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# 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 Walker, Otha, Homestead  
other names/site number Resource #WH1259

### 2. Location

street & number State Road 36  not for publication N/A  
city, town West Point  vicinity  
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72178

### 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>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  
Signature of certifying official  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

5-13-90  
Date

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/ Double-Pile/ Central  
Hall

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls novelty siding

roof asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**B. 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. 1915

Significant Dates

c. 1915

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.

*criteria & considerations*

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**

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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Description

During the Boom and Bust Era (1914-1939) 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 Otha Walker House is a good example of a one and one-half story double-pile with enclosed central hall structure that is of frame construction and clad with novelty siding. The hipped roof is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers. This building is located on the south side of State Road 36 just southeast of West Point. The Otha Walker House was constructed c. 1915 and is in good condition.

Its main, or north elevation is dominated by a one-story porch that wraps around to the east side of the building. The shed roof of the porch is supported by simple wooden box columns. A single centrally placed door accesses the porch on the north elevation of the structure; this door is flanked by single sidelights over wooden kicks and capped by three transom lights. Single asymmetrically placed doors are found on the south and east elevations of the structure as well. Fenestration found on the north elevation of the structure consists of symmetrically placed one-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. Similar windows, although asymmetrically arranged, are found on the other three sides of the house. Small paired one-over-one aluminum sash windows have replaced the original ones on the south elevation of the structure. Single symmetrically placed hipped roof dormers are found on all four elevations of the structures. The dormers are relieved by pairs of two-over-two aluminum sash windows.

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## Significance

When this building was constructed (c. 1915) it was one of numerous double-pile with enclosed central hall buildings built during the Boom and Bust Era (1914-1939). There are only six of these structures extant in the county and the Otha Walker House is the only one that still retains much of its original integrity. Because of this, the Otha Walker House is significant for its contribution to the study of vernacular architecture, and is therefore being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

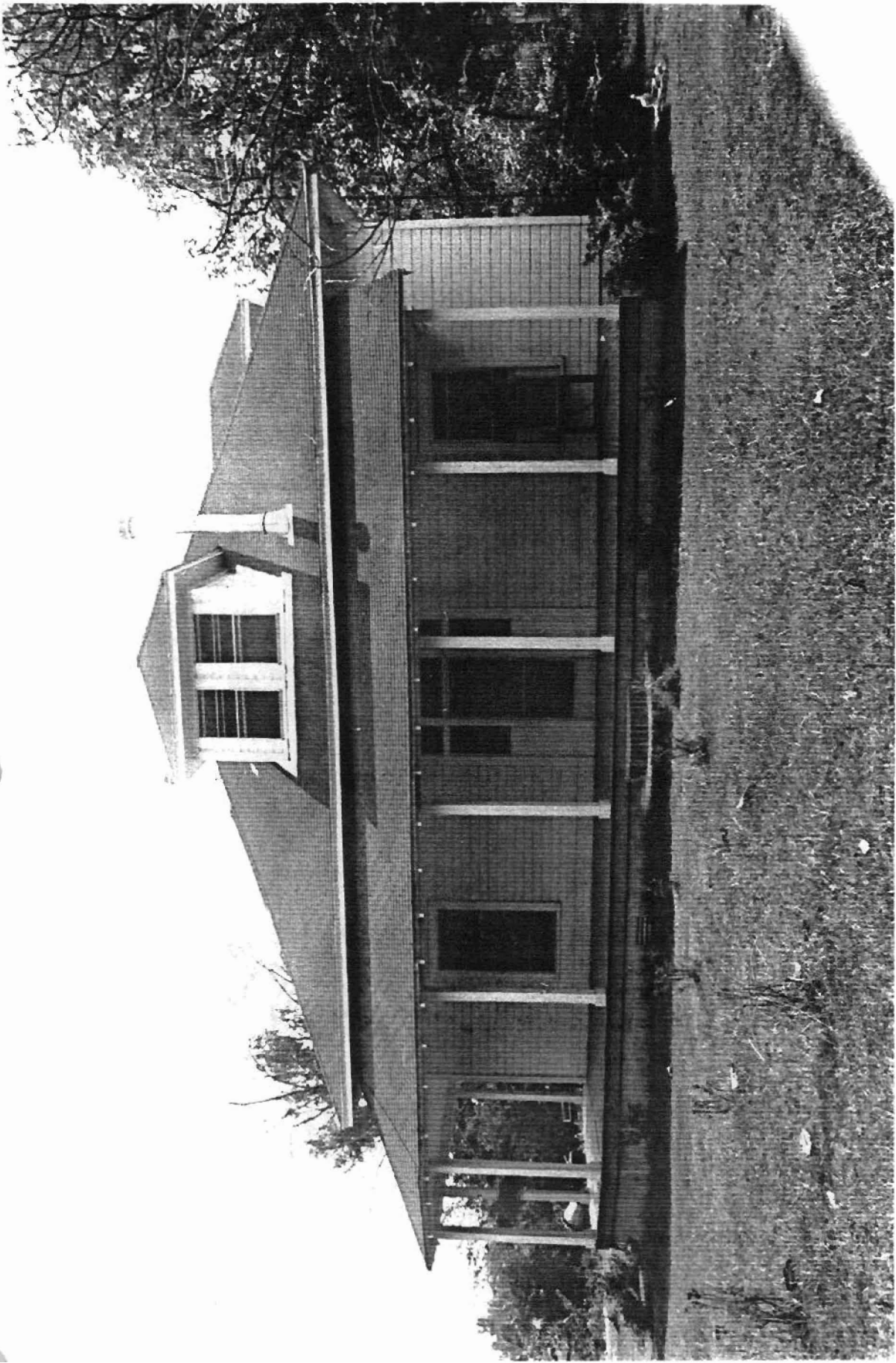
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Verbal Boundary Description:

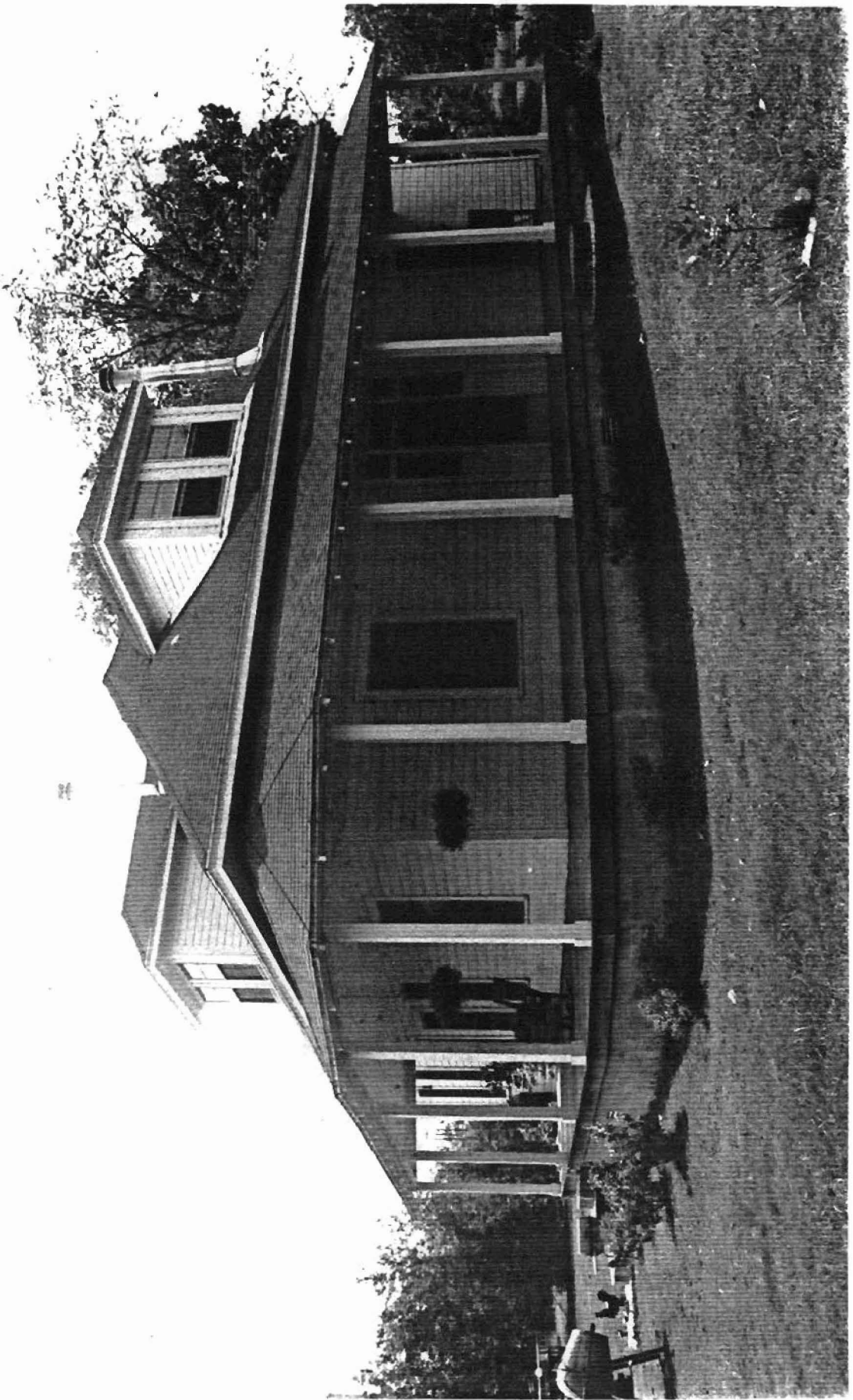
Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of a line running along the southern edge of State Highway 36 with a perpendicular line running parallel to the western elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the west thereof, proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southern elevation of the building; thence proceed easterly 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 eastern 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 State Highway 36; thence proceed westerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

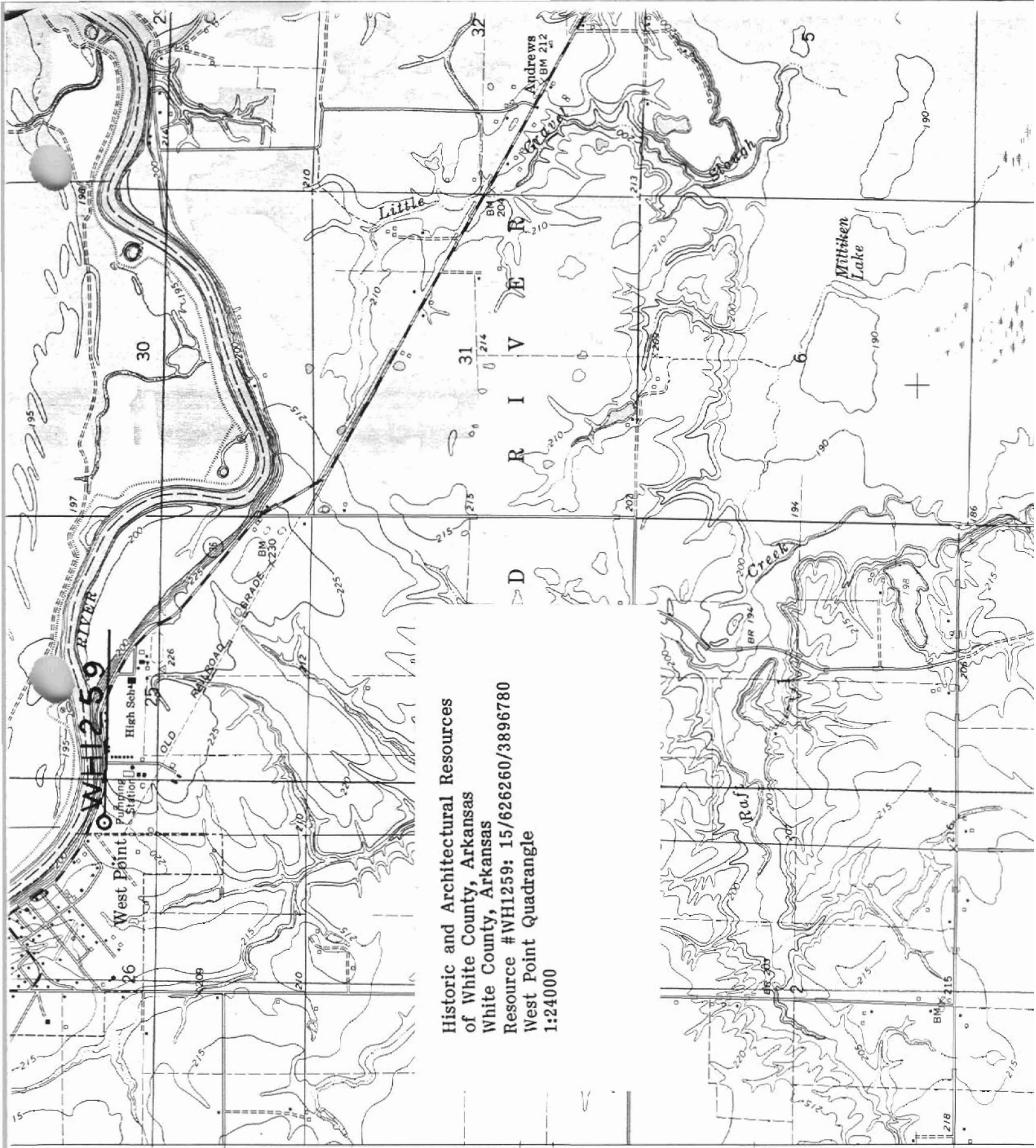
Boundary Justification:

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 #WH1259: 15/626260/3896780  
 West Point Quadrangle  
 1:24000

HIGGINSON 5 MI.

7654 II NW (KENSETT)

T. 7 N.  
T. 6 N.

10'