

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 Unit No. 1 Historic District
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number State Highway D near Moon Road not for publication
city, town Hughesville 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>4</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>4</u>	_____ objects
			<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
Signature of certifying official Claire F. Blackwell Date 8 August 1991
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
 Agriculture/Subsistence/Animal Facility
 Agriculture/Subsistence/Animal Facility
 Domestic/Secondary Structure/Storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling
 Agriculture/Subsistence/Storage
 Domestic/Secondary Structure/Storage
 Domestic/Secondary Structure/Storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Resettlement Administration Architecture
 Other: Central Passage Barn
 Other: Poultry House

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
 walls Wood
 roof Asphalt
 other Asbestos

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Historic District is a grouping of four agricultural buildings including a government farmhouse located on the north side of Missouri Highway D in northern Pettis County, Missouri. This was the prototypical individual government farmstead constructed at Osage Farms in 1937 by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration. The four project buildings are a Type 315:12 government farmhouse, a Type 411:12 government barn, a Type 4110:14 government poultry house and a government food storage building. Osage Farms was a local resettlement community, one of scores established nationally as part of an experimental New Deal project to relocate and rehabilitate needy farm families during the Great Depression (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri: Government Farmhouse; Government Outbuildings").

Unit No. 1 was centrally located within the project area, approximately four miles northeast of Hughesville and less than a mile west of U.S. Highway 65. At 80.371 acres, the rectangular tract was of average size for an individual government farmstead at Osage Farms. Although another government farmstead (Unit No. 2) was adjacent on the east, the building groups were widely separated. Today the old "farm-to-market road" (as Missouri Highway D was called) is paved instead of gravel but the environment remains rural and open with fields and fencing under a wide sky. Not only is the complex significant as the "first" unit, but the properties are sufficiently unchanged to reflect their association with the government's utopian effort.

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

A. Type 411:12 Government Barn. Historic photographs confirm the viewer's impression that this Type 411:12 government barn has been altered only slightly, primarily in the east facade where fenestration changes have occurred. The original Dutch doors are intact on the west but have been removed from the east side. Window openings and casings are essentially unaltered (except on the east), although the upper two lights have been covered so that only four panes are exposed. The interior of this fine example is also relatively unaltered. (See Photos #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9.)

B. Type 4110:14 Government Poultry House. Its form is largely intact, but this old government poultry house has been converted into a utility or storage facility. Changes include replacement of the original door, covering of the lower ventilation windows and construction of a new door in the east wall. Shiplap

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 Security Administration

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

SUMMARY:

Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Historic District, Missouri Highway D near Moon Road, is locally significant under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Agriculture and Architecture. This individual government farmstead is associated with an experimental New Deal resettlement project for impoverished families, mostly farmers, during the Great Depression (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri"). Constructed in 1937 by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration, the four buildings reflect their historic period (1937-43) when tenants tilled the land and raised animals to eke out a basic living under close government supervision. At Osage Farms (the name of the overall project in northern Pettis County), Unit No. 1 is particularly significant because it was the project's prototype farmstead. The Type 315:12 government farmhouse retains integrity of design despite the application of asbestos siding, the Type 4110:14 government poultry house is relatively intact, and the Type 411:12 government barn and the government food storage buildings are fine examples of their types (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri: Government Farmhouse; Government Outbuildings").

ELABORATION:

As the first individual government farmstead completed at Osage Farms, Unit No. 1 was selected by the RA/FSA for publicity or record photographs. In order to make the rather stark, treeless landscape seem more appealing, several small evergreen trees were placed around the front of the house and in the side yard. But as Osage Farms participants have pointed out, the landscaping was strictly for public relations purposes; no farmstead at Osage Farms really looked that way. After the photography session, the RA/FSA had the trees removed.¹ How the photographs were distributed was not determined, but a set of prints survives at the Great Lakes Branch of the National Archives. A long-term tenant of Unit No. 1 is thought to have been the Adolph Pinkepank family. The Pinkepanks came to the project from Sweet Springs, Missouri.²

¹The Sedalia Democrat, September 13, 1981.

²Interview, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olson, November 14, 1989. See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Also:

Interview, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olson, November 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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 15 480180 4300950
 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 95' north of the center of Missouri Highway D and 0.4 mile west of Moon Road (Point A on site map), proceed north 155' to Point B. Then proceed east 65' to Point C. Then proceed south 155' to Point D. Then proceed west 65' to the point of origin.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

Boundaries of Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Historic District enclose the four extant contributing buildings while excluding a ca. 1950s workshop building.

See continuation sheet

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siding is retained and the outline of the covered windows is clearly visible. Since it is easily recognizable as a government poultry house, it contributes to the complex. (See Photos #5, 7 and 8.)

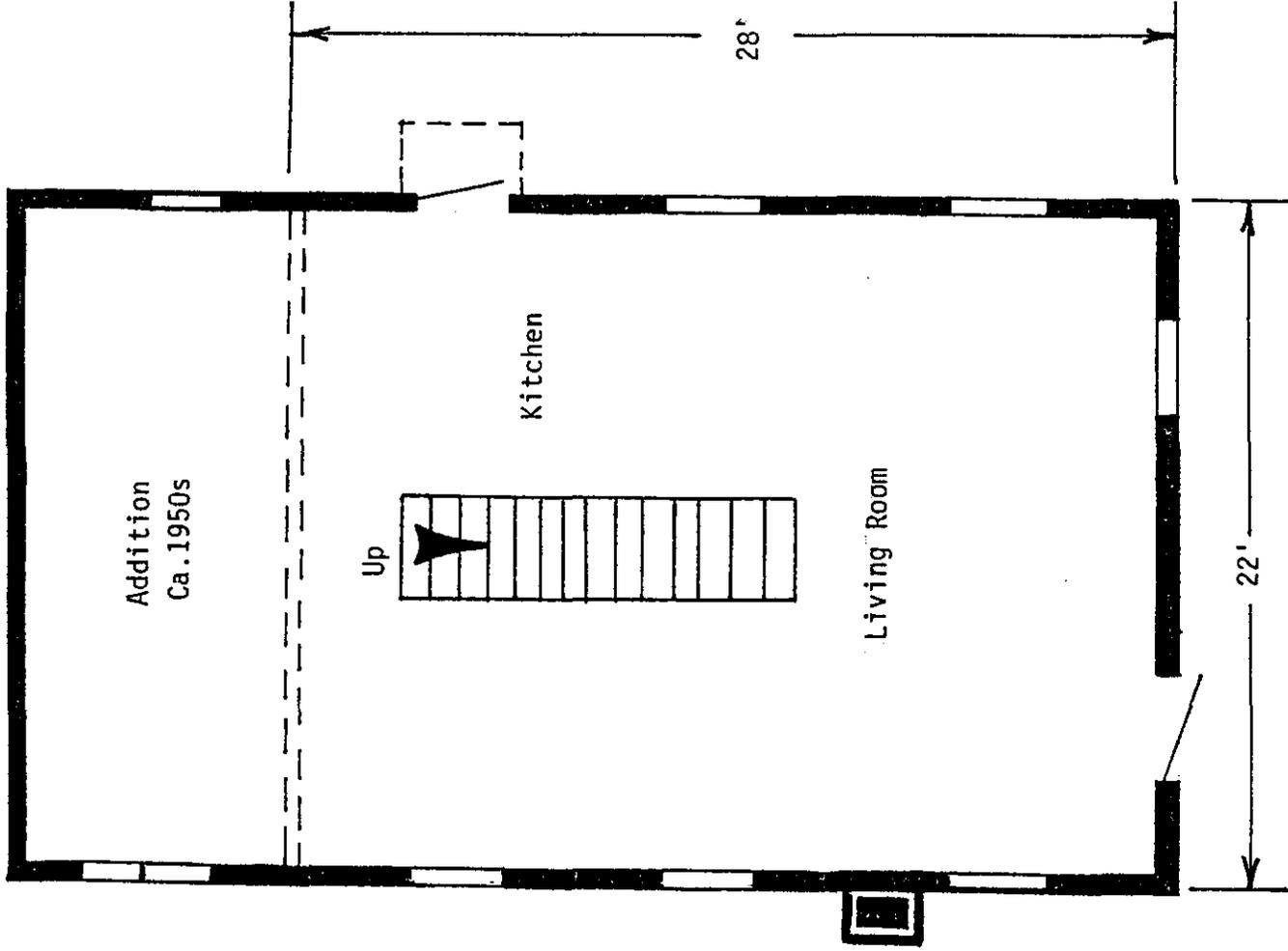
C. Government Food Storage Building. The food storage building at the site of Unit No. 1 contributes as a particularly fine, unaltered example. Original shelving is still used for storage of Mason jars and other items. Dirt is packed high around the base for insulation. (See Photos #4 and 10.)

D. Type 315:12 Government Farmhouse. The design of the Type 315:12 government farmhouse with its angularity and starkness has not been compromised by the application, in this case, of composition siding. Original fenestration including 6/6 windows is present on three of the facades, with a full-width ca. 1950s addition with a shed-roof on the fourth. A cantilevered rooflet is in place over the east entrance. An exterior chimney on the west is not original. (See Photos #5, 6 and 7.)

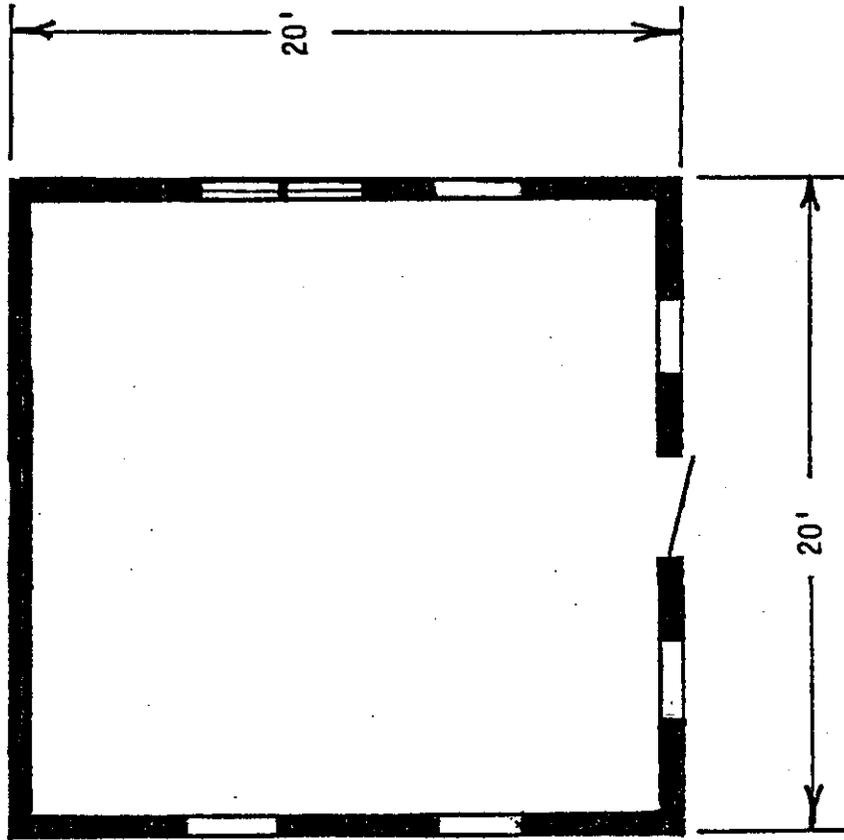
Osage Farms Unit No. 1 is an interesting complex, particularly since historic (1937) photographs are available (from the National Archives, Great Lakes Region) for then-and-now comparison of the facades depicted. Although the Type 315:12 government farmhouse has lost integrity because of the application of siding, integrity of design is retained. This is unmistakably a government house; the composition siding does not obscure the essential features and it retains its historic identity, which is also a tribute to the durability and persistence of the design. Since its design is intact, its association with the Osage Farms experiment is also intact and it possesses the necessary elements of integrity to be eligible under Criterion A. The Type 411:12 government barn and the government food storage building are exemplary, while the Type 4110:14 government poultry house is also contributing within the context of the farmstead.

(See Multiple Property Documentation Form for floor plan of unaltered Type 315:12 House)

Main Floor

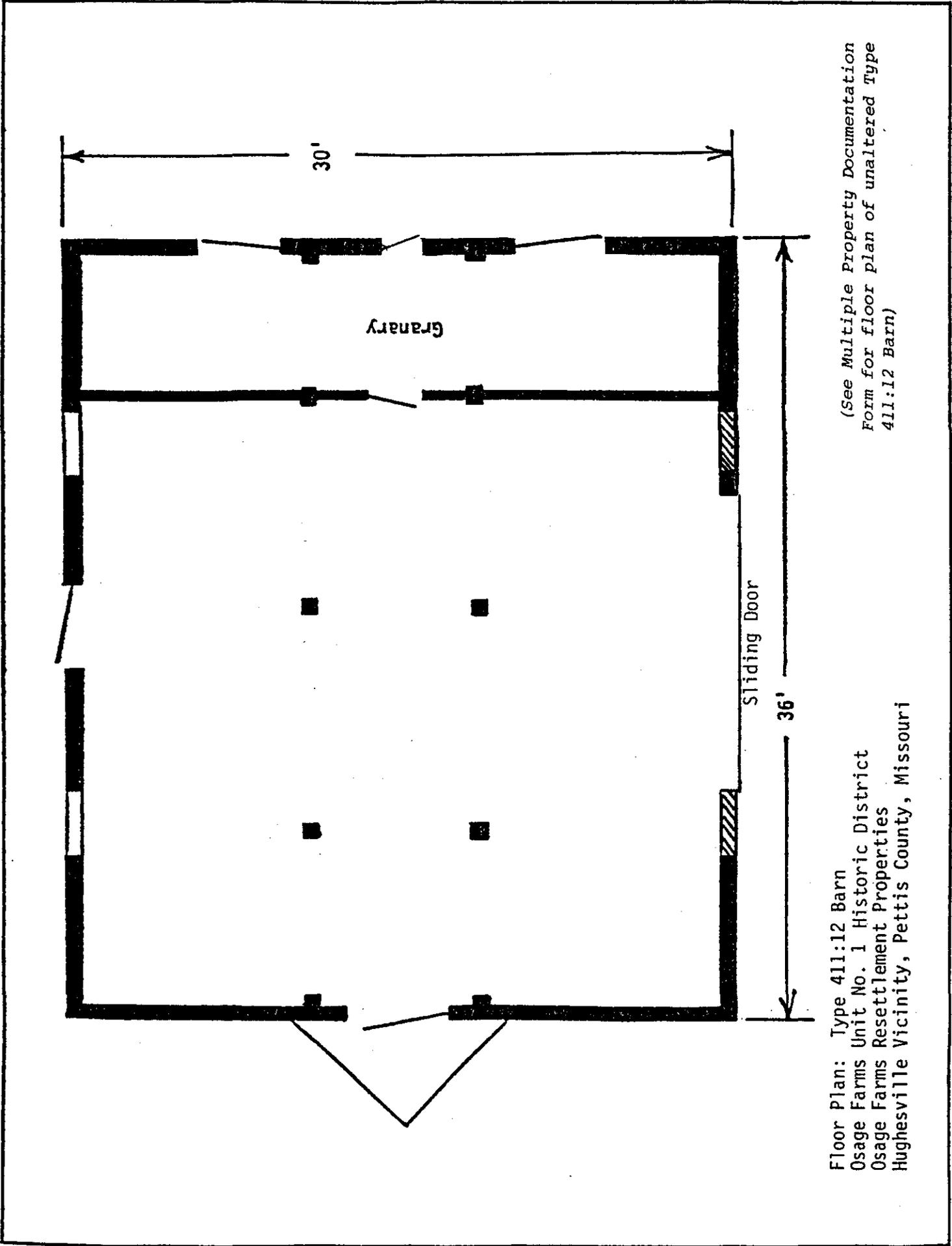


Floor Plan: Type 315:12 House
Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Hist. Dist.
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Hughesville Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



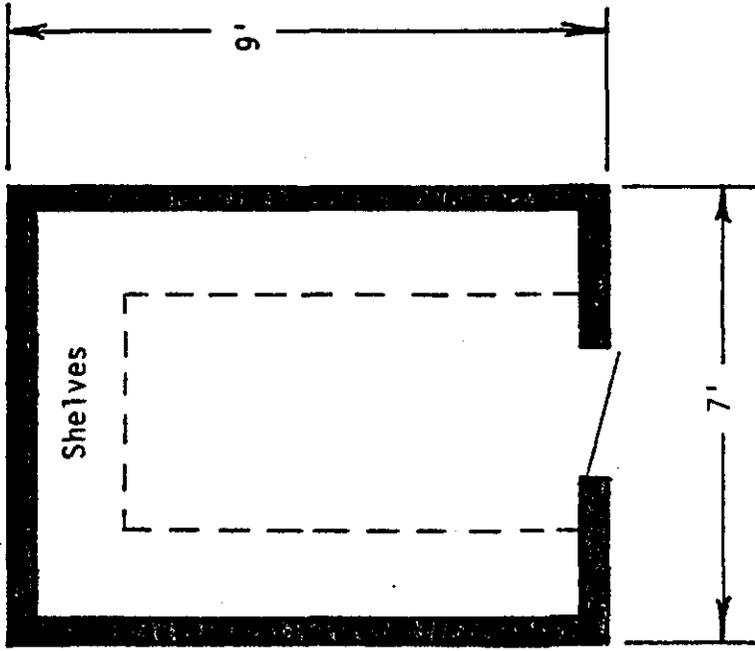
Floor Plan: Type 4110:14 Poultry House
Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Historic District
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Hughesville Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri

(See Multiple Property Documentation for
floor plan of unaltered Type 4110:14 Poultry
House)

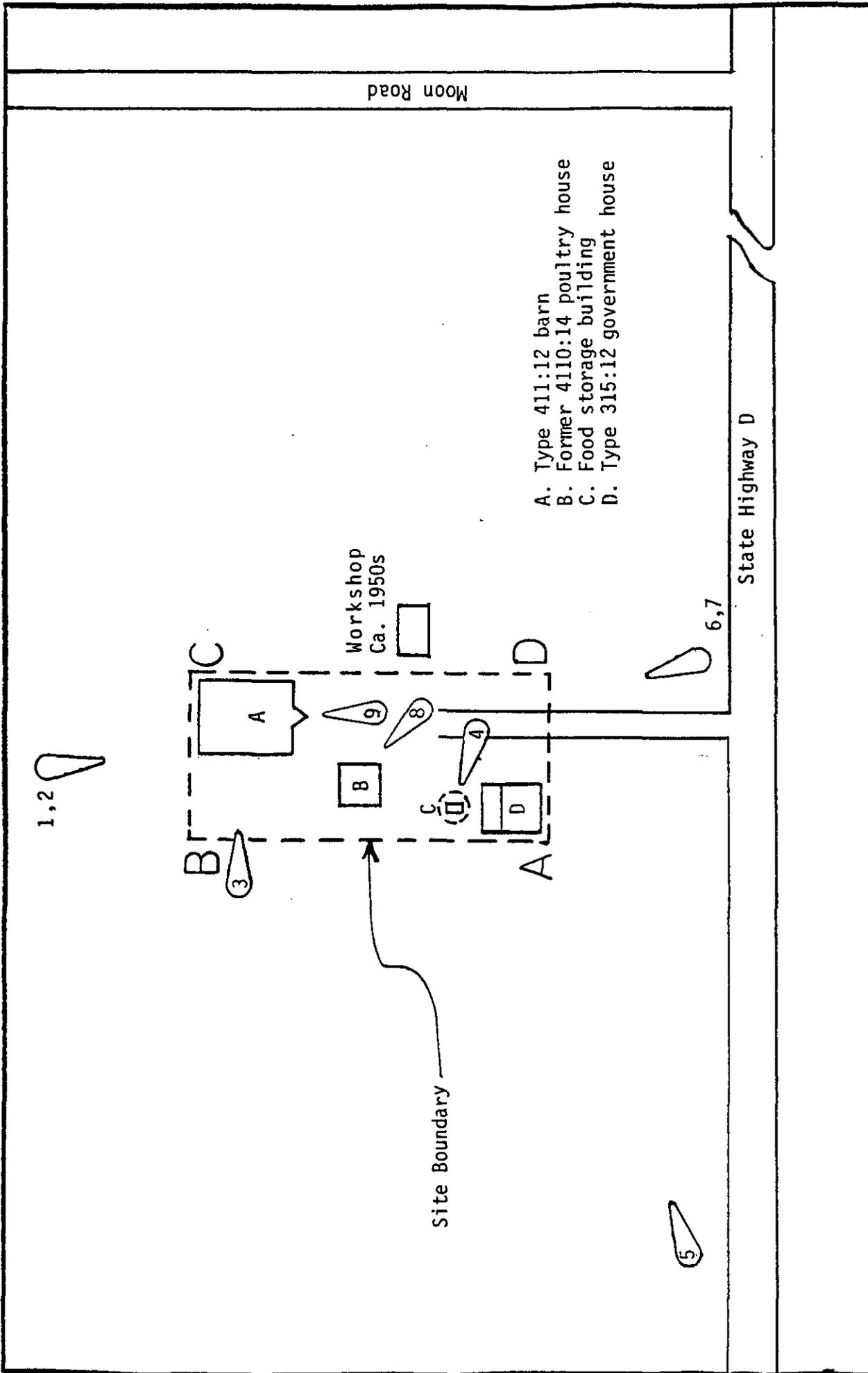


(See Multiple Property Documentation Form for floor plan of unaltered Type 411:12 Barn)

Floor Plan: Type 411:12 Barn
Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Historic District
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Hughesville Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



Floor Plan: Food Storage Building
Osage Farms Unit No. 1 Historic District
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Hughesville Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



Site Map: Osage Farms Resettlement Properties



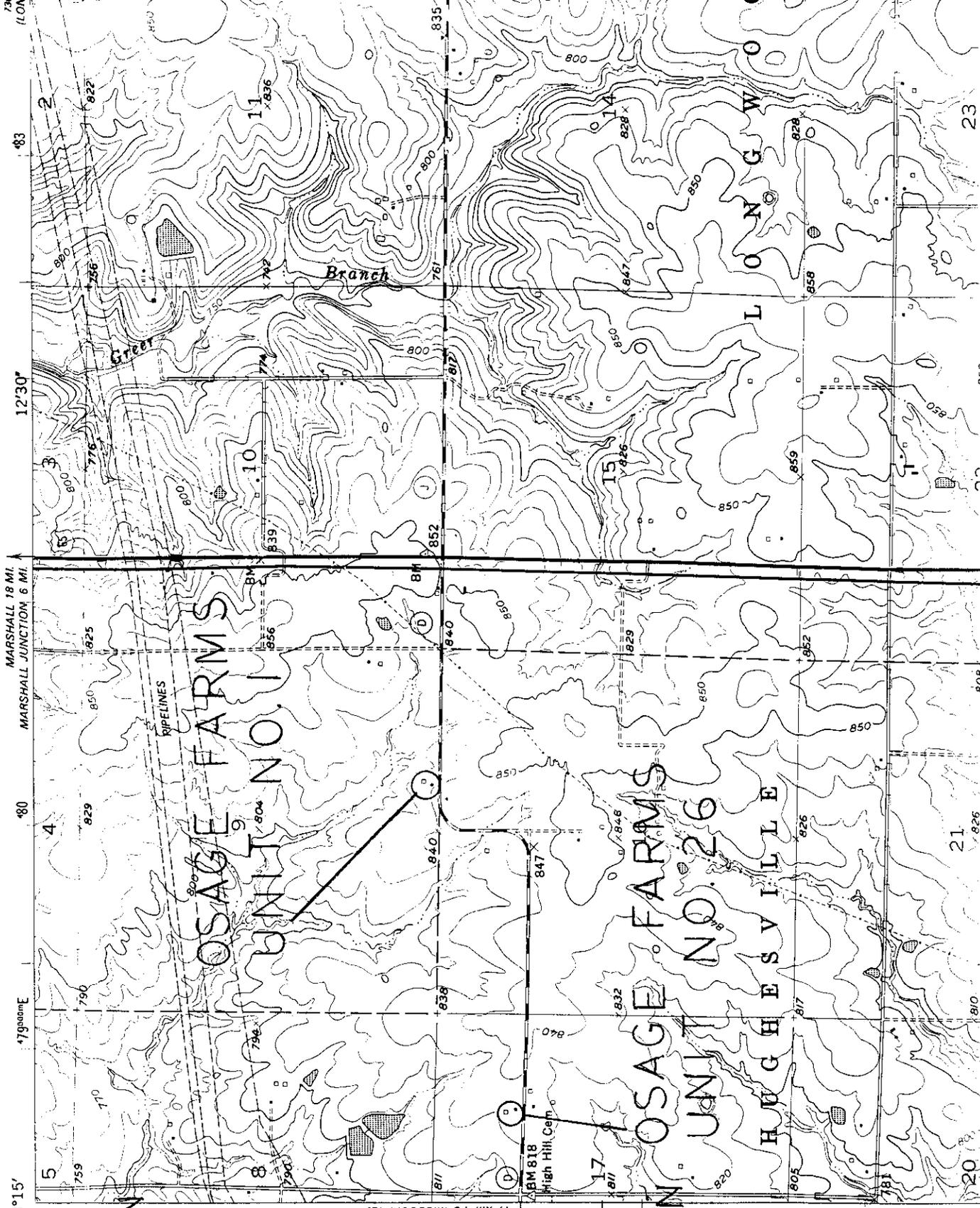
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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1 HISTORIC DISTRICT
 HUGHESVILLE VICINITY, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

 = Photo number and view

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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1
HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY
R. MASERANG
12/89
SHOW-ME RPC
NORTH END OF BARN, POULTRY
HOUSE AND HOUSE (FACING S) (SEE ALSO HISTORIC VIEW,
#1 PHOTO #2)



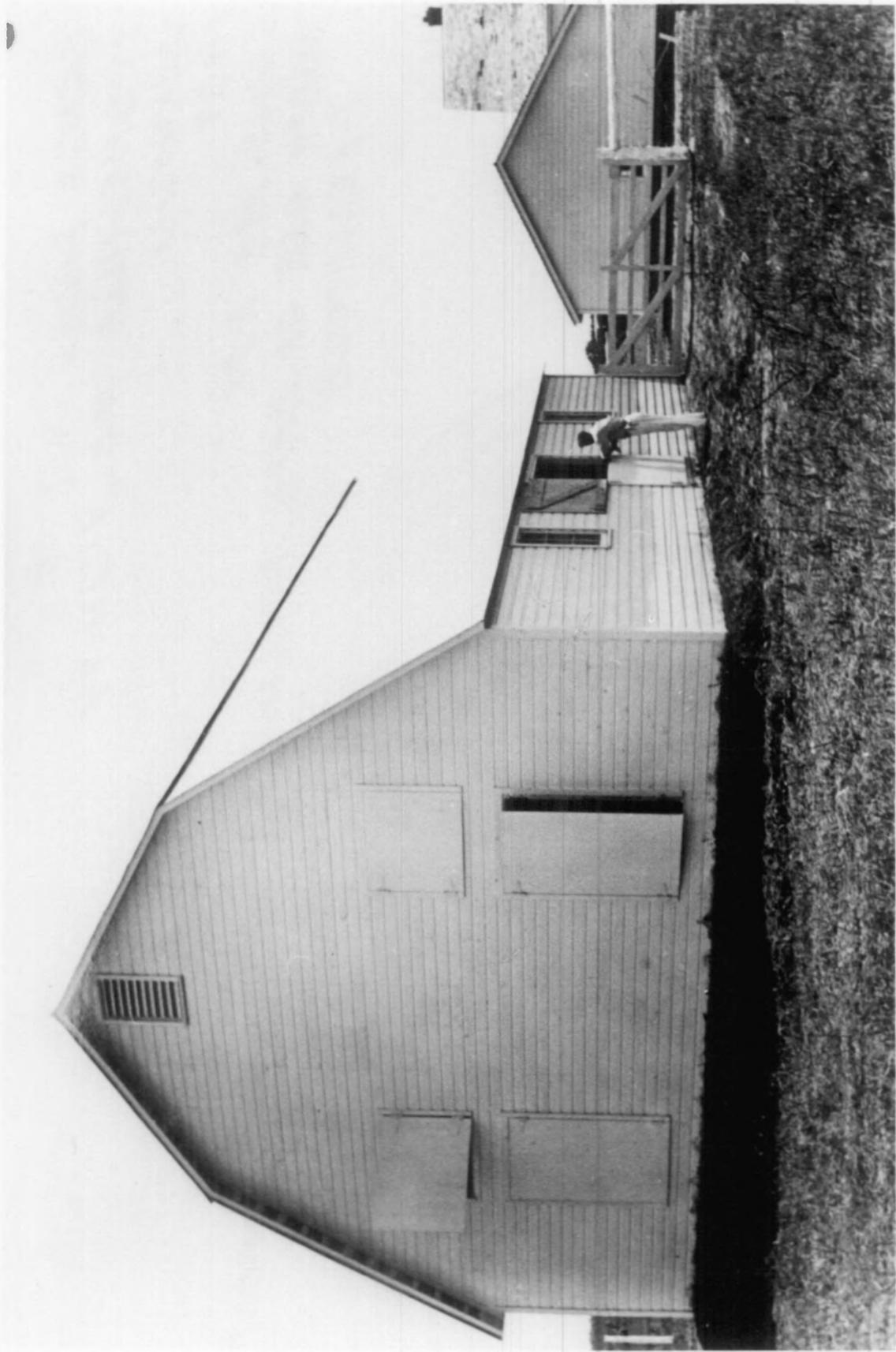
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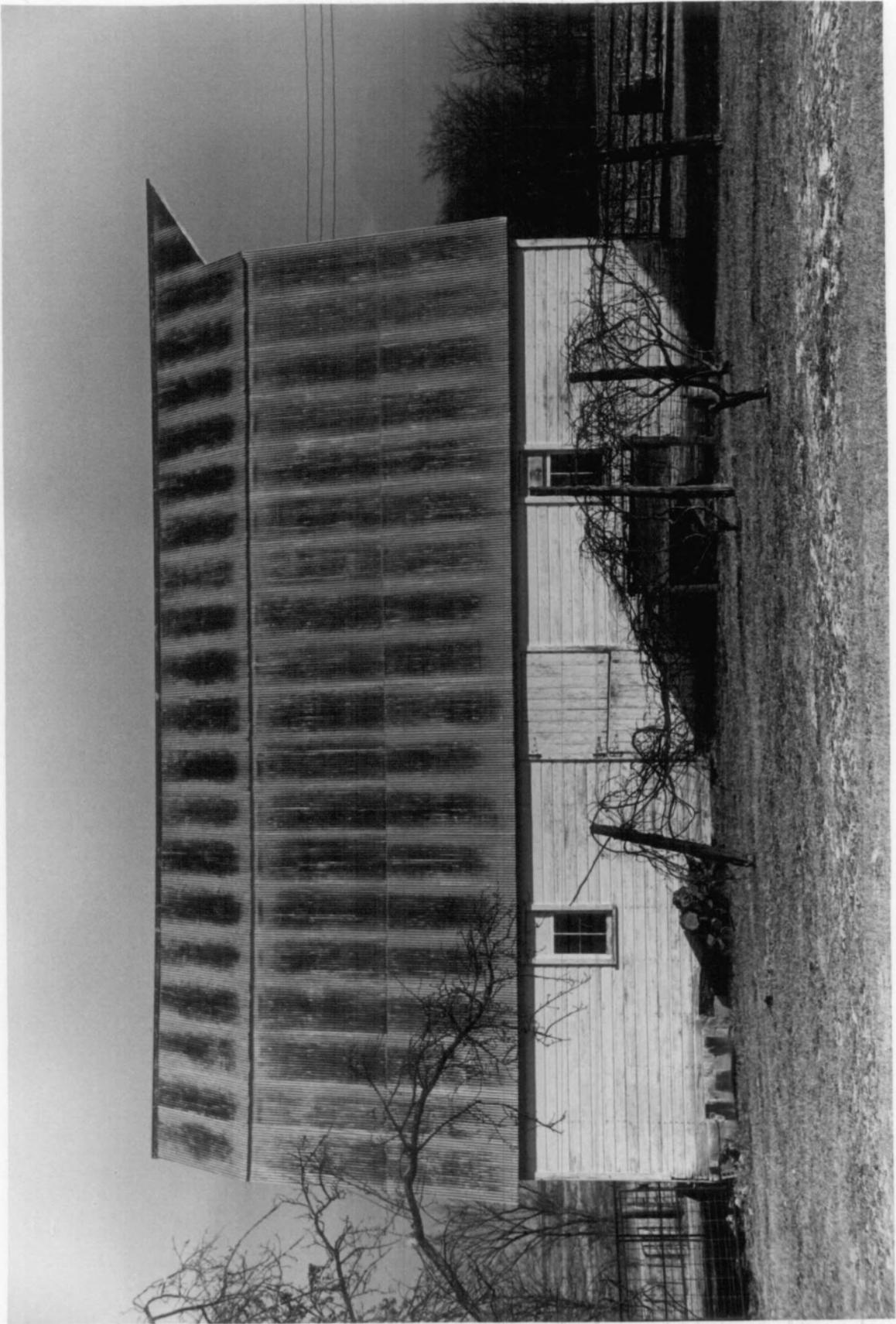
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NORTH END OF BARN, POULTRY HOUSE & GOVERNMENT
FARMHOUSE

#2



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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1
HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY
R. MASERANG
12/89
SHOW-ME RPC
WEST FACADE OF TYPE 411:12 BARN
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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1
HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY

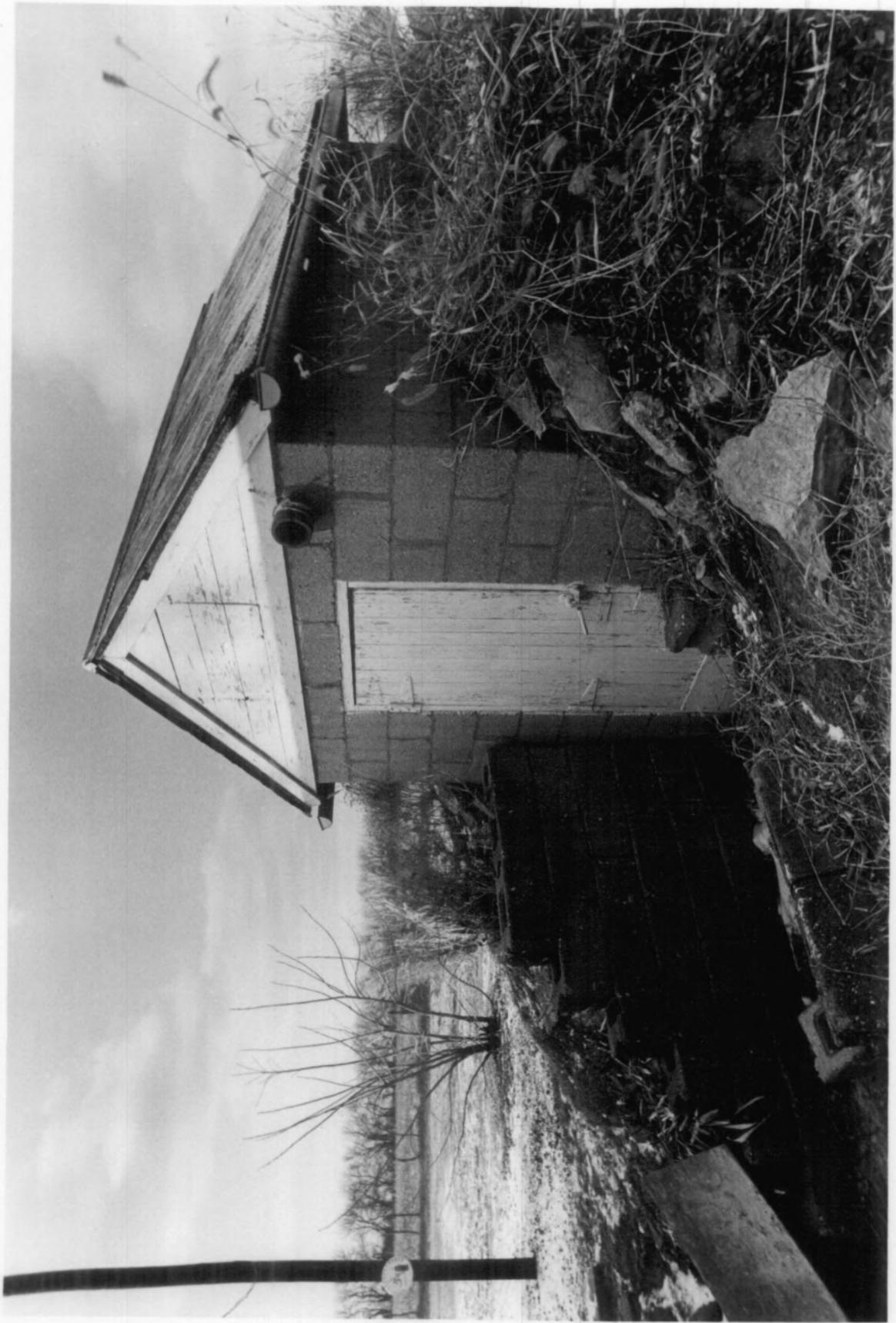
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FOOD STORAGE BUILDING (FACING NW)

#4



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HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY

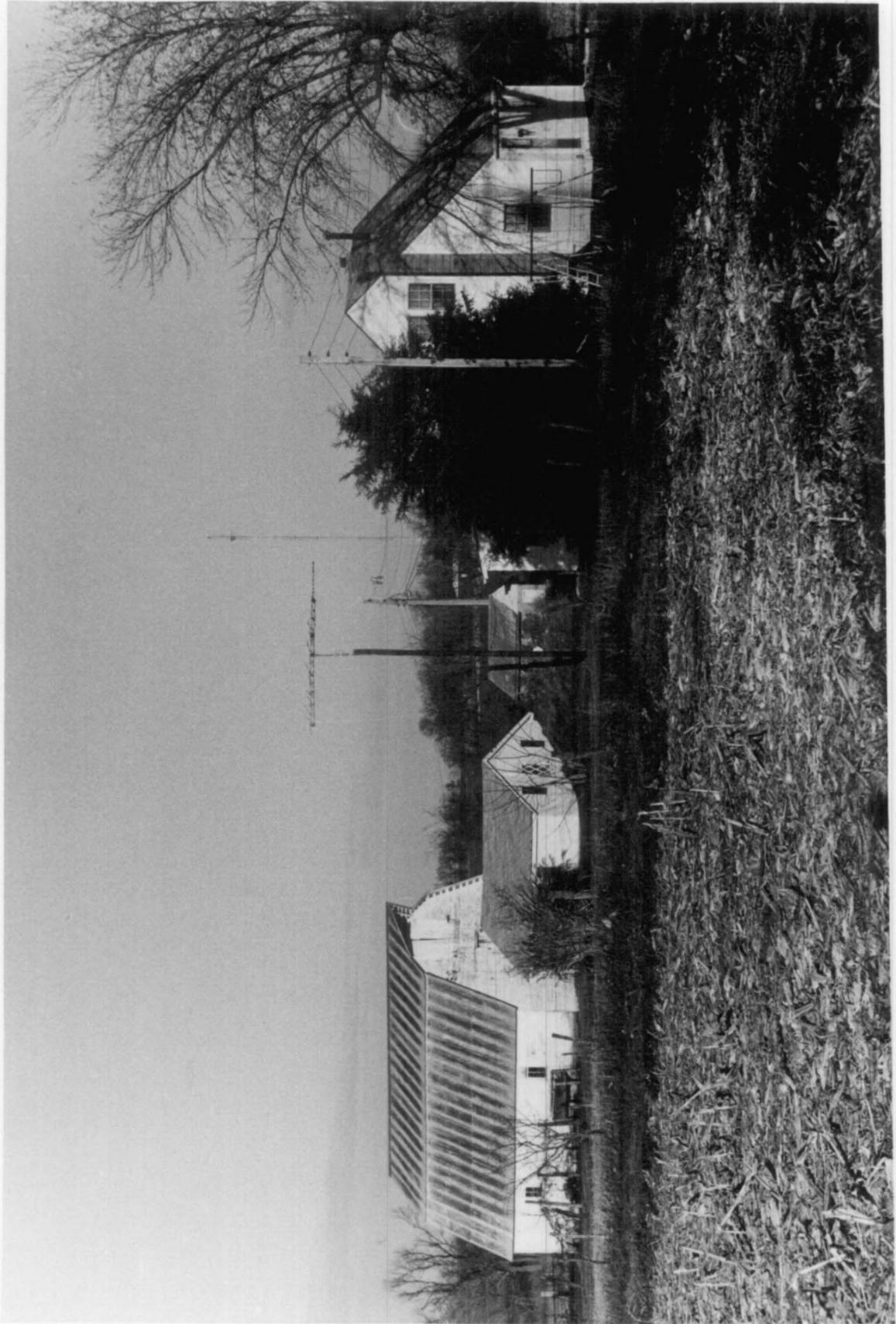
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SITE VIEW FROM HWY. D (FACING NE)

#5



OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1
HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY

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SITE VIEW FROM HWY. D (FACING NNW)
(SEE ALSO HISTORIC VIEW, CA. 1937, #7)

#6



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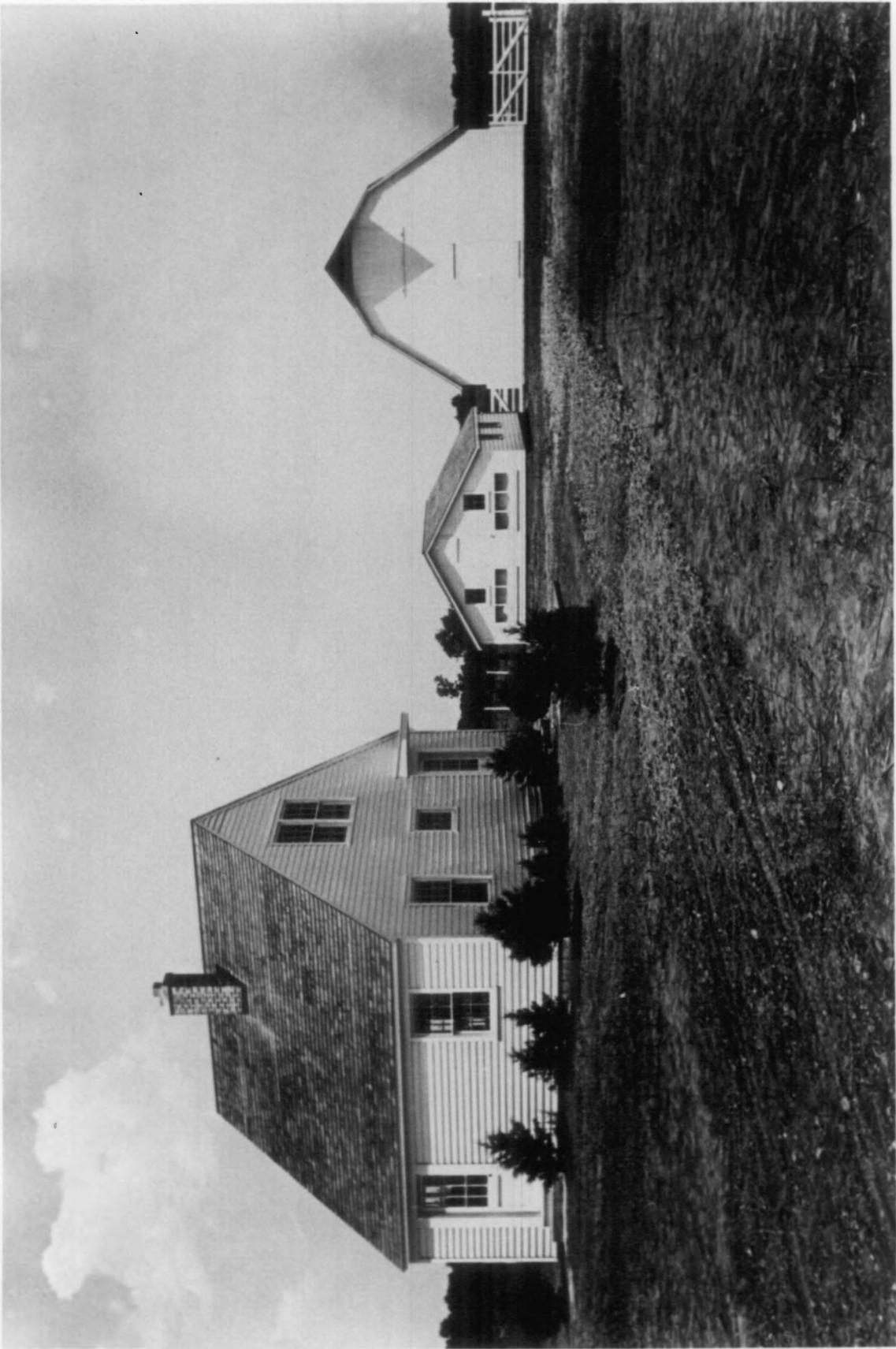
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HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY
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SITE VIEW FROM HWY. D (FACING NNW)
(SEE ALSO CONTEMPORARY PHOTO, # 5)

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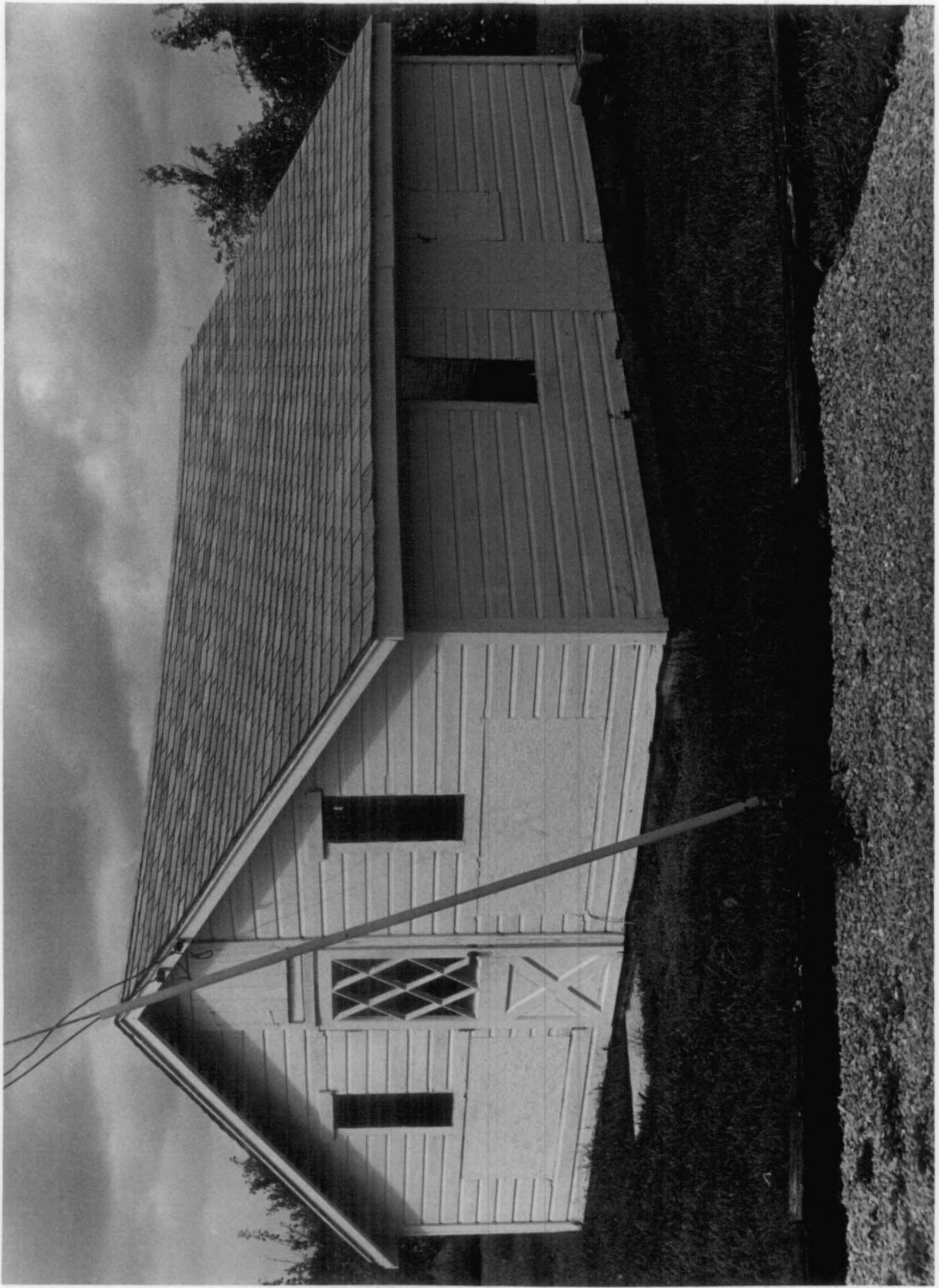
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FORMER TYPE 410:14 POULTRY HOUSE,
FACING NE

#8



OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1
HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY
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TYPE 411:12 BARN, FACING N

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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 1
HUGHESVILLE, MO., VICINITY

R. MASERANG

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SHOW-ME RPC

INTERIOR, FOOD STORAGE BUILDING

#10

