

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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 Hale, Thomas Jefferson, General Merchandise Store

other names/site number Resource #WH1180

2. Location

street & number County Roads 62 and 433

☐ not for publication N/A

city, town Vinity Corner

☐ vicinity N/A

state Arkansas

code AR

county White

code 145

zip code N/A

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

1

Noncontributing

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

1

0

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, ArkansasNumber 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 80. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

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 NationalRegister. ☐ 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)

Commerce/Trade / Department Store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/ Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Rectangular Commercial Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls sheet metal

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

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1925

1925-1939

Significant Dates

N/A

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hale, Thomas Jefferson

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

Acreage of property _____

UTM References

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B   
Zone Easting Northing

D   

☒ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☒ See continuation sheet

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Description

Commercial buildings of the Boom and Bust Era (1914-1939) usually mirrored current architectural trends. White County builders during this period did not construct many high-style buildings; instead they borrowed architectural details from these styles to embellish their basically vernacular brick structures. The Thomas Jefferson Hale General Merchandise Store, however, is an exception, because it was--and still is--sided with sheet metal instead of the customary brick.

The Thomas Jefferson Hale General Merchandise Store is located on the southwest corner of County Roads 62 and 433, in what was originally a small crossroads community known as Vinity Corner. The building is one-story tall, of rectangular plan with a rear shed addition, and clad with sheet metal. Though it is currently unoccupied it is in fair condition. The storefront windows facing County Road 433 are three-pane fixed frame windows that flank the main double-door entry. Another single entry is located just east of the main entrance. A shed roof porch extends the length of the facade and is supported by wooden posts adorned with simple wooden brackets. The east elevation of the building's main block is fenestrated with a centrally placed double-sash pocket window. There is a shed roof addition on the building's south elevation. A single entrance relieves the east elevation of this portion of the building while single, three-over-three double-hung sash windows are present on the other two elevations. The bottom sash of the window on the south elevation has been boarded over. All elevations except the rear are covered by a flat roof with a parapet. The entire structure is supported by cast concrete piers.

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Significance

The original community of Vinity Corner dates back to the pre-Civil War era even though its name has been changed several times. From its initial settlement until the early 1900's, this community was located on the main thoroughfare to Des Arc. At this time, Des Arc, which is on the White River in Prairie County, was the closest source of dependable trade. Between 1899 and 1907, as well as between 1913 and 1918, Vinity Corner became so prosperous as to warrant having its own post office.

The Hale family was very prominent in the history of Vinity Corner. They moved to the area from Mississippi around 1860. Several Hale houses can still be found in the surrounding countryside although they date from a much later period. This family also lent its name to the town: for a short while, the town was known as Hale's Store.

When the Thomas Jefferson Hale building was constructed c. 1925, it was the main commercial building in this small community. It is also the only one that has survived. In fact, it is the only surviving commercial structure in the county that was originally clad with sheet metal. This building is the lone visual reminder of Vinity Corner's past prosperity.

These are the reasons why this building is being nominated under both Criterion A and C with local significance.

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UTM References:

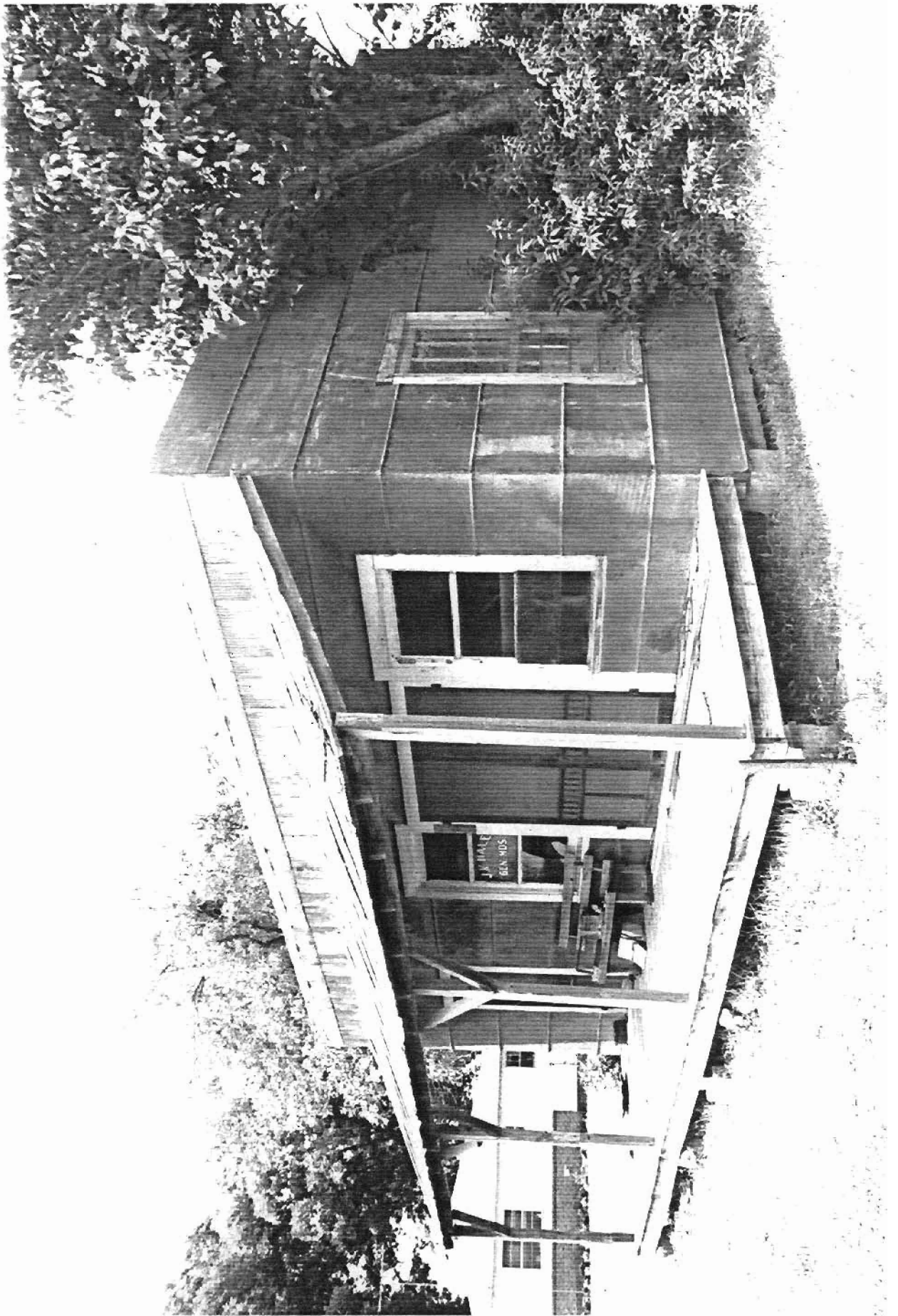
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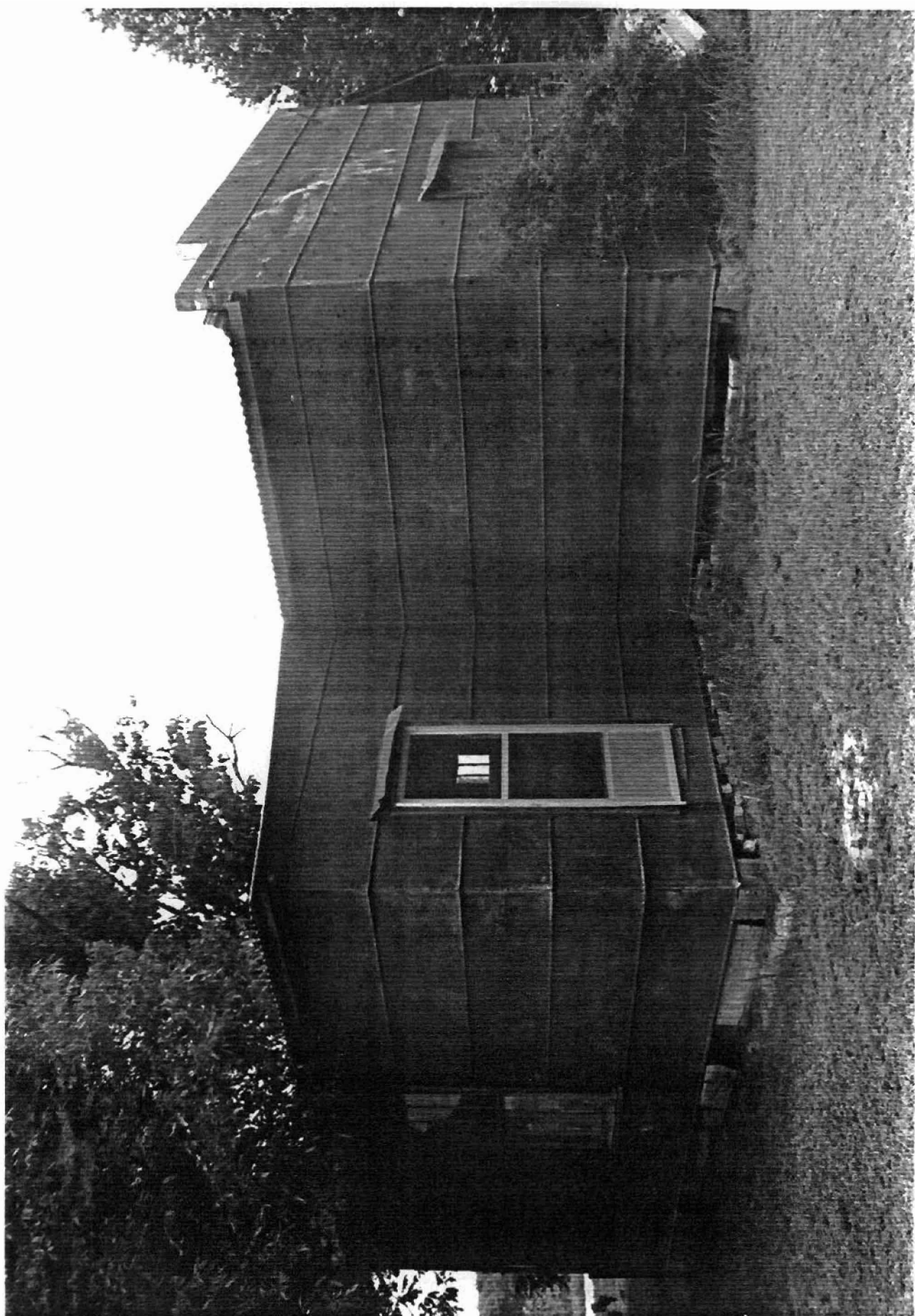
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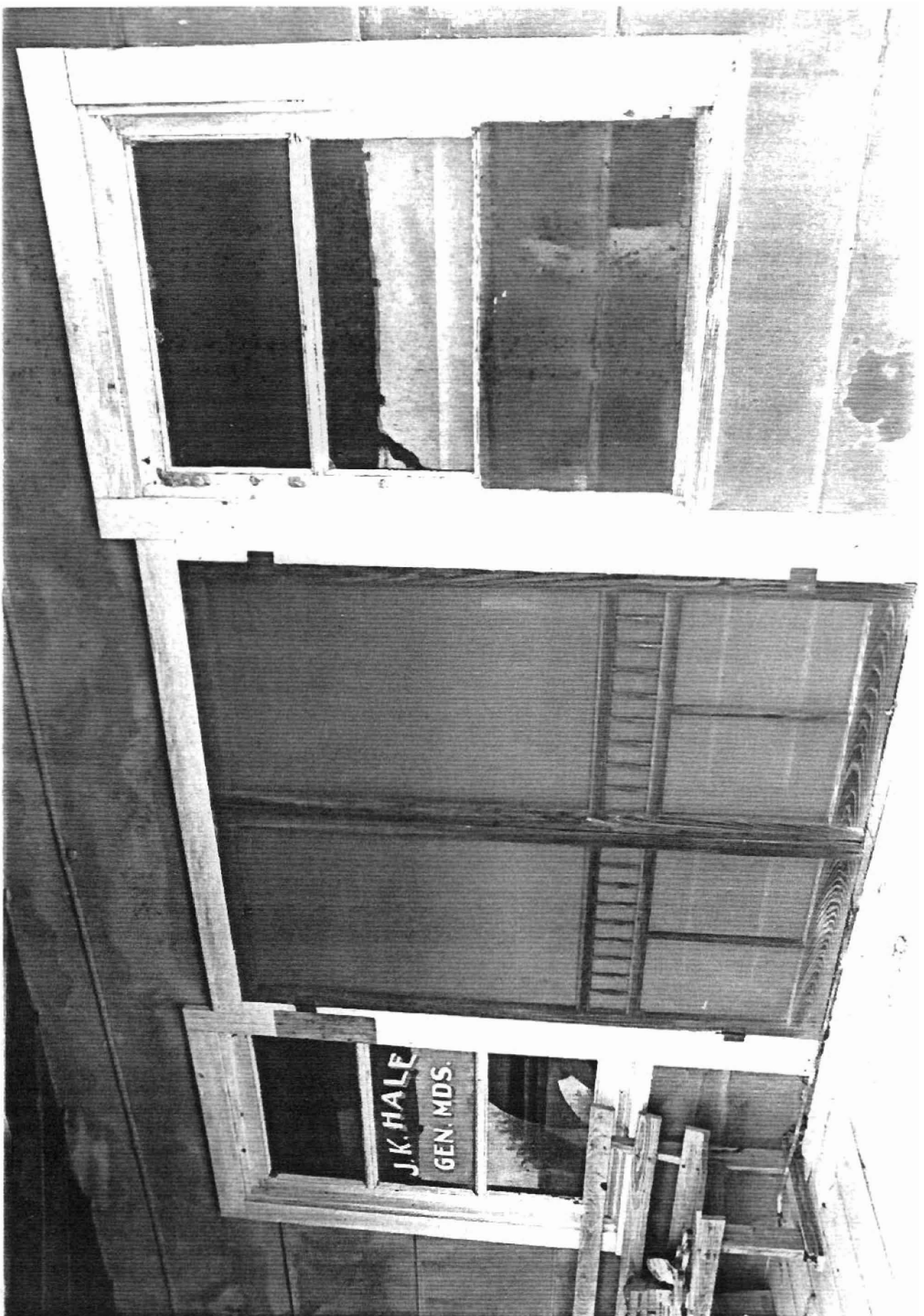
Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the southern edge of County Road 433 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the eastern elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the east thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed westerly 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 western elevation of the building; thence proceed northerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of County Road 433; thence proceed easterly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

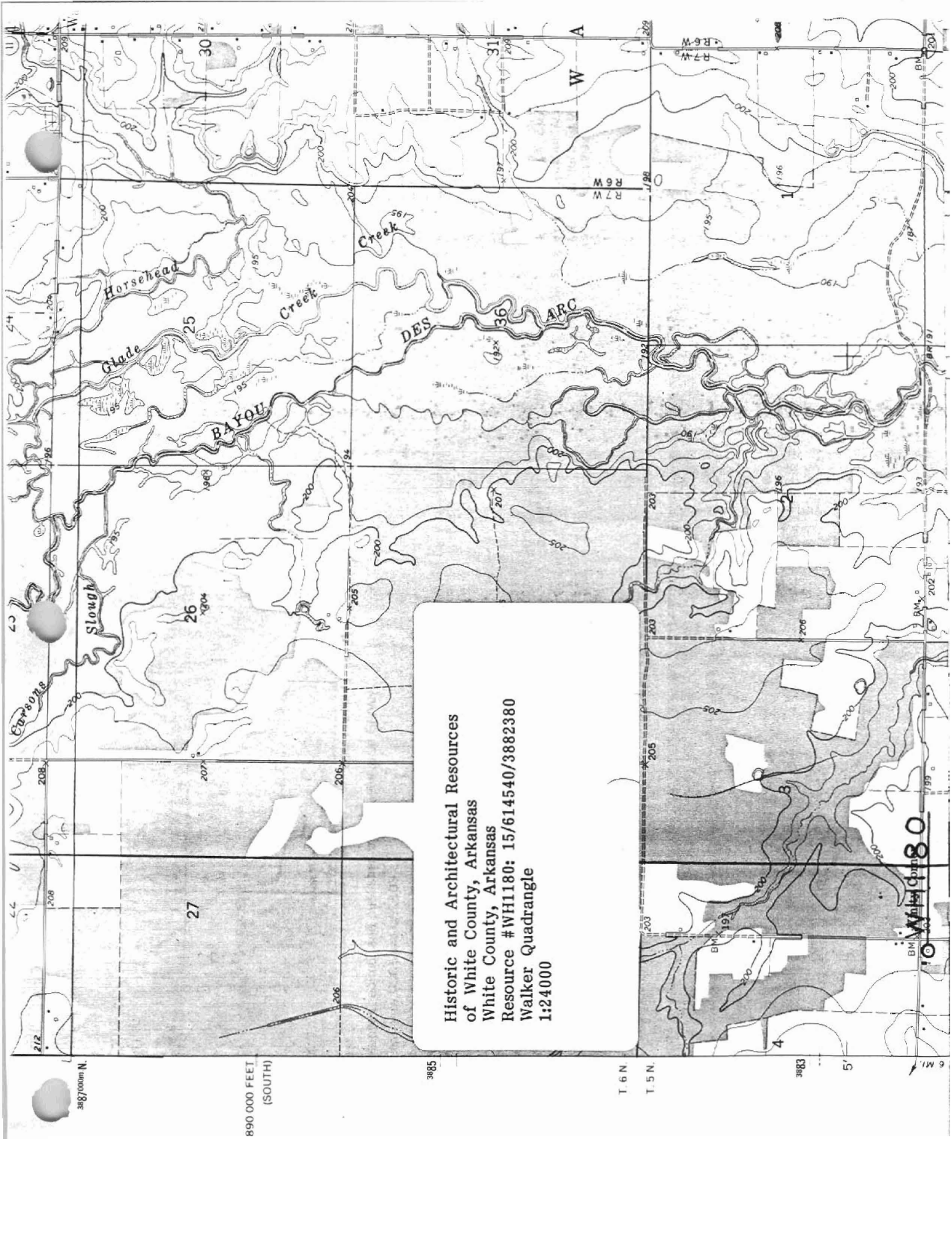
Boundary Justification:

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 #WH1180: 15/614540/3882380
Walker Quadrangle
1:24000

1180

Walker Quadrangle

6 Mi.

3887000m N.

890 000 FEET
(SOUTH)

3885

T. 6 N.

T. 5 N.

3883

5'