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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 18). 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 El Paso Bank
other names/site number Resource #WH1089

2. Location

street & number County Road 3 not for publication N/A
city, town El Paso vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72045

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>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>1</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.

Catherine A. 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:)

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/ Trade/ Financial Institution

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade/ Specialty Retail

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Commercial Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

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

1912

Significant Dates

1912

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.

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 (38 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

A

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

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Description

Commercial buildings of the Railroad Era (1870-1914) mirrored current architectural trends. Builders in White County did not construct many high-style buildings; the El Paso Bank is no exception to this.

Located on the south side of County Road 3 and between State Highway 5 and County Road 951, the El Paso Bank is located in what was once this town's economic heart. The building is one-story tall, rectangular in shape with a chamfered corner, and constructed of brick. Even though it was constructed in 1912, it is still in good condition. The main elevation has single-pane fixed frame windows with transoms; the transom lights appear to be original. Extending from these windows is lattice decorated porch which is supported by turned posts; it is not original. The gable end, above the porch, has been covered brick patterned asphalt roll.

The portion of the building that extends over the chamfered entry way is supported by a cast iron column. This entry way was originally surrounded by sidelights and a transom but the sidelights have since been boarded up with plywood. The east elevation is relieved by a single entry way while the south elevation has its entry way located left of the centrally located one-over-one double-hung sash window. The gable end above these openings is covered with the same type of asphalt roll as found on the main elevation of the building with one exception. Where the asphalt roll has been removed, evidence of horizontal board has been revealed. The west elevation is relieved by two former window openings which have since been covered up with plywood. The metal covered gable roof has one brick chimney protruding from it on its eastern slope. The roof line is punctuated by exposed wooden rafters.

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Significance

When this building was constructed in 1912, it was one of several businesses located in the vicinity of the proposed courthouse square. Even though a courthouse was never built there, the square's central location in town and its proximity to main trade routes made it a natural spot for commercial ventures to take root through the years. The El Paso Bank is located just southwest of this square. Architecturally, the bank is a good example of buildings constructed during this period. Also, it is the only building in town which survives from the Railroad Era. It was during this period that El Paso experienced its greatest period of growth and prosperity, attaining a population of over eight hundred people by 1900.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

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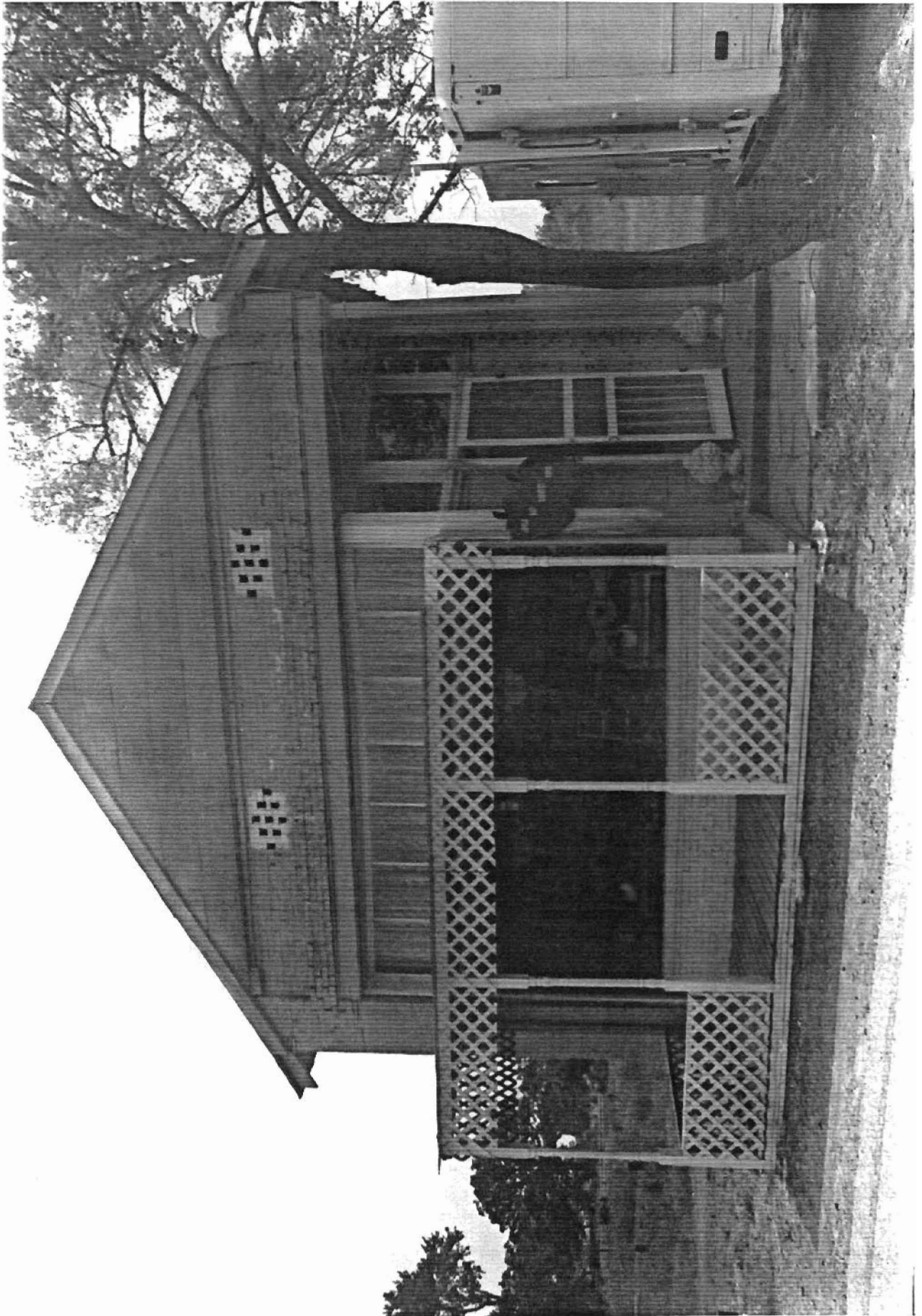
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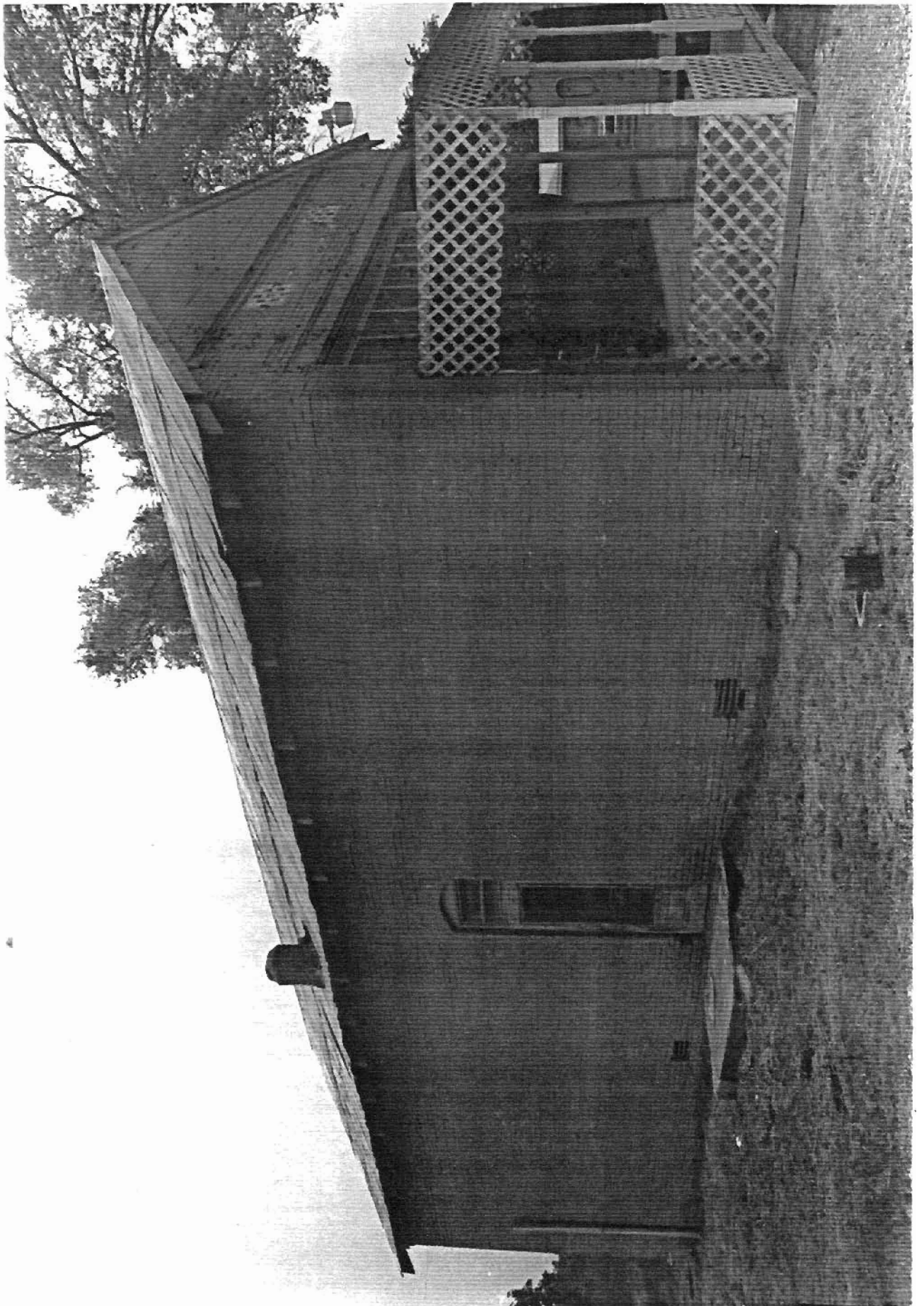
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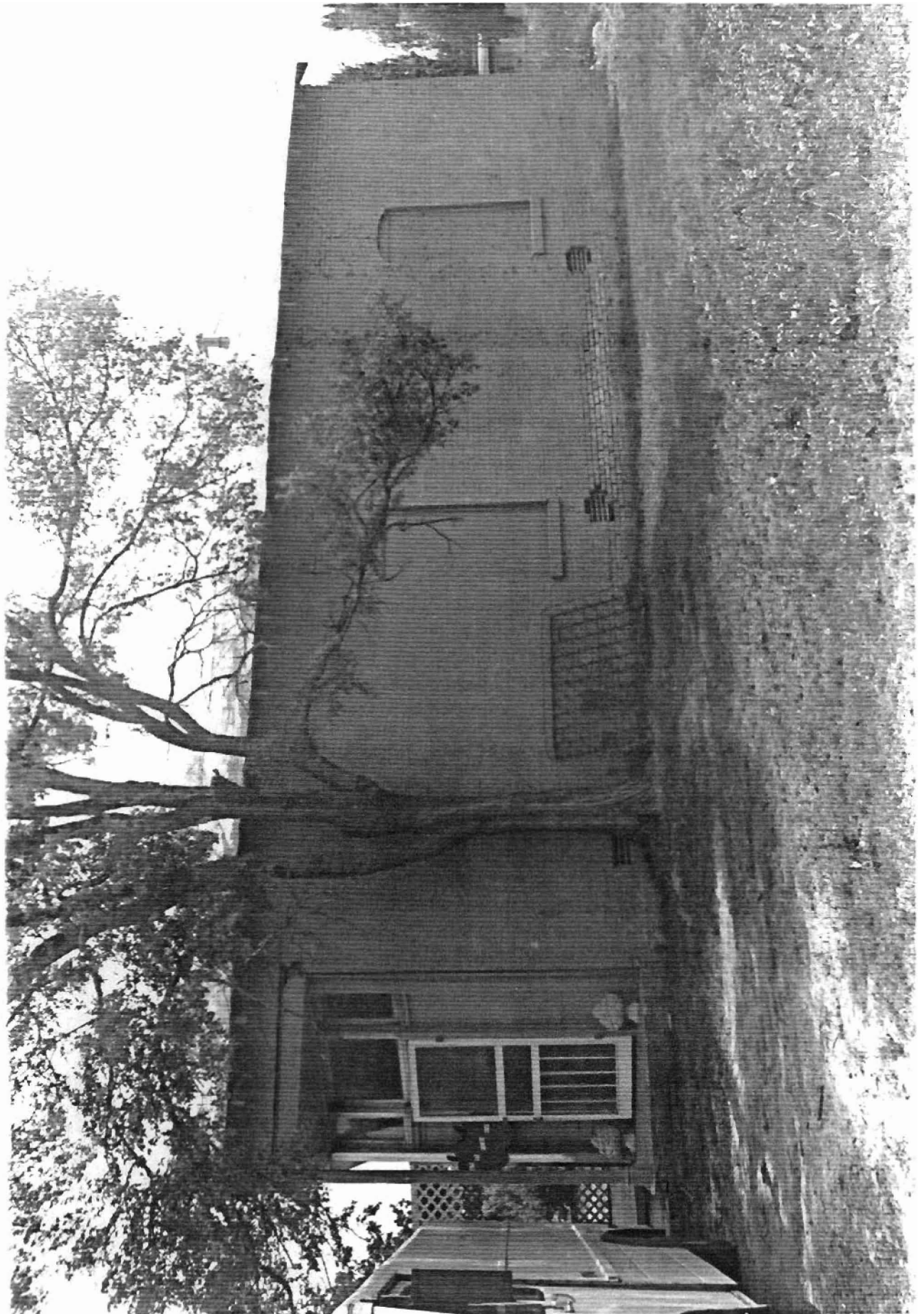
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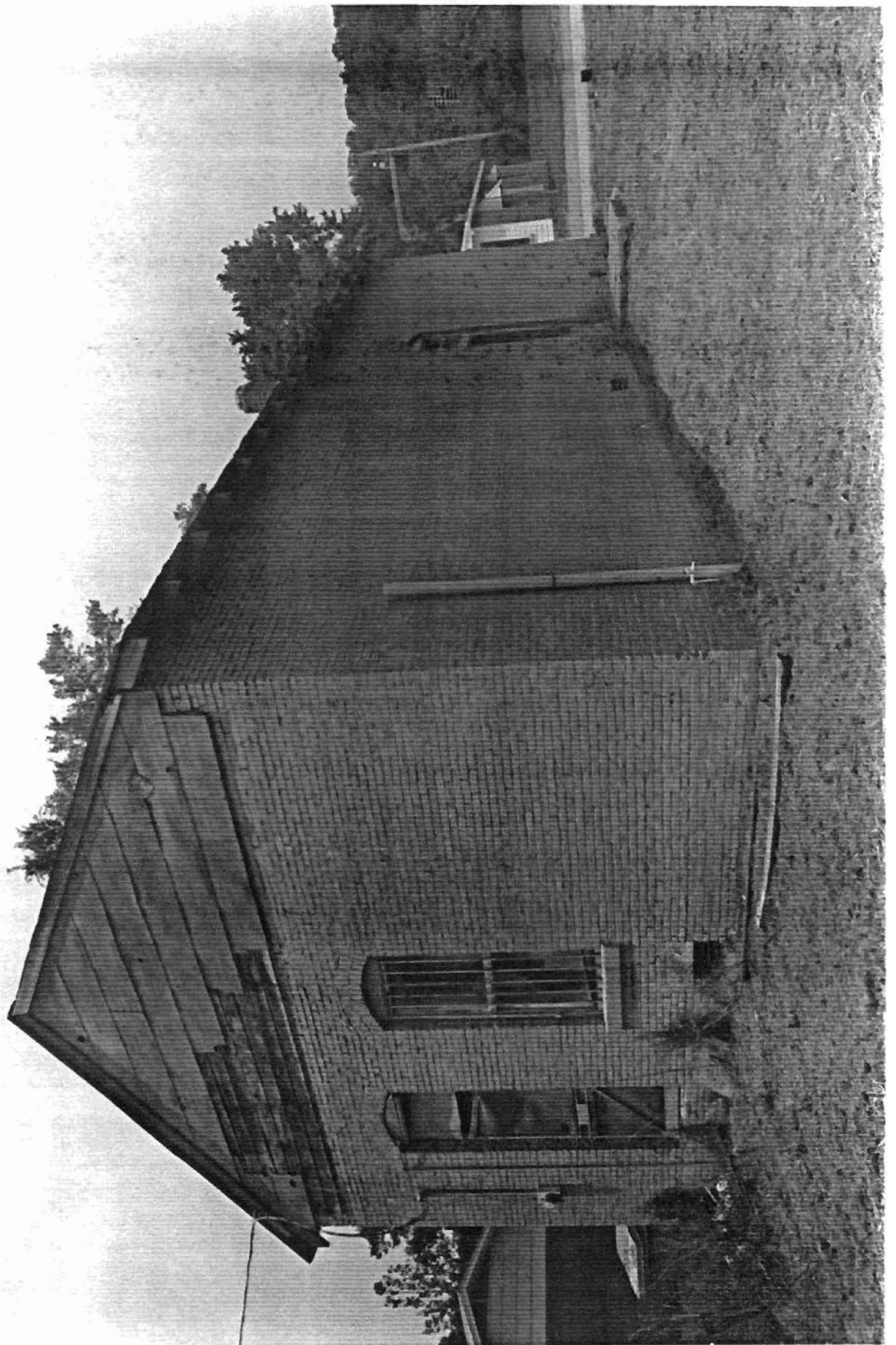
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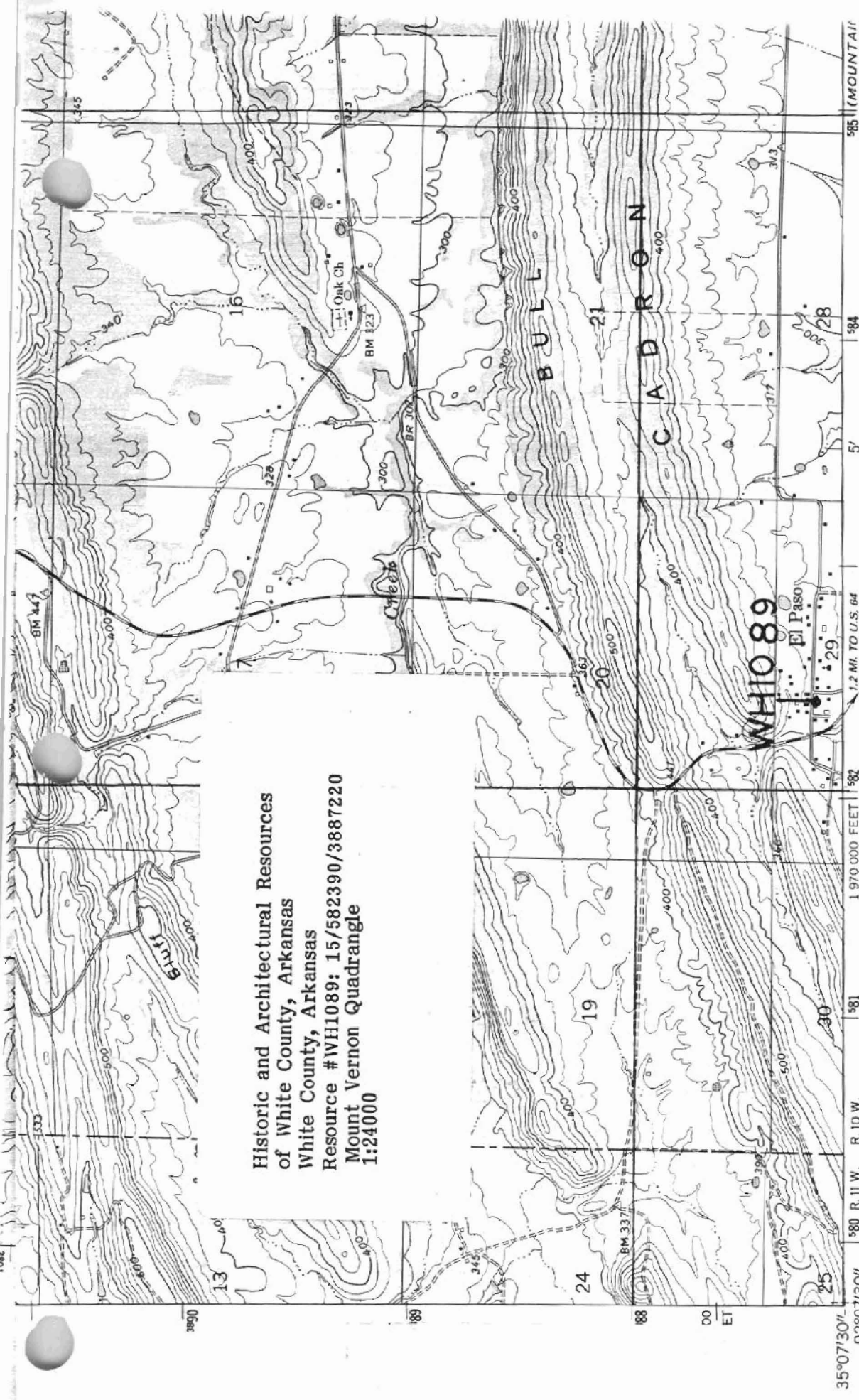
This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.











Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas
White County, Arkansas
Resource #WH1089: 15/582390/3887220
Mount Vernon Quadrangle
1:24000

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1963

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

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983

move the projection lines 7 meters south and 1.2 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

UTM GRID AND 1983 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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