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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Burnett House

other name/site number: Resource #WH0890

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2. Location

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street & number: County Road 766

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Searcy

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: White

code: AR145

zip code: 72143

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

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 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Bryant
Signature of certifying official

6-24-92
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 Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Other: Vernacular/Ell-Shaped

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Brick/Stone roof Asphalt Shingle
walls Weatherboard other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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. 1870

Significant Dates
c. 1870

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

Acresage of property _____

UTM References

A
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B
 Zone Easting Northing

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description



See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title _____
 organization _____ date _____
 street & number _____ telephone _____
 city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Description

During the Development Era (1835-1870) in White County a variety of vernacular houses were constructed. They were also built out of a variety of materials. Surviving examples from this period, however, are very limited. The Burnett House is a good example of a two-story, frame, gable roof, ell-shaped building. It rests on a foundation of brick piers nogged with stone, with stone also used for the porch piers and foundation.

Located on the north side of County Road 766 and three-quarters of a mile west of County Road 760, this building was constructed less than three miles northwest of downtown Searcy which is the county seat of White County. It was constructed c. 1870, and is in fair condition. The Burnett House faces south and this main elevation is dominated by a two-story shed roofed porch. The columns along the first floor of the porch were replaced by wooden box columns on stone piers during the 1920's and reflect the then popular Craftsman style. The box columns and balustrade on the second floor porch also probably date from this period.

Fenestration on the south elevation consists of symmetrically placed four-over-four double-hung sash windows. Each story also has a centrally placed door which opens onto the porches. The first floor door is flanked by side lights. The east and west elevations of the main facade are terminated by a brick interior end chimney which rises up from the gable peak and a brick exterior end chimney, respectively. Both chimneys have corbelled brick caps. These elevations are also decorated with gable returns. The two-story ell extends from the southeast portion of the main building. A corbelled brick chimney protrudes from the northern end of the gable peak.

Fenestration along the east elevation of the ell consists of six-over-six double-hung sash windows on the first floor while one-over-one double-hung sash windows decorate the second floor; neither of these types of windows are original to the building. While the north elevation of the ell still displays the original gable returns, both windows have been replaced. The first floor still has evidence of a centrally-placed window, yet the one which replaced it is a much smaller ten-pane fixed frame window. The second floor window has been replaced by a one-over-one double-hung sash window. A one-story, ell shaped porch originally stretched from the west elevation of the ell portion of the building over to the north elevation of the main structure. This porch has been enclosed with novelty siding. The northern portion of the porch attached to the ell has a paired sliding window while the northern portion of the porch attached to the main building has a single-pane fixed frame window. Also extending from this portion of the enclosed porch is a small storage room whose door opens onto a porch which is not original but

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extends from the north elevation of the storage room and along the west elevation of the enclosed porch. A door from the enclosed porch also opens onto this newer porch. It has a shed roof which is supported by wooden posts with a balustrade in between.

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Significance

When this building was constructed, c. 1870, it was one of numerous ell-shaped buildings built during the Development Era (1835-1870). Currently, however, it is the only one from this period which still survives intact in White County. This is why the Burnett House is significant; it is indicative of a housing type which is no longer found in this area and therefore, can provide insight into construction techniques and living arrangements of this era. Hence its eligibility under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acres of property: Less than one

UTM References

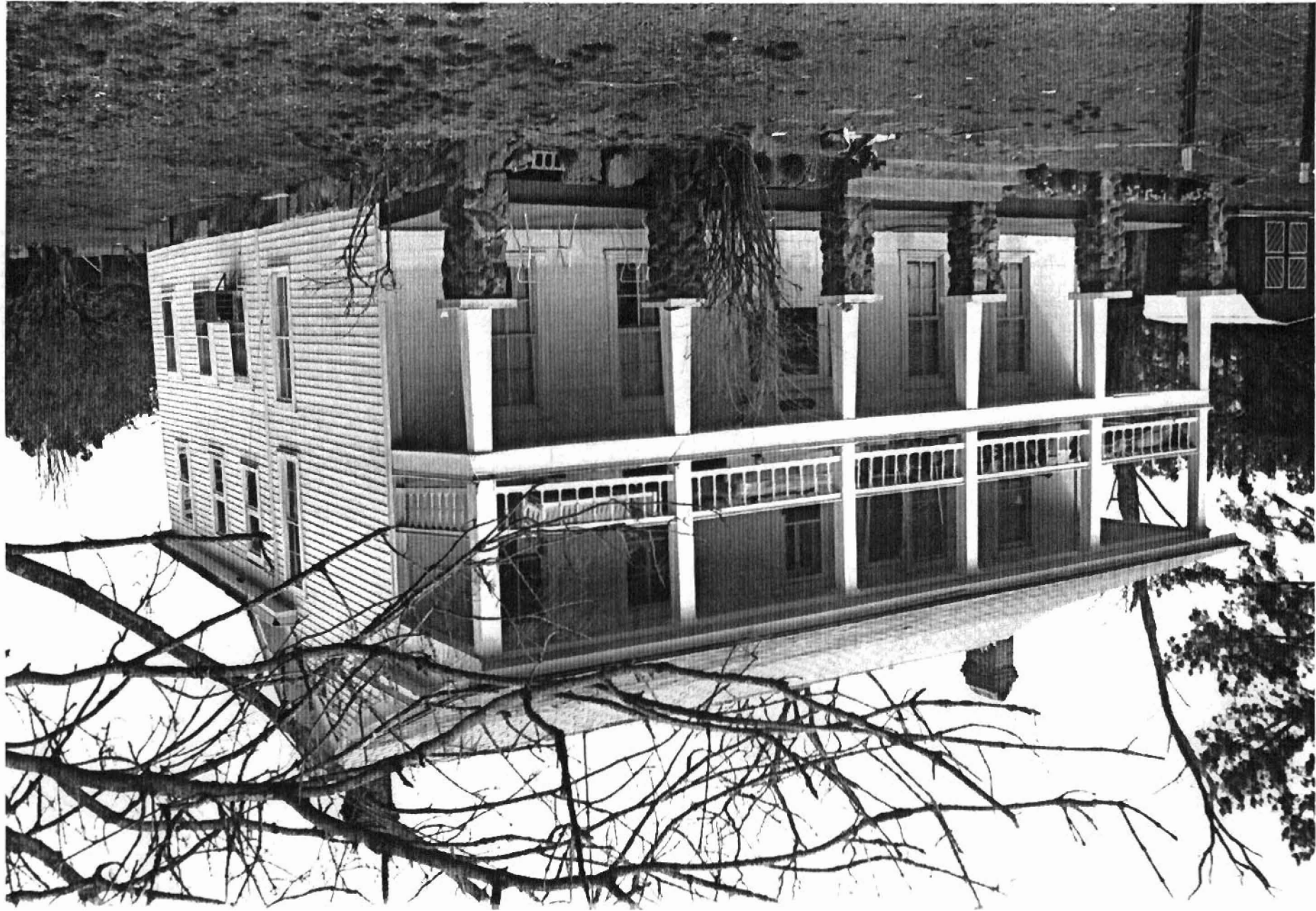
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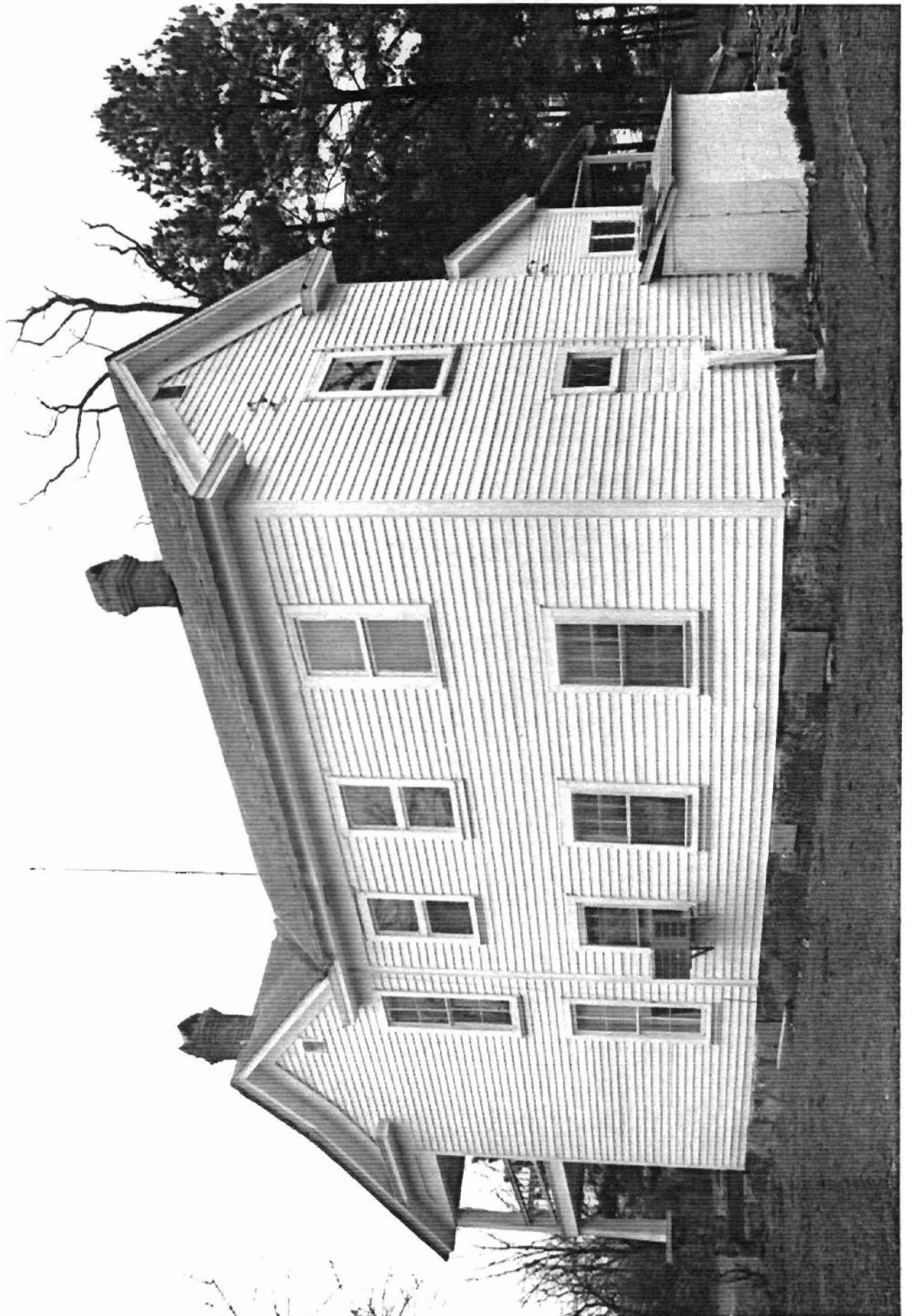
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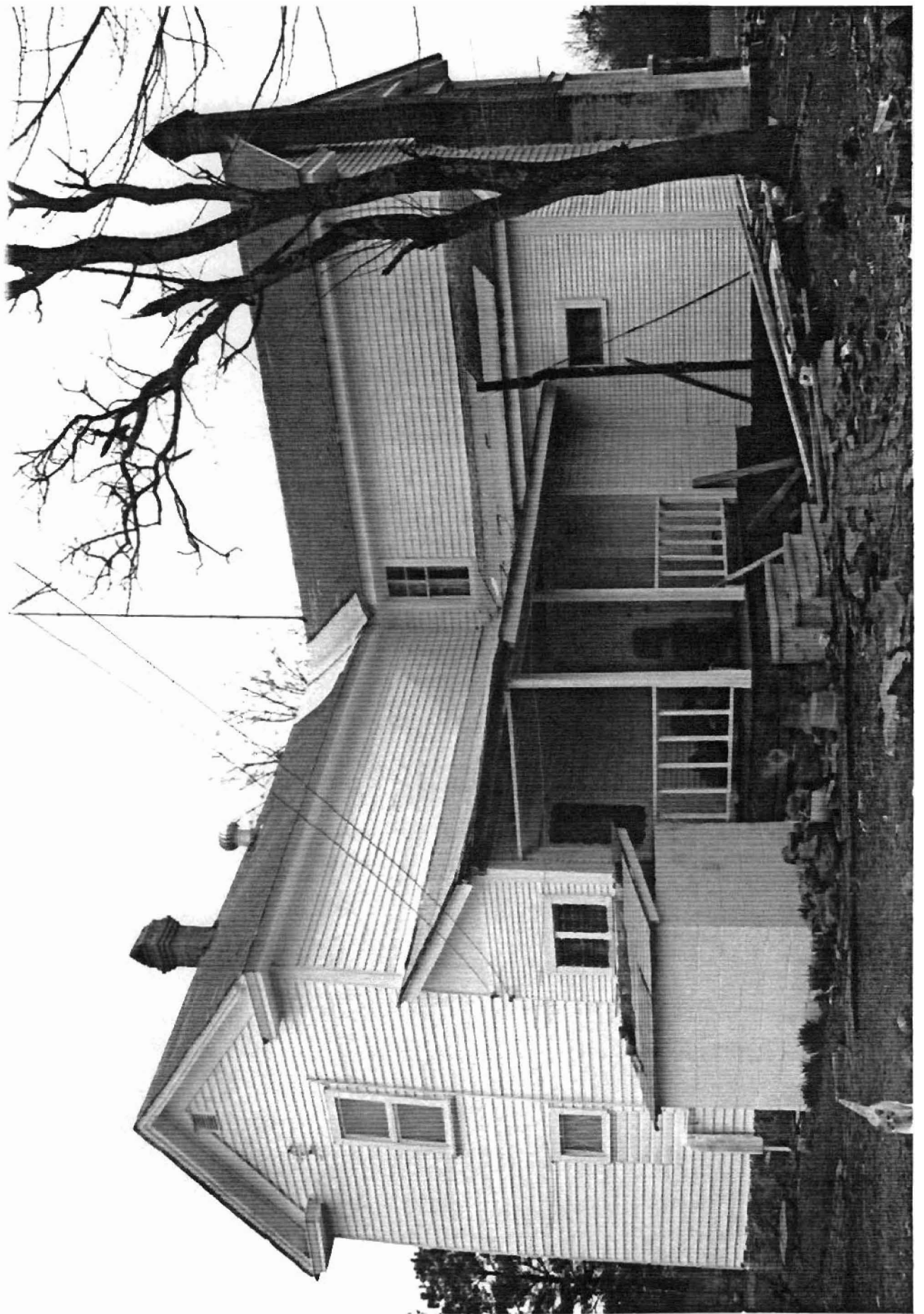
Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the northern edge of County Road 766 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the house and located 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation; thence proceed westerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the house; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern edge of County Road 766; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

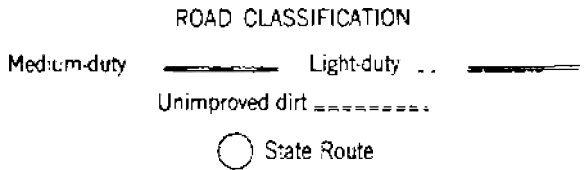
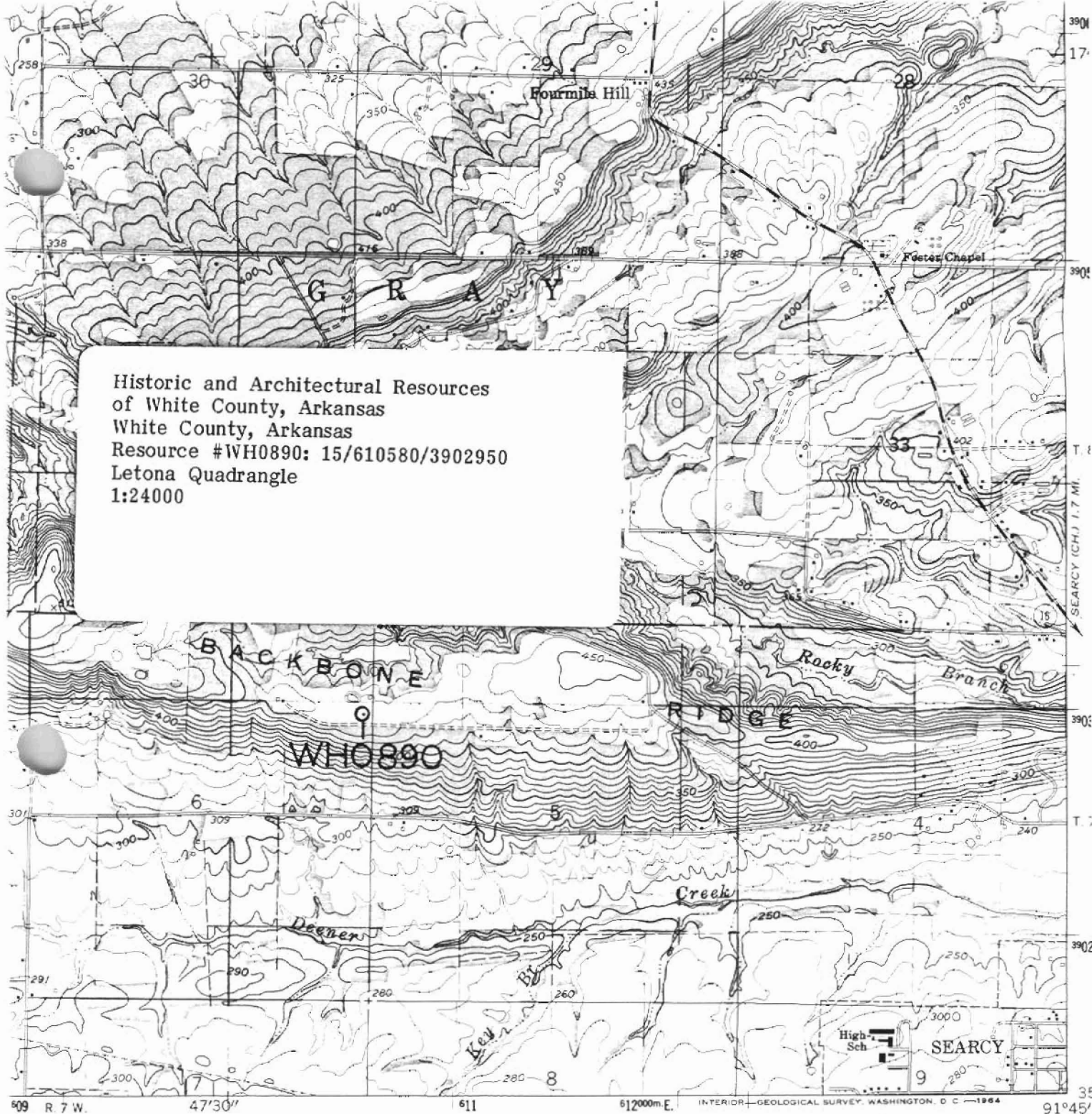
The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.











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