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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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historic name Spratt-Allen-Aull House

other names/site number n/a

### 2 Location

street & number 2321 Aull Lane [n/a] not for publication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 )

 17 May 1993  
Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell, Deputy SHPO

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
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National Register.
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National Register
- other, explain  
See continuation sheet .

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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	3
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		2	3

Name of related multiple property listing.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

n/a

0

**6 Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
DOMESTIC/secondary structure  
AGRICULTURAL/agricultural outbuilding  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
DOMESTIC/secondary structure  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7 Description**

**Architectural Classification**

Greek Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

foundation brick  
walls brick  
wood  
roof metal  
other wood  
limestone

**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

# \_\_\_\_\_

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

# \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

Architecture

**Periods of Significance**

circa 1840-1850

**Significant Dates**

circa 1840-1850

**Significant Person(s)**

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

**Architect/Builder**

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 1.9 acres

**UTM References**

A. Zone Easting Northing  
15 425220 4336335

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 30, 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 FOP.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Spratt-Allen-Aull House  
Lafayette County, Missouri

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**SUMMARY:** The Spratt-Allen-Aull House, 2321 Aull Lane, Lexington, Lafayette County, is a two-story red brick residence with a colossal tetrastyle portico with a full-facade upper deck tucked under a massive, pedimented gable. Built in stages beginning circa 1840 through circa 1850, the Spratt-Allen-Aull House exemplifies the temple-front form of the Greek Revival Buildings property type (see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri (Partial Inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties): Associated Property Types: Greek Revival Buildings"). Behind the side-passage front section are two progressively smaller extensions also rendered in brick, plus a relatively modern but unobtrusive family room addition. Meticulously restored, the Spratt-Allen-Aull House features an interior which is richly appointed in pine or similar prominent-grained wood, with pilaster-supported entablatures in the long hallway, dining room and parlor. Located on a large, deep lot, the Spratt-Allen-Aull House is associated with four outbuildings of which one is contributing. Contributing are an octagonal, two-story frame ice house with Gothic Revival, Greek Revival and Italianate elements and two agricultural outbuildings. The three noncontributing buildings are a modern garage and two early twentieth century outbuildings which, although counted as noncontributing, testify to the property's agricultural past. The property is enclosed along Aull Lane and on the east by a brick fence. The Spratt-Allen-Aull House is near the southeast city limit.

**NARRATIVE:** The Spratt-Allen-Aull House is constructed of relatively soft brick laid in a common bond. Dimensions are approximately 29 feet across the temple front by 80 feet to the end of the southernmost section. (The temple-front building is approximately 43 feet from front to back.) Dimensions of the oldest, rather narrow rear section are approximately 16 feet east-west by 23 feet north-south. A family room addition extends the width at the south end by approximately 24 feet. The foundation is brick and there is a partial basement. Roofing consists of ribbed metal sheets.

The oldest part of the house is the relatively narrow, rearmost section of the ell. This portion is believed to have been constructed circa 1840. The front section containing the two-story portico and most of the Greek Revival elements probably dates from circa 1850. An intermediate section connecting the front part and the ell was probably built at the same time. The one-story family room addition was constructed in the 1950s.

The overhanging front gable is supported by four fluted Greek Doric columns of wood. The order is distinguished from Roman Doric by the lack of a classical base although there are formal capitals with echinus and abacus. In this example, each column simply rests on a two-piece pier of smooth-sided, shaly limestone. At bottom, the columns are approximately two feet in diameter. Upper and lower porch railings contain decorative, scrollwork panels. All exterior wood is painted white with the exception of shutters and the front porch floor, which are black and gray, respectively.

A wide entablature, unadorned except for a molding which defines the frieze and architrave, graces three sides of the temple front section. Four brick pilasters with capitals divide the north-facing primary elevation into thirds. The eastern third contains a transomed, sidelighted entry which is framed by

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wooden pilasters in addition to full-height brick pilasters, supporting an entablature.

Two exterior chimneys with shaped masonry tops pierce the roof on the west facade. Two additional chimneys are at the south end of the middle section and at the west end of the family room addition. On the west elevation, the lower portion of a two-story porch has been enclosed. The roof over the upper porch is supported by tapering, square wooden posts with simple capitals and bases. Its railing has essentially the same scrollwork pattern as the portico.

Windows in the temple front section have flat, radiating arches of bricks set length-wise vertically. Windows in the older, rear section have segmental arches. Sawn stone lugsills and lintels are found in the exuberant primary elevation but elsewhere they are wood. Virtually all windows are double-hung 6/6s. Many windows are equipped with functioning wood shutters with peg-fastened joints.

The interior of the Spratt-Allen-Aull House features much original woodwork with classical enframements and paneled doors on both floors of the temple front section. Pilaster-supported entablatures have massive architraves with cornices. Most interior doors contain a single pair of elongated panels, and are assembled with wood pegs. Dining room walls are paneled and parlor windows have aprons of similar panel stock. Woodwork in the parlor and dining room is painted white. Woodwork in the hallway and upstairs rooms is varnished. Pilaster mantels with embellishments are found on both floors. Behind the front section, the interior of the Spratt-Allen-Aull House has been modernized in contemporary fashion.

The Spratt-Allen-Aull House was restored in the 1960s. Because the work was sensitively done, the building and setting today are strongly evocative of their period of significance.

The oldest contributing outbuilding is an octagonal, two-story frame ice house with a cupola. The cupola and roofline are enlivened with decorative brackets, pendants, cresting and finials. Windows have classical surrounds with pilasters, and there is a round window. Elements of several styles are apparent, notably Greek Revival, Gothic Revival and Italianate. This board-and-batten sided building sits on a stone foundation east of the Spratt-Allen-Aull House. Believed constructed in the 1880s, it is a relic of the time when frozen area ponds were "mined" for ice to serve the household through summer.

Two noncontributing frame outbuildings are southeast of the house. The largest, a 60 feet by 20 feet building, has drive-through doors on both gable ends. Its original use is undetermined but it may have been a granary. It is used for vehicle storage today. The smaller building, 8 feet by 10 feet, has board-and-batten walls and was probably used for storage. These are probably 20th century buildings, possibly dating from circa 1910, but they do serve to link the Spratt-Allen-Aull House to its essentially agricultural past.

A brick, circa 1950s two-car garage is noncontributing but its location and

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red brick construction make it reasonably nonobtrusive. A brick and concrete patio also exists but it is not considered significant.

The Spratt-Allen-Aull House is an exceptional example of a temple-front residence, locally and in Missouri. It easily retains sufficient integrity to suggest its period of significance, inside as well as outside. The nearby ice house, one the three contributing outbuildings, is a unique resource because of its octagonal shape and detailing.

The Spratt-Allen-Aull House is #579 in the Lexington MRA.



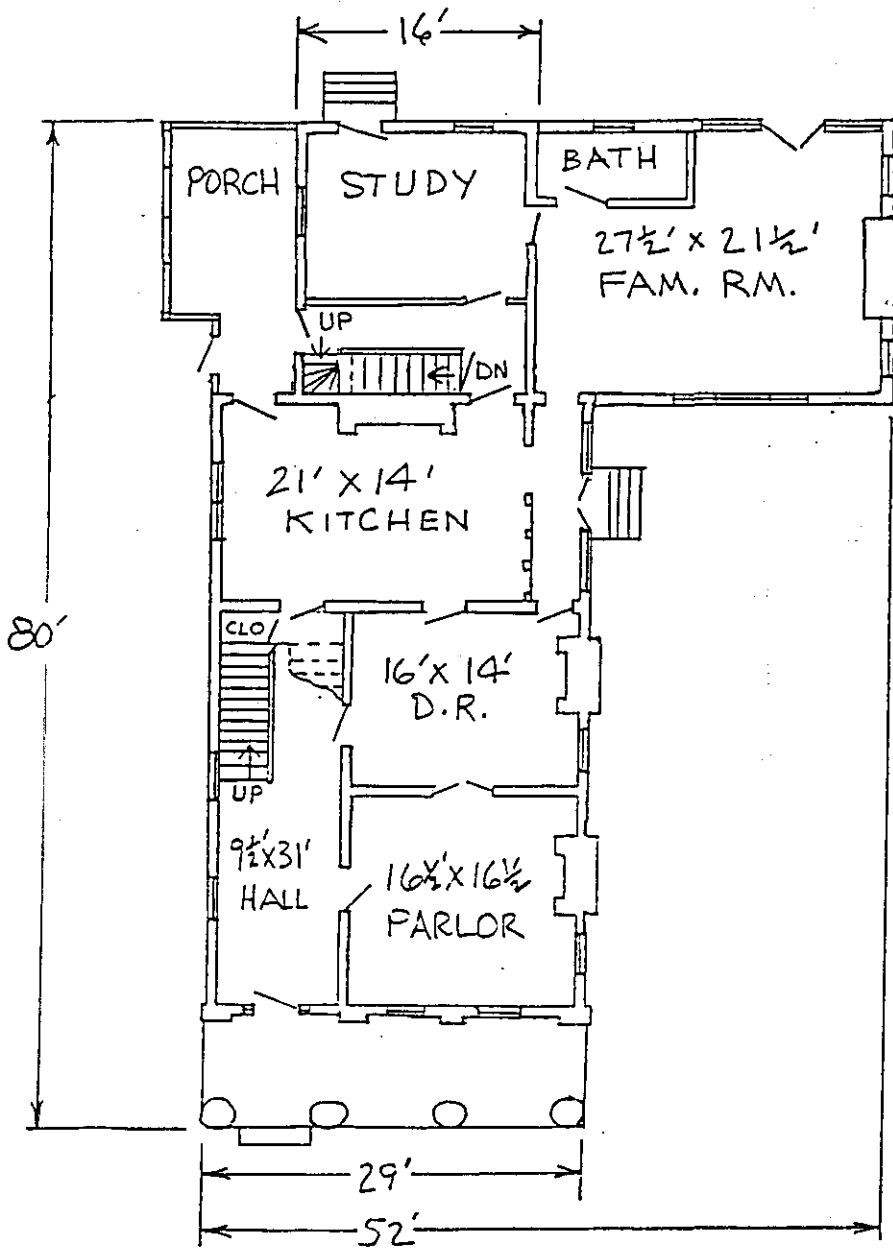
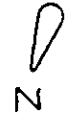
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SPRATT-AULL HOUSE  
2321 Aull Lane, Lexington, Missouri  
MRA #579



First Floor Plan

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**SUMMARY:** The Spratt-Allen-Aull House, 2321 Aull Lane, Lexington, Lafayette County, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. Constructed in stages beginning about circa 1840, and culminating circa 1850 with the main section containing a temple front, the Spratt-Allen-Aull House exemplifies the Greek Revival Buildings property type (see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri (Partial Inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties): Associated Property Types: Greek Revival Buildings"). This two-story brick residence is an excellent example of the temple front form, featuring a colossal two-story, tetrastyle portico with fluted, wooden Doric columns resting on plain slabs of limestone. Beneath the pedimented front gable, an unenriched entablature wraps around the front and both sides. Telescope-like, the primary building--containing most of the Greek Revival details--has two older, rearward extensions of descending size. The pilastered main entrance, enhanced with sidelights and transom windows, is textbook Greek Revival. A circa 1950s addition to the west facade of the rearmost section (the original house) is relatively nonobtrusive. One contributing outbuilding, a frame octagonal-shaped ice house with ornate detailing, appears to be contemporary with the Spratt-Allen-Aull House. Two frame buildings (circa 1910-circa 1920) and a brick two-car garage (circa 1950s) are not associated with the period or area of significance and are counted as noncontributing. The setting is parklike, with a variety of trees including pines and cedars. Overall, the Spratt-Allen-Aull House is an exceptional example of residential, temple front Greek Revival architecture, locally and in Missouri.

**NARRATIVE:** William Spratt, the apparent builder of the rear section and perhaps the temple front portion of the house, as well, came to the Lexington area from Virginia. Spratt was 46 at the time of the 1850 census, and claimed farming as his occupation. References to Spratt in the 1881 Lafayette County history suggest that he came to the Lexington area in the early 1830s. In 1833, Spratt apparently was the teacher at the old Catron School.<sup>1</sup> In the late 1840s, Spratt served on a board to oversee construction of the Lafayette County Courthouse.<sup>2</sup> In 1862, Spratt was one of five "respectable and reliable citizens" appointed by Union General J. M. Schofield to a county board with the task of assessing damages against persons aiding the rebellion.<sup>3</sup> The temple front section (containing most of the building's Greek Revival details) undoubtedly had been constructed by this time, either by Spratt or a subsequent owner such as Thomas H. Allen who sold the property to John Aull in 1863.

Both Allen, in 1862, and Spratt, in 1864, were elected to the Missouri Legislature during the years when a loyalty oath was required of candidates as

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<sup>1</sup>Federal census (1850, 1860); History of Lafayette County, Mo. (St. Louis: National Historical Company, 1881), p. 243.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 435

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 286-288.

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well as voters.<sup>4</sup> During the Civil War, both men obviously had been neutral or at least not pro-Southern. Efforts to determine how long Spratt and Allen owned the property were unsuccessful, and both men apparently left the Lexington area following their election to the legislature. Aull, a prominent Lexington businessman and banker, apparently lived in this house until he became ill in 1893. He built the nearby Alexander Graves House when a daughter, Elizabeth, married Graves in 1874. John Aull, a native of Ireland, was a cousin of the John Aull who came to Lexington (by way of Delaware) in circa 1822 and established an early store and warehouse on the riverfront. The property remained in the Aull family until about 1940.<sup>5</sup> It remains a single family residence today.

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<sup>4</sup>In his diary entry for November 4, 1862, Willard Hall Mendenhall noted that both Spratt and Allen "would do" as legislators, but that three other candidates from Lafayette County were "very common stock." (Mendenhall, Willard Hall, Missouri Ordeal 1862-1864, Newhall, California: Carl Boyer 3rd, 1985, p. 85.)

<sup>5</sup>Young, William, Young's History of Lafayette County (Indianapolis, Ind.: B. F. Bowen and Co., 1910), pp. 432-434. Telephone interview with William Aull III, March 20, 1992.

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**9. Major Bibliographic References**

Aull, William, III (a descendant of John Aull). Telephone interview with Roger Maserang, Show-Me RPC. March 20, 1992.

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

Missouri Historic Inventory Survey Form No. 579, "Dr. Brasheers House." Historic Lexington Survey. August 1981. Copy in Missouri Cultural Resources Inventory, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO.

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

**10. Geographical Data**

**Verbal Boundary Description:** Lot 13, Lexington Land Company Subdivision, City of Lexington, Lafayette County, MO.

**Boundary Justification:** The boundary includes the remaining portion of the original property which retains integrity. The remainder of the original property has been subdivided into residential lots.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

Spratt-Allen-Aull, House  
2321 Aull Lane, Lexington, Lafayette County, MO  
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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 northeast  
March 1991  
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- #2: View from east  
March 1991  
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- #3: View from west  
March 1991  
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- #4: View from southeast  
March 1991  
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- #5: Detail of columns on north elevation  
May 1991  
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- #6: View of entrance, facing north  
May 1991  
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- #7: View of hallway staircase, facing south  
May 1991  
7 of 15
- #8: West parlor with mantel, facing southwest  
May 1991  
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- #9: North Parlor, facing north  
May 1991  
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- #10: Mantel in dining room, facing northwest  
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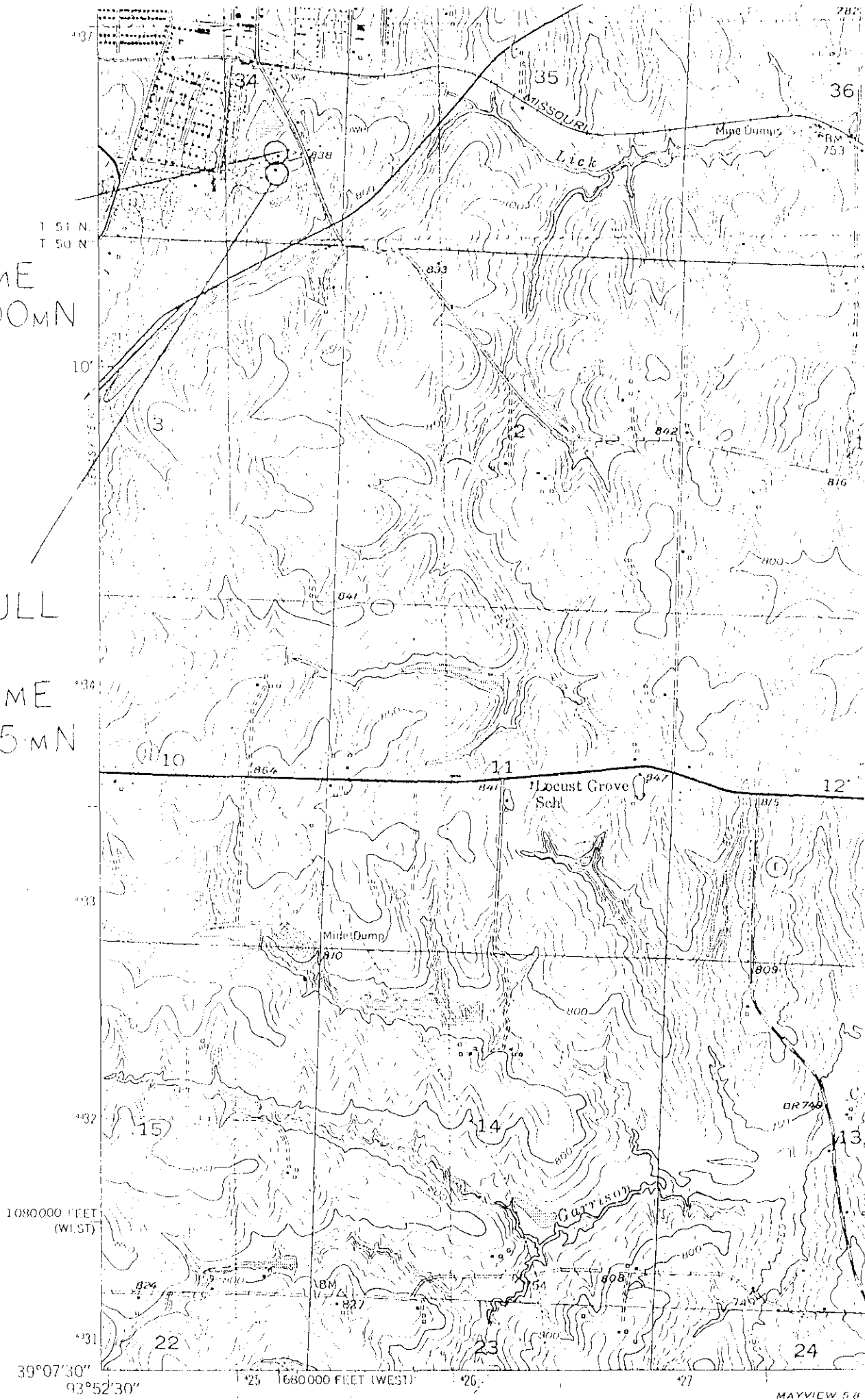
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- #11: Upstairs study, with mantel, facing southwest  
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- #12: Ice house, view from west  
March 1991  
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- #13: Detail of ice house roofline, facing north  
March 1991  
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- #14: Interior of ice house, facing east  
May 1991  
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- #15: Twentieth century outbuildings (noncontributing), view from  
northwest  
May 1991  
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ALLEN-AULL  
HOUSE  
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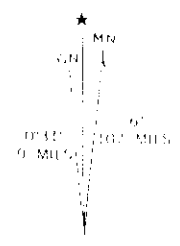
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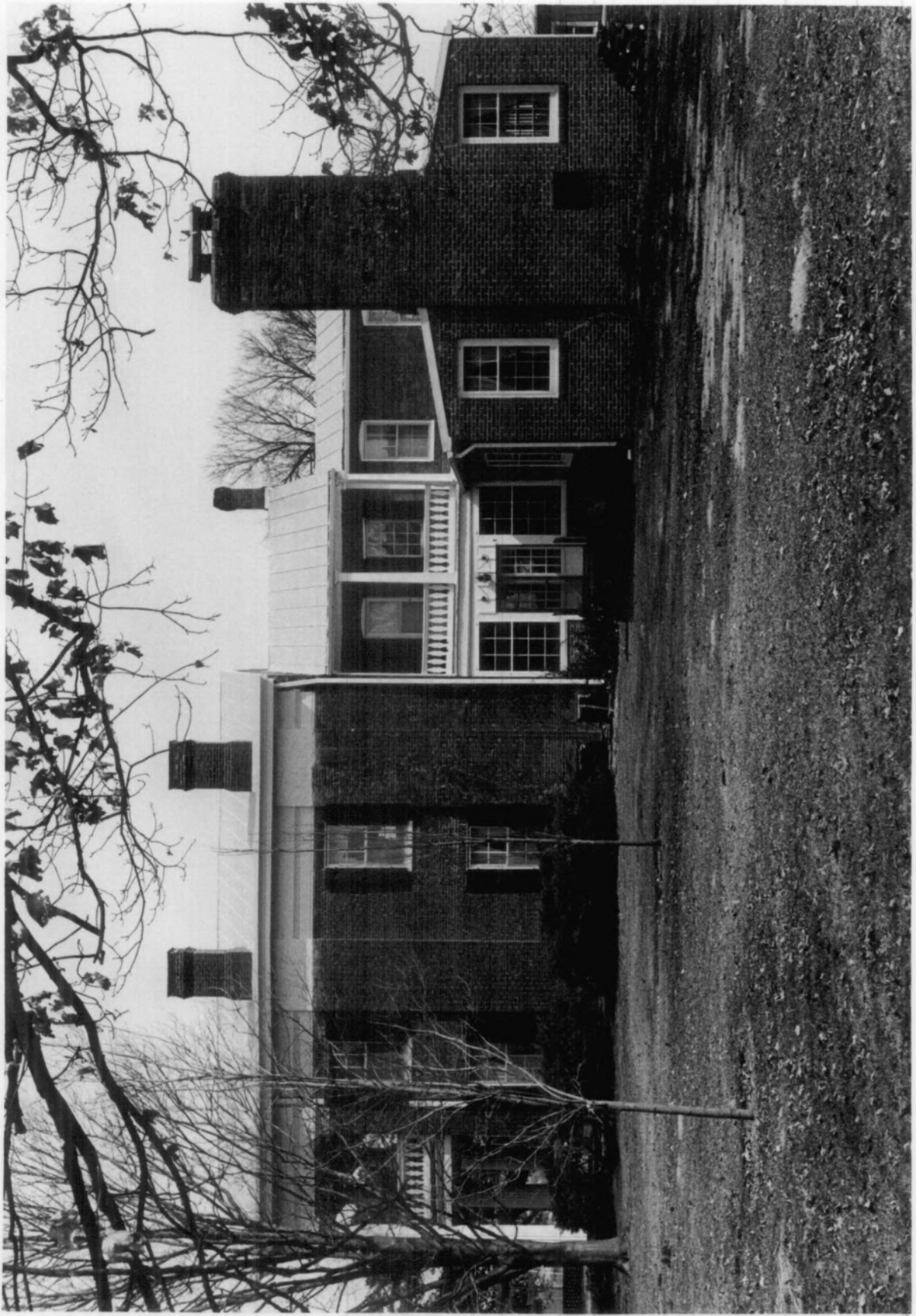
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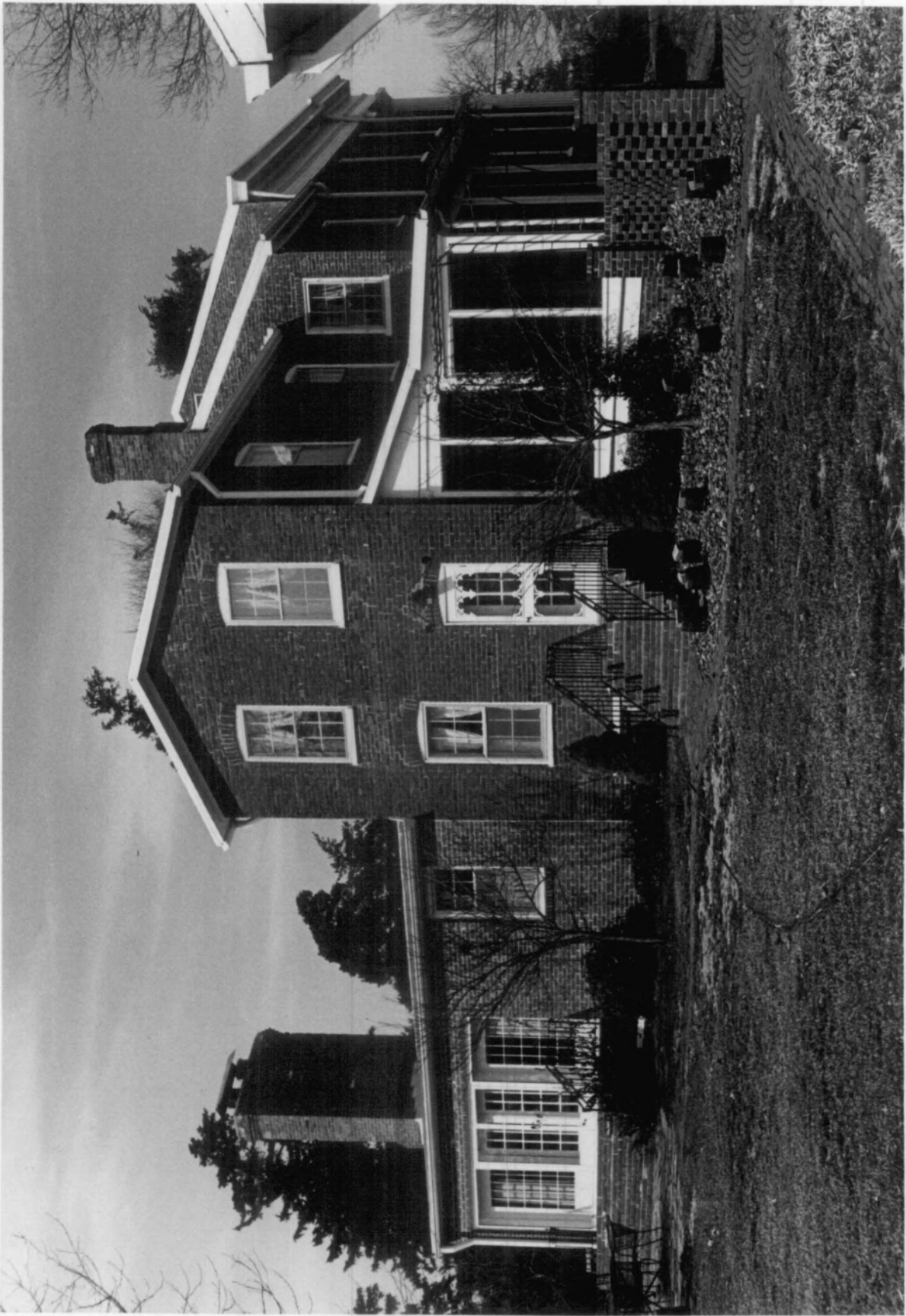
















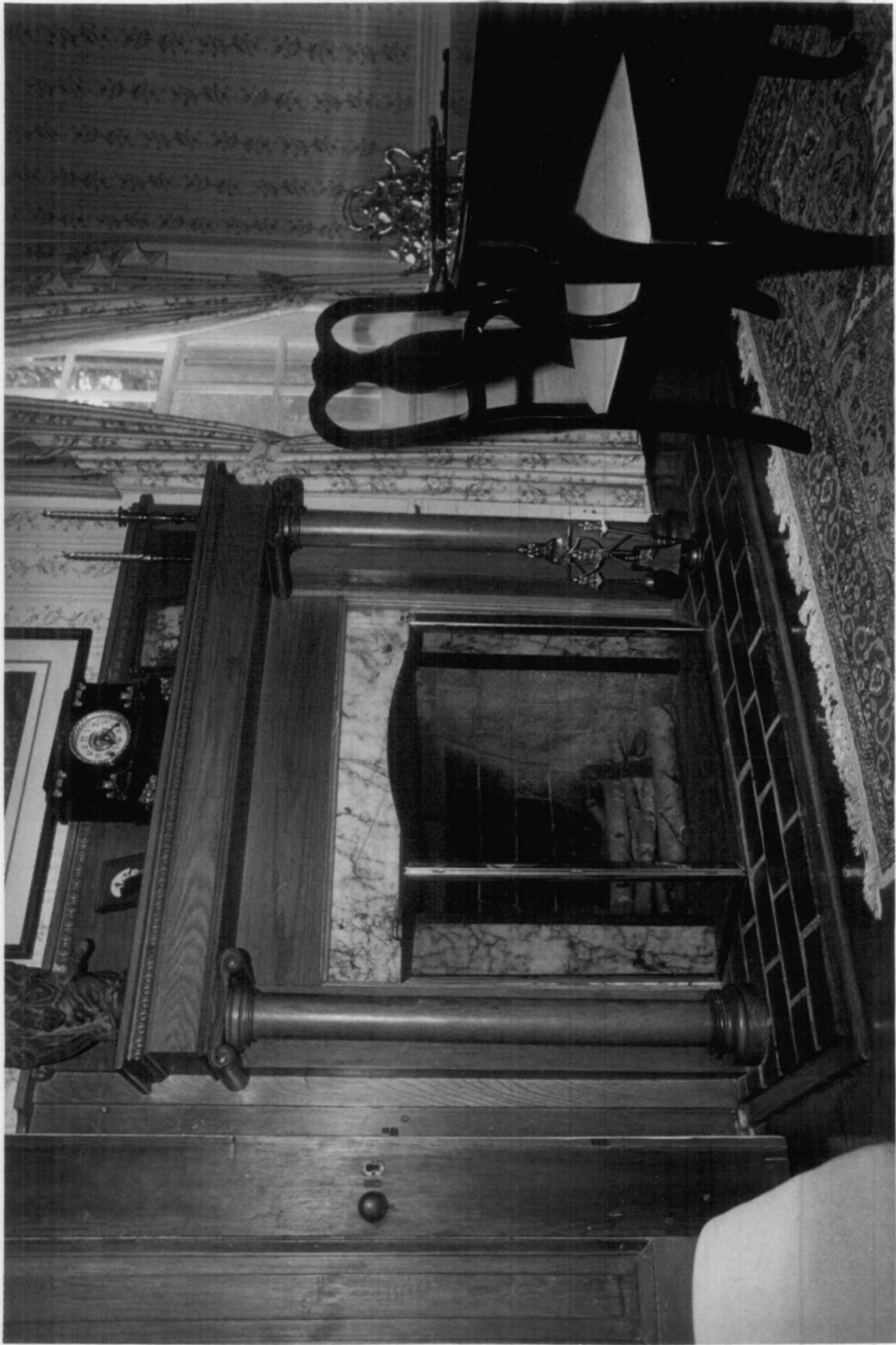








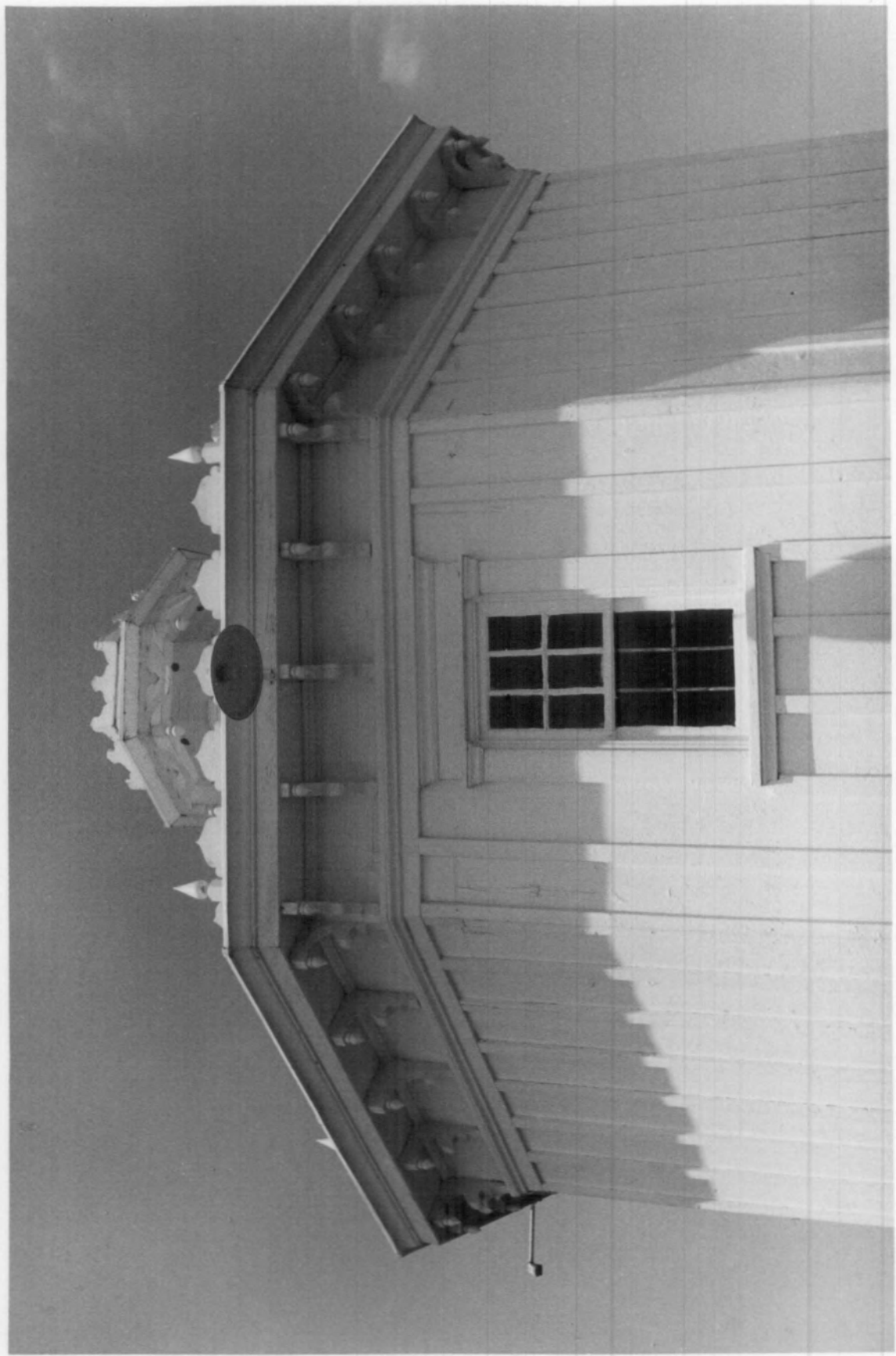


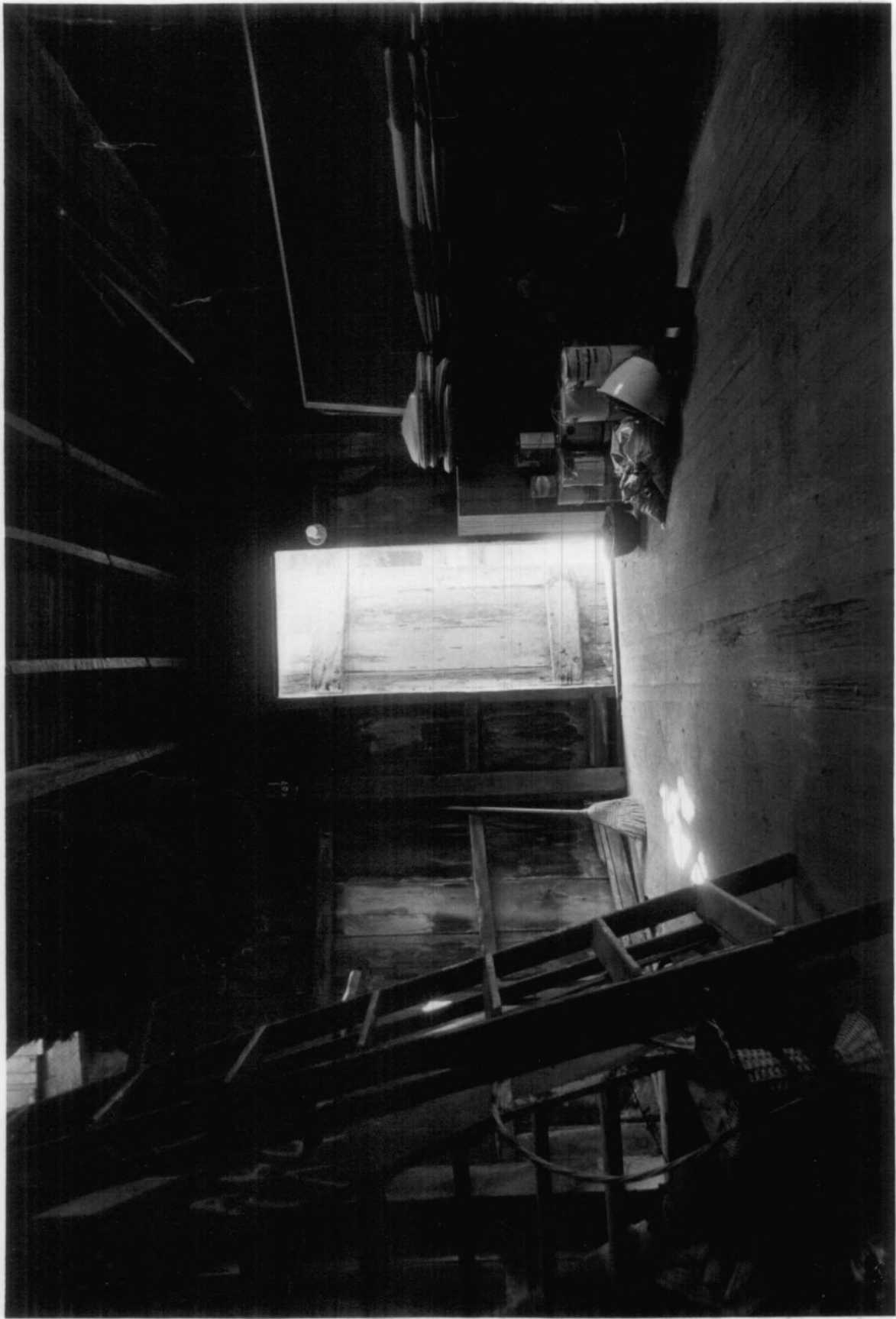














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