

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Dr. Clay House

other name/site number: SE0267

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not for publication: N/A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

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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

Cathryn 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

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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: DOMESTIC _____

Sub: Single dwelling _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Folk Victorian

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	Brick	roof	Asphalt
	walls	WOOD/Weatherboard	other	Turned wood
				porch posts and
				balustrade, and
				j i g - s a w n
				decoration

Describe present and historic physical appearance. 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: 1907

Significant Dates: 1907

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.

See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>539810</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 northern 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 northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern 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 southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with the northern 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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Description

The Dr. Clay House is a one-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in a more high-style version of the Folk Victorian style. Its irregular plan is only enhanced by its complex, combination gable/hipped/shed roofline. The central, hipped roof block is augmented by the gabled wall dormer on the front, the gabled bays on the northwestern and southeastern elevations, and the shed roof front porch and later rear addition. Two large brick chimneys rise through the flat section atop the hipped roof. The asphalt shingle roof and wood weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous brick foundation.

The principle entrance into the building is through the single-leaf entrance beneath the shed roof front porch on the southeastern elevation. The porch roof is supported by a row of six turned wood posts that are ornamented at their cornice intersections with decorative gingerbread and connected below with a turned wood balustrade. The wall dormer above is fenestrated with a grouping of three windows, the central of which is larger and taller than the two flanking windows. Another single-leaf entrance provides access into the northwestern elevation of the shed roof addition to the northeast, and another single-leaf entrance provides access through the northwestern wall of the shed roof addition. The fenestration throughout is largely limited to one-over-one wood sash windows of various sizes, the only exception to which are the two three-over-one Craftsman windows in the rear shed addition and a few single-pane fixed windows.

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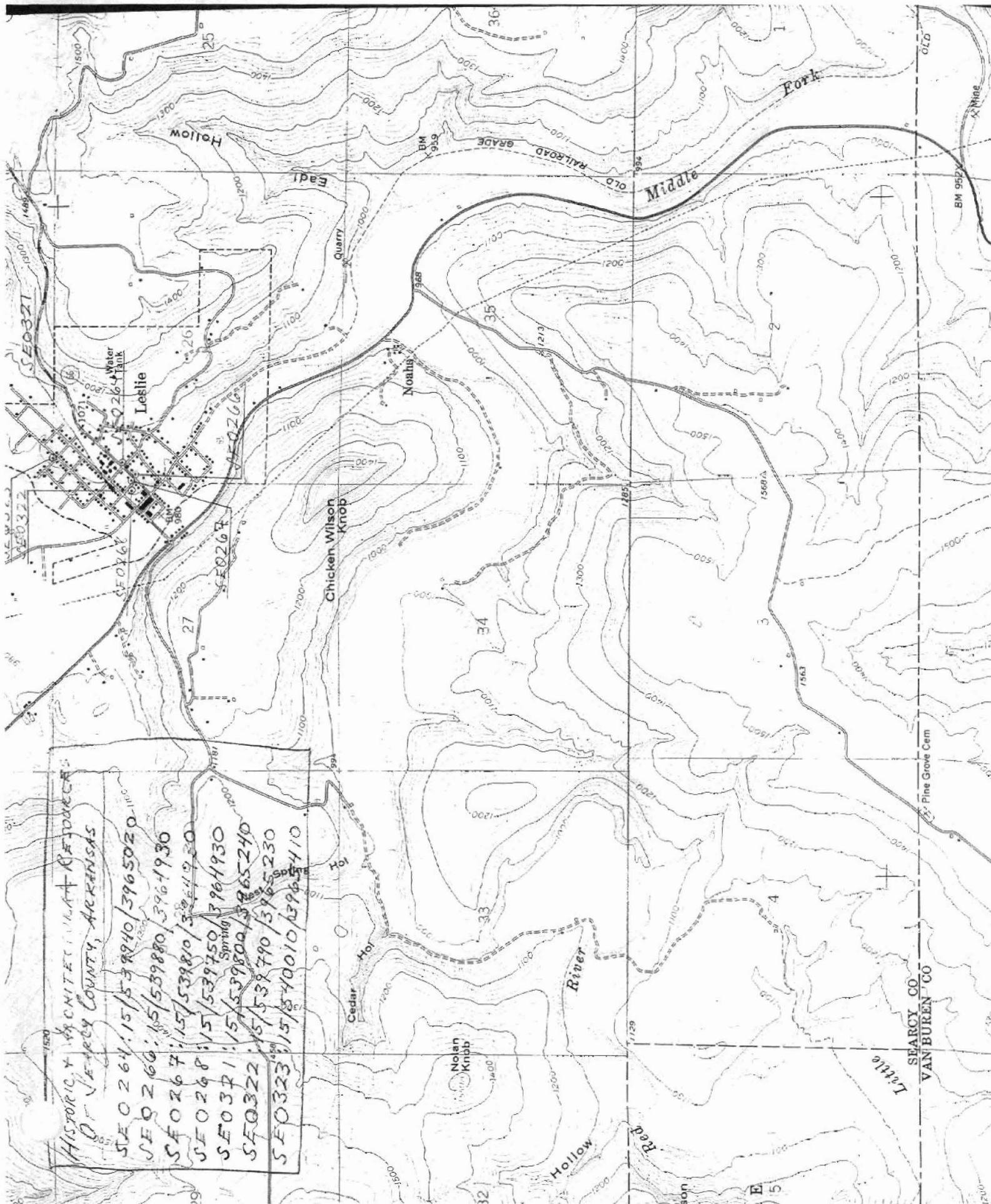
Significance

Criteria C, local significance

The Dr. Clay House was constructed in 1907 by an unknown builder for Dr. Clay, its first occupant. Dr. Clay 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 Dr. Clay House was constructed as a residence in Leslie during the first decade of the twentieth century and as such represents the historic context *Searcy County History, 1865-1910: Reconstruction, Railroads and Renewal*. As noted in this context, this was a period of county-wide growth and prosperity, relatively speaking, and thus a period during which there was much new immigration, and so much new construction. The fact that a young medical doctor would settle here, in what up until that time had been one of Arkansas's most rural and isolated counties, speaks to the optimism attendant upon the growth of the various lumbering industries that flourished among the forests of Searcy County during the late nineteenth century and what many saw as the new era of development heralded by the arrival of the railroad. With this hope and prosperity, combined with the long-standing presence of the railroad, it was inevitable that new, national architectural styles would be reflected. As the finest example of the Folk Victorian style in Leslie, the Dr. Clay House is locally eligible under Criterion C.





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 OF SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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 SE0266: 15/539880/3964930
 SE0267: 15/539810/3964920
 SE0268: 15/539750/3964930
 SE0371: 15/539800/3965240
 SE0322: 15/539790/3965230
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Dr. Clay House

Leslie, Seary Co., Arkansas

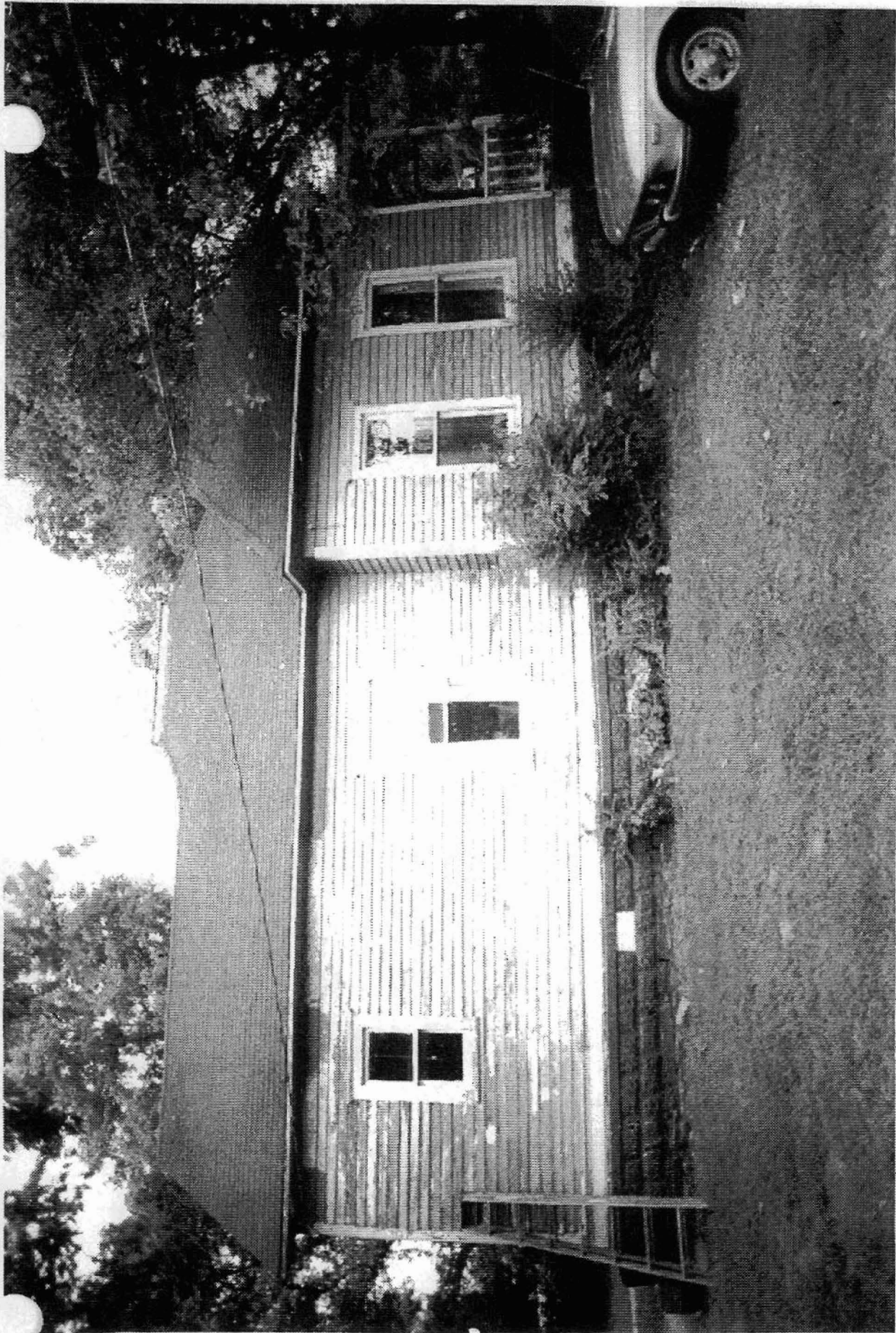
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View from South

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Leslie, Seavey Co., Arkansas

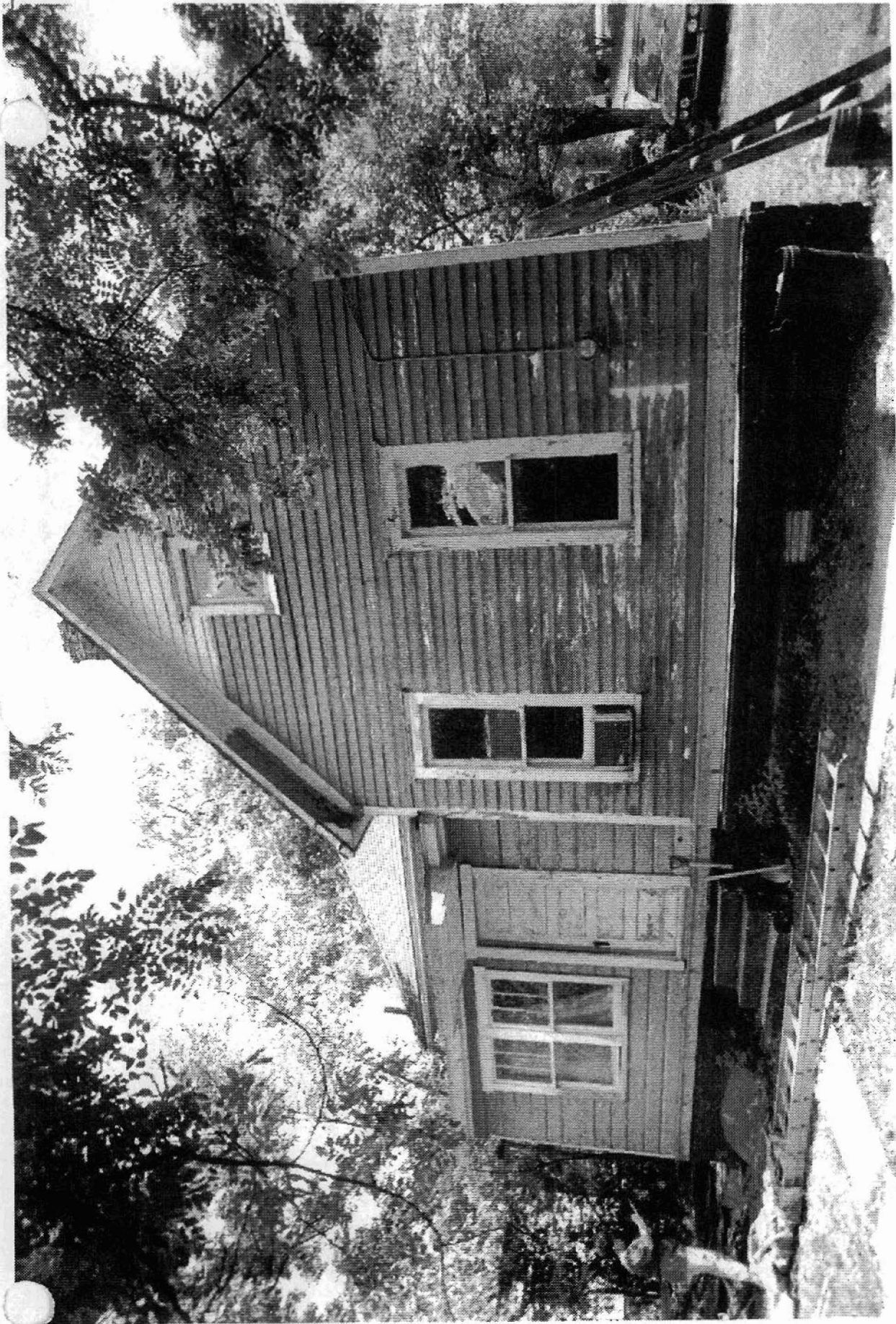
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View from West

SE0217



Dr. Clark

Leslie, Seely Co, Arkansas

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View from Northwest

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