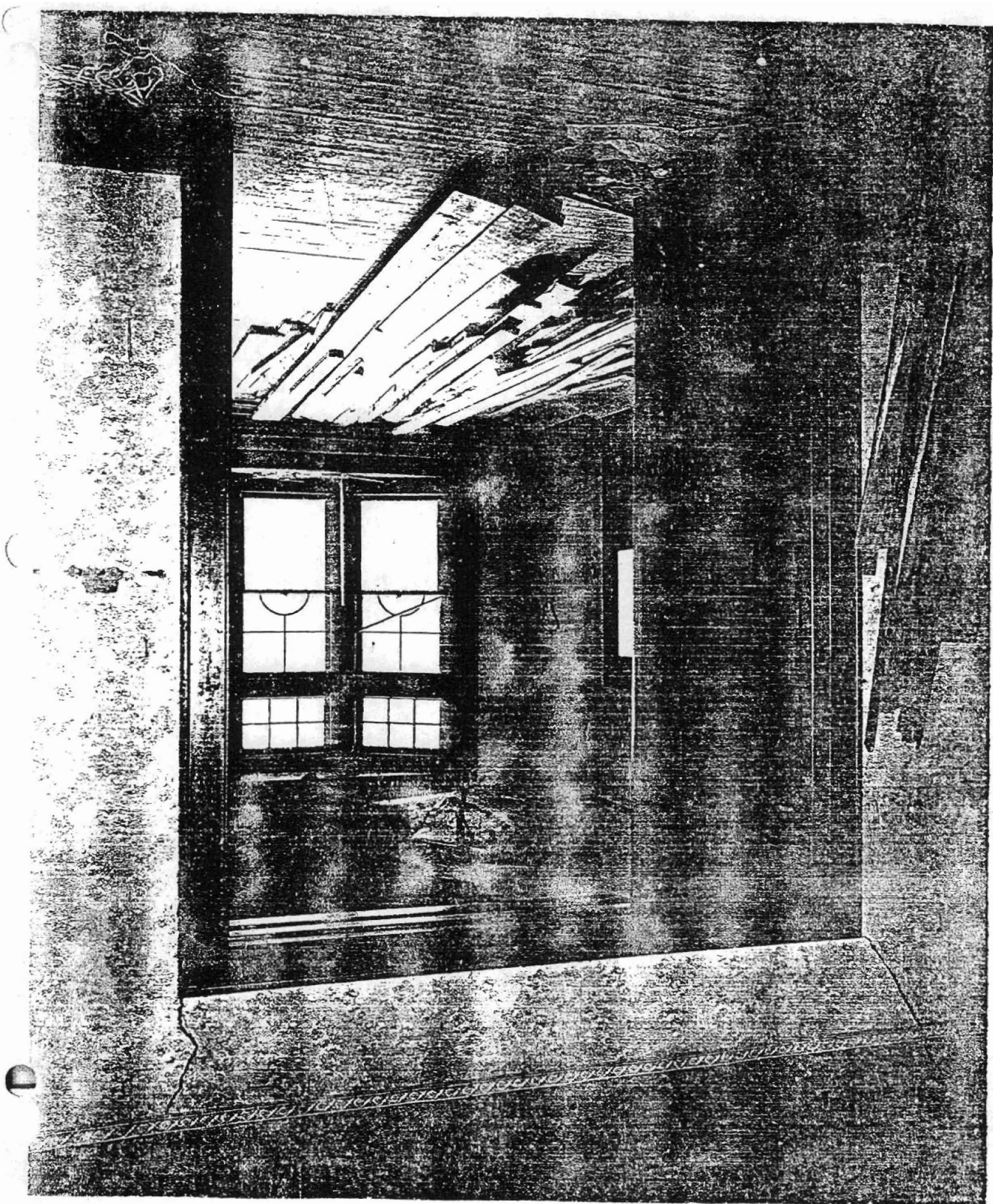


Trulock-Cook House
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Bob Dunn

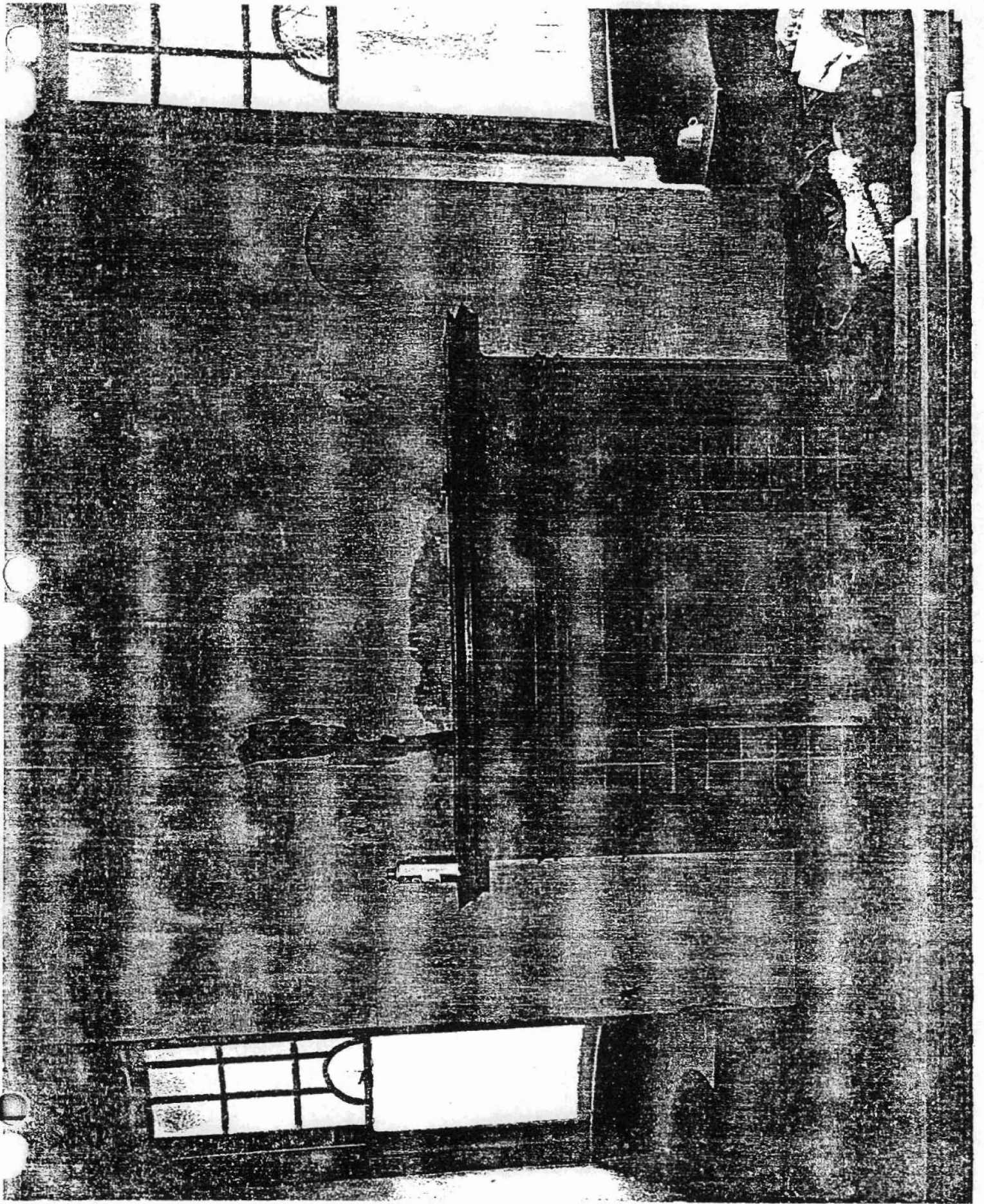
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interior view, note mantel, woodwork
photo # 9



1. Trulock-Cook House
2. Pine Bluff, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. December, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. window detail
7. photo # 8



1. Trulock-Cook House
2. Pine Bluff, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. December, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. detail of woodwork, viewed from dining room, looking southeast
7. photo # 7



1. Trulock-Cook House
2. Pine Bluff, Arkansas
3. Bob Dunn
4. December, 1978
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. mantel in east parlor
7. photo # 6



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Pine Bluff, Arkansas

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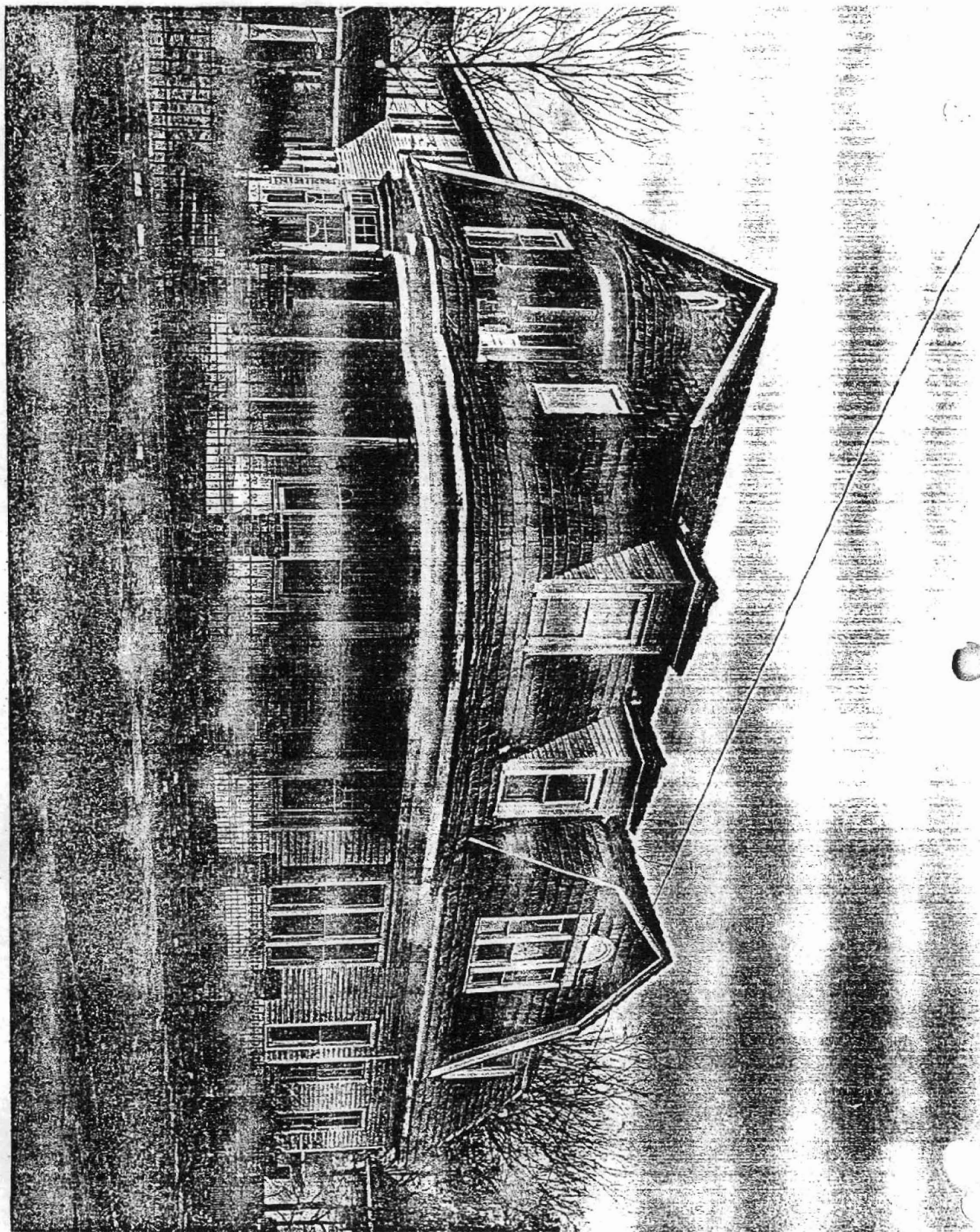
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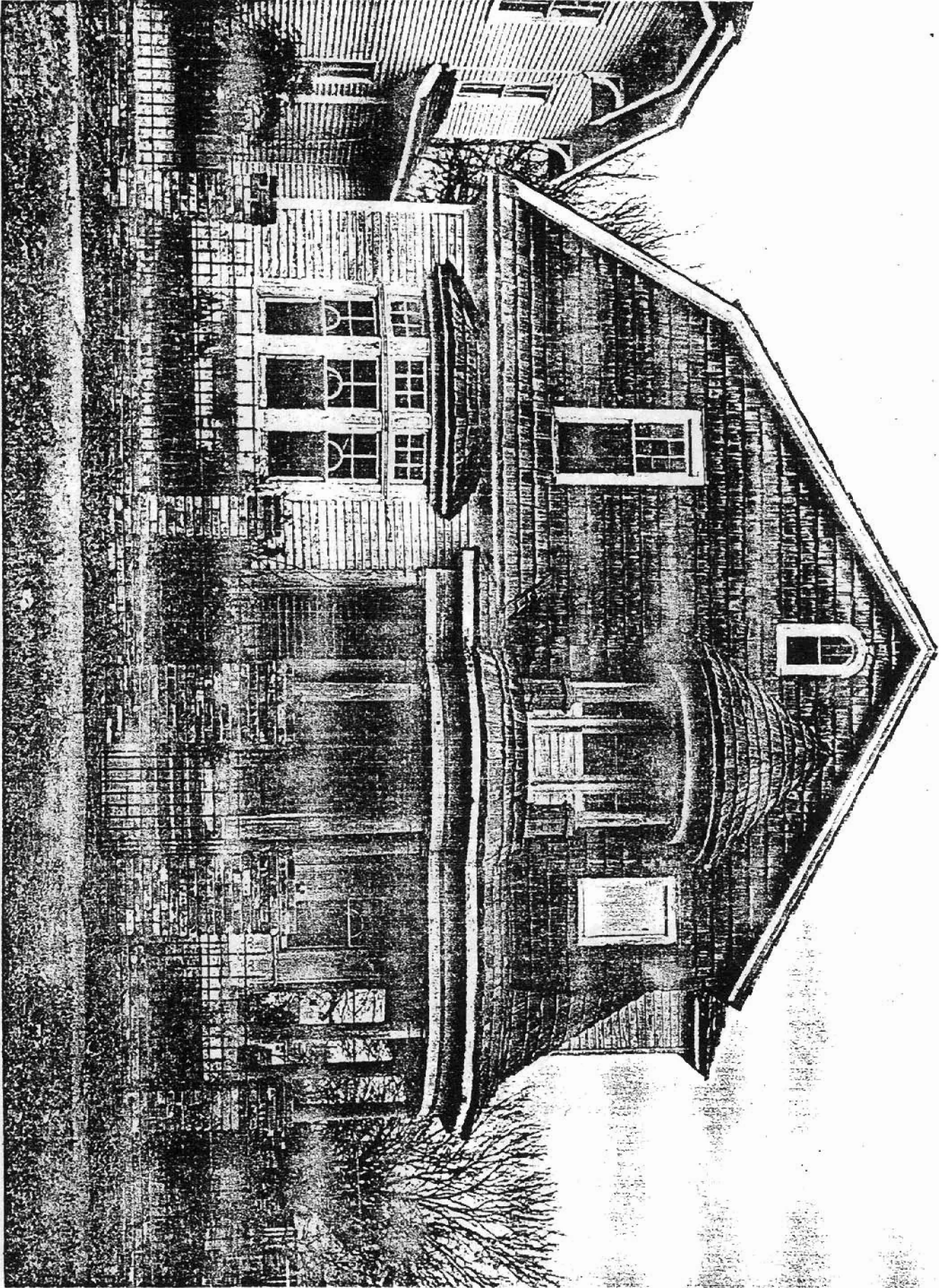
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 6. viewed from the southeast
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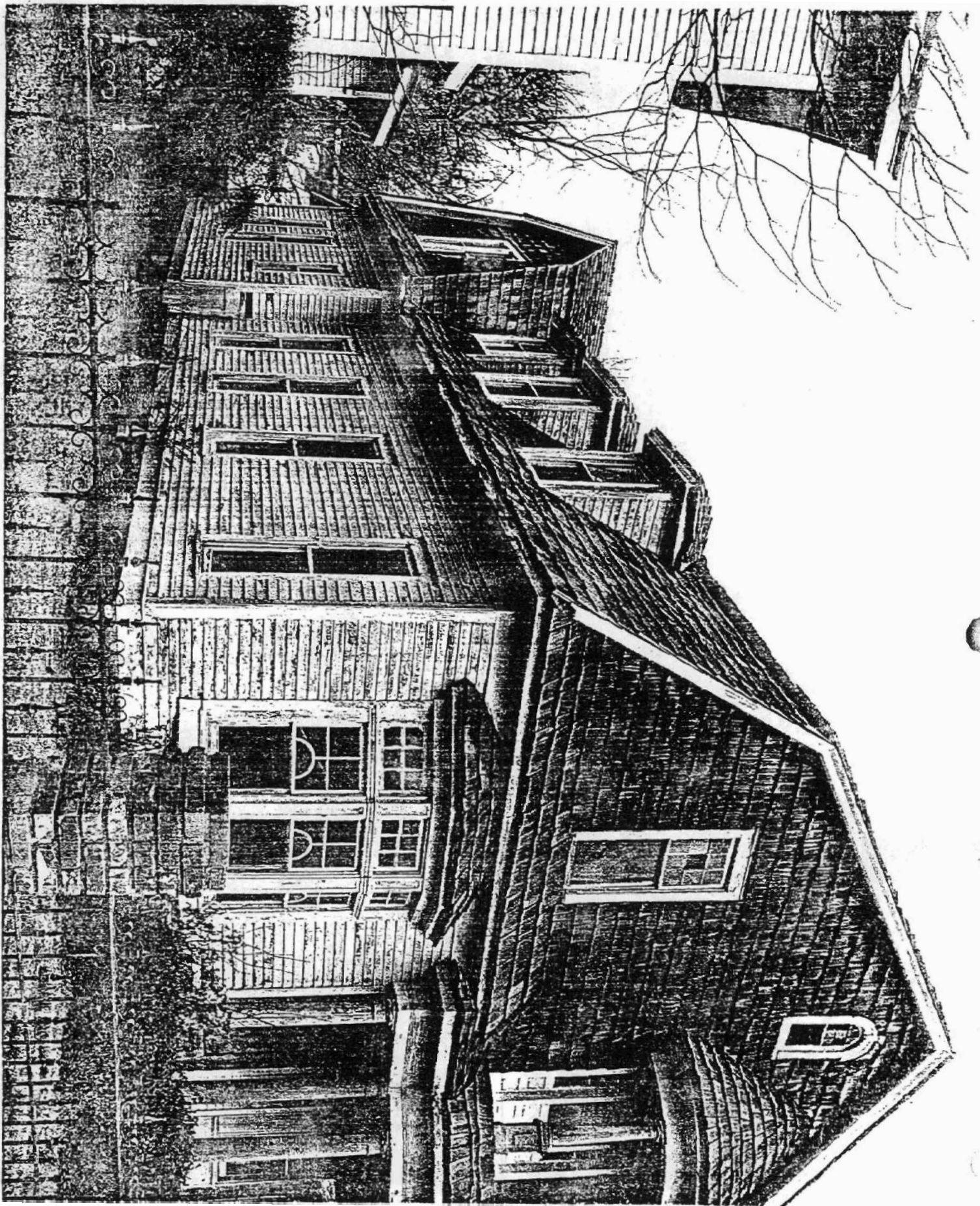
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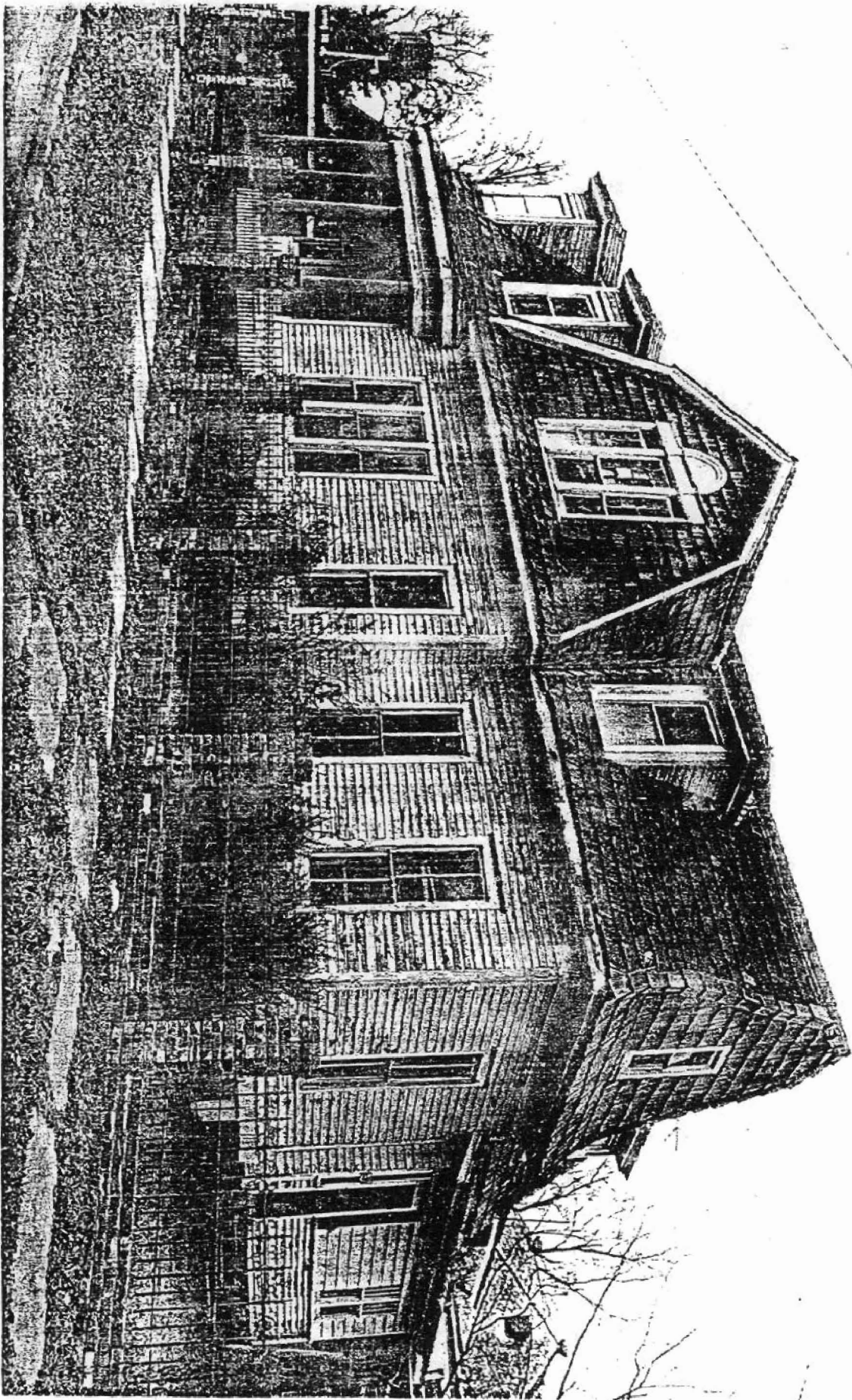
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Trulock-Cook House
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Bob Dunn
December, 1978
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
viewed from the northeast
photo # 4



- Trulock-Cook House
- Pine Bluff, Arkansas
- Bob Dunn
- December, 1978
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
- east parlor, note mantel and curved windows
- photo # 5

