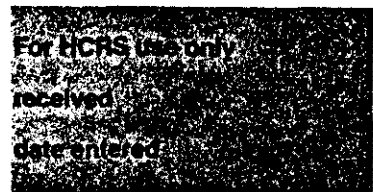


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church

and/or common St. Mary's Episcopal Church

2. Location

street & number 104 West Davis not for publication

city, town Fayette vicinity of _____ congressional district #4-Hon Ike Skelton

state Missouri code 029 county Howard code 089

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property

name Diocese of West Missouri
Protestant Episcopal Church of America

street & number P.O. Box 23216
415 West 13th Street

city, town Kansas City vicinity of _____ state Missouri 65248

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of County Clerk and Recorder
Howard County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Fayette state Missouri 65248

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue has this property been determined eligible? yes no

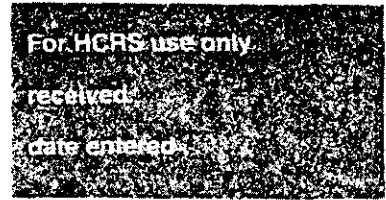
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city, town Columbia state Missouri 65201

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey
1981
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO. 65102

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date November, 1920

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Fayette, Missouri faces northwest and measures 18' by 50' with an additional vestibule area which measures 8' by 10'. The church sits one-half block from the Howard County courthouse square and the business district of this small college community.

The small rectangular one-storey structure is constructed of vertical board and batten on a brick foundation over a partial basement. It is painted white. A high pitched roof extends the entire length of the building from front to back and it is faced with green asphalt shingles over an old roof of cedar shakes.

The main entry to the church is located in the vestibule. The entry door is double leafed and constructed of vertical planks painted a deep red. The roof of the vestibule peaks 6' below the ridge of the roof proper with its slope parallel to the main roof. Within the vestibule are two small windows..

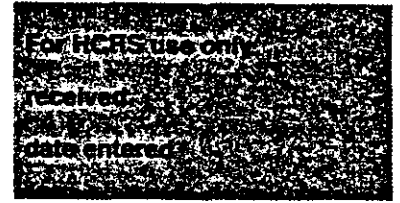
Two swinging doors separate the vestibule from the main body of the church. The interior is finished throughout with smoothed plaster and it, as well as the woodwork, is painted white. Hardwood floors were added at an unknown date. There is a central aisle, carpeted in red, which leads to the chancel. On either side of this aisle the original pews rest which are constructed from lumber of 1" thickness and painted white. Five windows are found to each side of the sanctuary. They are double-hung of single panes of etched glass, with moveable panes of purple tinted glass in the upper sections of their lancet frames. Just in front of the chancel and to the left is a small choir stall set perpendicular to the pews with seats for 8 to 10 persons. The chancel floor rests eight inches above that of the church and is reached by two steps. The first extends across the entire interior of the building and serves at a kneeling bench during Communion services. The chancel rail which is composed of running Gothic arches, is the original. The moveable altar rests against the rear wall of the chancel. It is made from a table which has been enclosed on its front and sides to which a retable has been added. On either side of the altar are doors leading to the sacristy. Between these doors and the side walls are a hymn board on the left and a credence table on the right. There is a moveable prie-dieu on the right in the chancel and a moveable lectern on the left which serves as a pulpit. The chancel floor is covered with red carpeting. In the rear of the church is a closet with a door which affords entrance to the partial basement. Behind the building proper is an attached shed-like structure which serves as a sacristy. It is of frame construction faced with clapboard and covered with a roof faced with green composition roofing.

The appearance of St. Mary's is essentially the same as when it was constructed in 1849. The original coal burning stove has been removed, and gas burning floor furnaces installed. The building was wired for electricity in 1920. Originally, the windows were multi-paned with 32 5" by 12" panes each but they now have a much simpler appearance as described. The original pump organ, bought in 1867, is in good repair and rests in the parish house, and an electric organ now functions in the church. The parish house, the addition to the east, is constructed in the same style as the church and dates from 1965.

The church was originally constructed at the corner of Davis and Church Streets, on lot 16 of the original town of Fayette. In 1920, this lot was sold to the Standard

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Oil Company, and the building was moved 225' to the southwest to its present location in lot 141 of the original town of Fayette.

The neighborhood is one of mixed use. Directly across the street is the educational building of the First Baptist Church. On the southwest side is a frame residence which is also the location of a beauty parlor, and on the southeast is an alley which runs between the church lot and that of the now Amoco Service Station. At the rear of the church is another alley at right angles to the first which runs between the church lot and commercial buildings behind it.

St. Mary's still functions as a church with a small congregation. It shares a curate with Christ Church Episcopal in Boonville, 15 miles to the south. The church is in good condition and is well maintained by the congregation.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1849	Builder/Architect	Designer: Rev. J.W. Dunn Builder: W.H. Nipper
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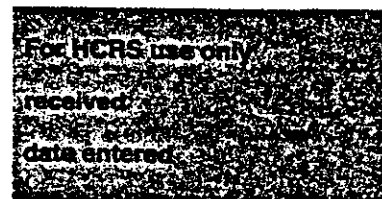
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Fayette, Missouri is locally significant for its simple Early Gothic Revival (Carpenter Gothic) styling. Moreover, it stands today as the oldest surviving house of worship in Howard County and the second oldest surviving Episcopal church structure west of the Mississippi River. Its history is rich in local tradition and involves the lives of many prominent Fayette citizens of the past. Most notably, Fayette's St. Mary's Episcopal Church was the home church of Reverend Ethelbert Talbot, who eventually served as the Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States in the late 19th century.

(see continuation sheet for details)

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The history of the Anglican Church in Fayette, Missouri dates to the first visit by the newly installed Bishop Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Indiana and Missouri. When he visited this town in 1836 he found a number of people who professed the faith. After this, services were held at intervals either in the courthouse or in other buildings around the square for the next several years whenever a minister was available. In 1847, a recently ordained Deacon, the Reverend John C. Dunn, was assigned to Fayette on a permanent basis, and he immediately began planning a permanent church building. The site chosen was the northwest corner of the city square, the original location of the church.

The contract for the construction of St. Mary's Church was awarded in December, 1848. The lot upon which it was construction, as well as the entire city of Fayette, was part of the land awarded the victims of the New Madrid, Missouri earthquake (1811) under "An Act for the Reliefe of the Late County of New Madrid in Missouri Territory Who Suffered by Earthquake", passed by Congress on February 17, 1815.

Lumber for the construction of St. Mary's was floated down the Ohio River from Pennsylvania to the Mississippi, to the Missouri River and up the Missouri to Boonville, Missouri, south of Fayette. From there, it was carted across the solid ice of the Missouri River and on to Fayette.² The church was consecrated in 1850 by Bishop Hawkes who had succeeded Bishop Kemper.

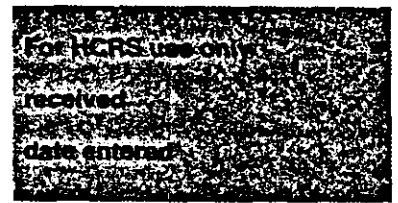
In the years preceding the Civil War, missionary priests from St. Mary's went out to serve Episcopal congregations in the surrounding area. Towns where this influence was felt include Columbia, Fulton, Glasgow and Huntsville, all in Missouri.

Soon after the Civil War, two young communicants of St. Mary's made decisions to become ministers of the Church. Abiel Leonard, Jr. and Ethelbert Talbot, after meeting the requirements of the Episcopal Church, were ordained as priests. Both later became Bishops, Bishop Leonard serving as Bishop of Nevada, Utah and Western Colorado, and Bishop Talbot as Bishop of Wyoming and³ ultimately, as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

In 1920 the church was in financial trouble and was forced to sell its lot to the Standard Oil Company with the understanding that the church building be moved to a new location. The parish moved the building 75' west of the original property and added an adjoining lot to provide more space. At the time of the move, a partial basement was dug and electricity was added to the building for the first time.⁴ In 1965, the small parish house was added as a wing to the original building. The church stands today as the oldest church building in the town and the county and the second oldest⁵ Episcopal church structure west of the Mississippi to survive to the present day.

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FOOTNOTES

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²Dorothy Caldwell, Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue (Columbia, MO.: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1963), p. 64; Verne Dyson, Picturesque Fayette and Its People (Fayette: Fayette Advertiser, 1905); Welles, p. 31; Vaughan, p. 3.

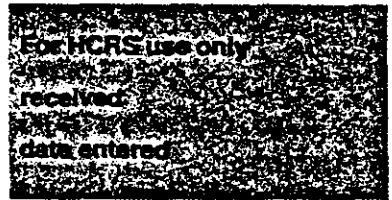
³Vaughan, pp. 6-8.

⁴"Fayette's Oldest Church", Fayette [Missouri] Advertiser, November 10, 1936.

⁵Ibid; Caldwell, p. 64

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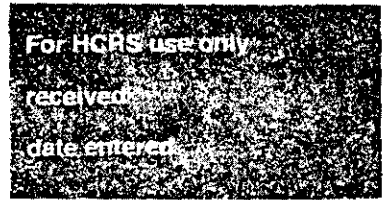
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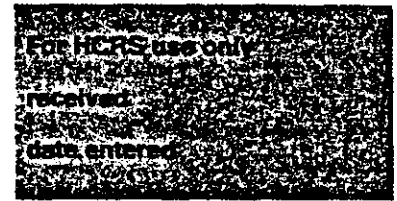
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on the south line of Davis Street, being the northeast corner of lot 141; thence south $31\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east along east line of said lot, 117'6" to north line of existing alley, thence along said alley line south $58\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 62'; thence north $31\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 117'6"; thence north $58\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 62' to the point of beginning.

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2. Mr. George A. Vaughan
201 North Vine Street
Fayette, Missouri 65248

3. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey
and State Contact Person June 1982
Department of Natural Resources 314/751-4096
Historic Preservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City Missouri

9. Major Bibliographical References

Caldwell, Dorothy. Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue. Columbia: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1963.

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

A tract of land fronting 62' on the south line of West Davis Street and being parts of lots 140 and 141 in the original town of Fayette, described as follows: Beginning at a point

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 Noelle Soren
Historic Architecture Specialist

organization Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Historic Preservation August 3, 1981

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Director and State Historic Preservation Officer date

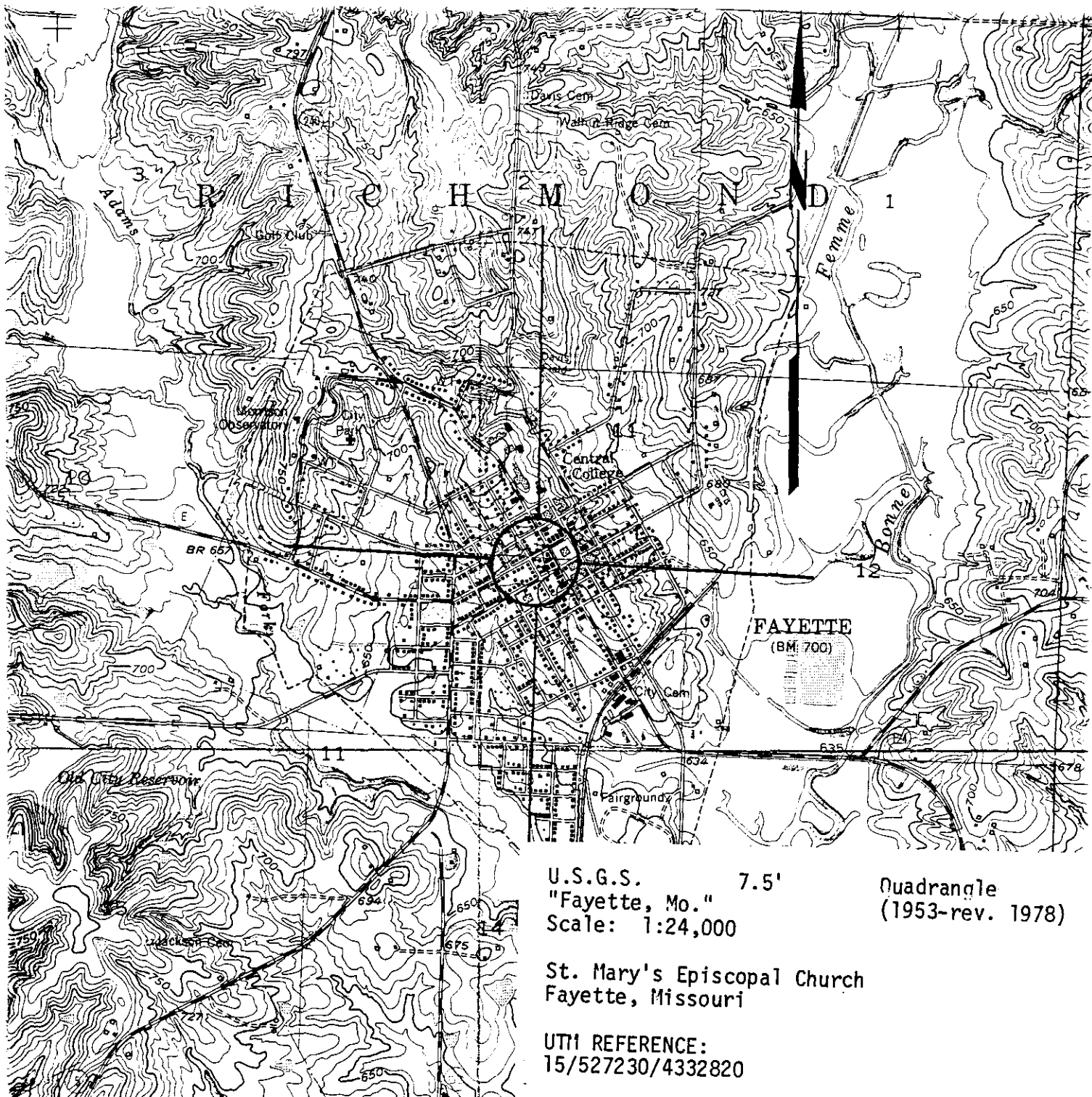
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

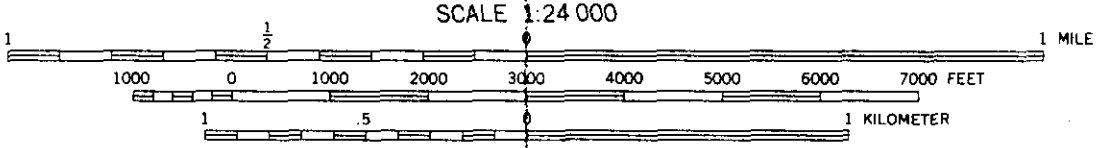


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St. Mary's Episcopal Church
 Fayette, Missouri

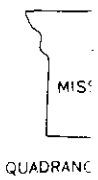
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View of original church and later annex;
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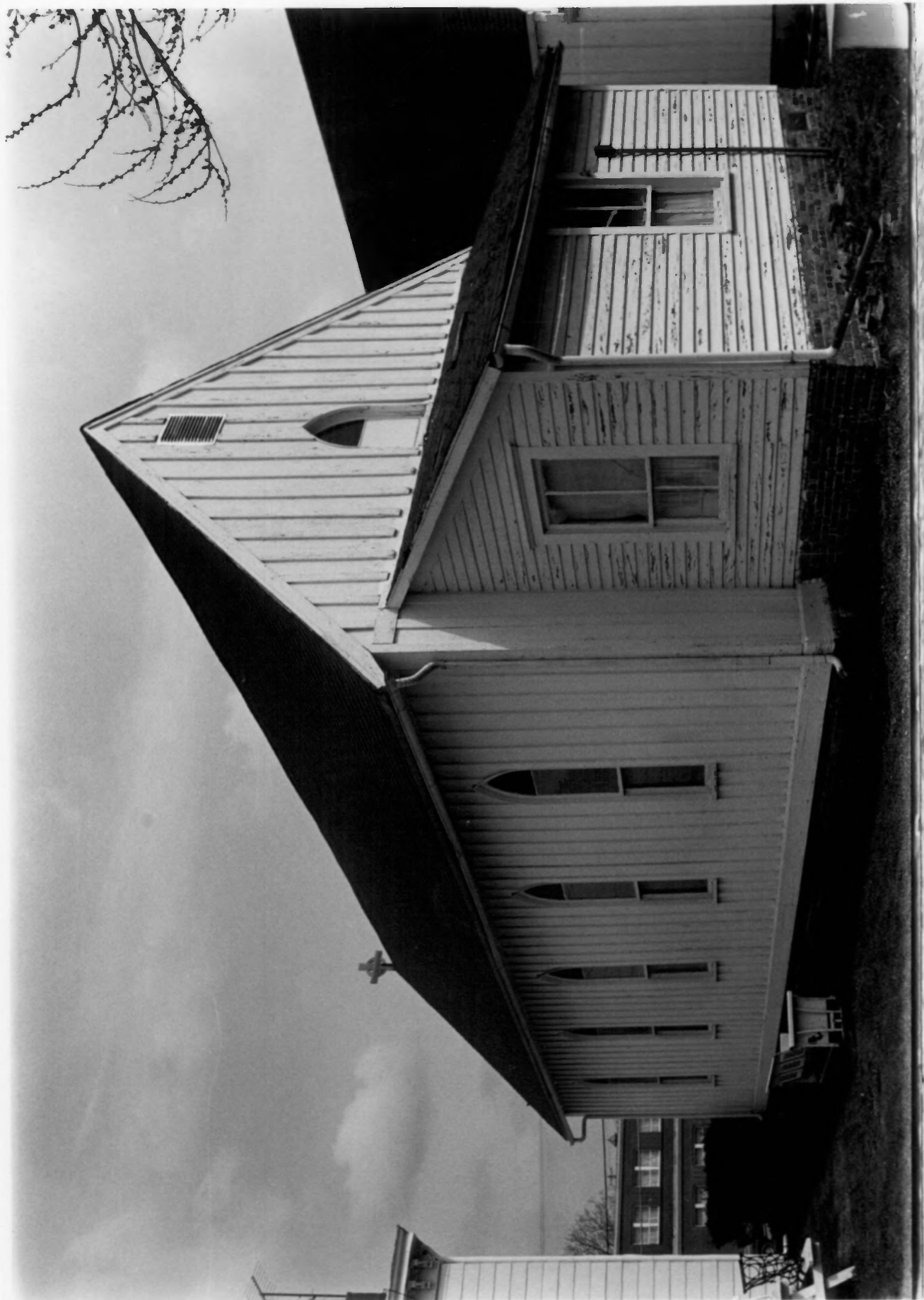


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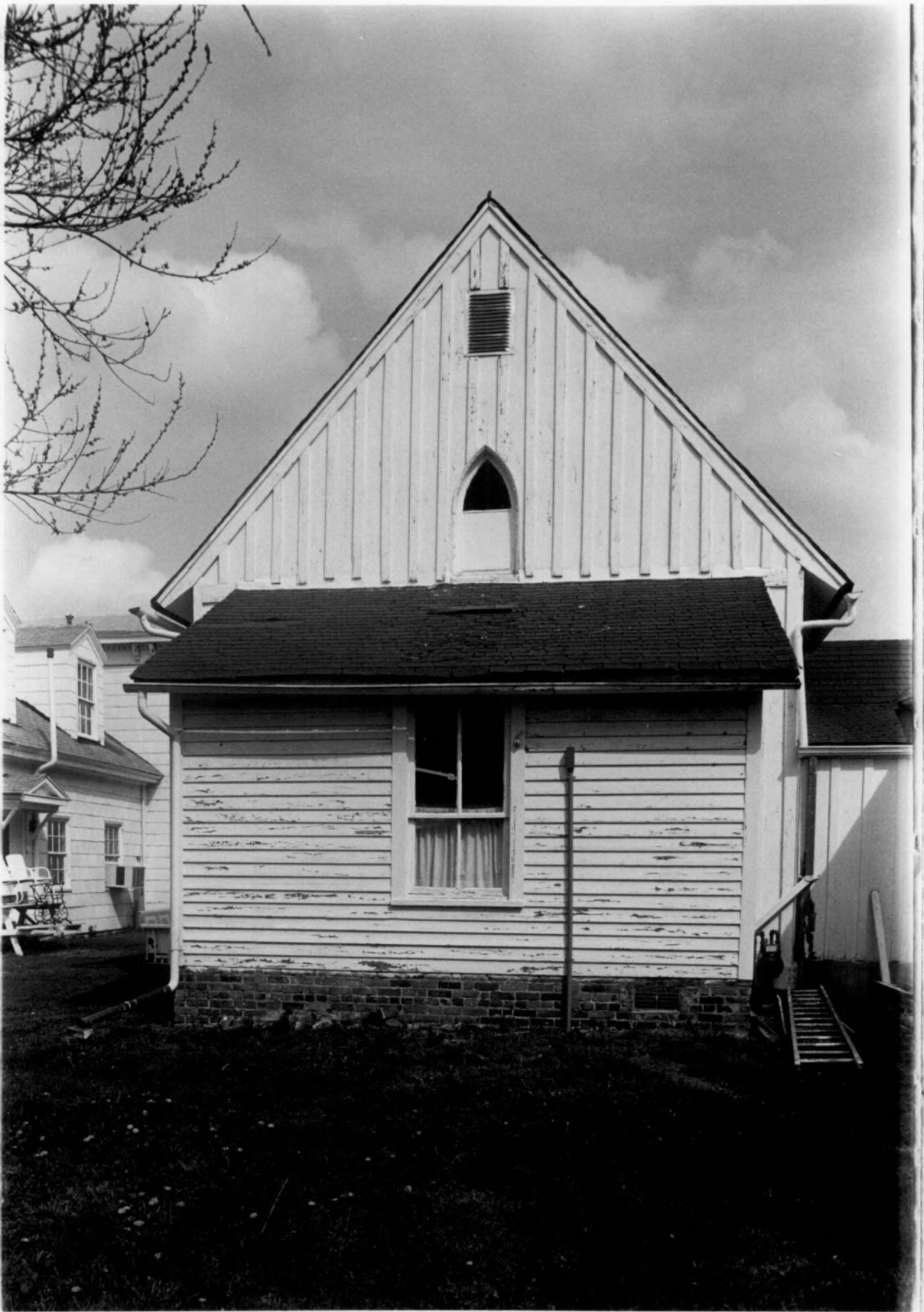


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St. Mary's Church, south facade, looking
north.



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St. Mary's Church, interior view; looking
south from rear towards front.



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St. Mary's Church, interior view of attic
showing scissor trusses; looking north.



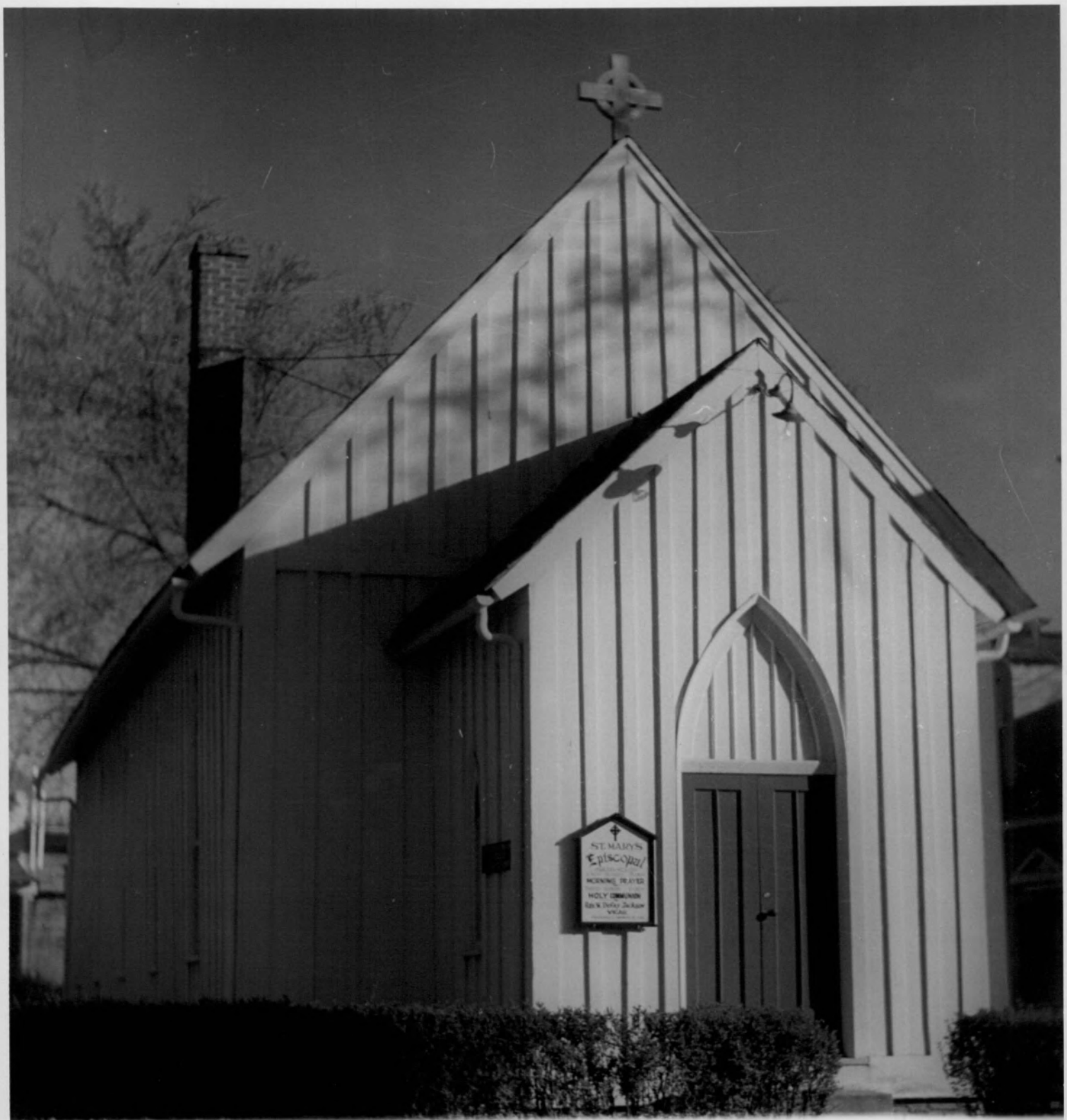
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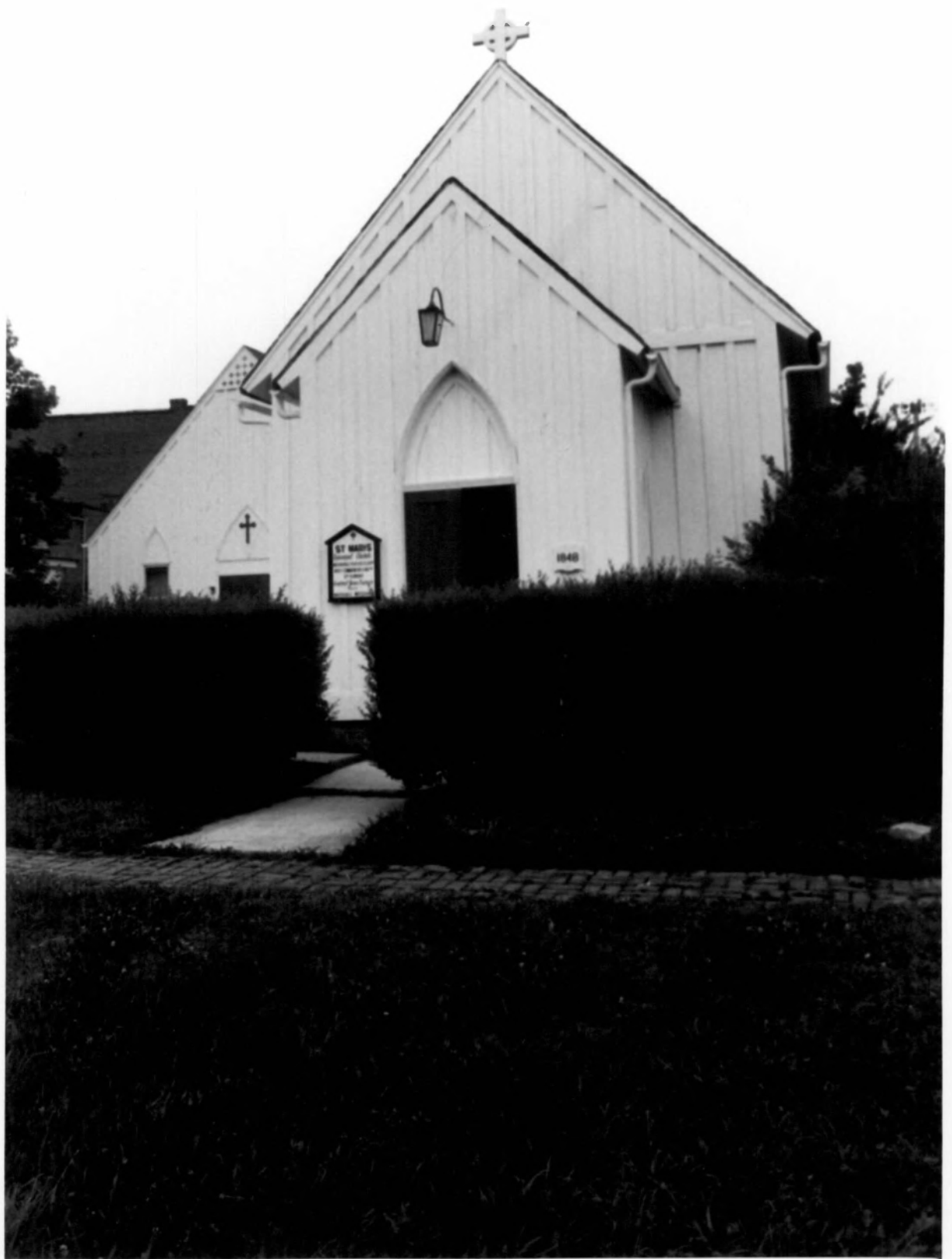
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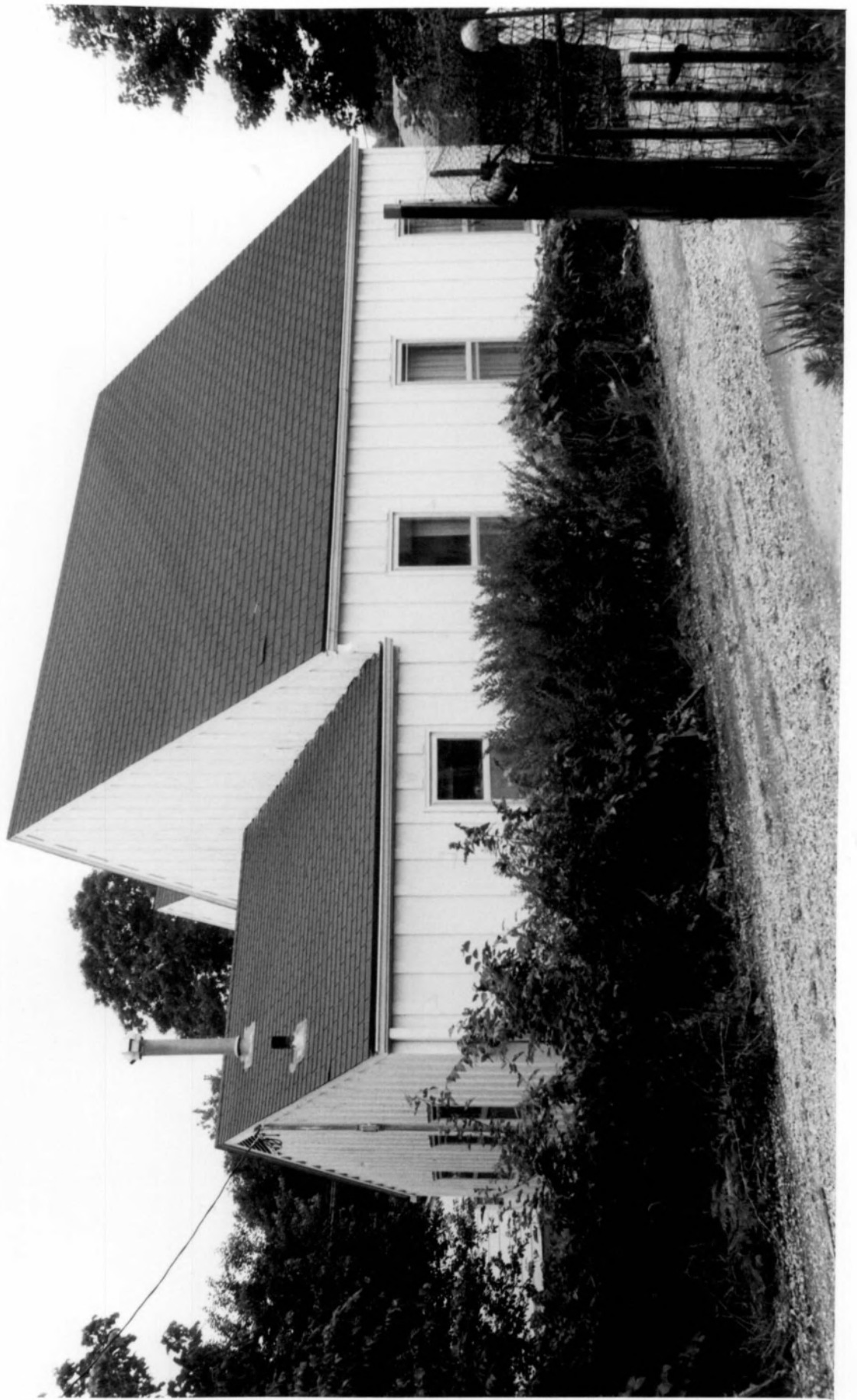
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