



# ARKANSAS ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES FORM

## ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1. Resource Number:

PW2938

2. Survey Number:

0163

3. District Name:

4. Contributing/Non-Contributing:

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5. Date Recorded: 05 / 15 / 07

6. Recorded By:

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### GENERAL DATA

7. Historic Name:

Garland-Mitchell House

8. Alternate Name:

AUGUSTUS GARLAND HOUSE

9. Quad Map:

4110

10. Geographic Location:

S 10 T 01N R 12W

11. UTM Coordinates:

Z 15 E 566650 N 3843893

12. Town/Nearest Community:

Little Rock

13. Street Address/Directions to Resource:

1404 South Scott Street

Zip 72202

14. Street Name:

South Scott Street

15. Owner:

CARL & NICKI BURKS

16. Owner Address:

P.O. BOX 165025

Zip 72216

17. Owner Phone Number:

(501) 371 - 4998

18. Informant Name & Phone Number:

PULASKI CO. ASSESSOR

(501) 340 - 6170

### DESCRIPTIVE DATA

19. Use/Original:

0101

Other:

20. Use/Present:

0102

Other:

0101-Single Family Dwelling

0102-Multi-Family Dwelling

0301-General Retail Store

0308-Bank

0401-Church

0601-School

9800-Structure Aban/Unocc.

9900-Other

21. Setting: 5 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Rural, Undisturbed 2-Rural, Built-Up 3-Urban Encroachment 4-Small Town 5-Urban  
9-Other
22. Threats to Property: 1 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-None/Property Stable 2-Neglect/Deterioration 5-Private Development  
7-Urban Encroachment 9-Other
23. Total Number of Site Features: 000 \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. concrete walls, ponds, statuary)
24. Total Number of Ancillary Structures: 000 \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. outbuildings, etc.)
25. Style Influence: Primary: 06 Secondary:    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Plain/Traditional 04-Greek Revival 05-Italianate 09-Queen Anne/Eastlake 10-Classical Revival  
15-Craftsman 19-Art Moderne 24-English Revival 25-Colonial Revival 26-American Foursquare  
21-Standard Commercial 19<sup>th</sup> Century 22-Standard Commercial 20<sup>th</sup> Century 18-Art Deco 99-Other
26. Plan: 09 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-One Room/single-pen 03-Double-pen 04-Dogtrot 05-Single Pile w/Central Hall  
07-Rectangular 08-Square 09-Irregular 11-T-shaped 12-L-shaped 99-Other
27. Height (Stories): 03 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-One 02-One & One-Half 03-Two 04-Two & One-Half 99-Other
28. Basement/Cellar: 3 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Full 2-Partial 3-No Cellar 8-Unknown 9-Other
29. Wings and/or Projections: A 03 B    C    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Rear Shed 02-Rear L 03-Rear T 04-Side 05-Prow 08-Bay Projection 99-Other
30. Construction: A 06 B    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Log 06-Frame 07-Box 08-Brick 09-Stone 12-Reinforced Concrete 99-Other
31. Wall Material/Original: A 02 B    Other: \_\_\_\_\_
32. Wall Material/Present: A 02 B    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Log 02-Weatherboard 03-Novelty Siding 04-Board/Batten 05-Brick 09-Synthetic Siding  
10-Stucco 12-Cut Stone 13-Field Stone 14-Asbestos 97-Unknown 99-Other
33. Roof Type(s): A 07 B    C    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Gable 02-Gable w/Parapet 03-Clipped Gable 04-Gable on Hip 06-Hip  
07-Pyramid 08-Gambrel 12-Flat 13-Flat w/Parapet 99-Other
34. Roof Features (if present): A 00 B    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Dormer(s) 02-Steeple 03-Cupola 04-Cresting 05-Clock Tower 07-Tower/Turret  
08-Belfry 99-Other
35. Roof Materials: A 03 B    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Wood 02-Composition Shingle 03-Metal 05-Tile 06-Tar Built-up 99-Other
36. Chimney Placement: A 4 B 5 C    D    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Exterior End 2-Interior End 3-Other Exterior 4-Interior Central 5-Other Interior 9-Other
37. Chimney Material: A    B    C    D    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Brick 4-Cut Stone 5-Field Stone 6-Metal 7-Other
38. Foundation Type: A    Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Continuous 2-Piers 9-Other



39. Foundation Material: A ☒ 3 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Wood Block 2-Stone 3-Brick 4-Cast Concrete 5-Concrete Block 9-Other

40. Porch Type(s): A ☒ 5 B ☒ 9 C ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Full, Front 02-Three-quarter, Front 03-One-Bay, Central Front 05-Wrap-around  
06-Awning 07-One-Half, Front 08-Recessed, Front 09-Side 10-Full, Rear 99-Other

41. Porch Height (Stories): A ☒ 3 B ☐ 1 C ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-One 2-One & One-Half 3-Two 4-Two & One-Half 9-Other

42. Porch Roof Type(s): A ☒ 2 B ☒ 4 C ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Gable 2-Hip 3-Flat 4-Shed 5-Clipped Gable 9-Other

43. Porch Detail(s): A ☒ 2 B ☒ 3 C ☒ 5 Other: A: 04, 05  
01-Chamfered Posts 02-Turned Posts 03-Columns 04-Balustrade 05-Wood Ornament  
06-Lattice 08-Columns on Piers 11-Posts 13-Screened-in 99-Other

44. Window Type(s): A ☒ 1 B ☒ 1 C ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Double-hung 2-Triple-hung 3-Casement 4-Stationary 9-Other

45. Light/Pane Arrangement: A ☒ 2 / ☒ 2 B ☒ 2 / ☒ 4 C ☐ / ☐

46. Condition: ☒ 2  
1-Excellent 2-Good 3-Fair 4-Deteriorated 5-Ruin

47. Architectural Comments: An Italianate structure w/ simple hipped roof, 2-paned glazed window sashes, bracketed roof eaves and an unusually two level wrap-around porches.

#### HISTORIC DATA:

48. Architect: UNKNOWN

49. Builder: AGOST HILL GARLAND

50. Construction Date: ☒ C-circa ☒ D-date 1873 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

51. Historic Context: This Steamboat Gothic house was the home of the builder who was governor, senator and U.S. attorney general and the birthplace of poet John Gould Fletcher. NR 06/10/1975

52. Please rate the level of significance of this property compared to others within survey area: ☒ 1  
1-Very Significant 2-Moderately Significant 3-Significant Within a Group Context  
4-Marginal 5-Non-Significant

53. Are any significant archeological features located on the property? ☒ N NONE KNOWN

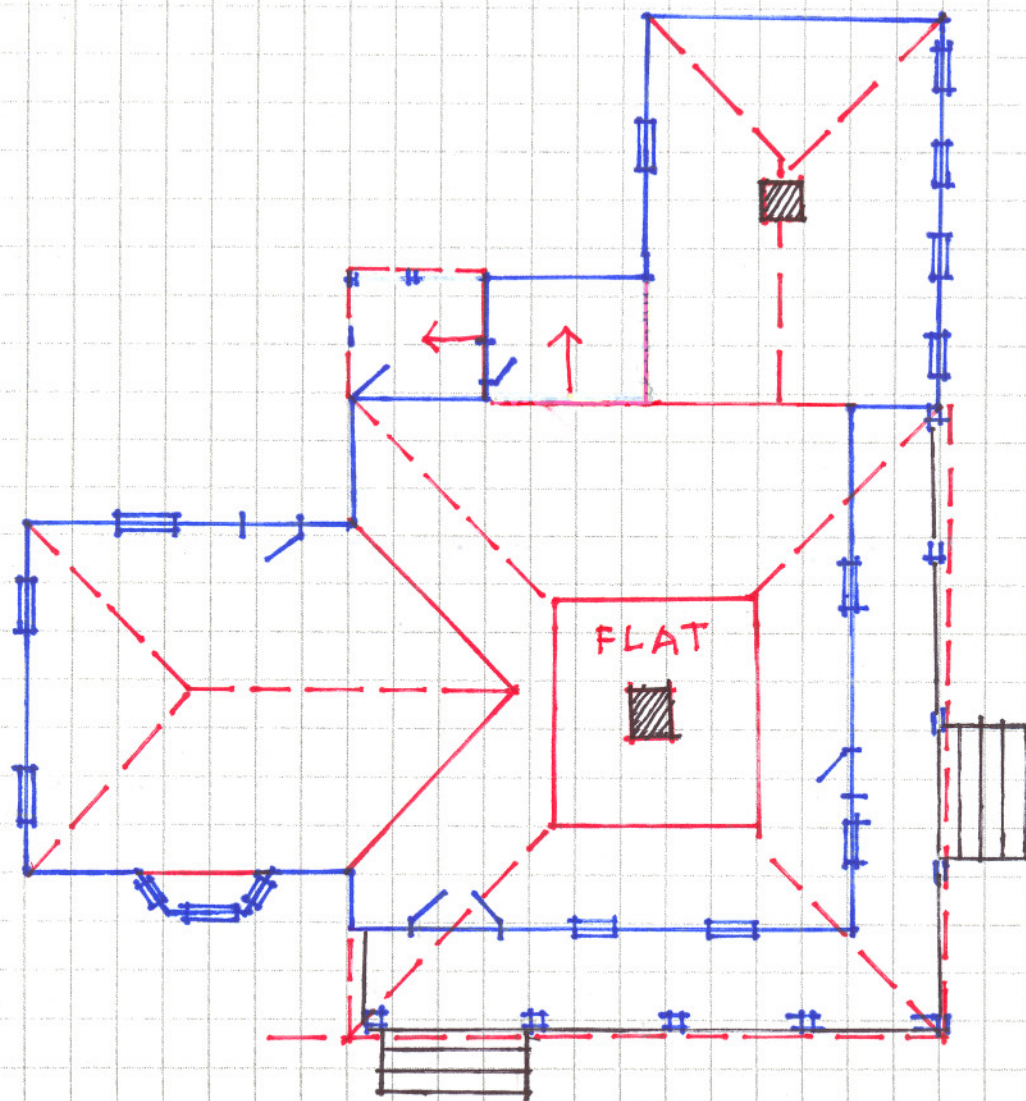
54. Ethnic Heritage: A ☒ 3 B ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Asian 02-African American 03-European 04-Hispanic 05-Native American 09-Other

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55. NR Eligibility: ☒ 3  
1-Eligible 2-Ineligible 3-Listed 4-Delisted 5-Arkansas Register 6-Eligible in a District

56. Destroyed: (Y or N) ☐ Date: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

N →



SOUTH SCOTT STREET

DAISY L. GASTON BATES DRIVE



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY  
INVENTORY FORM

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60-20-2100-61

NAME

Common: AUGUSTUS GARLAND HOUSE

PU-11

And/or Historic:

LOCATION

Street and Number: 14th At Scott Streets

City or Town: Little Rock, County: PULASKI

Owner's Name: Street and Number:

City or Town: State: ARKANSAS

DESCRIPTION AND CATEGORY (Check One or More)

Historic: Architectural: Archeological: Cultural:

District: Site: Building: X Structure: Object:

Describe: This house is important, not only for its "Steamboat Gothic" architecture, but also as the residence of two governors and as the birthplace of Arkansas's famed Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, John Gould Fletcher. Augustus Hill Garland built the house in 1873, providing a large room on the second floor for his extensive library. In 1874 he was elected governor and in 1877, year of Mrs. Garland's death, he was elected to U.S. Senate. (Continued)

Approximate Acreage:

Style: Architect: Builder:

Wall Construction: No. of Stories:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Garland also served as Attorney General of the U.S. The House again served as a Governor's Mansion -rented by Governor Charles Hillman Brough from 1917-1922. Mrs. Logan H. Roots purchased the house in 1896 and it is presently owned by her grandson, Mr. William Starr Mitchell.

DOCUMENTATION

References: See file.

Maps: Photos:

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**NAME**

Common: Augustus H. Garland House

Historic: Garland-Mitchell House

**LOCATION**

Street and Number: 1404 Scott Street

City: Little Rock County: Pulaski

**PHOTO REFERENCE**

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IDENTIFICATION facade viewed from the east



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## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Augustus Garland House

AND/OR COMMON

Garland-Mitchell House

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1404 Scott Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Second

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William Starr Mitchell

STREET &amp; NUMBER

5412 Hawthorne Road

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Clerk's Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Pulaski County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

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SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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onto the south parlor. Along the north wall is the oak-treaded stairway which curves as it rises to the second floor. A walnut handrail, turned balusters, ornamental brackets, and panelled newel post are decorative features of the stairway.

The original cypress floors have been recovered, using oak over the downstairs and pine over the upstairs floors. The twelve foot ceilings on the second storey are just one foot shorter than the first storey ceilings. Interior features of special note are the original brass doorknobs and plates, architrave trim around window and door openings and mantel pieces installed about 1905 when the Mitchell family moved into the house.

On the southeast corner of the second floor is the library built by Augustus Garland for his large collection of law books. This large library was a major factor in Governor Brough's renting the house in 1917. Like Governor Garland, Brough also needed storage space for his large personal library.

Because of the prominent two storey porches which are reminiscent of nineteenth century riverboats, the Garland-Mitchell House is locally referred to as "steamboat Gothic" architecture; however, it also has elements of the Italianate Victorian style. The house has been well cared for over the years and is now carefully maintained and preserved by the present owner, who was born in the house in 1905. Resting on a spacious corner lot with shade trees and brick sidewalks, the Garland-Mitchell House is one of Little Rock's most historic and beautiful houses.



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The first elective office held by Augustus Garland was a delegate to the Arkansas Secession Convention held in March, 1861. Though a strong Union supporter at the March meeting, Garland voted with the majority to secede at the Convention's May meeting. For the next four years Garland was elected to serve in the Confederate Congress as Representative, then Senator, from Arkansas.

Following the Civil War Garland returned to his family in Little Rock with plans to resume his law practice; however, a law passed by the United States Congress during the war threatened to terminate the legal career of Garland and all other lawyers who had supported the Confederacy. In 1862 Congress passed the "iron-clad oath" law, requiring Federal officials to swear they had never borne arms nor aided those who had borne arms against the United States. Beginning in January, 1865, this oath was also required of all attorneys practicing in Federal courts.

In an effort to salvage the careers of Southern lawyers, Garland moved to test the validity of the iron-clad oath law. With the help of Reverdy Johnson and Matt Carpenter, two nationally prominent lawyers, Garland filed suite under "Ex Parte Garland." The Supreme Court decision in Garland's favor was rendered in 1867, establishing his reputation as one of the outstanding lawyers in the country. The ruling not only permitted Southern lawyers to practice, but it set a precedent for undoing the unconstitutional legislation passed during the latter part of the Civil War and immediately thereafter.

In 1867 Garland was elected to the United States Senate; however, the Senate refused to seat the Arkansas delegation, along with other delegations from the Southern states. He returned to Arkansas to continue his law practice until 1874, when he was elected as the first Democratic governor after Reconstruction. In his campaign for governor Garland strongly urged the ratification of the proposed constitution. His support helped secure the adoption of the 1874 constitution which is still in effect today (1975).

In 1876 Garland was again elected to the United States Senate, and this time was seated. He served as Senator until March, 1885, when he was appointed Attorney General in President Grover Cleveland's first Cabinet.

Garland's seat in Cleveland's Cabinet was threatened in 1886 when he was under Congressional investigation concerning his highly questionable involvement with the Pan-Electric Telephone Company. During the course of the hearings Garland denied seeking dishonest profit in his dealings with Pan-Electric. Making light of the charges he testified; "I had

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was Arkansas' best educated governor. After eleven years of teaching economics and sociology at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Dr. Brough campaigned for governor on the Democratic ticket. His election gave Arkansas an administration which supported women's suffrage legislation and increased state support for highways and schools.

The Garland-Mitchell House is now owned by William Starr Mitchell, Jr., son of William and Frances Roots Mitchell. Though the house has been converted into three separate apartments, very few alterations have been made to the basic structure. Over one hundred years later the house looks much the same as when built by Augustus Garland in 1873. Its association with several prominent Arkansas families has made the Garland-Mitchell House one of the most important historic landmarks in the State.

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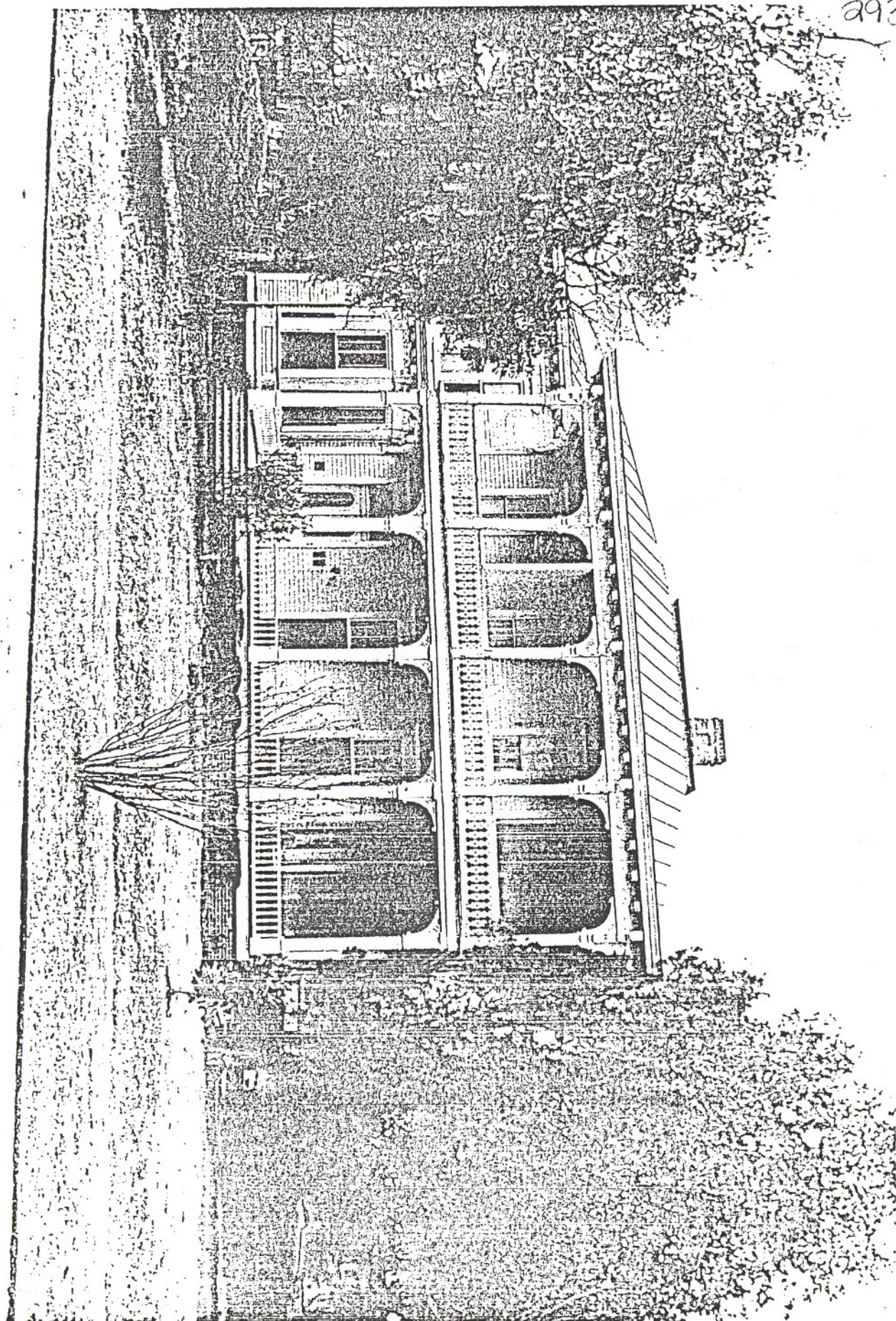
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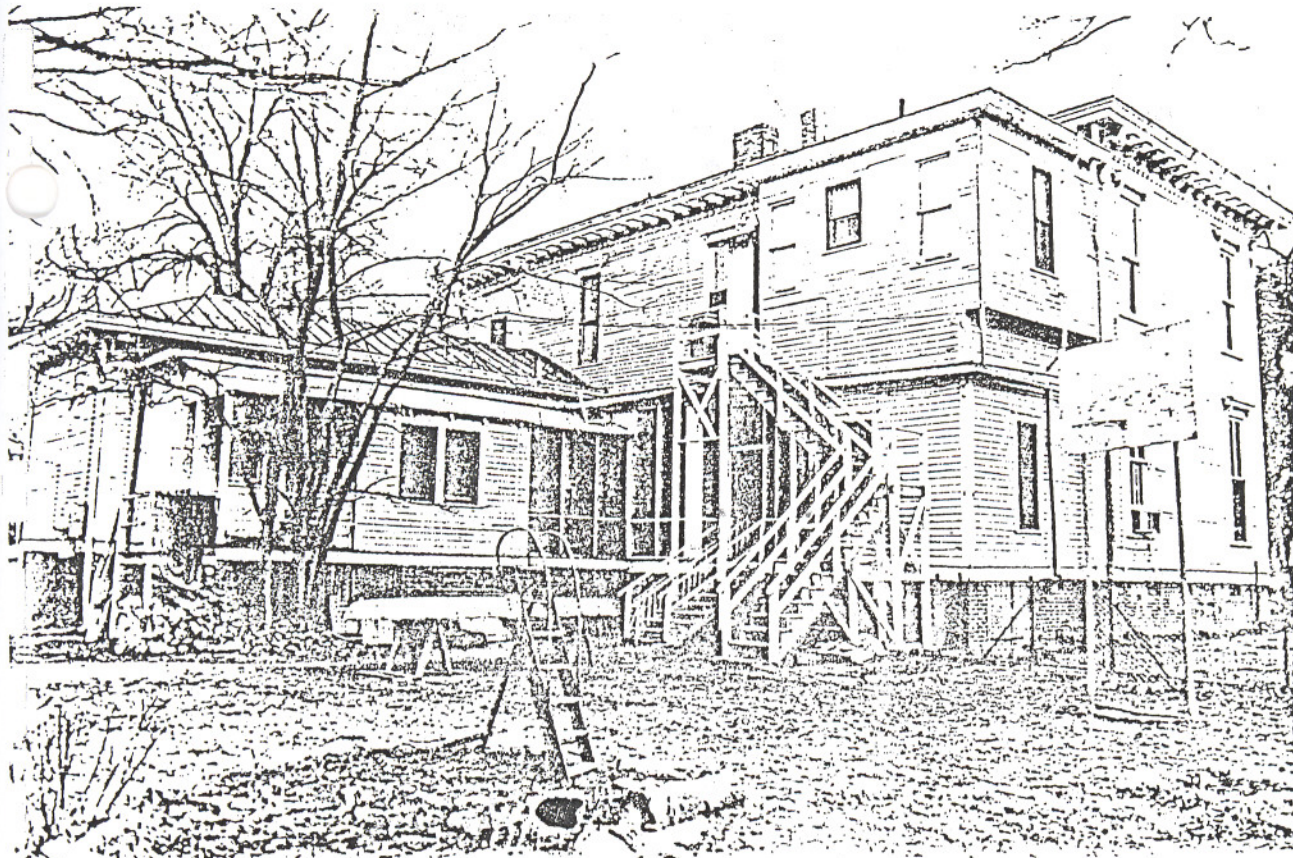


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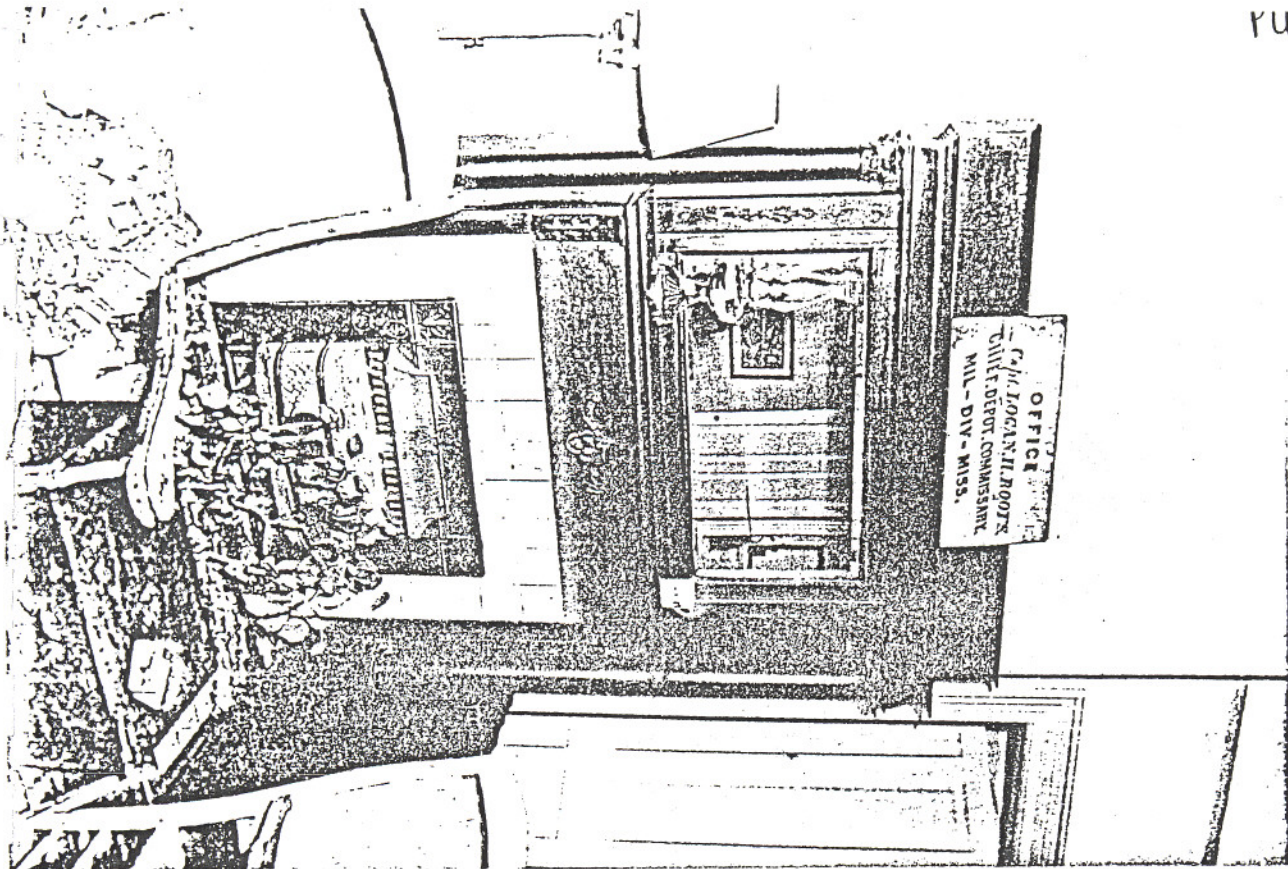
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rear elevation, viewed from the southwest

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1905 mantelpiece, upstairs bedroom

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central hallway, viewed from entry

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Augustus Garland House











