

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Blytheville, Leachville and Arkansas Southern Railroad Depot
other name/site number: MS0103

2. Location

street & number: Northeast corner of 2nd and McNamee Streets
city/town: Leachville not for publication: N/A
state: AR county: Mississippi code: AR 093 vicinity: N/A
zip code: 72438

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd
Signature of certifying official

4-24-92
Date

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Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this 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 Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: TRANSPORTATION

Sub: Rail-related

Current: VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: N/A

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof ASPHALT
walls WOOD other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: TRANSPORTATION
ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1910-1940

Significant Dates: 1910

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Blytheville, Leachville and Arkansas Southern Railroad

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See *Historic Railroad Depots of Arkansas, 1870-1940* Multiple Property Documentation Form, Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

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 Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>747250</u>	<u>3980280</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the eastern edge of McNamee Street located approximately 200 feet north of its intersection with the northern edge of 2nd Street, proceed easterly along a perpendicular line for a distance of approximately 75 feet to its intersection with a line running northeasterly along the western edge of the historic railroad grade; thence proceed northeasterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the northern elevation of the depot; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 125 feet to its intersection with the eastern edge of McNamee Street; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 175 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically-associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

The Blytheville, Leachville and Arkansas Southern Railroad Depot in Leachville was constructed in the Plain Traditional style circa 1910 by the Blytheville, Leachville & Arkansas Southern railroad company, which was acquired by Cotton Belt in 1929. The white, single-story frame structure is covered by an asphalt-shingled hipped roof with wide projecting eaves. The basically rectangular plan is broken by a three-sided telegrapher's bay. The novelty-sided walls are fenestrated by four-over-four double-hung windows that were commonly used during that time period. The depot is now owned by E. C. Barton & Co. in Jonesboro.

Elaboration

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The eastern elevation is lighted with a row of five four-over-four wood sash windows at its southern end, and is accessed via a single freight door at the northern end. The western elevation opposite is also fenestrated with four-over-four wood sash windows, including two on the front face of the projecting telegrapher's bay and one on each side, and accessed via a single-leaf door with a transom to the south of the projecting bay and a larger freight door at the northern end of the elevation.

The southern elevation is fenestrated with three symmetrically-placed windows, and the northern elevation is fenestrated with one central freight door.

The building, being designed in a plain, unornamented style, is devoid of noteworthy ornament as such, the only features of note being the broad, spreading eaves and the multi-colored asphalt shingle roof.

The building is in fair condition.

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Significance

Criterion A and C, local significance

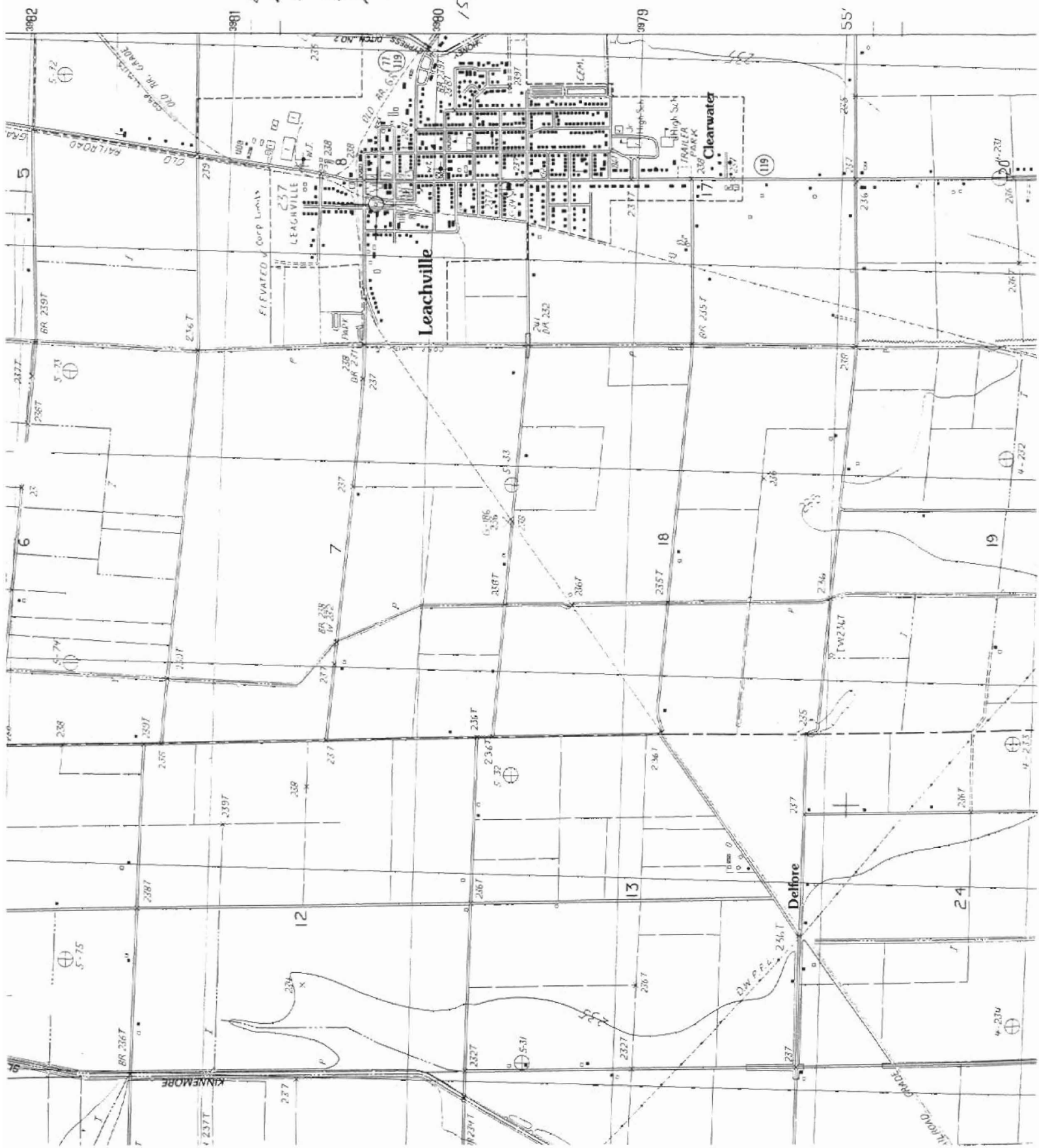
Leachville's relatively central location within the rich, agricultural lands of northeast Arkansas combined with its propitious location between some of the major ports on the Mississippi River to make it a relatively important railroad intersection in the last years of the nineteenth and into the early years of the twentieth century. The first rail line to build through Leachville was the Jonesboro, Lake City and Eastern, which constructed an east-west line in 1900. This line attempted to take advantage of Leachville's existing status as a central trading location for local Arkansas farmers who were beginning to experience a significant period of prosperity during this period. For the same reasons, the Blytheville, Leachville and Arkansas Southern Railroad constructed its line to intersect with the former rail line in 1910, and constructed this depot as part of that effort.

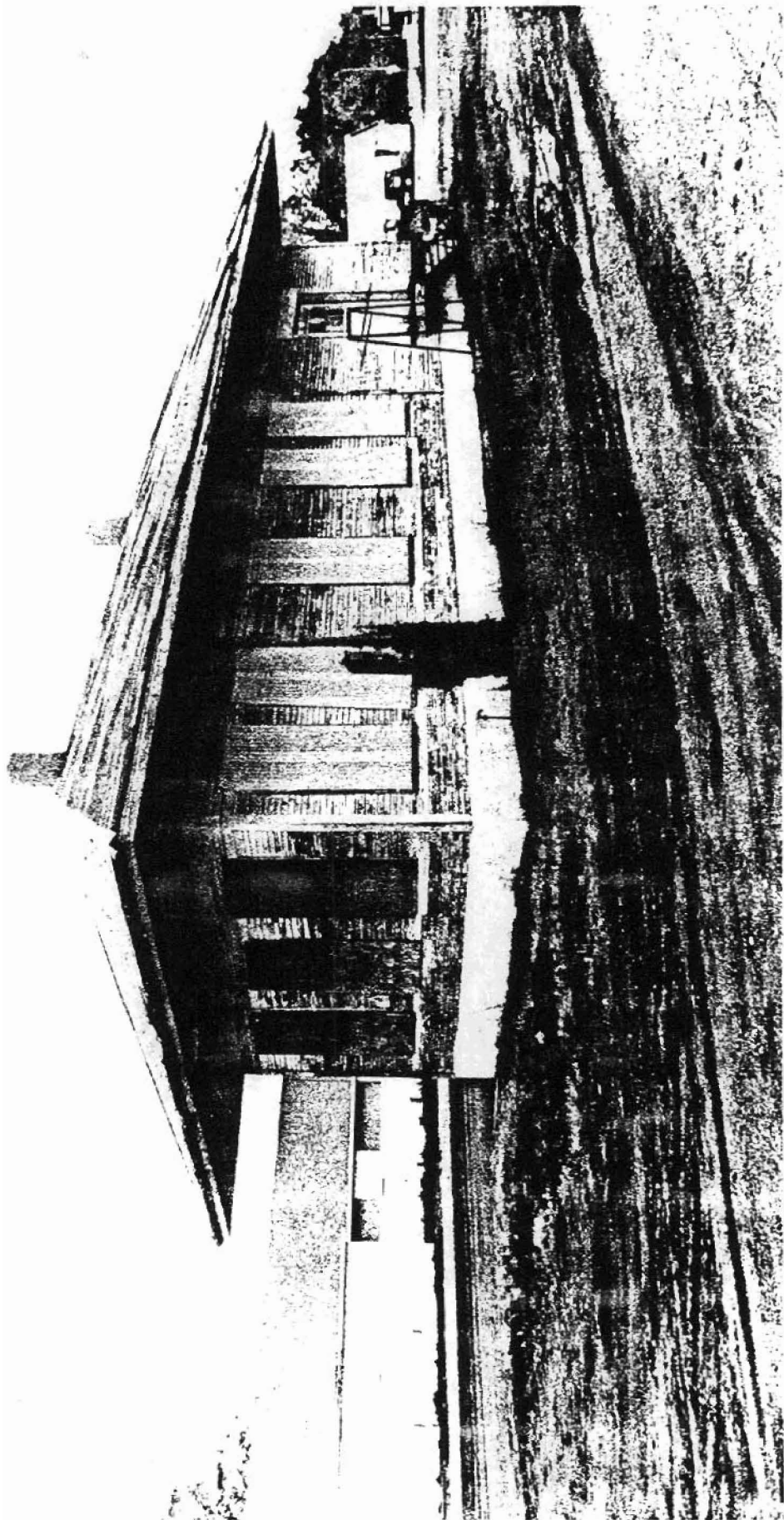
The Blytheville, Leachville and Arkansas Southern Railroad Depot in Leachville is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with this small, entrepreneurial railroad line that attempted to provide greater accessibility to larger markets for local farmers in the Mississippi delta region of the state. It is also eligible under Criterion C for its being a remarkably intact, wood frame passenger depot constructed in a simple, vernacular aesthetic that draws more from local building traditions than any recognizable national style.

This passenger and freight railroad depot is associated with the Railroad Growth and Development in Arkansas, 1870-1940 historic context as a structure financed and erected under the auspices of one of the smaller, regional early twentieth-century railroads in the state.

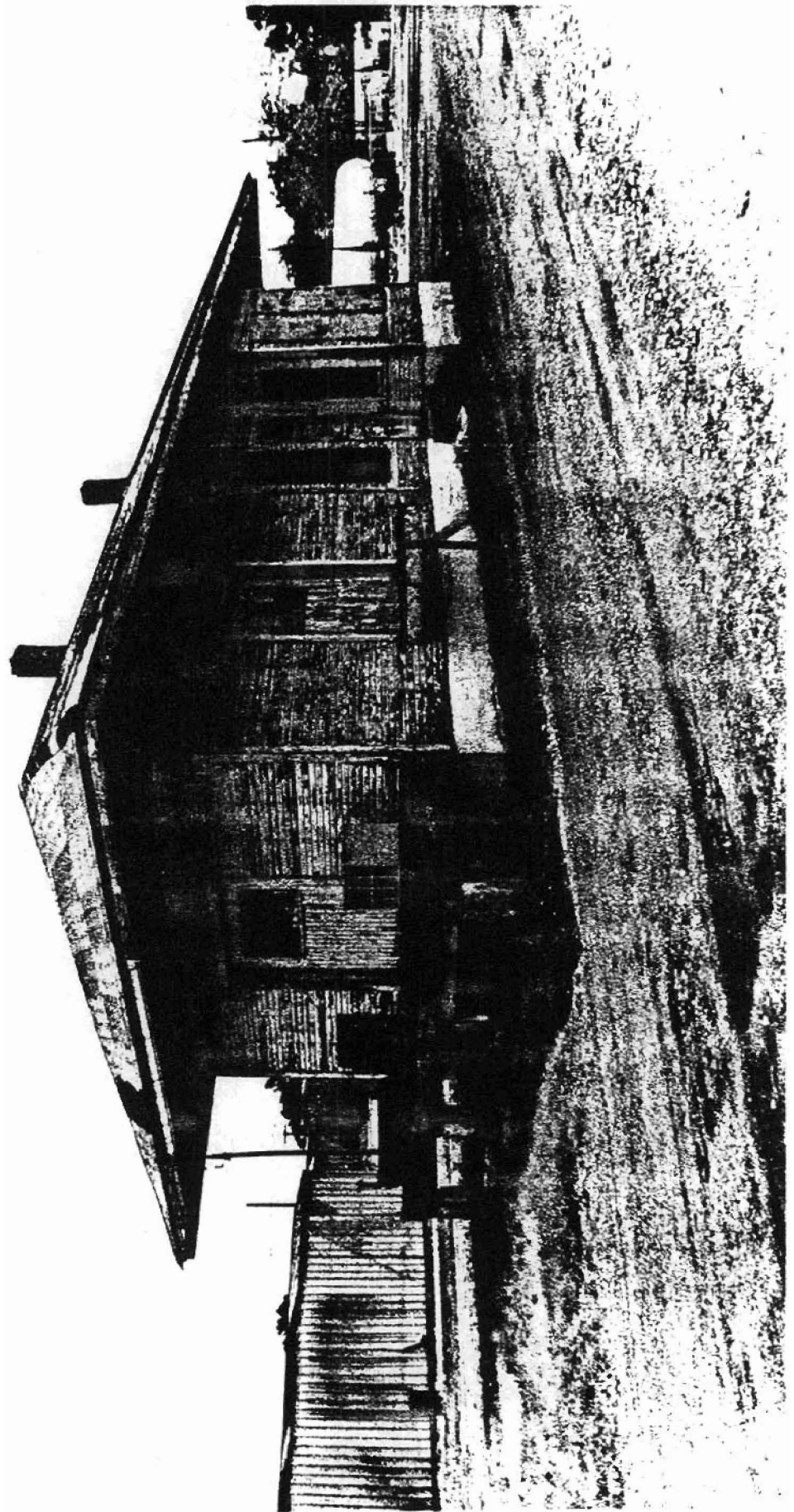
BLYTHEVILLE,
LEACHVILLE,
ARKANSAS SOUTHERN
RAILROAD DEPOT
(RIS 0103)
LEACHVILLE,
MISSISSIPPI Co.,
ARKANSAS

15-747250/3980280





B. THEVILLE, DENHAMVILLE & ARKANSAS SOUTHERN RAILROAD DEPOT (MS 010)
DENHAMVILLE, MISSISSIPPI Co., ARK 545
PATRICK ZOLLNER
AUGUST, 1991
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B. THEVILLE, DEARBORN & ARKANSAS SEU HEAN RAIL AND DEPOT (MS. 11.83)
L. E. CHVILLE, MISSISSIPPI Co., ARK. 1945
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