

CLARENDON MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA
MONROE COUNTY

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number CL-45
Property Name Ewan Building
Address 124-128 Second
City Clarendon, AR
Significant Date/s c. 1903

Owner Earge Cole
Address 312 South Tenth
Clarendon, AR 72029

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Ewan Building is a one-story brick structure with a pressed metal facade. It has a slightly raised cornice over decorative pressed metal detailing above three separate recessed storefronts. Large metal pilasters separate the storefronts and sit on the corners of the building. Two smaller pilasters flank the recessed single door entrance into the smaller, northern storefront. The two larger storefronts are the same size and have recessed double-door entrances. The transoms on the two larger storefronts have been altered, covered, and painted white. The smaller storefront remains original. All the stores are now vacant.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ewan Building at 124-128 Second Street is one of the fine pressed metal commercial buildings that were constructed in the early 1900's across from the Courthouse. Parker C. Ewan, a local lawyer and one of the largest landowners in the county, built this one-story building and the two-story New South Inn (CL-45) around 1903. In 1905, Ewan sold the one-story building to T. T. Bateman, owner and President of the Clarendon Lumber Company and also a large local landowner in Monroe County. Bateman leased several small shops in the store including: a barber shop, a drug store, a doctor's office, a bowling alley and a small restaurant. Now vacant, both the Ewan Building and the New South Inn are owned by Earge Cole. Both buildings have retained the pressed metal fronts and contribute to the historic early 1900's appearance of the area around the Courthouse. Both buildings have recently gained recognition as the set for A Soldier's Story movie shot in 1983 which increased interest in the town for preserving and restoring the buildings on Second Street.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town of Clarendon
South 1/2 Lot 2 Block 12

Acreage: less than one

Quadrangle Name: Clarendon, Ark.

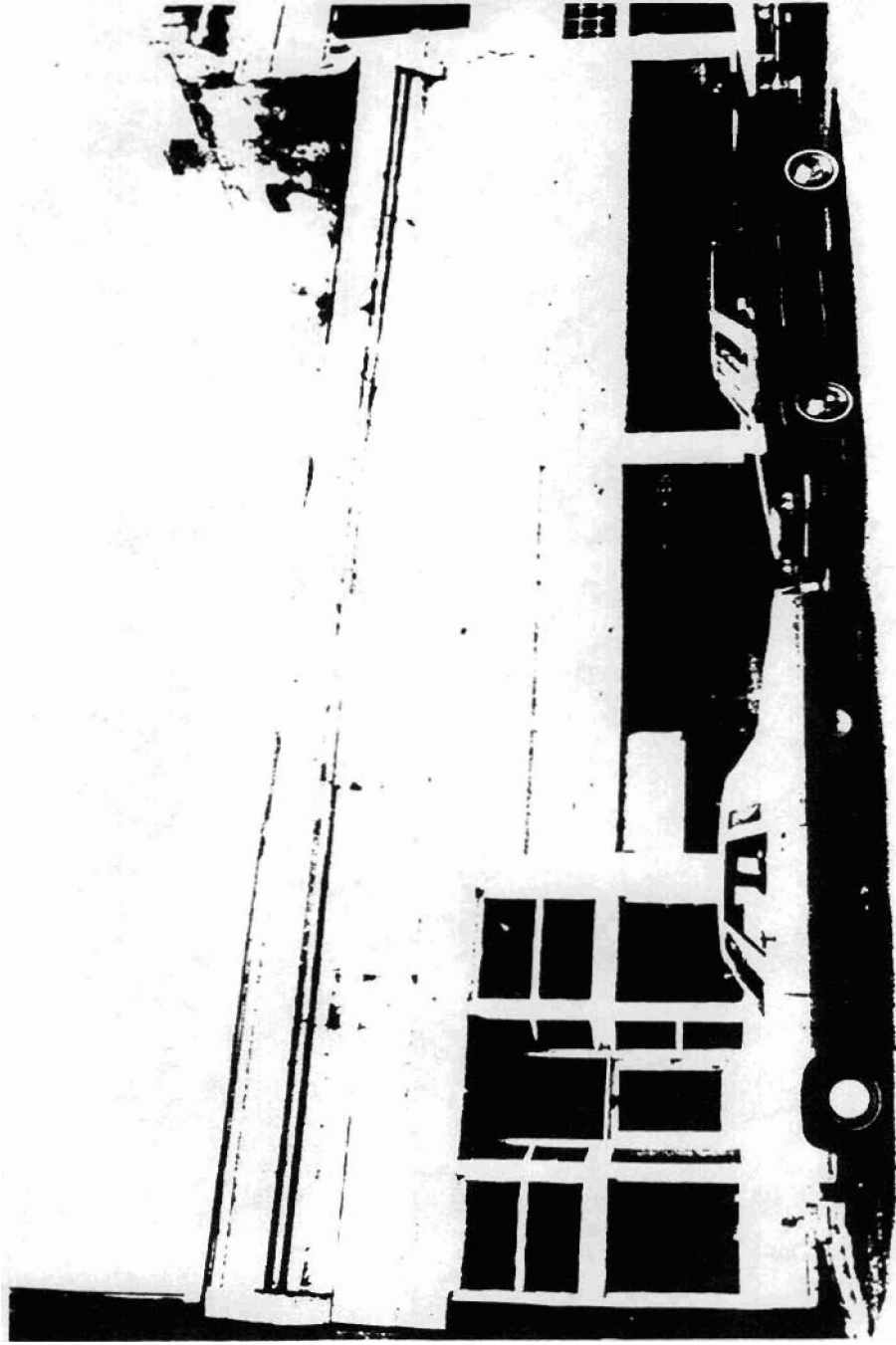
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference:

Zone: 15

Easting: 654020

Northings: 3840490



CL-45 Ewan Building 124-128 Second
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CLARENDON
Jeff Lewellen, photographer
Negatives at AHPP
Viewed from the Northwest