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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 Smith House
other names/site number Resource #WH1814

2. Location

street & number 607 West Arch not for publication N/A
city, town Searcy vicinity N/A
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>1</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> objects
			<u>1</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)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Vernacular/ Irregular Plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls novelty siding

stucco

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. 1920

Significant Dates

c. 1920

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 _____

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 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. It was during this period, however, that pre-fabricated housing became popular in the county; houses could now be bought from mail-order catalogues such as Sears Roebuck & Co. The Smith House is an example of such a house. It is two-stories in height and irregular in shape; walls are clad with novelty siding while the gable ends are decorated with half-timbering and stucco. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on a cast concrete foundation.

This building was constructed at 607 W. Arch Street which is five blocks southwest of the court square in Searcy. The Smith House was constructed c. 1920 and is in excellent condition. Its main, or north elevation is dominated by a projecting gable at the second story. Double-pane casement windows are found on all three sides of this room. Large wooden brackets are found not only on this gable end but the others as well. A one-story porch extends from the projecting gable around to the east elevation of the structure. The shed roof of this porch is supported by brick columns that are connected with a solid brick balustrade. A single door accesses the porch on the north elevation. Fenestration on the building consists of four-over-one double-hung wood sash windows. One-story shed roof bays are located on both the northwest and southeast corners of the original house. Single or paired windows relieve these bays. A two-story rear "T" extends from the south elevation of the structure. This portion of the house is original although only the second story is now visible because of later additions. Casement windows similar to ones found on the main elevation's projecting gable are located on this rear "T" as well. These casement windows are found on all three sides of the rear "T". A one-story shed roof addition is located on the east elevation of the rear "T". Extending from the south elevation of the one-story shed roof addition around to the west elevation of the rear "T" is a one-story gable roof addition. A single asymmetrically placed door accesses the carport that is attached to the west elevation of this latest addition. The carport has a shed roof that is supported by metal posts.

The interior of the house retains many of the original features that were ordered from the Sears Roebuck catalogue. These features include a window bay seat, book cases and a staircase. This staircase has been moved to provide easier access for handicapped individuals but is otherwise intact.

Approximately ten yards south of the house is a garage. This structure has a gable roof and the walls are clad with novelty siding. Two sliding doors relieve the north elevation of the building. An asymmetrically placed door originally accessed the east elevation of the garage but this entrance has since been boarded over. Two small asymmetrically arranged fixed-frame windows fenestrate the south elevation of the structure. The garage was built c. 1930 and is in fair condition.

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Significance

The significance of this house lies in the fact that it is one of only two known mail-order houses found in the county. It is also one of the finest known examples of a Sears house in the state. The original portion of the Smith House is a virtual duplicate of Sears Modern Home #264P202. This model was first offered in the 1916 Sears Roebuck catalogue for a cost of about \$1,200.

For the above stated reasons the Smith House is significant for its contribution to the study of vernacular architecture and is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Acreage of property: Less than one

UTM References:

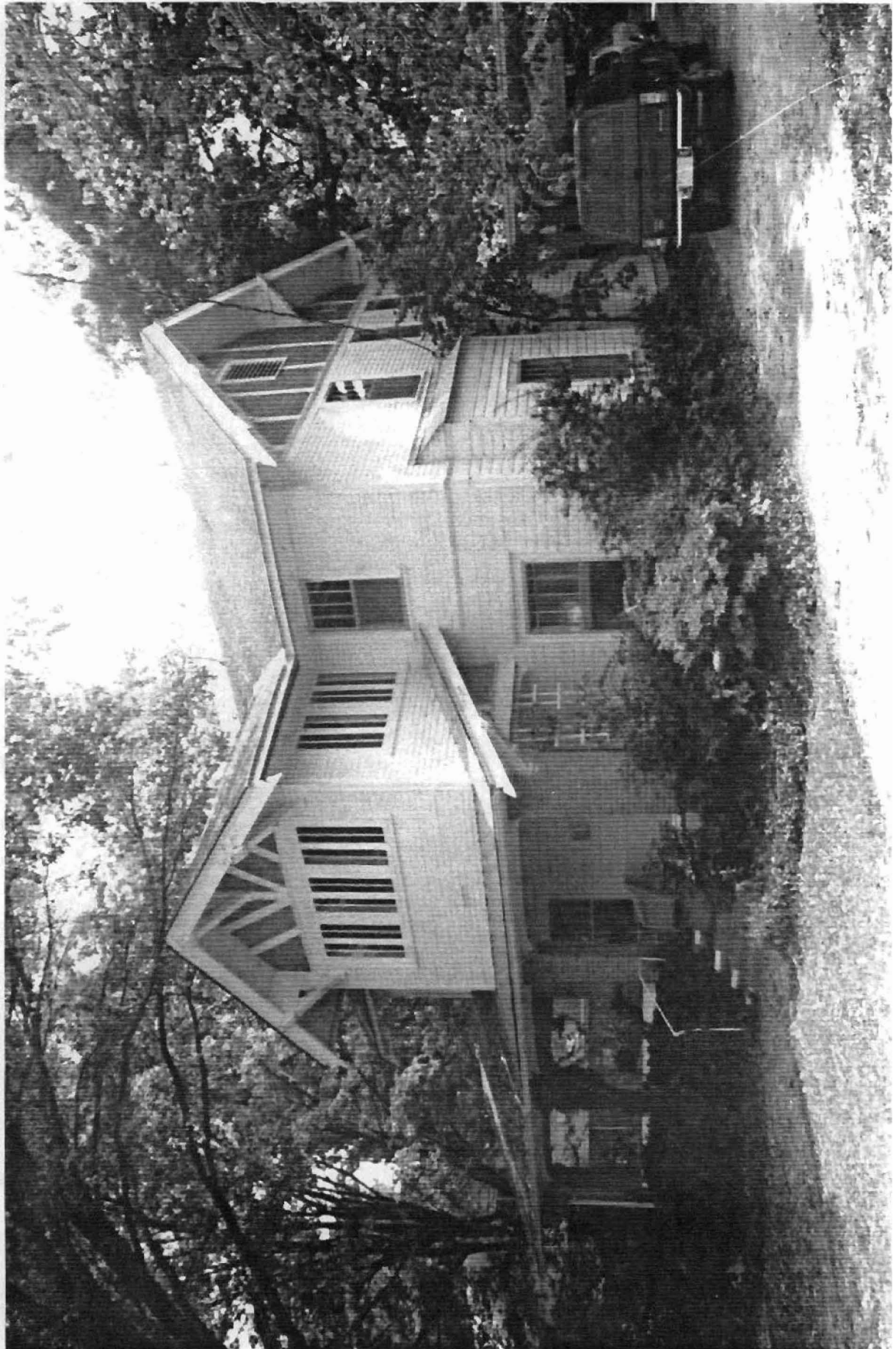
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Verbal Boundary Description

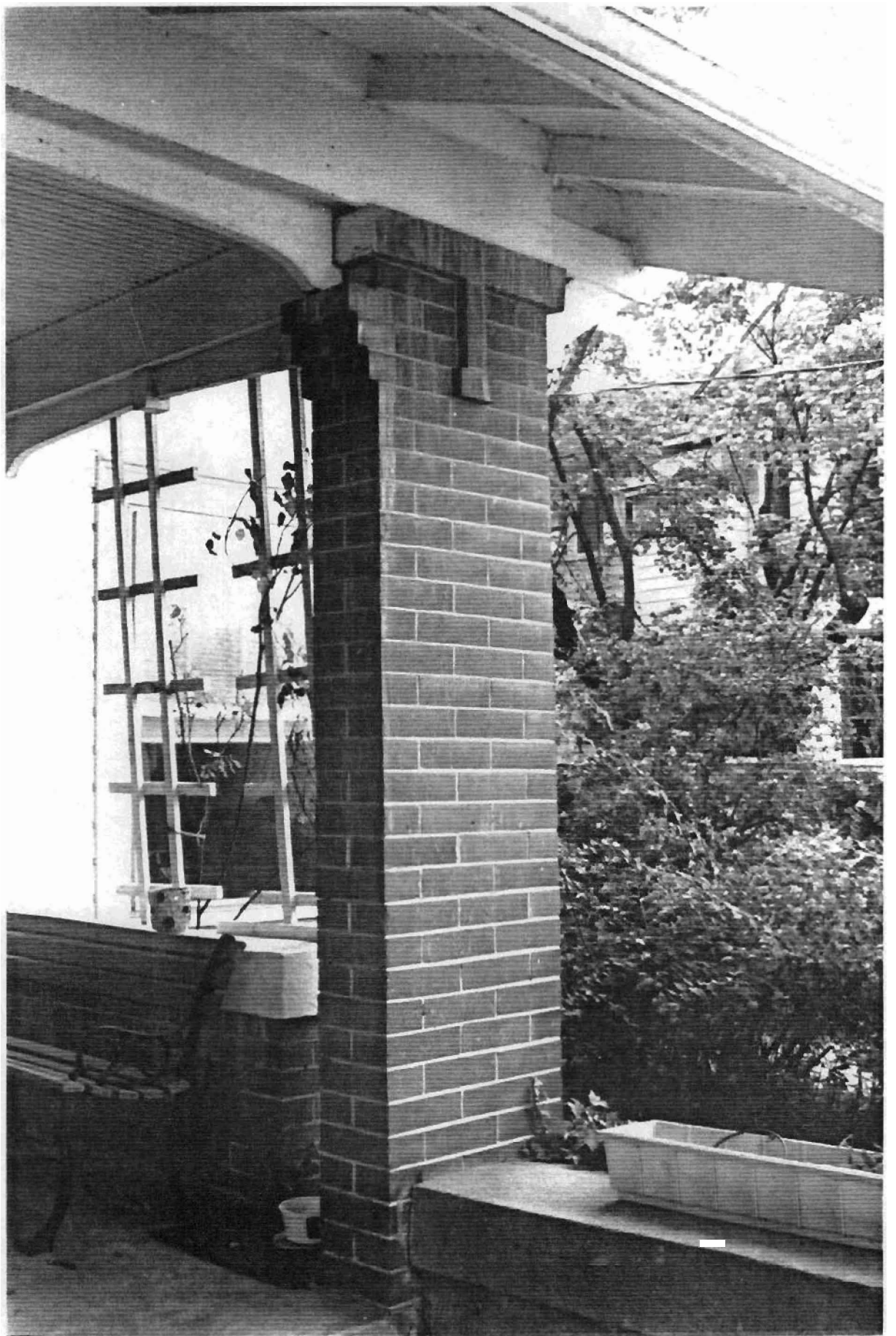
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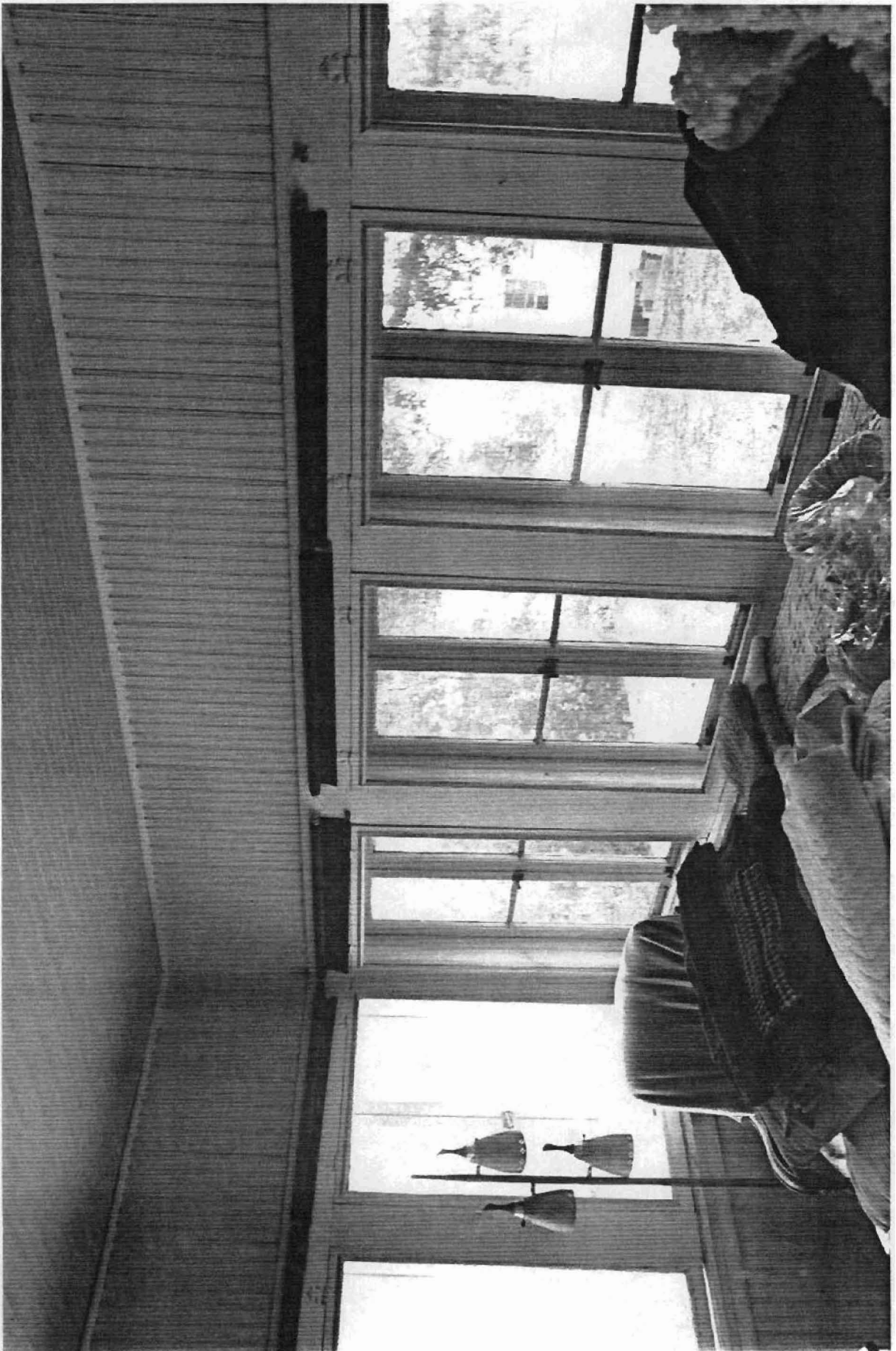
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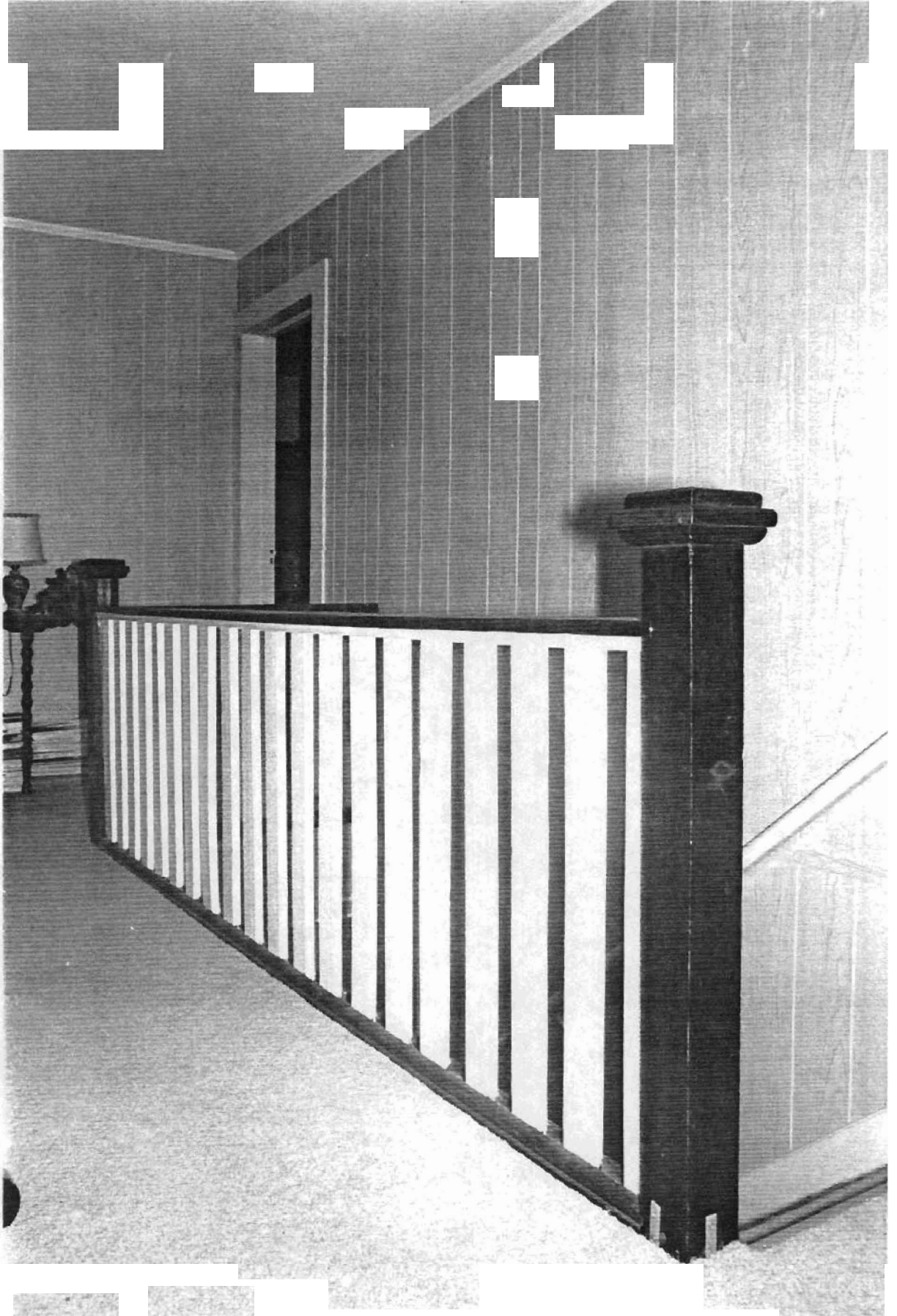
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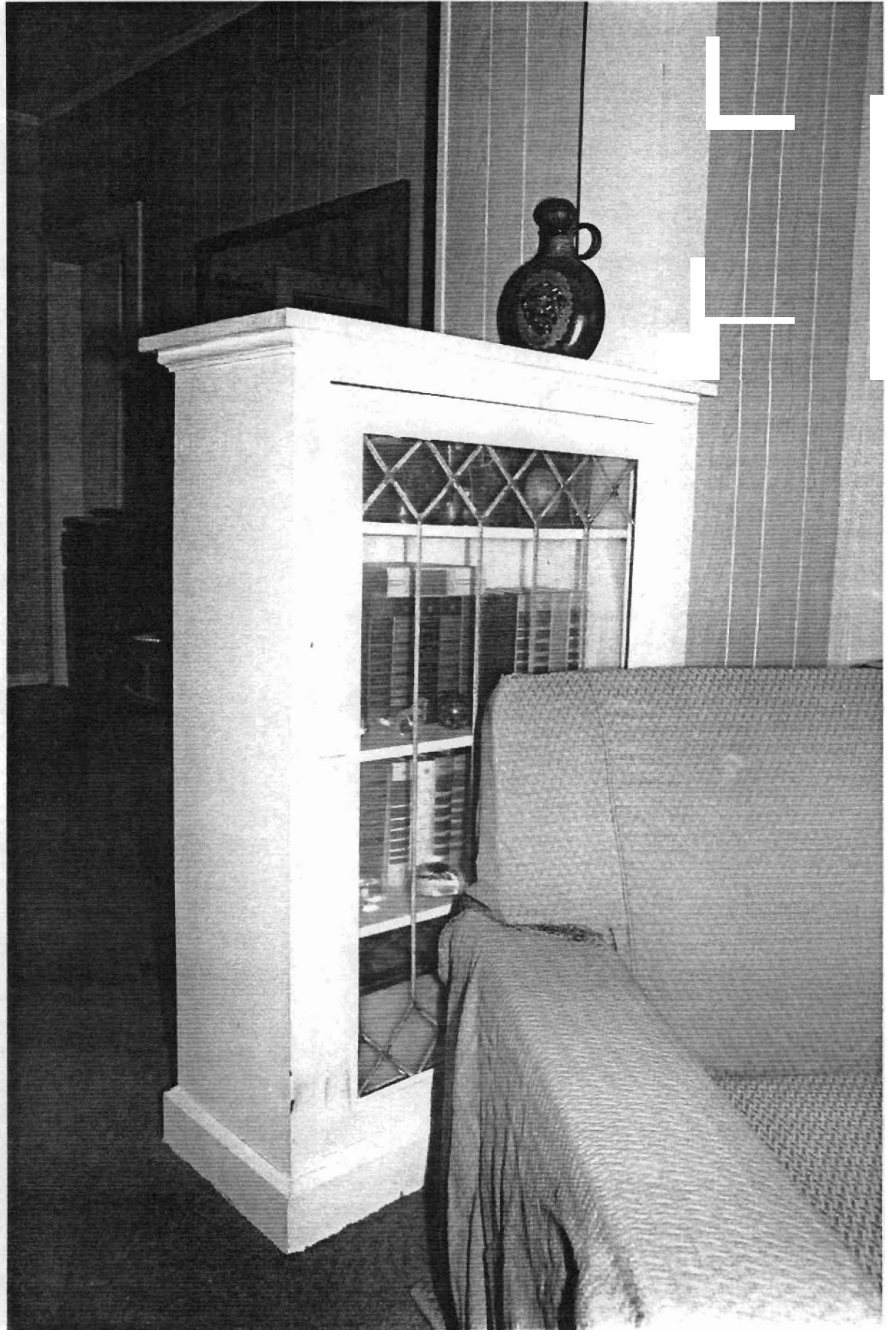


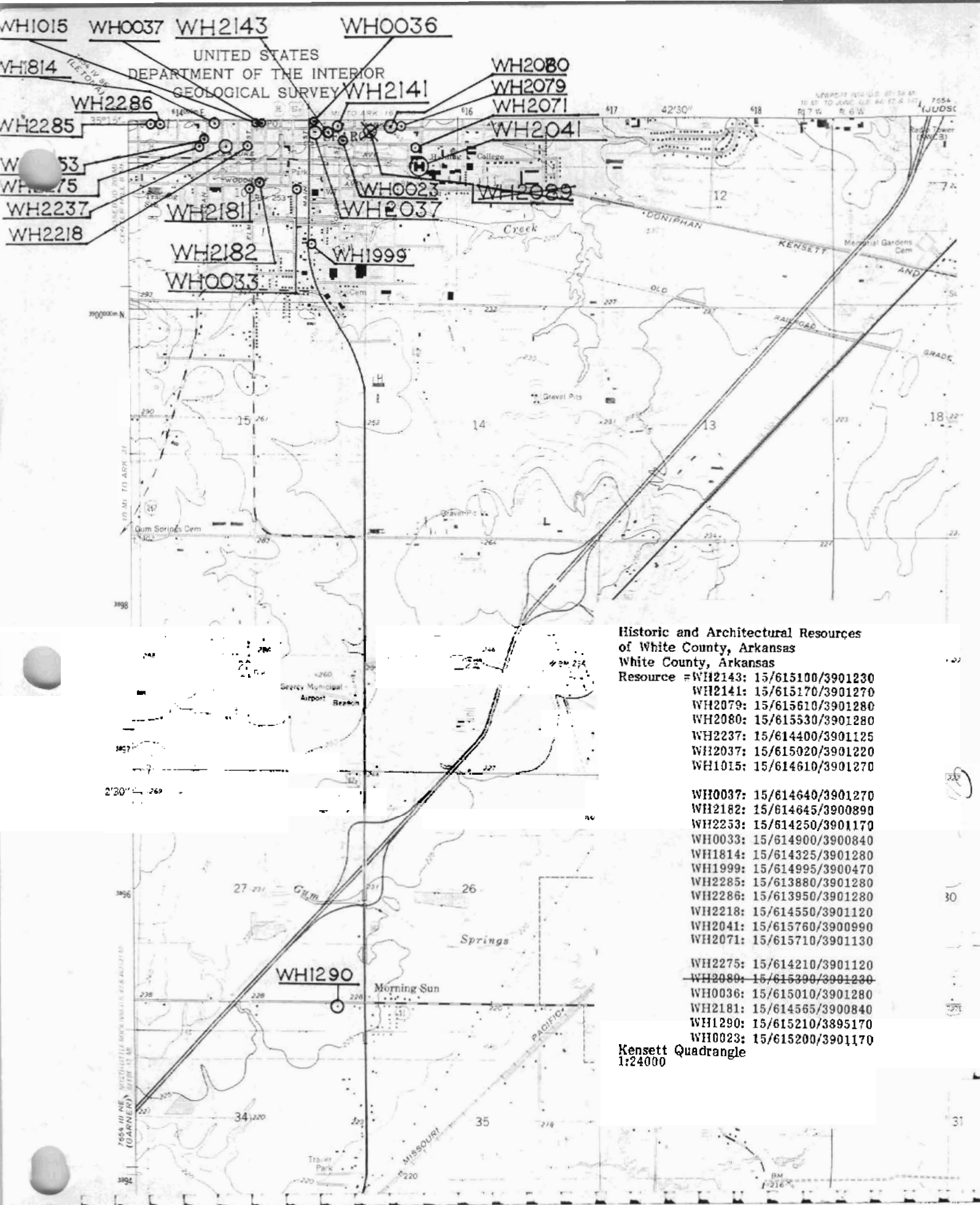












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- WH2237: 15/614400/3901125
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- WH1015: 15/614610/3901270

- WH0037: 15/614640/3901270
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- WH2253: 15/614250/3901170
- WH0033: 15/614900/3900840
- WH1814: 15/614325/3901280
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- WH2285: 15/613880/3901280
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- WH2041: 15/615760/3900990
- WH2071: 15/615710/3901130

- WH2275: 15/614210/3901120
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- WH0036: 15/615010/3901280
- WH2181: 15/614565/3900840
- WH1290: 15/615210/3895170
- WH0023: 15/615200/3901170

**Kensett Quadrangle
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