

United States Department of the Interior  
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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Walter Patterson Filling Station  
other names/site number Cities Service Station

### 2. Location

street & number Hwy 65 between Griggs and Court Streets  not for publication  
city or town Clinton  vicinity  
state Arkansas code AR county Van Buren code 141 zip code 72031

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets   
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
 nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Arthur Matthews 11/02/07  
Signature of certifying official/Title 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 for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Table with columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Values: 1, 0, 1, 1, 3, 0.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965.

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store, TRANSPORTATION: Road-related (vehicular)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Tudor or English Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE, walls BRICK, roof ASPHALT, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

LOCAL

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
TRANSPORTATION

Period of Significance

1936-1950

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Criteria for previous documentation on file.

Primary location of additional data:

- Criteria for primary location of additional data.

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- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

4 \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Beginning at the intersection of Griggs Street and Highway 65, thence running Northerly, and parallel with Griggs Street a distance of 75 feet; thence Westerly 105 feet, more or less, to the East side of Courts Street; thence Southerly, along the East side of Courts Street, a distance of 30 feet to the intersection of Courts Street and Highway 65; thence Southeasterly along the North side of Highway 65 a distance of 126 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, all being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE ¼ of SE ¼), Section 15, Township 11, North, Range 14 West, Van Buren County, Arkansas.

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

The selected boundary encompasses three historic resources, all of which are associated with Walter Patterson Filling Station and retain their integrity of location, setting, design, feeling, workmanship, association, and materials.

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Dorothy Hatchett/Linda Bly  
street & number P. O. Box 223 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72203

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### SUMMARY

The Walter Patterson Filling Station (also known as Cities Service Station), located on U.S. Highway 65 Between Griggs and Court Streets, was built in 1936 and it is the only extant 1930s gas station in Clinton, Arkansas. It is the best example of an English Revival building - as applied to an automobile era building - in Clinton.

### ELABORATION

Located on a piece of property bounded to the south by U.S. Highway 65; to the east by Griggs Street; and to the west by Court Street, the Walter Patterson Filling Station is an excellent example of English Revival architecture. The rectangular-shaped service station is constructed out of red bricks and rests upon a continuous concrete foundation. Photographs show that by 1946 the brick building was painted white. However, presently the building's red bricks are exposed. The exact date of paint removal is unknown but it is possible that it was removed in the 1970s when the building was remodeled. The building supports an asphalt shingle, intersecting gable roof, accented by a brick chimney. In the apex of each of the three gables are an oculus with a metal center, surrounded by brick with exposed ends. A historic light fixture, located in the apex of the front gable, lends to the ambience of the days when this structure served as a service station.

### Historic Resources

Located within the selected boundaries are two contributing resources - a covered grease pit and a concrete pad. The grease pit is covered by a gable roof supported by metal poles that rests on a continuous brick wall approximately 3 1/2 feet tall. Located directly in front of the gas station is the concrete pad that once supported the historic gas pumps. Both of these historic resources are contributing and are integral features associated with the service station.

### South/Front Elevation

The south elevation fronts U. S. Hwy 65 and it is through this entrance that customers could access the store. Two, large, stationary, picture windows, supported by concrete sills flank the front entryway. The defining feature of the front elevation is the steeply pitched intersecting front gable, one of the distinguishing characteristics of English Revival architecture, accented by an historic light fixture.



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### East/Side Elevation

The east elevation is fenestrated with one window and door. Supported by a concrete sill, an opening for a stationary picture window located on the west side of the east elevation, is presently infilled with wood, as is the door sited east of the window.

### North/Rear Elevation

Three, unevenly spaced, small windows adorn the north elevation. Each window is supported by a concrete sill and displays three vertical muntins. A red brick chimney pierces the gable roof and is best seen from this elevation.

### West/Side Elevation

Identical to the east elevation, the west elevation is fenestrated with one window and door; however, the location of the window and door is opposite to that on the east elevation. Both the door and the window are infilled with wood.

### Integrity

The Walter Patterson Filling Station possesses a strong sense of integrity. There have been no structural alterations to the building throughout the years, except for the infill of two doors and two windows. Cosmetic alterations include the removal of the white paint (date unknown) and the removal of the gas pumps (date unknown). In 1976 the building's electrical system was renovated and an electric water heater was installed. The station maintains its integrity of location and setting, as it is located on a Highway 65 just south of downtown Clinton, Arkansas. The building beautifully displays the workmanship, design features, and materials employed by an architect (unknown). The physical features of this building such as steeply pitched gable roof and historic light fixtures convey the "feeling" or historic character of this building. Presently this building is vacant but both the owner and property manager are concerned about the future of the Walter Patterson Filling Station. The interior of the building is very plain with no lavish adornments.

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### SUMMARY

The Walter Patterson Filling Station (known to many as the Cities Service Station) is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C for its English Revival style. Constructed in 1936, this building served Clinton as a gas station through June 1962. This property is significant for its association with the development of highway travel in Arkansas and therefore is also being nominated under Criterion A for its association with the development of Arkansas highway culture, which is documented extensively in the multiple property listing. The Walter Patterson Filling Station is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

### ELABORATION

The town of Clinton serves as the county seat for Van Buren County, which was established in 1833. Clinton, like all towns in America, used a horse and carriage as the primary means of travel until the advent of the automobile in the late 1800s. Research has yet to reveal when the automobile first came to Clinton, Arkansas, probably between 1903 and 1910, regardless, it is accurate to say that by the 1920s automobiles were changing the landscape of Clinton, Arkansas, as gas stations became a part of the built environment.

According to Jean Louise, a historical consultant, "After WWI, assembly lines began producing inexpensive cars at a rapid rate, highway construction boomed and the market for automobile petroleum exploded." During the 1920s many oil companies began refining their marketing strategies, which included adopting distinctive signs and gas station designs. The most prevalent style for gas stations in the 1920s was the domestic style - gas stations that resembled small houses with hipped or gabled roofs - these designs blended nicely with their residential surroundings. These gas stations could be built by the local craftsman from readily available materials from the local lumberyard and for the motorist passing by these domestic designs triggered positive associations such as friendliness, comfort, and security. Therefore, it was in this "domestic style" that the Walter Patterson Filling Station was designed.



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Located along Highway 65 the Walter Patterson Filling Station was one of the service stations constructed in Clinton, Arkansas, during the 1930s. It was constructed in 1936 for owners Anna and Walter Patterson. When it was built it was designed in the English Revival style which was first popularized by Pure Oil Company. Abstract research reveals that Anna and Walter Patterson signed a lease with Louisiana Oil Refining Corporation (a subsidiary of Cities Services Corporation) in 1936. The terms of this lease specified that it would endure for ten years for a sum of \$30.00 per month with an additional rental of one cent per gallon on all gasoline sold through the station during each month in excess of 3,000 gallons.

Like many families during the Great Depression the Pattersons struggled financially. Nearly a year after the gas station was constructed the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Little Rock, Arkansas, took a lien on the property. The abstract reveals that the property changed hands several times from 1937 to 1946. However, on 8 May 1946 M. V. and Dorothy Hatchett purchased the property from Lester Page for \$1,150.00.

After purchasing the gas station, the Hatchetts renewed their petroleum lease (which was originally with Louisiana Oil Refining Corporation, now Arkansas Fuel and Oil Corporation, a subsidiary of Cities Services). The Hatchetts continued their lease with Arkansas Fuel and Oil Corporation, which marketed under the Cities Services sign and under the Hatchetts' ownership. Patterson's filling station became known as the Cities Services Gas Station and the Hatchetts continued to sell gas until the closing of the station in 1962. The quaint little English Revival gas station served the residents of Clinton for approximately twenty-five years. Since that time the building has remained in the ownership of Mrs. Dorothy Hatchett and has served as a location for several businesses. In the 1980s the underground gas tanks were removed from the site due to the environmental hazards they posed.

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### Significance

The Walter Patterson Filling Station (later known as the Cities Service Station) is the only English Revival service station in Clinton, Arkansas. Its architecture reflects the ideals of the 1920s and 1930s, an era when filling stations were designed to harmonize with neighborhoods. The Walter Patterson Filling Station is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion C for its English Revival style and under Criterion A for its association with the development of highway travel in Arkansas, which is documented extensively in the multiple property listing. The service station is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property listing "Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era Architecture, 1910-1965" in conjunction with the historic context "Arkansas Highway History and Architecture, 1910-1965."

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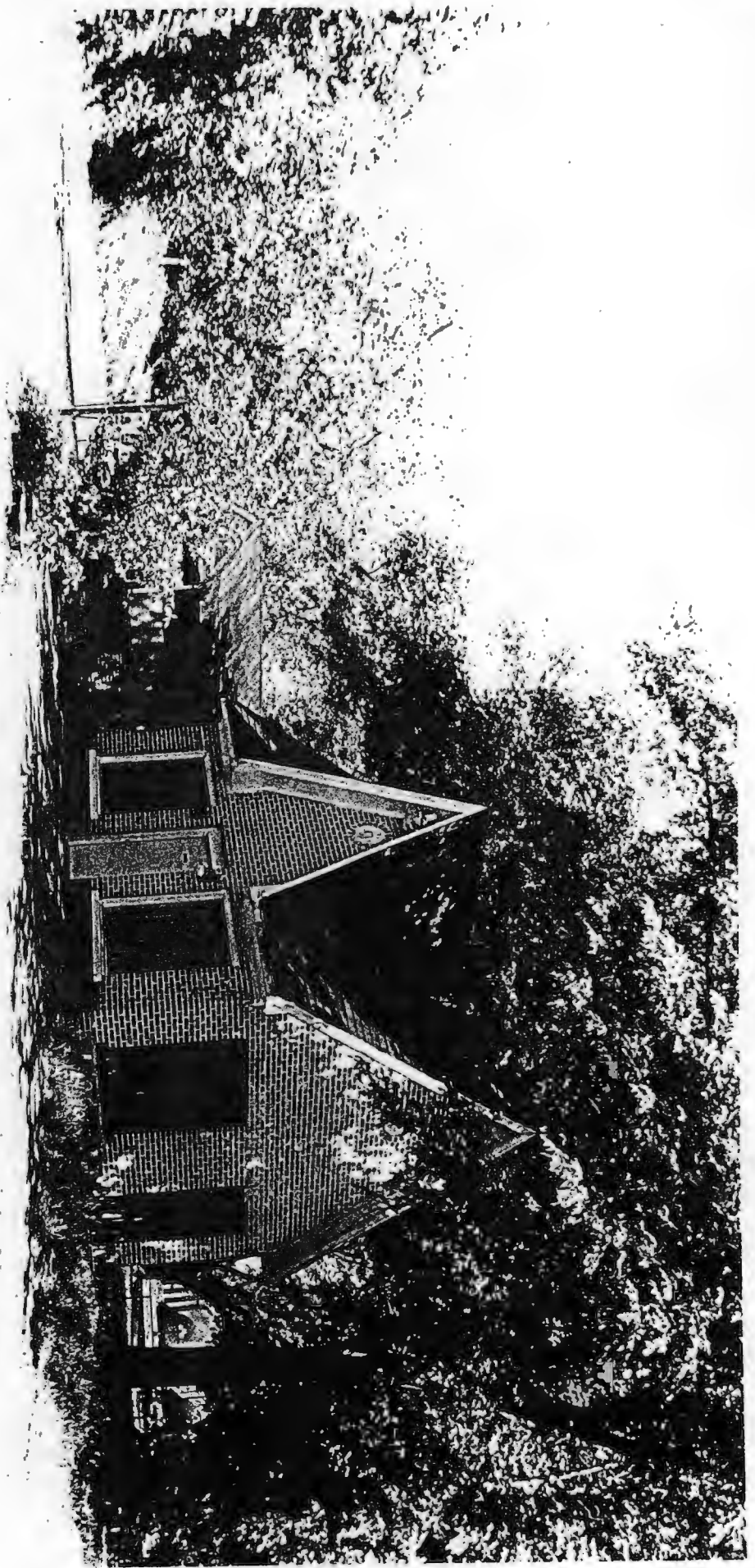
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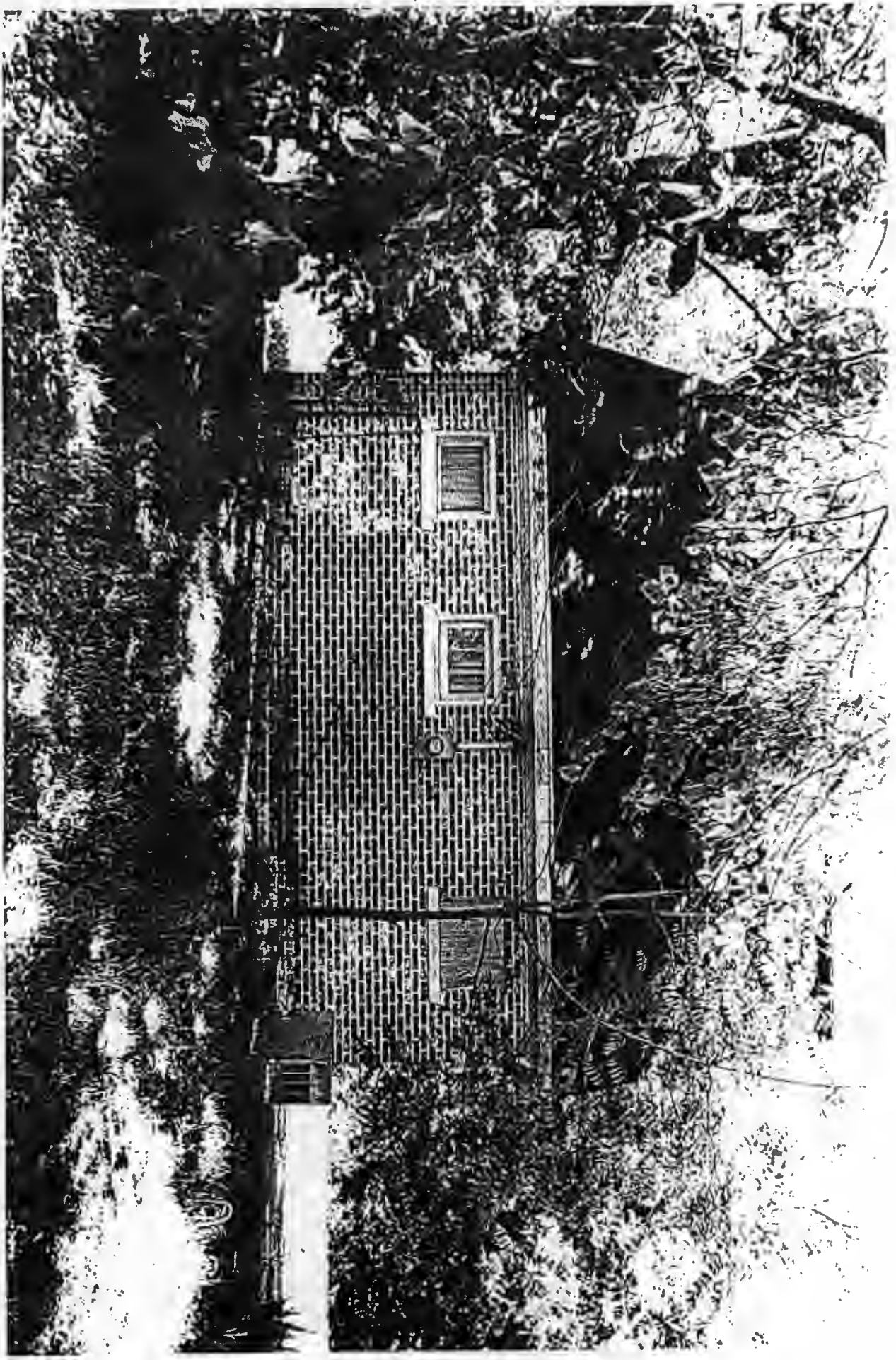
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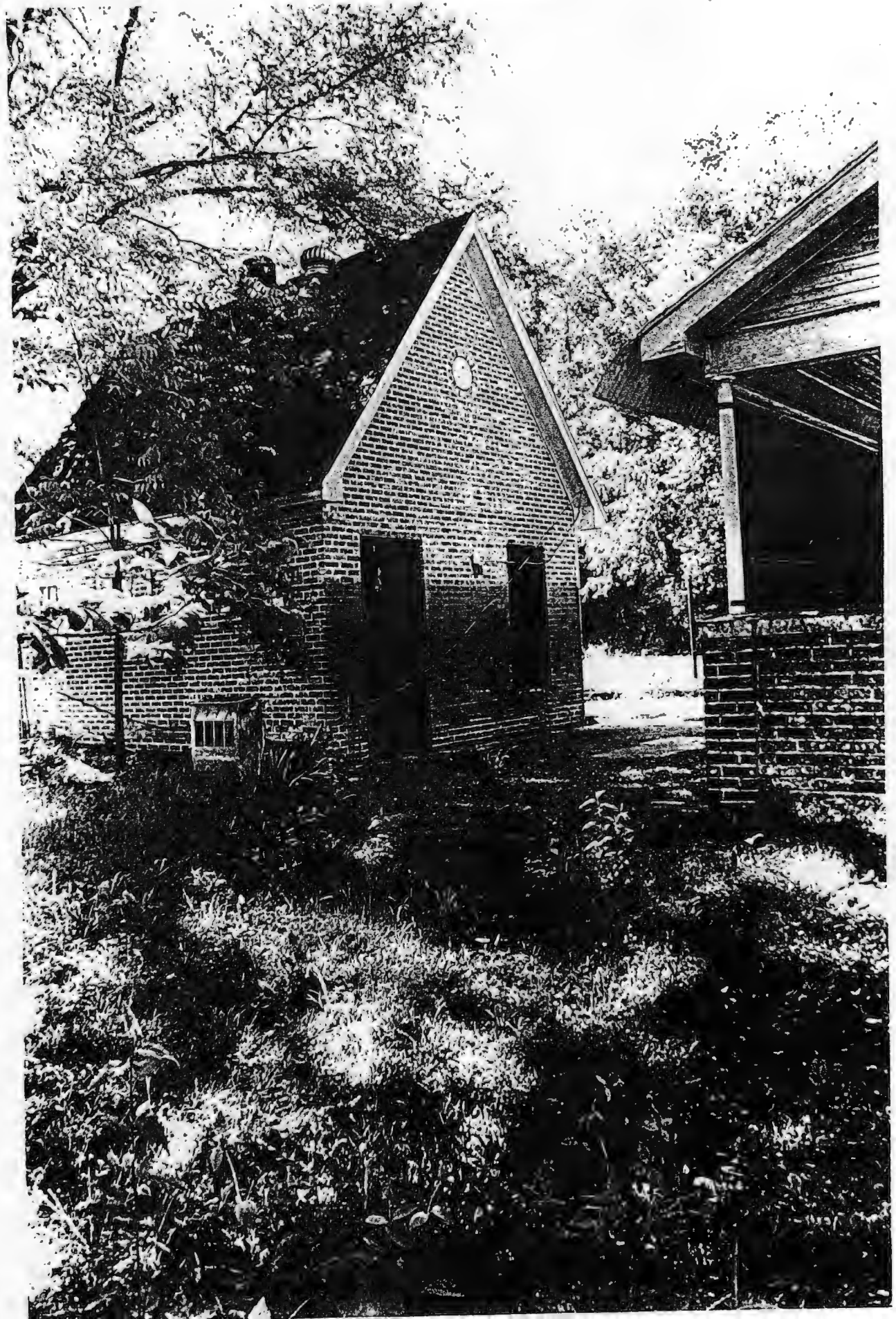
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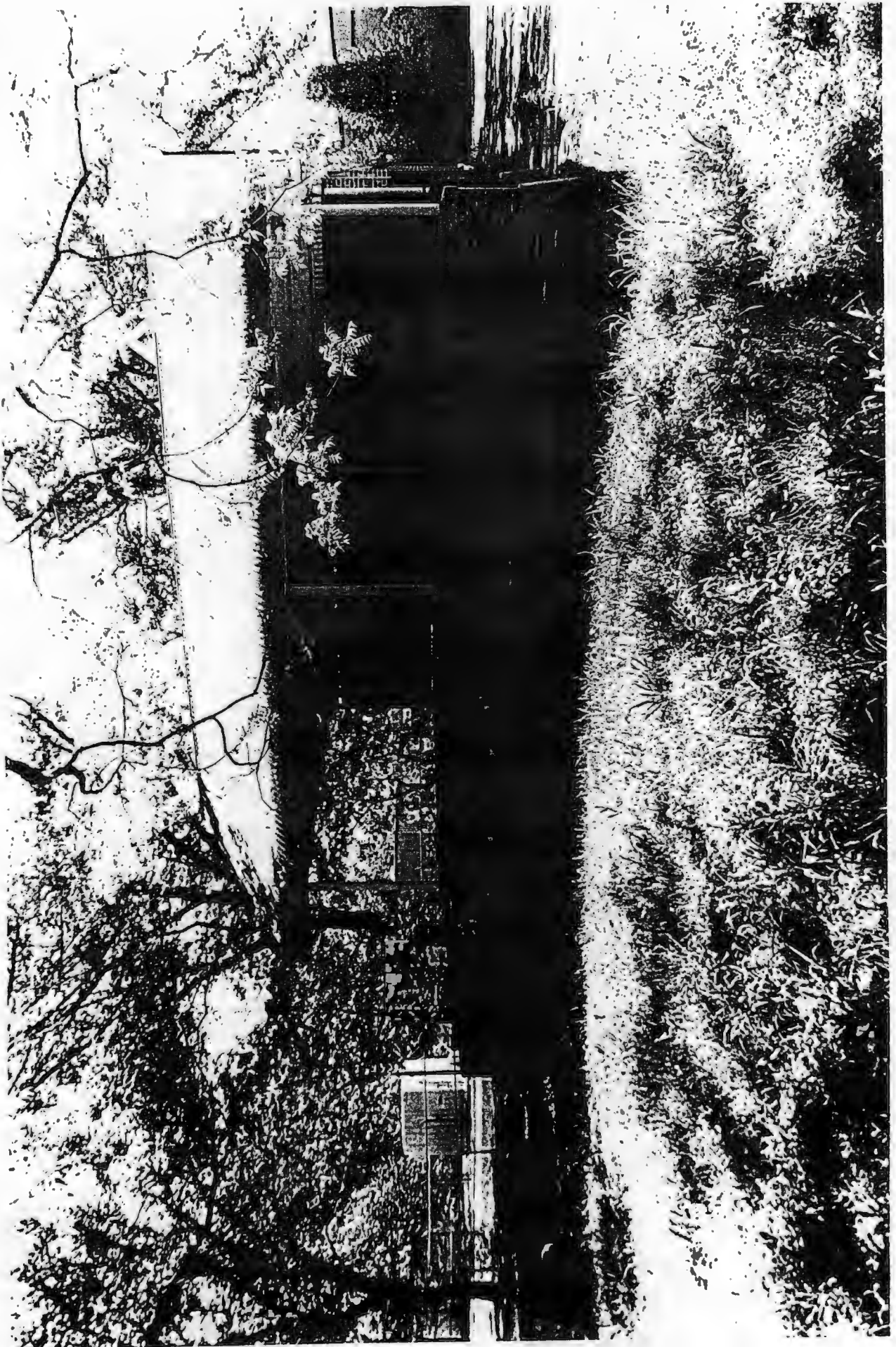


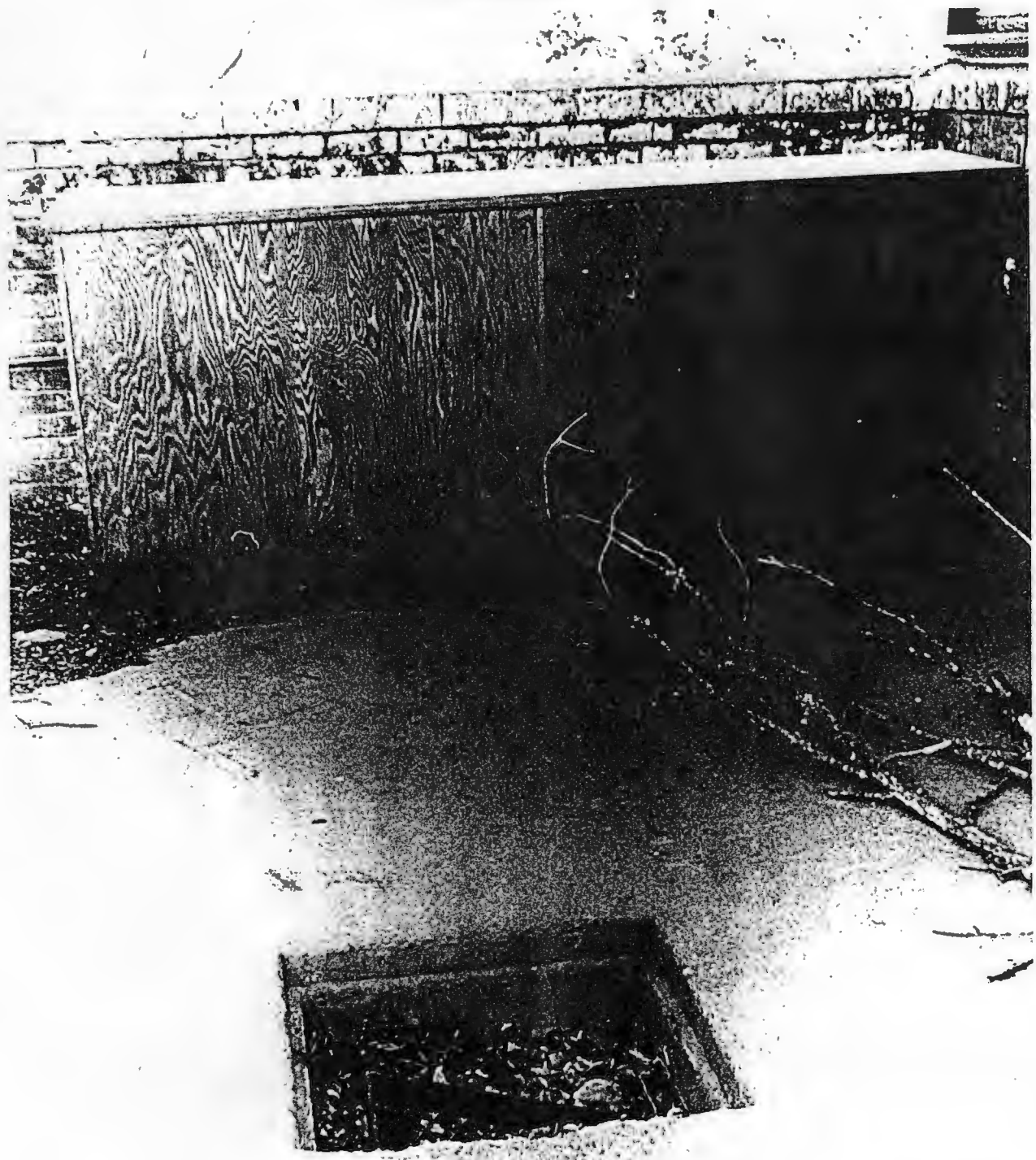






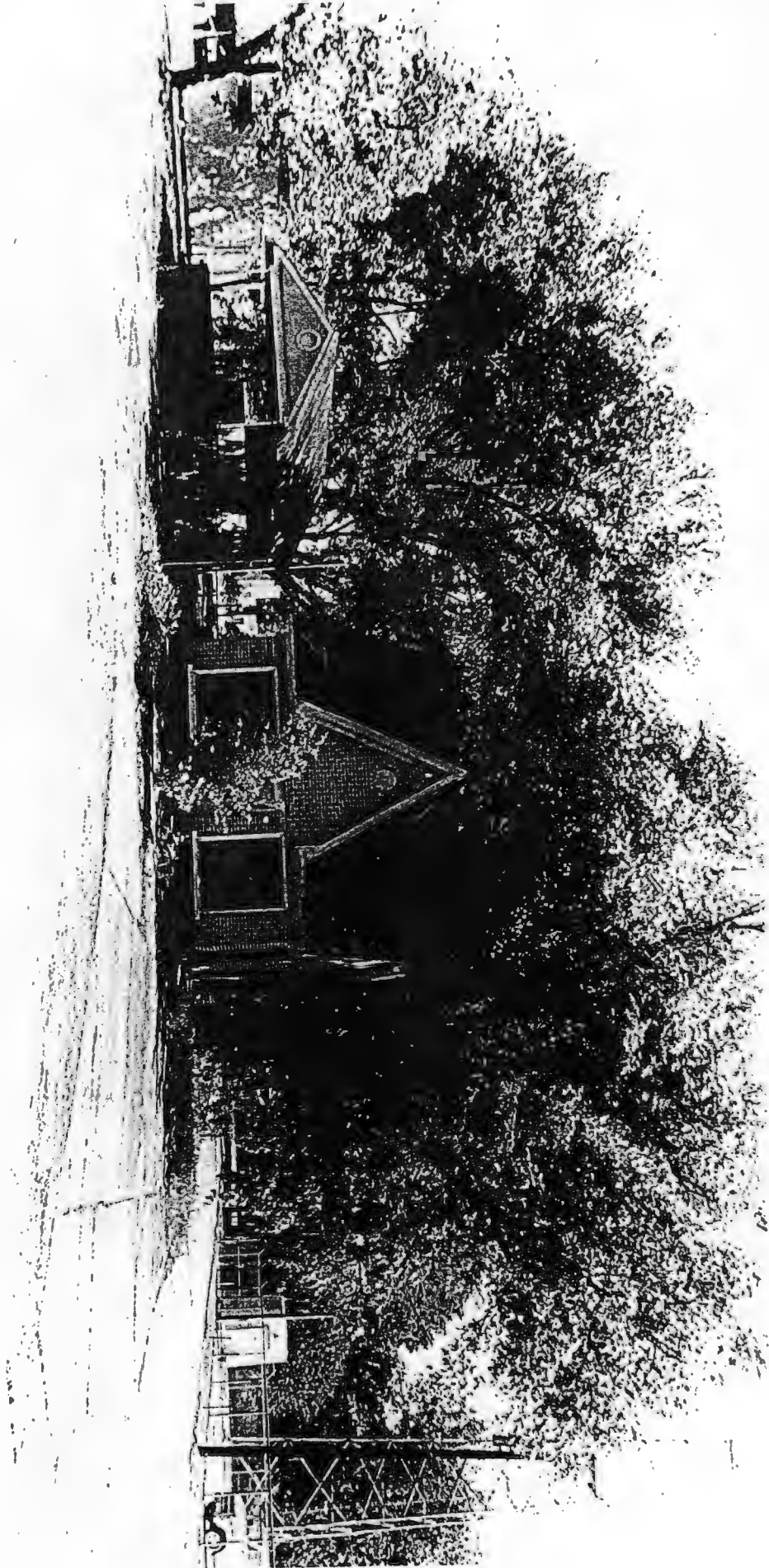






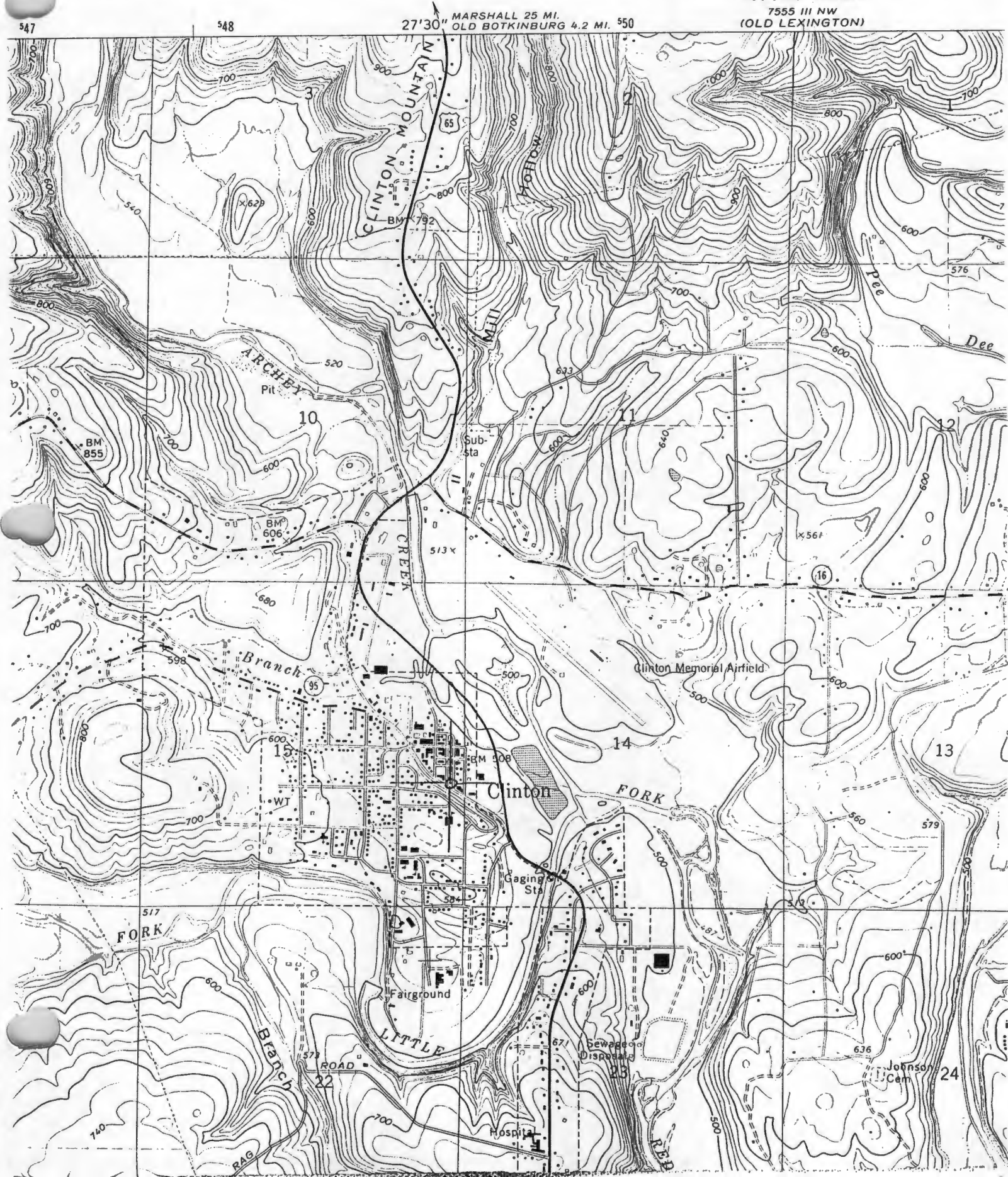






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