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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 The Caleb Burns Home

and/or common Nodaway County Historical Society Museum Home

## 2. Location

street & number 422 W. 2nd not for publication

city, town Maryville vicinity of congressional district 6th-Hon. Thomas E.

Coleman

state Missouri code 029 county Nodaway code 147

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                  | Status  | Present Use                            |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private           | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                   | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both              | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress             | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                  | <b>Accessible</b>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process        | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted              | <input type="checkbox"/> government    | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation    |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> no                           | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:            |

## 4. Owner of Property

name Nodaway County Historical Society

street & number 422 W. 2nd

city, town Maryville vicinity of state Missouri 64468

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Nodaway County Court House

street & number 3rd & Main

city, town Maryville state Missouri 64468

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryville, Missouri - 19th Century has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
Tour

date June, 1973  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Missouri

city, town Columbia state Missouri 65201

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## 7. Description

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| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" 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    |   |   |

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

#### CALEB BURNS HOUSE

The Caleb Burns House is a rectangular two-story structure with a narrower one-story section at the rear. Both parts appear to have been built at the same time. The front section is one room wide and two rooms deep. A closed stairwell flanks the east end of the front, or north, room and the entrance opens into the small stairwell so formed.

There are three rooms on the second floor. The straight single-run stairway ends in a front room the width of the house while the south part of the second floor is divided to form an east and west room. The east and west walls of the second-story are not full height, so that the roof rafters form a sloping ceiling adjacent to these walls.

The one-story section consists of a single main room. A bath, pantry, and rear entryway adjoin this room on the east, but these auxiliary spaces appear to be modifications of an earlier side porch. A one-story porch, the width of the house, protects the main entrance on the north.

There is one full-width basement room at the north; the remainder of the house is built over a crawl space.

All exterior walls are frame over a brick foundation. The siding is clapboard.

Both the two-story and one-story sections have plain gabled roofs. The pitch of the roof over the two-story section is greater than that at the rear to provide for a higher second floor ceiling and small attic space. The gable over the one-story section is symmetrical over the main rear room, but the rafters are extended eastward over what is conjectured to have been an original side porch. The entrance porch roof is flat.

Typical exterior wall openings have rudimentary Greek Revival Style trim. They are defined by simple board castings at the jambs, and, where wall height permits, by modest board pediments at the heads. A simple crown mold helps define the rake of these pediments. Where the wall height does not permit, i.e. at the second-story east and west, and at east and west of the one-story section, the window head trim is formed by the deep board fascia which is continuous under all eaves and at the gables.

The lack of this pediment at some wall openings probably indicates modifications of the original exterior wall fabric. Pediments are lacking at the two north windows and at the east window which opens into the entrance hall. The head trim is flat at these windows. Additional indications of modifications to the above openings include the Queen Anne style stained-glass panels set in the first floor windows, and the deep cornice supported by curvilinear brackets above the second-story window.

## 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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Specific dates 1846 Builder/Architect Caleb P. Burns

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Caleb P. Burns Home started in 1846 is significant as the oldest surviving home in Maryville, Missouri. In 1973, the Nodaway County Historical Society researched the residences of Maryville for the town's oldest surviving home and in 1977, the historic inventory of Nodaway also researched for the oldest surviving home in the city. In both surveys, the Caleb Burns home started in 1846<sup>1</sup> was declared to be the oldest surviving home in Maryville.

In 1844, Caleb P. Burns moved to Maryville from Andrew County where he had been serving as a Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Burns claimed a quarter section of land near the original plat of Maryville where he built a log cabin and began this house in 1846. The boundary of this section was First Street on the south, 8th street on the north, Munn Street on the west, and the alley between Main and Buchanan on the east. Mr. Burns sub-divided a portion of this land and incorporated it into the city of Maryville as the Burns addition. He also sold a portion to Amos Graham in 1845 on which Mr. Graham built a house at the corner of 2nd and Buchanan. The city of Maryville was named after Mr. Graham's wife Mary.

In 1849, at the time of the gold excitement, Mr. Burns went to California and left his family in Maryville. No record exists of Mr. Burns' activities in California but he appears in 1854 city records, giving rise to the speculation that he returned to the city without amassing a fortune in the gold fields. Mr. Burns served in various positions in the early city government being a justice of the peace and a city clerk.

About the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, there was an exchange of farms between persons living in Missouri and southern states like Texas. Mr. Burns was involved in one of these complicated exchanges in the following manner. A George Downing of Texas came to Missouri and took the farm of Nathan Murphy; Mr. Murphy took Caleb Burns' farm and Burns took Downing's farm in Texas. The 1882 History of Nodaway County, Missouri states that Mr. Caleb P. Burns was still living in Texas in 1881.

The Murphy's kept the property until 1865 when it was acquired by T.L. Robinson. Mr. Robinson was a cashier of the Nodaway Valley Bank at the time. Ester Cornell bought the Robinson farm but within the year sold it to the Lewis C. Evans family. The Evans family lived in the house for a decade. When a daughter married in 1874, they build the house directly east for her.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

A Historic Inventory of Nodaway County, Missouri. Jefferson City, Missouri: Office of Historic Preservation, 1977.

Maryville Illustrated. Maryville: McJimsey and Wray, 1899.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approx. 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name "Maryville, Mo."

UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The West Third (W1/3) of the North Half (N1/2) commencing at a point 57 rods and Twenty (20) links West and Ten (10) rods and Twenty (20) links North of the Southeast Corner of Section Eighteen (18), Township Sixty-four (64), Range Thirty-five (35), thence North 17 rods and 11 links, thence West 11 rods and 1 link

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Thomas W. Carneal

organization Northwest Missouri State University date September 12, 1979

street & number 305 Colden Hall telephone 816/582-7141 Ext. 1289

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Director, Department of Natural Resources and State date \_\_\_\_\_  
Historic Preservation Officer

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

date \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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1977

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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey  
and State Contact Person

Department of Natural Resources

Historic Preservation Program

P.O. Box 176

Jefferson City

January 23, 1980  
314/751-4096

Missouri 65102

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First floor windows are generally four-over-four light double hung sash. At the second story the windows in the short east and west walls are two-over-two light, whereas the windows in the north and south walls are four-over-four light. There is a rectangular transom light over the main entrance.

Other exterior trim includes raked boxing at the rafter ends, a modest crown mold and cornice at the eaves, and vertical boards at each corner. These latter elements serve to terminate the clapboard siding, but are much too prominent to have been selected for functional purposes only. And the fact that these corner boards define the area conjectured to be an original east porch is further evidence of modification in this area.

The north porch is supported by four Tuscan columns below an entablature more heavily molded than the eaves. This porch is known to be an alteration of the original fabric.

All windows, except one at the extreme southeast, have paneled shutters, but these may be reconstructions as they are not operable, and the single leaf between the second floor south windows is not a functional size.

Interior trim is generally quite simple. Casings, except where modified, are made up of unembellished boards, and there is no definition of head casings, such as transverse and/or longitudinal projections. Baseboards appear to have been plain boards at the rear of the house and at the second floor. The lower front rooms appear to have had a more elaborate base. A beaded board is still in place in the middle first floor room, but the elaborate crown at the base, the fluted casings and carved plinth blocks in the northernmost first floor room appear to be Victorian alterations.

Original doors appear to have been four panel, raised panel doors with plain rim locks, mineral knobs, and flush pin hinges.

The entrance stair is not enclosed at the second floor. Instead the stairwell is protected by an oval railing, tapered balusters, and a turned newel. Original flooring is softwood.

The first floor framing does not indicate an original hearth in either of the front rooms, but the central chimney would have permitted heating by stove in any first or second floor room. No examination was made of the floor area adjoining the south chimney. This chimney appears to be modified, but if it is a replacement for an original chimney at this location, heating and/or cooking could have been provided either by a fireplace or stove.

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In 1890, Frank Bellows acquired the property. Mr. Bellows was the founder of the American Shorthorn Registry and President of the American Royal Livestock Show. In 1901, he sold the property to Hestor Anderson and a year later M.J. and S.R. Beech bought the house. In 1913, Sarah E. Ford bought the house. Mrs. Ford was the widow of Reverend J.S. Ford, a minister for the First Methodist Church. The daughters, Merle and Gladys were added to the title later and when the Nodaway County Historical Society acquired the property in 1977, it was owned jointly by Gladys and her nephew Jack Ford.

FOOTNOTES

1. The History of Nodaway County, Missouri. (St. Joseph, Missouri: National Historical Company, 1882) p. 270.
2. Ibid, pp. 268-270.

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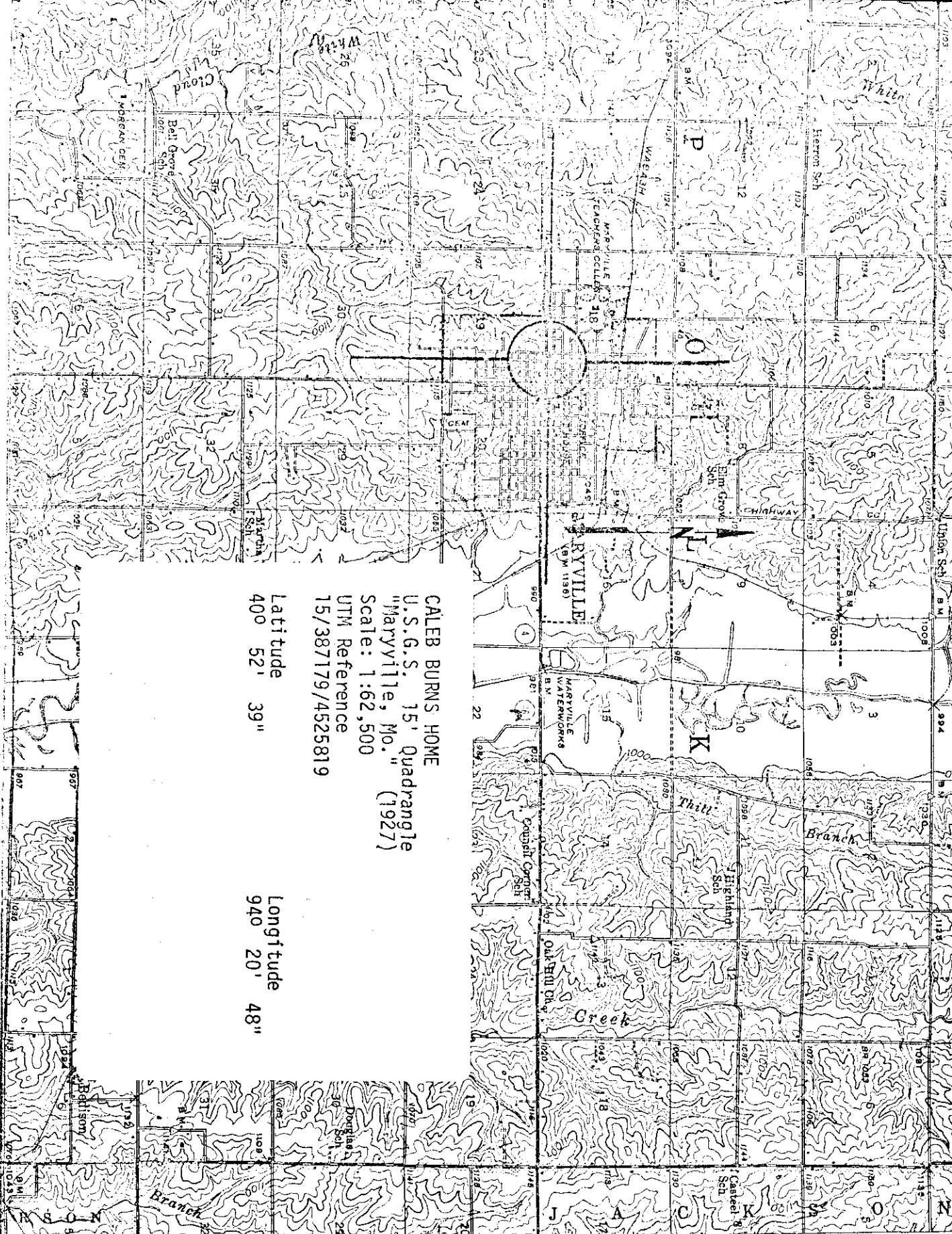
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BURNS, CALEB, HOME

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OWNER: Nodaway County Historical Society  
ADDRESS: 422 W. 2nd, Maryville, Mo. 64468

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: April 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.: September 11, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: September 17, 1980

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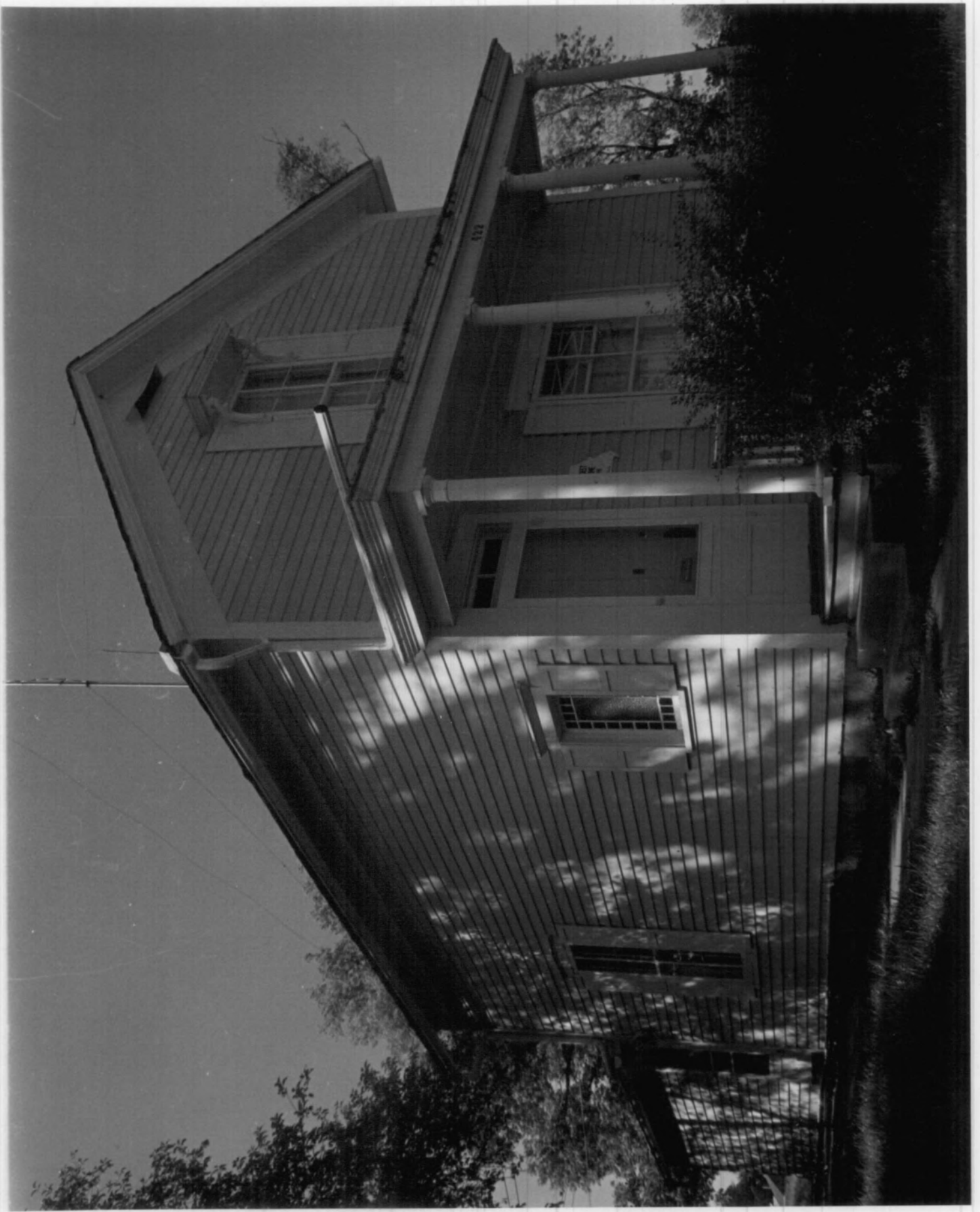
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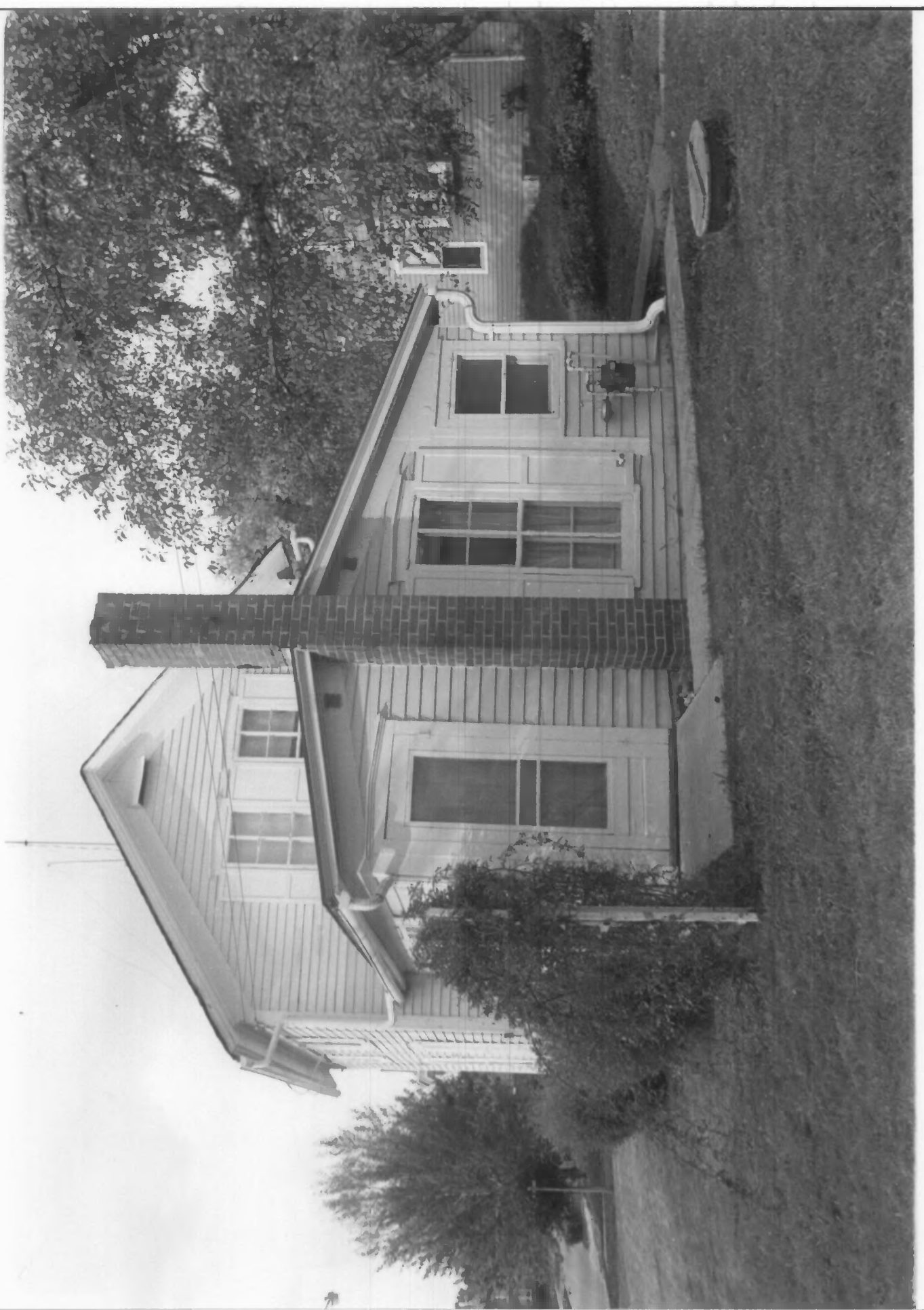
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