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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).

1. Name of Property
historic name Emmer, Joe, House
other names/site number Resource # WH0820

2. Location
street & number County Road 47
city, town Holly Springs
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

3. Classification
Ownership of Property: private
Category of Property: building(s)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0, Total 1
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas

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.
Signature of certifying official: Catherine St. Boyd
Date: 5-7-91
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date

5. National Park Service Certification
I, hereby, certify that this property is:
entered in the National Register.
determined eligible for the National Register.
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: Vernacular/ Log Construction

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls wood/ log

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

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1890

Significant Dates

c. 1890

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**UTM References**

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B 

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C 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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D 

Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

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**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 Emmer House is a good example of a one-story, single-pen log building. It has a corrugated metal gable roof and the entire structure rests on stone piers. The building was constructed c. 1890, and has had several historic alterations. It is currently unoccupied and in fair condition.

Located on the north side of County Road 47 and one and three-quarter miles west of the small crossroads community of Holly Springs, this building is located in a very rural area. The log walls on the north and south elevations of the house consist of hand-hewn logs which are 17'10" long. They are connected to similar logs on the east and west elevations by half dovetail notching. The logs on these elevations, however, are only 17'6" long. All logs are four and a half inches wide and six and a half inches tall. A box construction addition is attached to the west elevation of the structure. This addition is covered with board and batten siding. Both gable ends of the building, however, are covered with weatherboard. A centrally placed board and batten door enters the main, or south, elevation of the building. This door, like the others in the building, is constructed with square nails. A single window is located east of this but all glazing has been removed.

Extending the entire length of the building, including the addition, is a shed roofed porch which is supported by wooden posts. The south elevation of the addition is also entered by a centrally placed board and batten door. An exterior end chimney was originally located on the east elevation of the log structure but has since been removed. A board and batten, shed roofed addition extends the length of the north elevation of the log building. There was a sliding window originally centrally placed in this addition but all glazing has been removed from it. The shed roof of this addition extends across the north elevation of the box addition forming a porch roof. A centrally placed sliding window relieves the west elevation of the box addition.

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## Significance

When this building was constructed (c. 1890) it was one of numerous single-pen, log buildings built in White County during the Railroad Era. Even though this house has had several alterations, it is one of only thirty-one single-pen log buildings left in the county which date to this period. The additions themselves are important because they are indicative of construction techniques used during this period in largely rural areas. For these reasons this building is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

A 15/612830/3913490

Verbal Boundary Description:

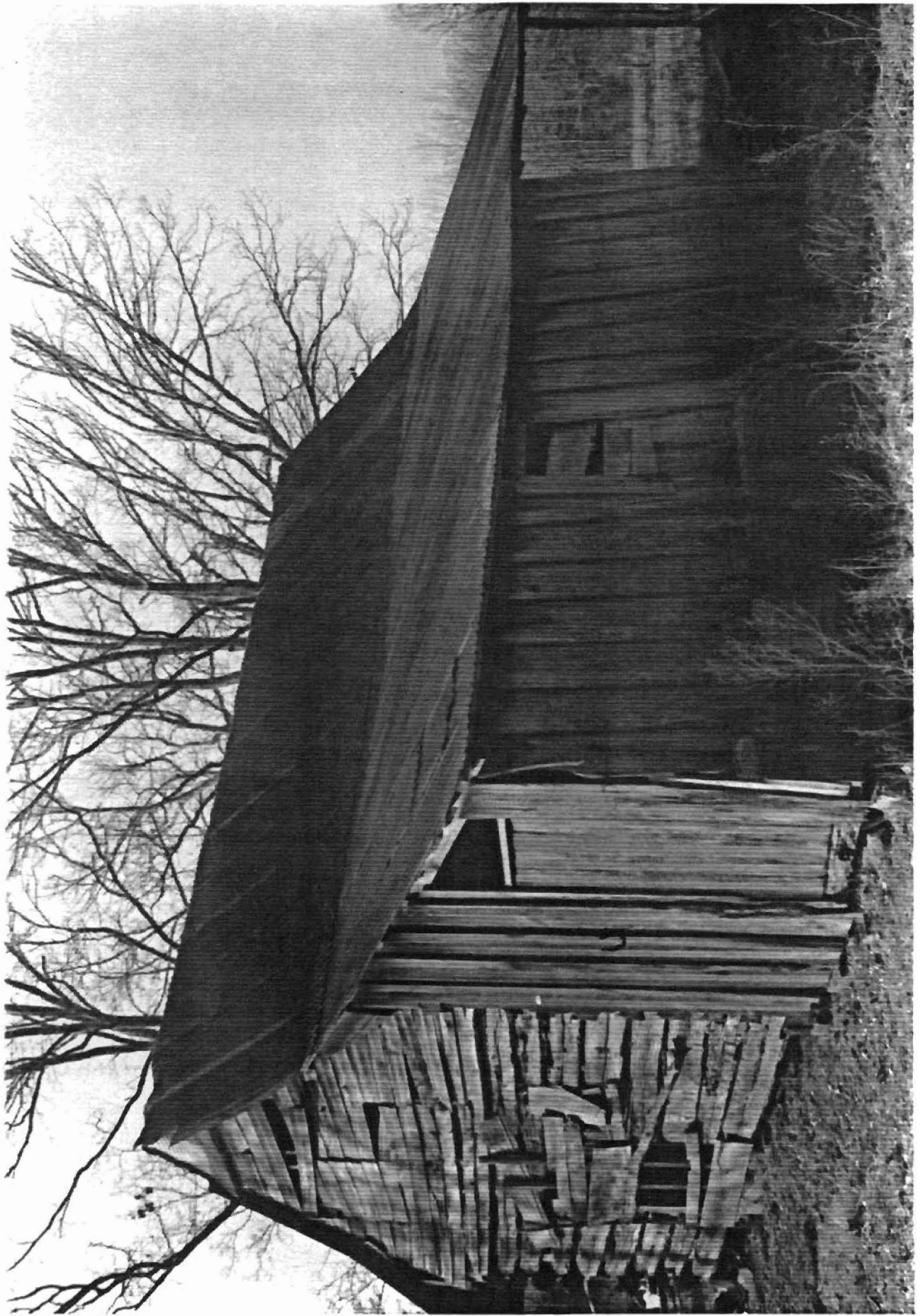
Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northeastern edge of County Road 47 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southeastern elevation of the house and located 50 feet to the southeast thereof, proceed northeasterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northeastern elevation of the building; thence proceed northwesterly 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 northwestern elevation of the house; thence proceed southwesterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northeastern edge of County Road 47; thence proceed southeasterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

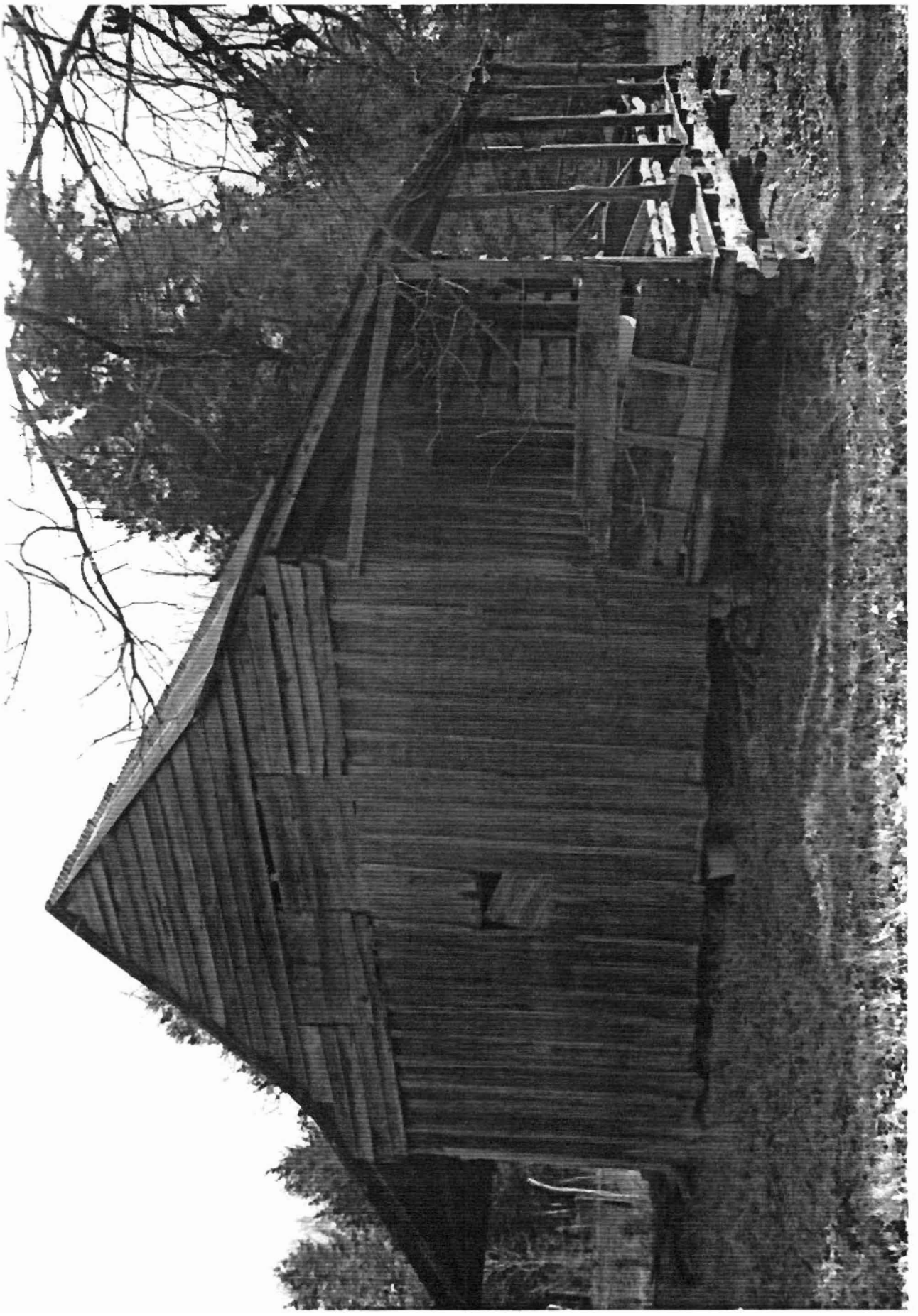
Boundary Justification:

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.











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of White County, Arkansas  
White County, Arkansas  
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