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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 18). 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 Williams House
other names/site number Resource # WHI792

2. Location

street & number County Road 54 & State Road 267 not for publication N/A
city, town Searcy vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143

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)

Vacant/ Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular/ Cross-Shaped

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

asbestos

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. 1910

Significant Dates

c. 1910

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 Williams House is a good example of a one-story cross-shaped building that is of frame construction and clad mainly with weatherboard. The south and west gable ends as well as the addition to the southwest corner of the house have all been sided with asbestos. The gable roof of the house is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on brick piers.

Located one-quarter mile north of the intersection of County Road 54 and State Road 267, this building was constructed approximately two miles southwest of downtown Searcy. The Williams House was constructed c. 1910 is currently unoccupied and in fair condition. Its main, or east elevation is dominated by an ornate gable end. While all four gable ends feature gable returns only the eastern gable end is further embellished. The upper portion of this gable end has been adorned with decorative geometric woodwork. Shed roof porches flank the eastern gable ends; the northern half of the southern porch, however, has been enclosed. This enclosed porch is fenestrated with a small single two-over-two double-hung aluminum sash window. Both porch roofs are supported by chamfered posts. The northern porch is accessed by a single asymmetrically placed door on the east elevation of the house.

Fenestration of the original building consists of single or paired symmetrically arranged six-over-six double-hung wood sash windows that are original to the house and three-over-one double-hung wood sash replacement windows. An ell-shaped porch was originally found on the northwest corner of the building but the porch has since been enclosed. This enclosed porch is accessed by a single symmetrically placed door on the projecting west elevation. Another addition encompasses the entire southwest corner of the original house. This shed roof portion of the building is fenestrated on both the south and west elevations by paired asymmetrically placed one-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. The south elevation also exhibits a small three-over-one double-hung wood sash window.

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Significance

When this house was constructed, c. 1910, it was one of many cross-shaped buildings built during the Railroad Era (1870-1914). Though there are eighteen of these buildings extant in the county, few exhibit the amount of integrity found in the Williams 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:

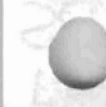
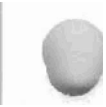
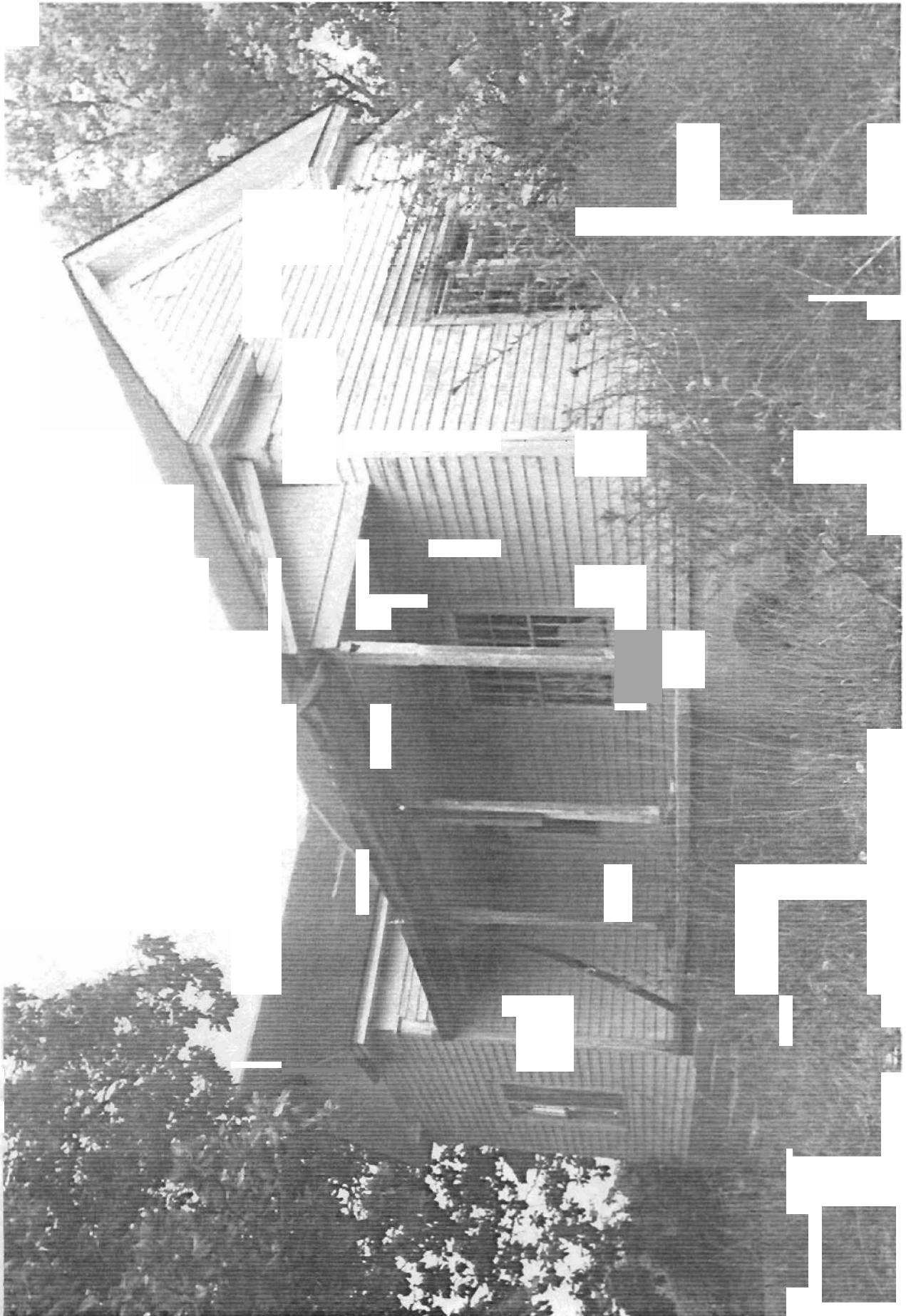
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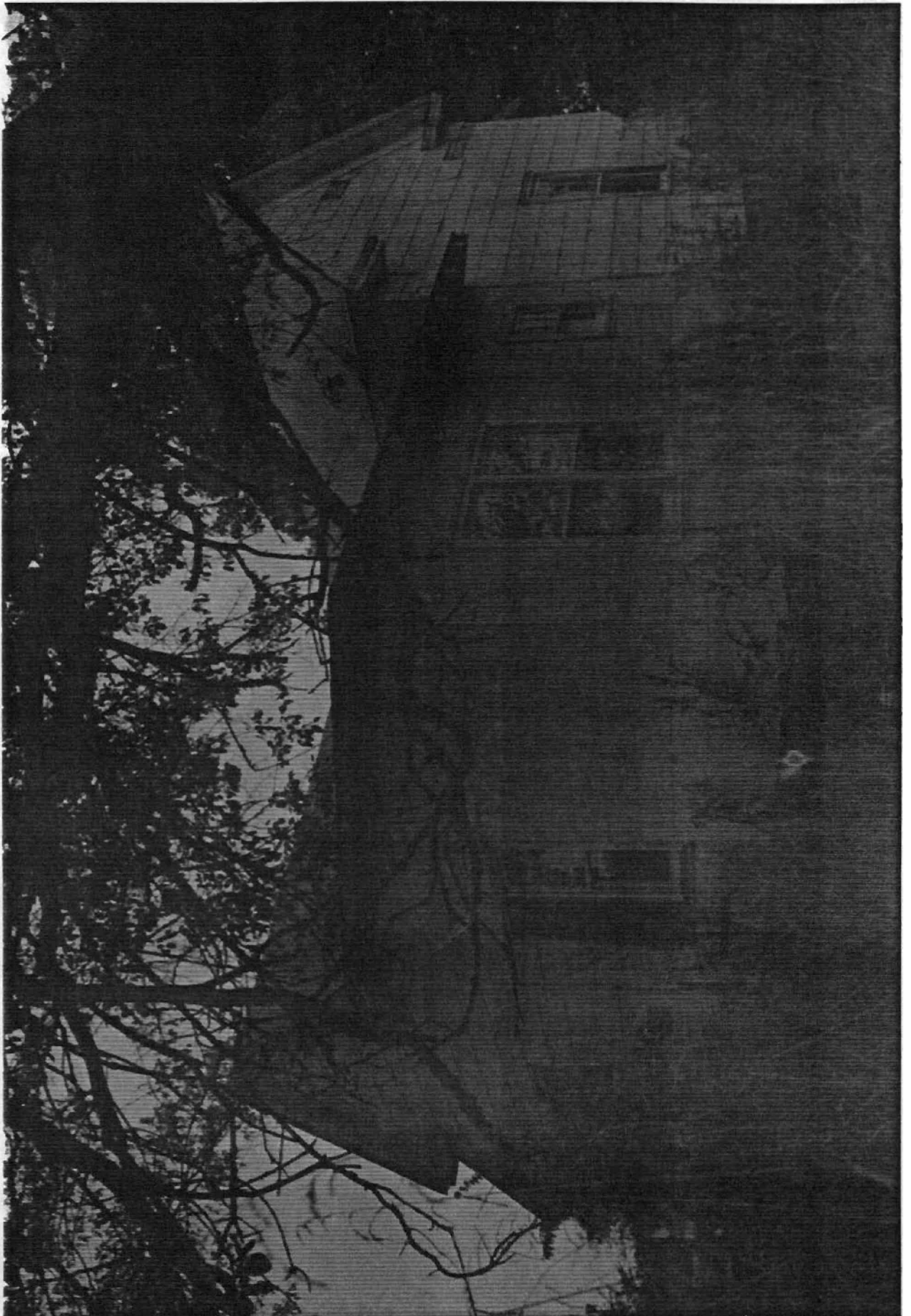
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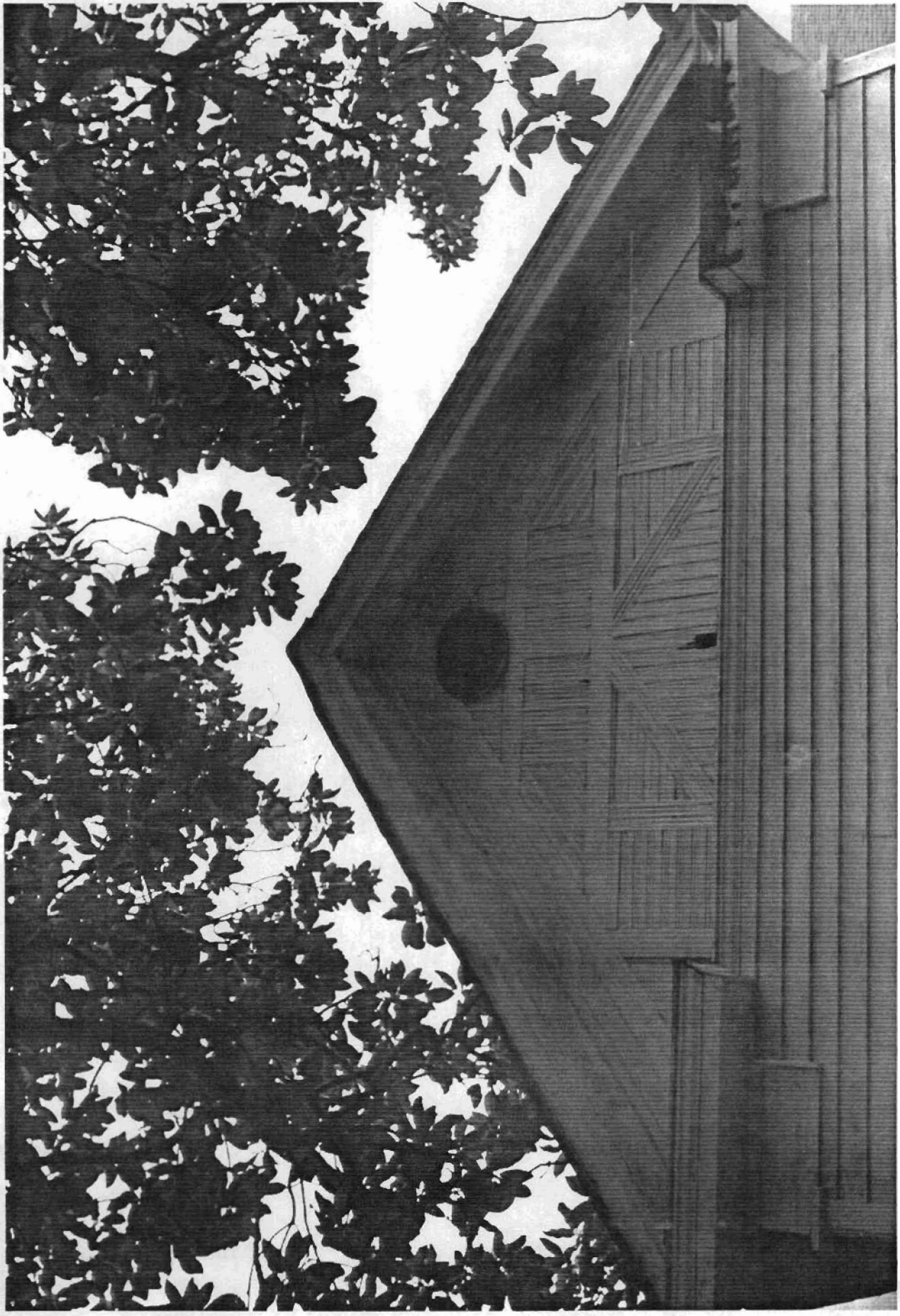
Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of a line running along the western edge of the associated driveway with a perpendicular line running parallel to the northern elevation of the building and located 50 feet to the north thereof (the driveway entrance being located on the western edge of State Highway 267 at a distance approximately 2,000 feet to the north of its intersection with County Road 54), 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 its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of the driveway; thence proceed northerly for a distance of approximately 200 feet along said line to the point of beginning.

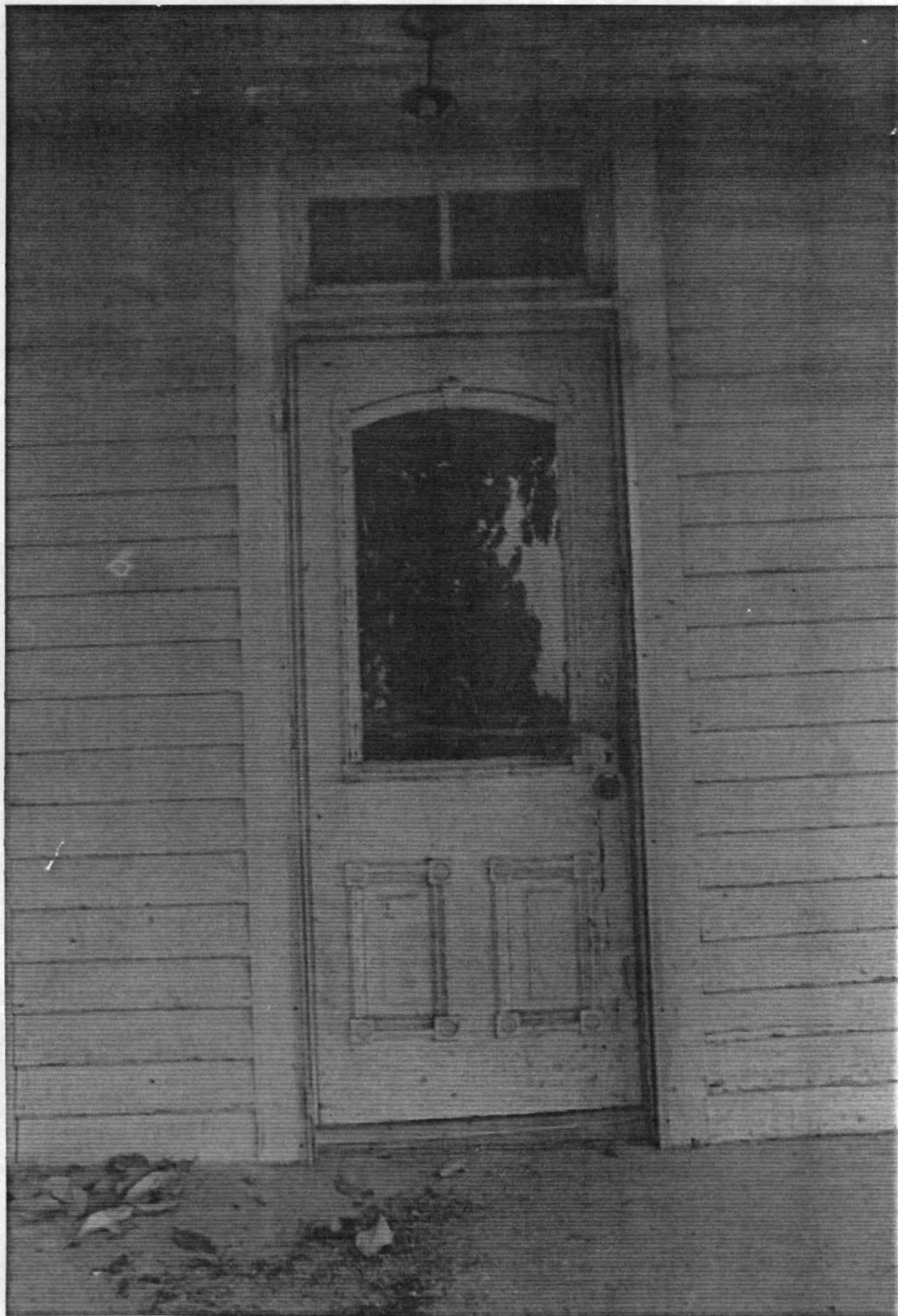
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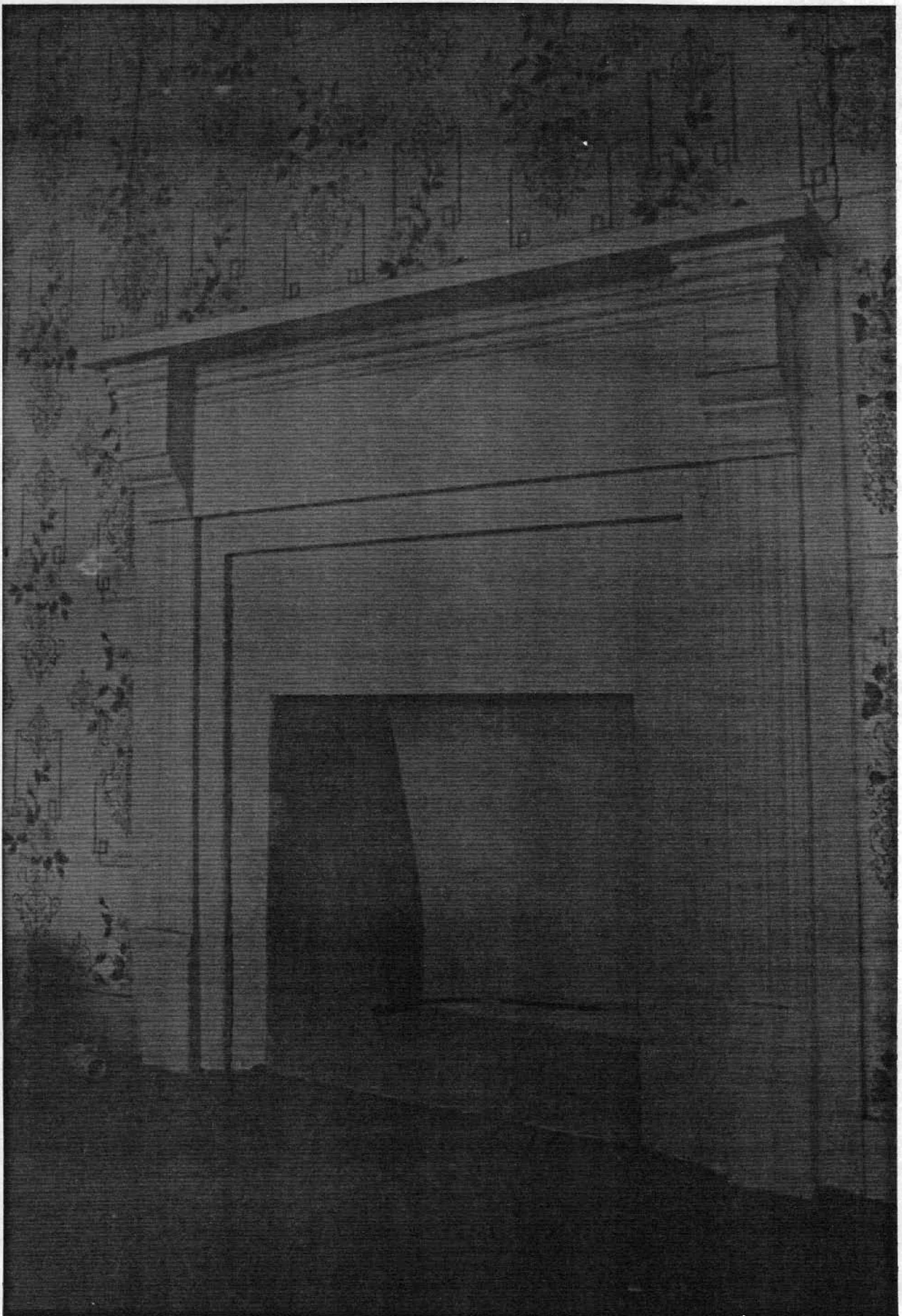
The original lot has been subdivided during the non-historic period, resulting in an indefinite current lot boundary; therefore, this boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.



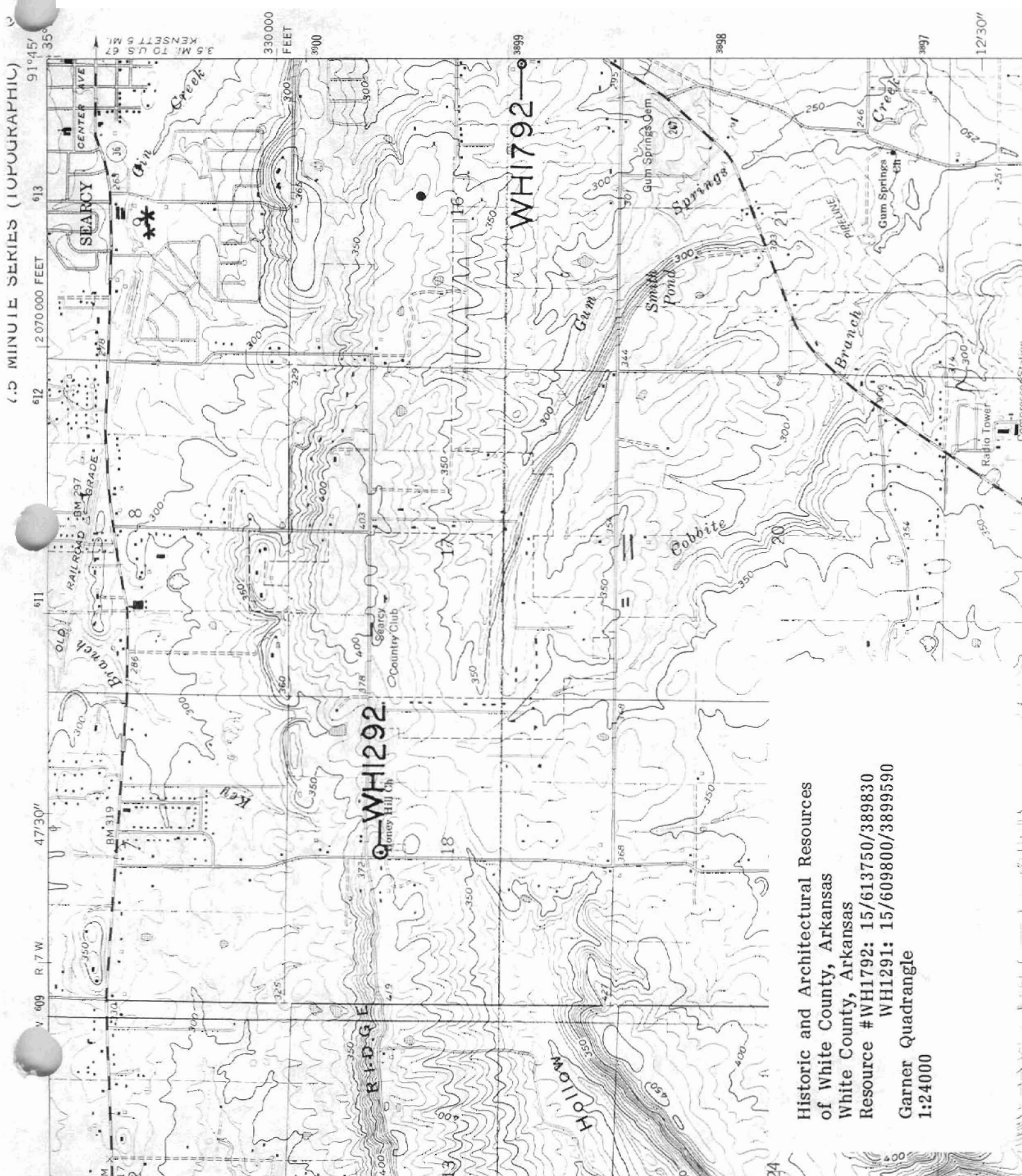








6.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Historic and Architectural Resources
of White County, Arkansas
White County, Arkansas
Resource #WH1792: 15/613750/389830
WH1291: 15/609800/3899590
Garner Quadrangle
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91°45' 35"

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