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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 Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1900 Walnut Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Higginsville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
#4 - Hon. Ike Skelton

STATE
Missouri

CODE
29

COUNTY CODE
Lafayette 107

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Leonard D. Rehkop

STREET & NUMBER
1900 Walnut Street

CITY, TOWN
Higginsville

VICINITY OF Missouri 64037

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
Lafayette County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Lexington

STATE
Missouri 64067

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Missouri State Historical Survey

DATE 1978 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Department of Natural Resources, P. O. Box 176

CITY, TOWN Jefferson City STATE Missouri 65102

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop House, facing east, is located on Lot 1 and the north 2 feet of Lot 2 (52' x 135') of Block Q, Chamblin's Addition, at the southwest corner of the intersection of Walnut (originally Boggs) Street and 19th (originally Beattie) Street in Higginsville, Missouri. It is a two-story residence in the Italianate architectural style with brick painted a soft gray, with white wood trim and charcoal gray shutters.

Originally, the house was a five room hip-roof "T" plan, probably built in 1882 with two rooms exactly over two rooms and a one story room to the rear. Several additions now make it a nine room house with a 7' x 32' front porch with four round columns and two half-round columns (where they join the house) all with Corinthian capitals.

The second story front porch has a simple railing, the posts of which, where they join the house, are capped by a split-in-half ornamental urn. The second floor porch door is of the Cross & Bible design, as is the two-light transomed first floor main entrance door and a wide front door with four pane sidelights and fanlight on the north side room addition. This latter room was added using salvaged materials from the Confederate Home of Missouri which was located just north of Higginsville until its demise in the early 1950's. Building materials used include handmade bricks, stone sills, stone slabs, foundation stones and the fanlight from the front entrance of the Main Building after its demolition in 1954. This room also has a railing around 3 sides of the flat roof, simulating a porch to match the one over the front porch.

All windows throughout the house are double hung 2/2 lights with segmental arches and plain lug stone sills with exceptions as follows:

1. The two 48" x 72" windows flanking the main entrance, which have two lights: the top one being 16" high by 40" wide and the lower one being 48" high by 40" wide. These windows are capped by plain stone lintels and also have plain lug stone sills.
2. The upstairs windows, one in the southwest bedroom and the other in the northwest bedroom are 52" x 68" double hung 1/1 lights with segmental arches and plain lug stone sills. (A similar window in the downstairs original west room is still curtained on the inside, but has no outside exposure since it is enclosed by the room addition to the northwest).
3. Two smaller 21" x 68" double hung 1/1 light windows with segmental arch and plain lug stone sill -- one in the upstairs southwest bedroom and another in the downstairs bath.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1882

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Houx

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop House, as it is generally known, is an example of Italianate architecture of the West Central Missouri region, exhibiting design refinements used during the late 19th Century within the State of Missouri. It is preserved with a high degree of original integrity and survives intact. In addition, its importance is enhanced through its association with the locally prominent families of George W. and Fannie P. Houx, Daniel Hoefer and Leonard D. and Marie H. Rehkop.

The land on which the Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop house is built was first owned by Nathan A. and Eliza Jane Speer, who acquired the land from the U. S. Government on December 5, 1843. They were followed by Harvey J. and Carrie F. Higgins (for whom Higginsville is named), John McMeekin and George A. Chamblin.

George W. and Fannie P. Houx purchased the land in 1882. George W. Houx, Esq. was born August 13, 1826, the son of William and Charlotte Houx. He was a brick mason by trade and built the original five room house on Lots 1 and 2, Block Q, Chamblin's Addition.

In 1880, George W. Houx, Esq. helped organize the Higginsville Lodge No. 364, A.F. & A.M. His son, Frank L. Houx, and his son-in-law, Homer H. Luce, were partners in the ownership of the Higginsville Advance in 1880 (History of Lafayette County, pp. 275, 411).

Daniel Hoefer, son of Charles Hoefer (the first German settler in Higginsville) was the home's owner from 1904 until 1938. Daniel Hoefer followed his father as president of the Bank of Higginsville and held many other important positions, including mayor of Higginsville. It was during Daniel's ownership of the home that the first major alterations took place. In 1904 the house saw the addition of a front porch, back porch, side porch, kitchen, two upstairs bedrooms and bath with the backstairs leading to them.

Daniel Hoefer's daughter, Lewine, owned the home from 1938 to 1940. She held controlling interest in the Bank of Higginsville after her father's death. It was during this time that the kitchen was remodeled to provide a downstairs bath.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Lafayette County, Missouri. St. Louis, Missouri: Missouri Historical Company. 1881.

Rehkop, Mrs. Leonard D. Personal interview with Larry Brooks of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. September 1980.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .25 acres (approximately)

UTM REFERENCES U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: "Higginville, Mo." Scale: 1:24,000

A	1 5	4 3 7 8 4 0	4 3 2 5 2 4 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is bounded on the north by 19th Street, on the east by Walnut Street, on the west by an alley, and on the south by Lot 2, Block Q, Chamblin's Addition (including the northern two feet of said lot). The property runs 135 feet east to west and 52 feet north to south.

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) Mrs. Leonard D. Rehkop

ORGANIZATION

DATE

March 18, 1982

STREET & NUMBER

1900 Walnut Street

TELEPHONE

816/584-2220

CITY OR TOWN

Higginville

STATE

Missouri 64037

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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There are five brick chimneys painted white. Two of them accomodate fireplaces; the third serves the furnace; the fourth serves as the vent for the hot water heater; and the fifth is merely an ornamental twin of one of those serving a fireplace. These latter two are in the middle of the main roof and are a prominent, distinguishing feature of the house. A sixth chimney was taken back to the roofline in the early 1950's. There is a cornice and frieze topping the entire second floor circumference of the house.

The early brick work is common, or American Bond, while the later additions are both common and stretcher bond. Only under the earliest parts of the house does the less-than-one-foot foundation show. It is brick covered with a one-inch layer of concrete. There is no basement. At one time there was a cistern on the back porch which has now been floored over.

Interior

On entering from the east through the main entrance, one encounters a central stair and stair closet. The stairway is broad with two landings, paneling, decorative posts and balustrades.

Around the stair are grouped three of the five original (approximately 15' x 15') rooms: one to the north, one to the south, and one to the west. The baseboards, door, and window frames of these rooms are of a type used extensively in the last quarter of the 19th century. All woodwork is painted off-white. The ceilings are 10 feet high. The floors are of 2½" wide strips of oak, laid geometrically in room-length strips in such a manner as to make it possible to have a double border of darker 2½ strips of walnut around each room.

The south room has a mirrored brown and cream tile lined fireplace; the west room a mirrored green tile fireplace, and a built-in china closet that once was a door to the south. The north door of this room, which once led to a side porch now leads to the northwest room addition. This added room has a fireplace of black Italian marble veined with green and white, that once lined the tellers' cages at the Bank of Higginville. There are natural birch built-in, open shelves on either side of the fireplace as well as a matching birch ceiling. A one-paned glass door opens to a stoop to the southwest and out to the backyard.

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A swinging south door opens from the west room into the kitchen with its enclosed back stair under which is built a bathroom as a room-long space taken from the east side of the kitchen to form a bath. The east door of bath leads back into the south room.

The second floor contains the other two original rooms, built directly over the two first floor north and south rooms. An additional bedroom has been built exactly over the first floor west room as well as a bath and a smaller bedroom over the kitchen and downstairs bath. The woodwork on the second floor is simpler than that of the first floor.

Alterations

As far as is known, the original five rooms still survive with very little change. Additions to the structure include:

1. The 1904 addition of the front porch, back porch, side porch, kitchen, two upstairs bedrooms and bath with the backstairs leading to them.
2. The 1938 remodeling of the kitchen to provide a downstairs bath.
3. The 1941 addition of a furnace room, replacing the north end of the back porch and extending the hot water heating system to include all upstairs rooms.
4. The 1954 addition of the 21' x 33' northwest room, preserving historic materials from the Confederate Home of Missouri,
5. The addition of shutters in the early 1960's. Some of these came from the Charles Hoefer home which burned to the ground in the 1920's.

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Leonard D. and Marie H. Rehkop purchased the home from Lewine Hoefler Russell in 1940. Mrs. Rehkop still owns the house today. Leonard Rehkop, who died in 1959, was a professional photographer and owner of the Rehkop Studio with locations in Higginsville, Concordia and Sweet Springs, Missouri. Leonard and Marie were to make the last two major alterations to the house: the first being in 1941 with the addition of a furnace room, replacing the north end of the back porch and extending the hot water heating system to include all upstairs rooms; the second in 1954 with the addition of the 21' x 33' northwest room, preserving historic materials from the Confederate home of Missouri.

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Chief, Survey-Nominations
Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City,

August 23, 1982
314/751-4096
Missouri 65102

AERIAL VIEW
LOOKING EASTERLY

Truman Rd. to the left &
20th St. to the right.

Taken Feb. 26, 1978



SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
WALNUT STREET AND TRUMAN
ROAD

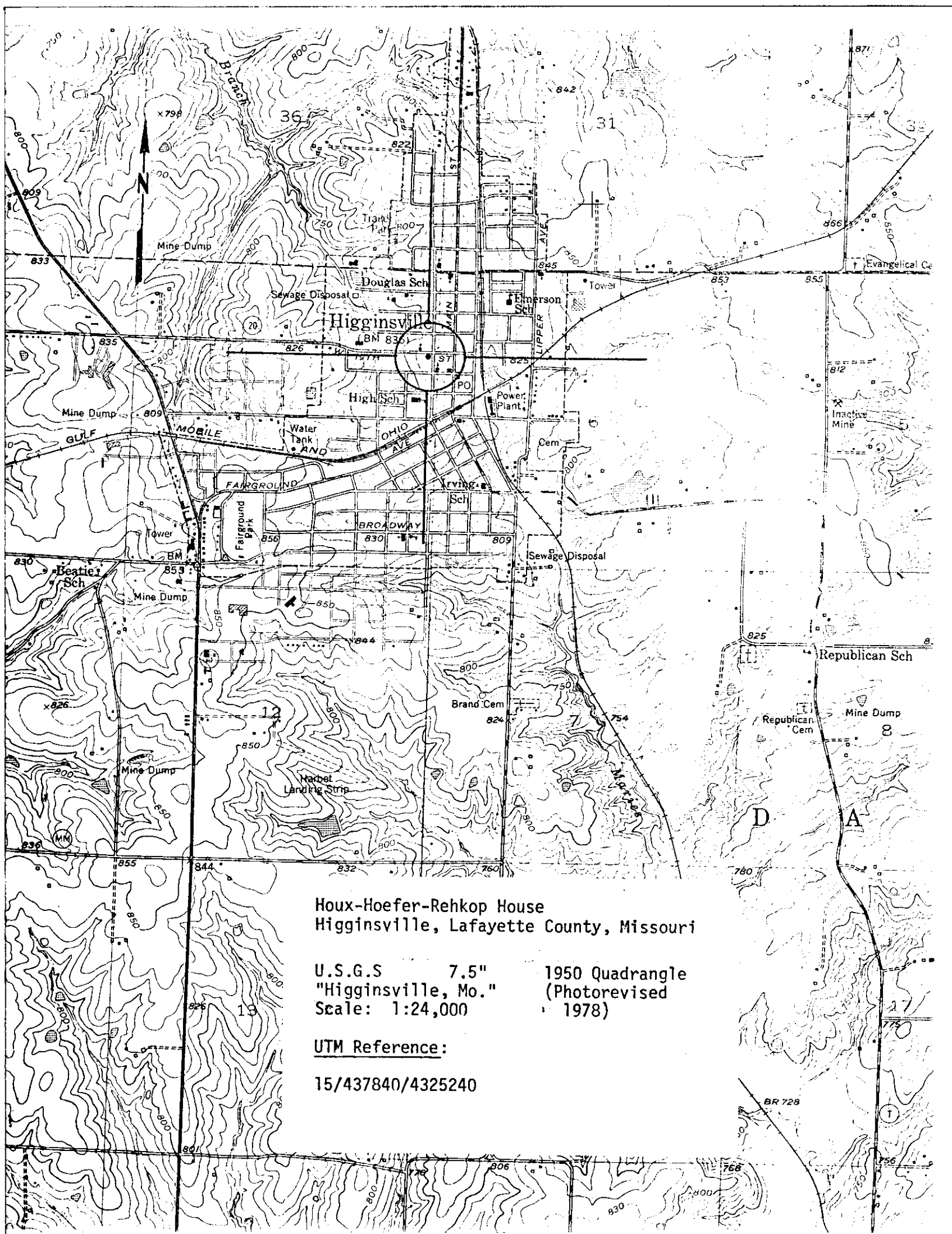
HOUX-HOEFER-REHKOP HOUSE



LOOKING NORTH EASTERLY
SHOWING LOCATION OF THE

HOUX-HOEFFER-REHKOP HOUSE





Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop House
Higginsville, Lafayette County, Missouri

U.S.G.S 7.5" 1950 Quadrangle
"Higginsville, Mo." (Photorevised 1978)
Scale: 1:24,000

UTM Reference:
15/437840/4325240

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HOUX-HOEFER-REHKOP HOUSE

COUNTY:

Lafayette

LOCATION:

Higginsville

OWNER:

Mrs. Leonard D. Rehkop

ADDRESS:

1900 Walnut Street, Higginsville, Mo.

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

October 1, 1982

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

February 14, 1983

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

February 21, 1983

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

March 29, 1983

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED
(AND PRESENTOR):

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

The Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop House is significant as an example of Italianate architecture of the West Central Missouri region, exhibiting design refinements used during the late 19th Century within the State of Missouri.

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Houx-Hoefer-Rehkop House
1900 Walnut Street
Higginsville, Missouri

Photographer: Larry Brooks
Sam Wegner

Date: July 12, 1980

Neg. Loc.: Department of Natural
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P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri

view looking southwesterly at the corner
of Truman Road and 19th Street.



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Higginsville, Missouri

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Sam Wegner

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view of front stairway, showing dining
room opening to the right and bedroom
opening to the left



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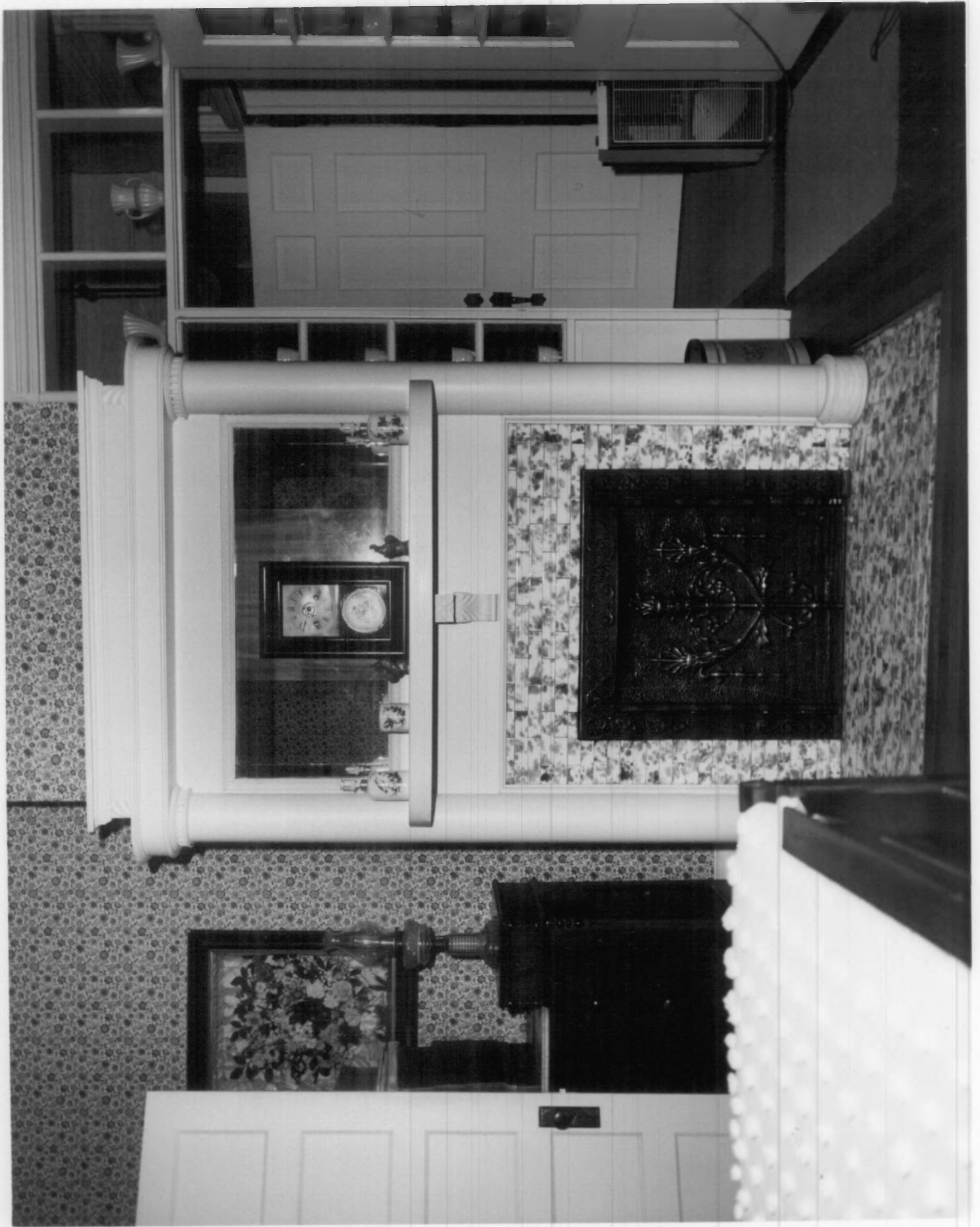
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view of south room downstairs, showing
open front door to the east.



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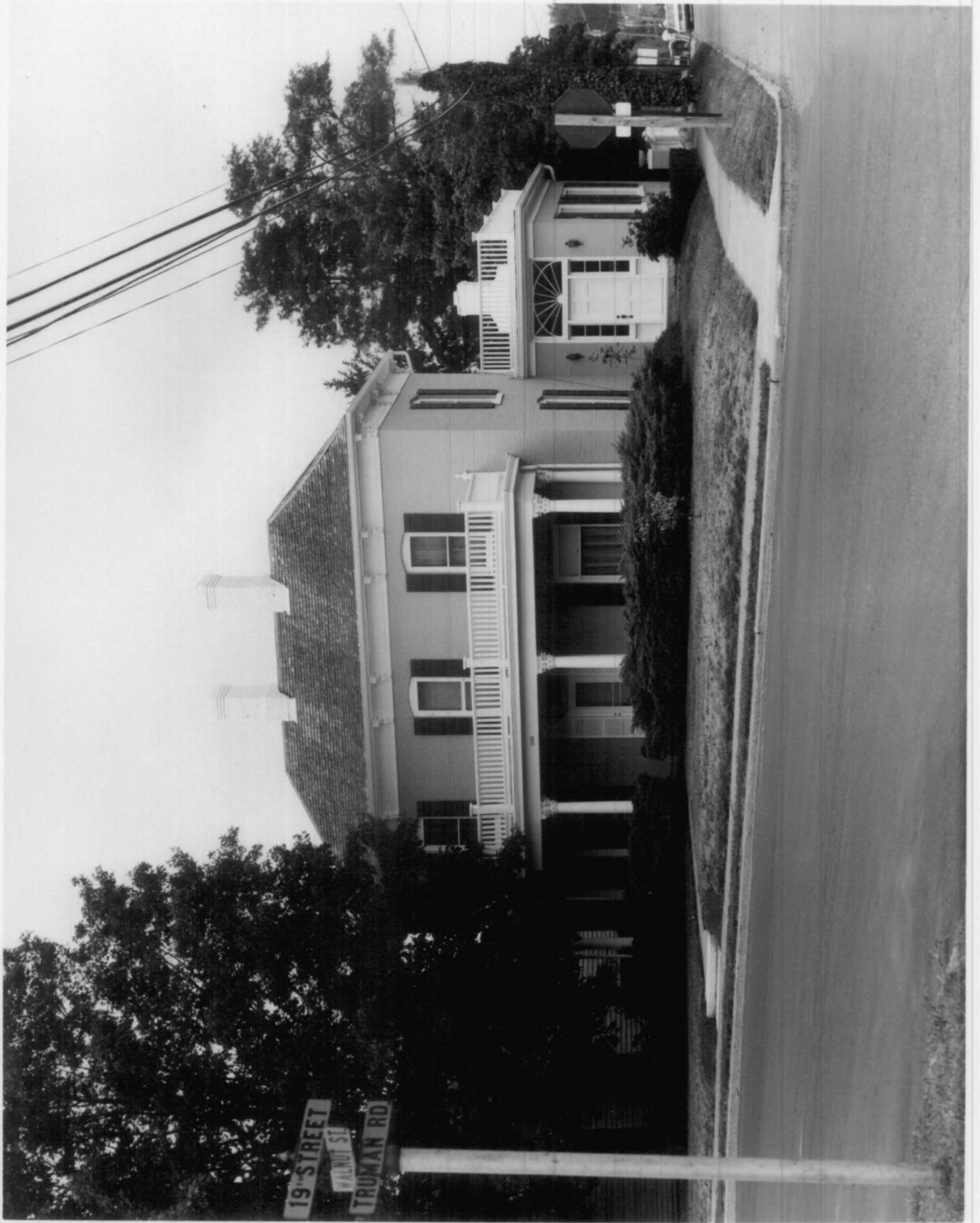
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view of west room or dining room



EXTRA
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19th STREET

WALNUT ST

TRUMAN RD





