

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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Huie, George D. D., Grocery Store Building

other names/site number PU8168-7

2. Location

street & number 1400 N. Pine Street

not for publication

city or town North Little Rock

vicinity

state Arkansas

code AR

county Pulaski

code 119

zip code 72114

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets
does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
 nationally, statewide, locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Caddie Matthews
Signature of certifying official/Title

12/3/04
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 for additional
comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

Huie Grocery Store Building
Name of Property

Pulaski County, Arkansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/department store

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MODERN MOVEMENT/Moderne

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

roof ASBESTOS

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C moved from its original location.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

ETHNIC HERITAGE/Asian, Black

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1949-1955

Significant Dates

1949-1955

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)

Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)

Architect/Builder

John W. Smith, Contractor

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

Huie Grocery Store Building
Name of Property

Pulaski County, Arkansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acres of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 567722 3847480
Zone Easting Northing
2 _____

3 _____
Zone Easting Northing
4 _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 8, Block 29 Fulk's Subdivision of the Iron Mountain Addition to the City of North Little Rock

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all land historically associated with the Huie Grocery Store.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Scipio A. Jones Alumni Association c/o Mr. Curtis Sykes
street & number 704 East 15th Street telephone (501)372-4811
city or town North Little Rock state Arkansas zip code 72114

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SUMMARY

Located on the corner of East 14th and Pine Streets in the Dark Hollow neighborhood of North Little Rock, the Huie Grocery Store Building was constructed in 1949. This post World War II building was designed in a simple one-story rectangular plan with a two-story portion on the rear for residential use. A one-story front (west) portion of the building housed the Huie Grocery Store. The Huie family resided in the two-story portion of the building, located on the rear (east) of the grocery store. The building is veneered in buff colored brick. A one-story garage with attached carport is located to the east of the building. Although the two-story portion of the building displays some influences of the Art Moderne style, the Huie Grocery Store Building is largely reflective of the Minimal Traditional style. The building was constructed to replace a smaller frame structure on the same site in which George Huie had operated a grocery store since 1938.

ELABORATION

The Huie Grocery Store Building at 1400 North Pine Street in North Little Rock's Dark Hollow neighborhood was constructed in 1949 by George D. D. Huie. Huie had operated a grocery in a small frame building at this location since his arrival in North Little Rock in 1938. The Huie Grocery business had grown and prospered and by 1949 the family constructed a new building which provided separate spaces for the family grocery store and a two-story residence.

The Huie Grocery Store Building consists of a rectangular plan one-story front (west) portion used for the grocery store with a rear (east) two-story residential space topped by a prominent hipped roof with hipped roof dormers. The grocery store wing originally was topped by a flat metal roof but has been replaced by a gable roof. Both rooflines are sheathed in composition shingle.

Store: West/Front One-Story Wing

The Huie Grocery Store operated in the one-story west facing portion of the building. Veneered in buff-colored brick and rectangular in shape, the grocery store wing was originally covered with a flat metal roof. The roof has been modified to a gable to alleviate roof leakage problems. The front or west elevation of the store features a centered inset single-leaf entry door flanked by single-hung three-pane windows. This entry is covered by a flat semi-circular awning. A cast concrete name plate containing "1949 GEO D D Huie" is located in the gable end above the entry. Pairs of double-hung, one-over-one windows flank the center entry on the front of the building. The side elevations (north and south) of the grocery store wing each contain three small, high window openings, now enclosed with brick. A single entry with small curved flat roof canopy is located to the rear of the grocery store wing on the south elevation.

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Residence: Rear/East Two-Story Wing

The Huie family residence was located in the two-story portion of the building located on the east end of the grocery store. This part of the building differs in appearance from the store. In addition to its two-story height, the residential portion features a prominent hipped roof with pairs of hipped roof dormers on each elevation. Double-hung, two-over-two metal windows in varying sizes are located on this portion of the building. On rear (east) corners of the residence pairs of these windows wrap the corners on both first and second stories, adding a Moderne style influence to the property. Further adding a Moderne horizontal emphasis to the building are sets of three rows of decorative brick banding wrapping the rear corners between first and second stories. A two-story metal fire escape provides egress from the second story of the residence on the northeast corner of the building.

Interior

The interior of the one-story grocery store still remains an open space. Original store shelving and counters have been removed and replaced with display cases and bookshelves. The residential two-story portion of the building retains the original kitchen and dining room arrangement on the first floor with bedrooms on the second story. Minimal changes have been made to the original living quarters other than repairs and replacement of linoleum floors on the first story.

Ancillary Building

A one-story gable roof garage with original asbestos shingle siding is located to the rear (east) of the residence portion of the Huie Building. This garage has an attached one-story, flat-roof metal carport on the south. Three double-hung, two-over-two wood windows are located on the west elevation of the garage. The front or south elevation of the garage contains a single-leaf entry door and overhead garage door. The entire corner lot on which the Huie Grocery Store Building and ancillary building is located is surrounded by a metal fence.

INTEGRITY

The Huie Grocery Store Building still retains a strong sense of integrity of a neighborhood commercial institution which provided goods to the residents of the area. The building has housed the archives of the former Scipio A. Jones High School since 1987 and it continues to be recognized as an important part of the history of the Dark Hollow neighborhood and the African-American community of North Little Rock. The building still shows the modern design features of its Post World-War II character with Art Moderne style characteristics and reflects the workmanship of North Little Rock's most prolific African-American contractor, John W. Smith.

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SUMMARY

The Huie Grocery Store Building at 1400 North Pine Street in North Little Rock's Dark Hollow neighborhood is being nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the ethnic heritage of the Chinese family who constructed the building for their grocery store and residence. The Huie Grocery Store is also being nominated under **Criterion C** as an example of Art Moderne style influence. The Huie Grocery Store Building represents the heritage of African-American education in North Little Rock through its current use as a museum and archive for the former Scipio A. Jones High School.

ELABORATION

The George D. D. Huie Grocery Store was located at 1400 North Pine Street in North Little Rock from 1938 to 1972 in the African American community known as Dark Hollow. Residential development began in the area prior to 1910 in what had been an extensive swamp that covered much of today's central and eastern portions of North Little Rock south of Interstate 40 and north of the Arkansas River. A map by a Confederate Army engineer in August 1863 shows a large lake surrounded by marshes that reached well beyond the boundaries of the Dark Hollow neighborhood of today. In 1866, the heirs of Thomas W. Newton, Sr., surveyed and platted the unincorporated town of Argenta. Situated near the river, south of the Dark Hollow swamp, Argenta prospered as a railroad hub in the last three decades of the 19th century. Argenta was annexed to the City of Little Rock in 1890, but broke away and became the independent City of North Little Rock in 1904. Three years later, North Little Rock (officially Argenta at that time) initiated its first major drainage work in Dark Hollow with a \$1 million land reclamation job funded by a local improvement district and the federal government. Dark Hollow was "so infested with snakes and insects and was so dense with timber and underbrush that it was virtually impossible for anyone to get through it," the *North Little Rock Times* recalled on November 27, 1936, in an article about the drainage project. Using steam dredges, workers under the auspices of the U.S. Civil Engineers confronted a monstrous challenge hacking through the suffocating vegetation and water to construct a network of primary and secondary ditches to the river. Over two years they drained some 3,000 acres, opening the new land up for development. The origin of the Dark Hollow name is unknown and some maps in the early 1900s referred to it as Loomis swamp. By the time of the drainage work, the Dark Hollow name was in vogue. Legend says that native people living in the area believed the gloomy swamp was haunted and that the name they gave it translated to Dark Hollow. Tales circulated in the early 1900s of a werewolf supposedly seen along a path leading into the thicket, but never seen re-emerging from the dark swamp.

One of North Little Rock's earliest black communities was in the "West End" of Argenta. With the reclamation project to the east in Dark Hollow, the Iron Mountain Addition provided new homes for black families who relocated to the area north and south of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern (later

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Missouri Pacific and now Union Pacific) Railway line. African Americans were living on the edge of the swamp prior to the drainage work and had established churches, including King Solomon Baptist Church founded in 1904 in the block south of the future Huie store. As additional land became available in Dark Hollow, greater numbers moved to the area and the neighborhood took on its historical identity. Many of the men were employed in the railroad industry or related enterprises. Julia E. Brown, a teacher in North Little Rock for 25 years and an historian of the city's early African American schools, wrote in 1932 that, "After the Iron Mountain Addition was advertised for sale, a great many colored people bought lots in the eastern part of the city. Their children were too small to go as far as the school in the western part of the city, so they applied to the School Board to give them a teacher to teach the first and second grades." In 1909, the Argenta Colored School for elementary school students relocated to Ninth (S. A. Jones) and Hickory streets, a few blocks south of Dark Hollow on the other side of the railroad tracks. Renamed the Hickory Street School in 1911, a secondary school curriculum through the 10th grade was first offered that year. Grades 11 and 12 were added in 1928 after the secondary school was renamed in honor of civil rights lawyer Scipio A. Jones, a former slave who rose to prominence in political and legal circles in the first half of the 20th century. The Jones junior and senior high schools served as the city's only black secondary campus until it closed in 1970 during the desegregation of North Little Rock schools.

A native of China, George D. D. Huie was among a small number of Chinese immigrants who lived in North Little Rock. He arrived in 1938, after leaving his homeland in 1930 and working for a time in St. Louis, Missouri, and then Arkansas City, Arkansas. His wife Helen left China in 1940 to marry him. The couple resided at 1400 Pine Street with their son Crystal, who was born in 1941 and is now a photographer in San Francisco. George Huie died on May 11, 1971, and Helen Huie operated the family grocery store for about one year prior to moving to San Francisco. A frame house stood at 1400 Pine Street from the early 1900s until Huie built the existing one and one-half story brick building in 1949. According to Little Rock-North Little Rock city directories, the Harris family lived at 1400 Pine from 1906 until 1935. The directory listed Charles H. Harris at the address in 1906 and gave his occupation as pastor of King Solomon Baptist Church. Clinton H. Harris, a laborer and janitor whose wife was named Elizabeth, is listed at the address for most of the years through 1935. Curtis Sykes, a retired educator and the first African American to attend Harding University in Searcy, grew up across the street from 1400 Pine and is active in the Scipio A. Jones High School Alumni Association, which currently owns and occupies the building to house the archives of the defunct school. Sykes, who as a child attended the nearby Cedar Street Elementary School at 14th and Cedar streets, remembers that Jim Keith lived in the frame house in the mid-1930s. Sykes said the Cedar Street School (renamed Carver Elementary in 1951) had only outdoor restrooms and no electricity. "You brought your lunch in a sack and the principal rang a hand bell when it was time to eat or go out for recess," he said.

Keith apparently didn't reside at 1400 Pine for long, because Sykes said that a grocery store moved in and was operated by a Mr. Lawson and a Mr. Hopp before Huie took it over. As a youngster, Sykes frequented the grocery store and has vivid memories of the Huie family. The directories first listed Huie at the address in

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1939. Ten years later, Huie built the existing building. The contractor was John W. Smith, who constructed numerous buildings in North Little Rock and was the first African American to be elected (in 1968) to the North Little Rock School Board. One of his sons, Harold Gene Smith, was among six black high school students who attempted to integrate then all-white North Little Rock High School in September 1957, but a noisy crowd turned them back at the front door. After the Huies left North Little Rock in 1972, the North Little Rock Hope Center, an antipoverty agency, occupied the building from 1974 to 1981. It was then vacant from 1983 to 1987, according to the directories. Curtis and Delois Sykes purchased the property in 1987 and sold it to the Jones Alumni Association that same year. Aided in 1988 by a \$25,000 grant from the federal Community Development Block Grant program through the North Little Rock Community Development Agency, the association rehabilitated and repaired the building for use, ultimately, as an archives or museum. The association leased the building from 1992 to 1995 to the Community Organization for Poverty Elimination. The Community Development Block Grant program provided additional funds to the Jones Alumni Association in 2000 for the installation of display cases and bookshelves.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Huie Grocery Store Building at 1400 North Pine Street in North Little Rock's Dark Hollow neighborhood is being nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the ethnic heritage of the Chinese family who constructed the building for their grocery store and residence. The Huie Grocery Store is also being nominated under **Criterion C** as an example of Art Moderne style influence. The Huie Grocery Store Building represents the heritage of African-American education in North Little Rock through its current use as a museum and archive for the former Scipio A. Jones High School.

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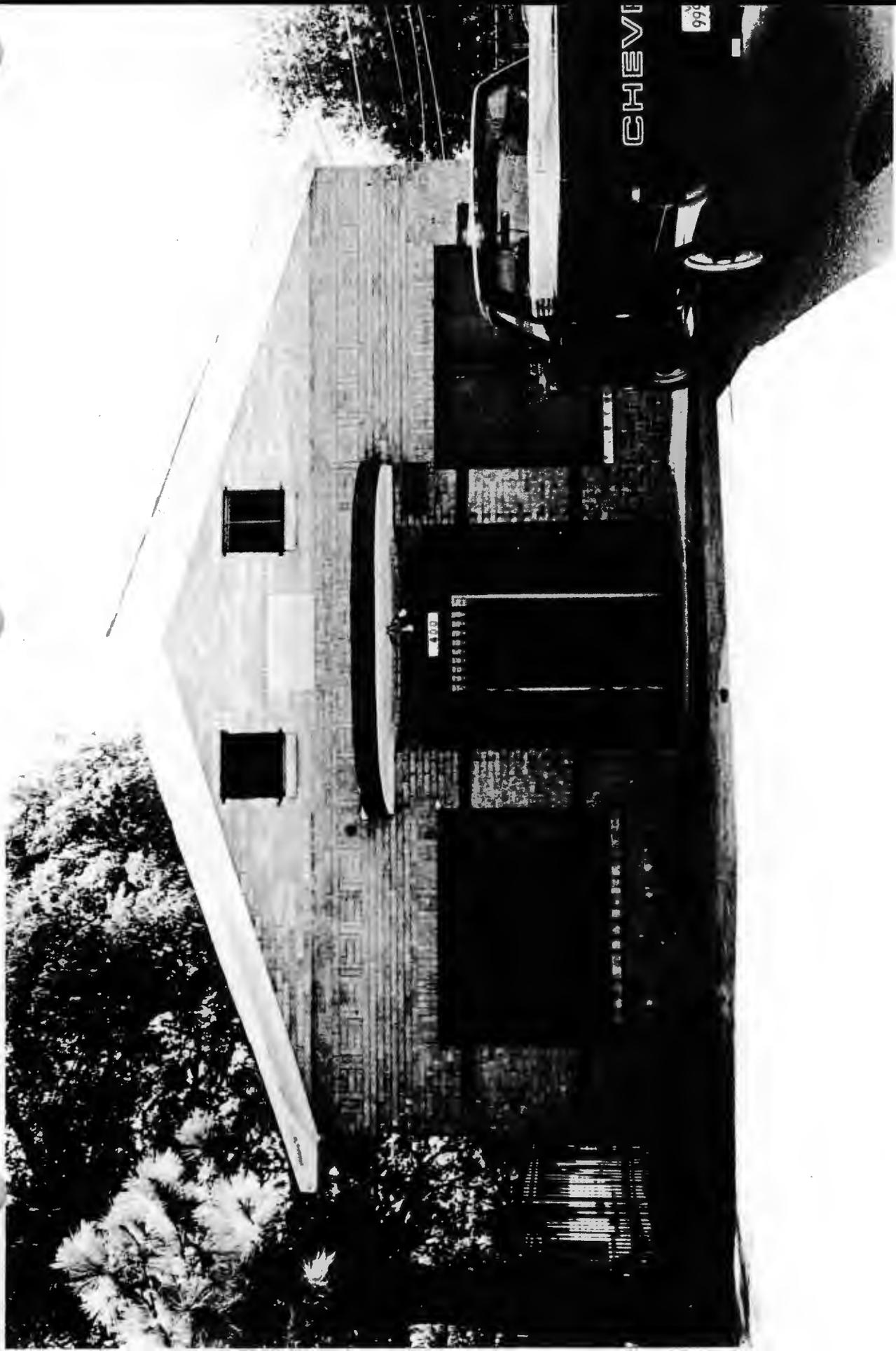
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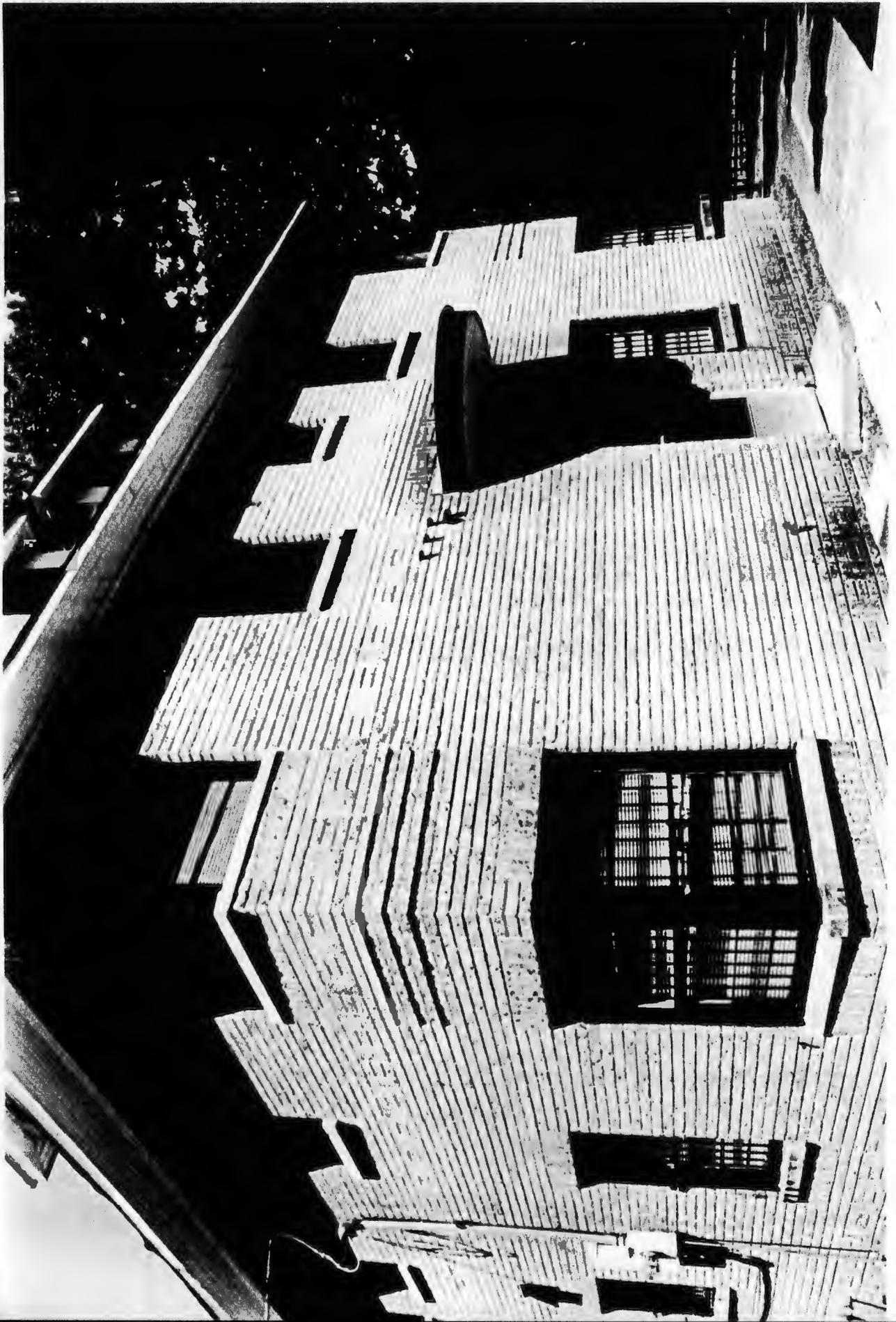
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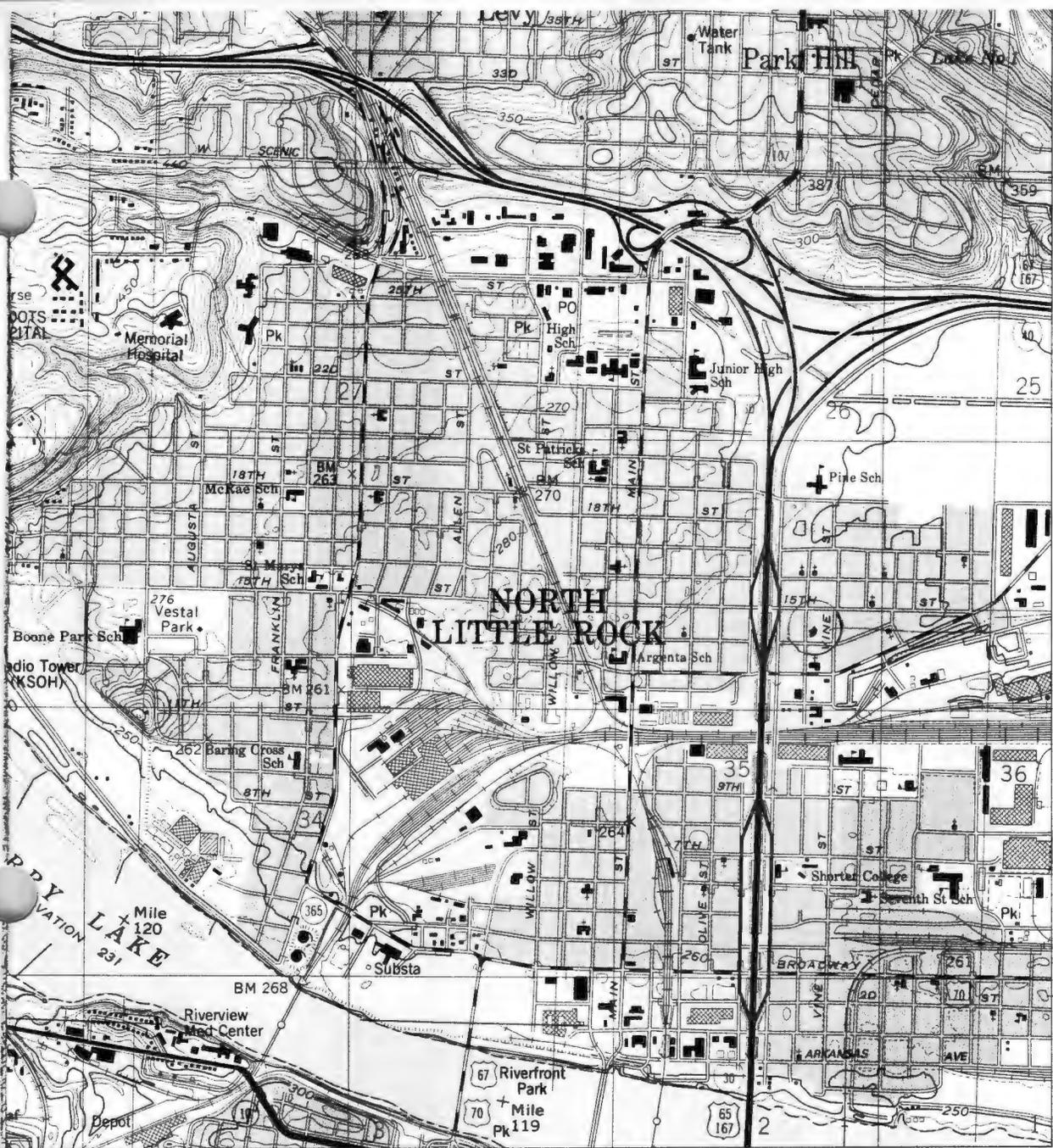
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*George D.D. Huie
Grocery Store
North Little Rock,
Pulaski Cty., AR
UTM Reference:
15/567722/384744*

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INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1999

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface Unimproved road
- Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

1996

NIMA 7553 IV SE-SERIES V884

*(SWEET HOME)
7553 II NW*



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