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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Gillham House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: County Road 584

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Royal

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Garland code: AR 051 zip code: 71968

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
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<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater

Signature of certifying official

2-2-94

Date

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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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 Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC _____

Sub: Single dwelling _____

Current: DOMESTIC _____

Sub: Single dwelling _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other

Other Description: Dog-trot_____

Materials:	foundation	<u>Stone</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>Wood/Log</u>	other	<u>Wood porch</u>
				<u>posts</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally_____.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C_____

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A_____

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1866_____

Significant Dates: c. 1866_____

Significant Person(s): N/A_____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A_____

Architect/Builder: Gillham, Phillip Phagan

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

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 # _____

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: Less than one

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>15</u>	<u>477880</u>	<u>3819330</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the eastern edge of County Road 584 formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern edge of the driveway that leads into the property (located approximately 50 feet to the north of the building's northern elevation and running parallel thereto), proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of County Road 584; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

Located approximately one-half mile north of U. S. Hwy. 270 on Gilliam Road, the Gillham House is a single-story, log dog-trot residence built c. 1866 by Phillip Phagan Gillham, a Union Civil War veteran and former resident of Ozark, Arkansas. Though the building has suffered some alterations over time, it retains its overall historic appearance and construction, including its low roofline and both half-notched and center-notched pine log pens.

Elaboration

The Gillham House is a single-story, log dog-trot residence built c. 1866 by Phillip Phagan Gillham, a Union Civil War veteran and former resident of Ozark, Arkansas. Though the building has suffered some alterations over time, it retains its overall historic appearance and construction, including its low roofline and V-notched pine log pens.

The western or front elevation is composed of the central single-leaf entrance (set into the vertical wood in-fill that covers the original open passageway) and half-sidelights and two pair of four-over-four wood windows placed to either side (the vertical plank in-fill in the wall below these windows -- which matches that around the entrance -- tends to indicate that these are not original and may have been replaced when the dog-trot was enclosed). The eastern or rear elevation is composed of the two shed roof additions onto the building, the first running the full length of the original facade and containing two one-over-one wood windows near its center, and a single-leaf entrance beneath the porch roof. The second addition is the shed roof screened porch at the northern end; it is accessed via a single-leaf entrance on its northern side.

With the exception of the rear porch abutting the northern end of the building, the northern and southern elevations are very similar. Both are anchored by the central stone chimney rising through the gable peak that is flanked by two wood windows (the southern windows being four-over-four sash, while the northern windows are one-over-one sash). The shed roof rear addition is lit by a single six-over-six wood window at the northern end and both a six-over-six sash and a one-over-one sash window in its southern end.

Significant exterior details include the original log pens, which are constructed of both half-notched and center-notched pine logs, frequently leaving relatively large spaces in between, and the massive stone chimneys (the northern of which appears to be original, while the southern chimney reflects the Rustic style masonry traditions of the Depression era). The log section contains a number of four-over-four wood windows that, if not original, appear to be historic.

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The interior has been remodeled somewhat, particularly due to the space added with the substantial rear addition (c. 1920). Yet the original log construction remains evident in the passageway, though the original chinking has been removed and replaced with some type of wood in-fill.

Alterations include the obvious full-length rear shed addition with its northern screened porch. The shed roof of the front porch also appears to have been rebuilt at some point, though it appears to follow the same roofline of the original.

The Gillham House is presently in very good condition.

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Summary

Criterion C, local significance

The Gillham House, constructed c. 1866, is locally significant under Criterion C by virtue of its status as the best local example of a log dog-trot residence from any historic period. In spite of the large, shed roof rear addition and the enclosing of the original dog-trot on the front, the Gillham House retains its fundamental original appearance as seen from the county road it faces and thus has not lost sufficient physical integrity to compromise its eligibility.

Elaboration

Phillip Phagan Gillham, Sr. was born on October 24, 1828 and raised on a farm in the vicinity of Ozark, Arkansas, near the northern bank of the Arkansas River. He remained in the Ozark area after his marriage to his first wife, Matilda Stewart, until the outbreak of the Civil War. The frequency of foraging military details along the northern bank of the Arkansas River, and particularly those associated with the Confederate units under the command of General Hindman, ravaged the family farm and even forced Gillham and his young family to become refugees for a time, escaping to Little Rock and points beyond.

It was during these travels that Matilda and several of their young children contracted either measles or influenza and died. Phillip buried them somewhere southwest of Little Rock and enlisted in Union army, probably soon thereafter. He enlisted in Company "H" of the 3rd Missouri Cavalry (Volunteers) and served with them until his release on September 17, 1864. Since his boyhood farmstead had been virtually wiped out, he purchased a substantial amount of land in the area that would become the small rural community of Royal, just west of Hot Springs. The pine logs of which it is constructed were felled by Gillham from pine stands on the property and brought to this site for the construction of his home. Gillham remarried soon thereafter, taking Sarah Adeline Rogers King as his new wife, and having seven more children with her, all of whom were raised in this house. Phillip Gillham survived her also, remarrying for a third time in 1893 at the age of 65. His third wife -- Elizabeth J. Hance Gillham -- he married in what is now Oklahoma, and it was to her that he left the house after his death on September 30, 1908.

The Gillham House was constructed on what was then a principal north-south road through the rural area west of Hot Springs, in the days long before the flooding of the area just to the north of this house that would become Lake Ouachita. It continues to face what is now County Road #584 and remains on its original site. The several later extant outbuildings -- located just across the associated driveway to the north -- were built well after the original residence and thus are

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not included in this nomination.

The Gillham House is locally significant under Criterion C by virtue of the integrity and uniqueness of its original pine log construction. The combination of half- and center-notching found throughout the structure is most unusual, and probably reflects Gillham's own lack of expertise at building such log structures. The pine log construction, though not at all unusual at the time it was built, is not well-represented today in the state's historic fabric. Given that pine is a softwood and therefore prone to both structural instability and deterioration, pine log structures have not survived well over the years and relatively few remain. The fact that these logs have been so well protected from the elements over time is the only reason that they are still here at all. Finally, the existence of such a simple, traditional folk residence in this presently isolated location reflects both the historic architectural record and the settlement patterns that were common during the late nineteenth century, before steady urbanization took place and the state's rural population began to relocate to larger commercial and transportation centers. As such, the Gillham House remains significant through its ability to recall that era and to preserve its historic visual record. For these reasons, the Gillham House is a local historic resource of considerable importance.

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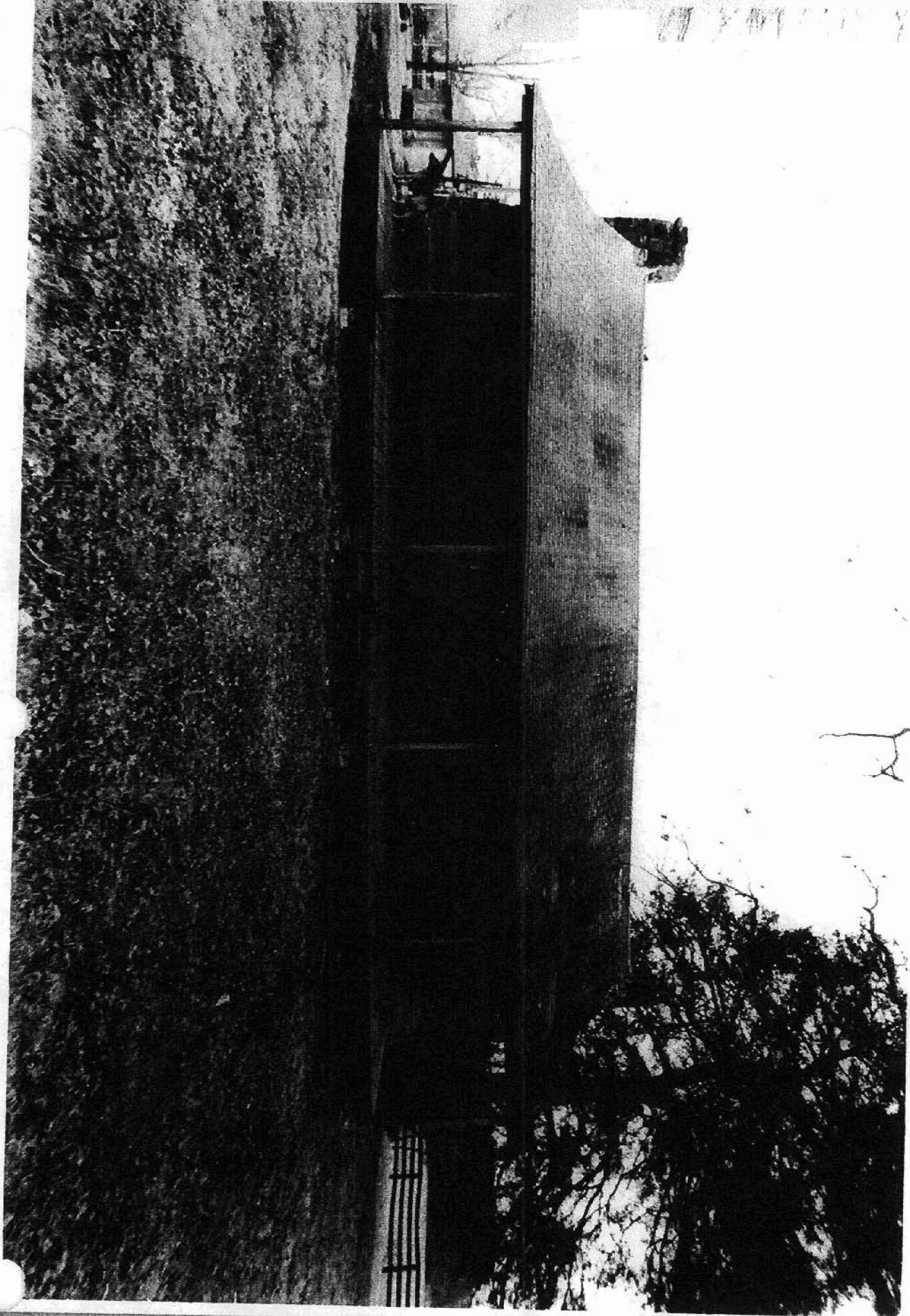
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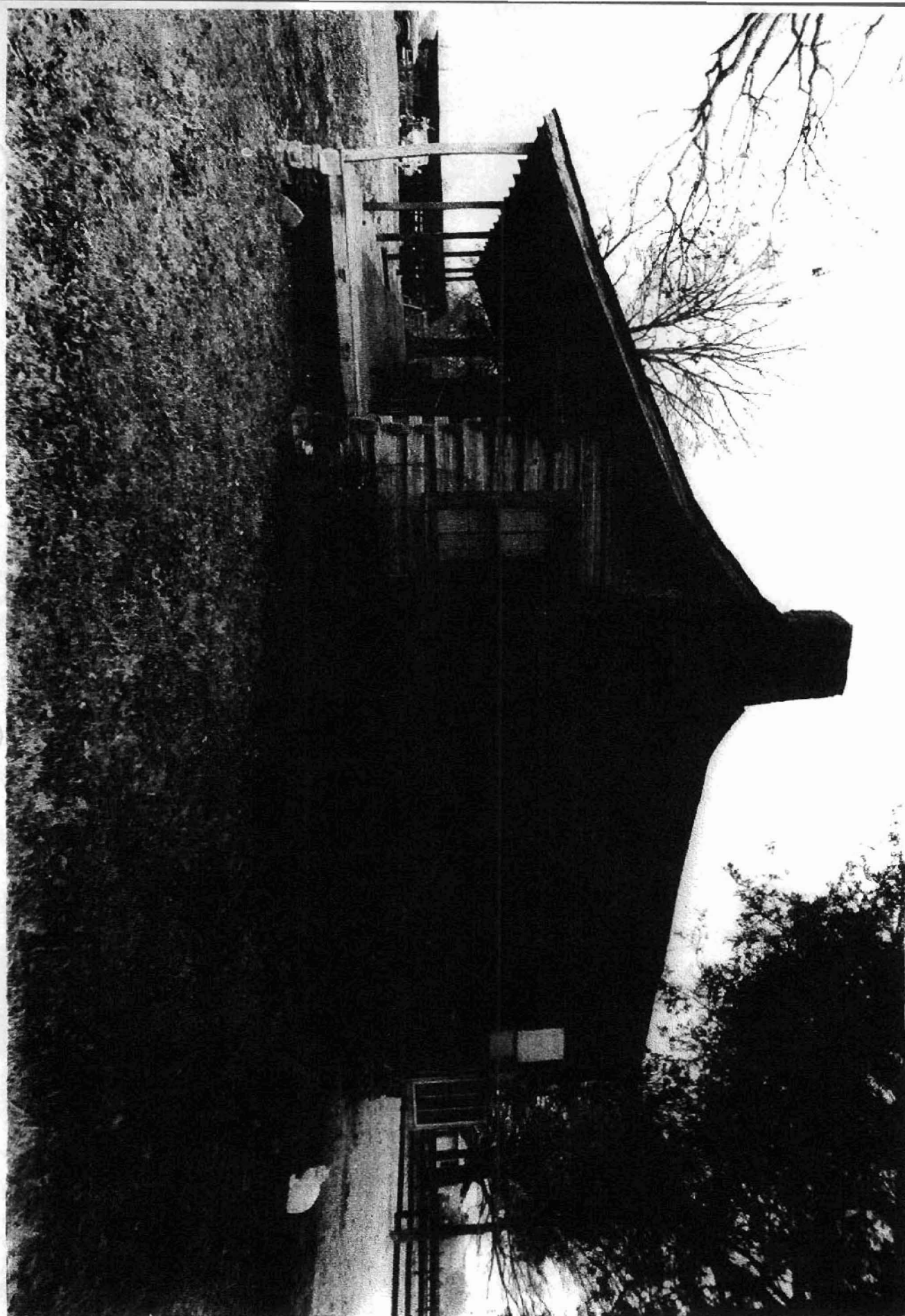
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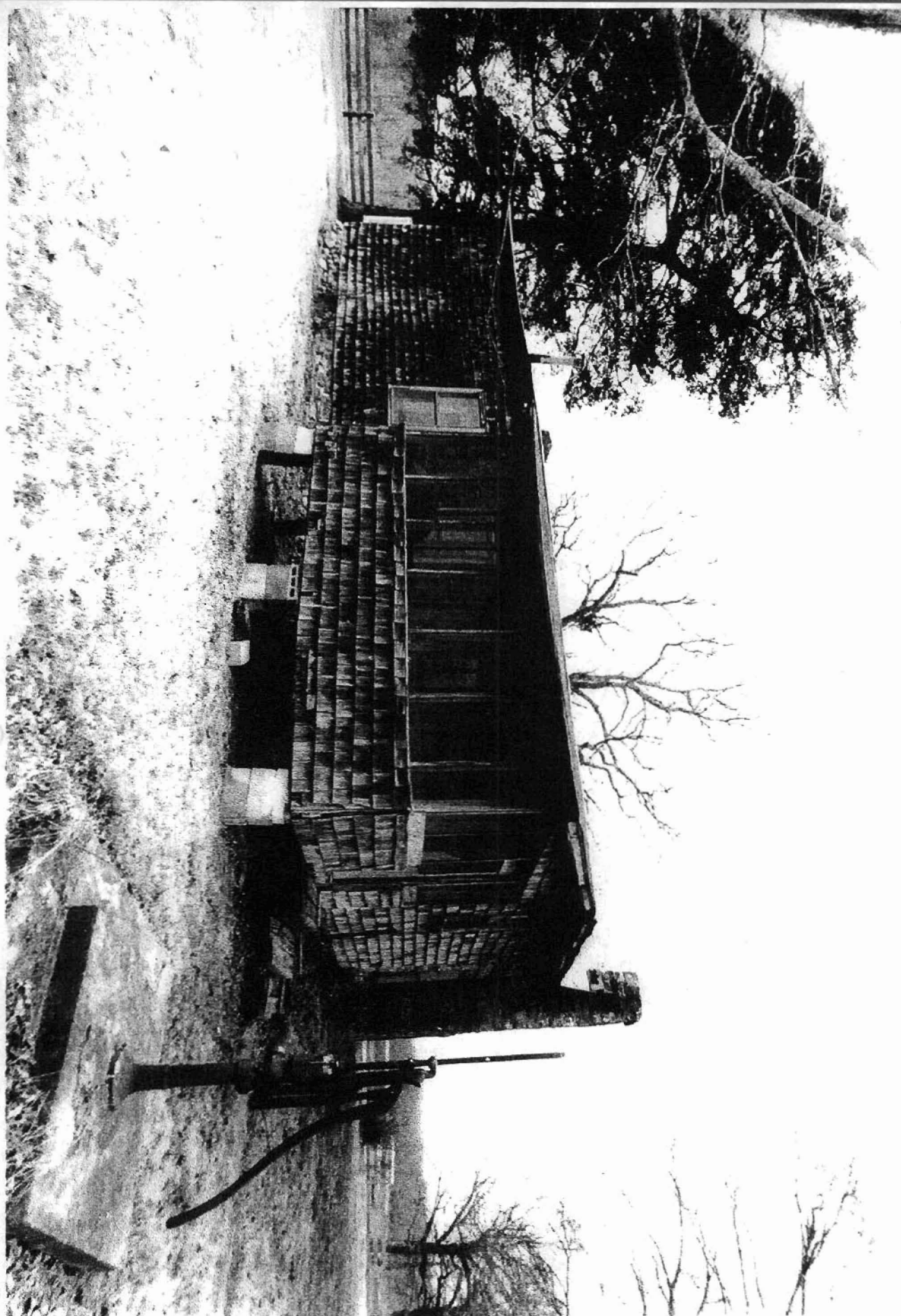
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