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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Arkansas
COUNTY:
Ouachita
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
 Leake-Ingham Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
 Ingham Library

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 926 Washington Street N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Camden CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth

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

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	not in use	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	at present	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
 Ouachita County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
 926 Washington Street N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: 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:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built circa 1850, the Ingham Library is a simple Greek Revival building of rectilinear plan. It has the Greek temple characteristics of a low gable roof running perpendicular to the front elevation, and a pedimented gable over the portico with four columns.

The front elevation is perfectly symmetrical. It features a tall six-panelled entry door with one large window, six over six lights on each side of the door. Four slender columns create three bays, emphasizing the windows and entry. Flush boards are used across the entire portico as well as in the pedimented gable. Plain trim is used elsewhere. A wide, unadorned entablature is continuous on all but the rear elevations. The library is raised two feet above ground with lattice work between the piers.

A door with transom light is located towards the rear of one side. A door with transom light and a large window of six over six lights are located on the rear elevation. White clapboard siding is used on all elevations, other than the facade. An air vent of decorative scroll-cut pattern is centered in each gable end.

Interior woodwork is plain, including trim surrounding all fenestration. Unfinished pine boarding is used as a wallcovering, with six inch tongue and groove flooring also of pine. Panelled and louvered shutters cover the front windows.

Except for the porch railing with turned balusters and asphalt shingles on the roof, the building itself has changed little during the past 125 years. However, to prevent its demolition, in 1954 the building had to be moved from its original location in downtown Camden.

It now rests at the rear of the McCollum-Chidester House lot (added to the National Register in 1971). Plans call for the future restoration of the structure and its use as a small museum.

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The white frame building which now rests on the rear lot of the McCollum-Chidester House has long been a landmark in Camden, Arkansas. Built circa 1850, this small commercial structure stood for over 100 years at the corner of Washington and Harrison Streets in the heart of the historic south Arkansas community. The Classical style of this small building lent dignity to its use as a law and government office, and as a library. Greek Revival features on this simple rectangular structure include the portico supported by columns and the balanced entry with a large double hung window on either side of the panelled door.

The building was originally constructed to serve as a law office for Mr. William W. Leake, a prominent Camden attorney. An 1859 advertisement in Camden's States Rights Eagle announced that Mr. Lyon and Mr. Leake, lawyers, were in business in the Washington Street office formerly occupied by lawyers Jennings and Leake. Mr. Leake later changed partners again, and in 1866 was working with Mr. R. E. Sallee. By that time Leake had vacated his first office, and it was rented to the United States government.

In the years following the Civil War the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands had district offices in urban areas all over the South. The Camden office of the Freedmen's Bureau was established in the building formerly used to house Mr. Leake's law practice. Supervising a seven county area in south central Arkansas, the Freedmen's Bureau in Camden played an important role in shaping Reconstruction era history in the State.

Among a collection of miscellaneous papers from the files of the Camden Freedmen's Bureau is an 1860 fire insurance policy certificate issued to W. W. Leake. For a \$16.00 premium Leake received \$1,000.00 coverage on his Washington Street law office.

Following its use by the Freedmen's Bureau, the Leake building served as a Government Land Office for a number of years. It was afterwards purchased by Mr. A. A. Tufts, who used the building as a business office for some time, then rented it to others for the same purpose.

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8. Significance (Leake-Ingham Building - Page 2)

In 1904 a group of women in the New Century Club of Camden started a movement for a public library in the city. An organizational meeting resulted in the formation of the Camden Library Association. The first goal set by the Association was the purchase of a building to house the library. This goal was accomplished on April 1, 1906, when the Leake building was purchased for \$1,100.

Mr. H. M. Ingham, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Camden, supervised the preparation of the Leake building to house the library. He and his wife made such valuable contributions to the library that in June, 1906, it was named Ingham Library.

For the first half of the twentieth century this small structure housed Camden's only public library. However, a new library building was constructed in the 1950's and the Ingham Library was abandoned. Urban growth threatened destruction of the building and in 1954 it was removed from its original downtown lot. After temporarily resting at two different sites, it was moved in 1963 to the rear of the McCollum-Chidester House property (added to the National Register on June 24, 1971).

The Ouachita County Historical Society, which owns both the Ingham Library and the lot on which it stands, plans to restore the building and use it in conjunction with the adjacent McCollum-Chidester House. As one of Camden's earliest existing commercial structures, the Leake Building-Ingham Library is an important ante-bellum landmark in this historic south Arkansas community.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Fifty Years of Camden Library History." Ouachita County Historical Quarterly, Vol. 5.
Freedman's Bureau Records: Arkansas: Camden, Roll 2, Entries 297-305. Microfilm, Arkansas History Commission.
Ouachita County Tax Records, 1861-1867. Microfilm, Arkansas Historic Commission.
Records Assistant Commissioner: Arkansas: Freedman's Bureau: Abandoned and Confiscated Lands: 1865-1868. National Archives Microfilm Publications, #M969, roll 29.

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 Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "	33° 35' 5.3"	92° 50' 38.2"		
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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dianna Kirk, Historian and Anthony S. Riddle

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: 12-10-74

STREET AND NUMBER: "Old State House" 300 West Markham

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: December 10, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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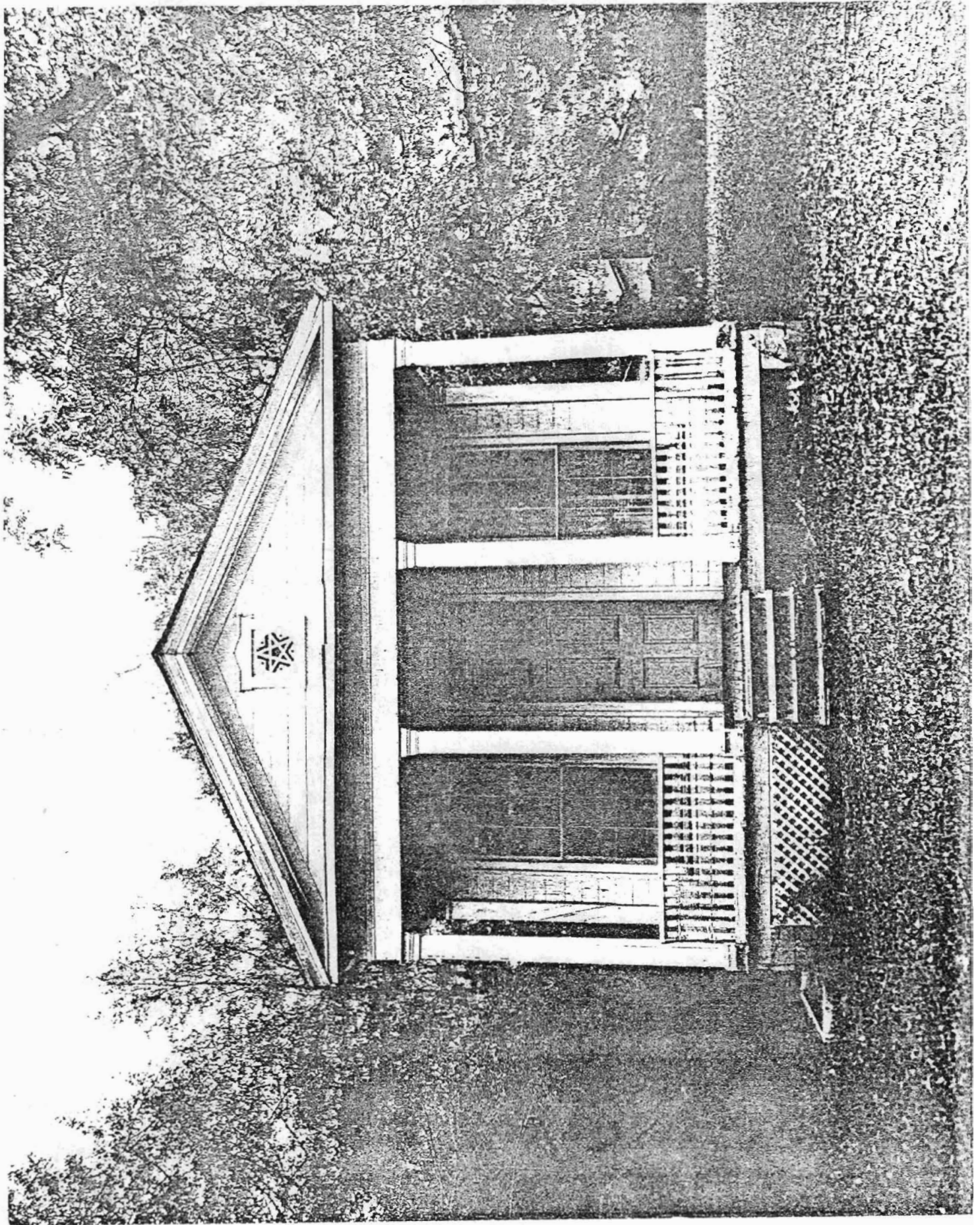
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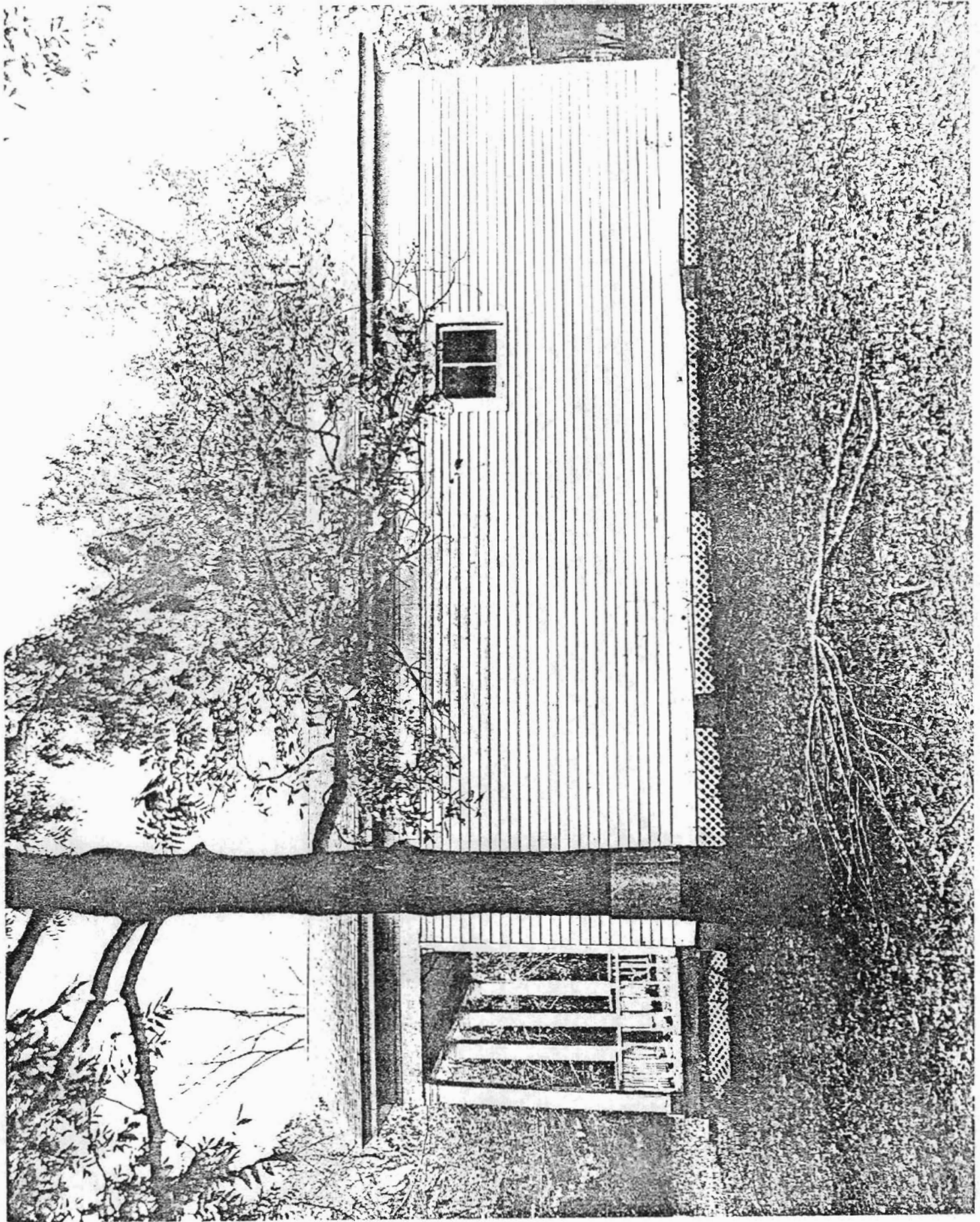


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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Robert Dunn	DATE October, 1974	NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Facade, viewed from the west		



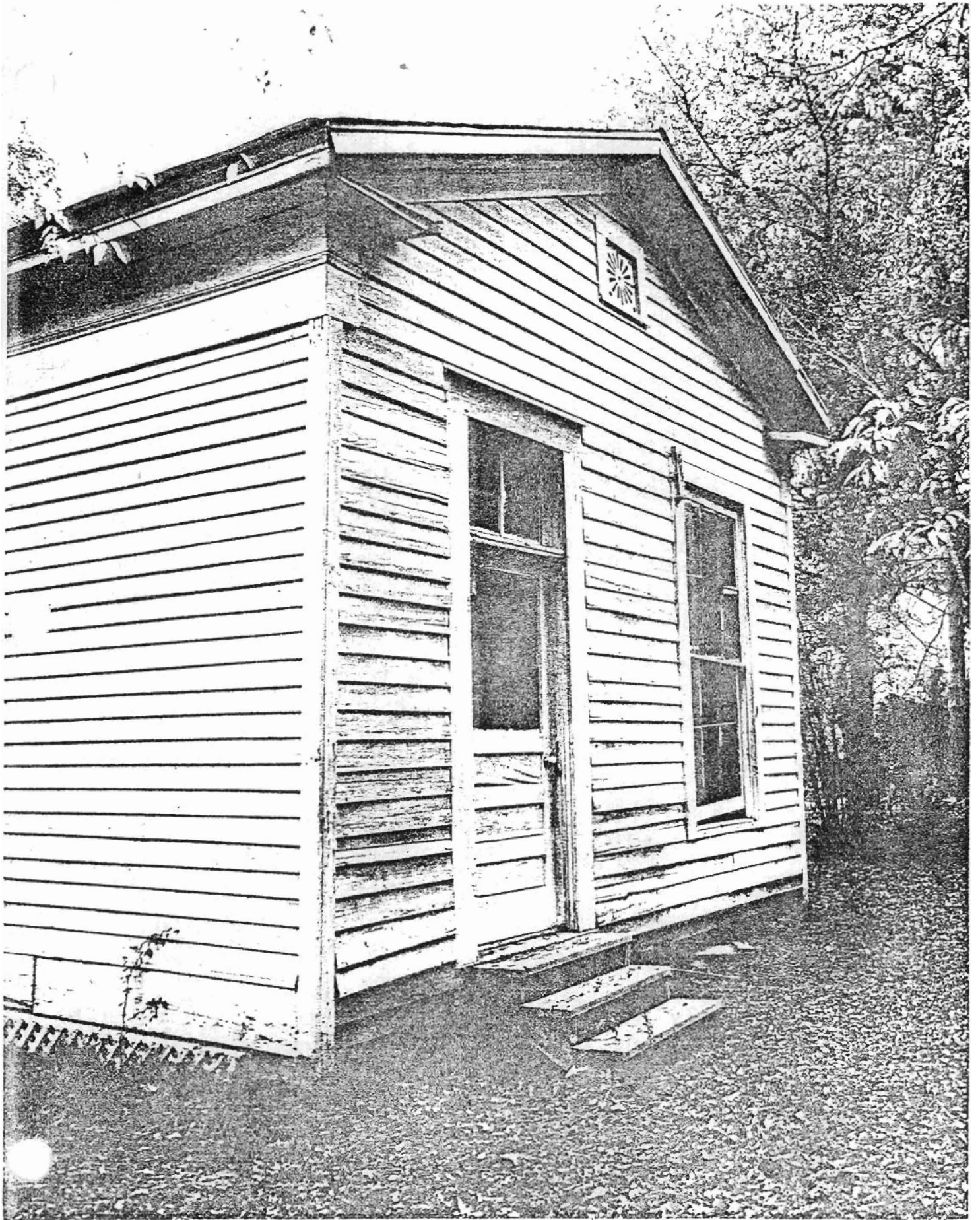
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South elevation viewed from the south



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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Camden _____ VICINITY OF COUNTY Ouachita STATE Arkansas

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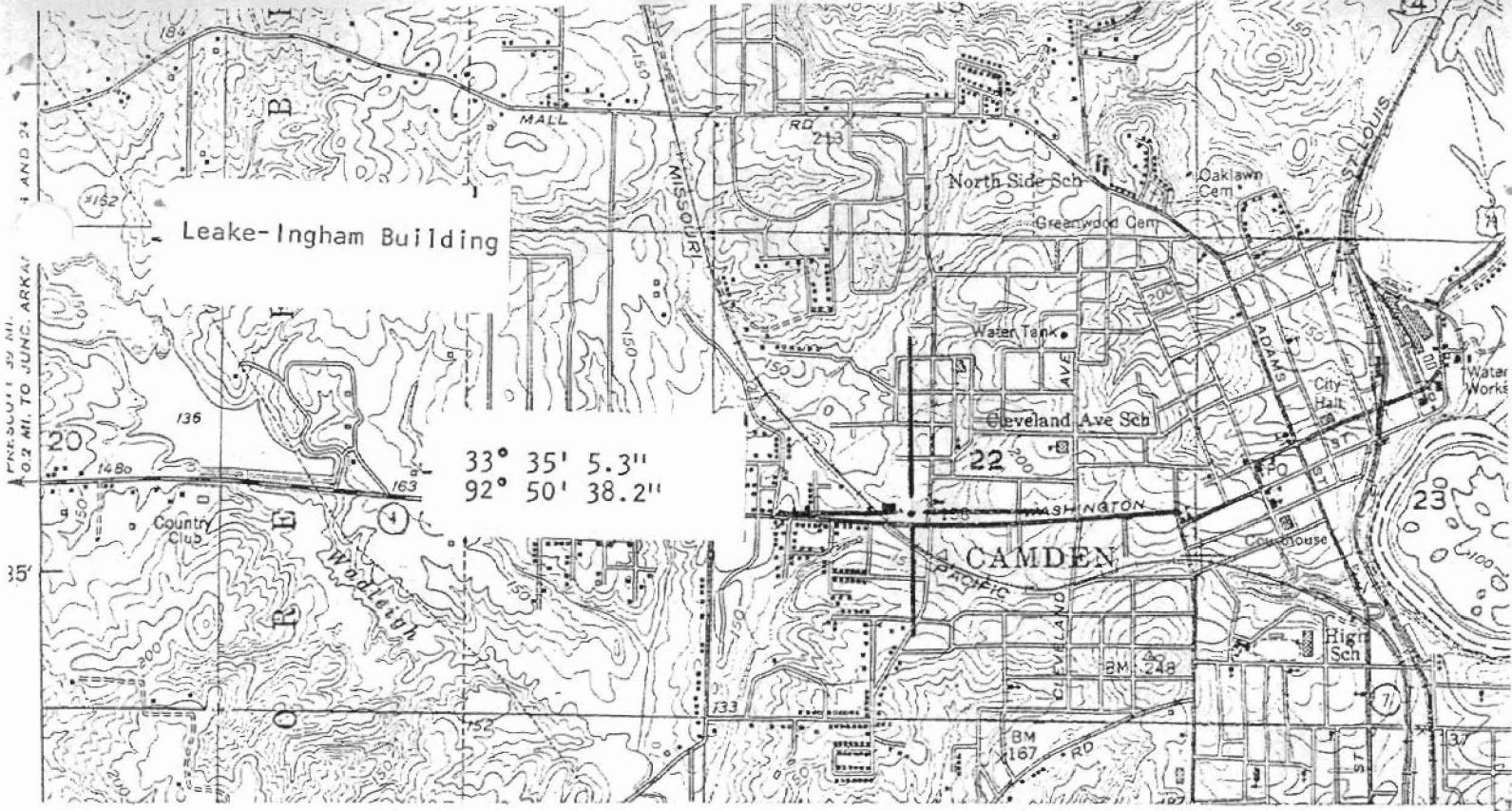
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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Rear elevation

PHOTO NO



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PROPERTY MAP FORM
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926 Washington Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Camden Quadrangle	1951	1/24000

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

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