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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bonds House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: County Road #2

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Fox

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Stone

code: AR 137

zip code: 72051

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Stone County, Arkansas

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Dog-Trot

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood/Plank

Wood/Weatherboard

roof Metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Dog-Trot

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Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal  
walls Wood/Plank other \_\_\_\_\_  
Wood/Weatherboard

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: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: Architecture

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Period(s) of Significance: c.1907-1940 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Architect/Builder: Moody, Joe

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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.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Less than one

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

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### Summary

The Bonds House is a single story, wood frame dog-trot residence that was constructed c. 1900 along Meadow Creek in southern Stone County. It is typical of the dog-trot type of residence, primarily through the use of the open, central breezeway or "dog-trot" that opened into the two flanking pens, though it also retains its original enclosed staircase on the north side of the breezeway. Also included in the nomination are two standing historic outbuildings, the foundations of other historic outbuildings and the original road bed in front of the house.

### Elaboration

The Bonds House is a single story, wood frame residence of the traditional vernacular building type known as the dog-trot. It features the typical dog-trot floor plan, with a central "breezeway" separating two pens on the first floor and containing an enclosed staircase leading to a sleeping loft above. A gable roof ell projects from the rear of the northern pen, and a flat roofed addition extends from its southern elevation joining the eastern elevation of the dog-trot section's southern pen. A single, large exterior end fieldstone chimney is placed in the center of the northern gable. The gable roof is covered with metal, the walls are weatherboarded in the gable ends (with the sole exception of the wall beneath the full-length front porch, which is sheathed with flush horizontal planks) and fieldstone piers support the entire structure.

The western or front elevation is five bays in length, with two four-over-four wood sash windows placed symmetrically to either side of the central dog-trot, which has since been fitted with a single-leaf door and half-sidelights, but which has lost virtually all of its glass and is scheduled to be removed. A full-length, shed roof front porch is supported on six simple wood posts that in turn rest on a wood deck.

The side of the rear ell and the gable end of the dog-trot compose the northern elevation. A single-leaf door, placed near the eastern wall of the dog-trot section of the house, punctuates the rear ell and provided its only relief. A shed roof porch -- of which the roof is all that remains -- formerly sheltered this entrance and provided the means of access to it. The exterior end stone chimney divides the gable end; two small windows (one of which is now boarded up) flank it at the first story level. A single central window opening lights the first story of the southern elevation opposite, and a smaller square opening lights the sleeping loft above.

The rear of the gable ell and the shed addition define the eastern elevation. A continuous row of windows runs around both elevations of the addition, while the gable end is lighted with but a single central window on the first floor.

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Simple, unmolded wood trim, typical of a rural residence of this period, constitutes the bulk of the decoration within. Though wallpaper covers the walls of the two pens flanking the central breezeway, the breezeway itself retains not only its original horizontal, flush plank walls, ceiling and floor, but some of its original paint also.

The alterations have been relatively minor, and those that have taken place have been compatible. Though the weatherboarding on the gable ends is in remarkably good shape - and thus probably of more recent vintage - it either replaces original weatherboarding or constitutes an historic alteration. The small, flat roof room on the rear is relatively diminutive and does not dominate any view of the building.

Also included is the surrounding farmstead site, which retains the foundations of at least two outbuildings (probably food storage buildings, such as a smokehouse or a sweet potato house), an open, shelter-type structure attached to the house on the north, two extant historic outbuildings (a more recent outhouse and a small livestock barn) and the visible remnants of the original road that ran immediately in front of the house connecting it with communities to the north and south.

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**Summary**

Criterion C, local significance

The Bonds House is significant under Criterion C with local significance as the last surviving example of an early twentieth century vernacular residence and small, subsistence farmstead of any type remaining in the Meadow Creek valley, an area that was far more populous before the Depression and the Second World War.

**Elaboration**

The earliest recorded settlement in Meadow Creek valley took place by the 1850's and consisted largely of the same Scottish and Irish stock from the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky that settled the entire Ozark region. These settlers discovered Meadow Creek via the principal avenue into this mountainous region, the Middle Fork of the Little Red River, into which Meadow Creek flows approximately one mile south of the Bonds House. They stayed and established a number of small subsistence farmsteads, cultivating the fertile bottomlands that surround this confluence and those to the north that extend in a narrow strip along Meadow Creek's eastern bank. A number of "all weather" springs flowed out of the mountains on both sides of the creek, providing an abundance of drinking water.

Although the rough roads that followed the channel of Meadow Creek provided the best access route across Blue Mountain to the north - and hence one of the principal settlement routes into northern Stone County from the south - the collection of scattered farmsteads along Meadow Creek remained a relatively isolated community until the arrival of the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad in 1907, which in that year extended its line from Leslie to Searcy along the southern bank of the Middle Fork of the Little Red River. The arrival of the railroad greatly increased traffic of all kinds - passenger, commercial and tourist - throughout the surrounding communities it served, including such nearby towns as Shirley and Arlberg. Yet the avenue to the north offered by the Meadow Creek channel and its tributaries, through an otherwise virtually impenetrable series of steep mountains, insured a high percentage of settlers looking for available land. Thus the lower Meadow Creek valley became known as the "gateway" to Stone County. The railroad also triggered the growth of commercial logging on the large stands of virgin timber nearby and thus Meadow Creek valley became a sawmill center also.

According to the local oral tradition, Joe Moody built this house at about this time. Joe grew up near the present-day community of Flagg, just to the west of Meadow Creek. Though little is known about Moody's childhood and marriage, it is known that his wife died relatively soon

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after they moved into this house, and that Mr. Moody then moved out of the house to live with one of his nine children. Soon thereafter he sold the property to one of his children, his daughter Amanda and her husband Andrew Bonds. The Bonds, in turn, had seven sons of their own. Local oral tradition maintains that Joe Moody and members of his extended family built the house.

The Bonds House has remained largely unchanged since that time, and hence remains an exceptional early-twentieth example of a dog-trot house. Furthermore, the surrounding site remains as a remarkably intact example of a small, subsistence farmstead, and the last with this integrity in the lower Meadow Creek valley. Specifically, the site retains the foundations of at least two later outbuildings (probably food storage buildings, such as a smokehouse or a sweet potato house), an unidentified structure adjacent to the house on the north, two extant historic (c. 1925) outbuildings (a more recent outhouse and a small livestock barn) and the visible remnants of the original road that ran immediately in front of the house connecting it with communities to the north and south. Most of these resources date from the period of time between the construction of the house and the onset of the Second World War, and thus are directly associated with the evolution and growth of this farmstead, and its daily operations and activities. Though some historic archeological studies have been done of similar rural farmsteads in other parts of the state (see Leslie C. Stewart-Abernathy's article *The Moser Farmstead, Independent but not Isolated: The Archeology of a Late Nineteenth Century Ozark Farmstead*. Arkansas Archeological Survey Research Series No. 26, Fayetteville, 1986), none of record have been done within the specific environment and cultural landscape of Meadow Creek valley. Such archeological investigation at the Bonds House site could provide valuable evidence regarding many aspects of early twentieth century life in this region of the state, thereby justifying the amendment of the nomination to include additional criteria. At present, however, the Bonds House and its surrounding farmstead is eligible under Criterion C with local significance.



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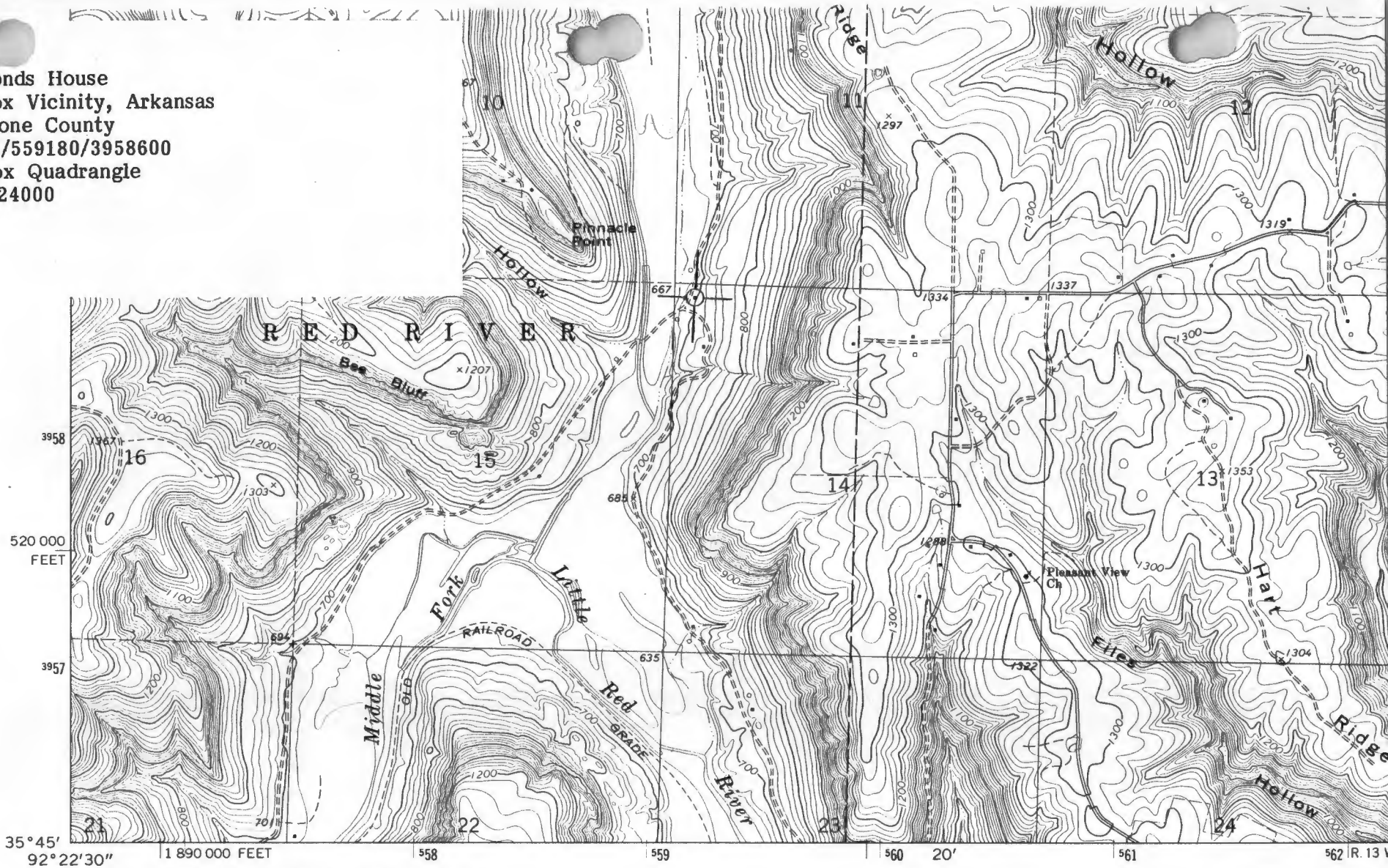
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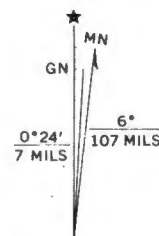
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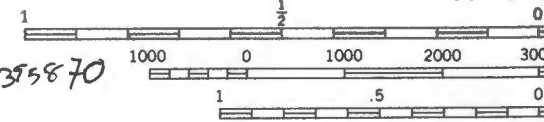
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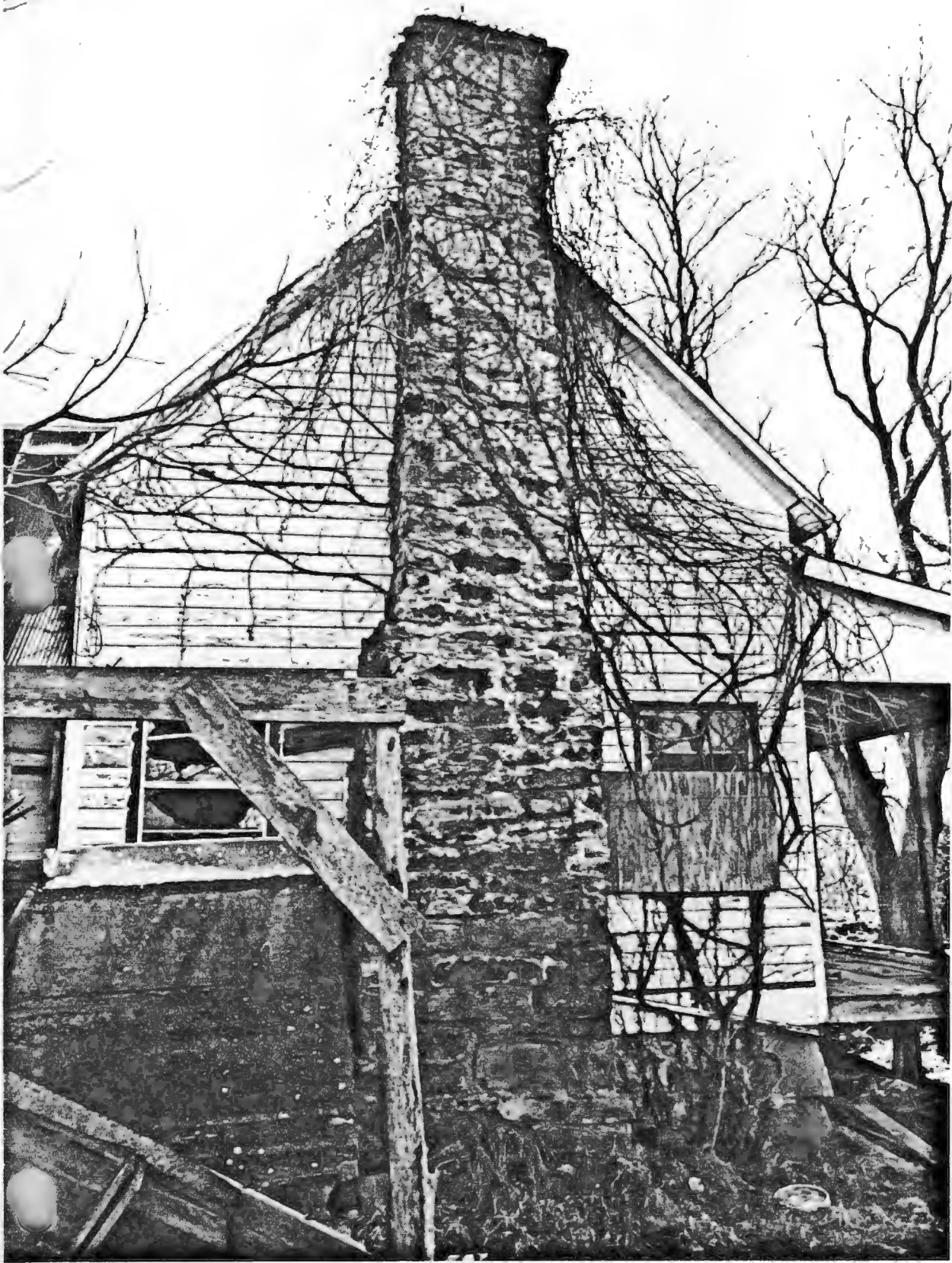




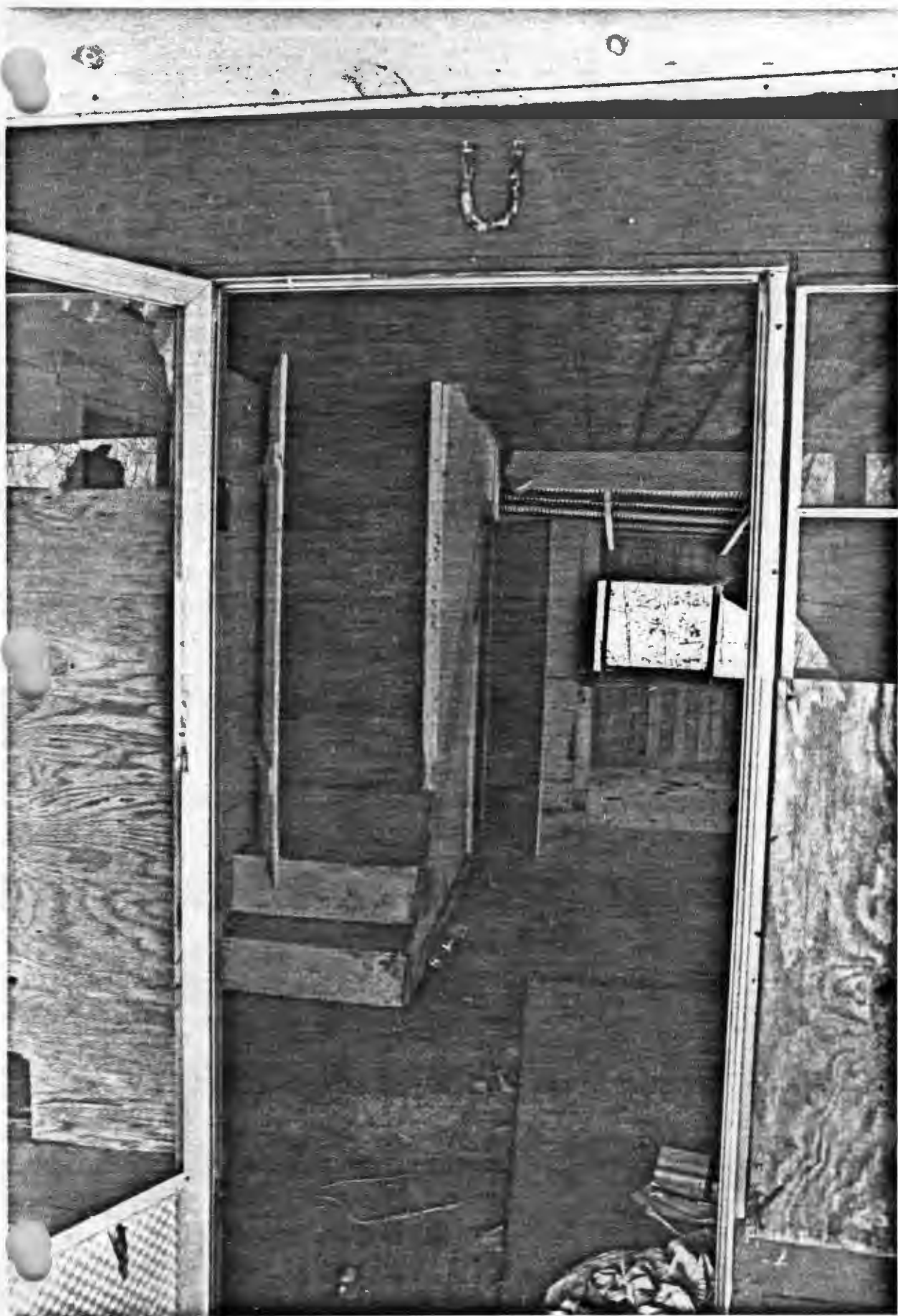
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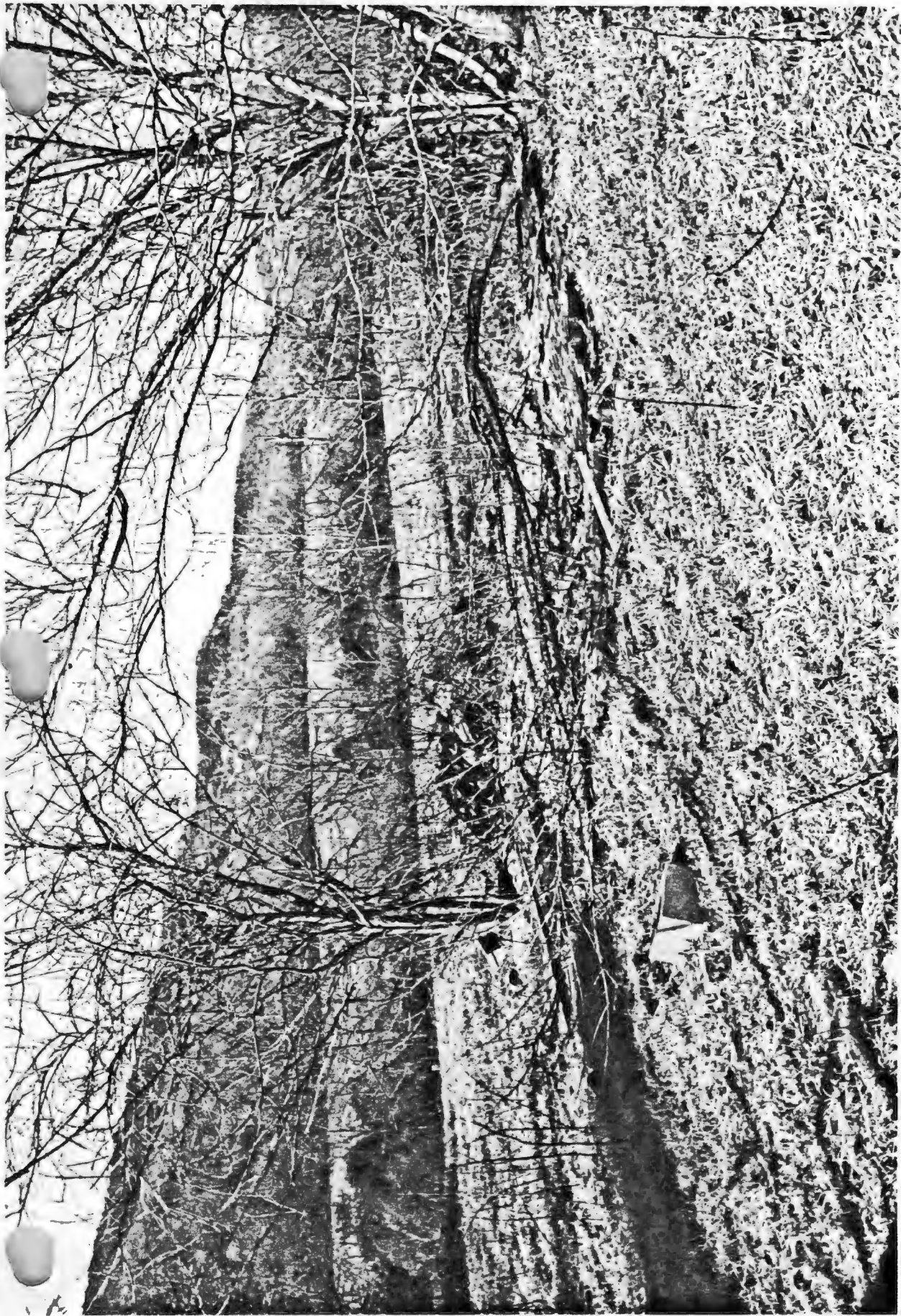
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