

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71. 11. 28. 0013	11/28/71

1. NAME

COMMON:	Springfield Plantation
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Section 33, T 9N, R 1W (near the South Fork of Coles Creek)			
CITY OR TOWN: 8 miles west of Fayette, Mississippi, via State Route 553			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Mississippi	28	Jefferson	063

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☒ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) Vacant
☐ Comments			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:	James H. Williams, Jr., and the estate of William Powell Williams
STREET AND NUMBER:	Boatmen's Bank Building
CITY OR TOWN:	St. Louis
STATE:	Missouri 63102
CODE	24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:	Office of the Chancery Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:	Box 145
CITY OR TOWN:	Fayette
STATE:	Mississippi 39069
CODE	28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY:	1934
☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	Division of Prints and Photographs
STREET AND NUMBER:	Library of Congress
CITY OR TOWN:	Washington
STATE:	District of Columbia
CODE	08 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☒ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Springfield is a two-story residence with attic and basement, measuring 67 feet 10 inches in length and 55 feet 5 inches in depth. Handmade red brick are laid in Flemish bond on the facade (north elevation) and common bond on the side elevations. Interior chimneys project prominently above each gable of the broken-pitch roof, which on the north slopes to form a portico supported by six columns. The latter are approximations of the Tuscan order and made of triangular-shaped bricks covered with stucco. On the second floor of the portico is a balustrade of rectangular balusters, its railings inserted into the shafts of the intersecting columns. Fenestration on both floors of the facade is identical: a central doorway with eight-paned transom, flanked by detached side lights with twelve panes each, and four windows symmetrically spaced within the intercolumniation. There are six openings on each side elevation, all of them windows except the door on the first floor east, which appears to have formerly been a window also. A 1934 Historic American Buildings Survey photograph shows 6 over 6 sashes being installed on the side elevations; a number of those which remain in front and rear windows are 12 over 12 and presumably original. Paneled reveals range in depth from 20 inches to 26 inches, and two-part wooden shutters are held open by wrought-iron fasteners attached to blocks of wood set flush into the brick walls. The louvered walls of the second floor rear and sides were enclosed with brick before 1920, and partitioning for three rooms was probably added then also. On the southwest corner of the first floor an outside small frame kitchen was built in the late 1930s and passage between house and kitchen was provided by removing bricks beneath a window in the common wall. An earlier kitchen, also frame, was located approximately 25 feet southeast of the central rear door.

It is not known what other alterations, if any, have been made in the original floor plan. The present layout of the first floor consists of a large central hallway (14 feet by 38 feet 3 inches) flanked by two rooms on the west and three rooms and a stairwell (with rudimentary, winding stair) on the east, all areas being of varying dimensions. The second floor is similar, although the expanse of hallway to the rear is interrupted by the middle room of the three formed by partitioning. The rooms and hallways of the main block total thirteen, whereas it is believed that originally Springfield had eight rooms and two hallways. The interior construction of the house includes yellow poplar and cypress flooring, cypress jambs, and yellow poplar ceiling spans, all of which appear to be original materials. The six-inch boards of the planked ceiling are laid tongue and groove, and in the attic, beams are joined by the mortise and tenon method and pegged. The crossbars of the "H" type ceiling supports are centered with king posts to which rafters are secured by mortise and tenon. In addition, metal

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☒ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Phi- | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | losophy | |
| ☒ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Science | |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Sculpture | |
| ☐ Art | Architecture | ☐ Social/Human- | |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | itarian | |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | ☐ Theater | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | ☐ Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas Marston Green, Jr. (1758-1813), builder of Springfield, was a member of the first general assembly of the Territory of Mississippi and the second man to represent the territory in the U. S. Congress. He was a son of Colonel Thomas M. Green (1723-1805), who was instrumental in the establishment of the short-lived Bourbon County (which included the Natchez district) by Georgia in 1785. Thomas M. Green, Jr., was a brother of Abner Green, territorial treasurer of Mississippi, and brother-in-law of Cato West, acting governor of the territory, 1803-1805, and a Jefferson County delegate to the state constitutional convention of 1817. Colonel Thomas Hinds, who distinguished himself in the Pensacola and New Orleans campaigns with Jackson and was also active in the territorial period and early statehood of Mississippi, was a son-in-law of Thomas M. Green, Jr. The Springfield estate was retained by members of the Green family until 1850, and in 1914 the house and 533 acres were acquired by James H. Williams, father of the present owner. Thomas M. Green, Jr. and his first wife, Martha Kirkland Green (1759-1805), are buried in the Green family cemetery located south of Springfield house.

Local tradition maintains that Andrew Jackson and Rachel Donelson Robards were married at Springfield in the summer of 1791. One of the earliest known references to the event is in The Memories of Fifty Years (1870) by W. H. Sparks, whose own wife was a daughter of Abner Green: "Jackson came and married her [Rachel], in the house of Thomas M. Green." Sparks' relationship to the Green family would seemingly add credence to his account, but he diminishes his own reliability by such devices as attributing entire paragraphs of verbatim conversation to Jackson. In A History of Mississippi by Robert Lowry and William H. McCardle (1891), the tradition of the Springfield marriage was restated, as well as elaborated:

General Andrew Jackson was married at the home of the Hon. Thomas Marston Green, on the northern bank of Coles Creek, in what is now Jefferson County, in the summer of 1791, to Mrs. Rachel Robards....the ceremony was performed by Colonel Thomas Green,

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Interview with Mr. Carter H. Anderson, Jefferson County Historical Society, Fayette, Mississippi, April 25, 1971.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	31°	44'	53"	9°	11'	30"			
NE	31°	44'	53"	9°	11'	40"			
SE	31°	44'	40"	9°	11'	40"			
SW	31°	44'	40"	9°	11'	30"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **15 acres**

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 AND TITLE:
Dawn Maddox, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **Aug. 11, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 571

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi 39205** CODE: **28**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☒ Local ☒

Name

R. A. McLemore

Title

Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date

August 11, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date

ATTEST:

William J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

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straps are bent around the rafters and bolted to the king posts, a braced peak arrangement which eliminates the need for a ridge-pole.

Interior finish, confined to wainscoting, chair rails, baseboards, cornices, and mantelpieces, is unmistakably provincial, yet imaginatively conceived and vigorously executed, a satisfying accent to the massive grace of the house itself. Mantelpieces, reflecting the Adam influence popularized in New England by McIntire and Bulfinch, feature such embellishments as pilasters, paterae, reeding, and grooving, while cornices in the hallway, parlor, and master chamber on the second floor west repeat the gougework patterns from the mantelpieces in a variety of combinations. (Its decorative woodcarving is one factor which suggests that Springfield was built at a later date than 1791, the year the Andrew Jackson-Rachel Robards marriage allegedly took place there. It seems unlikely that the Adamesque mode of interior architecture would have penetrated the Old Southwest a decade prior to its ascendancy in such centers of the au courant as Boston, Salem, and Charleston. On the other hand, it is possible that the woodwork is of a later period than the house itself.)

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who acted in his capacity of magistrate in
and for Bourbon County.

No documentation for the above is given; in actuality, however, Bourbon County was officially abolished in 1788.

In 1937 a great-great-granddaughter of Thomas M. Green. Jr., Laura Lake Ihrle, wrote that "Jackson and Mrs. Robards were married in the great big downstairs room at Springfield. I have been told this many times, not only by my mother, but by other members of the family." The tradition had been questioned as early as 1910, however, when a letter written by E. R. Jones, a resident of Jefferson County, appeared in the Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society for that year:

I never heard that Mrs. Robards was married to General Jackson in the home of Thos. Marston Green until it came out in McCardle's History of Mississippi, such being contrary to tradition.

My father, Rev. Jno. G. Jones, was born in 1804 and resided for many years at Belle Grove, just across the Natchez Trace from Mrs. Robard's home, the site of which he

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often pointed out to me as our farm was less than a mile off. He used this language: "I fear Major McCardle's vanity and his connection with the Green family has led him into an error. Mrs. Robards, so the old people of the time while I was growing up about Greenville [an extinct settlement several miles east of Springfield] told me, owned her own farm, near Greenville, and had on it a double log house with an open hall, and here they say she was married to General Jackson. I am as sure as can be from testimony, that McCardle is wrong. I will also say that for many years of my life I was often with Allen Colier (colored), who was a body servant of General Thomas Hinds and was once a slave of Thomas Marston Green, and went as such to General Hinds, who married Miss Laminda Green. When I informed him what McCardle's History has said about Jackson's being married at Green's house, his reply was: "Twan't so; Ole Master's house - the Great House warn't built at that time - I members it, and Miss Robards don't have to go over thar to be married, when she had a good house of her own right by what da call the Jackson Springs."

The account has a convincing ring to it but it obviously raises more questions than it answers.

Despite long and diligent search by Jackson historians, no incontrovertible evidence to support or refute the tradition that the Jackson marriage occurred at Springfield has yet come to light. The role of Springfield Plantation in the political, economic, and cultural history of the Old Southwest is a genuine one, however. The Greens and their connections were one of the most prominent families in the formation of Mississippi as a territory and a state. Thomas M. Green, Jr., in three decades of residence in Jefferson County, was a prototype of the antebellum planter whose fortune was based on the cultivation of extensive land holdings in a single crop - cotton. These associations, in addition to the intrinsic architectural significance of Springfield and its proximity to the Old Natchez Trace, have prompted negotiations currently underway whereby the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior anticipates incorporating the house and adjoining acreage into the Natchez Trace Parkway.

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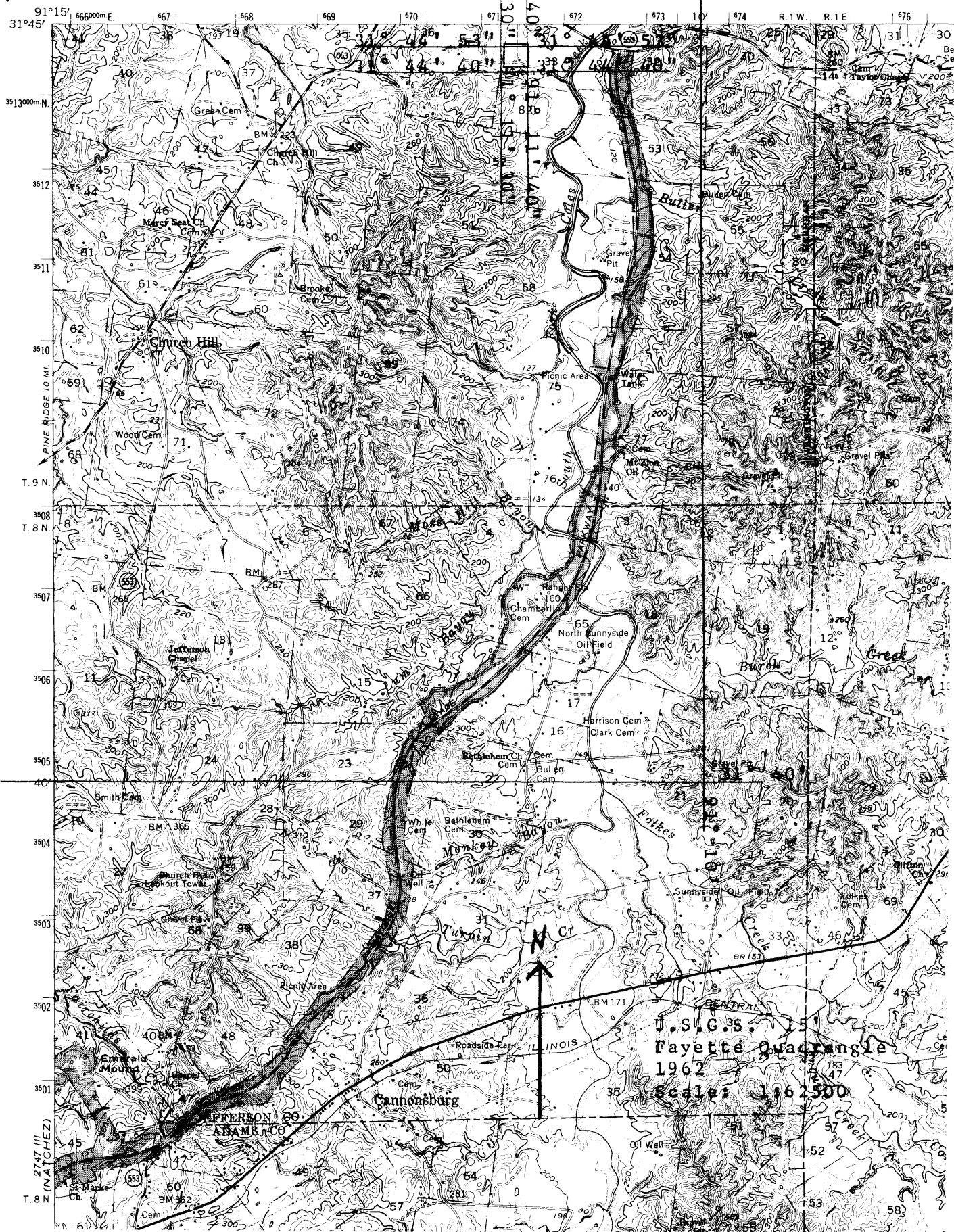
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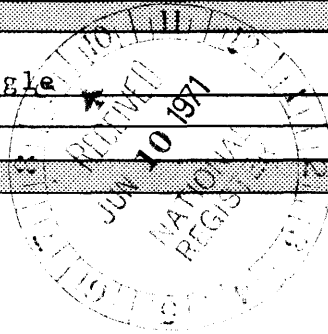
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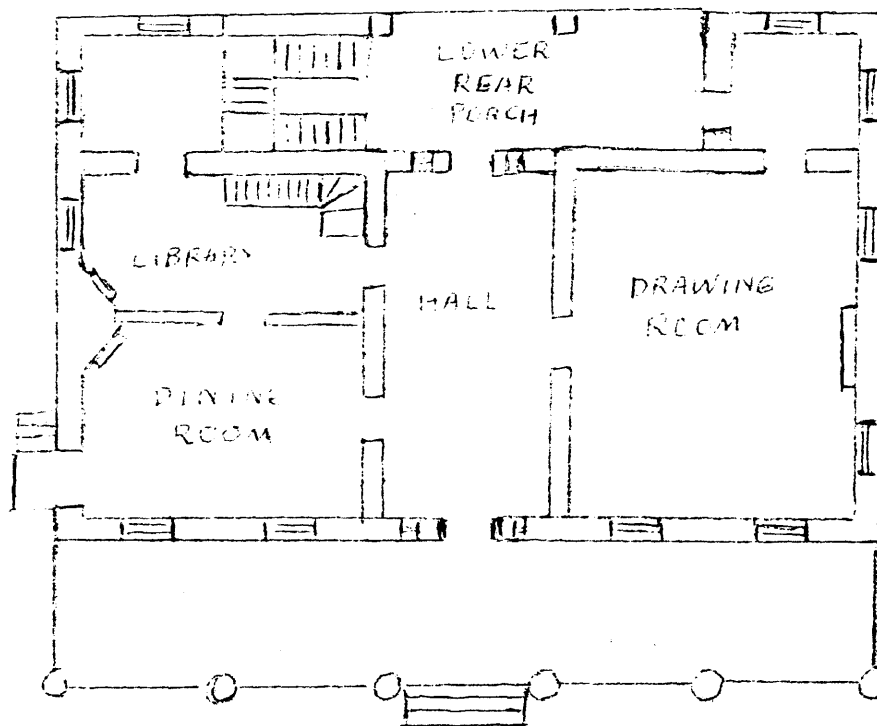
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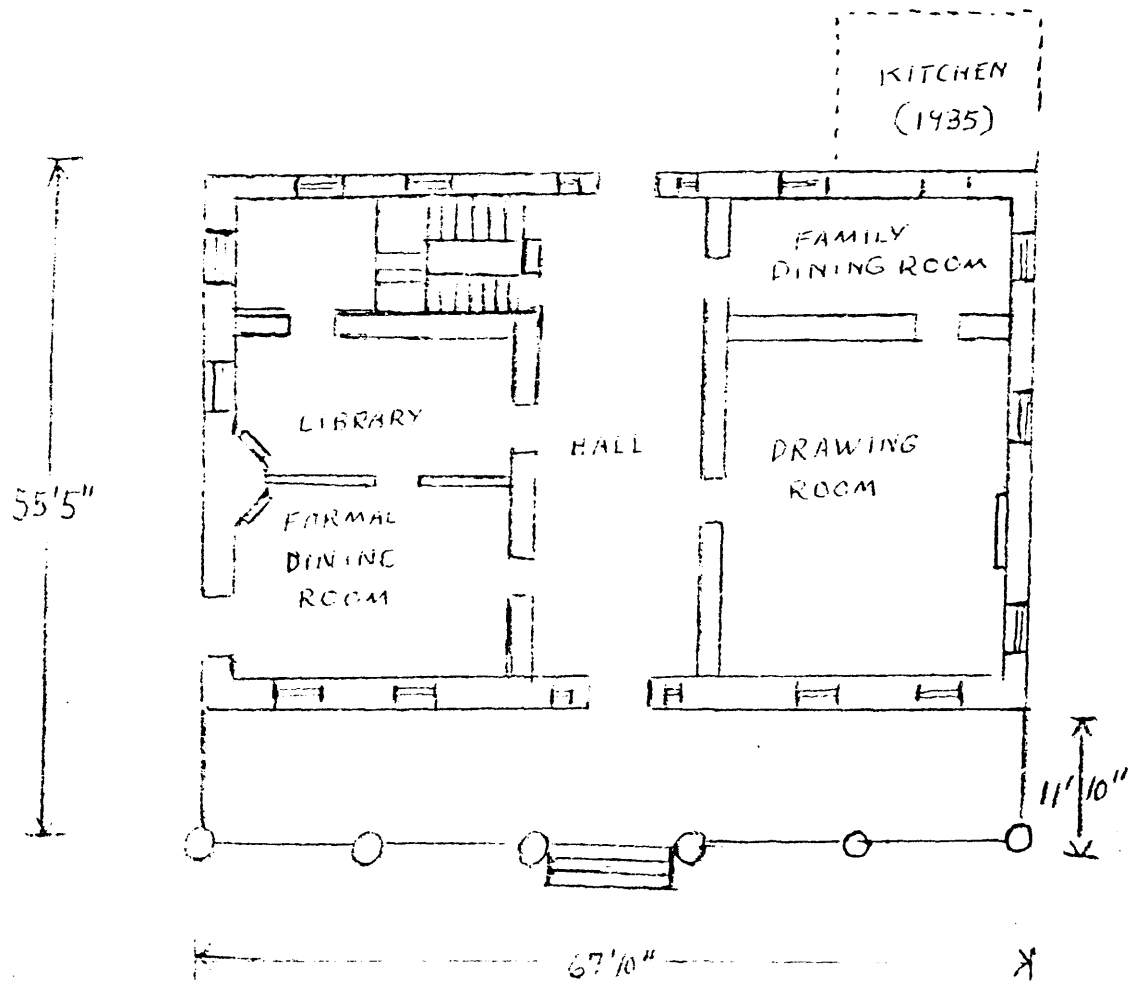


SPRINGFIELD PLANTATION HOUSE
Jefferson County, Mississippi

Floor Plan - First Floor - 1790

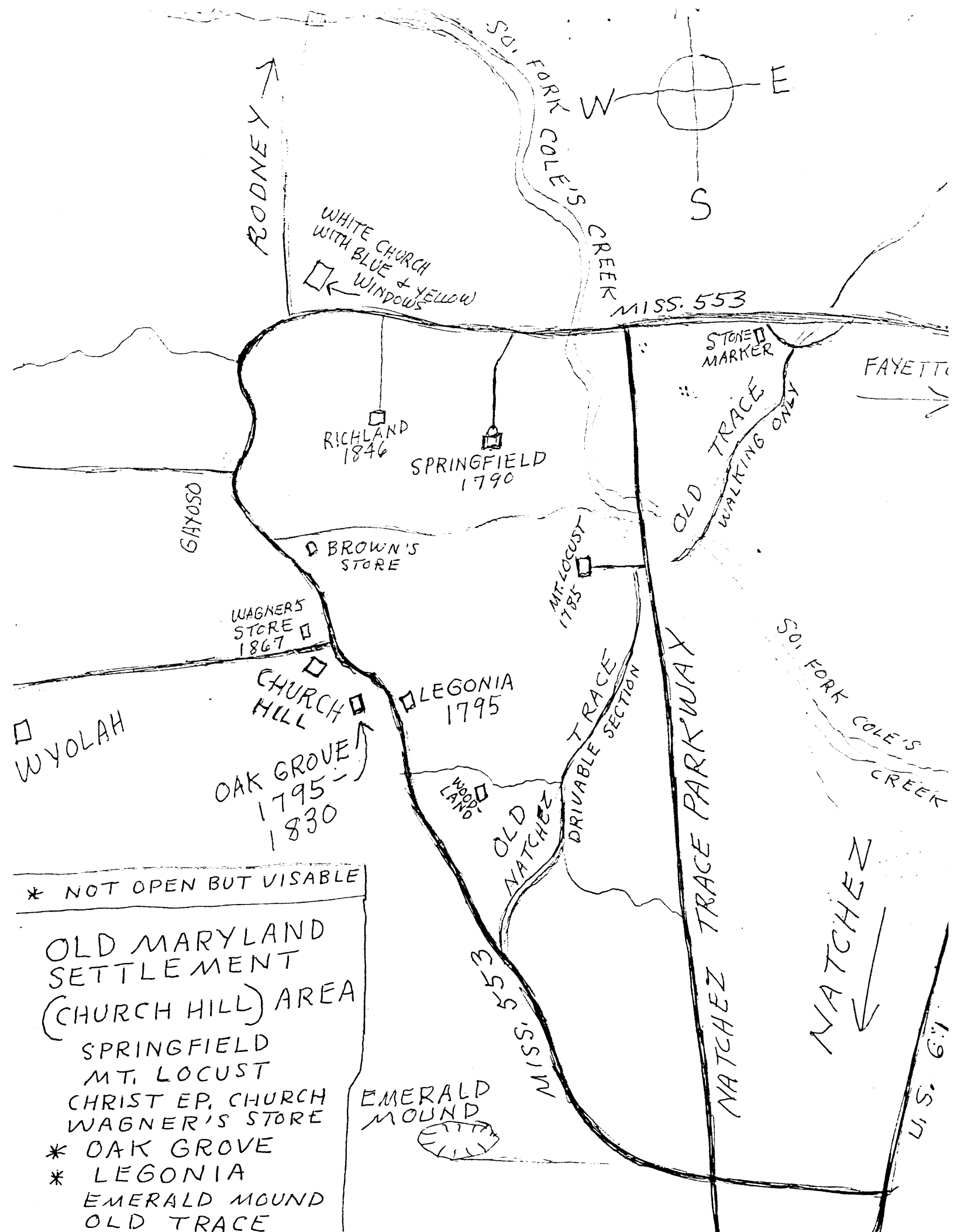
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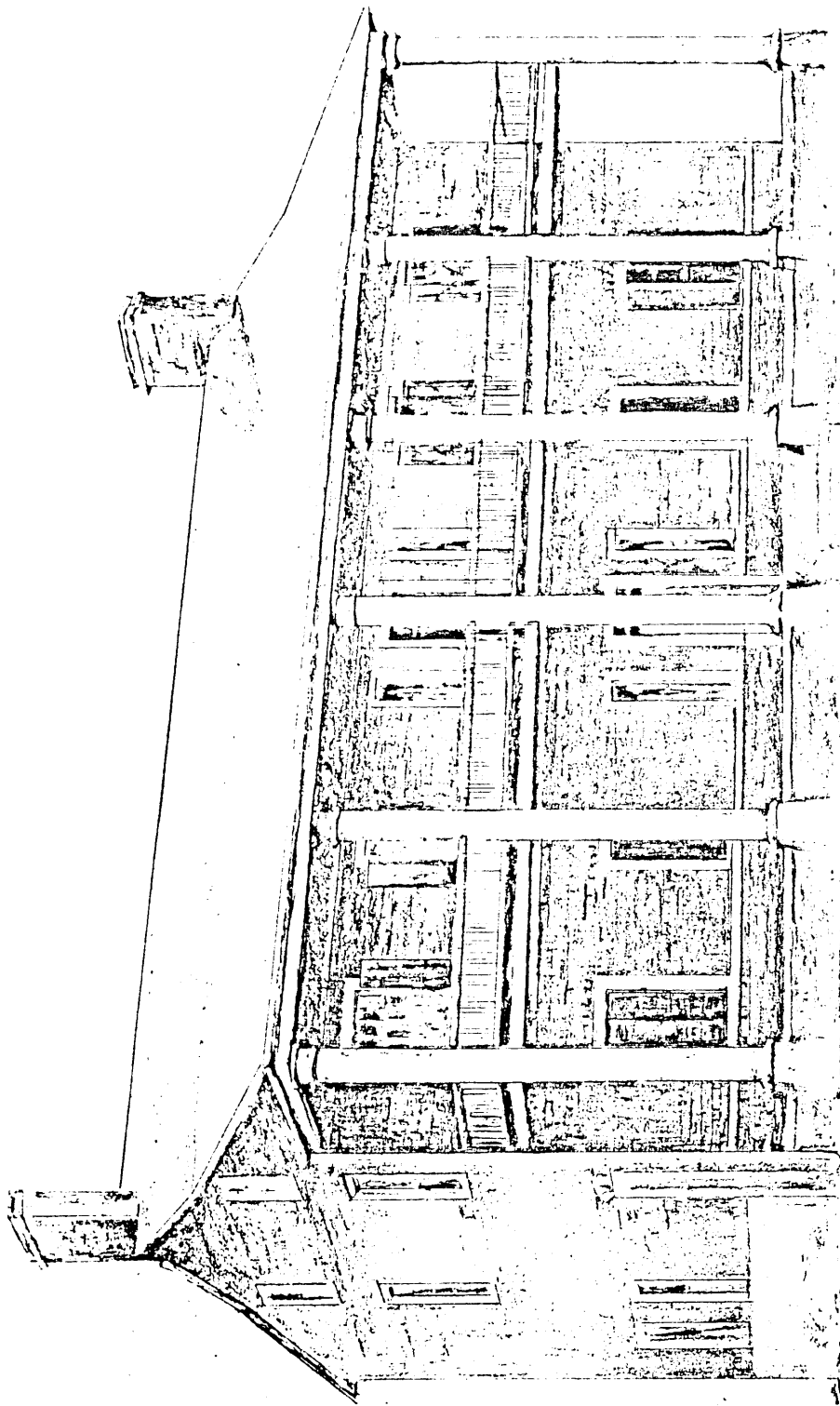
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Floor Plan - First Floor - After 1800



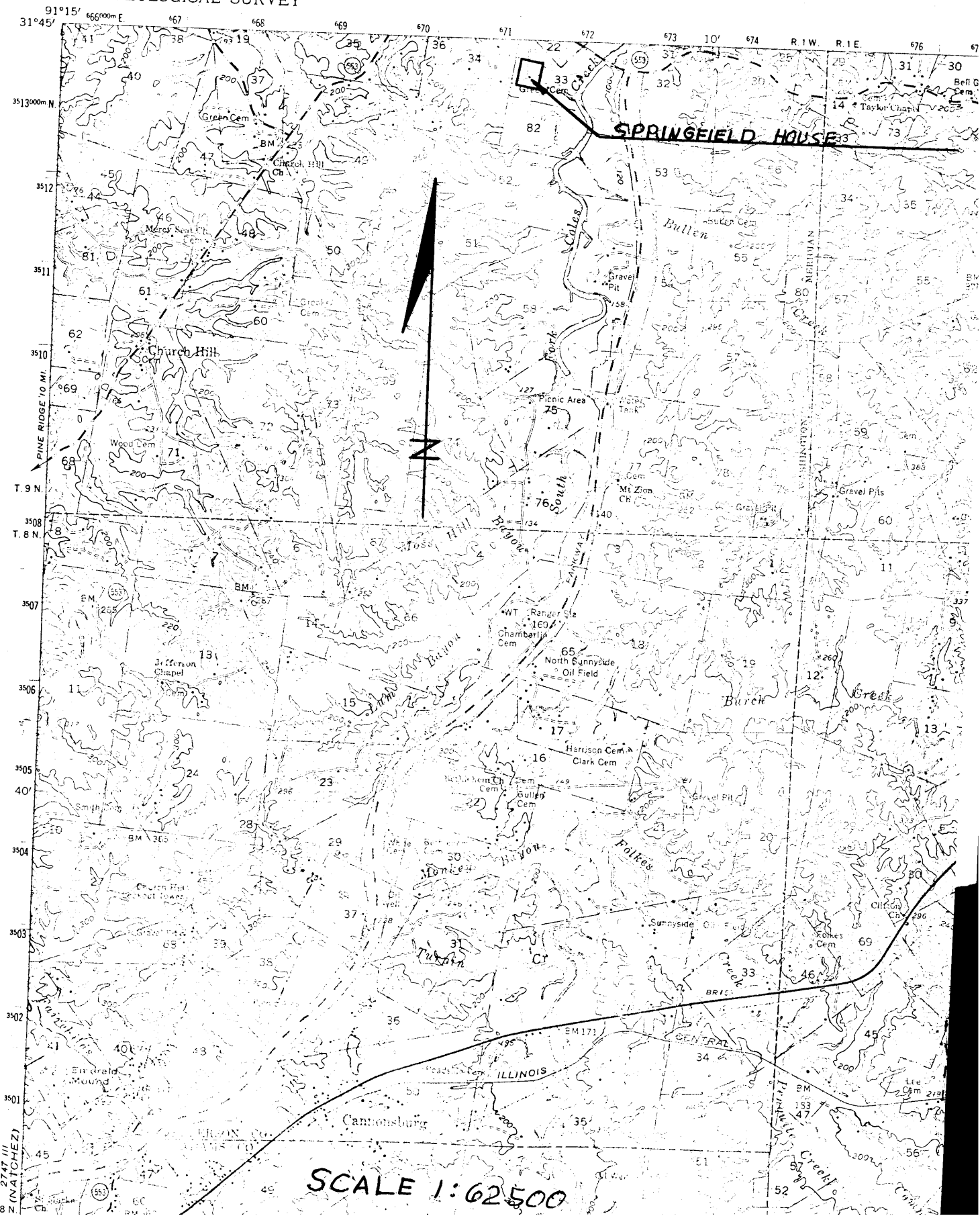


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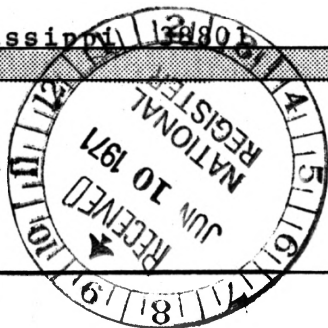
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Route #5, NT-143, Tupelo, Mississippi

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Façade and east elevation, looking southwest



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SPRINGFIELD PLANTATION
8 MILES WEST OF FAYETTE, MISS., ON STATE ROUTE 553
FACADE AND EAST ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTHWEST
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