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1 NAME

HISTORIC Simpson's College Museum

AND/OR COMMON Simpson's College

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 515 East Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN Graham VICINITY OF #6 - Hon. Thomas Coleman

STATE Missouri 64455 CODE 29 COUNTY Nodaway CODE 147

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Graham Community Betterment

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Graham VICINITY OF STATE Missouri 64455

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Nodaway County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Maryville STATE Missouri 63869

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Missouri State Historical Survey

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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Simpson's College, facing south, is a one-story, rectangular-plan, three-bay house with a total interior area of approximately 510.25 square feet.

EXTERIOR

Over-all dimensions

The house measures approximately 20' x 28'.

Construction materials and colors

The foundation is made of roughly dressed field stone upon which north-south running 2" x 8" oak floor joists rest. Supporting these joists in the center is an east-west running beam resting on the foundation at either end and a fieldstone pier in the center. Unpainted clapboards sheath a wood frame and sawn wood shingles cover the roof. The two chimneys are of brick.

Openings

Windows. The window openings are of two approximate sizes: 2' x 5' and 3' x 4 1/2'. The 3' x 4 1/2' window openings contain six-over-six light double-hung sash and are distributed as follows: two are symmetrically arranged to the right and left of the center axis on the west facade, and another is located on the west half of the north facade. The remaining four window openings are 2' x 5' with two containing four-over-four light double hung sash positioned on the east half of the north facade and the center of the east facade respectively. Two two-over-two light double hung sash windows form the east and west bays of the south facade.

Doorways. There are two doorways providing interior access. Both are located in the center bays of the north and south facades respectively. The doorway on the south facade contains a single-light, three panel door, and that on the north facade is filled with a door that has a pair of two light openings.

Directly under the east facade window is a crawl space opening in the foundation into which a surround has been set to support a small (approximately 1 1/2' x 2 1/2') board and batten door.

A small (6' x 6') uncovered platform proch provides access from ground level to the doorway on the north facade.

The house is capped by an east-west running medium-pitched gable roof covered with sawn wood shingles.

Two brick chimneys service the house--both straddling the ridge of the roof. One is slightly west of the middle bay of the house and the other is positioned slightly to the west of the center axis of the east bay.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Simpson's College is significant to the community of Graham, Missouri as the oldest surviving structure used as a schoolhouse, as probably the oldest building in town and for its associations, both actual and attributive, with leading citizens of the community.

It is uncertain when Simpson's College was constructed. A sign to the west of the south entrance makes the claim that the schoolhouse was constructed in 1843 by Andrew Brown. It is also commonly held by many people in the community that this was the case. The only available printed evidence belies this notion by stating that in 1843, "...Andrew Brown built the first schoolhouse out of logs, on his own land and at his own expense." Simpson's College is not a log structure.¹

Perhaps the attribution results from the way in which Andrew Brown is remembered. The source, quoted above, goes on to claim: "Grandpa Brown contributed more time and money towards education and the building of churches than any other man in the county during his lease of life."²

Andrew Brown (1792-1874) came to Hughes Township from Tennessee via Platte County in 1842 or 1843 and settled by Elkhorn Creek. He purchased his land from Isaac Hogan who made the first permanent American settlement there in 1839 while exploring the Platte Purchase country in the company of his brother Daniel, Richard Taylor and Robert Stewart (later to become Missouri's 14th governor). In 1843, Brown built a small mill by Elkhorn Creek--the second to be erected in the county. He laid out the town of Graham in 1856 and added two blocks to the original four in 1858. At this time the town contained two general stores, a drug store, a hotel, a grist and saw mill and the first church constructed in the county. The town was variously known as Jacksonville or Brownville before the Missouri legislature changed the name to Graham. This was done to give the town the same name as the post office (so called after Amos Graham who secured it for the area).³

How the schoolhouse came to be named "Simpson's College" is not known. Local informants have said that this name appeared on a property deed, but this deed could not be located. No memory, written or verbal, exists of anyone named Simpson who may have taught in the structure. The name does not appear in any literature, aside from the unexamined deed, before the present day. All that can be said is that the name is part of local tradition and has become indelibly associated with the building.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. .13 acres (.32 hectares)

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point 269 feet east of the southwest corner of Lot Six (6), Block One (1), Original Town of Graham, thence continuing east a distance of 75 feet, thence north 75 feet, thence west 75 feet, thence south 75 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.13 acres.

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. James M. Denny, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Department of Natural Resources
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 176

TELEPHONE

314-751-4096

CITY OR TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65101

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
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The primary decorative feature of the house consists of plain box cornices on the north and south facades with returns suggested by short boards with molding along their upper borders on the east and west facades.

INTERIOR

The interior is divided into three rooms by partitions constructed of 1" x 8" tongue-and-groove pine boards placed vertically. The south room contains approximately 256.25 square feet, the northwest room 170 square feet, and the northeast room 84 square feet.

A floor of east-west running random width oak boards occurs in all rooms.

Plaster over lath is employed to finish the south, east and west walls of the south room, and the north, east and west walls of the northwest room. The board partitions form the remaining walls of these rooms and also the west and south walls of the northeast room. The remaining two walls of the northeast room are finished with 2'9" high wainscoting of 3" width tongue-and-groove pine boards with vertical flush bead molding; the remaining wall area is plaster over lath.

The ceilings are eight feet high and composed of random width pine boards with the exception of the east half of the south room where a plaster over lath ceiling occurs.

Two chimneys serve as flues for stoves and extend about half-way to the floor where they come to rest on wooden platforms braced to the walls. One of these chimneys is located along the south wall of the northeast room; the other is found in the south room connected to an extension of the partition wall that divides the other two rooms.

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Simpson's College is presently a community museum. The northwest room is furnished as an "old-time" doctor's office and contains an antique wheel chair, Doctor E. A. Morgan's dentist chair, Doctor E. L. Morgan's examining table and instrument case, and some 19th century medical books and photographs. The northeast room is furnished as a one-room school with teacher and student desks. The walls are lined with photographs pertaining to education in the community. The south room contains three display cases in which 19th century household items, tools and memorabilia are to be found. A part of the east end of the room is roped off to protect antique furniture and a treadle-operated sewing machine. The walls of this room display old posters and photographs of early Hughes Township scenes and residents. Each room has a wood burning stove, but the only one in service is located in the northeast room.

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ALTERATIONS

Few alterations have occurred:

1. Unknown date:
 - a) the building was moved one block--probably sometime in the 19th century
 - b) partition walls were likely added after the building ceased to be used as a schoolhouse and was converted to a private residence

2. 1971-1975
 - a) new shingles applied to the roof
 - b) the wellhouse rebuilt
 - c) preservative applied to exterior clapboards
 - d) interior walls painted.

The house has neither electricity nor plumbing.

CONDITION

The house is in fair condition.

SITE

Simpson's College is located on a .13 acre lot at 515 East Jackson Street at the east end of Graham, Missouri. It also adjoins the southeast end of the Graham Community Park.

The lot includes, in addition to Simpson's College, the following structures:

- 1) a 8' x 10' smokehouse (now used as a shed) with unpainted vertical board siding
- 2) a privy
- 3) a well, approximately 30' deep, lined with field stone and capped by a wellhouse constructed of wood
- 4) a root cellar constructed of brick with a north-south oriented barrel vault (4' wide, 8' deep, 8' high) intersected at right angles by smaller arched vaults (4' wide, 4' deep, 5' high).

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PRESENT STATUS

The continued existence of Simpson's College is assured. Owned and maintained by Graham Community Betterment, the house is open without charge to the public as a museum.

FOOTNOTES

1. Martin Bond, "First 'Jacksonville,' then 'Brownville,' and now, 'Graham'" (unpublished reminiscence, Graham, Missouri, August 11, 1939), pp. 4-5.

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That Simpson's College was used as a schoolhouse can be established from a reminiscence written by a local carpenter named Martin Bond in 1939: "About fifty yards west of where Kettering Mill is located stood the one-room school where I went to school in the winter of 1864...This little school house was unlike our school buildings of today as we had no toilet of any kind--and no recreation hall. This building has been moved one block east of the bank building and is now known as the Joe Reeves property."⁴

The general period of the building's construction can be inferred from a 1945 newspaper article by James Decker: "The first school built in Graham was in the block where Dr. Morgan's residence now stands. The date of the building is unknown, but Martin Bond went to school there in 1864 and thought of it being an old building at that time. It is probably the oldest building in Graham and has been used as a dwelling many years."⁵

Of the school teachers who taught at Simpson's College, only two are remembered. One was Osee Cole Couden (1842-1932). All that is known about her is that she became the third wife of Rev. William Harrison Couden (1817-1879) who preached in Graham around the close of the Civil War.⁶

The other teacher was Sophia Bradford Morgan who taught in the school prior to her marriage to Dr. J. W. Morgan on the 19th of January, 1865.⁷ Owing to the regrettable practice of omitting the biographies of women from county histories, little is known of her life and educational activities.

The Morgan family was a significant one in the history of Graham. Dr. James Woods Morgan (1834-1886) was an early resident of Nodaway County, arriving from Indiana with his parents in 1841. He married for the first time in 1856 to Laura Scott. This union produced four children, all of whom died in infancy. Having begun his medical studies in 1854, Dr. Morgan commenced the practice of medicine in Graham in 1859. This practice was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil War, and for the next three years he served as a Union officer in a variety of capacities before the family obligations incurred by the death of his wife in 1864 necessitated his retirement from the service. He resumed his medical practice in Graham and the following year married Sophia Bradford. He continued to be a doctor in Graham until his death in 1886.⁸

His marriage with Sophia Bradford produced six children including two sons who subsequently carried on the medical tradition in the Morgan family. Dr. E. A. Morgan became a dentist and for several years practiced in Graham. His brother, Dr. E. L. Morgan, became a medical doctor, like his father, and opened his office in Graham in 1895.⁹ He practiced medicine there for 52 years. This meant that the medical needs of Graham were served by a Dr. Morgan for 75 years.¹⁰

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The services of the Morgan family to the community of Graham are commemorated in a room in the Simpson's College Museum that is furnished as an old-time doctor's office.

By 1869, Simpson's College proved inadequate to serve the educational needs of Graham. The population had grown to 350 and the town could boast of having four general stores, one drug store, two blacksmith shops, one wagon maker, one harness maker, one millinery store, one photograph gallery, one hotel, one cabinet maker, one shoe maker, three physicians, two churches and two fraternal orders. The source for the above information goes on to proclaim: "There is in Graham the best public school house, at present, in the county. It is a two story frame twenty-four by forty feet and has just been completed, at a cost of three thousand dollars. It is to be furnished throughout with the best improved school furniture."¹¹

After Simpson's College ceased to serve as a schoolhouse, it reverted to a private residence and was used in that capacity for over 100 years until 1971 when Mrs. Opal Talbott, the owner, donated it to the Graham Community Betterment Association.

It was not possible to obtain a property abstract to determine the chronology of ownership, but other sources can provide a glimpse of some of the owners. An 1893 county atlas shows Simpson's College as part of a 1/2 acre lot belonging to Maria Dicken and a 1911 atlas depicts it resting on an 8 acre tract belonging to Olive Decker.¹² Mrs. Opal Talbott remembers that at the time of her arrival to Graham in 1918, Simpson's College was the residence of the Joe Reeves family. Martin Bond's reminiscence reveals that Reeves still owned the property in 1939.

In 1940, Mrs. Talbott and her husband, Lawrence, purchased the Simpson's College property and subsequently used it for rental purposes. A man named Russel Bear lived there for a year in 1942 and after that time, it was occupied by a brother-in-law of Mrs. Talbott until 1971.¹³

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies in Missouri history as outlines in "Missouri's State Historic Preservation Plan." Simpson's College is, therefore, being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an example of the theme of "Education."

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SOURCE

U.S.G.S.

15' Maitland Quadrangle

SCALE

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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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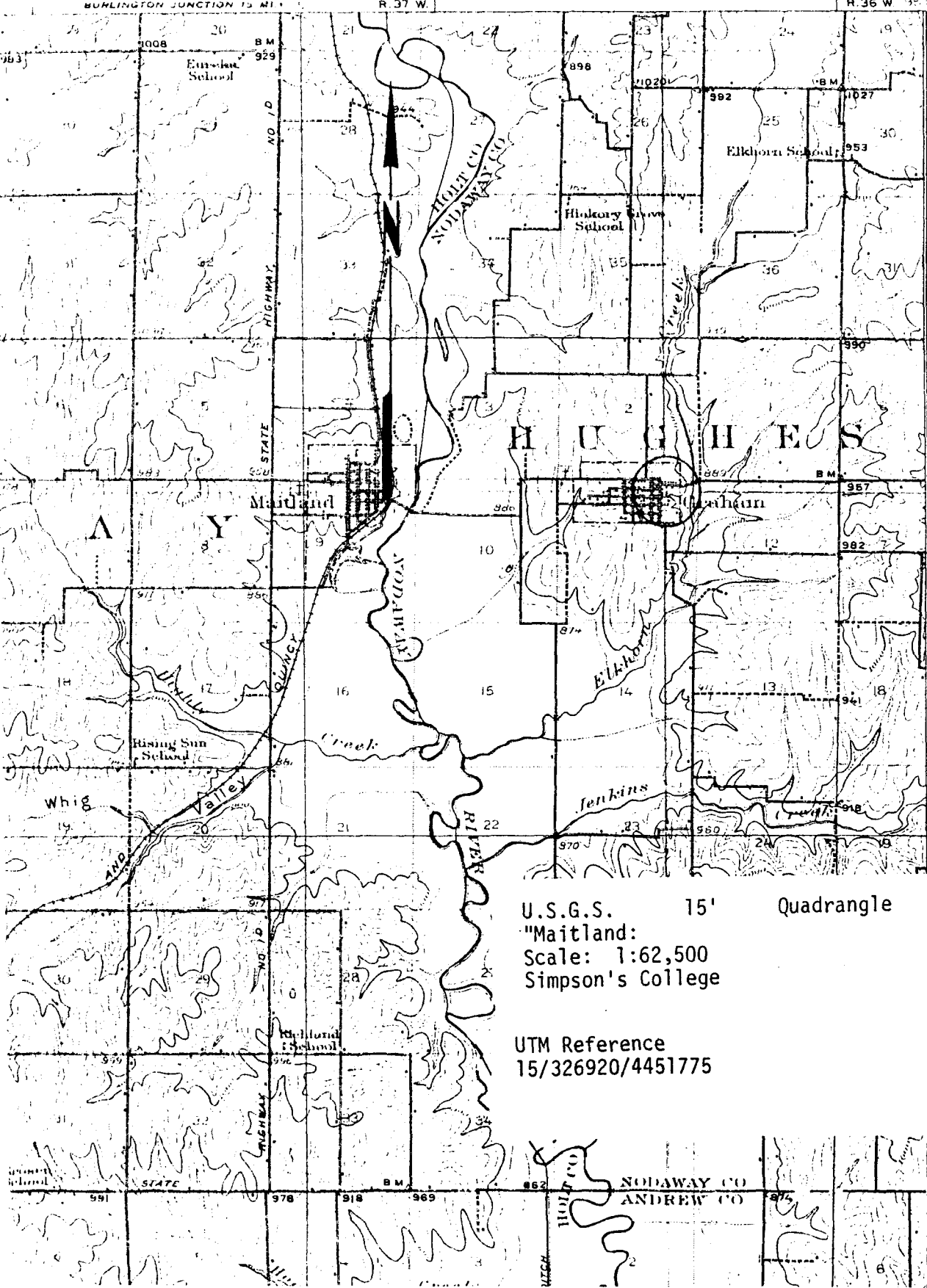
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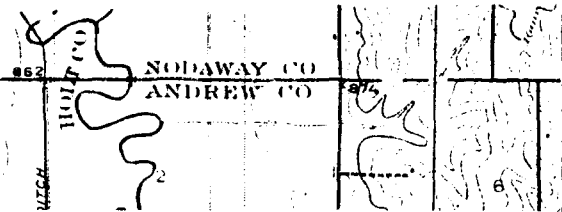
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U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle
"Matmland":
Scale: 1:62,500
Simpson's College

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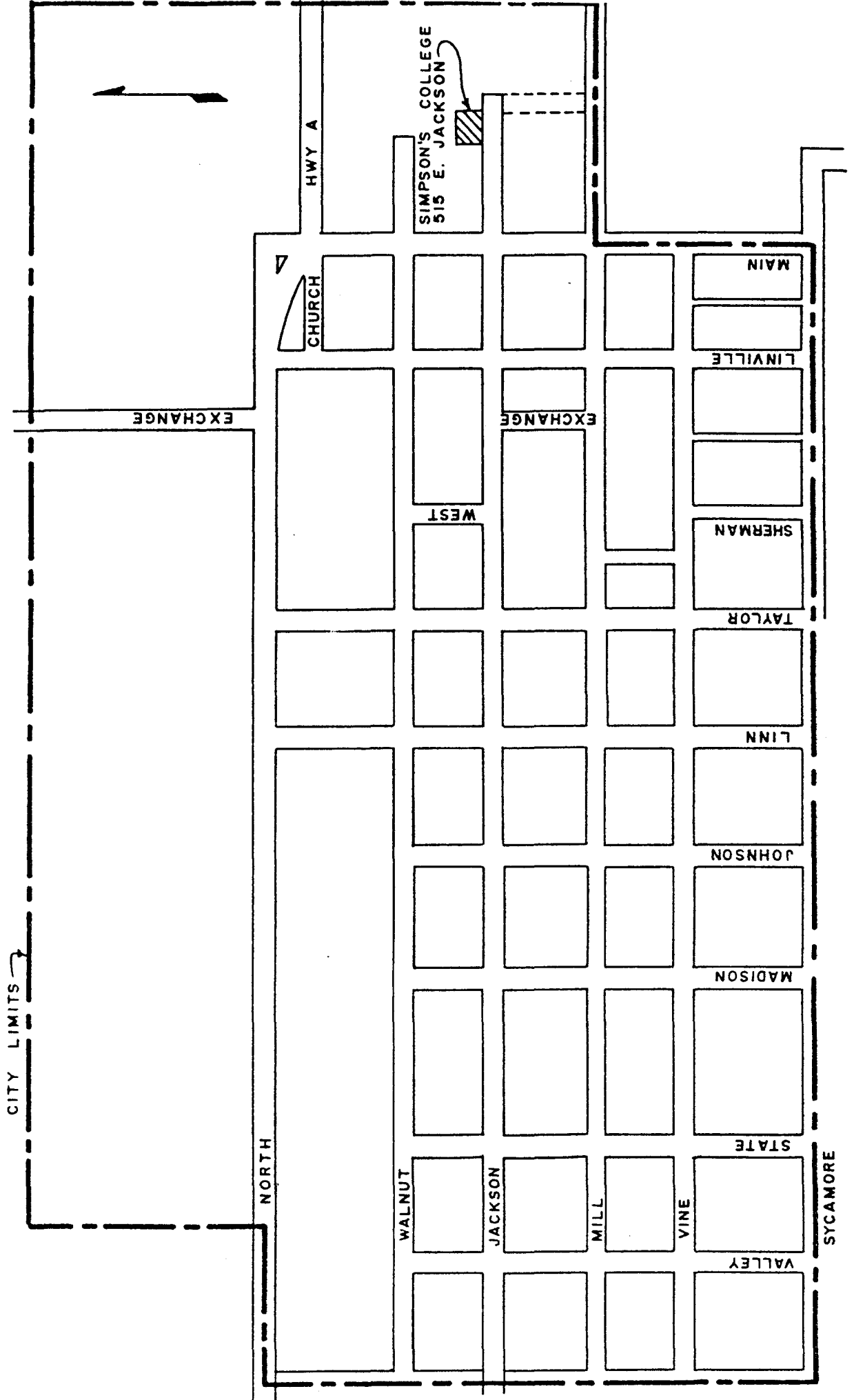


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SIMPSON'S COLLEGE GRAHAM, MISSOURI



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Northwest Regional Planning Commission

SCALE

Not to scale

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June 1974

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SITE PLAN MAP

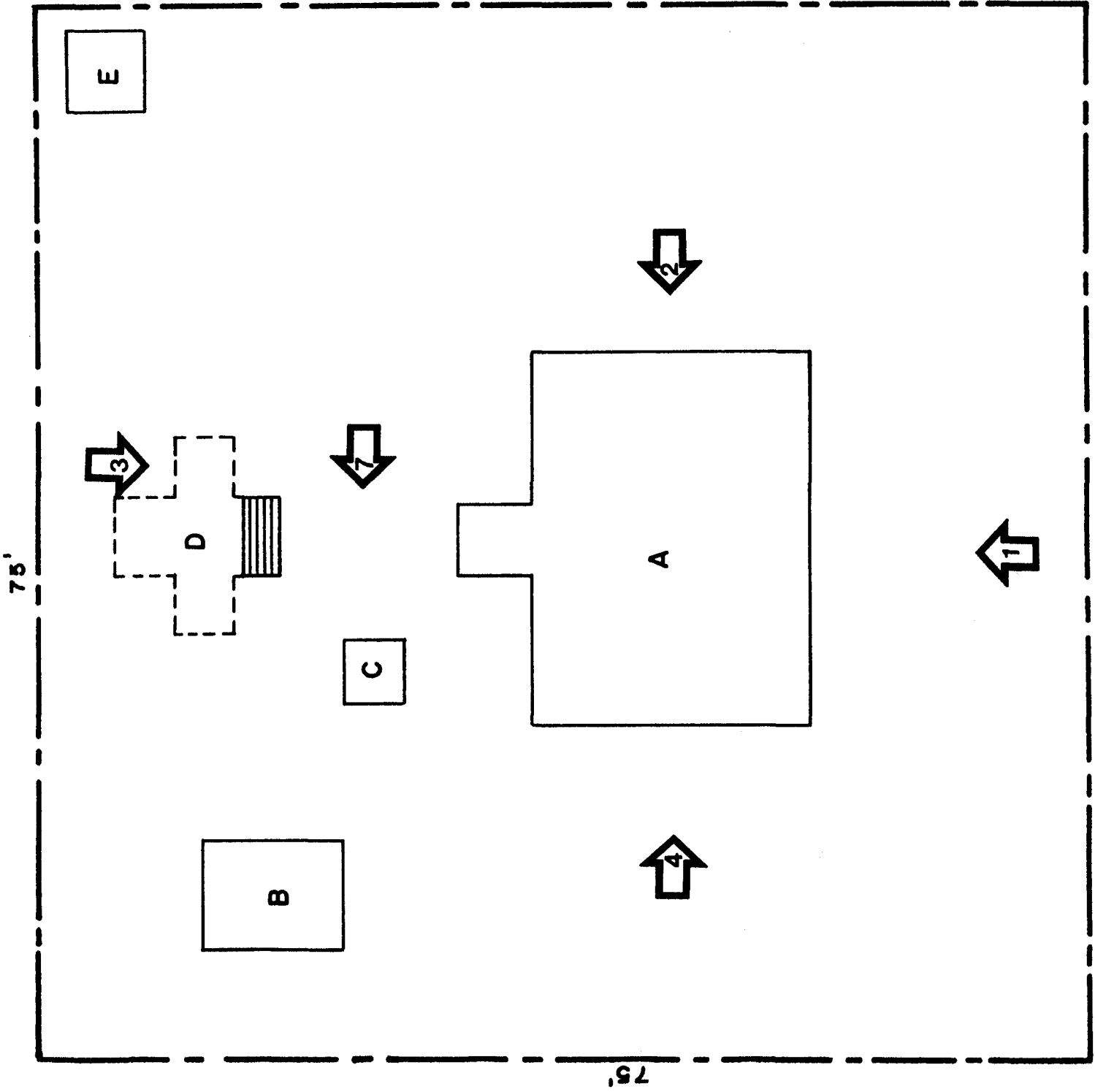
A = SIMPSON'S COLLEGE

B = SMOKE HOUSE

C = WELL

D = ROOT CELLAR

E = PRIVY



SITE MAP SIMPSON'S COLLEGE

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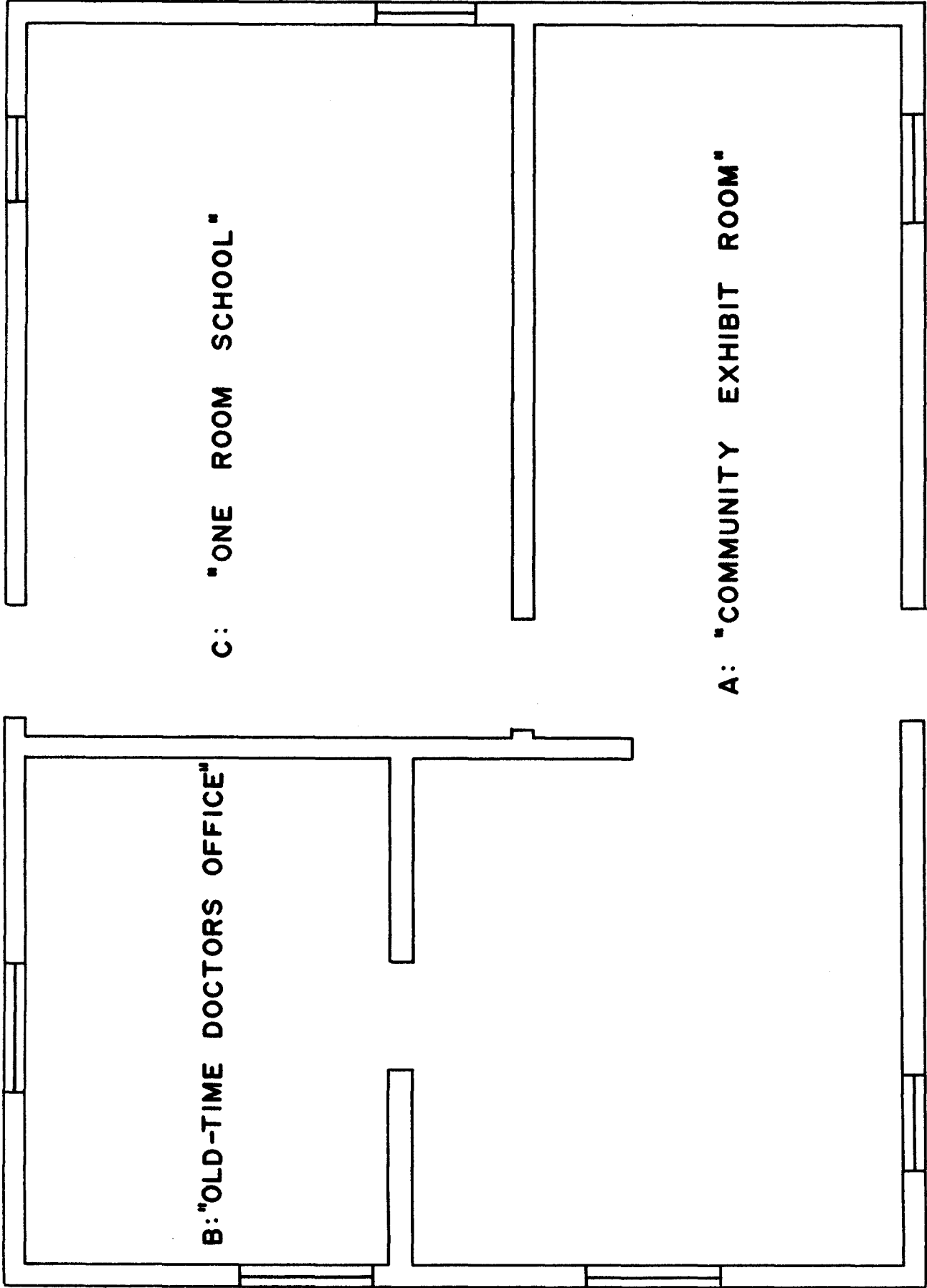
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Floor plan

FLOOR PLAN SIMPSON'S COLLEGE



B: "OLD-TIME DOCTORS OFFICE"

C: "ONE ROOM SCHOOL"

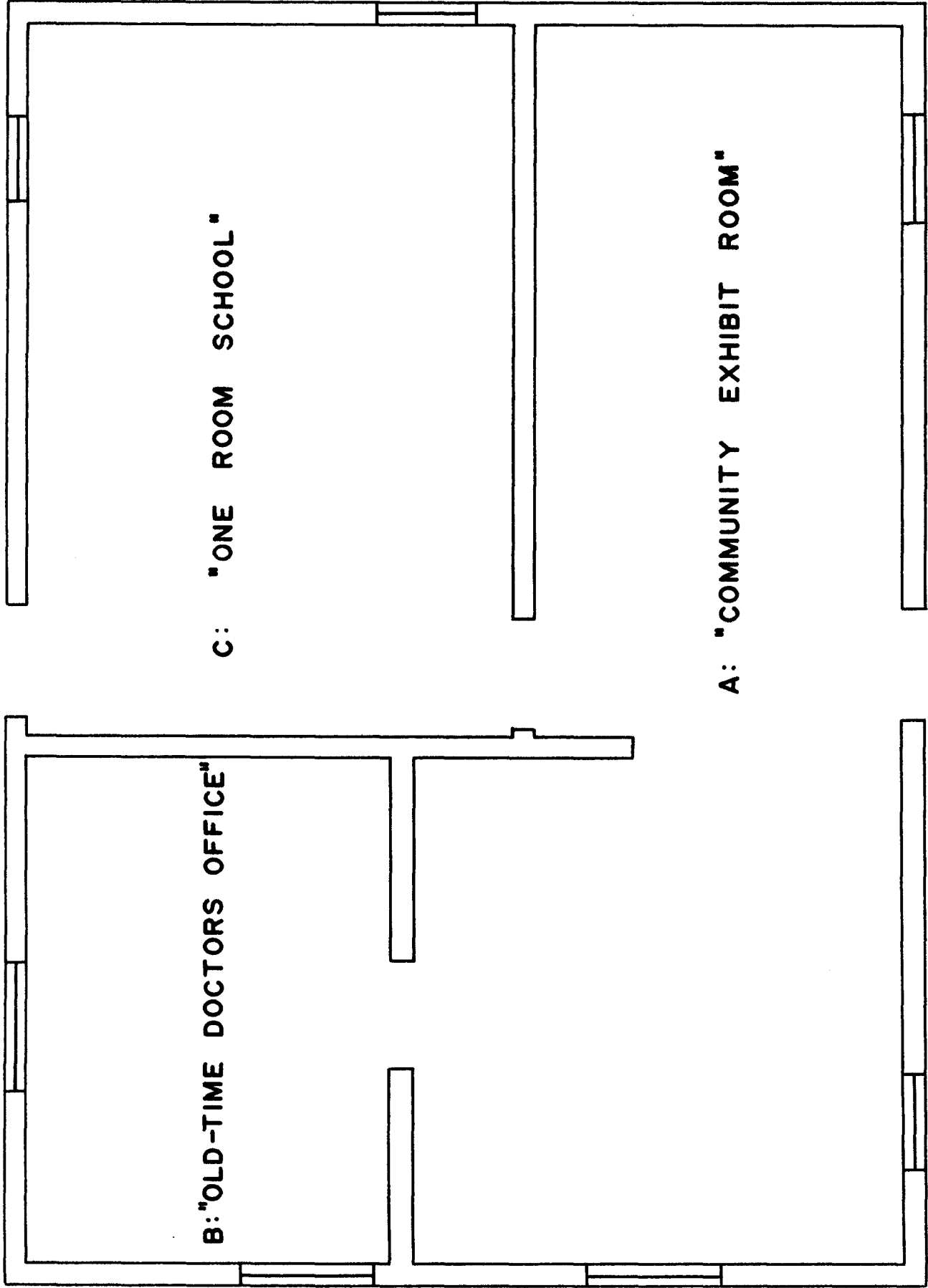
A: "COMMUNITY EXHIBIT ROOM"

20'

28'

1" = 3'

FLOOR PLAN SIMPSON'S COLLEGE



COUNTY:	Nodaway
LOCATION:	515 East Jackson St. Graham, Missouri
OWNER: ADDRESS:	Graham Community Betterment Graham, Mo.
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	July 15, 1977
DATE SENT TO D.C.:	August 1, 1977
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	August 8, 1977
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:	January 30, 1978
DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE (AND PRESENTOR):	August 5, 1979 Ann Matthews
DATE FILE REVIEWED:	

Simpson's College is significant to the Community of Graham, Missouri as the oldest surviving structure used as a schoolhouse, as probably the oldest building in town and for its associations, both actual and attributive, with leading citizens of the community.

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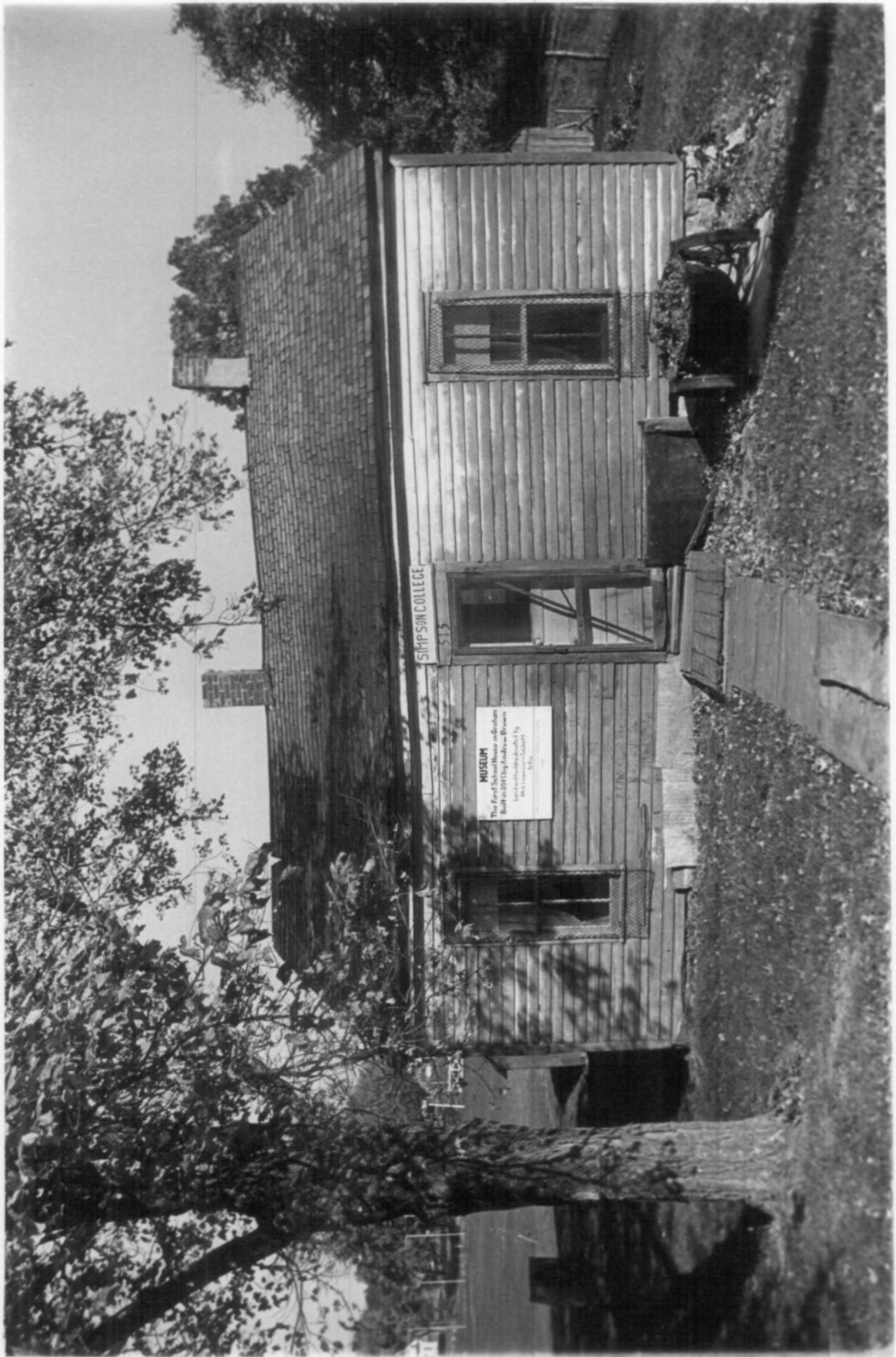
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Primary (south) facade; view looking north.

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SIMPSON COLLEGE
515

MUSEUM
The First School House in Graham
Built in 1841 by Andrew Brown
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places
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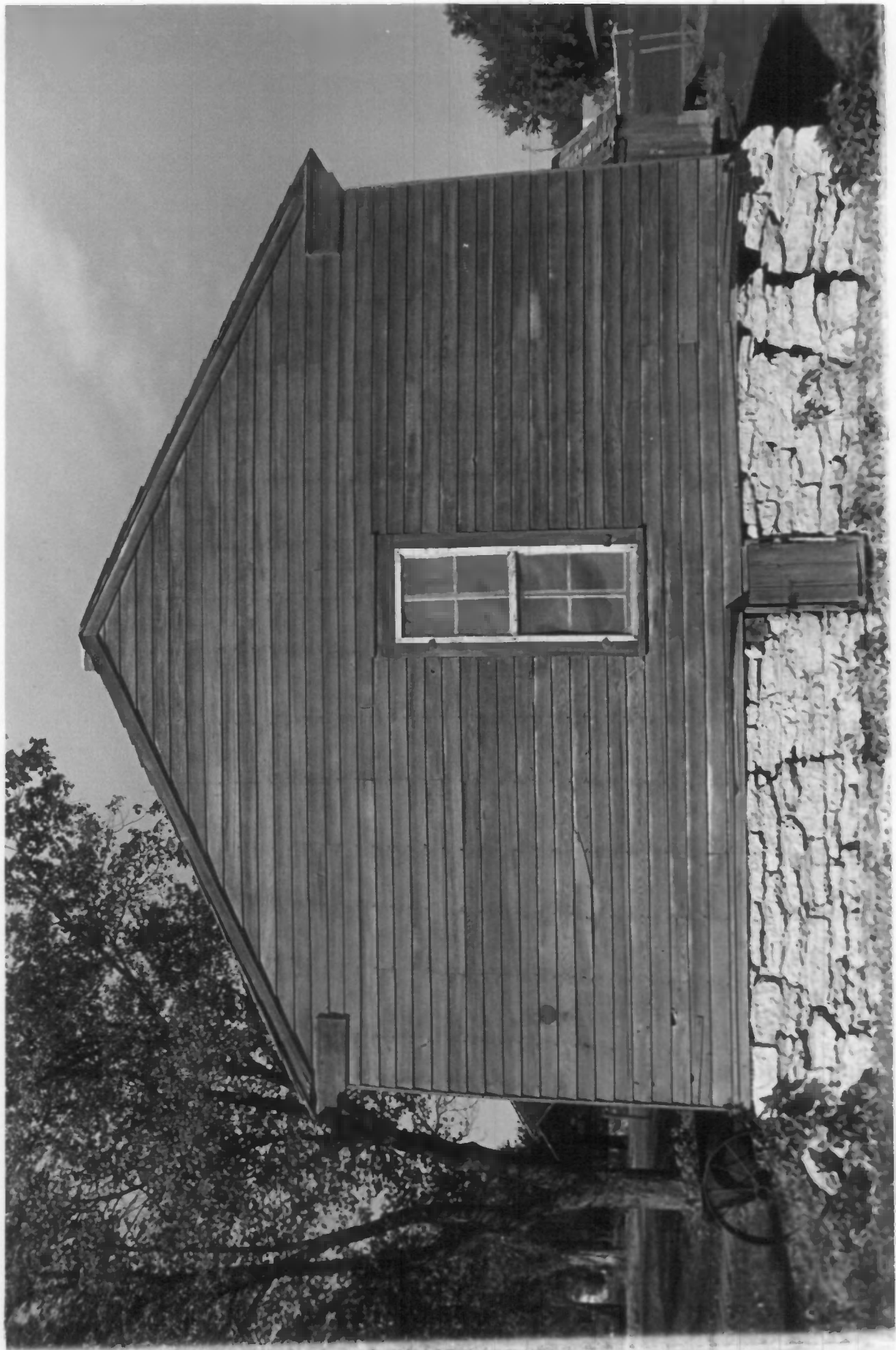
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East facade; view looking west.

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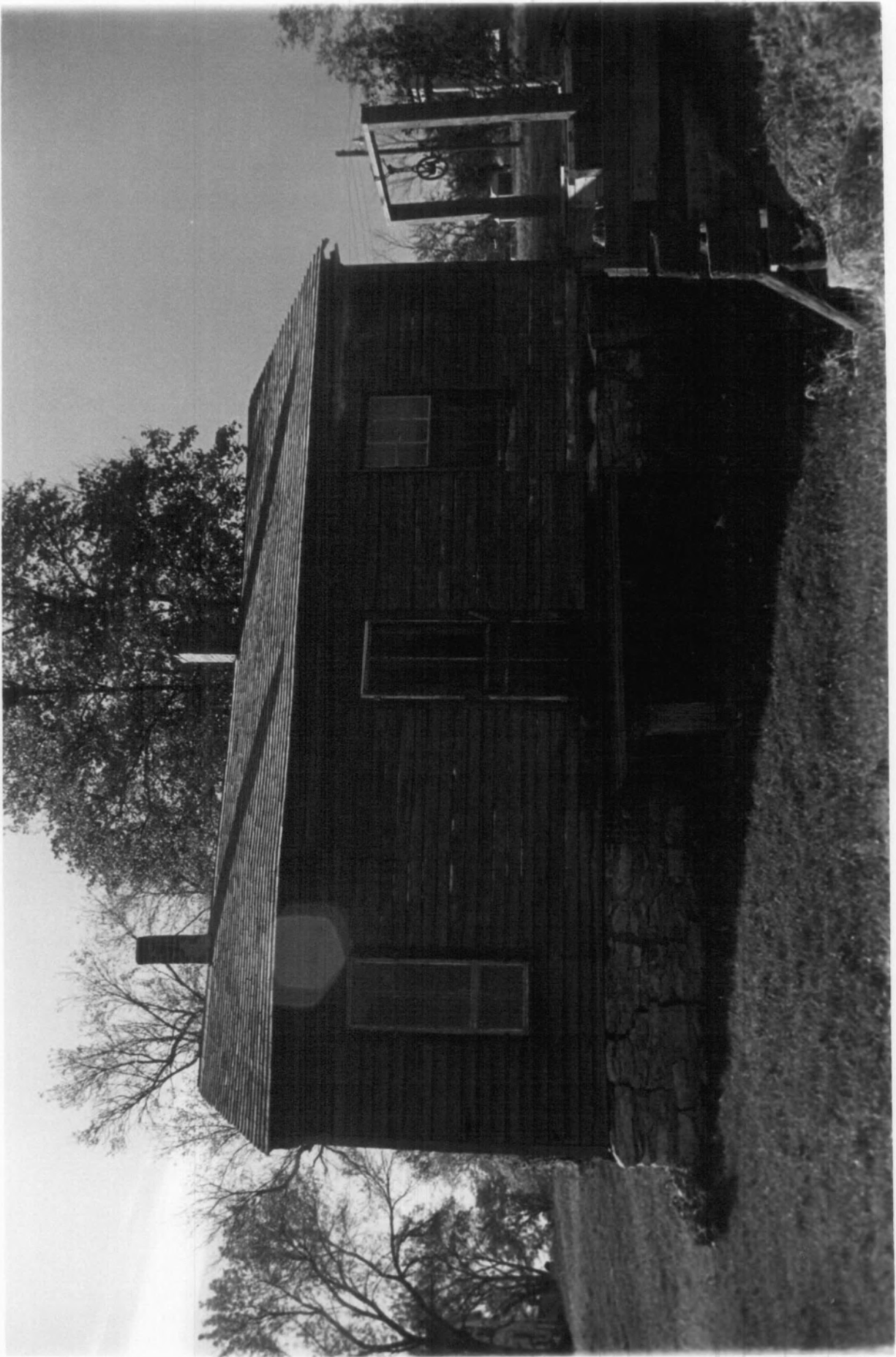
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North facade; view looking south. The southeast edge of the root cellar and the top of the wellhouse immediately to the south appear in the foreground.



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West facade; view looking east. The wellhouse appears to the left
and behind it is the privy. PHOTO NO. 4



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Interior view showing west end of northwest room (furnished as
"old-time" doctor's office).



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Interior view showing west end of northeast room (furnished as one-room school).



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View looking west of the wellhouse in foreground and behind it
and to the right (north) is the smokehouse. Simpson's College is
at the left end of photograph.



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PHOTO NO 8

Interior view of root cellar at entrance looking north. Smaller
east-west oriented vaults appear to right and left.

