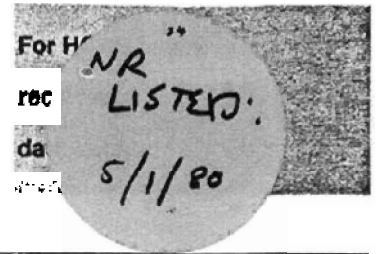


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Leiper-Scott House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 312 South Pulaski

not for publication

city, town Little Rock

vicinity of

congressional district 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 Frank Scott

street & number 4608 Ridgemont Road

city, town Fort Worth

vicinity of

state Texas 76117

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pulaski County Courthouse

street & number Markham and Spring Streets

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Capitol Area Survey

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date July 1978

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Capitol Zoning District Commission, Medical Arts Building

city, town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72202

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

### Check one

unaltered

altered

### Check one

original site

moved

date

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Leiper-Scott House is a one-story structure located two blocks east of the State Capitol. It was built on a lot which slopes abruptly to the rear. Therefore its basement on the rear or west elevation is exposed. The building has a cottage-style plan, combining hip and gable roof forms, an asymmetrical front facade, and one floor of usable living space. It is an adaptation of a plan that was popular between 1880 and World War I for modest, low-cost housing. While its contemporaries were commonly frame buildings, this is a solidly-constructed brick structure.

The Leiper-Scott House is transitional in style, with both Queen Anne and Colonial Revival characteristics. The massing of the building, the steep pitches of the roof and the use of slate infill in the south elevation pediment are characteristics of the Queen Anne style. Colonial Revival elements include tracery windows, round Roman arches, hipped dormer, Tuscan columns and gable returns.

The most striking design elements of the building appear on the principal (east) elevation. Centered on the east projecting bay is a round Roman-arched window. The opening has a tracery transom above a single-pane window. Above the arch is a tracery window. Adjacent to the entrance is a small arched tracery window. The hipped dormer on the front elevation provided yet another space for tracery work. The shed porch, which wraps around the northeast corner of the home and protects its two principal entrances, is supported by Tuscan columns mounted on brick piers. The main entrance is an ornamental door with transom. The gable has returns.

The kitchen opens onto a porch which is hidden by lattice-work. An interior staircase leads from that porch to the partially-finished basement. A wooden box cornice finishes the house and porches. Sash layout is one-over-one (1/1) and two-over-two (2/2). There are three chimneys: front slope, rear slope and straddle ridge. Brick bond is common. The roofing is slate.

There has been remarkably little alteration of the original structure, inside or out. Original lighting fixtures, molding, beaded wainscoting, hardwood floors, tile fireplace and shelf-mantel, and lath and plaster walls remain.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1902

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In 1975, the Arkansas State Legislature incorporated the area surrounding the State Capitol into a zoning district. By that date the area was well advanced into a major transition from residential neighborhoods dating from c. 1880-1910 and associated with the suffering railroad industry, to a variable-use commercial district. When the Capitol Zoning District Commission conducted a survey of the 200 surviving buildings in 1978, there were only three structures that merited a "priority one" rating for their architectural and/or historic significance. The Leiper-Scott House is one of those three buildings. The Leiper-Scott House is an architecturally significant brick cottage built for a turn-of-the-century Little Rock businessman, George A. Leiper. From 1884-1893, Leiper served as manager of the Arkansas State Penitentiary, which was privately-controlled under the state's "prison lease" system. As manager, Leiper presided over a giant brick-making operation which employed hundreds of convicts. In 1893, Leiper left the prison to establish his own brick factory. As was common with the entrepreneurs associated with the state prison (which occupied the site of the present State Capitol), Leiper invested in lands in west Little Rock, near the prison. In 1902, he constructed the Leiper-Scott House, apparently as a rental property. Five different families had occupied the house by 1933 when Richard Scott, an airbrake mechanic for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, purchased it. Scott and his wife raised a family in the house and lived in it until 1978 when they both died.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Capitol Area Survey, Capitol Zoning District Commission, Little Rock.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 10, Block 333, Original City

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 Robert D. Besom, Historian

organization Ark. Historic Preservation Program

date December 3, 1979

street & number Suite 500, Continental Building

telephone 501-371-2763

city or town Little Rock

state Arkansas 72201

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date December 6, 1979

For HCERS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



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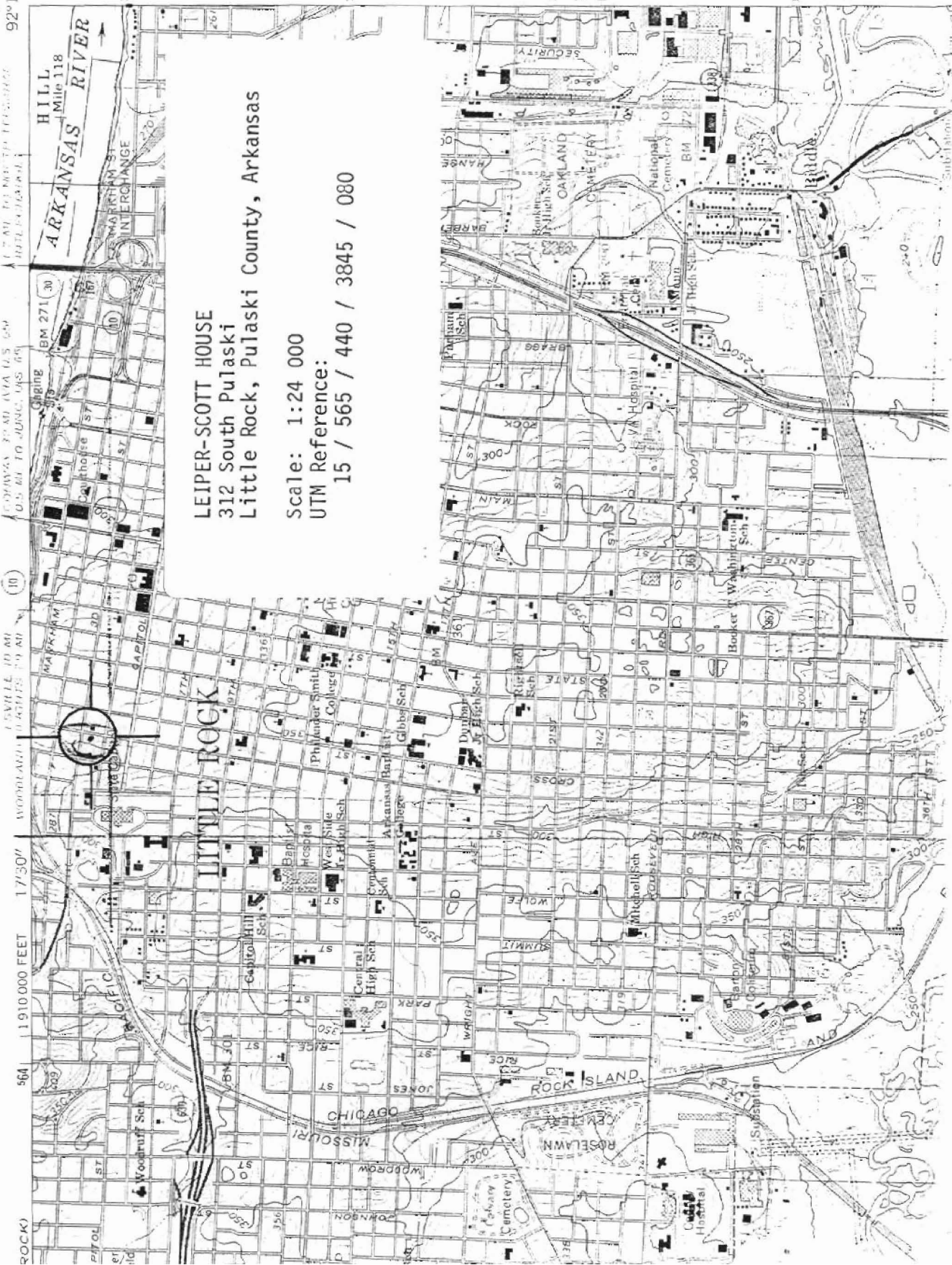
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**LEIPER-SCOTT HOUSE**  
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Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

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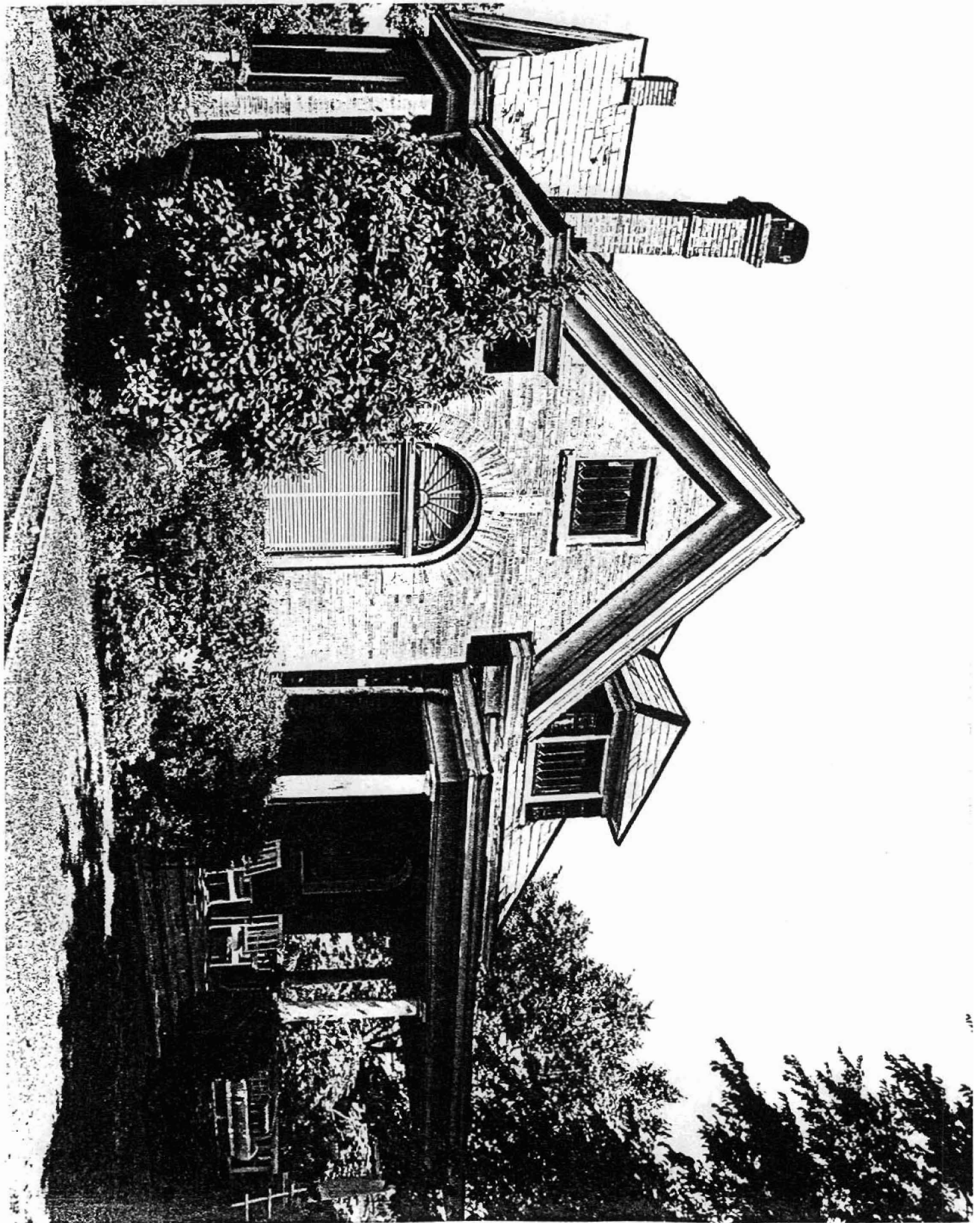
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Bob Dunn, August 1978  
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East facade, viewed from southeast



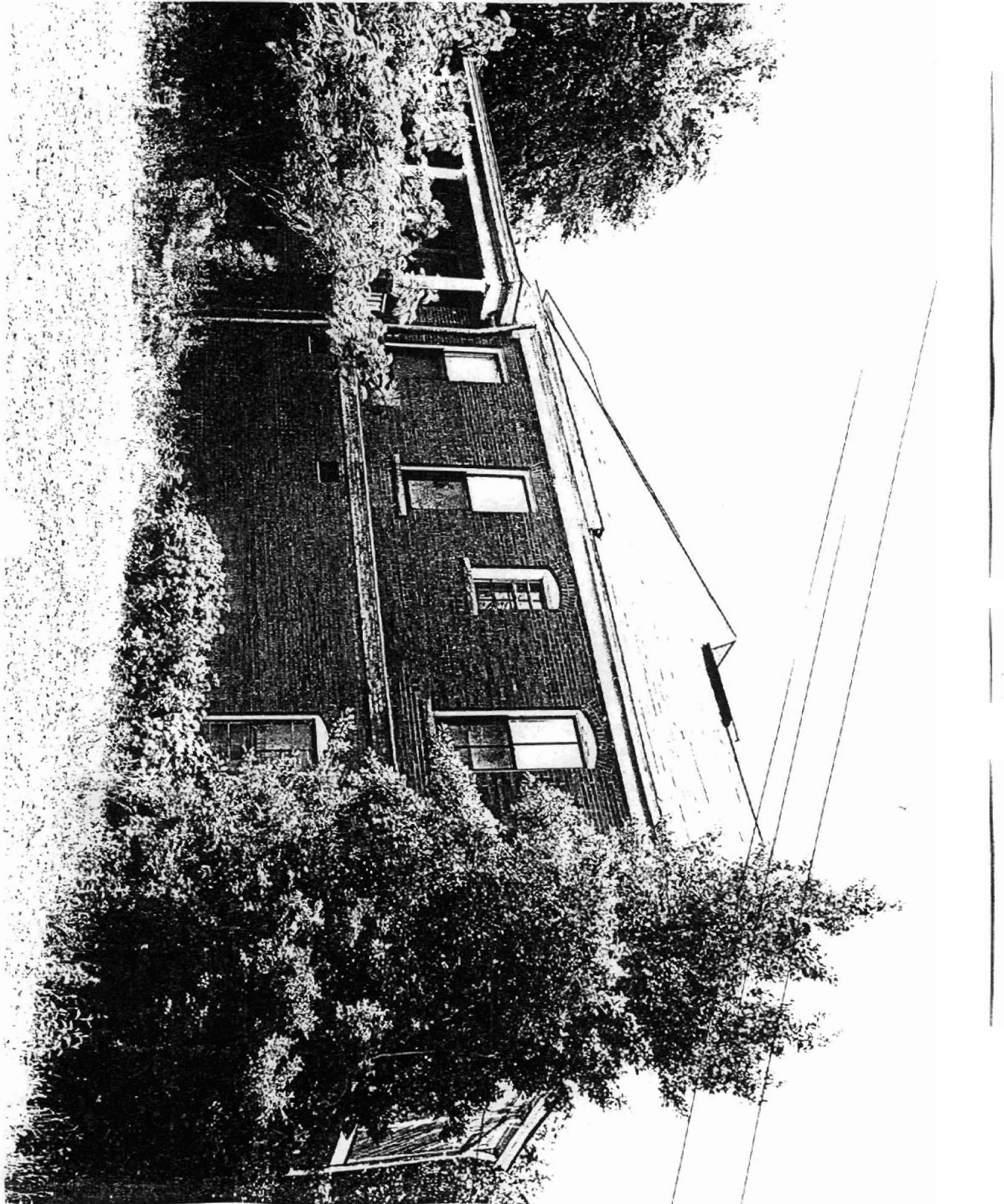
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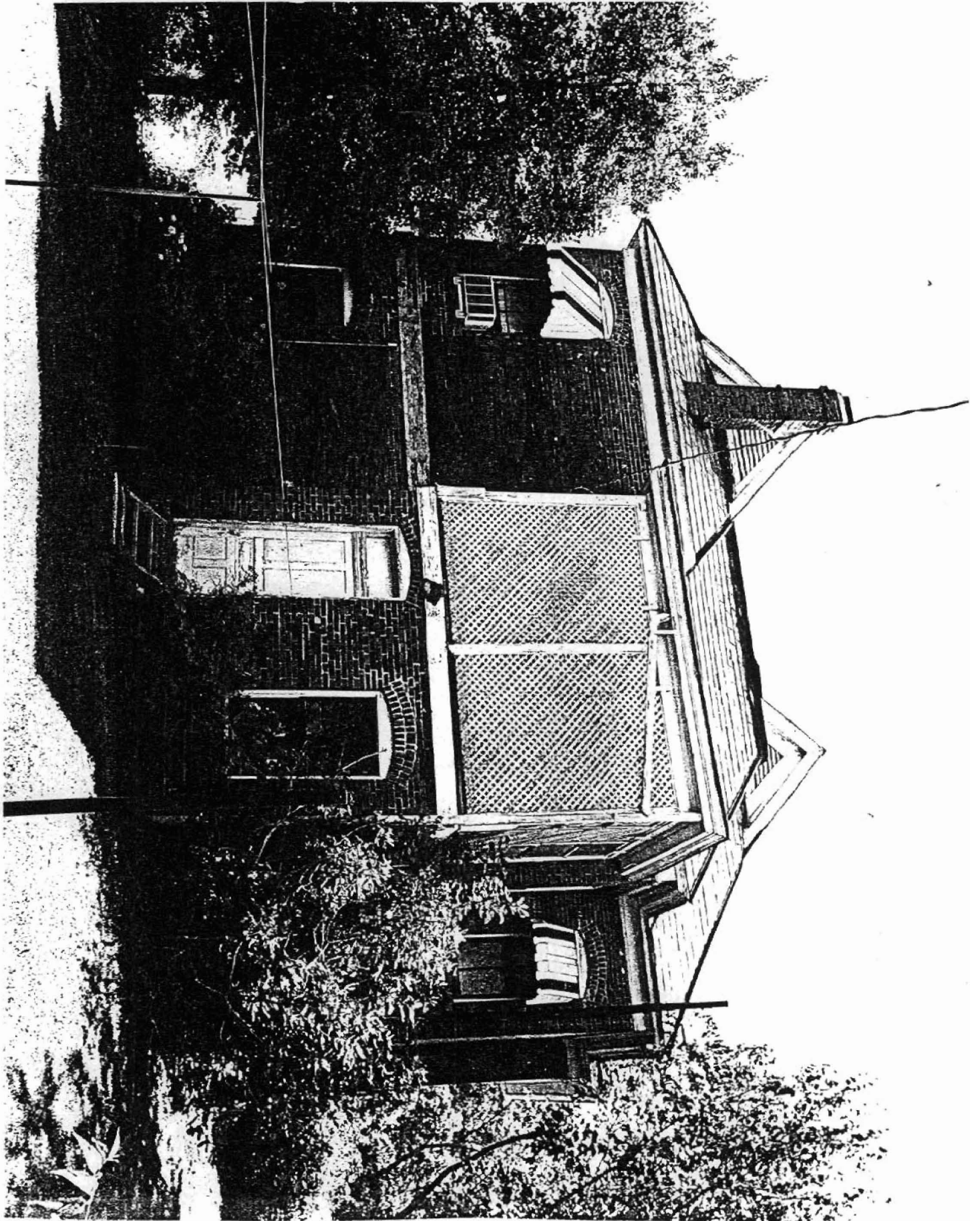
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North facade, viewed from northwest

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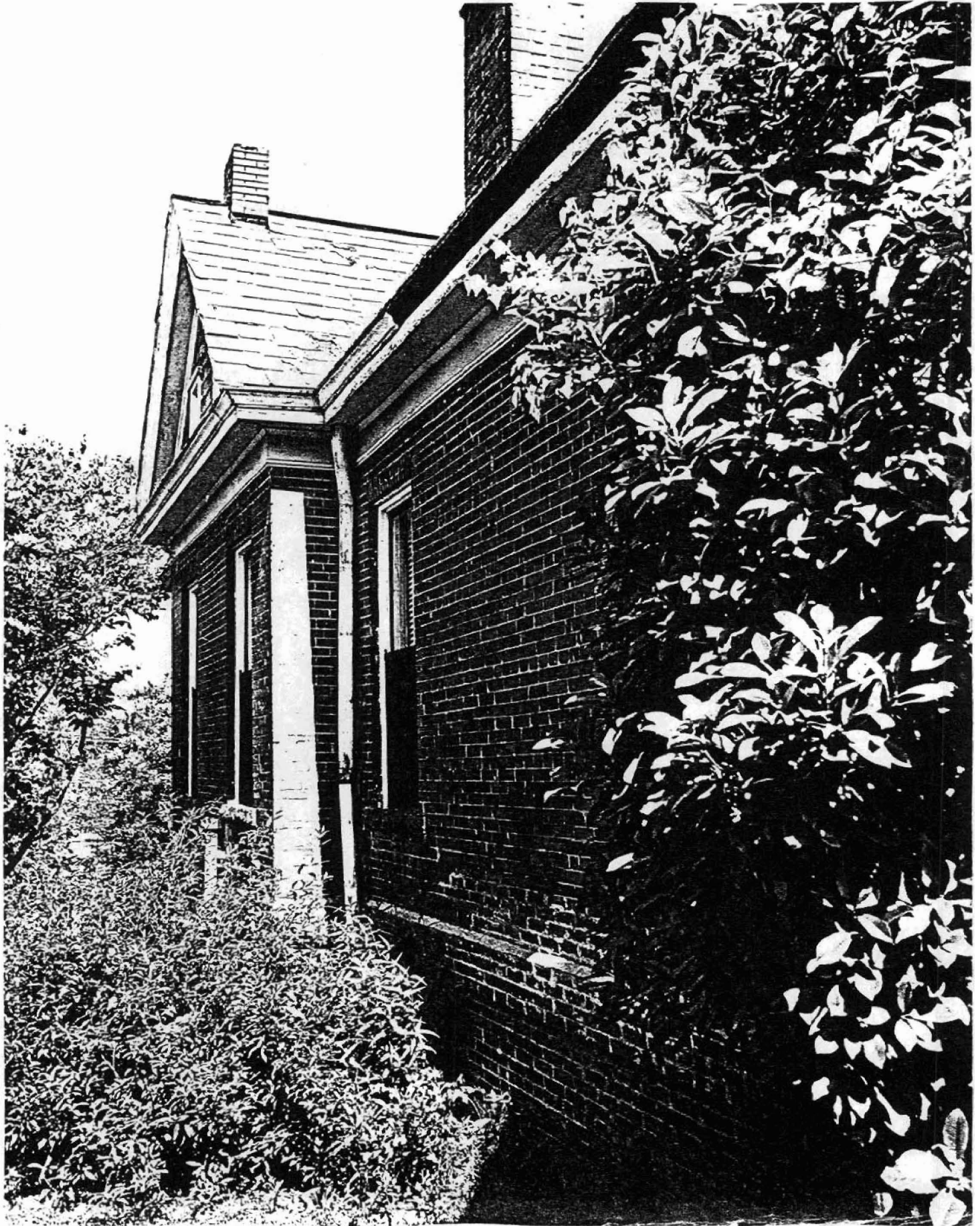
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Rear elevation, viewed from west

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Bob Dunn, August 1978

Negative location: Arkansas Historic  
Preservation Program

South elevation, viewed from southeast