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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 Brown, Joe, House and Farmstead
other names/site number Resource #WHO107

2. Location

street & number County Road 529 not for publication N/A
city, town Little Red vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72121

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>2</u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>3</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 A. 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

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

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)

Vacant/ Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Double-pen vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

board and batten

roof metal

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^a

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1890

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Brown, Joe
Reaper, Ben

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

Acres of property _____

UTM References

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Description

During the Railroad Era (1870-1914) in White County a variety of vernacular houses were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Intact surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The Joe Brown House is a good example of a one-story, frame, double-pen building. It is covered by corrugated metal gable roofs, its walls are clad with weatherboard or board and batten, and the entire structure rests on a stone pier foundation. The building was constructed c. 1890, and has several historic alterations. It is currently unoccupied and deteriorating rapidly.

Located one mile south of the termination of County Road 529 this building is only two miles northeast of the crossroads community of Little Red. The main, or east, elevation of the house is very simply arranged. It consists of two single board and batten doors, constructed with square nails flush board is found between them. These doors are covered by a shed roofed porch that extends across half of the facade. The porch is supported by wooden posts. Fenestration along this elevation consists of either single or paired four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows; in some cases either sash or glazing is missing but notches in the frame corroborate the type of windows that the structure originally had.

Exterior cut stone chimneys are found at both gable ends of the original structure the chimney on the northern elevation has been partially demolished. The cellar under the northern pen is accessed by an opening east of the partially demolished chimney. The east elevation of the cellar is relieved by an awning window that has had its glazing removed. A one-story, double-pen box addition is located on the west elevation of the original northern pen. This addition has a sheet metal gabled roof, and exterior walls clad with board and batten siding which has been partially covered with brick patterned asphalt roll. A shed roofed porch, supported by wooden posts, extends from the eastern end of the addition's north elevation and extends three-quarters of the way westward along this elevation. The eastern pen of this addition is entered by a centrally placed door that is flanked by single windows that have had all sash and glazing removed. The western pen is entered by a single door, slightly east of center, and has a single window on this elevation. This window also has had all sash and glazing removed. The gable end is relieved by a single, centrally placed window that is in the same state of disrepair as the others. An ell shaped porch extends from south elevation of the addition to the edge of the south elevation of the southern pen of the original building.

A well is located on this porch. Also included in this nomination are the remains of a log smokehouse that is located approximately forty feet south of the main building, and the remains of a double crib log barn found approximately three hundred feet southwest of the original building.

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Significance

When this building was constructed, c. 1890, it was one of numerous one-story, frame double-pen houses built in White County during the Railroad Era. While there are eighty-five of these houses which survive in the county, few reflect the period in which they were constructed. Though the Joe Brown House today reveals the impact of several additions it is still a good example of the way that houses have evolved through the years from very small floorplans to larger versions. This house has even combined the two most popular construction techniques, frame and box, under one roof. The existence of a partial cellar is somewhat rare in the county due to the fact that most of the county is prone to flooding.

This house was built by Joe Brown and Ben Reaper as a residence for Brown. Brown purchased this land on June 29, 1889 while Reaper purchased the adjoining one hundred and sixty acres. Both of these men moved to this area from Coal Hill in Johnson County. Reaper, however, was originally from Wheelerburg, Ohio.

The Joe Brown House is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance because of the insight it provides into historic construction techniques and styles.

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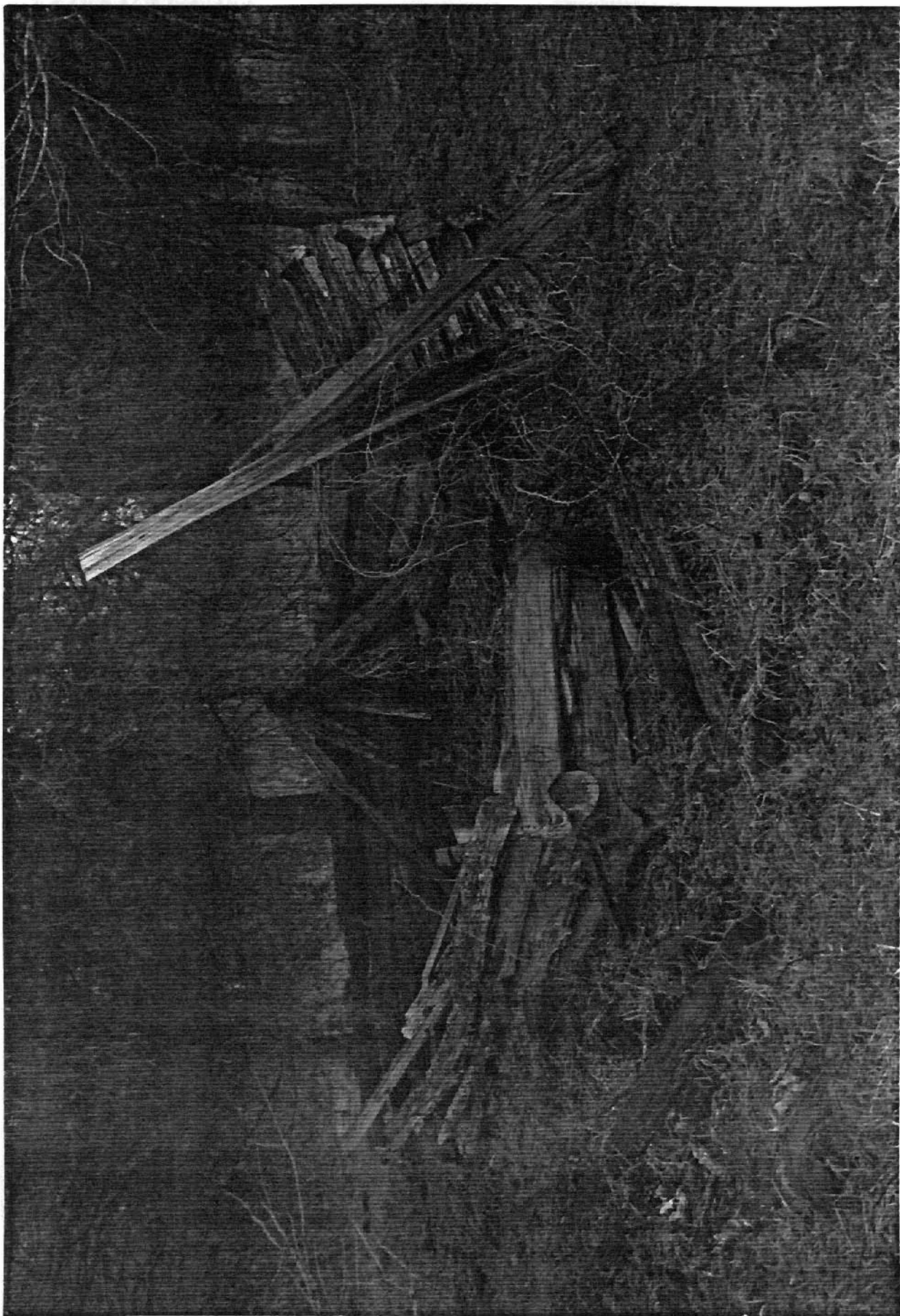
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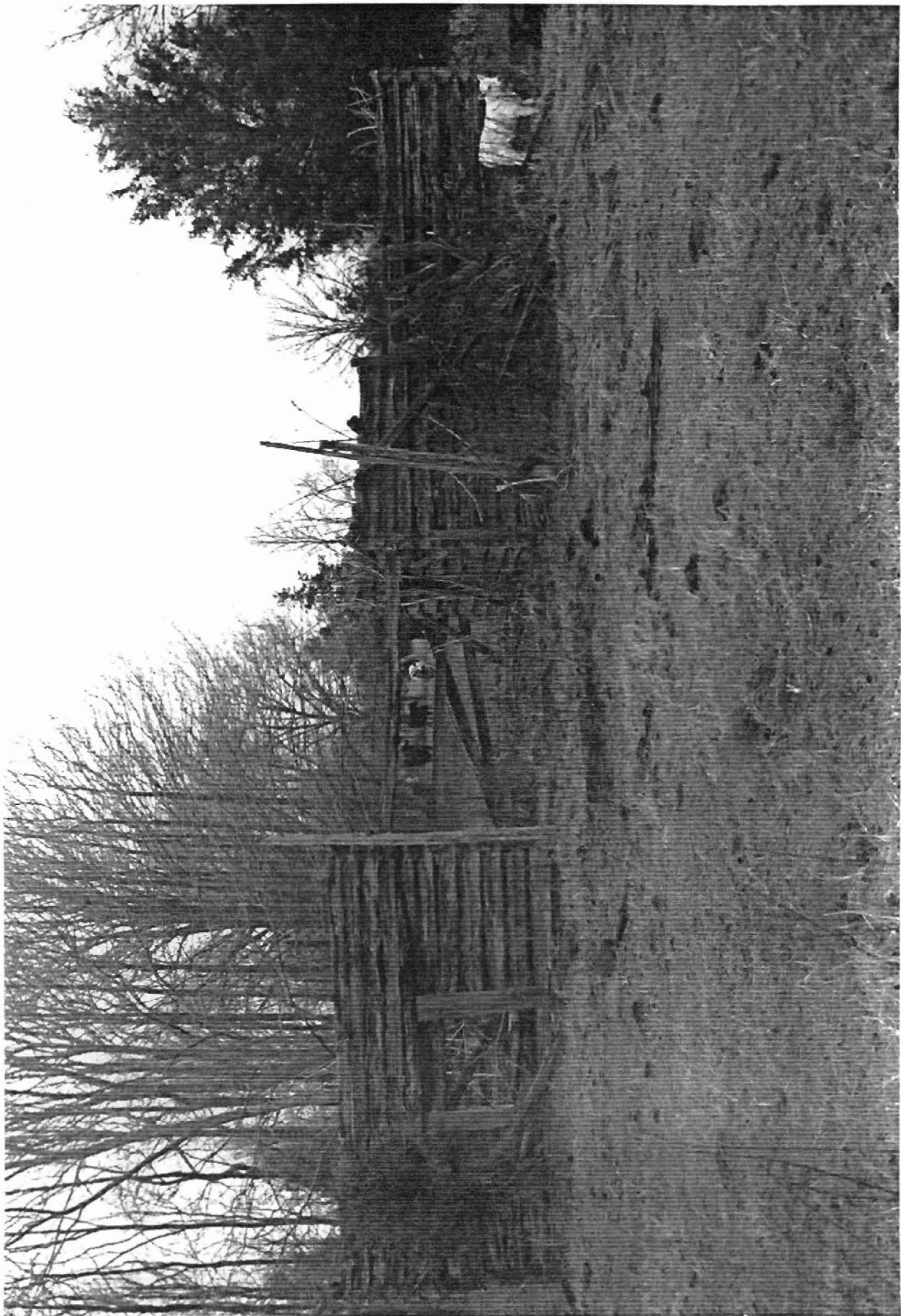
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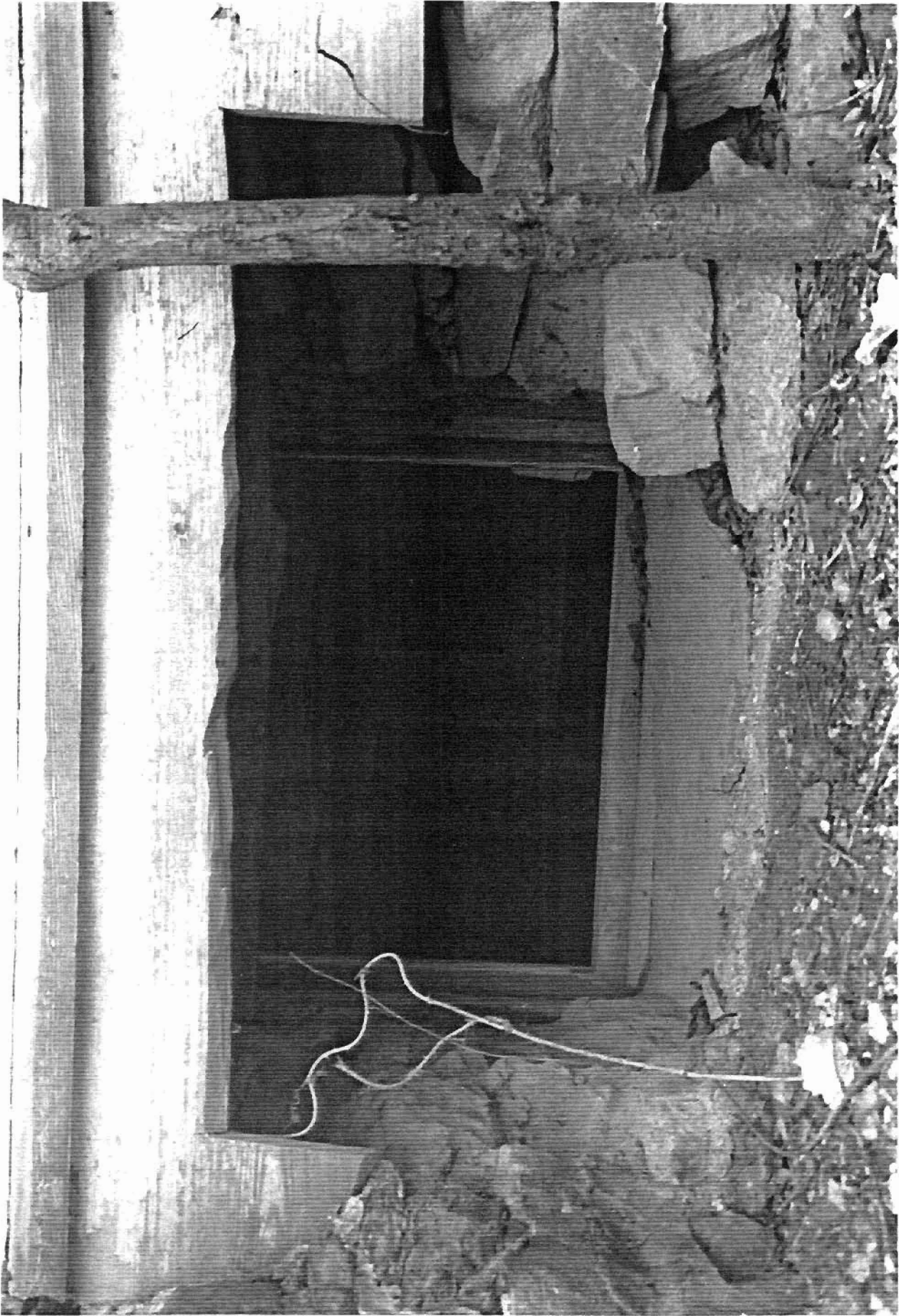
Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the northern edge of the private drive with a perpendicular line running along the eastern elevation of the house (a point located on the northern edge of the drive approximately 6,200 feet south of the southern terminus of County Road 529), proceed northerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the house; thence proceed westerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western elevation of the barn ruins; thence proceed southerly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the barn ruins; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern elevation of the house; thence proceed northerly to the point of beginning.

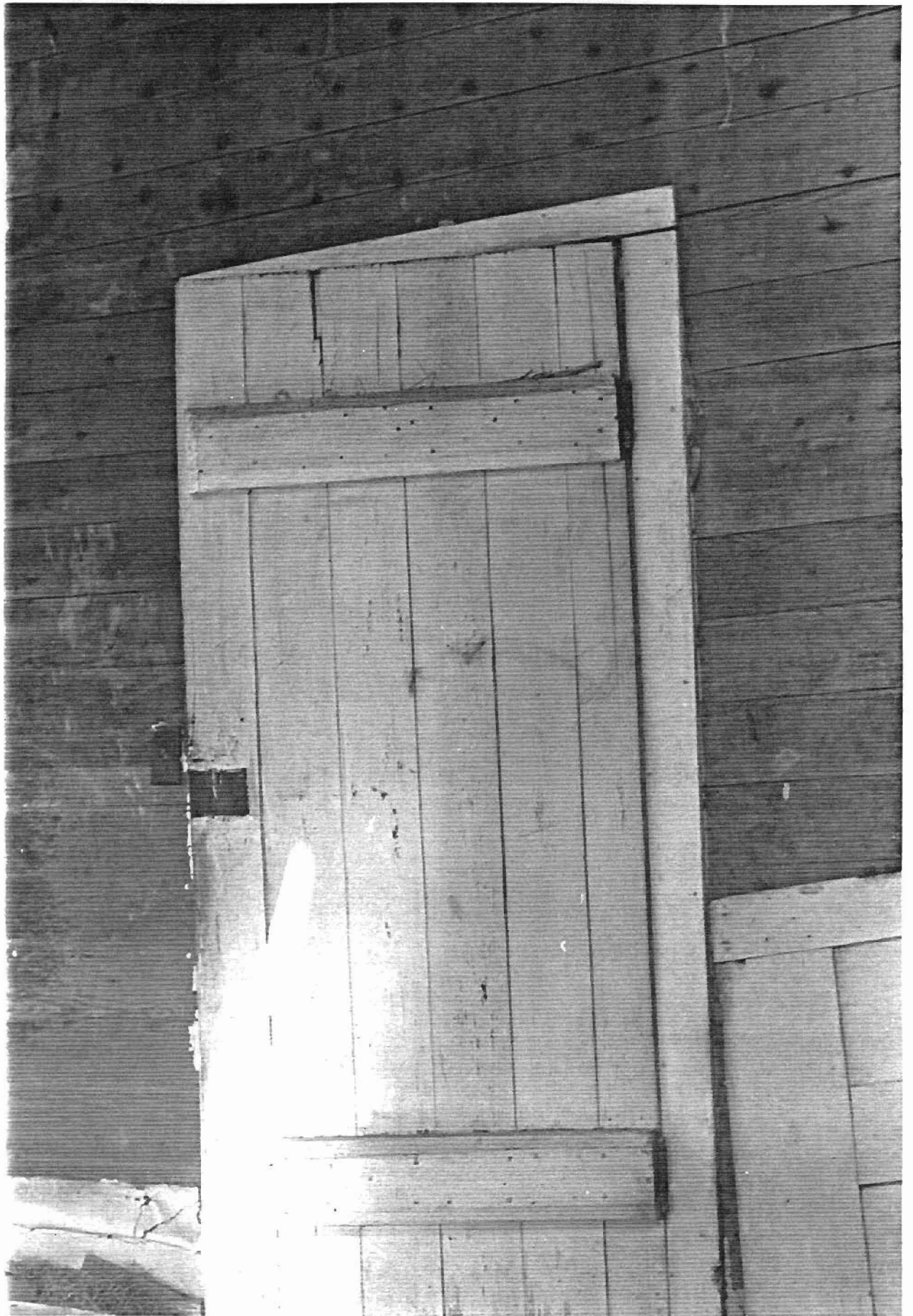
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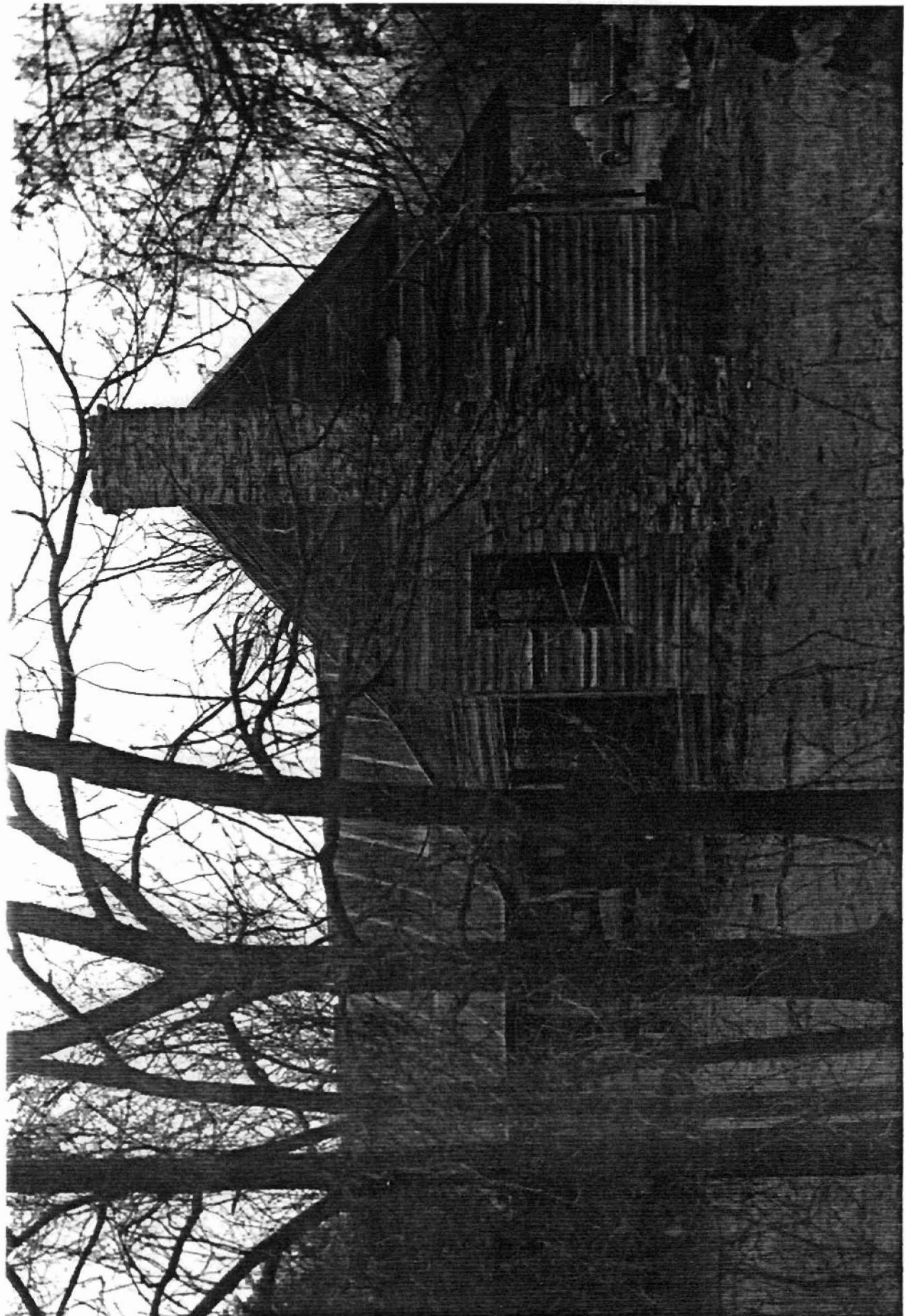
This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.















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