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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

W.J. White House

AND/OR COMMON

Bud White House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1412 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Russellville

STATE

Arkansas

VICINITY OF

CODE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

COUNTY

Pope

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William W. and Judith A. Galloway

STREET & NUMBER

1412 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Russellville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas 72801

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Pope County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

100 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Russellville

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
☒ EXCELLENT	☐ DETERIORATED	☐ UNALTERED	☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ GOOD	☐ RUINS	☒ ALTERED	☐ MOVED
☐ FAIR	☐ UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The W.J. White House was built around 1908 in a combination of high-victorian and craftsman influences.

The building was constructed by O.S. Nelson, a highly respected Russellville contractor, and is two stories with a full attic and partial basement. The exterior walls are solid brick with interior plaster applied directly to the brick walls. Non-bearing walls are constructed of wood studs with plaster applied over wood lathing on these walls and ceilings. Two of the first floor rooms have molded plaster crown molding, ceiling decoration, and ceiling medallions. The floor plan is essentially rectangular although several rooms on the first and second floors are of a hexagon and octagon shape. A porch wraps around the front and right and left side elevations at the ground level. A small hexagonal lattice-work well-house extends from the rear of the house. Bay window projections, continuous from first to second floor, extend from the right and left side and front elevations.

The roof is highly pitched and roofed with pressed tin that resembles ceramic tile. Each gabled end is shingled. Three of these gables contain a semicircular window and the fourth a rectangular window. Each of these windows is hinged to open into the attic.

The entire structure rests on a rock-faced stone base with intermittent small windows for the basement. The porch rails and balusters are also constructed of the same stone. The floor and stairways leading up on the porch are concrete. The porch is supported by round simply capped wooden columns grouped in 2's and 3's. These columns are connected by Queen Anne style fretwork supported by single brackets. The porch roof is flat and attached by turnbuckles so that the tension on the columns can be adjusted if necessary. A wooden rail and corner posts in the Queen Anne style edges the entire roof forming a balcony the same size as the porch below. The well-house at the rear of the house is also edged by the same railing to form a balcony.

The masonry workmanship is excellent. The brick joints are 1/16 inch thick. The brick corners are rounded with a continuous vertical reveal.

The interior is essentially unaltered with the exception of the kitchen, one bedroom that was converted to a large bath-dressing room combination, and a second bath that was enlarged. Original plumbing fixtures remain. Most of the original light fixtures were missing, but have been replaced with period fixtures. All of the woodwork and doors are heart pine except for the mantle which is oak.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT O.S. Nelson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The W.J. (Bud) White House is one of the most architecturally significant houses in Russellville. Built about 1908, it was one of the first houses on what is now West Main Street and was considered a showplace by the town residents. In addition to its architectural importance, the house is historically noteworthy because of its association with its builder, William Jackson White. Mr. White was successful in many different branches of business in Pope County. He was a ranch owner and bank president, businessman and civic leader. He had large land holdings in Pope County and in Colorado where he had his summer residence. Today the W.J. White house stands out as a distinguished example of the type house built by a wealthy merchant at the turn of the century.

W.J. White was born in Gordon County, Georgia in 1852. He came to Arkansas with his family in 1869 from Georgia where his father cultivated a plantation. After living in Ellsworth, Logan County, for a few years, the family moved to Russellville in 1872. Upon finishing high school at Ozark, Arkansas, Mr. White acquired one-third interest in a small mercantile business. By 1892, after his father's death, he assumed entire control of the business. His store was very up to date for the period with annual sales of up to \$100,000. It also employed Russellville's first woman clerk.

Mr. White owned several blocks in downtown Russellville, where his store was located, as well as a large acreage in Pope County. He also owned several hundred acres in Colorado where he specialized in the raising of Percheron draft horses and coach horses. He also had a large summer home in Colorado.

W.J. White had other interests, too. He was one of the organizers of the Norwood Wholesale Grocery Company, which was formed at Russellville in 1915. He became Vice-President of this company that had stores in Morrilton and Conway in addition to the Russellville establishment. As a financier, he served for thirty-two years as one of the directors and Vice-President of Peoples Exchange Bank at Russellville. This bank was organized by Mr. White in 1890. He also served as Postmaster of Russellville, a

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position to which he was appointed by President Garfield. Mr. White served as a member of the Russellville Town Council and was active in public affairs. Even after his retirement, he continued to exert a supervising influence upon his many and varied interests. The death of W.J. White in August, 1929, ended a half-century of valuable service to the community.

The W.J. White House remains in excellent condition today as an example of a house built by a wealthy merchant and financier. The house was sold in 1929, upon Mr. White's death, and has had only two other owners since that time. The quality and detail of design, materials and workmanship along with the White family history, make this house a local landmark of historical and architectural significance.



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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May 18, 1978

Dr. William W. & Judith A. Galloway
1412 West Main Street
Russellville, AR 72801

MAY 28 1978

Re: W. J. White House, Pope County

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Galloway:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is preparing a National Register nomination for the above captioned property which will be presented to the Arkansas State Review Committee at their June meeting. If approved, the nomination will be submitted to the National Register office in Washington for final consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of historic sites, buildings, objects and districts from all across the country that are worthy of preservation. Entry in the National Register is an honor which places an obligation on a private owner. It does, however, provide protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation from federally financed, assisted or licensed projects that might affect a National Register property.

On October 4, 1976, the President signed a Tax Reform Act of which Section 2124 refers to tax incentives for historic properties. Enclosed you will find an information sheet on that tax act.

If you have any questions concerning the program or this property's nomination, please contact Sandra Taylor Smith of our staff.

Enclosed are two copies of this letter. Please complete the form below, sign and return the original to our office. The copy is for your files. We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning the nomination of this property. If we do not hear from you within 30 days your approval will be assumed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Woodard

Barbara Woodard, Deputy Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

I approve of the nomination of the above property to the National Register of Historic Places. / Yes No

Comments:

5-24-78
Date

Judith A. Galloway
Signature

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Vance, David L., Early History of Pope County, Foreman-Payne Publishers, 1970.

Arkansas and Its People-A History 1541-1930, Volume III, The American Historical Society, Inc., N.Y., N.Y., 1930.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 486500 3904180
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 and the West 18.0 ft. of Lots 3 & 10, all in Blk. 17, W. J. White Addition to the City of Russellville, Arkansas

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dr. William W. Galloway

ORGANIZATION

DATE

June 20, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1412 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Russellville

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Donna Ball

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

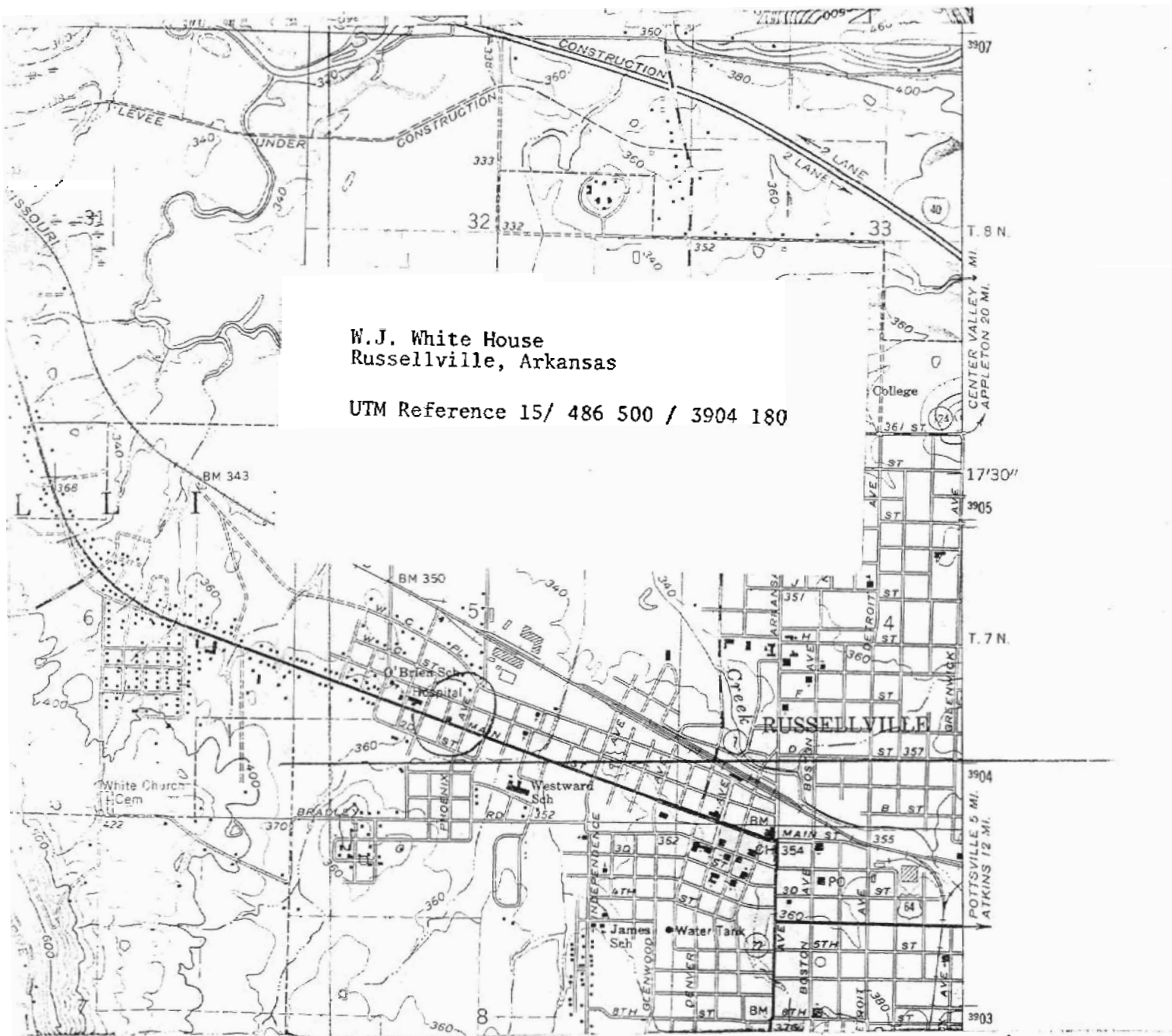
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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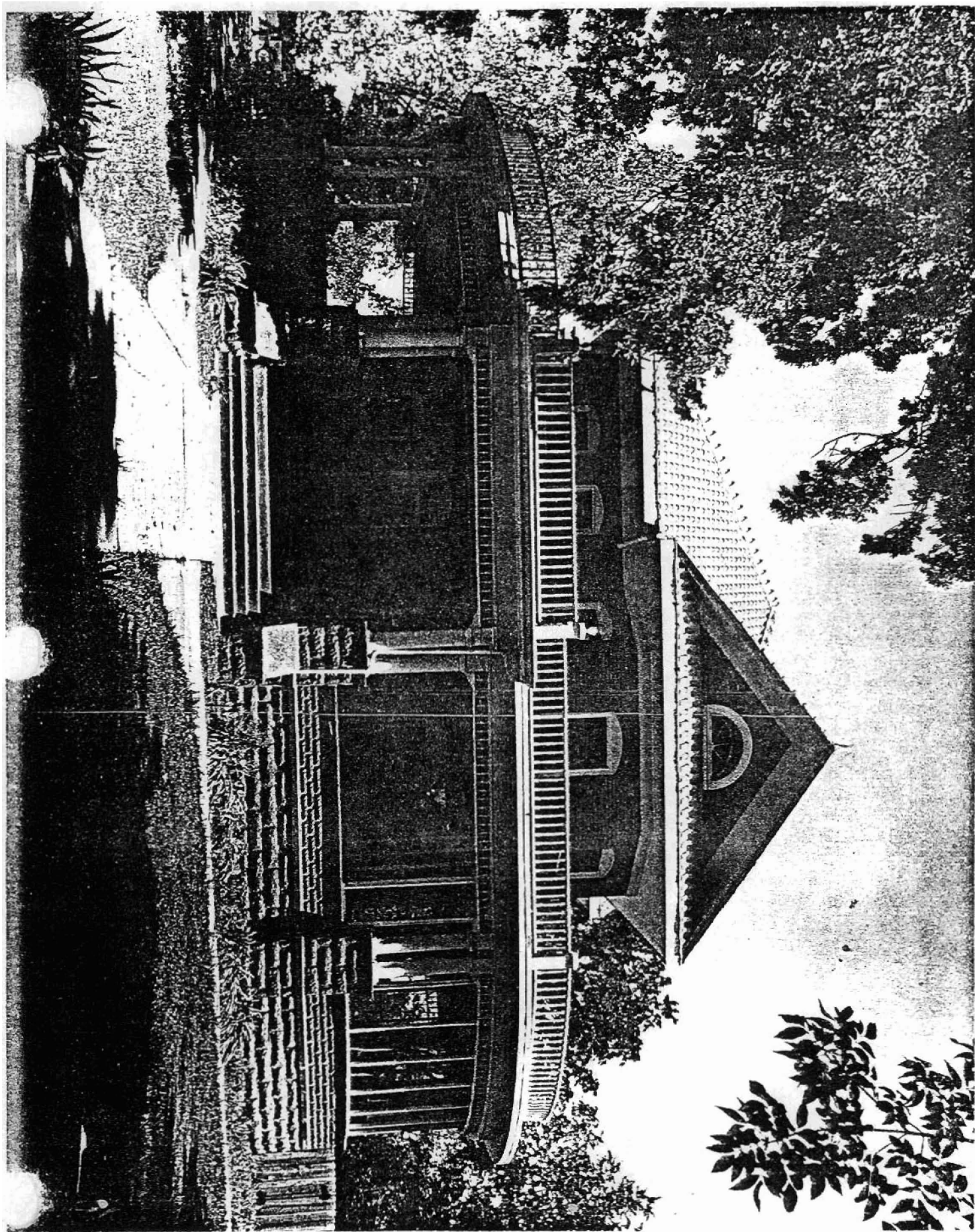
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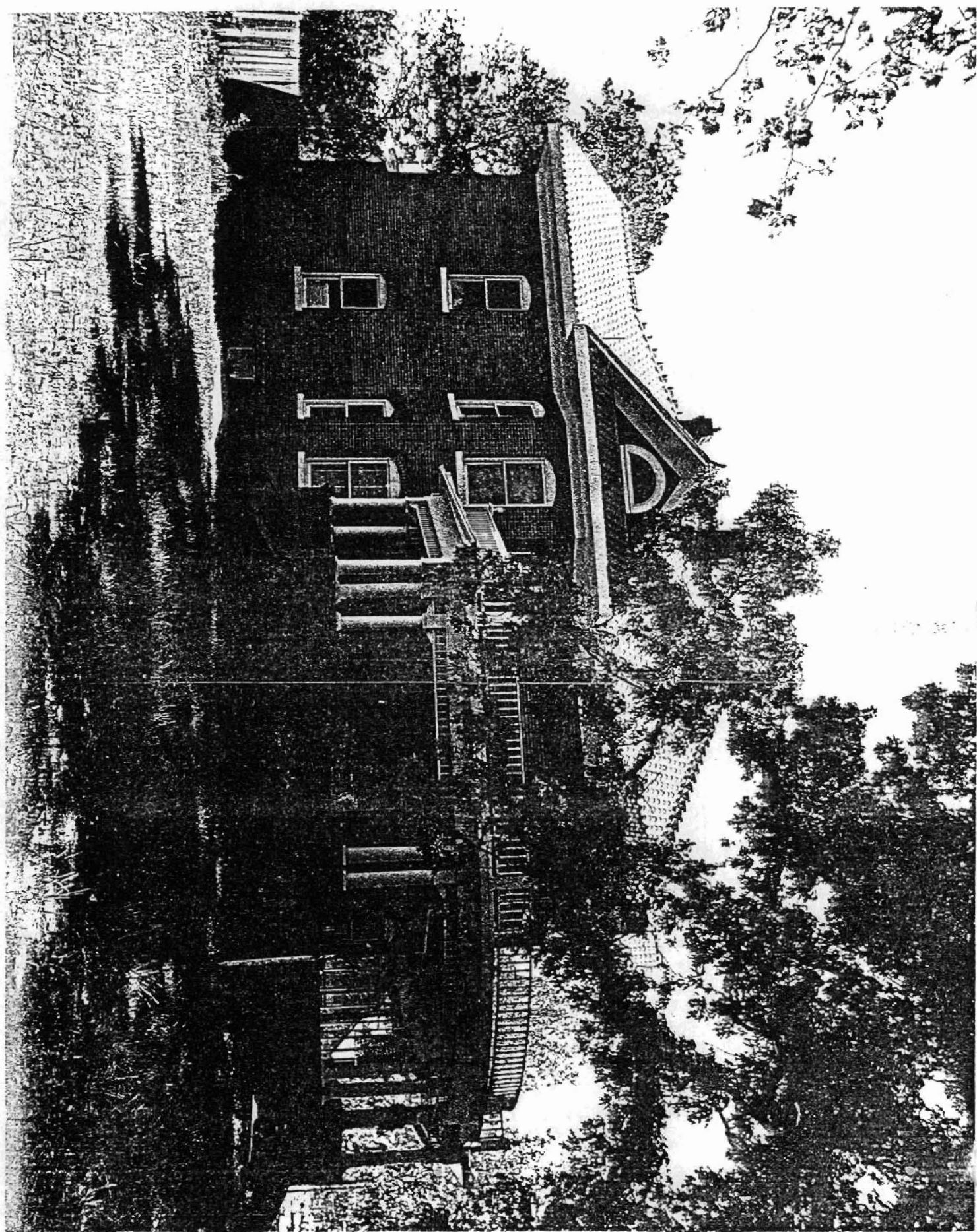
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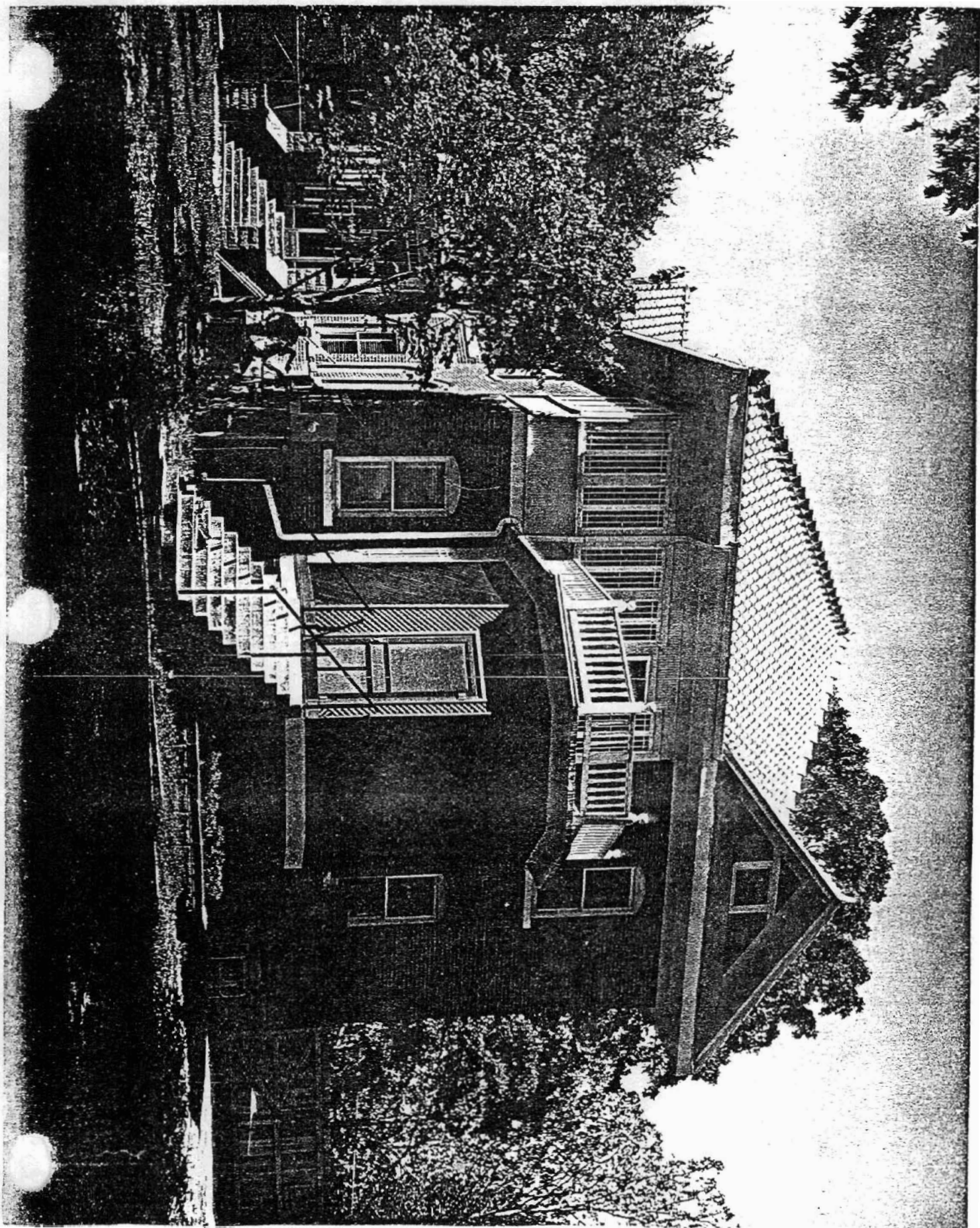


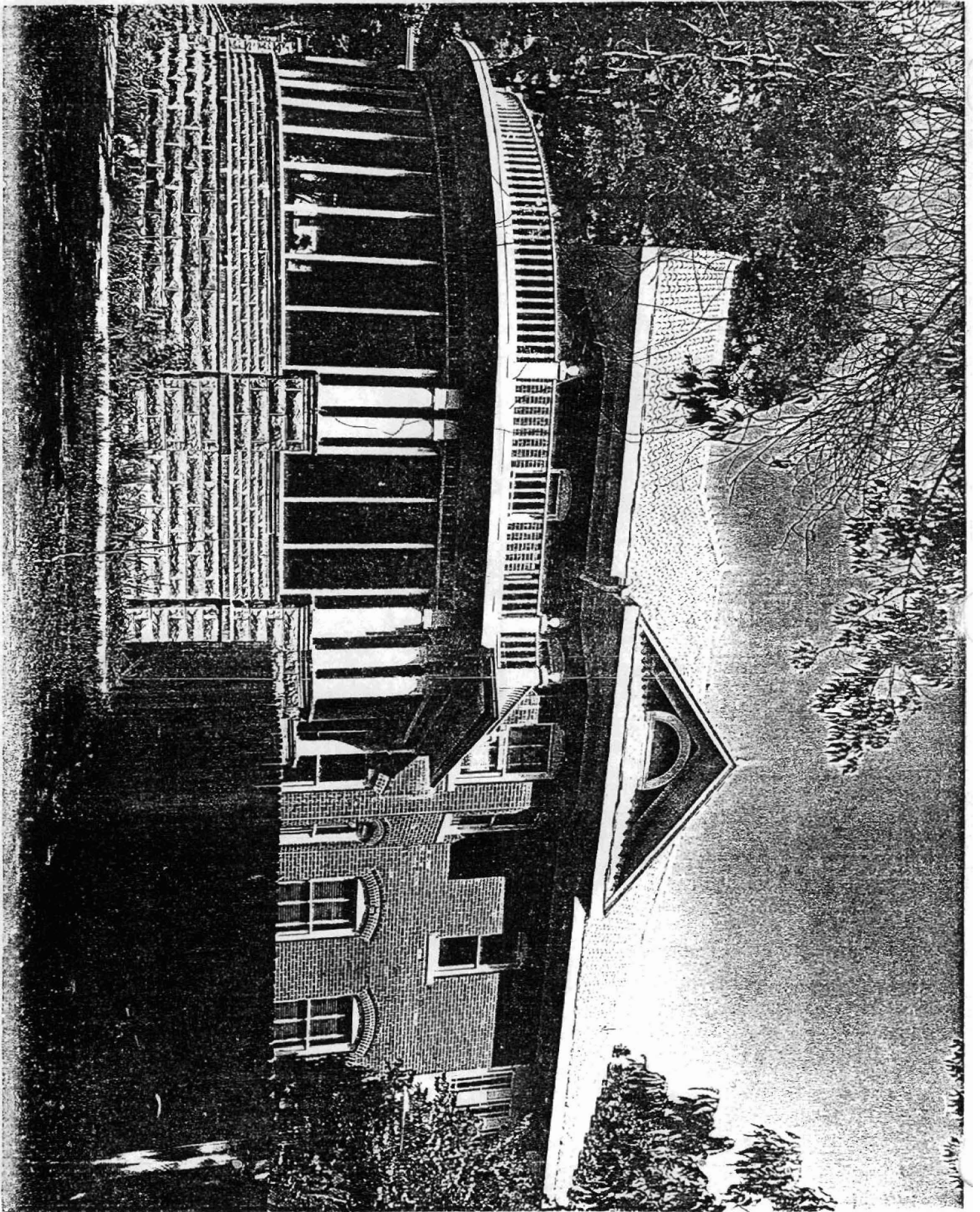
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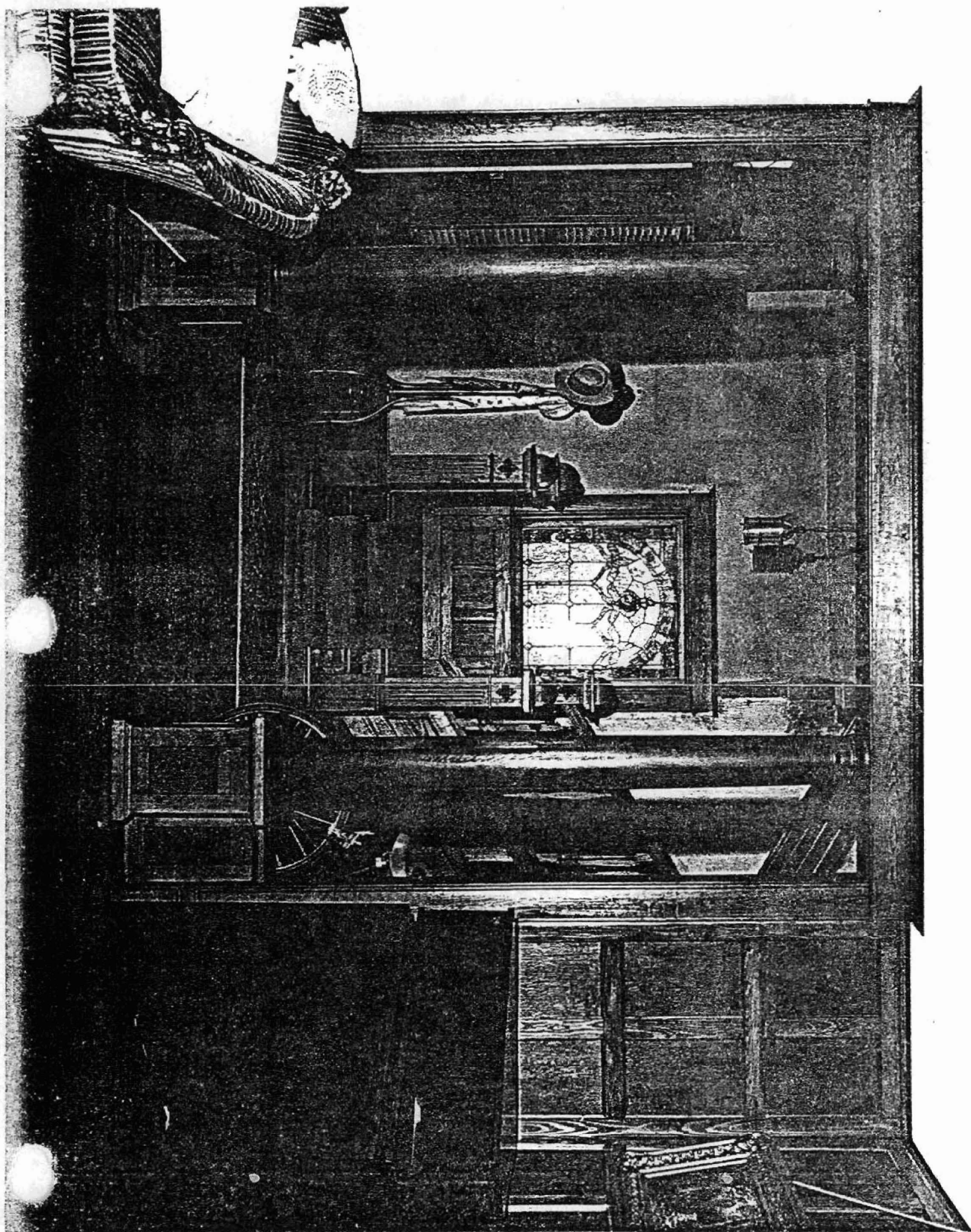
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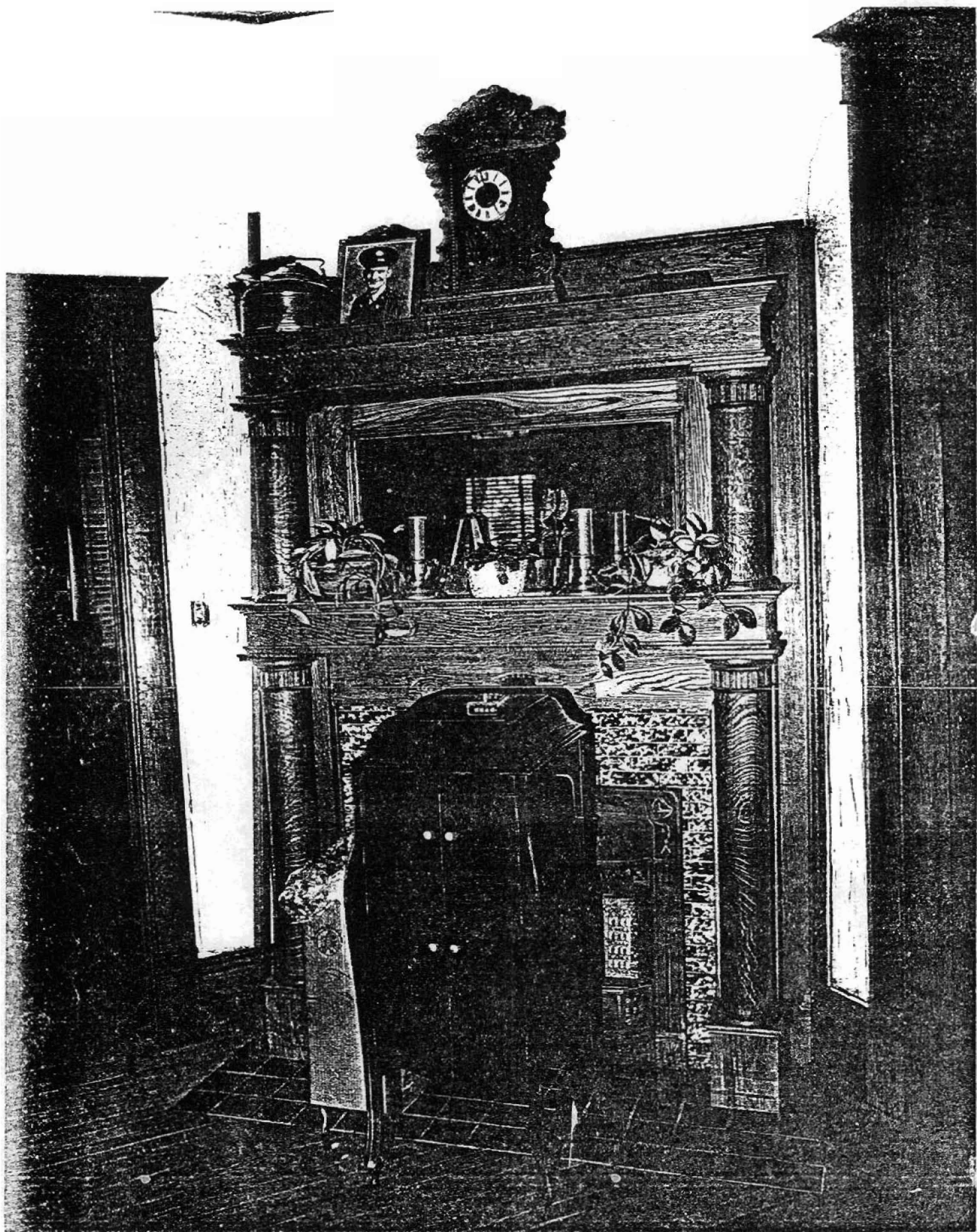


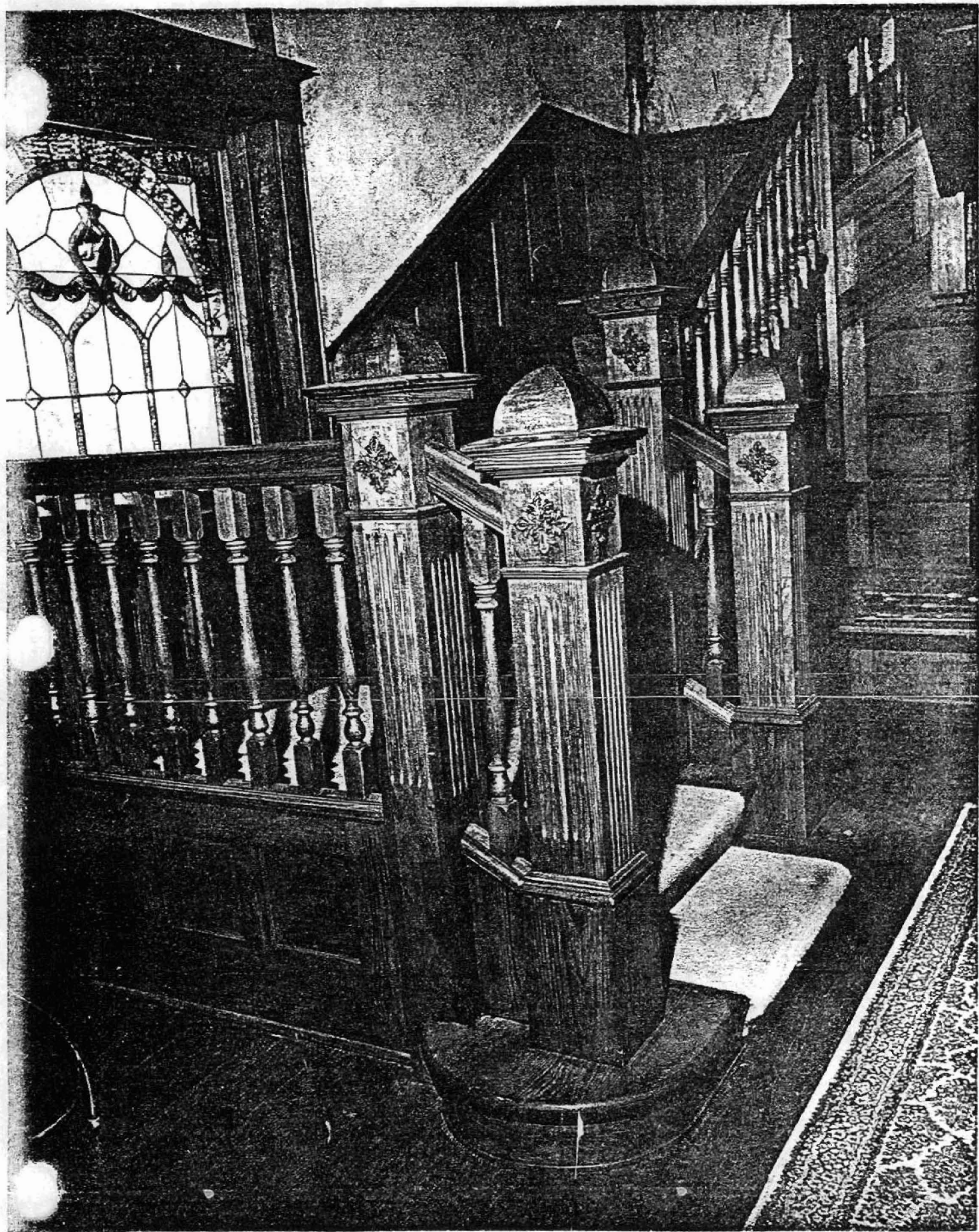


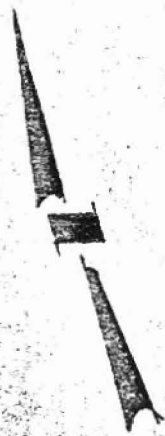








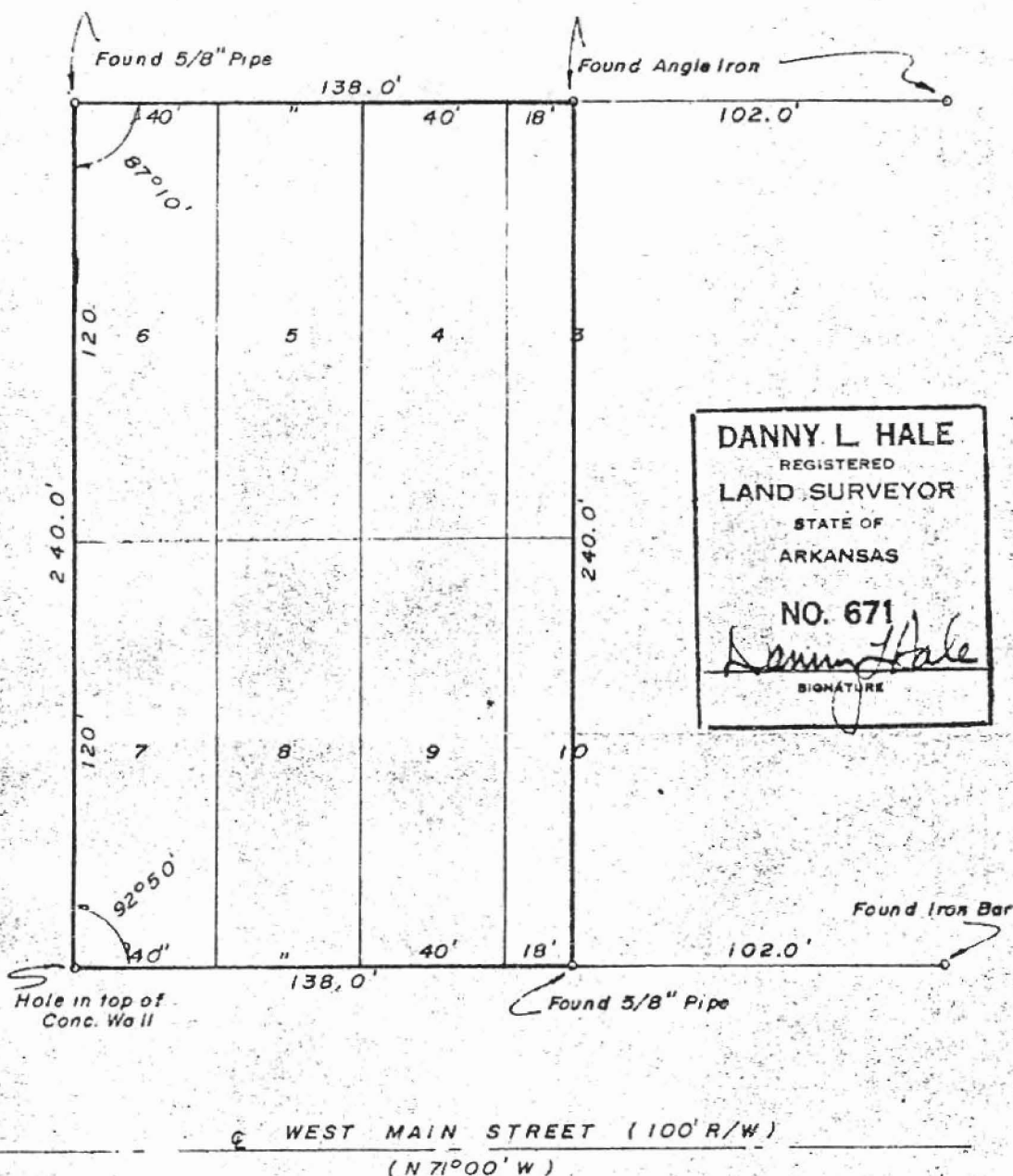




1" = 50'

6 NORTH OMAHA AVE. (60' R/W)

WEST "B" STREET (60' R/W)



DANNY L. HALE
REGISTERED
LAND SURVEYOR
STATE OF
ARKANSAS

NO. 671

SIGNATURE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 and the West 18.0 ft. of Lots 3 & 10, all in Block 17, W. J. White Addition to the City of Russellville, Arkansas.

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Danny L. Hale, a Registered Land Surveyor, have surveyed the above described property, and the above map is a true representation thereof and shows the location of the property, its exterior boundaries, roadways, easements, and visible encroachments, if any.

This survey is made for the exclusive use of the name hereon shown, and also those who purchase mortgage, or guarantee the title thereto, within one year from the date hereon shown, and as to them

Dr. William Galloway

PROPERTY SURVEY

BOYLAM ASSOCIATES, INC.
2504 W. Main 988-5035
Russellville, Arkansas