

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 Units No. 5 and No. 6 Historic District
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Range Line Road near Trickum Road N/A not for publication
city, town Houstonia vicinity
state Missouri code MO county Pettis code 159 zip code 65333

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	<u>2</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>4</u>	<u>3</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 Signature of certifying official Claire F. Blackwell
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau _____ Date 6 August 1991

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 DwellingDomestic/Single DwellingAgriculture/Subsistence/Animal FacilityAgriculture/Subsistence/Animal Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single DwellingDomestic/Single Dwelling/StorageAgriculture/Subsistence/Animal FacilityAgriculture/Subsistence/Storage**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Woodroof Asphalt

other _____

Other: Resettlement Administration ArchitectureOther: Central Passage BarnOther: Poultry House

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Osage Farms Units No. 5 and No. 6 Historic District is a cohesive grouping of five government resettlement buildings on what had been two contiguous individual farmsteads along Range Line Road near Trickum Road in northern Pettis County, Missouri. The contributing properties consist of a Type 315:11 government farmhouse, two Type 411:12 government barns and a Type 4110:14 government poultry house. A second Type 315:11 government farmhouse is also present but is noncontributing. The properties were constructed in 1937 by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration as part of an experimental New Deal project to relocate and rehabilitate impoverished farm families during the Great Depression (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri: Government Farmhouse; Government Outbuildings; and Contiguous Farmstead Historic Districts").

Units No. 5 and 6 were near the north edge of the disjointed, 8,000-plus acres project, less than two miles from Saline County and approximately four miles east of Houstonia. Only an isolated grouping of three individual government farmsteads was further north. Much closer was a grouping of five contiguous individual farmsteads about a mile to the south. The historic district encompasses an area of less than one acre, but originally, Unit No. 5 consisted of 81.461 acres; Unit No. 6, 80.795 acres. The area remains sparsely populated and in general, the rural landscape is basically unchanged from the 1937-43 period when tenants tilled the land and raised animals to earn a government-supervised livelihood.

While several government farmsteads were contiguous, seldom were dwellings as closely spaced as those of Units No. 5 and 6. From doorstep to doorstep, the distance was only 150 feet. The fact that, in this case, the government farmhouses and outbuildings are some distance from the county road instead of fronting on it made them somewhat isolated. This undoubtedly intensified whatever effect on neighborliness their proximity imposed. But given these conditions, it was virtually imperative that the families assigned to Units No. 5 and 6 "get along."

The properties, keyed to the site map, are as follows:

A. Type 411:12 Government Barn. The design of this basic government barn is intact despite removal of the granary and much of the rear facade in order to house large machinery. A stairway leading to the loft has been constructed in the northwest corner. With three facades in relatively unaltered condition, however, this is a contributing building. This Type 411:12 government barn was part of Unit No. 5. (See Photos #1 and 5.)

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)

Social History

Agriculture

Architecture

Period of Significance

1937-43

Significant Dates

1937

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Resettlement Administration; Farm Secur-

ity Administration

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

SUMMARY:

Osage Farms Units No. 5 and No. 6 Historic District, Range Line Road near Trickum Road, is significant under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Agriculture and Architecture. The district consists of four contributing and three noncontributing properties where two contiguous government farmsteads were constructed in 1937 under an experimental New Deal program to relocate and rehabilitate depression-stricken Missourians (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri"). The austere, utilitarian properties are strongly evocative of their historic past when neighboring tenants tilled the land and raised animals to earn a government-supervised livelihood, from 1937-43. Since the properties were built by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration, they are representative of depression-era government architecture, and the dwellings in particular are thought to have influenced postwar designs. The district properties include two Type 315:11 government farmhouses, two Type 411:12 government barns and a Type 4110:14 government poultry house. Osage Farms Units No. 5 and No. 6 Historic District is the project's only contiguous grouping with both government farmhouses extant in close proximity. Too, these are the only government farmhouses with bracketing in the gables at Osage Farms.

ELABORATION:

During the project, Broadus Wiley and his family were tenants at Osage Farms Unit No. 5.¹ Their neighbors at nearby Unit No. 6 are believed to have been the Clyde Hunter family.² The Wiley family came to the project from the Georgetown area north of Sedalia; earlier, the Wileys farmed in the Dunksburg-Sweet Springs area. After Osage Farms was abolished in 1943, Mr. Wiley purchased what had been Unit No. 25 from the Farm Security Administration. Although Unit No. 5 had been his home, more acreage was available at the Unit No. 25 site, according to relatives. The average individual government farmstead at Osage Farms consisted of 80 acres but most tenants considered them much too small.

¹Interview, Mrs. Wilma Wiley, October 1989.

²Interview, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olson, November 1989.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Also:

Interview, Mrs. Wilma Wiley, October 1989.

Interview, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olson, November 1989.

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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, Missouri

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 15 475850 4306600
 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 the center of Range Line Road 1,075' north of Trickum Road, proceed west 1,015' to Point A at the southeast corner of an imaginary rectangle. Then proceed west 105' to Point B at the southwest corner of a Type 411:12 government barn. Then proceed north 485' to Point C at the northwest corner of a Type 411:12 government barn. Then proceed east 105' to Point D. Then proceed south 485' to Point A, the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

Boundaries encompass the extant government properties of both farmsteads plus two steel grain bins which are contemporary structures. The boundaries form a rectangular space which enhances the symmetry of the adjoining farmsteads. Excluded is a ca. 1980s machinery building.

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B. Grain Bins. Two steel grain bins between the government farmhouse and government barn on the site of Unit No. 5 are contemporary, noncontributing structures. (See Photos #1, 3 and 5.)

C. Foundation, Type 4110:14 Poultry House. This is a 20' x 20' rim of poured concrete, which had been part of Unit No. 5. Since sites require consideration under Criterion D, which is not a focus of this nomination, the foundation is indicated for informational purposes only.

D. Type 315:11 Government Farmhouse. No better example of the Type 315:11 farmhouse exists on an individual farmstead at Osage Farms. A simple form of bracing found in the gable ends of this farmhouse and the neighboring unit is atypical and probably should be considered an attempt at decoration, since it serves no structural function. The original window openings are intact behind exterior coverings where they exist, primarily in the side facades. The front stoop is a replacement. The interior is relatively original with the exception of wallpaper, some light fixtures and ceiling tiles. The sink has been removed but built-in kitchen cabinets are mostly intact. This contributing building was the model for the generic floor plan of the Type 315:11 government farmhouse. Unit No. 5. (See Photos #2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15.)

E. Type 315:11 Government Farmhouse. The government farmhouse protrudes from a one-story, wraparound addition. The visible portion is easily recognizable as a Type 315:11 government farmhouse. Modest gable bracing, an atypical element, is present. Shutters have been added in an unsuccessful effort to unify the old and new architecture. While this property is not without interest, it is counted as noncontributing. (See Photos #5 and 6.)

F. Type 411:12 Government Barn. Like its counterpart a few hundred feet away, this contributing building is a basic government barn in deteriorated but relatively unaltered condition. It may be an atypical example with regard to a wide entrance and a regular doorway flanking the typical central entrance, but more likely these changes were the work of an owner. Minor fenestration changes are apparent in the north and east facades. The interior is relatively original. Unit No. 6. (See Photos #5, 7 and 9.)

G. Type 4110:14 Government Poultry House. Unlike most other extant government poultry houses, this relatively unaltered example is still home to the occasional fowl. Interior racks have been removed, the original door has been replaced and six small wooden flaps which covered the lower ventilation windows are missing, but its form is intact and this is a contributing building. Unit No. 6. (See Photos #8 and 14.)

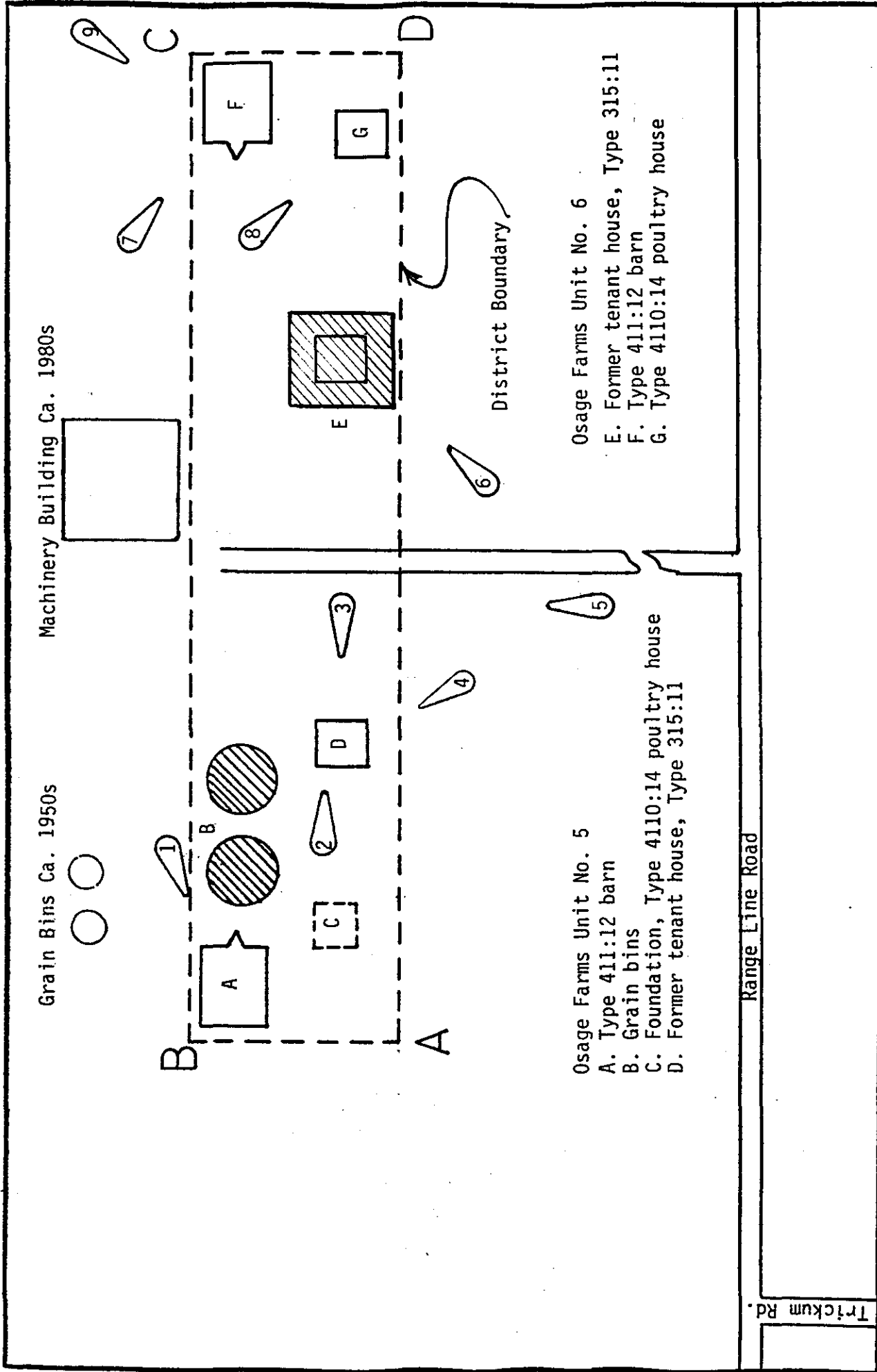
Approaching the district buildings from Range Line Road, their relationship is suggested by the placement of the Type 315:11 government farmhouses and Type 411:12

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government barns which face each other from opposing points on the same grid. Drawing nearer, similarities of material, design and workmanship become apparent. While the northernmost Type 315:11 government farmhouse has been altered rather drastically, the upper part with its distinctive roofline and fenestration is intact. The southernmost Type 315:11 government farmhouse is the finest surviving example of the type on an individual government farmstead at Osage Farms. In its entirety, the district properties and setting readily convey the impression of contiguous government farmsteads during the 1937-43 project.



- Osage Farms Unit No. 5
- A. Type 411:12 barn
- B. Grain bins
- C. Foundation, Type 4110:14 poultry house
- D. Former tenant house, Type 315:11

- Osage Farms Unit No. 6
- E. Former tenant house, Type 315:11
- F. Type 411:12 barn
- G. Type 4110:14 poultry house

Site Map: Osage Farms Resettlement Properties

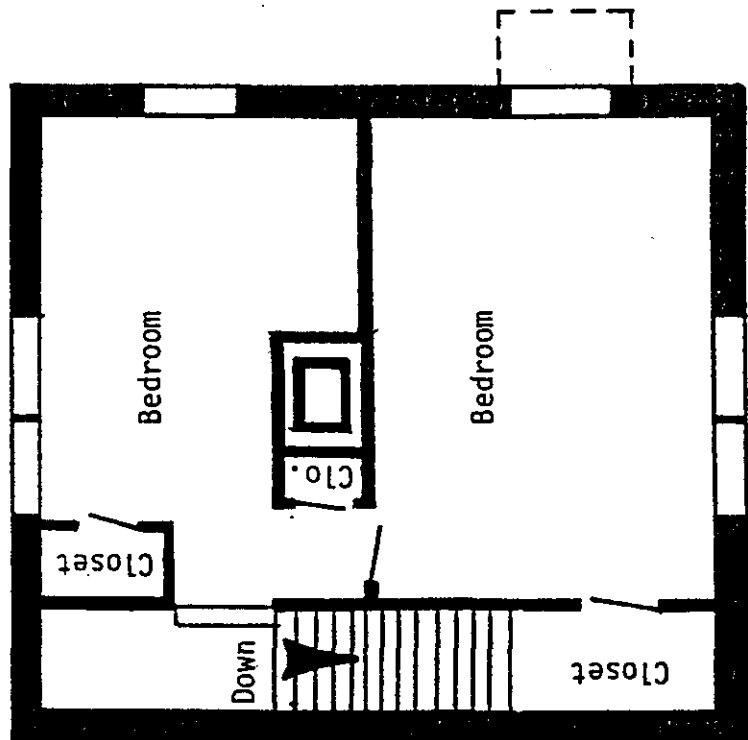


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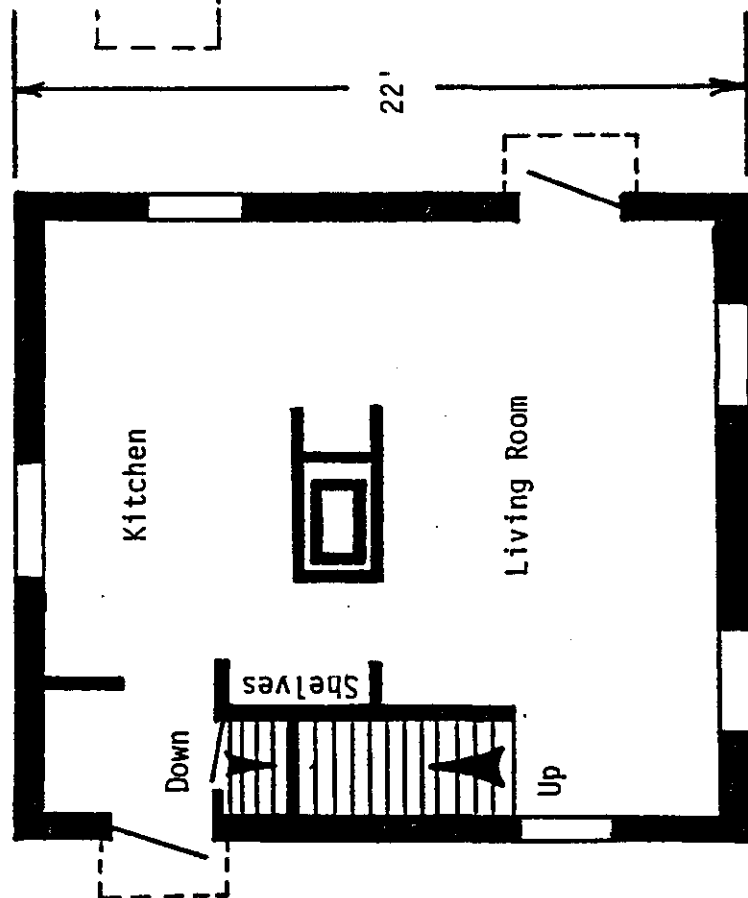
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OSAGE FARMS UNITS NO. 5 & 6 HISTORIC DISTRICT
HOUSTONIA VICINITY, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

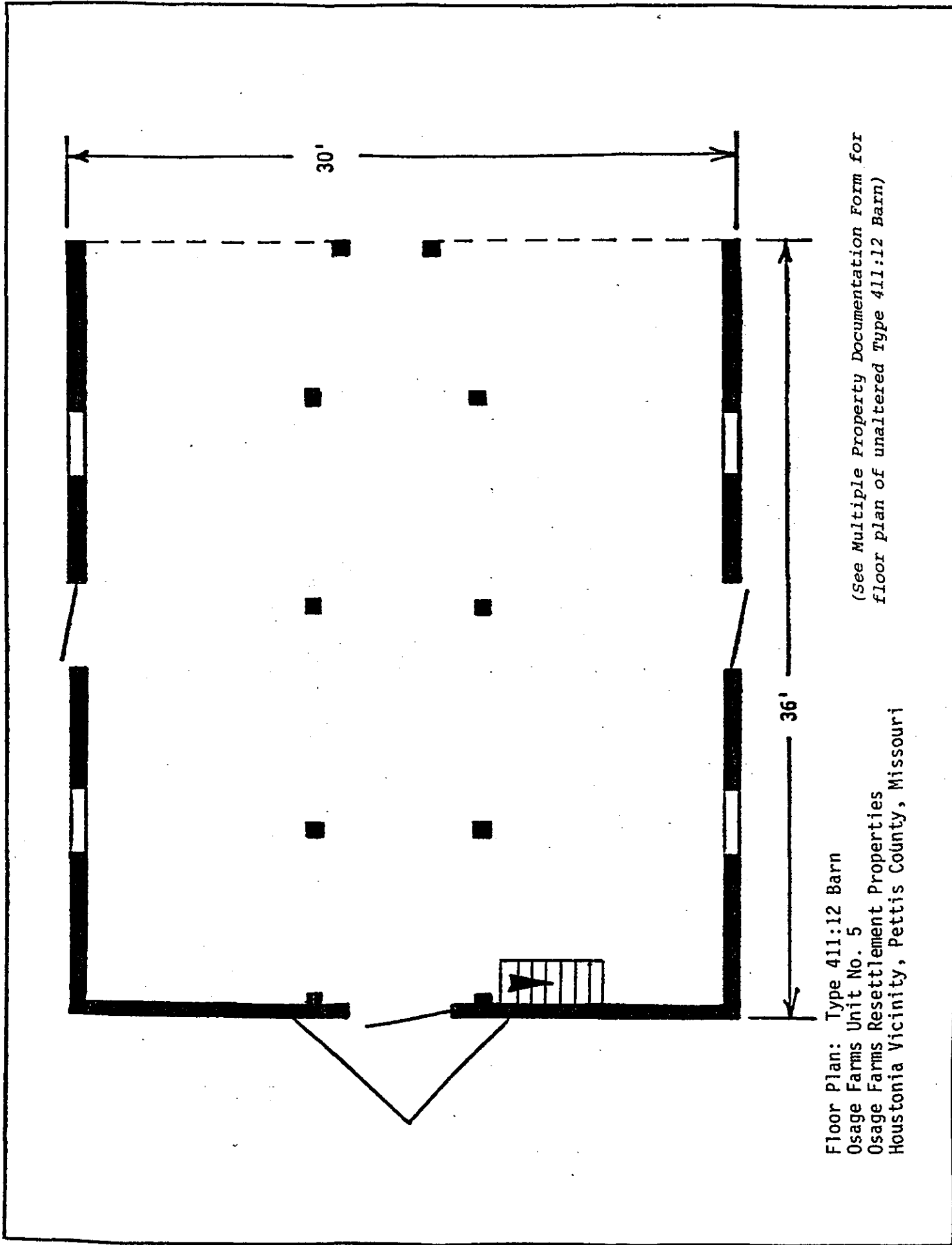


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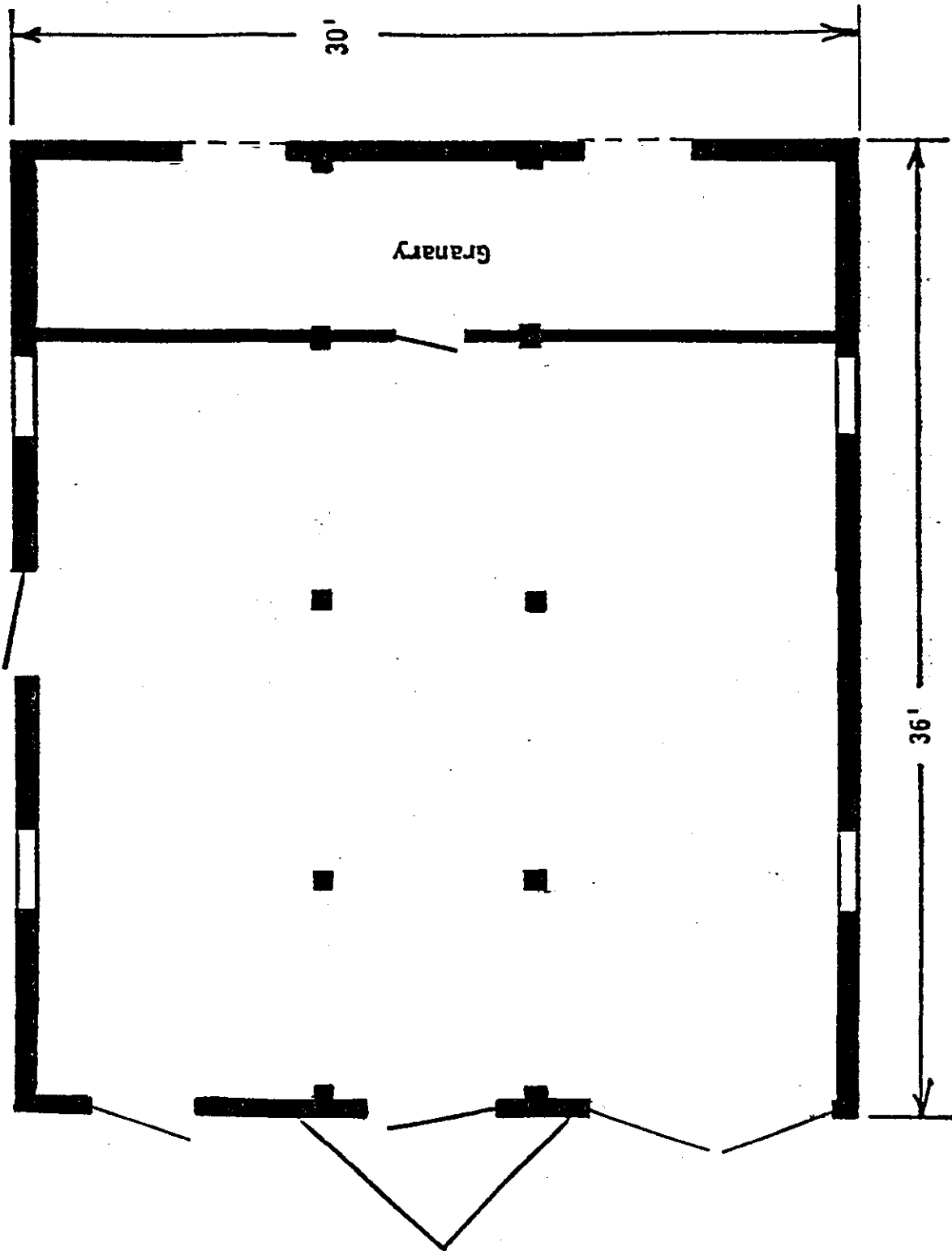
Main Floor

Floor Plan: Type 315:11 House
 Osage Farms Unit No. 5
 Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
 Houstonia Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



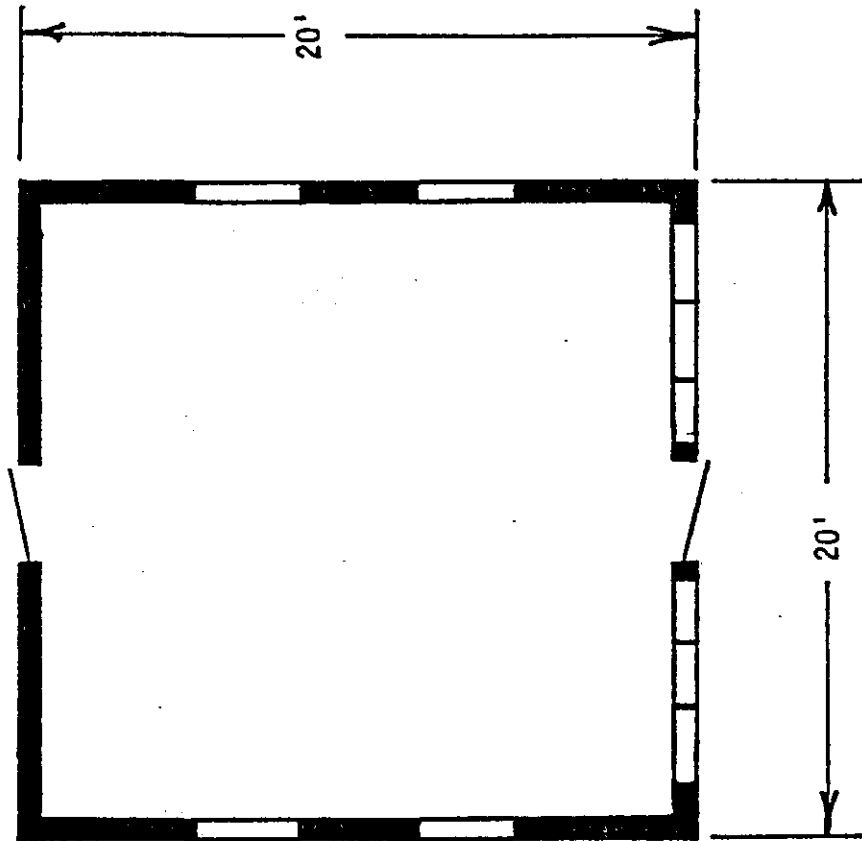
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Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Houstonia Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri

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Floor plan of unaltered Type 411:12 Barn)



(See Multiple Property Documentation Form
for floor plan of unaltered Type 411:12
barn)

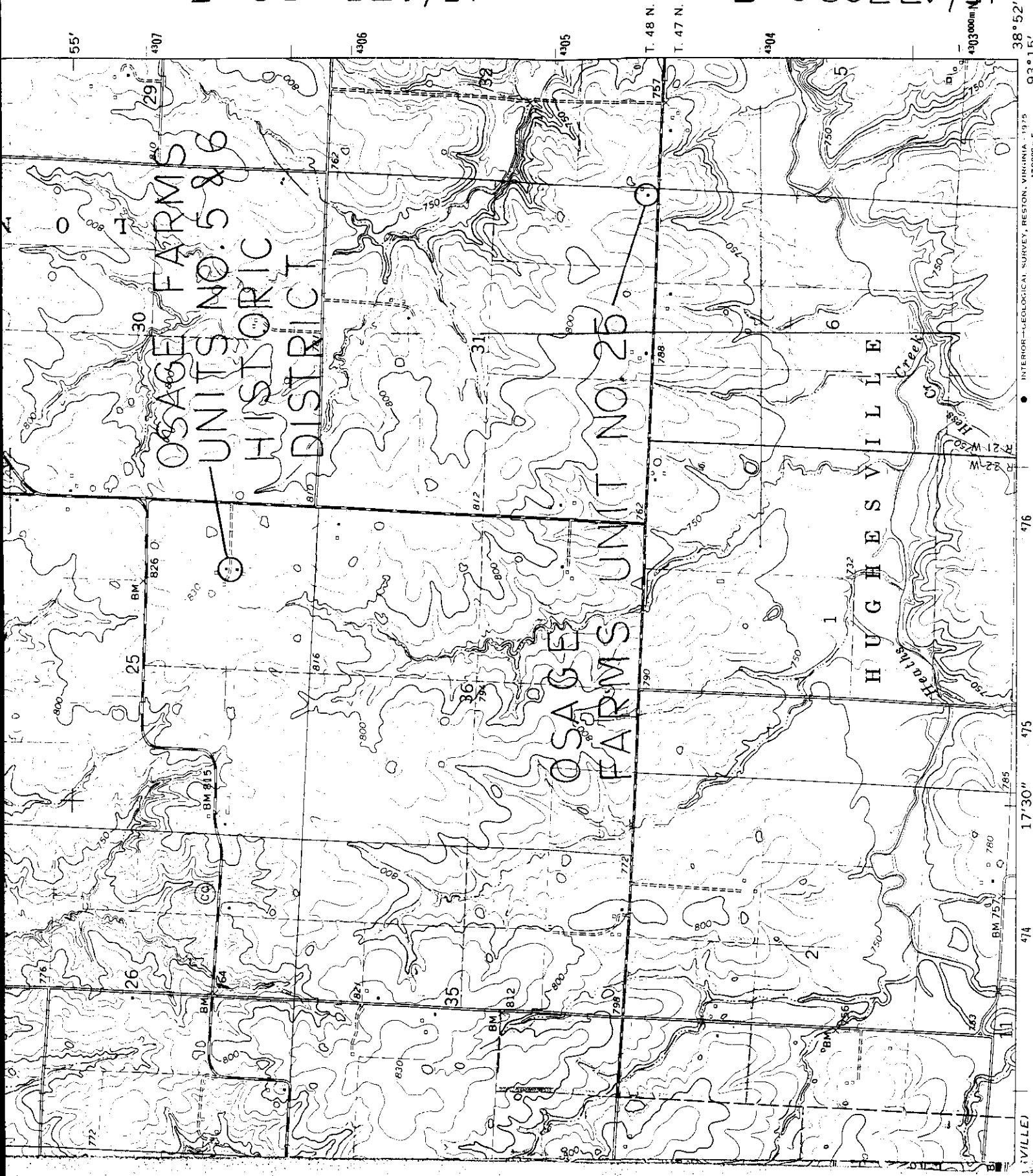
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Osage Farms Unit No. 6
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Houstonia Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



Floor Plan: Type 4110:14 Poultry House
Osage Farms Unit No. 6.
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Houstonia Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri

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17'30"
474
HUGHESVILLE

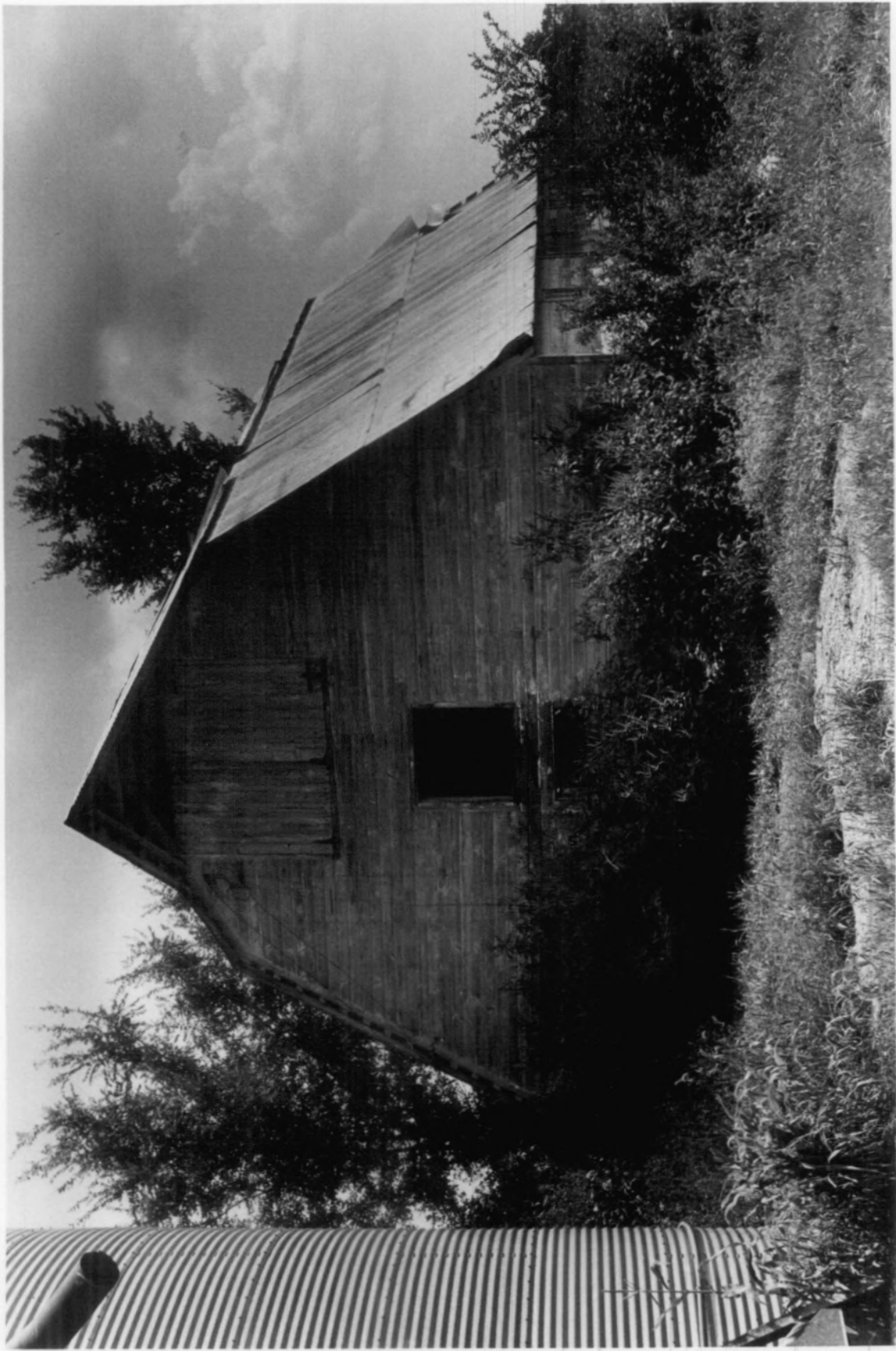
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FRONT & SIDE FACADES, TYPE 4/11:12 BARN, FACING SE

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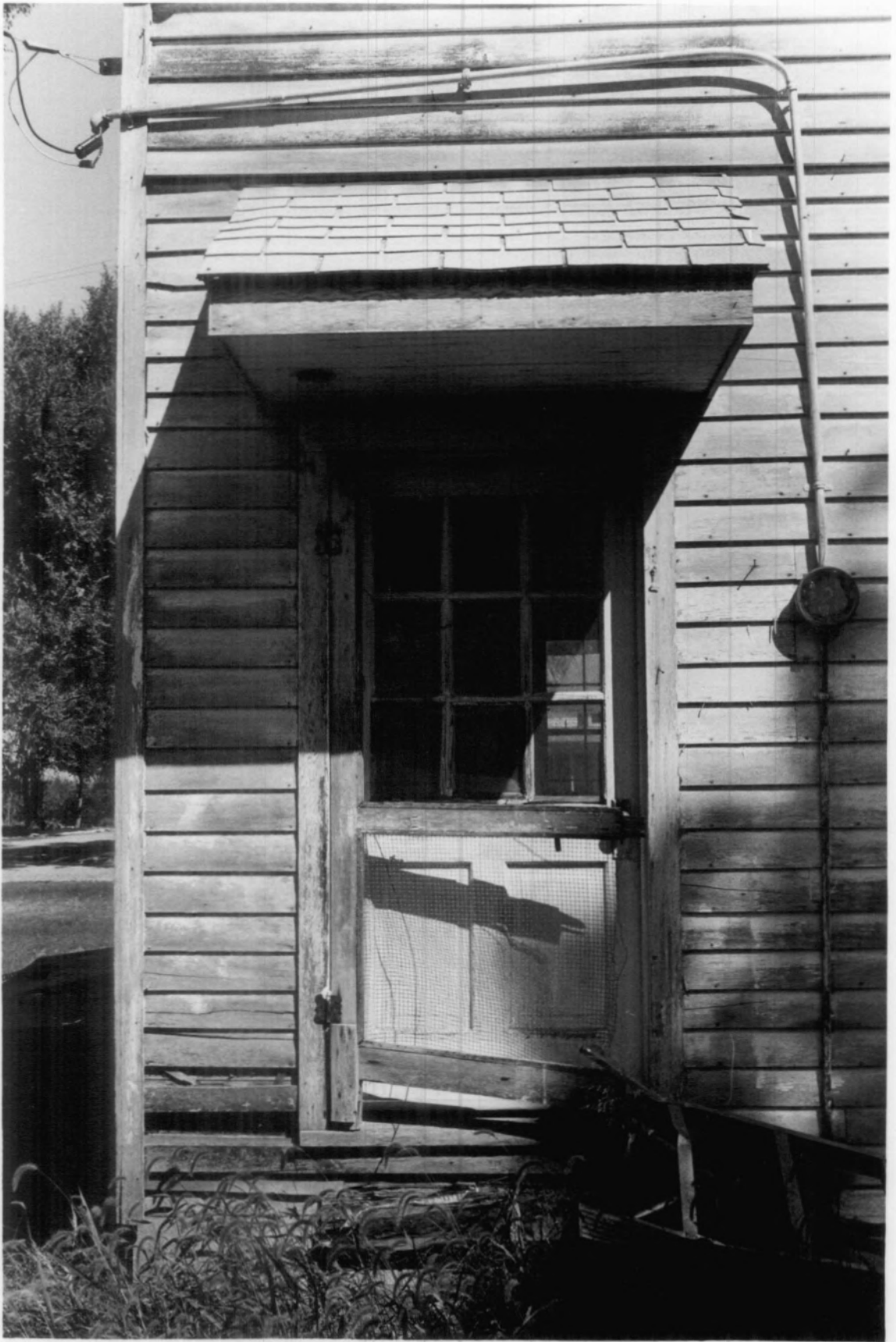
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DETAIL, REAR (SOUTH) ENTRANCE,
TYPE 315:11 HOUSE

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HOUSTONIA, MO., VICINITY

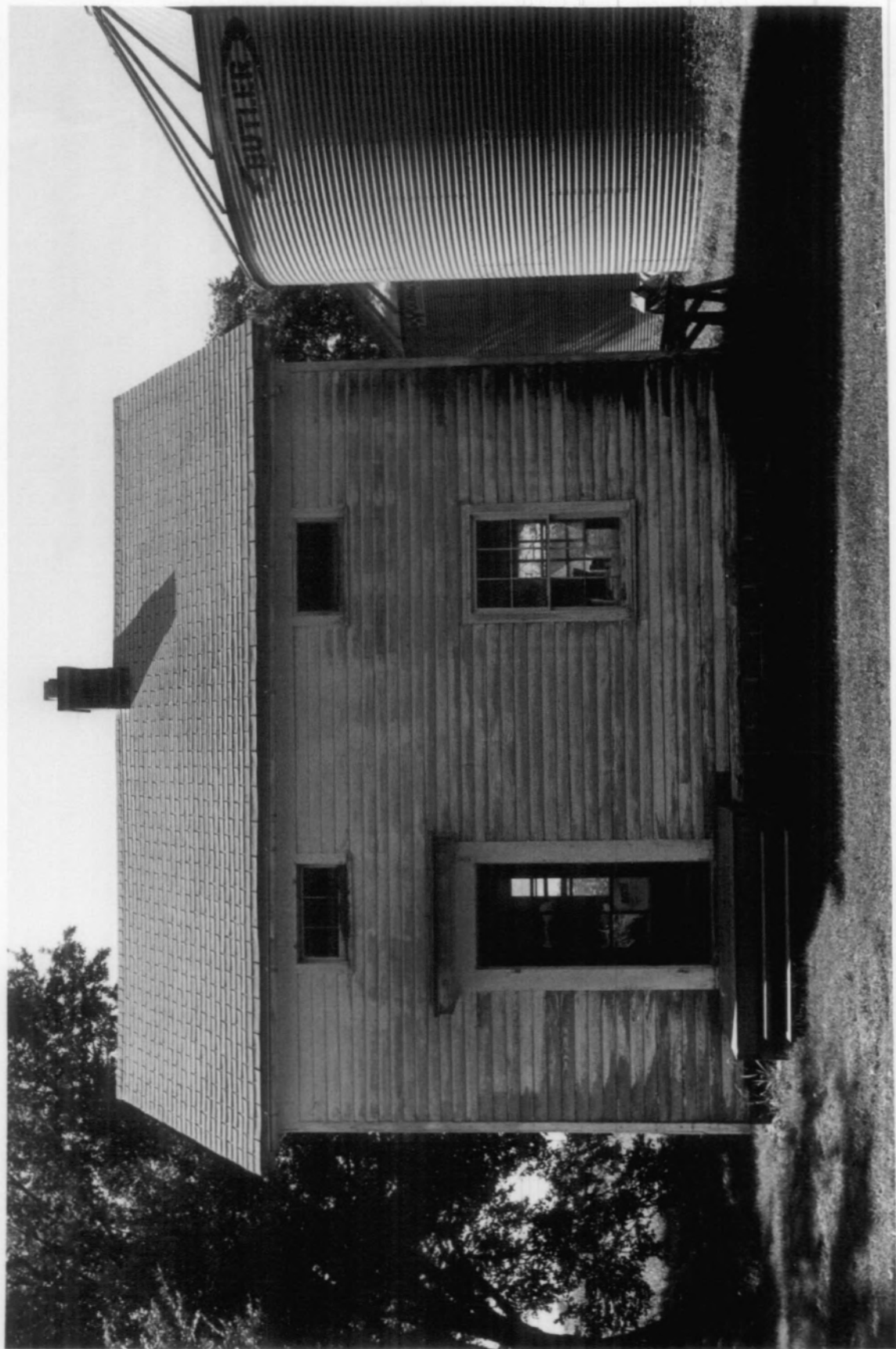
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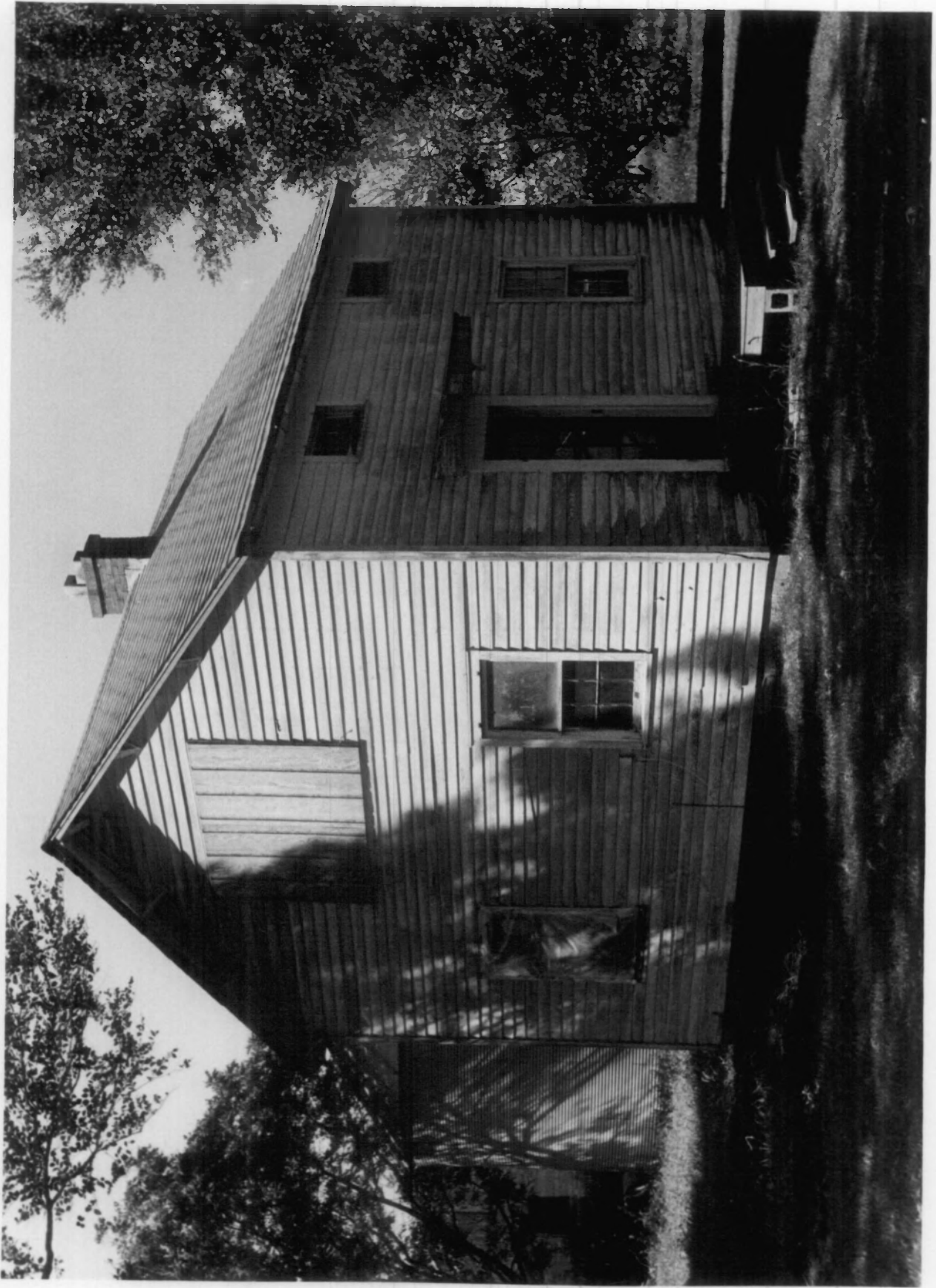
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TYPE 315:11 HOUSE, FACING SW

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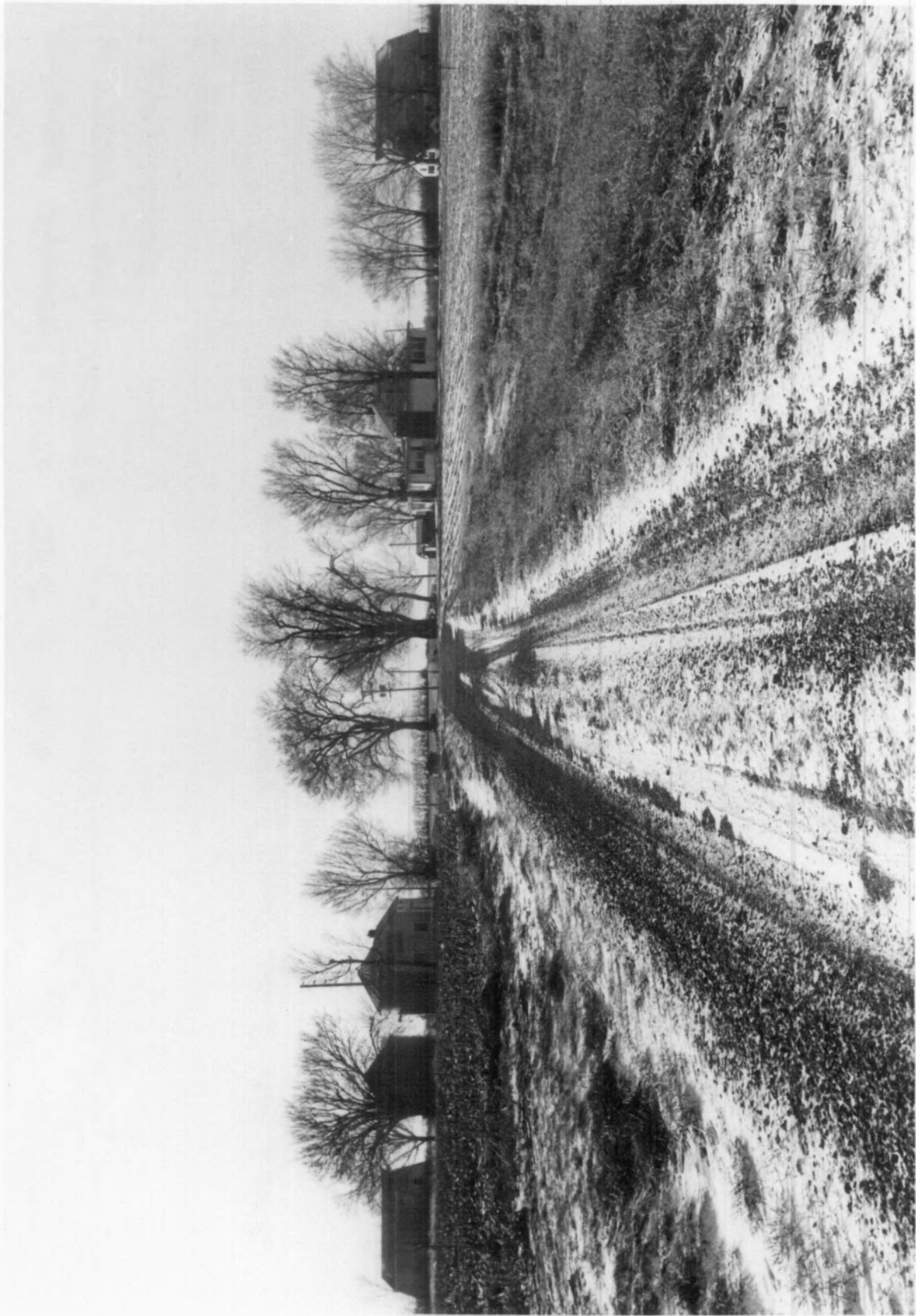
OSAGE FARMS UNITS NO. 5 & NO. 6
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OVERALL SITE VIEW FACING WEST (UNIT NO. 5 ON LEFT
SIDE OF DRIVE, NO. 6 ON RIGHT)

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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 6

HOUSTONIA VICINITY, MO.

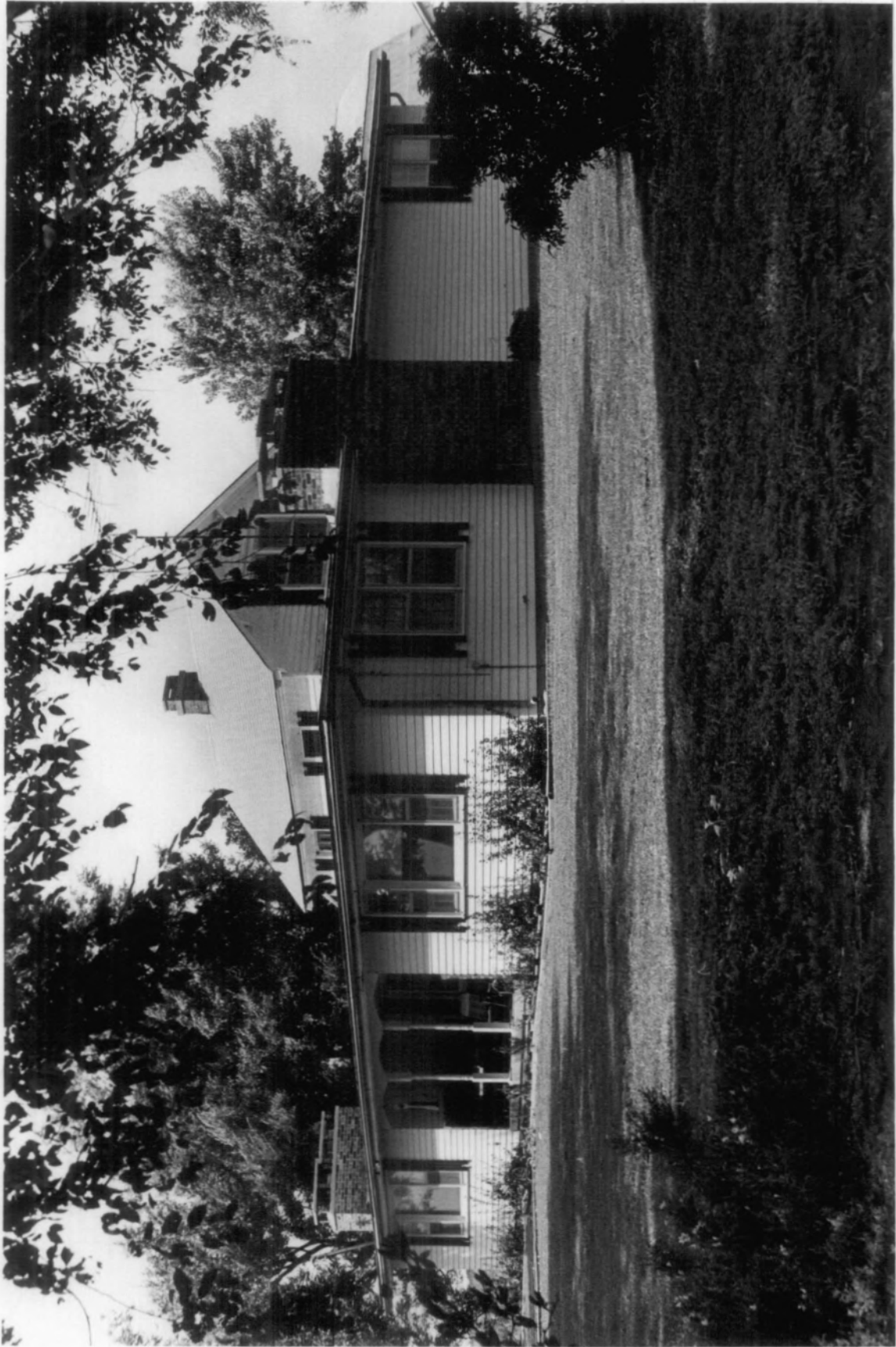
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SOUTH X EAST FACADES (FACING NW), ALTERED TYPE 315:11 HOUSE

#6



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FRONT X SIDE, FACING NE, TYPE 411:12 BARN
#7



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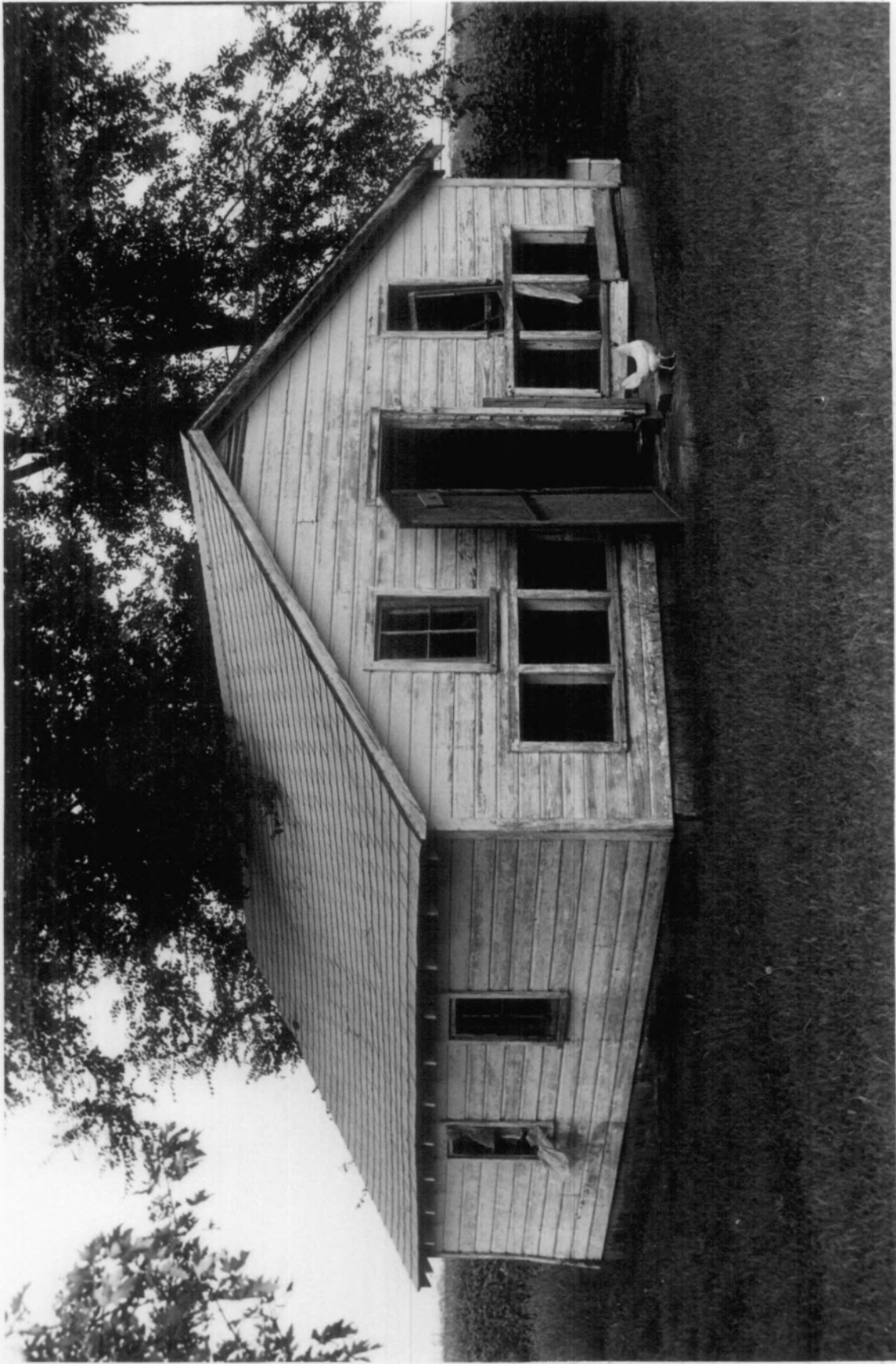
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FRONT + SIDE FACADES, TYPE 4110:14 POULTRY

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HOUSE, FACING NE



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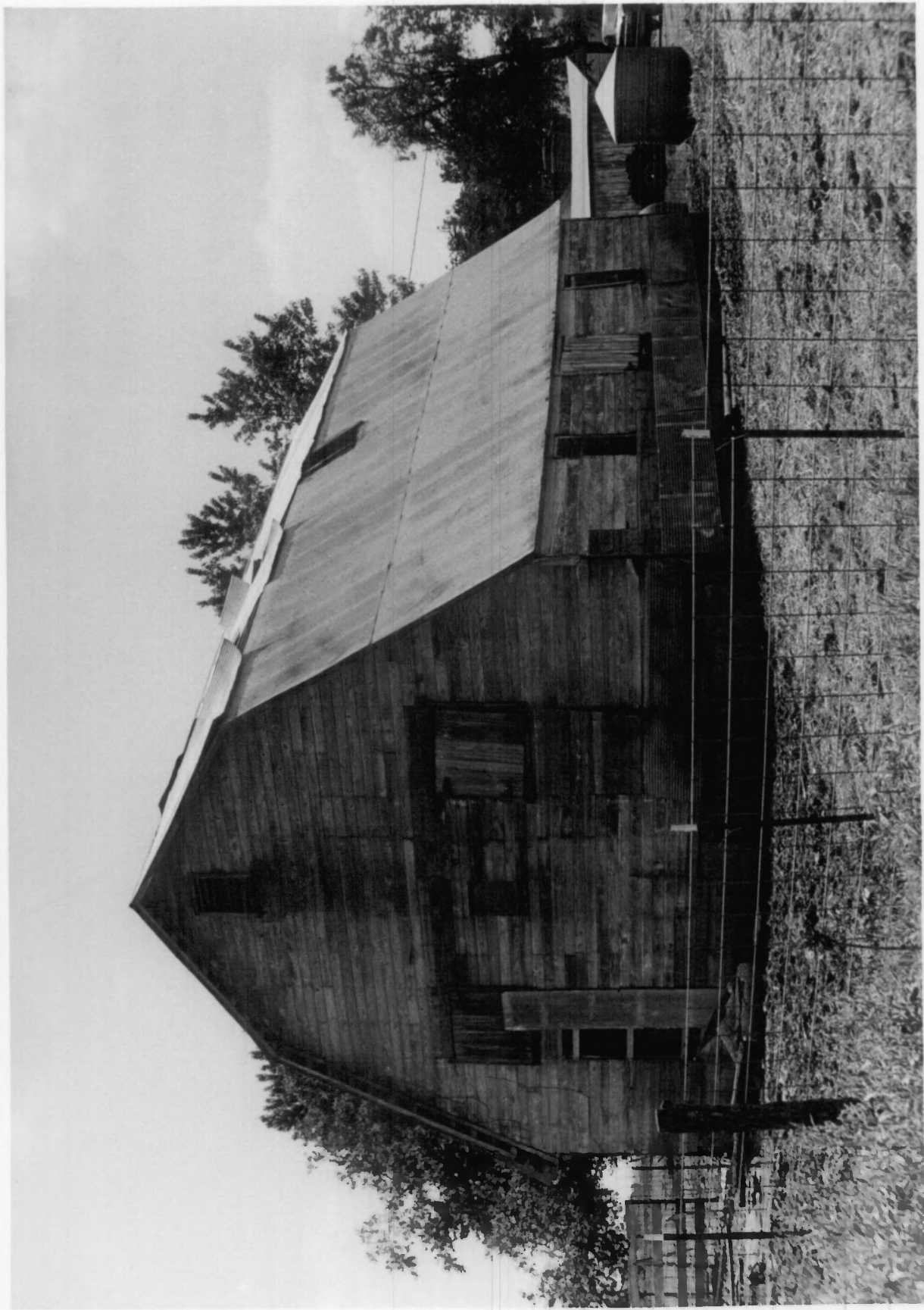
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TYPE 411:12 BARN, FACING SE

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LIVING ROOM, TYPE 315:11 HOUSE, FACING SOUTH

#10



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LIVING ROOM, FACING NW, TYPE B15:11 HOUSE

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UPPER LANDING, TYPE 315:11 HOUSE,
FACING E

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2ND FLOOR BEDROOM, TYPE 315:11 HOUSE, FACING NW

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INTERIOR, POULTRY HOUSE (TYPE 4110:14), FACING S

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KITCHEN, TYPE 315:11 HOUSE, FACING SW

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