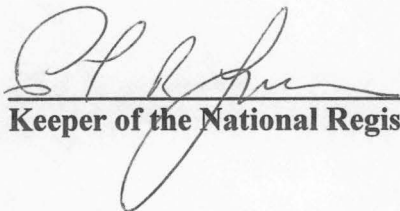




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The attached property, the Wiederkehr Wine Cellar, in Franklin County, Arkansas, reference number 77000252, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 5-2-1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol. 43, No. 26, page 5169. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

  
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HISTORIC

Wiederkehr Wine Cellar

AND/OR COMMON

Wiederkehr Wein Keller Restaurant

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

St. Mary's Mountain

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Altus

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DEPOSITORY FOR  
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CITY, TOWN

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

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his full attention to grape-growing and winemaking. For the next thirty years the Wiederkehr's made a living from the wines they produced at their Ozark vineyards.

In 1919 Prohibition ended commercial production of Wiederkehr wines, but small quantities were still produced for private and sacramental use. After John Wiederkehr's death, the farm and vineyards were operated by his son, Herman J. B. Wiederkehr. With the repeal of Prohibition, grapes from the Wiederkehr vineyards were once again used for the commercial production of wine. The 1500 gallon storage capacity in 1934 had grown to about two million gallons in 1975.

As the production of Wiederkehr wines increased, so did the need for storage space. About 1900 the original cellar was more than doubled with the addition of a wing on the west elevation. The enlarged cellar provided adequate storage space until mid-century when modern structures came into use.

In 1966 the original Wiederkehr cabin was restored and remodeled for use as a gift shop. The cellars beneath were also restored and used to house a small restaurant specializing in Swiss cuisine. The cellars were furnished with rustic tables and chairs, many of which were made from old wooden wine casks which were once used to store wine in the cellar.

For almost a century the Wiederkehr vineyards and wine cellars have been operated as a family business, with John's grandson, Alcuin Wiederkehr, now in charge. This Swiss immigrant family is representative of the many European families who moved to Arkansas in colonies in the nineteenth century. With other German-Swiss families who settled in the area, the Wiederkehers helped make Altus one of the leading grape-growing and winemaking areas in the southwestern United States.

Symbolic of John Wiederkehr's contributions to Arkansas' winemaking industry, the Wiederkehr Wine Cellar is one of the most important historic sites related to winemaking in Arkansas. This historic cellar, still used as a part of the family business, is typical of home cellars constructed for storing wine in late nineteenth century Arkansas, but it is one of few such cellars remaining in existence.

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

12-9-75

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300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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STATE X

LOCAL   

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Gene Richardson

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

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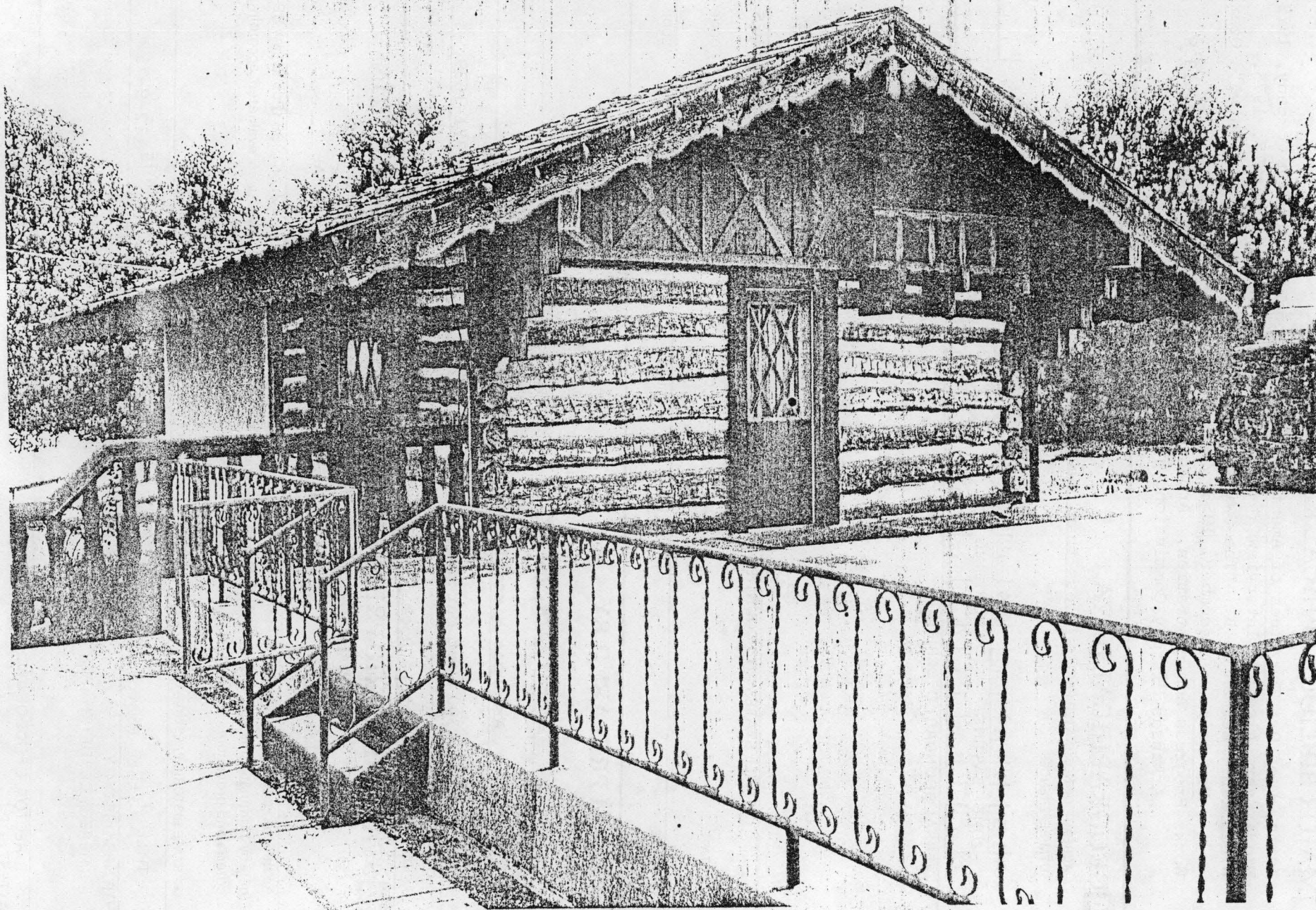
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CITY OR TOWN	300 West Markham	STATE	(501) 371-1639
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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Baxley

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-9-75

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The Wiederkehr cabin was built in 1880 of hand-hewn logs joined with modified dove-tail notching. The original one room cabin was enlarged and improved over the next two decades. By 1900 the house had been enlarged to a multi-room structure sheathed clapboard (see photo 3).

About 1966 all of the later additions were stripped away, leaving only the log walls of the original cabin (see photos 4 and 5). A stucco room was then added on the east elevation, and both rooms were covered by a gable roof with wide eaves. At the same time the cellar was enlarged by adding another room north of the 1900 cellar. The entrance to this section was cut in the north slope of the hill, thus giving the cellar a "street-level" entry (see photo 7).

Though the reconstructed Wiederkehr cabin is much more elaborate than the original, the style is somewhat similar. When building their log cabins in western Arkansas, these Swiss immigrants roughly imitated the chalets of their homeland. (Photograph 6, made c. 1890, shows the German Farmer's Club gathered at the side of a member's house. Note the wide eaves and end brackets typical of this area in the 1880's.)

Though the cabin walls were constructed by John Wiederkehr, it is the separate cellar beneath which is historically significant in Arkansas' commercial history. The underground wine cellar has been enlarged and somewhat altered, but it remains as the best structure representative of nineteenth century Arkansas wine-making.





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his full attention to grape-growing and winemaking. For the next thirty years the Wiederkehr's made a living from the wines they produced at their Ozark vineyards.

In 1919 Prohibition ended commercial production of Wiederkehr wines, but small quantities were still produced for private and sacramental use. After John Wiederkehr's death, the farm and vineyards were operated by his son, Herman J. B. Wiederkehr. With the repeal of Prohibition, grapes from the Wiederkehr vineyards were once again used for the commercial production of wine. The 1500 gallon storage capacity in 1934 had grown to about two million gallons in 1975.

As the production of Wiederkehr wines increased, so did the need for storage space. About 1900 the original cellar was more than doubled with the addition of a wing on the west elevation. The enlarged cellar provided adequate storage space until mid-century when modern structures came into use.

In 1966 the original Wiederkehr cabin was restored and remodeled for use as a gift shop. The cellars beneath were also restored and used to house a small restaurant specializing in Swiss cuisine. The cellars were furnished with rustic tables and chairs, many of which were made from old wooden wine casks which were once used to store wine in the cellar.

For almost a century the Wiederkehr vineyards and wine cellars have been operated as a family business, with John's grandson, Alcuin Wiederkehr, now in charge. This Swiss immigrant family is representative of the many European families who moved to Arkansas in colonies in the nineteenth century. With other German-Swiss families who settled in the area, the Wiederkehers helped make Altus one of the leading grape-growing and winemaking areas in the southwestern United States.

Symbolic of John Wiederkehr's contributions to Arkansas' winemaking industry, the Wiederkehr Wine Cellar is one of the most important historic sites related to winemaking in Arkansas. This historic cellar, still used as a part of the family business, is typical of home cellars constructed for storing wine in late nineteenth century Arkansas, but it is one of few such cellars remaining in existence.

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The original log cabin constructed and built by Swiss immigrants of the Arkansas settlers' cabin. The cabin is an Arkansas homes an Alpine style with wide eaves. The entry was set to support the deep eaves of the cabin. A few photographs are available as an accurate restoration of the roof, wide eaves and support. Swiss immigrants constructed the cabin.

Nevertheless, it is not the most historically significant. The cellar housed one of Arkansas' still intact and little known and his work.





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The original log cabin constructed by John Wiederkehr was typical of cabins built by Swiss immigrants in Arkansas, but very different from the average Arkansas settlers' cabin. Wiederkehr and other Swiss immigrants gave their Arkansas homes an Alpine touch by using low-pitch gable roof with very wide eaves. The entry was set under the gable end with wide brackets helping to support the deep eaves of the house. None of these early homes remain, but a few photographs are available to illustrate the style. Though not intended as an accurate restoration, the Wiederkehr Cabin, with its low-pitch gable roof, wide eaves and supportive brackets, is reminiscent of the homes these Swiss immigrants constructed.

Nevertheless, it is not the cabin itself, but the cellar beneath which is historically significant. Resting under the Wiederkehr Cabin, this wine cellar housed one of Arkansas' most unusual native industries. The cellar, still intact and little altered, is the best representative of John Wiederkehr and his work.



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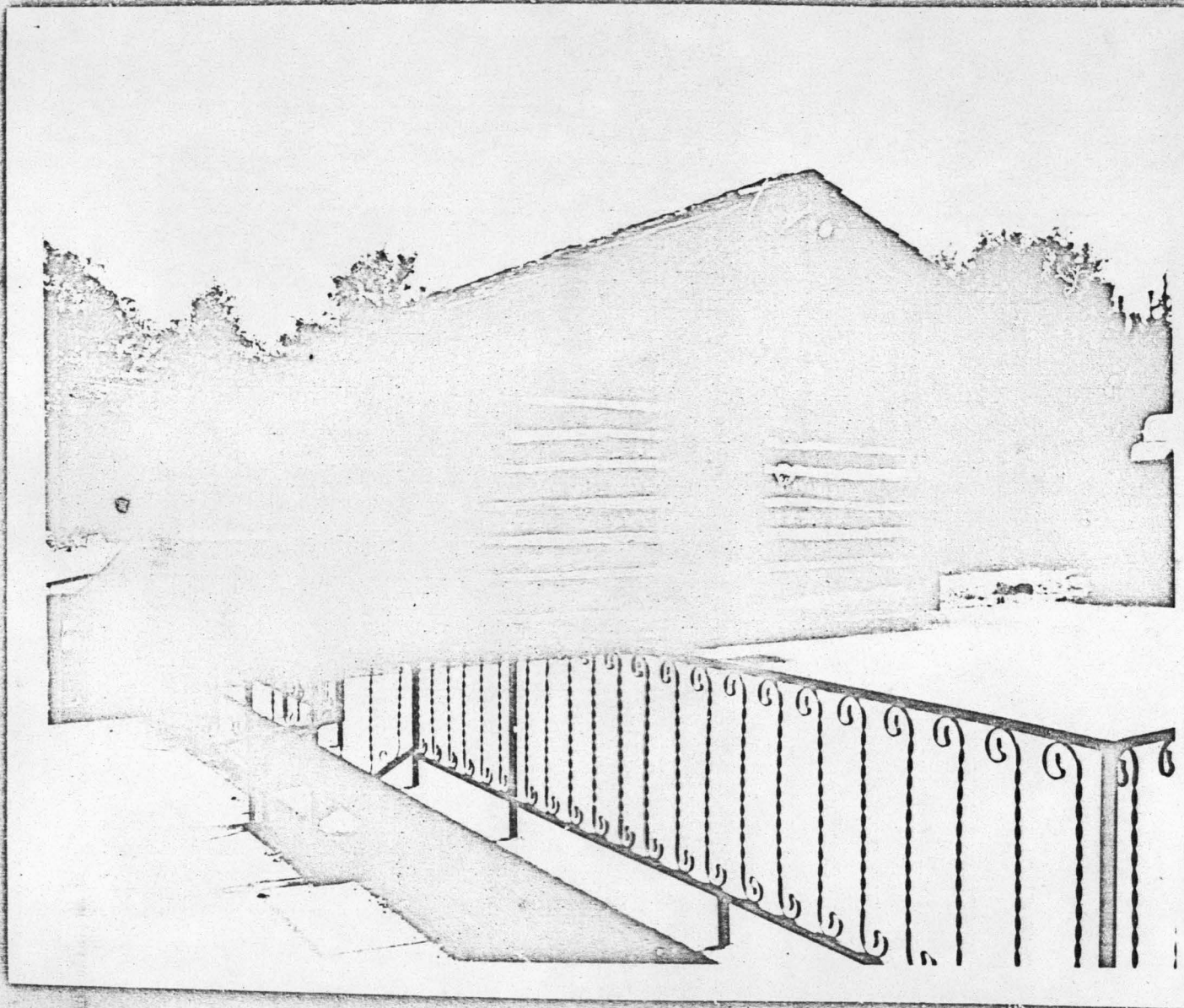
The Wiederkehr cabin was built in 1890 with a dove-tail notching. The original structure was over the next two decades. By 1900 the room structure sheathed (clapboard).

About 1966 all of the later addition log walls of the original cabin (see photo 6) then added on the east elevation, a roof with wide eaves. At the same time another room north of the 1900 cellar cut in the north slope of the hill entry (see photo 7).

Though the reconstructed Wiederkehr original, the style is somewhat different in western Arkansas, these Swiss immigrants their homeland. (Photograph 6, Club gathered at the side of a meadow brackets typical of this area in 1890).

Though the cabin walls were constructed separate cellar beneath which is commercial history. The underground somewhat altered, but it remains nineteenth century Arkansas wine cellar.





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## 1 NAME

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AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Altus

## 3 PHOTO REFERENCE

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## 4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC IF DISTRICT  
cabin above cellar, view



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Property Wiederkehr Wine Cellar Red Control Sheet  
State Ark. Working Number 12. 29. 75. 2524 Out of the File, Franklin Co.

TECHNICAL  
Photos 11  
Maps 1

CONTROL  
OK pl  
1.5.76

HISTORIAN  
Conf.  
B. Grosvenor  
9/28/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
The original cellar (plus additions) and the 18th log walls (now made to grossly misrepresent the cellar's original appearance) remain, and the structural associations have been retained by a certain degree of continuity. The question, obviously, is how reveals the 18th changes have damaged or destroyed the property's integrity. I think it is right to minimize just the cellar, despite alterations & fabrications above. The important question is the integrity of the wine cellar - the photos give a poor impression of its integrity, although this may be a matter of superficial decorations. If it were half as much in the way of interior fittings, we can only require the site to retain a hole with its walls - that's where the "industry" was - regardless of what they've filled it with recently.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
Conf. W.C. La  
11.15.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER  
Value of site in terms of industrial history is severely limited due to lack of wine making machinery (original or otherwise). It is very sad if this is indeed "... the last structure representative of 19th century Arkansas wine-making." HAER has no knowledge of any other site in Arkansas which is better, existing and will accept this as fact. Alterations Review Board, Jackson to the cellar, as shown on the one photo would seem to improve the interior significantly. Recommended, the cell be preserved to have more historic value, if only as "last structure representative of 19th century Arkansas wine-making."

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF  
Celi  
1/10/77

KEEPER  
Wm  
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ke HAER's comments  
which bldg would be  
listed though Cellar is only  
significant  
This is not submitted for its visual  
quality, but its associative value.

National Register Write-up  
Federal Register Entry 6-7-77 Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAY 2 1977 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_  
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TECHNICAL  
Photos 2+9  
Maps 1

not nominated for architecture and seems to have been quite heavy agree I would like to see a explanation of attraction.

I DO NOT THINK  
ANY INTEGRITY

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Wiederkehr's Wine Cellar

Altus vicinity

cellar, view

Photo 1 of 11

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Original cellar, viewed from the west

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Wiederkehr Cabin, above wine cellar  
Altus vicinity, Jan. 11, 12 + Photo 2 of 11

View

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Remodeled cabin resting above cellar, viewed from the northwest

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Copy of 1898 photograph showing John Wiederkehr family gathered south of clapboard covered Wiederkehr house.

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copy of 1965 photograph showing log construction of Wiederkehr Cabin  
viewed from the south

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copy of 1965 photograph during Wiederkehr cabin reconstruction;  
viewed from the southwest

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copy of c.1890 photograph of German farmer's club; members gathered  
at end of house, rather than at front gable.





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Cellar entry with cabin visible in background; viewed from the  
north

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cabin above cellar in hillside, viewed from the northwest

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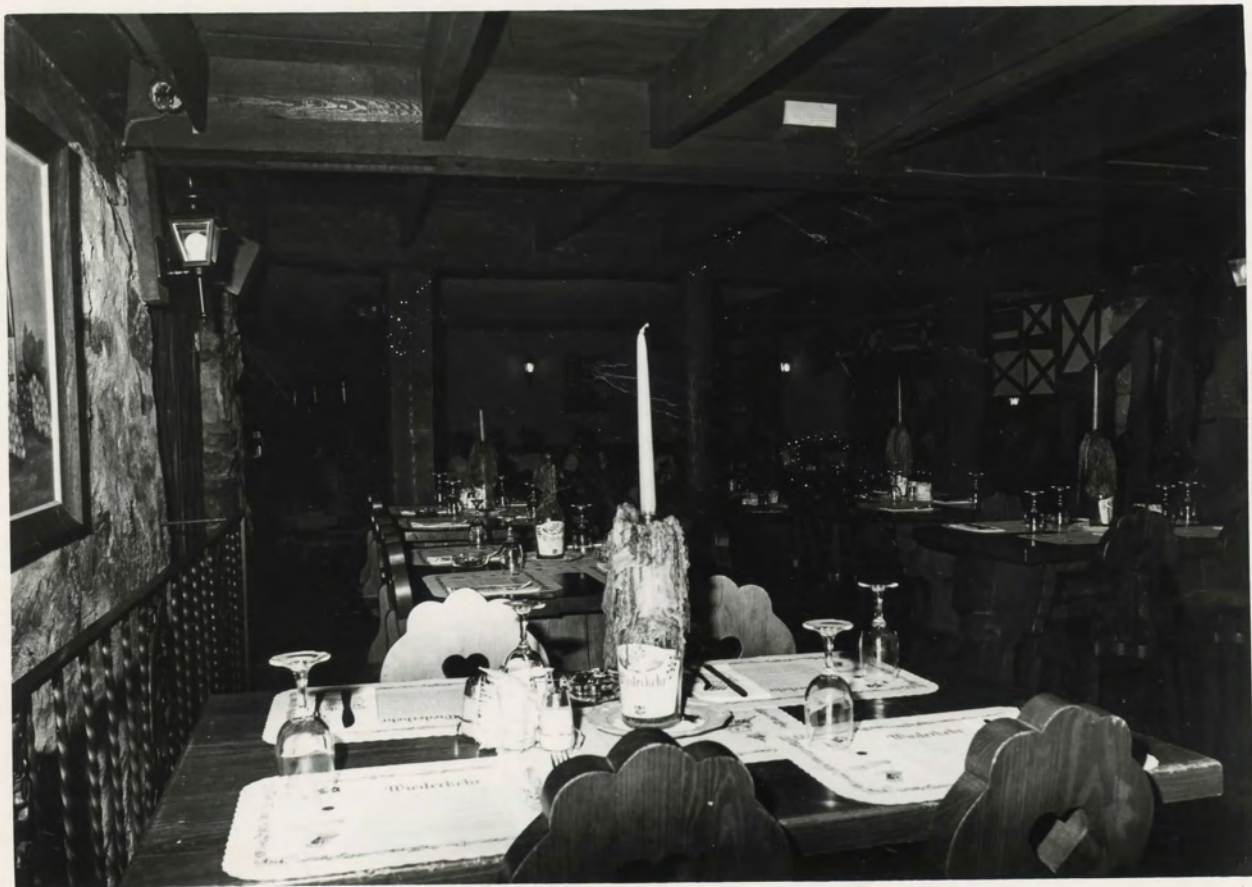
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interior, southeast corner of original cellar

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1966 addition and north entry, viewed from 1900 addition, looking  
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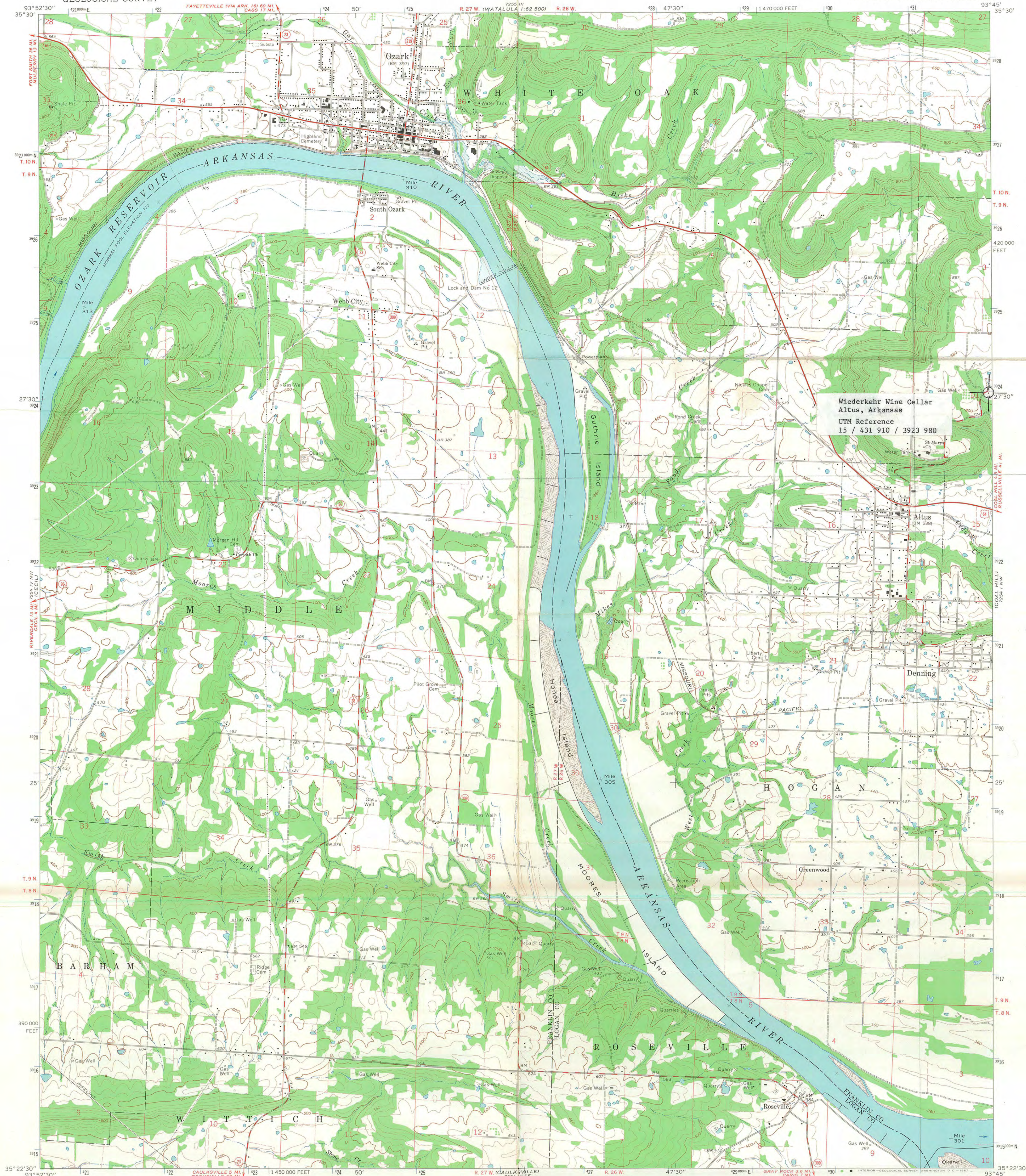
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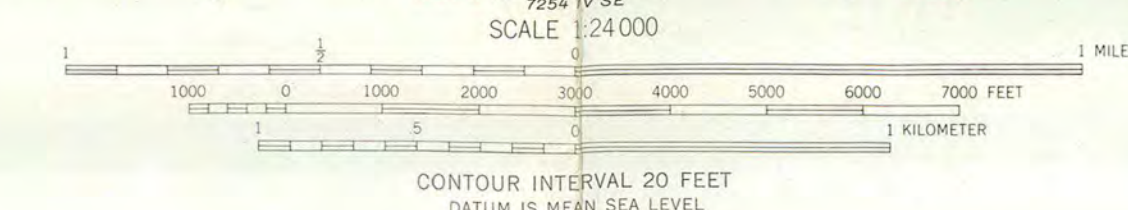
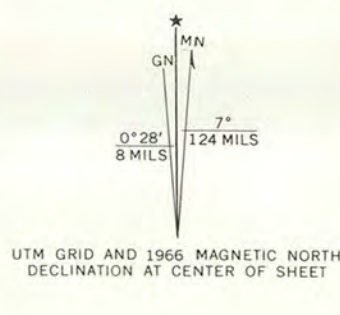
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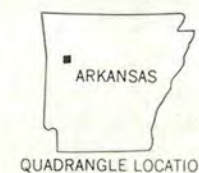
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"THE OLD STATE HOUSE" 300 WEST MARKHAM

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201  
TELEPHONE - 501 371-1639

OCT 30 1975

## PROPERTY OWNER'S APPROVAL

I, Herman J.B. Wiederkehr, am the legal  
owner of the original Wiederkehr Weinkeller and log cabin built in 1880  
located at Rt. 1, Box 9, Altus, AR 72821.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been fully informed and  
understand the significance of having the aforementioned  
property placed on the National Register of Historic  
Places.

I hereby approve the inclusion of the aforementioned  
property on the National Register of Historic Places.

Herman J.B. Wiederkehr  
Owner

10-8-75  
Date

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STATE    ARKANSAS

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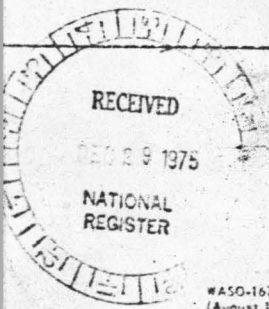
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☒ Nomination Form (photocopy sent from SHPO and microfilm copy)

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