

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-54 Owner Ed Griffith  
Property Name Bateman-Griffith House Address 316 Jefferson  
Address 316 Jefferson Clarendon, AR 72029  
City Clarendon, AR  
Significant Date/s 1930

#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The two-story Bateman-Griffith House is a unique architectural resource in Clarendon. It was designed by Estes Mann of Memphis in 1930, who designed at least three other brick houses in Clarendon during the 1920's and 1930's, but none of this elaborate detail. This English Revival-influenced period house on Jefferson Street is a unique resource representing the new architectural tastes entering the old rivertown during the 1930's. The house has a steeply pitched, red-tile roof possessing various cross-gables and dormer windows, and is extremely asymmetrical with each side containing unique elements.

The south wall has a large clipped brick gable that flares out at the bottom. In this gable section are a pair of arched, multi-paned windows with stone trim on the second floor level, and a large elliptical multi-pane window with stone trim. A cross-gable entry projects from this main gable, containing an arched doorway flanked by two small multi-paned windows. This steep gable-entry is made of stone, and also flares slightly at the bottom. At the left of the gable-entry is another elliptical multi-paned window with stone trim. The roof line above this window curves up.

The second floor section of the east side is wood. As is the large dormer window on the left side, which also contains two long rectangular multipaned windows. Below the dormer window is a stone carport overhang and a single entrance into the house. On the right side is a brick gable extension containing a large brick exterior chimney. The windows on the east side, other than the dormer window, are double-hung, six-over-one windows.

The west side contains a large exterior stone chimney on the right side coming up through a brick gable. To the left of the chimney are a group of three rectangular, double-hung, multi-paned windows. Further to the left is a small triangular dormer window.

On the north wall is another large clipped gable with wood underneath. Below the gable is a small interior brick chimney, and several double-hung six-over-one paned windows along the ground level.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fine house was constructed in 1930 for H. B. Bateman, Jr. by Estes Mann of the Memphis architectural firm of Mann and Gatling. Estes Mann was known for his work in Eastern Arkansas and the Memphis, Tennessee area, specializing in private residences. The Bateman-Griffith house is unique architecturally for Clarendon, and is a reflection of the long success of the Bateman family in Clarendon and Monroe County. B. H. Bateman, Sr. came to Clarendon in the 1850's, and soon became a successful lawyer and land-owner. He also established the Bateman Drugstore on Main Street in 1879. Bateman had two sons, T. T. Bateman and H. B. Bateman. T. T. Bateman established the Clarendon Lumber Company in the early 1900's, while H. B. Bateman was cashier and later Vice President of the Merchants and Planters Bank. H. B. Bateman's son, H. B. Bateman, Jr., also worked in the Merchant's and Planter's Bank around the time this house was built. The house is now owned by H. B. Bateman, Jr.'s daughter and son-in-law. This English-Revival influenced period house is a unique architectural resource, representing the new architectural ideas entering the old rivertown during the 1930's.

Verbal Boundary Description: Ewans Addition  
Lots 1, 2, 3, Block H

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

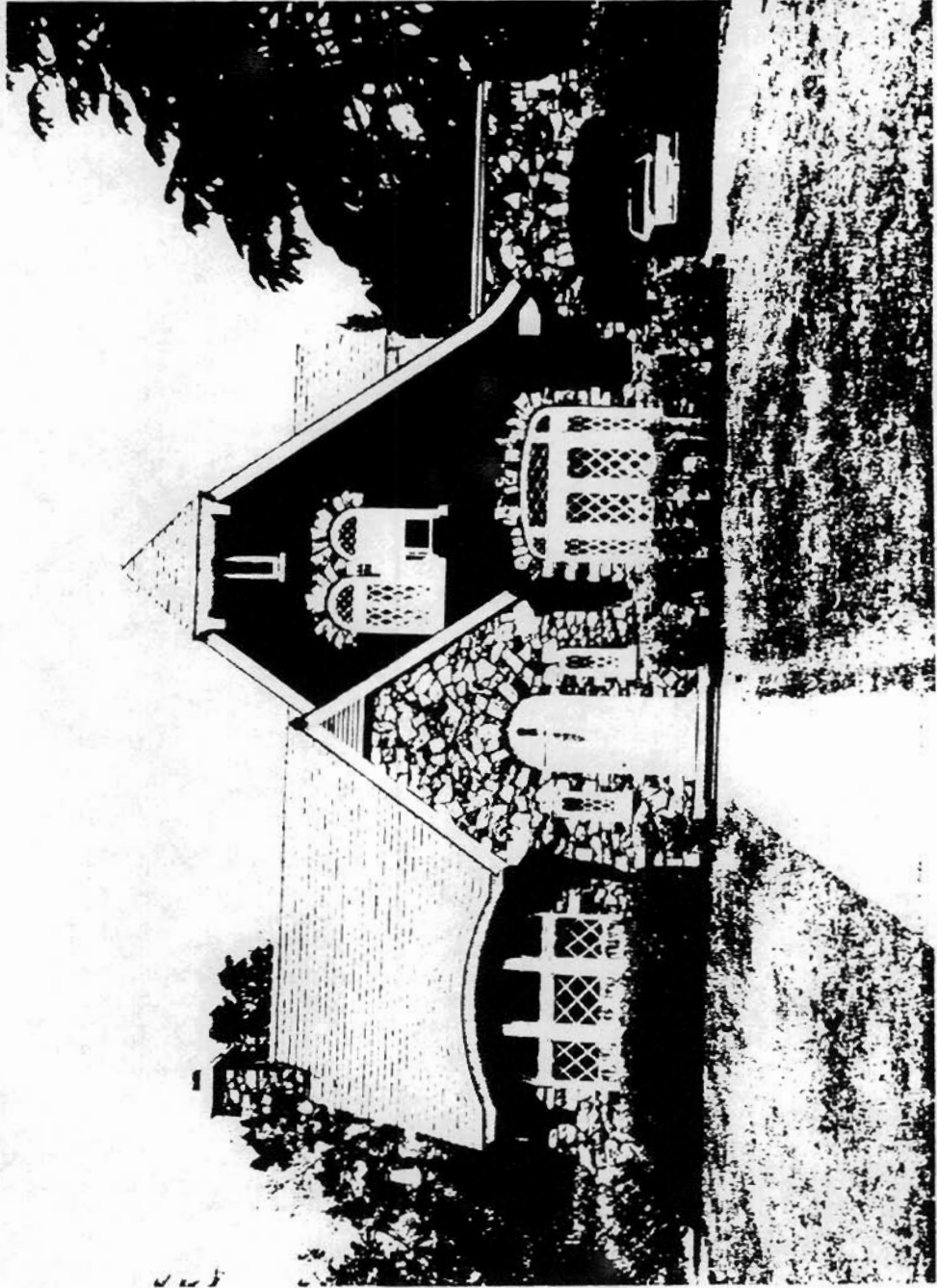
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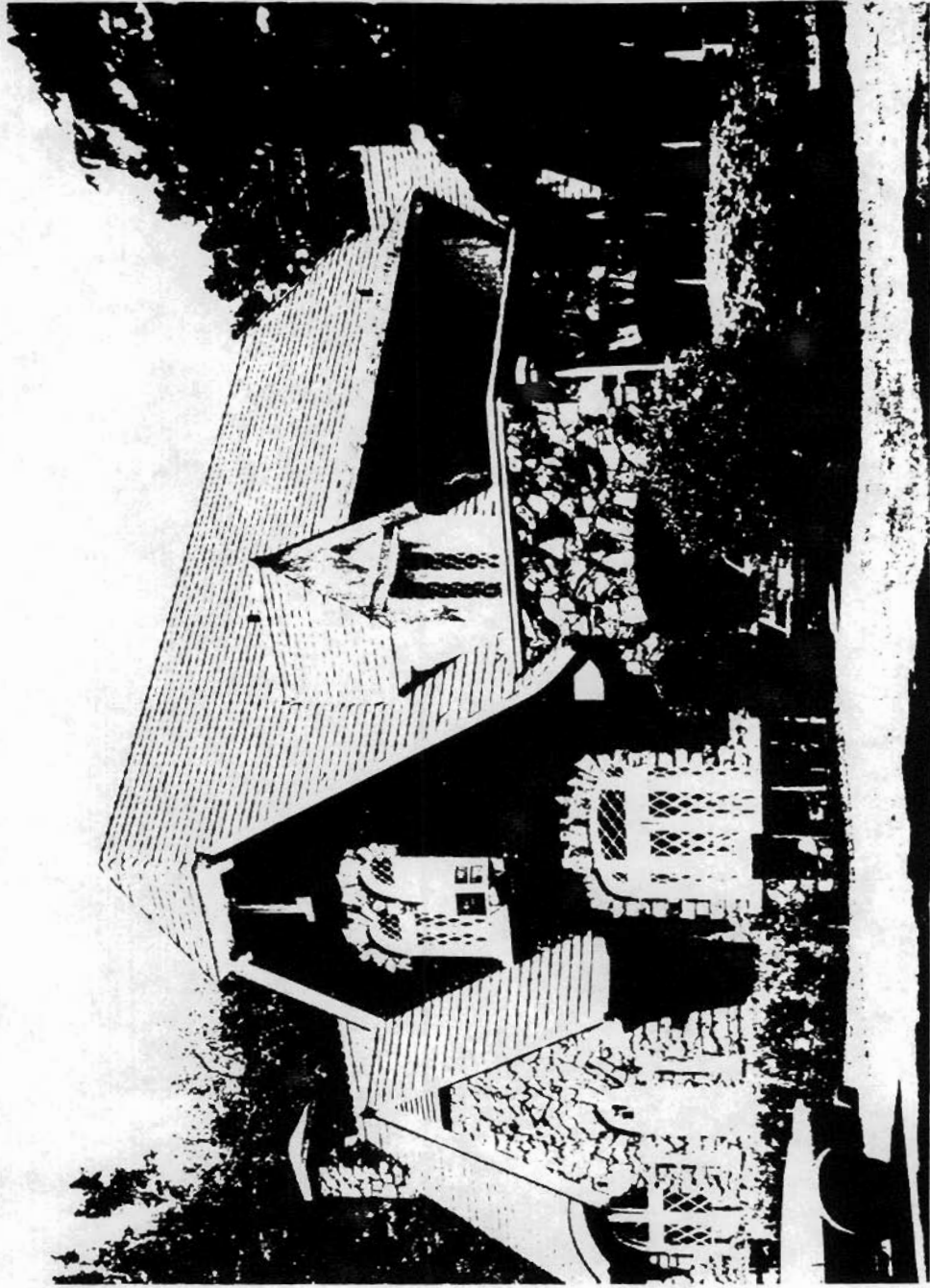
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Negatives at AHPP  
Viewed from the South



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