

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Dr. J. O. Cotton House

other name/site number: SE0264

2. Location

street & number: Southeast corner of State Highway 66 and High Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Leslie

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72645

3. Classification

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: Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas

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. _____ See continuation sheet

Carlton H. Slater
Signature of certifying official

10-8-93
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

5. National Park Service Certification

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

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Craftsman

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	<u>Concrete</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>	other	<u>Combination</u>
				<u>wood/brick</u>
				<u>porch supports</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

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: 1915

Significant Dates: 1915

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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See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas, Section H.

___ 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>539940</u>	<u>3965020</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern edge of High Street with the southern edge of State Highway 66, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with the eastern edge of High Street; thence proceed northerly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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

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Description

The Dr. J. O. Cotton House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in a relatively high-style interpretation of the Craftsman style. Its irregular floor plan is focused around the one-and-one-half story, rectangular, gable roof core. A lower, single-story, gable roof room to the south is itself adjoined on its eastern elevation by an enclosed, shed roof room that runs along the southern elevation of the main section. The building is entered via a single-story, gable roof porch that projects from the western elevation. Three brick chimneys rise through the roofline: two within the main block of the house and another exterior end chimney rising through the gable peak of the single-story southern room. The asphalt shingle roof and weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous, cast concrete foundation.

The house is entered via the western porch that shelters the single-leaf entrance that is flanked by a pair of eight-pane half-sidelights. The porch roof itself is ornamented with decorative exposed rafters and supported by two short, wood Craftsman columns atop large, square brick piers. The porch roof is further ornamented with decorative diagonal braces that rest upon the top of the brick piers. The short staircase leads up to two shorter brick piers that are finished with concrete coping. Another single-leaf entrance leads into the single-story room to the south from the western elevation, and another into the shed roof addition from the eastern elevation.

The house is fenestrated with an assortment of different types of window sash: six-over-one, six-over-six, nine-pane fixed, and one-over-one. The decorative exposed rafters that adorn the front porch are carried over to the overhanging cornice at the gable ends of the building. The only significant addition to the structure appears to be the shed roof addition at the southeast intersection of the single-story southern room and the main core.

Also included in the nomination is a single-story, wood frame ancillary building that serves as storage and that appears to have been built at the same time as the main building. It features a gable roof, three-over-one windows and other typical Craftsman-style details. It is contributing.

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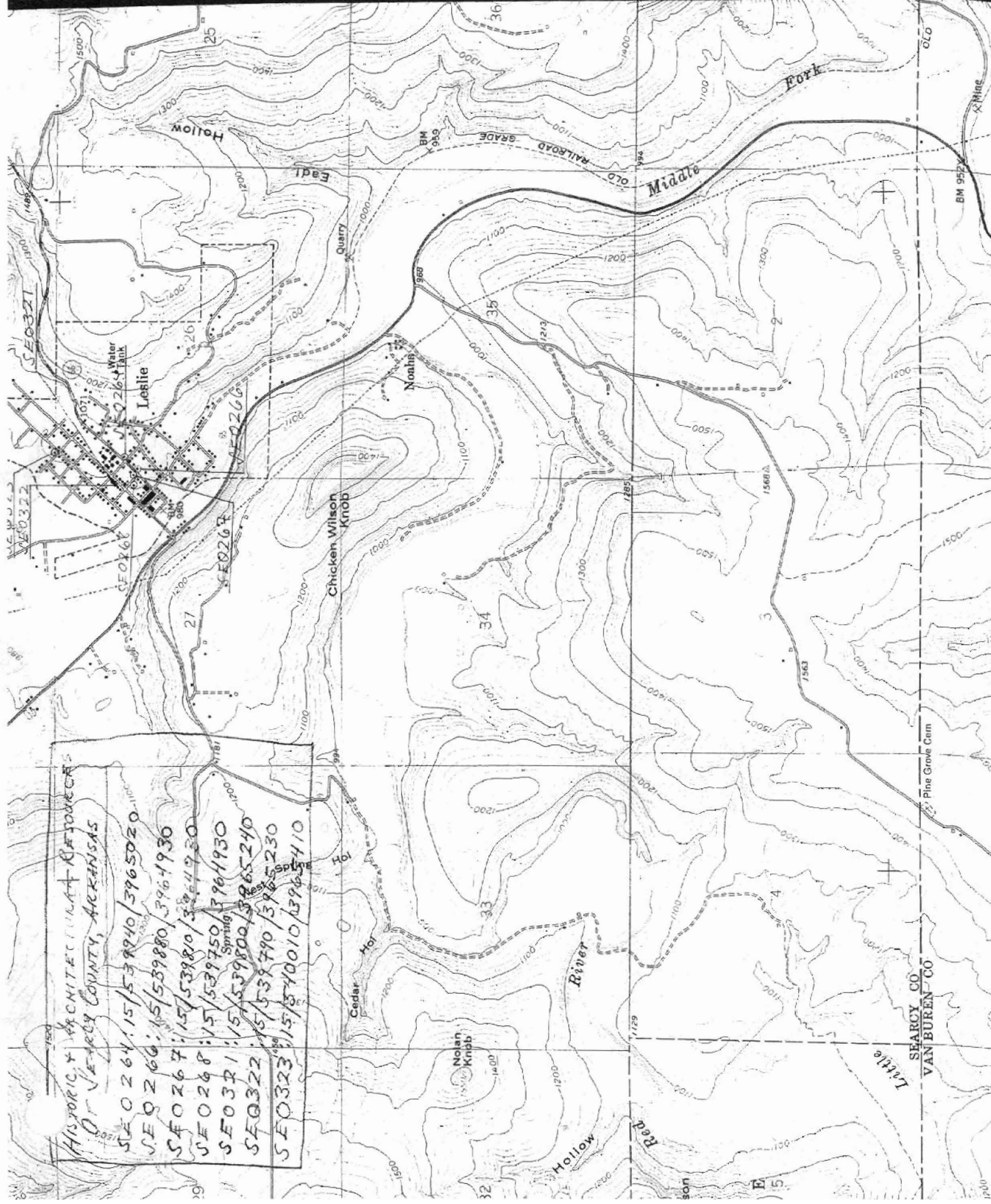
Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Dr. J. O. Cotton House was constructed in 1915 as a private residence at the southeastern corner of Walnut and High Streets near downtown Leslie by an unknown builder for its original occupant, Dr. J. O. Cotton. Dr. Cotton was one of several local medical doctors in Leslie whose clientele consisted primarily of workers from both the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad and the various timber-related industries that surrounded Leslie.

The construction date of 1915 and its clear Craftsman style represent the historic context *Searcy County in the World War Era, 1910-1945: Economic Realignment, The Great Depression and World War*. Though this was, generally speaking, a period of county-wide economic decline, some construction continued. With the long-standing presence of the railroad and the growing influence of the automobile, it was inevitable that new, national architectural styles would be reflected. As a particularly good example of the Craftsman style, and the most intact example in the community of Leslie, the Dr. J. O. Cotton House is locally significant under Criterion C.

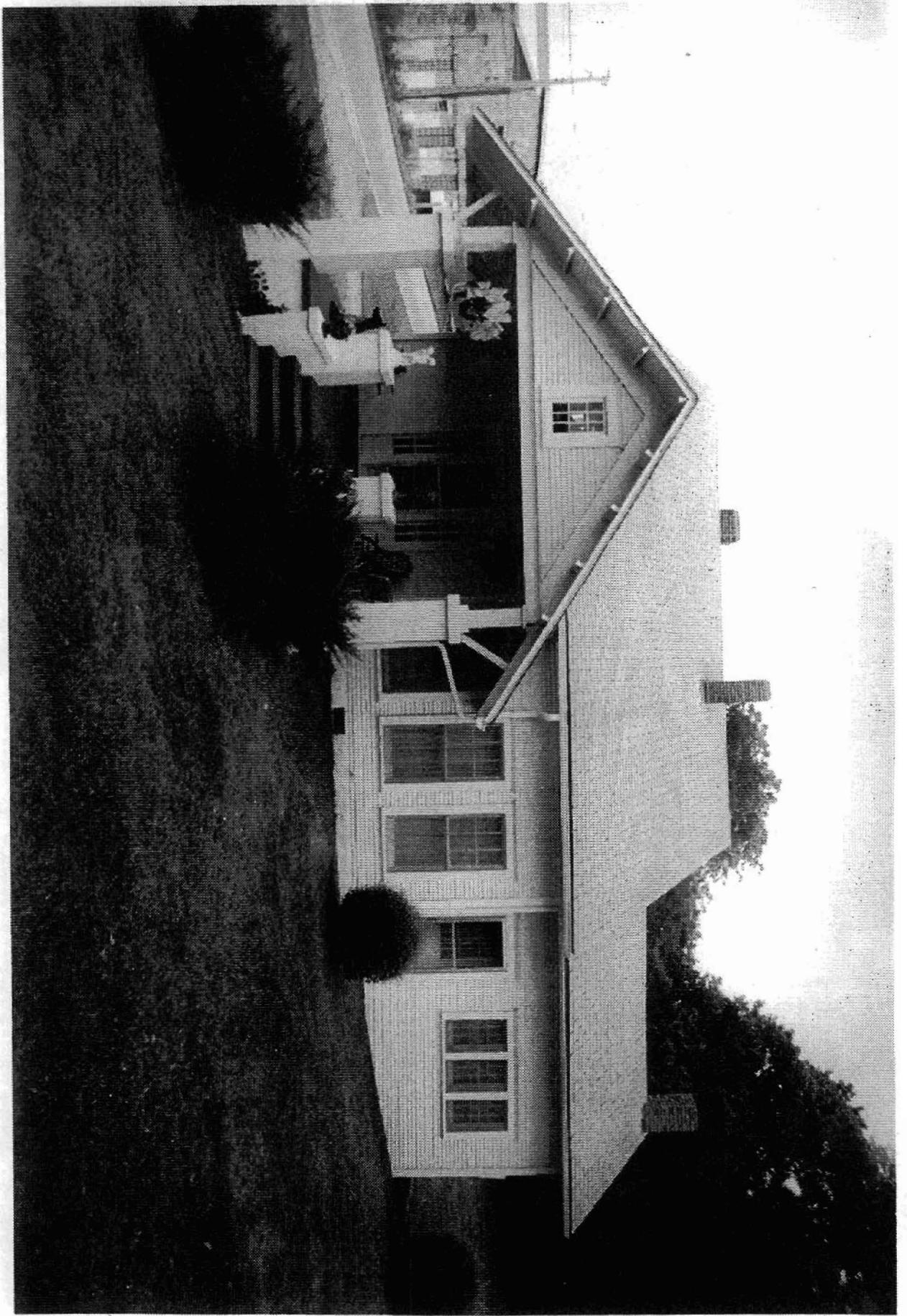




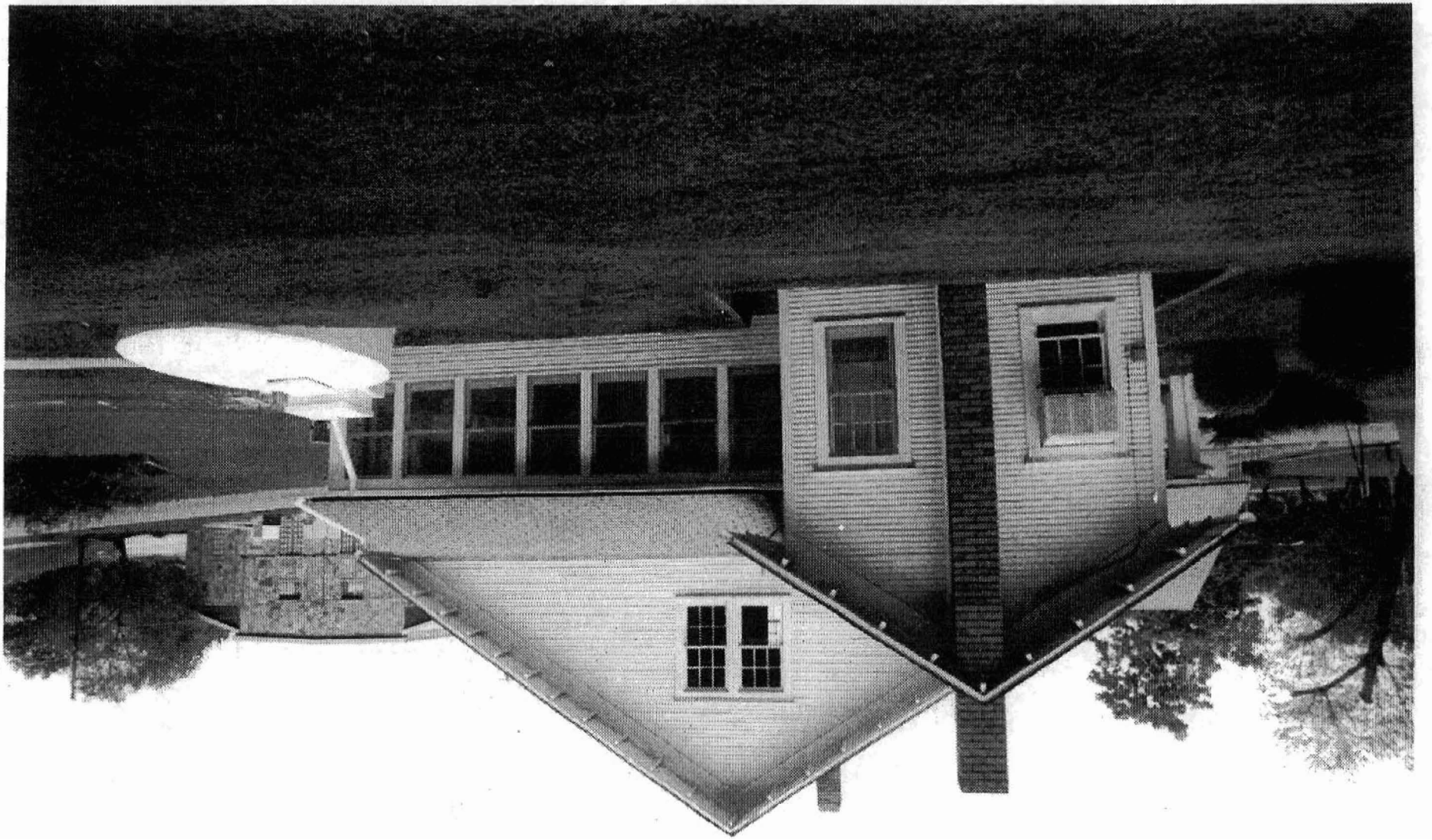
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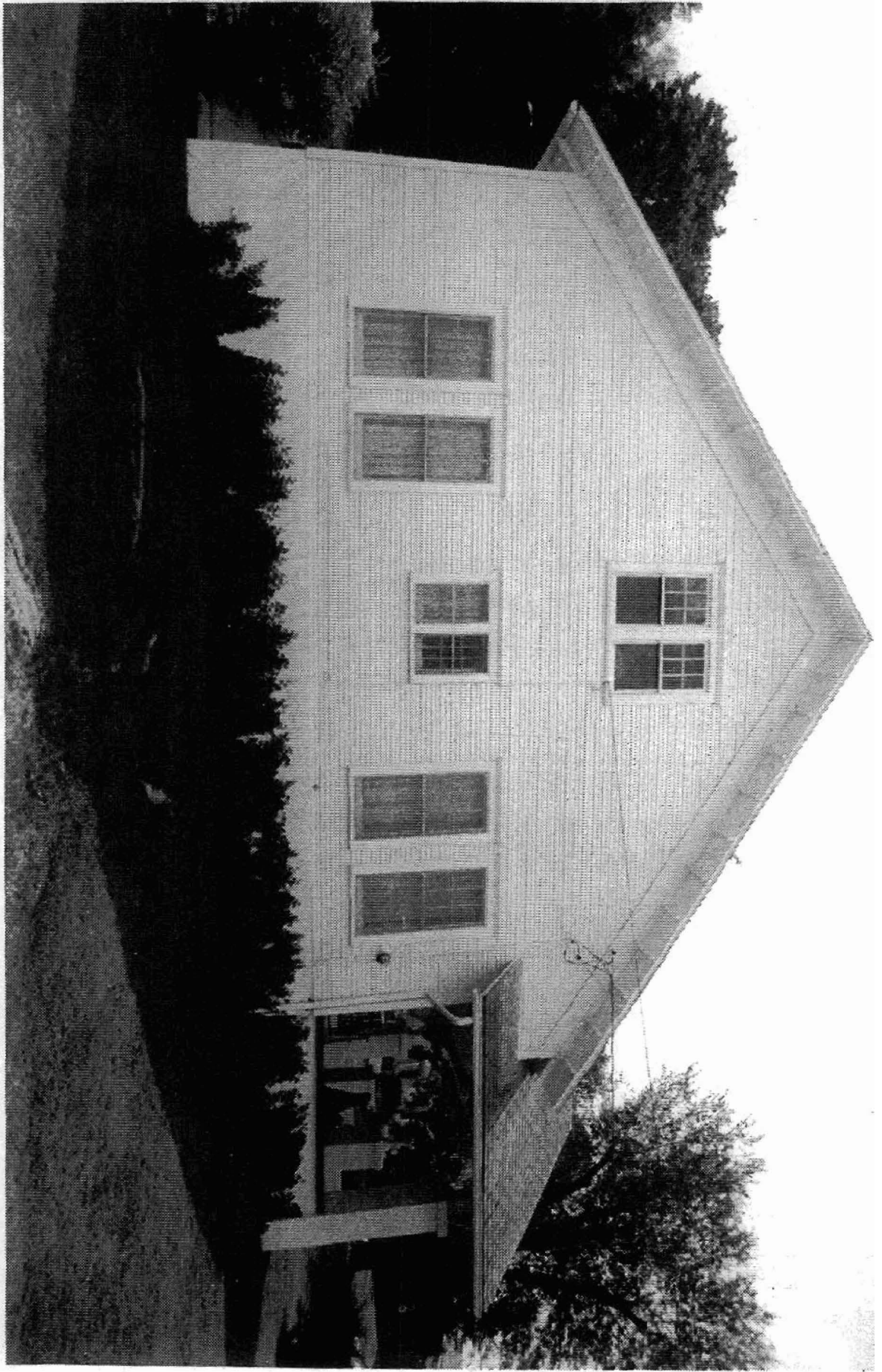
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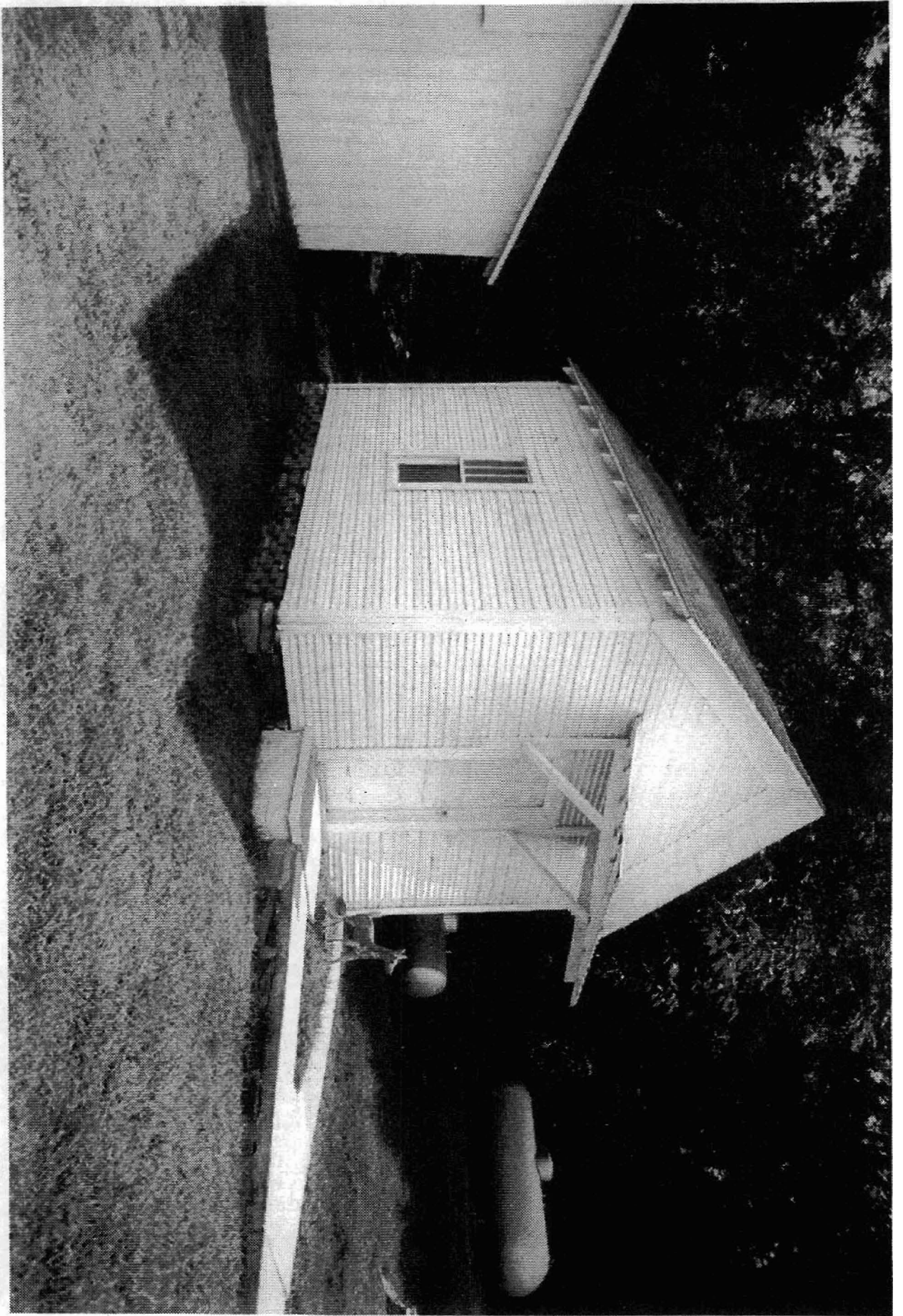
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