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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 Joelin-Bradley-Bowling House

other names/site number Site #VB0204

2. Location

street & number 160 Highway 95 West

not for publication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.)

Cathie Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

12/7/06
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.)

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

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
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1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	1	objects
1	1	Total

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

Number of Contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY

AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

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

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B. removed from its original location.
C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c.1854, 1921

Significant Dates

c.1854, 1921

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

Burt Bradley, Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more 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):

- 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

Name of repository:

Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House
Name of Property

Van Buren County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 548670 3939176
Zone Easting Northing

2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing

4 _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

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.)

Property Owner

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

name Mrs. Jimmie Lou Bradley
street & number 160 Highway 95 West telephone (501) 745-7115
city or town Clinton state AR zip code 72031

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SUMMARY

The Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House, which was built c.1854 and modified to its current appearance in 1921, is a gable-front Craftsman home located on Highway 95 just outside the Clinton downtown area. The house rests on a continuous concrete-block foundation, which is a modern replacement. Its walls are sheathed in wood horizontal board siding, and the gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The majority of the windows are four-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. A modern white-picket fence lines the front of the property.

ELABORATION

The Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House is a gable-front Craftsman home located at 160 Highway 95 West just outside the Clinton downtown area. The house was initially built c.1854, and then modified to its current appearance in 1921 by Burt Bradley. The house rests on a continuous concrete-block foundation, which is a modern replacement for the original foundation. The house's walls are sheathed in wood horizontal board siding, and the gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. A full-length recessed porch with wood columns on brick piers dominates the house's front façade. The majority of the windows are four-over-one double-hung wood-frame windows that are grouped in pairs.

Front/South Façade

The front façade of the house is dominated by the front gable and the full-length recessed front porch. The front gable is supported by four evenly-spaced, square, battered wood columns on yellow brick piers. A balustrade consisting of simple square posts encircles the porch in between the piers, and three concrete steps lead up to the center of the porch.

On the first floor, the façade is designed around two front entrances, both with wood panel doors with glass panes in the top half and also with Victorian-style screen doors. The entrances are flanked towards the corners of the house by single four-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. The windows have shutters with horizontal slats.

The second floor in the gable peak is dominated by a pair of two-over-two, double-hung, wood-frame windows, again with shutters with horizontal slats. The eaves on the front of the house also feature exposed rafter tails, a characteristic feature of the Craftsman style.

Side/West Façade

The south end of the west façade is the side of the front porch. Proceeding north along the façade, the house is fenestrated by two pairs of four-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. As with the windows on the front façade, they have shutters with horizontal slats. At the north end of the west façade is a pair of single-pane wood-frame windows, again with shutters with horizontal slats. The west façade of the rear, shed-roofed addition does not have any fenestration. As with the front façade, the eaves are supported by exposed rafter tails.

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Rear/North Façade

The rear façade is dominated by the shed-roofed rear addition. To the right side of the façade is a four-pane, wood-frame window, and then at approximately the façade's center is a one-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame window. To the left of the central window there was a door originally, and seven concrete steps leading up to its location remain at the foundation level. At the east corner of the façade are two wood-frame, single-pane windows.

Above the shed-roofed rear addition is the gable peak of the main house, which has no fenestration. As with the other façades, exposed rafter tails support the eaves on both the gable and shed roofs.

Side/East Façade

The north end of the east façade is dominated by a large metal carport that was added on to the house c.2003. Inside the carport, beginning at the north end of the house, the wall is fenestrated by three wood-frame, single-pane windows, followed by a door followed by two more wood-frame, single-pane windows. The main portion of the house is fenestrated with two pairs of four-over-one, double-hung, wood-frame windows. As with the windows on the front and west façades, they have shutters with horizontal slats. The south end of the east façade is the side of the front porch.

Integrity

Although the original house was built c.1854, the house's current form mainly reflects the extensive modifications that occurred in 1921. The house retains good integrity from its 1920s appearance. The main changes to the property have included some modifications to the rear of the house, and the addition of the carport on the east side c.2003. However, the carport is located towards the rear of the house, is easily distinguished from the original house's construction, and can be easily removed at a later date. The setting of the property still reflects the 1920s period, being a residential area with other homes from the era.

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SUMMARY

The Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best example of a gable-front Craftsman style house in its area of Clinton. Although the original house was built c.1854, it was extensively remodeled in 1921 to its present Craftsman appearance. The house retains its Craftsman detailing, including exposed rafters tails and battered wood columns on brick piers, making it a good example of the style.

ELABORATION

The City of Clinton is located in a beautiful valley where the Archey River runs into the Little Red River. It is located at the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. Clinton got its name from former New York governor DeWitt Clinton. The town was founded in 1842 by George County. Although Bloomington was the first county seat of Van Buren County, it was moved to Clinton in 1844 and has remained there ever since. The Clinton First United Methodist Church was one of the first churches established in Clinton. Clinton also had a bank, mercantile, and other types of businesses throughout its history.

Clinton has always had excellent school facilities. In 1879 the Clinton Male and Female Academy was founded. The school was recognized as one of the leading schools in North Central Arkansas. The school kept its name several years. In 1929 the Clinton State Vocational Training School was organized, which is now Clinton High School.

In the early part of the 1850s, a rather large parcel of land, most likely 160 acres, was homesteaded in what is now the northwest corner of the city of Clinton. The purchase of the land was finalized in 1854 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, by Lemuel N. Joclin.

It is commonly believed by family members that the original home constructed on that property, now known as the Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House, was begun shortly after the purchase. The house was built by Mr. Joclin and other family members and friends, which was the custom of the day. The original residence at this location was a simple structure, and it is believed that the original part of the house consisted of two large rooms, a common design for an early frontier family's first residence. The house would have been built on rock piers that would then support a network of pine sills.

The original walls, which are still intact, were constructed of rough hewn boards, probably cypress, vertically positioned to form all of the exterior siding at the time. The interior walls were made of the same kind of lumber, but running horizontally. Such an arrangement served to make the house as air-tight as was possible. Characteristic of the period, no stud framing was used in the building at all. The floor and the flooring were then put in to create a somewhat crude home that could be improved later on.

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Joclin's daughter married Anslem Bradley, and over time the house has been owned by various members of the Bradley family. In 1921, after the house was purchased by Burt Bradley and his wife Edna (Bowling) Bradley, drop siding was added to the outside of the house, and the siding remains today. A bead-board ceiling now covers the roof of the porch as well as most of the rooms of the house. The modifications done in 1921, transformed the house into a gable-front Craftsman design, a popular style of the period. The exposed rafter tails, battered columns on brick piers, and decorative four-over-one windows were characteristics of the style. Over the years, the house was added onto and in 1945 plumbing for a bathroom was installed along with gas heating.

Burt Bradley was a Methodist farmer/stockman who served as a member of the House of Representatives during the 1949 and 1951 legislative sessions. In 1949 he sponsored three bills that became laws.

- 1) HB405 (Act 226), which was an act to fix compensation of sheriff and collector of Van Buren County for his services as an officer of the circuit, chancery, and courts.
- 2) HB288 (Act 244), which was an act relating to appointments of official court reporters for the 14th judicial district and the 11th chancery district.
- 3) HB491 (Act 443), which was an appropriation for the vocational school at Clinton to pay the balance due the Teacher Retirement System.

Representative Bradley also served on the following committees during the 1949 session:

- 1) County and County Lines
- 2) Conservation of Natural Resources
- 3) Education, B
- 4) General Welfare, A
- 5) Public Printing
- 6) Roads and Highway, B

During the 1951 legislative session, Representative Bradley sponsored two bills that became laws:

- 1) HB167 (Act 75) which authorized the County Board of Education to revise the zoning of new county school districts as was provided under Act 324 of 1949.
- 2) HB358 (Act 201), which authorized the creation of independent school districts out of territory now composing countywide school districts created by Initiated Act 1 of 1948.

Representative Bradley also served on the following committees during the 1951 session:

- 1) Agriculture, B

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- 2) Conservation of Natural Resources
- 3) Federal Relations
- 4) Revenue and Taxation
- 5) Insurance (which he also served as Chairman of)

When he passed away in 1951, approximately 600 people attended his funeral, which was believed to be one of the largest funerals at Clinton.

After Burt Bradley's death, the house was transferred to A. B. Bradley, Jim Bradley, and Tom Bradley, who were brothers and all sons of Burt Bradley. In later years, the house was rented out and fell into disrepair. However, in 2003, the house was transferred to A. B. and Jimmie Lou Bradley, and they restored most of the house to its 1921 appearance, and added the carport on the east side and the white PVC picket fence out front (which does not contribute to the nomination). Jimmie Lou Bradley continues to live in the house today.

Today, the Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House remains a good example of a gable-front Craftsman style house. The preservation of the house is a monument to the dedication of the Bradley Family to preserving their family's historical and architectural past.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion C** as the best example of a gable-front Craftsman style house in its area of Clinton. Although the original house was built c.1854, it was extensively remodeled in 1921 to its present Craftsman appearance. The house retains its Craftsman detailing, including exposed rafters tails and battered wood columns on brick piers, making it a good example of the style.

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Name of Property

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County and State

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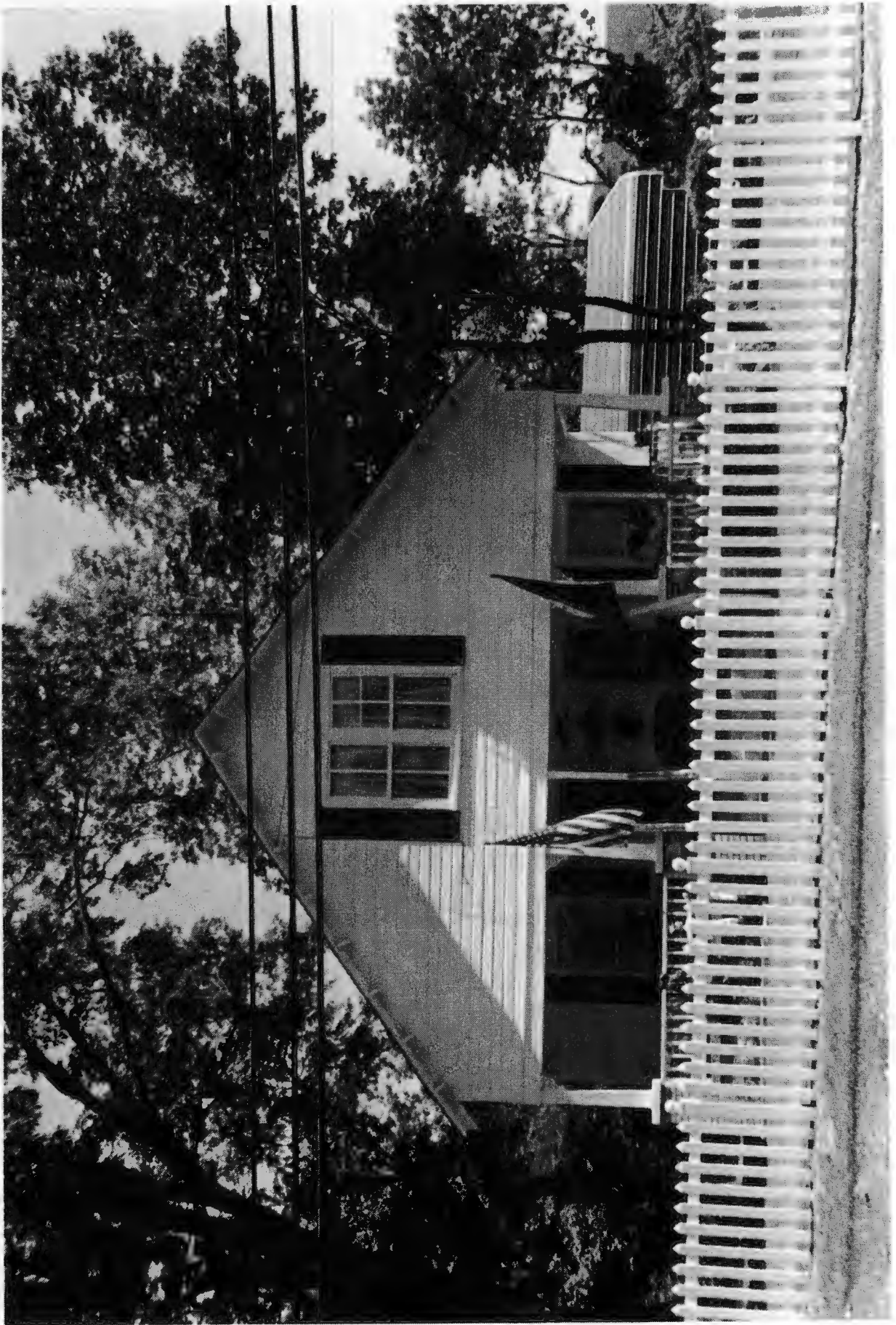
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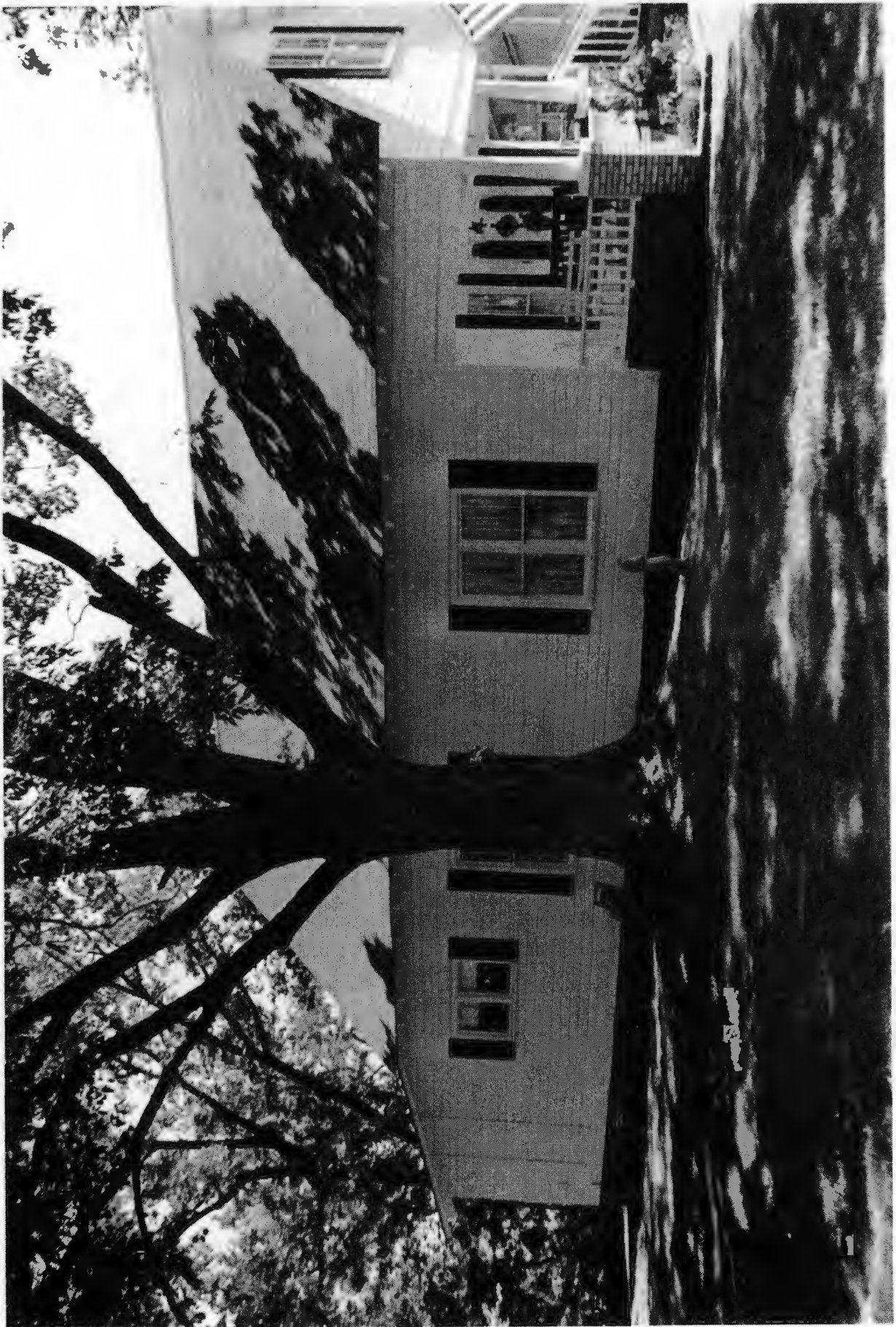
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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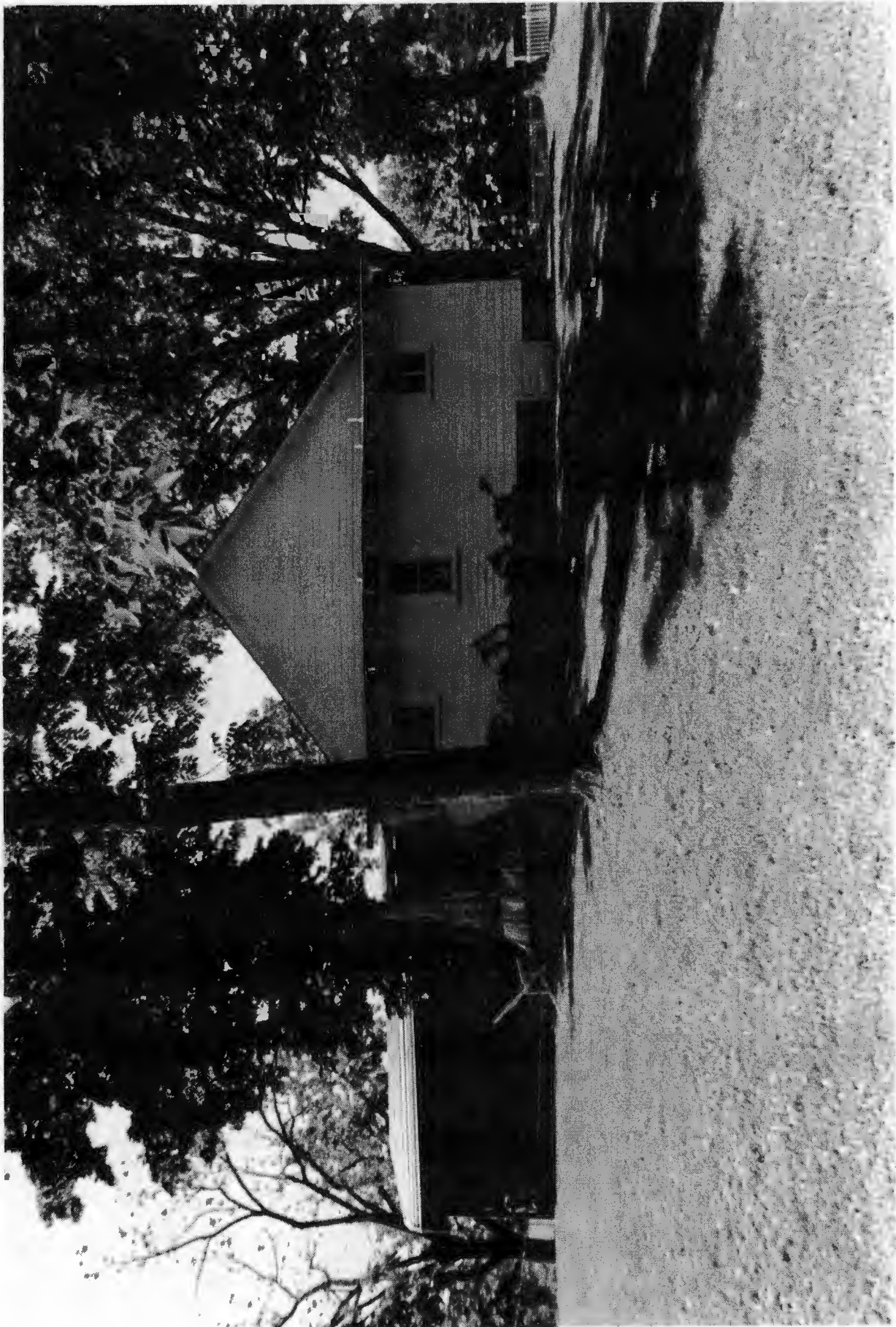
BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary contains the land that is historically associated with the Joclin-Bradley-Bowling House.

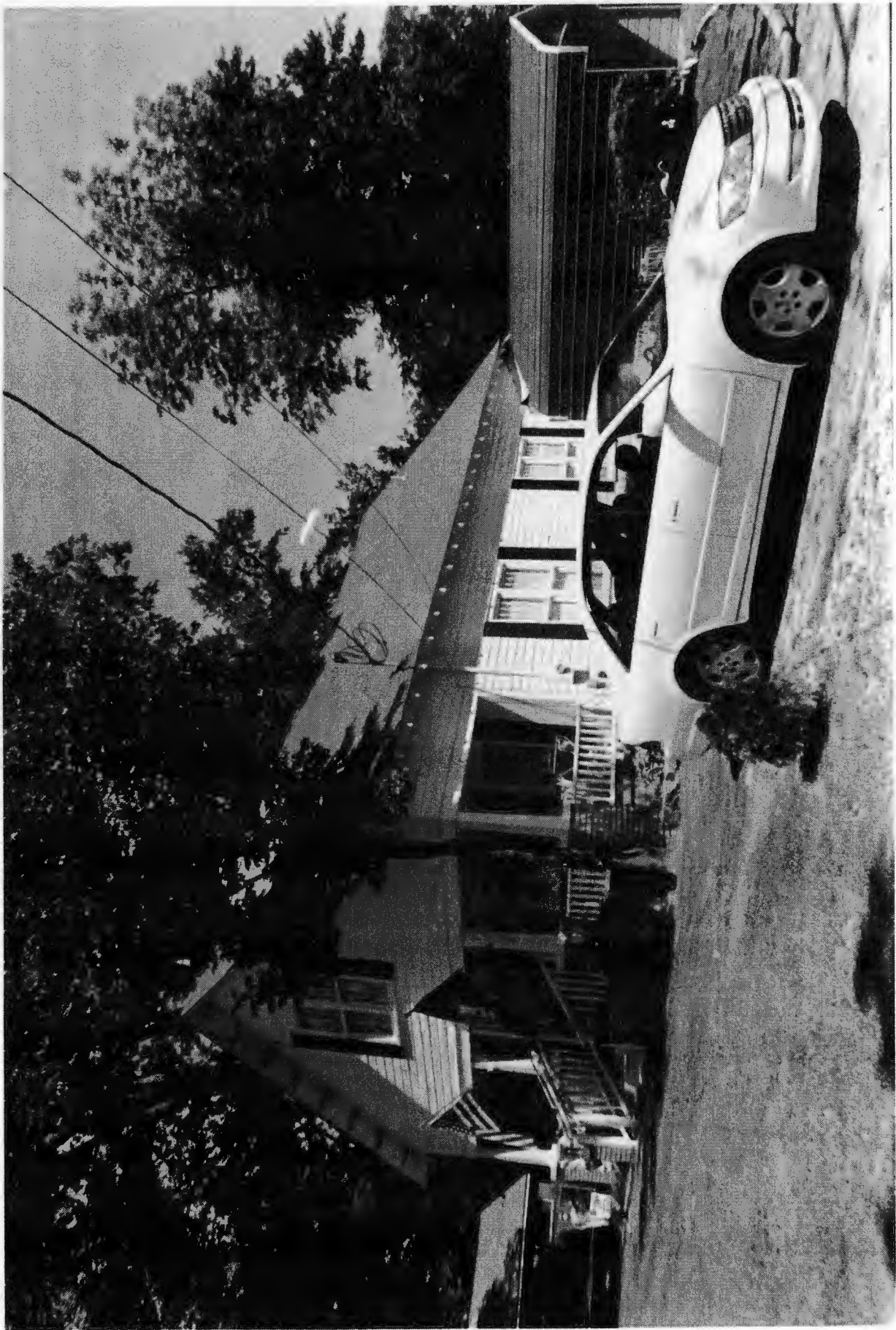












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35'

3938

MORRILTON 41 MI.
WALNUT GROVE 4.1 MI.

3939

3940

3941

33 MI. TO ARK. 27
CRABTREE 6 MI.

1:50,000

JOELIN-150-1
1:50,000
WANDERERS COUNTY, ARK.
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