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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

COUNTY:	Ouachita
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ENTRY DATE:	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**BRAGG HOUSE**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Four miles west of Camden on Rural Route, Box 531 A**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Near Camden**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**Four**

STATE: **Arkansas** CODE: **05** COUNTY: **Ouachita** CODE: **103**

**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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Thomas Gaughan**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Four miles west of Camden on Rural Route, Box 531 A**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Near Camden**

STATE:  
**Arkansas**

CODE:  
**05**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Ouachita County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Camden**

STATE:  
**Arkansas**

CODE:  
**05**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Arkansas Historic Preservation Program**

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Arkansas History Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**300 West Markham Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Little Rock**

STATE:  
**Arkansas**

CODE:  
**05**

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Four miles west of Camden, in a grove of magnificent oak trees, stands the old homestead of the Bragg family. It is a two-story frame house with five bays across the front on both first and second floor. A two-tiered porch covers the main entrance and is supported by four square columns with Doric capitals. There is a railing on the second floor tier, but none on the first. The house is basically rectangular with a hip roof.

The main entrance has a double-entry door with rectangular sidelights and transom. The doors have three tiers of molded panels. The door, sidelights and transom are trimmed with architrave and cornice. The door on the second story is a single entry with no sidelights or transom. It is trimmed in a very plain fashion.

The windows are most unusual. The first floor windows are double-hung sashes. The top sash has nine lights and the bottom six lights. The second floor windows are not so unusual, having six lights per sash in double-hung windows. The windows have no shutters, nor is there any indication that they ever did. There are two interior chimneys extending through the roof. Their caps are corbelled.

The house was built in the late 1840's but not occupied by the Bragg family until 1850. The house has the symmetrical facade typical of the period and the Classical colonnade supporting the porch roof. The building has maintained most of its original integrity, and has suffered minimal alteration. Most of the alterations have been to achieve a state of utility corresponding to the changing times. Composition shingles have replaced the original wood shingles, and new siding has been added. A door has replaced a window and there is an enclosed back porch that is probably not original.

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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)

<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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Peter Newport Bragg moved to Camden in 1842. He came from Lowndes County, Alabama. He was followed in his immigration by his brothers, Ira, Sam, Hosea and Eber. All of the Braggs settled in the area and their descendants are still living in Ouachita County.

Peter Bragg brought the claim to a small farm (near where the Bragg House now stands) from Mr. Levi Stone, who came from Missouri about 1822. Bragg also bought a saw mill in order to saw lumber for the house he intended to build. The saw mill, however, was the only one in the area; and the demand for lumber was so great that Bragg was unable to saw lumber for his own use until a period of some years had elapsed. Bragg could have sawn lumber for his house at an earlier date, but it was considerably more profitable to supply lumber to others when the demand was so great.

In 1850, the house was completed to the point of occupancy, but it required an additional two years to finish the interior and exterior work. The house was constructed of virgin pine which was, of course, sawn in Bragg's mill, by his slaves. The mill was significant in Bragg's life. He met his death there not many years after the completion of his house. The house, characteristic of the period, is fastened by a combination of mortise and tenon, wooden pegs, and square cut nails. The wide boards, in floors and wall paneling, recall the early lumbering days in Arkansas when large stands of virgin timber were available for cutting.

During the Civil War a brief skirmish between Union and Confederate Troops was fought close to the house. Mrs. Bragg stood with her children in a small alcove between the dining room and family room, so that the double chimney would be between them and the fighting. Several bullets pierced the walls, but Braggs, like the homeowners of today, repaired or replaced the damaged wood as soon as possible, failing thereby, to anticipate the interest of visitors a century later.

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(Continuation Sheet)

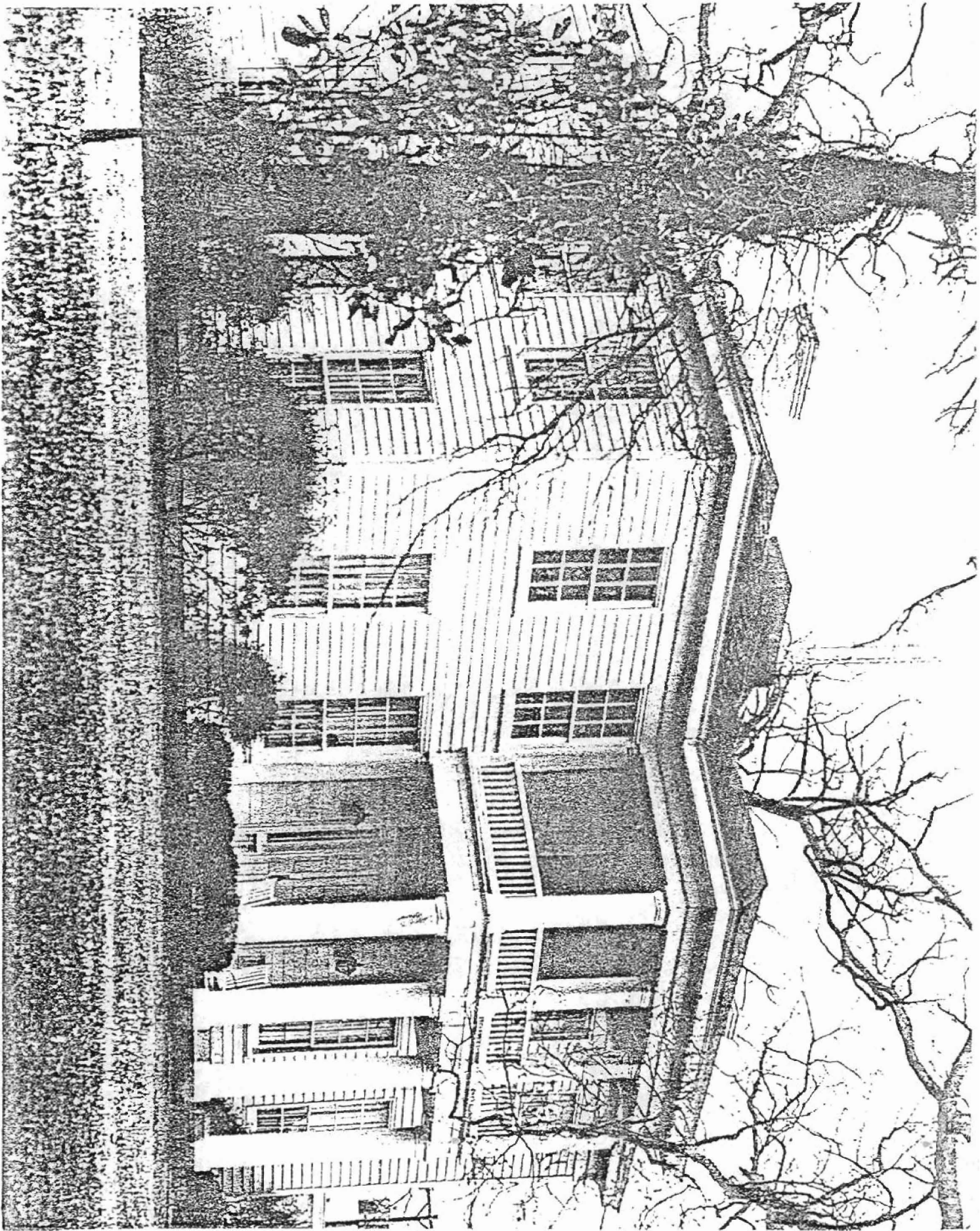
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COUNTY	
Ouachita	
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8. Significance Continued:

There is a small family cemetery approximately one-eighth mile east of the house. Peter Newport Bragg, his mother and several other members of the family are buried in the beautiful little plot.

Although the Bragg house has been occupied by various families throughout the years, the house has always remained in the possession of the Bragg family. It is now owned by Thomas Gaughan, a great grandson of Peter Newport Bragg.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
BRAGG HOUSE		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Ouachita	Camden
STREET AND NUMBER		
Rural Route, Box 531 A		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series Camden S. W. Quadrangle	1971 Advance Proof	1:2400

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 "Early Days of Camden," The Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Vol.  
 V, No. 4 (Winter, 1946). 333-334.  
 Unpublished Federal Writers Project, "Ouachita County," Place  
 File, Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.  
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1860. Population.

**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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33° 34' 52.4"	92° 54' 05.8"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Fred Submittal 2-13-74

**FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Ed Baxter, Staff

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Program DATE: July 16, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 1023 West Third

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William E. Henderson  
 Title: Arkansas Historic Preservation Officer

Date: October 10, 1973

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM  
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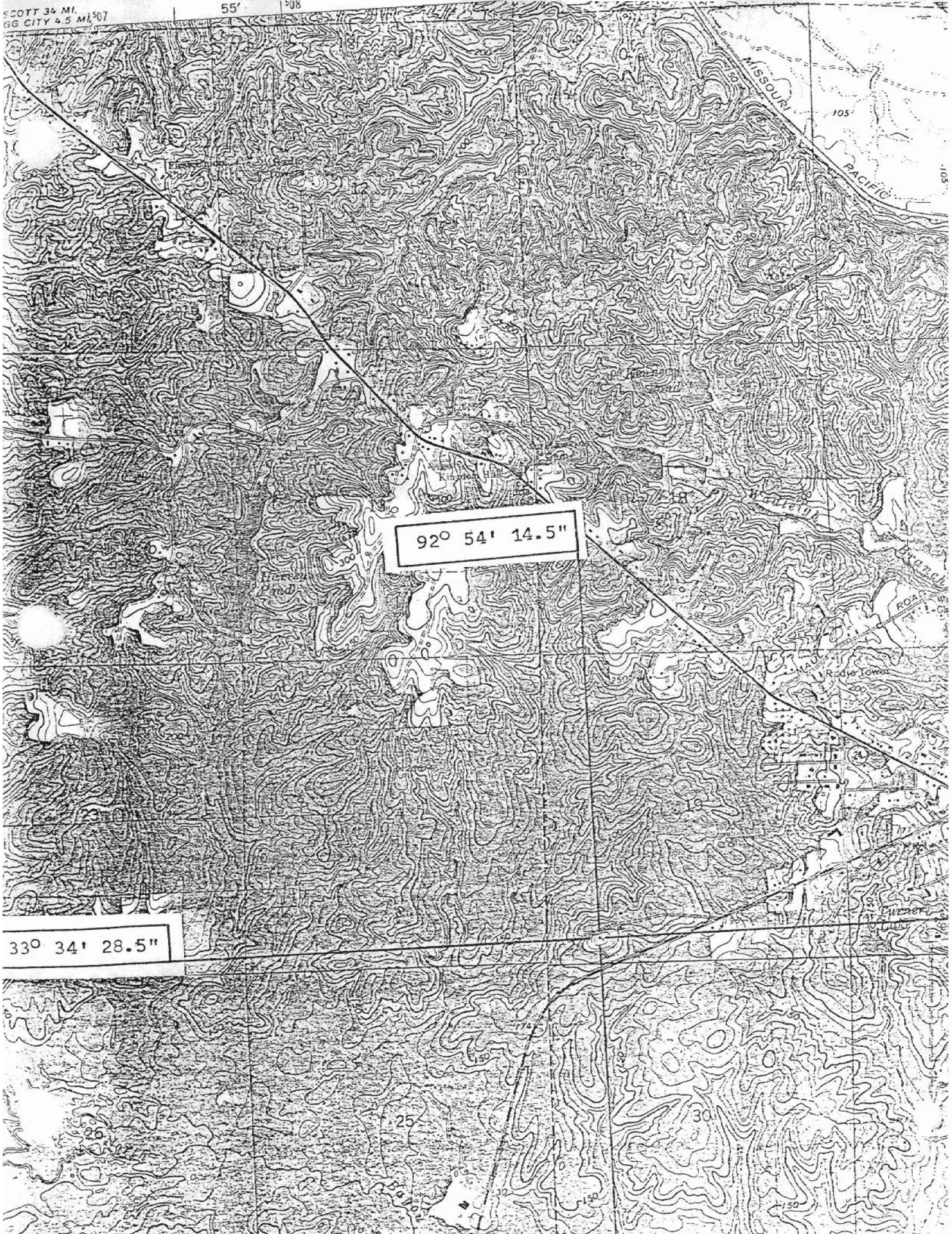
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Ed Baxter - HPP Staff	July 10, 1973	AHC

4. IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
North and East elevations viewed from the Northeast.



SCOTT 34 MI.  
GG CITY 4.5 MI 1907

55 108



92° 54' 14.5"

33° 34' 28.5"

