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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 any 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 Rolla Ranger Station Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Bridge School Road and Kingshighway (US 66) not for publication N/A

city or town Rolla vicinity N/A

state Missouri code MO county Phelps code 161 zip code 65401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 forth 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.)

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

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 commenting or other official Claire F. Blackwell Title Deputy SHPO Date 27 Sept. 01

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

- I, hereby certify that this 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 Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count).

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 5 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
<u> 5 </u>	<u> 1 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u> GOVERNMENT </u>	<u> government office </u>
<u> DOMESTIC </u>	<u> single dwelling </u>
<u> DOMESTIC </u>	<u> secondary structure </u>
_____	_____
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u> GOVERNMENT </u>	<u> government office </u>
<u> DOMESTIC </u>	<u> single dwelling </u>
<u> DOMESTIC </u>	<u> secondary structure </u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

 LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS
 /Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u> Concrete </u>
roof	<u> Asphalt </u>
walls	<u> Stone/limestone </u>
	<u> Wood </u>
other	<u> Wood </u>

Narrative Description

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

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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)

- x 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.
- x 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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- 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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions).

CONSERVATION
ARCHITECTURE
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1937 - 1950

Significant Dates

1937-1938

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect/Unknown
Builder/Civilian Conservation Corps

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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
- x Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Headquarters, Mark Twain National Forest, Rolla, Missouri

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The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is located near Rolla (1990 pop. 13,303) in Phelps County, Missouri. Rolla is the county seat of Phelps County which is located within the central section of the state. The Ranger station is located southwest of Rolla's city limits at the intersection of Bridge School Road and Kingshighway (U.S. 66). To the east, north, and west of the complex are commercial buildings and structures. To the south is a steep hillside and woodlands. The district is located on rolling terrain approximately 1,000 feet above sea level.

The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is composed of five frame and limestone buildings constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during 1937 and 1938, under the supervision of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. The complex includes a ranger's office, dwelling, garage, warehouse and oil house. Primary facades of the dwelling and the office face north. These two buildings are connected by a concrete walkway which also connects the buildings to a rear parking lot. Southwest of the dwelling is the garage; and south of the office and dwelling are a warehouse and oil house. Both of these secondary structures are presently used for storage purposes. The primary facade of the oil house faces north; and the primary facade of the warehouse faces west. West of the warehouse is a non-contributing building built to house offices of the Rolla Chamber of Commerce and a visitor center in 1995.

The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is representative of the Administrative Sites property type in the Mark Twain National Forest. The historic district contains buildings designed in standardized plans which were utilized in the construction of the Administrative Sites throughout the National Forest during the 1930s. The most unifying characteristic of the district is its construction materials. All five contributing buildings are of frame construction with limestone veneer exteriors. Exteriors are identical and are of rock faced broken course or random ashlar cut stone with deep mortar joints. The exterior stonework is in excellent condition and displays its original craftsmanship.

In addition to the buildings, a landscape plan was developed for the Rolla Ranger Station. Lawns were planted on the hillside in front of the dwelling and office facing U.S. 66. A driveway from Bridge School Road led to parking areas at the rear of the office and dwelling, and on to the service area at the rear. Existing trees were retained and open meadows between the buildings were created. In front of both the dwelling and office, native shrubs and other plants were added. This landscape plan has been continually cared for and maintained in recent decades, and contributes to the appearance of the station.

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

1. Ranger's Office - This is a one and one-half story frame and limestone building with a poured concrete foundation. This building reflects the Colonial Revival style of the 1930s in its overall plan and design. At the primary entrance is an original nine-light glass and wood door. The main facade has a one-story central projecting bay with a gabled roof which contains the primary entrance. There are boxed cornices at the roofline, a gable roof with asphalt shingles, and a central interior stone chimney. Windows are of original eight-over-eight and six-over-six wood sash design. At the west facade is a secondary entrance with a ca. 1970 single-light glass and steel door. Windows and doors retain original wood lintels; and windows retain original concrete sills. In the gables are paired six-over-six wood sash windows with concrete sills and wood lintels. A concrete walkway connects the office to the ranger's dwelling which is located approximately fifty yards west of the office. Primary facade stone steps have been altered with an added cement cap. A concrete handicap ramp has been added to the west elevation. An original concrete walkway on the east elevation connects the dwelling with the parking lot.

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The interior of the office retains its original floor plan and layout, as well as original knotty pine paneled walls and oak panel doors. Acoustic ceiling tiles and fluorescent lighting have been installed, and the wood floors have added carpeting. The bathroom, located on the first floor, has an added linoleum floor and replacement fixtures. An original staircase leads to the upper half-story which retains original wall paneling and a frame balustrade at the head of the stairs. The half-story retains original open floor space arrangement and hand-crafted wood cabinets with original metal hinges and latches. (Contributing)

2. Ranger's Dwelling - This is a one-and-one-half story Colonial Revival influenced limestone and frame dwelling. The dwelling has a poured concrete foundation, gable roof of asphalt shingles, and interior and exterior end stone chimneys. At the primary entrance is a ca. 1970 nine-light glass and wood door with a wood lintel that reflects the original door design. There is a replaced, partial-width, incised porch on the main facade with a shed roof supported by square wood columns. Windows are of original six-over-six wood sash design with wood lintels and concrete sills. At the roofline is a hipped dormer with three six-over-six original wood sash windows. At the roofline are boxed cornices, gable returns and louvered vents with concrete sills in the gable ends. The front dormer retains original weatherboard siding. At the west facade is a ca. 1970 shed roof wing addition with masonite siding, a ca. 1970 door, and six-over-six wood sash windows. Leading to a secondary entrance on the west elevation is a ca. 1994 frame deck and staircase. At the south facade is a ca. 1970 shed roof rear dormer with a two-over-two horizontal sash wood window and exterior masonite siding. At the southwest corner of the building is a sunken concrete exterior wall staircase that leads to the basement. The basement has an original four-panel wood door. Basement windows are original fixed three-vertical light design.

The interior of the dwelling has wood floors with added carpet, vertical panel wood walls, and added sheetrock ceilings. The living room is the only room with paneled wood walls. The rest of the interior has sheetrock walls except for the ca. 1970 side wing, which has veneer paneling. The original staircase is intact with a milled newel post and balusters. The interior retains original four-panel wood doors, and the living room mantel is intact and has a stone surround. (Contributing)

3. Garage - This is a one-story, two-bay, frame and limestone garage with a poured concrete foundation and a concrete slab floor. Garage bay doors were replaced ca. 1970 with aluminum and steel overhead track doors. There is a steel ca. 1970 door with an original wood lintel at the corner of the east facade. Windows are original six-over-six wood sash design with original wood lintels and concrete sills. The garage has a gable roof of asphalt shingles, boxed cornices, and arched louvered vents with concrete sills in the gable ends.

The garage interior has an original poured concrete floor and ca. 1994 walls and ceiling of pressboard. The interior has been subdivided into two storage spaces with an added ca. 1994 interior wall. (Contributing)

4. Warehouse - South of the ranger's office, dwelling and garage is a one-and-one-half story frame and limestone rectangular plan warehouse. The warehouse has a poured concrete foundation, concrete slab floor, gable roof with asphalt shingles, five garage bays, and a single-door entrance on the primary (west) facade. Original double doors of vertical panel and diagonal bracing design and original metal hinges have been retained at each garage bay. The single-door entry at the northwest corner also displays original vertical wood panel, diagonal bracing design with an original wood lintel. Knee brace brackets support a full-width shed, tongue-in-groove awning over the primary facade with exposed eave rafters. There is a gable dormer at the roofline with weatherboard siding and a fixed nine-light original window. First floor windows are of original

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six-light, sliding track design with wood lintels and concrete sills. Gable ends have louvered wood vents with wood lintels and concrete sills. The interior open space has been retained.

The warehouse interior retains its original poured concrete floor and frame ceiling with exposed rafters. The interior is subdivided into two garage bays and has a small bathroom in the northeast corner. Connecting the two interior bays is an original paneled wood door, and on the north wall of the interior wall is a frame staircase leading to the storage loft. The interior walls have been covered with pressboard. (Contributing)

5. Oil House - Adjacent to the warehouse is a one-story frame and limestone building with a poured concrete foundation and gable roof of asphalt shingles. There is an original double door entry of vertical board, diagonal bracing design with original metal hinges and a wood lintel. There is no other fenestration. The building has exposed eave rafters. An original electrical light fixture remains in place over the entrance. The interior of the oil house has added ca. 1994 particle board walls and dropped ceiling. The building retains its original poured concrete floor. (Contributing)
6. Chamber of Commerce/Visitor's Center - One-story frame building constructed in 1995. (Non-contributing)

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Statement of Significance

The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is representative of the Administrative Sites property type, and is included as part of the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Historic and Architectural Resources of the Mark Twain National Forest." The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is significant under Criterion A for its association with the USDA Forest Service and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the 1930s. The district is reflective of the federal government's approach to forest resource management and conservation during the Depression. The district is also significant under Criterion C as an example of the Forest Service's emphasis on "rustic" architectural designs of the period. The district represents the Forest Service's intent to integrate public facilities in a natural environment without detracting from the beauty of the surrounding forest. The district retains all of its original buildings and few major alterations or changes have occurred to the district's buildings. The district possesses its integrity of site and location and continued to be used as a Ranger Station for the Mark Twain National Forest until January of 1994.

The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is also representative of the Administrative Sites property type in the Mark Twain National Forest. The buildings within the district meet registration requirements of this property type through their physical characteristics and associative qualities. The buildings are of native stone construction and have gable roofs, multi-light windows, and use local materials in their landscaping and physical layout. The district also meets registration requirements through its association with New Deal relief programs and the establishment and expansion of the USDA Forest Service. The buildings within the district retain their original architectural design and integrity, and the district's natural setting remains intact. The frame Chamber of Commerce building built in 1995 was sited at the rear of the garage, and it does not substantially detract from the district's overall character.

Historical Background

The Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri's only national forest, was created during the early 1930s and is presently viewed by the Forest Service as a "recovering forest." By the time that the Mark Twain National Forest was established, the area barely supported its impoverished population which continued to farm exhausted lands. Efforts were underway in 1931 to correct previous land abuse by establishing a National Forest in Missouri. A law passed in 1933 created the Mark Twain and a preliminary examination of the Ozark region was initiated by Forest Service personnel. Emphasis of the study was placed upon the protection and rehabilitation of forest resources with hopes of re-establishing timber productivity. It was also during this period of time that provisions were set aside for developing recreational sites within the newly created forest system.

Establishment of the USDA Forest Service in Missouri coincided with the Great Depression and federal relief. The 1930s was also a time in which the nation faced the consequences of exploitation of its natural resources. Land-use ethics governed by economic self-interests resulted in soil exhaustion, diminishing forests and over-grazed grasslands. In response to the problems of unemployment and loss of natural resources, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set up a series of federal programs which were collectively known as "the New Deal." Roosevelt's first New Deal act, the Emergency Work Program, also known as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), addressed the problems of America's unemployed youth and rapidly diminishing natural resources. As one of Roosevelt's most popular programs, the CCC constructed many of the Forest Service's facilities.

Prior to arrival of the CCC and other New Deal programs, the Forest Service's building program was quite limited. Within the State of Missouri, such projects were non-existent prior to 1933. Once confronted with the responsibility of developing work projects and

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operating schedules for proposed relief programs, a concerted effort was made by the Forest Service to include future needs as well as immediate needs in the planning process. Thoughtful planning resulted in a balanced arrangement of buildings and grounds, as well as economical development and conformity to existing physiographic conditions. The ten acre Rolla site was purchased from Daysie Long in 1936. Construction of the office complex was begun that year, and the Blooming Rose CCC Camp completed the buildings at the station in 1937. Stone for the buildings came from a nearby quarry. When the complex was completed in November of 1937, the total cost of the Rolla Ranger District was \$31,993.11.

The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District complies with the Forest Service's 1937 and 1938 guidelines, while also allowing deviations in original plans including the use of local limestone as the exterior building material. Also not seen in standardized plans for the district are unique door designs as seen at the primary entrance of the Rolla Ranger Station's office. Alterations in general carpentry or design probably reflect the contribution of a local style or individual. This style is repeated throughout the Mark Twain National Forest Ranger Stations constructed by the CCC. Layout of the Rolla district reinforces the Forest Service's ideal placement of offices, dwellings and service buildings, taking care to allow ease of public access to the office and placement of service buildings in an area which minimally detracts from surrounding natural areas.

The Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is significant for its associations with Missouri's conservation and New Deal programs, as well as for its architectural design and workmanship. Few changes have occurred since initial construction during 1937 and 1938, and the overall character and integrity of the district have been retained. The district functioned as an important administrative center for the Mark Twain National Forest until January of 1994. The property is now owned by the City of Rolla, Missouri. Additional information concerning the Ranger Station is located in the accompanying "Historic and Architectural Resources of the Mark Twain National Forest" Multiple Property Documentation Form.

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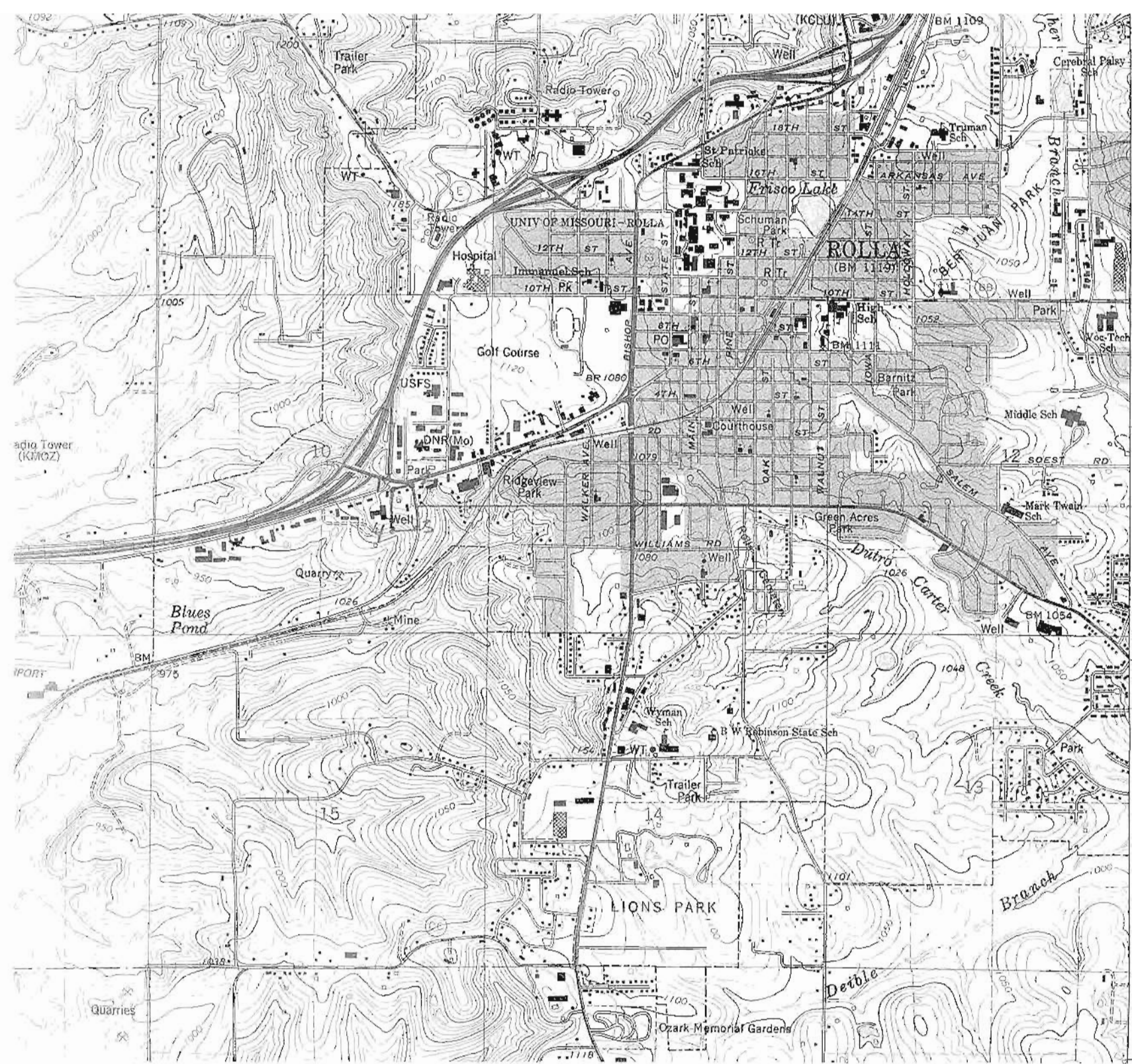
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Rolla Ranger Station Historic District is illustrated on the accompanying Phelps County Tax Map which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The boundary includes the entire 9.5 acre government tract of parcel 1 on block 3 on tax map # 71-09-02-10-04 (Section 10, Township 37, Range 8). In addition to this map is an accompanying not-to-scale site plan which shows the buildings, parking area, and landscaping.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Rolla Ranger Station Historic District includes the entire parcel which encompasses the Ranger Station property. The boundary includes all property historically associated with the Ranger Station.



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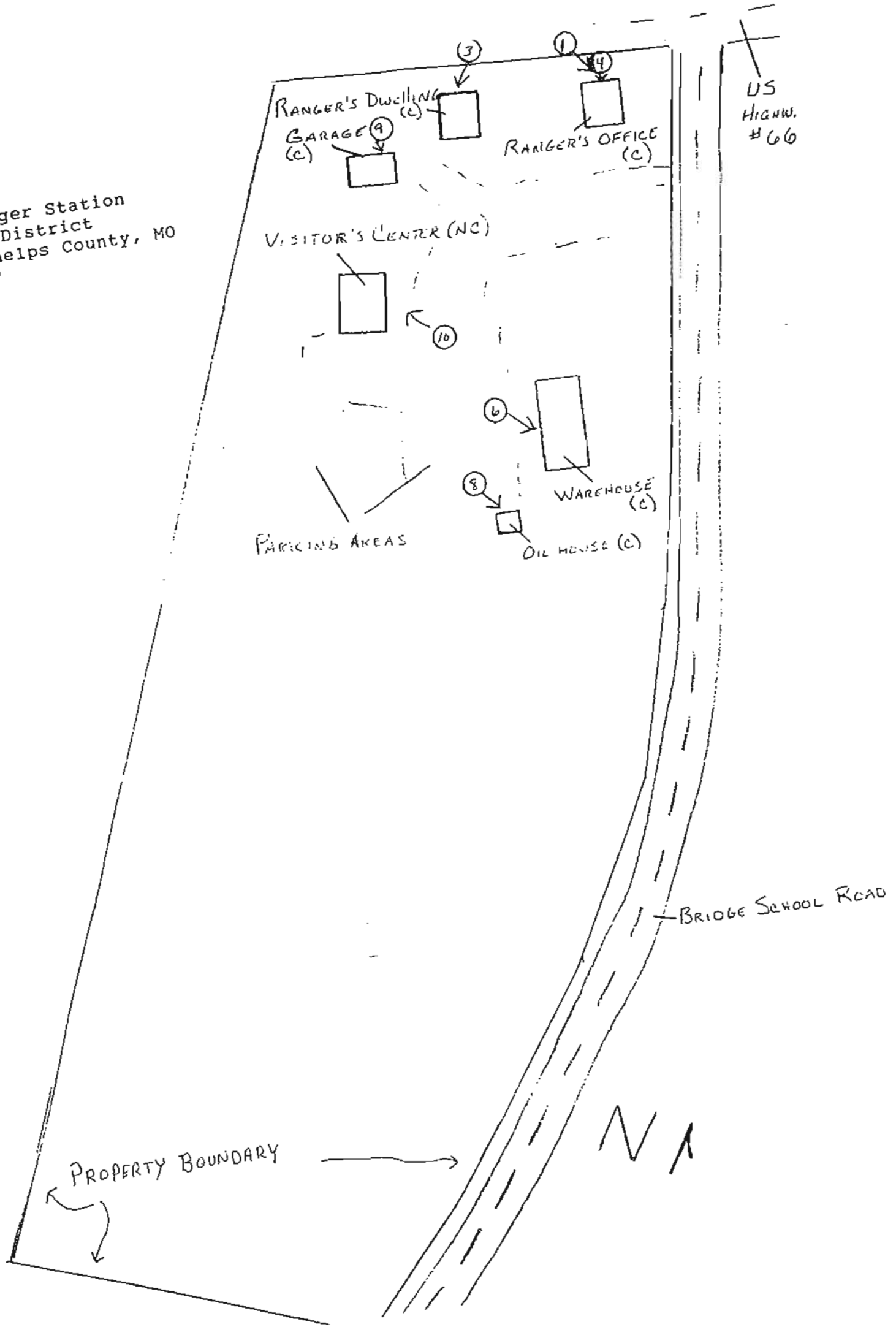
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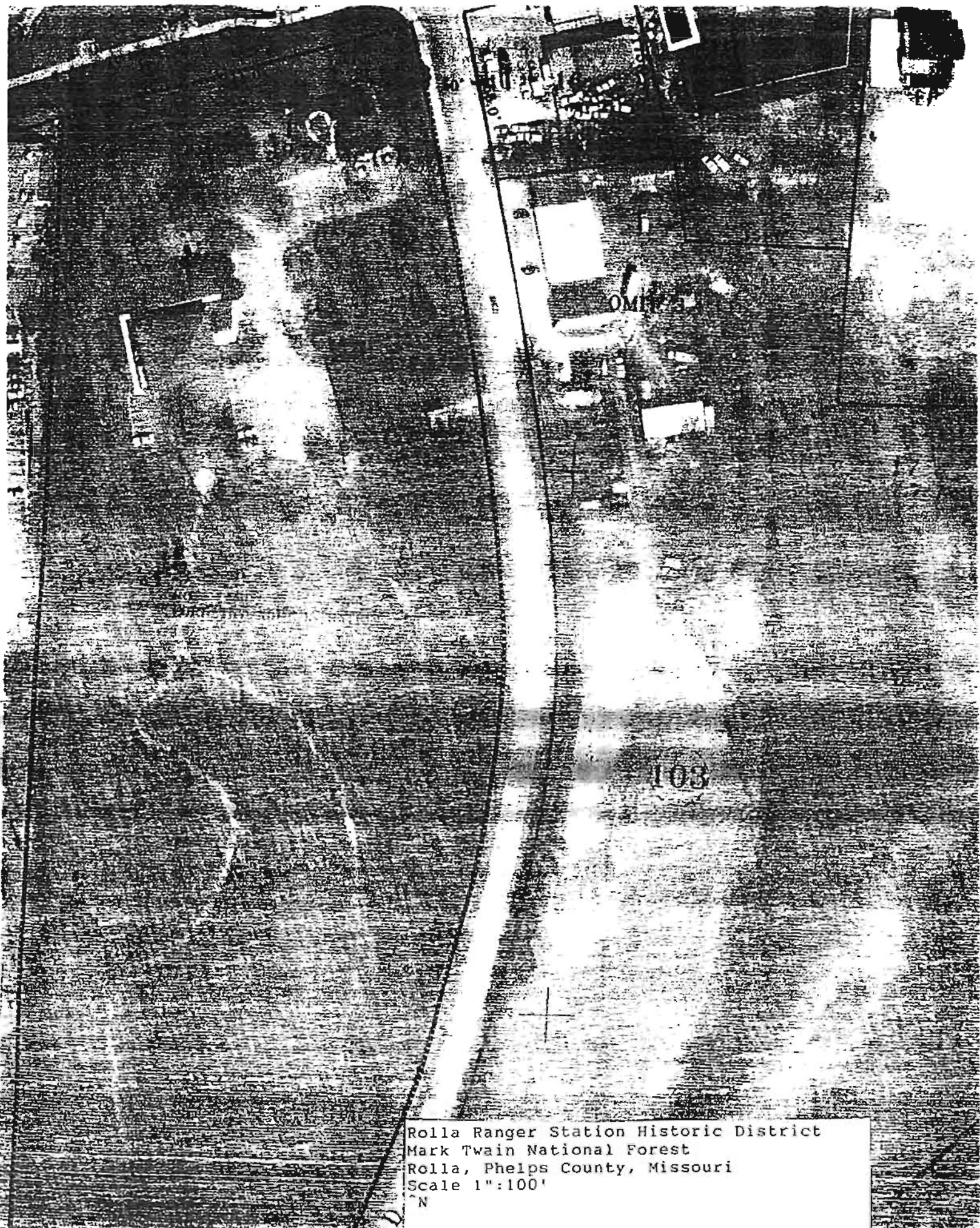
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Date: November, 1999

Location of Negatives: Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO

Photo No. 1: View of Ranger's Office, towards southeast.

Photo No. 2: View of Ranger's Office, main office area.

Photo No. 3: View of Ranger's Dwelling, towards south.

Photo No. 4: View of Ranger's Dwelling, main entrance.

Photo No. 5: View of Ranger's Dwelling, living room.

Photo No. 6: View of Warehouse, towards southeast.

Photo No. 7: View of Warehouse interior.

Photo No. 8: View of Oil House, towards southeast.

Photo No. 9: View of Garage, towards southeast.

Photo No. 10: View of Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Center, towards northwest.







