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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 Laws-Jarvis House
other names/site number Resource #WH1396

2. Location

street & number 409 North Main Street not for publication N/A
city, town Beebe vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72012

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> objects
			<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 1986, 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 6-29-90
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: Ell-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. 1880

Significant Dates

c. 1880

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

Acres of property _____

UTM References

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

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 Laws-Jarvis House is a fine example of a one-story ell-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 a brick foundation.

Located at 409 N. Main Street, this building was constructed less than four blocks northwest of Beebe's Missouri-Pacific Railroad depot. The Laws-Jarvis House was constructed c. 1880, and is still in good condition. Its main, or east, elevation is dominated by a central one-bay gable roof porch. The porch roof is supported by slender wooden columns capped with simple wooden capitals. The entry into the central hall consists of a single door flanked by three-pane arched sidelights with wooden kicks capped by a four-pane transom. Other doors on the original structure are located on the west and south elevations; the former is symmetrically placed while the latter is not. All windows on the original building are symmetrically arranged and consist of either single or paired four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows with pedimented lintels.

Other architectural details found on the building consist of a wide frieze board not only on the main building itself but in the gable end of the portico as well, and gable returns on both the north and south elevations. There are three brick chimneys found on this structure only one of which appears to be original. The large corbelled brick chimney located where the two parts of the original building intersect appears to be original. A smaller brick chimney rises from the gable peak just west of this chimney. A small brick chimney is located on the exterior of the southwest portion of the original building.

A gable roof room is attached to the westernmost portion of the rear-ell; it is not clear if this room is original or not. Its north and west elevations are fenestrated with pairs of four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows that are capped with pedimented lintels; these are similar to ones found on the rest of the structure. An open shed roof porch originally stretched along the south side of the rear-ell. This has since been enclosed; the western part has been screened in while a single asymmetrically placed four-pane fixed frame window relieves the rest of the former porch.

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Significance

While it is unclear of the role Laws played in the community a clue is offered from the location of his house on N. Main Street. This area is known locally as "Silk Stocking Row". It can therefore be assumed that he was rather wealthy. The next owner of the house, Ben Jarvis, upheld the tradition associated with this street; he was a long time mayor of Beebe.

When this house was constructed, c. 1880, it was built with the then common floorplan of a central hall and a rear-ell. Even though there are forty-one ell-shaped buildings dating to the Railroad Era (1870-1914) still left in the county very few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the Laws-Jarvis House. For this reason it is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acres of property: Less than one

UTM References:

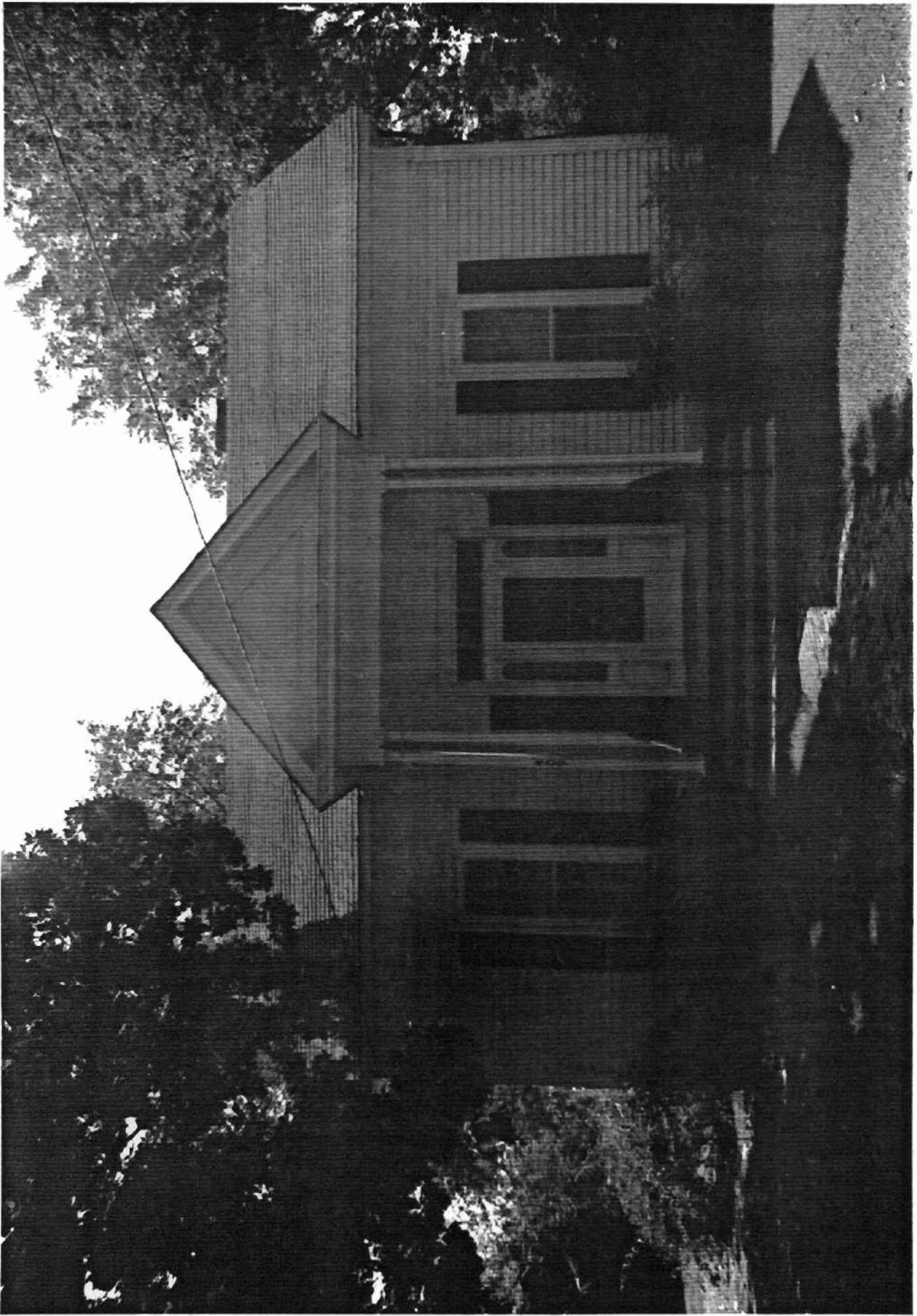
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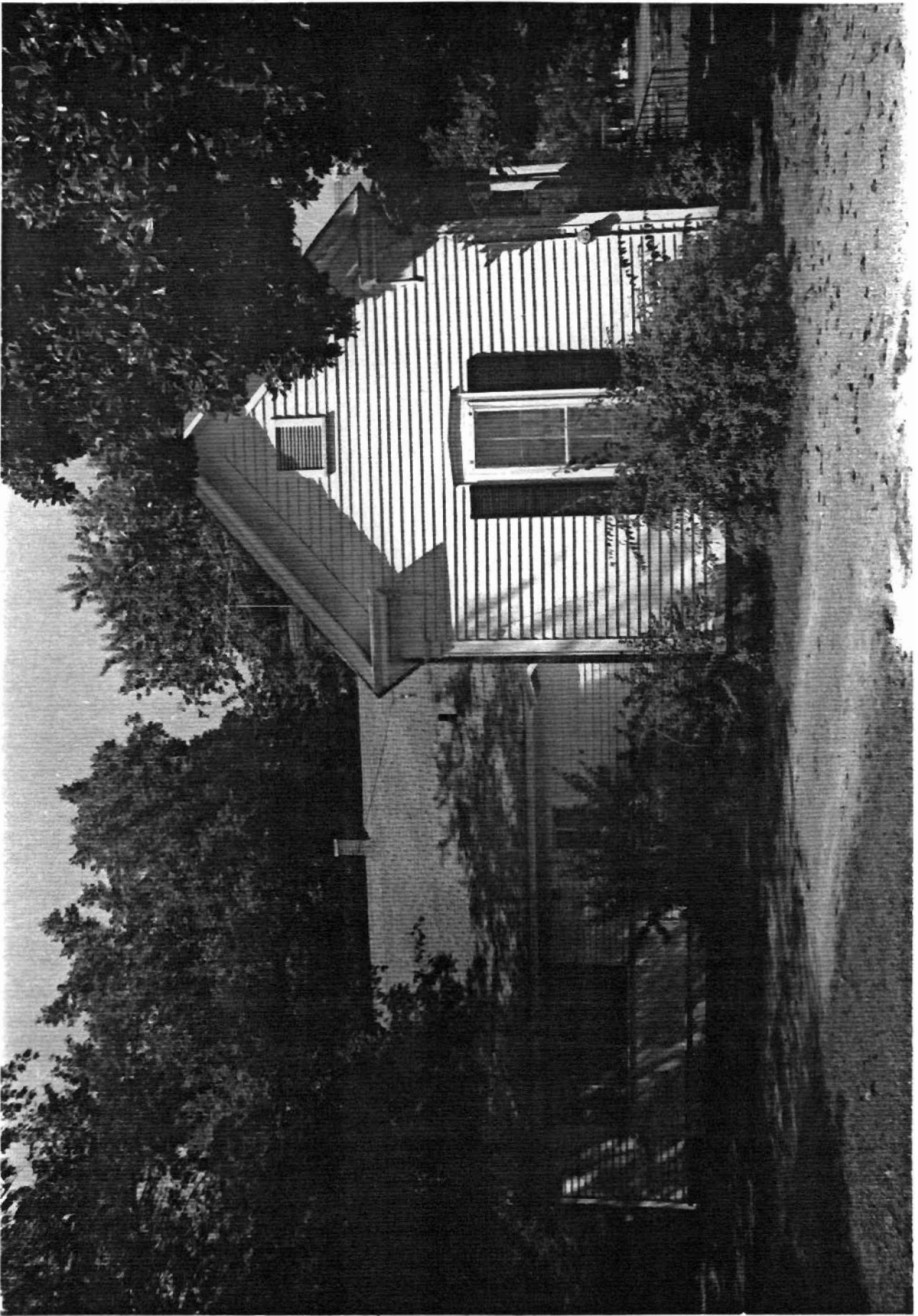
Verbal Boundary Description:

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

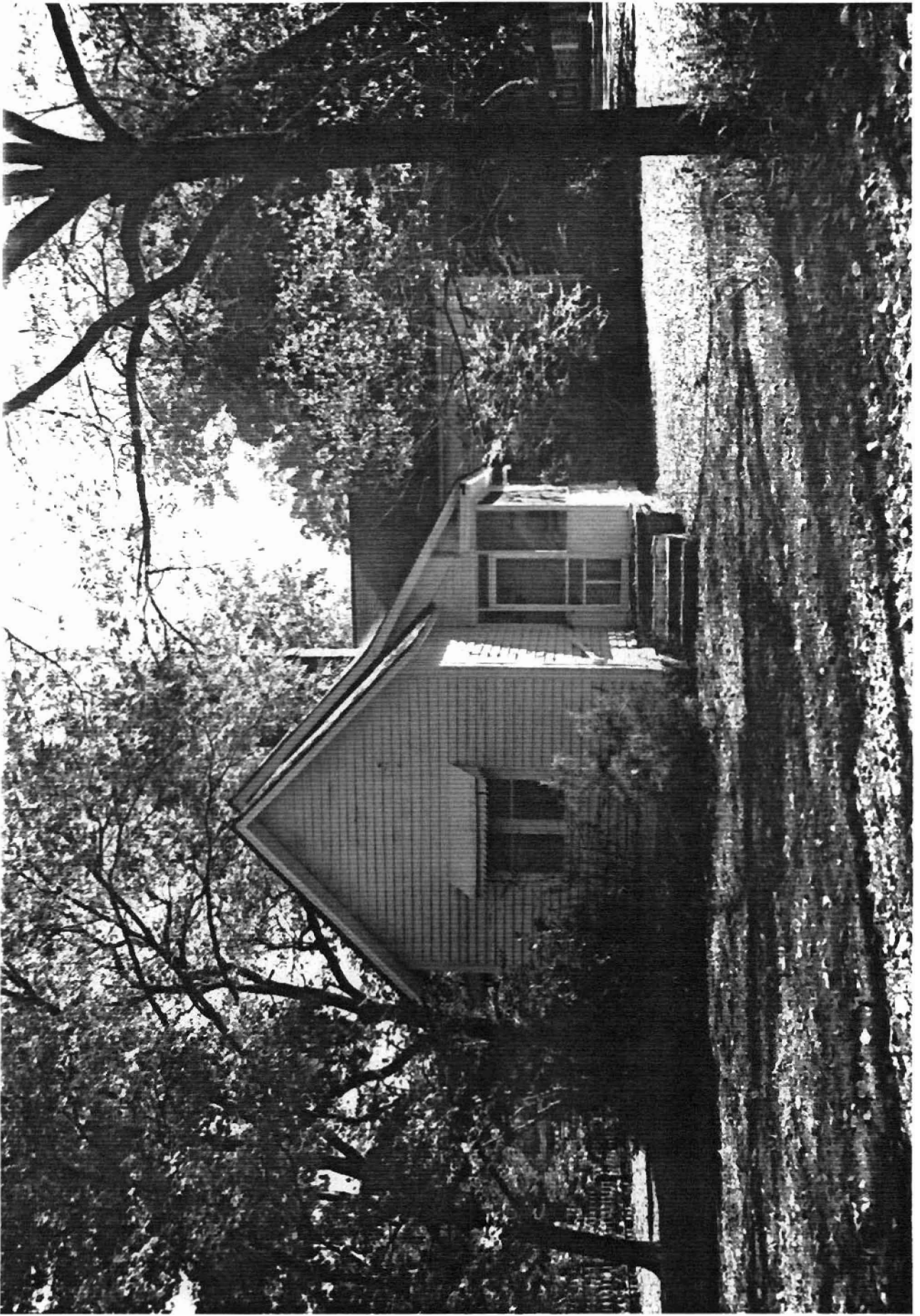
Boundary Justification:

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 Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas
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- Resource # WH1594: 15/602560/3880750
WH1497: 15/601210/3880950
WH1503: 15/601420/3881000
WH1508: 15/601350/3881050
WH1489: 15/601460/3881490
WH1446: 15/601830/3881340
WH1400: 15/602000/3881560
WH1357: 15/602180/3881280

WH1396: 15/601950/3881490

Beebe Quadrangle

1:24000

