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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 Baldock House other names/site number Resource #WH2180

2. Location

street & number South Elm Street & West Woodruff Avenue not for publication N/A city, town Searcy vicinity N/A state Arkansas code AR county White code 145 zip code 72143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

- private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, 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. Signature of certifying official: Catherine A. Boyd Date: 5-17-90 State or Federal agency and bureau: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

**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 brick

walls brick

roof asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**B. 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

1910

Significant Dates

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:**  
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**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

See continuation sheet

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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 Baldock House is a good example of a one and one-half story irregularly-shaped building that is constructed of load-bearing brick, and has a clipped gable roof. The roof is clad with composition shingles and the entire structure rests on a brick foundation.

Located on the southeast corner of S. Elm Street and W. Woodruff Avenue, this building was constructed less than six blocks southwest of the court square in Searcy. The Baldock House was constructed c. 1910, and is in fair condition. It faces north and is dominated by a porch that wraps around to the east elevation of the house. The porch roof is supported by Doric columns. Porch access from the house is provided by single asymmetrically placed doors on both the north and east elevations of the house. First floor fenestration on both of these elevations consists of symmetrically placed one-over-one single-hung wood sash windows.

Most fenestration on the ground floor of the west elevation of the structure consists of symmetrically placed one-over-one double-hung sash windows. The lone exception is a single one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash window that replaced one of the larger original windows. A large gable roof dormer, flanked by two smaller ones, is found on the northern slope of the clipped gable roof. The two small dormers house one-over-one double-hung sash windows while the large dormer has a pair of similar windows. While the sides of the dormers are clad with wooden shingles, the gable ends are decorated with imbricated shingles. These shingles are found on the rest of the clipped gable and other gable ends of the structure as well.

Other fenestration found on the upper floor of the structure includes paired one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash windows in the clipped gable ends and a single-pane fixed frame window in the west elevation of the gable end. Two symmetrically placed brick chimneys grace the ridgeline of the clipped gable. A one-story gable roof wing extends from the southwest corner of the building. The asymmetrically placed door on the south elevation of this wing is covered with a shed roof stoop while fenestration consists of a single one-over-one double-hung sash window east of the door. Extending eastward from this wing is a one-story shed roof addition. It is clad with masonite and both its southern and eastern elevations have single asymmetrically placed one-over-one aluminum sash windows. A large hip roof dormer extends from the southeast corner of the main building's roof. Because it is adorned with exposed roof rafters it is assumed that this dormer was added in the 1920's. All three sides are fenestrated with one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash ribbon windows.

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Significance

When this building was constructed, c. 1910, brick houses were not very numerous in White County. Surviving examples are even rarer today. In fact, only six remain in the entire county that date to the Railroad Era (1870-1914). The Baldock House remains as a rare example of a large-scale brick house. Because of this the Baldock House is significant; it can provide insight into construction techniques and living arrangements of this era. Hence its eligibility under Criterion C with local significance.

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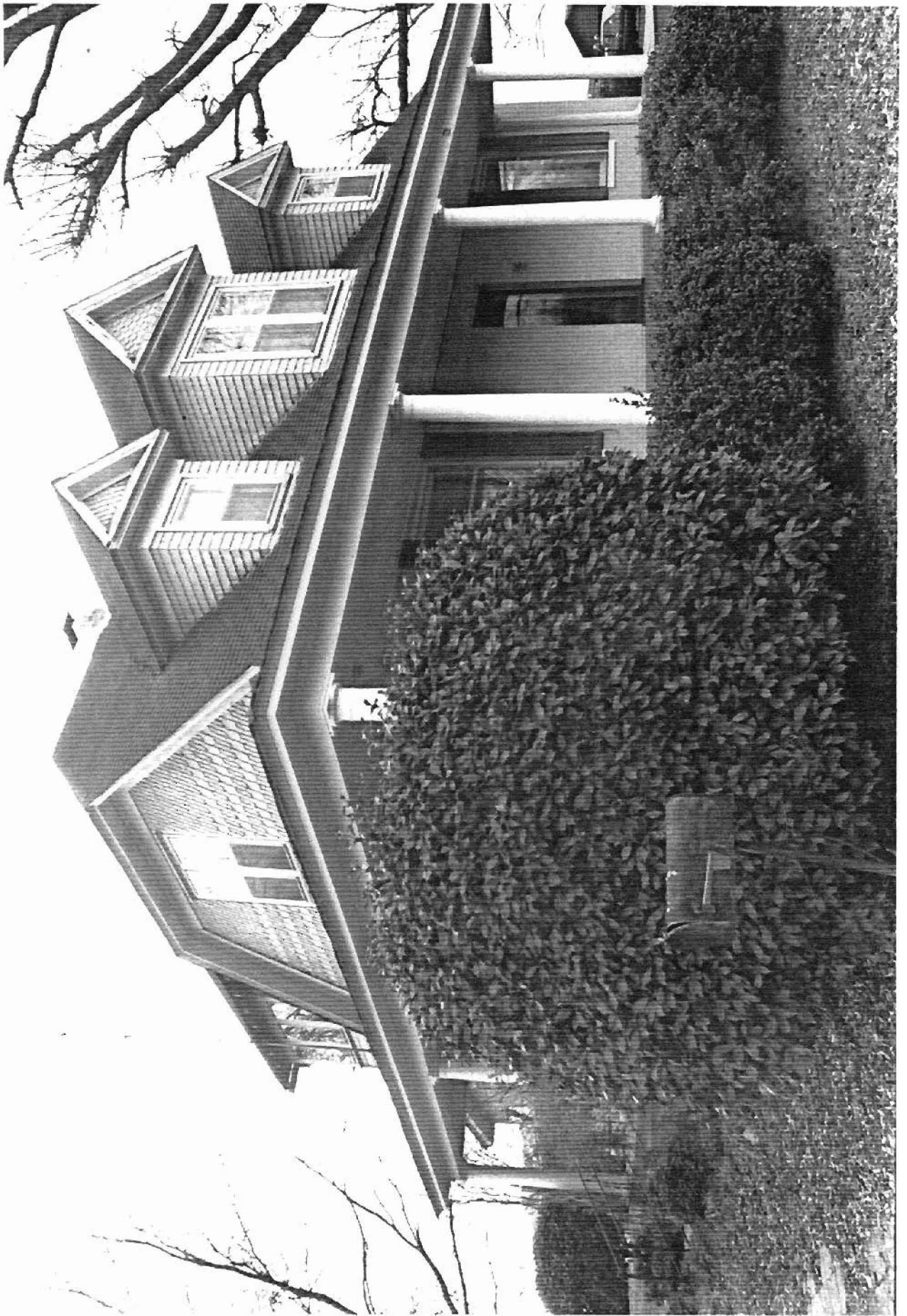
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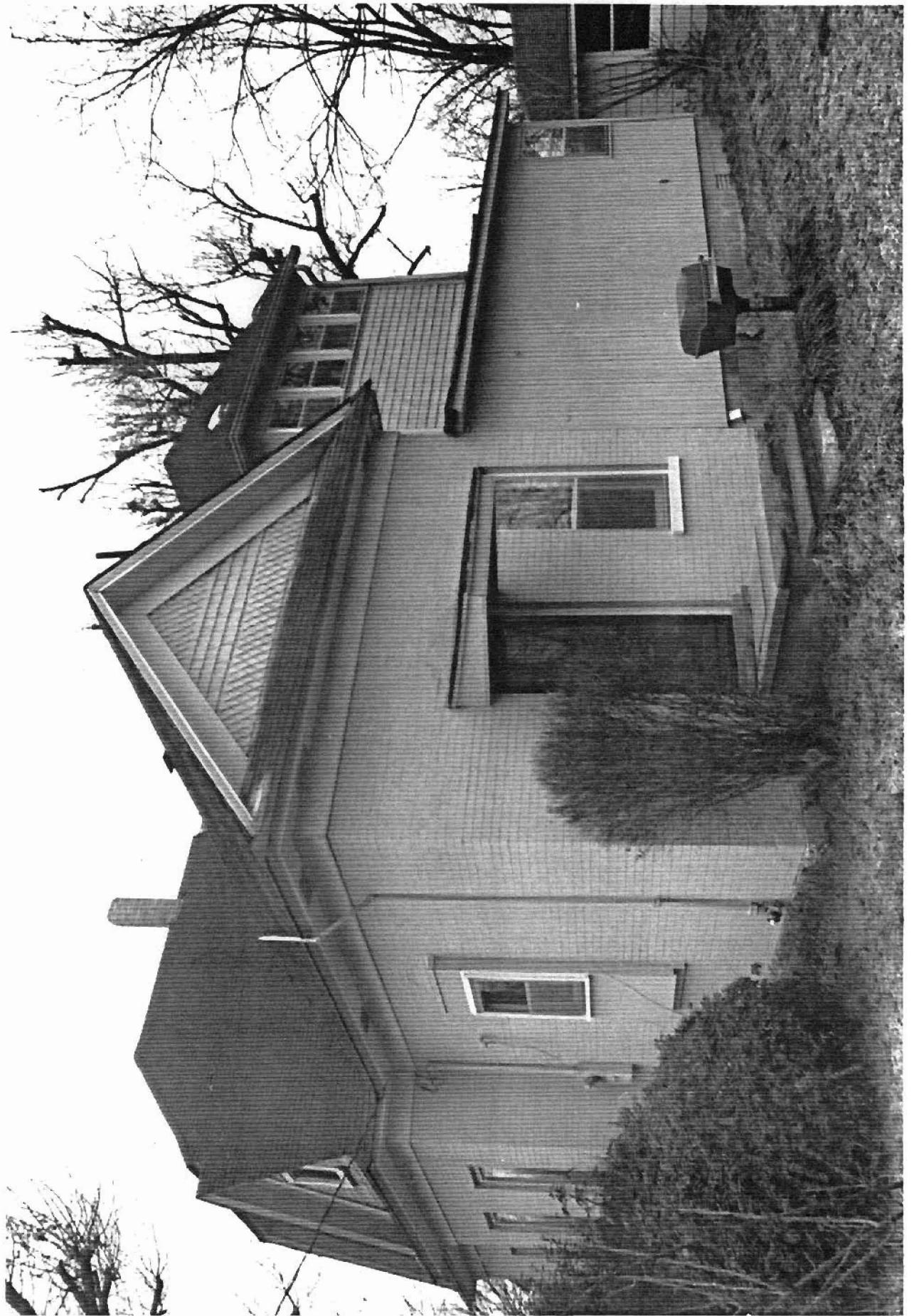
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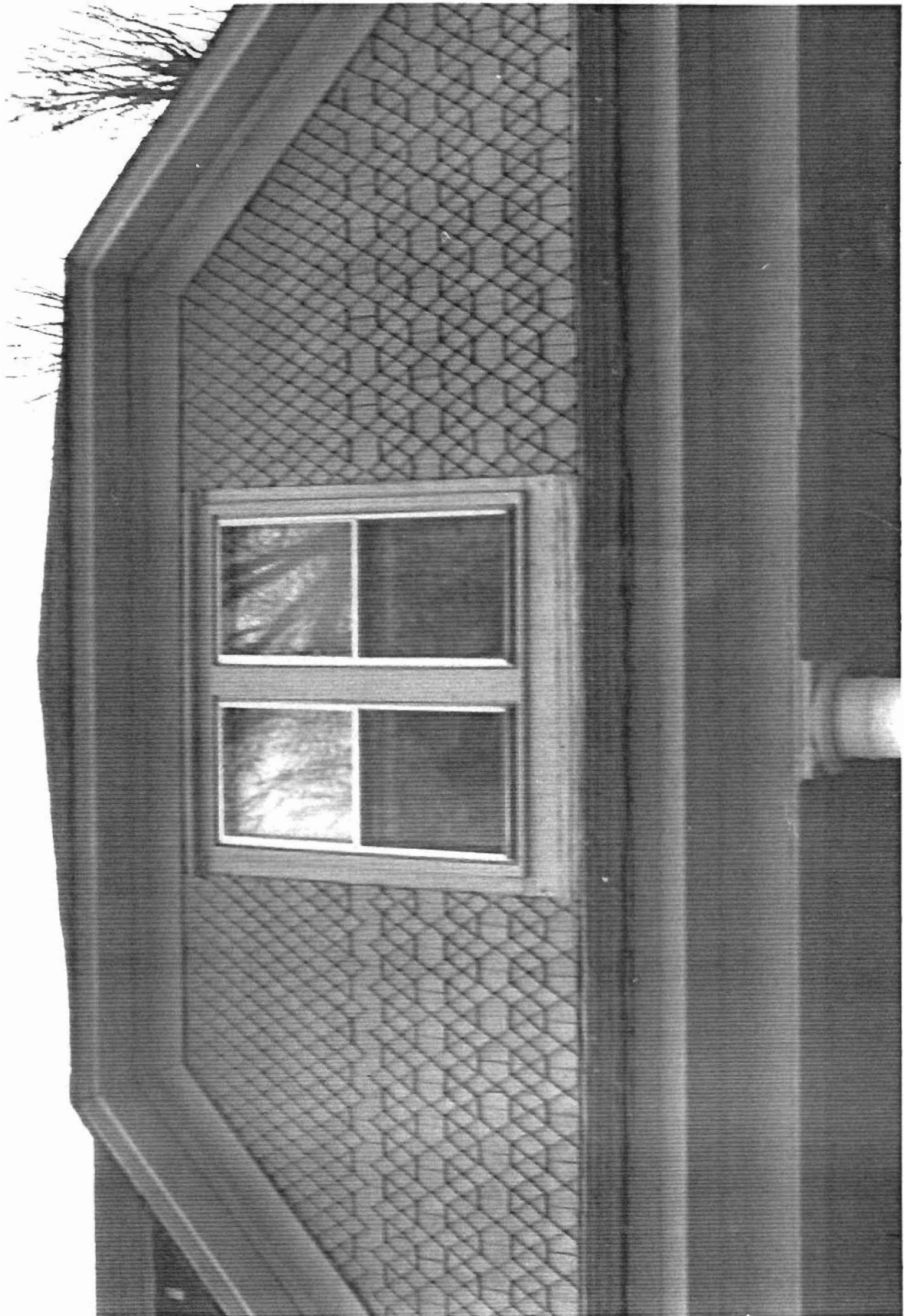
Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.









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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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White County, Arkansas  
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