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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Baker House

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

109 5th Street

CITY, TOWN

North Little Rock

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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 UNOCCUPIED

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frederick Hampton Roy, Sr.

STREET & NUMBER

2021 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

Arkansas 72201

STATE

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

2nd and Spring Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock, Arkansas

STATE

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Baker House is a Queen Anne styled residence constructed in 1898-1899. The plan is ell-shaped with a round tower centered on the south side. The roof is gabled with a hipped section which joins the three story tower to the 2½ story house. The entrance porch which radiates out from the tower is semi-circular and is decorated in spool and spindle work supported by scroll brackets on posts which are set on capiteled wood piers. Entrance to the porch is through a "moon gate". The building has a dentiled and ogee cornice. The gable ends are pedimented and finished imbricated shingles. In each gable end is a palladian window. The third story of the tower is finished in rectangular shingles with a band of diamond shingles around the middle of the story. The tower has a ogee and dentiled cornice. Windows are one over one with stone lentils and sills. The foundation is rusticated stone.

Alterations include an addition to the west, marked by a change in brick pattern. The porch floor originally wood was replaced by concrete in the 1920's. The tower roof burned in 1922.

On the interior is a central stair. The woodwork is "curley" pine and the mantels in the first floor rooms are oak.

# SIGNIFICANCE

D.		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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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      1898-99      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      A.E. Colburn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Baker House, built 1898-99, is significant for its historical associations with education and commerce in the central Arkansas town of North Little Rock. The house is primarily significant in its architectural design and features. One of the last surviving High Victorian Houses in North Little Rock, the Baker House is now significant in its uniqueness to the city.

The Baker House is a fine example of the Queen Anne Style. It's masonry construction with wood used only as decoration (see description of porch and pedeminted gables) ke it somewhat unusual.

The Baker House was constructed in 1898-99 by A.E. Colburn who was at the time the house was built in partnership with Henry Glenn, a Little Rock contractor. Although not supported by fact, an interesting story surrounds the construction of the house. It is thought that Colburn was a native of North Little Rock, but had, at some point, become quite well known in England as a jockey. In the mid 1890's Colburn is believed to have returned to North Little Rock with his accumulated earnings and in 1898 constructed one of the finest houses in North Little Rock. According to the story, Colburn was strongly discouraged from being in his newly constructed house because he was black. The abstract does indicate that Colburn sold the house in 1901. It changed ownership three additional times before it was purchased in 1916 by C.J. and Annie Baker. Baker was the school principal at Ozone, Arkansas, from 1884 to 1904. Upon moving to North Little Rock in 1904, Baker was employed as the city's school superintendant until 1906. From 1906 until 1939 Baker owned and managed a pawn shop in downtown North Little Rock. He died in 1943.

Lilliam Baker Lewis was the only child of C.J. Baker. She lived in the Baker House from 1916 to 1937. From 1969 to 1977 Mrs. Lewis returned to live in her childhood home.

The Baker House is one of the very few Victorian houses remaining in North Little Rock and had fallen into disrepair. Mrs. Lewis sold the house to the present owners in 1977 and it is now indergoing a complete rennovation. Visible from the Main Street in North Little Rock, the Baker House stands as a link to North Little Rock's vivid st.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Lillian Lewis - Interior  
 Mr. Lewis - Newspaper Clippings, abstract on property  
North Little Rock Times - July 1, 1976 P. 20A

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME North Little Rock, Ark.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	5, 6, 6, 9, 6, 0	3, 8, 4, 6, 2, 8, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			
E			
G			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			
F			
H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1, Block 6, Clendenin's Addition

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Rick Roy - edited by Frezil Miller and Sandra Taylor Smith

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

6-28-78

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500, Continental Building

TELEPHONE

371-2763

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Anne Gentry*

9/29/78

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Suite 500, Continental Building · Markham and Main · Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 371-2763

May 18, 1978

F. Hampton & Nancy H. Roy  
2021 Main Street  
Little Rock, AR 72206

Re: Baker House, North Little Rock  
Pulaski County

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Roy:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places an obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination, please contact Sandra Taylor Smith of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Woodard*

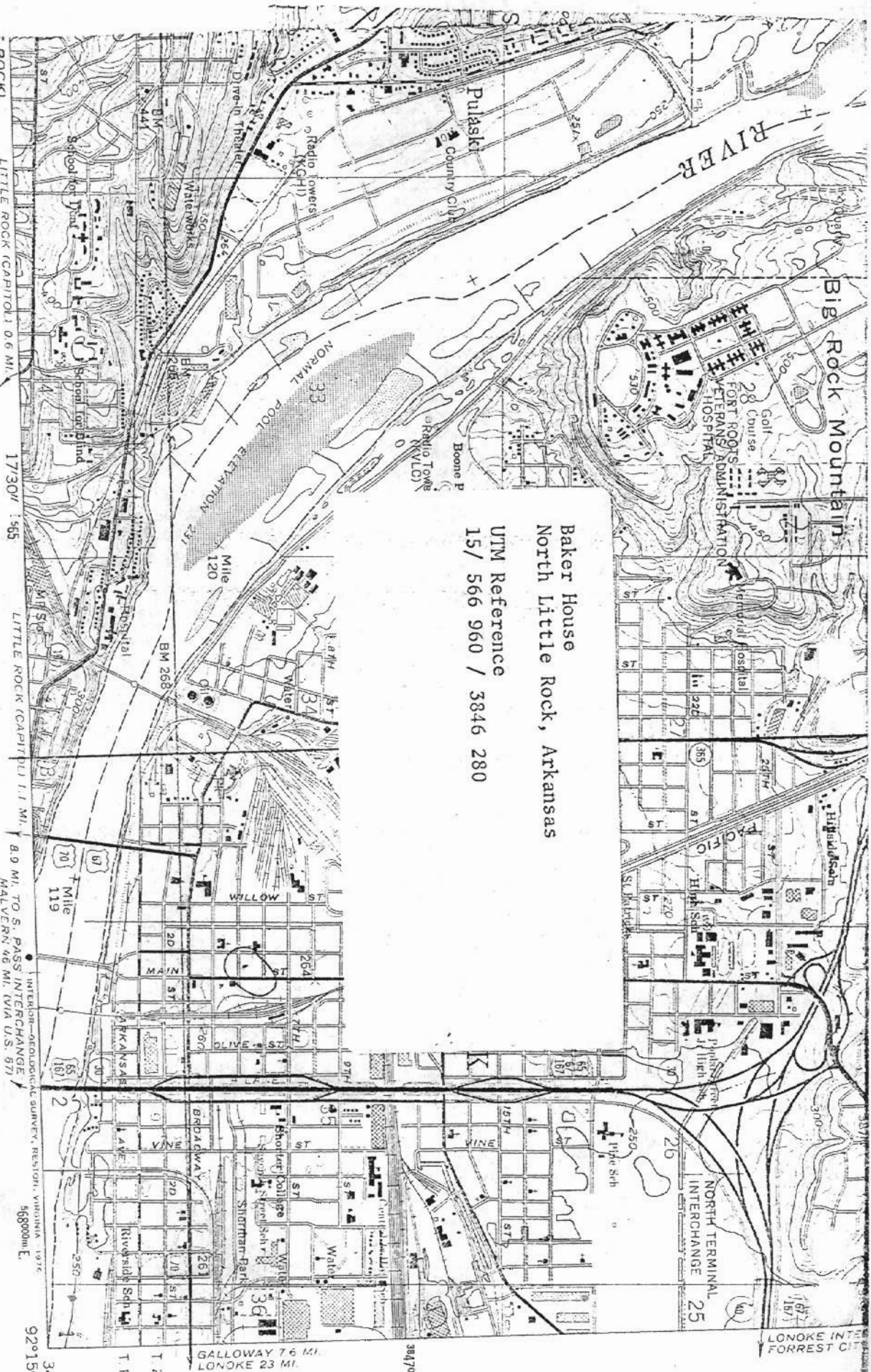
Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places.     Yes     No

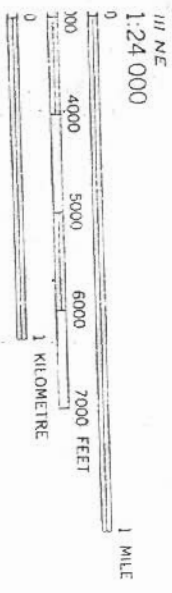
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Date

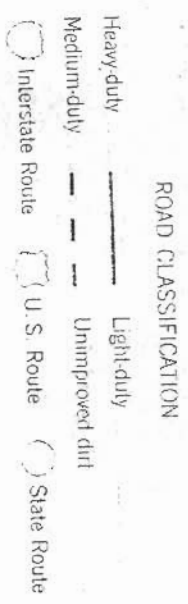
*F. Hampton Roy*  
Signature



Baker House  
 North Little Rock, Arkansas  
 UTM Reference  
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VERTICAL 10 FEET  
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 CRITICAL DATUM OF 1929



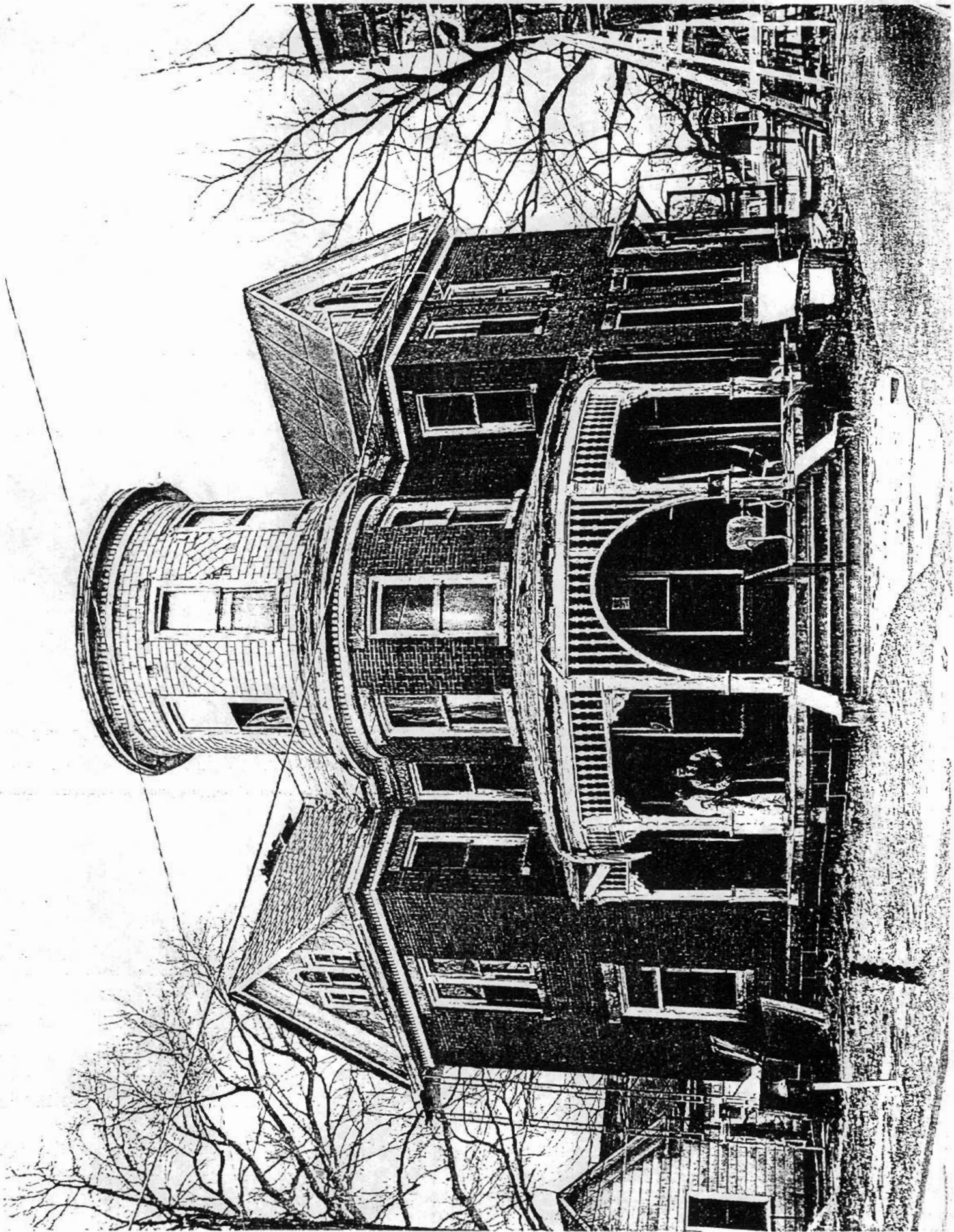
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FEDERAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092

1961

(SWEET'S)  
 1853 H. M. M.



1. Baker House
2. North Little Rock, Arkansas
3. May, 1978
4. Bob Dunn
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the southeast
7. photo # 1

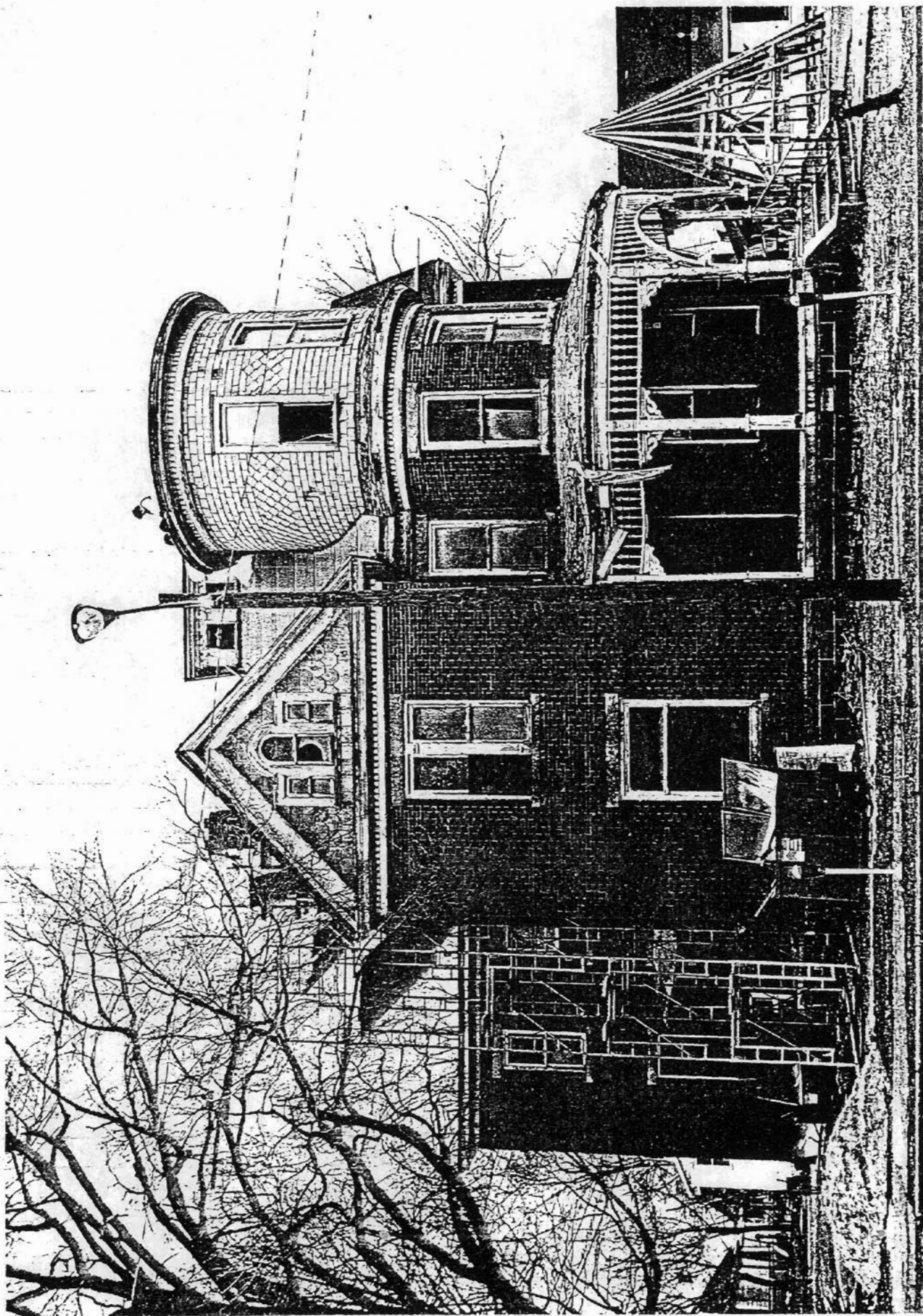




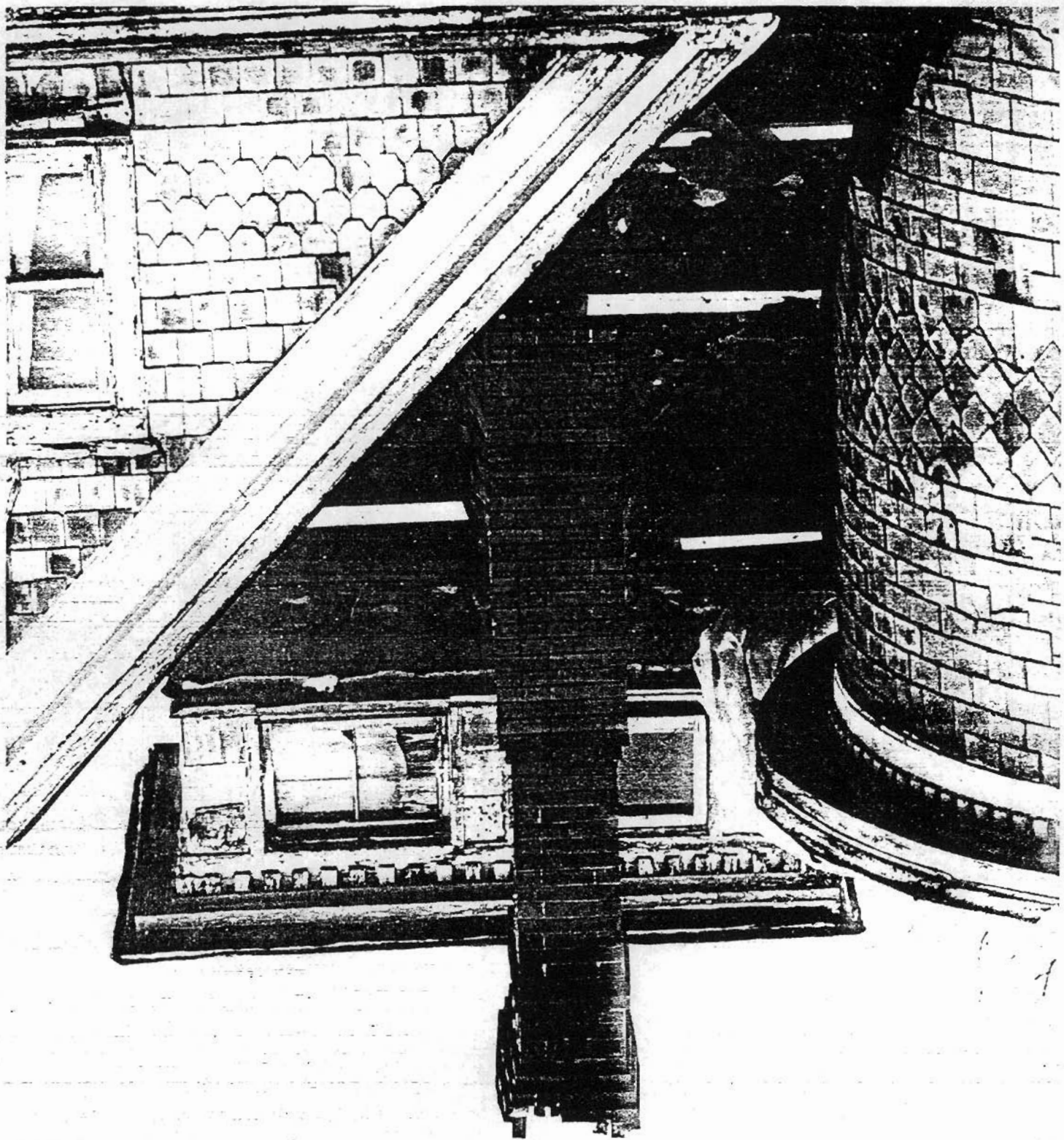
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6. viewed from the northwest
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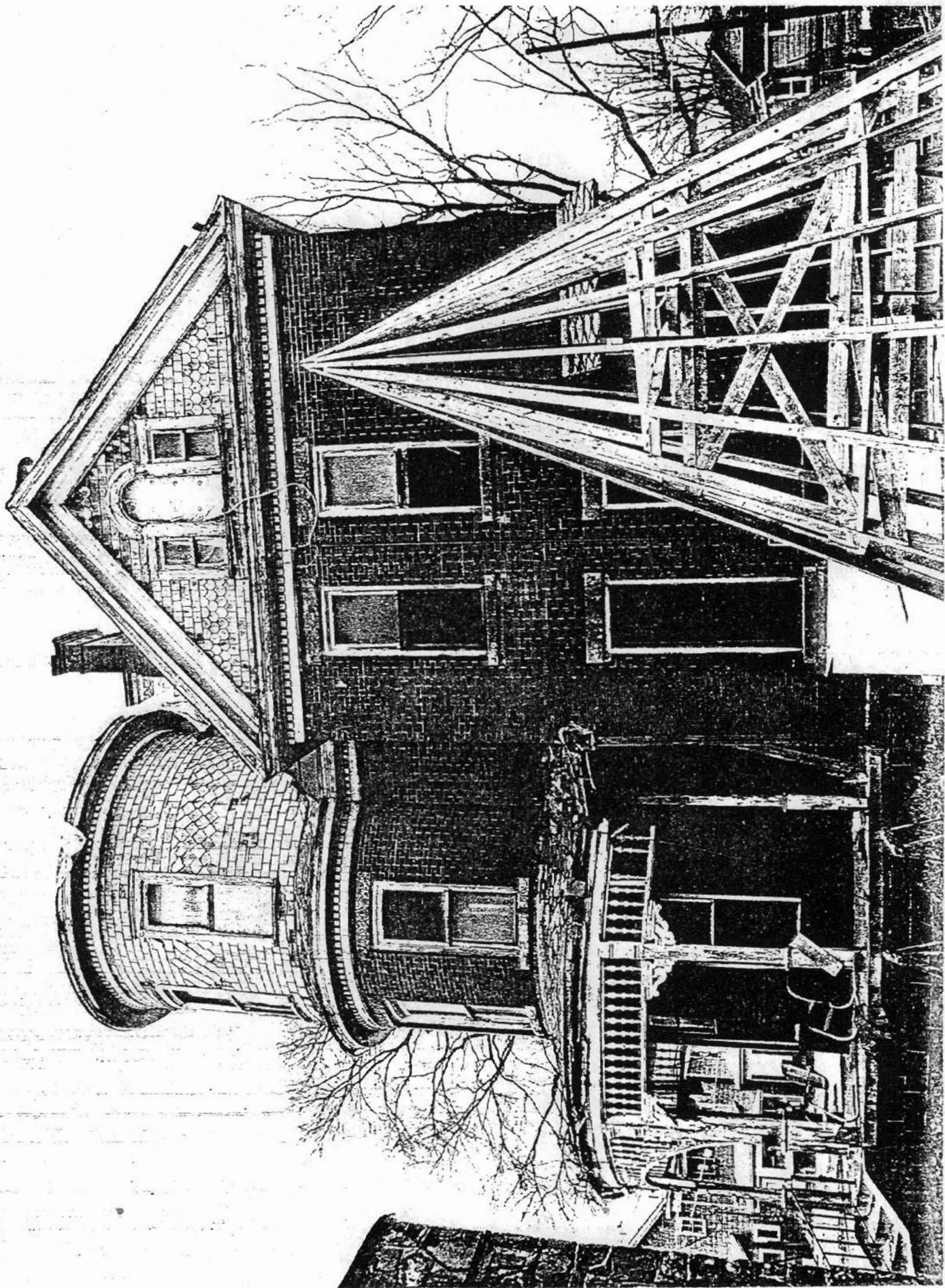


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6. viewed from the south
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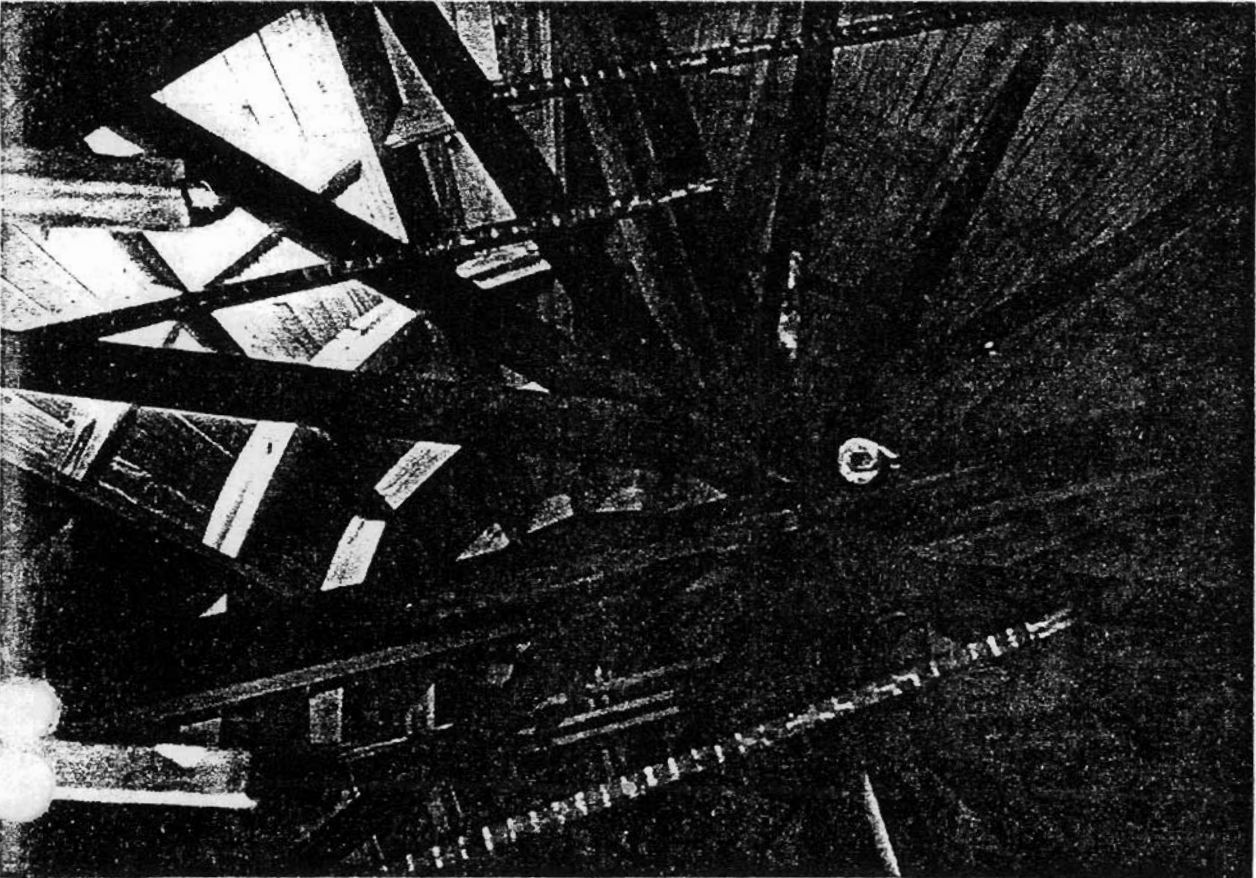
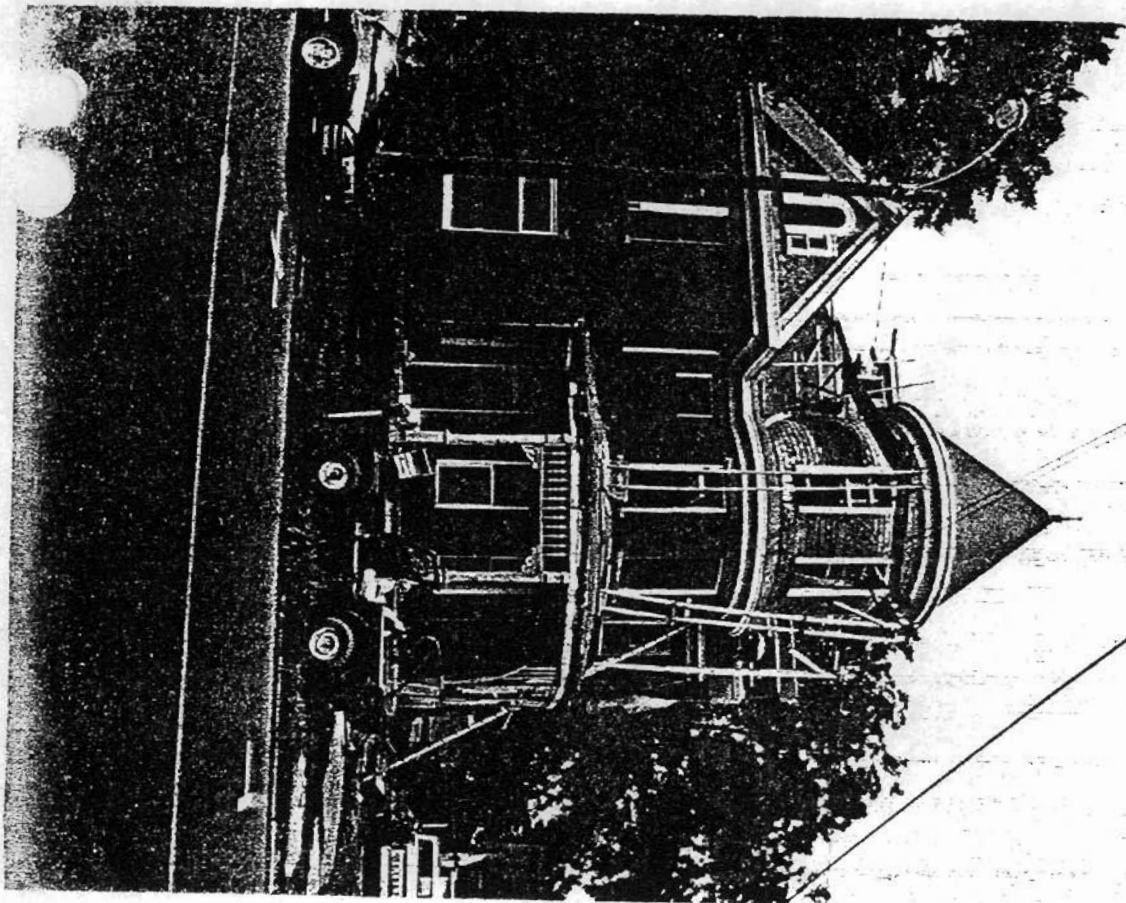


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6. viewed from the east  
detail of building
7. photo # 5





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4. Bob Dunn
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the east
7. photo # 6



1. Baker House
2. North Little Rock, Arkansas
3. September, 1978
4. Frezil Miller
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. viewed from the south; note restoration of tower
7. photo # 7

1. Baker House
2. North Little Rock, Arkansas
3. September, 1978
4. Frezil Miller
5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
6. interior view of structural elements of tower
7. photo # 8