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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lasater, Freeborn T., House

other names/site number New Blaine-2

2. Location

street & number 494 Arkansas Highway 197

not for publication

city or town New Blaine

vicinity

state Arkansas Code AR county Logan code 083 zip code 72851

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cathi Matthews

5/13/02

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

Lasater, Freeborn T., House
Name of Property

Logan County, Arkansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of New Blaine,
Arkansas

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

HEALTH CARE: clinic

GOVERNMENT: post office

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation STONE

walls Sandstone

Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1928-1933

Significant Dates

1928, 1933

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Lasater, Freeborn T.- Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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National Park Service

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SUMMARY

Located at along Highway 197 in New Blaine, Arkansas, the Freeborn Lasater House is the best example of Craftsman style home in the small community. Freeborn Lasater built the house with help from his wife and children. Construction began on the home in 1928, but took over six years to complete. The house is a one story Craftsman Bungalow constructed primarily of field stone. To give the house a more unique appearance, petrified wood and Native American stone tools that were found by the family at the building site were incorporated into the building's masonry. The home sits on a continuous stone foundation and is sheltered under a gable roof. A small weatherboard addition is located at the back of the house. The date of the addition was not documented, but we know the addition was completed shortly after the house was originally constructed.

ELABORATION

Located along Highway 197 in New Blaine, Arkansas, the Freeborn Lasater House is the best example of Craftsman style home in the small community. Freeborn Lasater built the house with help from his wife and children. Construction began on the home in 1928, but took over six years to complete. The house is a one story Craftsman Bungalow constructed primarily of field stone. To give the house a more unique appearance, petrified wood and stone Native American tools that were found by the family at the building site were incorporated into the building's masonry. The home sits on a continuous stone foundation and is sheltered under a gable roof. The house features a full front porch with the letters F T L, the builder's initials, written in rock in the gable end of the porch roof. The house is in excellent condition and has been changed very little since its construction was completed.

Front

The house faces west toward Arkansas Highway 197. A full front porch dominates the elevation. The porch is covered by a gable roof that is supported by a pair of small wood columns atop large rock piers. The house is fenestrated by two four-over-one double-hung windows. The two front windows are separated by a centrally located front entryway. The letters F T L are spelled out in the stonework in the gable end of the front porch. The initials are that of the house's builder and original owner, Freeborn T. Lasater.

South Elevation

The south side of the house is fenestrated by two three-over-one double-hung windows. This is followed by a small side projection containing three more three-over-one windows. The last fenestration on the original stone portion of the building is a three-over-one window. The rear portion of the elevation is made up of the weatherboard-sheathed addition. There are no windows located on the south side of the addition.

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East Elevation (Back)

The rear portion of the building is composed entirely of the weatherboard addition. The exact date of the addition is not known, however through conversations with long time residents of the town, it has been established that the addition was made shortly after the house's original construction. A single doorway sheltered by an awning provides rear access to the house. The elevation is also fenestrated by five two-over-two double-hung windows.

North Elevation

The back portion of the north elevation is part of the addition and is fenestrated by a pair of two-over-two double-hung windows. Moving west along the elevation, the house is fenestrated by two small three-over-one windows. Continuing west, a projection fenestrated by three three-over-one windows is located near the center of the elevation. Two more three-over-one windows are separated by the building's native stone exterior chimney on the easternmost part of the elevation.

Site Features

One site feature is still located on the property, a native stone open well. The well is topped with a large slab stone with a hole in the center. The well is still usable today, unlike many that have been capped for safety reasons.

Integrity

The Freeborn T. Lasater House posses a high degree of integrity as its workmanship and elements are still evidenced on each elevation of the building. The workmanship and materials are true to the style and craftsmanship of the small town's gifted stonemasons. The location and of the building remains unchanged giving the building a strong sense of place.

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SUMMARY

Located along Arkansas Highway 197 in Logan County, Arkansas, the Freeborn T. Lasater House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best example of a Craftsman style house in New Blaine, Arkansas. The house has been altered very little and uses native stone mixed with artifacts found at the house site to give it a very unique appearance among other stone buildings in the town. The house is also being nominated as part of the multiple property listing: **Historic and Architectural Resources of New Blaine, Arkansas: 1920-1940.**

ELABORATION

Freeborn Lasater was a merchant and stone mason in the town of Blaine. The town of Blaine began shifting from the north side of Shoal Creek to the south side of the creek when the railroad made plans to come through the area on the south side of the creek. Eventually the location of the rail line led to the demise of Blaine and the growth of New Blaine. Lasater, like the rest of the town moved closer to the railroad. When it came time to build a new home for his family, it would be in New Blaine.

Construction began on the Freeborn T. Lasater House in 1928. The family worked on the home as money and time would allow. It would be six years before they finally completed their home. The construction was a family affair. Freeborn, his wife Hattie, and their six children all worked on the family's home. When the exterior was complete to the point where it provided adequate shelter, the family moved into the unfinished house. The family lived in the home with nothing but dirt floors until they could afford to finish out the interior.

The home was finally completed in 1933. The Lasaters's then built a small gas station that was operated by their son Troy. With the strained economy of the Great Depression, the service station failed. By the late 1930s the family had left Arkansas for a fresh start in California.

After the Lasater's left for California, Steve Robinson occupied the house. Mr. Robinson lived there until the late 1940s. The next resident of the house, Gene Parker, lived there for only a short time. Sometime shortly before 1950 the Fisk family bought the house. Rena Fisk lived there until poor health forced her to sell the property to Mary Gehring in 1978. Ms. Gehring still owns the home today and uses the house as a rental property.

Statement of Significance

The Freeborn T. Lasater House in Logan County, Arkansas is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** with **local significance** as the best example of a Craftsman style house in the town of New Blaine. It is also being nominated as part of the multiple property listing: **History and Architectural Resources of New Blaine, Arkansas: 1920-1940.**

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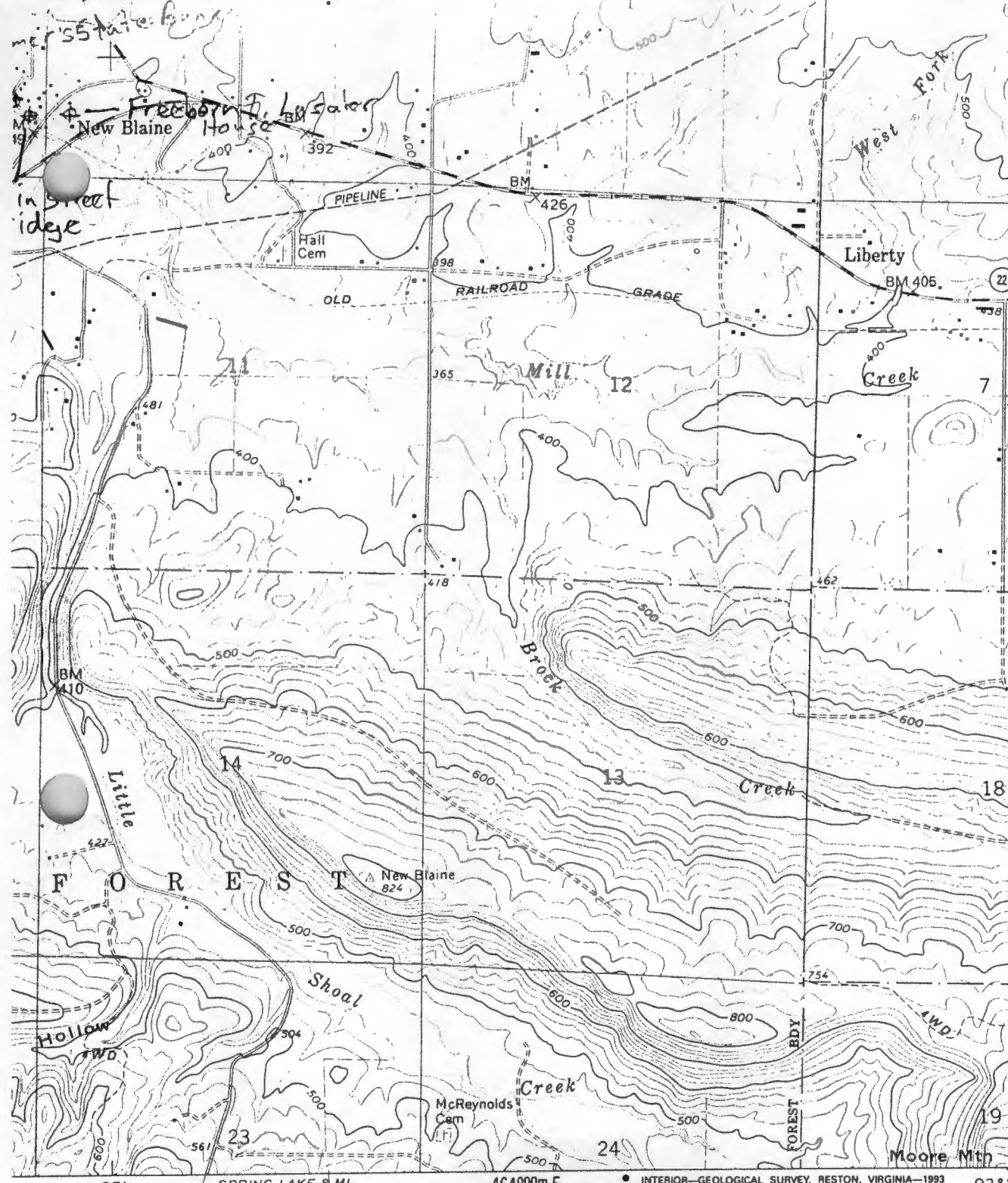
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New Blaine
Logan Co

Farmer's Sh
Bank
UTM: 15/4617IV
3905093
Main Street
Bridge
UTM: 15/4617
3904941

Freeborn T. Lasa
House:
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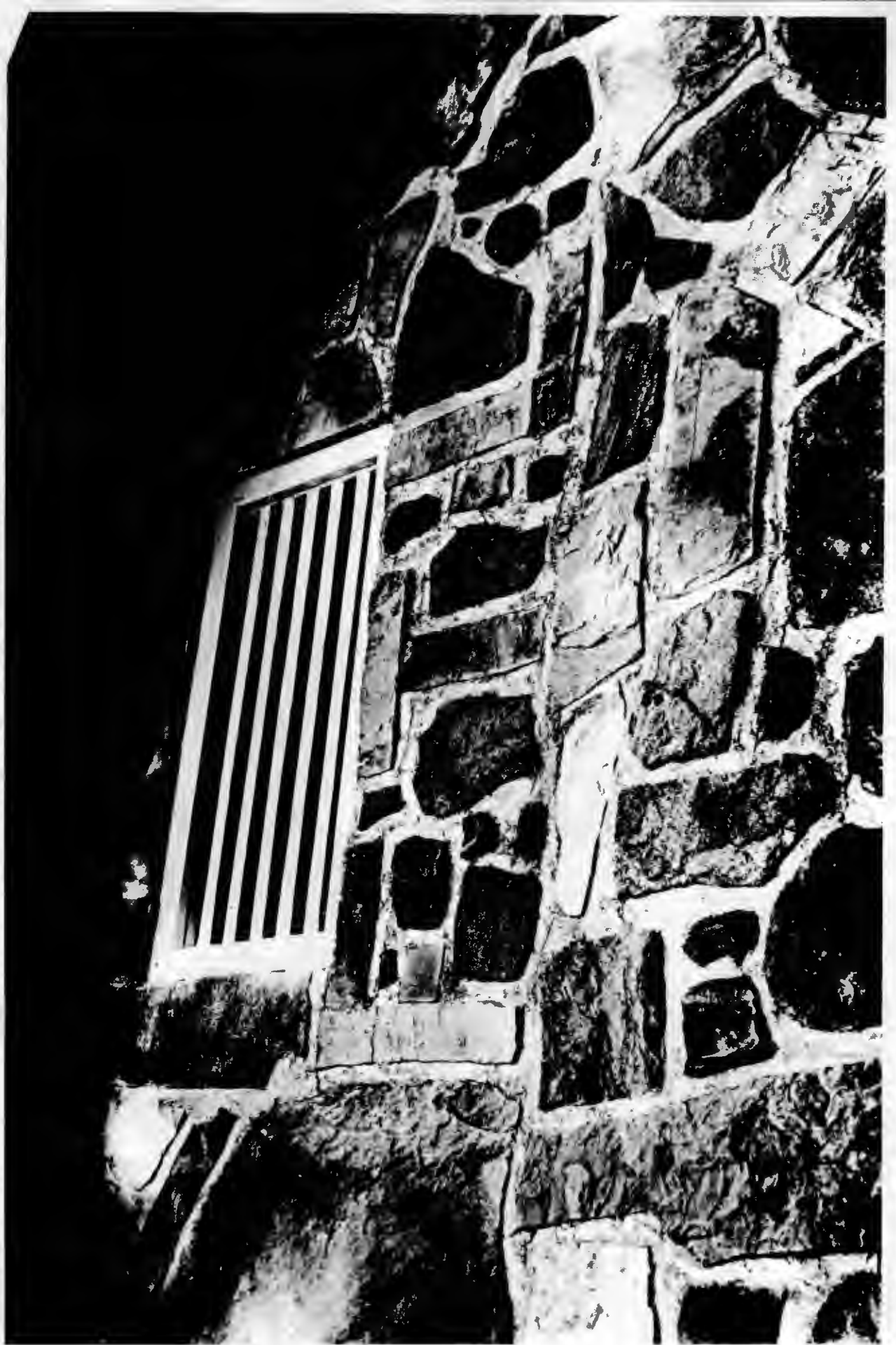
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- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

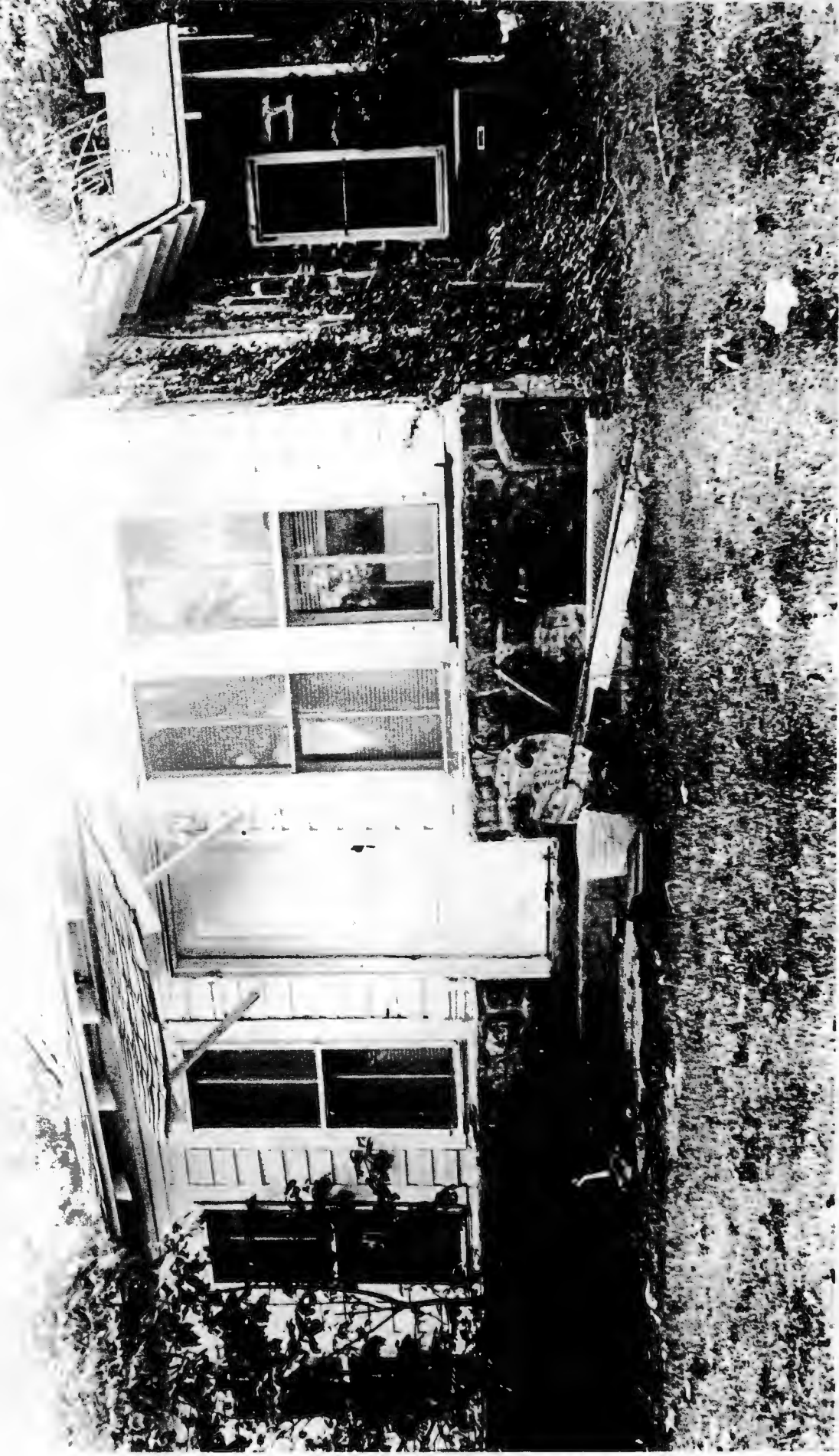
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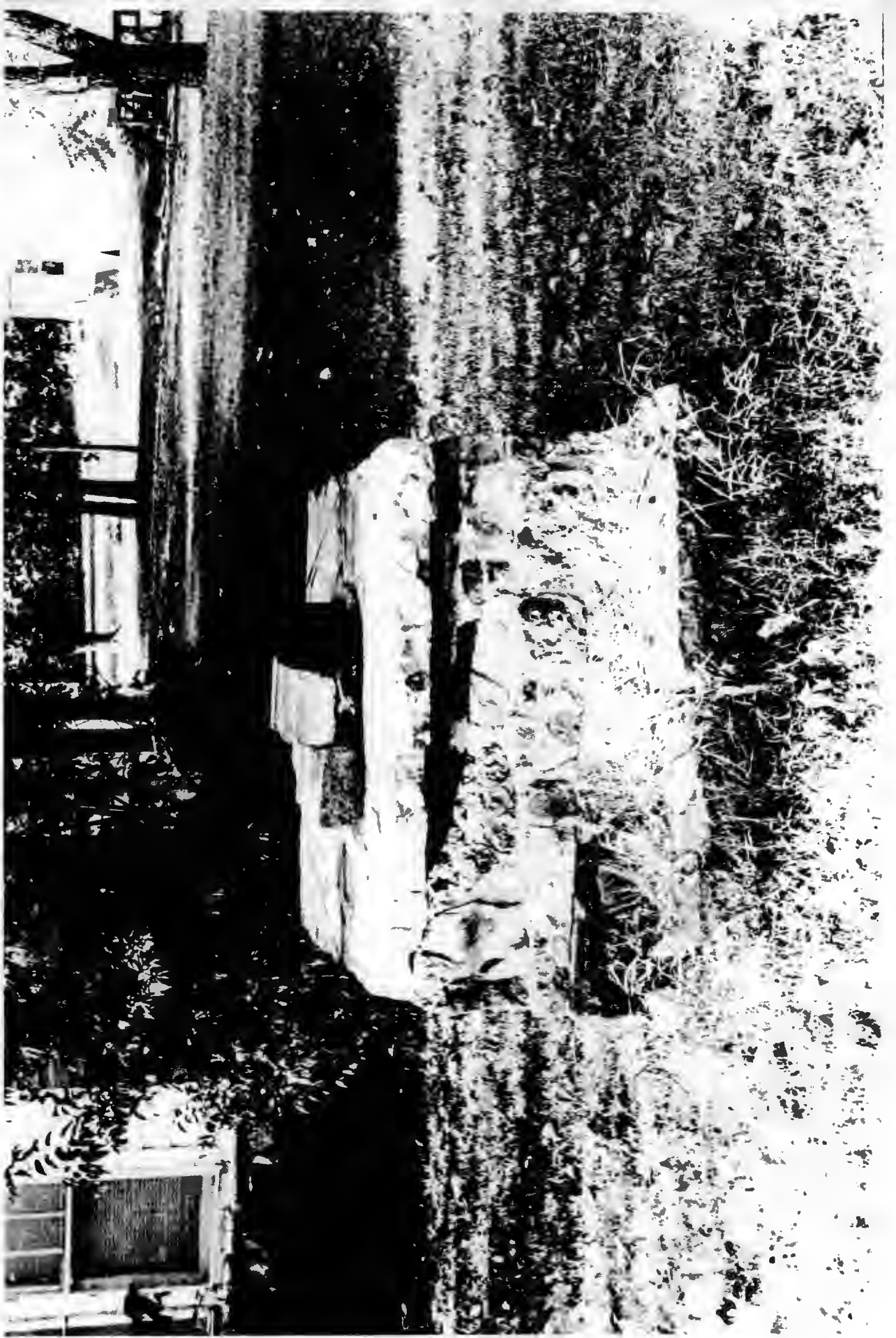
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2. Logan Co., AR
3. Zee Cothren
4. Aug. 2001
5. AHPP
6. Detail (gable end)
7. #2



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2. Logan Co / AR
3. Zoe Coffman
4. Aug 2001
5. AHPP
6. East elevation (rear)
- 7, # **3**



1. Freeborn T. Lasater House
2. Logan Co., AR
3. Zac Coffren
4. August 2001
5. AHPP
6. North elevation (side)
7. #4



1. Freeborn T. Lesaker House
2. Logan Co. / APR
3. Zee Cothren
4. August 2001
5. AHPP
6. Well (contributing)
7. # 5