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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Robert Henry Stockton House at 3508 Samuel Shepard Drive, originally Lucas Avenue, is a distinguished St. Louis example of Romanesque Revival architecture designed in 1890 by Barnett & Haynes with alterations and an addition from 1900 by Barnett, Haynes & Barnett. The original portion of the two-story house features a sophisticated program of smooth, rough-faced and carved limestone set off by roofs and side gables of red slate. The 1900, two-story addition to the rear is of red brick; an alteration from that date to the original house created a bold, two-story bay that encloses an open porch. Although the present condition is fair, the exterior and significant interior features are still remarkably intact.

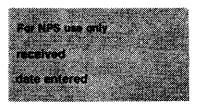
The Stockton House is entered through a large recessed porch approached by a broad flight of stone steps. (Photo #1.) Squat Romanesque columns flank the entrance; the porch floor is covered with small, multicolored tiles. A portion of the missing retaining wall at the west of the steps has been salvaged and will be restored. Above the entrance, a stone dormer with multipaned upper sash is topped by a metalwork pediment painted black. (Portions of the convex metalwork installed at the eaves have been lost.)

To the east of the entrance is a one-story round bay with conical slate roof that originally housed a library and was the vantage point from which to view the elegant streetscape. All first-story windows in the front elevation and most of the first-story windows on the two side elevations are inset above a continuous sill course of smooth stone that wraps the building. On the front elevation, (Photo #2) single-pane first-floor windows are surmounted by multipaned transoms topped by large, rough-cut stone blocks that form a continuous lintel course. A three-course checkerboard pattern of rough and smooth stones lies between the lintel course and second-story windows. The front gable features a three-windowed loggia (Photo #3) surrounded by panels of ornamental carved stone and separated by columns with carved capitals. Three punched openings in the attic repeat the scale and depth of those at the raised basement.

The east elevation (Photo #4) is dominated by a two-story round bay with conical roof added by Barnett, Haynes & Barnett in 1900. Open on the first story, the two-story bay is supported by a stone wall with stone balustrades and three large Romanesque columns. Slate at the conical roof is in very bad repair. Most windows at the second floor of both east and west elevations are double-hung with multipaned sash above single panes. The large pane at the center of the west elevation (Photo #1) has replaced an artglass window with rose motif. Stolen but recovered in very bad condition, the window awaits repair. Its companion rose window above is intact.

The two-story addition of red brick from 1900, also by Barnett, Haynes & Barnett (Photos #4 and #5), has become far more visible than originally intended due to adjacent demolitions. Some brick at the rear (south) elevation of the addition has been repointed and/or replaced; a roof or porch of unknown design over the back door is lost. All windows in the addition are one-over-one; the attic is vented by a rear dormer and eyebrows at the side elevations.

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Although at least one bedroom was originally located on the first floor², it seems likely that all were removed to the second floor after the addition was completed. Interior features that have survived include an elaborate, quarter-sawn oak inglenook with brown glazed tile at the fireplace, the quarter-sawn oak staircase (Photo #6), most of the original flooring, fireplace mantels of oak (Photo #7), walnut or mahogany, faint stenciling at the coffered ceiling of the dining room and pocket doors between the reception hall and parlors. Considerable damage is apparent on the east side of the second floor interior due to roof problems.

Footnotes

1"Among Architects," Republic, 31 May, 1891, p. 9.

2_{Ibid}.

8. Significance

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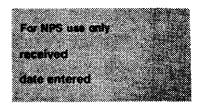
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Robert Henry Stockton House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and is significant in the following area: ARCHITECTURE: Constructed in 1890 from plans by Barnett & Haynes with alterations and an addition from 1900 by Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, the Stockton House is among St. Louis' best extant examples of domestic Romanesque Revival and is the earliest known design by one of the city's most prestigious late 19th and early 20th century architectural firms. In spite of nearby abandonment and demolitions, the Stockton House (with only minor alterations) continues to impart a striking sense of time and place and is an exemplar of the skill by which local architects made Romanesque Revival their own metier.

Robert Henry Stockton (like many of his wealthy St. Louis contemporaries) was a self-made man. Born in Mount Sterling, Kentucky in 1842, Stockton lost both of his parents during an 1854 cholera epidemic. In 1857, he moved with an uncle to a farm in Boone County, Missouri where he clerked at the hardware store at the county seat in Columbia. After four years of service in the Confederate Army, Lieutenant Stockton moved to St. Louis in 1865 and married Bettie Mae Warder of Richmond, Missouri in 1868. Stockton's dramatic rise in post-war St. Louis commerce and manufacturing began at the Pratt, Fox & Company hardware store. In 1867, he moved to Waters, Simmons & Co., predecessor of the Simmons Hardware Company. Before leaving Simmons in 1887 for the Culver Brothers Wrought Iron Range Company, Stockton had risen to Vice President. In 1891, Stockton and L. L. Culver organized the Majestic Manufacturing Company, another very successful producer of ranges, with Stockton serving as President. 1

The site chosen in 1890 for his family's house by industrialist Stockton was located just a few blocks from exclusive Vandeventer Place in the heart of a growing, prosperous neighborhood near the new campus of St. Louis University. To design their house, the Stocktons chose the new firm of Barnett & Haynes--organized in 1889 by George D. Barnett and John I. Haynes. The Barnett name, however, was not new in St. Louis architecture: George I. Barnett is generally acknowledged to have been Missouri's most illustrious and prolific mid-19th century practitioner. Both George D. and Haynes began their careers in the elder Barnett's office as did Thomas P. Barnett who would become their partner in 1894 and was already an employee in 1890. George D. and Thomas P. were George I. Barnett's sons; George D. Barnett married John Haynes' sister in 1889.

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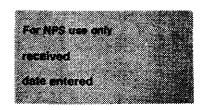
At a time when many aspiring young architects attended MIT and/or l'École des Beaux Arts and hoped to work first for established Eastern architects, the principals at Barnett, Haynes & Barnett were locally educated and trained. Their coming of age in St. Louis, however, coincided with a sudden wave of competitors from out of town bringing the most avant styles and floor plans. William R. Hodges, the influential critic for the <u>Spectator</u> who abhorred the ubiquitous St. Louis stonefront townhouse and declared the <u>Classicism</u> of George I. Barnett passé, advised local architects to master the "Modern" house (Romanesque or Queen Anne) or lose their best clients to outsiders such as Burnham & Root from Chicago or Peabody & Stearns and H. H. Richardson from Boston.⁵

Eames & Young, another young St. Louis firm founded in the 1880s, was perhaps the first to heed those admonitions. Their 1888 Romanesque Revival house for Robert Brookings on Lucas Place (demolished) was probably the model for the Stockton House. Both the Brookings and Stockton Houses (compare Figure #1 and Photo #2) adapted Richardsonian features including front gables with colonnetted loggias and straight-topped windows divided into rectangular lights by stone mullions and transoms. Each placed a round, one-story projecting bay topped by a conical roof on the front elevation. Although enlivened by complex patterns of stonework, both designs were based on relatively simple forms and masses in contrast to the 1890 Cupples House (listed on the National Register) at 3637 West Pine by Thomas B. Annan, which is more Châteauesque than Romanesque, or the 1888 Warner House on South Grand (included within the Shaw Certified Local District) by Theodore C. Link, which is an amalgam of late Victorian Revival styles.

Barnett & Haynes reworked their 1890 design for Stockton in an 1892 house at 4460 Lindell (razed) for Louis Bernero (see Figure #2). Further evidence of the firm's fondness for their early project may be surmised from the selection of a photograph of the Stockton House to illustrate the first page of Tom P. Barnett's 1901 article, "Building of Homes," for the <u>Saint Louis Builder</u>. The only other known Romanesque Revival house from Barnett, Haynes & Barnett's formative years, an 1894 mansion at #5 Portland Place, was demolished in 1941. Their somewhat retardataire design from 1902 at 4451 Westminster, included in the Fullerton Place National Register District, is derivative of the Stockton House but is less robust than its model.

In 1900, the Stocktons hired Barnett, Haynes & Barnett to modify the east elevation and to design a large brick addition to the rear. (See Section 7.) In 1903, the Stocktons commissioned the firm for the design of a new house on Maryland Avenue in the Central West End. Like most of the firm's extensive domestic work after the early 1890s, the Maryland house evokes Classical and Georgian Revival models--reflecting the search for an "American" architecture. Barnett, Haynes & Barnett went on to design hotels, churches, theaters, warehouses, office and commercial buildings as well as numerous houses. The glittering Palace of Liberal Arts at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was their work and their reputation brought them commissions in New York City

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(#1 Wall Street), Dallas (the recently restored Adolphus Hotel), Chicago (the Illinois Athletic Club) and Omaha (the Brandeis Theatre).

Due to demolitions to the west, the Stockton House was not included within the boundaries of the 1977 Midtown National Register nomination. (See Site Plan.) It's survival, in fact, seemed doubtful at best. The house had changed hands twice after 1905 before it was purchased in 1919 by James and Anna Skarry. By then, Midtown was becoming a second downtown--a "Great White Way" replete with theaters, doctors' offices, hotels and fashionable shops. James Skarry, an optometrist who located his office in the house, lived on Lucas Avenue until his death in 1952; his wife Anna had died in 1947. Their daughter Emma, a music teacher who lived with them, inherited the house at a low point in the history of Midtown. In the face of increasing crime, abandonment and demolition (including Vandeventer Place with its Lionberger House by H. H. Richardson), Emma Skarry continued to live in the Stockton House until selling to Frederick Medler in 1979.

All known St. Louis examples of domestic Romanesque Revival from the 1880s have been razed; but, thanks to architect Medler, the 1890-1900 Stockton House is slowly being returned to its former magnificence. Discussions are currently underway that would allow Medler to complete the restoration and lease a portion of the house to the Saint Louis Symphony for offices and receptions. Building permits from 1890 and 1900 report the original costs as \$13,200 and \$3,300 respectively; conservative estimates of the amount required to restore the house today run well over a quarter of a million dollars. Listing on the National Register of Historic Places should help efforts to raise the funds necessary to secure a future for this early masterpiece by Barnett, Haynes & Barnett.

Footnotes

Although Stockton was not able even to complete public school education, he reserved most of his philanthropy and bequests for the Christian Church's institutions of higher learning: Christian (now Columbia) College in Columbia, Missouri and (along with his partner's widow) Christian University (Now Culver Stockton) in Canton, Missouri. The Stockton's only child died in infancy.

 2 Stockton's partner had moved his family to a nearby 1885 Queen Anne house at 3514 Morgan, now Delmar, in 1890. That house, located just east of Powell Symphony Hall, is still standing.

³Extant works by George I. Barnett include St. Mary of Victories, St. Vincent de Paul, the Grand Avenue Water Tower, Oakland in Affton and numerous buildings for Henry Shaw in Shaw's Garden and Tower Grove Park. Although George I. Barnett maintained a separate listing in City Directories after the formation of the new firm, both firms continued to share the same office space on Olive Street until George I. Barnett's death in 1898.

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⁴Haynes married Harriet L. Helery in 1894. Both Landmarks Association of St. Louis' 1984 publication on Compton Heights and Charles Savage's 1987 book on St. Louis private streets erroneously report that Haynes married George I. Barnett's daughter.

⁵Spectator, 26 May, 1883, p. 791.

⁶Richardson actually designed very few houses before his death in 1886 but his work was well known in St. Louis architectural circles. The only other St. Louis building from Richardson's office during the master's life, the Shingle Style Potter house on West Cabanne, has also been razed. Another house for the Lionberger family, 3630 Grandel Square in the Midtown District, is attributed to his successor firm--Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge.

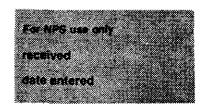
⁷Charles Savage in his recently published book <u>The Private Streets of St. Louis</u> dates the Barnett, Haynes & Barnett House at 4451 Westminster at 1896. The house, however, is not shown on a map of 1899 and the building permit is dated 1902. Savage is also in error on the 1893 date he assigns to the Stockton House.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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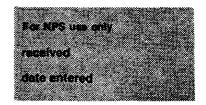


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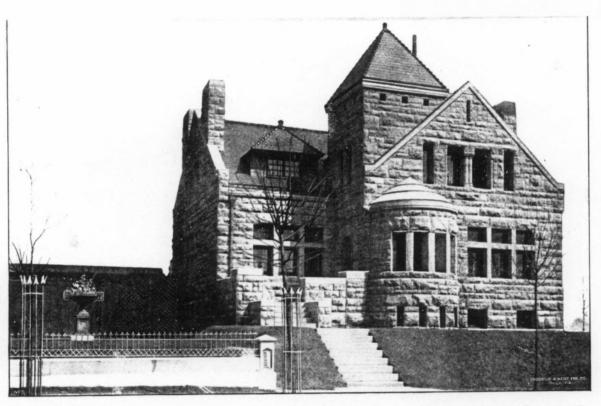
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ROBERT S. BROOKINGS HOUSE 2329 Locust St. (formerly Lucas Place)

Figure #1

Eames & Young: 1888

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Barnett & Haynes: 1892

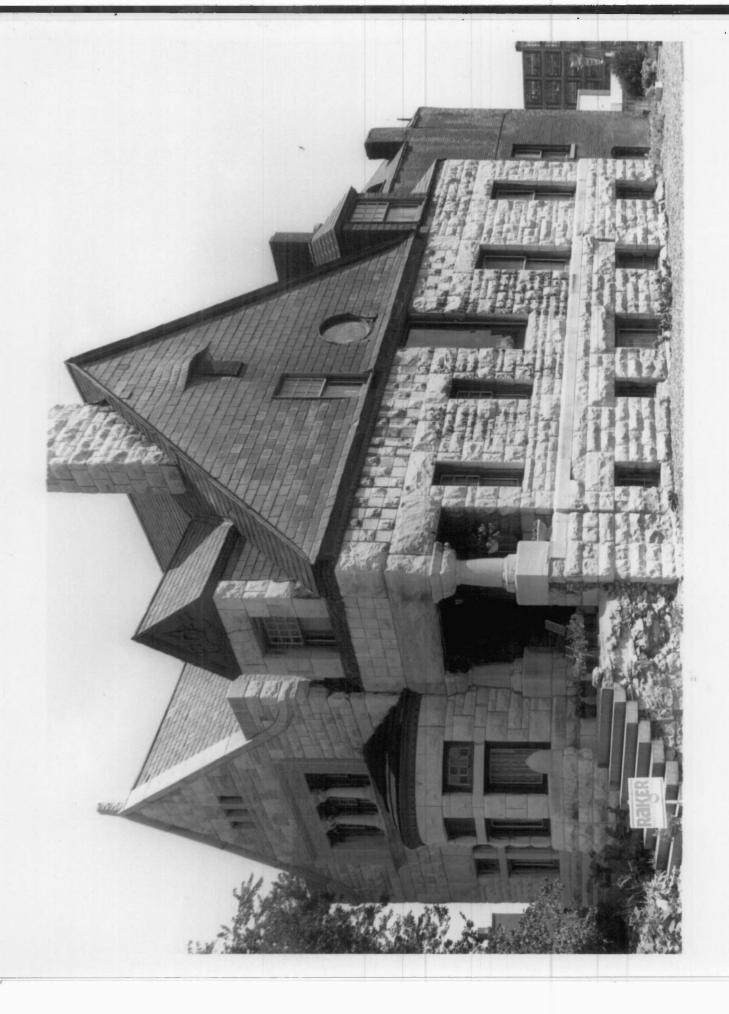
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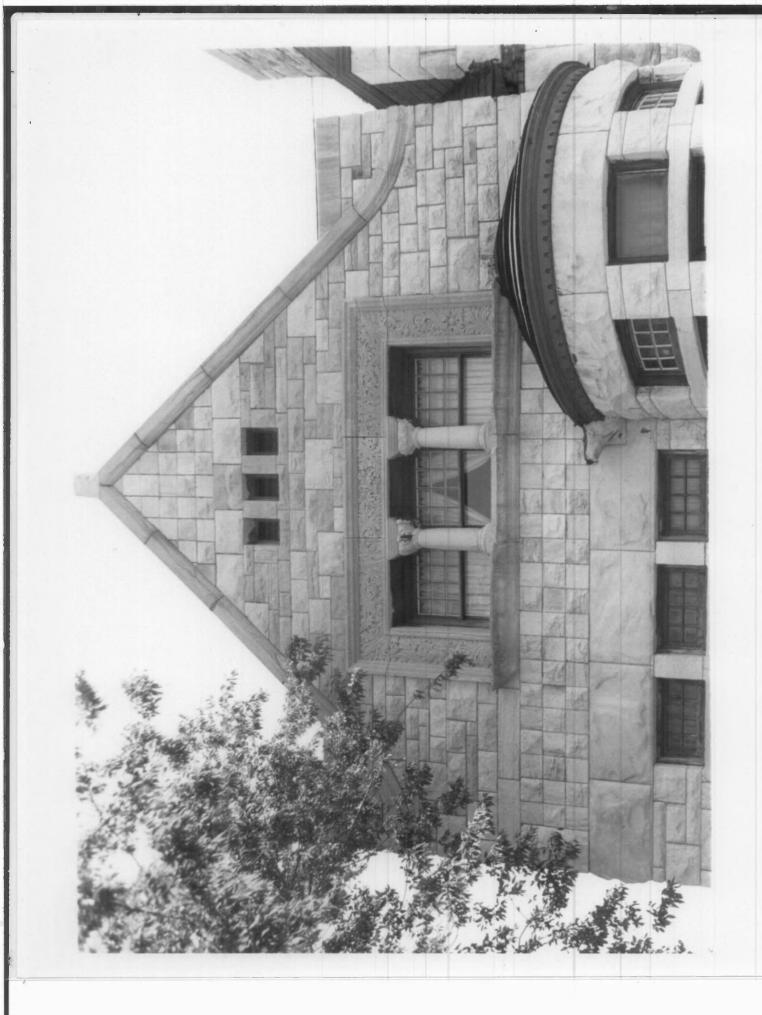
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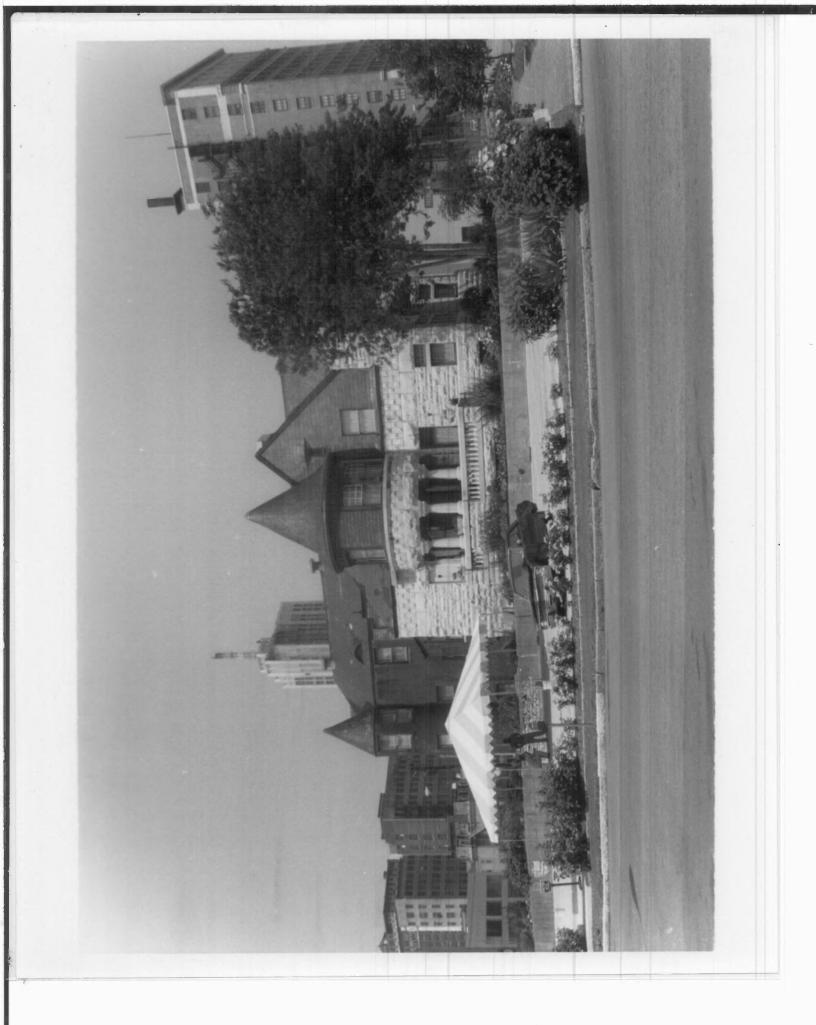
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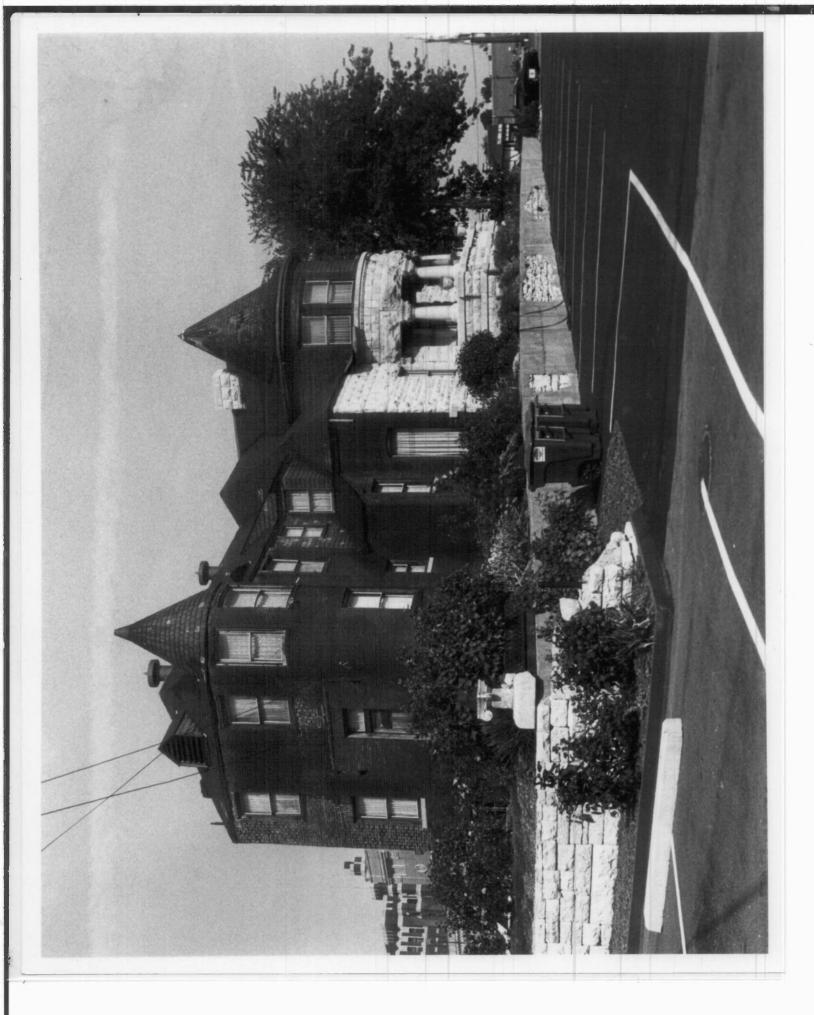
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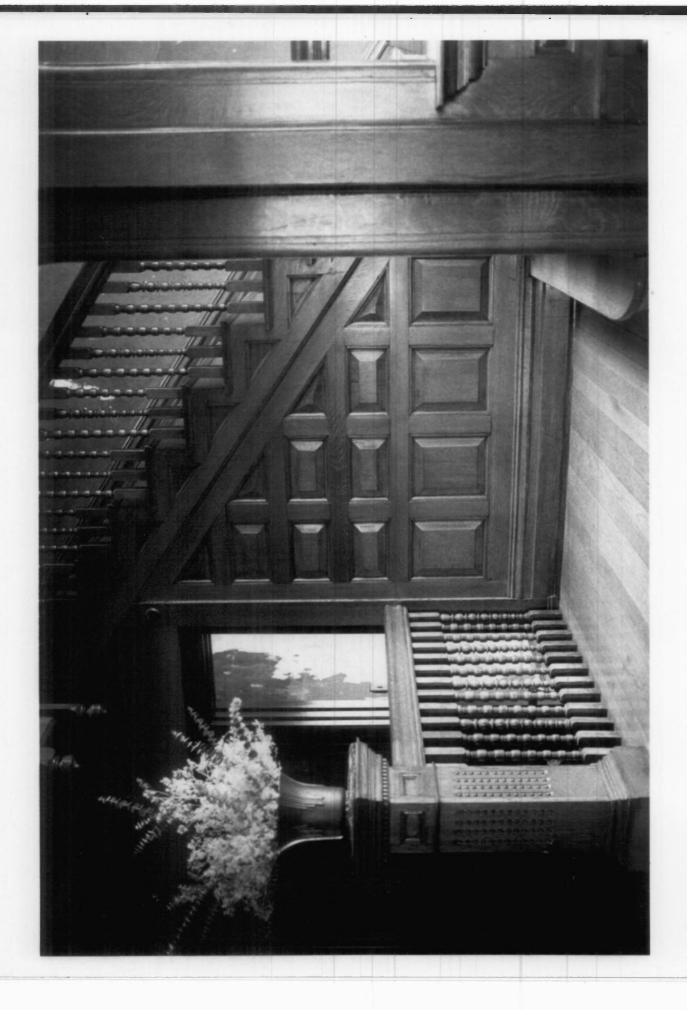
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