

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: J. C. Miller House

other name/site number: SE0321

2. Location

street & number: Northwestern corner of Oak and High Streets

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Leslie

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Searcy code: AR 129 zip code: 72645

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<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: Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas

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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.

Cathy A. Slater  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

10-8-93  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: Plain Traditional (American Foursquare)

Materials:	foundation	<u>Stone</u>	roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
	walls	<u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>	other	<u>Wood porch</u>
				<u>columns</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. 1905 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: c. 1905 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

See "Historic and Architectural Resources of Searcy County, Arkansas, Section H.

\_\_\_ 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:

- X 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>539800</u>	<u>3965240</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 formed by the intersection of the northern edge of Oak Street with the western edge of High Street, proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 100 feet to its intersection with the northern edge of Oak Street; thence proceed easterly along said line to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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**Description**

The J. C. Miller House is a large, two-and-one-half story, wood frame residence designed in a Plain Traditional sub-style best known as "American Foursquare." Like the floor plans of most houses designed in this style -- principally identified by the presence of a square, two-story or taller central core -- the J. C. Miller House's plan has been augmented with a single story, shed roof wrap-around porch (probably original) and a shed roof rear addition. A single brick chimney rises through the southeastern slope of the hipped roof. The asphalt shingle roof and wood weatherboarded walls rest upon a continuous stone foundation.

A pair of single-leaf entrances provide the principle access into the building from the southeastern or front elevation. Another single-leaf entrance also punctuates the wall on the northeastern elevation, and the shed roof addition on the northwestern elevation is also accessed via a single door near its northern end. Three large hipped dormers are placed in the center of the roof on all four elevations; each is fenestrated with a pair of one-over-one wood sash windows. Larger windows of identical sash configuration light the walls below throughout the house and are distributed regularly on all elevations. A second-story door on the southeastern elevation does provide access to the porch roof. The house features boxed cornices throughout and little other decoration.

With the exception of the two small shed roof additions on the northwestern or rear elevation, the J. C. Miller House appears to be largely intact.

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Significance

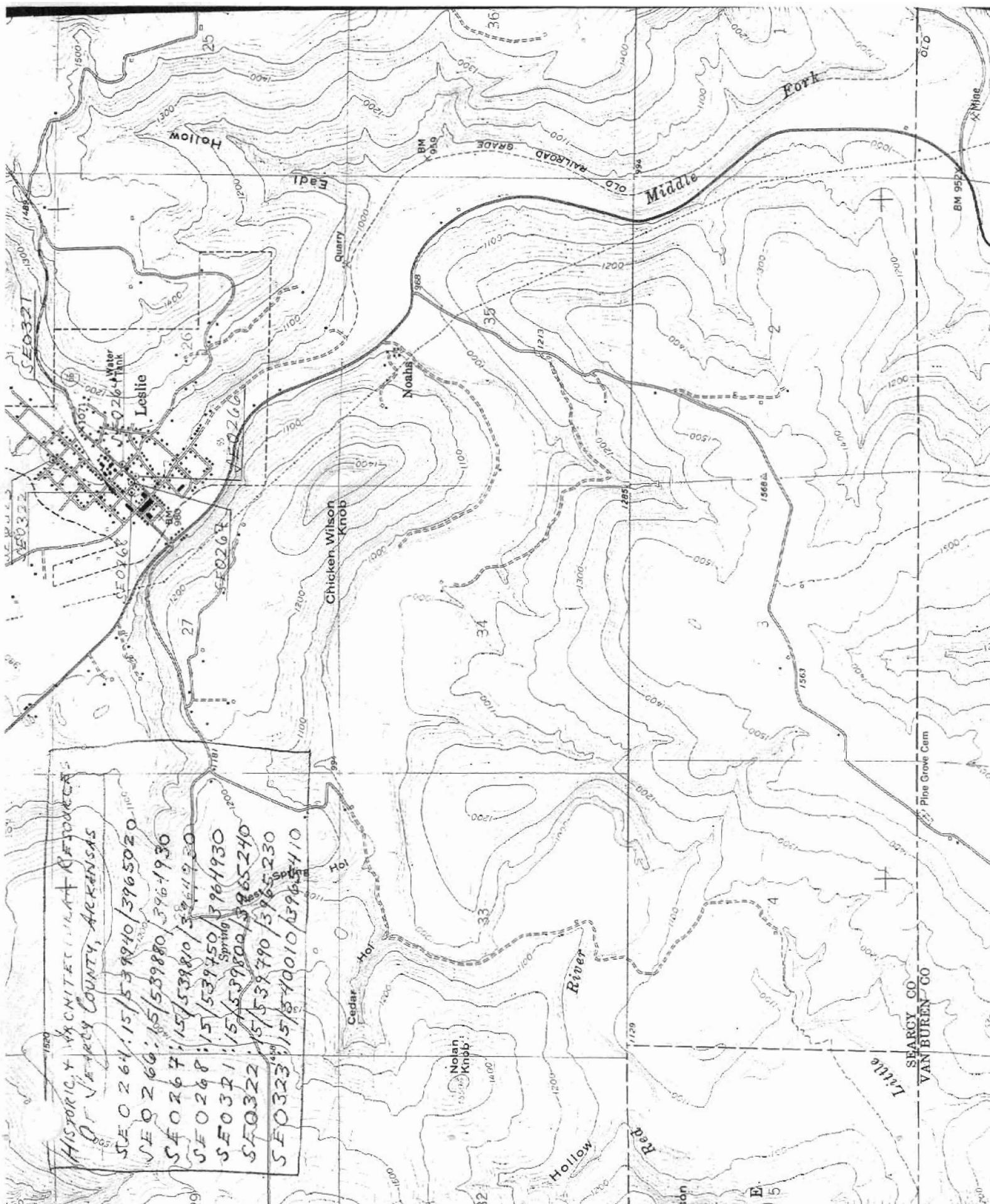
Criterion C, local significance

The J. C. Miller House is named for its earliest recorded residents, the J. C. Miller family, who lived in this house in the 1920s. Little else is known about the history of the house, its builder, or its other residents.

The J. C. Miller House was constructed as a residence in Leslie during the first decade of the twentieth century and as such represents the historic context *Searcy County History, 1865-1910: Reconstruction, Railroads and Renewal*. As noted in this context, this was a period of county-wide growth and prosperity, relatively speaking, and thus a period during which there was much new immigration, and so much new construction. Though a few high-style buildings were constructed during this time of relative prosperity, designs that drew primarily from traditional folk building traditions were far more common, particularly for many of the immigrants arriving from other regions of the United States to work in the local timber-related industries. Recent scholarship has shed new light upon the significance of these traditions and has begun to identify and distinguish specific types within this broad category; among these is the "American Foursquare," which was also frequently augmented with porches and various other additions, particularly over time. The J. C. Miller House is one of the best examples in Searcy County of this sub-category of traditional American folk housing as its wrap-around porch appears to be original and the later, Craftsman shed roof addition is relatively diminutive and located on the rear of the house. As a good and representative example of this regional folk tradition and thus through its associations with the importance of this tradition as a record of how less "architecturally-sophisticated" people built here during this period, it is eligible under Criterion C with local significance.



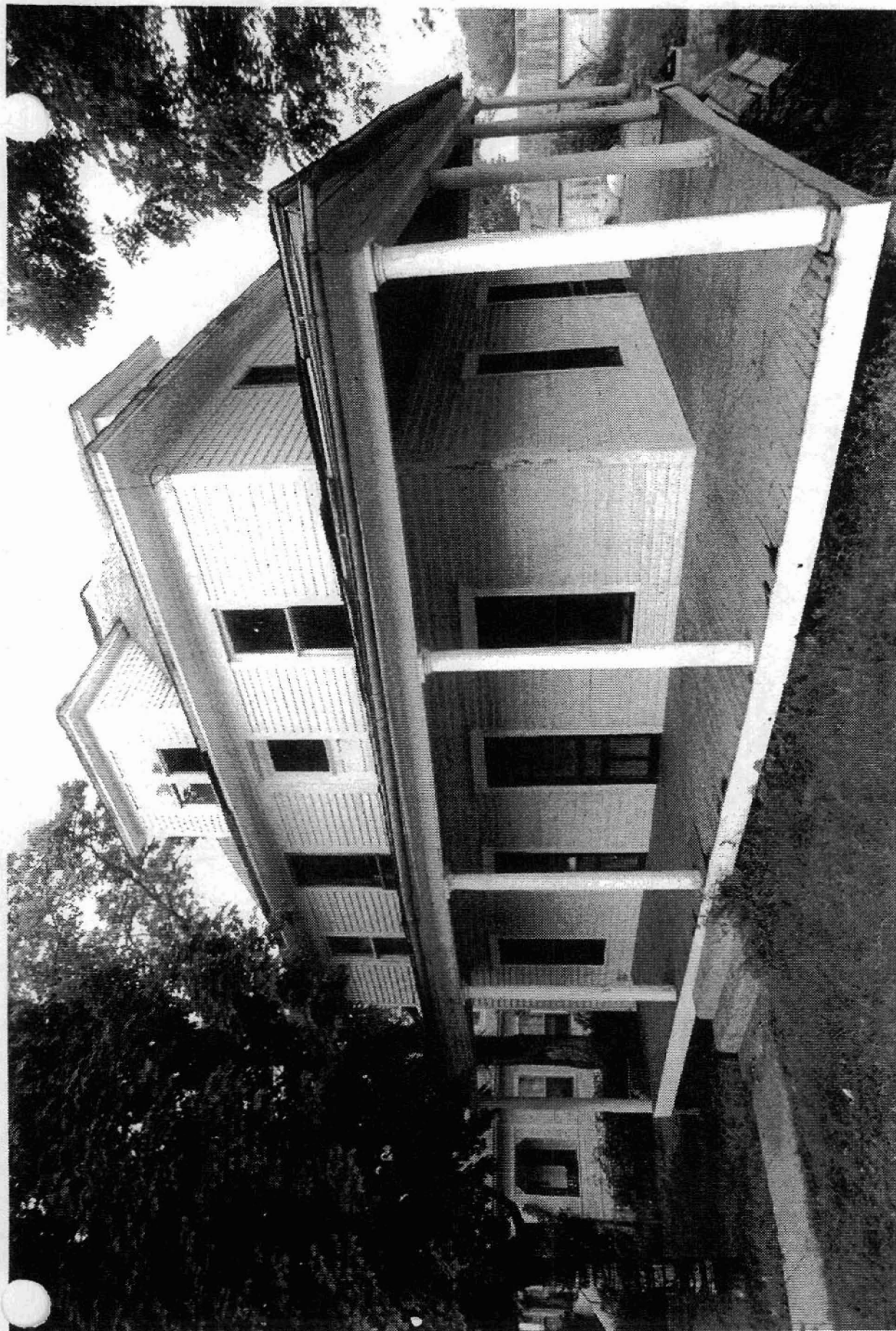




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OF SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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- SE 0268 15/539450/3964930
- SE 0321 15/539800/3965240
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J.C. Miller House

Leslie, Seary Co, Arkansas

Photographed by J. Ferguson

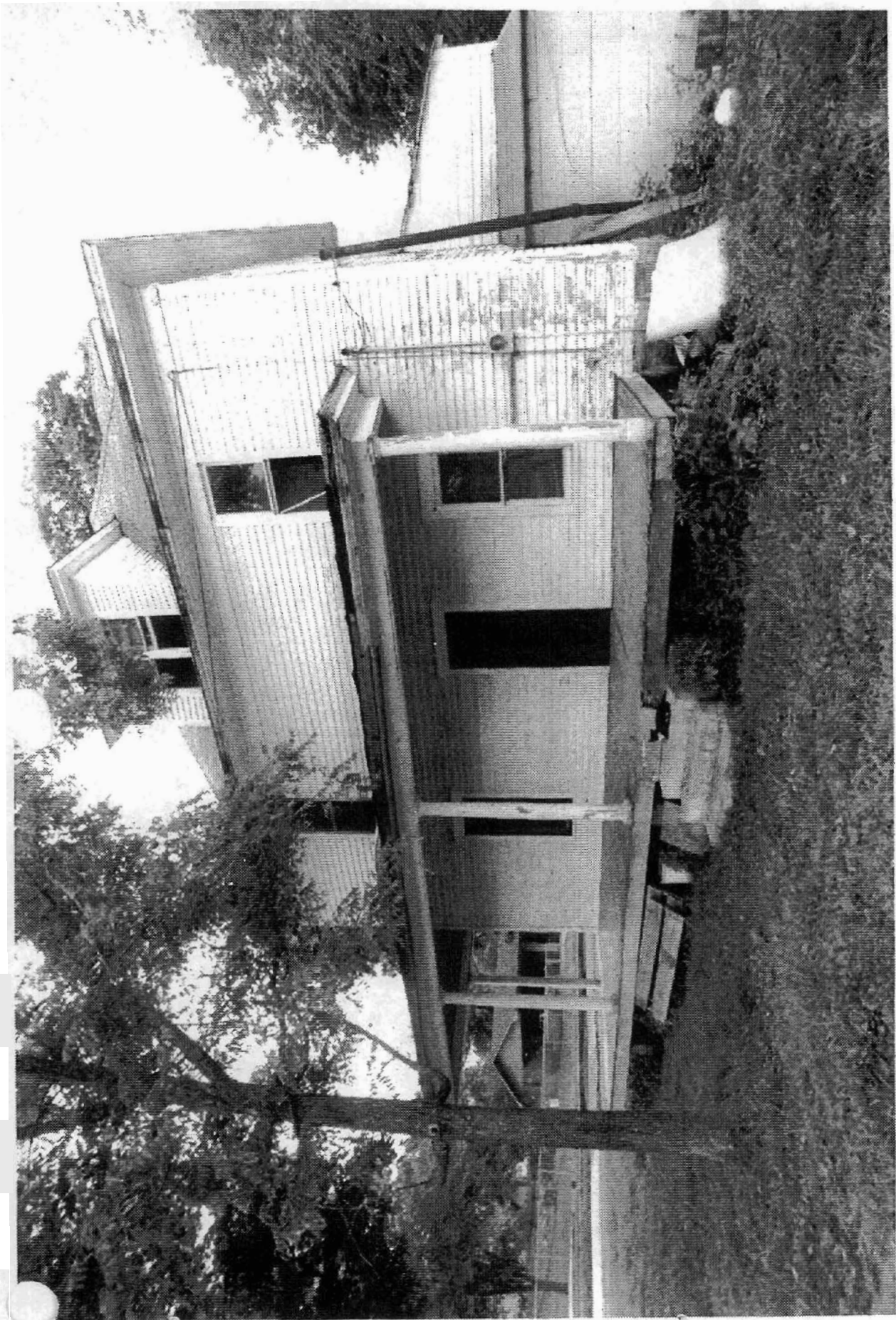
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View from Southeast

SE 0321





J. C. Miller House

Leslie, Sears Co., Arkansas

Photographed by T. Ferguson

August 1891

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View from North

SF 0321



J.C. Miller House

Leslie, Searcy Co., Arkansas

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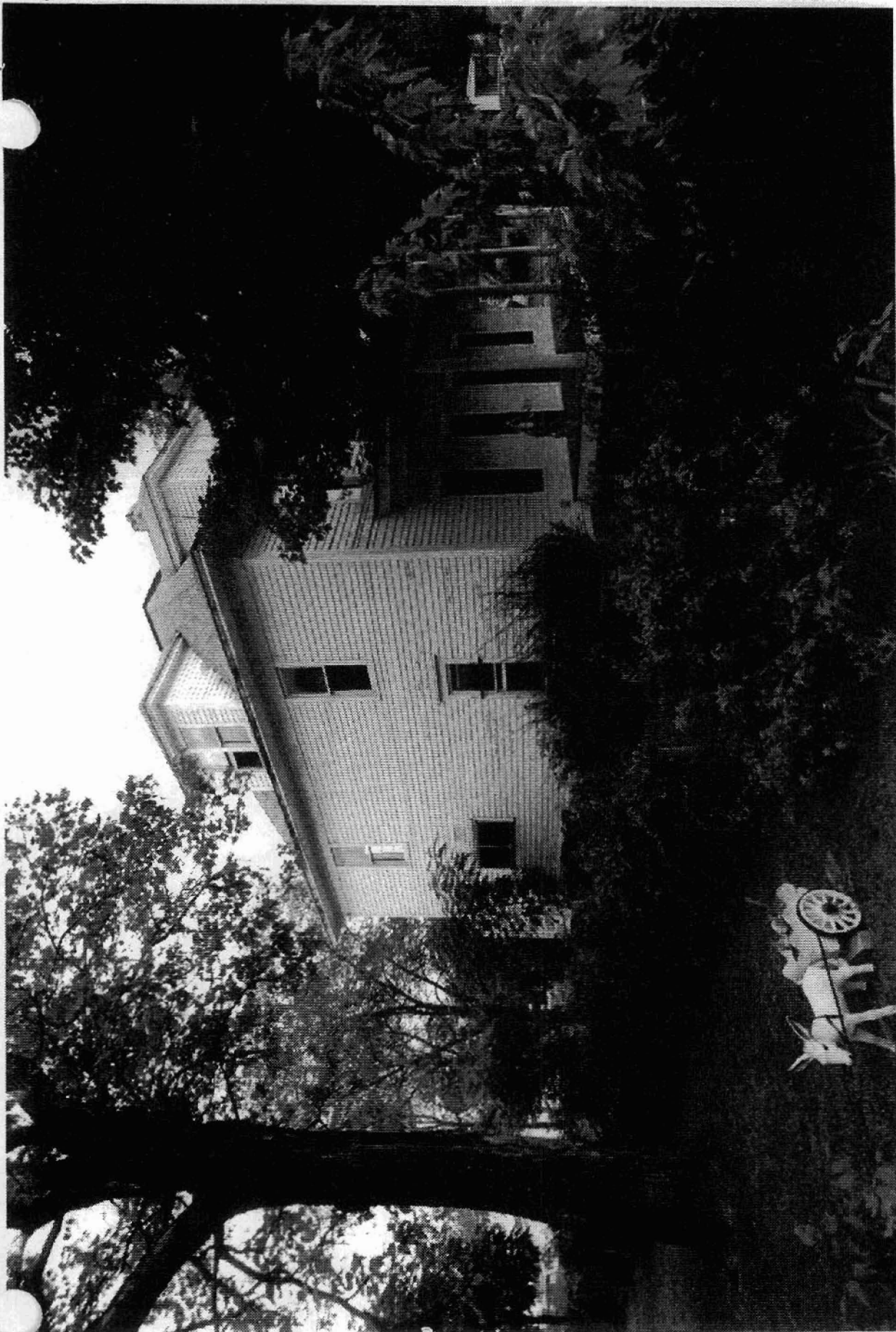
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View from Northwest

SP0321





J. C. M. House

Leslie, Seneca Co., Arkansas

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View from Southwest

SE 0321