

*Pulaski Co.
North Little Rock
Matthews - MacFadyen House*

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Matthews-MacFadyen House

other name/site number: PU 0096

2. Location

street & number: 206 Dooley Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Pulaski

code: AR 119

zip code: 72116

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of "Edgemont in Park Hill"

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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. Bryant
Signature of certifying official

4-2-92
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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: Domestic
Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling
Secondary Structure

Current : Domestic
Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling
Secondary Structure

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and 20 Century Revivals/
English Revival

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Brick roof Wood Shingle
walls Brick other _____

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: Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period(s) of Significance: 1930-1942 _____

Significant Dates: 1930-1942 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A _____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A _____

Architect/Builder: Designed by Frank Carmean/
Built by the Justin Matthews Company

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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X 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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Acreeage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>568040</u>	<u>3848820</u>	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Lot 26 and the west half of lot 25, block 106, Park Hill Addition to the City of North Little Rock

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property originally platted for the construction of this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

The Matthews-MacFadyen House is one of three pre-Depression Edgemont houses erected on Dooley Road, Edgemont's secondary street. A highly picturesque example of the English Revival style, the house incorporates features such as decorative brickwork, prominent chimney stacks, and a steeply pitched roofline to evoke medieval English architecture.

Elaboration

Just two blocks long, Dooley Road simply connects one section of Skyline Drive with another section of the same, curvilinear street. Prior to the Depression, only three houses were built on Dooley, where lots do not enjoy the view across the Arkansas River toward Little Rock that is available along Skyline Drive. The Matthews-MacFadyen House is oriented to the north, on a site that originally comprised one-and-one-half lots.

The main two-story section of the house lies beneath a steeply-pitched gable-on-hip roof that is covered with wooden shingles. A double chimney stack, topped by decorative chimney pots, rises through the ridge of the main roofline.

A one-story ell, containing the living room, projects northward at right angles to the main section of the house. The ell has a steeply-pitched gabled roof with a cross gable that terminates in another chimney which divides into two stacks above the ridge of the cross gable, each stack topped by a decorative chimney pot. French doors are centered in the north end of the living room ell, and multi-paned casement windows flank the chimney on the east side of the ell.

The main entrance is located in the two-story section of the house, just east of the ell. The doorway is sheltered by a small wood-shingled roof, and above the door a section of brick is laid in herringbone bond, adding another picturesque touch to the house's already-picturesque brick veneer, which is laid unevenly with an occasional "misplaced" brick.

A pair of windows with six-over-six, double-hung sashes, located in the main (north) facade just east of the entrance, defines the location of the dining room. Above these windows, an oriel window projects from the main facade. Original windows elsewhere in the house all have six-over-six, double-hung sashes. A recent one-story addition to the rear (south) facade of the house has windows of fixed panes of glass.

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The rear addition, which differs from the original house in having wooden siding, is the only major alteration the Matthews-MacFadyen House has undergone, either outside or inside. And, unlike some Edgemont houses, the Matthews-MacFadyen House has interior features that generally are consistent with its exterior architectural style. Among several noteworthy interior features are the living room's vaulted and beamed ceiling and the gallery which overlooks the living room from an upstairs hallway. Arched openings are not used as prominently in this house as in other Edgemont houses; they exist only in private areas of the Matthews-MacFadyen House, such as bathrooms.

Behind the house stands the original two-story garage-plus-maid's quarters, designed to accommodate two cars on its ground level. The gable-roofed structure features the same brick veneer, wooden shingles, and six-over-six, double-hung windows as the main house.

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Summary

Criteria A and C, local significance

Like both of the other houses built on Dooley Road before the Depression brought construction in Edgemont to a halt, the Matthews-MacFadyen House was erected in 1930. They did not find a buyer until the early 1940's, thus--like several of its neighbors--it serves to illustrate the Depression's impact on Edgemont's development. Perhaps the most significant aspect of the Matthews-MacFadyen House, however, is its architecture, which incorporates some of the best and most picturesque detailing to be found among the Edgemont houses.

Elaboration

Constructed during 1930, the three houses on Dooley Road were the 13, 14th, and 15th (of a total of sixteen) Edgemont houses to be completed. Records suggest, however, that the Matthews-MacFadyen House is the "youngest" of the Dooley Road houses. It was, at least, the last to be occupied.

Unable to sell the house, Metropolitan Trust Company leased it in May of 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Hughes for a total annual rent of \$1,020--or \$85 per month. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were the first of at least four renters who occupied the house before it sold in the early 1940's to Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. MacFadyen. Mr. MacFadyen was vice-president of the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Though still owned by Mrs. MacFadyen, the house began being used a rental property again around 1950. When Mrs. MacFadyen eventually sold the house in 1965, it reportedly was in poor condition. The couple who purchased the house from Mrs. MacFadyen, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Blodgett, are credited by the present owner (who bought it from the Blodgetts in 1984) with having extensively rehabilitated the house.

Architecturally significant as an excellent example of the English Revival style, the Matthews-MacFadyen also has a "checkered" history that demonstrates the effects of the Depression on Edgemont's development.

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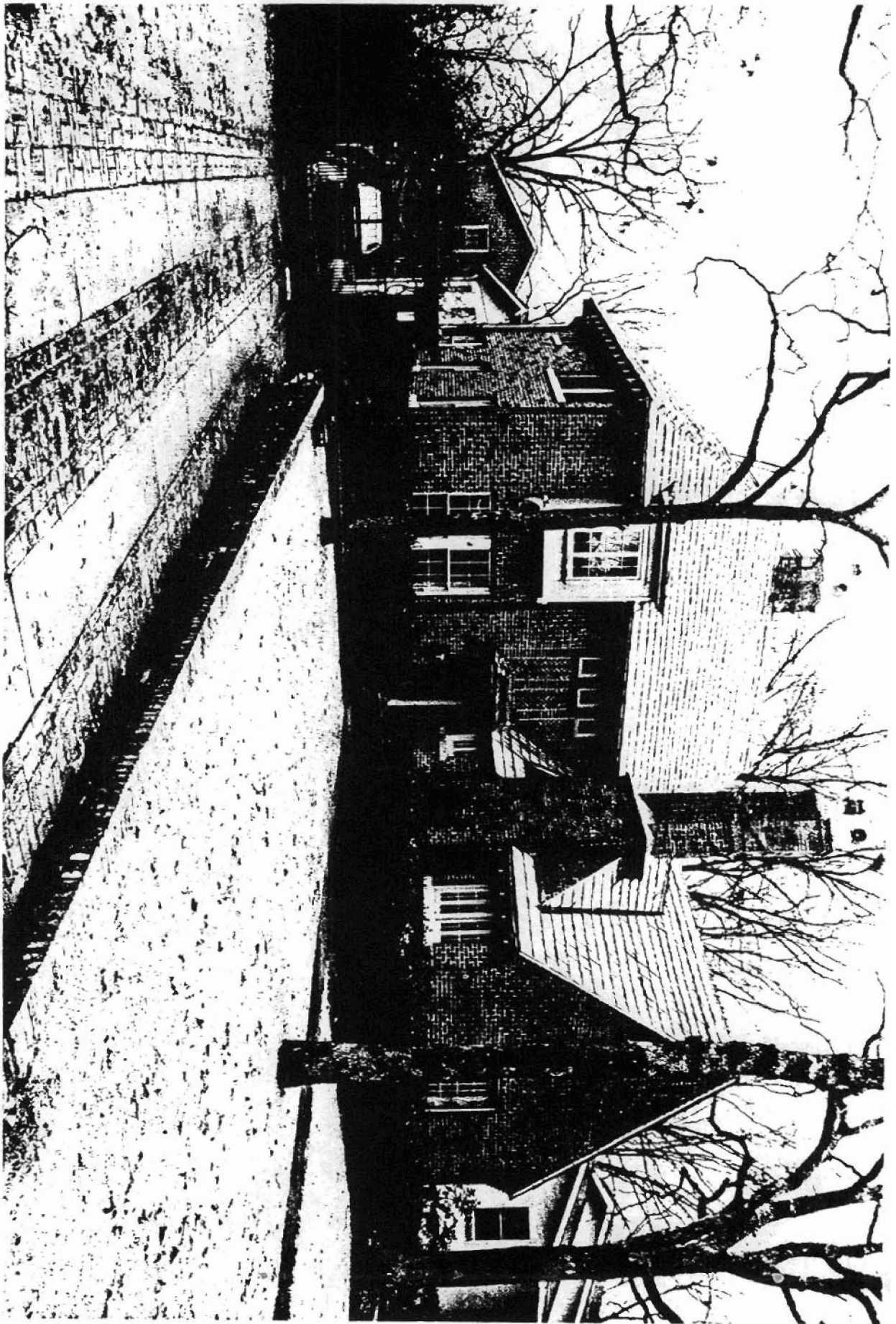
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Cheryl Nichols

Jan. 18, 1991

Main facade, looking south

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View looking southeast

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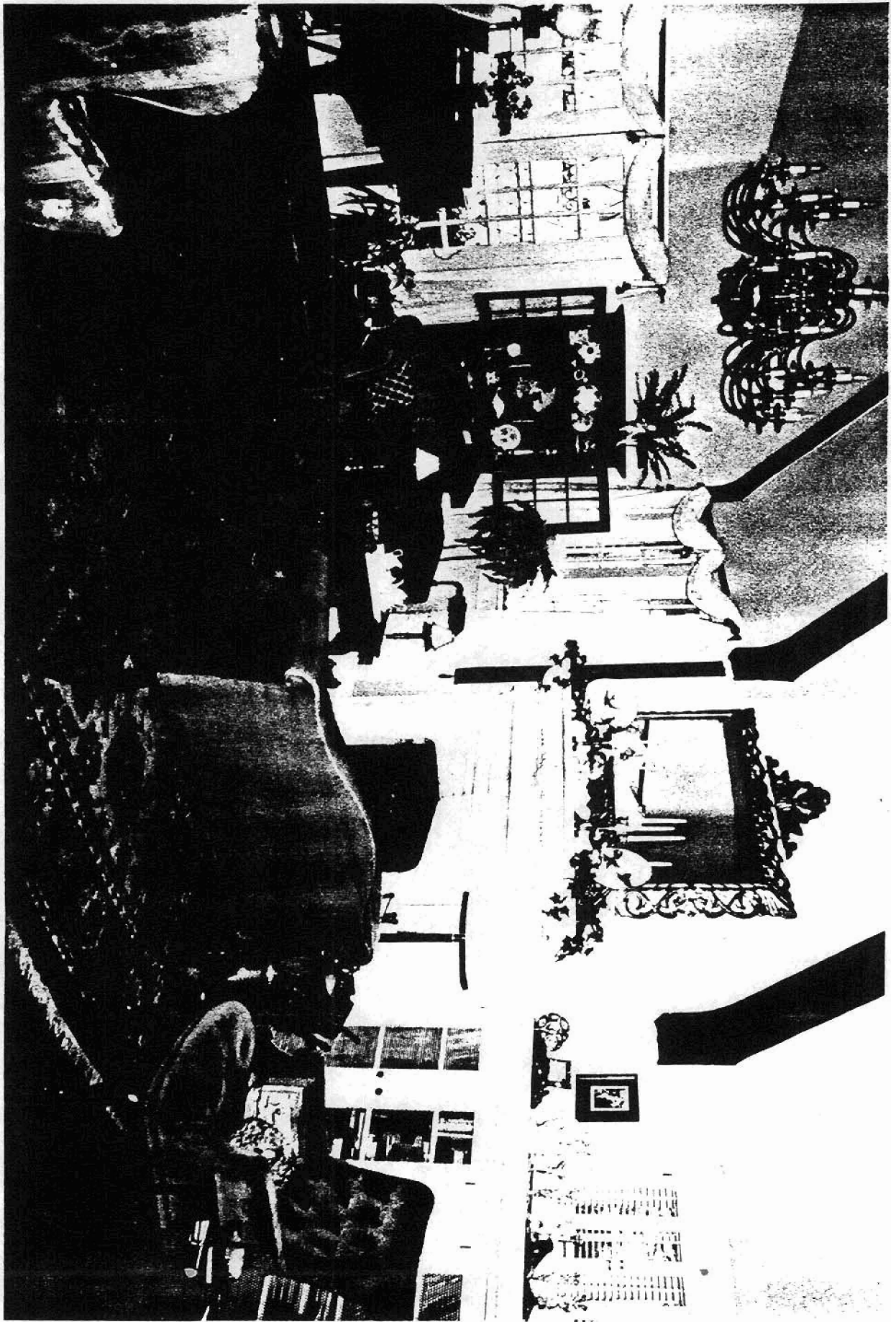
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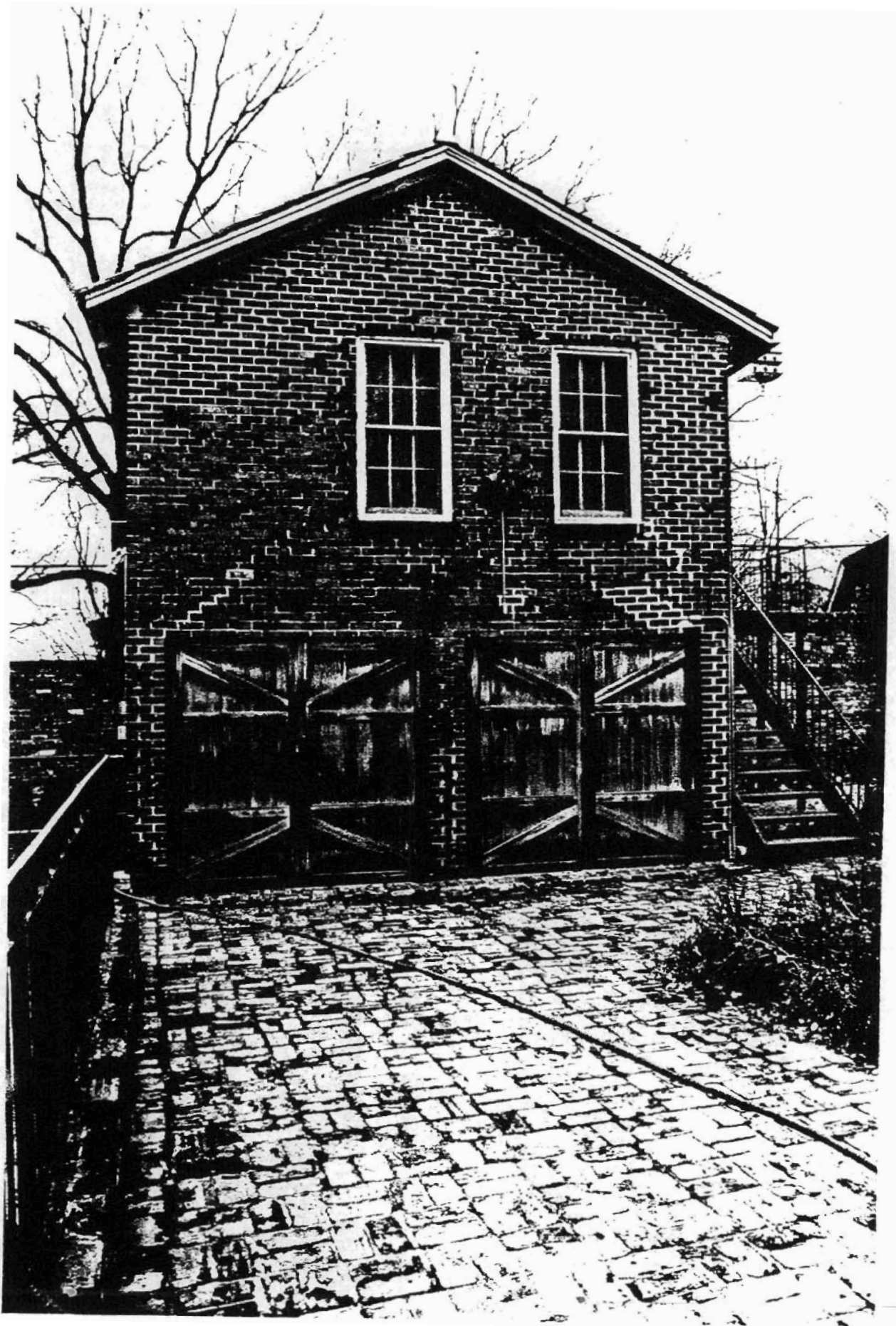
Rear facade, looking northeast

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Mathews - MacFadyen House, 206 Dooley Rd (PU 0095)
North Little Rock, AR
Cheryl Nichols
Jan. 18, 1991

Living room, looking northeast
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Matthews-MacFadyen House, 206 Dooley Rd.
North Little Rock, AR (CPU 5096)

Gregg Nichols

Jan. 18, 1991

Garage, looking southwest

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