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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Rapillard House

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 123 W. 7th Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Pulaski code: AR 119 zip code: 72114

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3. Classification

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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: N/A

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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.

Richard H. Slater
Signature of certifying official

10-6-93
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

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Professional

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

English Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>Brick</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>Brick</u>	other	<u>Wood porch</u>
				<u>columns and</u>
				<u>brackets</u>

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: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1927

Significant Dates: 1927

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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:

- X 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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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>566950</u>	<u>3846580</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Lot 12, Block 12, Clendennin Addition to the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with these resource.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 10/06/93

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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Summary

The Rapillard House is a two-story vernacular interpretation of the English Revival style. The house features characteristic steep gables and textural diversity through the use of brick and stucco wall materials.

Elaboration

Constructed in 1927, the Modeste Rapillard House is a two-story, brick veneer, vernacular English Revival building. The rectangular plan is topped by a composition-shingled gable roof. An exterior end chimney is found on the west elevation and a small exterior brick chimney is located on the east section of the rear elevation.

The southern or front elevation features a prominent two-story cross gable bay with rough stucco facing in the gable end. Pairs of double hung six-over-one windows are found on the first and second story levels of this bay. Two small dormers with diamond shaped window lites are located in the steep slope of the main gable roof over the entrance area.

Although a slightly inset porch has been enclosed to accommodate office space (c. 1967) the facade remains much as original. Slender Doric columns support the recessed porch area. The original heavy paneled entry door is flanked by sidelights.

The eastern and western elevations are dominated by the steep stucco clad side gable ends above the second story level. A small side porch on the eastern elevation is covered with a shed roof supported by wood brackets. The western elevation features the house's main chimney which is centered and decorated with terra cotta chimney pots.

The rear elevation (north) features a small brick chimney on the eastern end and is lighted with four small six-over-one double hung windows and a pair of regular size double hung six-over-six windows on the first floor.

The Rapillard House interiors have been modified to accommodate office space. The nomination also includes an original single story, gable roof brick garage building just to the east of the residence.

Although not an elaborate version of the English Revival style, the Rapillard House, with its steeply pitched gable roof echoed in the two small dormers on the south facade, and brick and

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stucco wall materials remains one of downtown North Little Rock's finer English Revival residences.

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Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The Modeste Rapillard House, located at 123 W. Seventh Street in North Little Rock, is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as one of the best examples of the English Revival style of architecture in the downtown area of that city. The Rapillard House is a significant representation of the contributions to the development of commerce in the city of North Little Rock by an individual businessman.

Elaboration

Modeste Rapillard followed one of his older brothers to the railroad town of Argenta, Arkansas from a village near Geneva, Switzerland in the 1890s. Pamphlets distributed throughout Europe in the late 19th Century touted the opportunities of lands in the United States and the Rapillard's were attracted by the industrial and railroad-linked jobs offered in the central Arkansas area. Although his brother decided to return to Switzerland, Modeste Rapillard settled in Argenta (North Little Rock) and established a successful grocery and general mercantile business on the town's Main Street.

At the time Modeste Rapillard settled in Arkansas, Argenta (North Little Rock) was emerging as an important industrial city with the base of its growth centered around the railroad industry. Although the town of Argenta had been officially established in 1871 with the opening of a post office, in 1890 the City of Little Rock annexed the community to its boundaries, making it the eighth ward of Little Rock.

Despite the lack of services and city support while being Little Rock's eighth ward, Argenta continued to prosper and grow, and business along Main Street flourished with the increasing numbers of railroad laborers moving to the town.

In 1903 a group of foresighted businessmen managed to separate Little Rock's eighth ward from that city's boundaries and join it with an area north of its boundaries called North Little Rock. Argenta citizens voted to secede from Little Rock and become part of the incorporated town of North Little Rock. In 1906 the city of North Little Rock and its annexed former eighth ward of Little Rock officially changed its name to Argenta.

During the early years of the 20th century Argenta flourished with expanded railroad industry and manufacturing interests. Main Street businesses prospered as did that of Modeste Rapillard's grocery at 707 Main. The Rapillard grocery, which in the early years provided

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delivery of groceries by horse-drawn wagons, remained a strong business in its original location on North Little Rock's Main Street through the 1940s.

Modeste Rapillard met and married Mary Heim whose parents were from Bavaria. In 1927 the successful business owners built a residence facing West 7th Street in the same block as their grocery.

At the time of the construction of the Rapillard House the city of North Little Rock was still experiencing an economic boom. The imposing two-story red brick Rapillard House is located on a prominent corner lot at the intersection of Seventh and Maple Streets. The majority of the homes constructed in downtown North Little Rock during the early part of the 20th century were Colonial Revival or Craftsman. Only a few homes in the area were designed in the English Revival style. And only a few homes in the area were as large and impressive as the Rapillard House.

After the death of Modeste Rapillard in the mid 1950s, Mary Rapillard continued to reside in the home. In the 1960s the Rapillard House was converted to an attorney's office and continues to be used in such capacity.

The Modeste Rapillard House remains one of the finest examples of English Revival period architecture in downtown North Little Rock. The popularity of "period revival" architectural design in the 1920s did not have much effect on downtown North Little Rock. Only a very few buildings exhibit any period revival influence and all of these are influenced by the English Revival design. Located in a neighborhood filled with Colonial Revival and Craftsman style residences, the Rapillard House is unique in its representation of the English Revival style. In spite of the enclosure of a section of the facade (south) porch in 1967, the original details of the English Revival influence remain. Located on a highly visible corner at West 7th and Maple Streets, the Rapillard House remains an architecturally distinctive representation of a family whose business was a local landmark in downtown North Little Rock for over fifty years.

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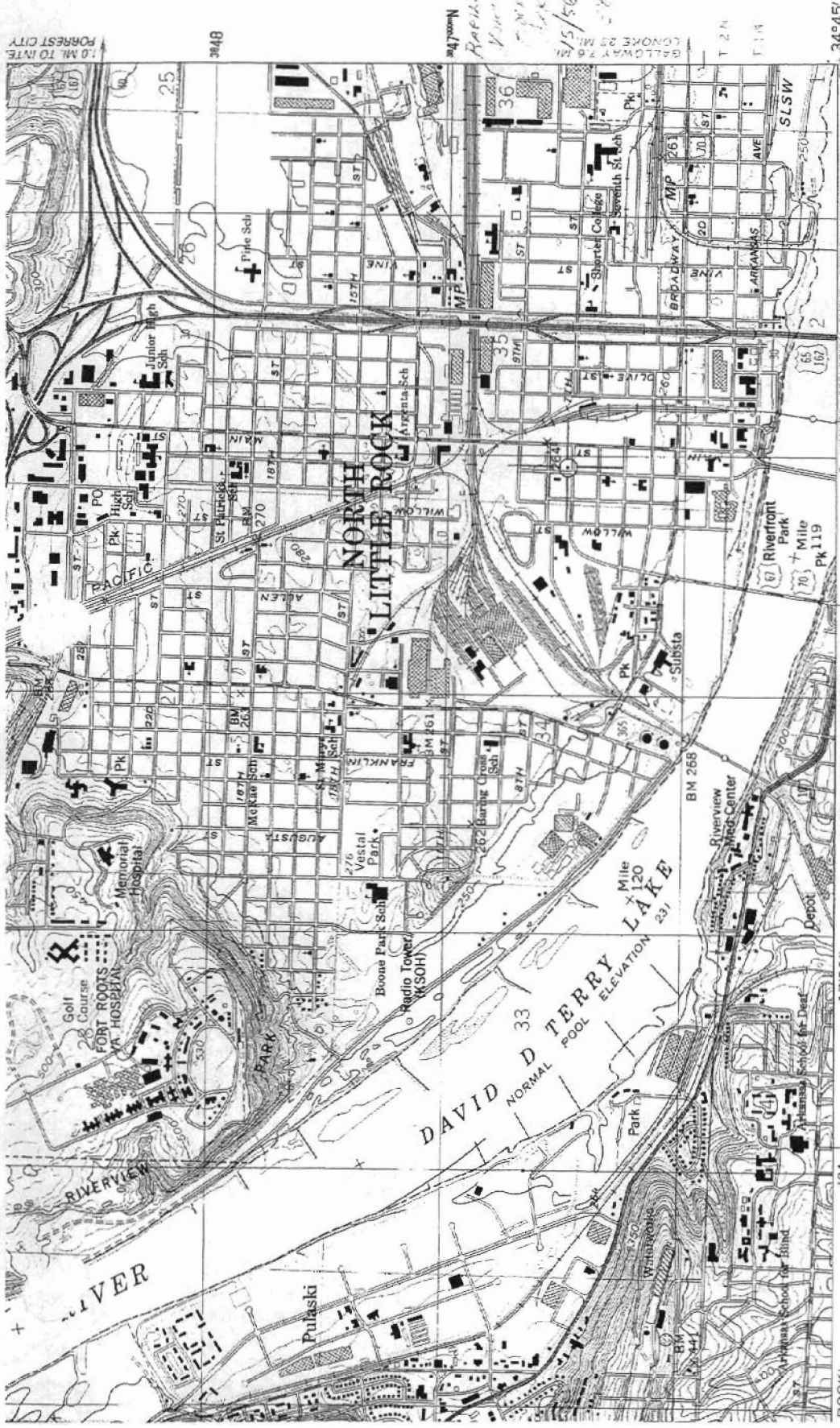
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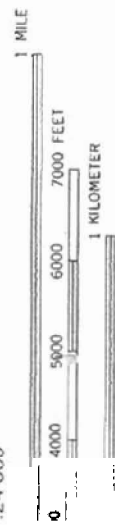
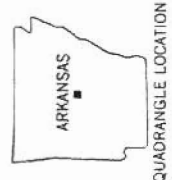




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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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- Medium-duty - - - - -
- Light-duty _____
- Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route



NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
 34092-G3-TF-024

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 FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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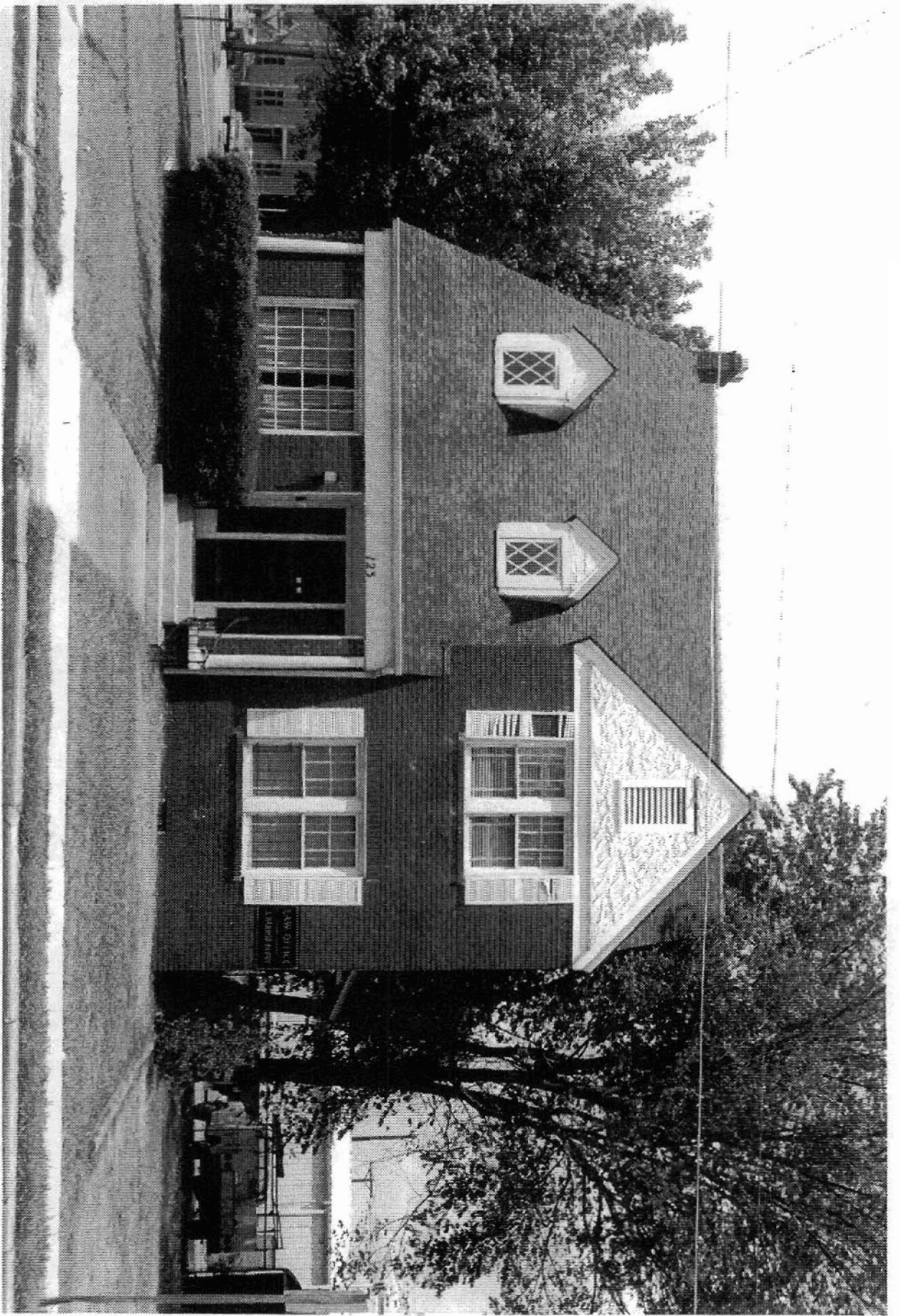
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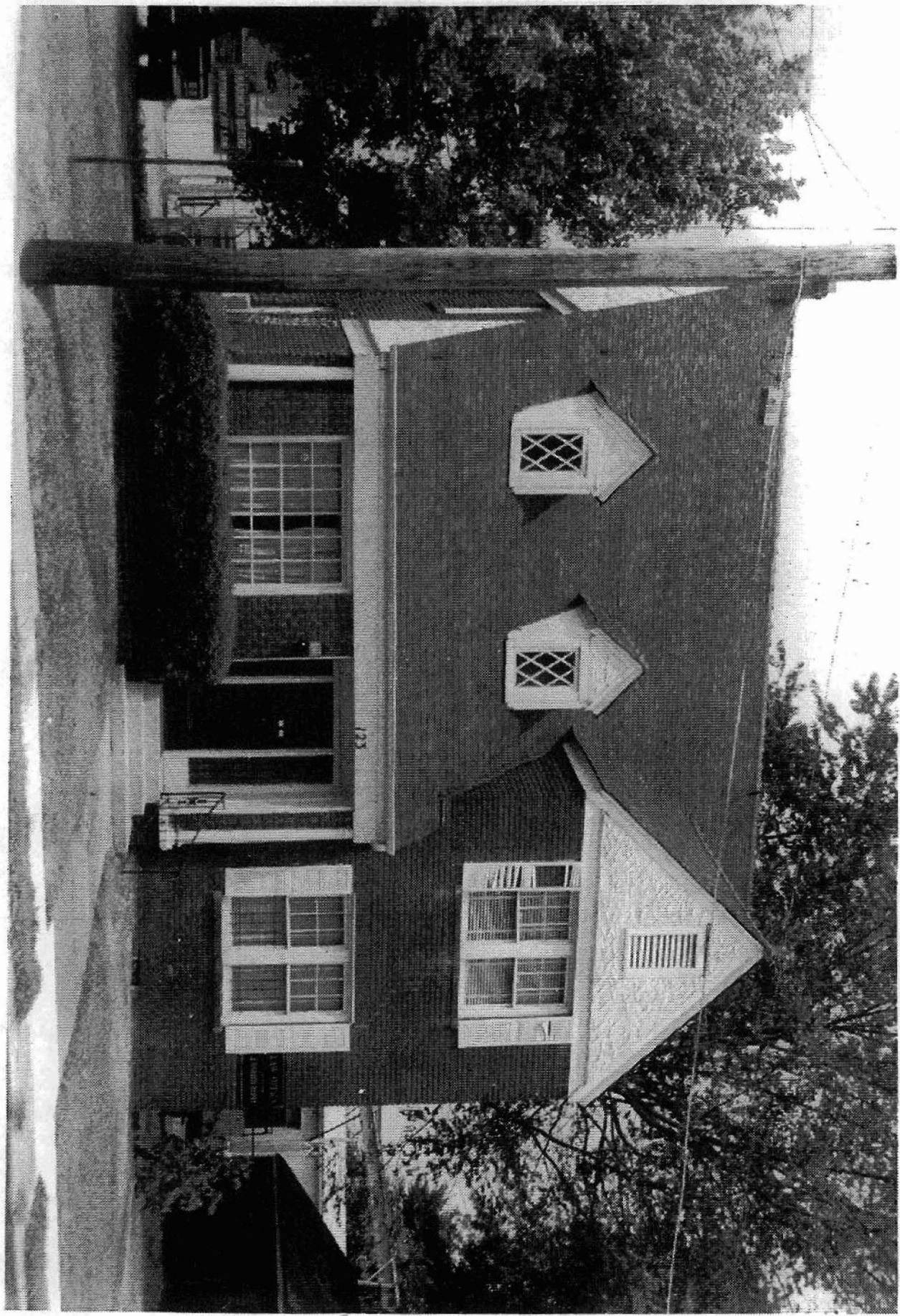
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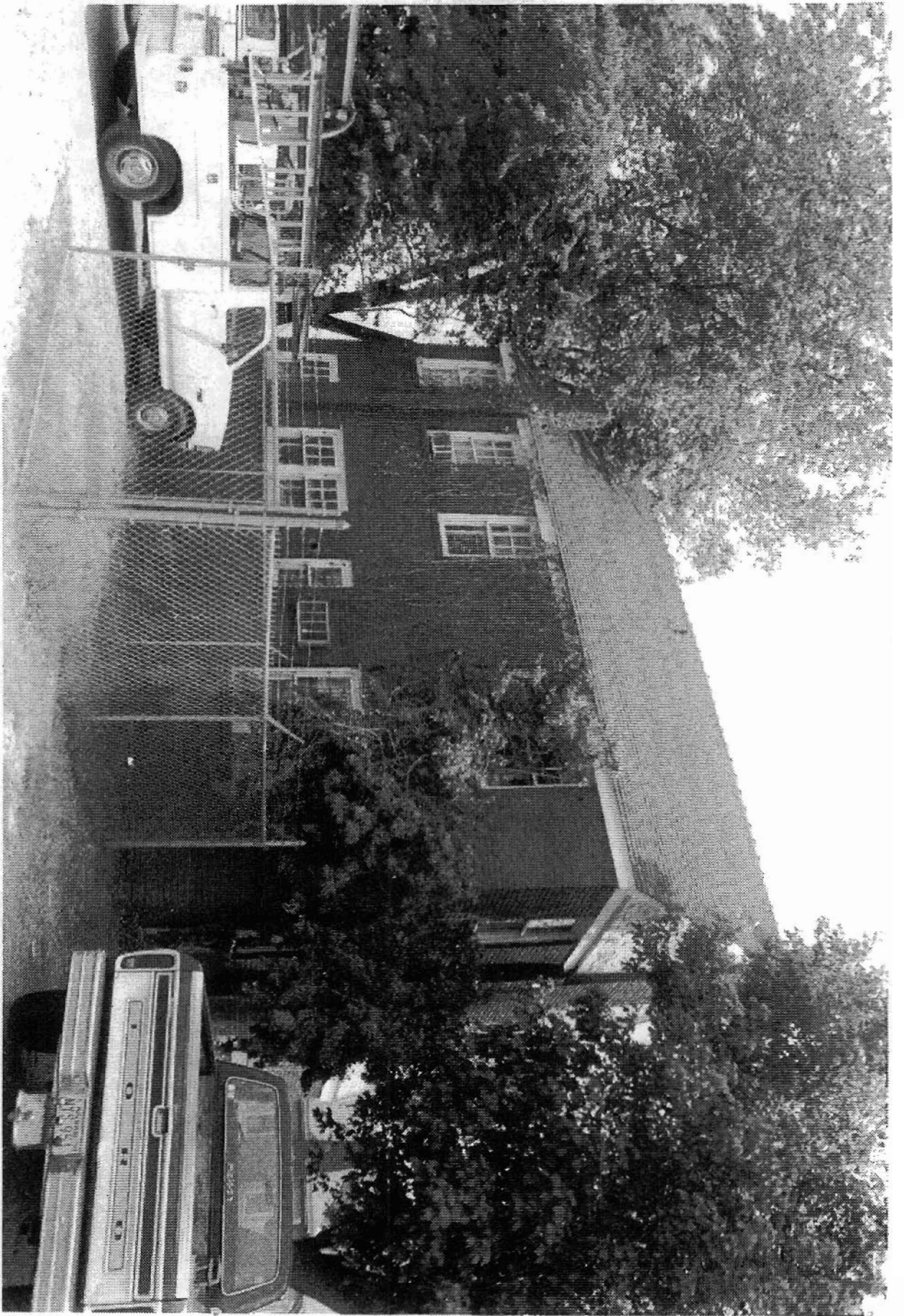




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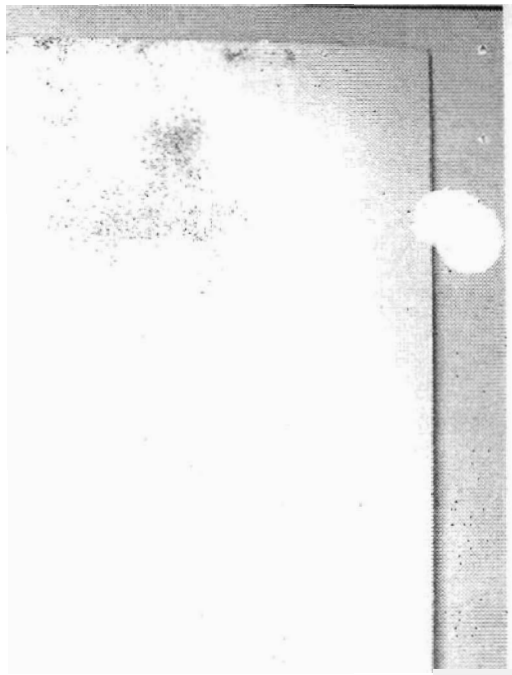
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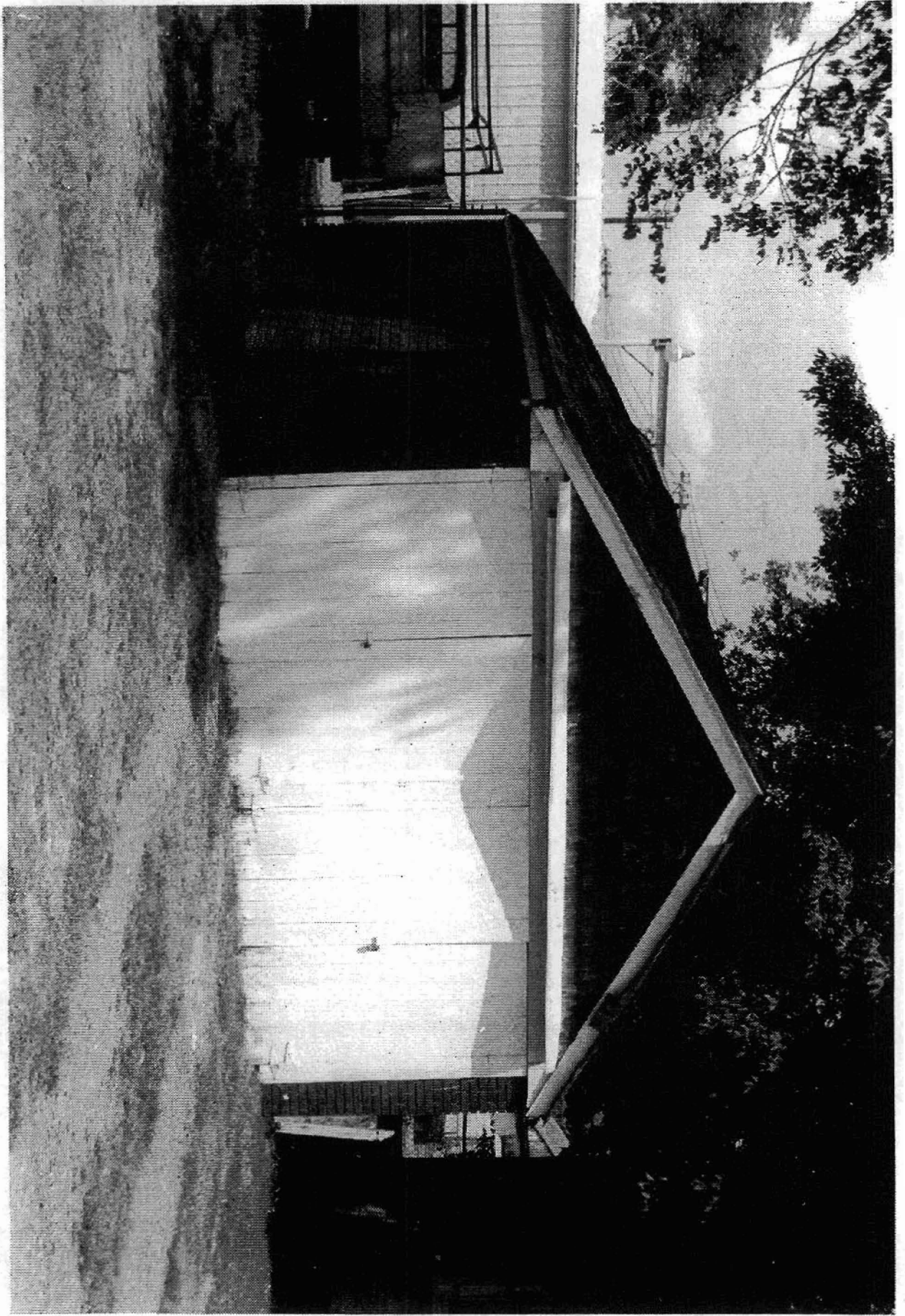
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North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas

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View from Southwest

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