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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
FERGUSON HOUSE  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
416 NORTH THIRD

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
AUGUSTA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

FIRST

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

ARKANSAS

05

WOODRUFF

147

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_BOTH

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_OBJECT

\_\_IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_NO

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
JOHN JAMES FERGUSON

STREET & NUMBER  
416 NORTH THIRD

CITY, TOWN  
AUGUSTA

VICINITY OF

STATE  
ARKANSAS

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE

STREET & NUMBER

WOODRUFF COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CITY, TOWN

AUGUSTA

STATE  
ARKANSAS

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ferguson House in Augusta, Arkansas presents some characteristics of the Greek Revival style. Clapboard siding, very little ornamentation and symmetrical features combine to make a simple statement of the tastes of the original builder. Built in 1861, the house is constructed of cypress and pine which were shipped down the White River to Augusta and then hauled by wagon to the construction site. The walls and floors all have a thickness comprised of three layers of lumber.

The Ferguson House is of a two-storey, central-hall plan with one room on each side. A gable roof covers the rectilinear-shaped house. The gable ends feature a boxed cornice with returns.

A two-storey portico with second-storey porch graced the front entry. One-storey square columns support the portico structure on both the first and second storeys. A simple railing surrounds the porches.

The interiors of the Ferguson House continue the simple refinement of the exterior. A single flight of stairs leads to the second floor. Mantels feature little ornamentation.

Originally, a two-storey, shed-roof section was found on the rear elevation. In 1963 after a fire destroyed this section, two one-storey, shed-roof additions were built onto the rear of the house. The main body of the house has not been altered except for the placement of steel siding over the narrow clapboard in 1973.

The Ferguson House is in excellent condition and rests on a spacious, tree-shaded corner lot in Augusta. The house has never been occupied by anyone other than the Ferguson family. John J. Ferguson and his sister, grandchildren of the builder, James P. Ferguson, now live in Augusta's historic Ferguson House.

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1861

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James P. Ferguson

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the oldest residences in the east central town of Augusta, is the Ferguson House. Built in 1861, the Ferguson House stands as a historic landmark in the city of Augusta. The Fergusons were among the earliest families to settle in the city. They were active in politics and involved in local affairs. The house has never been out of the Ferguson family and appears much the same as it did immediately after construction.

James P. and Maria Alcorn Ferguson moved from Kentucky to Augusta, Arkansas, in 1858. Ferguson purchased a tract of land from Dave Johnson, one of the early pioneers in Woodruff County. James P. Ferguson contracted with a man to take a logging crew up the White River to Clover Bend and to handcut the lumber for Ferguson's House. The lumber used in construction of the Ferguson House was virgin pine and cypress. The lumber was shipped down the White River on rafts to the landing at Augusta. From there it was hauled about four blocks to the house site. The Ferguson House was completed in 1861, and James P. Ferguson immediately moved his family in.

During the Civil War, General Steele and his Union soldiers spent a week in Augusta, making their headquarters across the street from the Ferguson House. The incidents involving the Ferguson family at the time are a colorful part of Augusta's history.

The Ferguson's eldest son, W. E. Ferguson, was born in 1851, before the move to Augusta. He attended public schools in Augusta; he attended Emory and Henry College in Virginia. Upon returning to Augusta, he was elected deputy sheriff; he served in the position for two years. In 1873, Ferguson entered the Cumberland Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee, and upon completion was admitted to the bar. In 1880 he was elected assessor of Woodruff County. Two years later in 1882, Ferguson was elected sheriff and collector. W. E. Ferguson's political career continued as he was elected County and Circuit Clerk. In 1898 Ferguson was elected to the State Senate.

The house's builder, James P. Ferguson, deeded the house to his son, W. E. Ferguson. The present owners are two of Ferguson's children.

The Ferguson House represents much of the history of Augusta. It is architecturally significant as well--in its sturdiness of construction and fine detail of workmanship.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre  
 UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

SANDRA TAYLOR, HISTORIAN

ORGANIZATION

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

STREET & NUMBER

300 WEST MARKHAM

CITY OR TOWN

LITTLE ROCK

DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

STATE

ARKANSAS

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

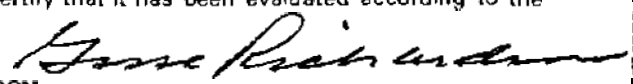
STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

GENE RICHARDSON



TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*House  
Wood County  
Arkansas  
viewed from the  
southwest*

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#### 3 PHOTO REFERENCE

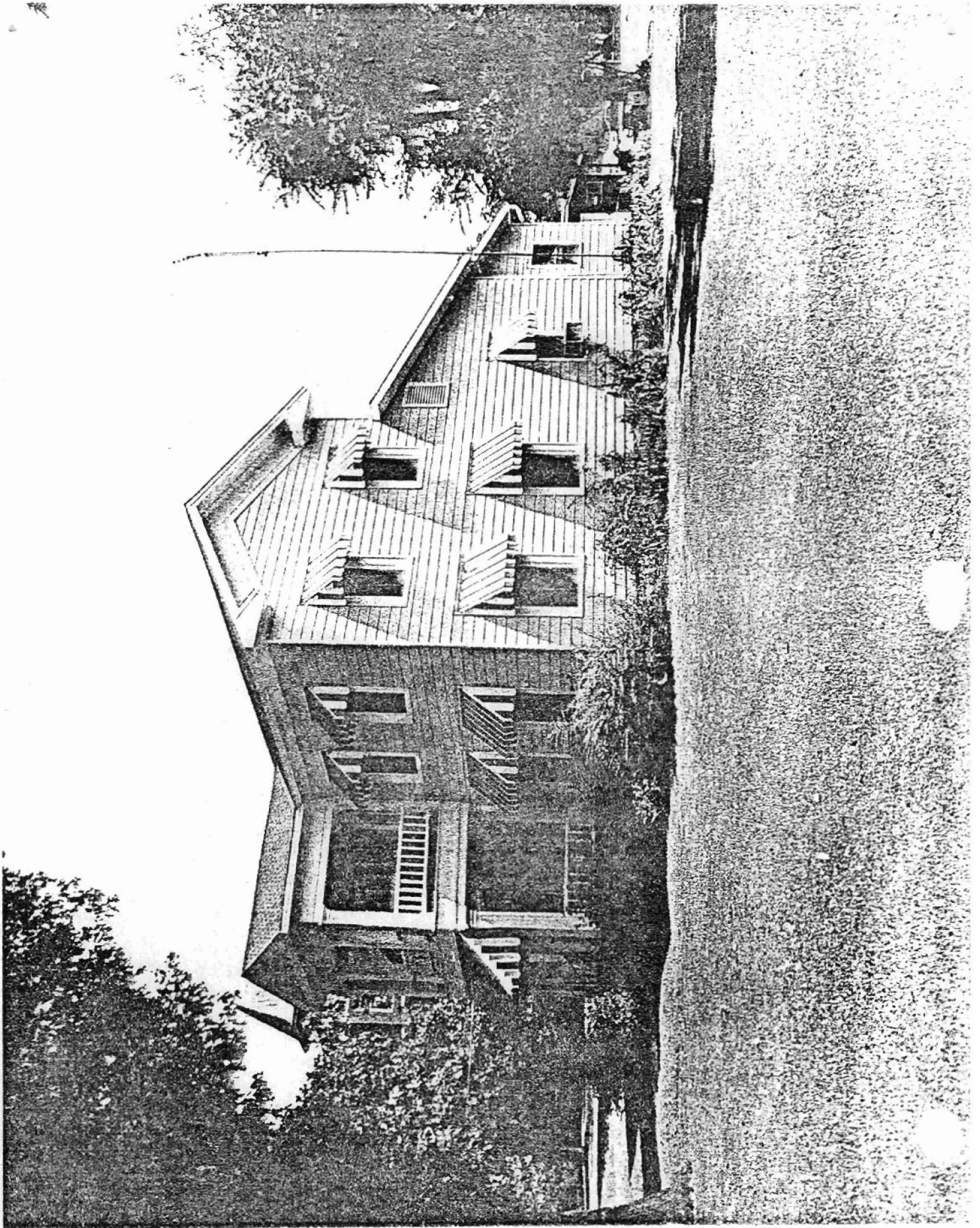
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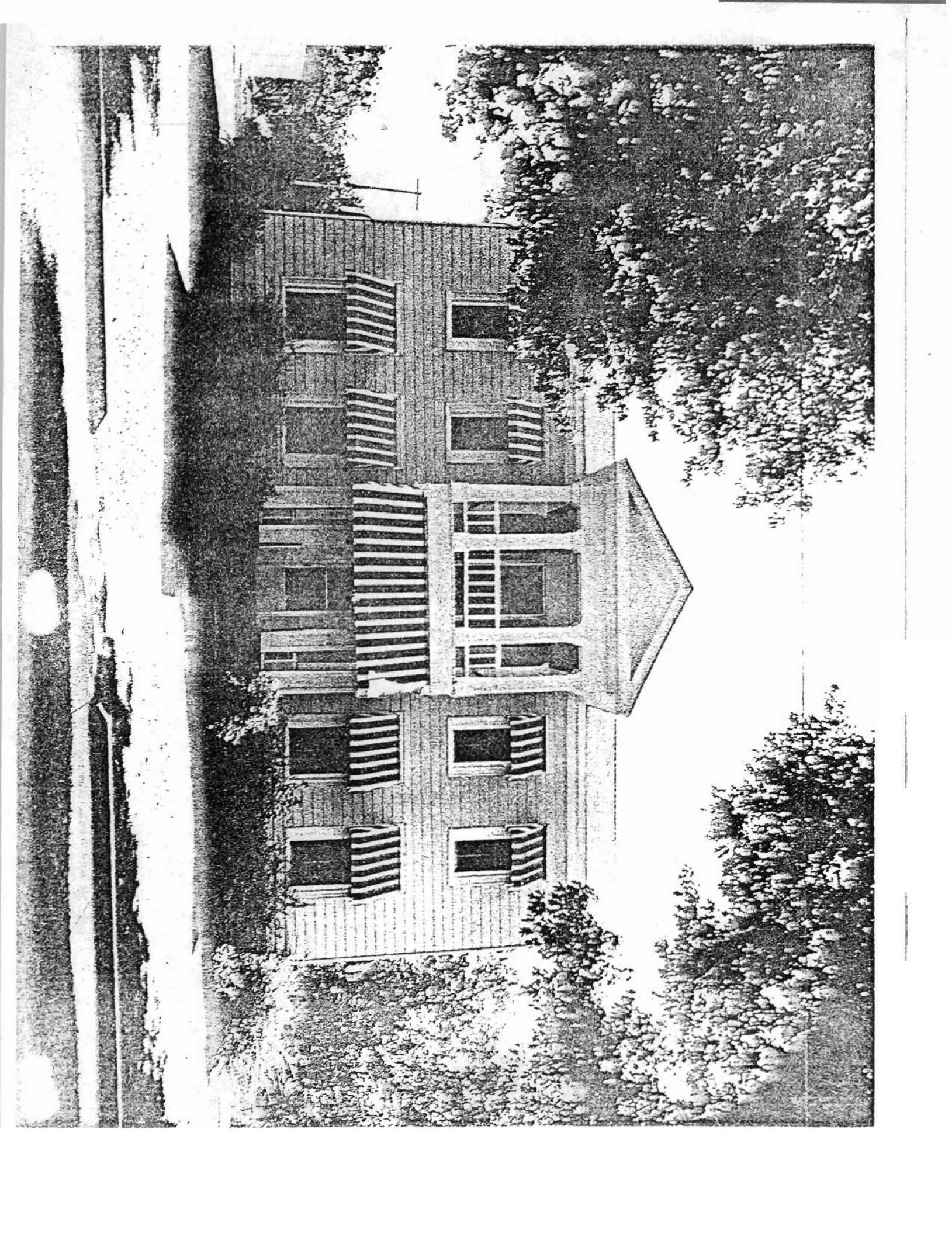
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#### 4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET  
FACADE AND SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE SOUTHWEST PHOTO NO. 2





*Handwritten note:*  
NPS Inventory of Historic  
Properties  
of 1016 and 2 1/2 blocks of the West

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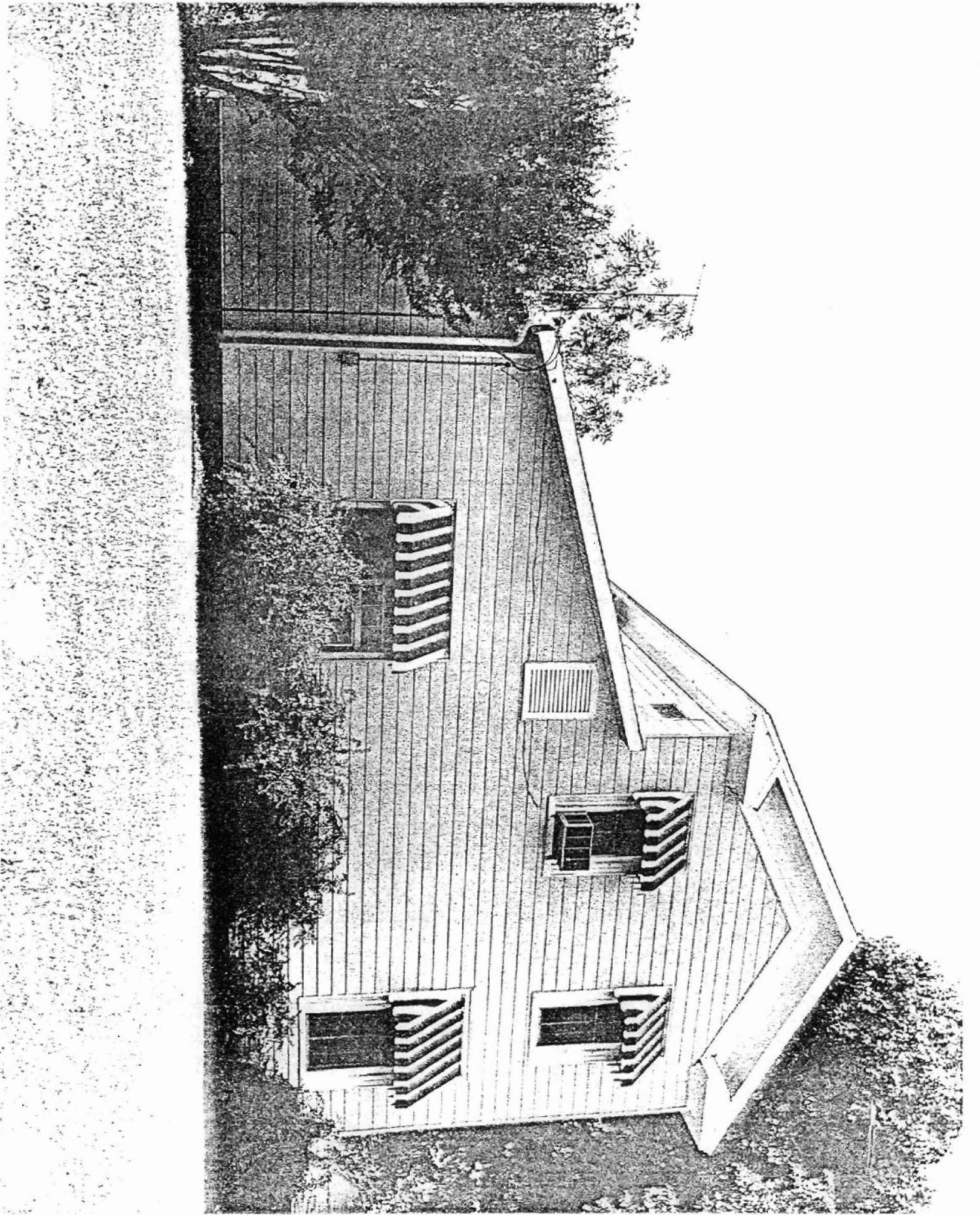
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FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE WEST

PHOTO NO.  
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3. Ferguson House  
Woodruff Co., Arkansas  
North Elevation, Viewed from the North

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NORTH ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE NORTH

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AND/OR COMMON

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AUGUSTA

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

WOODRUFF

STATE

ARKANSAS

## 3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE 1:2400

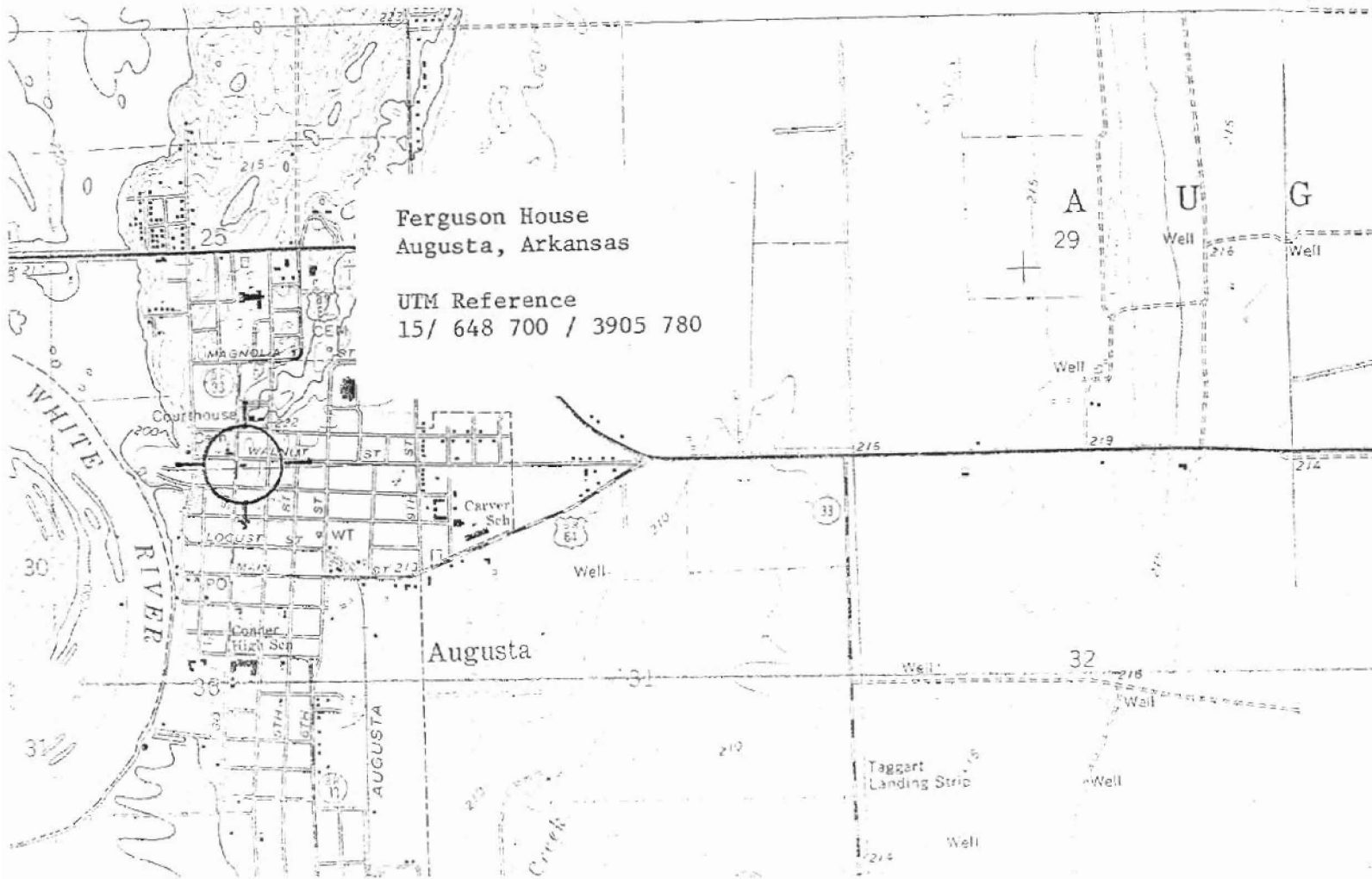
DATE 1968

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

INT: 2464-78



Ferguson House  
Augusta, Arkansas

UTM Reference  
15/ 648 700 / 3905 780

Augusta

A U G  
29 Well Well

32 Well Well

Taggart  
Landing Strip  
Well