

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME

HISTORIC Watson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Hamburg

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Ashley

STATE Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Bob Dunn

DATE OF PHOTO 1977

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
detail of interior, entry hall

PHOTO NO.
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1 NAME

HISTORIC Watson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
300 North Cherry

CITY, TOWN
Hamburg

STATE
Arkansas

VICINITY OF
05

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth
COUNTY CODE
Ashley 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Watson, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER
300 North Cherry

CITY, TOWN
Hamburg

VICINITY OF

STATE
Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER
Ashley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Hamburg

STATE
Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> XALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> XALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED					

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Watson House, designed in the Neo-Classical Revival style, was completed in 1918. The two story structure is essentially square in plan with a one-story rear projection (originally the kitchen). The house is sited on a large, tree-shaded, corner lot. A two-story verandah shelters the two street side elevations (south and west elevations). The fenestration of the front or entry facade (west elevation) is symmetrically composed. The location of window and door penetrations on other elevations are due to interior space utilization.

The house is constructed of tan or buff brick. Window and door openings are spanned by simple rectangular cast stone lintels. The wooden frame windows are double hung with a large single paned lower sash and a smaller multiple paned (vertical and diamond pattern) upper sash. The main entry door and the door opening onto the second verandah level have glass sidelights and transoms. The two-story verandah is unique in that its eight large Ionic columns rise their full height, untouched by the second-story porch framing, to support the verandah roof which, in turn, supports, by steel rods, the second story verandah.

The main roof is hipped with two gabled projections occurring over the otherwise flat verandah roof. These gable ends are stuccoed and decorated with semi-circular fanlights. A classic three-part entablature, with an extended cornice and denticulated frieze, bands the house's entire roof/wall juncture, gable ends, and second floor verandah floor structure. The upper verandah has a simple wooden railing consisting of large capped newel posts, a rectangular hand rail, and square balusters.

The interior of the house, remodeled circa 1963, retains many of its original decorative elements. Two massive Roman columns and a panelled beam visually separate the entry hall/sitting room and parlor. Interior doors are paneled and simply trimmed.

SIGNIFICANCE

RIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1918 at a cost of \$11,000, the Watson House in Hamburg, Arkansas, is an architecturally significant structure in its massive architectural design. Not only significant architecturally, the Watson House is important in its representation of one of the pioneer families who settled in Hamburg. The house is set in a grove of large pin oaks, planted by the original owner, on a corner lot two blocks from the downtown square. In an area in which smaller structures surround the property, the Watson House is a focal point in the community.

Designed and built by W. C. Major Bunn, the architecturally significant Watson House is a two-story brick structure with large proportions. The house is covered by an intersecting gable roof with fan windows in the pediments. A two-story portico which spans the width of two elevations features a flat roof and denticulated cornice. The portico is supported by eight evenly spaced round Ionic capital columns and surrounded on the second story by a railing and balusters.

Skilled cabinetmaker E. T. Johnson of Hamburg worked on the construction of the Watson House. The stairway and flooring are of pine which was hauled from an eastern Arkansas town. The huge columns were bought in West Virginia and shipped to Hamburg by rail. The brick sidewalk leading to the structure was originally from a previous house which stood on the property.

The original house on the property was bought by Fannie Mosley, grandmother of the wife of David Watson. The entire block was the property of the Watson-Mosley family at one time.

The house was constructed by David Elijah Watson, son of Elijah David Watson of North Carolina. The elder Watson came to Ashley County, Arkansas, by wagon train in 1864. In 1865 he began a hardware business in Hamburg, which is operating in the same location today. Elijah David Watson owned farm land in the delta region of Ashley County, and in addition to his hardware business, he maintained a "furnishing" business for local farmers.

David Watson married George Trezevant in 1896. They had two children, Norman Trezevant and Floie. Mrs. Watson was never a healthy person and died in 1910 in Phoenix, Arizona while suffering from tuberculosis. During her years of residence in Hamburg, she was an active citizen in community affairs. Among her activities, she drew the plans for the Presbyterian Church in Hamburg, which is located only a block from the Watson House

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David Watson attended school at the Academy in Hamburg and at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. He was on the Board of Directors of the Hamburg Bank, was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, was on the Flood Administration Board during World War I and was active in local political affairs. His son, Trezevant Watson, attended the Military Academy in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

The present owner of the house is the grandson of David Watson. Norman Trezevant Watson, Jr., graduated from Hamburg High School, then joined the Army ROTC. Lt. Col. Watson retired from the Army in 1975 and returned to Hamburg where he operates the family hardware business.

The Ashley County Historical Society is aware of the historical significance of the Watson House and hopes to obtain the structure and utilize it as an Ashley County Museum. As a representation of a pioneer family in Ashley County and as an architecturally important structure in the City of Hamburg, the Watson House is an historically significant structure.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Watson, Mr. and Mrs. N. L., Jr. Personal interview at the Watson House, Hamburg, Arkansas, January 25, 1977.
- White, Mr. and Mrs. Edward. Personal interview at the Watson House, Hamburg, Arkansas, January 25, 1977.
- White, Mrs. Edward. Information gathered from local sources in Ashley County, January, 1977.

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

Dan Chapel, Architect and Sandra Taylor, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

STREET & NUMBER

Suite 500, Continental Building

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

DATE

3-8-77

TELEPHONE

501-371-2763

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 Anne Bartley

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3-8-77

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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



FEB 08 1977

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM



Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Telephone: (501) 371-2763

February 3, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Watson, Jr.
300 North Cherry
Hamburg, Arkansas

Re: Watson House
Hamburg, Ashley County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watson:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the Watson House which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their March meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation.

Entry in the National Register is an honor which places no obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or your property's nomination, please contact Sandra Taylor of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days, your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

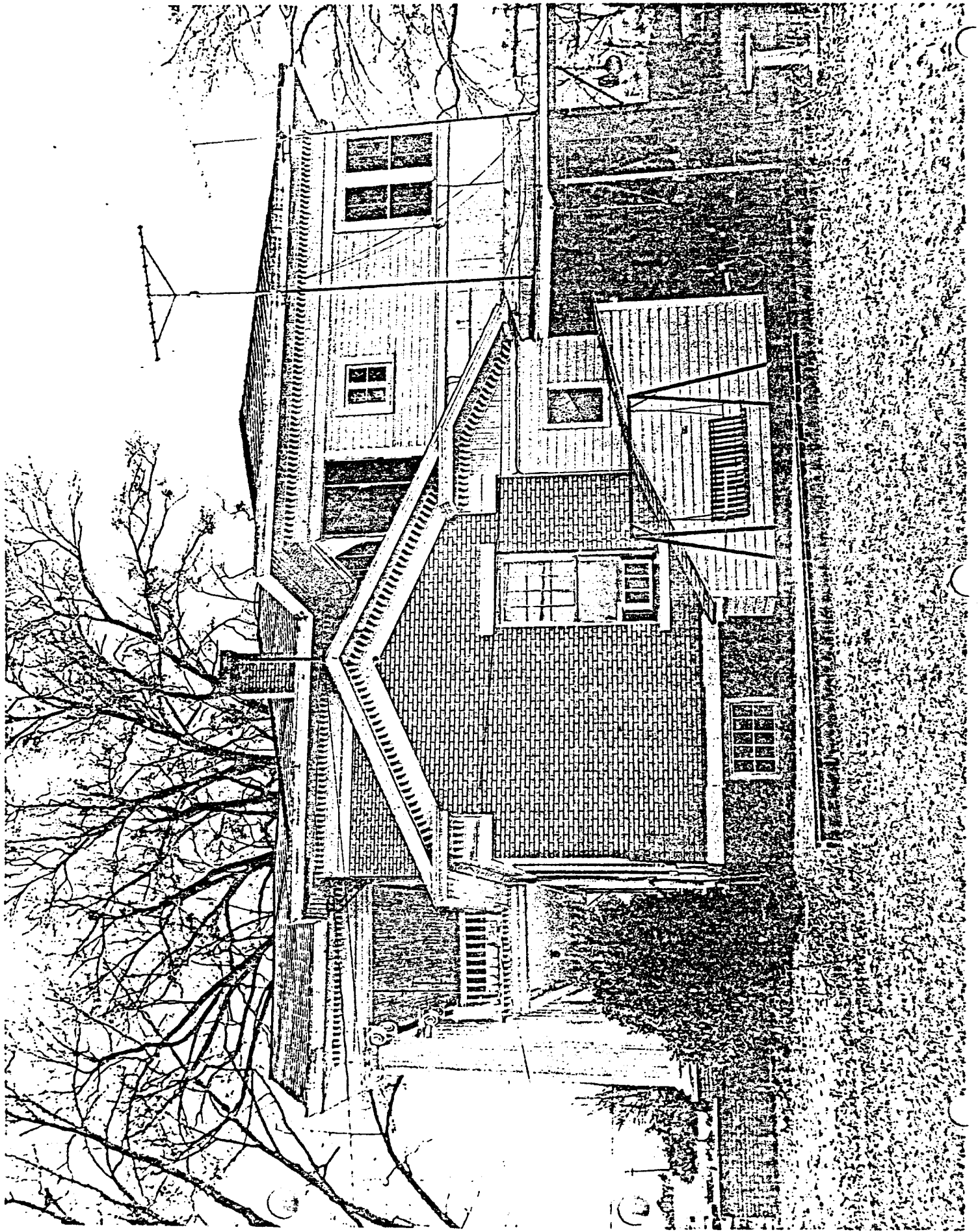
I approve of the above property being nominated
to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yes No

Comments:

2-7-77
Date

Norman T. Watson Jr.
Signature



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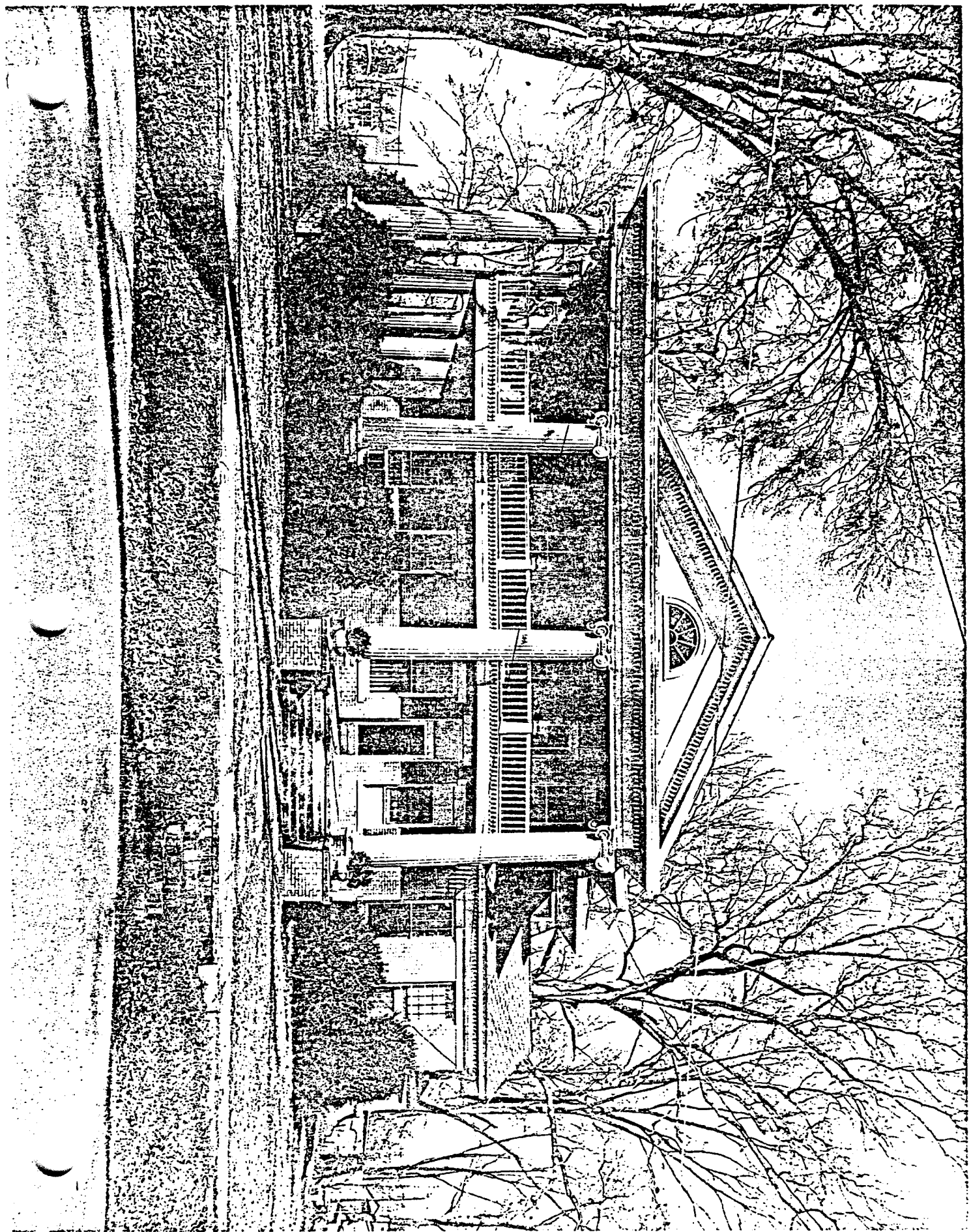
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east elevation, viewed from the east

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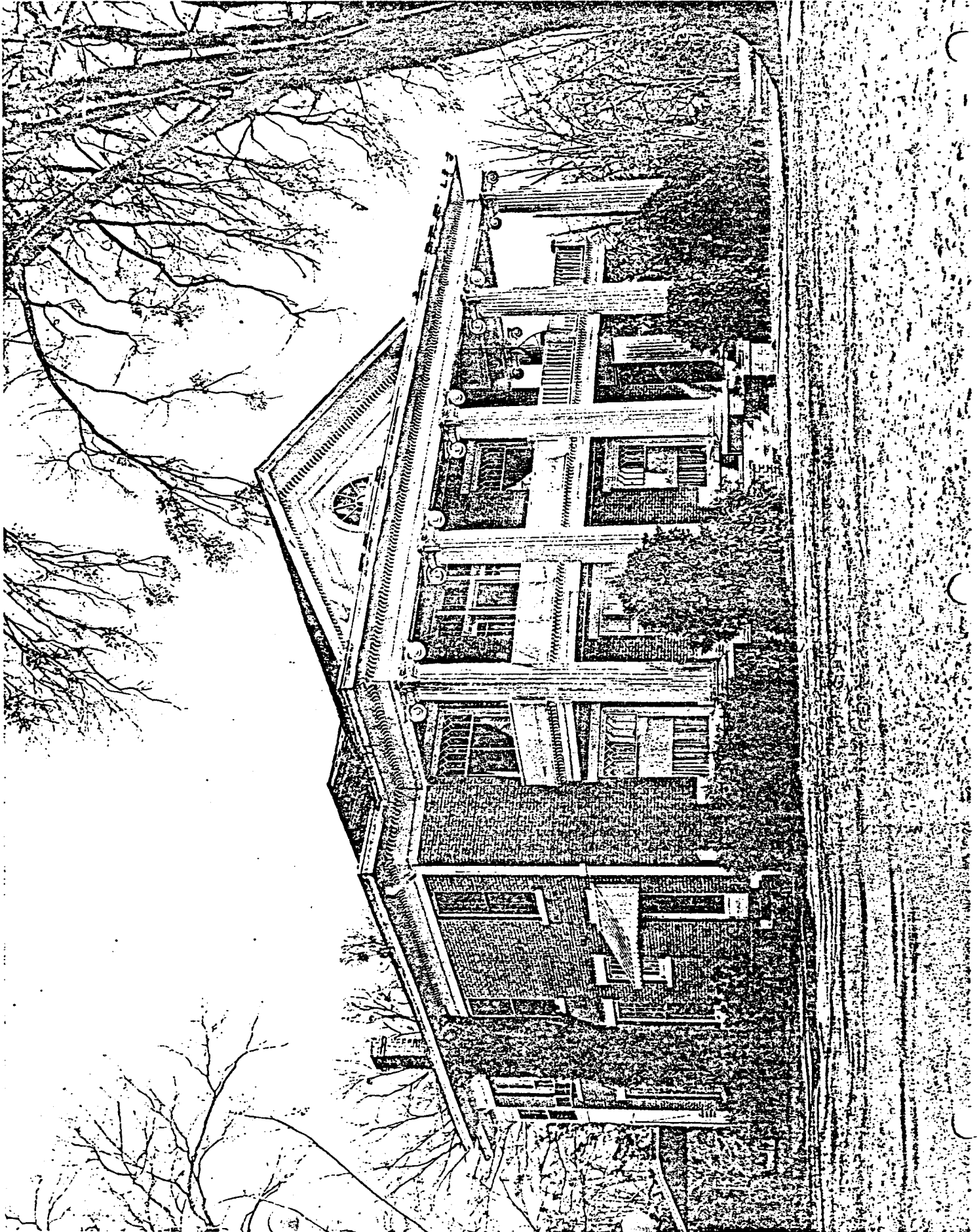
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south elevation, viewed from the south

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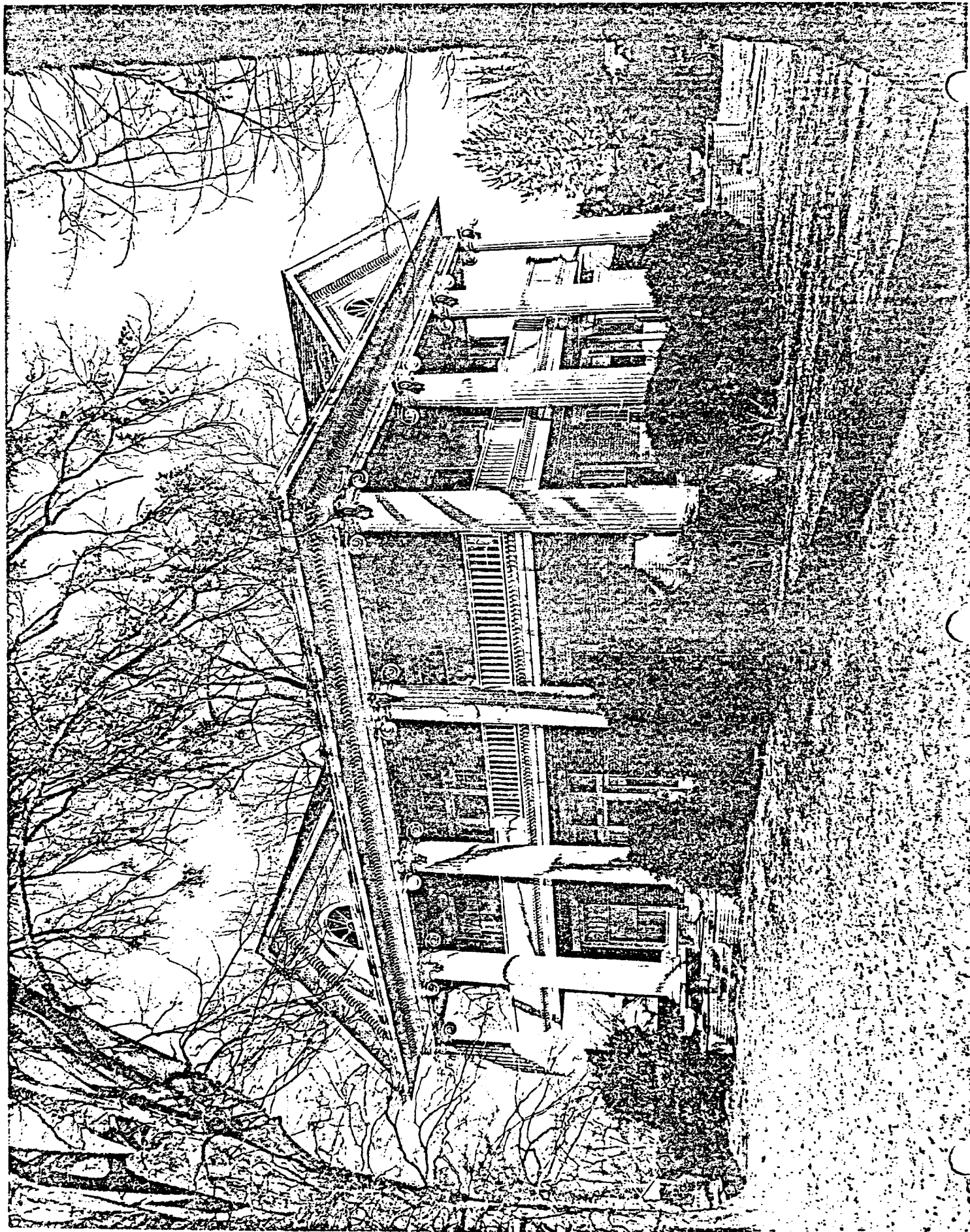
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facade & north elevation, viewed from the northwest

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Facade & south elevation, viewed from the southeast

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STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE 1:24,000

DATE 1973

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

614 R 7 W 1207000 FEET R. 6 W
613 47'30" 47'30" FOUNTAIN HLL B MI

