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July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Arkansas	
COUNTY:	
Jefferson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Du Bocage

AND/OR HISTORIC: Judge J. W. Bocage Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1115 West 4th

CITY OR TOWN: Pine Bluff

STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 069

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Pine Bluff Optimist Club

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Pine Bluff STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Pine Bluff STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Some Historic Buildings in Arkansas, A. Edwin Kendrew, James R. Short, Henry A. Judd, John L. Ferguson

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Arkansas History Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: Old State House - 300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Du Bocage, the popular name for the home built by Judge Joseph W. Bocage, in 1866, was constructed of lumber cut and milled on his land.

The floor plan of the original portion consisted of five rooms about a central entrance hall housing a circular stair; the second floor has two bedrooms flanking the central hall and stairwell.

Two story and wood framed, Du Bocage is finished with horizontal siding and corner boards.

Elements of the Greek Revival are evident in the pedimented, two story entrance portico supported by four square, tapered columns with moulded capitals and square plinths. A balcony extends across the entire front (south) facade and is supported on columns composed of four vertical, square members separated by blocking at midheight to create a light, open effect, contrasting the strong lines of the portico columns. The railing has flat balusters, closely spaced with larger turned newels at the corners.

The main roof is of high pitched gable construction with boxed cornice and frieze. The gable ends have boxed cornices and returns, the gable ends and portico pediment are pierced with triangular capped, louvered vents.

The main windows are double hung sashes with flat surrounds and corner blocks. They have a 6 x 6 pattern of lights and are shuttered with louvered blinds.

The main entrance door surround is plain and is within an architrave with side lights and a transom the full width of the paneled door and side lights. The second floor entry from the balcony is nearly identical with the first.

The two main chimneys, one offset right, one offset left, are inside end, and straddle the ridge. They are brick laid running bond and terminate in corbeled caps.

The house, now owned by the Optimist Club of Pine Bluff, is in good condition and well maintained.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The J. W. Bocage home is architecturally significant as a well preserved example of late Greek Revival style.

The period of construction influenced by the Greek Revival was, in Arkansas, from the early 1830's to the early 1860's. With a few exceptions, one of which being the Bocage house, the period was over by the end of the Civil War.

By 1870, the Victorian style had begun to emerge. The Bocage house possesses some features, such as the steeply sloped roof line, more related to the Victorian than the Greek Revival, indicating a transitional phase between the two styles.

Judge Joseph W. Bocage was born on the island of St. Lucia, in the West Indies, on May 8, 1819. He was the son of William Bocage, a sugar planter. Joseph was named after his grandfather, Joseph Isadore Bocage, a Frenchman, who had been the French Consul, at New York, shortly after the American Revolution. The Bocage family owned a sugar plantation on St. Lucia, but after the Emancipation Act of Great Britain, which freed the West Indian slaves, the Bocage family emigrated to the United States. Joseph Bocage's parents died young. The father died at age twenty-one and his mother at nineteen. Young Bocage was placed in the care of a maiden cousin of his mother's who lived in North Carolina. Bocage was, therefore, raised and educated in that State.

As a very young man he came to Arkansas to "read" medicine with Dr. Albert W. Webb, of Columbia in Chicot County. Bocage was apparently not suited for the medical profession, nor was his health too good when faced with the malarial diseases then prevalent in Chicot County. He moved to the higher ground and pine trees of Pine Bluff. At the time of his arrival there were only eight houses.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, Continued

Joseph Bocage began to read law with James Yell, nephew of Governor Archibald Yell. When he was twenty-one he was admitted to the Bar and -at the same time- Governor Yell appointed him State's Attorney for the Second Judicial District (Pine Bluff). He practiced law in Pine Bluff from 1840 to 1853.

In addition to his law practice Joseph Bocage had become a planter. He had acquired property, slaves, and equipment, and had, by 1853 reached the point where he was more planter than lawyer. The Civil War, however, was to change his life and his livelihood.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he raised a company of cavalry in Pine Bluff. He was later granted a commission as a Lieutenant-Colonel and served the Confederacy in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Texas. In the latter stages of his service he was a Commissary Officer and was concerned with procuring and creating military supplies and equipment for the Confederate forces.

At the close of the war he returned to Pine Bluff to find that the conflict had cost him his slaves and plantation. He saw, however, new opportunities in rebuilding a country which had been damaged, and development retarded, by four years of war. In partnership with Colonel M. L. Bell he began to build sawmills and to manufacture lumber. Bocage and Bell were successful. By 1866 Judge Bocage was utilizing lumber from his own mills to build his home. Within a few years Bocage and Bell had sawmills in various parts of the county, and even a steam brick-factory. At a later date Judge Bocage established J. W. Bocage and Company which manufactured steam engines and other machinery. Despite a disastrous fire, in 1873, which destroyed his factory, Judge Bocage managed to remain a successful and enterprising businessman. He died at Pine Bluff on January 15, 1898.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Arkansas History Commission, Bowden, Bernice, "The Bocage
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Kendrew, A. Edwin, et al, Some Historic Buildings of Arkan-
 sas. Little Rock: Arkansas History Commission, 1968, MSS

_____ Encyclopedia of the New West, Marshall, Texas:
 The United States Biographical Publishing Co., 1881.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.14 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Staff

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 3-12-71

STREET AND NUMBER: Arkansas Historical Preservation Program

1023 West Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na-
 tional 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. The recommended
 level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: George M. Reynolds
 George M. Reynolds

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: March 12, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the
 National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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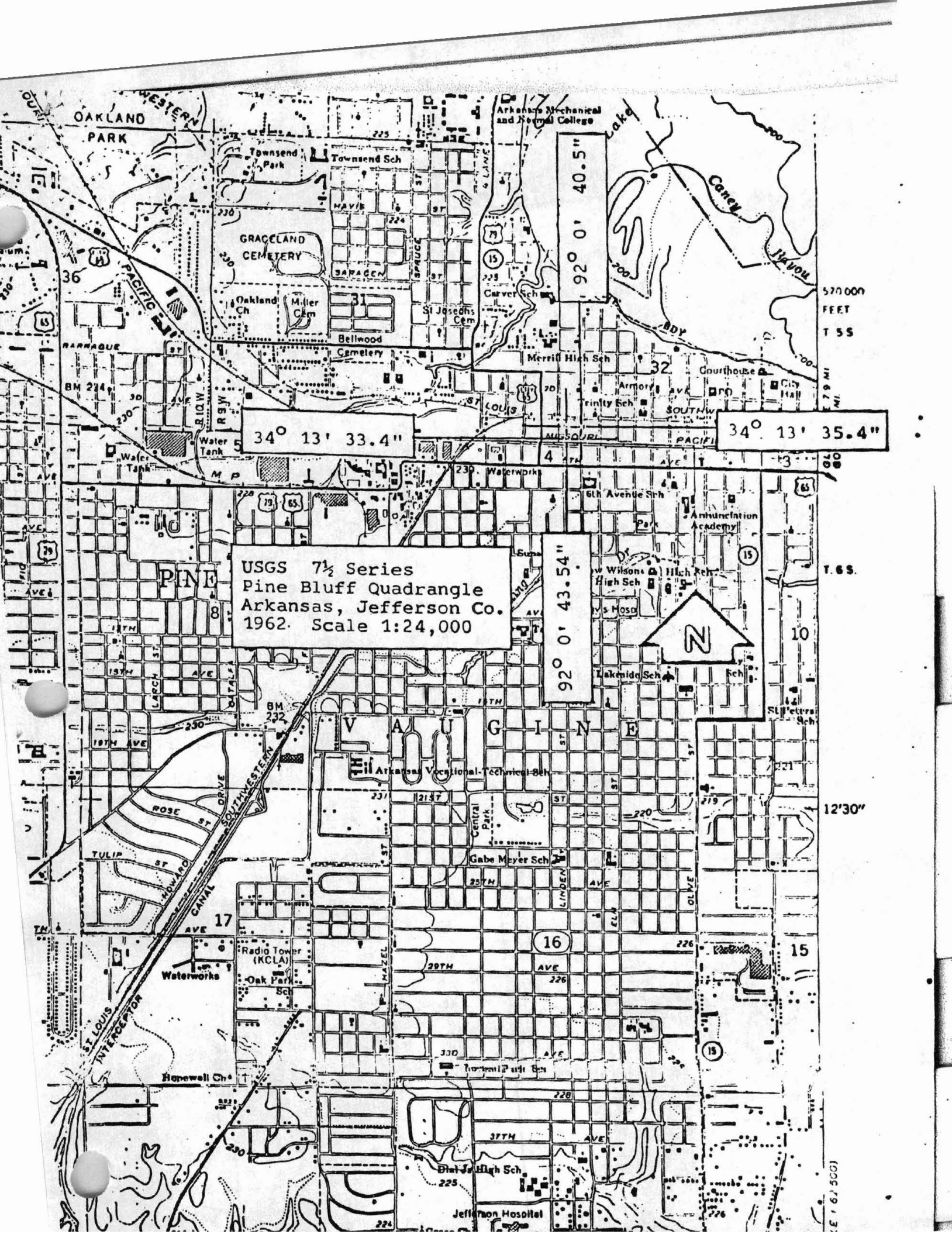
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Pine Bluff			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arkansas	05	Jefferson	069
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
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SCALE:			
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4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



USGS 7 1/2 Series
Pine Bluff Quadrangle
Arkansas, Jefferson Co.
1962. Scale 1:24,000

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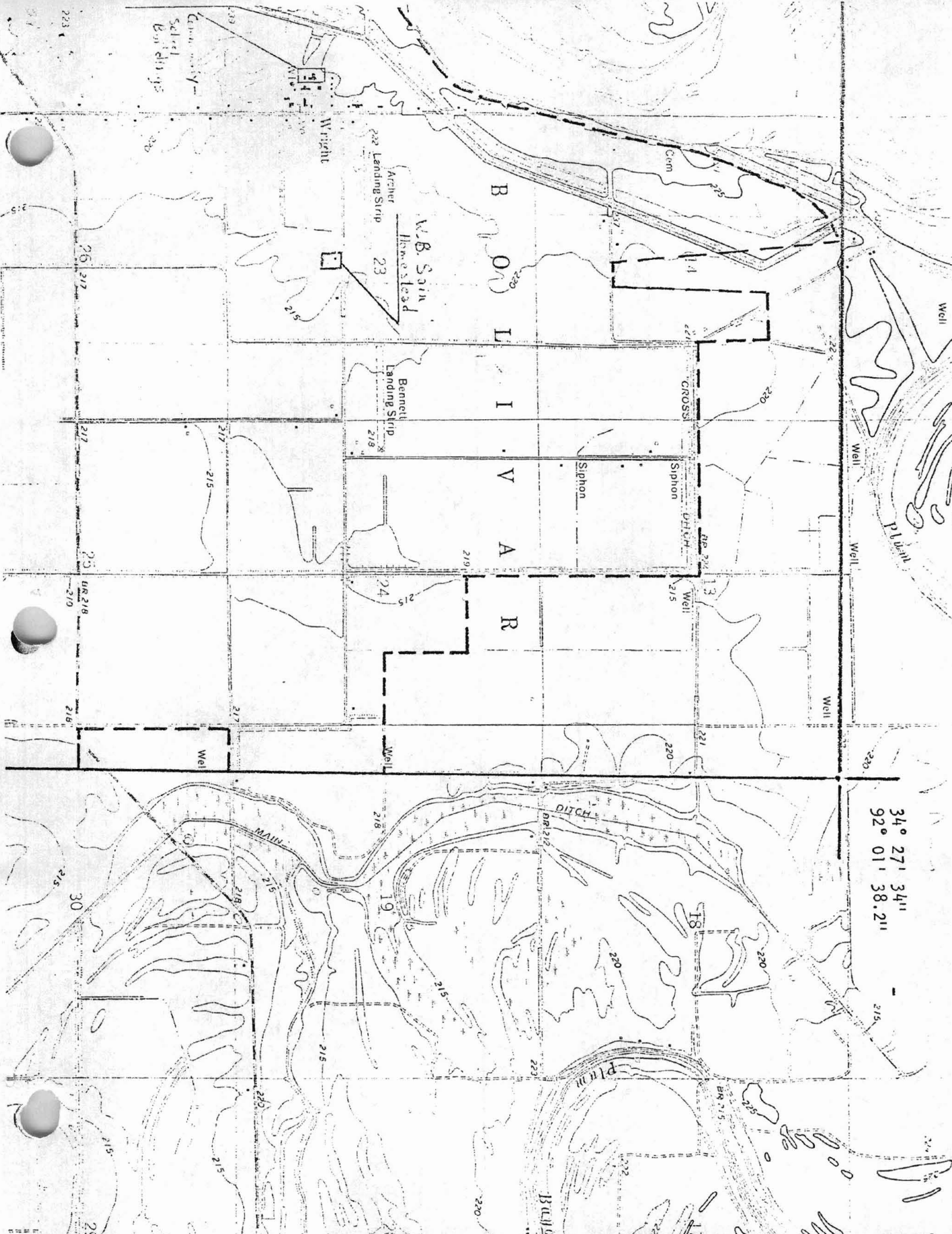
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