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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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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 New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

and or common New Hope Church

2. Location

street & number Old Orrick Road, Off County Road EE not for publication

city, town Richmond vicinity of  congressional district #6-Hon. E. Thomas Coleman

state Missouri code 29 county Ray code 177

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name 1. Congregation of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

street & number

city, town Richmond vicinity of  state Missouri 64085

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Ray County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Richmond state Missouri 64085

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Landmarks Survey of Ray County Missouri

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Ray County Historical Society

city, town Richmond state Missouri 64085

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church is located on 1 3/4 acres on a high ridge amid rolling farm lands some 4 1/2 miles southwest of Richmond, Missouri.

The rectangular 30' by 40' vernacular Greek Revival building sits on a foundation of rough dressed limestone blocks laid in random ashlar. The high gable roof has been re-covered with pale green asphalt shingles and has a short brick chimney flush with the west gable. The one-room detachment frame building is covered with horizontal weatherboard painted white. It has a plain boxed cornice with returns and pilaster corner boards.

The church is arranged with two bays on the east and west walls, and four bays in the longer north and south walls. The west wall is the entrance to the building. It has two five panel doors with rectangular transoms and plain surrounds with an entablature. The other bays are all windows, double hung, four over four, with plain molding surrounds with entablatures.

A concrete platform was added to the west end in October 1942. It is 8' by 23'4" with a step in front (west) and on the north side. The south side of the platform has a natural rock step. Two steps lead up from the platform to each of the front doors. Between the entrance doors is a wooden sign which reads "New Hope Primitive Bpatist Church, Est. 1820".

The interior of the church has been altered but still retains original (1897) planed pine moldings and vertical beaded wainscotting. Window and door corner blocks are routed in a flower and line design with an Eastlake character. The pulpit is Eastlake and matches the wainscotting. The Gothic style pews are original. The original vaulted ceiling has been lowered. Two gas stoves and electricity have been installed. The upper walls and the east windows were closed up with plywood paneling.

Exterior alterations include a new asphalt shingle roof, roof ventilators for the two gas stoves, attic vents in the gable ends, aluminum half-screens on the windows, and closed up transoms.

In addition to the church, the property includes a graveyard (containing 166 graves dating from 1856 to 1973), a 300 gallon L. P. gas tank, and two out-houses made of wood predominantly. All are well maintained.

## 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 checked="" 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"/> 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 1897

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church is a significant example of local architecture and one of the earliest community structures in Ray County.

The church was established around 1820<sup>1</sup> at Bluffton, Missouri (now Camden) as the North Bluffton Baptist Church. In 1846 the original log building (possibly a private log home) was replaced by a larger, double log structure and renamed New Hope Primitive Baptist Church. In 1873 a frame church was built at the present location, slightly north of the original site. The present, and fourth, church was built in 1897 for \$864.85 from plans designed by the church building committee.<sup>2</sup>

The church was one of the earliest churches established in the county, and probably the first. It is definitely the oldest extant church in the county at the present time. The congregation has been in continuous existence since the early 1820's.<sup>3</sup> The original congregation was made up of many of the earliest settlers in the county, including one John Vanderpool, the first county resident who arrived in 1815.<sup>4</sup> Two later members, Hardy and John Holman, served as members of the State Legislature in the 1830's and 1840's. Other members served in local government as commissioners, sheriffs, surveyors, and school teachers for the county.<sup>5</sup> Most of the present congregation are direct descendants of the founders.

The church is a good example of rural vernacular architecture. It is a sturdy, well built structure typical of small country churches of the area and period. Although alterations have been made to the interior, the original wainscotting, woodwork, and furnishings have been kept. The exterior has had little alteration from its original appearance. The building and grounds have been kept in an excellent state of repair by the congregation, who have also preserved the church records and minutes back to 1828.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. History of Ray County, Missouri. St. Louis: Historical Company, 1881.
2. New Bluffton Regular Baptist Church. Minutes, February 1828 to June 1847. Richmond, Ray County, Missouri.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 3/4 ACRE

Quadrangle name "Camden, Mo."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 

1	5	4	0	9	9	4	0	4	3	4	4	7	9	1	0
Zone				Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing							

C 

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H 

Zone				Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Part of the southeast corner of the southeast quarter section Four (4), township Fifty-one (51), range Twenty-eight (28), all in Ray County, Missouri, more particularly described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of the said quarter section and running west one hundred and eighty-one (181) feet

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Ann M. Matthews, Site Administrator

organization Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site date February 1, 1980

street & number Route 2, Box 270 M telephone 816/296-3357

city or town Lawson state Missouri 64062

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Director, Department of Natural Resources and  
title State Historic Preservation Officer date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Church Trustees:

1. Orelia Brown Smith  
108 Ottman  
Richmond, Missouri 64085
2. Earl Brown  
2416 E. 68th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64132

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey  
1979  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City  
state  
Missouri 65101

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3. New Hope Primitive Baptist Church. Minutes, July 1847 to 1901. Richmond,  
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and six (6) inches, thence north one hundred and eighty-one (181) feet and six (6) inches,  
thence north forty (40) degrees two hundred and eighty (280) feet and seven (7)  
inches, thence south three hundred and ninety-six (396) feet to the place of beginning.

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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey  
and State Contact Person  
Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Program  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City  
July 9, 1980  
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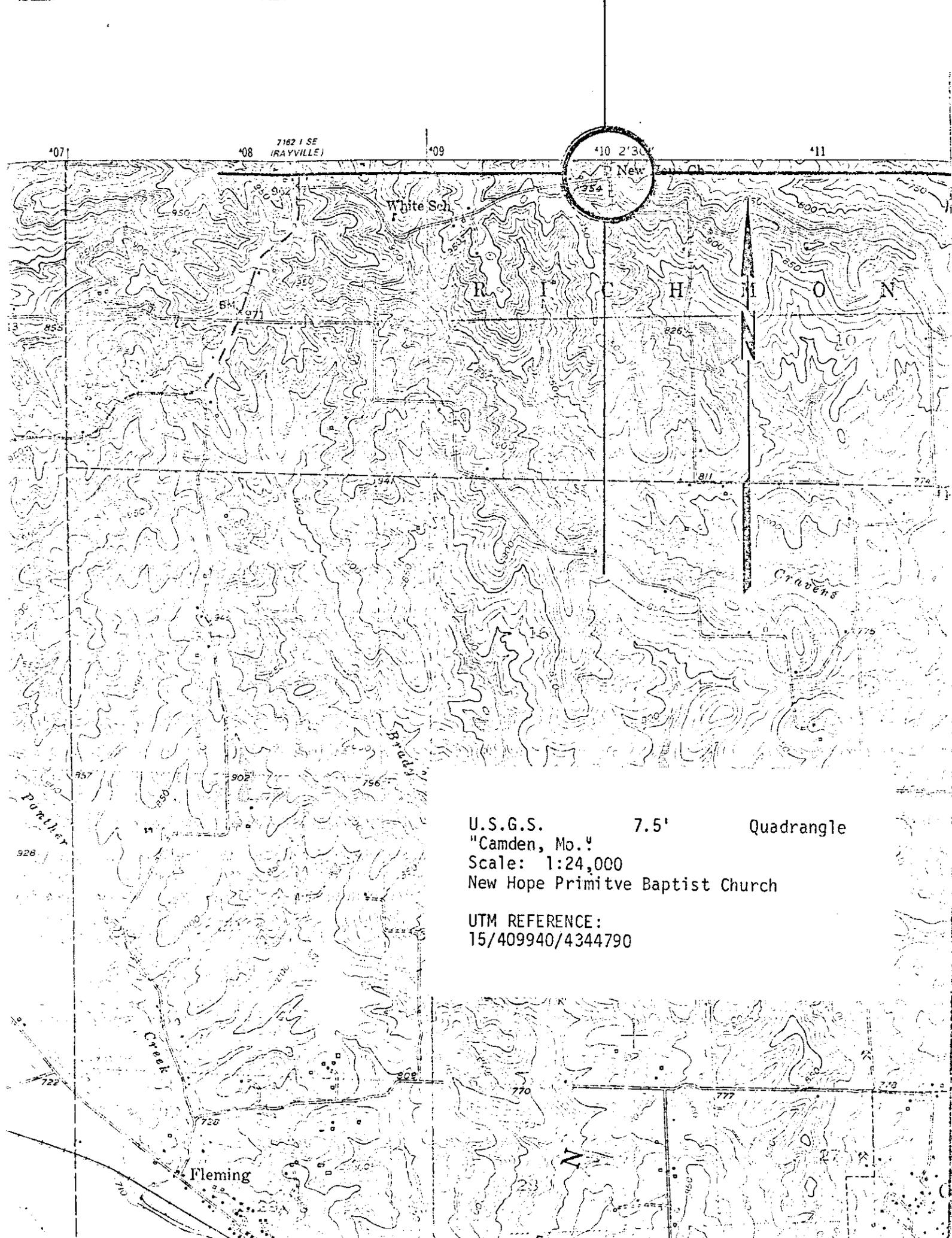
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FOOTNOTES

1. The congregation gives 1820 or 1821 as the date of origin, with meetings as early as 1818 in private homes. The church records prior to 1828 were lost in a fire so actual date is unknown. New Bluffton Regular Baptist Church, Minutes, February 1828 to June 1847.
2. New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Minutes, July 1847 to 1901.
3. History of Ray County (St. Louis: Historical Company, 1881), p. 325.
4. Ibid, pp. 205 - 212.
5. New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Minutes, July 1847 to 1901.



U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle  
"Camden, Mo."  
Scale: 1:24,000  
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

UTM REFERENCE:  
15/409940/4344790

NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

#458

COUNTY: Ray

LOCATION: Old Orrick Road, Richmond, Mo.

OWNER: Congregation of New Hope Baptist Church  
ADDRESS: Richmond, Mo. 64085

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: July 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.: September 11, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: September 17, 1980

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: November 14, 1980

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE  
(AND PRESENTOR):

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

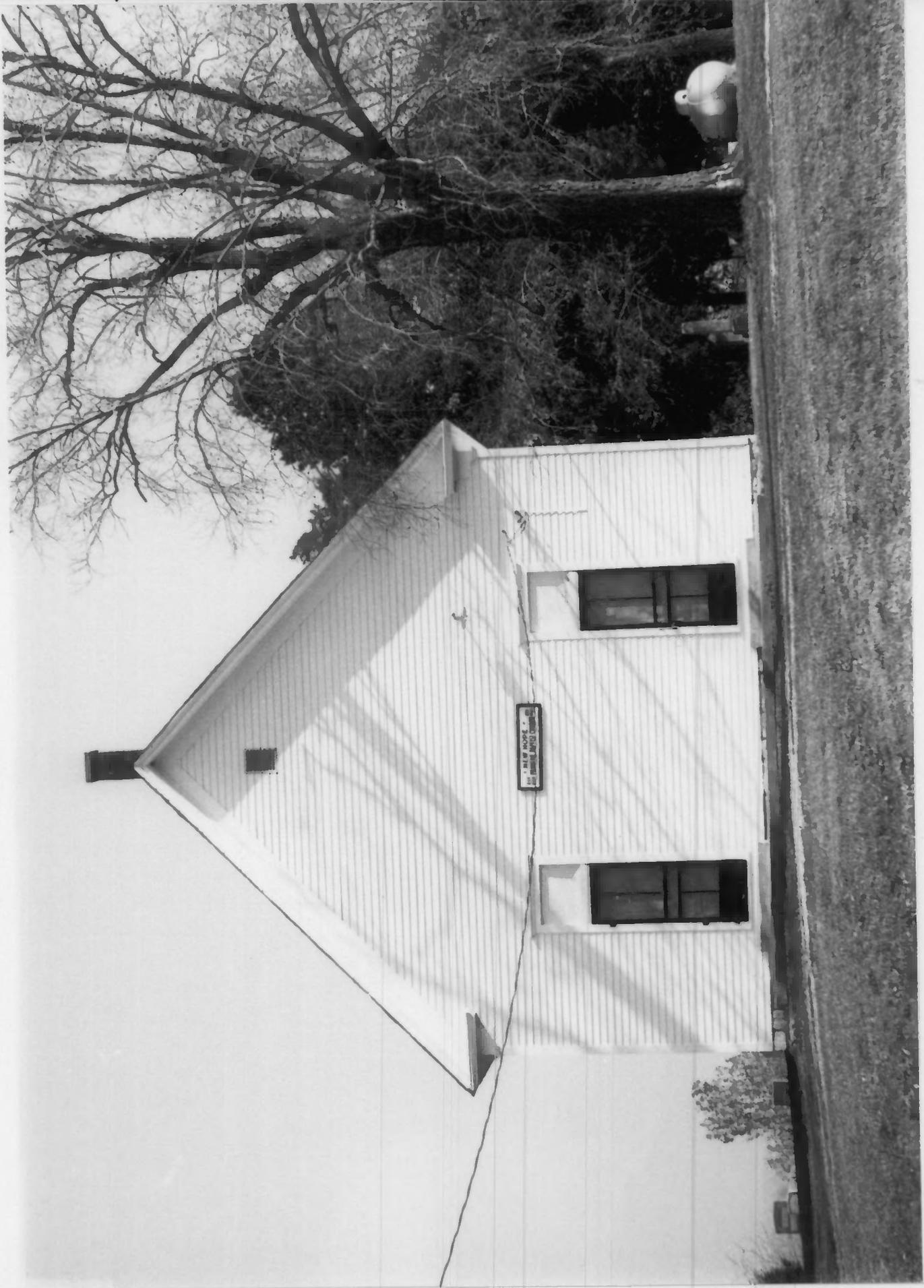
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Richmond, Missouri

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General view of primary elevation.



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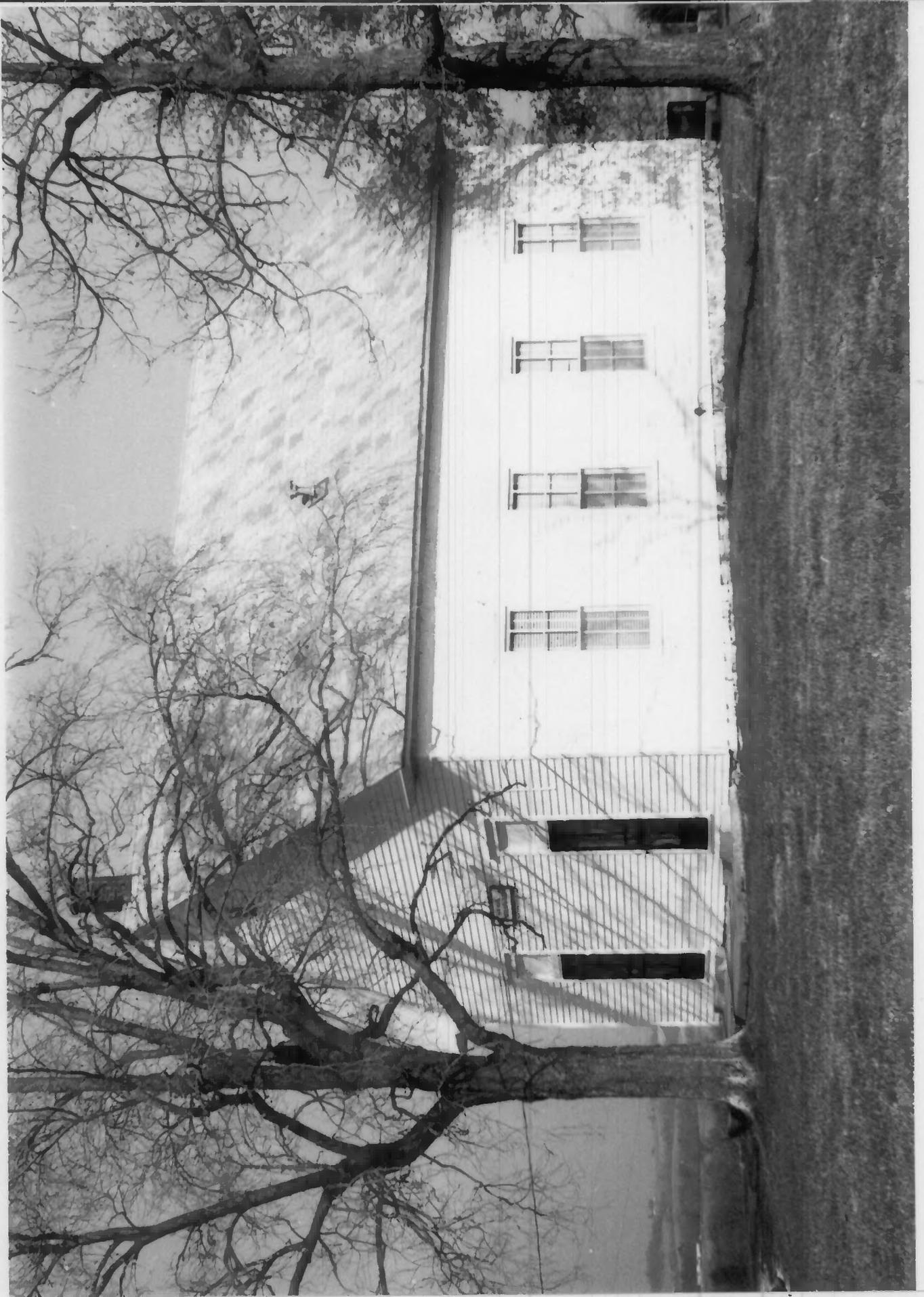
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General view of south facade from the  
southwest.



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General view of north facade from the  
northwest.



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General view of east facade.



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Interior view to the north, showing pews,  
woodwork and wainscoting.

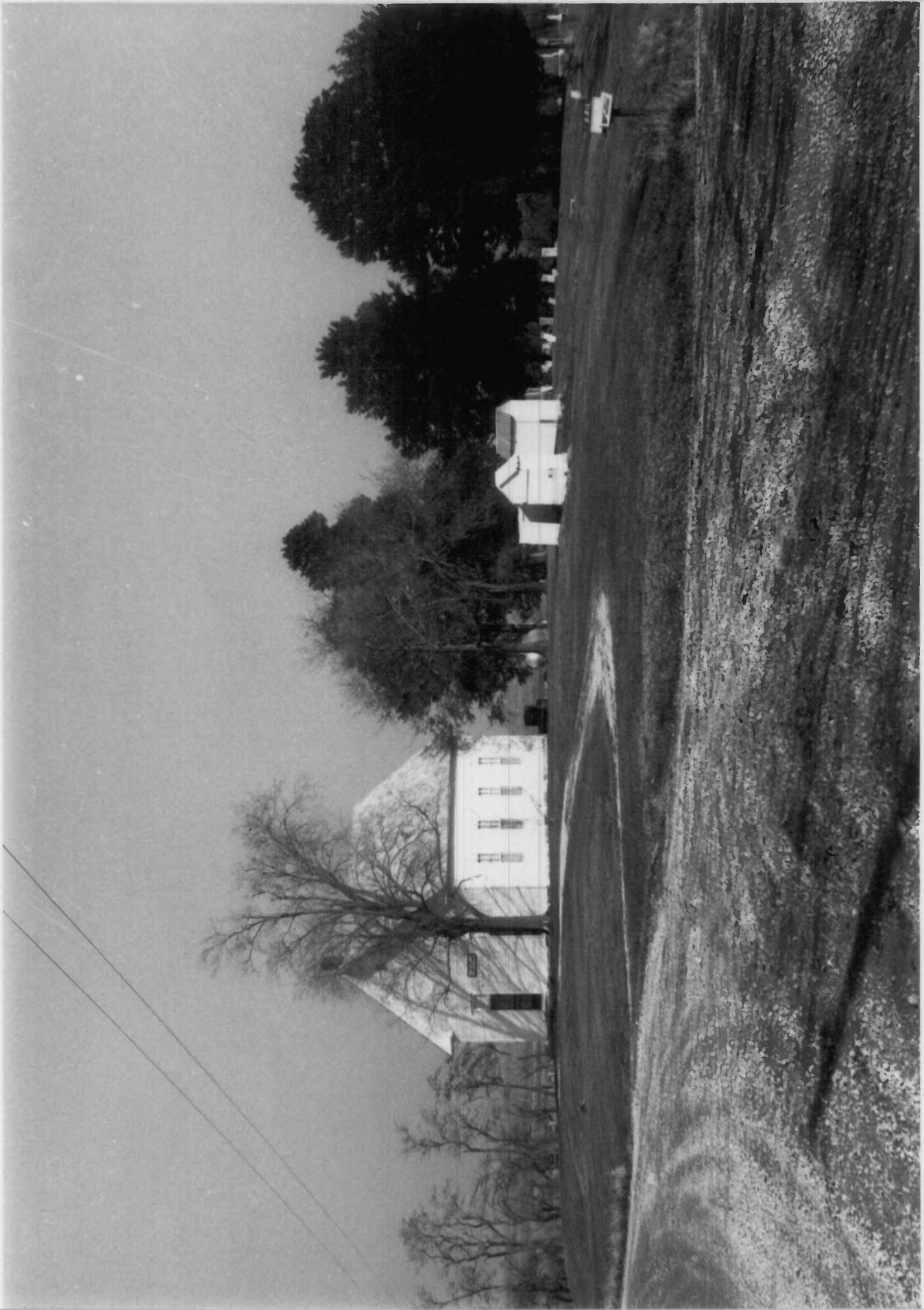


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View from the southwest, showing grounds,  
cemetery and outbuildings.



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