

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 Osage Farms Type 315:13 Government Farmhouse  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number State Highway J near Miller Chapel Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Hughesville X vicinity  
state Missouri code MO county Pettis code 159 zip code 65334

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 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.

Claire F. Blackwell 8 August 1991  
Signature of certifying official Claire F. Blackwell Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Natural Resources  
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

### 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)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Resettlement Administration Archi-  
itecture

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Osage Farms Type 315:13 Government Farmhouse is an austere, gambrel-roofed frame building located on the east side of Missouri Highway J near Miller Chapel Road in northern Pettis County, Missouri. Type 315:13 was the least-common dwelling type built in 1937 by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration for the local resettlement community, and this building is the best extant example. Although it was moved from its original site in ca. 1959,<sup>1</sup> the present location is within the project area and is appropriately rural. With its unusually pristine white-painted facades and distinctive roofline, along with other features, this building is immediately recognizable as an Osage Farms resource.

There were minor fenestration variations within each of the three angular, clapboard-sided government farmhouse types at Osage Farms (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri: Government Farmhouse"). In this example, both entrances were in the gable ends: window/window/entrance on the north and window/entrance/window/window on the south. In the three-bay end, the two 6/6 upstairs windows are paired. In the four-bay end, the two 6/6 upstairs windows are separated. Side facades normally contain two windows but in this example, one has been removed and the opening neatly covered with matching clapboard. The front door is non-original.

The south (rear) facade with its rather odd juxtaposition of the entrance and central window under a rooflet is particularly interesting, inasmuch as it is blocked from view by an addition, altered or nonexistent on other examples. Inside, plumbing and a bathroom have been added and superficial remodeling has occurred. However, most walls are intact, woodwork is original and built-in kitchen cabinets survive. The present floor plan is not substantially different from the building's original interior configuration. The building rests on a concrete block foundation which is probably higher off the ground than originally. (See Photos #1-#6)

The present owner lived in a government farmhouse with her parents while Osage Farms was in operation and understands the importance of retaining original materials and workmanship. Removal of a side window by a previous owner has not significantly affected the building's historic character. Although removed from its original site, this Type 315:13 government farmhouse retains the ability to reflect its historic associations and is a remarkably unaltered example of what had been an uncommon dwelling type.

<sup>1</sup> Interview, Mrs. Ruth Ann Leicher, December 1989.

**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

1937-43  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1937  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

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

Significant Person

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

Architect/Builder

Resettlement Administration; Farm Security Administration  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**SUMMARY:**

Osage Farms Type 315:13 Government Farmhouse, Missouri Highway J near Miller Chapel Road, is significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Its austere, utilitarian design is typical of government resettlement architecture during the Great Depression (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri: Government Farmhouse"). Built in 1937 by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration under a New Deal program to rehabilitate needy farm families, Type 315:13 was the least-common of three government dwelling types at Osage Farms, and the only type with a gambrel roof. Although moved from its original location, this building is an exceptional, relatively unaltered example of its type which remains eligible under Criteria Consideration B, for its architectural value. The relatively stark, functional design of government resettlement properties is said to have influenced the look of economical post-war housing. Features include a window-entrance juxtaposition which has been obscured or removed from other extant Type 315:13 properties at Osage Farms.

**ELABORATION:**

Originally part of Unit Nos. 69-70, satellite farmsteads associated with the Bois d' Arc cooperative farm at Osage Farms, this house was moved approximately two road miles to its present location in ca. 1959. During the 1937-43 project, tenants living in this house raised feed to help supply the dairy center. Mrs. Ruth Ann Leicher, who owns the property with her husband, came to Osage Farms with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sirel Todd, in 1941. The Leichers purchased the house in 1969.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Interview, Mrs. Ruth Ann Leicher, December 1989.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

For bibliographical information, see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri."

Also:

Interview, Mrs. Ruth Ann Leicher, December 1989.

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 (National Archives)
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Other: Show-Me Regional Planning Commission  
Warrensburg, MO

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 15 489000 4304240  
 Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
 Zone Easting Northing

D         

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (References to points refer to the attached site map)

Beginning at a point 1,190' south of Miller Chapel Road and 140' east of the center of Missouri Highway J (Point A), proceed east 40' to the northeast corner of the Type 315:13 government house (Point B). Then proceed south 32' to Point C. Then proceed west 40' to Point D. Then proceed north 32' to the point of origin.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

Because this resource had been moved from its original location, there were no other Osage Farms properties to include within the boundaries. Consequently, the boundary was simply drawn around the subject property.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Show-Me Regional Planning Commission date August 15, 1990

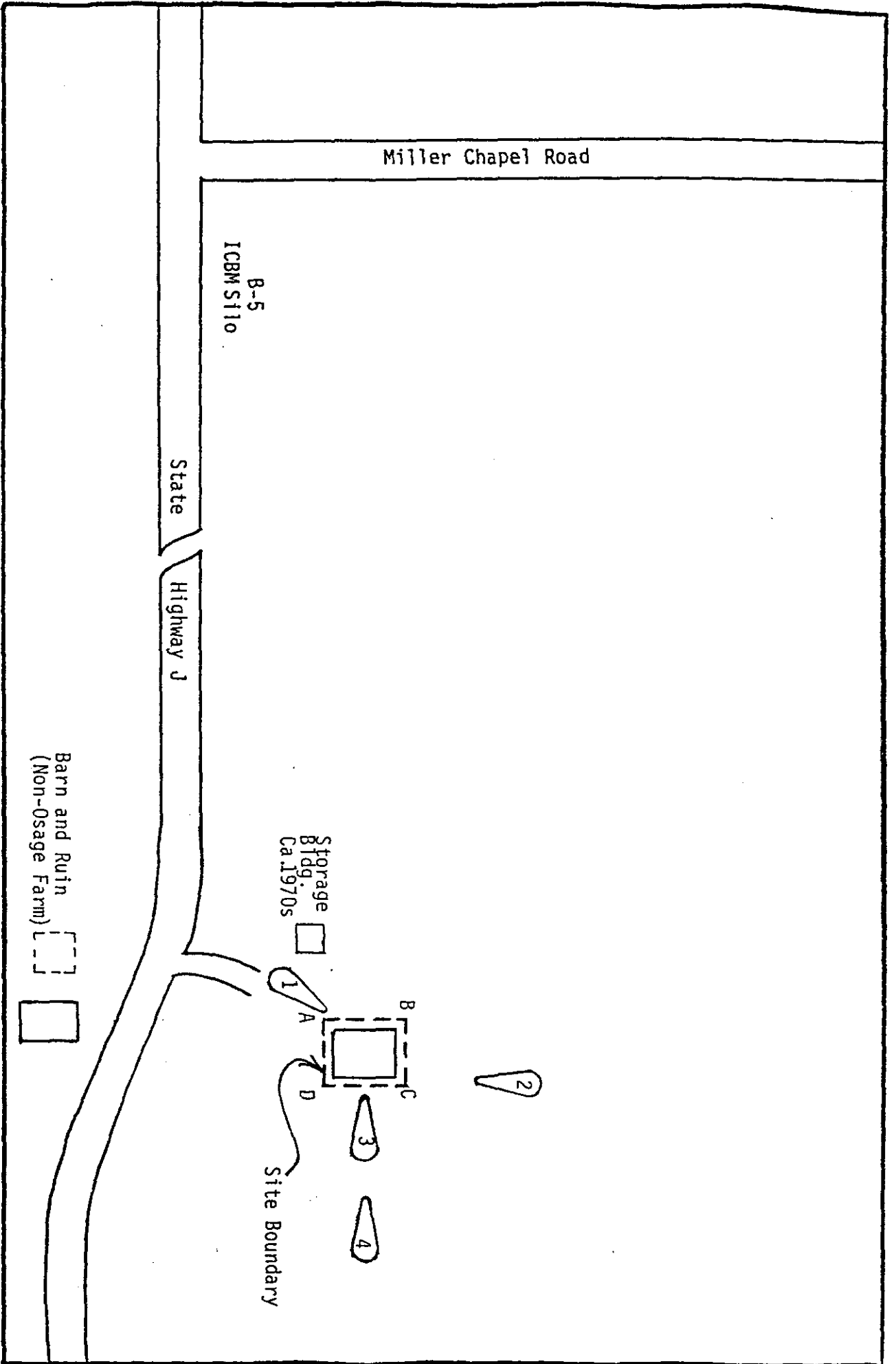
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city or town Warrensburg state MO zip code 64093

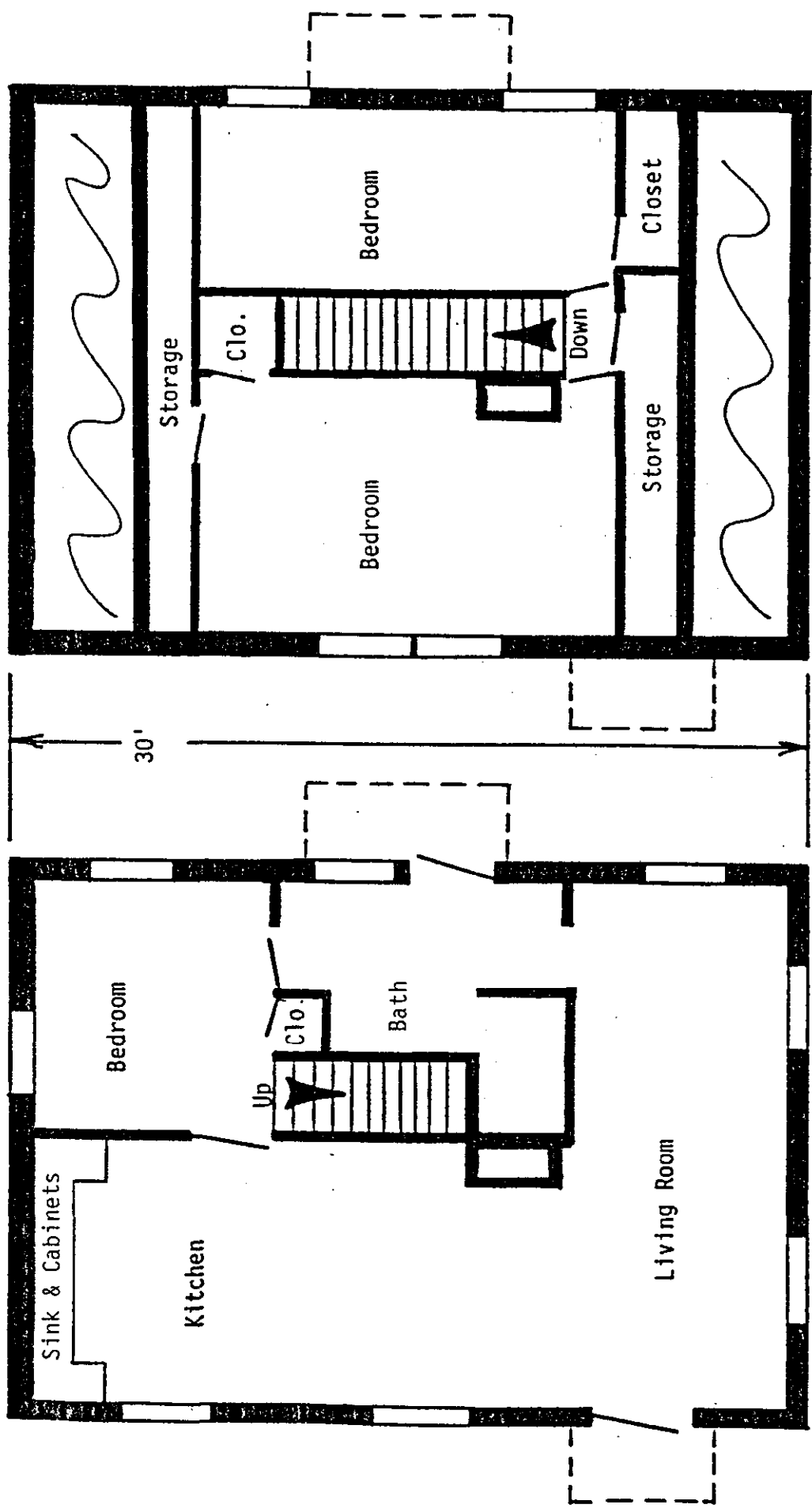
Site Map: Osage Farms Resettlement Properties



OSAGE FARMS TYPE 315:13 HOUSE  
LONGWOOD VICINITY, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

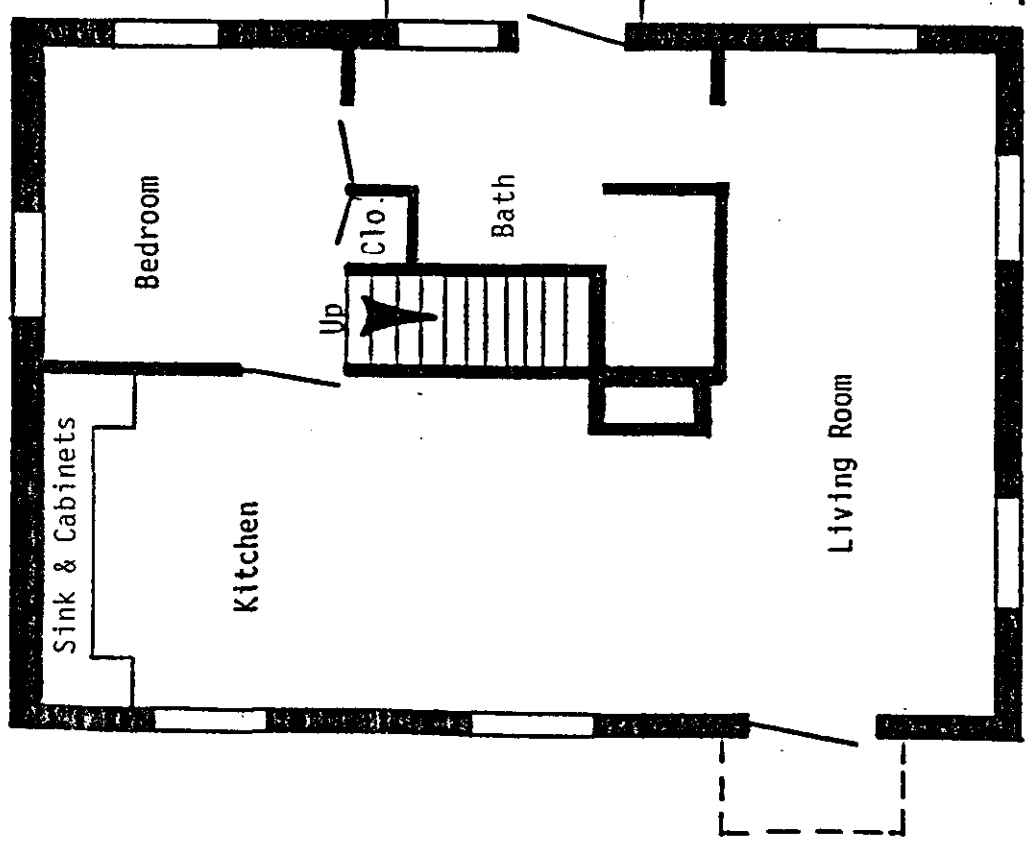


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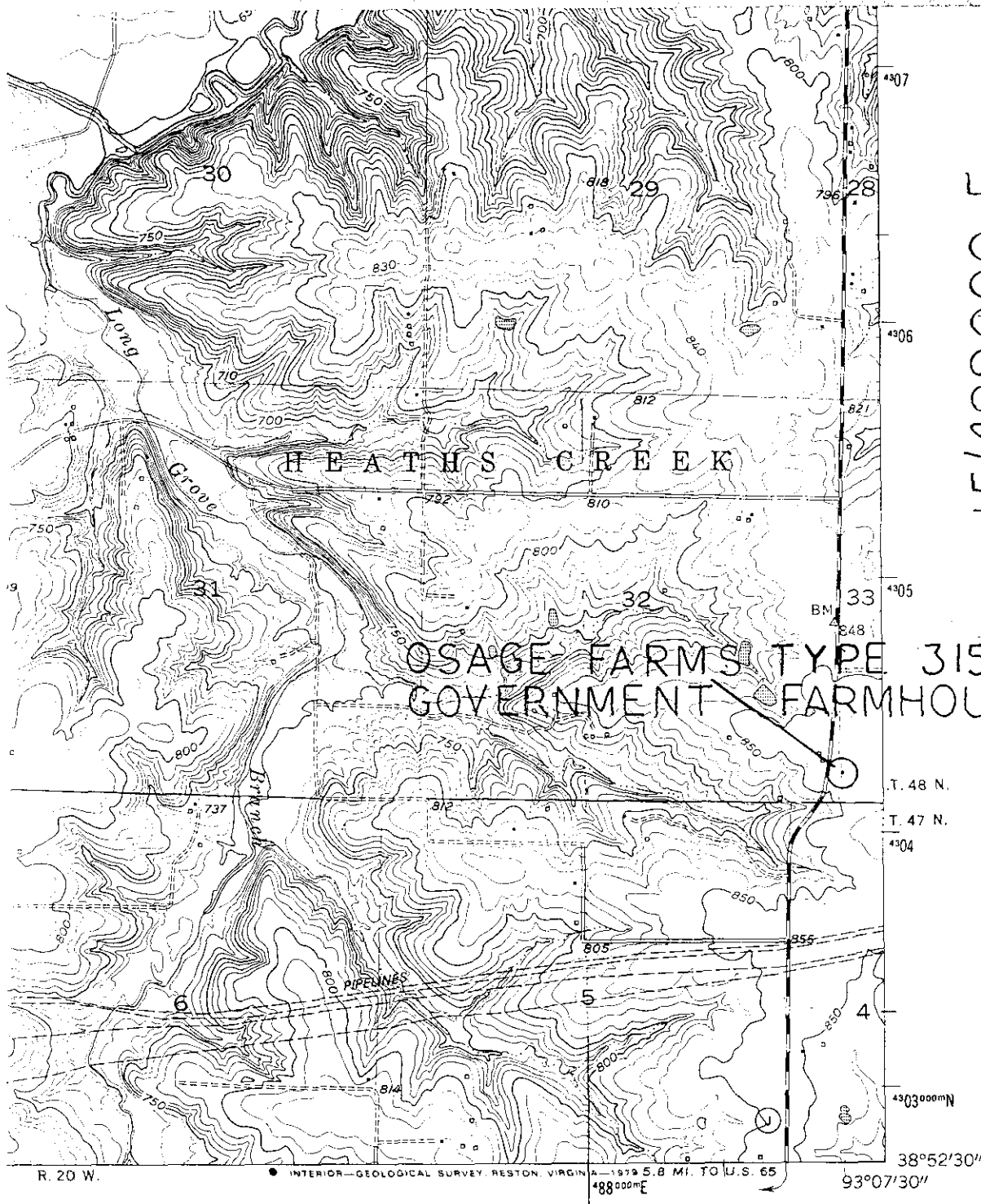
Second Floor

(See Multiple Property Documentation Form for floor plan of unaltered Type 315:13 House)



Main Floor

Type 315:13 House  
 Osage Farms Unit No.: N/A (Moved from Site No. 69 or 70)  
 Longwood Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



15/489000E  
15/4304240N

OSAGE FARMS TYPE 315.13  
GOVERNMENT FARMHOUSE

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty   
Medium-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route  
 Interstate Route



LONGWOOD, MO.  
N 3852.5—W9307.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1979  
AMS 7361 I NW—SERIES V879

(CLIFTON CITY)  
7361 SE

OSAGE FARMS TYPE 315:13 HOUSE

LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY

R. MASERANG

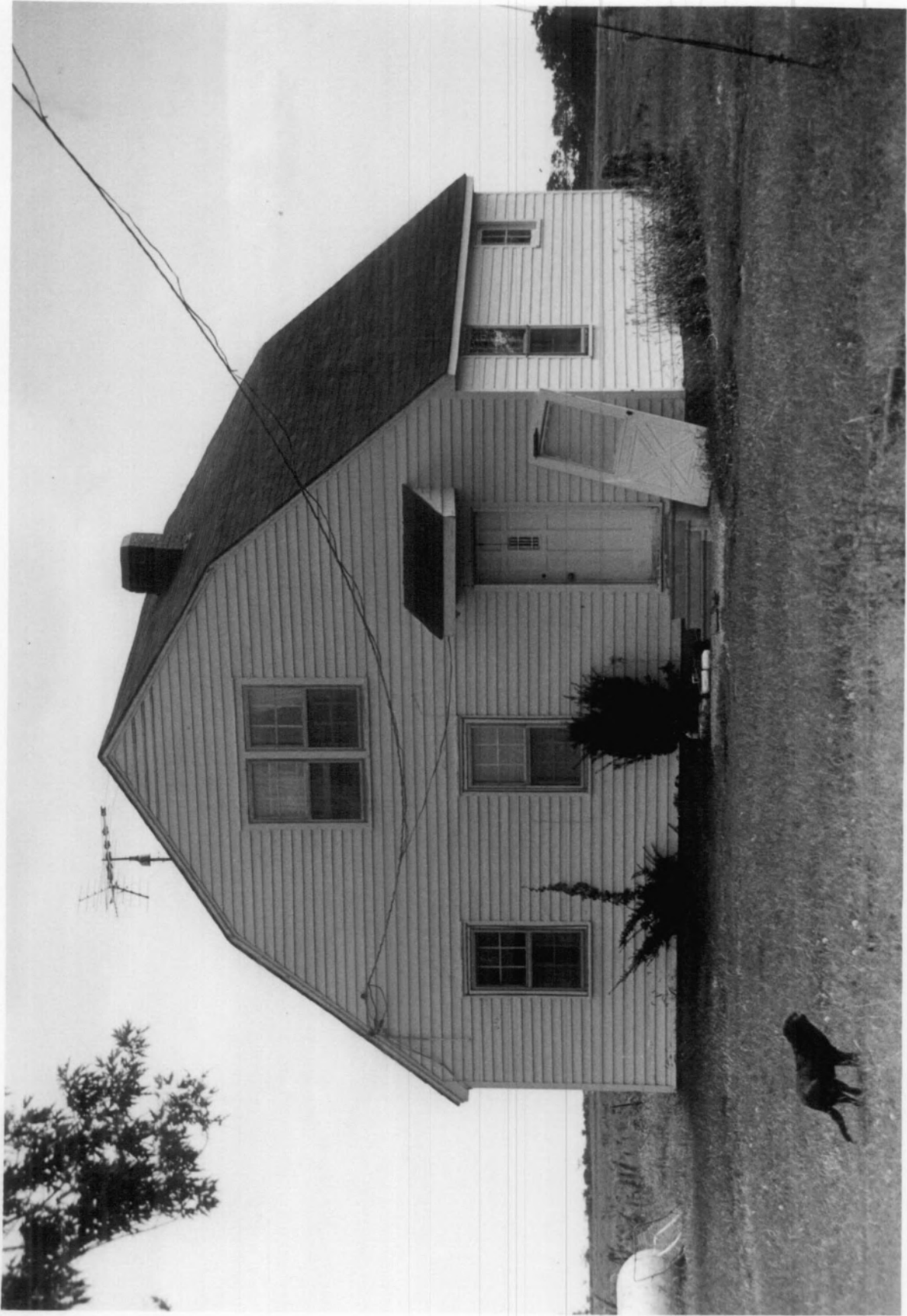
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FRONT AND SIDE VIEW,  
TYPE 315:13 HOUSE, FACING SE

#1





OSAGE FARMS TYPE 315:13 HOUSE

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SHOW-ME RPC

SIDE FACADE, FACING WEST

#2



OSAGE FARMS TYPE 3/5:13 HOUSE

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DETAIL, REAR ENTRANCE

#3



OSAGE FARMS TYPE 315:13 HOUSE

LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY

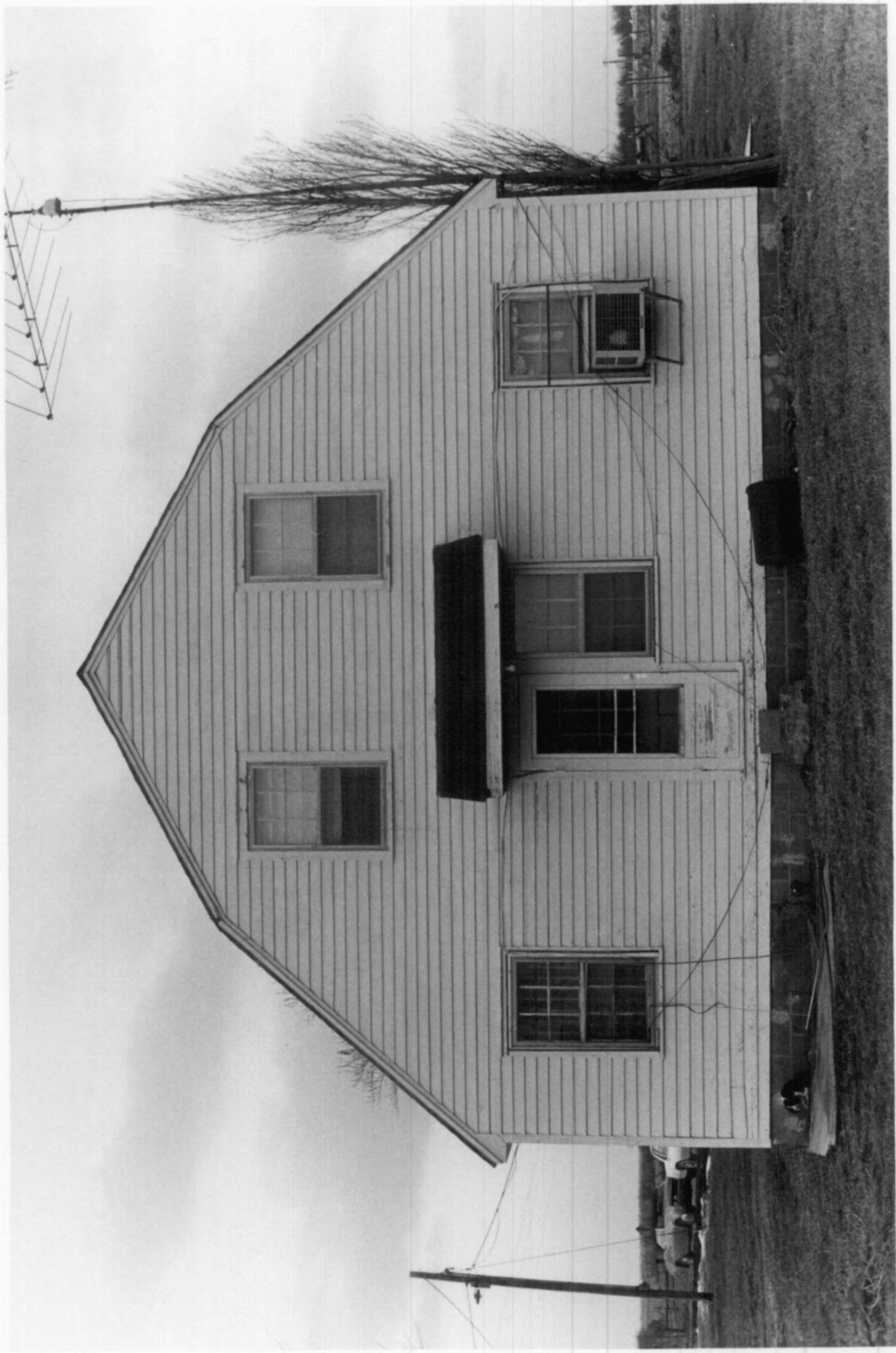
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REAR FACADE, TYPE 315:13 HOUSE,

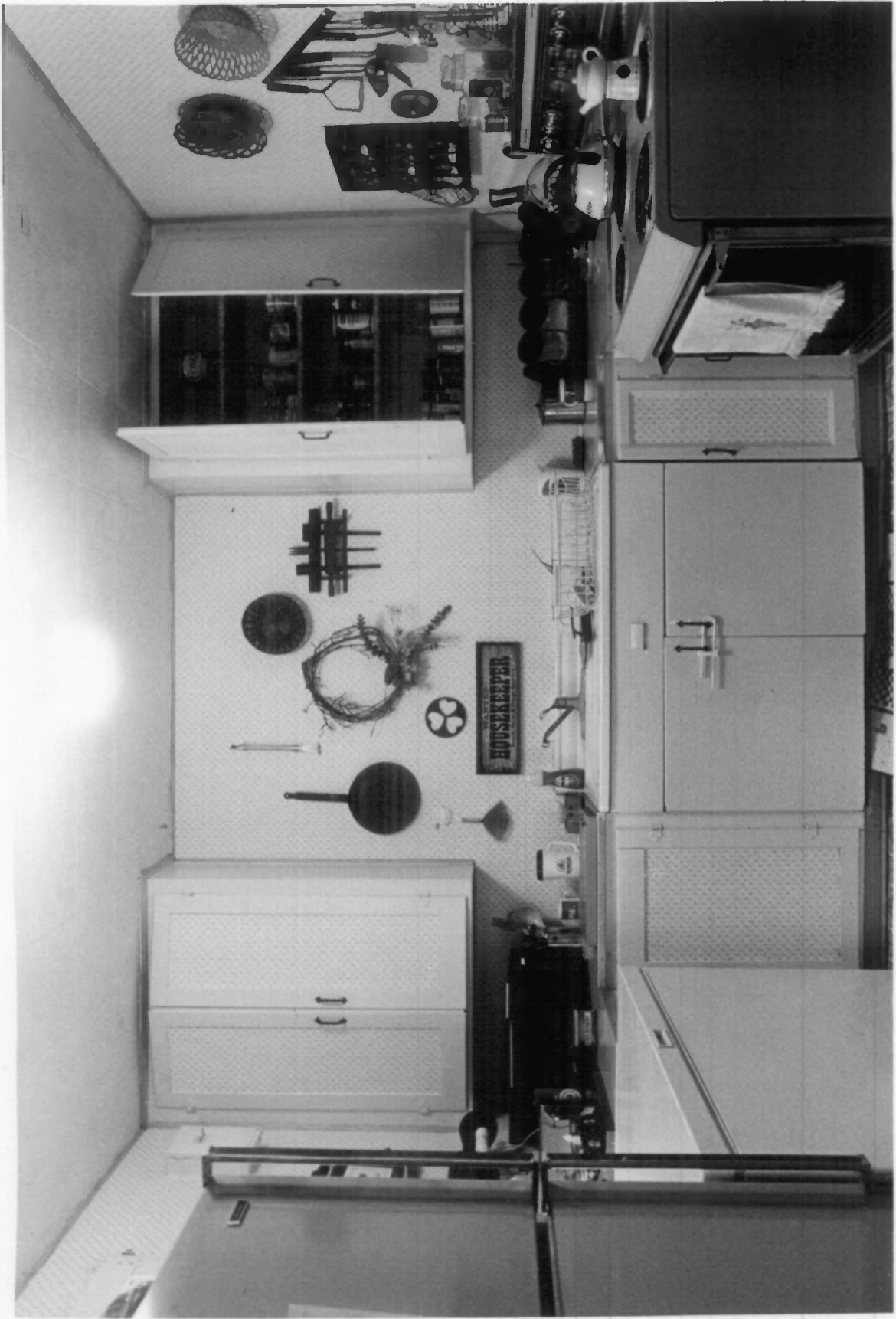
FACING NORTH

#4



OSAGE FARMS TYPE 3/5:1/3 HOUSE  
LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY  
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DETAIL, KITCHEN, FACING E  
#5





OSAGE FARMS TYPE 3/5:13 HOUSE

LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY

R. MASERANG

12/89

SHOW-ME RPC

FIRST FLOOR AT STAIRCASE, FACING W

#6

