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National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Lightie, William H., House  
other names/site number Resource #WH0028

### 2. Location

street & number 601 East Race Street  not for publication N/A  
city, town Searcy  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

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

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas

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

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Calvin A. Buford  
Signature of certifying official

5-13-90  
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

### 5. National Park Service Certification

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 the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

**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 20th Century Revivals/  
Italianate vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick  
walls weatherboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof shingle  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
COMMERCE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1881  
1881-1922  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1881  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

Lightle, William H.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Lightle, William H.  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas," Section H.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References**

A Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_  
 C Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_

B Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_  
 D Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

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**Boundary Justification**

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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 city or town Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72201

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The William H. Lightle House is single story, wood frame residence designed in a vernacular interpretation of the Italianate style. It is composed of a variety of gabled and hipped elements which combine to form a roughly rectangular plan with the exception of the gable roof enclosed porch and carport which projects from the west elevation. Two brick chimneys, now painted white, punctuate the roofline: one to the east, just inside from the gable end, and the other toward the center, to the east of the intersection of the northern or front side gable with the front gable end. The entire structure is covered with composition shingles, sheathed in weatherboard with decorative wood trim, and supported by a brick foundation.

The northern or front elevation is composed of an eastern side gable section with a recessed porch, a central front gable, and a western side gable enclosed porch and carport. The eastern side gable section is fenestrated with two arched two-over-two double-hung wood sash windows, which are decorated with large, flanged decorative crowns which accentuate the arched shape of the window below. The crowns are ornamented with two central acorn decorations, one above the other, and one at each springpoint below. Each window retains a pair of shutters, painted black. The entrance beneath the porch consists of a single panelled door surrounded by thin, arched half-sidelights with small wood panels below and a single-pane, horizontal, arched transom window. Outlining the entire composition and decorating the principal elements within are delicate rope moldings of various dimensions, each appropriate in size to that element which it adorns. Decorative acorn pendants are attached to the entrance facings at the upper corners. The recessed porch, which alters the slope of the roofline somewhat, is supported on four box columns each of which is decorated with molded capitals and a decorative, wood panelled and molded pedestal base. The central gable end is relieved by a single central arched window, containing two-over-two, double-hung wood sash, and decorated with a flaring, molded decorative crown identical to those seen under the recessed porch. The recent gabled porch and carport to the west is lighted with full-height aluminum windows and sliding doors and supported on simple box columns.

The western elevation is relieved by one two-over-two, double-hung arched wood sash window to the north, a row of full-height aluminum windows and entrance in the central porch (beneath the carport), and one six-over-six wood sash window followed by a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows at the southern end of the main section of the house. A single six-over-six wood sash window lights the hipped roof shed at the back of the house. The eastern elevation is fenestrated with three two-over-two arched wood sash windows to the north (two placed symmetrically in the gable end) and a single six-over-six wood sash window to the south. The wall of the enclosed rear shed is blank.

The southern elevation consists of the carport and enclosed porch to the west, a pair of six-over-six wood sash windows in the central hipped shed, and a single six-over-six wood sash window in the lower shed to the east.

The interior features specially crafted mantels which, like the arched windows, were shipped from St. Louis. The front entrance opens into an eleven-foot wide hallway which originally led to a rear entrance and breezeway which connected the main part of the house with the detached kitchen and dining room (these have long since disappeared, though the well remains). Apart from these missing

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elements and the obviously newer additions to the structure, the house has suffered no significant alterations.

The William H. Lightle House is in very good condition.

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Continuation Sheet**Section number 8 Page 1Significance

The William H. Lightle House (Part E, Historic Context #3) is significant as one of the last manifestations of the Italianate style in the county and one of the most unusual. Its exaggerated and dramatic flaring arched window crowns lend a mannered quality to this otherwise common house design. The unique design of the window crowns, and the fact that no other buildings in Searcy or White County have any decoration which could be considered similar, reveals their St. Louis origin. They, like the interior fireplace mantels, were ordered from that city and installed in the house.

This residence was constructed for his family by William H. Lightle, a prominent Searcy businessman and banker. Lightle began his business career in Searcy in 1881 as one of the directors of the Searcy Banking and Insurance Company, which started with a capital stock of \$25,000. By 1887 an investment firm doing business as the Hicks, Lightle and Company had purchased the Searcy West Point Railroad (a small and dilapidated connector line which both connected Searcy with West Point, the closest point on the Little Red River, and with the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad) and proceeded to improve it substantially. By this time Lightle had also purchased a rock crusher for the purpose of providing a proper roadbed for this rail line. In the meantime Lightle operated a mercantile business in Searcy with his brother, J.E. Lightle, a concern which they sold at a considerable profit in 1890. Lightle was later one of the founders of the Peoples Bank of Searcy, which opened in 1904, and by 1909 he became the president of another new bank, the Union Bank and Trust Company. He remained in this office until his death in 1922.

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Acreege of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/615370/3901360

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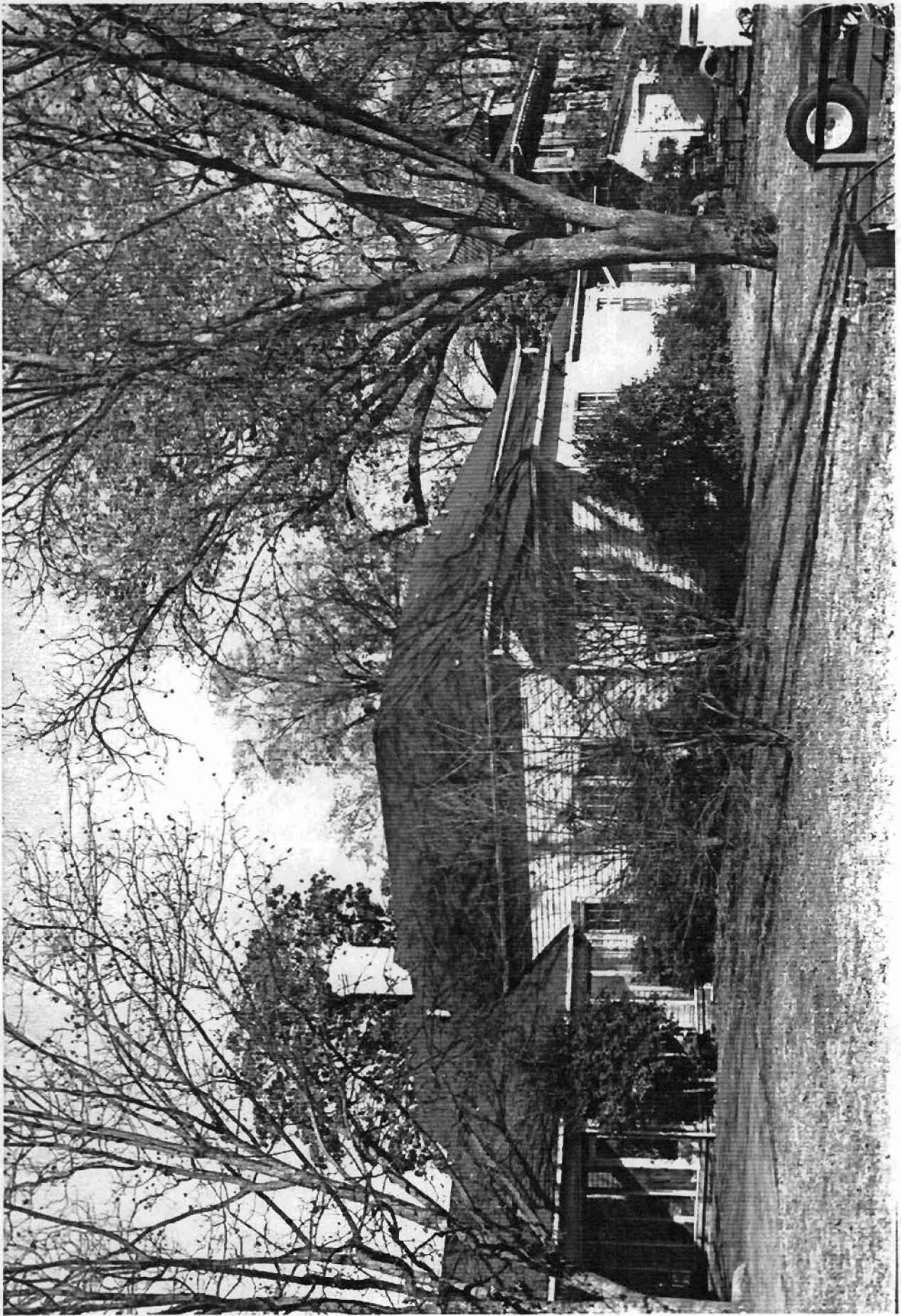
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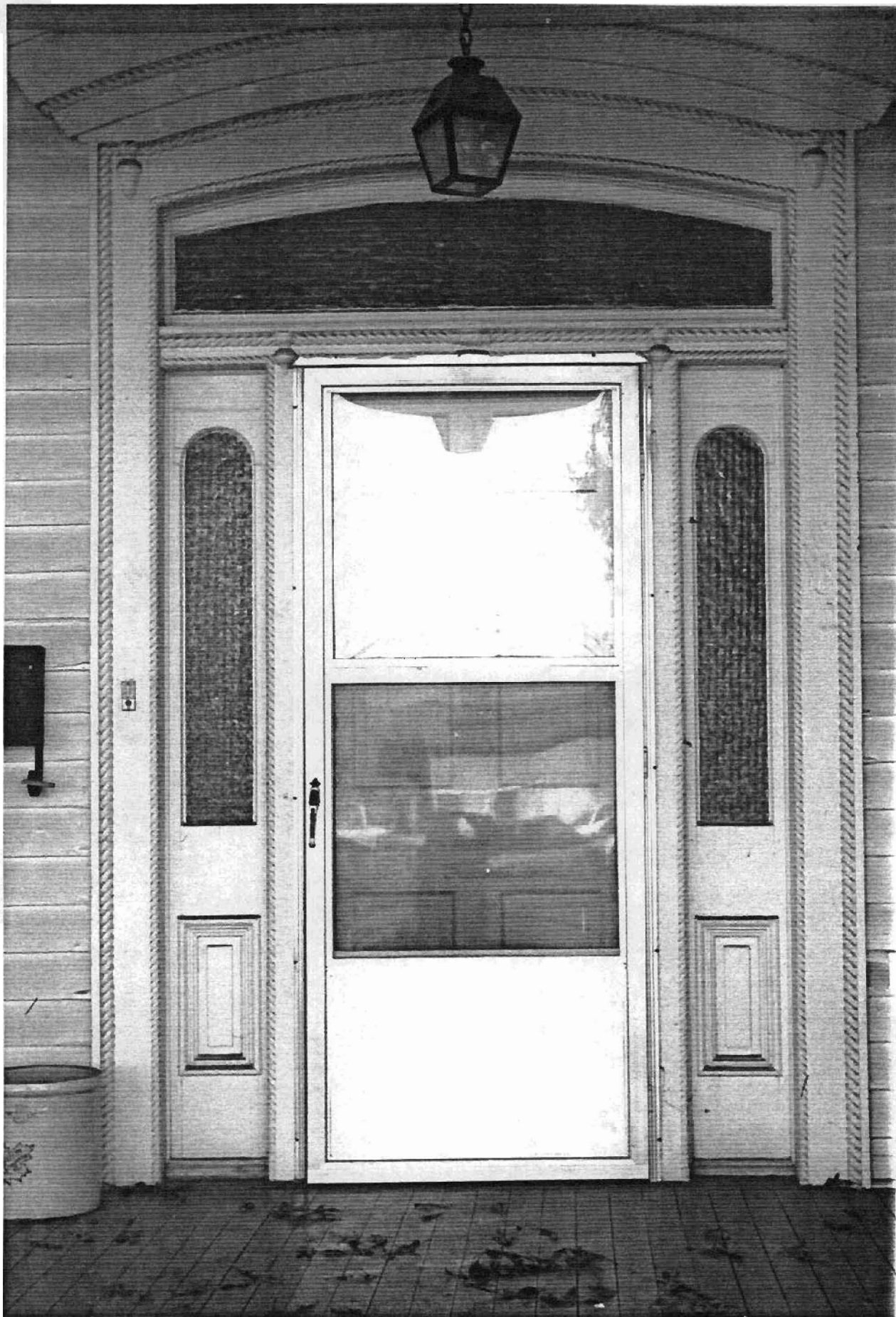
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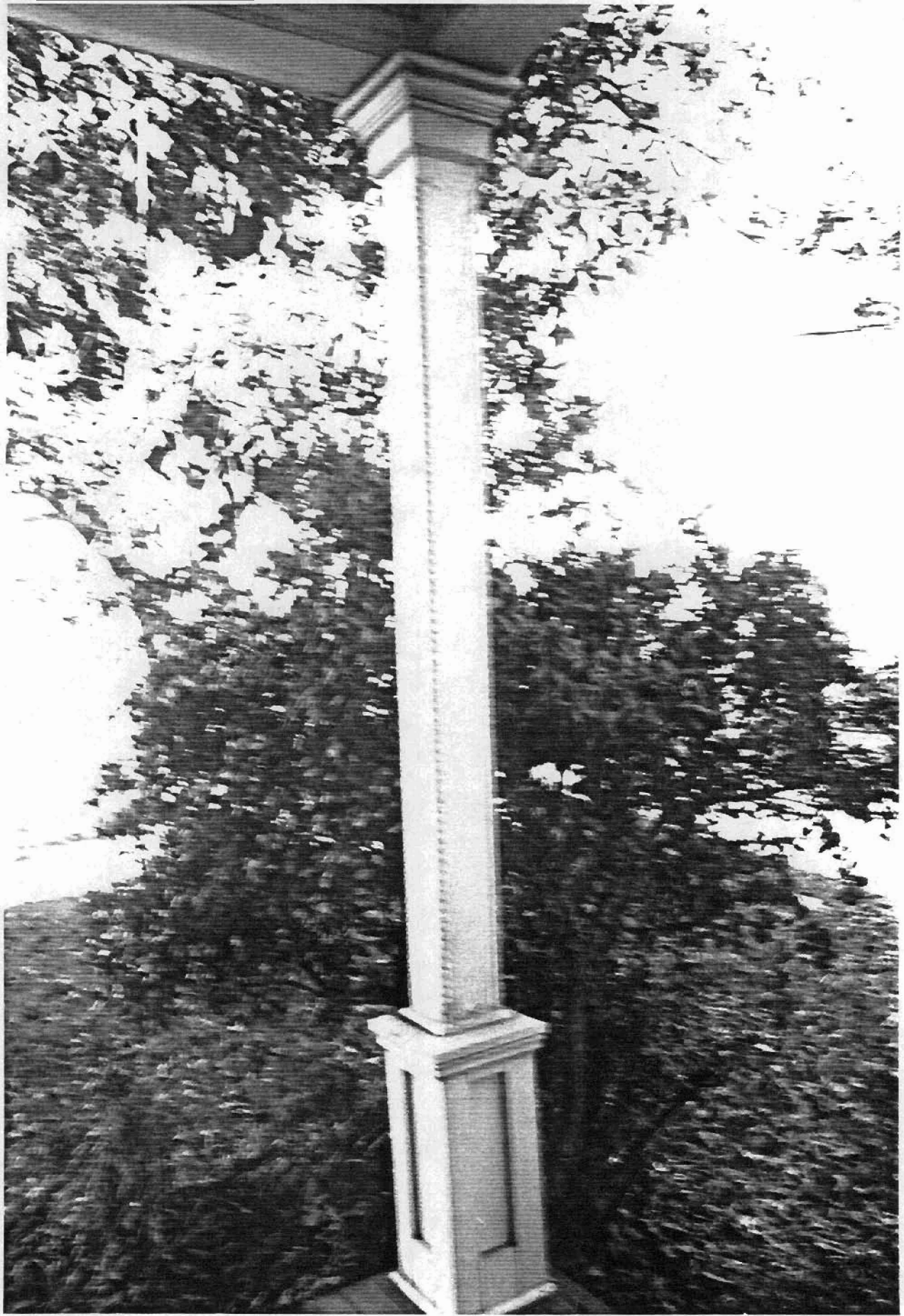
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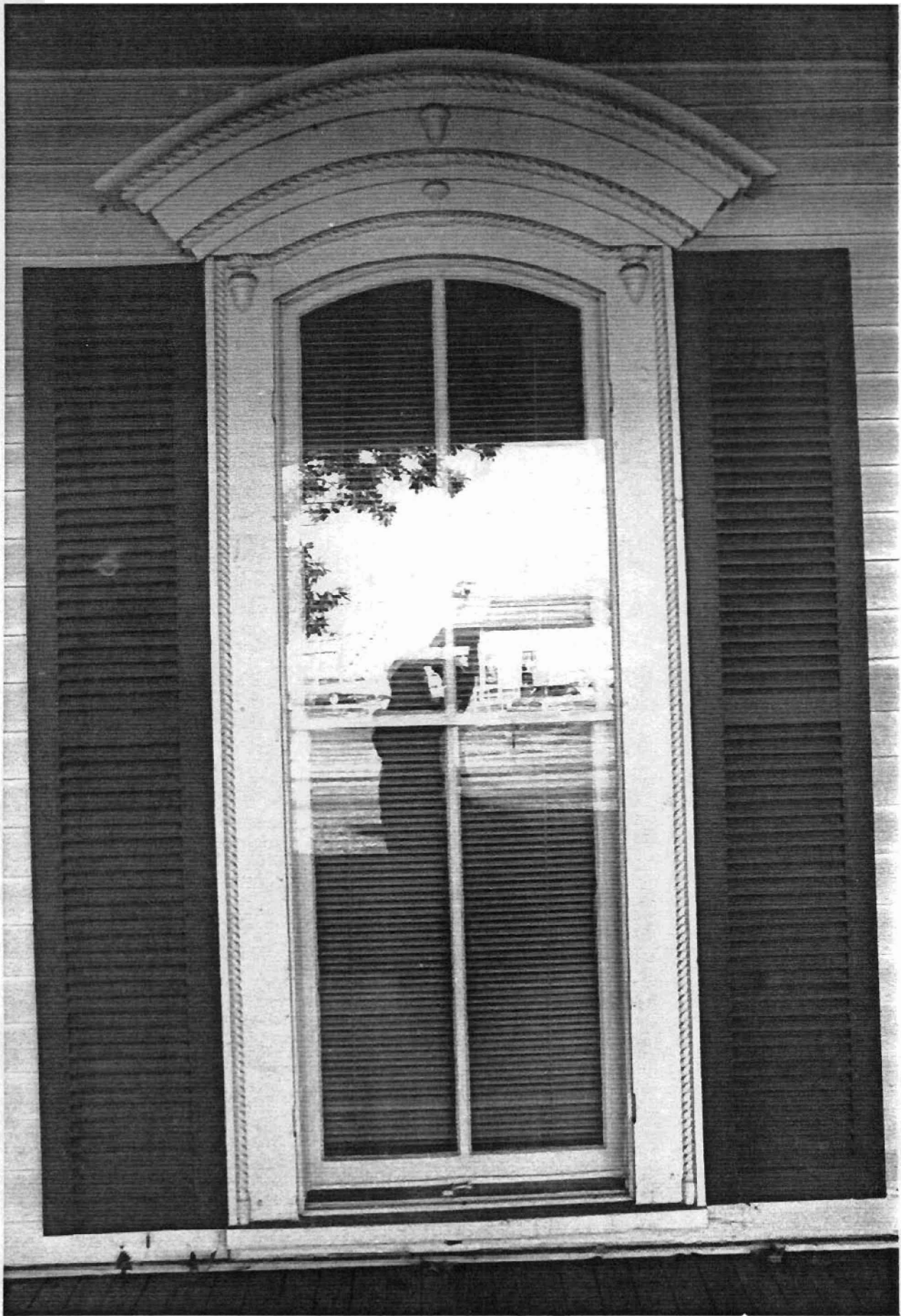






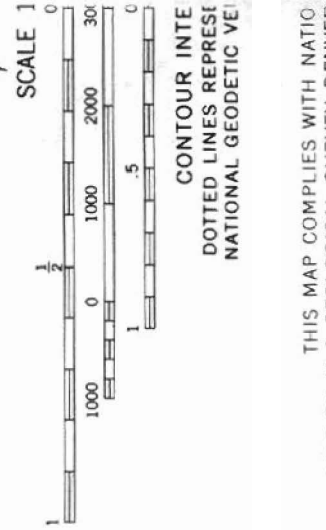
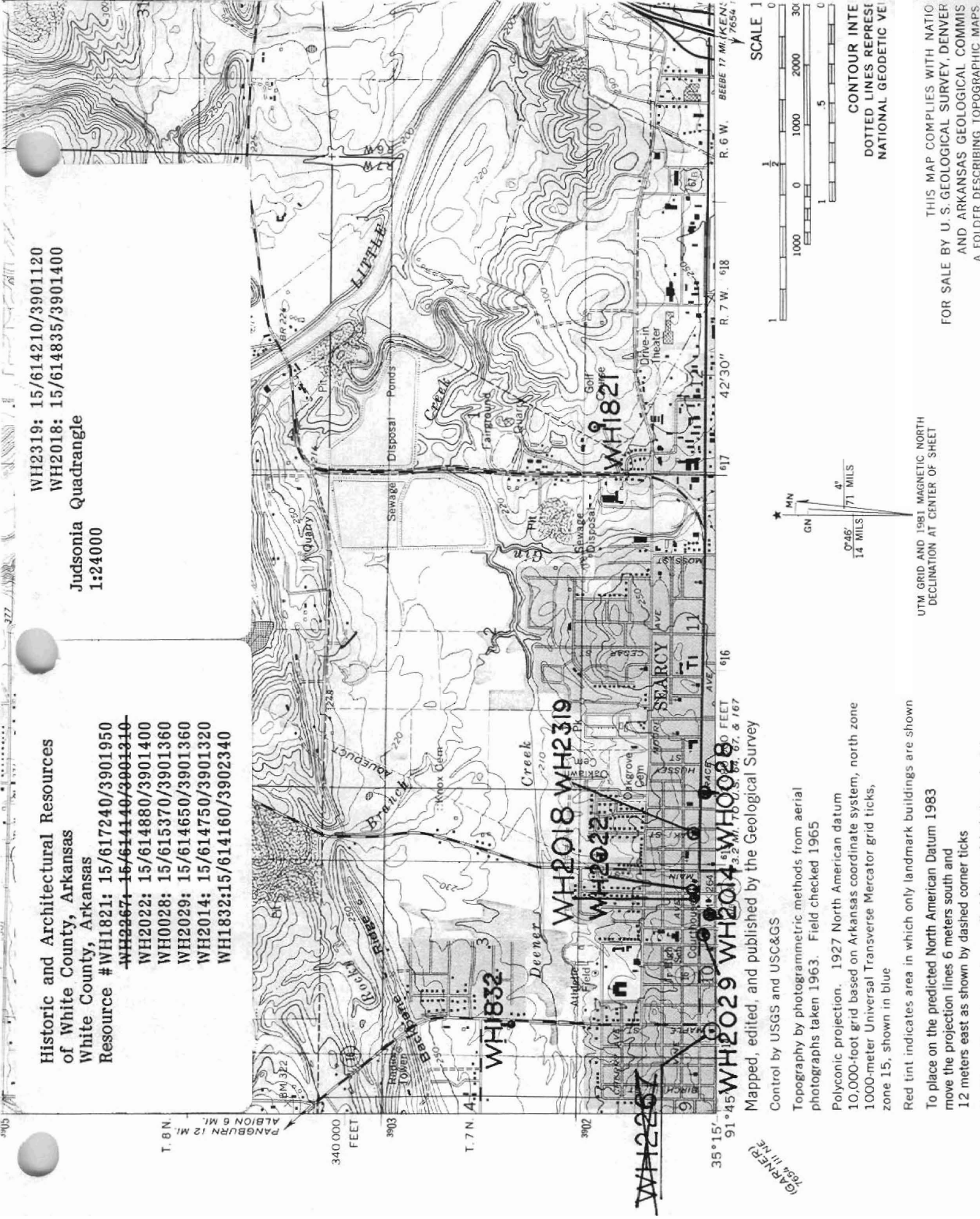






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FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER  
AND ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISS  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

UTM GRID AND 1981 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
move the projection lines 6 meters south and  
12 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

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