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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Forrester, C. E. House

Other Name/Site Number: SC0034

2. Location

Street & Number: 140 Danville Road

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Waldron Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Scott Code: AR127 Zip Code: 72958

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	Buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Sites
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	Structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Objects
<u>3</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

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.

Cathryn A. Statu _____ 4-14-98
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- _____ entered in the National Register _____
- _____ determined eligible for the National Register _____
- _____ 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

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

I-House

Materials: foundation Brick/Stone Piers roof Composition Shingles
walls weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

Constructed in 1896, the C.E. Forrester House, located on Danville Road in Waldron, Scott County, is a two-story weatherboard I-house with a one-story vernacular wing to the east. The Forrester House consists of a gable-roofed T-plan resting on stone piers covered with a continuous brick foundation. The original I-House wing has a two-story gable-roofed porch while the east wing has a full length one-story dropped-roof porch resting on battered posts. The house retains most of its original historic features, and is surrounded by an older neighborhood of homes. A small square brick and stone building probably used for food storage, and a well are located to the north of the house.

Elaboration

The C.E. Forrester House, located on Danville Road in Waldron, Scott County, is a two-story 1896 weatherboard I-house with a one-story wing extending east. There is no record of when the wing was constructed but it is present in a 1904 photograph of the Forrester House. The home has a gable roof on a T-plan which rests on stone piers covered with a continuous brick foundation. A wide frieze board runs beneath boxed eaves and it is fenestrated with double-hung windows throughout. The house remained in the immediate family until 1996, when it was purchased by a distant cousin and is in a state of disrepair, but the current owner is renovating it for a principal residence.

The southern, or front elevation faces Danville Road. The original I-house core to the west is fenestrated with a pair of two-over-two double-hung windows with simple drip molds. A Craftsman influenced porch abuts the I-house and its wooden floor is reached by four concrete steps within a stepped stone wall. Its beaded ceiling is covered with a dropped roof supported by

four battered wood posts. A single-leaf paneled wood door with one light leads to a small foyer that was once a back porch running north to south on the rear of the I-house. Fenestration on this facade consists of three two-over-two windows and a second single-light paneled door. There is evidence in the form of a dip in the roof line that the addition extended past the second window to the east on this facade. The porch roof was also brought forward about three feet. There is no record of when these changes took place, but a 1904 photograph reveals that the porch supports were originally turned spindles and the house did not extend past the second window. The second story of the I-house is lit by two windows matching those on the first floor.

The eastern facade consists of one window tucked under the porch roof on the back wall of the I-house. The end of the addition contains a pair of windows with the outline of a filled window on an extended section of the eastern wall. One window opens onto the southern corner of the second story on the original house.

The rear, or northern elevation displays evidence of several changes. This facade is punctuated by four windows. Fenestration east to west begins with one tall two-over-two double-hung window and two short two-over-two double-hung windows. The two story I-house has a three-light paneled door under a gable-roofed stoop bolstered by two square posts and one window on the northwest corner. This door and porch are not original and the entrance was probably a window. Traces of a filled window beside the northeast window and the rafters in the attic reveal that the wall abutting the two-story section was extended a few feet to become flush with the I-house (as the inset roof was causing water damage from runoff). The second-story contains one window. A second window on the northeast corner was probably enclosed to provide closet space and room for an interior staircase.

The symmetrical western elevation is five-ranked with a full-height gable-roofed porch supported by four square posts that are probably not original. The first floor has a central one-light paneled door flanked by two windows on either side. The second story has a line of five windows north to south. Three windows on this level open under the roof of the porch as does the door and two windows on the first story. The pediment of the porch contains a square one-light fixed window.

The interior of the I-house is typical of the plan seen in houses of this type - two rooms wide and one room deep. A wall with a wide open doorway separates the north and south rooms. A narrow enclosed stairway leads to the second story from the southern room, but it is thought that this is not the original staircase as it is at an awkward angle. At the top of the stairs is a very narrow central hall separating one room to the north and south. A window on the west wall provides light and air for the hall, while a door to the east leads to the attic of the later addition. Windows in the second floor rooms extend to the baseboards as the ceilings are rather low.

The first story rear porch (which ran north to south) of the I-house was enclosed when the renovations took place, providing a long uninterrupted hallway. The hall was later bisected to include a kitchen area to the north and a foyer to the south. The foyer opens east to a large room with a white brick fireplace in an angled wall. A bedroom to the east is accessed through a pair of fifteen-light french doors.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1896

Significant Dates: 1896

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and period of significance noted above:

Summary

The 1896 C.E. Forrester House on Danville Road in Waldron, is a frame I-house with vernacular additions to the rear, which later became the front elevation of the house. The I-house section of the home is two stories in height with a gable roof and full-height gable porch on a foundation of stone piers covered with brick. The addition extending east from the original core of the home is one story with a full width dropped-roof porch braced with battered wood posts. The Forrester House is situated in a neighborhood of early Waldron residences near the historic downtown and has a sporadic history of occupation since 1948. The current owner is in the process of renovating the home, and plans to restore it to its historic appearance. The C.E. Forrester House has grown through the years from its original simple I-house form to a T-plan and is a combination of a vernacular folk tradition with Craftsman elements on the porch extending east from the original home. This evolution of architectural styles is the reason for its nomination to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance.

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Elaboration

The city of Waldron lies in the west-central section of Scott County which was created from sections of Crawford and Pope Counties in 1833. Waldron has been the county seat since 1882. Fourteen years after the incorporation of the town the C.E. Forrester House was built close to the city center. The home was originally a two story I-house with a front entrance facing west. Sometime prior to 1904 a rectangular rear section was added to the east facing Danville Road and this became the principal entrance.

The Forrester House was built by Arkansas native, Charlie Edward Forrester. Mr. Forrester was born in Parks, Arkansas in 1871. After the death of his mother he moved with his father John to Waldron. Charlie began his career as a prolific businessman by working in his father's general store, and eventually bought out his father to begin the Forrester Goolsby corporation. His commercial interests expanded to three Main Street businesses, selling dry goods, groceries and hardware. Mr. Forrester soon began to deal in cotton and timber, establishing sawmills throughout the area, including the county's largest planer mill in Waldron. In the late 1920s he formed a partnership with a Mr. Roseborough and they instituted the lumber town of Forrester by the Caddo River Lumber Company, on land in southeast Scott County donated by Mr. Forrester. Mr. Forrester talked the railway into expanding the Kansas City Southern out of Waldron to connect to the lumber town. Thus the town soon boasted a population that exceeded that of Waldron with amenities such as paved roads, a department store, church, theater, hotel, drugstore, and a public school. The exhaustion of timber forced the closure of the town in 1953.

C.E. Forrester's philanthropic concerns benefitted the school children and members of county churches. He donated land for the public school and contributed financially to several denominations for new places of worship. Mr. Forrester died in 1948 but the house remained in the family for many years. The present owner is a distant cousin.

The C.E. Forrester House is an architectural landmark in the community of Waldron. Its relatively unaltered 1896 I-House and later vernacular construction give it special significance in the area. The property is being nominated under Criterion C for its importance as one of the best remaining examples of I-house construction in the area.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Information submitted by Patricia Rowland, Waldron, Arkansas, 1997.

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: _____

- State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately one and one quarter acres.

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said forty and run thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes West 544.9 feet, thence South 60.2 feet, thence North 87 degrees 15 minutes West a distance of 216.2 feet, thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes East a distance of 101.7 feet, thence South 89 degrees 21 minutes West a distance of 78.5 feet, thence North 88 degrees 02 minutes West a distance of 127.3 feet for a place of beginning; run thence South 4 degrees 52 minutes West a distance of 342.0 feet to a point in the center of the Waldron and Danville Road, thence North 83 degrees 01 minutes West along and with the center of said road a distance of 204.8 feet, thence North 6 degrees 26 minutes East a distance of 261.7 feet, thence South 86 degrees 58 minutes East 50.4 feet, thence North 1 degree 11 minutes East a distance of 63.7 feet, thence South 88 degrees 02 minutes East a distance of 151.5 feet to the place of beginning.

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Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes all of the property, one outbuilding and a well historically associated with the C.E. Forrester House.

11. Form Prepared By

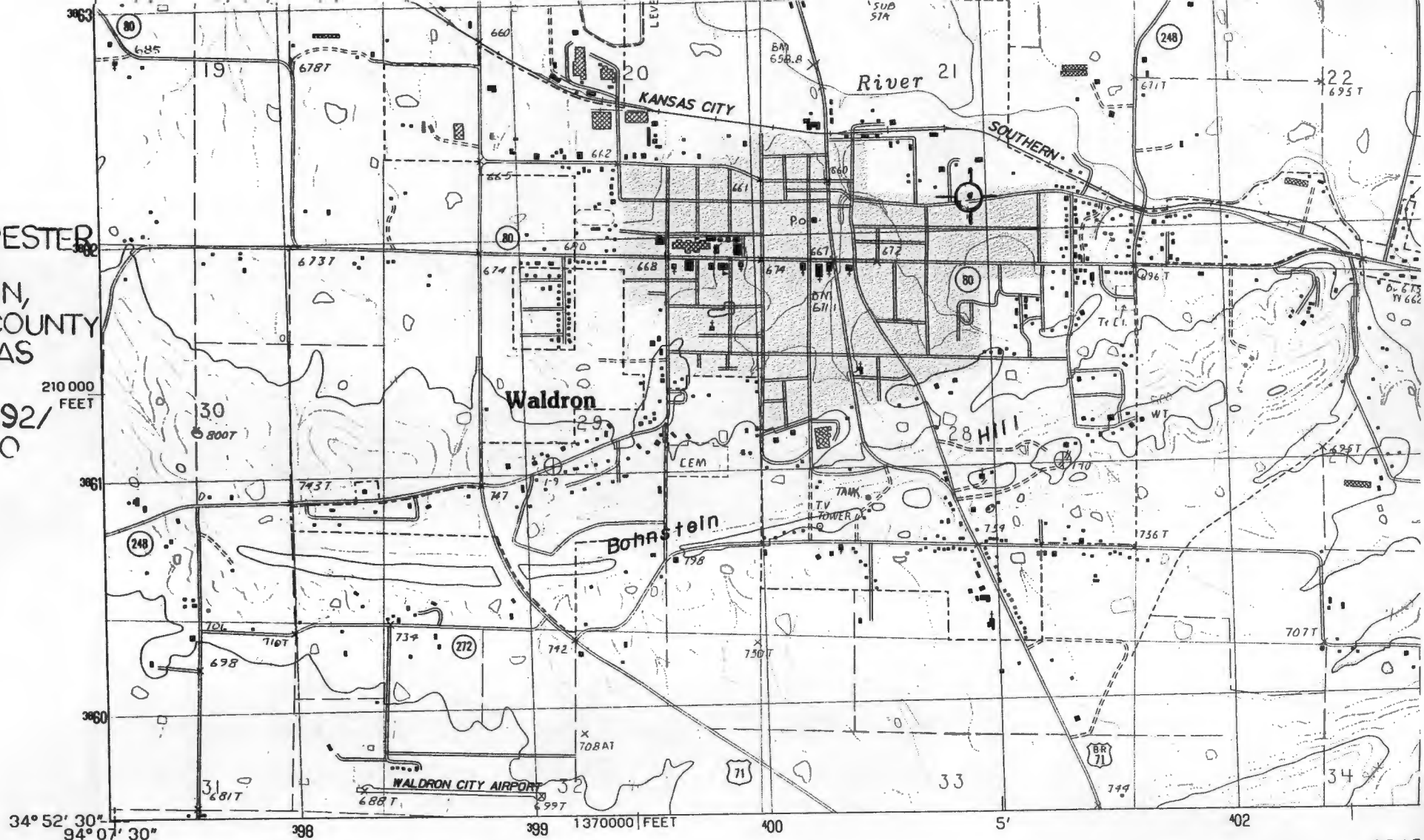
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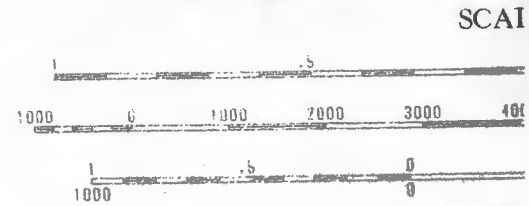
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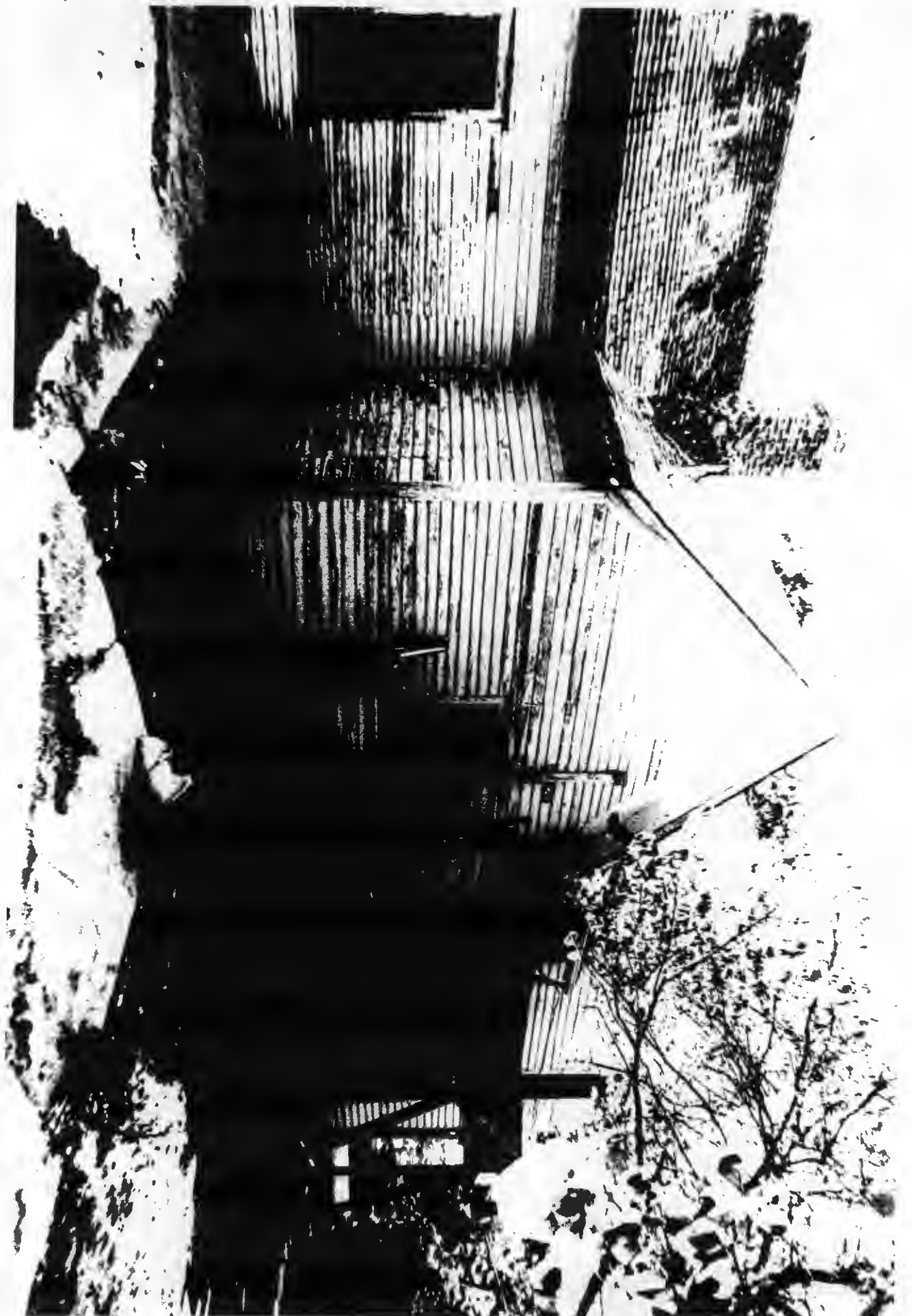


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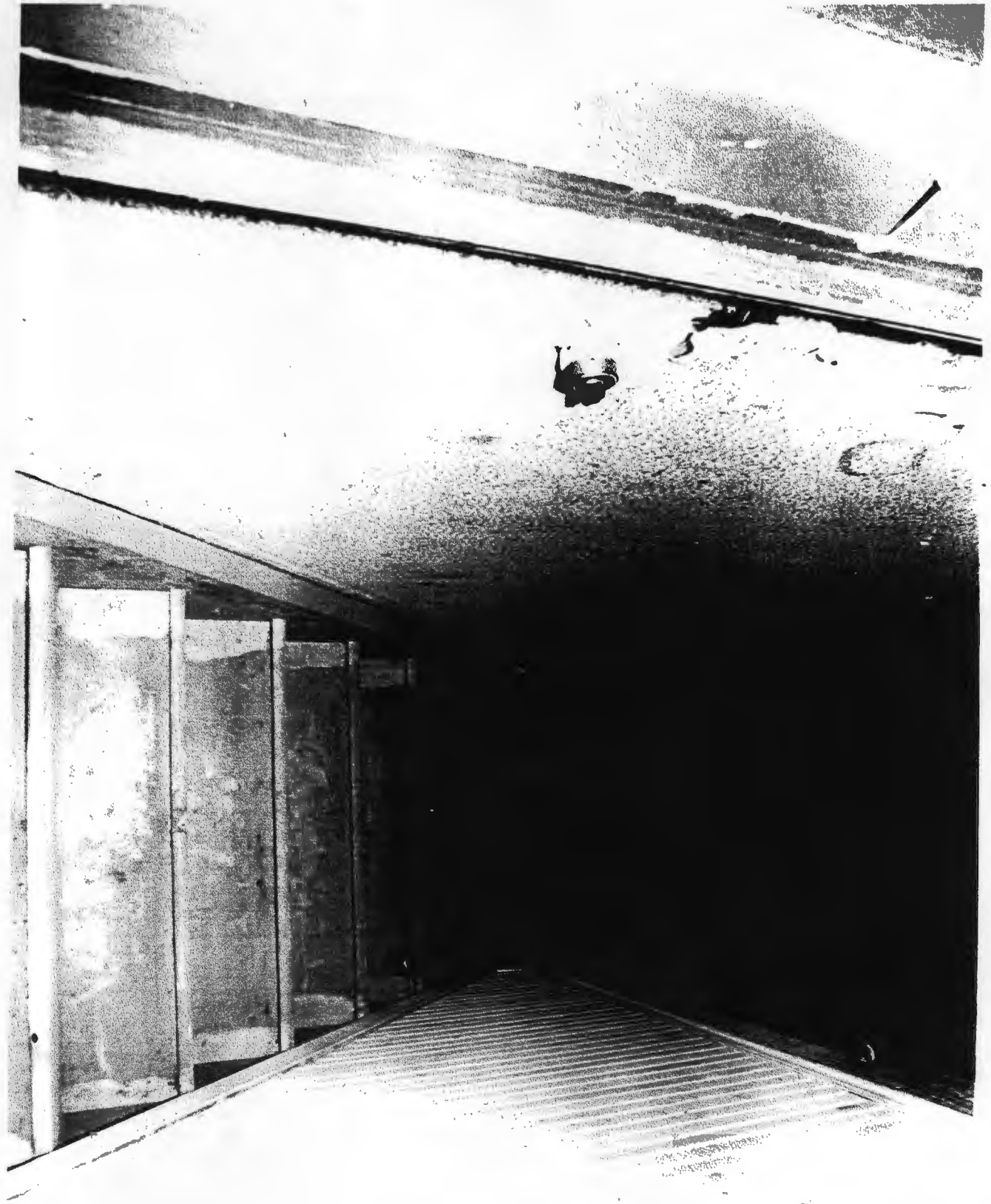
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View from North



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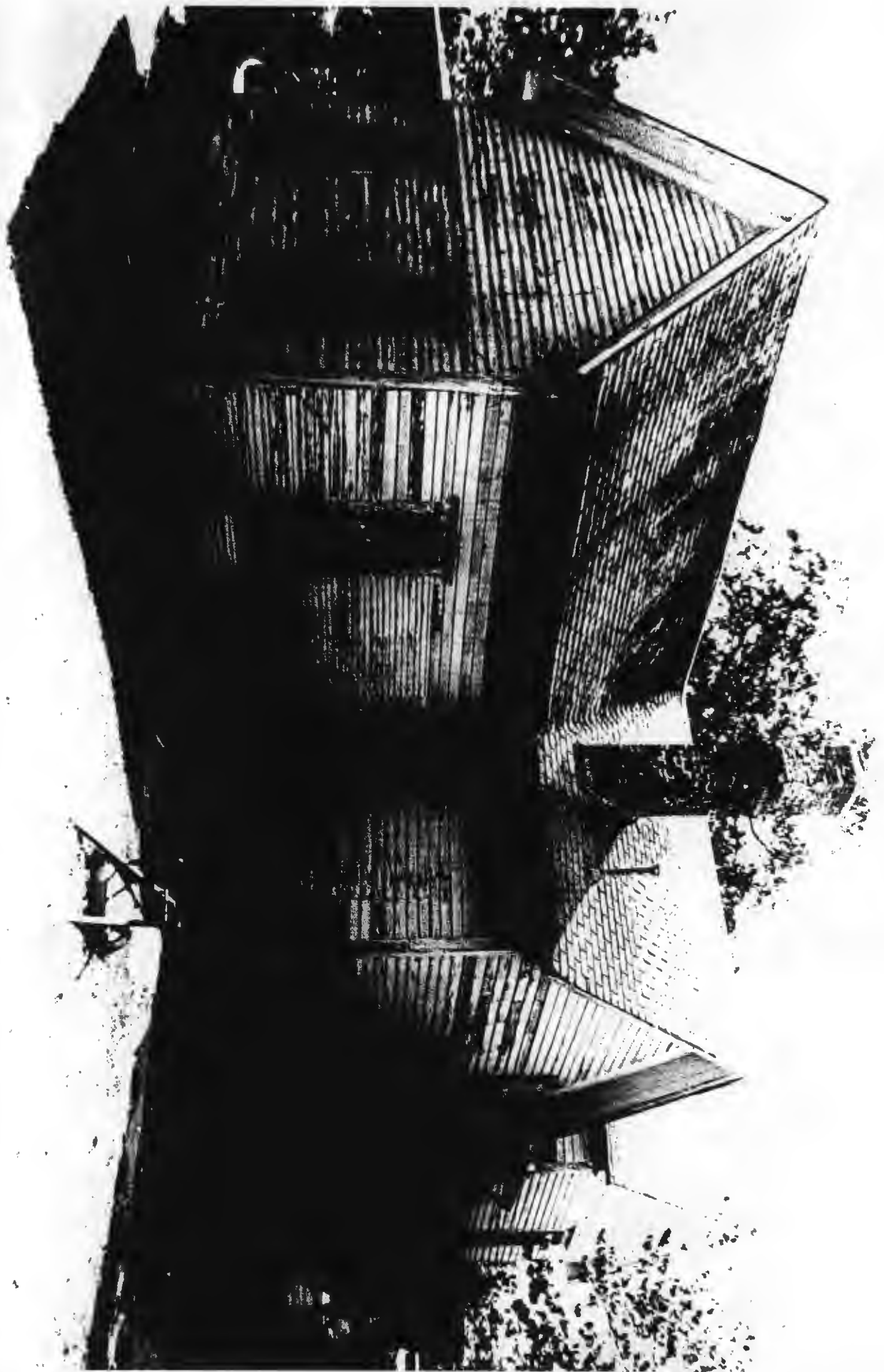
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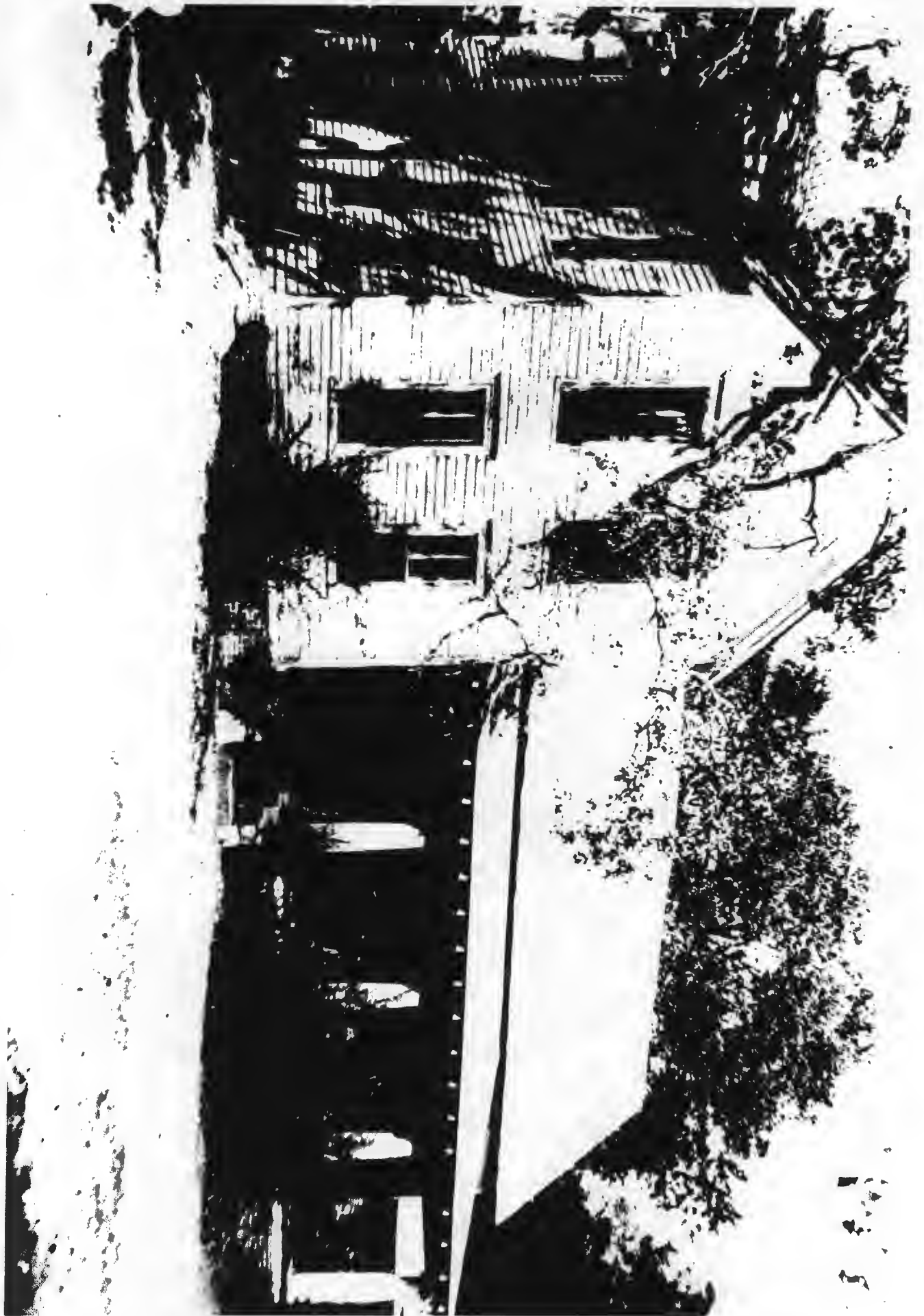
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Well North of House



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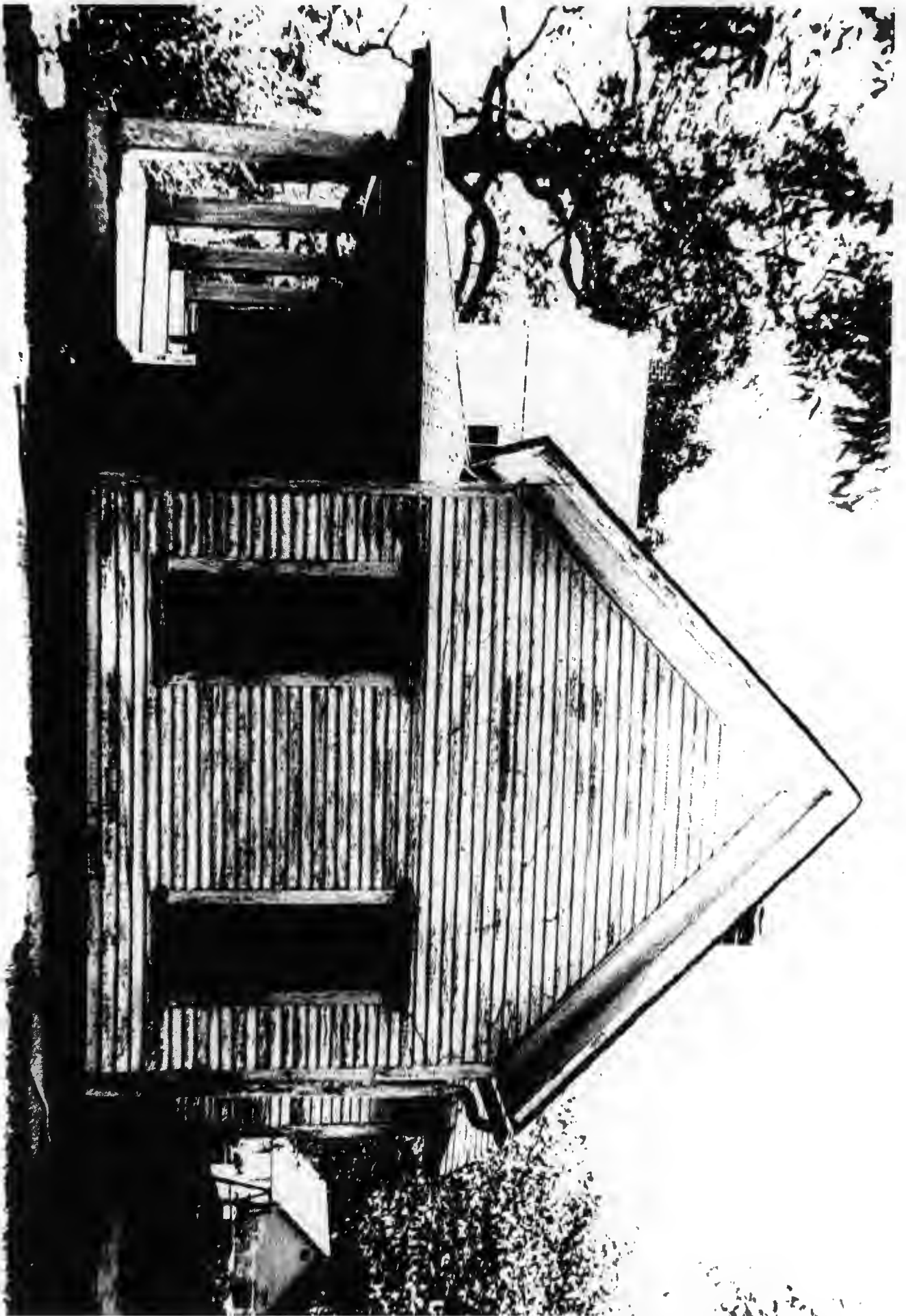
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Neil von South



C. E. FORRESTER + HOUSE
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View of outbuilding north of house



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View from east