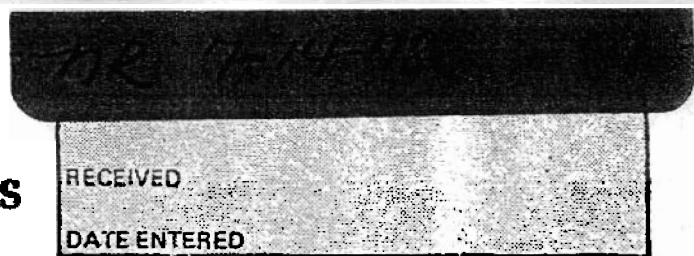


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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

WILL REED FARM HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

PIONEER FARM HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

MAIN STREET

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ALLEENE

X VICINITY OF

2

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

ARKANSAS

05

LITTLE RIVER

081

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

__PUBLIC

__OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

X __MUSEUM

X __BUILDING(S)

X __PRIVATE

X __UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

X __EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

LITTLE RIVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STREET & NUMBER

MAIN STREET

CITY, TOWN

STATE

ALLEENE

VICINITY OF

ARKANSAS

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

LITTLE RIVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

ASHDOWN

ARKANSAS

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HISTORICAL AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

DATE

1965

X FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

WASHINGTON

D.C.

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1973</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pioneer Farm House is located on the main street of Alleene, Arkansas. It is made of hand hewn logs, and covered with hand riven cypress shingles which replaced the original ones.

The house is thirty-three feet wide, and fifty-three feet long. It has a hallway or "dog trot" down the center of it. On one side is the living room, and kitchen, while on the other side is the bed room, and "shed" room which was made by enclosing one end of the porch in 1973.

The eight foot wide front porch extends across the entire building.

The lot on which the house stands was donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. Thelma Sikes. Vacant lots flank each side of the building. The fireplace in the living room though not original is constructed of hand made brick, some of which had dog tracks in them. There are other minor changes but they do not alter the basic construction or appearance of the building.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J. D. Abney

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Pioneer Farm House" was built about 1895 by Mr. J.D. Abney. It is made of hand hewn logs and is typical of farm houses of that era. The fact that it is of log construction with appropriate furnishings make it a valuable means of preserving early Arkansas history.

Mr. Will Reed bought the house in 1902 and lived there nearly fifty years. Later Dr. Dan Smith purchased it, and donated it to the Little River County Historical Society. For safety reasons it was moved about one mile from its original location to the present site.

Most of the furniture and artifacts were used in this vicinity and were given to the Historical Society for display in the pioneer house. Some things in the living room are a one hundred year old Seth Thomas Clock, an Organ which still plays, and antique cimeter, a Kerosene Lamp, an Unabridged Dictionary published in 1875, and an original "Blue Back" Speller. Also, the desk which in 1867 housed all the records of the county in the first court house of the area. Also, the key to the first jail is here. Both desk and key were owned by William Madison Freeman who served as Sheriff in 1867 - 68. There are other interesting things, but these are the most outstanding.

Across the hallway in the bedroom is a "feather bed" made of goose feathers, a woolen bed spread made by Mrs. George Wright who sheared the sheep, dyed the wool, spun the thread and wove it into a beautiful design. Also, a real treasure is a hand made loom, spinning wheel and reel all made before the Civil War. Of course, there is the bowl and pitcher, home made chairs, tables, etc., etc.

In the kitchen is a four "eye" iron cook stove, with iron cook vessels, a wooden churn, large wooden meal and flour bin made before the Civil War, hand made mixing bowl, home made dining table and puncheon bench (not original), "scouring" block made of corn shucks, a broom made of home grown broom corn, and original "Pye" safe, and so on and on.

In the "shed" room are such interesting things as a "turtle tooth" cross cut saw over one hundred years old, an ox bow, grist mill, a cotton sack, cotton basket woven of oak splints, a steel yard (scales) for weighing cotton, and the original post office window or cage first used here in 1893.

There is now being constructed a shop building on the grounds, about thirty feet North of the house. It will house many antique farm implements on hand, including horse drawn hay equipment, a scythe, farm wagon, black smith equipment, etc.

This project has been of much interest in this area and many visitors come to see it including History Classes.

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The building itself is a magnificently preserved two-room "dog-trot" cabin constructed of squared logs. Both the exterior log walls and the interior plank walls are original and remain in excellent condition. The plank floors found in the cabin proper are also original.

In order to return the house to its initial appearance, portions of the Will Reed House have been authentically remodelled. Hand riven cypress shingles have replaced the buildings deteriorated original shingles. Much of the eight foot wide front porch that extends across the front of the building is a reconstruction rather than original. And, finally, portions of the rear porch have been enclosed to provide shed space for exhibit displays and maintenance supply storage. Most of the modern work on the building was made so that the weathered, deteriorated portions of the building (porch, roof, etc.) would not visually detract from the soundness and authenticity of the unaltered, original core of the structure.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One-Half Acre ?
 UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot 75' x 150', bounded on the West; and East by Vacant Lots.

West Longitude $94^{\circ} 15' 36''$
 North latitude $33^{\circ} 46' 20''$

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
MRS. ODESSA SMITH	17 August 1977
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
LITTLE RIVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	501-542-7166
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
MAIN STREET	ARKANSAS
CITY OR TOWN	
ALLEENE	

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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

Frank B. ...

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

TEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



ARKANSAS HISTORIC
PRESERVATION PROGRAM



August 11, 1977

Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

Mrs. Odessa Smith
Box 6
Alleene, Arkansas 71820

Re: Pioneer Farm House
Alleene, Little River County

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Pioneer Farm House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their September meeting. If approved the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally funded, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination please contact Mike Shinn of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

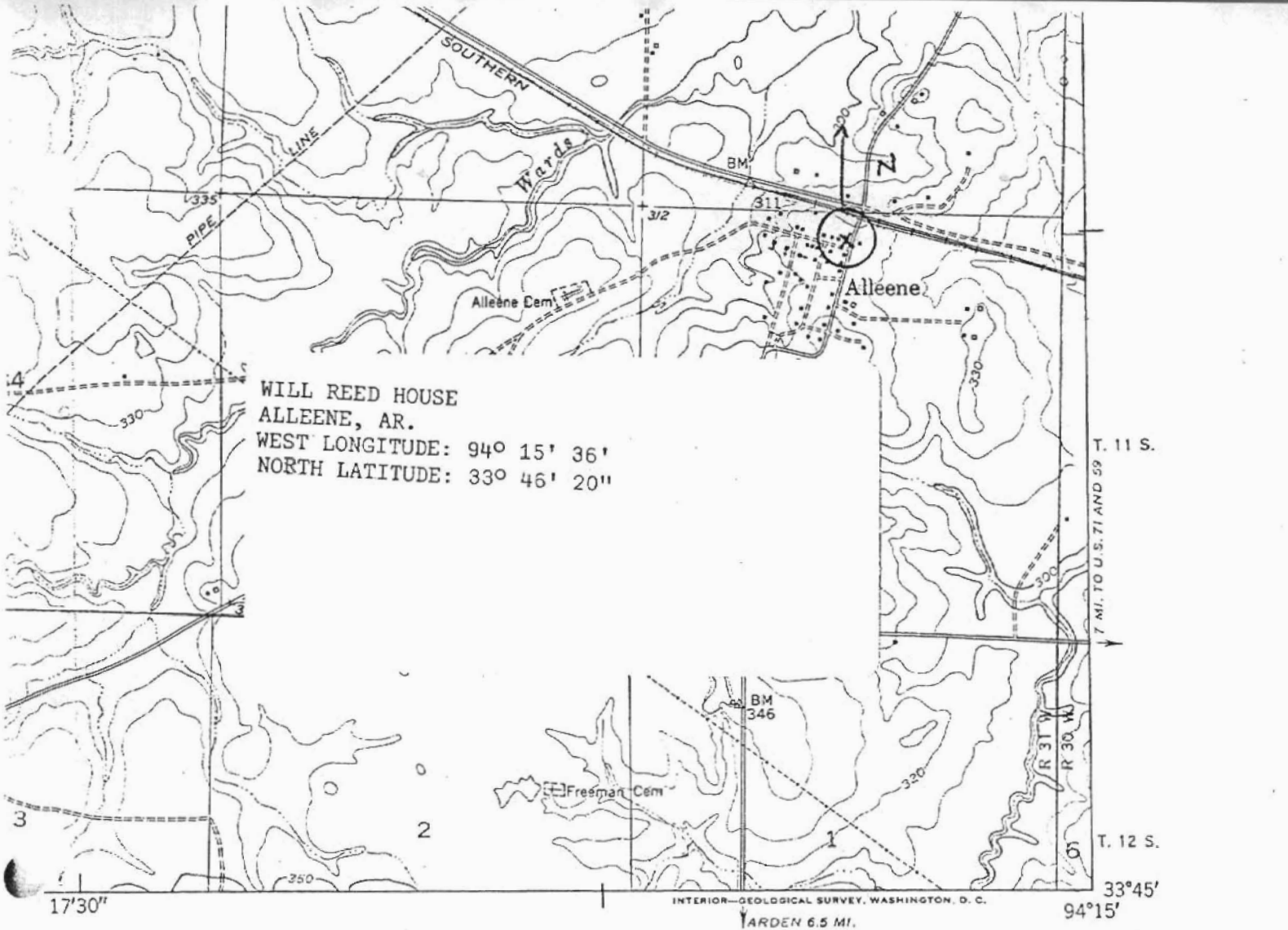
Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property
to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yes No

Comments:

Aug 22, 1977 Mrs. Odessa Smith
Date Signature



WILL REED HOUSE
 ALLEENE, AR.
 WEST LONGITUDE: 94° 15' 36"
 NORTH LATITUDE: 33° 46' 20"

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

YARDEN 6.5 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty | 4 LANE 16 LANE | Light duty |
| Medium-duty | 4 LANE 16 LANE | Unimproved dirt |
| U. S. Route | State Route | |

WINTHROP, ARK.
 N3345-W9415/7.5

EDITION OF 1951

25, D. C.
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2 LOCATION

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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey, Winthrop, AR Quadrangle

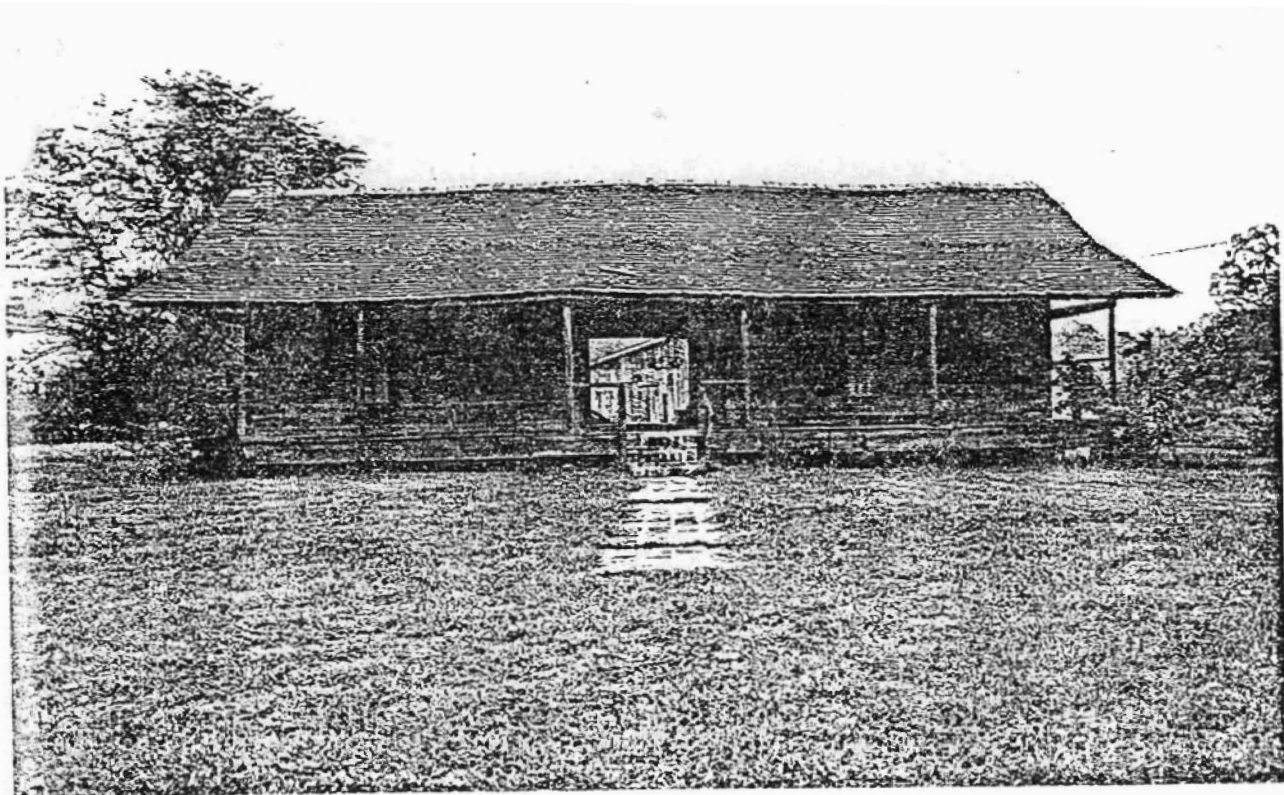
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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South Elevation

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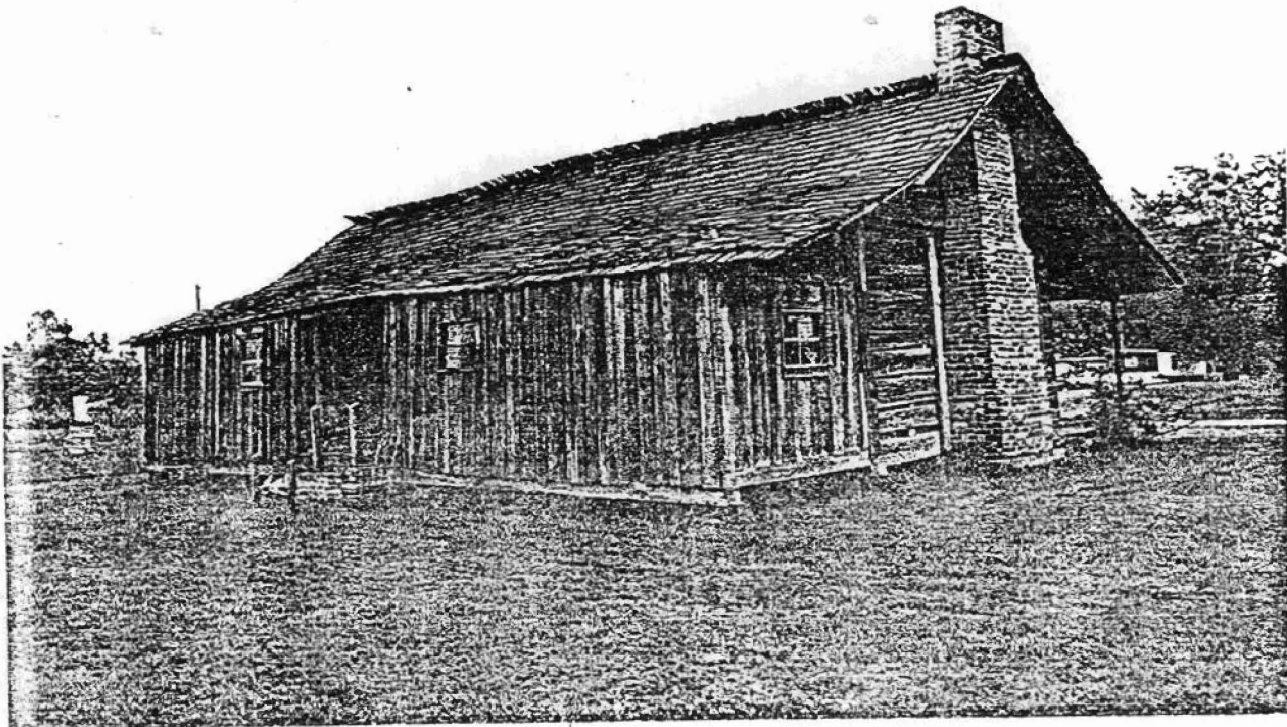
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West Elevation

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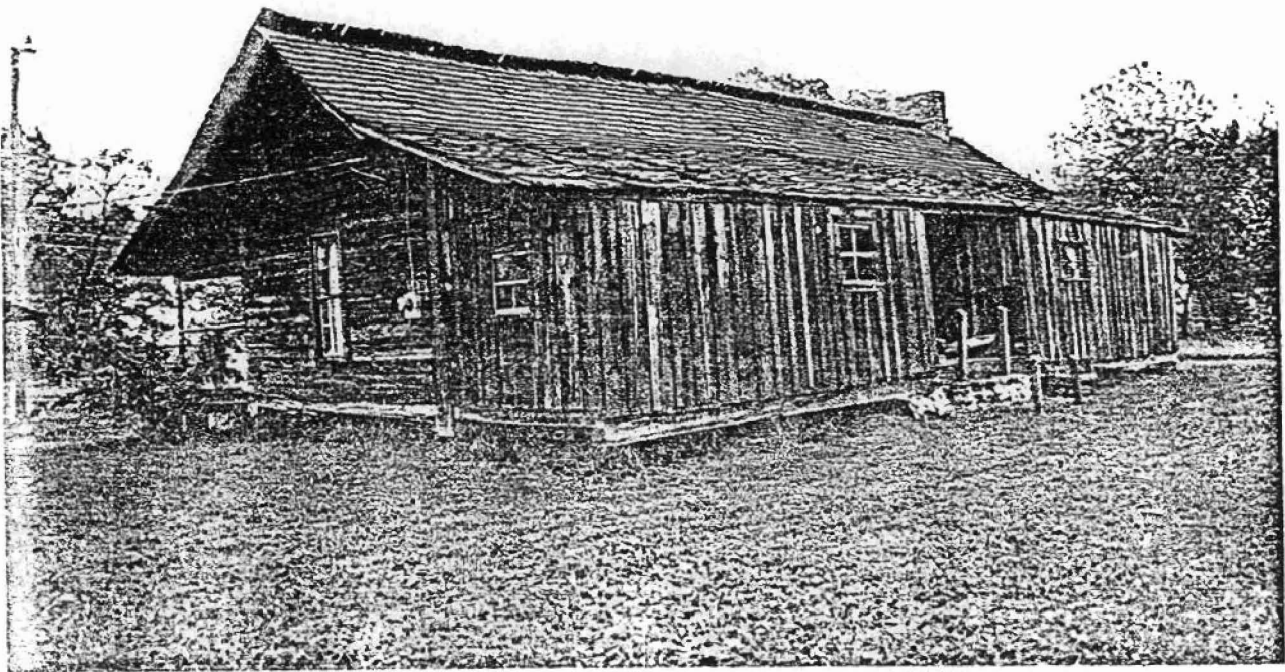
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North and West Elevations

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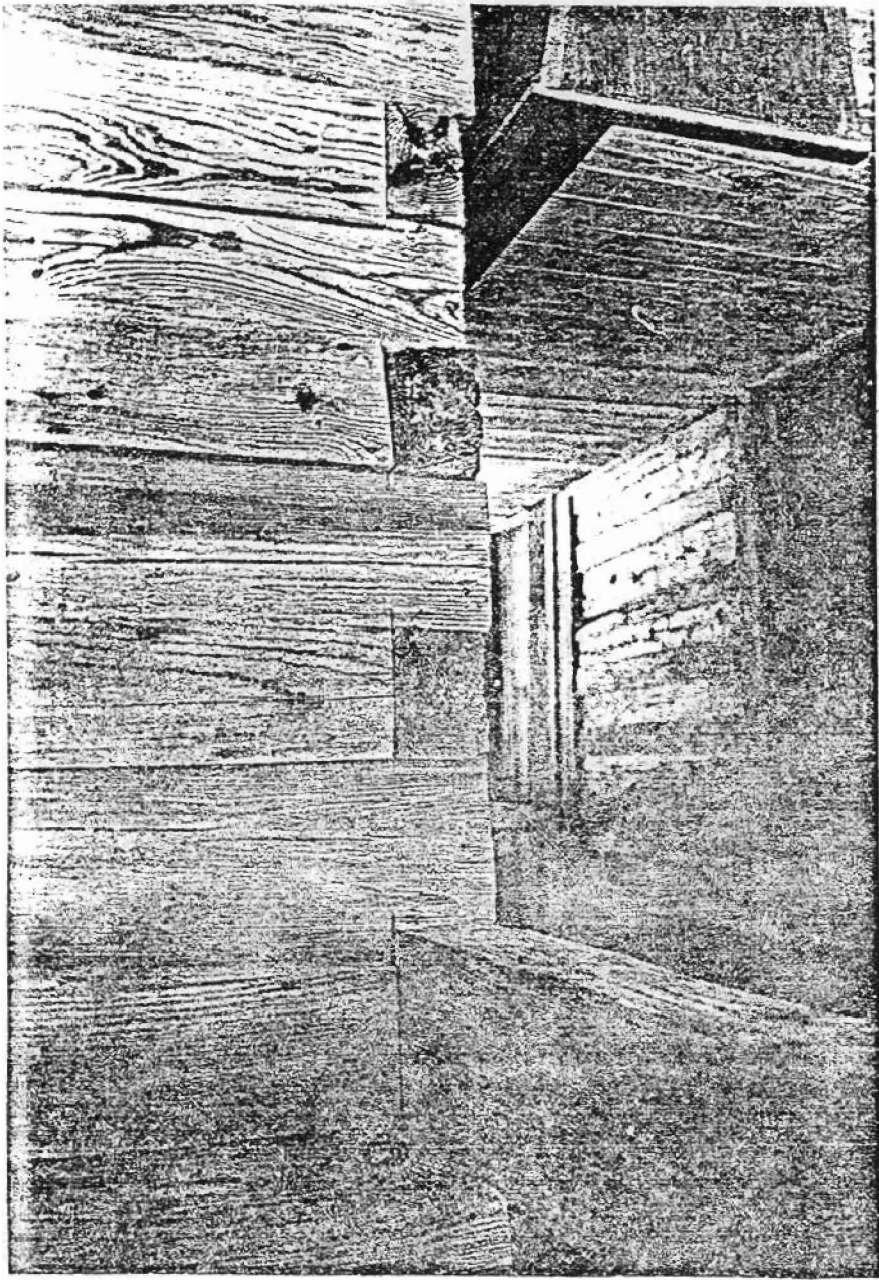
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Joinery - South Elevation

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