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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 Watson-Sawyer House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

502 East Parker

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hamburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Arkansas

CODE
05

COUNTY
Ashley

CODE
003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Floie Watson Sawyer

STREET & NUMBER 502 East Parker

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Watson-Sawyer House, built in 1870, is a two-storey wooden structure. It is of rectilinear shape and has a gable roof. As to architecture, the house is best described as an eclectic "provincial" style.

The Watson-Sawyer House is symmetrical and well-balanced. The facade features a centered two-storey portico supported by fluted Doric-capital columns. The pediment of the portico features ribbon-like woodwork, which terminates at the drop point of the pediment. Similar ribbon-like wood trim decorates the pediments of the gable ends. Pairs of windows with original shutters flank the portico on both the first and second-storey levels. Simple molding surrounds these windows. In keeping with the balance of the house, exterior-end chimneys project from each gable end. The front entry features double-paneled doors on both first and second-storey levels. These doors are surrounded by sidelights and a multi-light transom.

A wide frieze surrounding the house is marked by paired brackets. These brackets feature drop pendants and give the house a distinctive aura.

The interior plan of the Watson-Sawyer House is organized as a large central hallway with one room on either side. A single flight, one-run stairway of walnut extends from the downstairs hallway to the second-storey. The stairway features turned balusters. Mantles in the two downstairs parlors are elaborate in design, while those on the second storey are plain. On the first floor the rooms feature paneled wainscot and decorative cornice. The original oak floors remain.

In 1949 a one-storey addition was built onto the rear elevation. In 1961 the original square porch columns were replaced with fluted columns taken from an older house in Hamburg - - an older house which was being razed.

The Watson-Sawyer House radiates an air of southern elegance as it rests on a large piece of land, carefully landscaped. This significant Ashley County structure remains in excellent condition.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870 BUILDER/ARCHITECT E. D. Watson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in the southeastern Arkansas town of Hamburg, the Watson-Sawyer House rests on a tree-shaded lot near the downtown area. Built in 1870, the house is constructed entirely of oak. The primary significance of the Watson-Sawyer House lies in its architecture, which is best characterized as "provincial" style. The two-storey structure is symmetrical and well-balanced, with its center portico flanked by pairs of windows on either side and paired decorative brackets on the cornice. The role the Watson family has played in the area also lends significance to the house. As one of the early settlers in Hamburg, E. D. Watson played an important role in the development of the community.

E. D. Watson and his wife, Sarah, started west from South Carolina in the early 1860's in a covered wagon. They stopped in Tennessee for the birth of their first child, then moved on to Ashley County, Arkansas. The Watsons decided that the southern Arkansas area was where they would settle. Watson opened a hardware store and in 1865 bought 160 acres from J. C. Waddell. Close to the town of Hamburg where his business was located, the newly acquired land afforded Watson a sense of establishment. He built a three-room house on the land shortly after its purchase. By 1870, the Watson family had grown to seventeen and the Watson Hardware business had prospered. In that year Watson built for his large family an impressive two-storey structure; it was very near the three-room house which Watson's family had outgrown. The new addition became known as one of the finest structures in Ashley County.

The Watson-Sawyer House has never been out of the Watson family. It is now owned and occupied by a granddaughter of E. D. Watson. Undoubtedly this background of ownership and occupancy has contributed to the house being in such an excellent state of preservation today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Veazey, Ann Etheridge, Family Bible Records of Ashley County, Arkansas. Hamburg, Arkansas, March 24, 1967, Vol.2.

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

DATE

September 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

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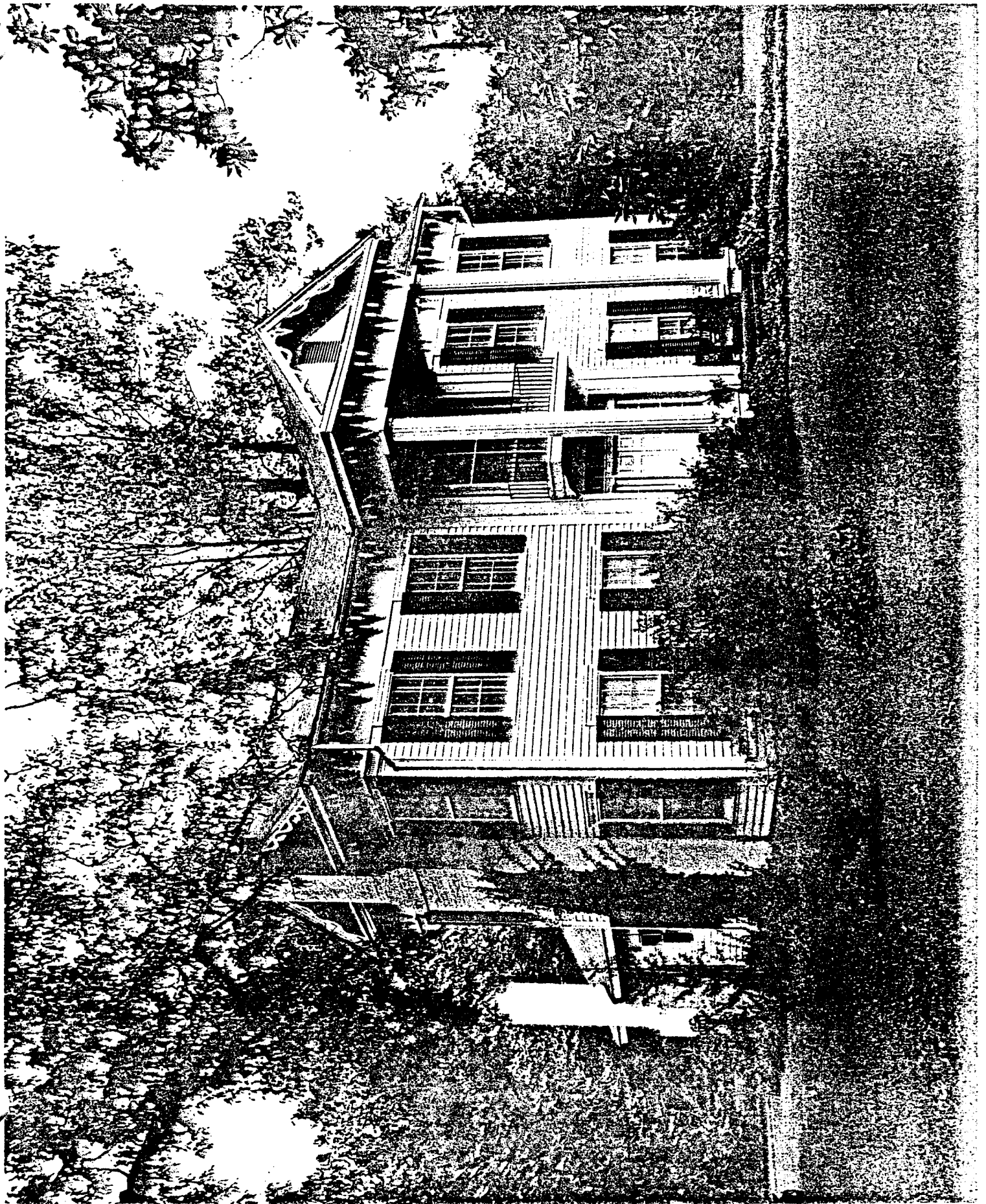
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

CITY, TOWN, HAMBURG

____ VICINITY OF

STATE ARKANSAS

COUNTY ASHLEY

PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT SANDRA TAYLOR

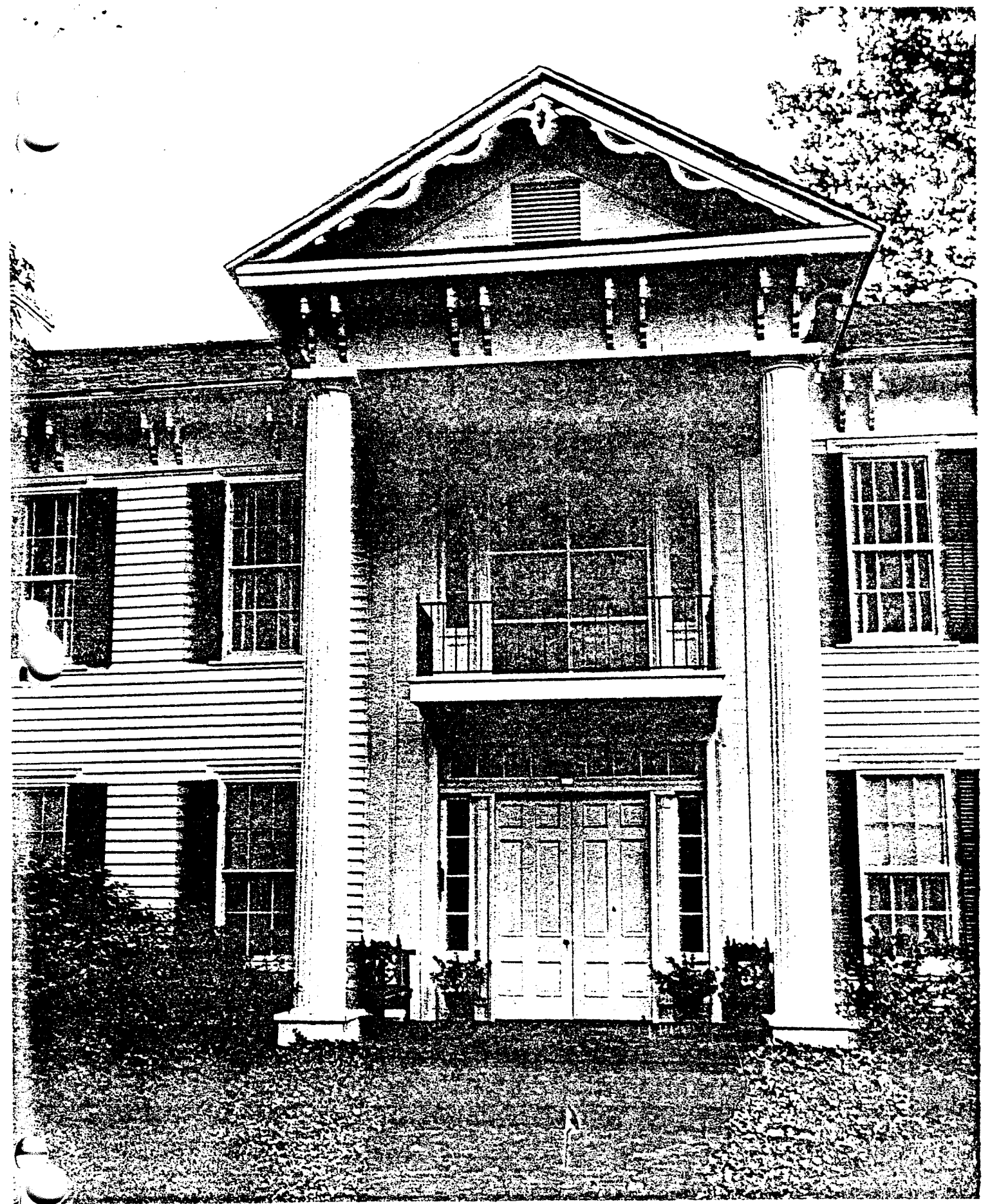
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IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
FACADE AND EAST ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE NORTHEAST

PHOTO NO. 1



Handwritten notes:
Sawyer House
Hatch County, N.M.
Sawyer House on Main Street in Hatch, N.M.

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2 LOCATION

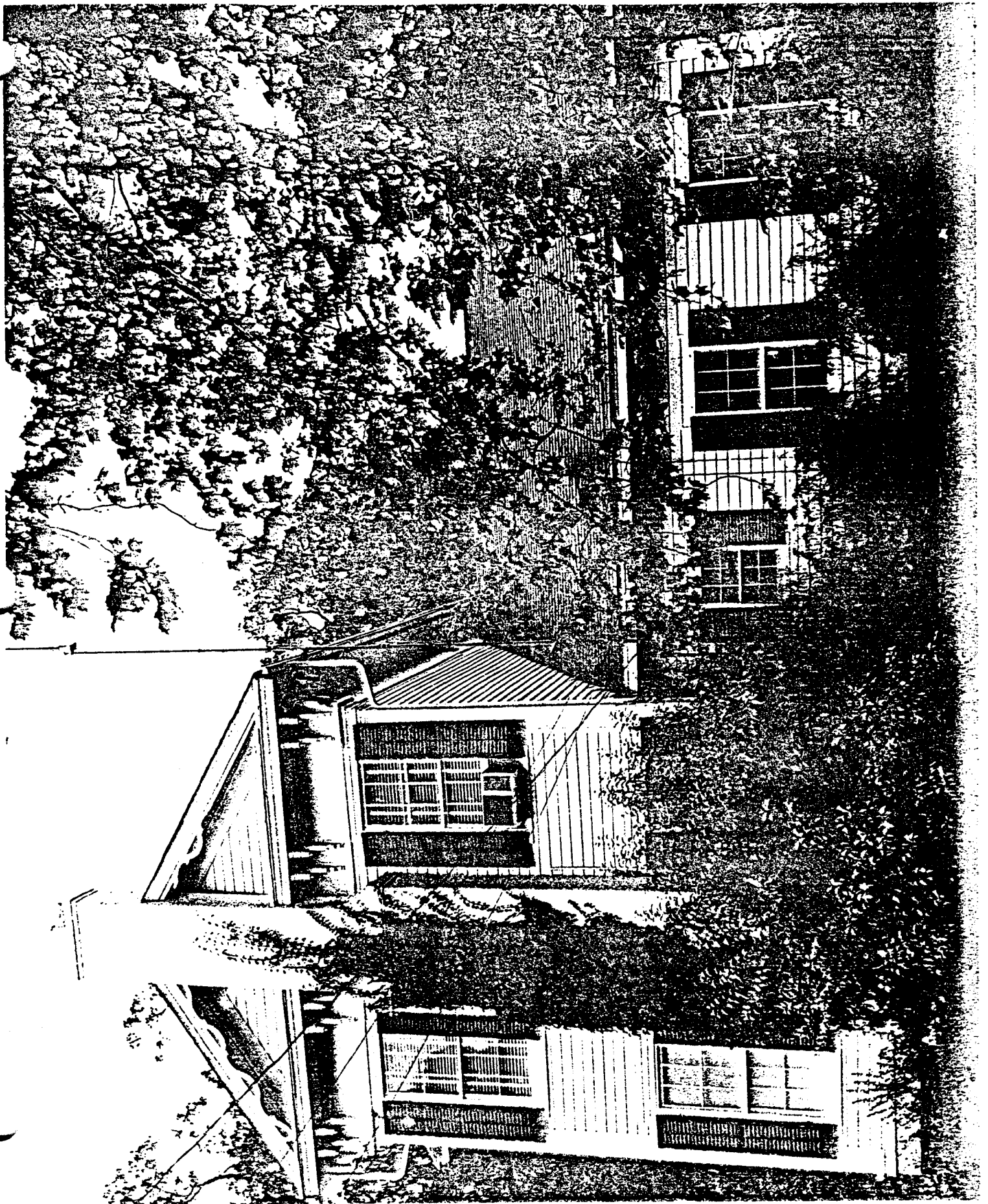
CITY, TOWN HAMBURG _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE ARKANSAS COUNTY ASHLEY

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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
PORTRICO ON FACADE, VIEWED FROM THE NORTH
PHOTO NO. 2



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WEST ELEVATION, VIEWED FROM THE WEST

PHOTO NO.
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2 LOCATION

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HAMBURG

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COUNTY
ASHLEY

STATE
ARKANSAS

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE
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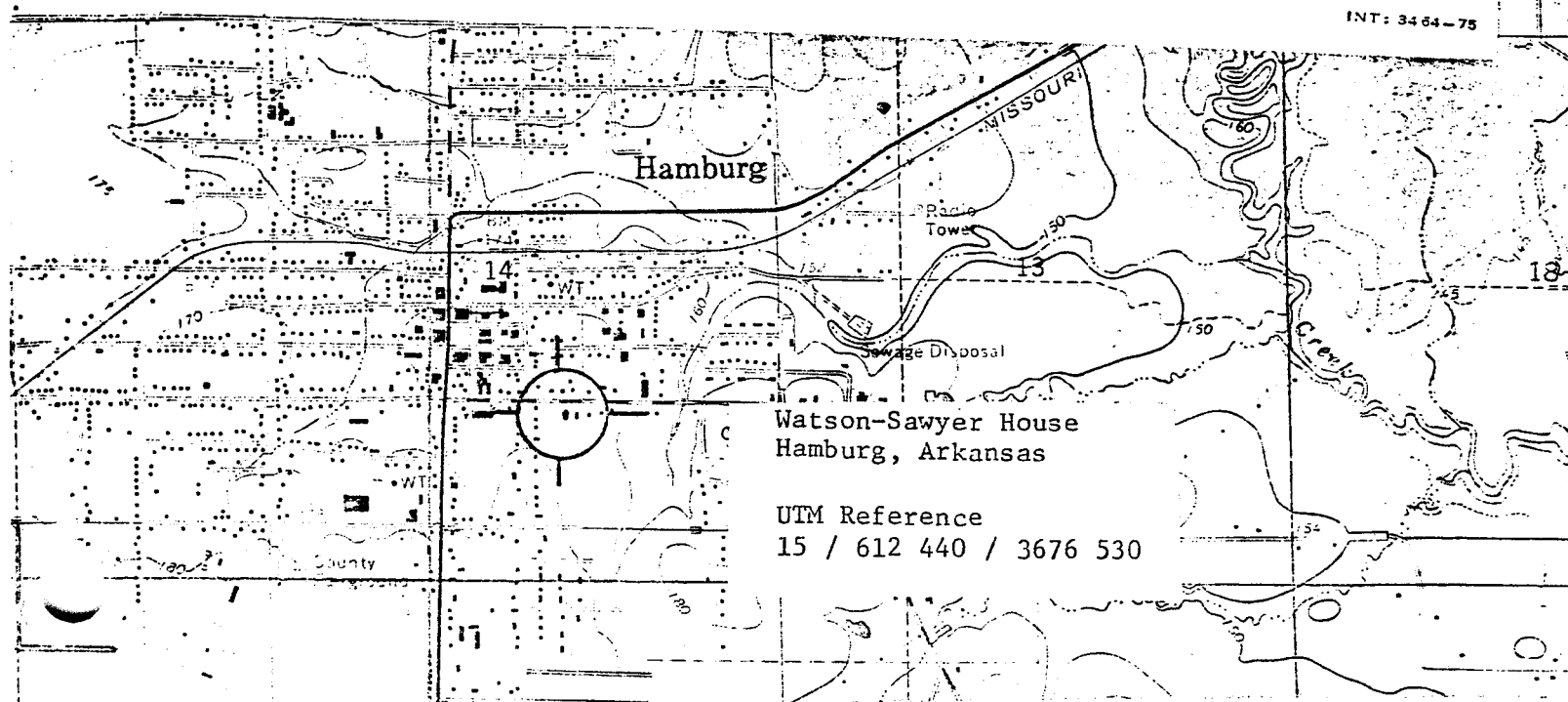
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

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