

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Dr. Robinson House

other name/site number: SE0266

2. Location

street & number: Walnut Street (State Highway 66)

not for publication: N/A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>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</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.

Catherine A. 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

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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>539880</u>	<u>3964930</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 southern edge of Walnut Street (State Highway 66) with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation and located approximately 25 feet to the east thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 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 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of Walnut Street; thence proceed easterly along said line to the point of beginning.

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

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Description

The Dr. Robinson House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in a restrained version of the Folk Victorian style with distinct Colonial Revival influences. Its irregular plan revolves around the main, hipped roof core, and features two projecting, gable roof bays -- one to the northwest and the other to the southwest -- a shed roof front porch, and a screened, hipped-roof rear porch. A single brick chimney rises through the hipped roof toward the southwest. The asphalt shingle roof and wood weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous, formed cast concrete block foundation.

The northwestern or front elevation consists of the projecting gable roof bay at the northeastern end and the recessed wall of the hipped section to the southwest. A single-leaf entrance accesses the wall beneath the shed roof front porch, which is itself supported upon two Classical wood columns. The columns are connected to each other and to the wood stair rail by a decorative, turned wood balustrade. Another entrance is found on the northwestern face of the projecting southwestern bay; two more entrances provide access to the screened rear porch. The fenestration consists primarily of one-over-one movable sash and single-pane fixed sash windows. Other features of note include the two doghouse dormers on the northwestern and northeastern elevations. The building features boxed cornices throughout and the back porch is supported upon a combination of turned wood posts and Classical columns. Minimal Classical details ornament the corner trim around the building.

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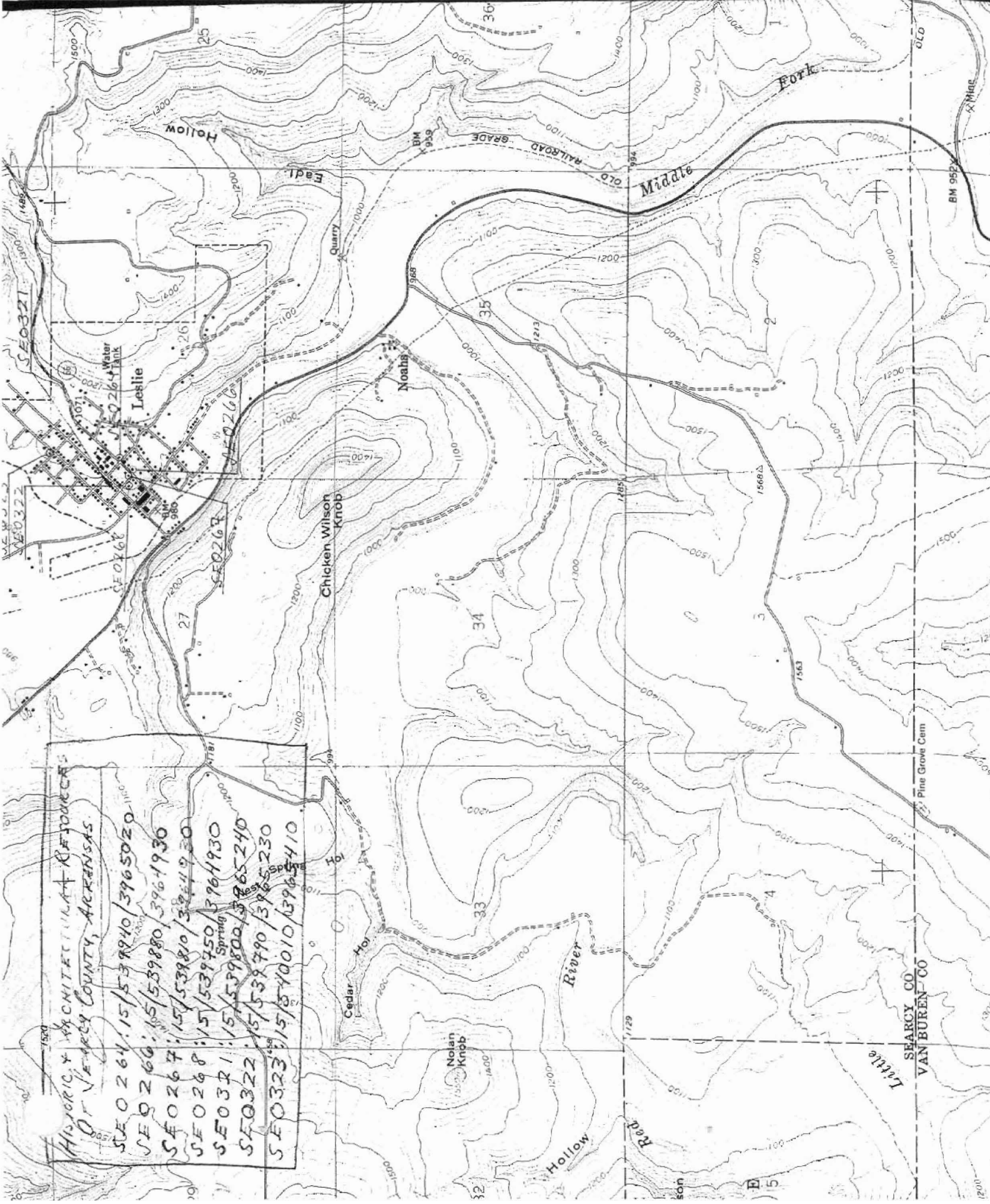
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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Dr. Robinson House was constructed 1917-18 as a private residence on Walnut Street near downtown Leslie by an unknown builder for its original occupant, Dr. Robinson. Dr. Robinson 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.

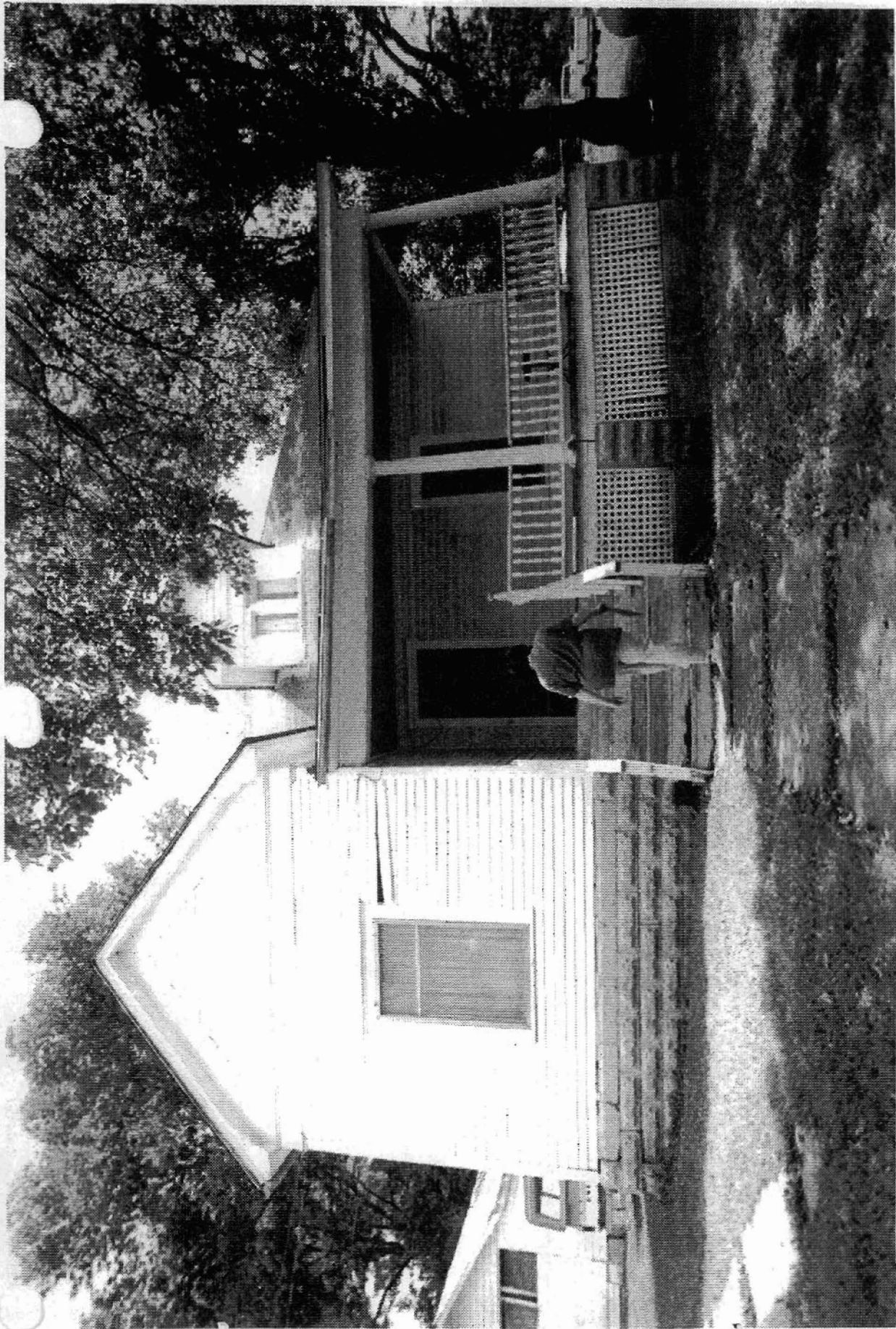
Its construction date of 1917-18 and its simplified Folk Victorian style with Colonial Revival influences represent the historic context *Searcy County in the World War Era, 1910-1945: Economic Realignment, The Great Depression and World War*. Though this was, generally speaking, a period of county-wide 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 this transitional style -- the earlier Folk Victorian idiom giving way to the newer Colonial Revival -- and the most intact example in the community of Leslie, the Dr. Robinson House is locally significant under Criterion C.



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SE0268	15/539450/3964930
SE0321	15/539800/3965240
SE0322	15/539790/3965230
SE0323	15/540010/3965410





Dr Robinson House

Leake, Searcy Co., Arkansas

Photographed by T. Ferguson

August 1991

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View from North

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Dr. Robinson House

1854, Seary Co., Arkansas

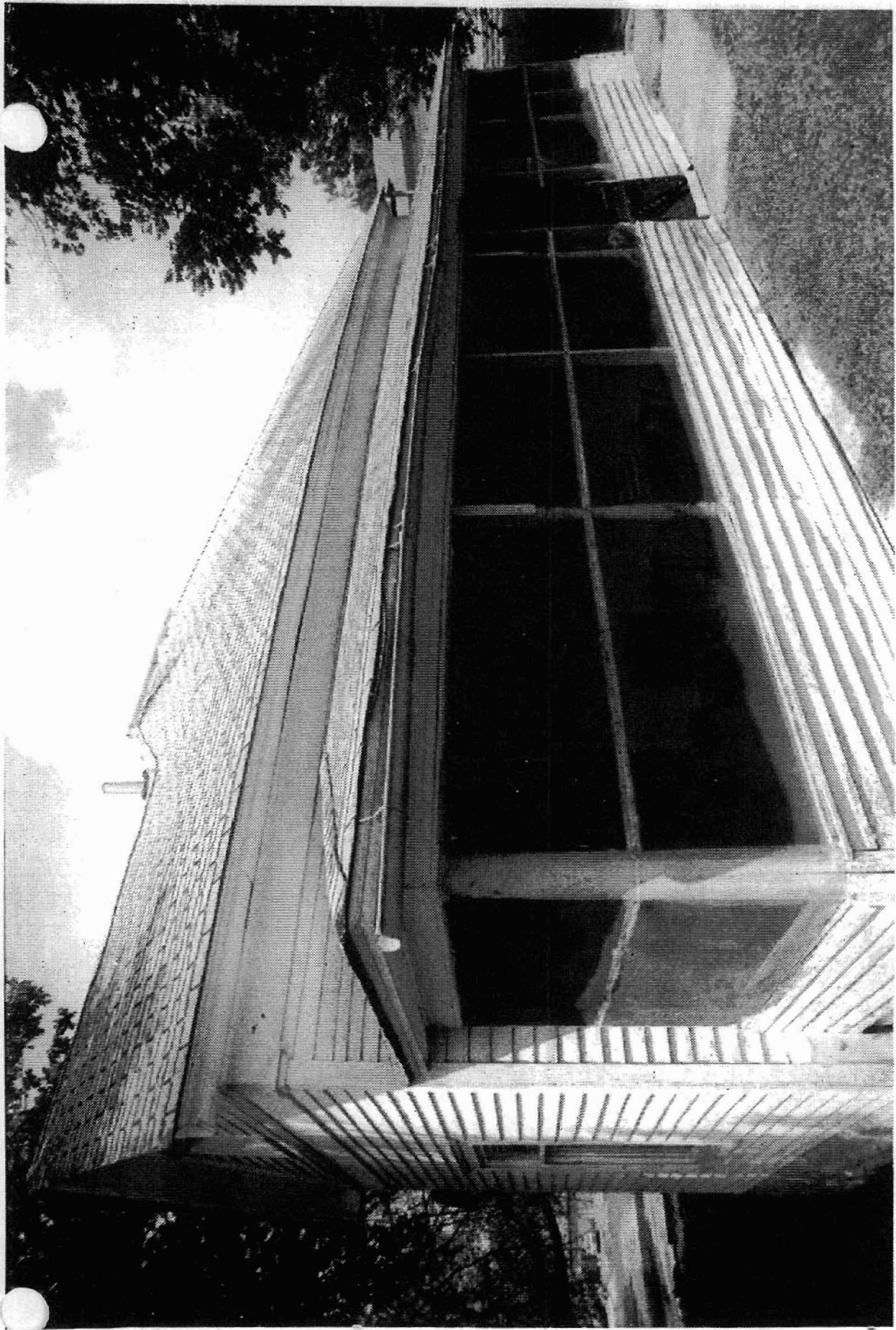
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view from west

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Dr. Robt. House

Lesley, Seary Co., Arkansas

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View from South

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Dr. Robinson - House

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