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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Deane House

AND/OR COMMON

Neel-Deane House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Arch

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE
119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES RESTRICTED

YES UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Calvin Biggers

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Arch

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Pulaski County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The one and one-half storey Deane House is basically rectangular in plan with short projecting wings and bays. Architecturally, the house is a modified Queen Anne style with neo-classical detailing. There is textural variety through the use of narrow clapboard siding, vertical flush board siding and both square cut and scalloped shingles.

The facade features a gable which extends over a three sided bay. The gable end has an air vent over which is ornately carved woodwork set in the point of the gable end. A wide band of scalloped shingle lies above the three separate windows on the bay. Over each two end windows are curved brackets meeting at a right angle. At the juncture of the brackets is a decorative pendant. A large flat-roofed porch spans two-thirds of the facade and wraps around the corner to the south elevation. The porch features Ionic capital columns and a railing with turned balusters having square bases and capitals. The cornice on the porch is dentiled and under the porch roof there are three curved glass double-hung windows.

Other exterior features of note are the four chimneys, with corbelling which project from the irregular roofline, the vertical boards painted in a contrasting color at the house, and the lugsills and lintels found on the windows. The lines of the house are further accentuated by horizontal baseboards in contrasting color which separate the foundation from the siding.

The south facade continues the dentiled cornice. The gable on the south facade features plain shingles over an air vent similar to the one on the front gable of the facade. A small dormer is marked by double windows and a gabled roof.

The north facade features a central three-sided bay covered with a gabled roof. The bay features vertical flush boards below the windows. A one storey flat roofed porch is marked by two Ionic capital columns and a dentiled cornice.

The paneled main entry door is divided into six small panels with a clear glass lite in the upper half. The style of this door is repeated in the entry door on the north elevation. Two door molding styles found on the interior doors have either entablatures or cornerblocks with molding. In the main entry hall two front parlors and dining room, the walls are papered above the wainscoting. The cornice and baseboards feature molding. Two sets of heavily paneled sliding doors lead out of the north parlor to the dining room and onto the main entry hall.

Interesting fireplace mantels are found in the two front parlors. In the north parlor the mantel features two squared engaged columns with the mantel shelf slightly lower than the column capitals. The mantel piece is marked by a single bracket centered beneath the ornately carved shelf projection. The mantel in the south parlor is set into a corner of the room and features Ionic capital columns supporting a decorated molded shelf. Also located in the south parlor

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is a circular bay with three separate windows which conform to the shape of the bay.

Although little information is available on the alterations to the house, there are a few which can be determined. An obvious exterior alteration is the enclosure of a porch on the east elevation. The north entry has been remodeled and a modernistic iron and ash staircase leading to the partial second floor was added to replace a flight of narrow steep stairs. A door in the east wall of the dining room which lead to the north entry has been closed in and a fireplace on the same wall removed.

Still in excellent condition, the house represents adaptation of an older house to modern living. The present owner has renovated and tastefully redecorated the Deane House.

18 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Deane House lies in the areas of architecture and transportation. The house is a transitional style combining elements of Queen Anne and Neo-Classical architecture. It was probably one of the first houses in Little Rock to reflect the transition from Victorian to turn-of-the-century styles. Although the exact date of construction is not known, documentary evidence indicates the house was built in 1888. The abstract of the house shows the value increased markedly in this period, thus indicating major improvements to the land. The value of the property as indicated on the abstract then depreciated normally thereafter until modern land values raised the price.

The prominence of the house is associated with one of the leading figures in the railroad, Colonel G.A.A. Deane.

Gardiner Andrus Armstrong Deane was born in Franklin, Massachusetts, July 21, 1840. He was educated in the Franklin public schools and in 1858 graduated from the Franklin Academy.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in the Third Iowa Calvary on August 23, 1861, as a bugler. By 1863 he was promoted to Captain, and on May 9, 1864, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, commanding the 60th U. S. Colored Infantry. During the following year, he served as A.A. Inspector General, District of Eastern Arkansas, and was honorably discharged from the United States forces at Little Rock on October 16, 1865.

After the war, in 1867, Deane married Eliza J. Margeaux at St. Joseph, Missouri and the couple moved to Atchison, Kansas, where the Colonel became a farmer and horse breeder. During the 1880's Deane was employed as engineer in charge of construction by the Union Pacific Railroad, thus beginning the association with railroading which he pursued the balance of his life.

In December, 1891, Colonel Deane was named land commissioner in Arkansas for the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad and the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway. At this time he moved his family to Little Rock. Through the many friendships he had made in railroading and the manner in which he conducted the railroad's business, Deane was elected to the Board of Directors of the Iron Mountain on June 25, 1909, and retired from the Board January 23, 1913.

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On May 12, 1917, all the railroads, lands and other property of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad were sold and deeded to the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. This transfer, involving thousands of titles to lands in the certified lists and patents under the railroad grant, was solely due to the efforts of Colonel Deane.

Colonel Deane's stature in the community as well as his prominence in the railroad world provided him with the opportunity to meet and entertain many notables around the turn-of-the-century. In 1897, he accompanied George D. Meikeljohn, Assistant Secretary of War, in an inspection of Ft. Roots, and afterwards entertained the party with breakfast in the Deane Home. He was on the reception committee for President Theodore Roosevelt when he visited Little Rock in 1904, and assisted in the arrangements for greeting President William Howard Taft on the occasion of Taft's Little Rock visit in 1909.

Deane retained his job as land commissioner for the railroad until his death on August 9, 1919, seven days after the death of his wife. He had one son and three daughters.

The historic Deane House is significant as an example of transitional architecture in Little Rock's historic Quapaw Quarter District. In addition, Colonel Deane's role as an important railroad executive is illustrated in the house as it presents the tastes of a businessman in the early twentieth century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

June 10, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock,

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

~~FOR NPS USE ONLY~~ SIGNATURE

William E. Henderson



TITLE

DATE

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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

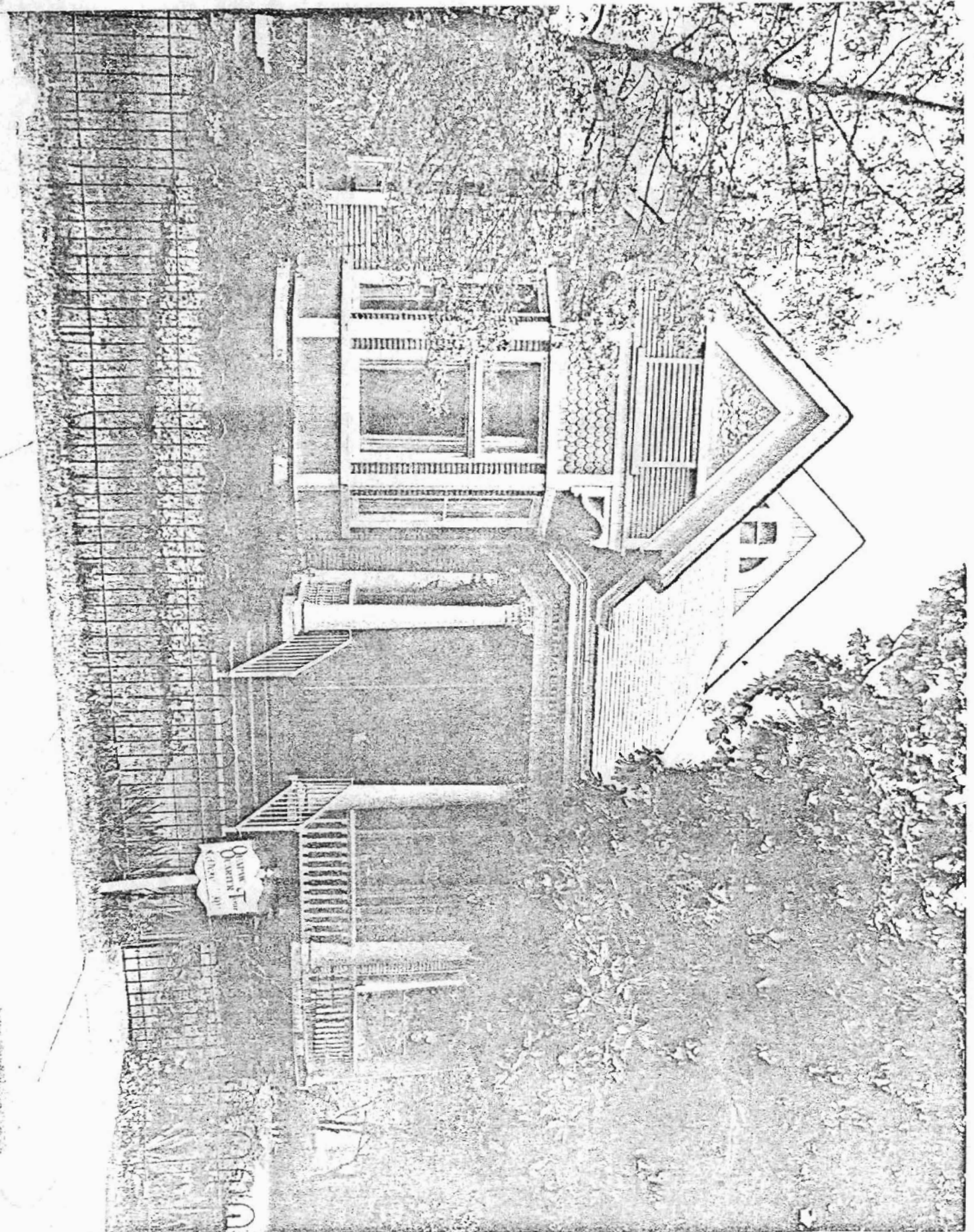
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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PHOTO CREDIT

Bob Dunn

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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

Facade, viewed from the west

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Quapaw Quarter Chronicle, May/June, 1975.

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SOURCE United States Geological Survey

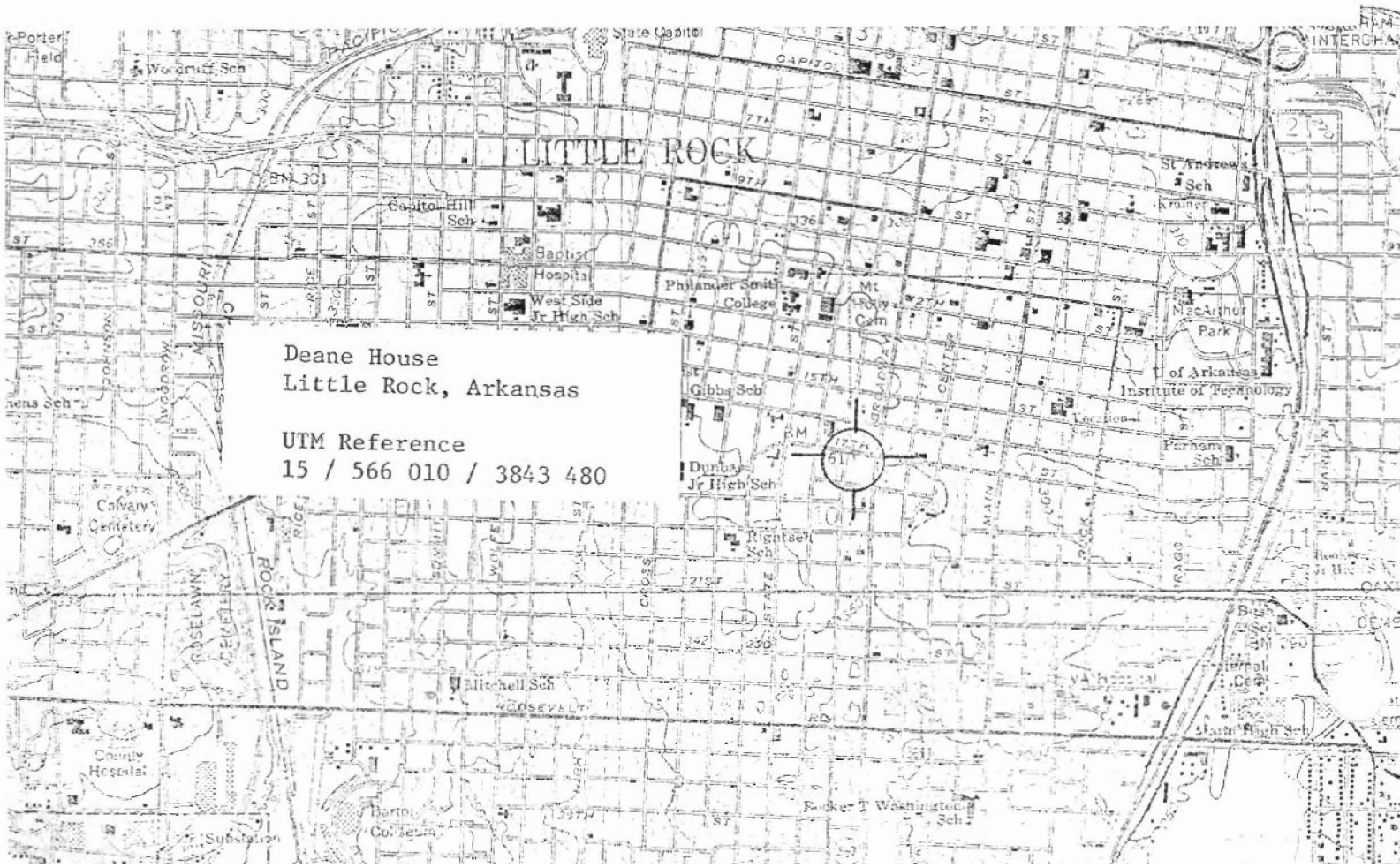
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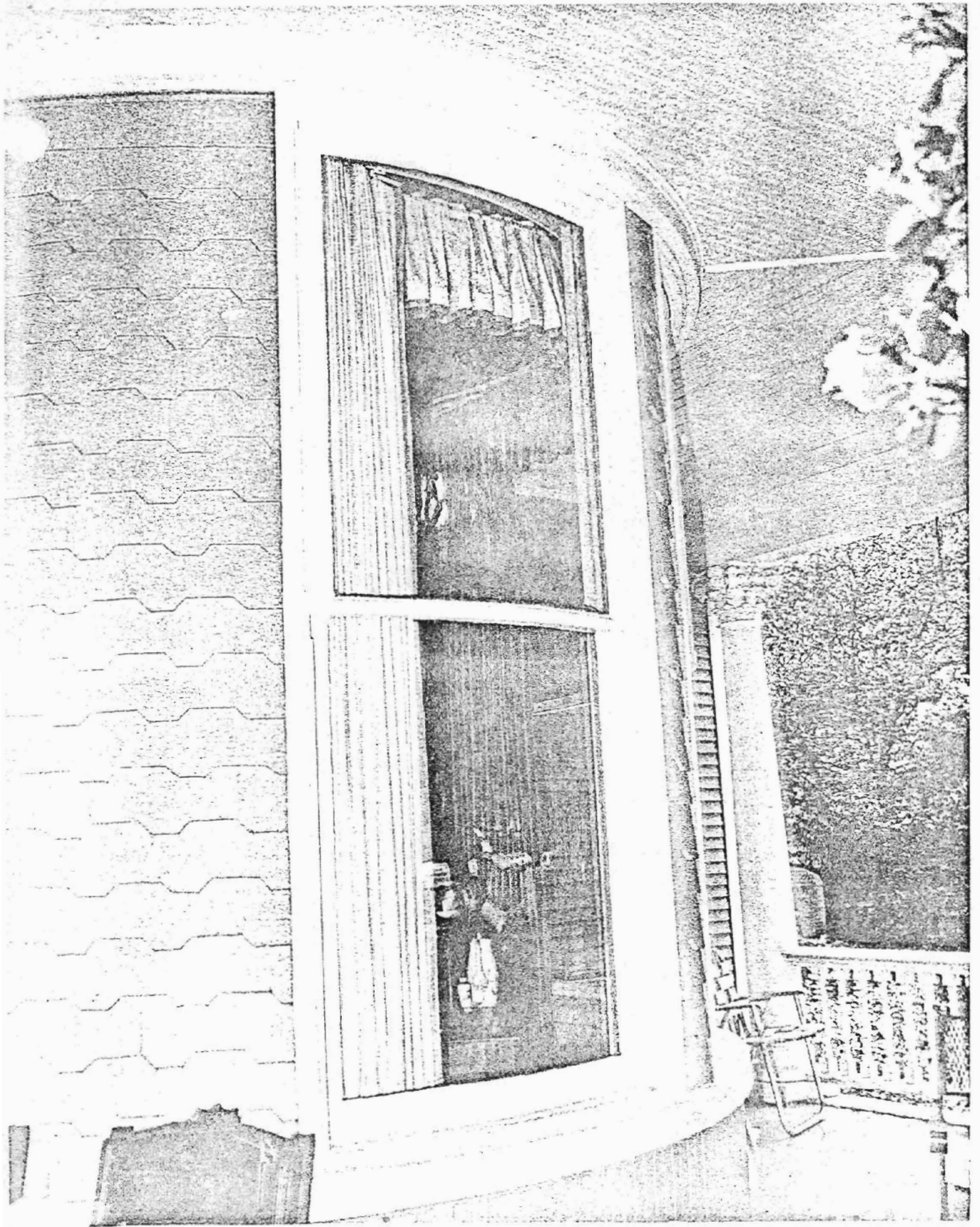
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2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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
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Detail of porch bay, note curved windows.

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