

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Howard	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-05-24-0017	DATE 5/21/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Glasgow Public Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lewis Library

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Northwest corner, Market and Fourth streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Glasgow

STATE: Missouri CODE: 65251 COUNTY: Howard CODE: 21 089

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP			STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes:	
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		Library <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Lewis Library Association

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Glasgow STATE: Missouri CODE: 65251 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Howard County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fayette STATE: Missouri CODE: 65218 24

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: Missouri CODE: 65201 24

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Due 25 Apr. 69
to WCB 2 May 69

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Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
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Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <u>Library</u>

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Lewis Library Association

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STATE:
Missouri

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65254

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STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Fayette

STATE:
Missouri

CODE:
65248

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STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
Missouri

CODE:
65201

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lewis Library building is of Italianate design, a late nineteenth century style well-characterized in this building in the round-arched windows and doors, the accentuated quoins, the belt course dividing first and second floors, and the high bracketed cornice with its broad overhang.

The building is two stories high and constructed of brick with cast iron columns for interior support. The exterior walls are presently painted yellow. Cornice, trim, and brick quoins are painted white.

Main entrance (south) is a handsome variation of the Palladian motive having triple round arches. The large central arched opening extends the full height of the first floor from top of foundation course to the belt course. It is flanked by lesser arched openings. A wrought iron gate encloses all three arched openings of this entrance. This triple arched main entrance opens into a vestibule with curving iron staircases to left and right which give access to the second floor. A subsidiary door with arched transom light at north end of building's east wall is presently used as main public entrance.

All window openings are round arched with brick caps and stone sills. All windows have double-hung four over four light sash framed in wood.

One old view of the building shows a large peaked tower over the major part of the south third of the building. (T. Berry Smith and Pearl Sims Gehrig, History of Chariton and Howard Counties, Topeka, Indianapolis: Historical Publishing Co., 1923, p. 34.) Tower was removed at unknown date.

Library interior has original walnut bookcases, desks and chairs in the reading room.

When constructed (1866) the first floor was used as a lecture hall by Lewis College (1867-1869) and the library was on the second floor. At present, both floors are used as a public library.

Building was formerly surrounded by a cast iron fence on a stone wall base. This fence survives intact on the building's front side (south). Only a few sections of iron remain standing on the building's east side, none on north or west. Stone wall base still surrounds the building.

The building is presently well maintained and preserved in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) built 1866

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>	
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
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Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The primary significance of the Lewis Library derives both from its initial and continuous use as a library building, 1866 to present, and from its architectural form, which is a splendid example of the Italianate style in Missouri.

The building was designed by architect John Aldridge. (John A. Bryan, Missouri's Contribution to American Architecture, St. Louis, Mo.: St. Louis Architectural Club, 1928, p. 53.)

This library is also the oldest Missouri library in continuous use.

Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis, a prosperous tobacco merchant, bequeathed \$10,000 for its establishment. By virtue of this endowment, the building is an outward expression of the prosperity of the Missouri River port city of Glasgow, during the steamboat era, ca. 1840-1890.

Benjamin W. Lewis came to Missouri in 1831 and began working in a tobacco factory in Glasgow. By the time of the Civil War, Lewis and his brother, James, were partners operating their own tobacco business. They employed more than 500 workers and shipped 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco annually, sending large quantities to Europe. ("Glasgow's 75-Year-Old Lewis Library was Built with Tobacco Profits", Fayette, Democrat-Leader, January 9, 1942.)

When the Confederate Army captured Glasgow in 1864, Benjamin Lewis, a Union sympathizer, was taken prisoner and beaten severely. A ransom was paid for his release but the injuries he suffered caused his death two years later. (Missouri Historical Review, Vol. 44, pp. 430-431.)

In his will, Benjamin Lewis left \$10,000 for a public library to be managed by a board of trustees appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The library was built in 1866 at a cost of \$26,000. In 1867, the Lewis College and Library Association was organized to manage the library and newly formed college. Between 1867 and 1869 the first floor of the Lewis Library was used as

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8. a lecture room for the college's 140 students. The college moved to a different location when the library building became too small to house both library and lecture room. The lecture hall was also used regularly for community lectures, a nineteenth century communication medium that lost its prominence with the advent of radio and television. (Kenneth Westhues, The Dream of Thirteen Men, Glasgow, The History of Glasgow, Founding to Present. Glasgow: The Glasgow Lions Club, 1966, pp. 52-54.)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Bryan, John Albury. Missouri's Contribution to American Architecture. (St. Louis, Mo.: St. Louis Architectural Club, 1928), p. 53.
2. "Glasgow's 75-Year-Old Lewis Library was Built with Tobacco Profits". Fayette, Democrat-Leader, January 9, 1942.
3. Missouri Historical Review, Vol. 44, pp. 430-431.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: M. Patricia Holmes, Research Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Missouri State Park Board DATE: May 2, 1969
State Historical Survey and Planning Office

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 176
1201 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City STATE: Missouri 65101 CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

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1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle Glasgow

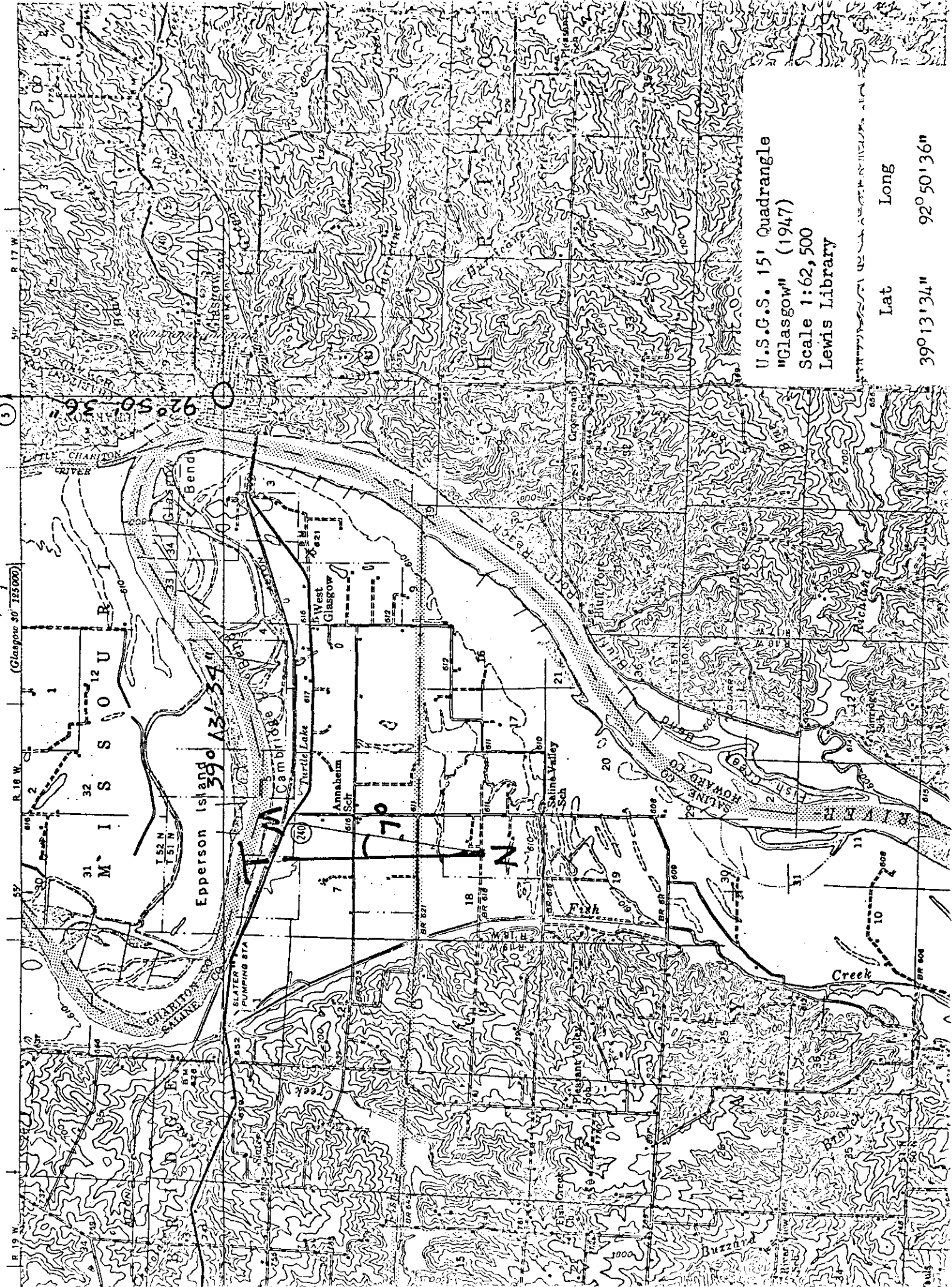
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DATE: 1947

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle
 "Glasgow" (1947)
 Scale 1:62,500
 Lewis Library

Lat Long
 39° 13' 34" 92° 50' 36"

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
Glasgow Homes Tour (pamphlet)

SCALE: not to scale

DATE: Sept., 1961

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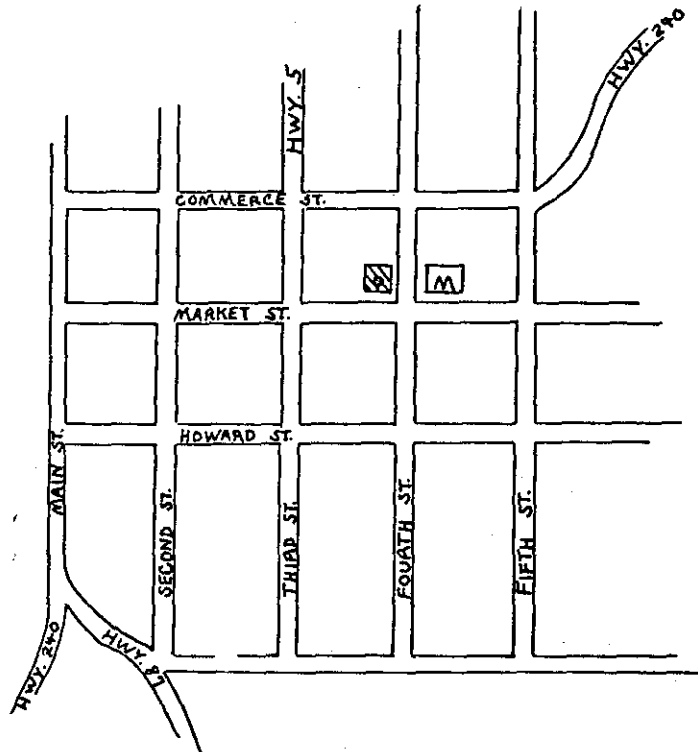
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GLASGOW, MISSOURI



NOT TO SCALE

- ▨-LEWIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
- M-METHODIST CHURCH

MAP EXCERPTED FROM:
GLASGOW HOMES TOUR
PAMPHLET.

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STEVEN TECZAR

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PHOTO CREDIT: Patricia Holmes, State Historical Survey, Missouri State Park Board			
DATE OF PHOTO: August 21, 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Missouri State Park Board, P.O. Box 176 1201 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Looking north, detail of triple arched main entranceway in south wall. Original wrought iron fence on low stone wall, and gate in foreground. Higher gate of similar design in triple archway behind.			

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		Looking northeast, view of the southwest corner of building. West sidewalk at left. Triple arched main entranceway in south wall at right.	

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DATE OF PHOTO: August 21, 1968			
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4. IDENTIFICATION	DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Looking northwest, view of the southeast corner of building.
Triple arched main entranceway in south wall at left, protected
by ornate wrought iron gateway. East sidewalk at right.

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MP Holmes, Missouri State Park Board

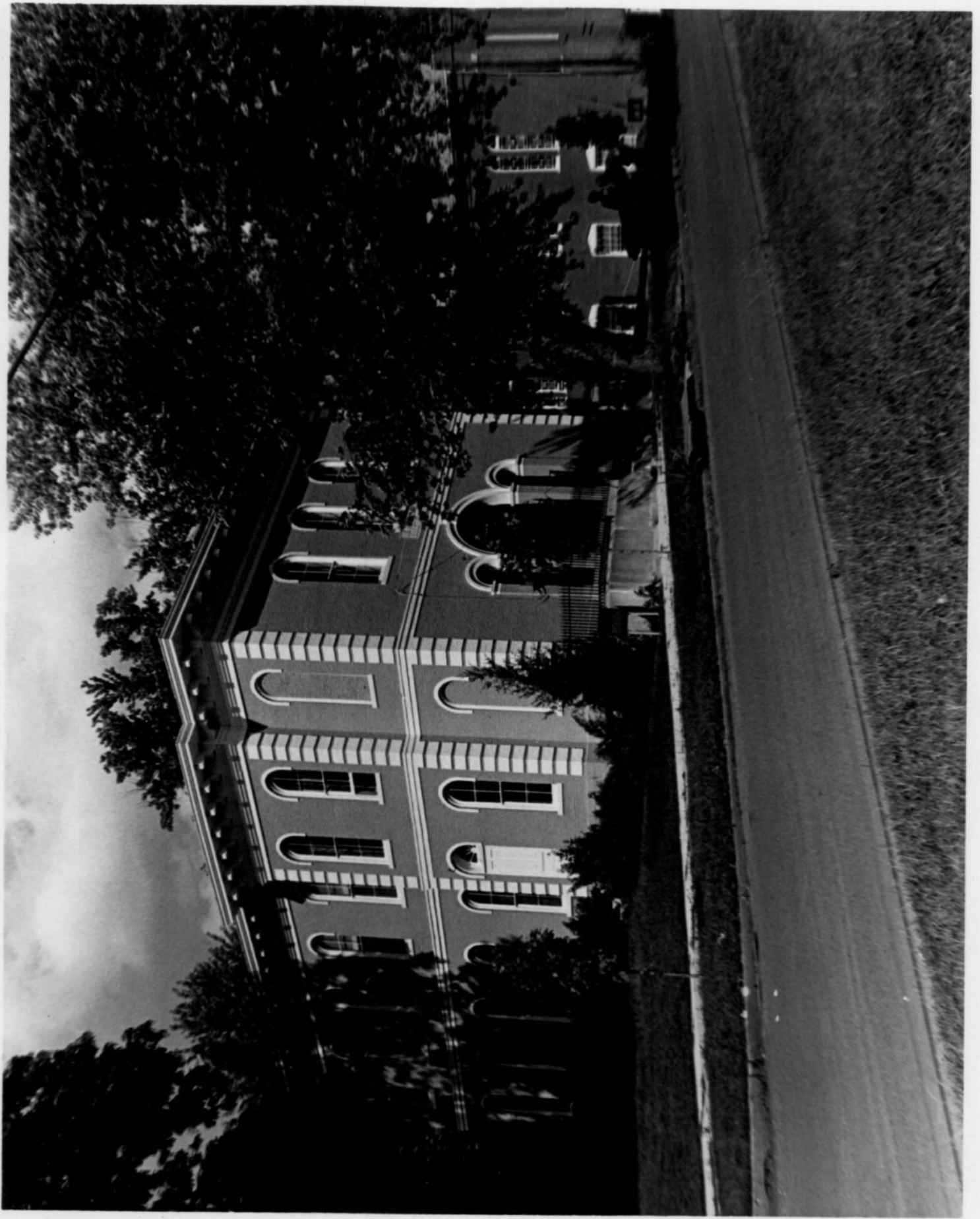
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