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United States Department of the Interior
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 Wilburn House
other names/site number Resource # WE0029

2. Location

street & number 707 E Race not for publication N/A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	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<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.

Cathryn H. Boyd 5-13-90
Signature of certifying official 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/
Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____ brick _____

walls _____ weath _____

roof _____ asphalt 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

Period of Significance

c. 1875

Significant Dates

c. 1875

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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

See continuation sheet

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

Acreeage of property _____

UTM References

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Zone	Easting	Northing
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B

Zone	Easting	Northing
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C

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D

Zone	Easting	Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Description

The Wilburn House is a single story, wood frame Greek Revival residence decorated with ornate Italianate cornice brackets. In its present configuration it displays an irregular plan, composed of a gable roof principal component with a rear or southern gable roof ell projecting from its eastern end and a gable roof wing which is set back from the northern or front elevation and which projects to the west. A gable roof ell addition projects to the south from the rear of the western wing, forming another partial ell on the back of the main house, and thus creates a corner on the back of the house in which has been built another adjoining gable roof addition. Two exterior end brick chimneys survive on the gable ends of the main house and another exterior end brick chimney finishes the end of the western gable wing. The entire roof is covered in composition shingle, the exterior is sheathed in weatherboard, and the continuous foundation is constructed of brick.

The northern or front elevation of the main portion of the house is five bays in length, with a central pedimented portico flanked by four four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows. The windows are decorated with elegant, molded decorative crowns designed in a drip molding pattern. The portico features a broad frieze both below the pediment and within the pediment, and both are ornamented with elaborate Italianate brackets. The tympanum of the pediment is finished with flush planks as is the house wall beneath the pediment. The portico box columns are decorated with elegantly molded capitals and simpler bases, and are spaced so that slightly more room is allowed for access to the entrance. The entrance is a single panelled door surrounded by two-pane half-sidelights and a seven-pane transom. A decorative drip molding identical to that around the windows adorns the entrance also. Attached pilasters of the same decorative configuration as the columns complete the entry.

The western wing is but two bays in length and relieved by a single door entrance and two-pane transom to the east, and a fixed six-pane wood window to the west. The same decorative scheme as seen on the main portion of the house is continued on this wing, including the drip moldings around the window and door and the cornice brackets beneath and behind the hipped roof porch. The columns are of the simpler, unornamented box variety.

The western elevation of the house is relieved only by a single window to the south of the chimney, beneath the porch on the front of the western wing, and a four-over-four double-hung wood sash window toward the southern end of the wing addition. The eastern elevation features a single six-over-six double-hung wood sash window to the south of the chimney and three grouped one-over-one wood awning windows in the center of the ell wall.

The southern elevation is composed of the projecting rear gable ell to the west, the adjoining gabled addition to the east, a short portion of the rear of the main building, and the gable end of the eastern ell. The western gable end is fenestrated with a pair of central four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows. The adjoining gable addition features two one-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. The rear portion of the main house is lighted with a pair of recent one-over-one wood awning windows, and the eastern gable features a new single-pane entrance door to the west (covered by a simple shed porch roof) and a one-over-one wood awning window to the east.

The interior retains much of its original decorative wood moldings and detail, as most of the alterations have been additive. Several improvement campaigns of uncertain date have resulted in

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additions to the house; however, virtually all of these are on the rear of the structure, the only exception being the porch on the front of the western wing. None of the additions are of the size or scale to be aesthetically intrusive.

The Wilburn house is in very good condition.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

Though little history survives regarding either the original owners or builder, the local folklore recalls that this building originally sat on a plot of land which covered the entire block and was built by a Captain Wilburn. Goodspeed records a Lieutenant Winborn who emigrated from Alabama and fought on the side of the Confederacy before returning to White County to practice medicine, but it is not certain that he returned to Searcy.

The Wilburn House (Part E, Historic Context #3) remains the best post-Civil War residential example in Searcy of the Greek Revival which in Arkansas remained popular for new construction through the 1870's, prior to the arrival of the railroad and the new architectural fashions it brought from outside the state.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

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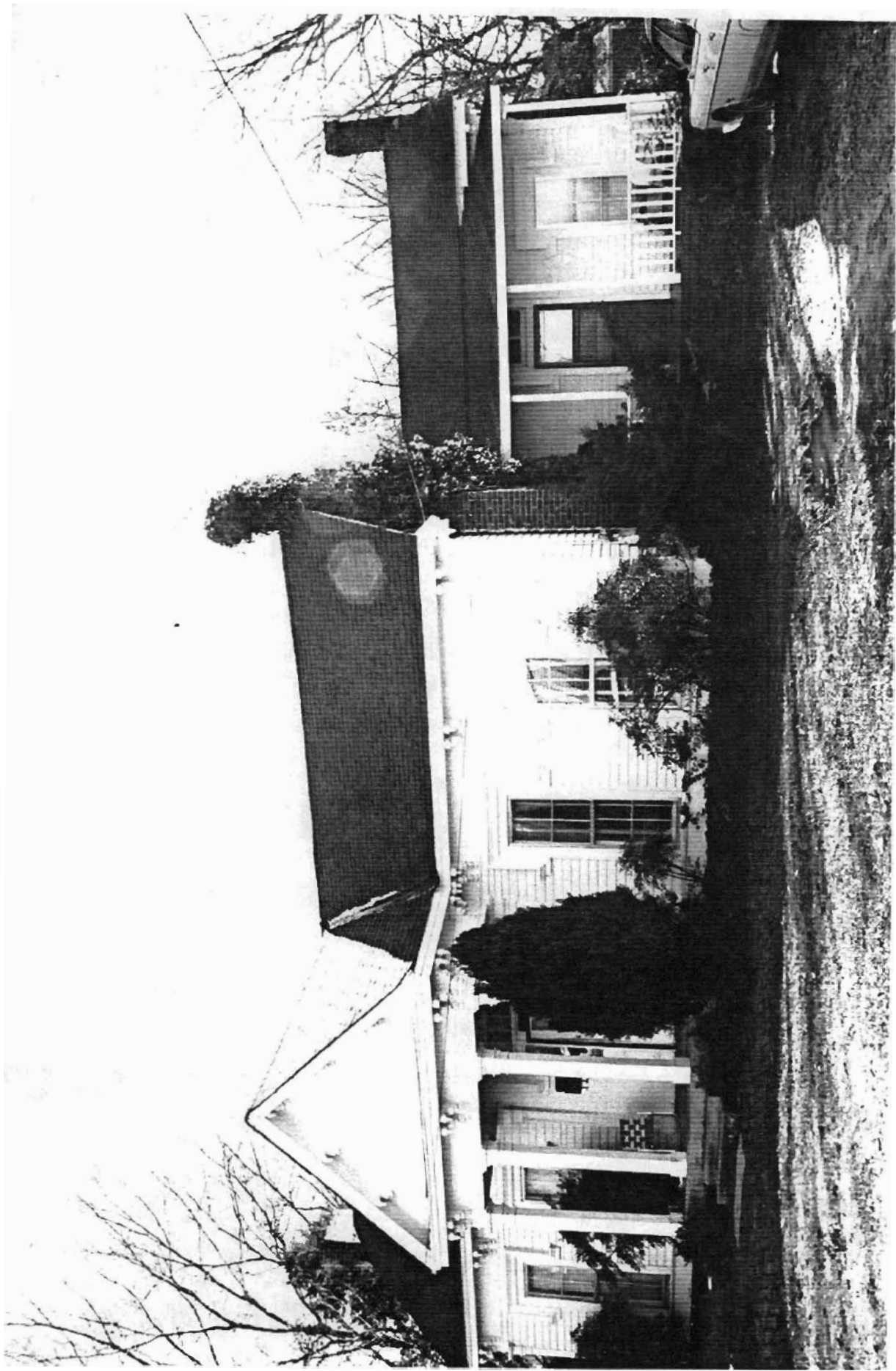
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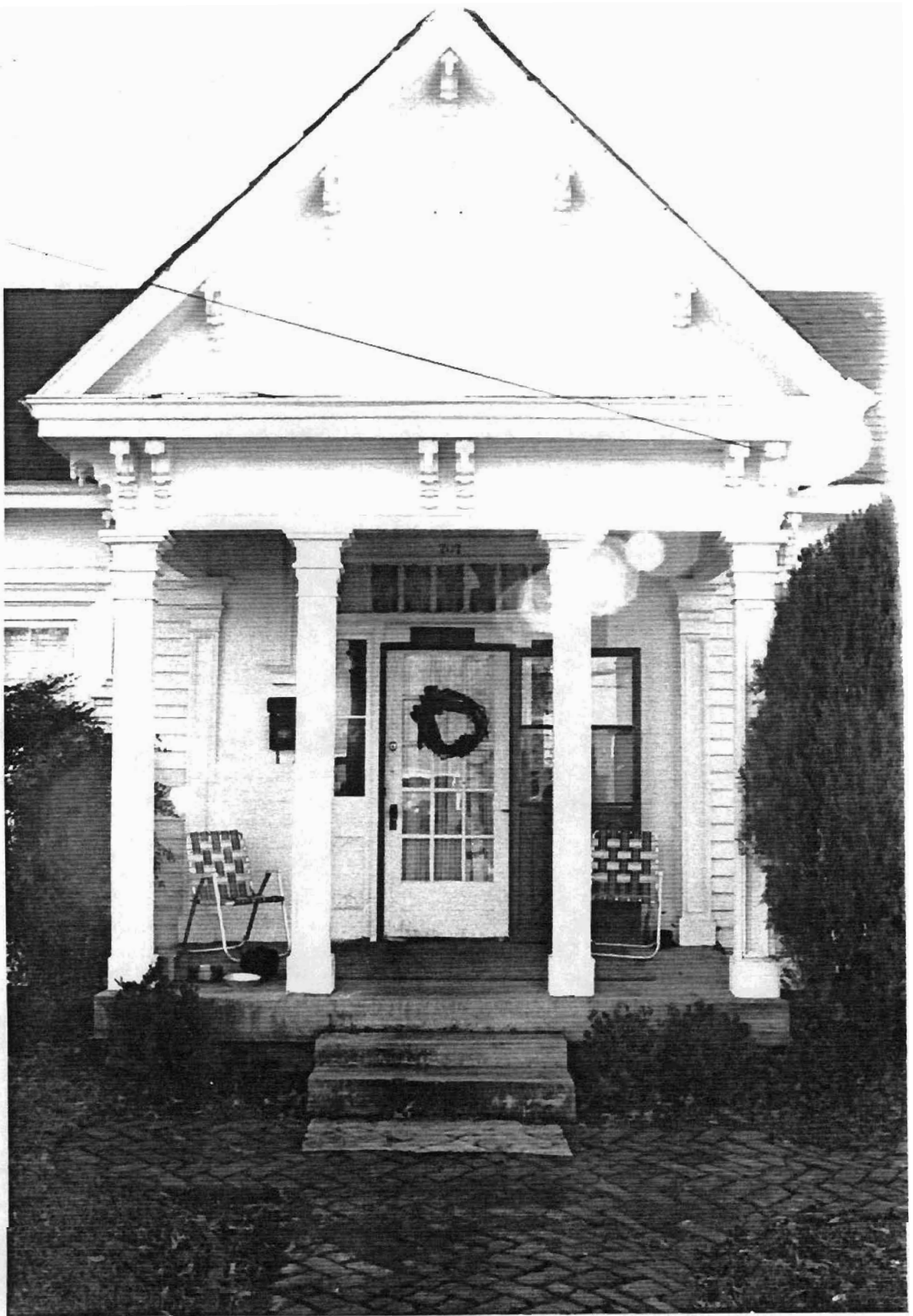
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Boundary Justification:

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





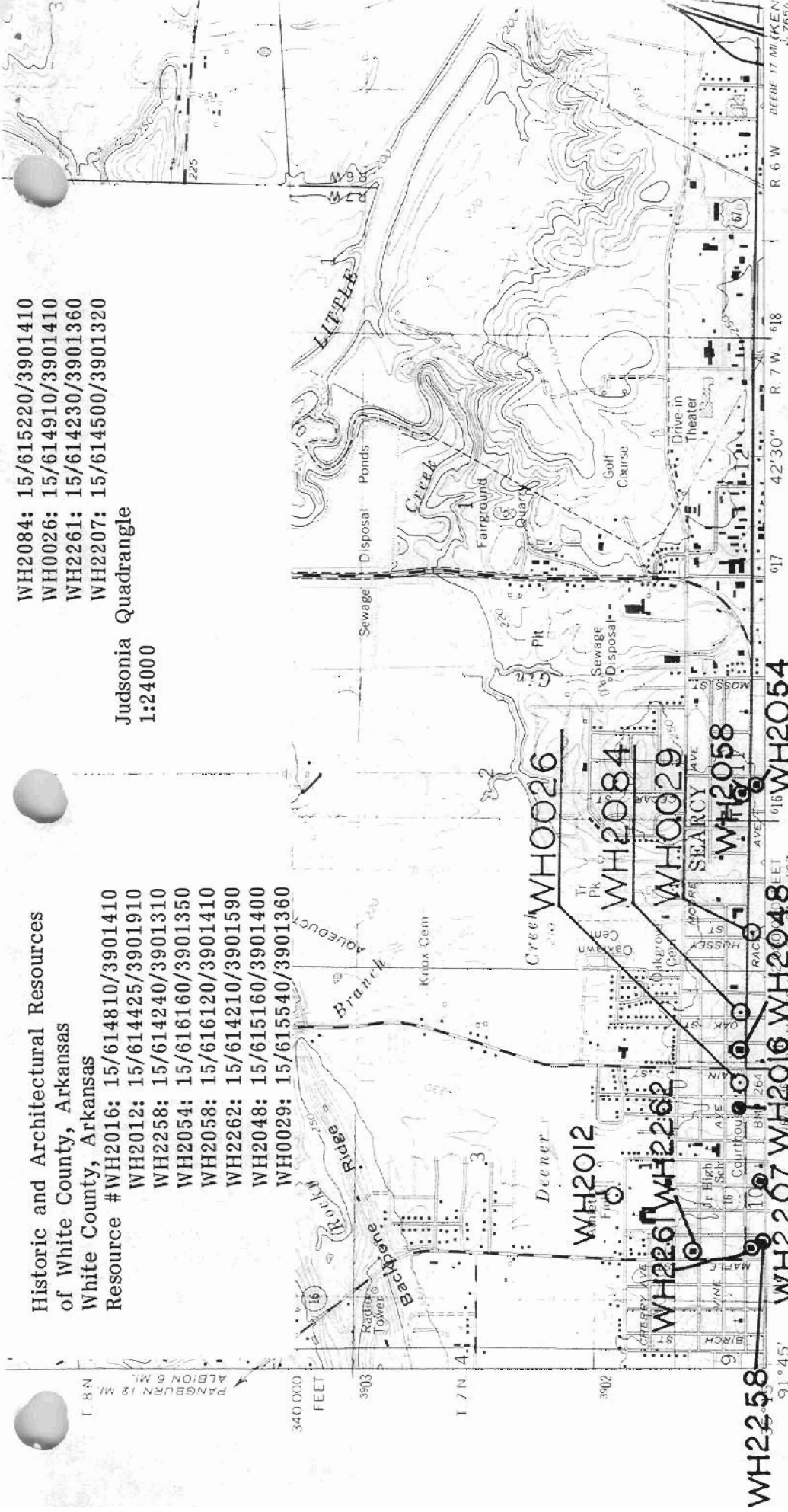


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- WH2012: 15/614425/3901910
- WH2258: 15/614240/3901310
- WH2054: 15/616160/3901350
- WH2058: 15/616120/3901410
- WH2262: 15/614210/3901590
- WH2048: 15/615160/3901400
- WH0029: 15/615540/3901360

- WH2084: 15/615220/3901410
- WH0026: 15/614910/3901410
- WH2261: 15/614230/3901360
- WH2207: 15/614500/3901320

**Judsonia Quadrangle
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WH2206 WH2058

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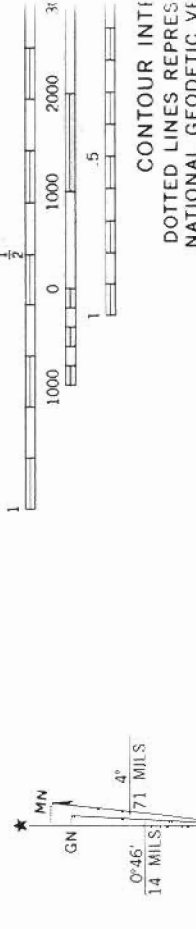
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

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

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken
1980. Map edited 1981. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban area



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