

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 Smyrna Methodist Church  
other names/site number Resou

2. Location

street & number N/A  not for publication N/A  
city, town Center Hill  vicinity  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<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 St. Boyd Signature of certifying official  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program State or Federal agency and bureau  
5-13-90 Date

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)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Structure

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation sandstone

walls weatherboard

roof tin

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**e. 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

1854  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1854  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

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

Significant Person

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

Architect/Builder

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

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See "Historic and Srchitectural 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**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

**UTM References**

A 15 604350 3901420  
Zone Easting Northing

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

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Description

The Smyrna Methodist Church is a single story, gable roof, wood frame, vernacular Greek Revival church building with an enclosed gable foyer on the southern elevation and a central, narrow red brick chimney rising through the ridge. It is sheathed in weatherboard and imbricated shingles, covered with a metal roof and supported by a fieldstone foundation.

This simple structure is one bay wide by three bays long. The southern elevation features the gable roof entrance foyer, which is decorated with imbricated shingles in the pediment and accessed by a pair of flush plank doors. Each side of the foyer is lighted with four-over-four wood sash windows. The pediment above is also decorated with imbricated shingles and jig-sawn verge details cut into various vegetal patterns. The eastern and western elevations are virtually identical, being punctuated only by three evenly-spaced nine-over-nine wood sash windows. The northern elevation is blank.

The alterations to the building are limited to the late nineteenth century replacement of the original central, side-gable entrance with the end gable foyer and the addition (at the same time) of the imbricated shingle and jig-sawn verge details on both the foyer and the gable pediments of the southern elevation. The interior features some minor improvements but is largely intact.

The Smyrna Methodist Church is in good condition.

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Significance

Criterion C, local significance

The Smyrna Methodist Church (Part E, Historic Context #2) survives as the most intact example in White County of this simple vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival which was so popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The early settlers of the county erected these simple but elegant structures for the purpose of sheltering their religious ceremonies throughout Arkansas during this time and later, but the Smyrna Methodist Church is by far the most intact surviving example of this style and construction from this or any other period of White County's history.

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Acres of property: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description:

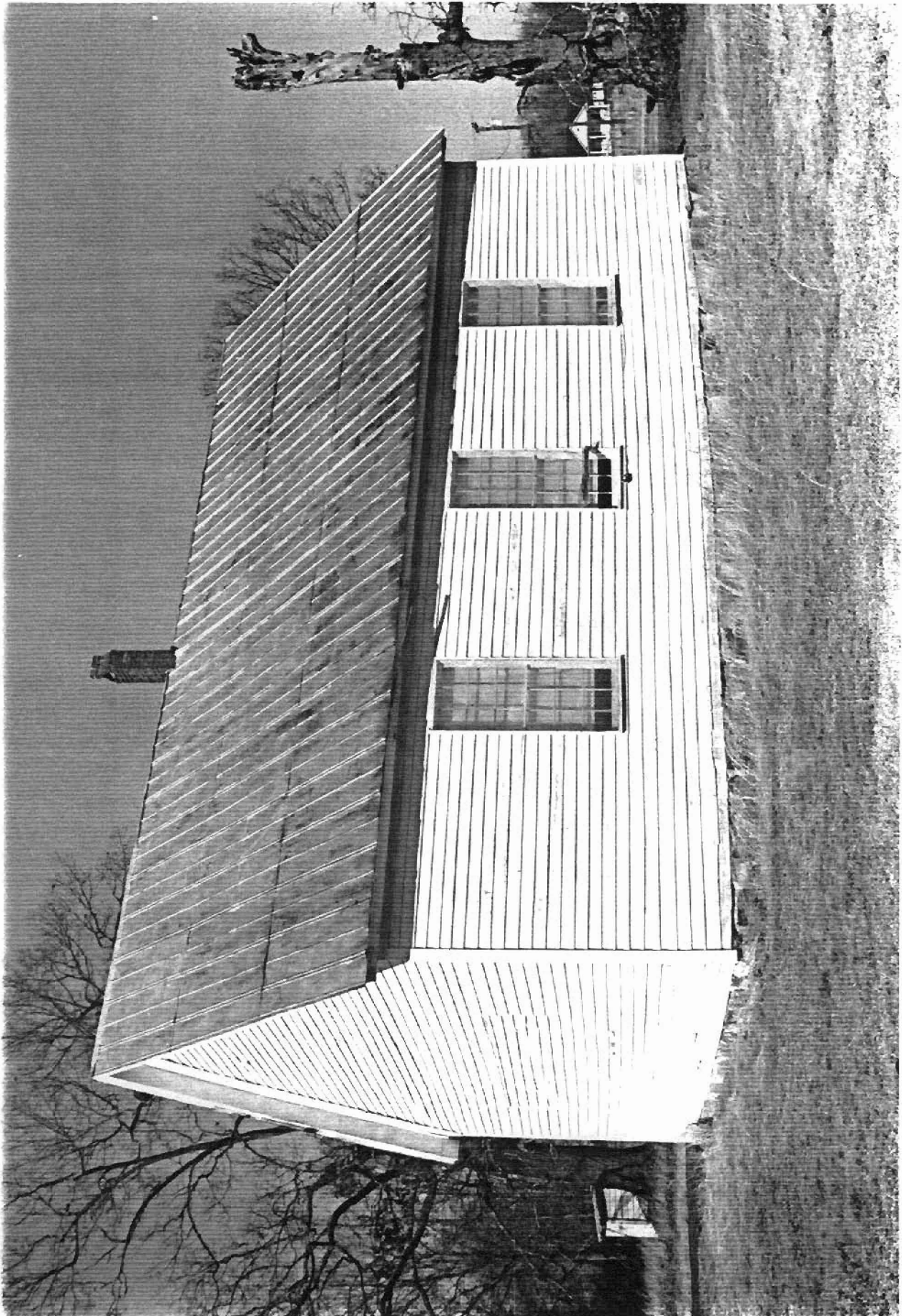
Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of State Highway 36 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the church and located 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the church; thence proceed northerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of State Highway 36; thence proceed westerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

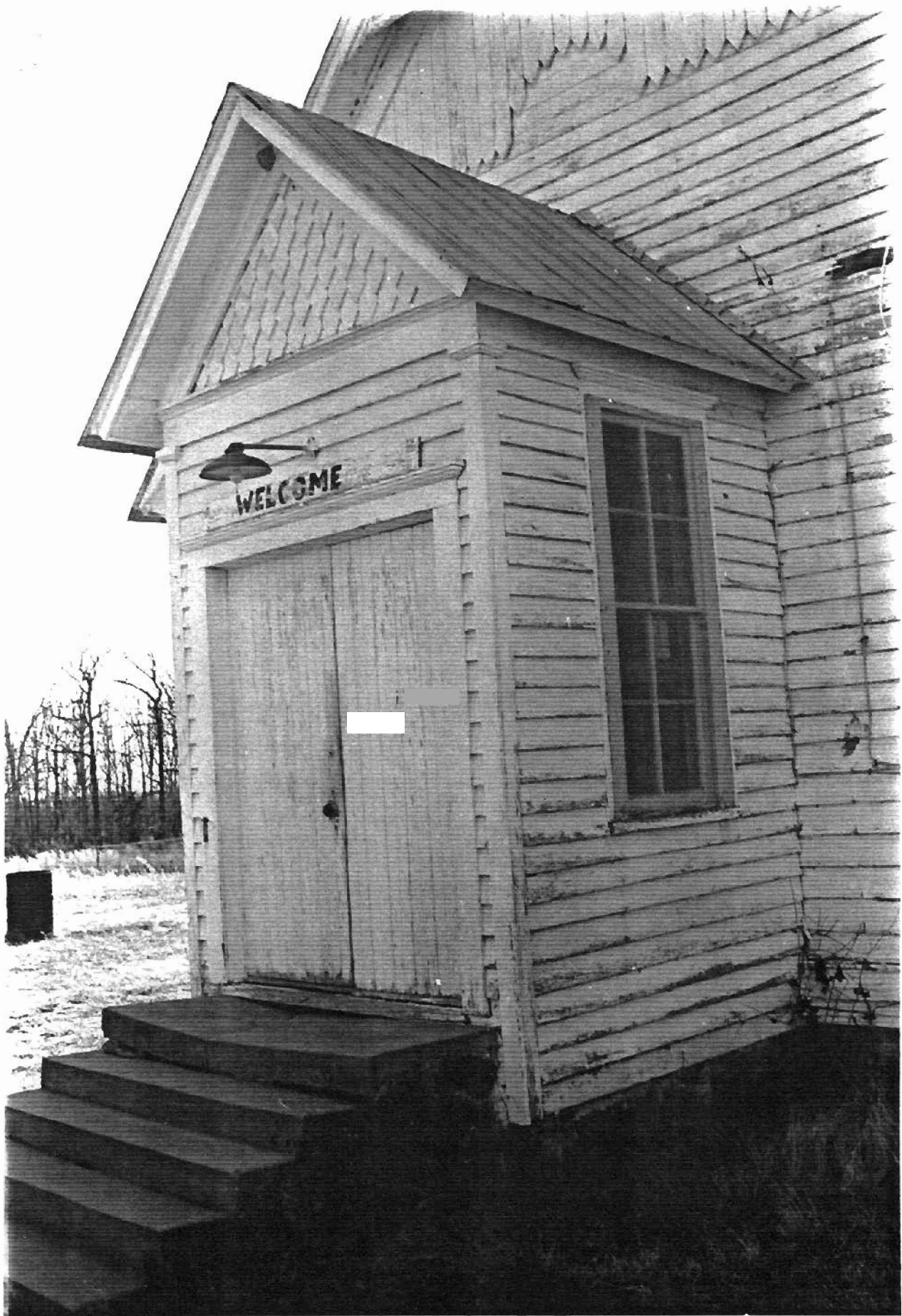
Boundary Justification:

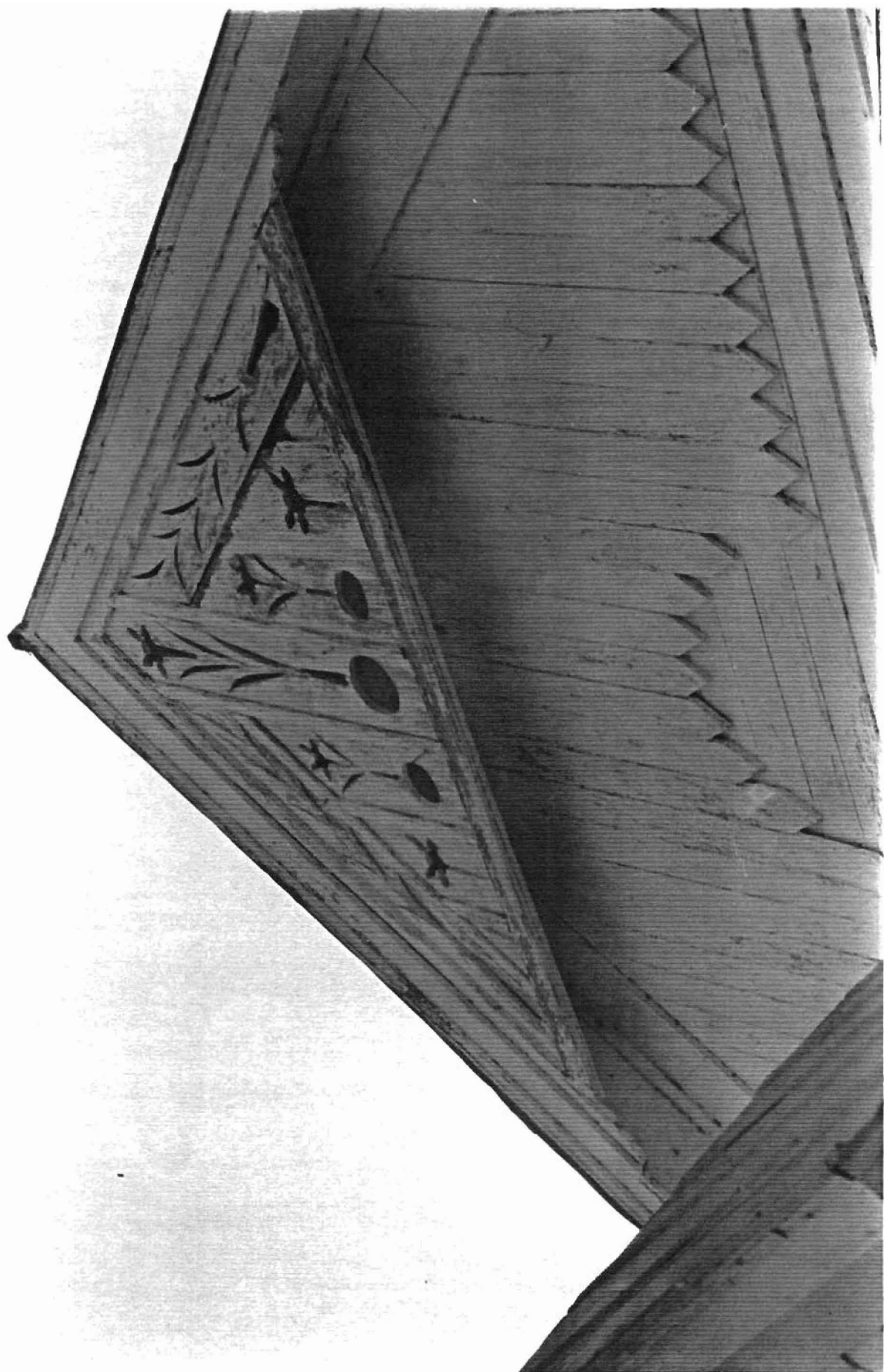
The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

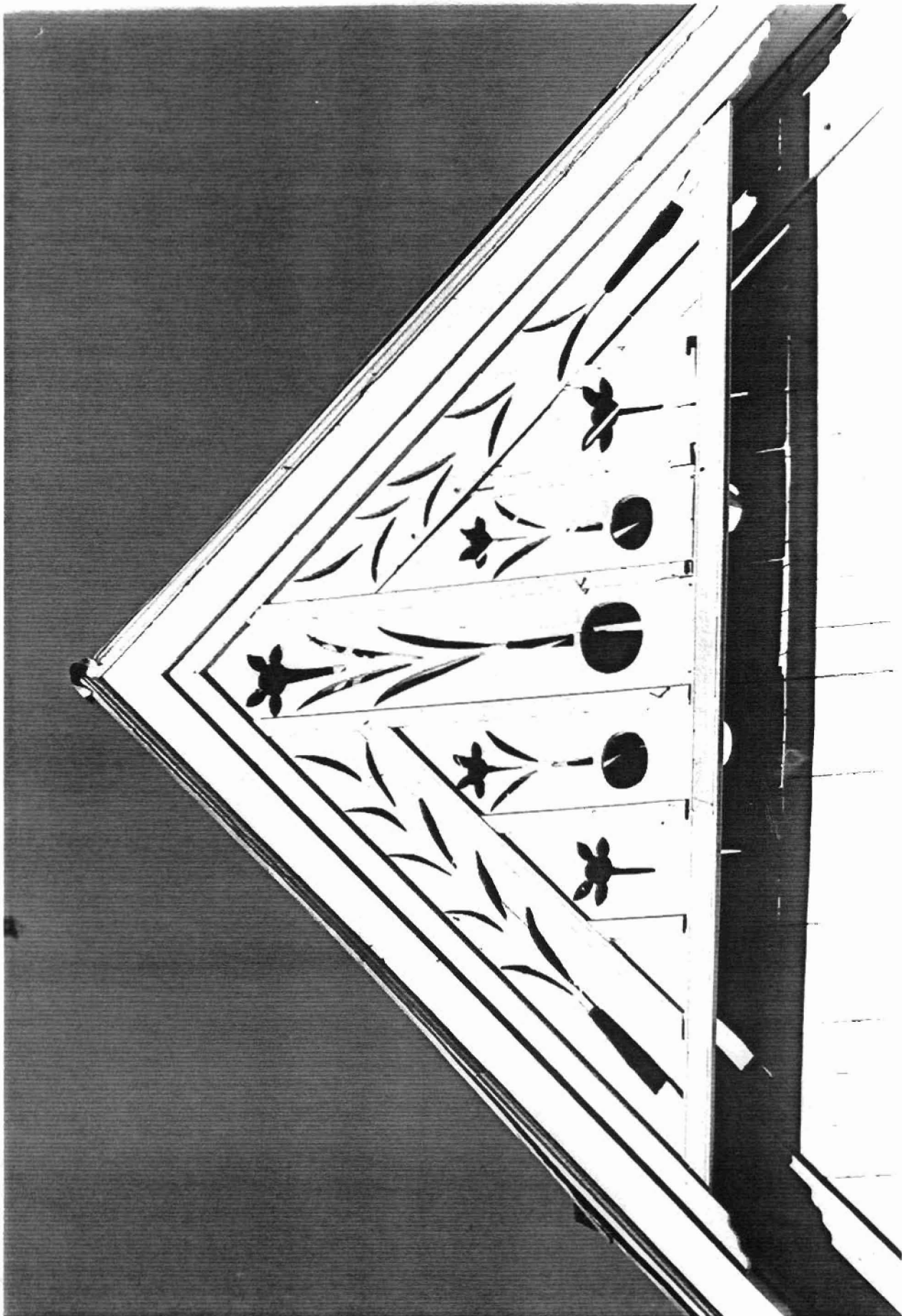




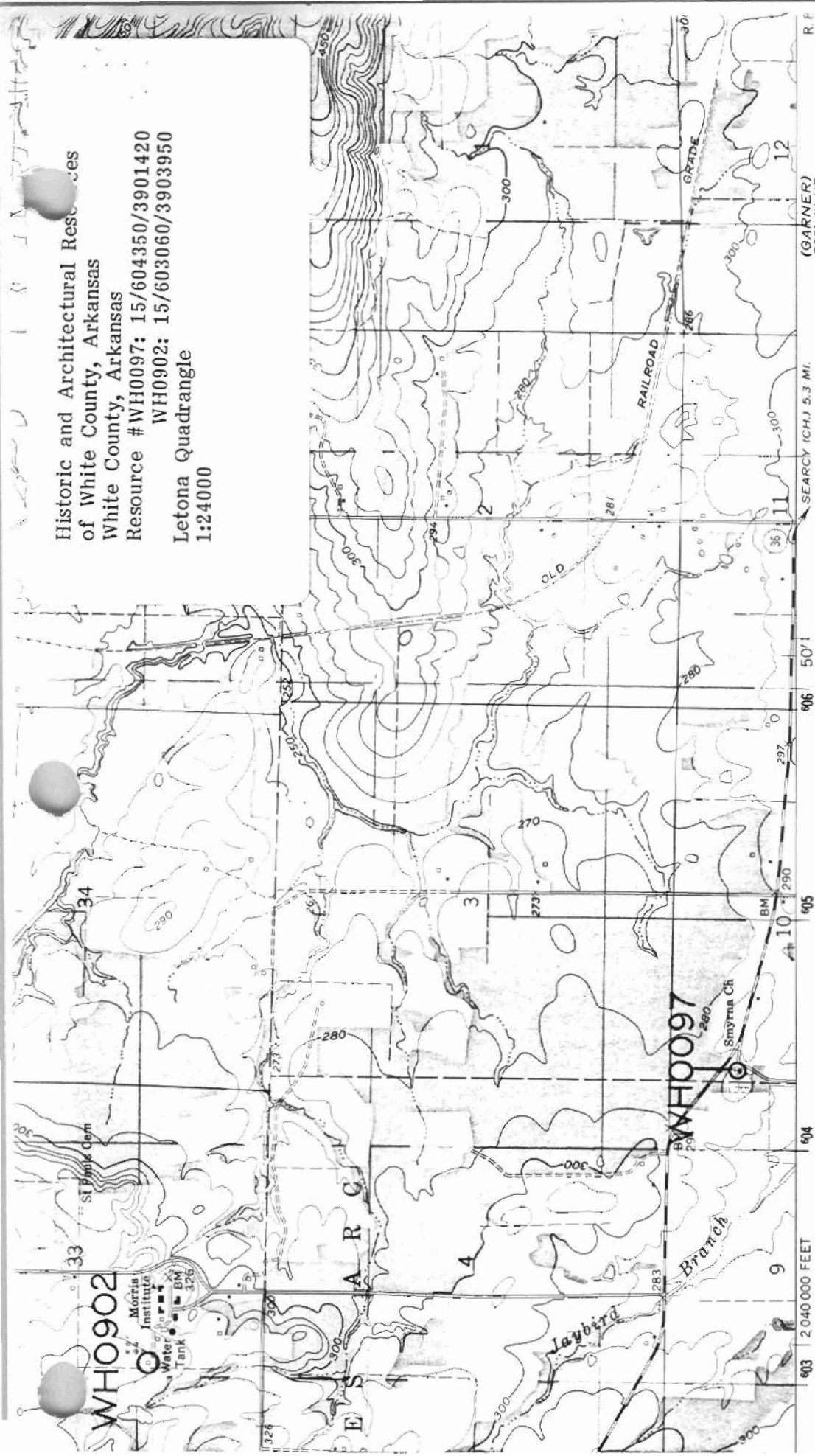






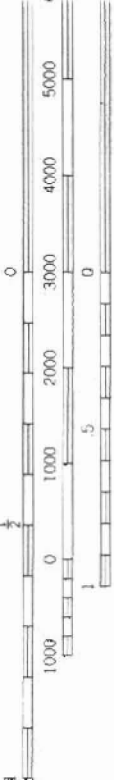


Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas  
White County, Arkansas  
Resource #WH0097: 15/604350/3901420  
WH0902: 15/603060/3903950  
Letona Quadrangle  
1:24000



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- Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
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sible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



SCALE 1:24000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

UTM GRID AND 1962 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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