

ORDINANCE NO. 26 -2020

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OR RAZING OF A BUILDING AND/OR HOUSE WHICH HAVE BECOME DILAPIDATED, UNSIGHTLY, UNSAFE, UNSANITARY, OBNOXIOUS, AND/OR DETERIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-56-203 grants the City of Helena-West Helena the authority to remove or raze buildings within the corporate limits of the City; AND

WHEREAS, In accordance with that statute, the City of Helena-West Helena has passed Chapter 11.28 (condemned structures) of the Helena-West Helena Municipal Code which provides the procedures for the condemnation and removal of structures in the City; AND

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Helena-West Helena has via certified mail, provided notice of the existence of a public nuisance to all of the landowners whose property is the subject of the ordinance; AND

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer followed the procedures provided in Chapter 11.28 (condemned structures) of the Helena-West Helena Municipal Code; AND

WHEREAS, the public nuisance continues to exist on each to the properties which are the subject of this Ordinance; AND

WHEREAS, this body finds that properties, which are the subject of this Ordinance, are dilapidated, unsightly, unsafe, unsanitary, obnoxious, and/or detrimental to the public welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

1. That a public nuisance is declared to exist on the following properties:

PROPERTY ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
900 NORMAN STREET HELENA-WEST HELENA, AR 72390	NORMAN SUBDIVISION BLOCK/ LOT: NA/10

2. Based upon the authority vested in it by Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-56 203 and, City of Helena-West Helena Chapter 11.28, (condemned structures) of the Helena-West Helena Municipal Code. The Sanitation Department is ordered to remove and raze all structure from the above listed properties. The landowner shall be responsible for all costs associated with the removal of the public nuisance from each of the above listed properties.

3. That the Code Enforcement Officer shall document any and all cost related to removing each structure and the Code Enforcement Officer is ordered to take all necessary steps to cause a lien to be placed against said properties in accordance with state and local law.
4. If for any reason, any portion of this Ordinance be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall in no way effect the remaining portions thereof which are valid, but such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.
5. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED 12/15/2020

APPROVED: Kevin A. Smith
Kevin Smith, Mayor

ATTESTED: Sandi Ramsey
Sandi Ramsey, City Clerk



CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA

October 7, 2020

GBL Rentals
6125 HWY 242 W
Lexa, AR 72355

via certified mail and regular mail

RE: 900 Norman Street, Helena-West Helena, AR 72390

Dear GLB Rentals:

Attached hereto are several documents regarding the above referenced property. Previously, you have been provided with notices from the City of Helena-West Helena Code Enforcement Officer and you have not responded. Your property remains in disrepair, unsightly, and has been determined to be a nuisance by the Code Enforcement Officers. This notice is the City's last attempt to bring you into compliance and for you to correct all issues on the property.

In addition to the notices that were previously forwarded to you, I have attached an ordinance authorizing the condemnation of your property. This is a very serious matter and should not be ignored by you. Please contact the Code Enforcement Officer immediately if you desire to resolve this matter prior to the City moving forward with additional measures. The Ordinance that is included will be on the City Council's agenda on the first Tuesday in December; however, you must respond to Code Enforcement by October 31, 2020. The City has previously notified you of a 30 day requirement to respond, but you failed to do so. This is merely a courtesy to provide you with additional time to both respond and take remedial measures on your property.

If you do not respond and take remedial measures, the City will begin the condemnation process which will include the passage of the attached ordinance. The demolition and/or razing of the property. The City will clear the lot and account for all man hours that are utilized to correct the issues. Thereafter, the city will send you a bill to pay it for all the services that were rendered in the remediation of the issues on this property. If that is not paid by you then the City will be the lien process to place a lien upon the property and collect it payment by placing a lien on the property and having the County to collect it along with your regular ad valorem taxes.

Kevin Smith, Mayor

Sandi Ramsey, City Clerk

Andre Valley, City Attorney

Derrick Turner, Treasurer

P: 870.817.7400 | F: 870.338.7250 | PO Box 248 | 226 Perry Street | Helena, AR 72342

Your prompt attention to this matter is requested. You may contact Mr. Elmer Gant, Code Enforcement Officer, at (870) 995-2428. You may respond by sending him notification at P.O. Box 248 Helena, Arkansas 72342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andre K. Valley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Andre K. Valley



CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA

JULY 08, 2020

GBL RENTALS
6125 HWY 242 W
LEXA, AR. 72355

RE: 900 NORMAN, WEST HELENA & 905 COLUMBIA ST, HELENA

Dear GBL RENTALS

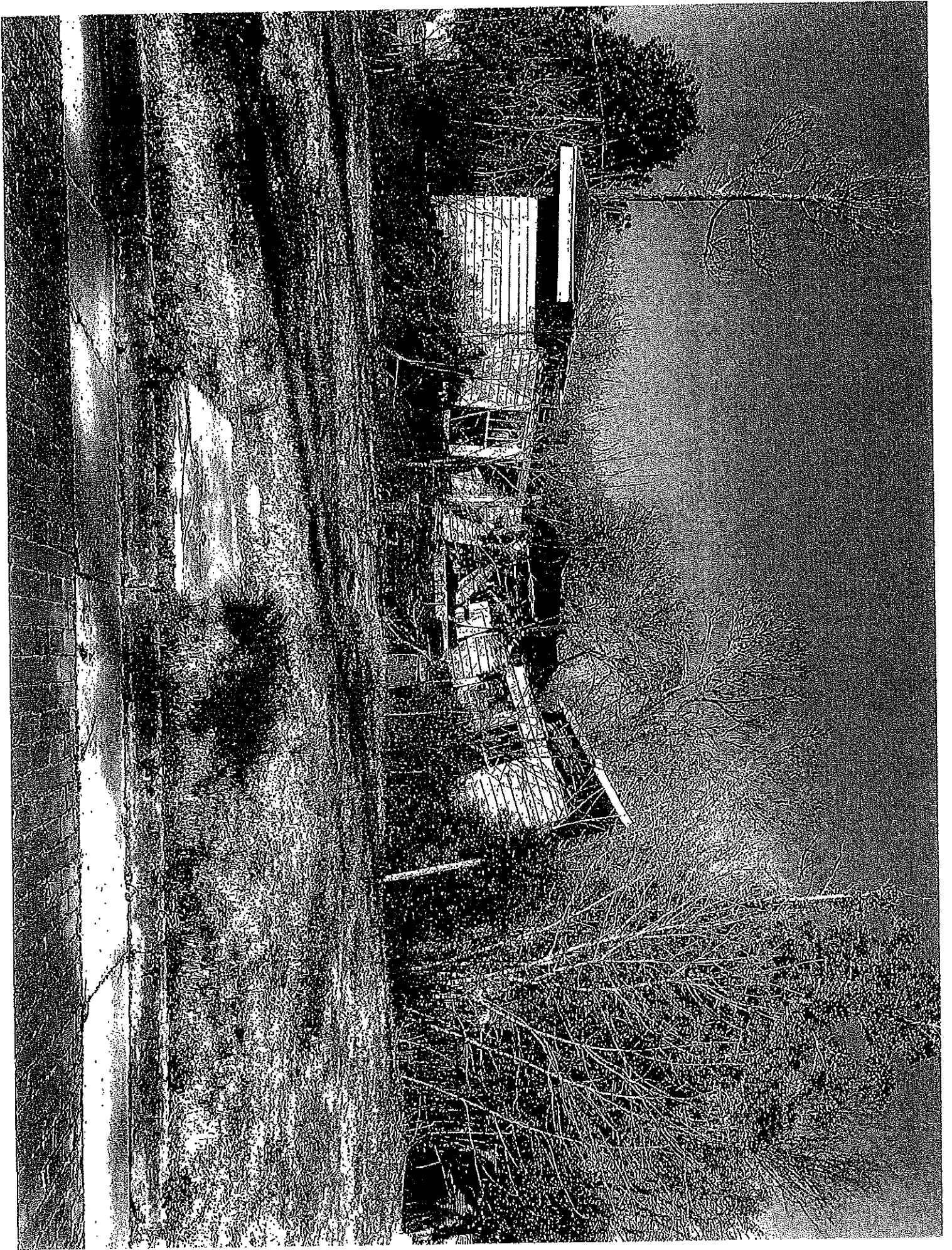
An inspection of your property on 07/06/2020 shows that your property is in violation of CHAPTER 11.28- CONDEMNED STRUCTURES of the City of Helena-West Helena Code of Ordinances. You have until 08/06/2020 to bring the property up to code. Enclosed in this notice is a copy of the ordinance. In addition, notice is hereby given that unless you comply with this order the city, according to this code, will impose all penalties, fines or fees associated with this violation. The city may also exercise it's right to bring the property up to code at your expense.

If you intend to bring your property up to code, but need additional time to do so then before the expiration of the 08/06/2020 day time period, you must file a written request for an extension of time to comply with this order. Your written request for an extension of time must be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, PO Box 248 Helena, AR. 72342. You may fax the written request to the City Clerk at 870-338-7250. If you submit your request by fax, you must still submit the original via mail or hand delivery within two (2) days of the date the fax is sent to her office.

If you have any questions you may contact me at 870-995-2428

Respectfully,

Elmer Gant, Jr.
Code Enforcement Officer
City of Helena-West Helena

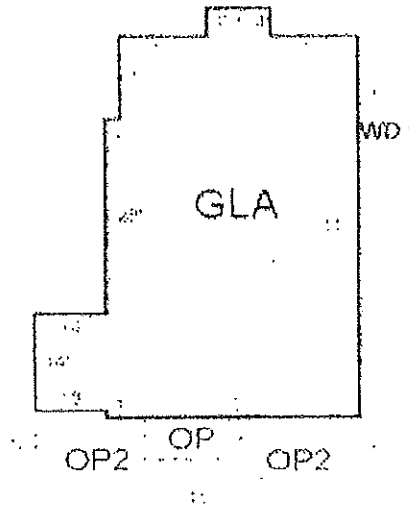
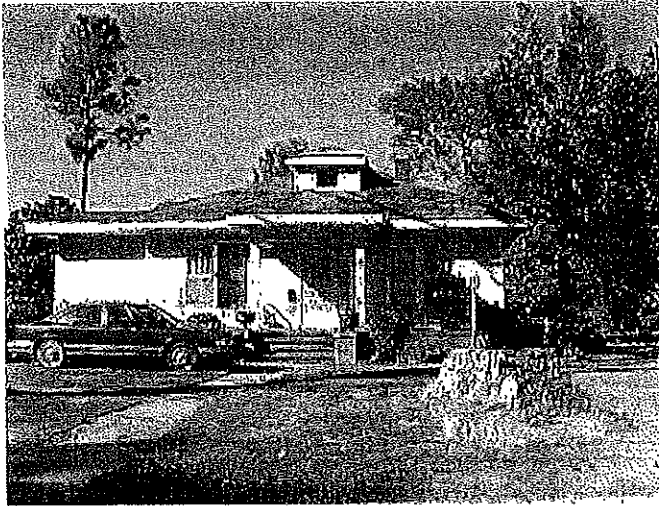


Roof Cover: Asphalt Shingle

Year Remodeled: N/A

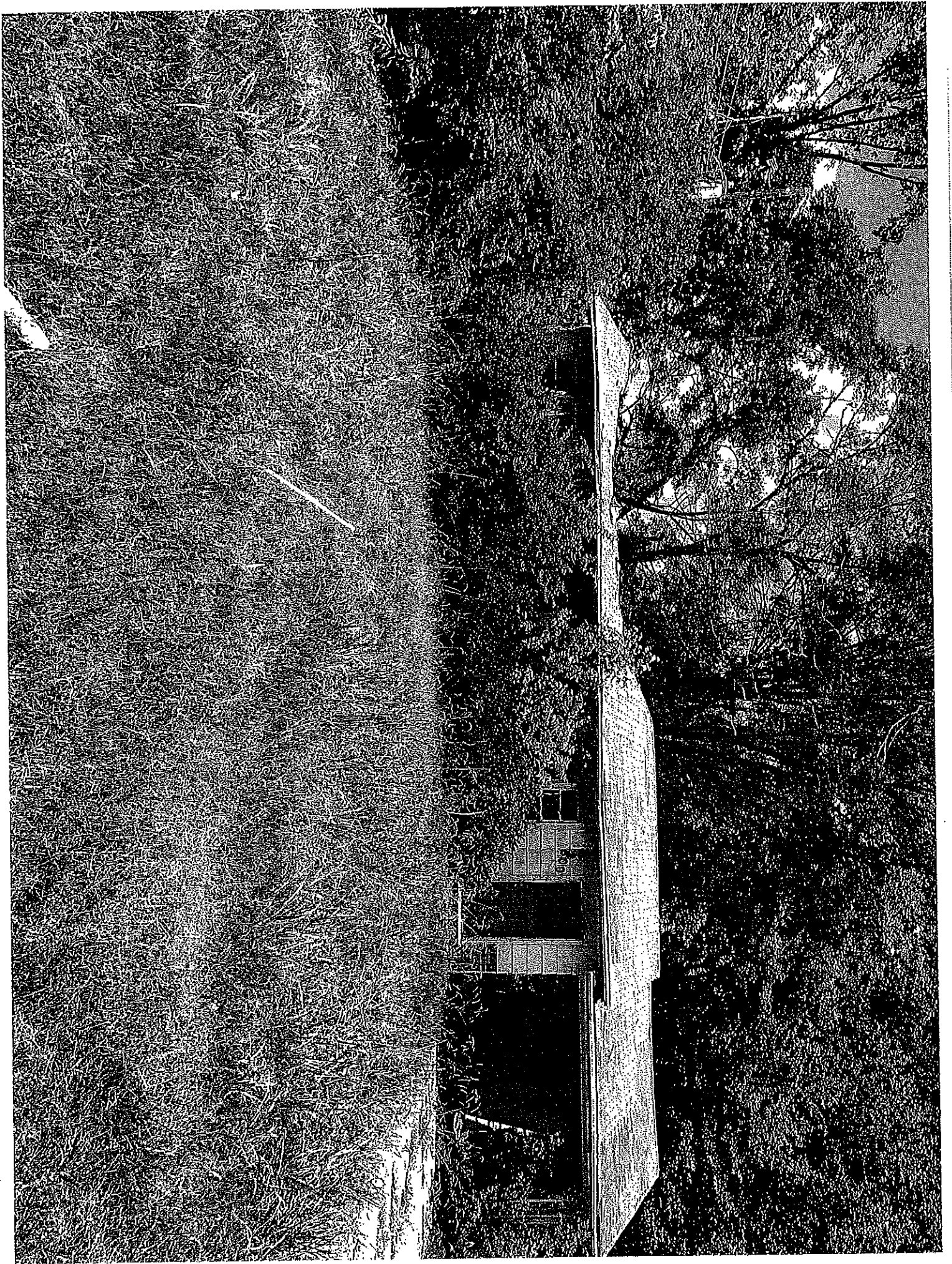
Roof type: Hip

Style: N/A



Base Structure

Item	Label	Description	Area
A	1ST	1ST	2077
B	WD	Wood deck	48



Parcel: 703-01518-000
 Prev. Parcel: G-3581
 As of: 9/7/2020

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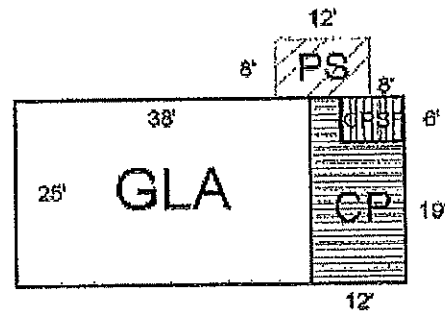
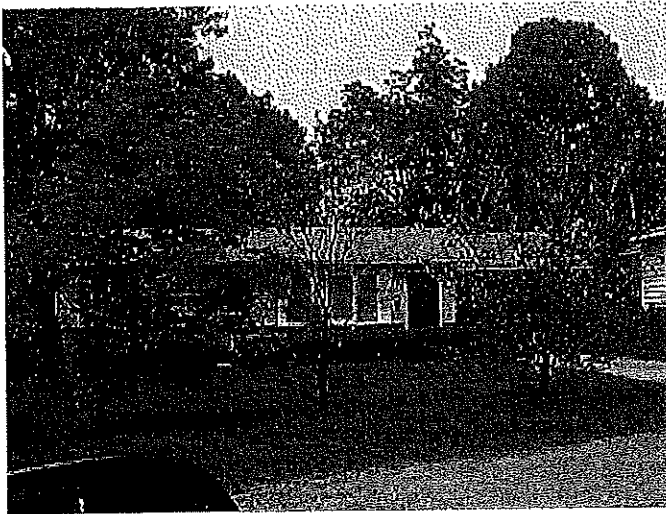
Details for Residential Card 1

Occupancy	Story	Construction	Total Liv	Grade	Year Built	Age	Condition	Beds
Single Family	ONE	Frame Siding Std.	950	5		23	N/A	

Exterior Wall:

Foundation: Closed Piers
 Floor Struct: Wood with subfloor
 Floor Cover: Carpet & Tile
 Insulation: Ceilings Walls
 Roof Cover: Asphalt Shingle
 Roof Type: Gable

Plumbing: Full: 1
 Fireplace: N/A
 Heat / Cool: Central
 Basement: N/A
 Basement Area:
 Year Remodeled:
 Style:



Base Structure

Item	Label	Description	Area
A	1ST	1ST	950
B	CP	Carport	300
C	CPSF	Carport storage, frame	48
D	PS	Patio slab	96

Outbuildings and Yard Improvements

Item	Type	Size/Dim	Unit Multi.	Quality	Age
Wainscot		136			
MOB		1			
Driveway, concrete		400			

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Map

