

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. 43 Historic District
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number State Highway J near Lowry Road N/A not for publication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	_____	_____ objects
		<u>4</u>	<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

8 August 1991
Date

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 Shed

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling
 Agriculture/Subsistence/Animal Facility
 Domestic/Secondary Structure/Garage
 Domestic/Secondary Structure/Storage Shed

7. DescriptionArchitectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
 walls Wood

roof Asphalt
 other _____

Other: Resettlement Administration Architecture
 Other: Poultry House
 Other: Utility/Storage Building

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Osage Farms Unit No. 43 Historic District is a grouping of four frame buildings on the south side of Missouri Highway J near Lowry Road in northern Pettis County, Missouri. Constructed in 1937 by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration, the properties were part of an individual government farmstead in the Osage Farms resettlement community. The properties, all relatively unaltered, are a Type 315:13 government farmhouse, two Type 4110:14 government poultry houses and a government-built utility or storage building (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri: Government Farmhouse; Government Outbuildings").

Osage Farms Unit No. 43 was an average-sized individual farmstead of 78.863 acres in the eastern half of the disjointed, 8,000-plus acres project for depression-stricken Missourians. The buildings sit on their original foundations and retain their historic setting along what had been a gravel "farm-to-market" road, although today the road is blacktop. The farmstead was two miles west of Bois d' Arc, one of two large cooperative farms at Osage Farms, and three miles south of Longwood. Linked by their utilitarian architecture, workmanship and construction materials, the properties remain evocative of a government farmstead within the local resettlement community, 1937-43.

Apparently, a somewhat different farmstead than the one actually constructed was planned for the site. Instead of one Type 411:12 government barn and one Type 4110:14 government poultry house, as indicated on an early project map, two Type 4110:14 poultry houses were built. Consequently, Unit No. 43 must be considered an atypical government farmstead. Presumably the change was at the request of the tenant, R. W. Lemmons, who unlike most of the other settlers, signed a lease-purchase agreement before construction started. The project map indicates that a Type 315:12 government farmhouse was planned for the site, but a slightly larger Type 315:13 was constructed.

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

A. Type 4110:14 Government Poultry House. An excellent example of the type, this building contains remnants of what were probably the original brooder rack and chicken roosts. Lower ventilation windows and another window have been covered but the openings are intact. Access to a straw rack (for insulation) is from inside rather than through a window-sized opening above the door as on many Type 4110:14 poultry

B. Type 4110:14 Government Poultry House. This former poultry house has been converted into a garage, with a vehicle entrance in what had been the rear facade. Lower ventilation windows have been removed--perhaps with shiplap siding taken from where the

See continuation sheet

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. 43 Historic District, Missouri Highway J near Lowry Road, is significant under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Agriculture and Architecture. The complex consists of four properties constructed in 1937 under a New Deal program to relocate and rehabilitate needy Missourians during the Great Depression (see "Osage Farms Resettlement Properties in Pettis County, Missouri"). Within the Osage Farms resettlement community, the farmstead was one of 37 individual farmsteads where tenants tilled the land and raised animals in order to produce most of the family's food and earn a modest living, under strict government supervision. Constructed by the Resettlement Administration/Farm Security Administration, the austere, utilitarian buildings are representative of government resettlement architecture of the 1930s. The farmstead properties consist of a Type 315:13 government farmhouse, two Type 4110:14 government poultry houses and a government utility or storage building. The relatively intact properties remain evocative of their historic period, 1937 through 1943.

ELABORATION:

Unit No. 43 was among a small group of early lease-purchase farmsteads at Osage Farms. While most tenant families living on individual farmsteads paid shares of their income as rent, tenant R. W. Lemmons signed a contract (possibly FSA Form LE 171) in which he agreed to make specific rental payments. Until their mortgages were paid off, lease-purchase tenants were subject to the same intensive government supervision as other settlers. On September 23, 1937, The Sedalia Democrat reported that "R. W. Lemmons, now living in the Cartwright neighborhood, has purchased the MacChesney eighty acres and construction of the new improvements will be started soon." The "Cartwright neighborhood" was a couple of miles east where the Bois d' Arc cooperative was being developed; the "MacChesney eighty acres" became Unit No. 43.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

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

1	5	4	8	4	1	8	0	4	3	0	0	8	0	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

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D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (References to points refer to the attached site map)

Beginning at a point 570' east of Lowry Road and 85' south of the center of Missouri Highway J (Point A), proceed south 115' to Point B. Then proceed west 80' to Point C. Then proceed north 115' to Point D. Then proceed east 80' to the point of origin.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundaries encompass the extant farmstead buildings while excluding a storm cellar which was not determined to have been associated with the government project.

See continuation sheet

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

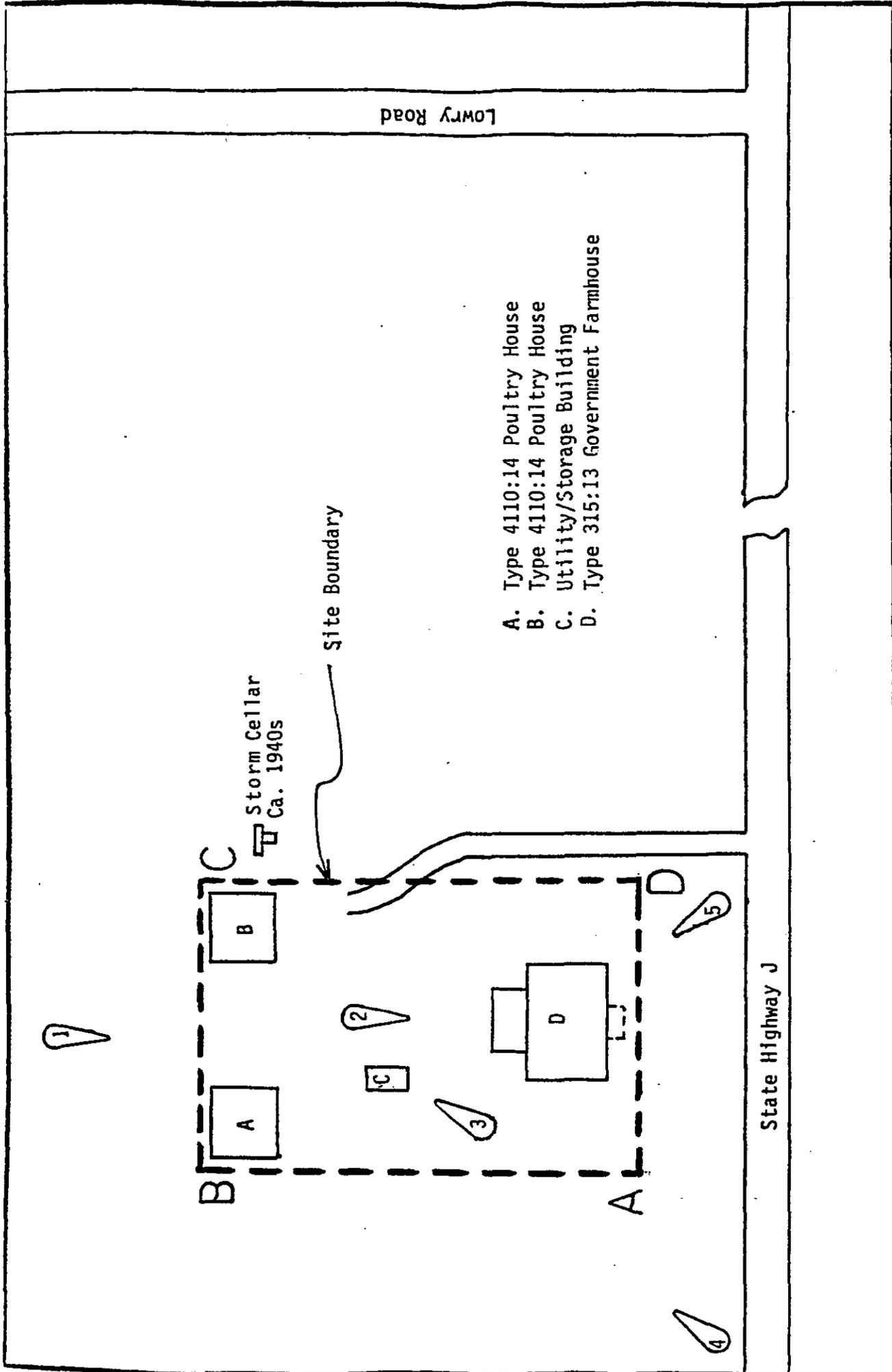
Section number 7 Page 1 Osage Farms Unit No. 43 Historic District

vehicle entrance was constructed. Two other windows are covered but the openings remain behind the covering material. Unlike the site's other poultry house, this example has a hay door above the entrance. Although substantially altered, it retains sufficient historic character to be included as a contributing element. (See Photos #1 and

C. Utility or Storage Building. This is an uncommon type of government building at Osage Farms, only one other example having been located by survey. The simple, wood frame building appears to be unaltered with the usual exception of asphalt instead of the original wood shingles. (See Photos#3 and 4.)

D. Type 315:13 Government Farmhouse. With the exception of an enclosed porch which is not visible from the public road, this is a relatively unaltered Type 315:13 house. The main facade retains its original central front door (with nine lights), a cantilevered rooflet, and four 6/6 windows. This is one of the two best extant examples of the Type 315:13 government farmhouse at Osage Farms. Much of the interior is said to be relatively intact. (See Photos #2, 4 and 5.)

Osage Farms Unit No. 43 is an excellent, atypical individual government farmstead which remains substantially unchanged from when it was constructed by the RA/FSA in 1937. The most obvious changes (the addition of an enclosed porch on the rear of the house and the construction of vehicle doors on one of the poultry houses) have not significantly diminished the overall integrity of the complex. Osage Farms Unit No. 43 successfully conveys the impression of an individual government farmstead during the Great Depression.

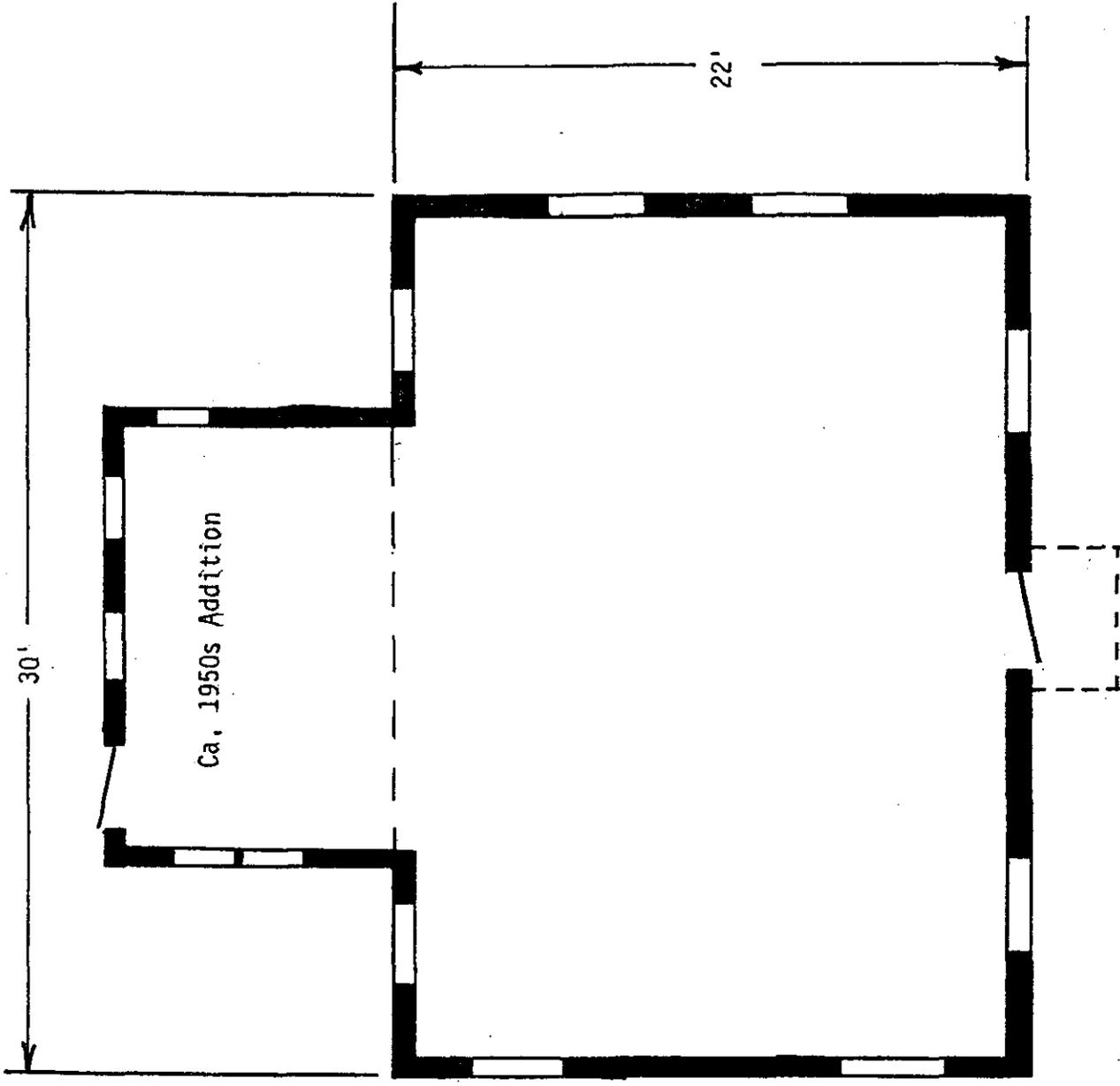


Site Map: Osage Farms Resettlement Properties



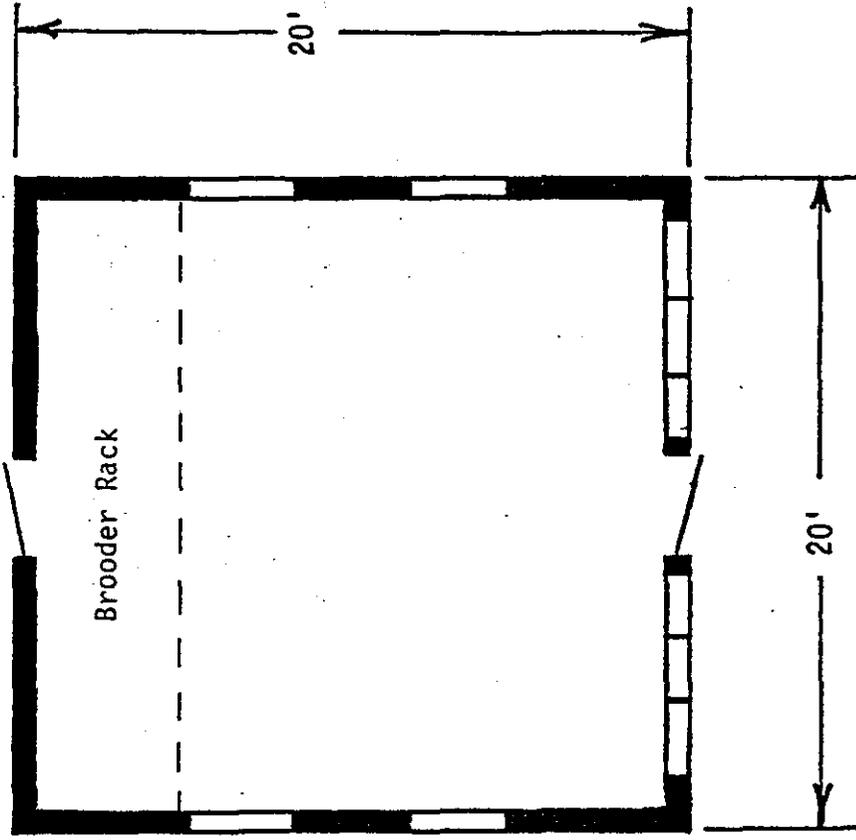
OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 43 HISTORIC DISTRICT
 LONGWOOD VICINITY, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

5 = Photo number and view



Floor Plan: Type 315:13 House
Osage Farms Unit No. 43
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Longwood Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri

(See Multiple Property Documentation Form
for floor plan of unaltered Type 315:13
House)

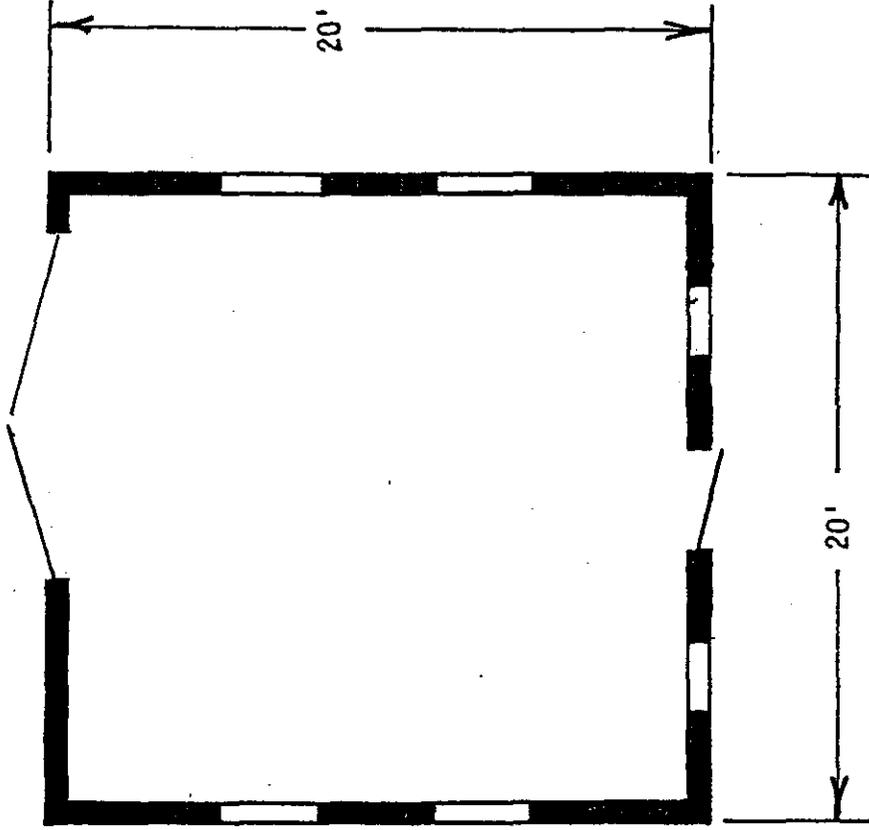


Floor Plan: Type 4110:14 Poultry House ("A" on Site Map)

Osage Farms Unit No. 43

Osage Farms Resettlement Properties

Longwood Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri



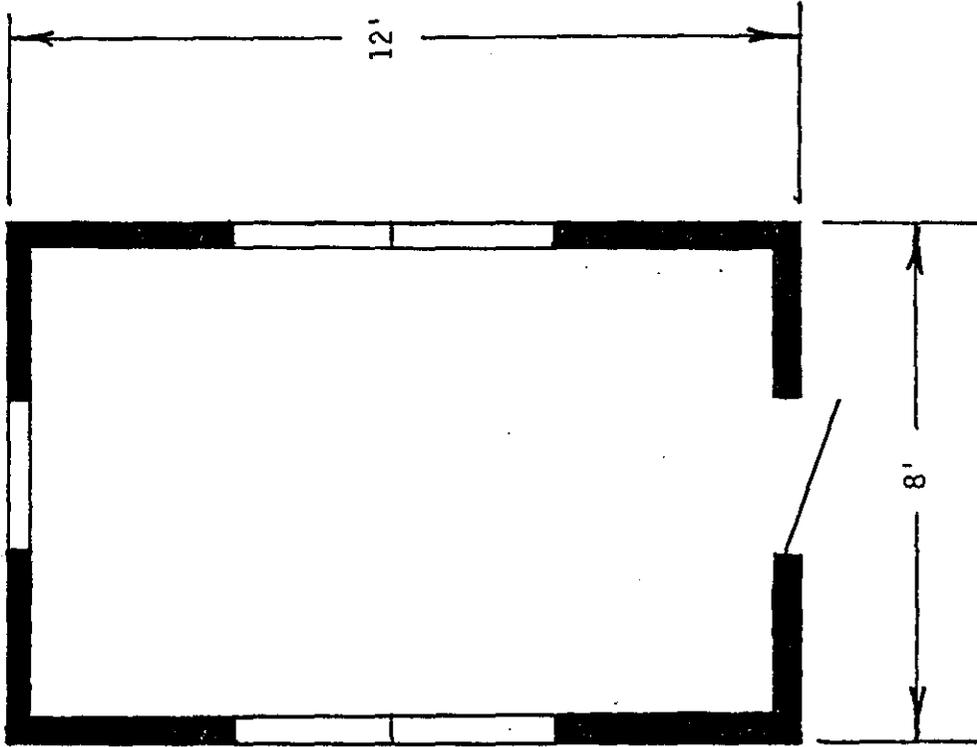
Floor Plan: Type 4110:14 Poultry House ("B" on Site Map)

Osage Farms Unit No. 43

Osage Farms Resettlement Properties

Longwood Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri

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



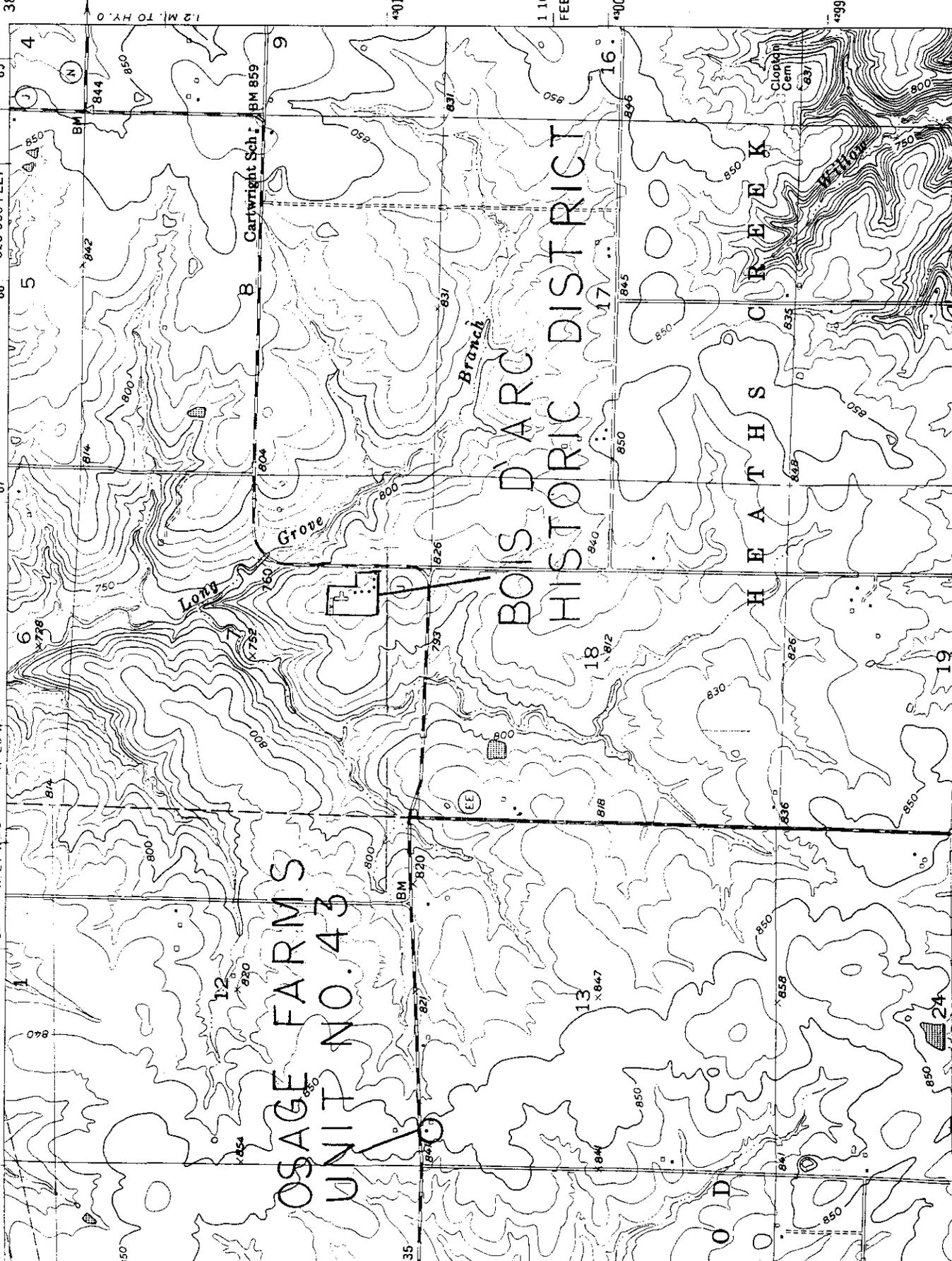
Floor Plan: Utility or Storage Building
Osage Farms Unit No. 43
Osage Farms Resettlement Properties
Longwood Vicinity, Pettis County, Missouri

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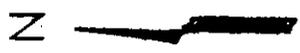
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OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 43

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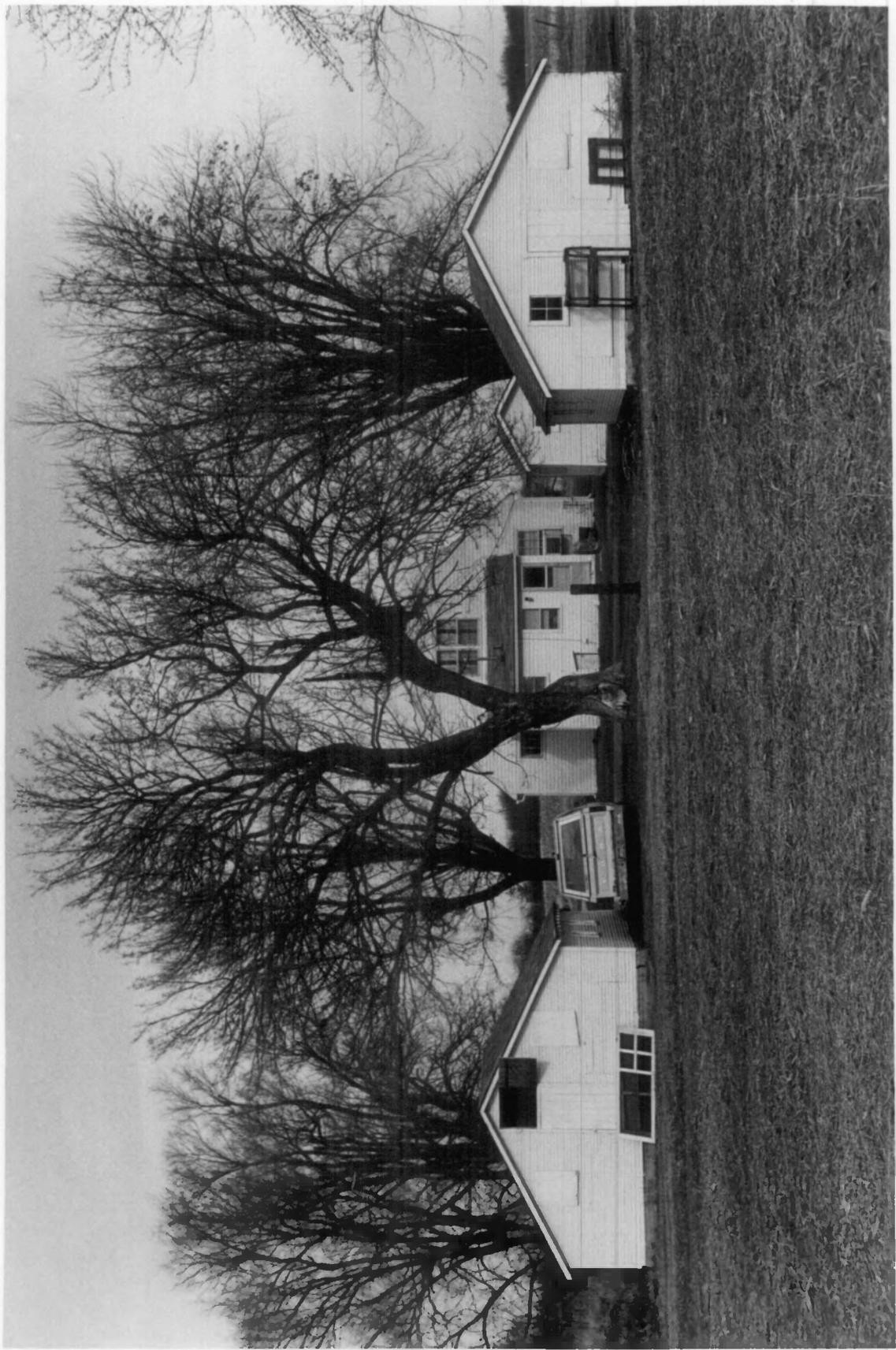
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SOUTH VIEW OF SITE (FACING N)

#1

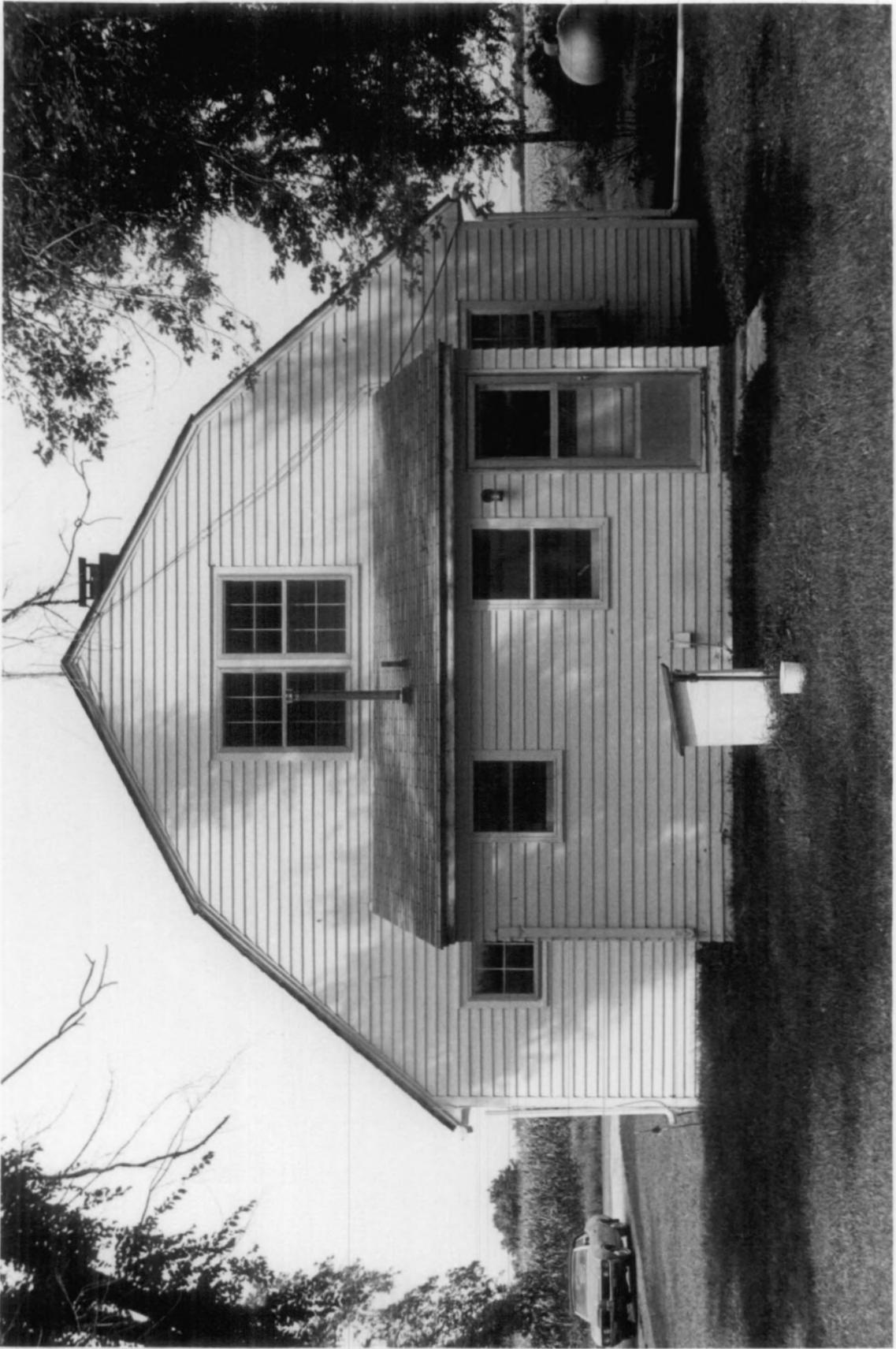


OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 43
LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY
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SHOW-ME RPC
REAR FACADE, TYPE 3/5-13 HOUSE
WITH ADDITION, FACING N

#2



OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 43
LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY
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SHOW-ME RPC

UTILITY BUILDING, FRONT Y SIDE,
FACING SW

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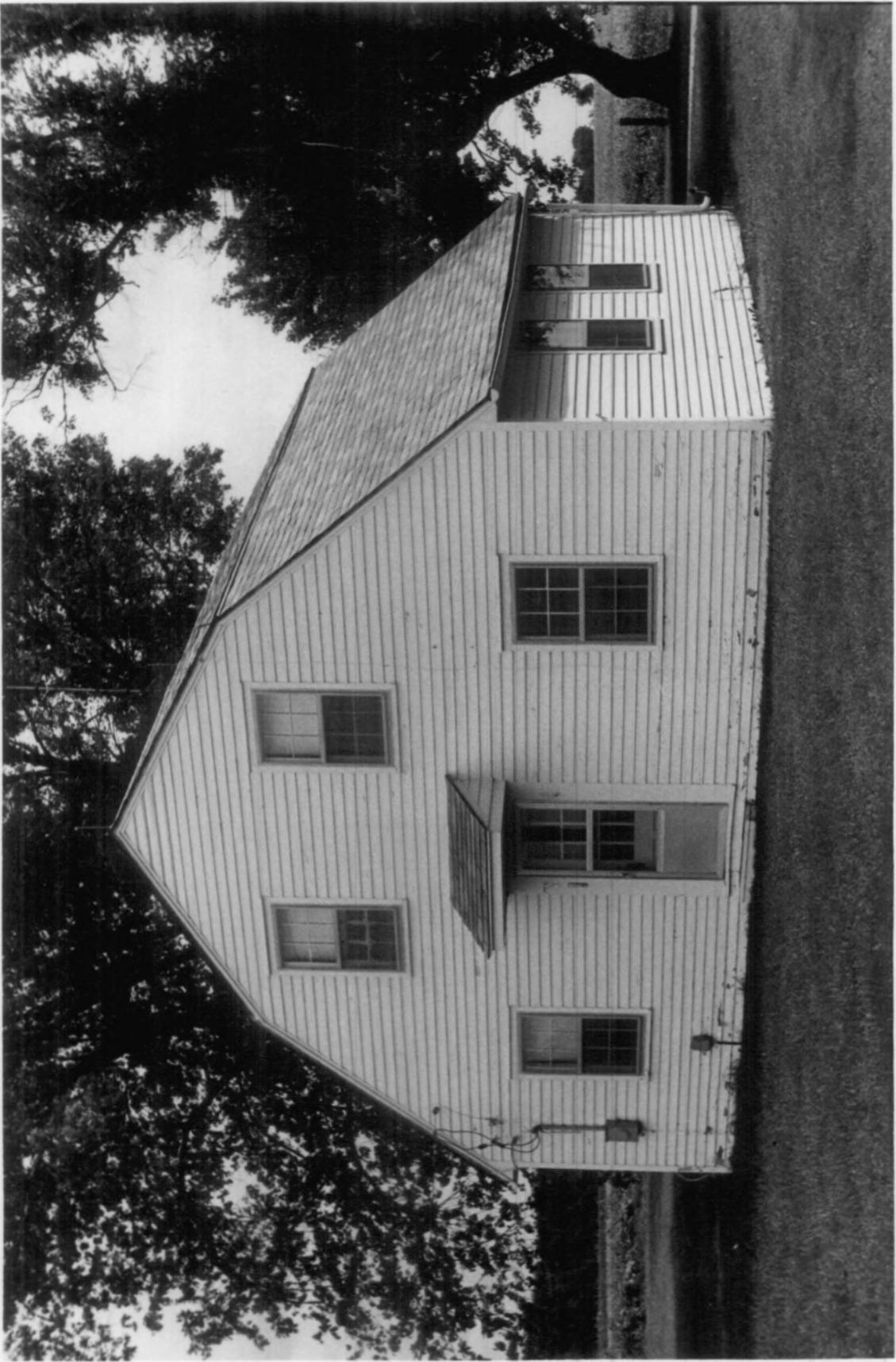


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SITE VIEW FACING SW
#4



OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 43
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SHOW-ME RPC
MAIN & EAST FACADES
TYPE 315-13 HOUSE, FACING SE
#5



OSAGE FARMS UNIT NO. 43
LONGWOOD, MO., VICINITY

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SHOW-ME RPC

INTERIOR, FORMER POULTRY HOUSE, FACING N (TYPE 4110:14)

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