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National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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historic name Johnson, George, House

other names/site number White Castle House

### 2. Location

street & number 102 South 30th Street [n/a] not for publication

city or town Lexington [n/a] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Lafayette code 107 zip code 64067

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(See continuation sheet for additional comments )

*Claire F. Blackwell* 17 May 1993

Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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Signature of certifying official/Title

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### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date

- entered in the National Register  
See continuation sheet .
- determined eligible for the  
National Register  
See continuation sheet .
- determined not eligible for the  
National Register.
- removed from the  
National Register
- other, explain  
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**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	2	0	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0	objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	0	0	
		2	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

Historic Resources of Lexington, Lafayette County, MO, MRA

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

**Current Functions**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

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DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

**Materials**

Queen Anne

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foundation brick

walls weatherboard

shingle

roof asphalt

other metal

wood

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8 Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

**A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history

**B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

**C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

Property is:

**A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

**B** removed from its original location.

**C** a birthplace or grave.

**D** a cemetery.

**E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

**F** a commemorative property.

**G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9 Major Bibliographic References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

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recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

# \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

Architecture

**Periods of Significance**

circa 1894

**Significant Dates**

n/a

**Significant Person(s)**

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

**Architect/Builder**

Cheatham, John E./unknown

**Primary location of additional data:**

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State Agency

Federal Agency

Local Government

University

Other:

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10 Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property less than one acre

**UTM References**

A. Zone Easting Northing  
15 426210 4337470

B. Zone Easting Northing

C. Zone Easting Northing

D. Zone Easting Northing

[ ] See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11 Form Prepared By**

name/title Roger Maserang/Historic Preservation Coordinator  
organization Show-Me Regional Planning Commission date March 27, 1992  
street & number 122 Hout Street, P.O. Box 348 telephone 816/747-2294  
city or town Warrensburg state Missouri zip code 64093

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FOP for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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Johnson, George, House  
Lafayette County, Missouri

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**SUMMARY:** The George Johnson House, 102 S. 30th St., Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri, is a 2 1/2-story frame example of the Queen Anne Buildings property type (see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri (Partial Inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties): Associated Property Types: Queen Anne Buildings"). Painted two shades of yellow, the George Johnson House is constructed according to a cross-gable plan as defined by McAlester & McAlester.<sup>1</sup> The exterior boasts an array of Queen Anne detailing, virtually all of which is intact from the time of construction in circa 1894, or replicated to original specifications. The main veranda is of one story and wraps around the front and part of the north elevations. The west-facing George Johnson House sits upon its original brick foundation on the south side of Missouri Highway 224, near the easternmost edge of Lexington. A frame, two-story building used as a summer kitchen and servant quarters is east of the residence and roughly contemporary with the house; despite the installation of asbestos siding, the building retains integrity of design and association and is counted as contributing. The property is in excellent condition and retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and location.

**NARRATIVE:** Counting the wraparound veranda, dimensions of this compound asymmetrical building are 65 feet from front to rear (east-west) by 40 feet at the cutaway, two-story bay windows on the north and south elevations. The cross gables are lower than the gabled core structure. Cresting accents all gables, which are pedimented and in most cases filled with imbricated shingles. A small pedimented gable on the veranda contains rows of bullseye blocks which are highlighted by moldings painted a contrasting shade. The three central chimneys have shaped masonry, with pots. Roofing consists of gray slate shingles. The clapboard siding is painted a pastel shade of yellow, with a lighter shade used for trim.

The veranda and three secondary porches are equipped with friezes containing spindlework and balustraded railings. Above their square bases, porch supports are turned. Ornate brackets add complexity for supports at the frieze. The largest of the secondary porches is on the southeast elevation. Two tiny, essentially ornamental recessed porches are upstairs. Other exterior detailing includes spindle-filled brackets where bay windows are cut away, fanlike brackets in a second story porch and pendants. The bay windows on the north and south elevations are staggered rather than opposite each other.

Windows are numerous but not specifically emphasized. They are relatively plain, double-hung units with 1/1 lights.

The interior is richly appointed in varnished elm. The main hallway contains the foot and ornate, paneled newel posts (two) of a Victorian, three-flight staircase.

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<sup>1</sup>McAlester, Virginia and Lee, A Field Guide to American Houses, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985), p. 263.

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A secondary staircase is between the living room and kitchen. Enframements are moderately concave with outer moldings and bullseye corner blocks. Wooden mantels in the parlor and living room are canted in the angle between two inner, load-bearing walls. The parlor mantel has a frieze board with a carved design and tile trim. The living room mantel, while not original for this house, is a pilaster type with a panel in the frieze area. It does not seem out of place. Exterior walls and interior load-bearing walls are approximately 7" thick.

Original workmanship and materials were retained during restoration in 1981-82. Wood siding was replaced as necessary with similar weatherboard. Damaged slate shingles were replaced with new slate shingles. New metal cresting was fashioned as needed, using original pieces as templates. No window openings were added or resized but a gable was removed, harmlessly, from the gable above the north bay window; the opening is covered with imbricated shingles. The secondary porch on the south elevation was widened by approximately four feet, but its appearance was not otherwise changed. Most of the interior woodwork was refinished. Deteriorated wood was replaced with new material cut and shaped to fit. Throughout the house, plaster was removed and replaced with wallboard. A doorway connecting two bedrooms was removed. A new kitchen along with modern heating, plumbing and wiring was installed.

Because the restoration was sensitively done, the building's appearance remains substantially unchanged from when its construction was commissioned by George Johnson, a local farmer, nearly 100 years ago. The house, a good example of a Queen Anne residence within the Lexington MRA, displays a variety of representative Queen Anne features. It retains sufficient integrity to easily evoke its historic period.

A former summer kitchen and servant quarters ("B" on the site map) is east of the George Johnson House. Apparently constructed in the early 1900s, this contributing building has a loft in the west end and a basement storage area. Dimensions are 24' (east-west) by 14'. An enclosed staircase into the basement storage area extends the length approximately five additional feet. Restoration of this building has been less sensitive than of the house but its original form is intact, despite the installation of asbestos siding and new window sash. The interior is essentially unaltered. The building is painted two shades of yellow, like the house.

The George Johnson House is #591 in the Lexington MRA.

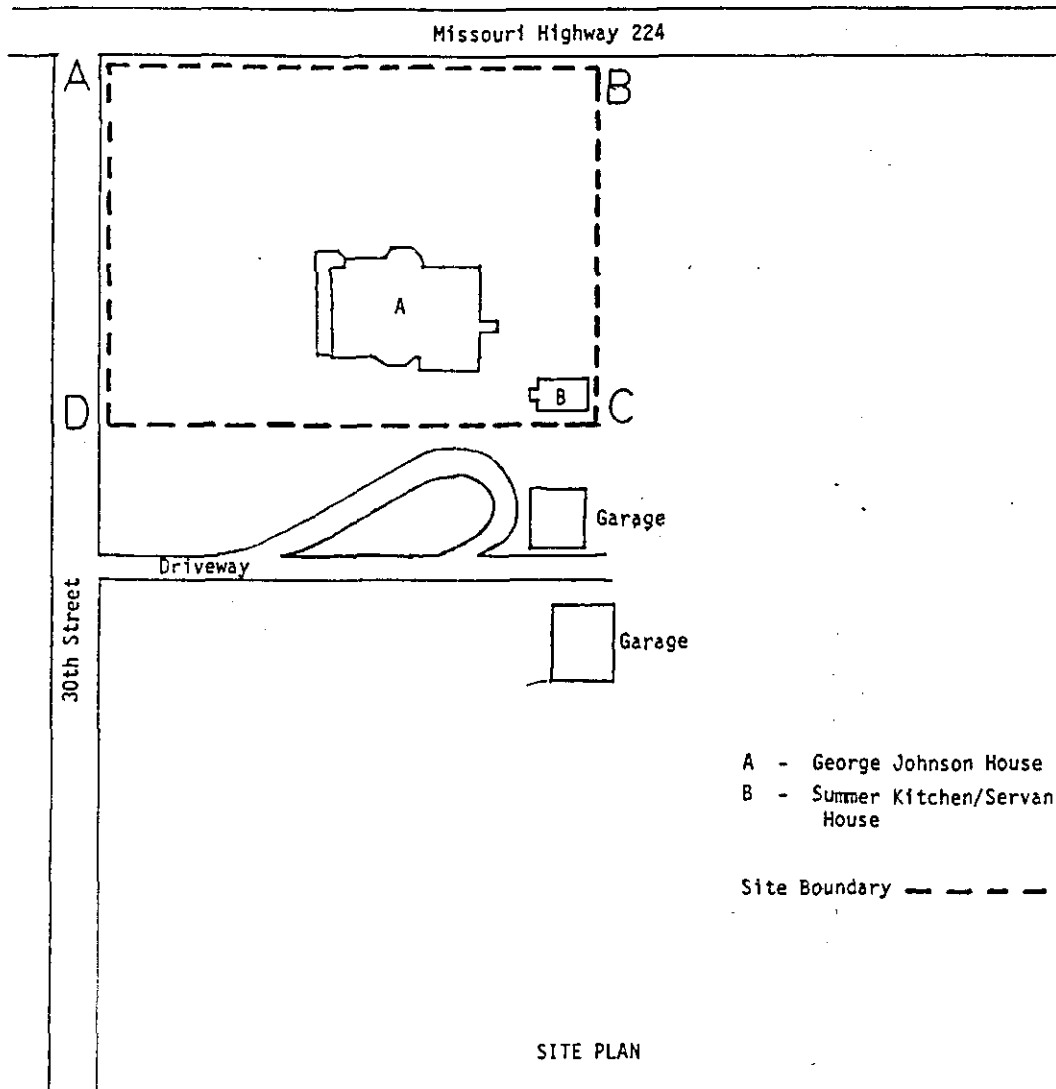
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Johnson, George, House  
Lafayette County, Missouri

JOHNSON, GEORGE, HOUSE  
102 S. 30th St., Lexington, Missouri  
MPA #591





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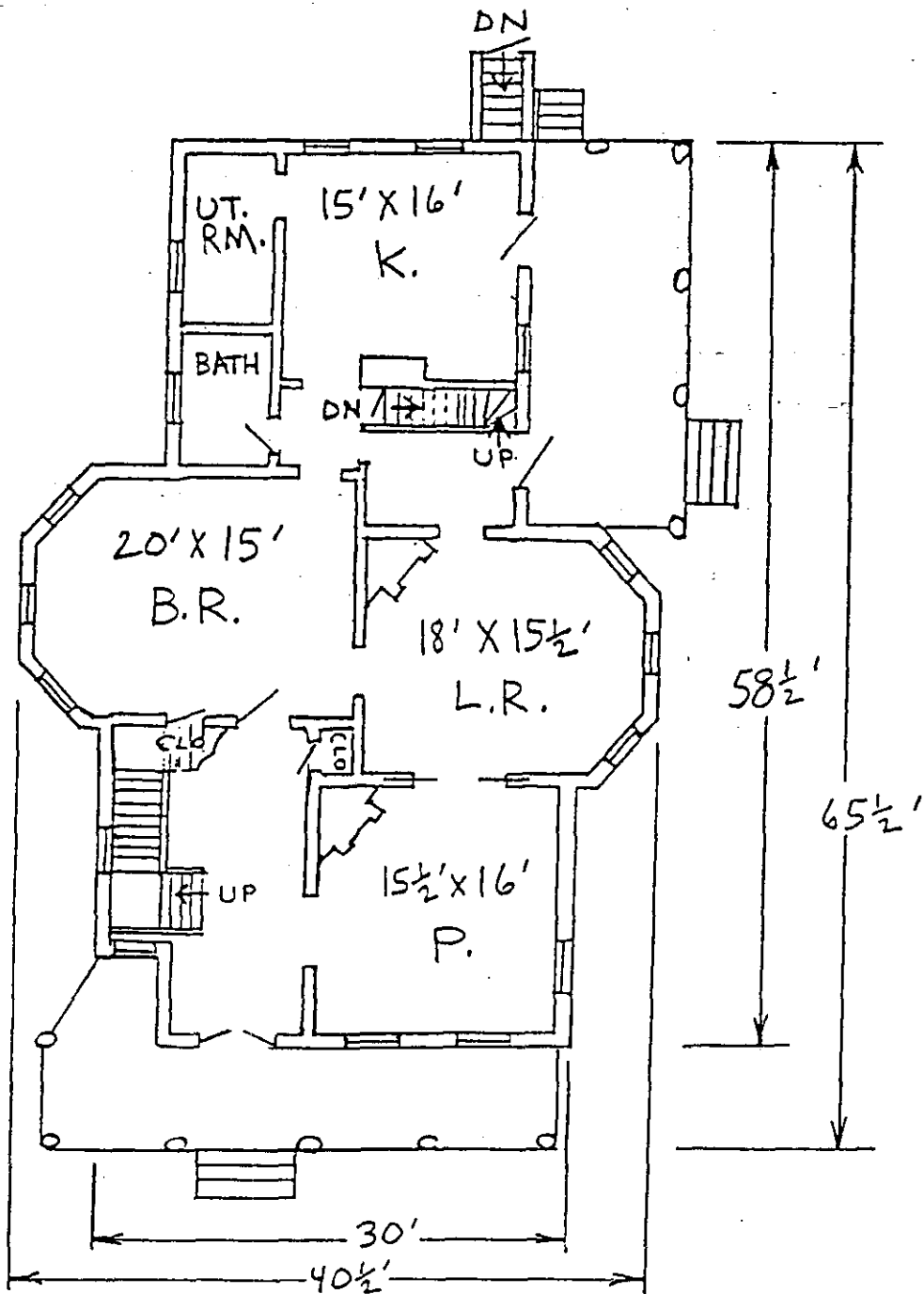
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Floor Plan



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Johnson, George, House  
Lafayette County, Missouri

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**SUMMARY:** The George Johnson House, 102 S. 30th St., Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. Built circa 1894 for George Johnson, a local farmer, the house exemplifies the Queen Anne Buildings property type (see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri (Partial Inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties): Associated Property Types: Queen Anne Buildings"). The George Johnson House, an excellent area example of the cross-gable subtype, embodies an array of elements which are typical of the Queen Anne style. These include an irregular plan and massing, various wall surfaces and other devices to avoid a smooth exterior, a complex roofline with ornamentation, bay windows and a wraparound veranda. Meticulously restored a decade ago, the George Johnson House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

**NARRATIVE:** The George Johnson House is believed to be the last building constructed by local architect and carpenter John E. Cheatham, who died in 1898. Johnson himself died a few years later, reportedly at the hands of chicken thieves. During the 1930s-40s, the property became the White Castle Supper Club.<sup>1</sup> Now a single-family residence, the Johnson House is the easternmost historic building in the Lexington MRA.

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<sup>1</sup>The Lexington News, June 10, 1987, "Oetting home site for tour, history."

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**9. Major Bibliographic References**

Missouri Historic Inventory Survey Form No. 591, "White Castle House."  
Historic Lexington Survey, August 1981. Copy in Missouri Cultural  
Resource Inventory, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson  
City, MO.

"Oetting Home Site for Tour, History," Lexington News, June 10, 1987.

Oetting, Edgar, Sr. (owner of George Johnson House). Interview with Roger  
Maserang, Show-Me RPC. Lexington, June 7, 1991.

Wallace, John Ryland (local historian). Interview with Roger Maserang, Show-  
Me RPC. Lexington, March 6, 1992.

[For additional bibliographic information, see "Historic Resources of  
Lexington, Missouri" (amended) cover document.]

**10. Geographical Data**

**Verbal Boundary Description:** Beginning at a point 30 feet south of the center  
of Missouri Highway 224 and 30 feet east of the center of 30th Street (point A  
on the attached site plan), proceed east 220 feet along the right-of-way of  
Missouri Highway 224 (to point B); then proceed south 140 feet (to point C);  
then proceed west 220 feet (to point D); then proceed north 140 feet to the  
point of beginning (point A).

**Boundary Justification:** The northern and western boundaries (AB and AD)  
roughly parallel the northern and western property boundaries. The eastern  
and southern boundaries (BC and CD) are drawn to exclude additional acreage  
and noncontributing properties to the east and south while including the  
George Johnson House and the only contributing outbuilding. The eastern  
boundary (BC) is just west of a wood post and wire mesh fence which crosses  
the property north-south.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

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102 South 30th Street, Lexington, Lafayette County, MO  
Photographer: Roger Maserang  
Negative location: Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Program  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

- #1: View from west  
March 1991  
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- #2: View from northwest  
March 1991  
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- #3: View from south  
March 1991  
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- #4: View from north  
March 1991  
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- #5: View from northeast  
March 1991  
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- #6: View from south, detail of bay windows  
March 1991  
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- #7: Base of three flight staircase  
June 1991  
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- #8: Upper stairway view  
June 1991  
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- #9: View of parlor; living room at right  
June 1991  
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- #10: Parlor mantel  
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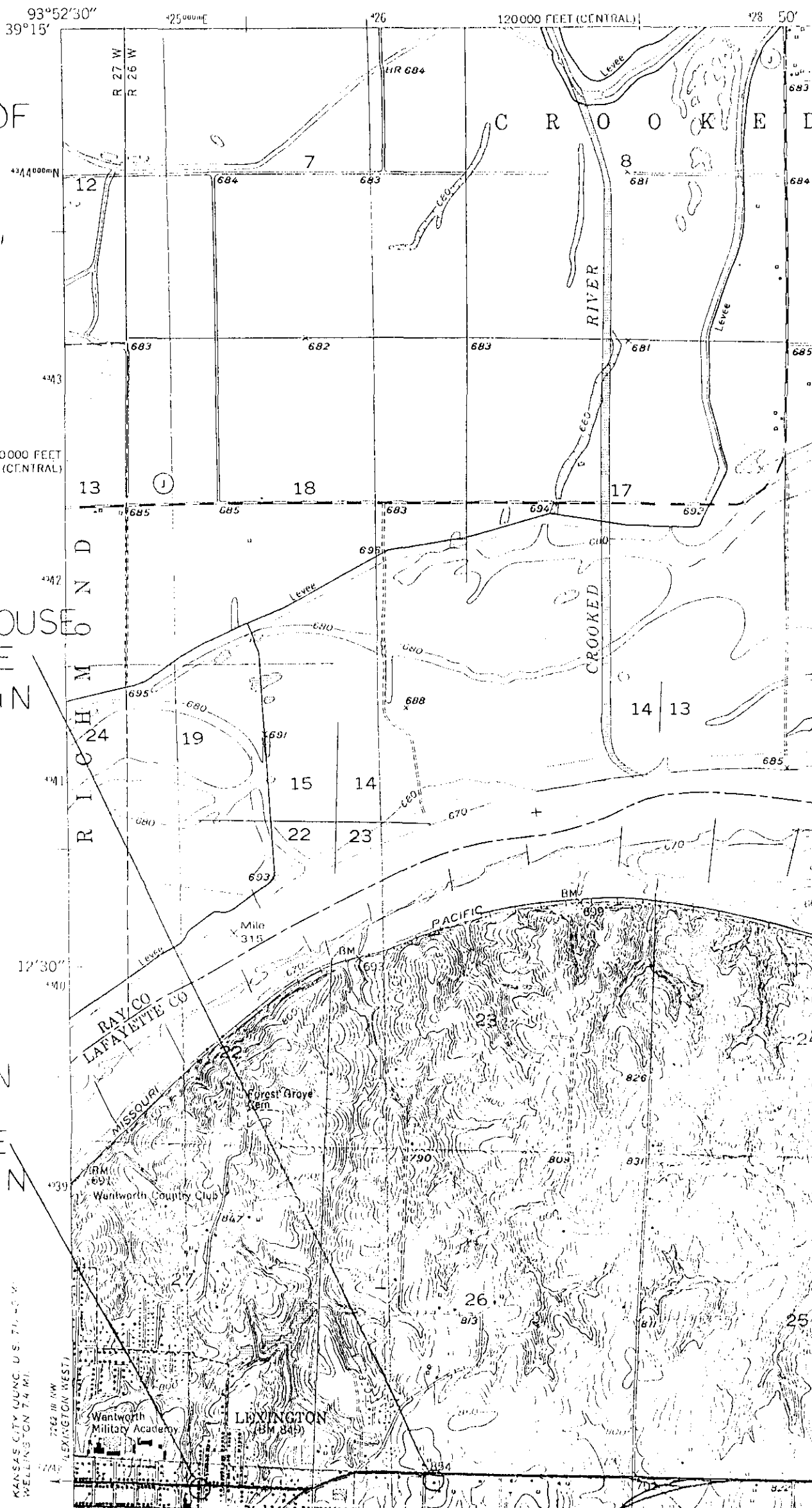
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- #11: Living room, facing bay window  
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- #12: Summer kitchen/servant house, view from northwest  
June 1991  
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- #13: Interior os summer kitchen/servant house  
June 1991  
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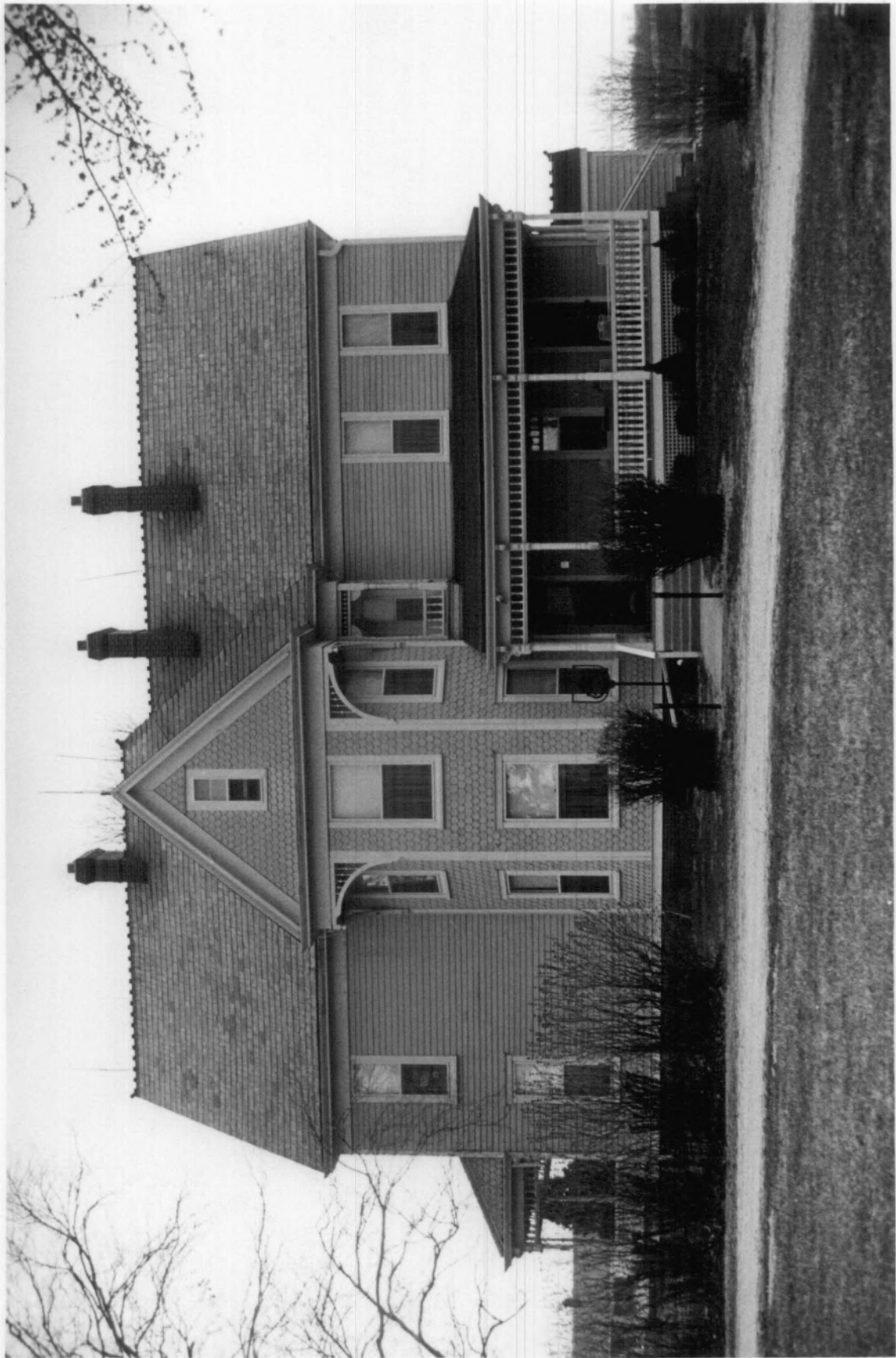
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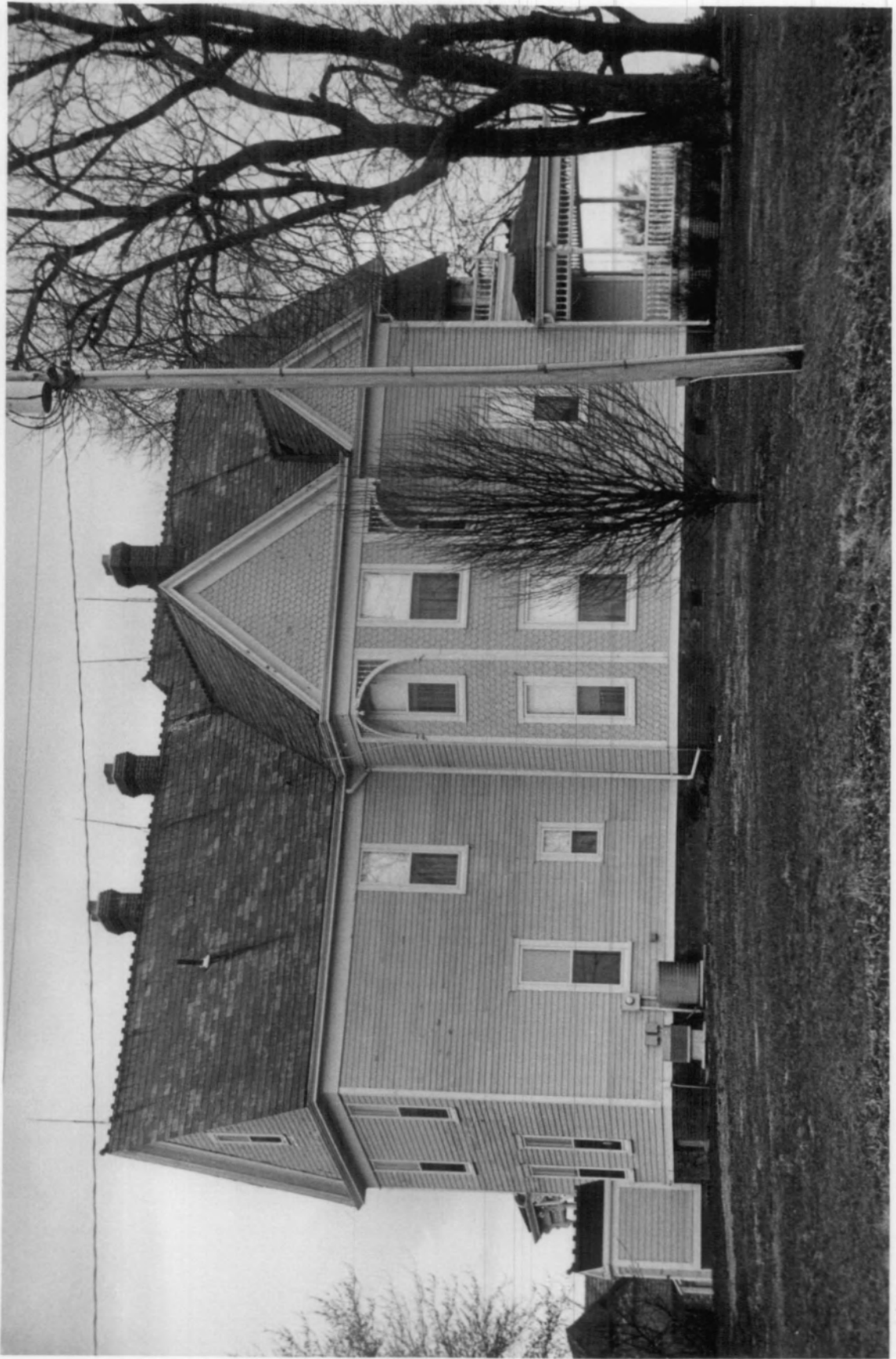
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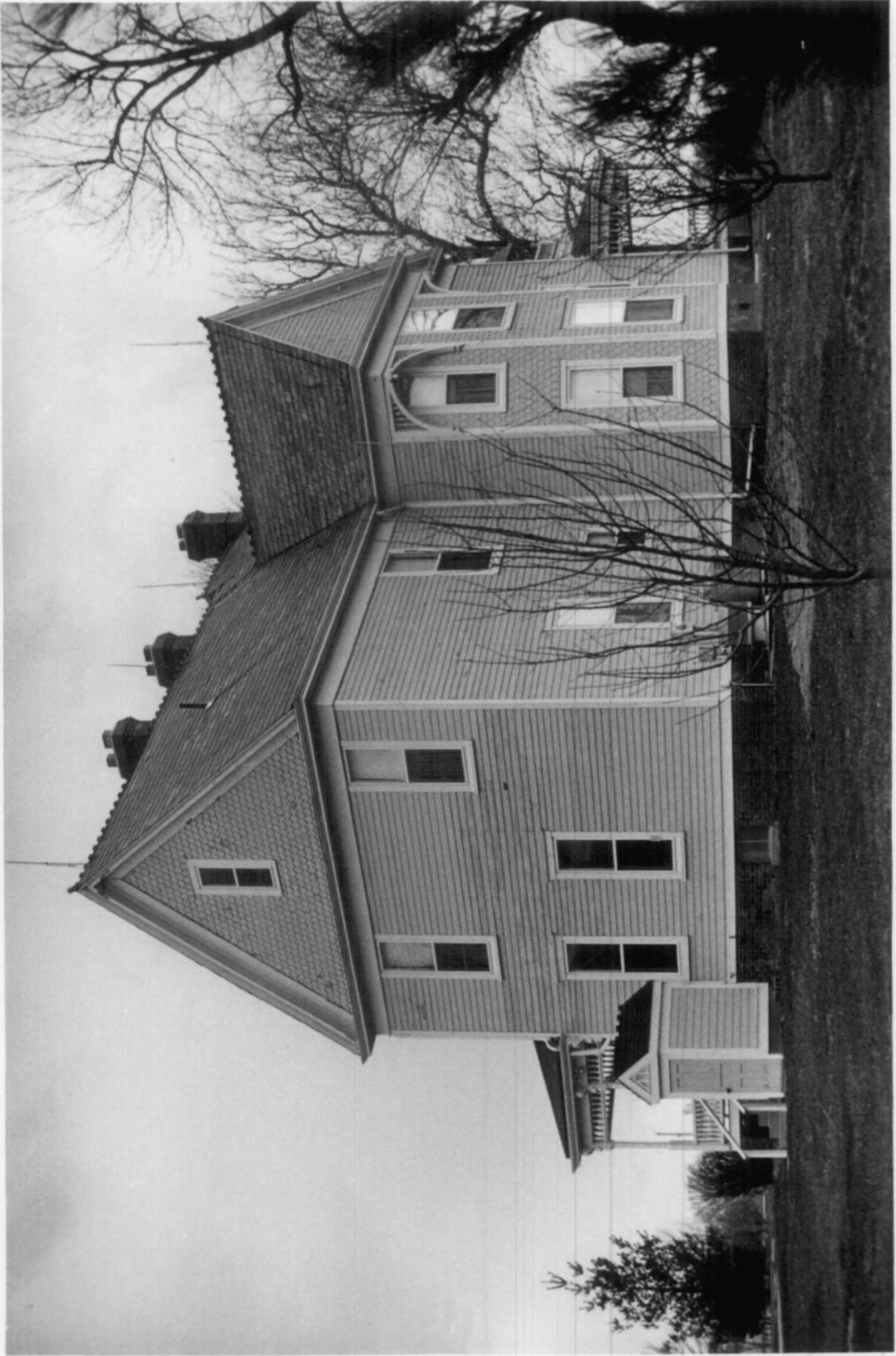


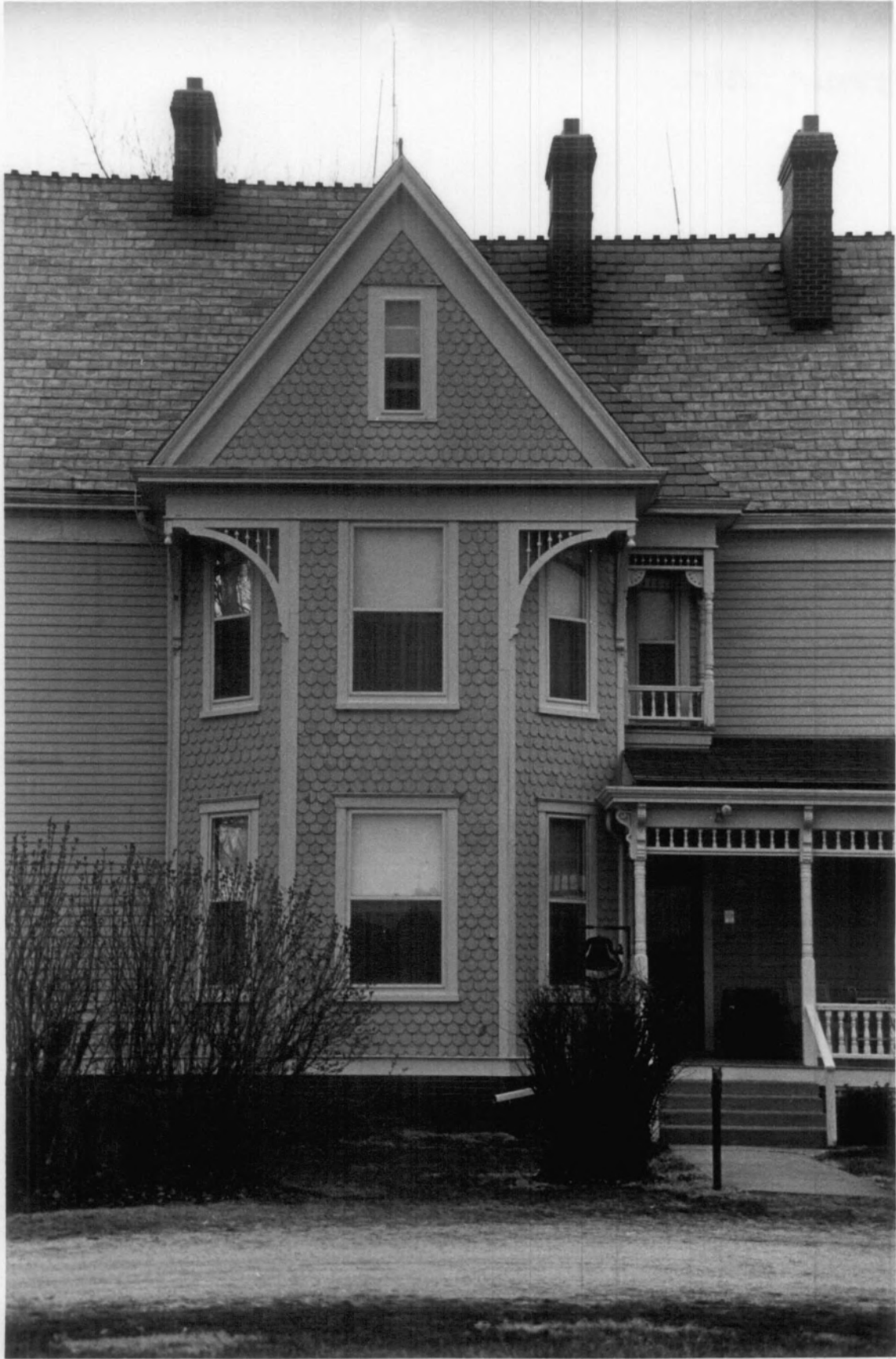
















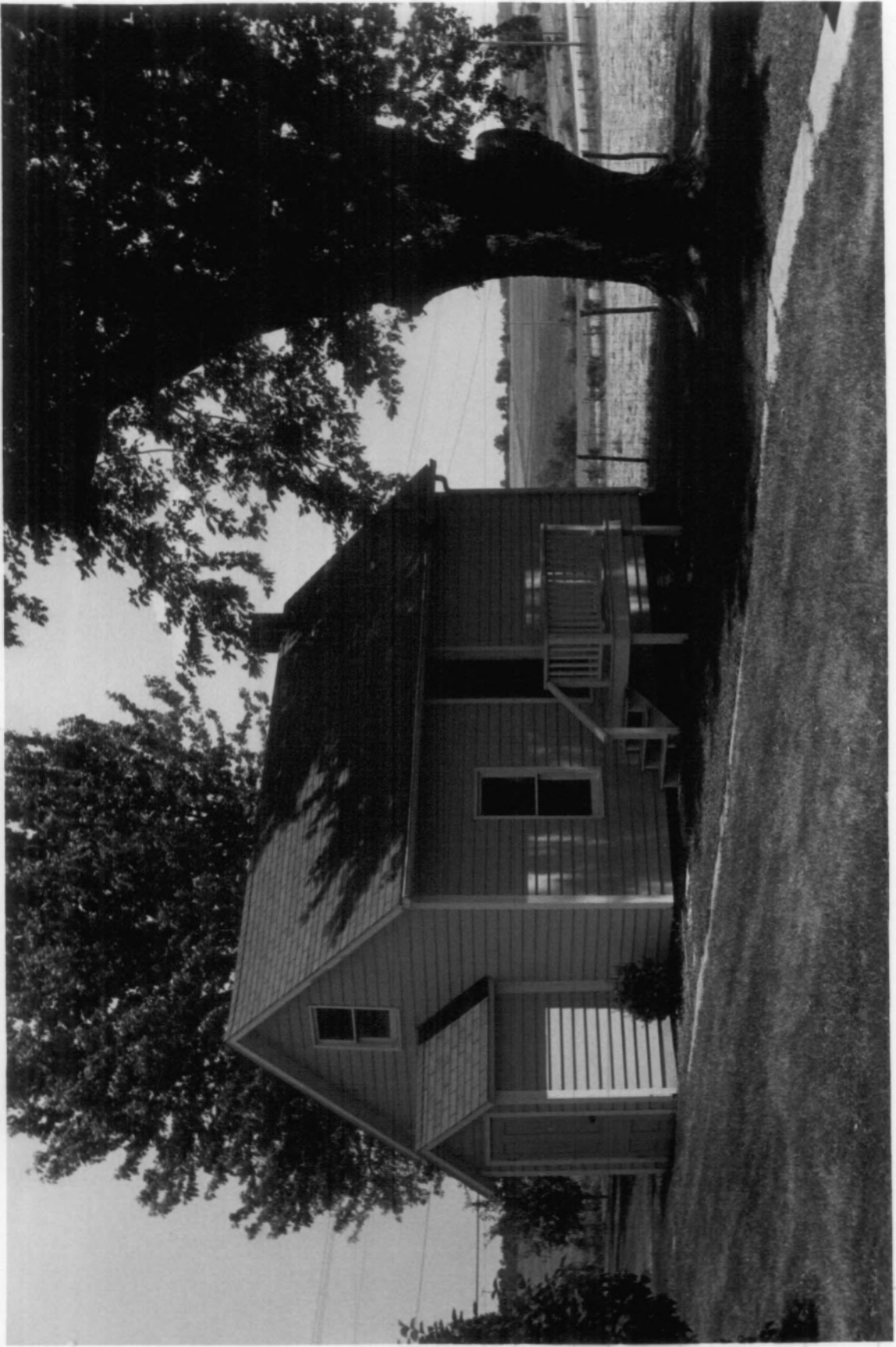














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