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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Jameson-Richards Cafe

other names/site number Resource #WHO738

2. Location

street & number Highway 367

not for publication N/A

city, town Bald Knob

vicinity N/A

state Arkansas

code AR

county White

code 145

zip code 72010

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources of White County, Arkansas

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

7-26-90

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

5. National Park Service Certification

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 the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Commerce/ Trade/ Restaurant

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Commerce/ Trade/ Specialty Store

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/  
English Revival

foundation concrete  
walls Brick

roof Shingle  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance  
c. 1931

Significant Dates  
c. 1931

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Jameson

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.



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Description

The Jameson Cafe stands next to the Jameson Gas Station on Highway 367 in the small White County town of Bald Knob and is almost identical to it in design and method of construction. Like the gas station, the cafe is clad in brick, has several English Revival features, and was built in the early 1930's. With no additions and only a few slight alterations, the cafe's integrity is intact and it is in good condition. It is now being used as a specialty retail store.

The structure has a T-shaped plan and is one story in height. Its single dominant front gable has stucco and half-timbering on the end, which is a characteristic of English Revival designs, as are the six-paned casement windows located around each elevation and the multi-paned french door at the front entrance. The large, single-paned stationary window on the front (south) elevation is a new alteration, replacing what was likely either a set of casement windows or a multi-paned stationary window.

The six-paned casement windows have multi-paned transoms above, as does the french door, which is also surrounded by casement sidelights. The building's continuous foundation is made of cast concrete; its gable roof is covered in composition shingles and has a slight overhang.

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Significance

As a sister structure to the Jameson Gas Station, the Jameson Cafe can also be considered locally significant under National Register Criterion C for embodying a popular design preference that is no longer common. As a relatively new entity in the 1930's, roadside cafes and gas stations often exhibited some of the period's more common architectural elements, but few used the English Revival style, and no others survive in White County that did so, which makes this structure and the gas station even more significant.

As stated in Historic Context 4: Boom and Bust: The War and Depression Years, the period of time between the World Wars saw many changes in transportation, which led to changes not only in the built environment but in the lifestyles of residents as well. As roads improved and more people bought cars, roadside eating establishments were constructed to accommodate hungry travellers, causing a general shift in the types of commercial buildings being built. Locating a cafe next to a gas station was an acknowledgement that economic progress meant keeping up with the new mobility. The Jameson Cafe (and the Jameson Gas Station) is the best extant representative of this trend in White County.

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UTM References:

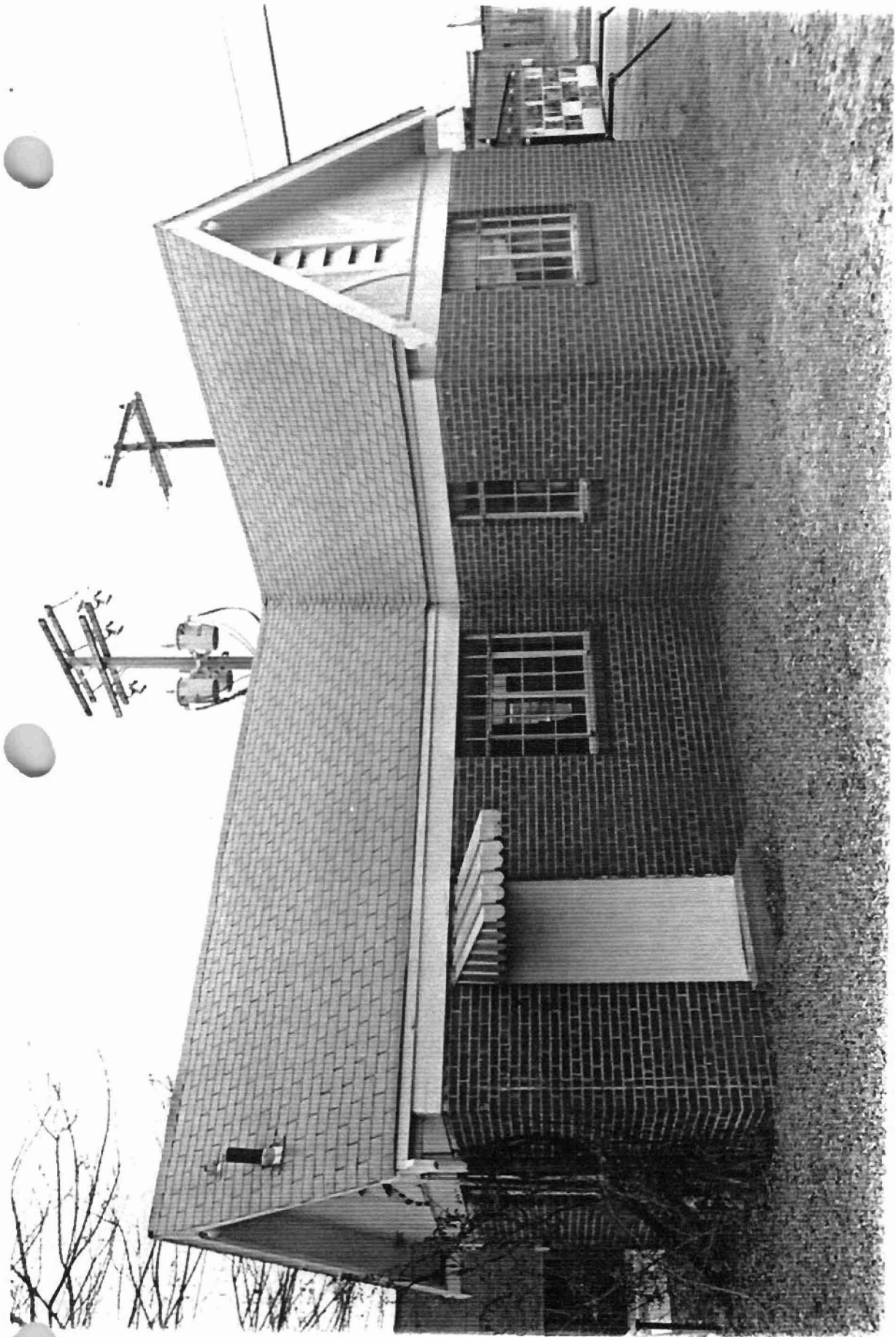
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Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 7 and the southeastern 50 feet of Lots 7-9, Block 6, Original Town of Bald Knob.

Boundary Justification:

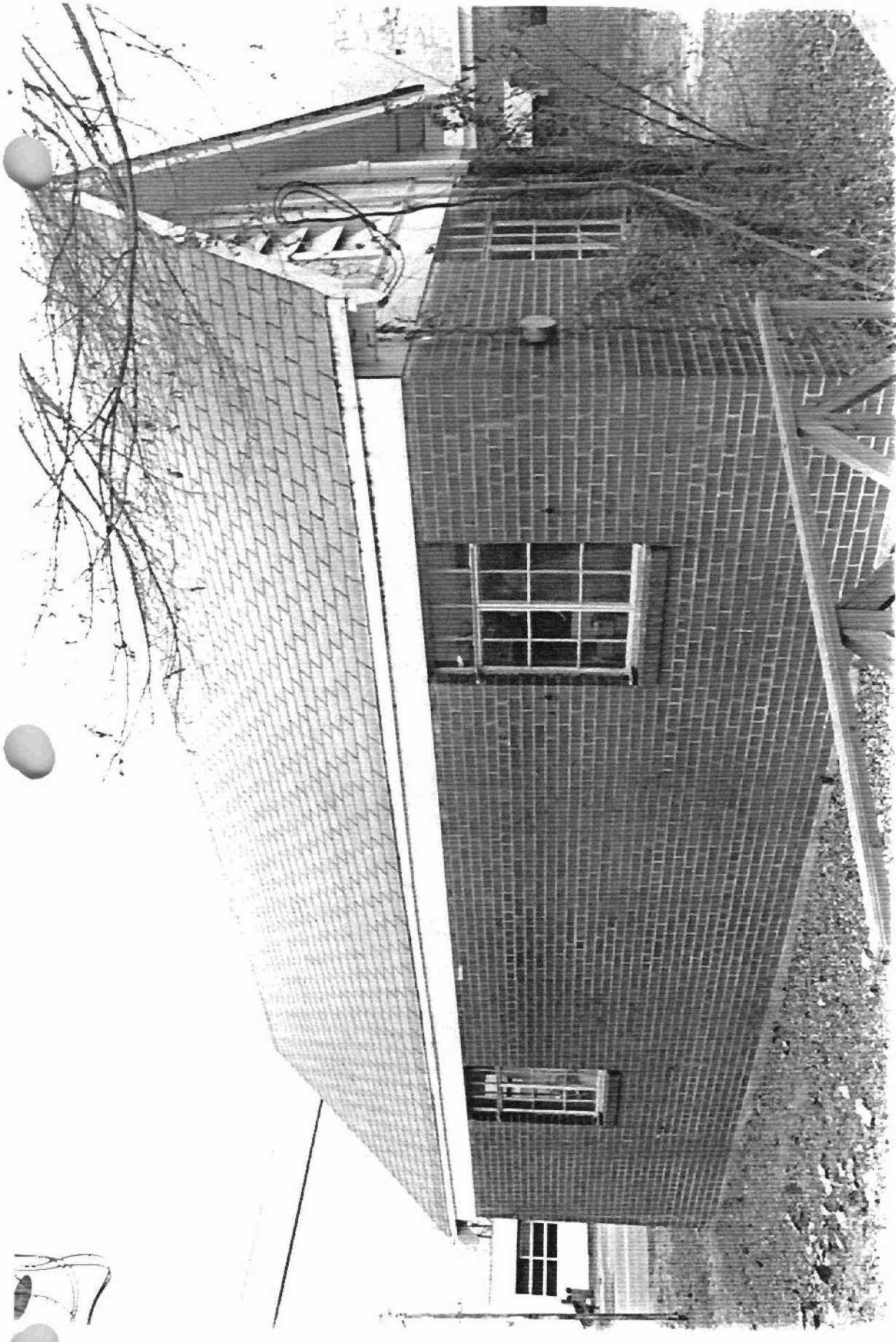
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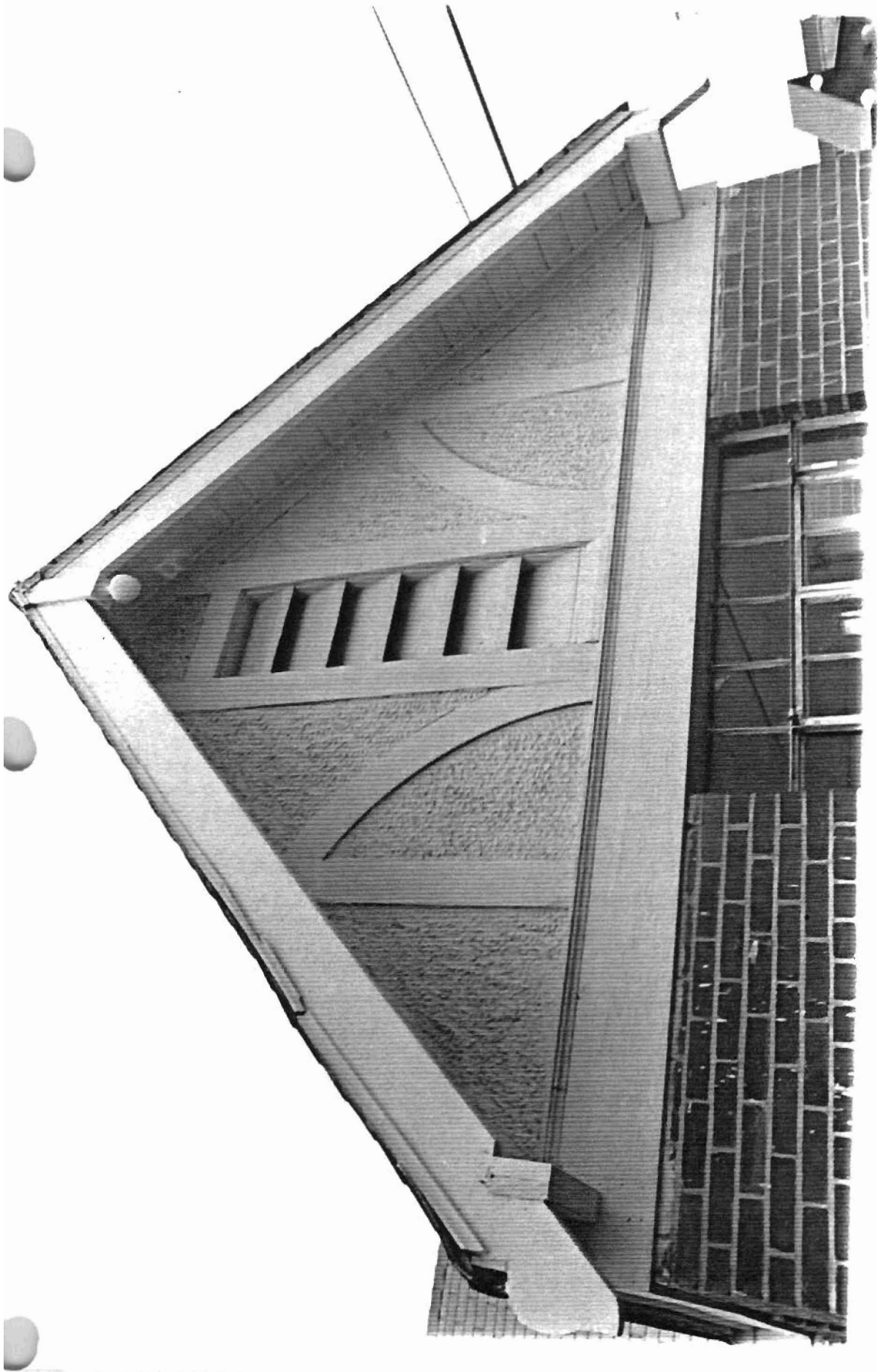


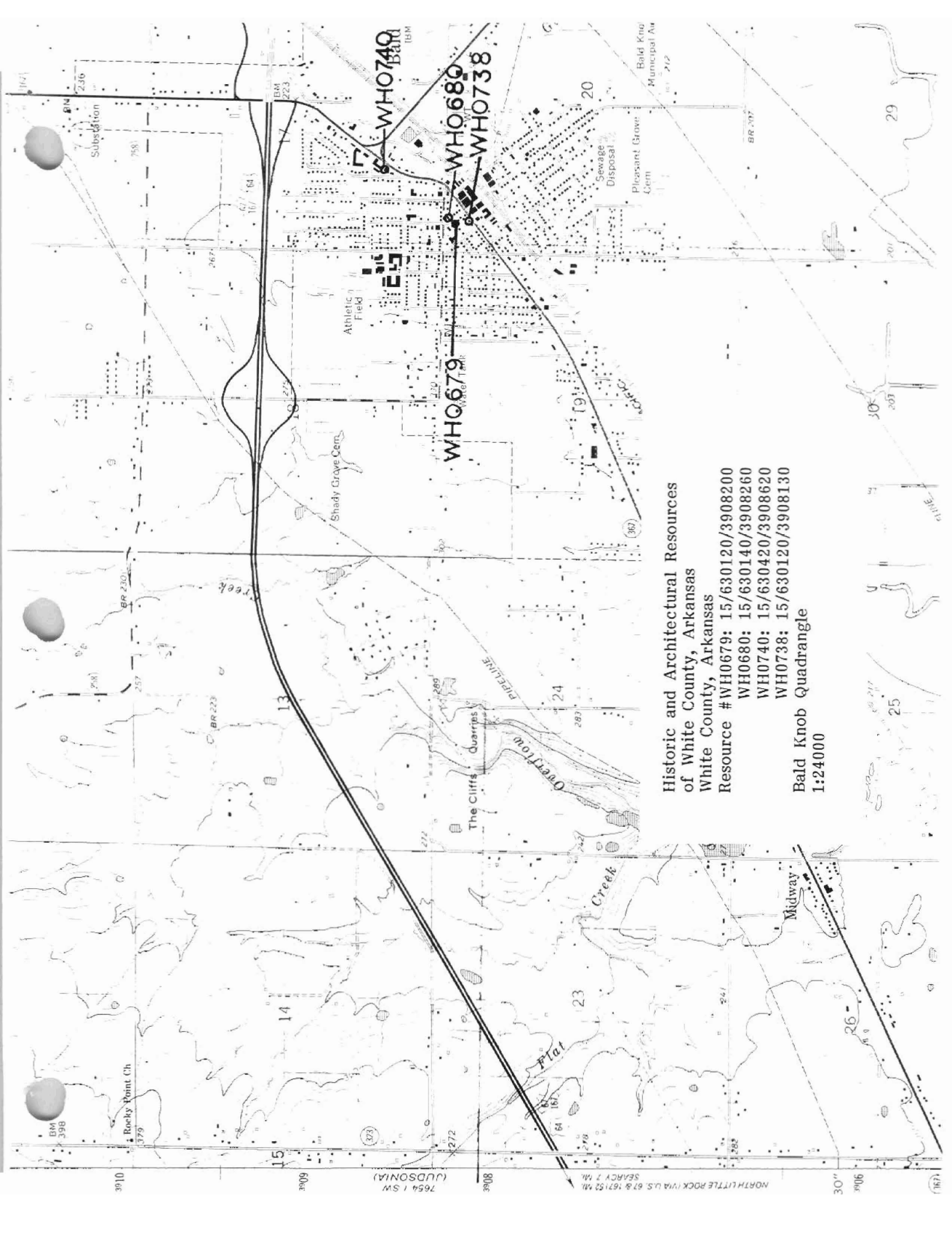




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 WH0740: 15/630420/3908620  
 WH0738: 15/630120/3908130  
**Bald Knob Quadrangle**  
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