

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Stipe Cotton Gin

other name/site number: Beebe Cotton Gin/Resource #WH1393

2. Location

street & number: Florida and Cypress Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Beebe

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: White

code: AR 145

zip code: 72012

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
	<u> </u>	objects
	<u>1</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. Byrd
Signature of certifying official

6-27-92
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

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Industrial Sub: Cotton Gin

Current : Vacant Sub: Not in Use

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Industrial Vernacular

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Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Concrete roof Metal
walls Metal 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)

ACRICULTURE
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1930-1940
c. 1930

Significant Dates

N/A
N/A

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	

B

Zone	Easting	Northing	

C

Zone	Easting	Northing	

D

Zone	Easting	Northing	

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description _____

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification _____

See continuation sheet

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Description

Cotton gins are directly involved in the processing of cotton. Because utility and efficient operation are their primary concerns, they are generally void of stylistic detailing. Their importance, however, lies within their function.

The Stipe Cotton Gin is no exception to this. It is a two-story, cross-gable roofed, rectangular, steel frame structure, sheathed in corrugated metal, which houses the compressor essential to the processing of cotton. The compressor is a steam-powered baling device which pressed the cotton into five hundred pound bales which were then ready for shipment.

Attached to the west elevation of the structure is a one-story, shed roofed drive which encloses the scales which were used to determine the weight of the bales of cotton. Just north of the scales is a structure the original use of which is unknown. Because of its proximity to the main building, it is assumed that this structure was used as a chute which dispensed cotton by-products to waiting vehicles. This structure is circular in shape and constructed of riveted sheet metal. It is supported by a steel frame. Fenestration on this side of the structure consists of nine-pane fixed frame windows as well as six-pane awning windows.

A one-story, shed roofed drive runs the entire width of the north elevation. Located above the shed roof are two, six-pane awning windows while two sliding, corrugated metal doors are located below it. Fenestration on the east elevation is similar to that of the west.

A sheet metal pipe connects the main building with the boiler which is located to the north across Cypress St. This circular structure is constructed of riveted sheet metal and rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation. The boiler provided steam power for the machinery within the cotton gin building. Southeast of the main building is the Seed Hopper. The two original hoppers have been replaced but the steel frame supports still remain intact.

The Seed Storage Building lies to the east of the main building. This one-and-one-half-story, frame, single crib with side drives is clad with corrugated metal and is largely intact. It rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation. All windows, and most door openings, have been covered up with plywood. The boiler and its associated chute, and the Seed Storage Building are both contributing, resulting in a total of three contributing resources within the complex. The Seed Hopper, because it has largely been replaced, is non-contributing.

While this complex is currently abandoned it is still in good condition.

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Significance

Around 1930, when this gin was constructed, all harvested cotton from local farmsteads was brought here for initial processing. During this period, cotton was the predominant crop in White County and it was one of the top cotton producing counties in the state. The Stipe Cotton Gin is but one of only five historic cotton gin complexes remaining in the county which date from this prosperous period. This cotton gin is significant also because of the role it played in the development and history of the surrounding community. Much of the agricultural potential of the surrounding area was realized through the operation of this facility. This gin served the needs of not only the residents of Beebe but the surrounding areas as well.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References

A 15/602280/3880950

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northeastern edge of Florida Street with a perpendicular line running parallel to the southeastern elevation of the associated Seed Storage Building and located approximately 50 feet to the southeast thereof, proceed northeasterly 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 northeastern elevation of the Seed Storage Building; thence proceed northwesterly 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 northwestern elevation of the associated Boiler; thence proceed southwesterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northeastern edge of Florida Street; thence proceed southeasterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

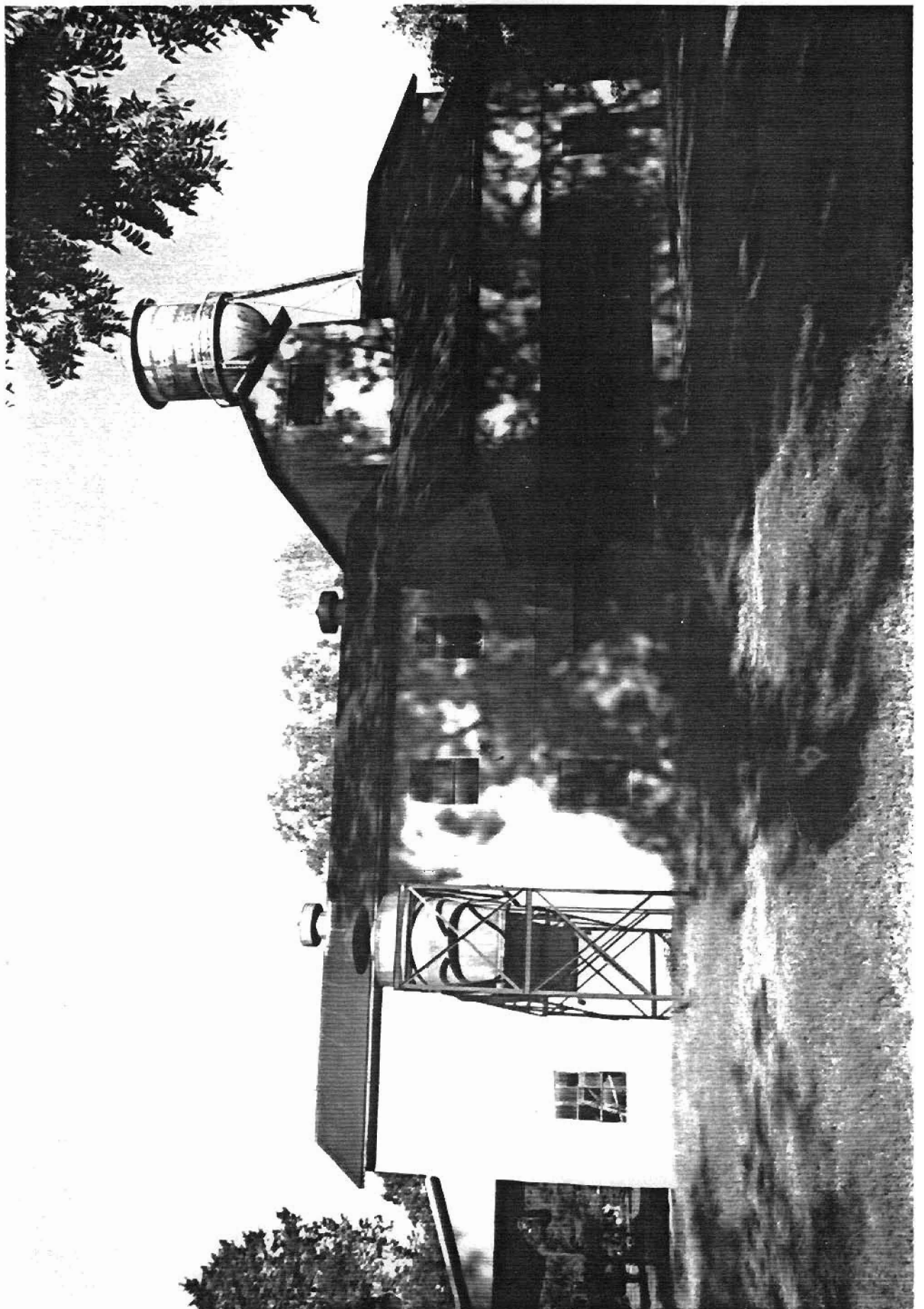
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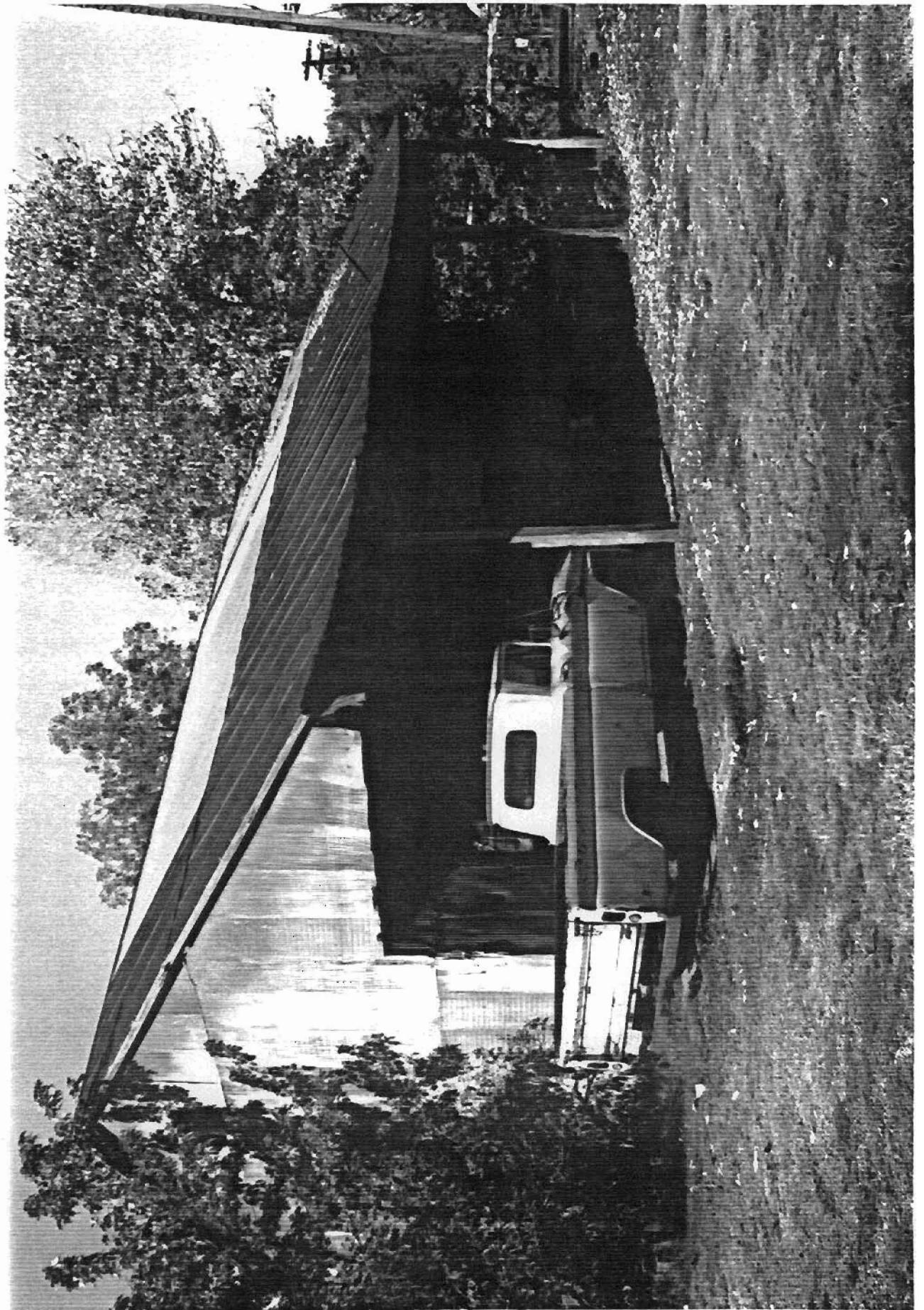
The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

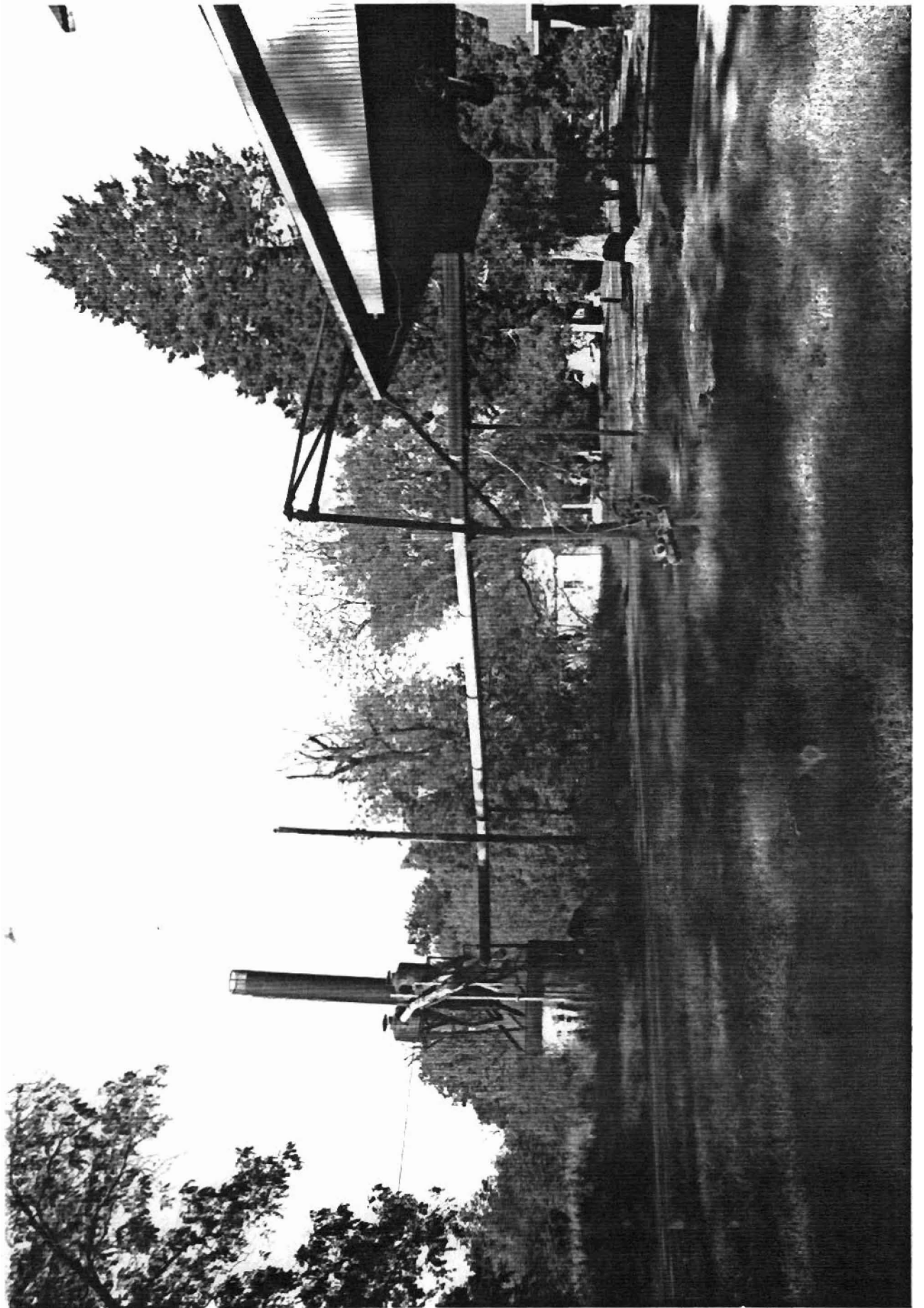


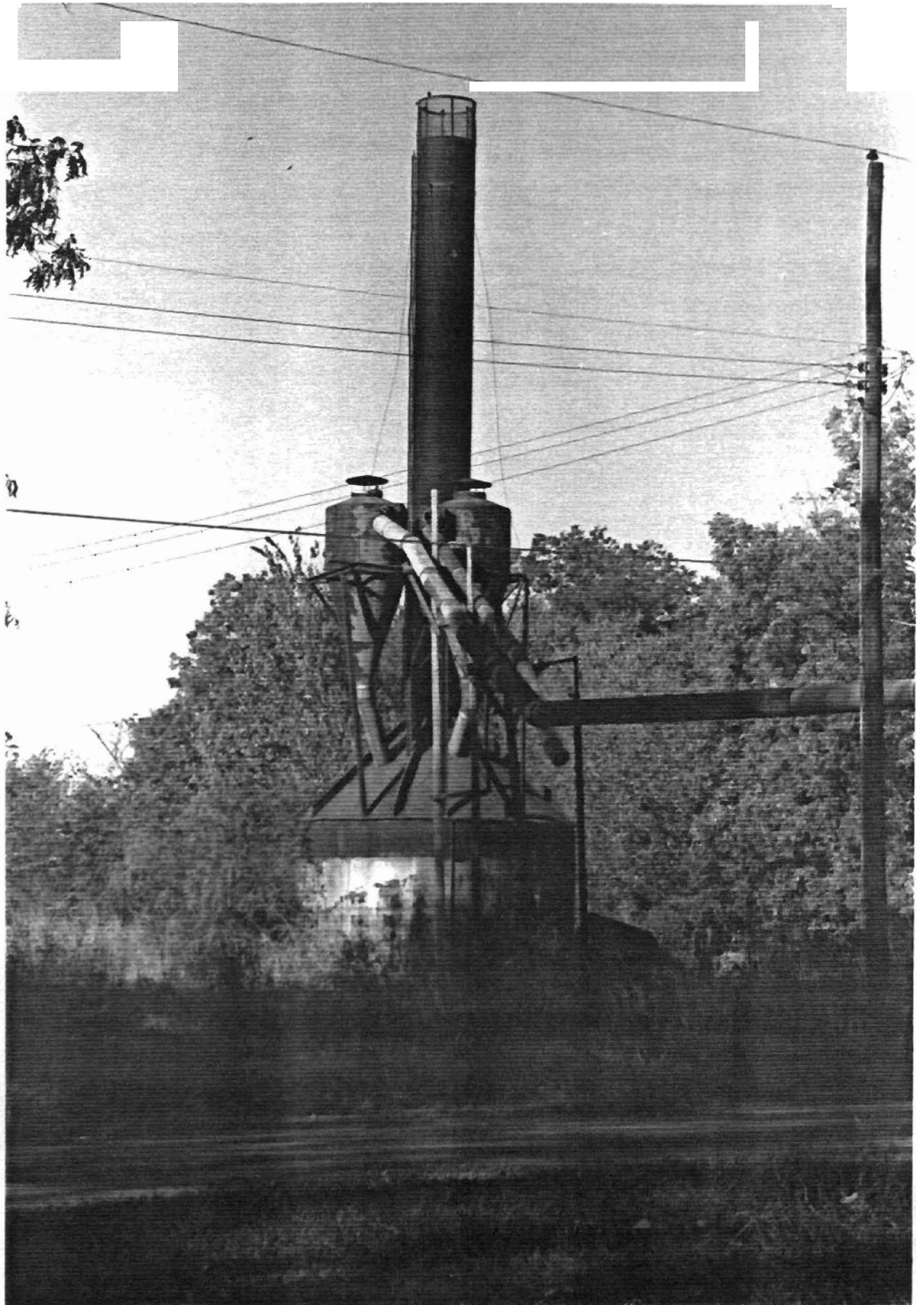
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WH1596: 15/602400/3880180

WH1393: 15/602280/3880950

WH1380: 15/602040/3881290

WH1381: 15/602080/3881260

WH1368: 15/602510/3881300

WH1449: 15/602250/3881450

WH1536: 15/601750/3881490

WH1443: 15/601580/3880960

WH1587: 15/602400/3880180

Beebe Quadrangle

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