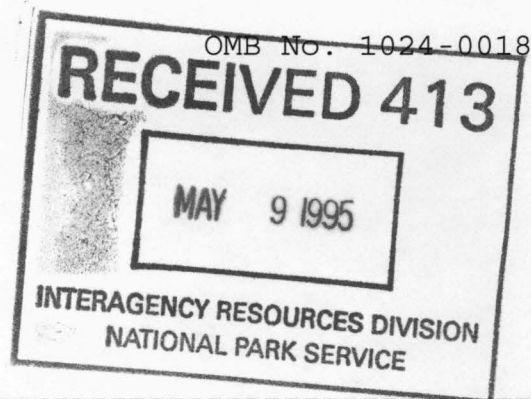


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm

Other Name/Site Number: CW 0186

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2. Location

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Street & Number: N. of Arkansas Hwy 220 West

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Uniontown

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR County: Crawford Code: AR 033 Zip Code: 72955

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u> structures
	<u> </u> objects
	<u>2</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Slater
Signature of certifying official

4-12-95
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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): _____

Edson H. Beall

6.9.95

Entered in the
National Register

for
Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Vacant/Not in Use Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Plain Traditional
Other: Folk Victorian

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal
walls Weatherboard other Stone, Brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary

The nominated boundaries of the Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm include the historic house, privy, barn, dug well, extensive fencing of indeterminate age, and two nonhistoric pumphouses. Constructed in two phases, the house achieved its current appearance c. 1918 as a one-and-a-half story frame farmhouse covered by a cross-gable roof. The structure rests upon a stone foundation and features a turned-spindle and chamfered post-supported wrap-around porch.

Elaboration

The centerpiece of the Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm is the one-and-a-half story frame residence that was constructed in two phases. Van Slack constructed the original gable-roofed, south-facing double pen frame house with a stone chimney around 1895. Sometime between 1900 and 1918, Hardy Comstock, with the aid of a carpenter named Phelps, added the other three rooms and the wrap-around porch. Although Comstock planned to finish the attic area as a bedroom, financial difficulties precluded its realization. In 1918, Tom and Ruth Marshall acquired the property when they traded houses with Comstock and added the rear porch on the eastern elevation.

A continuous stone foundation with an incorporated post oak pier supports the structure, while the wrap-around porch rests upon stone piers. The cross-gable roof is covered with corrugated metal that was added over the original wood shingles in 1935. In addition to the exterior stone chimney, there is one interior brick chimney at the rear of the house.

The front, or southern, elevation consists of the side-gabled double pen, the rear cross-gable end which extends above the side-gable roofline, and a shed-roofed porch that wraps around to the western elevation. The entire wrap-around porch is supported by eight turned-spindle and four chamfered posts with a stick balustrade. The chamfered posts, being the older design, are located on the front elevation. The front wall, which is entirely shielded by the porch roof, consists of double-beaded board that is documented in a historic photograph showing the Marshalls on the porch shortly after they acquired the property in 1918. Because the addition on the western elevation utilizes conventional weatherboard beneath the porch roof, it is probable that the beaded board is original to the double pen. The window/door arrangement was altered somewhat in the 1970's. Originally, this elevation contained a pair of one-over-one, double-hung windows in the center of the facade (one for each room) and a single-leaf door at the extreme eastern end of the elevation. The wood-panelled and half-glazed door was moved the distance of its width to the west and a one-over-one, double-hung window was added in the door's former location. Above the metal porch roof, the cross gable end is sheathed with conventional weatherboard, and the attic is lighted by a stationary four-pane window.

The western elevation of the double pen contains a single one-over-one window underneath the wrap-around porch and a gable end decorated with coursed, fishscale, and diamond-patterned wood shingles. To the north, on the addition, a single-leaf wood door and half sidelights were installed when the addition was constructed. Consequently, the front of the house was re-oriented to the west. The door was removed and a small window added in 1948 when the house was modernized and a bathroom created out of the hall. A one-over-one window is placed to the north of this former entry and is just underneath the hipped ridge of the wrap-around porch, which extends almost the entire length of this elevation.

The rear, or northern, elevation is unadorned and contains only a regular one-over-one window to the west and a shorter one-over-one window to the east.

A hipped-roof porch supported by five peeled cedar posts on a concrete floor comprises the majority of the eastern elevation. This porch, added by the Marshalls to the north of the elevation during the historic period, protects a single-leaf door to the north and a four-over-four, double-hung window to the south. The gable end of the double pen features the aforementioned cut-stone chimney, a four-over-four window to the north of the chimney, and shingle treatment similar to its western counterpart.

As alluded to in the exterior description, the interior has been changed somewhat since 1918. The first major change occurred in 1948 when the house was wired for electricity and the kitchen cabinets and bathroom were added. In the 1970's after the death of Tom Marshall, simulated wood panelling was applied to the living room (and over the fireplace) and one bedroom, and carpet was laid in the kitchen, dining room, living room, and one of the bedrooms. Still, most of these changes are reversible and much of the original simple trim moldings and beaded-board walls remain visible.

The Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm contains several outbuildings and extensive fencing of indeterminate age. To the northwest of the house stands a frame privy with a hipped roof that dates to 1886. A gift from Ruth's father, the structure was moved to the Marshall property c. 1935. To the northeast of

the house is a livestock barn built in 1922 after the earlier barn burned. Erected at a cost of \$500, the barn was constructed of vertical rough-sawn oak lumber and covered by a metal-covered gable roof with a dual pitch that is nearly flat at the top. A historic dug well with a stone well head is located in the front of the house. There are two noncontributing pumphouses constructed in the late 1940's northeast of the house and between it and the barn. Both are constructed of modern-type formed concrete blocks. The smaller pumphouse nearest the house was erected over an existing well; however, this source was soon exhausted, and a new well was dug several feet to the northeast and a larger pumphouse constructed.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1895 - 1945

Significant Dates: 1918, 1922, c. 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Slack, Van.
Comstock, Hardy.
Phelps, _____.

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

Summary

The Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance for its depiction of the evolution of the Plain Traditional-styled farm house.

Elaboration

According to the Crawford County Bicentennial Commission, Uniontown was first settled c. 1855 by Henry Howell Sr., who moved his family to the area from the Lee's Creek vicinity. Other early pioneers were the Churchfield,

Rainwater, Henry and Fain families. At first the new community was known as Hickory Grove due to the large number of hickory trees in the area. Before the Civil War, Alexander Thompson erected a log building which was used for both church and school. Thompson also established the first store in the community, which he named "Unionville." Although the date of this store is unknown, according to *The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwestern Arkansas*, Thompson had constructed a mill and cotton gin before the war. The evolution of the community's name to "Uniontown" occurred in 1881 with the establishment of the post office by that name. Later, in 1885 the Comstock Brothers opened a mercantile store that was a fixture of the community for several generations.

When the Slack-Comstock-Marshall House was constructed, Uniontown contained approximately 150 inhabitants, two cotton gins, a school, post office, three doctors, a drug store, barber shop, two grocery stores, two blacksmith shops, a grist mill, and a general mercantile store.

Although little is known about Slack or Comstock, information pertaining to Tom and Ruth Marshall is recounted by their son, Homer, who currently owns the property. Over his lifetime, Tom Marshall was a member of several organizations including the Uniontown Masonic Lodge, the Uniontown School Board, the Crawford County Board of Education, and the local band. He also served as Justice of the Peace and as a deacon of the Uniontown Christian Church. Marshall also taught school on occasion and was considered the general veterinarian for the area although he was not licensed in this regard. Tom and his wife Ruth, the daughter of Representative Randolph Comstock, were farmers and, with the help of their five children, raised cows, horses, sheep, hogs, chickens, cotton, corn, and strawberries.

The Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm is locally significant under Criterion C because the house is an unusual example of vernacular construction. It depicts the common practice of expanding an initially small house by adding additional rooms. While this practice was commonly accomplished by a rear ell or a front "T" or "prow," the Slack-Comstock-Marshall House exhibits a comparatively massive one-and-a-half story, three-room addition to the rear of the original double-pen via a taller cross-gable roof. To successfully integrate the seemingly incompatible massing, a wrap-around porch and a re-orientation of the front elevation were utilized to create an overall design of pleasing aesthetics and a degree of sophistication rarely seen in this genre.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Crawford County Bicentennial Commission. "An Historical Salute to Crawford County." Van Buren, Arkansas: *The Courier*, 1976.

Information submitted by Sherry Edwards, July 1994.

The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwestern Arkansas. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889.

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
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately two

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>368400</u>	<u>3939125</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>368460</u>	<u>3939220</u>
C	<u>15</u>	<u>368500</u>	<u>3939185</u>	D	<u>15</u>	<u>368420</u>	<u>3939100</u>

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by a polygon whose vertices are marked by the above UTM reference points.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource that retains its integrity including the house, barn, privy, and dug well as well as the various fences and two nonhistoric pumphouses.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Patrick Zollner, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: April 4, 1995

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Slack--Comstock--Marshall Farm
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Crawford

DATE RECEIVED: 5/09/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/08/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/23/95
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/23/95

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000694

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/9/95 DATE Entered in the
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Slack-Comstock-Marshall Farm
Uniontown, Crawford Co., Ark.

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View from the southeast



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View from the south



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View from the east/northeast



Slack-Comstock - Marshall House and Farm
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View from the northwest



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View from the north



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View from the west



Slack-Cornstock-Marshall Farm
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View of rear porch and pump house
from the southeast



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View from the east



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View of stone foundation
underneath porch floor



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View of pump house and
barn from the southwest



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View of barn from the southwest



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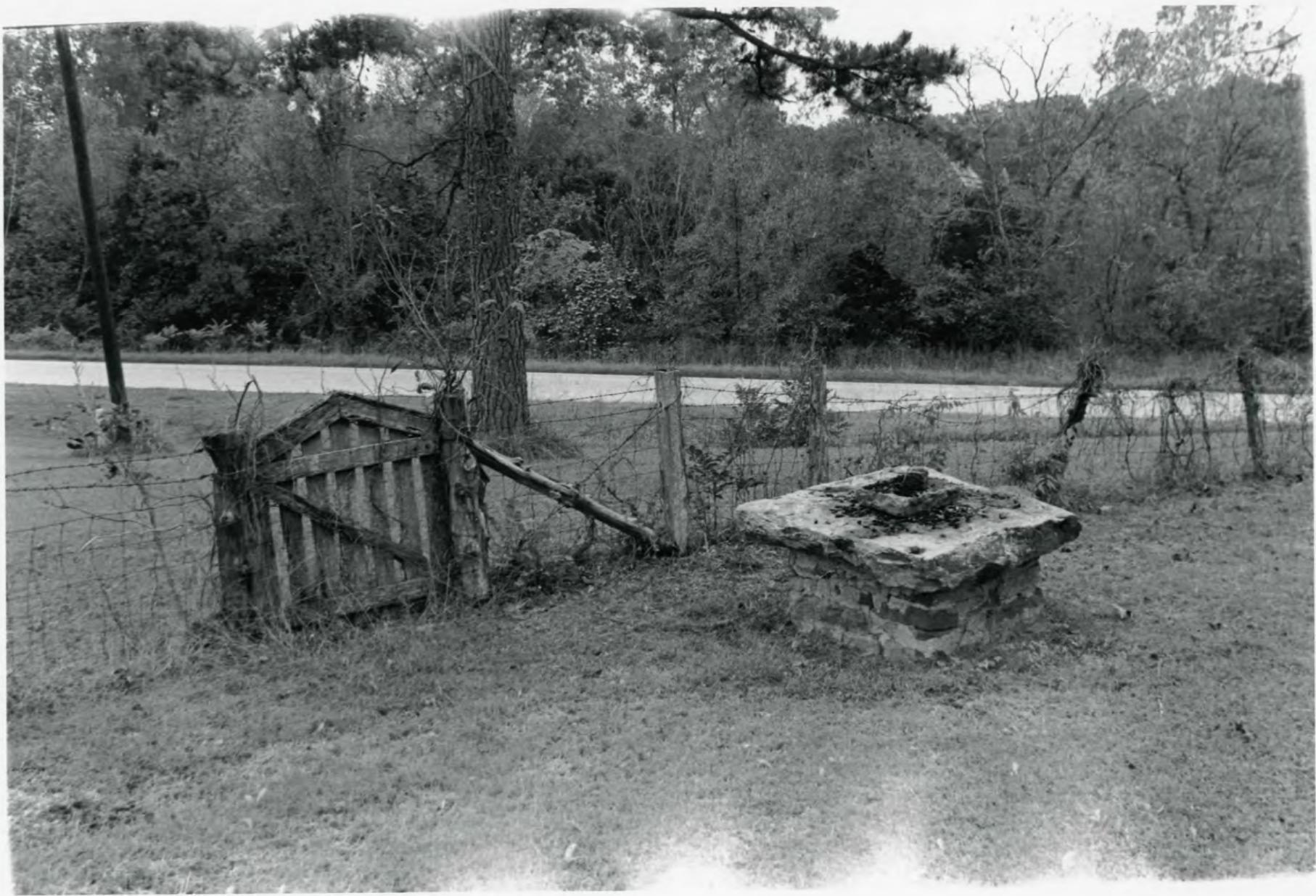
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View of Barn interior
from the southwest



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View of privy from the
southeast



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View of stone well from
the northeast



Slack-Cornstock-Marshall Farm

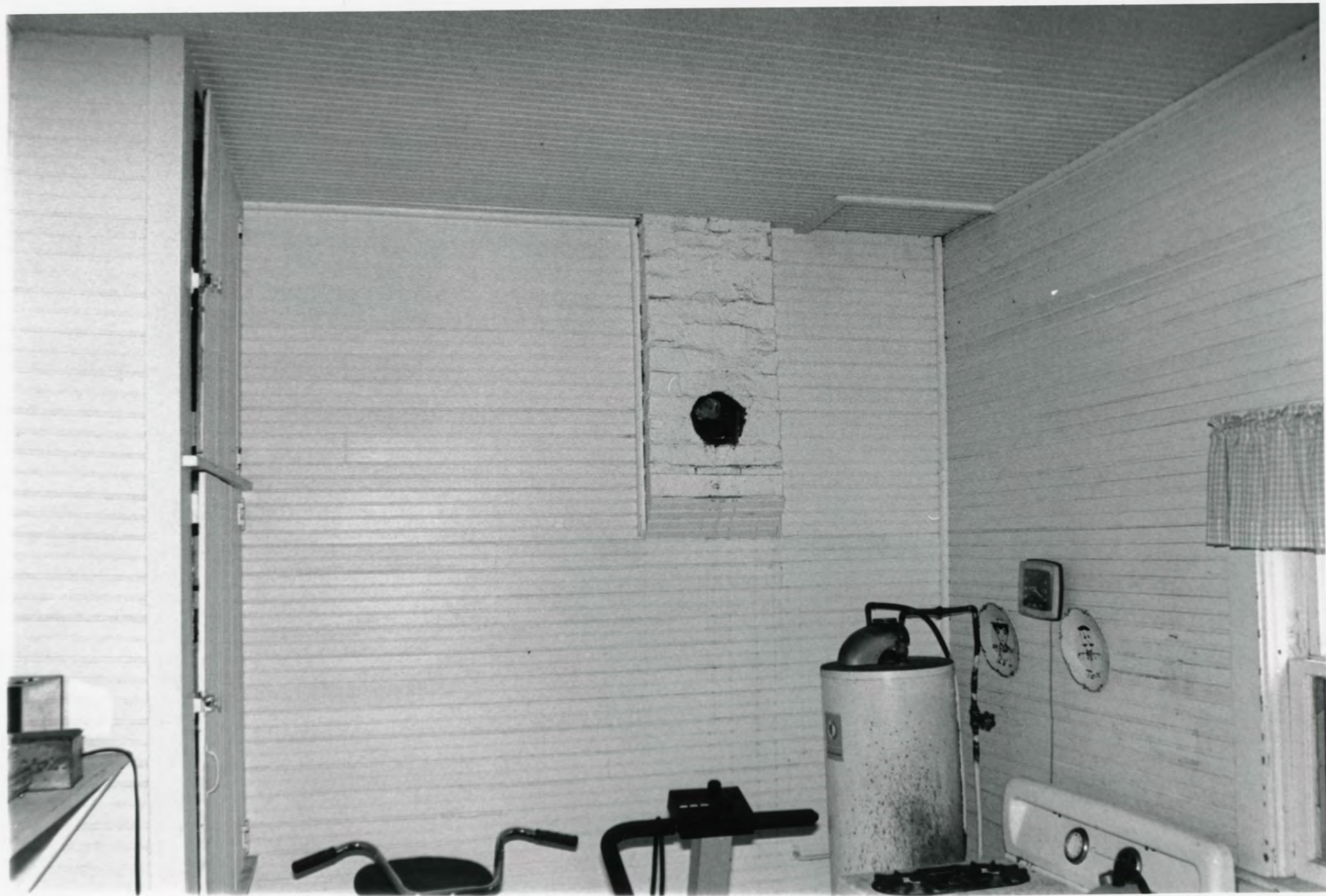
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view of dining room



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View of Kitchen

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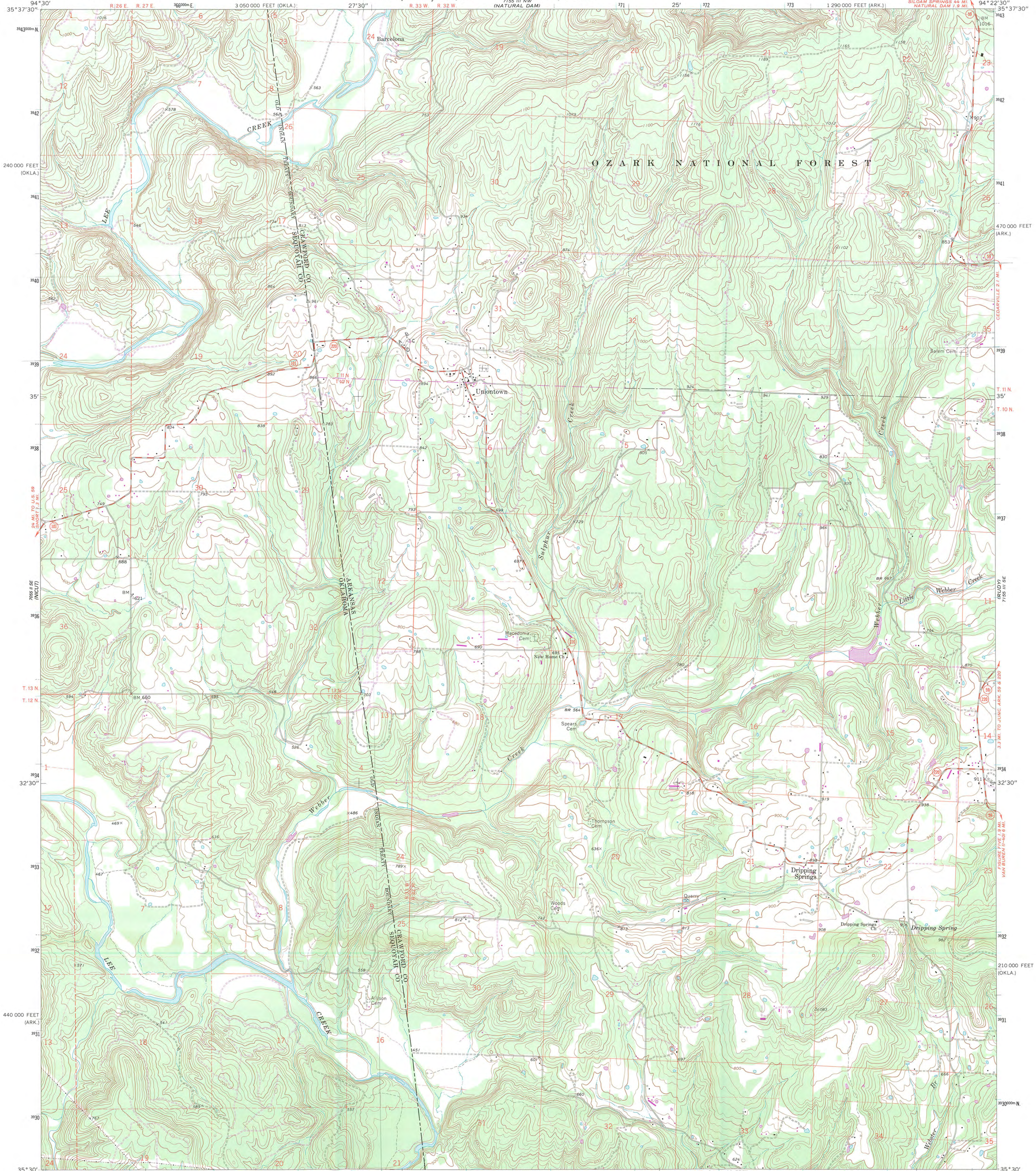
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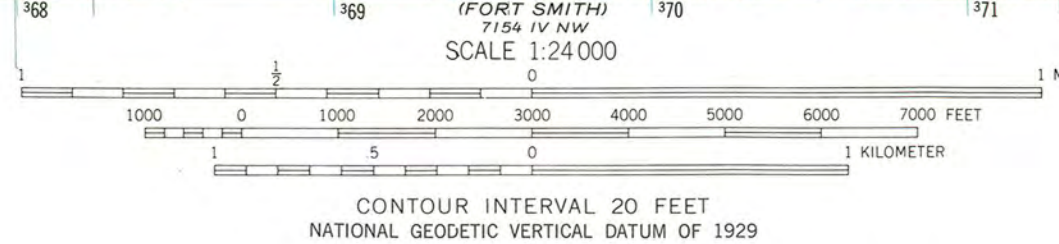
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