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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). 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 Smith, A.J., House  
other names/site number Resource # WH1191

2. Location

street & number State Road 385  not for publication N/A  
city, town Griffithville  vicinity N/A  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72060

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>      </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>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>1</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 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

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)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ T-Shaped

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt shingle

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. 1887

Significant Dates

c. 1887

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 (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**

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**

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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. Surviving examples from this period, however, are somewhat limited. The A.J. Smith House is a good example of a two-story, T-shaped building that is of frame construction and clad with weatherboard. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located on the east side of State Road 385 and less than one-half mile north of the intersection of State Roads 385 and 11, this building was constructed within the Griffithville city limits. The A.J. Smith House was constructed c. 1887 and is still in good condition. Its main, or west, elevation is dominated by a one-story porch that wraps around all three sides of the "T". The shed roof is supported by wooden box columns that are decorated with simple capitals. Single wooden doors enter the porch from the west elevation of the original building as well as from its southern elevation. The upper portions of all three original gable ends are adorned with returns while the ground floor of the original building has been clad with diagonally arranged dimensional lumber.

The fenestration found on both floors of the original structure consists of either single or pair symmetrically placed, one-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. A single brick chimney rises from the northern slope of the original gable roof.

All additions to this house are located on the eastern elevation of the building. The largest has a hipped roof, extends the full length of this elevation and is one-story in height. Fenestration consists of three one-over-one double-hung ribbon windows located on the south side of this addition; they are asymmetrically placed. The opposite side of this room has a single centrally placed one-over-one double-hung sash window. A shed roof screened porch is attached to the southeast portion of this addition. A smaller shed roof addition runs from the northern side of the screened porch to the end of the hipped roof addition. It is fenestrated with both single and ribbon windows that both consist of one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash.

Another one-story shed roof addition is attached to the northern portion of both the previously mentioned addition and the hipped roof addition. It is relieved only by a pair of centrally placed four-pane fixed frame windows found on its north elevation.

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## Significance

When this house was constructed, c. 1887, it was one of numerous T-shaped buildings built during the Railroad Era (1870-1914). Even though there are eighty-four of these buildings still left in the county very few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the A.J. Smith House. For this reason it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

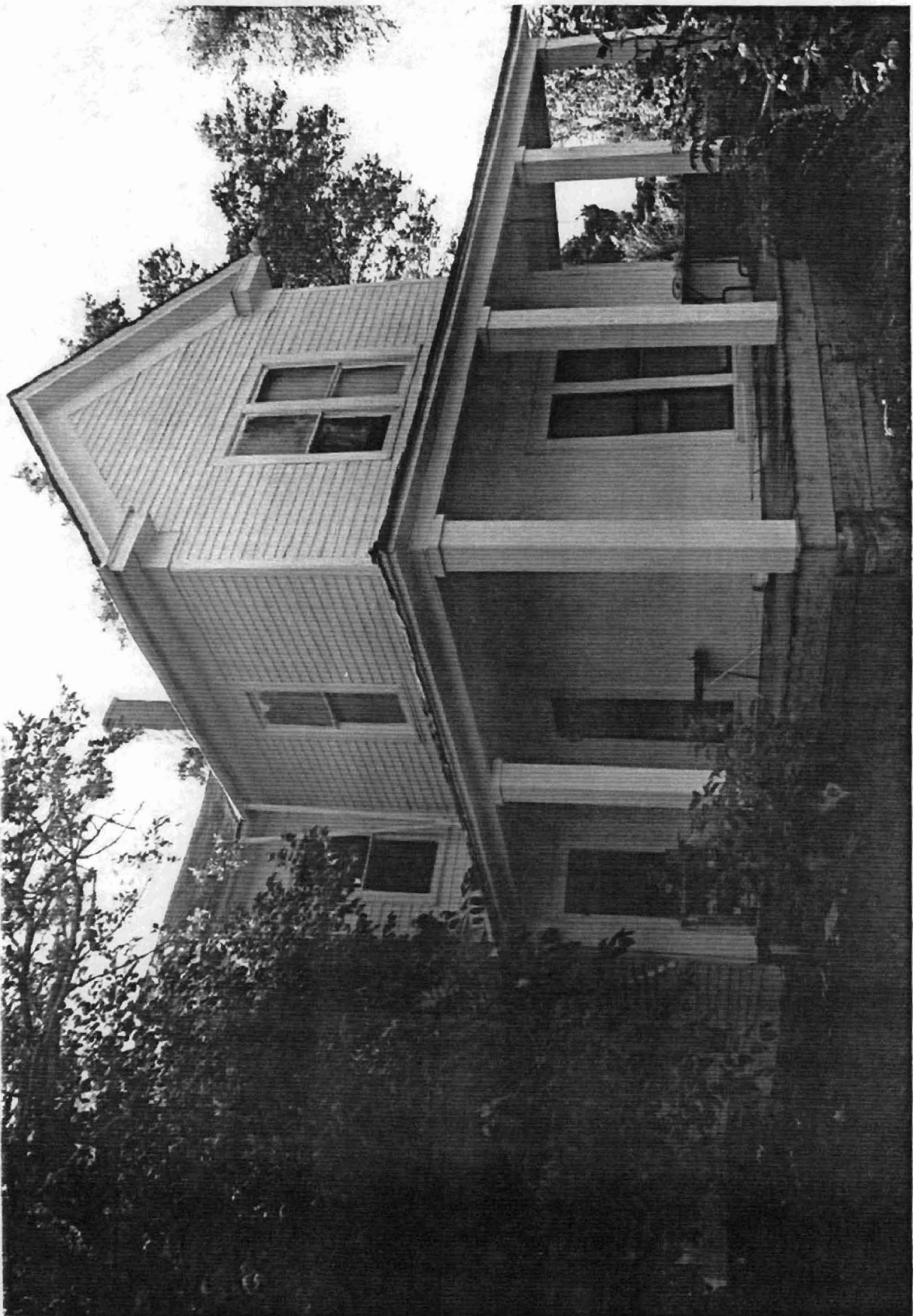
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Verbal Boundary Description:

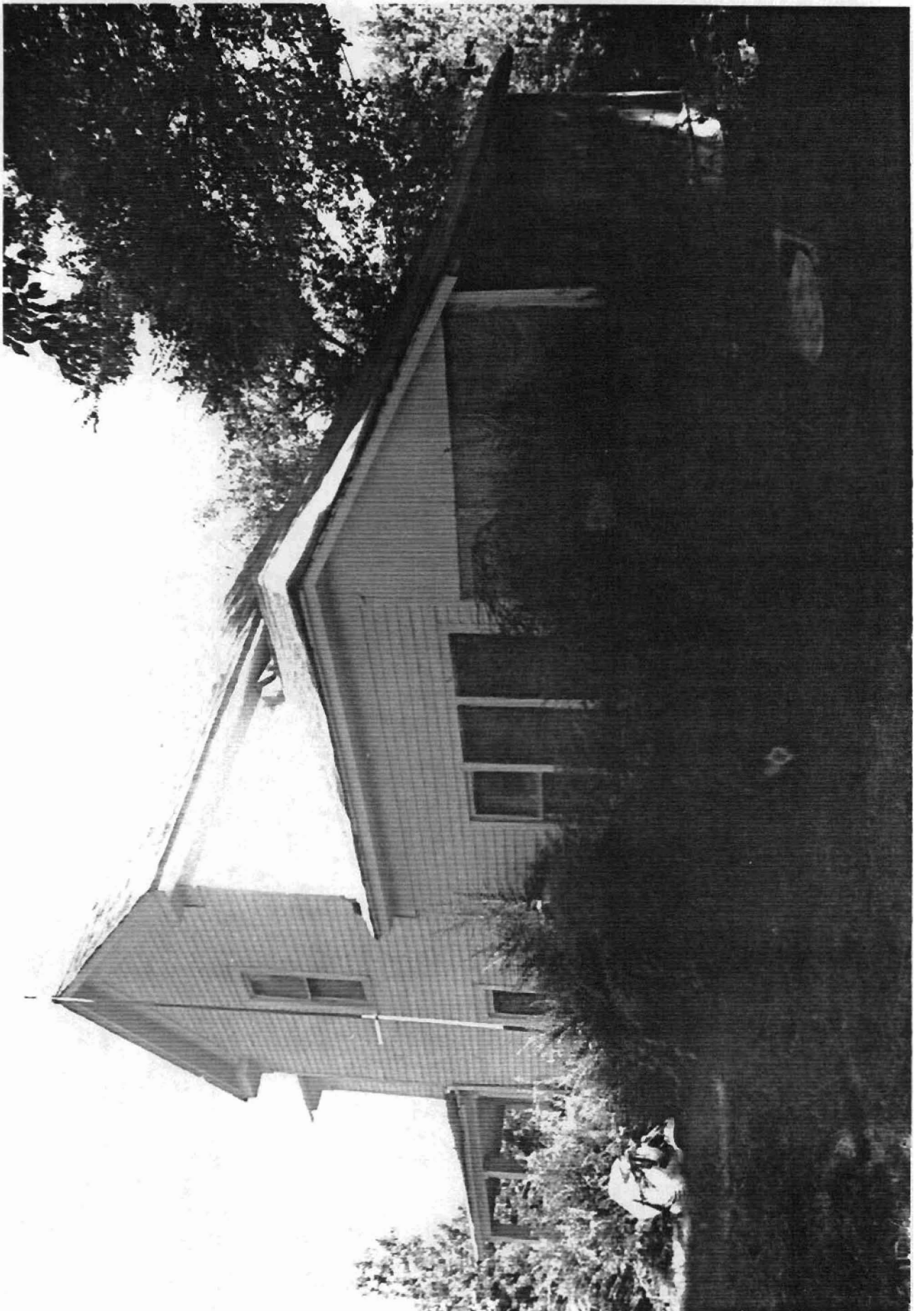
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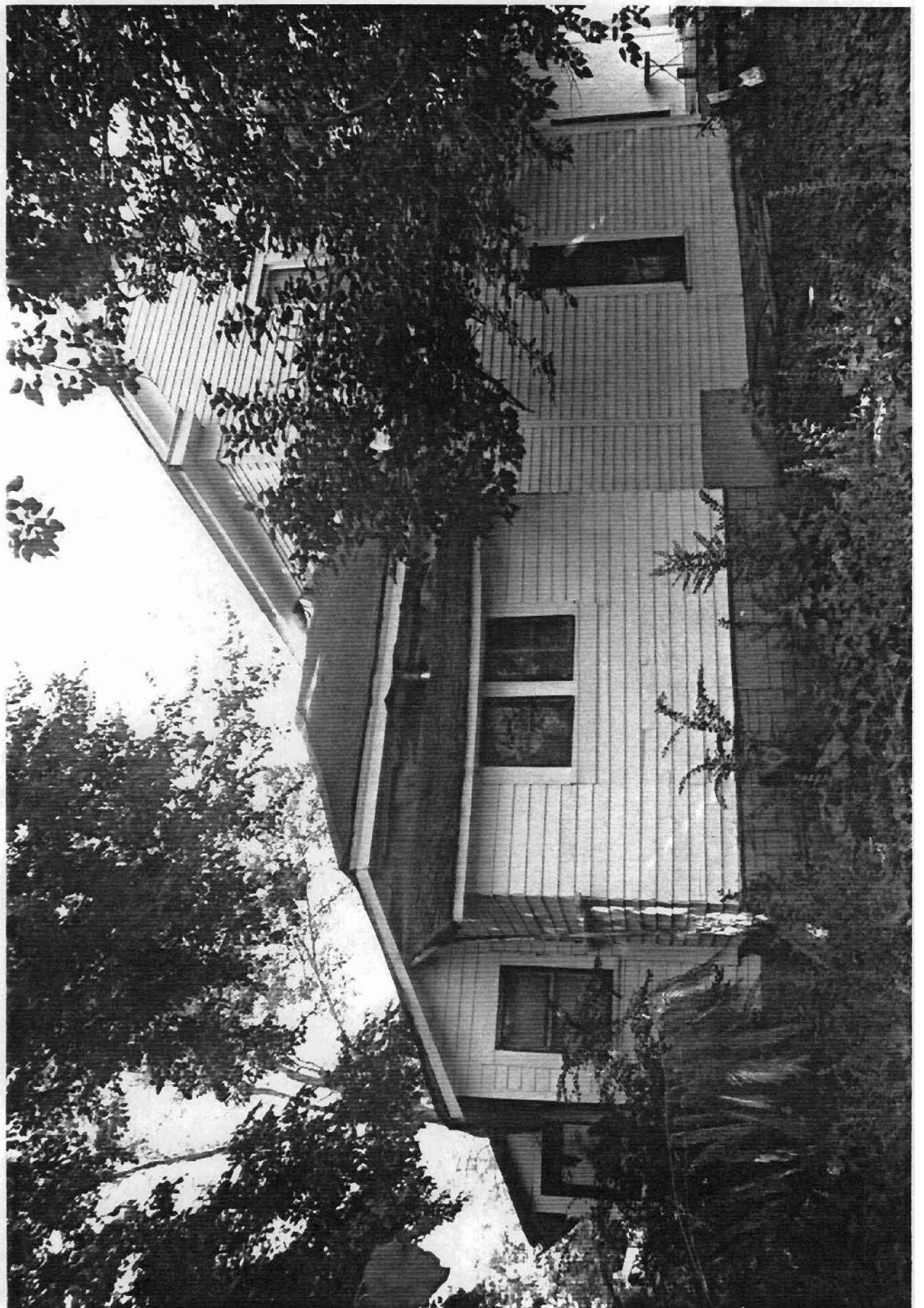
Boundary Justification:

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

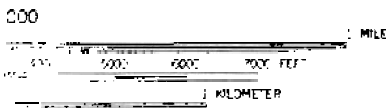
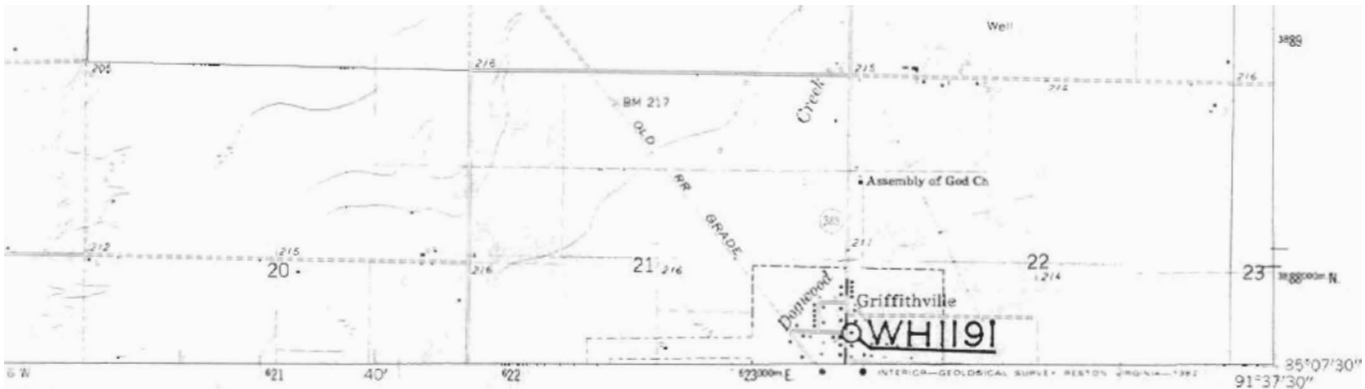
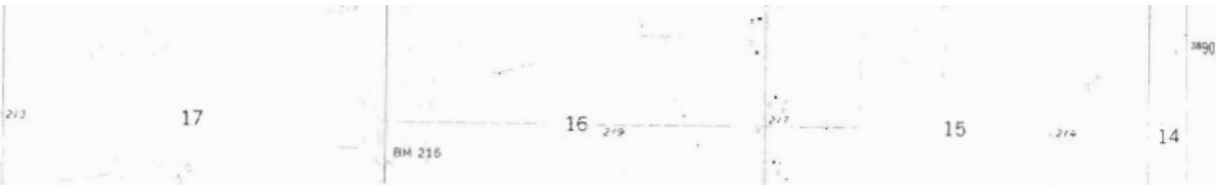








Historic and Architectural Resources  
 of White County, Arkansas  
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 Resource #WH1191: 15/623500/3887690  
 Kensett Quadrangle  
 1:24000



SCALE FEET  
 DATE: M OF 1929



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
 Heavy duty: ————  
 Medium duty: - - - - -  
 Light duty: . . . . .  
 Unimproved dirt: - - - - -  
 U.S. Route: (circle with line)  
 State Route: (circle with dot)

KENSETT, ARK.

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 4, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204  
 SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST