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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sickles Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

Hickory Inn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Alexandria

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#9 - Hon. Harold L. Volkmer

STATE

Missouri

CODE

29

COUNTY

Clark

CODE

045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Simpson

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Alexandria

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 63430

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Clark County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Kahoka

STATE

Missouri 63445

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

1. Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE

1963

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Missouri

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

Missouri 65201

IR-8-300A
(1/78)

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STICKLES TAVERN

CONTINUATION SHEET

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey
1979 state
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City Missouri 65102

ITEM NUMBER 11 PAGE 1

2. Mrs. Katherine Simpson
Route 1
Alexandria Missouri 63430
3. James M. Denny, Editor and State Contact Person
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Historic Preservation 314/751-4096
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City Missouri 65102

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sickles Tavern is a rectangular, two-story frame structure with full basement and attic, situated on a wooded site in the center of 300 acres of farmland. The house rests on a rubble foundation, with its weatherboarding now covered with green and gray composition siding. The ridge roof is presently sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The house is an example of the vernacular building form known as a "two-thirds house" - a two-story structure one room wide and two rooms deep, with an end hallway. The primary (south) facade is three bays wide and contains the primary entrance to the structure on the left, through a trabeated single-leaf door flanked by sidelights and decorative panels. Originally all the house's windows were 6-over-6 double-hung sash but those on the lower story of this elevation have been replaced by 1-over-1 sash. A veranda, resting on an ashlar limestone foundation, runs the length of the facade, its shed roof supported by simple posts.

The east elevation contains two regularly spaced windows at each story and another in the center of the gable. Like the primary facade, one window has been replaced with a 1-over-1 sash. The west facade has two windows in the left corner of the first story, and a center window in the gable. An addition partially obscures the north facade, where a single original window remains on the upper story.

The interior of the house has identical first and second story floorplans with lateral hallways containing staircases on the west, from which access is gained to all other rooms. Important interior details include oak woodwork and flooring and the original handcrafted doorknobs and latches.

The house is in fair condition, with deterioration evident only in minor areas. One chimney was partially rebuilt and the placement of several doors and windows altered. The original weatherboarding was covered by composition siding and electricity was added to the house. A one-story kitchen addition constitutes the major alteration to the structure. Of vertical planking (now covered with asphalt siding) with a shed roof and rubble foundation, it was built about the turn of the century.

FOOTNOTES

1. Mrs. Katherine Simpson, personal interview, 4 June 1979.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sickles Tavern is a significant early example of the vernacular form of architecture known as the "two-thirds house", relatively rare in northeast Missouri. Believed to be a tavern and stopping place for the mail and passenger coaches passing from Iowa into Kansas and beyond, the house is an important symbol of early Missouri settlement and the movement of western expansion, and is one of the oldest houses in Clark County.

The house was constructed about 1846 by Jacob R. Price, a farmer and blacksmith who handcrafted the doorknobs and latches still in the building.¹ The house later passed to Price's son-in-law, Charles O. Sanford, a prominent local politician,² who sold it to Daniel C. Sickles, newly arrived from Virginia.³ At the time of its construction, the house was located on a road known locally as the "Main Divide" as it was said the land north and east of it drained into the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers and that west and south into the Fox River.⁴ The road was first used as a drover trail for hogs and cattle headed for slaughterhouses in Alexandria, Missouri. With the influx of emigrants to the west, however, the trail became a road for settlers journeying to Kansas and other new territories. Renamed the Alexandria-Bloomfield Road, it was an important stagecoach route from Iowa through Missouri into the west. According to local tradition, Sickles took advantage of his house's fortunate location and established a tavern and stopping place for the passenger and mail stagecoaches travelling this route.⁶

By the turn of the century, however, the house had returned to its original function as a private residence, serving as the center of a family farming operation for more than a century. The house is now owned by Daniel Sickles' great-granddaughter.

FOOTNOTES

1. Dorothy Caldwell, ed., Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue (Columbia, Mo.: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1963), p. 29.
2. History of Lewis, Clark, Knox and Scotland Counties, Missouri. (St. Louis: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887), p. 958.
3. Mrs. Katherine Simpson, personal interview, 5 June 1979.
4. Kenneth Doud, The Good Old Days: Early History of Northeast Clark County, Missouri. (Columbia, Mo: State Historical Society of Missouri, n.d.), p. 12.
5. Ibid.
6. Simpson.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Caldwell, Dorothy J., ed. Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue. Columbia, Mo.: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1963.
2. Doud, Kenneth. The Good Old Days: Early History of Northeast Clark County, Missouri. Columbia, Mo.: State Historical Society, n.d.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Wayland

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 618420 4471380
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A square measuring 66-1/2' along its east and west sides and 66-1/2' along its north and south sides, the center of which is the UTM point given above, being the area of the house and 20' beyond each of its four walls.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Janice R. Cameron
 ORGANIZATION Department of Natural Resources
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 176

TELEPHONE

314/751-4096

CITY OR TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

FHR-8-300A
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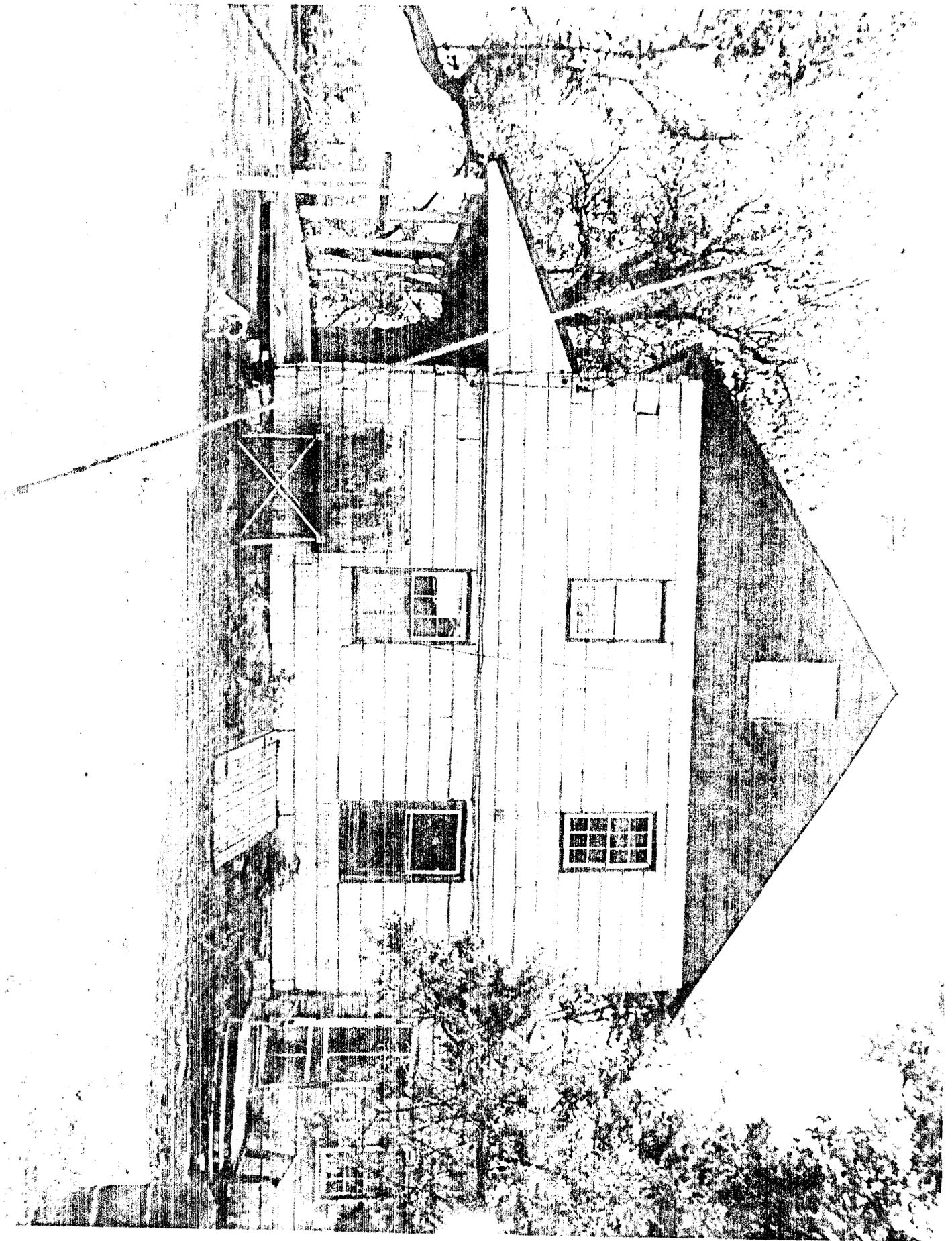


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SICKLES TAVERN

Route 1

Alexandria, Missouri

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General view from the east.

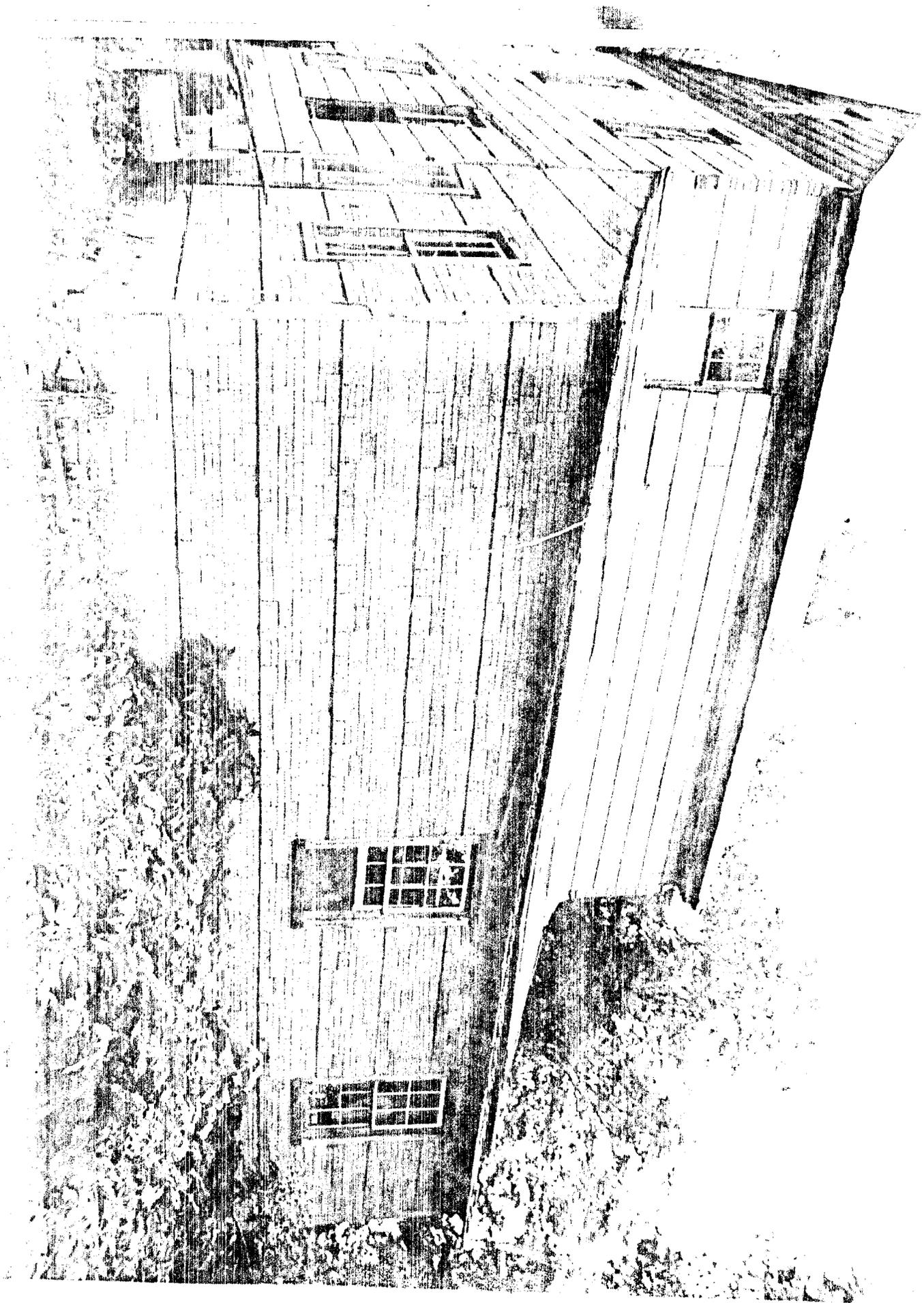


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General view from the north.



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General view from the west.

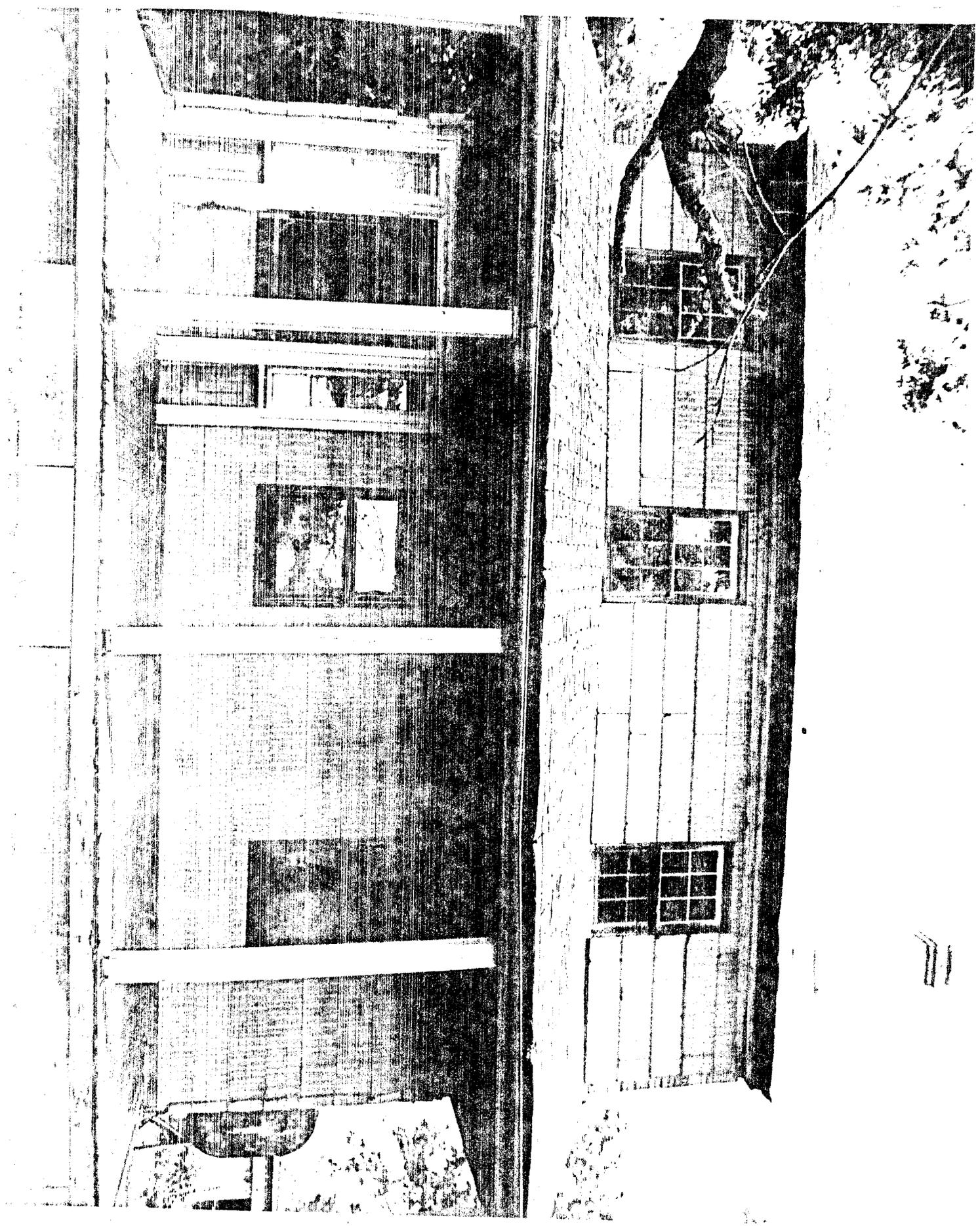


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General view of primary facade from the south.

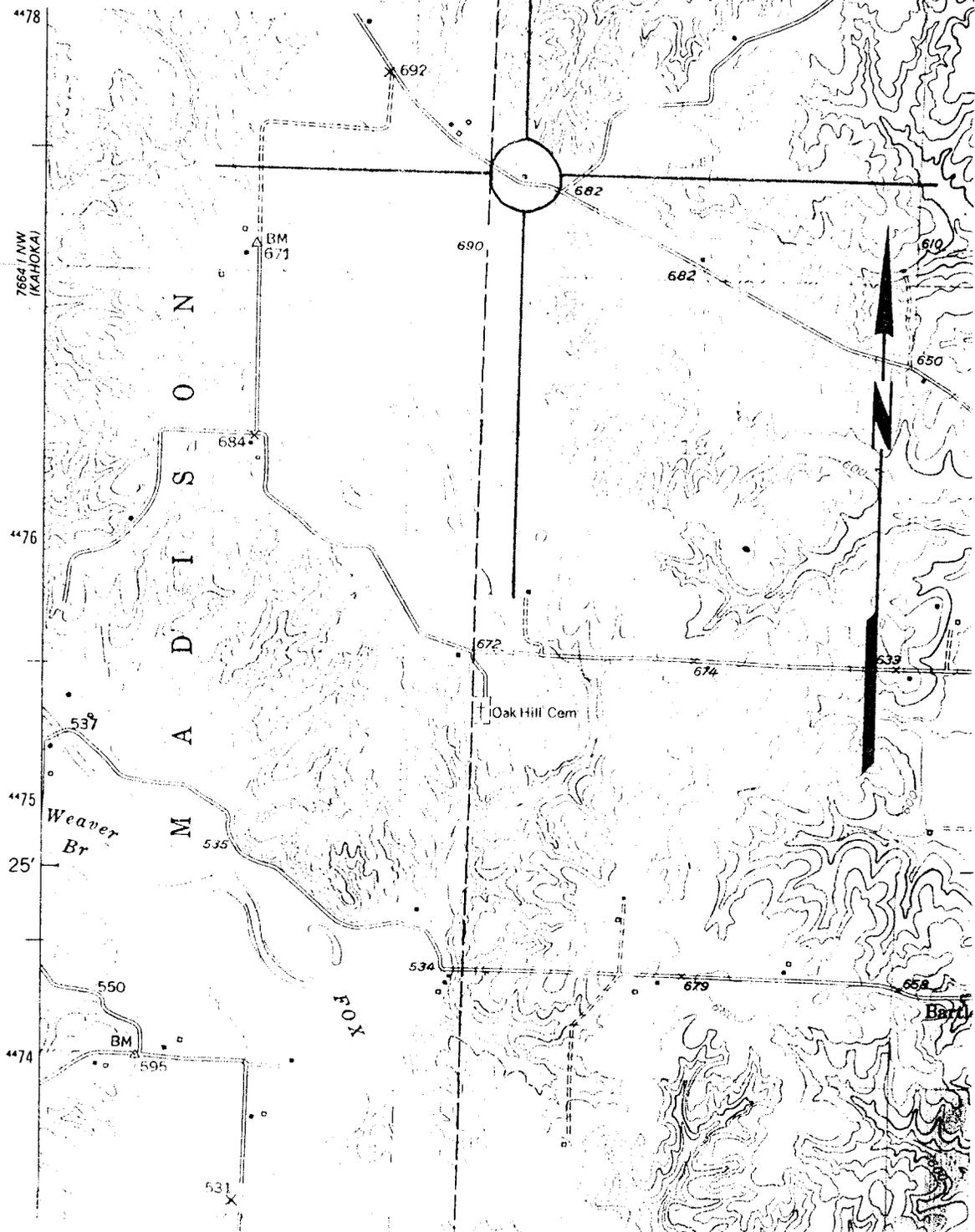
27'30"

U.S.G.S.
"Wayland"
Scale: 1:24,000
Sickles Tavern

7.5'

Quadrangle
(1975)

UTM REFERENCE:
15/618420/4477380



SICKLES TAVERN

#405

COUNTY:

Clark

LOCATION:

Alexandria

OWNER:
ADDRESS:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Simpson
Route 1
Alexandria, Missouri

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

July 20, 1979

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

September 6, 1979

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

September 11, 1979

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

October 22, 1979

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED
(AND PRESENTER):

Given to Pat Steele: July 12, 1983
Presented:

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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General view of primary facade from south.



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General view from the east.



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General view from the west.



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Route 1

Alexandria, Missouri

Photographer: unknown
before 1900

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Old view from the southeast, with son of
Tavern owner, Daniel Sickles Jr. and his wife.

