

United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Stone, William, House

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: SE corner of jct. of State Route 306 & Ellis Lane

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Colt

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: St. Francis code: AR 123 zip code: 72326

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</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**  
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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. Buford  
Signature of certifying official

9-1-92  
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.

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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 : Vacant/Not in Use

Sub: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements  
Colonial Revival  
Other: Folk Victorian

Other Description: Plain Traditional

Materials: foundation Brick, Concrete roof Asphalt  
walls Aluminum other Brick

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

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8. Statement of Significance  
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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  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c.1900 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown  
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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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X 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:

- 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: Approximately one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

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C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at the SE corner of State Route 306 and Ellis Lane, proceed south along the eastern curblineline of Ellis Lane to the junction of said line and a line formed by, and a foot away from, the southern elevation of the garage outbuilding. Thence proceed east to a point formed by the junction of said line and a line formed by, and 25 ft. from, the eastern elevation of the house. Thence proceed due north along this line to the southern curblineline of State Route 306. Thence proceed west to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 08/28/92

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### Summary

The William Stone House is a one-story frame residence of an L-shaped plan resting on a continuous brick and cast concrete foundation. The balloon-frame walls were originally sheathed with weatherboarding; however, aluminum siding of similar width has recently been applied. The composition-shingled roof is basically T-shaped with a gable roof running north-south and a long hipped roof extending perpendicular to the east. The house contains four brick chimneys, two of which are exterior. Although based on a Plain Traditional building form, the William Stone House reflects rudimentary detailing of both the Colonial Revival and Folk Victorian styles of architecture.

### Elaboration

Fronted by the Old Military Road (State Route 306), the William Stone House is a one-story frame house of an L-shaped plan resting on a continuous brick and cast concrete foundation. The balloon-frame walls were originally sheathed with weatherboarding; however, aluminum siding of similar width has recently been applied. The composition shingled roof is basically T-shaped with a gable roof running north-south and a long hipped roof extending perpendicular to the east. The house contains four brick chimneys, two of which are exterior. Although based on a Plain Traditional building form, the William Stone House reflects rudimentary detailing of both the Colonial Revival and Folk Victorian styles of architecture.

The front or northern elevation is comprised of a gable-roof bay to the west, which is fenestrated by a large stationary window with a narrow, multiple-pane, stained-glass sash over a single large pane. The peak of the gable end is adorned with a jig-sawn gingerbread decoration. The remainder of the front elevation is dominated by a shed-roof porch supported by six Tuscan columns connected by a simple stick balustrade. The interior is accessed through a single-leaf doorway located adjacent to the gable end bay. Four one-over-one, double-hung windows are positioned to the east of the doorway.

The eastern elevation is dominated by an exterior brick chimney. There are no other windows or detail present on this hipped roof wing. The eastern elevation of the southern gable end bay is lighted by two small six-over-six, double-hung windows.

The majority of the southern elevation is composed of an enclosed shed-roof porch that contains a horizontally configured eight-over-eight, double-hung window to the east with a modern sliding glass door in the center and an awning-covered six-over-six, double-hung window at the western end of the

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porch. The rear gable-roof wing is composed solely of a thin, exterior brick chimney.

The western elevation of the house is fenestrated by two six-over-six, double-hung windows at each end with a tiny six-over-six, double-hung window located in the center.

The interior is rather plainly adorned, but does contain two historic mantels which appear to be vaguely Italianate in style.

There are two noncontributing outbuildings included in the nomination. A historic gable-roof garage, located at the southern extremity of the property. This structure has been greatly altered over the years. A c. 1940 pumphouse is located behind the rear ell of the house. Although it has been virtually unaltered since its construction, the construction date is considerably later than the period of significance, c. 1900, for the William Stone House.

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**Summary**

The William Stone House is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example in Colt of a Plain Traditional building form that reflects through applied decorative detail the concurrent Folk Victorian and Colonial Revival architectural styles.

**Elaboration**

The area where the community of Colt is currently located was first settled by W. Mitchell Taylor in 1826. Taylor was born in Franklin County, North Carolina in 1804. He settled in St. Francis County after living previously in Tennessee. Taylor built a large log house on the western edge of Crowley's Ridge about a mile south of the present day town of Colt. A community named for him, Taylor's Creek, was established just east of the present town of Colt when the Military Road from Memphis to Little Rock extended across St. Francis County. The project was authorized by an Act of Congress in 1821, projected in 1824, and completed in 1829. The road roughly paralleled the county line with Cross County to the north along what is now State Highway 306. Mitchell Taylor helped to build the road through this area.

The community never really thrived, but was the site of a Civil War skirmish on May 12, 1863 between 1200 Federal cavalry and a slightly superior Confederate force. A few men were killed on each side, and the Federal force retreated after a brisk fight.

The town of Colt was founded in 1882 when the Iron Mountain Railroad came through and established a station. The new town was first called Colt Station after the name of the contractor who built the railroad through that section of the county. Many of the residents thought that the new town should be named Taylor in honor of Mitchell Taylor; however, Taylor declined their entreaties and asked that they respect the railroad's decision. Mr. Taylor died shortly thereafter in 1884.

In 1917, Colt was incorporated by a petition presented by William Stone, the first owner of the house being nominated. At the time of incorporation, the town consisted of two cotton gins, six general stores, one drug store, and two saw mills. Little is known about Stone or the construction of his house. According to oral history, the house was constructed circa 1884 and reputedly a Sears & Roebuck pre-fabricated house. Because there is no documentation to support either claim, the National Register staff is nominating the Stone House as a c. 1900 structure since that is the time period the exterior currently reflects.



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The William Stone is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance as the best example in Colt of a Plain Traditional residence with applied Colonial Revival and Folk Victorian detail. The Colonial Revival style is reflected in the six Tuscan columns that support the front porch. The Folk Victorian era is represented by a jig-sawn gingerbread decoration placed in the peak of the front gable end. The front gable-roof bay also contains a stationary window with a multiple-pane stained glass sash over a large single pane. Although the house is now covered with aluminum siding, the width is a close approximation of the original weatherboarding and the significant exterior detail of note, the gingerbread, was not affected. The only known loss of exterior detail is the removal, prior to the installation of the aluminum siding, of a stained-glass oculus window (located in the front gable end) due to deterioration.

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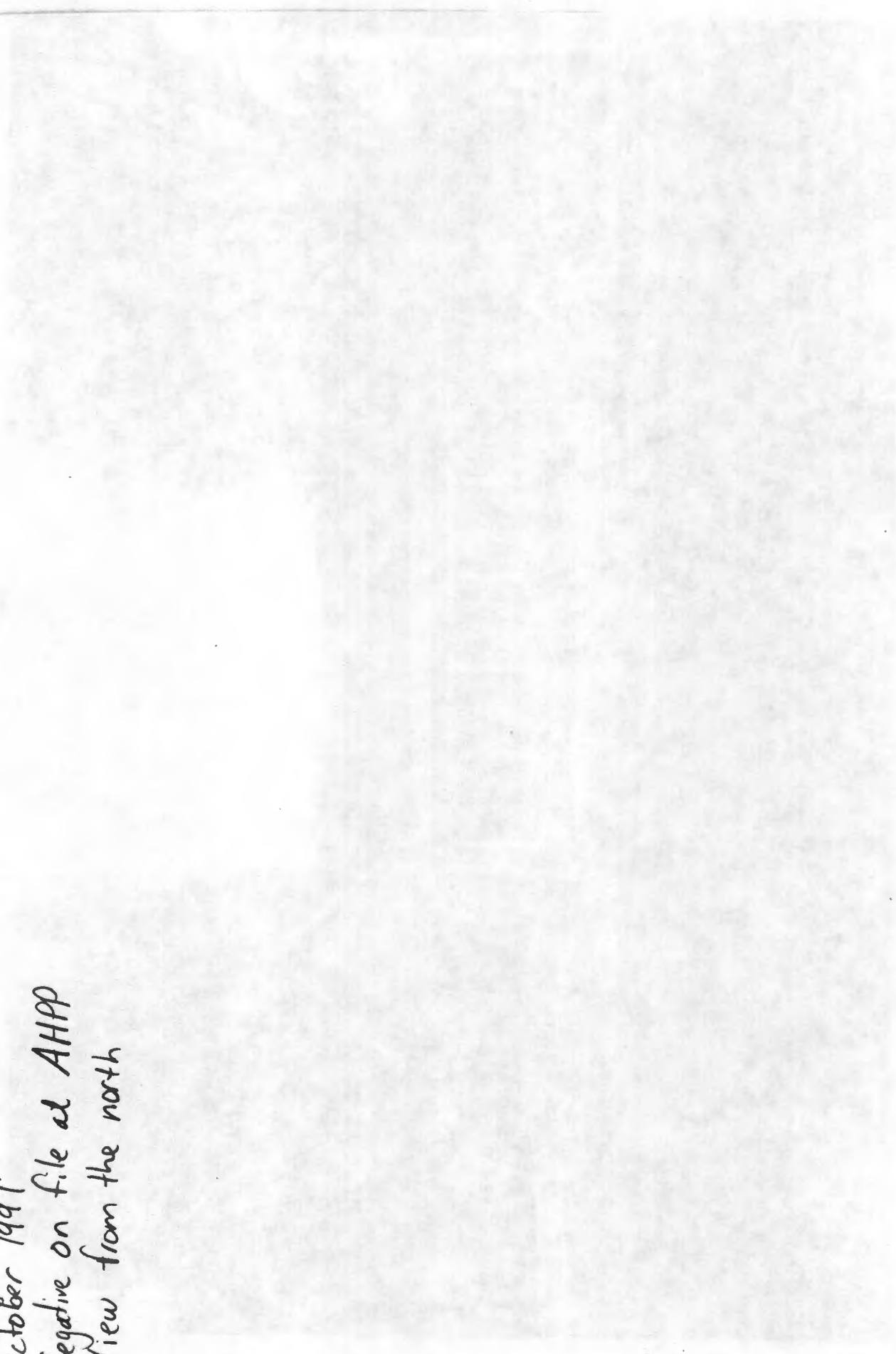
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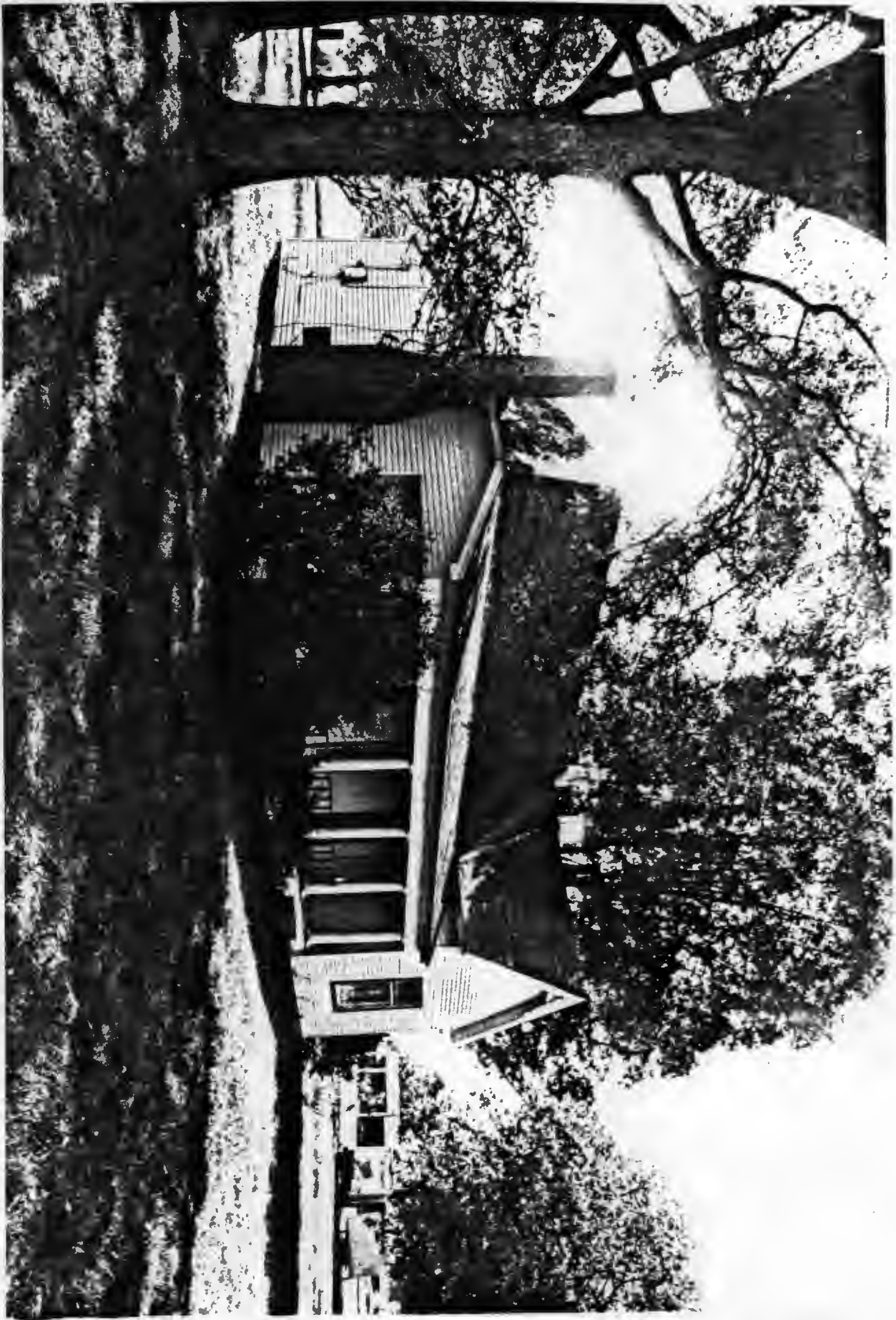
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October 1991

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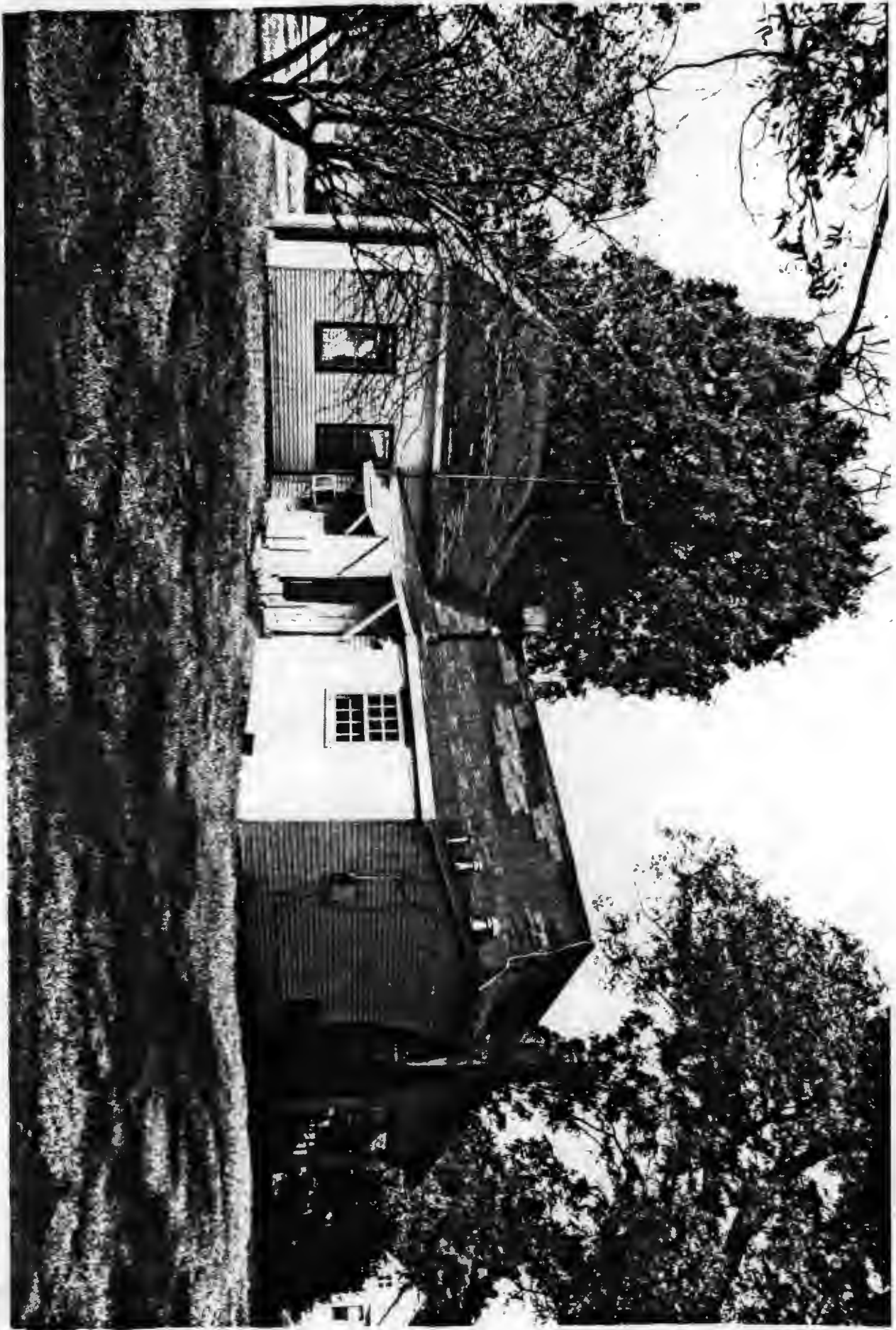


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View from the northeast

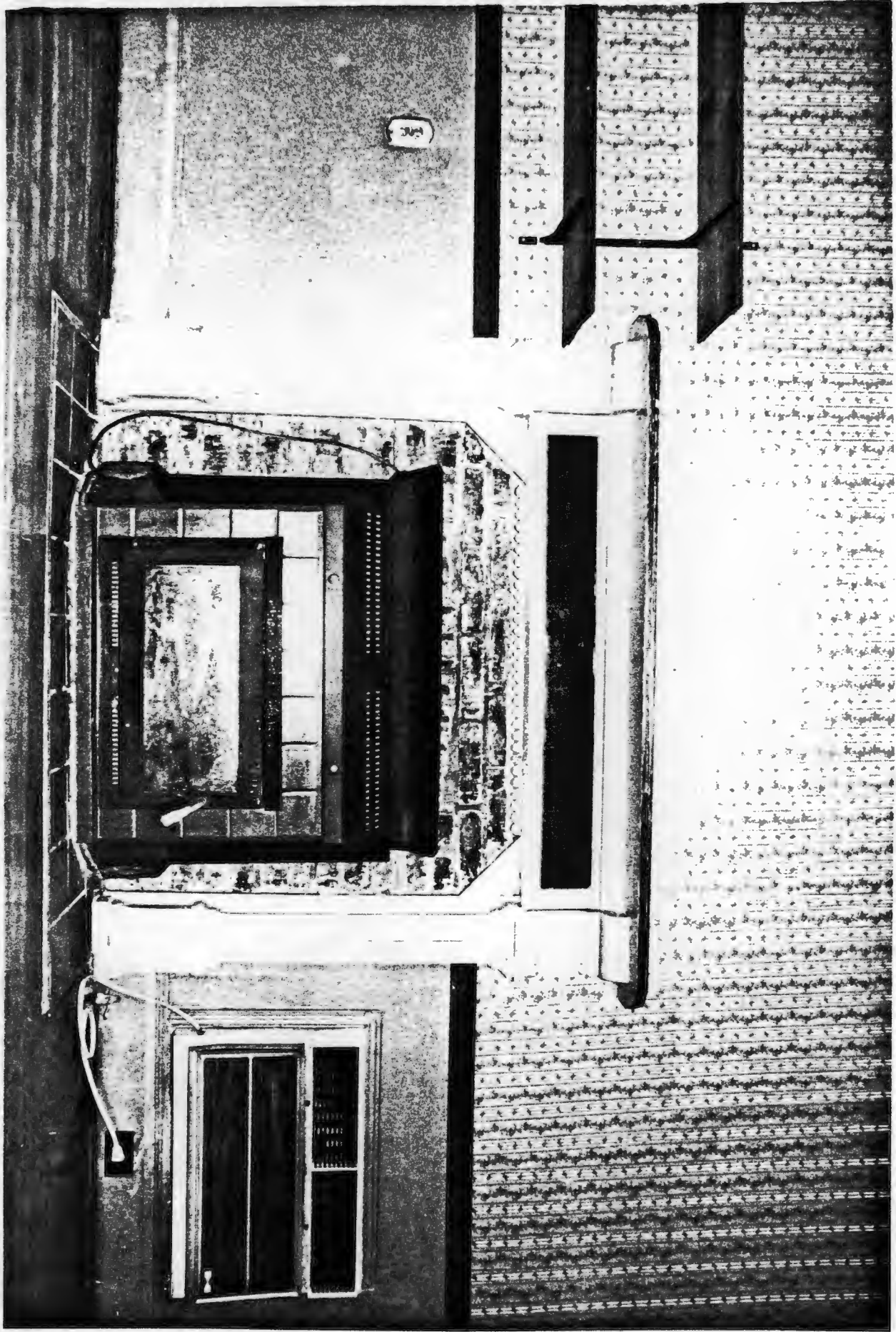


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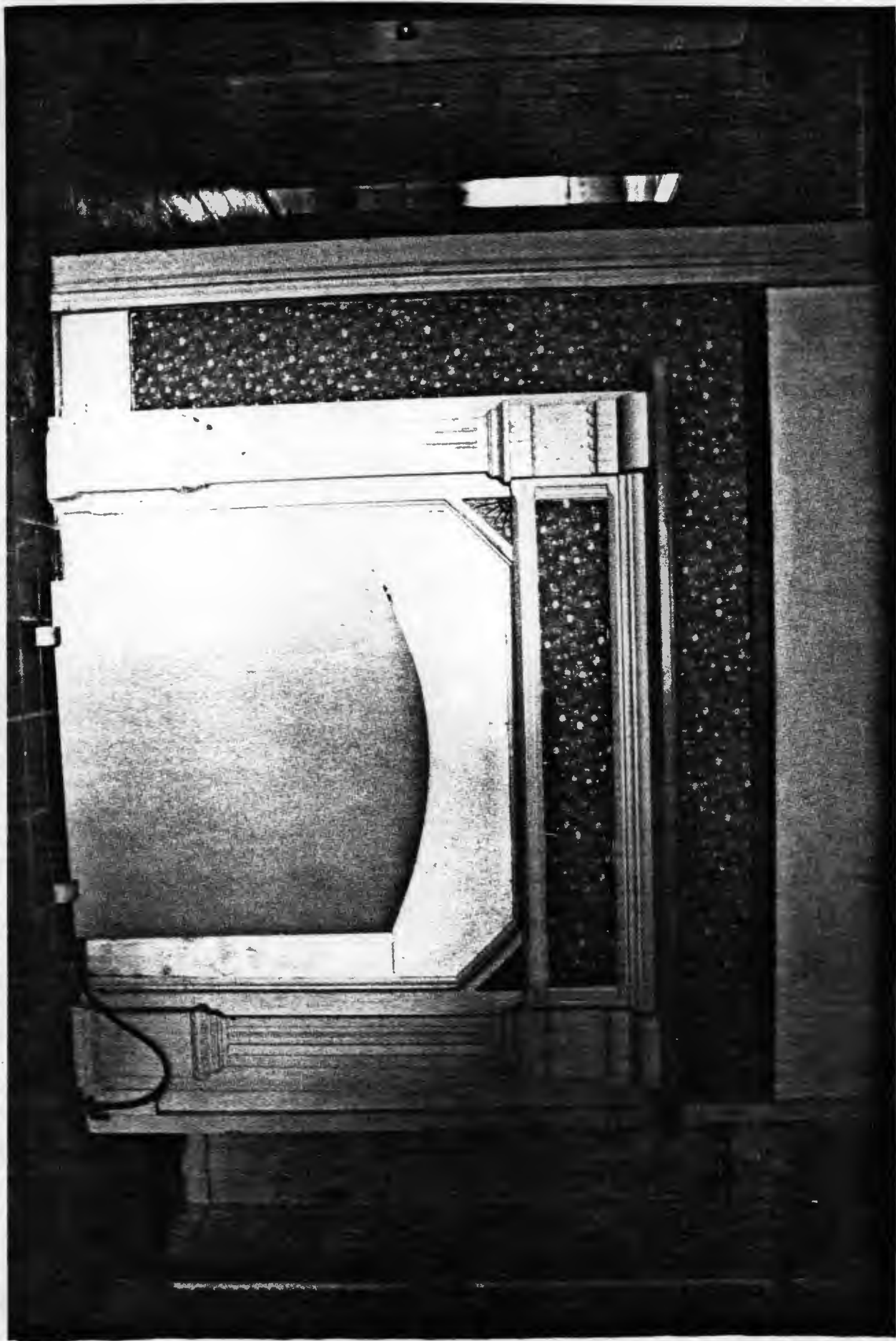




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View from the southeast



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View of mantel in eastermost room.



Stone, William House

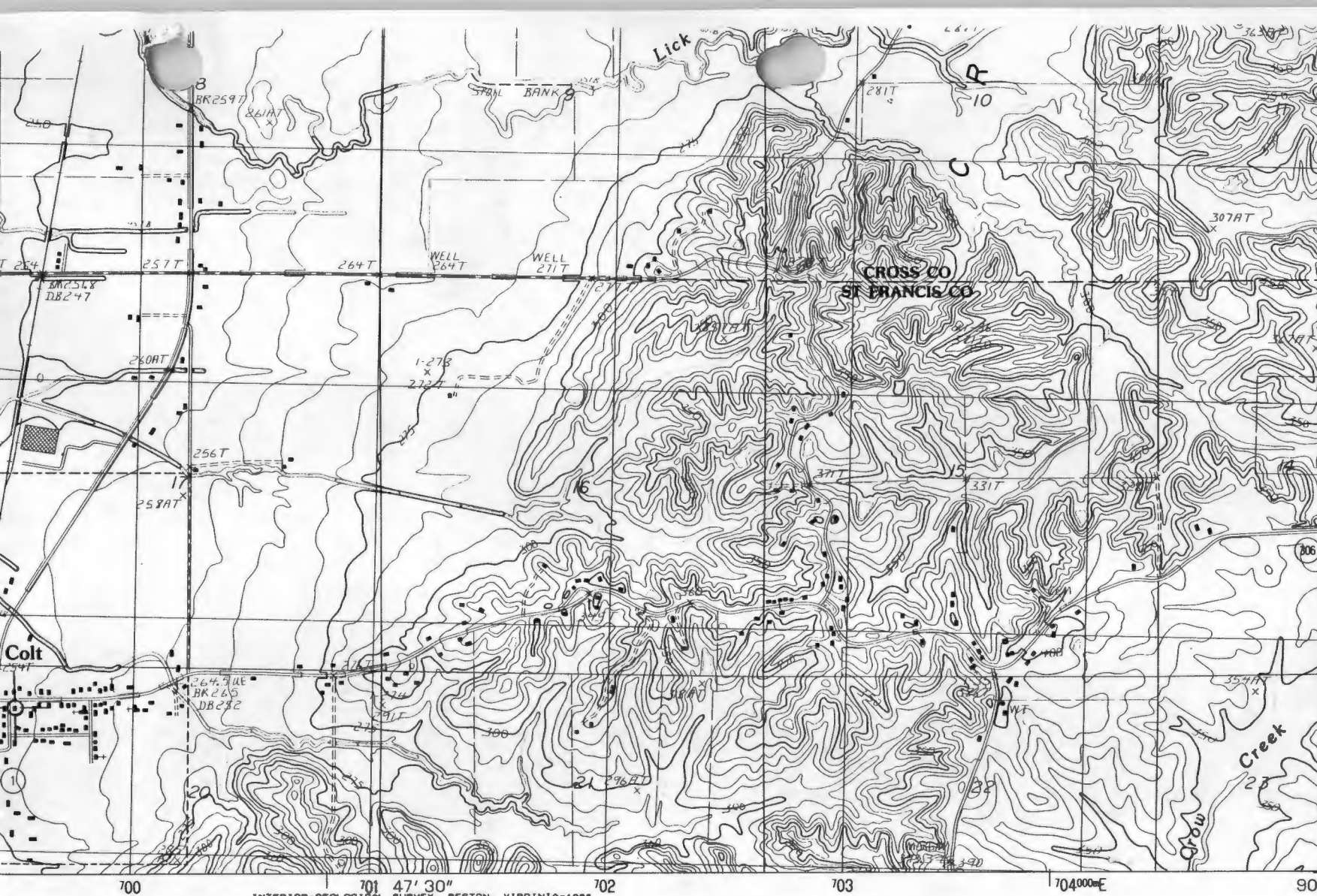
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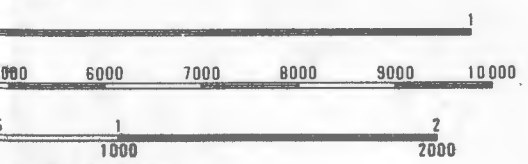
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View of mantel in western room



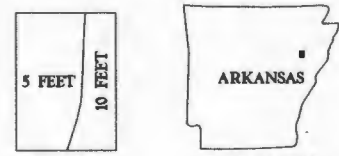
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MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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			2	Vanndale	
			3	Princeton	
4		5	4	Hamlin	
			5	Wittsburg	
			6	Hawkins	
			7	Forrest City	
6	7	8	8	Madison	

ROAD LEGEND

Improved Road . . . . .  
 Unimproved Road . . . . .  
 Trail . . . . .

Ⓜ Interstate Route Ⓜ U.S. Route ○ State Route

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