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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Nodaway County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

3rd & Main

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Maryville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#6 - Hon. E. Thomas Coleman

STATE

Missouri

CODE

029

COUNTY

Nodaway

CODE

147

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Nodaway County Court

STREET & NUMBER

3rd & Main

CITY, TOWN

Maryville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 64468

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds, Nodaway County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

3rd & Main

CITY, TOWN

Maryville

STATE

Missouri 64468

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

1. Maryville, Missouri - 19th Century Tour

DATE

June 1973

FEDERAL STATE  COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Missouri

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

Missouri 65201

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The third and present Nodaway County Court House is a High Victorian Italianate style building with some Romanesque motifs and is the sole occupant of the Courthouse Square in Maryville, Missouri. Its plan is a rectangle, one-hundred eleven feet and six inches from east to west, by seventy-six feet, from north to south. The main entrance is centered in the west facade beneath a tower, and leads, via a ten foot wide corridor, directly to a secondary entrance in the east facade. Cross stairways lead to the second, or court room floor.

From the grade line to the cornice the building's height is forty-six feet, and from the grade line to the highest part of the tower, the height is one-hundred and forty feet. There is a nine foot deep basement under the entire structure. The foundation walls are four feet six inches thick and are made out of a native stone.

All facades are symmetrical and are organized into three major bays. With numerous subordinate elements. The west, or entrance facade has projecting bays on either side flanking a recessed central bay into which a tower is set. Both the tower and a portico emphasize the symmetry of the facade. The portico is fitted between the projecting side bays and it, too, has a three bay organization with its center bay projecting beyond the building line of the main side bays.

The organization of the east facade is identical to that opposite, except that the tower is replaced by a gabled wall dormer. The massing of the longer north and south facades is the reverse of the east and west, in that it is the central bay which projects beyond receding end bays. The center bay is further emphasized by increased height and the addition of a gabled wall dormer which is supported above a slightly projected small central bay. This projection, in effect, divides the major central bay vertically into a three part composition.

Wall openings are rich in variation. Windows are usually paired in these openings, and sometimes triple. The first floor windows are double hung single-light sash surmounted by rectangular transoms. The second floor windows are similar to those at the first floor except the double or triple transoms are topped with segmental arches.

Ornamental stonework embellished the heads of wall openings at the first and second floors, and at the first floor this stonework is continued in a horizontal band completely around the building at transom bar height. Horizontal stone bands are also used at transom bar height at the second story, but these bands are not as prominent because they are not molded as the window heads are and are interrupted by engaged pilasters.

The building cornice is a massive design element consisting of a molded cornice above a frieze. Closely spaced brackets the height of the frieze give the composition a rich texture of highlight and shadow, and an intaglio rosette fills each frieze panel defined by the brackets.

The main roof of the building is a truncated hip, and each projecting bay on the east and west facades is covered with a full hip roof subordinate to the main roof.

# 8 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"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1881	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	R.K. Allen, Builder Eckel & Mann, Architect
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Nodaway Courthouse is significant as one of Missouri's finest High Victorian Italianate - Eclectic Style courthouses, as the design of the prominent western Missouri Architectural firm of Eckel & Mann, and as the seat of local government for Nodaway County for 98 years.

The building presently under consideration is the third to serve as Nodaway County's county seat. The first was built in 1846 of logs while the second erected in 1855 was of brick construction. This courthouse served until 1881 when construction on the present brick building began. Work was completed in 1882, the contractor being R.K. Allen of St. Joseph, Missouri. Allen also constructed the Union Railroad Station in St. Joseph. (19th Century Tour; Souvenir; Past and Present; History; Maryville Illustrated)

The architect was the firm of Eckel and Mann. Edmund J. Eckel (1845-1934) was a native of Alsace, France and a graduate of the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris. John Albury Bryan identified him as "the outstanding man in the history of the profession in the western section of the state" (Bryan: p. 50). Eckel arrived in St. Joseph in 1869, joining the firm of Stigers and Boettner. Lewis Stigers, senior partner of the firm had designed Patee House (A National Historical Landmark). In 1872, Eckel became a partner in the firm. From 1888 to 1893, he was partners with George R. Mann. Later partners included Walter Boschen, Will S. Aldrich and his son George R. Eckel. George Eckel had as partners Aldrich and Otto Brunner. The firm exists today, with William Brunner, son of Otto as the Senior partner. Edmund Eckel was a member of the Western Association of Architects from 1885 to 1889 when that organization merged with the American Institute of Architects. He was made a fellow of the A.I.A. in 1889.

The courthouse itself is an outstanding Victorian era building of a type not common outside of Missouri's major cities. County Court records reveal that in its 98-year history few major exterior or interior changes have been made, a fact that further enhances its place in Missouri's architectural heritage. (County Court Records: 1890-1979, Books 1-35).

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Maryville Illustrated. Maryville: McJimsey and Wray, 1899.
2. Maryville, Missouri. 19th Century Tour. Maryville: Nodaway County Historical Society, 1973.
3. Maryville Tribune Souvenir. Maryville, The Tribune, 1899.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.6

QUADRANGLE NAME "Maryville, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62,500

UTM REFERENCES

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section seventeen (17), Township sixty-four (64) North, Range thirty-five (35) West, described as follows: Beginning on the inside curb line at the southwest corner of what is known as the Court House

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Thomas W. Carneal

June 20, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Northwest Missouri State University

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

305 Colden Hall

816/582-7141 ext. 1289

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Maryville

STATE

Missouri 64468

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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NODAWAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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2. "Maryville Illustrated"  
March 1, 1899 local  
State Historical Society of Missouri  
Corner Pitt and Lowery  
Columbia, Missouri 65201
3. A Historic Inventory of Nodaway County, Missouri  
Fall 1977 state county local  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Historic Preservation  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
4. Missouri State Historical Survey  
1977 state  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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4. Nodaway County Court Records, 1890-1979. Books 1-35. County Clerks Office  
Maryville: Nodaway County Court House.
5. Past and Present of Nodaway County, Missouri. Vol. I & II. Indianapolis,  
Indiana: B.F. Bowen and Company, 1910.
6. The History of Nodaway County. St. Joseph, Missouri: National Historical  
Company, 1882.

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Square, Original Town; thence North along the inside curb line for two hundred and sixty-four (264) feet to the Northwest corner of said square; thence east along the inside curb line for two hundred and sixty-four (264) feet to the Northeast corner of said square; thence south along the inside curb line for two hundred and sixty-four (264) feet to the southeast corner of said square; thence west along the inside curb line for two hundred and sixty-four (264) feet to the point of beginning.

FHR-8-300A  
(11/78)

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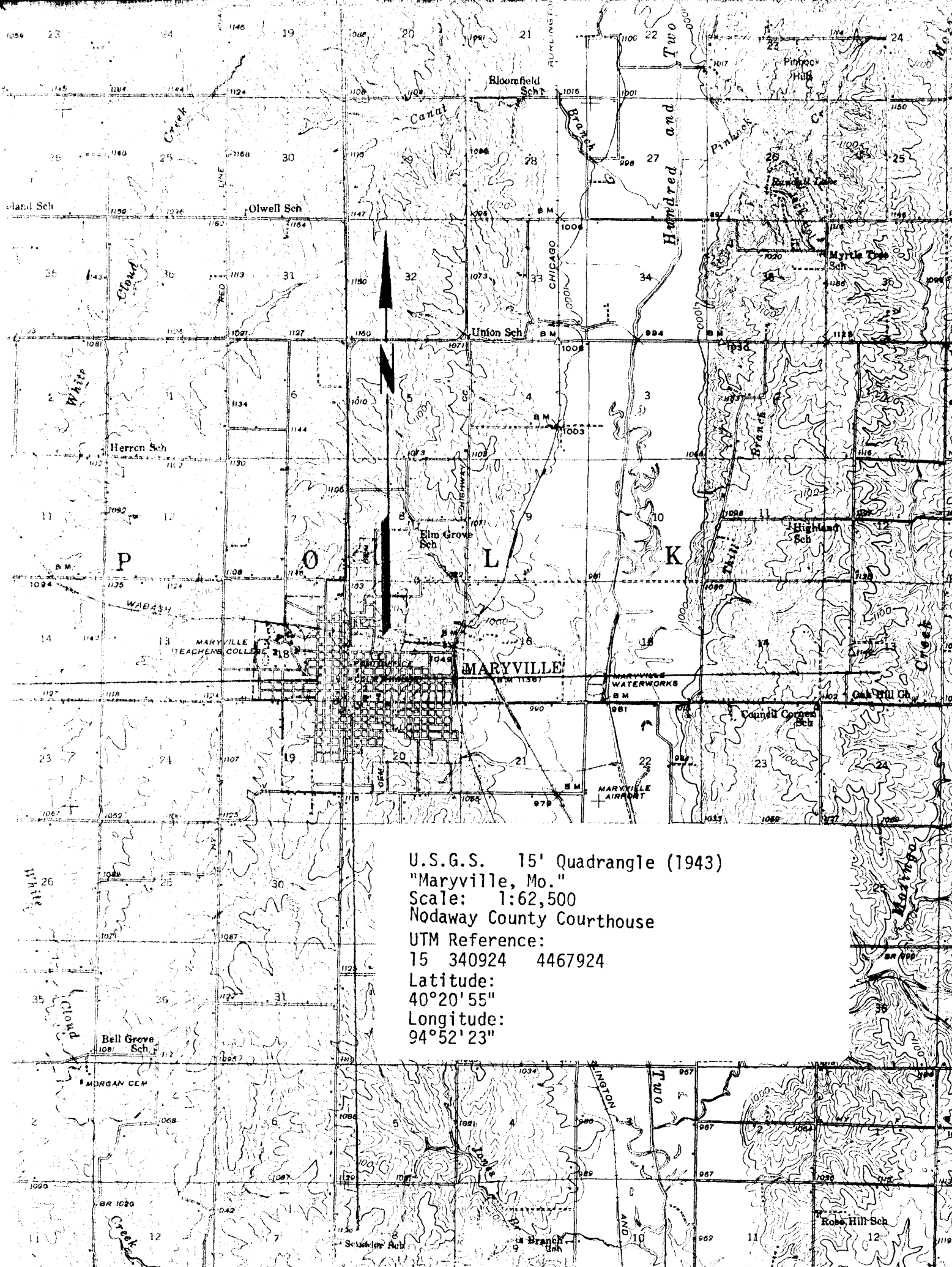
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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief  
Nominations-Survey and State Contact Person  
Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Historic Preservation  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City

July 13, 1979  
314/751-4096

Missouri 65102



U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle (1943)

"Maryville, Mo."

Scale: 1:62,500

Nodaway County Courthouse

UTM Reference:

15 340924 4467924

Latitude:

40°20'55"

Longitude:

94°52'23"

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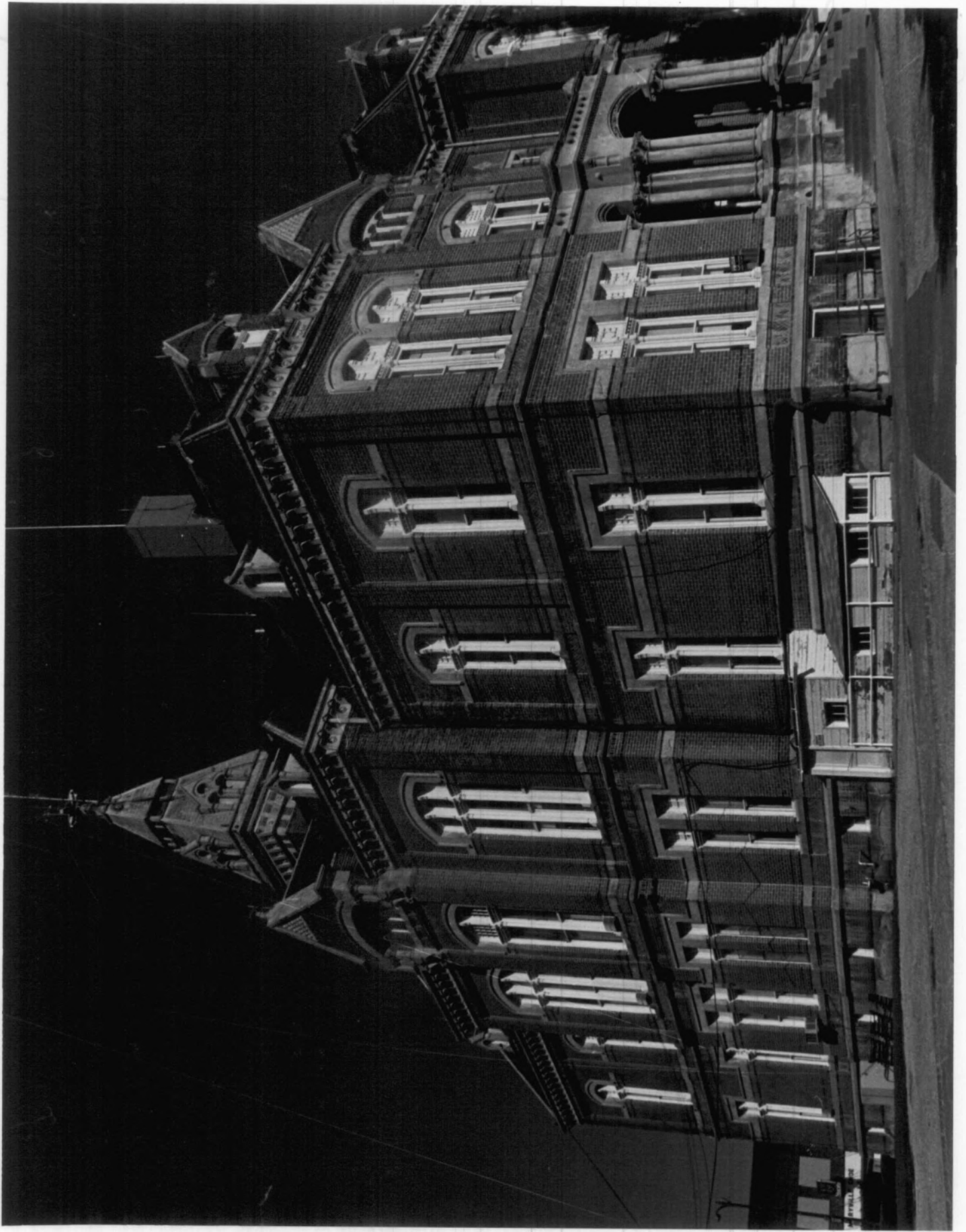
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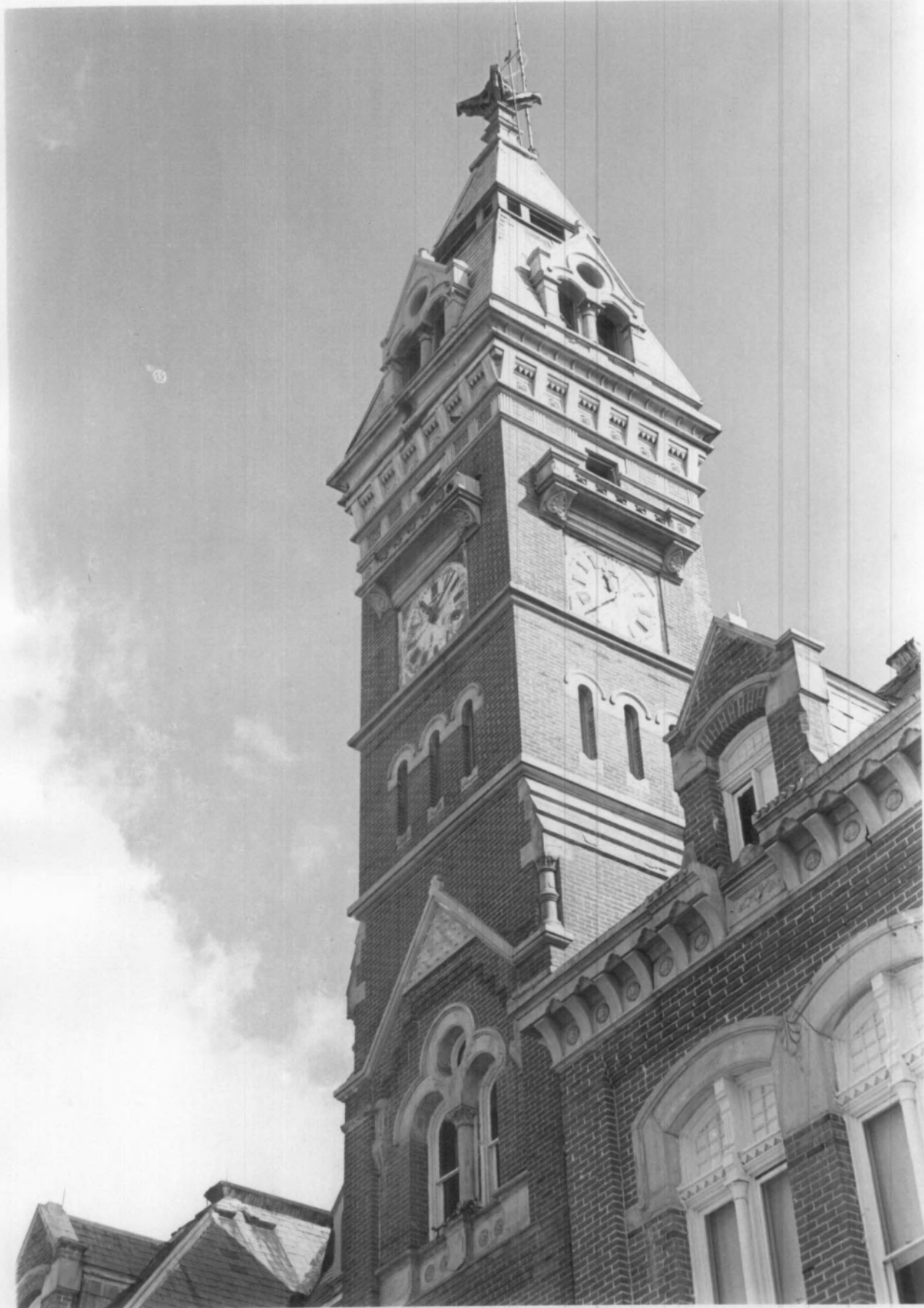


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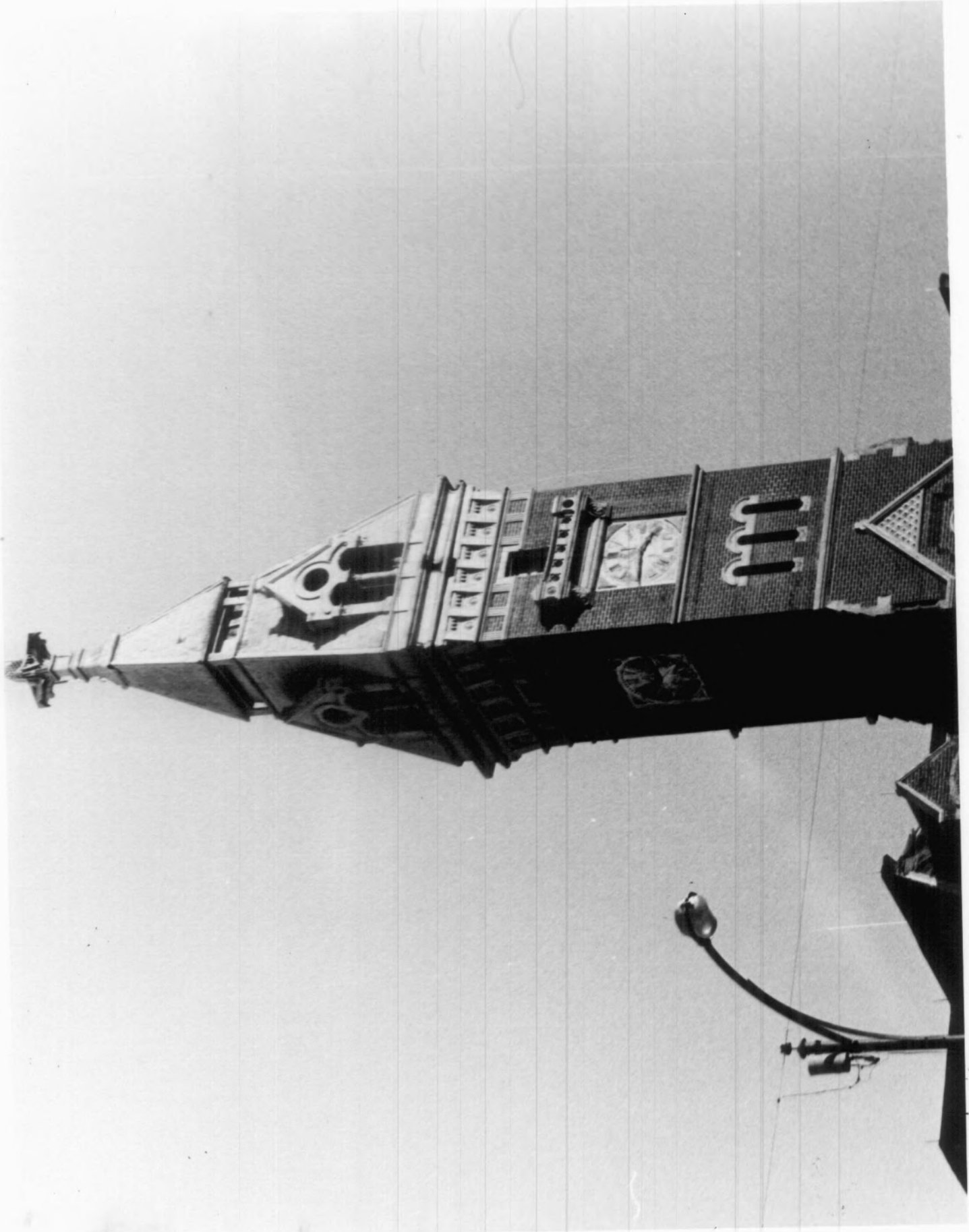
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