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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

COUNTY: Sebastian	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON
Joseph Knoble's Brewery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
No. 3rd and E St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Smith

STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05 COUNTY: Sebastian CODE: 131

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ed Dell Wortz

STREET AND NUMBER:
5504 Yantis

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Smith

STATE: Arkansas CODE: 72901 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Sebastian County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Smith

STATE: Arkansas CODE: 72901 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Knoble Brewery building looks today very much as it did in 1851. Mr. C. H. Wortz, Jr., has restored the building to its original appearance and re-equipped it for its original purpose.

The building is rectangular in shape, of three stories, and is constructed of native cut stone, coursed, and with a natural finish. The first floor window and door surrounds consist of native stone sills and arches with radiating voussoirs. The second and third floor window surrounds are of stone with flat lintels and sills. There is one door, on the west side, located midway between the first and second stories, which was used to load and unload wagons. Its treatment, as regards arch and sill, conforms to that of the first floor.

Windows are, generally, double hung sashes with 12 lights. The exceptions to this are on the third floor, east and west sides, where the windows are single hung sash with 6 lights.

The roof framing is of wood, with (at present) a composition roof. Cornice fascia, soffit and frieze are of very simple design. There are eaves returns on the north side of the building, but not on the south side. The roof itself is a medium gable type.

A street entrance on the north side of the building leads to a family beer garden which was constructed at the second floor level of the building. The outside beer garden was built over a beer vault which is on the same level as the first floor of the building, but not part of the building. The beer vault is to the east of the main structure and is connected to the main building by a stone tunnel. After construction the beer vault was covered with earth and the surface was later developed into the outdoor beer garden.

The beer vault was constructed to store the beer kegs. At one end of the vault there is an inclined opening which leads to the surface. Ice, cut from the Arkansas River, was placed in this vault by means of this opening and inclined ramp.

The third floor of the building was the brewing floor of the brewery. The malting floor and mash tank, wort tank, cool slip tank, and fermentation tank is located here. The floor below was the keggings room. A pipe leads from the fermentation tank on the third floor to the keggings room on the second. The beer was keggings here and then stored in the beer vault.

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7. Description

The first floor was used as a tavern or beer garden during the winter months.

This building has been restored and equipped to almost the same state that it was in between 1851 and 1885.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this building is three-fold. The building itself is of value from the standpoint that it the only surviving example, in Arkansas, of a mid-nineteenth century brewery. While it displays no unique architectural features, it does survive as an example of the type structure needed to house a brewery. It also serves to illustrate the mechanics of an early Arkansas industry, or craft. Joseph Knoble, as builder and owner of this building, is also an important figure in the socio-economic history of the City of Fort Smith, Sebastian County and the State of Arkansas.

A native of Wittenberg, Germany, Joseph Knoble settled in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1851. In all probability the large German population which had emigrated to the area was one of the factors which influenced the brew-master to establish his home and brewery in Fort Smith.

Shortly after his arrival in Fort Smith he purchased the land upon which the brewery is now situated. He immediately commenced construction of a substantial house to shelter his family. Once Joseph Knoble's family had moved into the house, Knoble immediately began building the brewery adjacent to the house. He constructed both of these buildings of native stone.

Joseph Knoble was one of the leading German merchants in the Fort Smith area. He actively pursued his profession until his death in 1881. He is interred in the Catholic Cemetery on Lexington Avenue in Fort Smith.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		94°	25'	22"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				26"
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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 AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name George M. Reynolds

Title _____

Date 8-24-71

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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SOURCE:			
SCALE:			
DATE:			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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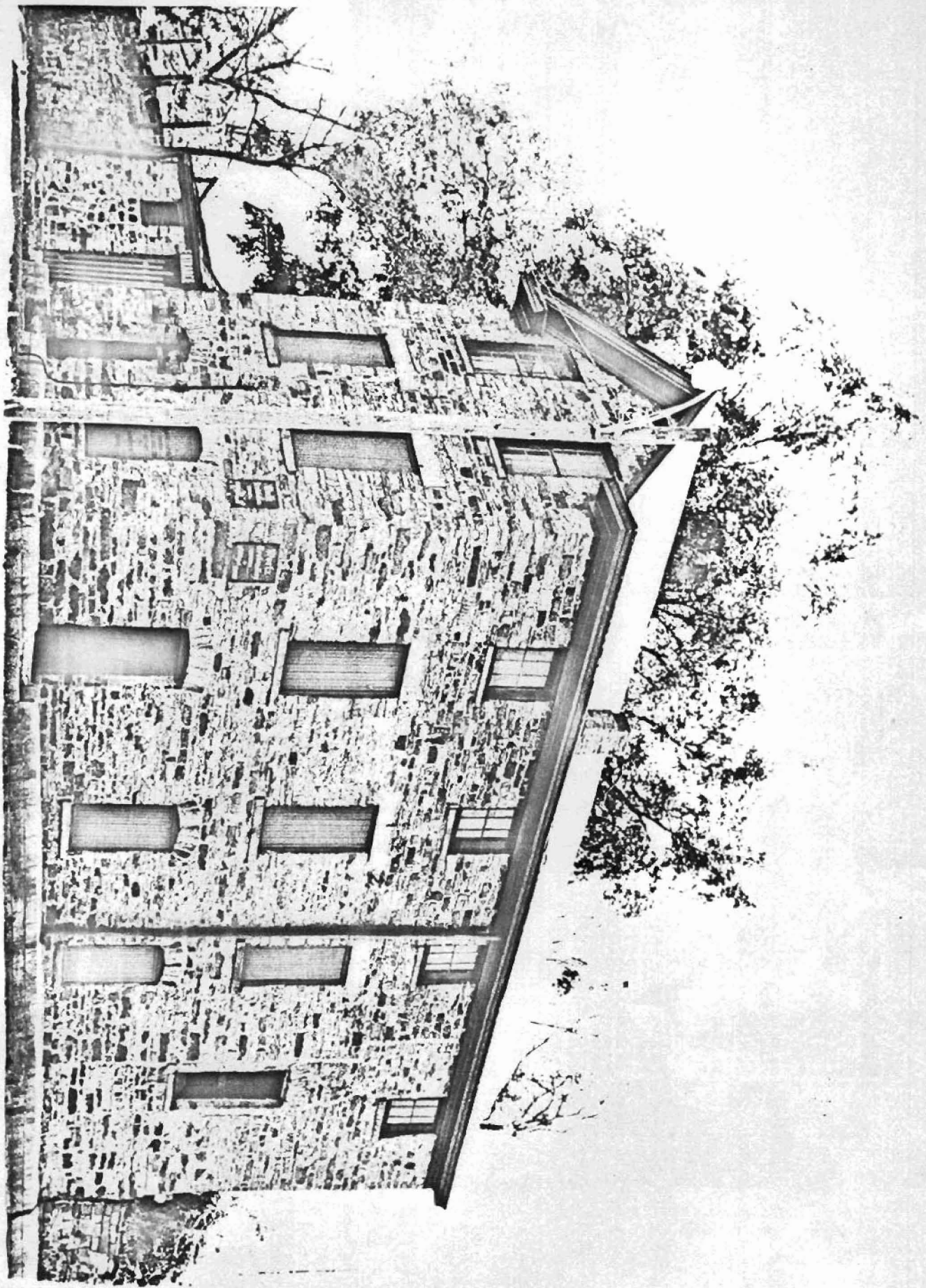
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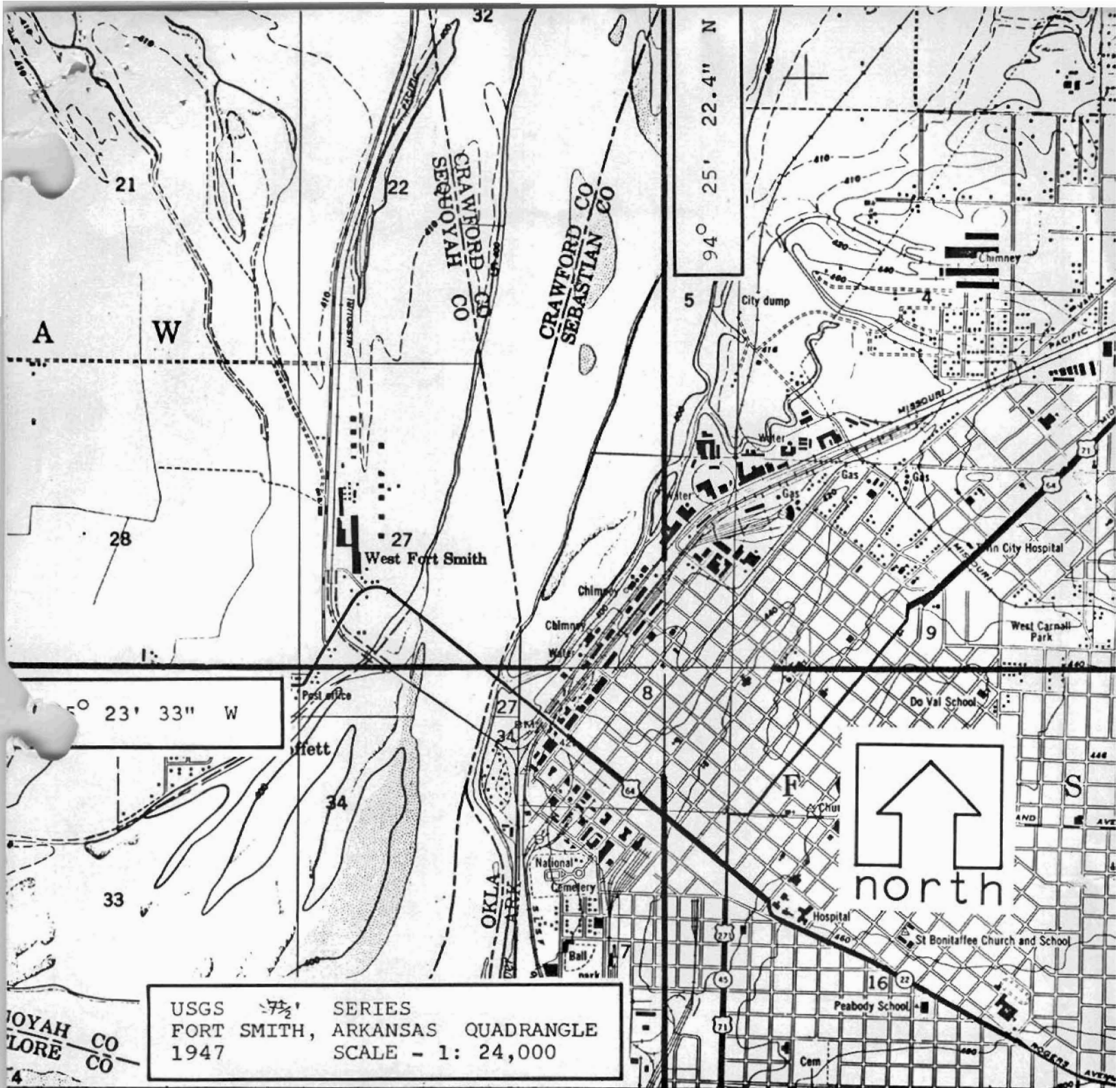
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Fort Smith			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arkansas	05	Sebastian	131
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program			
DATE OF PHOTO: April 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Arkansas History Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of the building as seen when looking from Northwest to Southeast.			

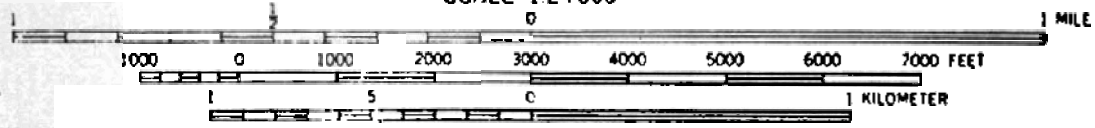




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 FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS QUADRANGLE
 1947
 SCALE - 1: 24,000

(SOUTH FORT SMITH) R. 27 E. R. 32 W. MILLCREEK 2.5 MI. BONANZA 10 MI. 371 25' 307,000 FEET (OKLA.)

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DASHED LINES REPRESENT HALF-INTERVAL CONTOURS
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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