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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Glasgow Presbyterian Church

and/or common Glasgow Community Museum

2. Location

street & number Commerce and Fourth Streets ___ not for publication

city, town Glasgow ___ vicinity of congressional district #4-Hon. Ike Skelton

state Missouri code 029 county Howard code 089

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 City of Glasgow

street & number City Hall

city, town Glasgow ___ vicinity of state Missouri 65254

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds
Howard County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Fayette ___ vicinity of state Missouri 65248

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Missouri Historic Sites
Catalogue has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1963 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Missouri
Hitt and Lowry Streets

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Missouri State Historical Survey
1979,1980
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Glasgow Presbyterian Church, which is now known as the Glasgow Community Museum, is located on the southeast corner of Commerce and Fourth Streets on a hilltop overlooking the Missouri River, which lies to the west, in the small town of Glasgow, Missouri. The quiet surrounding neighborhood includes churches, residences, and the Lewis Library (Glasgow Public Library) which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 21, 1969.

The Church faces north, measures 57'5" along the east and west sides and 37'3" along the north and south, and encloses a main and a lower floor. Its simple Gothic Revival design is expressed in native brick laid in common bond over a heavy stone foundation. It is capped with a low pitched gabled roof covered with tin sheeting. The building originally had a bell tower to the north above the parapet, but this was lost along with the original roof in a tornado in 1897. The roof was replaced but the tower was not. Notable exterior decorative features include a vertical board and batten vestibule (16' x 5'), painted white, within the central bay of the three-bayed primary facade. This vestibule is shaded by a Gothic arcade supported by brick pillars. Flanking bays hold lancet windows of clear leaded glass, and a parapet capped with a denticulated brick cornice rests above. Along the east and west sides plain leaded glass lancet windows were replaced by the present art glass memorial windows in 1913. The windows at ground level along these sides are topped with flat wooden lintels as is the entry door to the ground floor museum on the west.

The building is entered through two wooden doors within the vestibule which lead directly into the sanctuary. The simple interior features plastered light green walls, a carpeted oak floor, an embossed tin ceiling, decorative oak pews, a Gothic Revival pulpit and walnut trim. The focal point of the sanctuary is the tripartite stained glass window over the wooden pulpit and podium to the south. This depiction is a reproduction of Hofmann's Christ in Gethsemane, set within a walnut frame, which was added in 1913 as a gift of Elihu Root, a member of President Theodore Roosevelt's Cabinet, in memory of his brother, Oren D. Root who served as president of Glasgow's Pritchett College and as pastor of this church. This addition necessitated the removal of three iron chandeliers from the south end of the sanctuary which were similar to those which are still in place to the north. The interior is completed by a shallow balcony (8' x 34'9") to the north supported by molded oak columns. This balcony has a separate entrance stair which rises from a door in the west wall of the board and batten vestibule, and it provided seating for the slaves who drove their masters to church in the early days. The iron chandeliers nearby are believed to be the originals which have been electrified.

The ground floor houses the museum and is reached by a stair in the northeast corner of the sanctuary. Originally, a partition divided the present museum area into two sections along its east-west axis which were used as Sunday School rooms. In the renovation of 1975 this partition, which had deteriorated, was removed to open the space for the museum. To the north, a new plaster wall which now separates the museum display area from the furnace, storage and service areas, was constructed to replace another deteriorating partition. In addition, as part of this renovation, a new concrete floor was poured replacing the old oak floor which was judged to be too weak to support museum cabinets. The walls of the museum are of exposed brick as a result of the 1975 renovation during which the old, deteriorated plaster was removed and the present decorative iron

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grills fortify the large windows.

In June, 1980 the entire building was repointed by the Keating Construction Company of Jefferson City, Missouri at a cost of \$7,500. The City of Glasgow paid half the cost and the remainder came from available funds and money provided by the Friends of the Museum.

The building today is in need of minor maintenance, but it is good condition. The church is not used, but Glasgow's only museum is open on a regular basis and houses photos, clothing, jewelry, tools and other memorabilia of importance to citizens of the town and the region.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1860-1861

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In a town of pre-Civil War prosperity and its accompanying construction, in a state where surviving architecture of definite stylistic type from this period is relatively rare, Glasgow Presbyterian Church is significant as one of the town's oldest surviving examples of Gothic Revival ecclesiastical architecture and as the present home of its only museum. In addition, because the Presbyterian Church, which occupied the building for about 100 years, is remembered as important in the history and intellectual life of Glasgow, the building holds symbolic significance to the population of the town and region. The present museum was originally constructed in 1860-1861 as a home for the local Baptist congregation, which was organized in 1820 at the nearby town of Chariton. Within 5 years, the baptists voted to rejoin the Chariton group and their building was sold for \$4500 to the Presbyterians, who had lost their church building to the Union forces in the Battle of Glasgow (1864). This building provided a home for the Presbyterians until January, 1975. A highlight of its history occurred in 1913 when Elihu Root, a member of President Theodore Roosevelt's Cabinet, donated the pulpit window, now a focal point of the interior, in the memory of his brother, Oren D. Root, a pastor of the church and the President of the local institution of higher learning, Pritchett College. The college is gone, but local citizens hold the memory of Oren Root as outstanding educator and resident of note in high esteem. By 1975, the membership in the church had dwindled to only 10 elderly citizens, so the congregation decided to dissolve the organization. Due to the efforts of Anna Mae Birch, the Missouri Union Presbytery turned the building over to the town of Glasgow officially on July 1, 1975. After a year of repair and renovation, the Glasgow Community Museum opened on August 1, 1976.

(Historical information is taken from the notes of Anna Mae Birch; the Glasgow Community Museum informational pamphlet, an article by Miss Birch entitled "10 Members at the End as at the Beginning: Glasgow Presbyterian Church Becomes a Museum" in the Democrat-Leader of July 12, 1975 and from From Riverboat to Rocket (Marceline, MO.: Walsworth Publishing Co., 1961), p. 9 and History of Howard and Cooper Counties, Missouri (St. Louis, MO.: National Historical Co., 1883), p. 208.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Birch, Anna Mae. Personal notes on the Glasgow Presbyterian Church.
 ----- "10 Members at the End as at the Beginning: Glasgow Presbyterian Church Becomes Museum", Democrat-Leader (Fayette, MO.), July 12, 1975.
 From Riverboat to Rocket. Marceline, MO.: Walsworth Publishing Co., 1961.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name "Glasgow, MO."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block #34, Lots 3 and 4 in the original town of Glasgow, Missouri.

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. Noelle Soren
Historic Architecture Specialist

organization Division of Parks and Historic Preservation
Department of Natural Resources date August 3, 1981

street & number P.O. Box 176 telephone 314/751-4096

city or town Jefferson City state Missouri 65102

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

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

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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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Glasgow Community Museum Informational Pamphlet.

History of Howard and Cooper Counties, Missouri. St. Louis, MO.: National
Historical Co., 1883.

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(CAMBRIDGE)

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND
WALLACE B. HOWE, STATE GEOLOGIST

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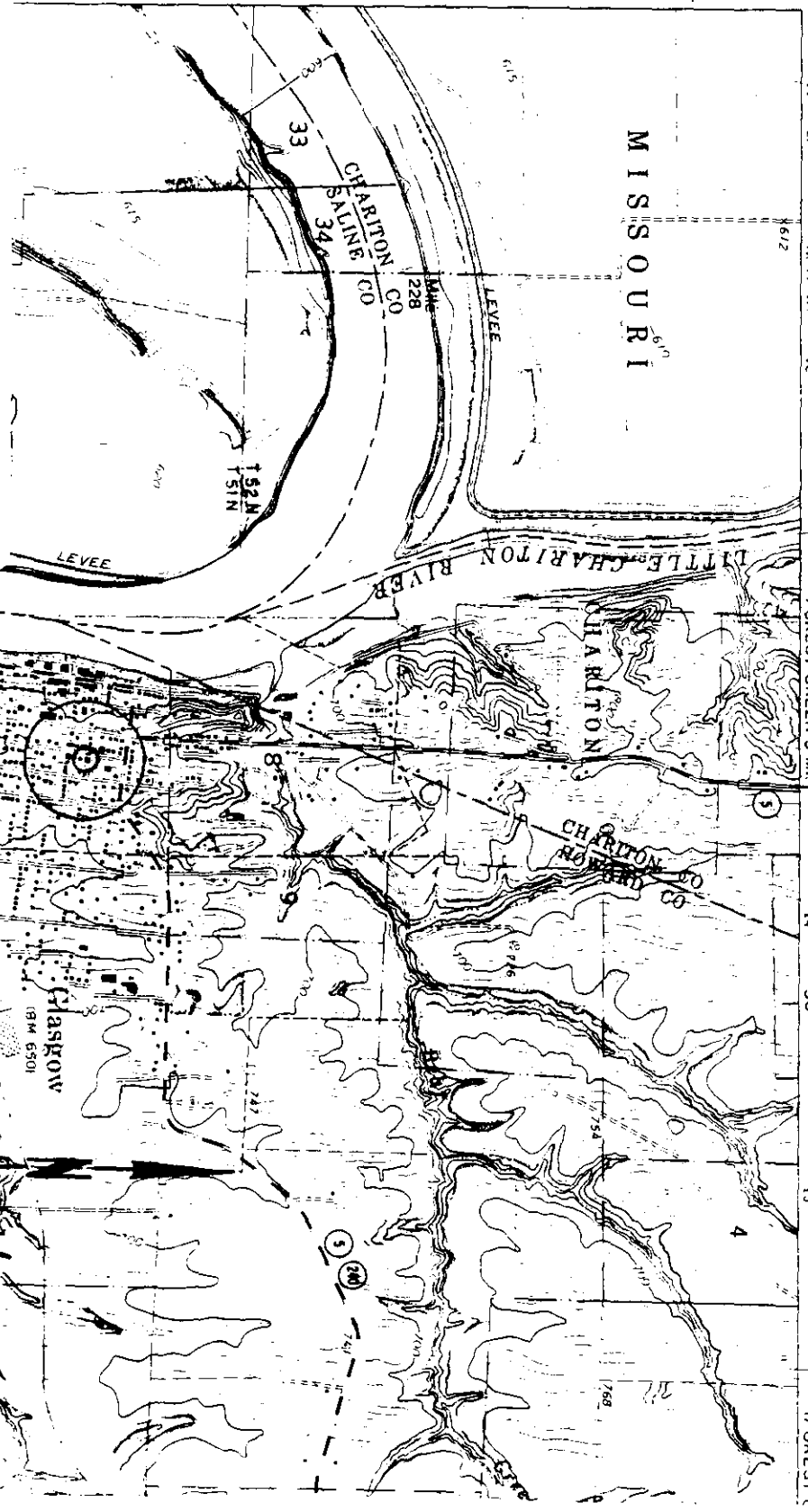
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GLASGOW COMMUNITY MUSEUM
Glasgow, Howard County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"Glasgow, MO."
Scale: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE:
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2. Miss Anna Mae Birch, President (deceased)
Museum Board
Glasgow Community Museum
Commerce and Fourth Streets
Glasgow, Missouri 65254

3. Maxine Friemonth, Treasurer
Glasgow Community Museum
Glasgow, MO. 65254
816/338-2757

GLASGOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH #1 of 8
Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard County
MO. 65254

Photographer: Noelle Soren
December, 1980

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
Jefferson City, MO. 65101
View to southwest of primary facade.

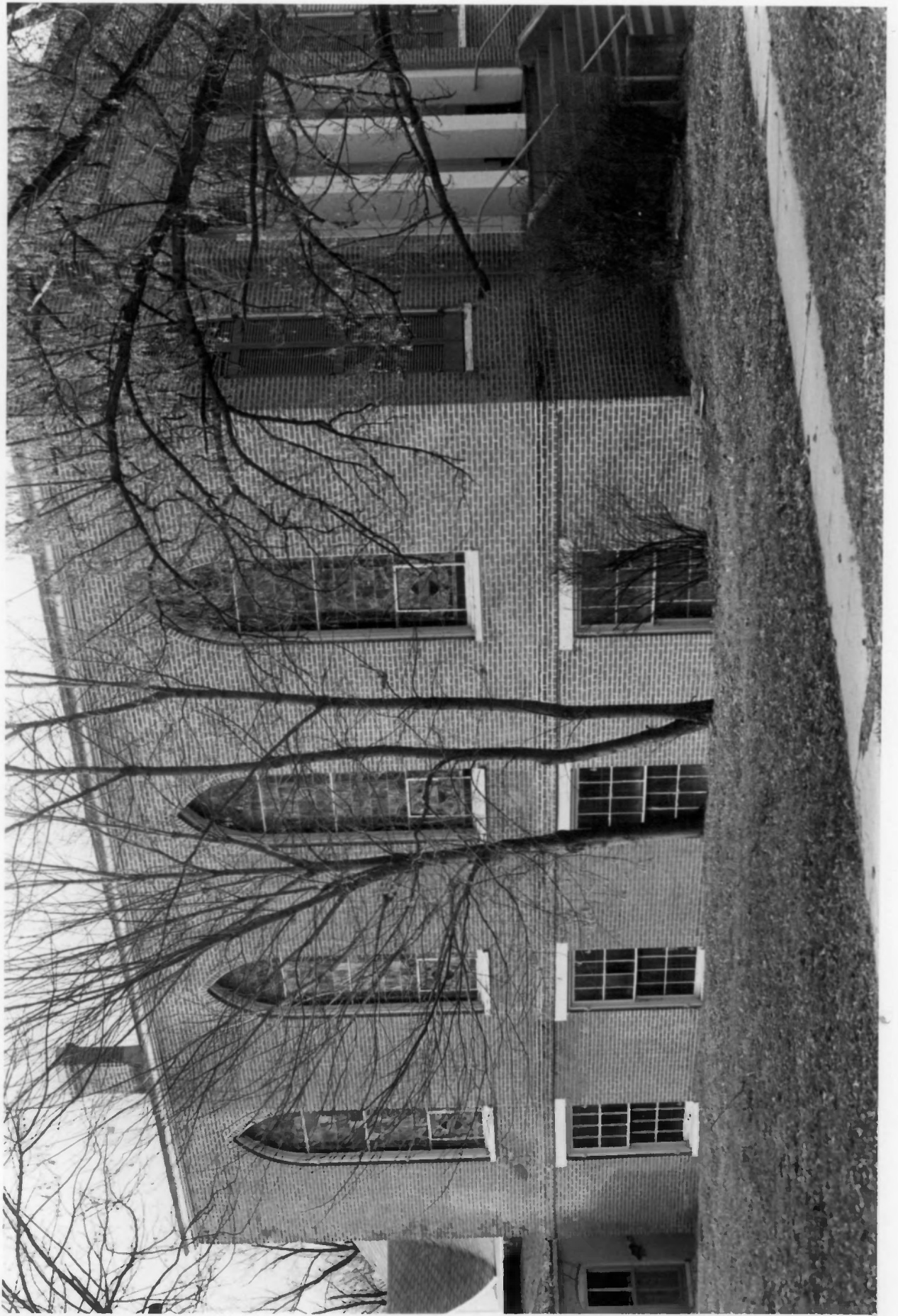


GLASGOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH #2 of 8
Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard
County, MO. 65254

Photographer: Noelle Soren

December, 1980

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
Jefferson City, MO. 65101
View to southwest of east side.



GLASGOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH #3 of 8
Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard
County, MO. 65254

Photographer: Noelle Soren
December, 1980

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
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View to east of south side.

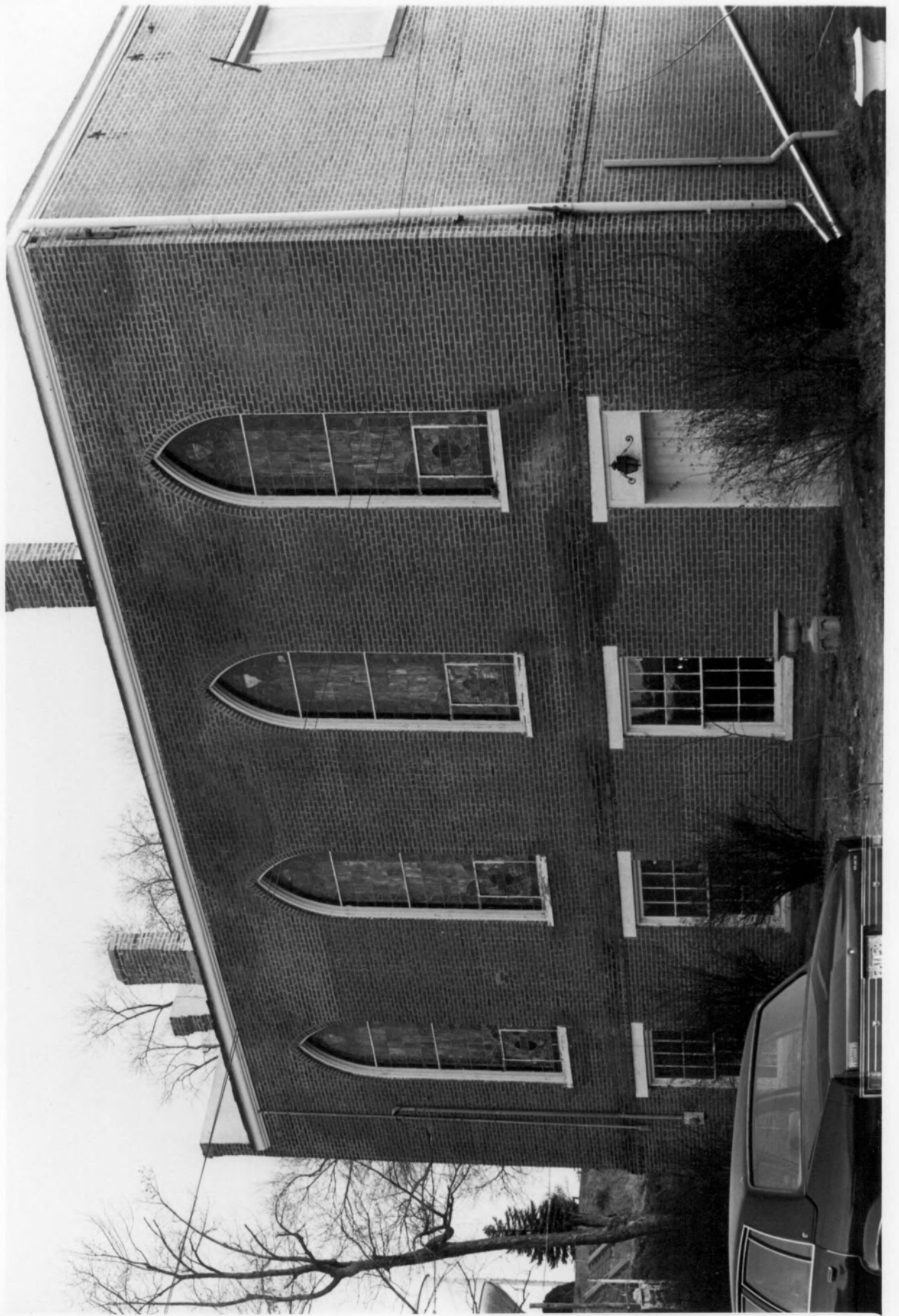


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Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard
County, MO. 65254

Photographer: Noelle Soren

December, 1980

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
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View to northeast of west side.



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Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard
County, MO. 65254
Photographer: Noelle Soren
December, 1980
Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
Jefferson City, MO. 65101
Interior, sanctuary, view to north.



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County, MO. 65254

Photographer: Noelle Soren
December, 1980

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
Jefferson City, MO. 65101
Interior, sanctuary, view to south.



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Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard
County, MO. 65254

Photographer: Larry Thompson Studio
July, 1979

Neg. Loc.: Thompson Studio, Fayette, MO. 65248
Interior, sanctuary, south wall, detail of
glass window.

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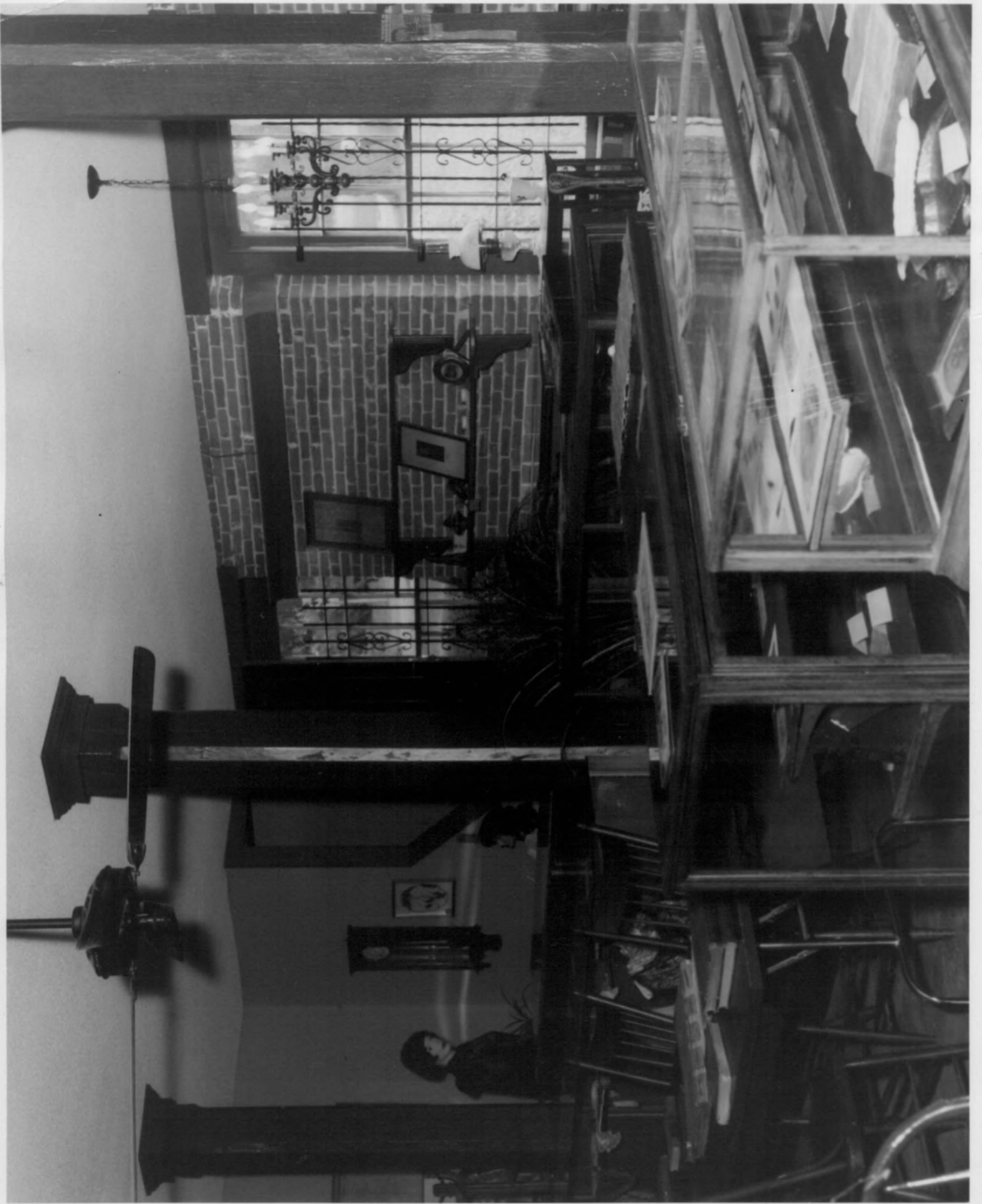


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Commerce and Fourth Sts., Glasgow, Howard
County, MO. 65254
Photographer: Larry Thompson Studio
July, 1979
Neg. Loc.: Thompson Studio, Fayette, MO. 65248
Interior, lower level museum, view to northeast.

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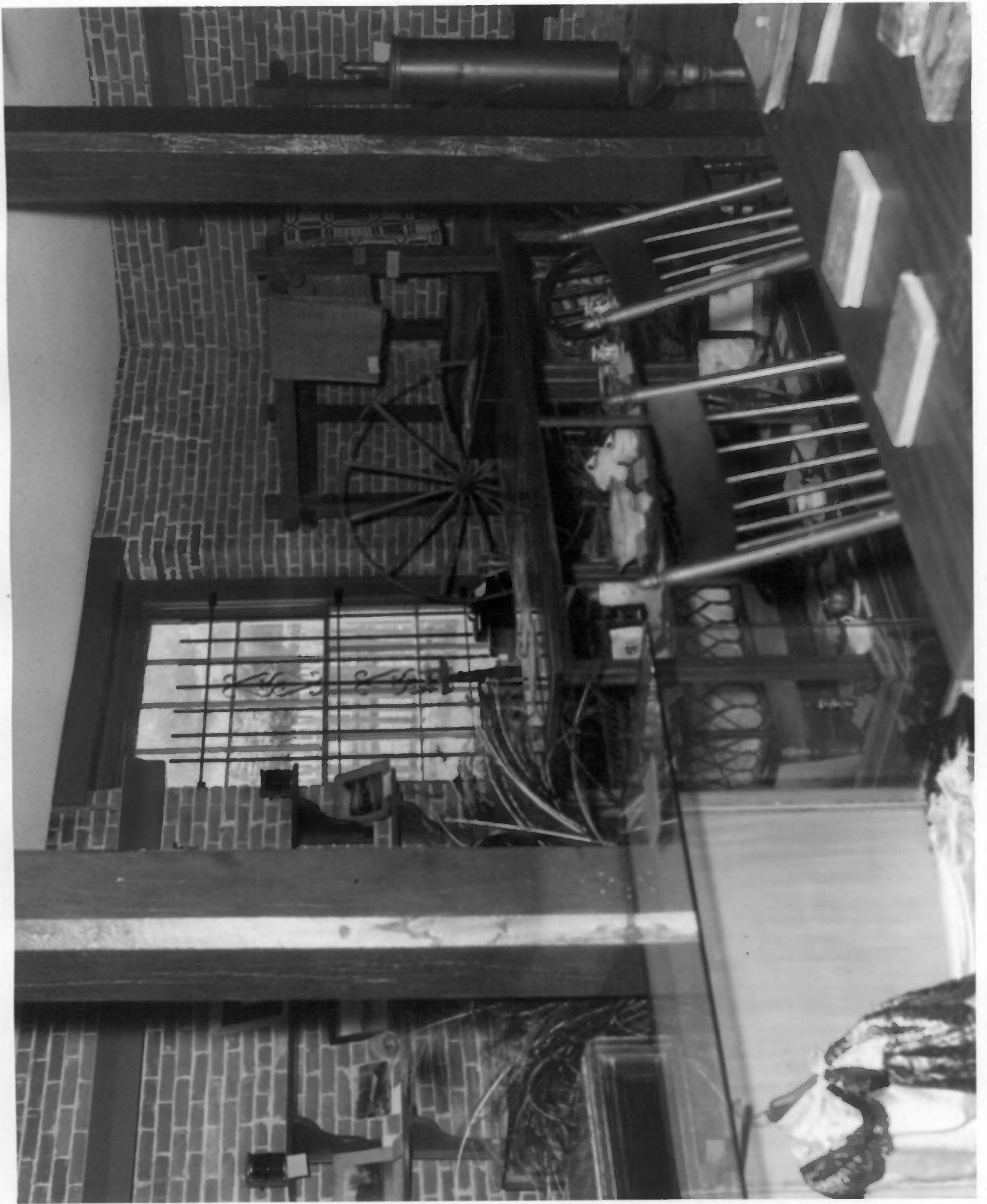
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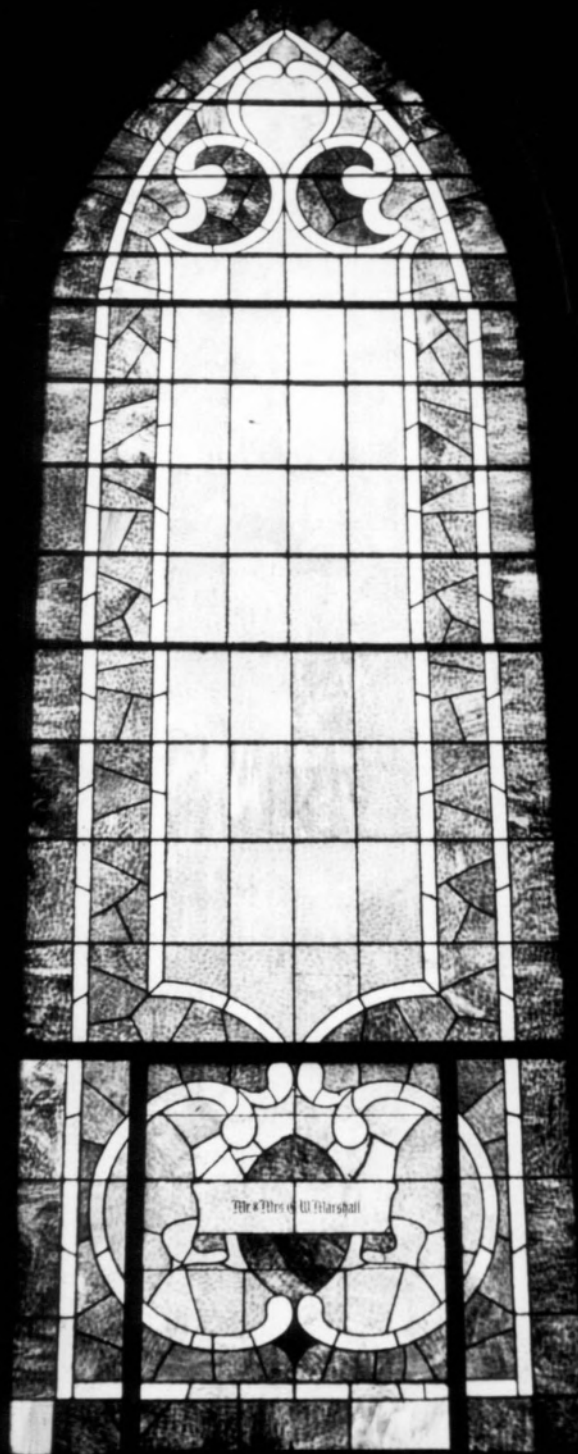
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