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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Elms

AND/OR COMMON

Dr. Samuel Jordan Jones House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

XXX NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Altheimer

VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arkansas

05

Jefferson

069

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stuart Barnett, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

The Elms

CITY, TOWN

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Pine Bluff

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Elms is a raised cottage with three levels; basement, entrance and attic. Each level has a double pile and central hall. The plan of the main structure is rectangular with a rectangular addition running the entire length of the back. There is a galerie on the front from which a single stair leads to a landing from which a single stair leads to a landing from which a half-turn stair leads to the ground level. The galerie rests on brick piers. The galerie is broken into five bays between six posts which have curvilinear jig-saw braces. The railing with turned balusters steps down slightly to the three middle bays. The basement is composed of three bays, while the entrance level has five bays. The roof is a gable with eaves, brackets and returns. There are six dormers, three on the front and three on the back. The dormers are pediments and their roofs are bracketed. There are two corbeled interior chimneys. The windows of the structure have six over six lights. The two center doors have transoms with nine lights and three side lights on each side. The house is finished in weather-board with the exception of the brick basement and the dormer sides which are staggered butts. The entrance hall contains a walnut stair which leads to the attic floor and an enclosed stair leading to the basement.

The interiors of The Elms have been maintained in excellent condition. Stairways leading to the second floor and basement are found in the spacious first floor center hall. An original mantel remains in the northwest parlor.

The floor plan of The Elms remains basically unaltered. There have been some alterations to the rear of the house. These are thought to have been made during Ben Altheimer's ownership.

The Elms rests upon its original site, framed by graceful elm and magnolia trees.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1866 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Dr. Samuel Jordon Jones

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

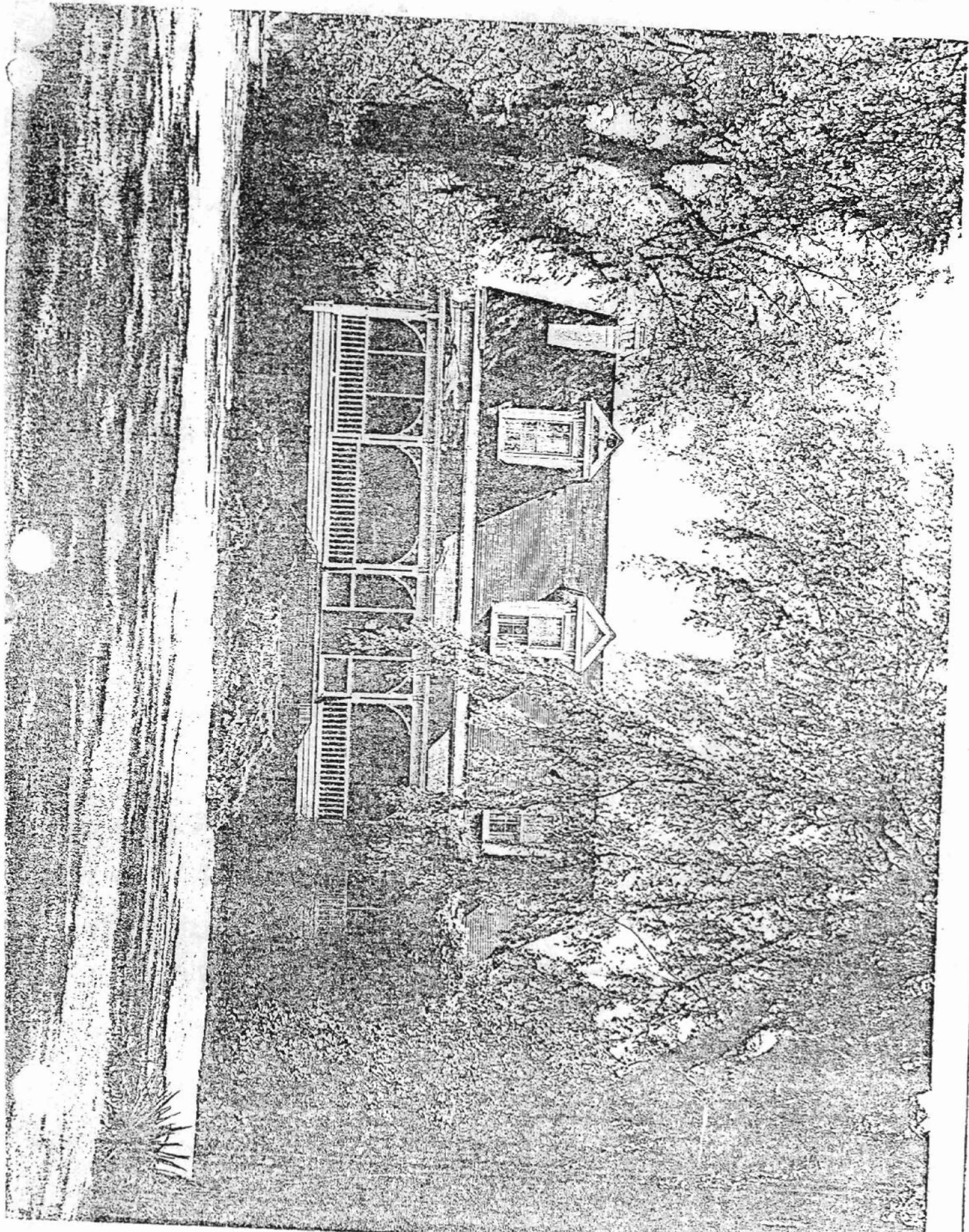
Set amid a grouping of huge oak and elm trees, The Elms is a one and one-half story frame structure constructed in 1866. The house is believed to be the oldest structure in the vicinity. The Elms is an architecturally significant structure as an example of a Louisiana raised cottage.

The raised cottage is an American style, developed by the Colonial French as a solution to the special problems posed by a semi-tropical climate. Although The Elms is not stylistically pure having been built too late to be considered a true Louisiana raised cottage, it is a clearly expressed link to Arkansas heritage in the Louisiana Purchase, and is a style rare and significant to this state.

The house features decorative detailing in its porch post and railing, brackets and dormers. The walls of the lower floor or basement are of brick construction, measuring fourteen inches in width.

The Elms was constructed in 1866 by Dr. Samuel Jordon Jones and his wife, Virginia Adeline Jones. Originally from Alabama, the Joneses moved to Altheimer shortly before the Civil War, where they entered the farming business. Dr. Jones died on August 3, 1881 and was buried in the family cemetery behind The Elms. The house was owned by the Jones' only child, Edna Collier, then sold to Ben J. Altheimer, from whose estate it was purchased by the present owners.

The Elms is an imposing combination of historic architecture and natural scenery. Situated beside a lake and groves of magnolia and elm trees, The Elms is a significant historic landmark.



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Facade, viewed from the northwest

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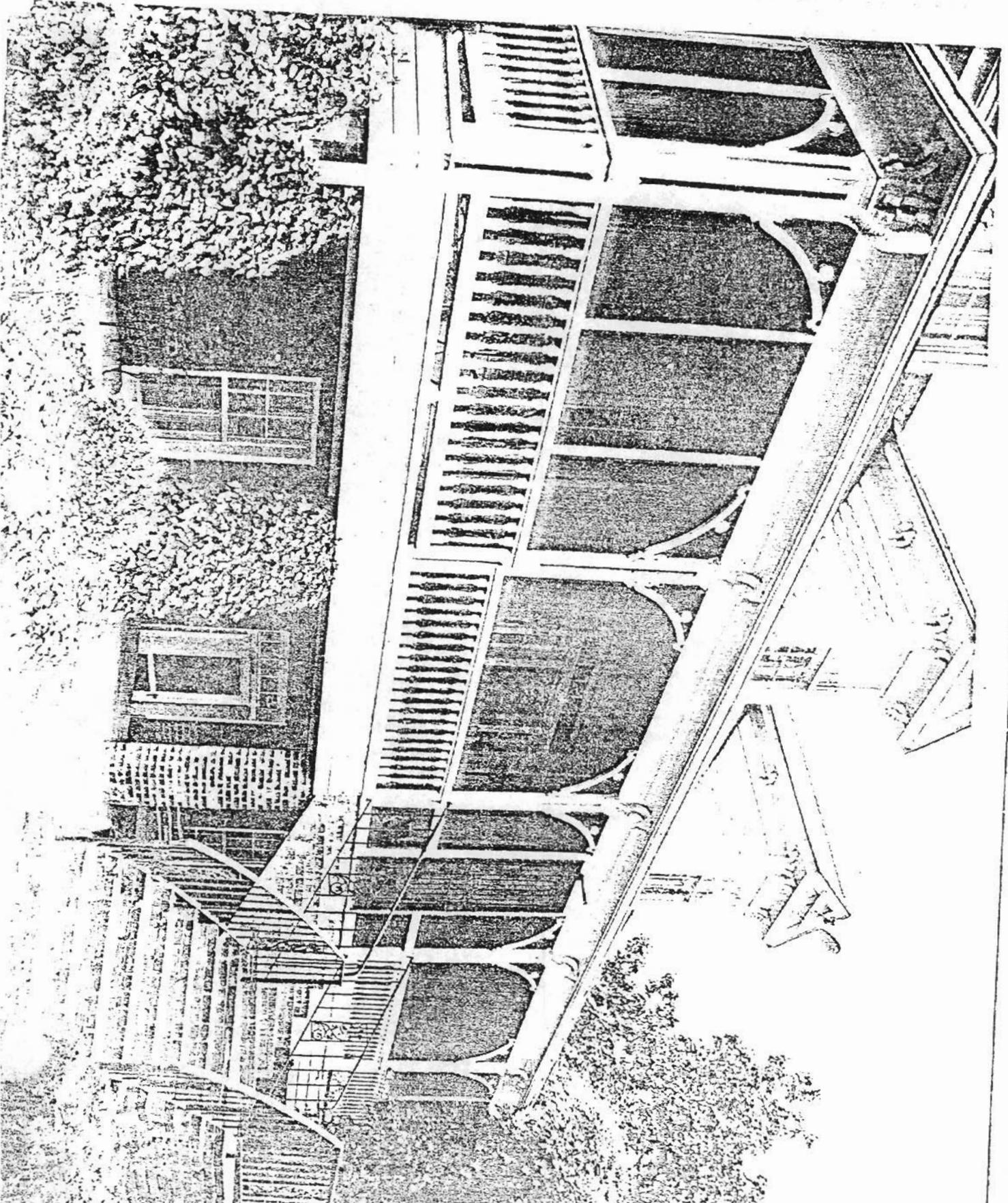
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Detail of facade; note brick basement, porch post and railing.

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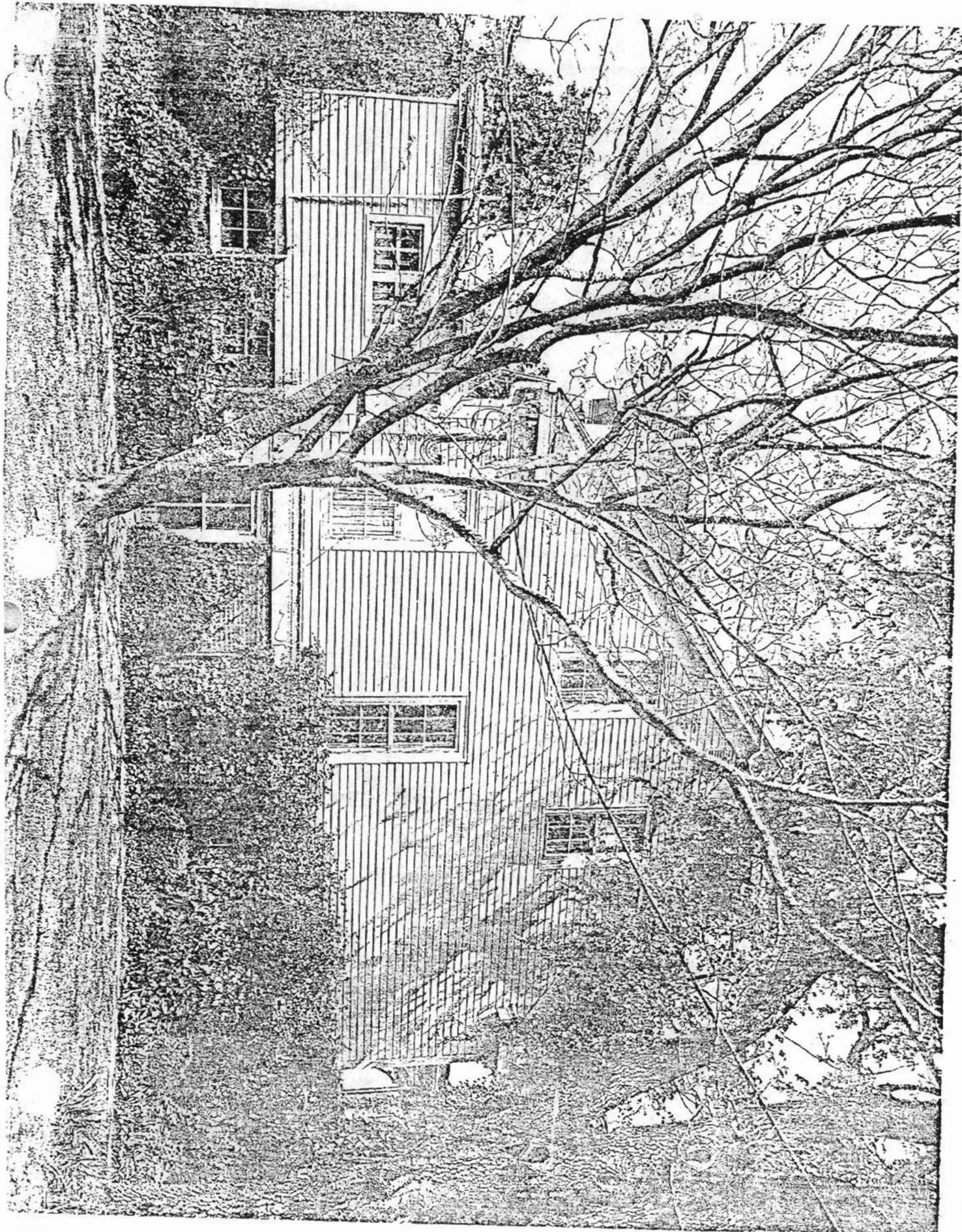
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Southeast elevation, viewed from the southeast

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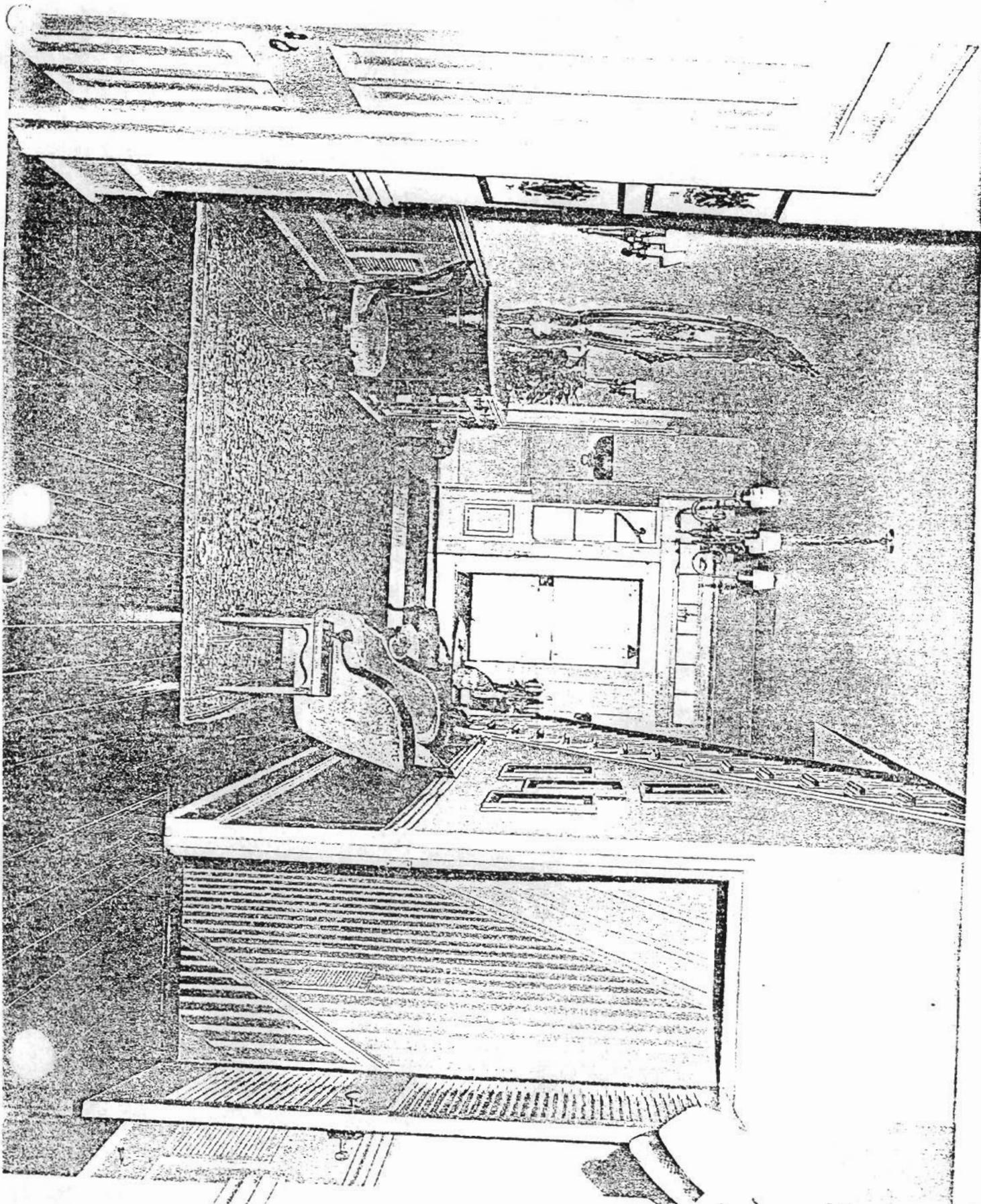
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Northeast elevation, viewed from the northeast

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Central hallway, viewed from rear entry.

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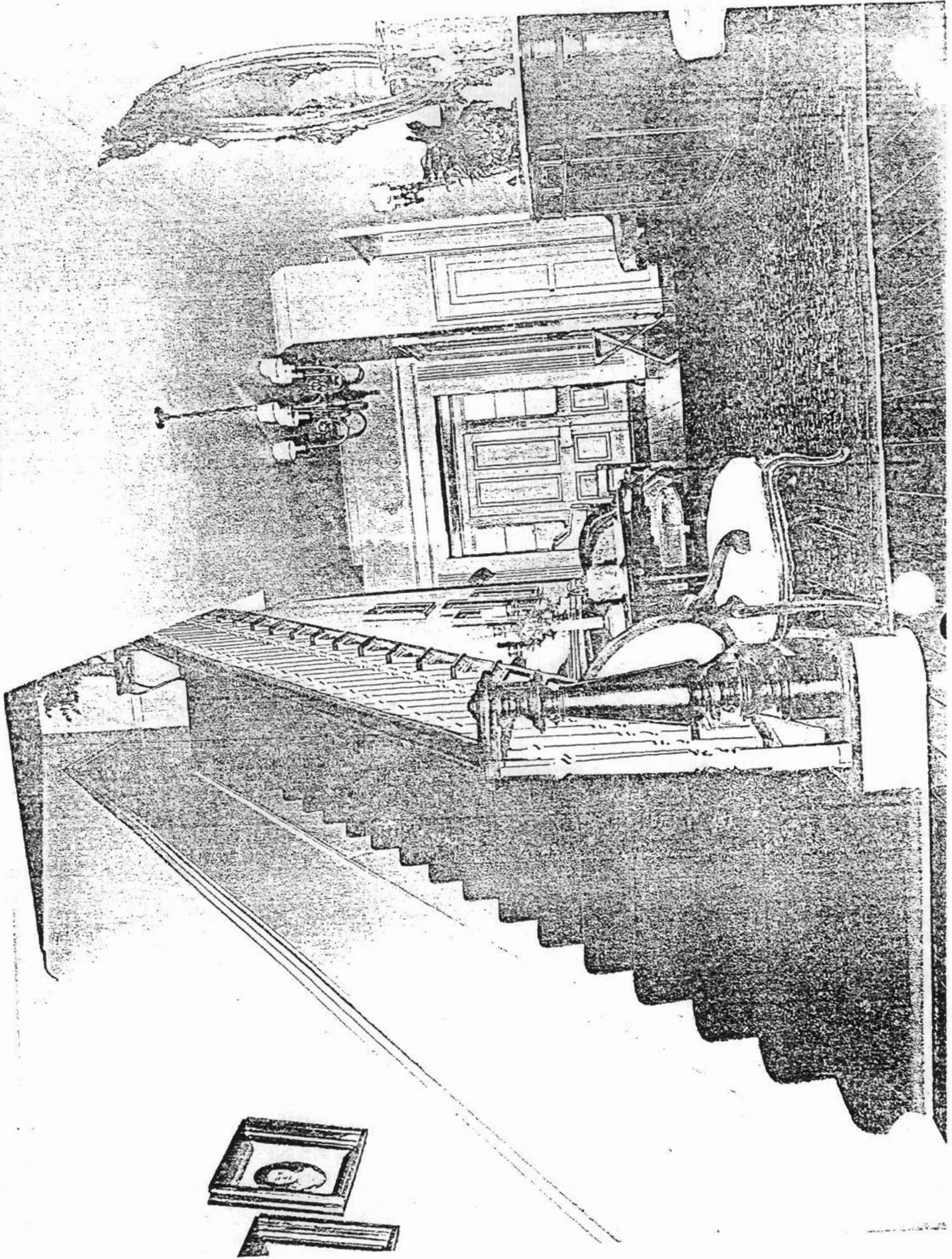
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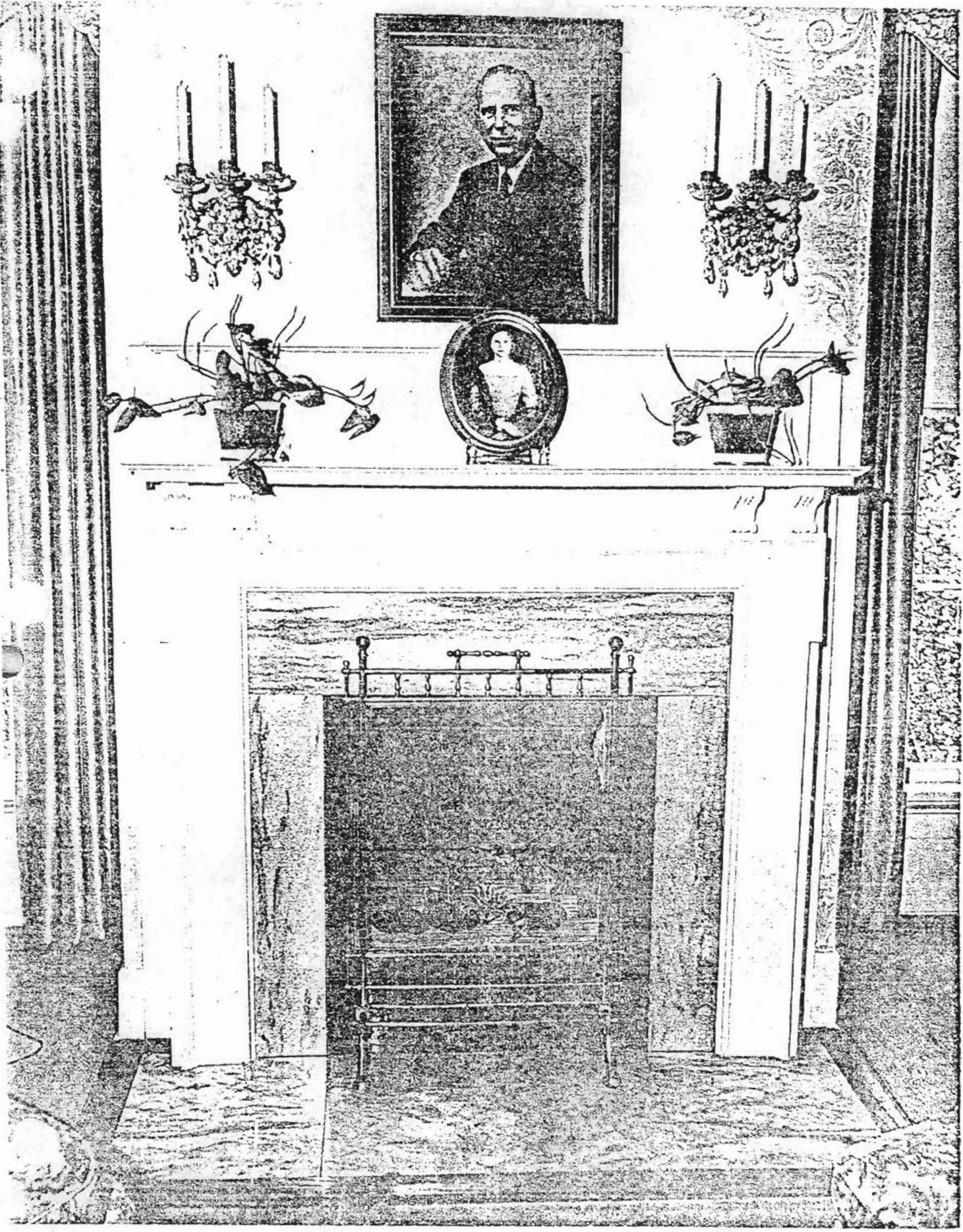
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Original mantel

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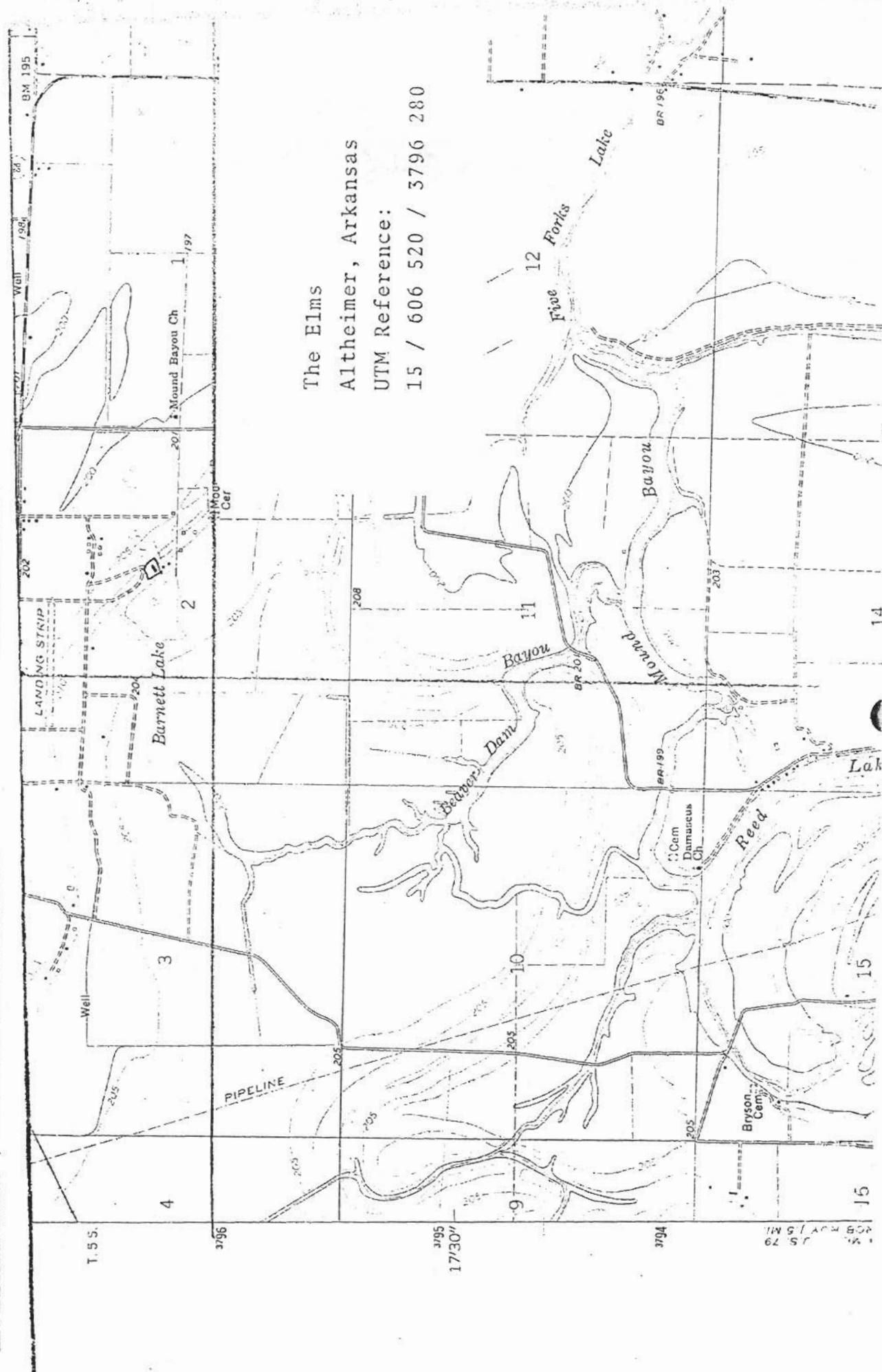
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REQUIREMENTS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
 - 2. NORTH ARROW
 - 3. UTM REFERENCES
- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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