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The attached property, Welch, Jenkins H., House, reference number 88000972 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 06/30/1988, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of 08/09/1988. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/8/2008
Date

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 Welch, Jenkins H., House
other names/site number Mar-Mac; McLemore, Oscar Adelbert, House

2. Location

street & number 1/2 mile north of State Road 28 on Dentville Road N/A not for publication
city, town Hazlehurst vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Copiah code 29 zip code 39083

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</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>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
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.

Kenneth H. P. Paul May 25, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Gothic Revival

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Less than two miles northwest of Hazlehurst, on the old Raymond-Gallatin stagecoach road now known as the Dentville Road, is the Jenkins H. Welch House, a one-and-one-half story gabled building constructed in a combination of the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival and Italianate styles. Situated on a hill overlooking a pond, the house is surrounded by 25 acres of landscaped gardens and lawns. The house was originally L-shaped, having a central hall plan with two rooms on each side of the hall and four rooms in the rear ell, but in 1967 the porch of the ell was enlarged and enclosed making the house basically rectangular in shape. Constructed of long leaf heart pine, the house rests upon high brick foundation piers, which are infilled with wooden pickets, and the walls are finished with clapboard and horizontal flushboard.

Facing west, the main facade is a symmetrical, eave-oriented, five-bay elevation dominated by a central, one-and-one-half story, three bay, pedimented portico. At the central entrance, double doors having four molded panels are framed by a Greek Revival frontispiece consisting of large pilasters supporting a full entablature, sidelights over molded panels, and small pilasters supporting a ten-light transom. On each side of the entrance is a jib window, which is composed of a six-over-six, double-hung sash set above molded, panelled doors opening onto the portico. These two jib windows are framed by battered pilasters supporting a full entablature. The wall within the portico area is covered with horizontal flushboard and is finished with molded baseboards, while the remainder of the house is clad with clapboard. The outer two bays of the main facade contain six-over-six, double-hung windows surrounded by plain trim and topped with lintels decorated with 16 small, paired brackets. Corner pilasters with bracketed capitals trim the elevation and support a wide frieze and bracketed cornice.

Nine wooden steps lead to the portico, which features four box columns and two pilasters having capitals decorated with small paired brackets. Jigsawn, foliated scrollwork extends from the columns and pilasters to the wide frieze of the portico. A balustrade of flat, jigsawn balusters and a molded handrail encloses the porch. The pediment contains a pointed-arched, panelled door flanked by pointed-arched, seven-light, fixed sash windows; and the trio is surrounded by molded trim. The door opens onto a small balcony supported by three pairs of jigsawn, foliated scrolls and enclosed by a balustrade like that of the porch below but having square, plain newel posts. The pediment is finished with horizontal flushboard siding and a wide frieze with bracketed cornice.

Two exterior brick chimneys with corbeled caps dominate the western, gable-oriented portion of the south elevation, which has four double-hung, six-over-six windows on the lower level and two on the upper level, all of which are surrounded by plain trim. The

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gable of this portion of the elevation is trimmed with a wide frieze, cornice and incomplete cornice returns, the easternmost return being decorated with paired brackets. At the peak of the roof, the frieze has been partially removed and vents installed. The eastern end, or ell portion, of the south elevation contains six double-hung, six-over-six windows, and the eave is trimmed with a wide frieze and cornice. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of the ell. Corner pilasters with bracketed capitals trim the south elevation.

The house interior is a central hall plan, two rooms deep, with a rear ell containing six rooms. The ell originally consisted of four rooms, each opening onto a porch on the northern side of the house. In 1967, the porch was enlarged and enclosed. The central hall is 10'x33' in size, and at each end contains double, panelled doors surrounded by multi-light sidelights and transom and trimmed with battered pilasters supporting a full entablature. Each of the doorways leading from the hall into the four rooms contains a panelled door topped by a three-light transom and surrounded by battered pilasters supporting a full entablature. The central hall is finished with baseboards and chair rails. A single-flight, open-string stair featuring an octagonal newel post leads to the upper half-story, which is only partially finished.

The windows and doors of the four rooms (parlor and three bedrooms) of the main section of the house are framed by battered, shouldered architrave trim crowned by a cornice. In each of these rooms is a mantelpiece having a rectangular opening framed by a molded, battered, shouldered architrave and cornice topped by a pedimented over-mantel. The rooms are finished with wide, molded baseboards.

The rear ell contains a bedroom and dining room--each with original mantelpiece--a kitchen, family room, and two bathrooms.

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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

c. 1855

c. 1855

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The Jenkins H. Welch House derives its significance from its architectural character (Criterion C), being an excellent example of transitional architecture and representing the progression from the Greek Revival style to the picturesque Gothic Revival and Italianate styles. While the form of the house and much of its character is that of the classical Greek Revival mode, paired brackets in the Italianate style and foliated scrollwork, jigsaw balusters and pointed arched openings in the Gothic mode adorn the house. The Jenkins H. Welch House is one of the few known Mississippi examples of a residence built in a combination of these three styles.

In the mid-nineteenth century, American architecture was undergoing a transition from the classical to the picturesque. In Mississippi, drawing from the popular styles of the day, houses of a conventional Greek Revival form sometimes incorporated romantic Gothic and Italianate ornamentation. Other known extant Mississippi houses displaying a combination of these three styles include White Arches, Shadowlawn and Colonnade in Columbus; the Old Homestead in Aberdeen; the Parker House in Canton; the R. W. Chandler House in Okolona; a one-and-one-half story cottage in Crystal Springs; and the Darden House (deteriorated) near Pattison. Survey work conducted to date indicates that other examples are quite rare.

The house was built shortly after 1853 by an English architect/contractor for Jenkins H. Welch, who at that time began acquiring tracts of land to make up a farm ("Mar-Mac Open to Public on Holiday Tour," Copiah County (Mississippi) Courier, November 26, 1980, p. 9B). In 1878, Welch sold the property to M. Faler and A. Mangold, who leased the house to various tenants. In August 1907, Oscar Adelbert McLemore stopped workmen as they began tearing down the house, the lumber of which was going to be used to build tenant housing. McLemore purchased the house just in time for his ninth child, Bryan Simmons, to be born there. He is the present owner of the house.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

"'Christmas at MarMac' A Continuing Tradition." Daily Leader (Brookhaven, Mississippi), November 30, 1987.

Copiah County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk. Deed book M. Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Microfilm.

"Mar-Mac Open to Public on Holiday Tour." Copiah County (Mississippi) Courier, November 26, 1980.

McLemore, Bryan Simmons. Interviewed by Brenda Rubach, at Hazlehurst, Mississippi, March 27, 1988.

Rubach, Brenda. Inspection of Jenkins H. Welch House, March 27, 1988.

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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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 15 744455 3529925
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property consists of a square, the center of which is at the center of the roof ridge of the main roof of the house. Measuring 90' in each direction from the center of the roof ridge, the resulting square of land has sides which are 180' long and are parallel or perpendicular to the ridge of the roof. This property is located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, T1N, R2W.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary was selected to include the house and its immediate setting, and to omit nonhistoric outbuildings. Although the house sits on 25 acres of landscaped gardens and lawns, these have no historic association with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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 organization N/A date March 29, 1988
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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Jenkins H. Welch House
- (2) Hazlehurst vicinity, Copiah County, Mississippi
- (3) Brenda Rubach
- (4) September 1987
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

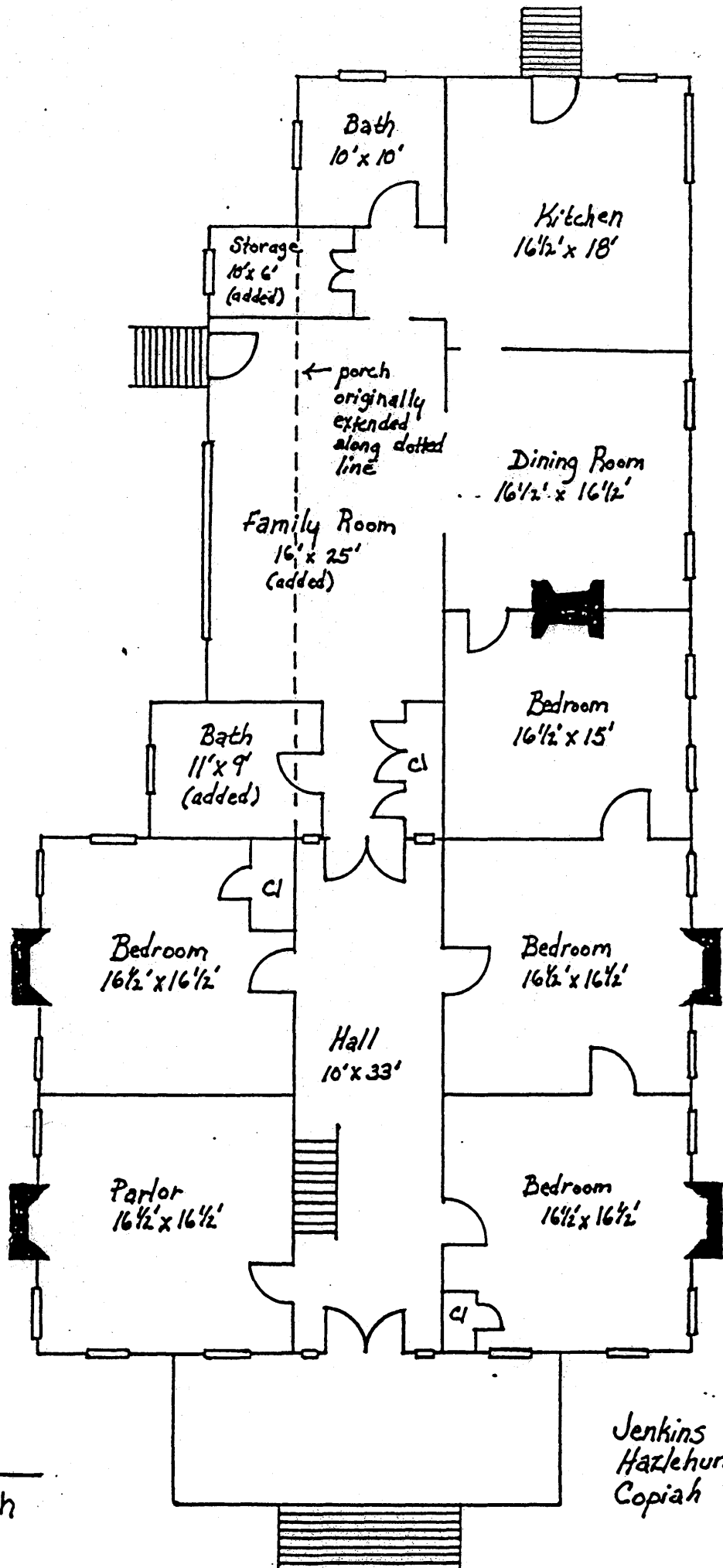
Photo 1--(6) Facade (west elevation), view to east

Photo 2--(6) South elevation, view to northeast

Photo 3--(6) Detail of facade (west elevation) and porch, view to southeast

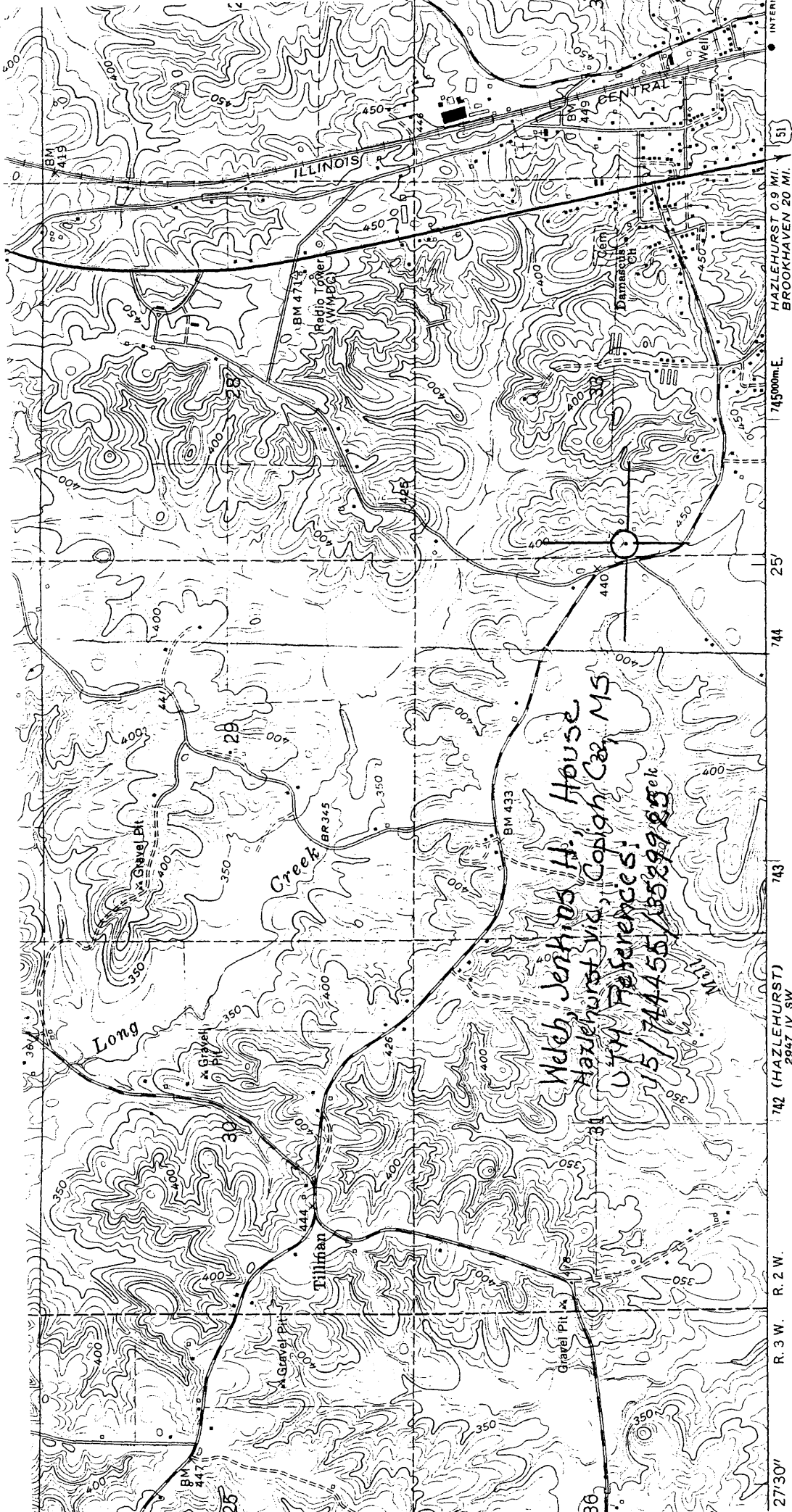
Photo 4--(6) Hall, view to west

Photo 5--(6) Parlor, view to north



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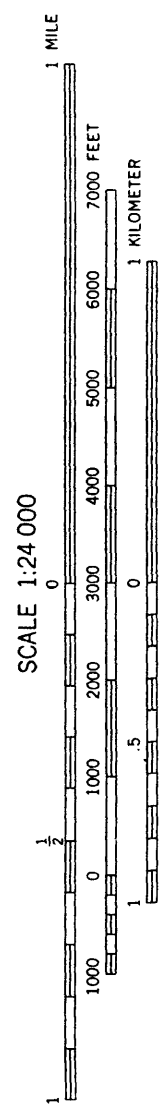
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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