

*NR Listed 7/11/92*

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Childers Farmstead

other name/site number: Resource #WH1631

2. Location

street & number: \_\_\_\_\_

not for publication: N/A

city/town: McRae

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: White

code: AR 145

zip code: 72102

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	_____	buildings
<u>1</u>	_____	sites
<u>3</u>	_____	structures
	_____	objects
	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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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. Byford  
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

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**National Park Service Certification**

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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

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  See continuation sheet.

Materials: foundation Brick Novelty Siding other Asphalt Shingle roof

Other Description:

Architectural Classification:  
Other: Vernacular/Greek Revival/  
Craftsman

7. Description

Current : Vacant

sub: Not in Use

Historic: Domestic

sub: Single Dwelling

6. Function or Use

**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. 1925  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c. 1925  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

The Childer's Farmstead consists of three associated buildings: the main house, a Delco house, and a large barn. However, it is the design of the residence for which this property is being nominated.

The Childer's Farmstead house is a single story, wood frame vernacular residence. A hipped roof covers the double pile/central hall house and an original shed roof porch shelters the northern or front entrance. A single brick chimney is placed near the southwest corner of the house and outside what was formerly the rear wall of the house; it has since been extended by a full-length shed roof porch which is enclosed at this corner. The house is covered with a composition shingle roof, sheathed in novelty siding, and supported by brick piers.

The northern or front elevation is dominated by the three-quarter length, shed roof porch, the pitch of which is continuous with that of the hipped roof behind. The wall beneath is symmetrically arranged, with a central entrance flanked by two pair of three-over-one Craftsman windows. The entrance features a single-leaf door flanked by unusual half-sidelights. The vertical panes are set into a frame -- the lower half of which features three square recessed panels with raised centers -- which is hinged so that the entire frame swings inward, including the panelled section. The door and sidelights are recessed by simply panelled dividers which frame the entire entry. The door is lighted with four vertical panes in its upper half and three horizontal wood panels below. The porch ceiling is finished in narrow flush planks and supported on simple solid wood posts. The southern elevation is similar in its use of a shed roof porch, though on this elevation it is full-length with an enclosed room at the western end. It appears as if the open section was enclosed also at one point, though any wall which may have existed is now gone. The currently enclosed section is fenestrated with a single central three-over-one window. The wall beneath the porch features a central window and a doorway to the east.

The eastern and western elevations are very similar, with each featuring a pair of three-over-one wood sash windows to the north and another pair of smaller fixed windows to the south. The only exception is that the western elevation also features a three-over-one wood sash window in the enclosed room to the south.

The interior has been modified only in the addition of a bath at the end of the central hall, a change almost certainly made when the rear (southern) shed roof addition was built.

Also included in the nomination are a small, gable roof Delco house, which provided electricity to the house before commercial electricity became available, and a large, gable roof barn.

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Significance

The Childer's Farmstead house is a remarkable example of a Greek Revival farmhouse design -- complete with appropriate floor plan, entrance, and window placement -- surviving into the first quarter of the twentieth century. Even more unusual is the adornment of this *retarditaire* design with relatively new, Craftsman details. It is possible that a member or members of the Childer family had been raised in a house like this, though so little is known about this family that this is impossible to document. Nevertheless, the Childer's Farmstead stands as a mute testimonial to the endurance of this tradition well into the twentieth century.

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Acreege of property: Approximately seven acres

UTM References

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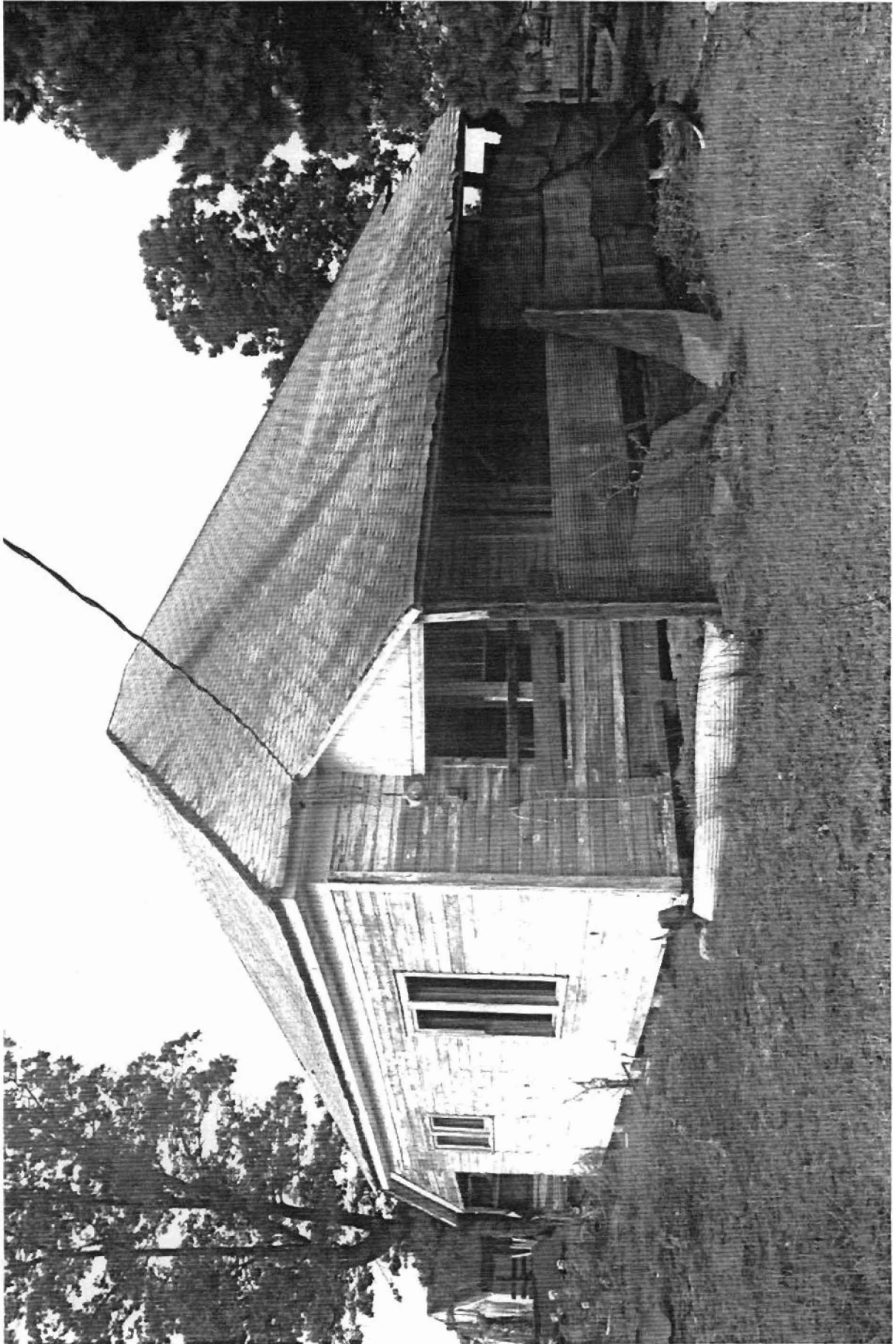
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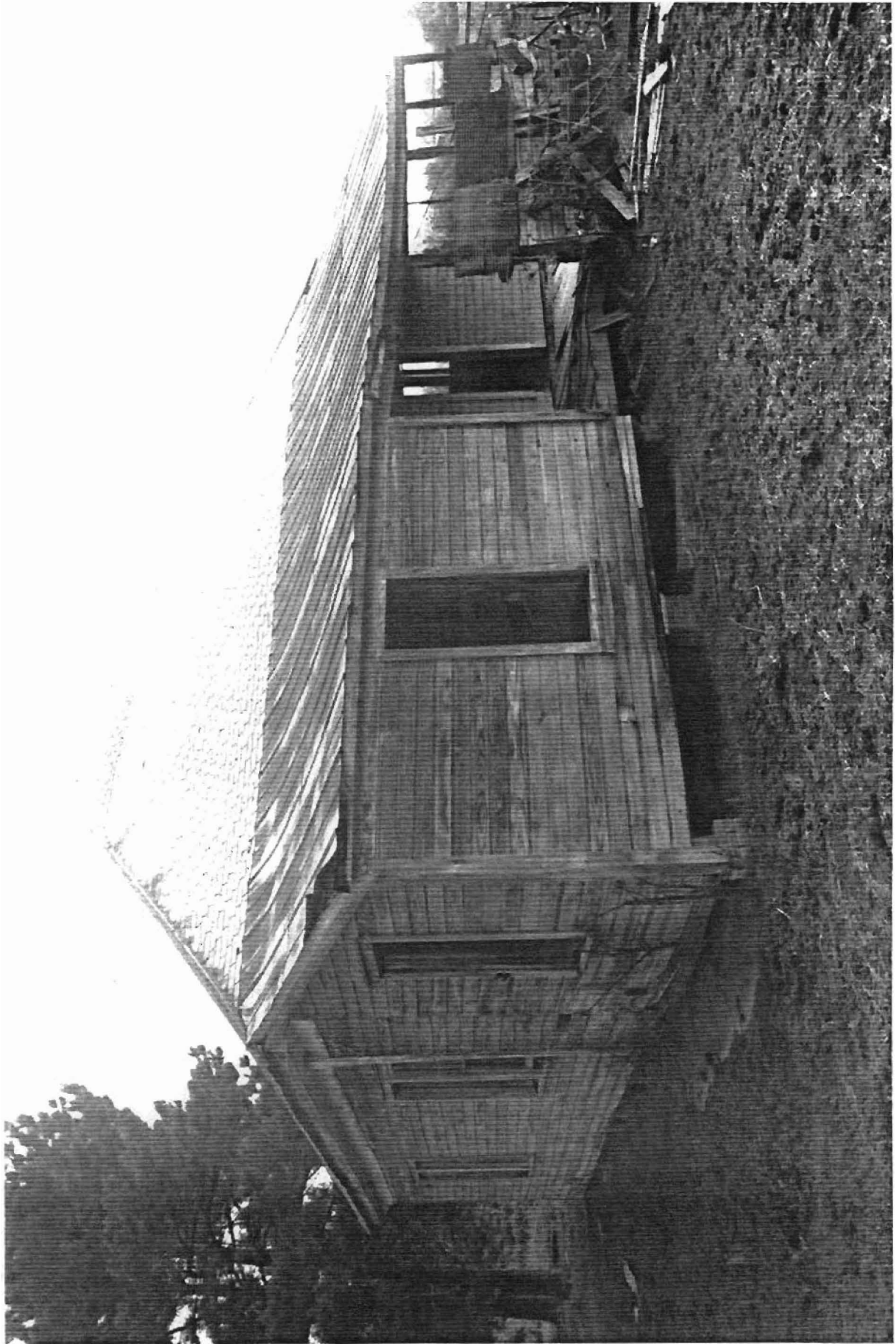
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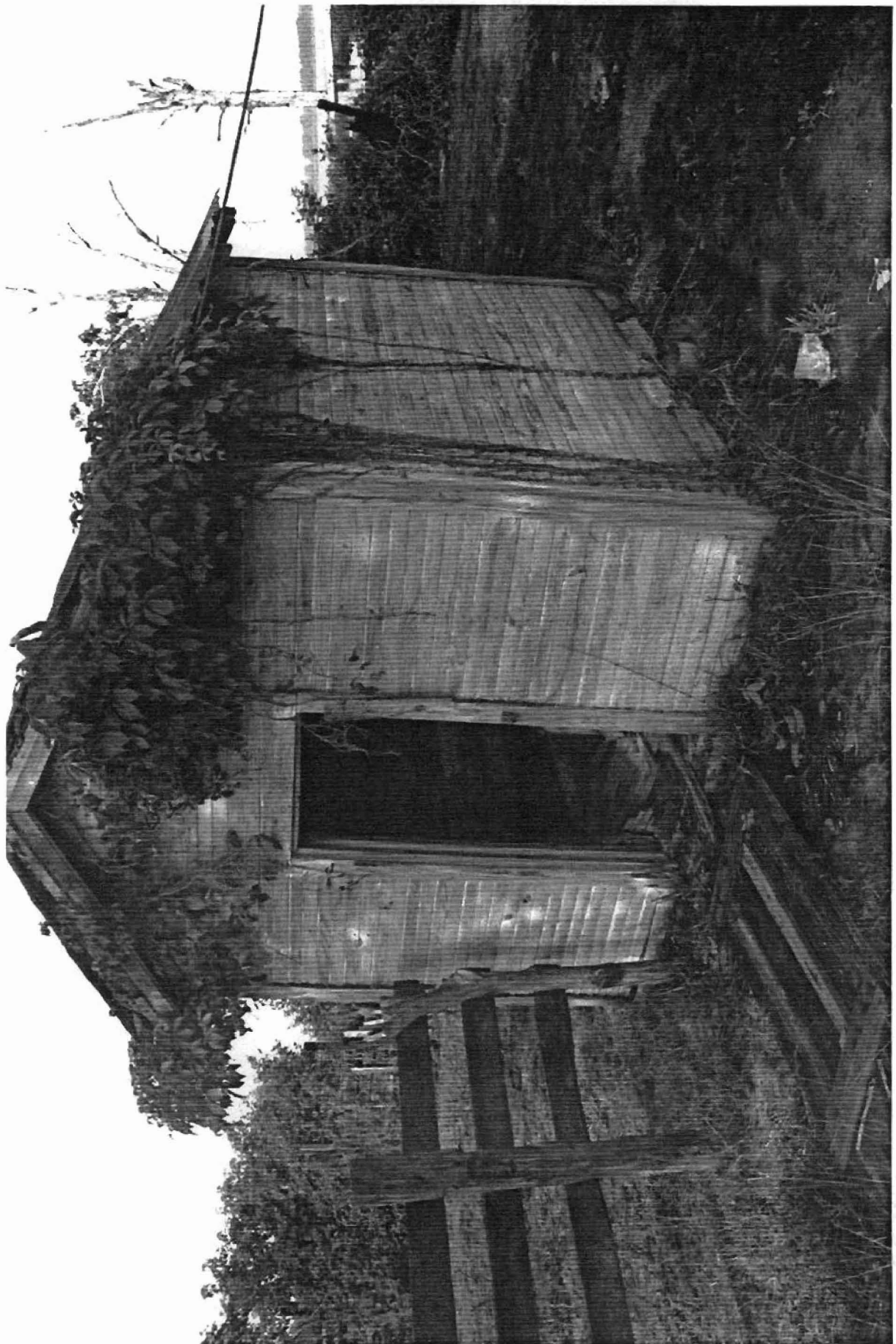
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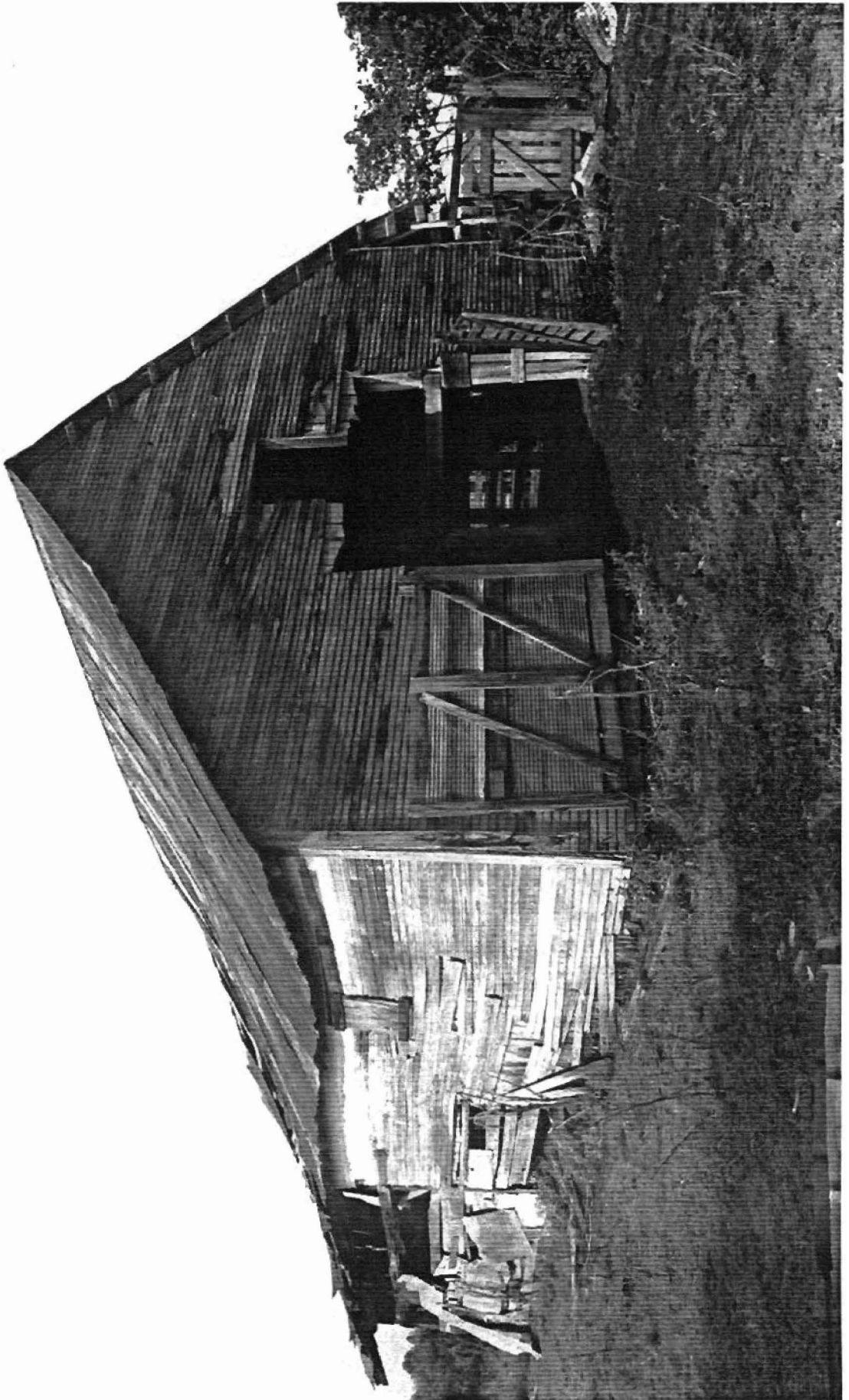










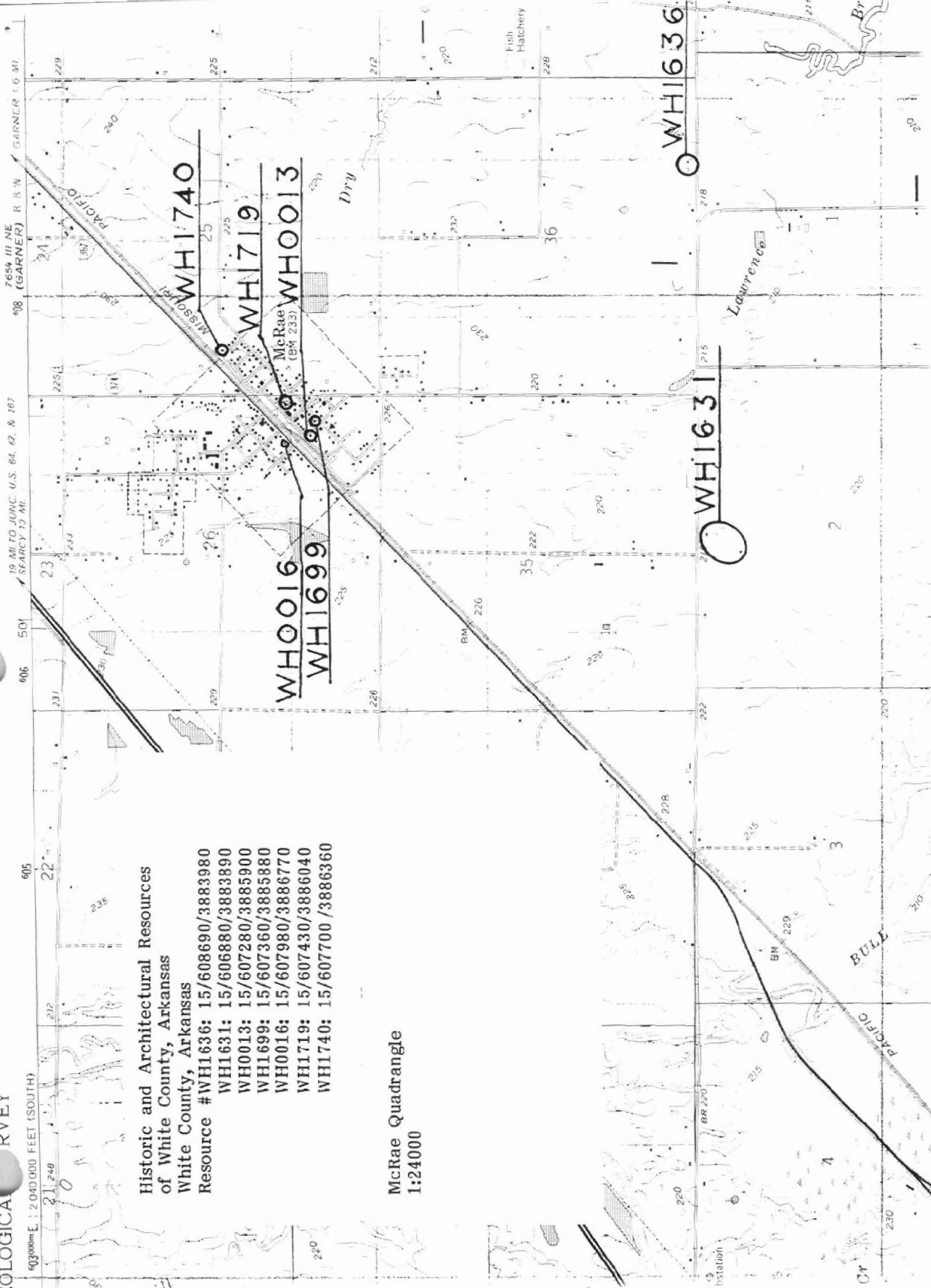


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Historic and Architectural Resources  
of White County, Arkansas  
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WH1631: 15/606880/3883890  
WH0013: 15/607280/3885900  
WH1699: 15/607360/3885880  
WH0016: 15/607980/3886770  
WH1719: 15/607430/3886040  
WH1740: 15/607700/3886360

McRae Quadrangle  
1:24000



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(GARNER) R 8 W  
GARNER T 6 MI

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