

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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fitzhugh Snapp Company  
other names/site number WO0052

2. Location

street & number Southwest corner of County Road 140 & County Road 165  not for publication  
city or town Fitzhugh  vicinity  
state Arkansas code AR county Woodruff code 147 zip code 72006

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets   
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  
 nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Cedric Matthews 8/5/04  
Signature of certifying official/Title 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 for additional  
comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Fitzhugh Snapp Company  
Name of Property

Woodruff County, Arkansas  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

"Get Down the Shovel and the Hoe!: Cotton and Rice Farm  
History and Architecture in the Arkansas Delta, 1900-1955."

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Department Store  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Commercial Style  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
walls BRICK  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof SHINGLE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Levels of Significance** (local, state, national)

Local  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE  
ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1935-1954  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1935-1954  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fitzhugh Snapp Company  
Name of Property

Woodruff County, Arkansas  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

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A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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### SUMMARY

The Fitzhugh Snapp Company is a simple one-story commercial building located in the small Woodruff County town of Fitzhugh. It was constructed in 1935 and retains a high level of integrity. The brick constructed building designed in a simple rectangular plan with a half hip roof featuring a rather large parapet.

### ELABORATION

The Fitzhugh Snapp Company located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Woodruff County roads 140 and 165 in Fitzhugh, Arkansas, is a one-story rectangular commercial building. The brick constructed building is covered with a half-hip roof of diamond-shaped asbestos shingle and rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation. Stationary and double-hung windows fenestrate the different elevations, and a one-story, full-front shed porch covered the front. A brick chimney is located on the roofline, about one-third of the way back from the front of the building.

#### Front/East Elevation

The east façade of the building faces Woodruff County Road 140. The façade is relatively simple. A corrugated metal shed roof porch shelters this façade of the building. Two large, single-pane windows face the road, while two slightly smaller single-pane windows turn inward from the left and right side of the façade to form a recessed entry. A simple parapet rises above the porch with the words "Fitzhugh Snapp Company" inlaid with brick into the concrete nameplate. Two small, rectangular attic vents are located on either side of the nameplate.

#### Side/South Elevation

The south elevation consists of the same brick used on the east façade of the building. The elevation is fenestrated by two very small single-pane casement windows. The first of these small windows is to the left of a garage door that is located around the left corner of the building. The second window is located to the left of a single door that is centrally located on the façade. A transom light above this door has been painted over with white paint. A pair of six-over-six double hung windows is located between this door and a door on the far left side of the façade. This door also has a transom light above it that has been painted over with white paint.

#### Rear/West Elevation

The west elevation of the building was constructed with the least possible expense. No windows nor doors are located on this elevation.

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### Side/North Elevation

The north façade of the building faces Woodruff County Road 165. The elevation is fenestrated by a ribbon of four small single-pane casement windows that are evenly spaced along the right two-thirds of the façade. The remaining one-third of the building is fenestrated by two pairs of six-over-six double hung windows that are evenly spaced along the remainder of the façade. No doors are present on this elevation.

### INTEGRITY

No structural alterations have been made to the building to compromise its integrity. Its location remains rural, and integrity of feeling remains strong. The Fitzhugh Snapp Company still illustrates its original design and materials. The building also retains integrity of association. Although not currently used as its original purpose as a general store, the building's use as a farm machinery repair shop still reflects its close ties with the agricultural community.

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### SUMMARY

Constructed in 1935, the Fitzhugh Snapp Company is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with agriculture in Woodruff County. The building is also being nominated to the National Register under **Criterion C** as a wonderful example of a 20<sup>th</sup> Century commercial building. The building, which was the commercial heart of the small community of Fitzhugh, replaced an old wooden building. The Snapp Company closed its doors to the public in 1981, and now serves the owners as a farm machinery repair building. This nomination is being submitted under the multiple property listing "Get Down the Shovel and the Hoe!: Cotton and Rice Farm History and Architecture in the Arkansas Delta. 1900-1955."

### ELABORATION

Located six miles northeast of Augusta, the community of Fitzhugh grew up around R. K. Fitzhugh's farm in rural Woodruff County. Initially inhabited by the Chickasaw and Quawpaw Indians, the area of land that would be known as Woodruff County was settled by the mid-1850s and hosted a small handful of thriving communities. Organized as a county in 1862, Woodruff County was created by a vote of local people during the 1861 State Convention. The county was named after William Woodruff, who was the editor of the first published newspaper in Arkansas, the *Arkansas Gazette*. Since the county was born during the Civil War, it was not permanently organized until the end of the War in 1865, with Augusta having been selected as the county seat.

According to *Goodspeed*, the county is "part of the vast scope of lowland farm country." With no hills in the county, the land is comparatively level, and the soil is very rich and fertile. Though timber was, and is, a large resource in the county, "agriculture, horticulture, and the raising of livestock are the principle resources... the soil is well adapted to the growing of cotton, corn, oats... and all kinds of vegetables. With proper cultivation it will yield, in fair seasons, from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds of seed cotton to the acre...and other things to proportion." *Goodspeed* noted that cotton continues to be "raised from year to year, on some lands for half a century, without returning anything to the land to re-fertilize it." Obviously, Woodruff County is prime land upon which to harvest cotton and other consumable goods.

The location of R. K. Fitzhugh's farm a few miles from the White River provided soil rich in alluvial deposits of sand, clay, and vegetable mold. Known as an exceedingly successful planter, *Goodspeed* notes that "he is foremost in agricultural pursuits." A native of Virginia, R. K.'s father moved to Woodruff County in 1859, and bringing his extensive family and a large number of freedmen to the county in 1866. Second best child in the family, R. K. was reared in Arkansas and educated in Auburn, Alabama, graduating from the A & M College in 1874. With over 800 acres of farmland, R. K. kept 600 acres under cultivation. *Goodspeed* remarked that "a large cotton-gin, having a capacity of ten bales per day" was located on the farm.

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As the crop of choice for Delta farmers, cotton was responsible for the South's agricultural revolution, which pushed farmers into the 20<sup>th</sup> century and into the world of commercial agriculture. With this focus on commercialization of cotton, general stores were built in the center of small towns and communities that based their existence on "King Cotton." The community of Fitzhugh was not different. The community general store, the Fitzhugh Snapp Company, was originally built of wood and replaced by the current structure in 1935. The current store remained a vital part of the Fitzhugh agricultural community until it closed in 1981. However, it remains a good example of a 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial building and a reminder of Fitzhugh's agricultural roots.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1935, the Fitzhugh Snapp Company is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with agriculture in Woodruff County. The building is also being nominated to the National Register under **Criterion C** as a wonderful example of a 20<sup>th</sup> Century commercial building. The building, which was the commercial heart of the small community of Fitzhugh, replaced an old wooden building. The Snapp Company closed its doors to the public in 1981, and now serves the owners as a farm machinery repair building. This nomination is being submitted under the multiple property listing "Get Down the Shovel and the Hoe!: Cotton and Rice Farm History and Architecture in the Arkansas Delta. 1900-1955."

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Phone interview with Mrs. Floyd Whitehead, wife of property owner, June 14, 2004.

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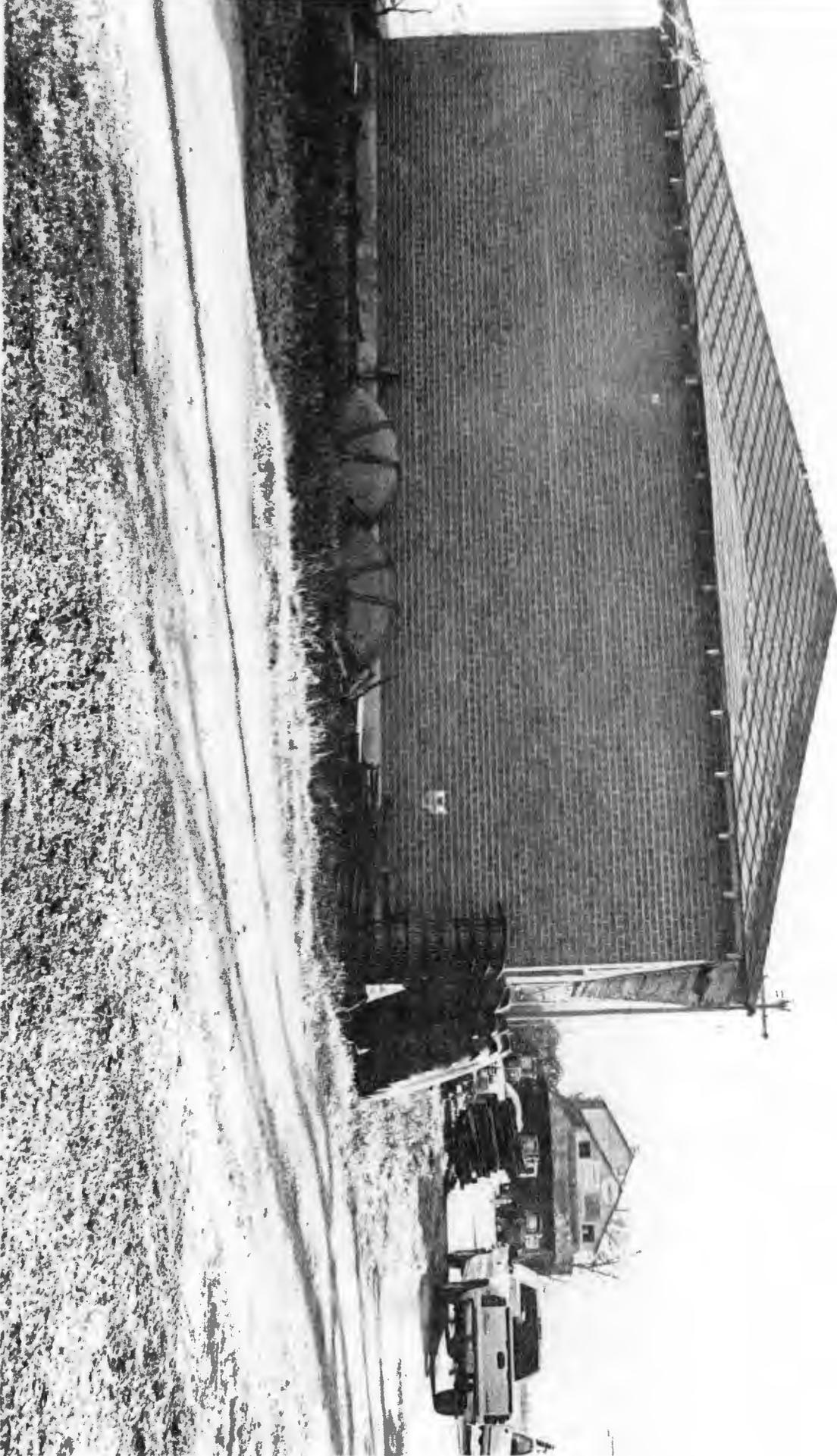
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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the SW corner of the intersection of Woodruff County roads 140 and 165, proceed westerly 145 feet, thence southerly 85 feet, thence easterly 145 feet, thence northerly 85 feet to the point of beginning.

## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes all land historically associated with the Fitzhugh Snapp Company.





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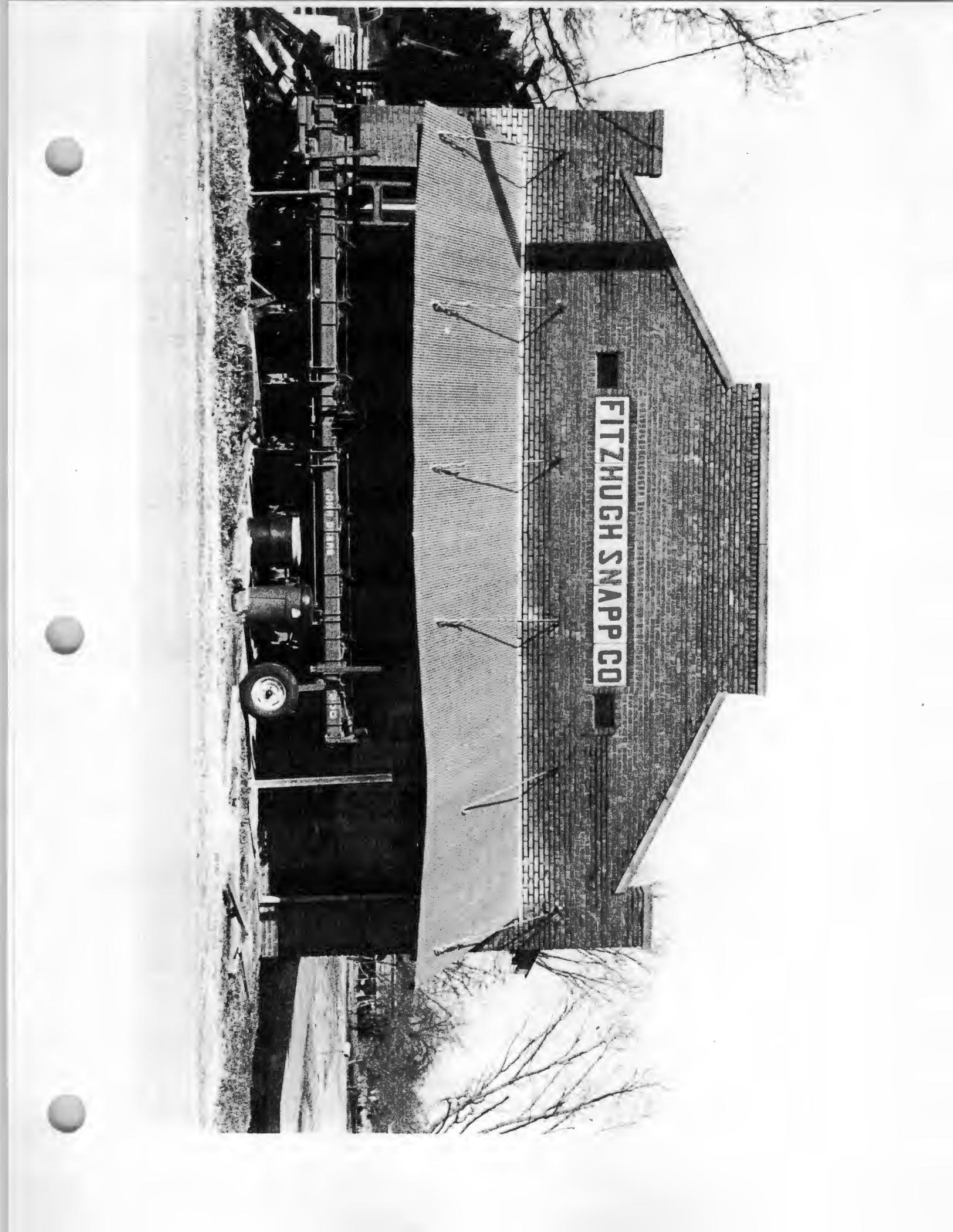
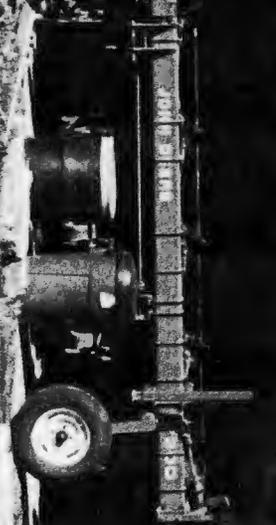




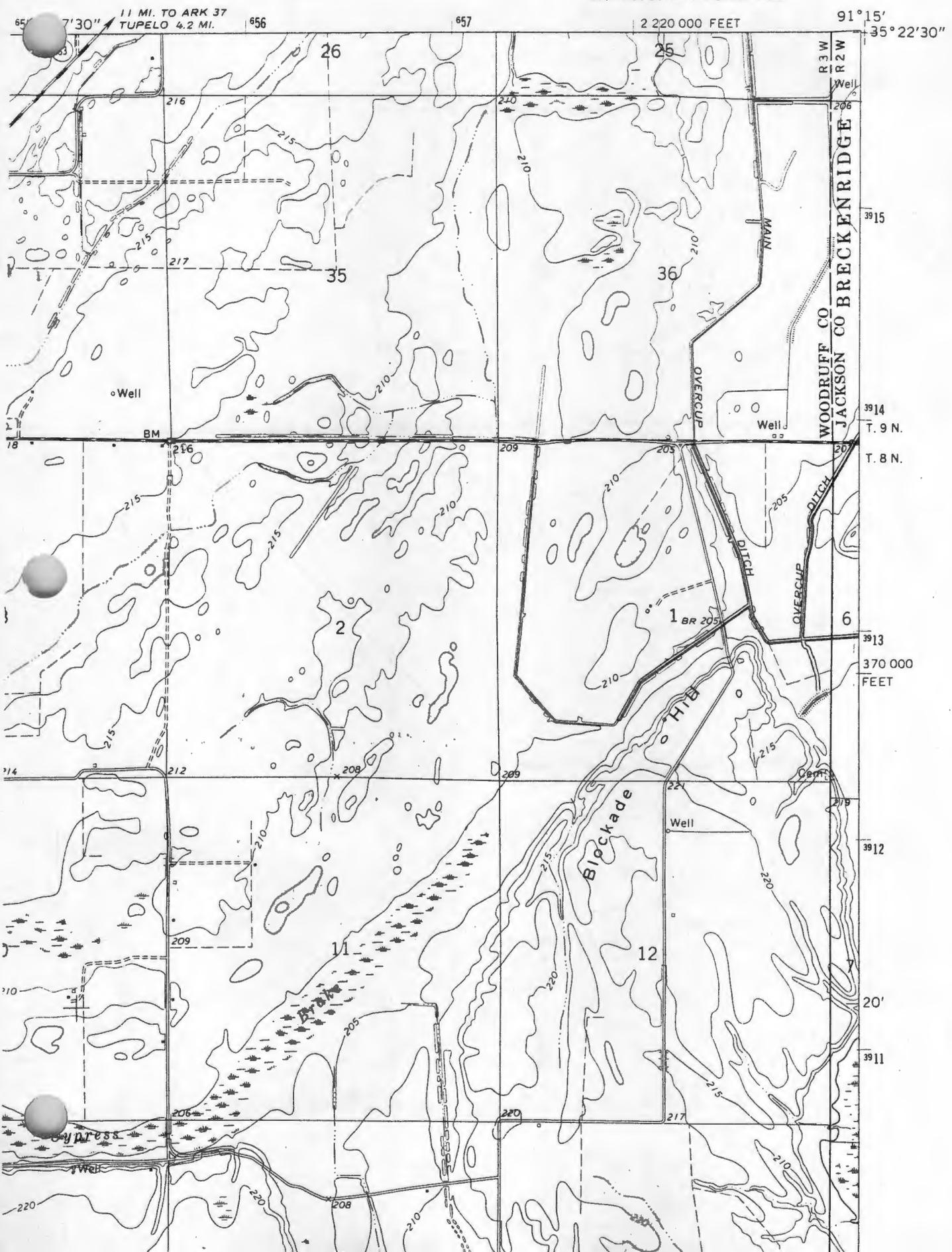
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AUGUSTA QUADRANGLE  
ARKANSAS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 AUGUSTA 15' QUADRANGLE



11 MI. TO ARK 37  
TUPELO 4.2 MI.

2 220 000 FEET

91° 15'  
35° 22' 30"

R 3 W  
R 2 W  
WOODRUFF CO  
JACKSON CO BRECKENRIDGE

3914  
T. 9 N.  
T. 8 N.

3913  
370 000  
FEET

3912

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20'

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