

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

1. Name of Property

historic name Rhoda, Fred, House
other names/site number Cottrell House, Dickerson, Goldie, House

2. Location

street & number 200 South Second St. [n/a] not for publication
city or town La Grange [n/a] vicinity
state Missouri code MO county Lewis code 111 zip code 63448

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [x] locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)



30 April 1999
Date

Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO

Missouri 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 for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date
[] 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 see continuation sheet [].	_____	_____

5. 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)	1	0 building
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-state	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0 objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	0 total

Name of related multiple property listing.
 Historic Resources of La Grange, Missouri

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
 DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
 DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 MID-19TH CENTURY: Greek Revival

Materials
 foundation stone

 walls Brick
 weatherboard
 roof asphalt
 other

see continuation sheet [].

see continuation sheet [].

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION
 See continuation sheet [x]

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- 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.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Periods of Significance

ca. 1854

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographic 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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

A. Zone 15	Easting 628040	Northing 4433170	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
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C. Zone	Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing
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[] 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

Maps

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.)

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Lewis County, Missouri
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Summary:

The Fred Rhoda house, located at 200 South Second Street in La Grange, Missouri, was built circa 1854. It is a two story central-bay brick I-house with a one story brick rear ell (see MPS cover document, "Historic Resources of La Grange, Missouri: Antebellum Affluence: 1795-1861: Property Type A: I-house, Central Bay Subtype"). A frame addition adjoins the brick ell on the north side. Neither the brick ell nor the frame addition is original, but the brick ell is early and the frame addition is more than fifty years old. There are no outbuildings on the property. Although the Rhoda house, like most of the I-houses in La Grange exhibits some Greek Revival styling, it also has German Vernacular characteristics and is one of only two five-bay antebellum I-houses in La Grange. Furthermore, it is more unusual because unlike most five-bay I-houses, it does not have a symmetrical facade. The majority of the fenestration on the front elevation is equally spaced and symmetrical around the central bay. However, the symmetry is interrupted by a pair of 1/1 windows placed close together to the left of the front door. Although the sashes are early 20th century replacements, their unusual spacing appears to be original as no alterations to the brickwork on the facade can be seen. Although the Rhoda house has been vacant for many years, it retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, craftsmanship, feeling and association. The house is the only contributing resource on the property. The period of significance is based on an approximate construction date established from property tax and deed records.

Elaboration:

The Rhoda house faces east and is located three blocks from the Mississippi River. The house sits on a stone foundation at the foot of the bluff that runs the length of the town. It is the only house on this block of Second Street. The house sits several feet above the street level and it is terraced; the rear ell and frame addition sits approximately four feet higher than the older front portion of the house. A stone gutter runs along South Street just south of the house.

The main block is approximately 34 feet across the front and 19 feet deep. (See Photo No. 1) The brick rear ell is half as wide as the main block and adds approximately 22 feet of depth to the house. The frame addition adds another 8 feet of width to the rear portion of the house and is the same depth as the brick ell. (See Photo No. 2) The house sits on a partial basement accessed through an exterior stairway on the north side of the frame addition. The house's current form is the result of several building phases. The I-house

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portion appears to be the oldest, followed by the brick ell, and finally, the frame addition. Although the house does not appear on the Sanborn map until 1914, it had reached its current form by that date.¹

The brick on the front (east) elevation is laid in running bond, and the brick on the side and rear elevations is laid in common bond. The frame addition retains its original weatherboard siding. The I-house portion of the house features a low pitch side facing gable roof covered with composition shingles. The brick ell and addition are also covered by a composition shingle gable roof. Chimneys are integral, projecting from the gable ends of the main block. A third chimney is integral in the west wall of the brick ell. All chimneys served stoves rather than fireplaces; a feature common to houses built in Missouri by German immigrants.²

The front elevation is divided into five bays with doorways centered on the facade on both the first and second stories. Except the paired windows on the left side of the front elevation, the windows and doors are equally spaced and vertically aligned. Although the location of the paired windows is apparently original, the second story doorway appears to have originally been a window. The south elevation of the main block has two vertically stacked windows, but the north elevation has no windows. The south elevation of the brick ell has a centrally placed doorway flanked by 6/6 windows. The windows on the I-house portion of the house are all 1/1, but the windows on the brick ell are 6/6. Two of the windows on the frame addition are 6-light and the other window is a single pane. The 1/1 windows appear to date to the early 20th century; 6/6 windows are early or original. Sills and lintels are wooden throughout.

Currently, the house's only ornamentation is a wide frieze board that bands the main block. Although the house almost certainly had a porch covering the front entrance, little evidence remains to reveal its appearance. The absence of marks on the brick would indicate that it was a small frame structure. A small metal canopy covers the entrance to the brick ell on the side of the house. Doorways throughout the house are unusually sized. Some are shorter than normal as in the case of the two doors on the rear side of the house. One leads into the north room of the I-house and the other leads into the bathroom in the frame addition. Both doors are less than 6 feet tall. (See Photo No. 3) In contrast, the front door is tall and narrow. It may have once had a transom above the door, but the door itself is 7'-6" tall.

The plan of the Rhoda house is typical of the I-house form. (See Figures 1 & 2) The main block is one room deep and has a central hallway flanked by a room on each side. A wide opening leads to the living room that is to the left of the hallway, but the room on the right is reached through a single doorway. The living room doorway appears to have been widened sometime after the house was built. Opposite the main entrance, two short narrow doors enclose the dogleg staircase leading to the second floor and a closet beneath the upper flight of stairs. Not only is the stairwell entirely enclosed on the first floor, but also it is extremely narrow. The staircase is approximately two feet wide with a two foot

¹ Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, Map of La Grange, 1914, Ellis Library, UMC.

² Erin McCawley Wren, "An Introduction to Nineteenth Century Missouri German Architecture." in Vernacular Architecture Forum, A Guide to the Tours. (Compiled by Osmund Overby, 1989).

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by four foot landing between flights. On the second floor, the stairwell is open, but the railing is hinged to open, apparently to allow furniture to be moved up to the second story. Two bedrooms, equal in size to the rooms below, flank the second floor landing. In the space beneath the staircase, the outline of a doorway filled with brick is visible. It is likely the doorway was filled when the rear ell was constructed.

The brick ell is divided into two rooms of approximately equal size. The room that adjoins the main part of the house is used as the kitchen and is reached via a steep set of stairs set into a doorway. The only bathroom in the house is in the frame addition off the kitchen. It can be entered from the kitchen and from the outside.

Although the Rhoda house has been vacant for many years and is in a deteriorated state, it is basically intact. It is still configured as a single family residence, but some integrity of design has been lost from the interior of the house as window trim has been changed in several rooms. However, many interior doors appear original and the exterior is still very much intact. Furthermore, the house retains sufficient physical characteristics to convey integrity of workmanship, materials, design, association, setting, and location.

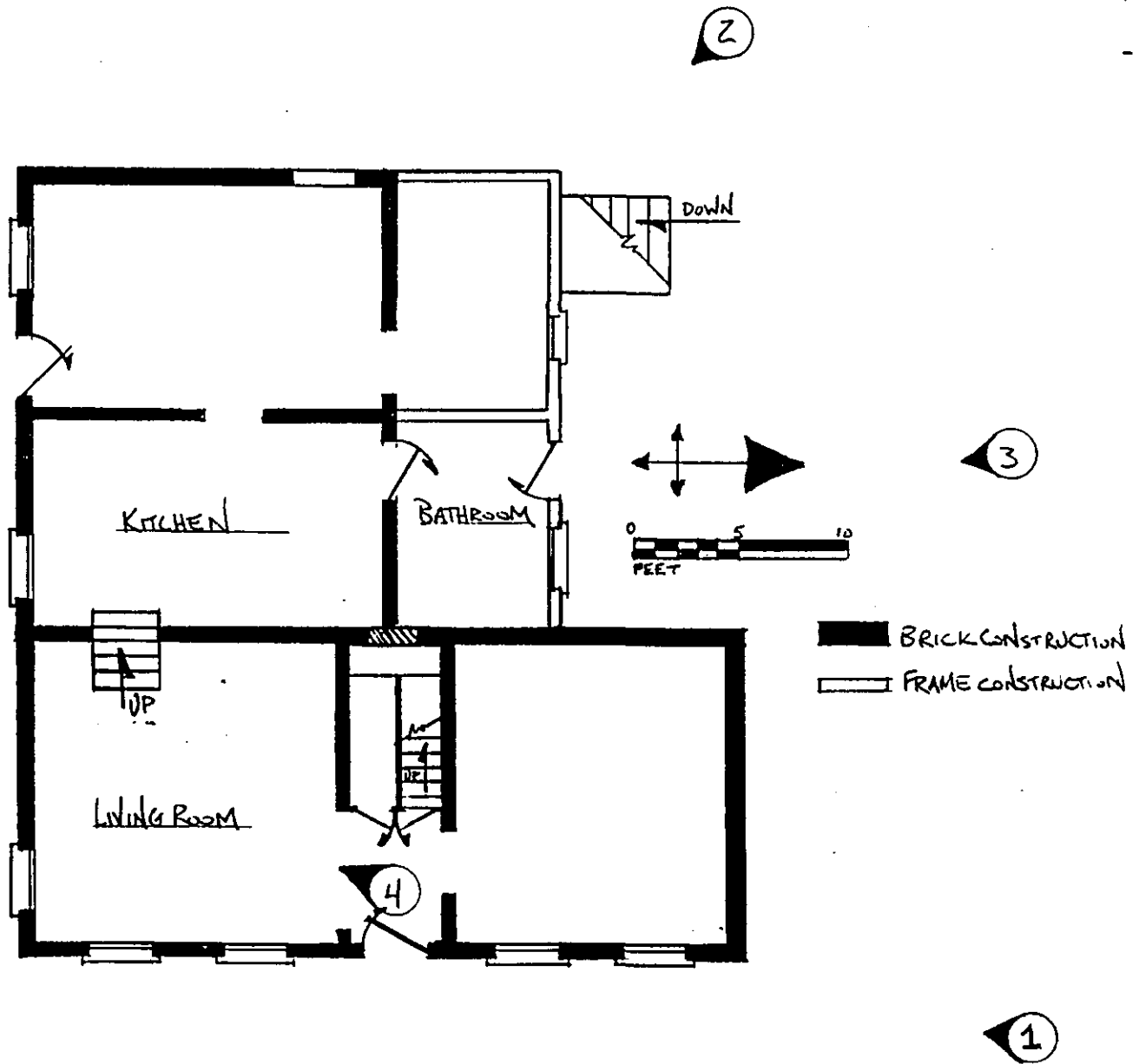
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Figure One: Fred Rhoda House - First Floor Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



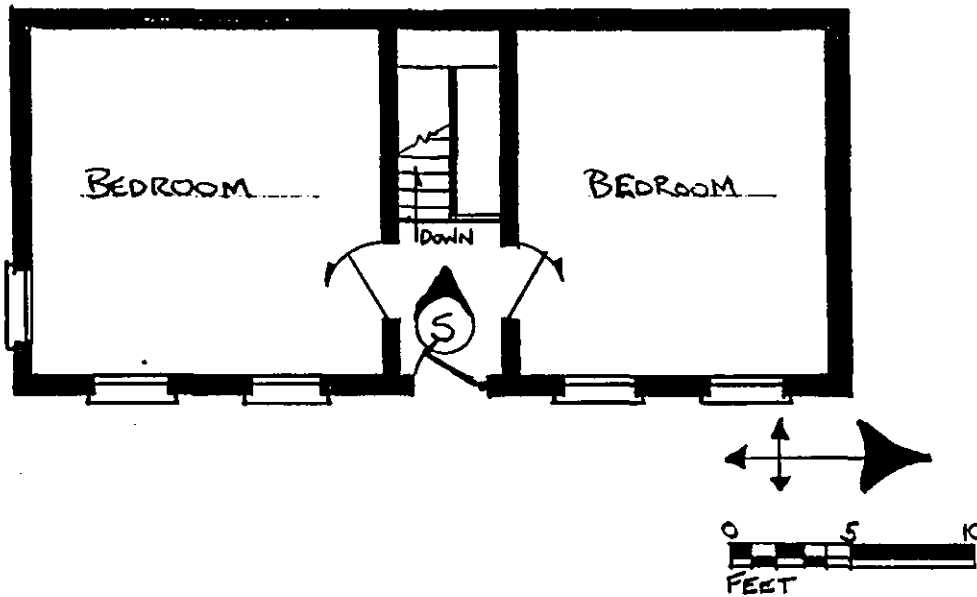
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Figure Two: Fred Rhoda House - Second Floor Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



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Summary:

The Fred Rhoda House, 200 South Second Street, is significant under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. Constructed circa 1854, its central bay I-house form, brick construction, straight wooden lintels and Greek Revival detailing exemplify the I-house property type. See MPS cover document, "Historic Resources of La Grange, Missouri: Antebellum Affluence: 1795-1861: Property Type A: I-house, Central Bay Subtype." Furthermore, the house's brick structure, austere planar surfaces, simplicity of design, and stove heat are consistent with the construction practices of German immigrants in Missouri (See Historic Resources of La Grange, Missouri: Antebellum Affluence: 1795-1861, Missouri German Architecture in La Grange).

Elaboration:

In 1853, Fred Rhoda purchased Lots 5 & 6 of Block 1 in Wright and Shropshire's Addition from C. S. Skinner for \$75.00.³ Since the value of real estate owned by Rhoda is listed as \$2500 in the 1860 Census, it is assumed that construction on his house took place between 1853 and 1860 and more than likely occurred shortly after he purchased the property. The 1860 Census figures also show that Fred Rhoda was born in Prussia around 1812 and was a lime burner. His wife, Christina was also born in Prussia, but their two daughters were born in Missouri.⁴

The asymmetrical fenestration pattern on the main facade is one of the most striking features of the Rhoda House. However, the off center placement of the pair of windows on the main elevation appears to be original. Not only is it rare for a Missouri German/Greek Revival house to have a set of paired windows, but also the off center placement of this pair of windows on the Rhoda House is very unusual. One other building in La Grange, which dates from about the same period as the Rhoda House, has a similar feature. The Old Dormitory of La Grange College, a building located at 304 N. Seventh, has a one set of paired windows on the west elevation. In contrast to the Rhoda House, the set of paired windows on the Old Dormitory is vertically aligned with a single window above it.⁵

The Fred Rhoda House is an excellent example of the Central Bay I-house property type. Its five-bay facade, one of only two such antebellum I-houses remaining in La Grange, its austere German Vernacular

³ Lewis County Deed Records, Book P, p. 250.

⁴ United States Census Records. Census Indexes and Population Schedules for Lewis County, Missouri, 1850-1860.

⁵ Sheals, Debbie. Inventory Forms and Summary Report, Architectural and Historical Survey: La Grange, Lewis County, Missouri. July 15, 1997. (On file with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, Jefferson City, MO), Survey Property Number 70/4.

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styling, and its asymmetrical facade make it particularly noteworthy. The Rhoda house retains a high level of integrity of design, craftsmanship, materials, setting, feeling, and association.

9. Sources:

Lewis County Deed and Tax Records, Lewis County Recorders Office, Monticello, Missouri and Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, Maps of La Grange, 1885, 1893, 1909, 1914, 1930. Ellis Library, UMC.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Fred Rhoda house is located on Lots 5 & 6 of Block 10 in Wright and Shropshire's Addition in the city limits of La Grange, Lewis County, Missouri.

Boundary Justification:

The current boundaries encompass all of the land currently and historically associated with the building.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs:

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Becky Snider

November 1998

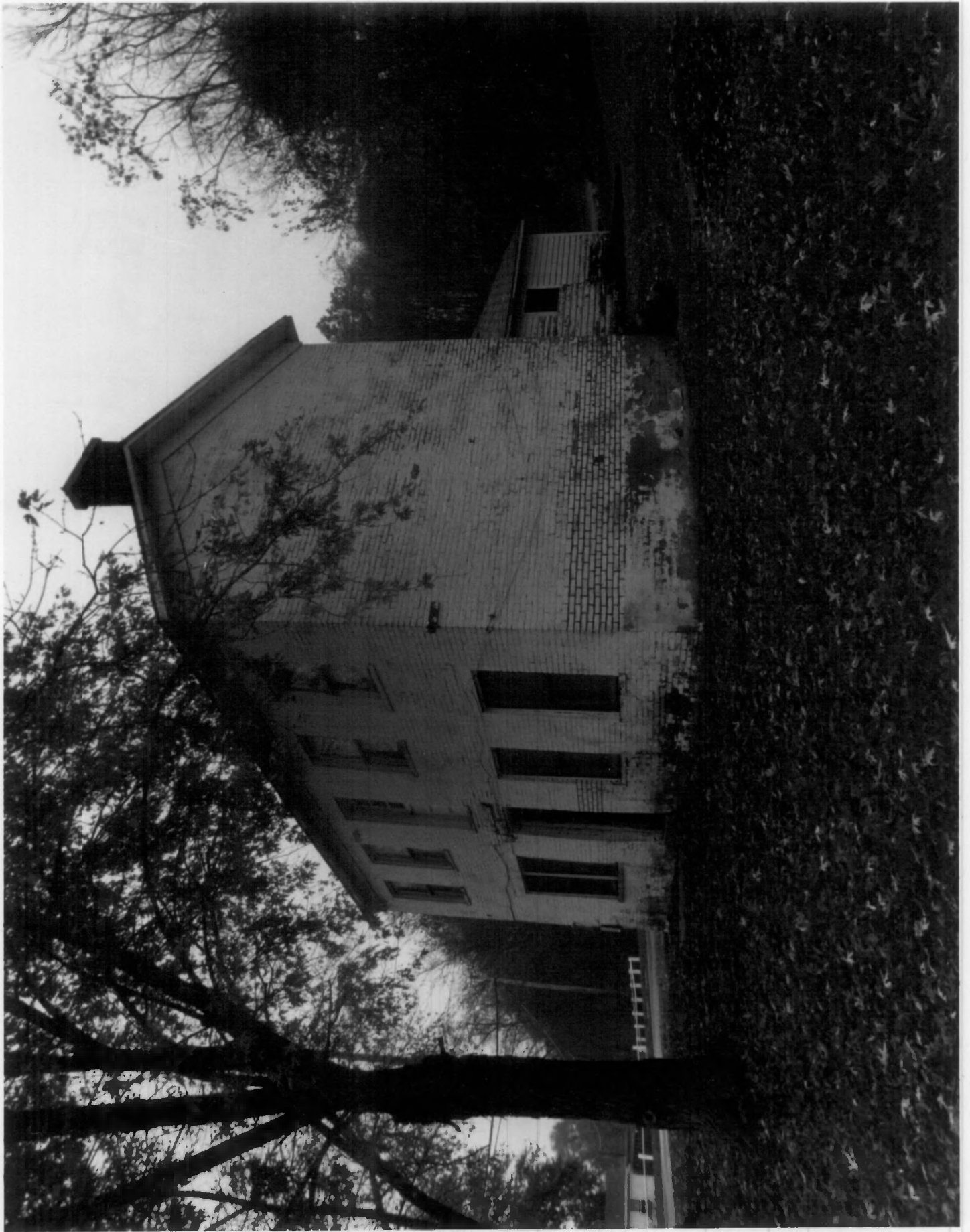
Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory, MO Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City.

Negatives on file with Debbie Sheals, 406 West Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203

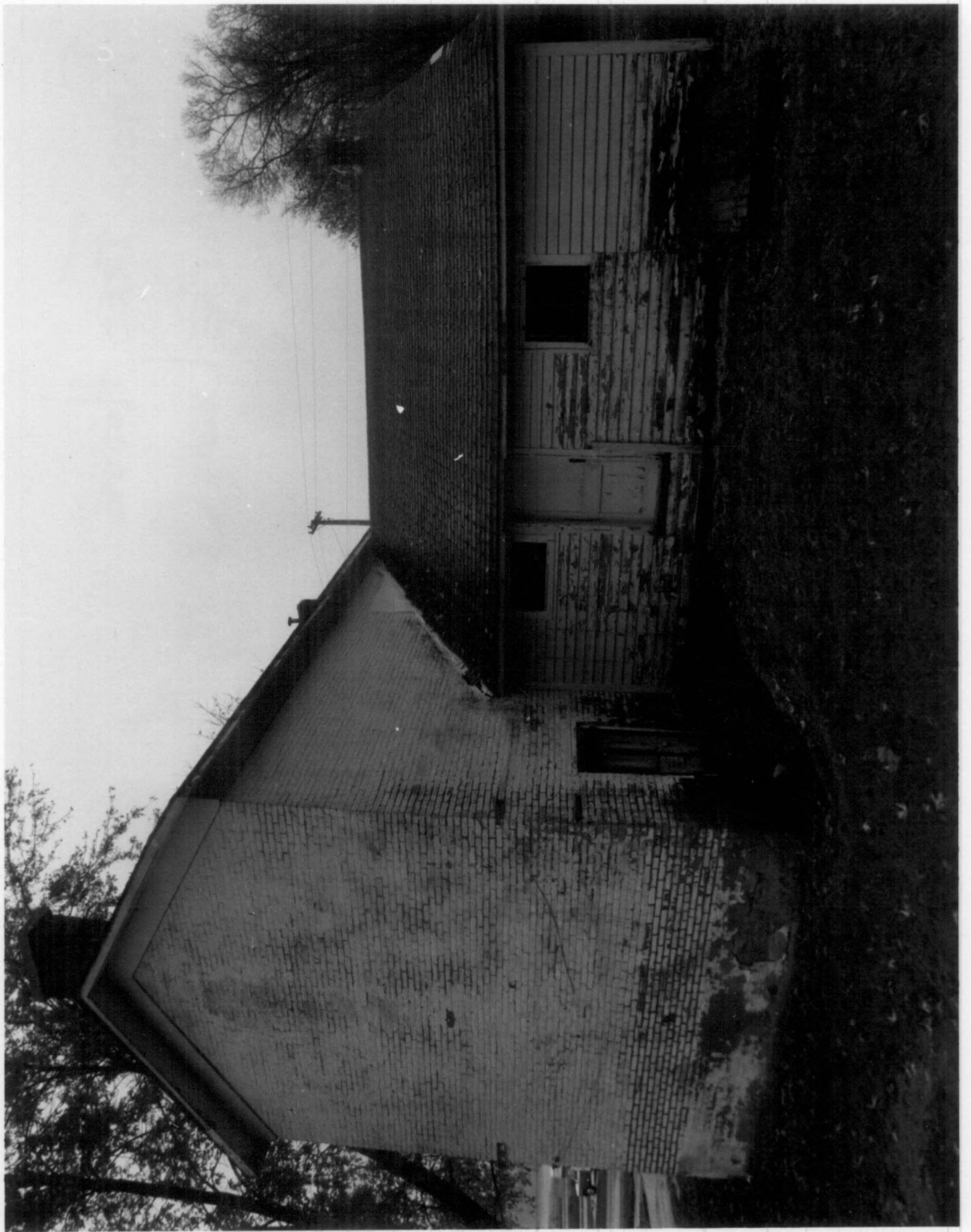
List of Photographs

See Figures One & Two for indication of camera angles

1. Front (east) and Side (north) Elevations
2. Rear (west) Elevation
3. Side (north) Elevation
4. Interior of the south room in the I-house portion of the house
5. Staircase and landing (facing west)









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