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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Arkansas
COUNTY:	Independence
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE:	

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Handford-Schooler House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
James Stanley Handford House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
659 East Boswell Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Batesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
First

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Arkansas	05	Independence	063

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schooler

STREET AND NUMBER:  
659 East Boswell Street

CITY OR TOWN: Batesville	STATE: Arkansas	CODE: 05
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Independence County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Batesville	STATE: Arkansas	CODE: 05
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

(Check One)

 Altered     Unaltered     Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1888, the J. S. Handford House is a two and one-half storey, wood frame house with gable hip roof of diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. The original roof was of wood shingles. A side chimney extends above the roof on the east elevation and is capped by decorative corbelling and a stone band.

Distinguishing exterior features include a veranda across the entire facade of the house and two-thirds of the northeast elevation, a center gable atop an offset bay on the front elevation, and a two-storey semi-decagon bay located midway on the southwest elevation. Of special interest is the band of scalloped shingles which wraps around two-thirds of the second storey.

The lathe turned posts of the veranda are delicate in appearance, as are the thin brackets straddling each post. These delicate features are countered by the porch railing with solid scroll-cut panels spanning the space between the posts.

The interior organization of the J. S. Handford House is a side hall plan three rooms deep. Stairs on the outside wall of the hallway lead to the second storey. The second storey is a central hall with five rooms and a bathroom. Double parlors connected by large sliding wood panelled doors open onto the side hallway. A dining area with semi-decagon bay is entered from the end of the hallway, and connects to the rear parlor by double sliding doors. The floor in this room is exceptional in its use of alternating oak and walnut flooring. A pantry passageway leads from the dining room to the rear kitchen. Located off the kitchen and behind the rear parlor on the east side of the house is an exterior latticed porch. The porch has been enclosed and made into an office space for the owner.

A fireplace is located in the front parlor and is noteworthy for the decorative tile band that lines the hearth opening. Other interior features include symmetrical molded trim with corner blocks and medallions, eleven foot, six inch ceilings and four inch tongue and groove oak flooring.

All exterior trim is plain with three-quarter round at all corners of wall surfaces on the porch. The house is raised on a four foot, six inch native stone foundation. Except for minor alterations which are explained above, the J. S. Handford House remains unchanged since its original construction.

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\*See nomination of C. R. Handford-Terry House.

## SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian!       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1888 James Stanley Handford (1854-1936) built a home for his wife and five daughters at 659 East Boswell Street in Batesville, Arkansas. In a modest Queen Anne architectural style, the J. S. Handford House is located directly opposite the Charles R. Handford House. Built by brothers who prospered in the lumber business, these "twin" houses are unique in Batesville.

J. S. Handford was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1854. At a very early age he moved west with his family and was reared in Kansas. After working as a clerk for several years he moved to Arkansas in 1876 to assist his older brother, Charles, in the lumber business. In 1884 Charles Handford moved his lumber company from central Arkansas to a better location at Batesville in the northeast part of the state. J. S. Handford accompanied his older brother, and the two men operated their lumber business as C. R. Handford and Company.

In turn-of-the-century Batesville the Handford brothers were among the most prominent businessmen of the community. As their lumber business grew and prospered, the Handford brothers invested in other business ventures, including a lime plant and wholesale groceries. When their needs outgrew the banking facilities of Theodore Maxfield and Company, the two Handford brothers helped establish the Batesville Bank. J. S. Handford was elected as the first president of this bank at its organizational meeting in July, 1889. The financial success of these two brothers was reflected in the home that each man built.

The Handford houses were the finest houses in Batesville when they were built in 1888. Both houses were the first in the town to have modern plumbing, the waterworks of which consisted of windmills with pumps located in each backyard. The first concrete sidewalks laid in Batesville were those leading to the Handford houses, and the two brothers owned the first lawnmowers in the town. As trend-setters, the Handford houses had no match.

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8. Significance (J. S. Handford House - Page 2)

The architecture of the J. S. Handford House is a modest Queen Anne style. The 2½ storey frame house has both clapboard and shingle wall covering. The interior is more richly decorated than the exterior, and features extensive plaster molding, highly decorative woodwork, colored leaded glass in some windows, ornate brass hardware, and several original light fixtures. Especially interesting is the dining room floor, laid with alternating narrow planks of oak and walnut. Another notable feature is the original coal burning fireplace in the front parlor. The green tile surrounding this fireplace depicts five nymphs, representing the five Handford daughters raised in the house.

The J. S. Handford House has remained in the family since its construction. It is now owned by Handford's granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schooler. Some of the wooden porch trim, interior woodwork trim, and the colored glass around the entry has been removed. However, these pieces are intact and are stored in the basement of the house. Furnishings in the house are in keeping with the styles in vogue when the house was constructed.

The significance of the J. S. Handford House lies in several areas. Architecturally, it is a good example of a modest Queen Anne style house. The almost identical C. R. Handford House located just across the street makes this pair of late Victorian structures unique in the city of Batesville. In addition, the James Stanley Handford house is representative of a prosperous businessman's home during the Gilded Age in northeast Arkansas.

\*See National Register nomination of C. R. Handford-Terry House.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Arkansas Democrat (Little Rock), June 22, 1952.  
 Arkansas State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1888-1889,  
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 Goodspeed Publishing Company. Biographical and Historical  
 Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas. Chicago: Goodspeed  
 Publishing Company, 1889.  
 Schooler, Mrs. Fred. Personal interview at J. S. Handford  
 House, September 24, 1974.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . .	0 . .		35° 46' 18.2"	91° 38' 49.5"	
NE	0 . .	0 . .				
SE	0 . .	0 . .				
SW	0 . .	0 . .				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Anthony S. Riddle and Dianna Kirk, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program DATE: 12-10-74

STREET AND NUMBER: "The Old State House" 300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: Arkansas CODE: 05

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William E. Henderson  
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date: December 10, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

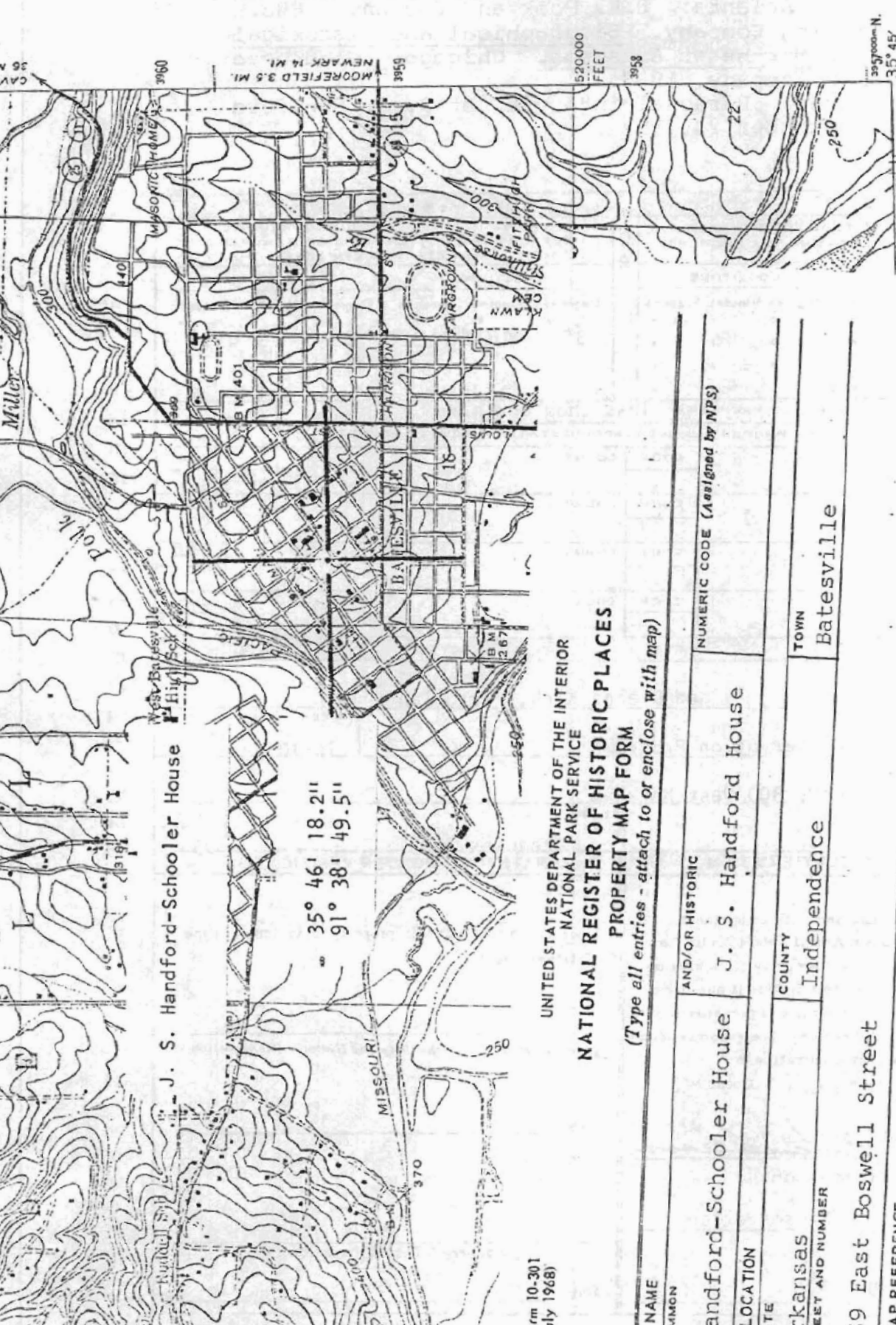
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ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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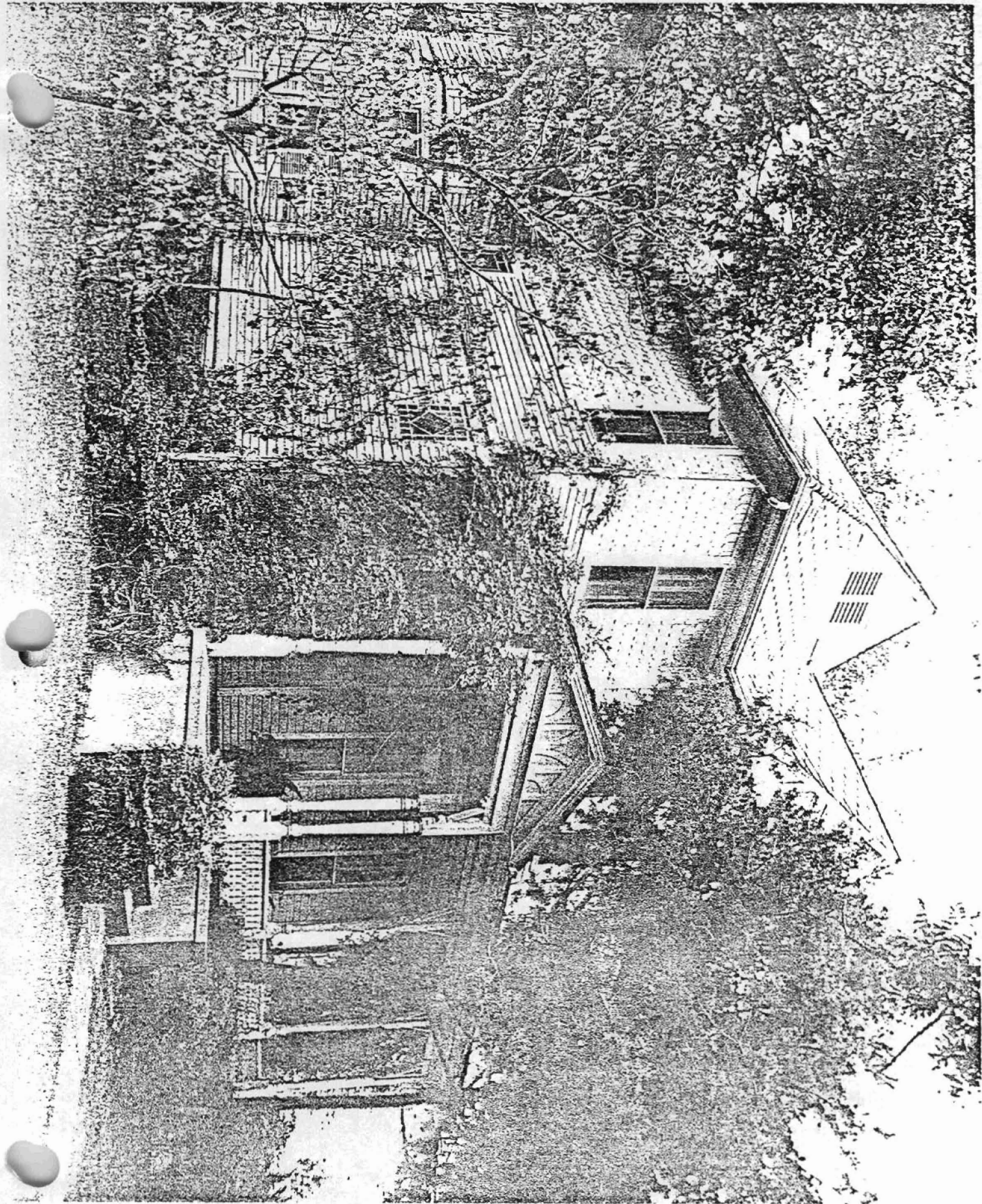
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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

NAME J. S. Handford-Schooler House	AND/OR HISTORIC J. S. Handford House	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
LOCATION 59 East Boswell Street	COUNTY Independence	TOWN Batesville
STATE Arkansas	DATE 1943	SCALE 1/24000
REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.		

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91° 37' 30"  
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n U. S. zone system, C  
on Arkansas (North)  
system  
inverse Mercator grid ticks,

BATESVILLE, ARK.



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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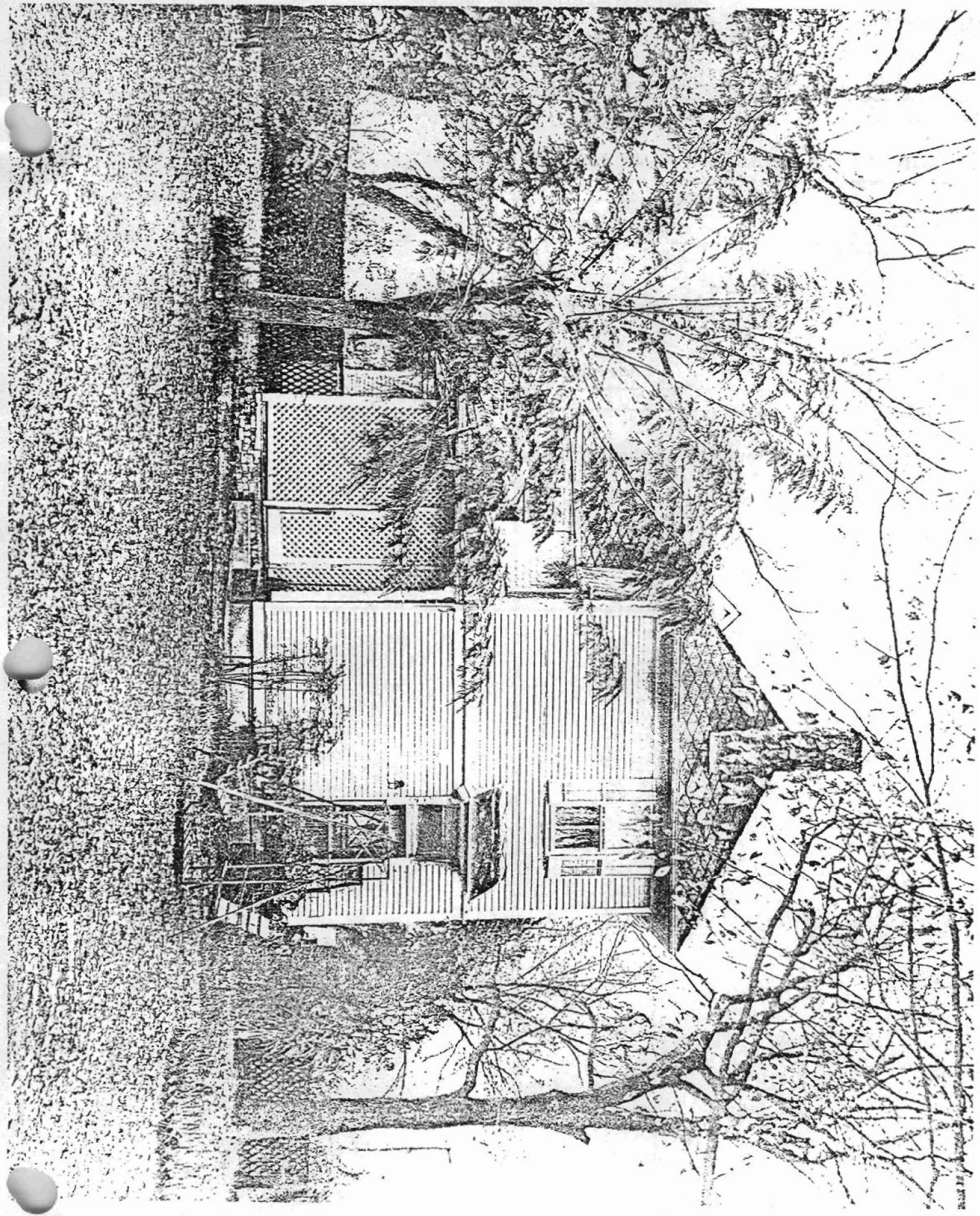
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Robert Dunn	November, 1974	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Facade and southwest elevation, viewed from the south

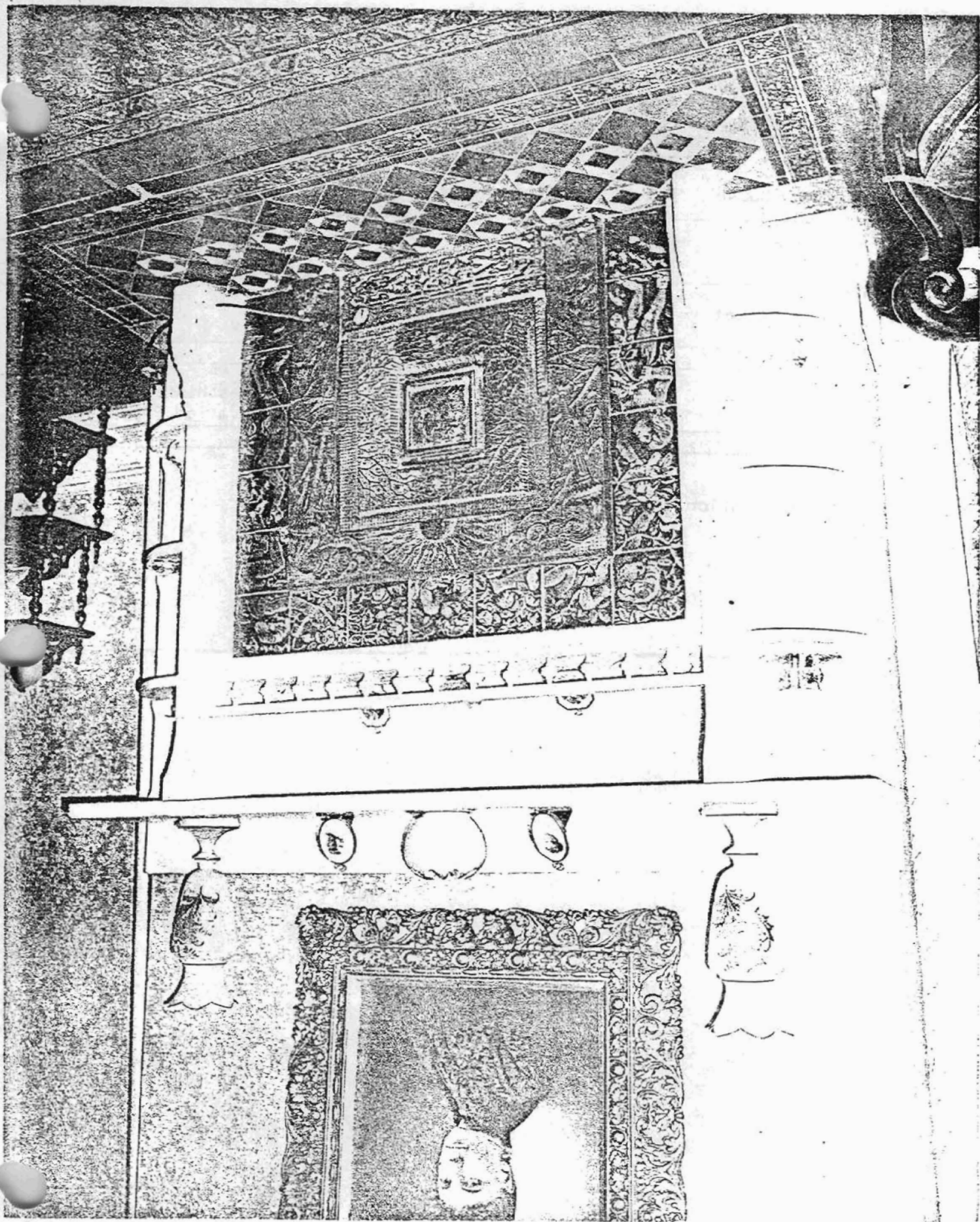




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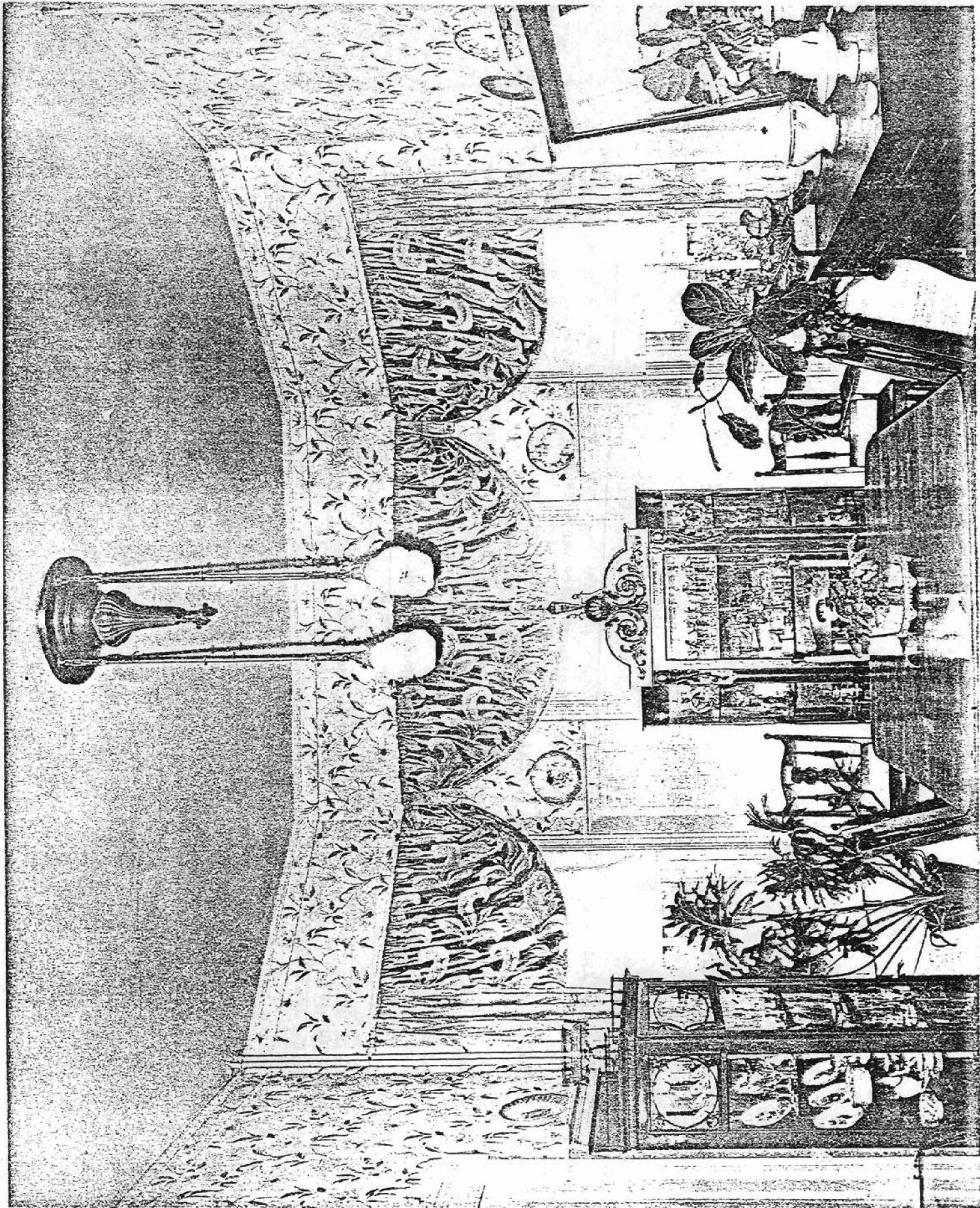
Rear elevation, viewed from the northwest



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Fireplace in front parlor

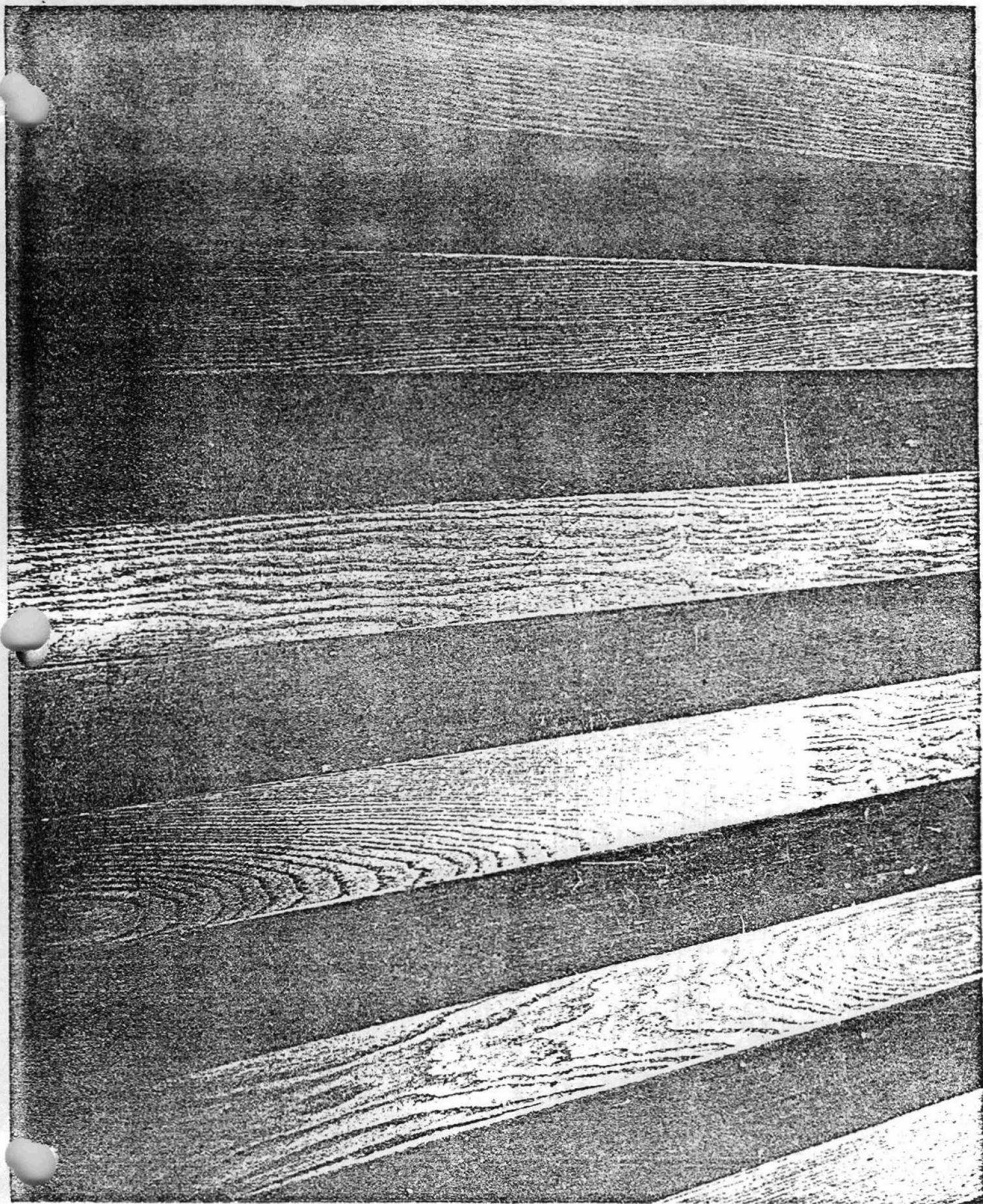


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Dining room, viewed from rear parlor



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Detail of oak and walnut flooring in dining room.