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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: PR-079	Congressional District: Second
Name: Bethel House	Current Owner: Ed Rieke
Address: Erwin and 2nd Des Arc, Arkansas	Address: Erwin and 2nd Des Arc, Arkansas 72040
County: Prairie	

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles Thompson

Date of Construction: 1918	Stylistic Influence: Craftsman
Original Use: Residence	Present Use: Residence

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 637440/3871160	Acreage: Less than one
Verbal Boundary Description: Watkins Survey Block 39, Lots 1, 2, 3.	

Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	

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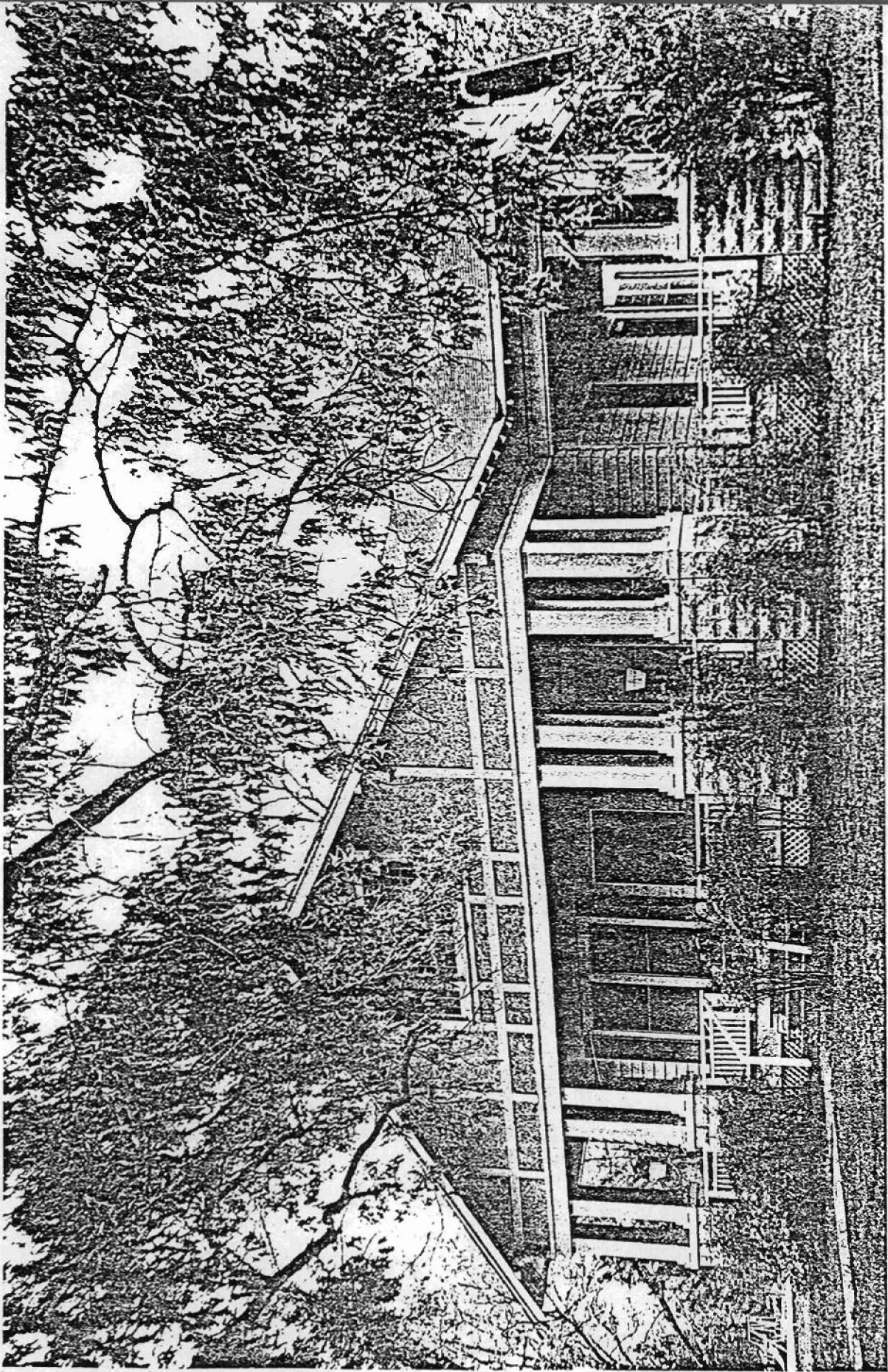
(Erwin and 2nd, DesArc, AR)

Physical Description

This one-and-one-half-story house is faced with weatherboards. The very broad cross gable which extends across the entire front of this house provides a dominant note of simplicity and unity. The main block of the house is capped by a composition shingle gable roof; an open porch with gable roof projects on the north side elevation. Supporting the cross gable, under which the porch is subsumed, are clusters of simple box columns on high rusticated stone plinths. Twin columns are placed at the porch entrance and clusters of three columns uphold the corners. The rusticated stone of the high plinths and the pseudo half-timbering of the front gable provide variegated and interesting textural effects. A group of four small multi-paned windows appears in the front gable. The sash windows in the house have six-over-one-lights.

Statement of Significance

The H. B. Bethel House in Des Arc is a simple small-town home designed by Charles L. Thompson in 1918. The house is located across a spacious lawn from a large Foursquare design, the B. B. Bethel House (listed on the NR 1978). The small Craftsman design of the H. B. Bethel House features a single, large, low, front gable, adding an unusual and dramatic effect to the small house. Sturdy box columns set on rusticated stone bases support the porch. Rich in textural effects through the use of pseudo half-timbering and rusticated stone, the H. B. Bethel House is a complementary contrast to the larger Bethel House in the same block. This attractive house reflects the firm's conscientious efforts to produce designs of quality for simple modest-sized houses.

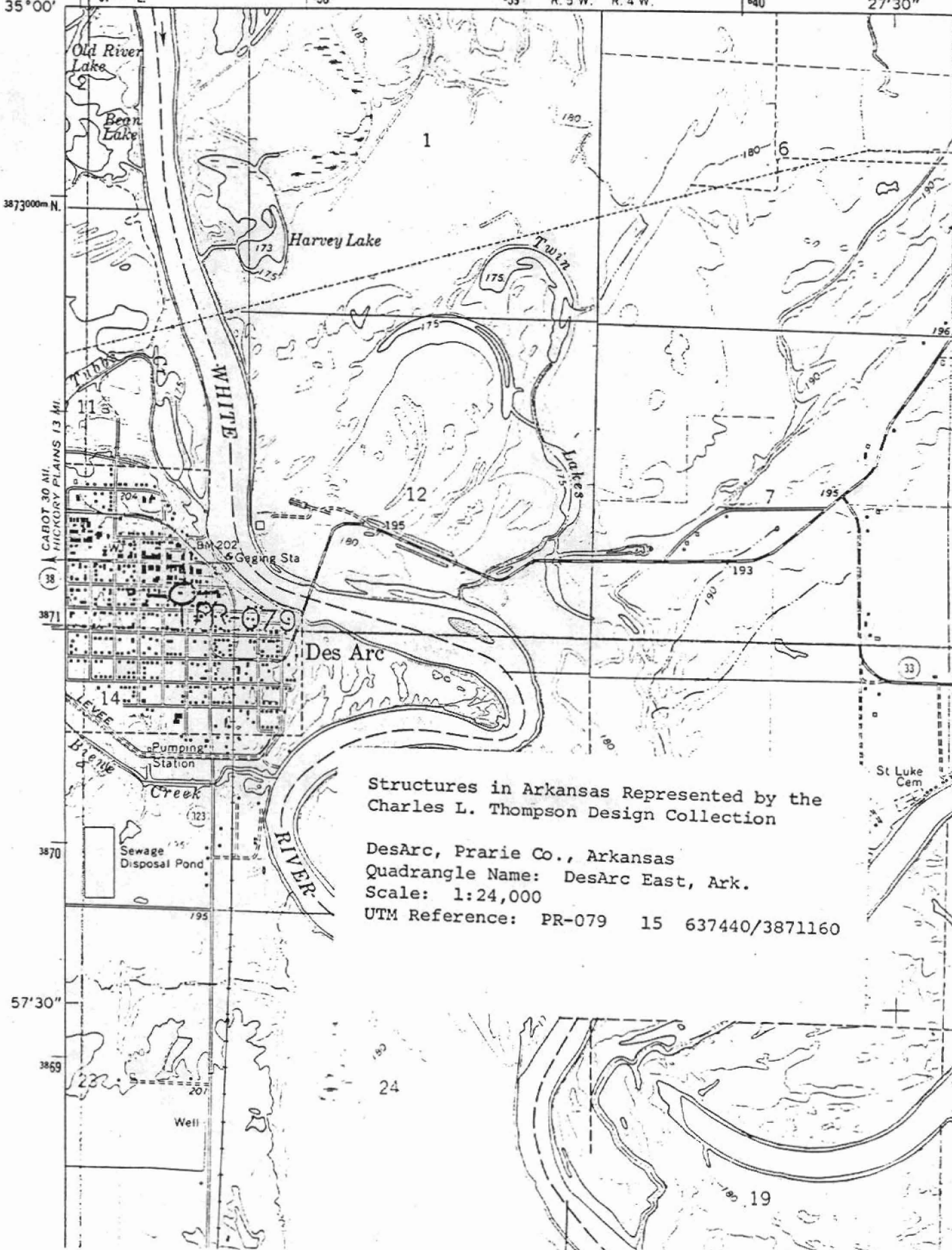


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COTTON PLAIN
5 MI.
27'30"

91°30' 637000m E 1638 639 R. 5 W. R. 4 W. 640
35°00' 3873000m N



Structures in Arkansas Represented by the
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection

Des Arc, Prarie Co., Arkansas
Quadrangle Name: Des Arc East, Ark.
Scale: 1:24,000

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