

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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

1. Name

historic Stone County Courthouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Public Square ___ not for publication

city, town Galena ___ vicinity of congressional district 7th-Hon. Gene Taylor

state Missouri code 029 county Stone code 127

3. Classification

Category ___ district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) ___ structure ___ site ___ object	Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public ___ private ___ both Public Acquisition ___ in process ___ being considered	Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied ___ unoccupied ___ work in progress Accessible ___ yes: restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted ___ no	Present Use ___ agriculture ___ commercial ___ educational ___ entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government ___ industrial ___ military	___ museum ___ park ___ private residence ___ religious ___ scientific ___ transportation ___ other:
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4. Owner of Property

name Stone County Court

street & number Stone County Courthouse

city, town Galena ___ vicinity of state Missouri 65656

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of Recorder of Deeds

street & number Stone County Courthouse

city, town Galena state Missouri 65656

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Missouri State Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date 1980 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program, P.O. Box 176

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Stone County Courthouse, Galena, Missouri, dominates the surrounding streetscapes of modest business buildings of turn-of-the-century and twenties vintage, from an insular position on the centralized, tree-shaded public square.

Unequivocally the most monumental architectural statement evidenced in the county seat, the flat-roofed courthouse rises three classically detailed stories in highly textured, red brick above a concrete foundation measuring approximately 63 feet east-west by 67 feet to 80 feet (at the apex of the rear bow) north-south. Yellow-toned mortar bonds the rusticated stretcher courses at ground level, the surmounting quoining and the vertically laid stretchers of the second and third story lintels, and the third story belt course, thus highlighting these textured and patterned bands against monotone wall surfaces of stretcher bond laid in red mortar. The concrete belt courses, the parapet cornice and the roof line coping strategically girdle the building between the first and second stories and above the third story to delineate between the different wall treatments of the lower and upper stories and supply a decisive conclusion to the composition. By using stone sills at street level and decorated lugsills and punctuating corner blocks at the lintels above, this counterpoint is enhanced by secondary decorative effects.

Until the c. 1950 remodeling and narrowing of the eastern entrance, using fire engine red brick laid in uncolored mortar for infill, generous openings at the eastern and western elevations denoted their secondary importance to the pedimented northern entrance. At the principal facade, corbels visually support the entablature returns of the masonry entrance pediment emblazoned with a medallion commemorating the date of construction; in a wry twist of classical order, the pediment in turn visually supports colossal, modified Doric columns which flank the quoined jambs of the recessed wall plane at the second and third stories and frame an incised spandrel panel.

The floorplans and interior fabric remain basically unchanged. The transverse hall plan at ground level centers on a stairwell aligned on the structure's north-south axis. Trim, consisting of dark-stained and varnished wooden baseboards, handrails, chair-rails and door and window surrounds, defines corners and wall surfaces on the first floor and throughout the upper floors, except in the recently remodeled third floor courtroom.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1920 **Builder/Architect** Charles H. Sudholter and Company, architect
Pauley Construction, Springfield, contract

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stone County Courthouse, Galena, Missouri, is significant for multifarious functions as the hub of Galena community life and the physical centerpiece of the town plan, and, more largely, as a focus of political and civic activity for the Ozark county.

Charles H. Subholter and Company's building of 1920 is Galena's third courthouse since Stone County was formed from the western portion of Taney County on February 10, 1851. The Stone County Court first convened at John B. Williams' house in Cape Fair from April 7, 1851 until January of the following year when Jamestown, the present-day Galena, was selected as the county seat. Although county records document the letting of the construction contract for the first courthouse in May 1852 and the building's projected completion in November 1853, information lacks concerning the location of interim court sessions and the reason for its replacement in 1874.²

Stone County's second courthouse, a hip-roofed, two story frame cube with a cupola astride the roof ridge, was of the Coffee Mill type, a vernacular design once ubiquitous in the Midwest.³ Already by June 1919, approximately forty-five years after the structure's completion, the Stone County News-Oracle advocated the building's demolition, decriing its well-worn condition, doubting that Stone Countians desired to be represented by an outmoded, "fire trap" and opining that the construction of a new courthouse would be a cogent index and a stimulus to the county's prosperity.⁴ The belief that a new courthouse would be an ornament to the Galena town square and a credit to Stone County citizenry provides further evidence of the physical and symbolic importance of courthouses as showplaces central to counties' economical, political and civic activities.⁵ Clearly, the press' campaign to influence public opinion along these lines by instilling a feeling of collective possession as a means of upbraiding the citizenry for the courthouse' condition and moreover, underscoring the potential civic pride gleaned from a new, up-to-date building illustrates typical arguments surrounding the replacement of nineteenth century courthouses in the Midwest.⁶

The News-Oracle added a tangible ingredient to their strategy by setting forth the newly completed Barry County Courthouse as a tantalizing model deemed to admirably symbolize the stability and progress of this adjacent county.⁷ The newspaper's 1918 publication of a conceptual sketch illustrating a two story, dark-colored brick building belted with light-colored string courses, not unlike the present courthouse, and the suggestive caption "would make a nice Court House," perhaps signals the precocious start of building plans or attests to the ability of the press to predispose the courthouse designers.⁸

Whatever the significance of the rendering may be, it was not until May 9, 1920, that the county received a petition endorsed by approximately one hundred Stone County voters requesting a special election to vote on a \$50,000 bond issue for the construction of a new courthouse. The proposition carried on election day, July 12, 1919, and the court subsequently levied a property tax of 20% on \$100 of assessed valuation to finance building costs, ultimately totaling \$47,600.⁹

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Goeldner, Paul Kenneth. "Temples of Justice: Nineteenth Century County Courthouses in the Midwest and Texas." Ph.D. dissertation, Columbia University, 1970.
2. Moser, Arthur Paul. "A Directory of Towns, Villages and Hamlets Past and Present of Stone County, Missouri. N.P., 1970. (Mimeographed).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre (approx. 39,204 sq. feet)

Quadrangle name "Galena, Mo."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property comprises all of the Public Square of Galena, Missouri, approximately 198 feet by 198 feet, as per the original town plat (Book 1, page 30 and Book G, page 380) on file at the locality specified in section 5 of the nomination.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jill Johnson, Architectural Historian

organization Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Program date July 21, 1980

street & number P.O. Box 176 telephone 314/751-4096

city or town Jefferson City state Missouri 65102

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

Director, Department of Natural Resources
title and State Historic Preservation Officer date

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

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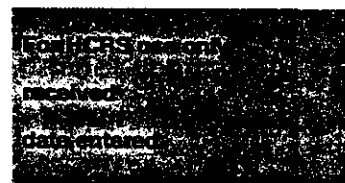
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Company, a Joplin, Missouri architectural and engineering firm active from the mid-teens until the mid-Twenties, began with festivities surrounding the laying of the first brick by Mrs. W. D. Craig, a long-lived Galena resident, on March 23, 1920. The positioning of the cornerstone, which is raised on a plinth approximately six brick courses above grade, was marked by even greater ceremony replete with an introductory parade on March 31.¹⁰

Designed in the classical tradition of capital and courthouse architecture, the Stone County courthouse has admirably served the poor Ozark county since its completion in November 1920. This nomination, initiated locally, seeks national recognition of Stone County's most significant public building.

FOOTNOTES

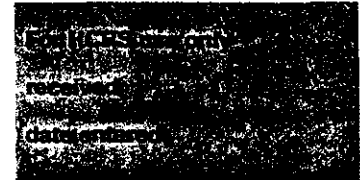
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2. Ibid, and Work Projects Administration Folder #20783, Western Historical Manuscripts Collection, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.
3. Paul Kenneth Goeldner, "Temples of Justice: Nineteenth Century County Courthouses in the Midwest and Texas" (Ph.D. dissertation, Columbia University, 1970), p. 120.
4. Stone County News-Oracle, 14 May 1919; 18 June 1919; 25 June 1919. The News-Oracle's June 25 edition versified their position concerning the Victorian courthouse:

We have a building in the public square
The like of which you'll find nowhere.
It has a very ancient look,
So we just had it's (sic) picture "took."
You see it's only a little shack,
Four windows on a side, and a door in the back.
It's a very good shelter for a rat or a mouse,
But a darned poor excuse for a county court house.

5. Stone County News-Oracle, 25 June 1919.
6. Goeldner, p. 38.
7. Stone County News-Oracle, 18 June 1919.
8. Ibid, 21 August 1918.
9. Work Projects Administration Folder #20783.
10. Stone County News-Oracle, 31 March 1920.

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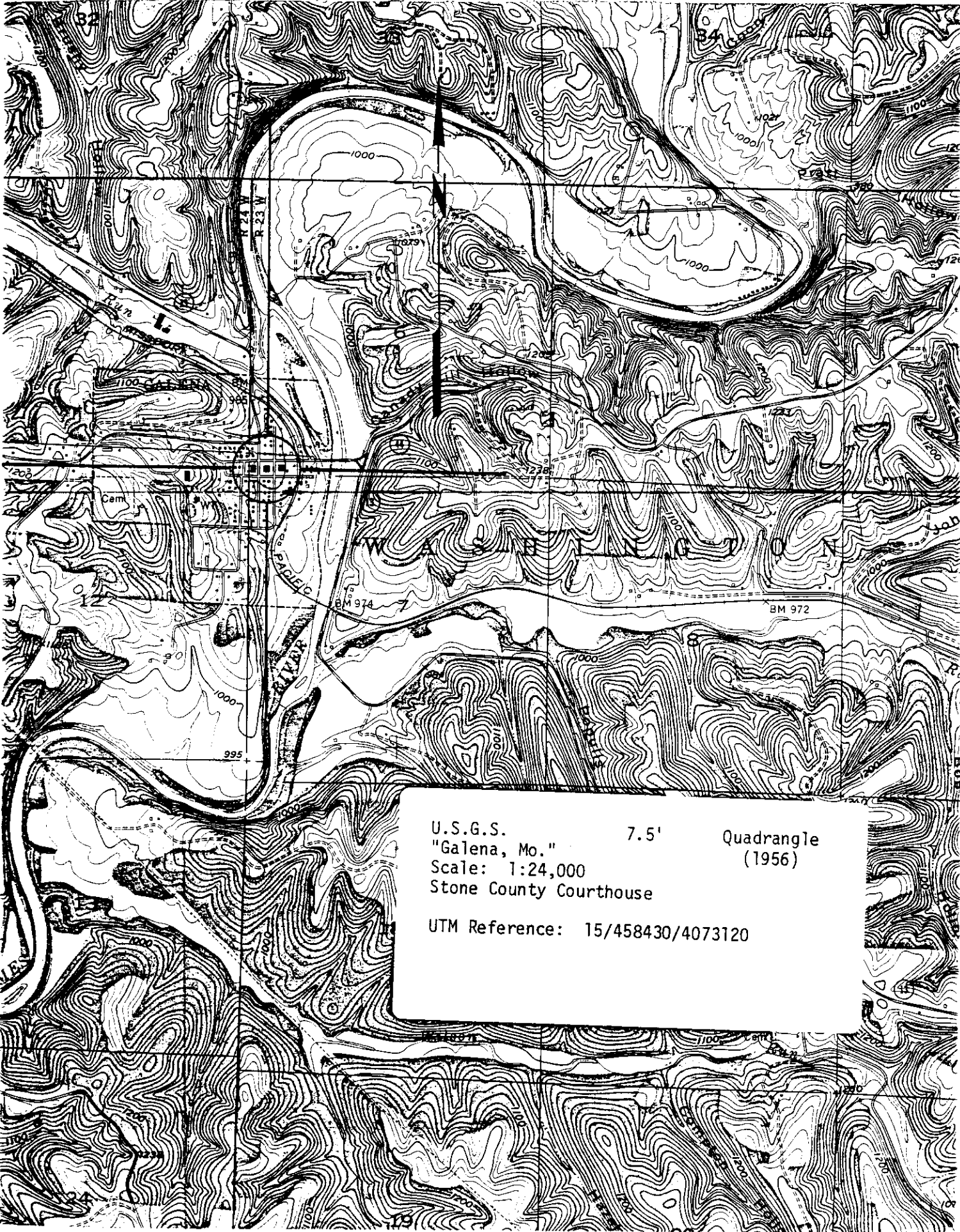
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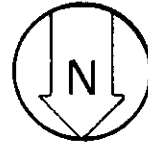
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3. Stone County News-Oracle, 21 August 1918; 14 May 1919; 18 June 1919; 25 June 1919; 31 March 1920.
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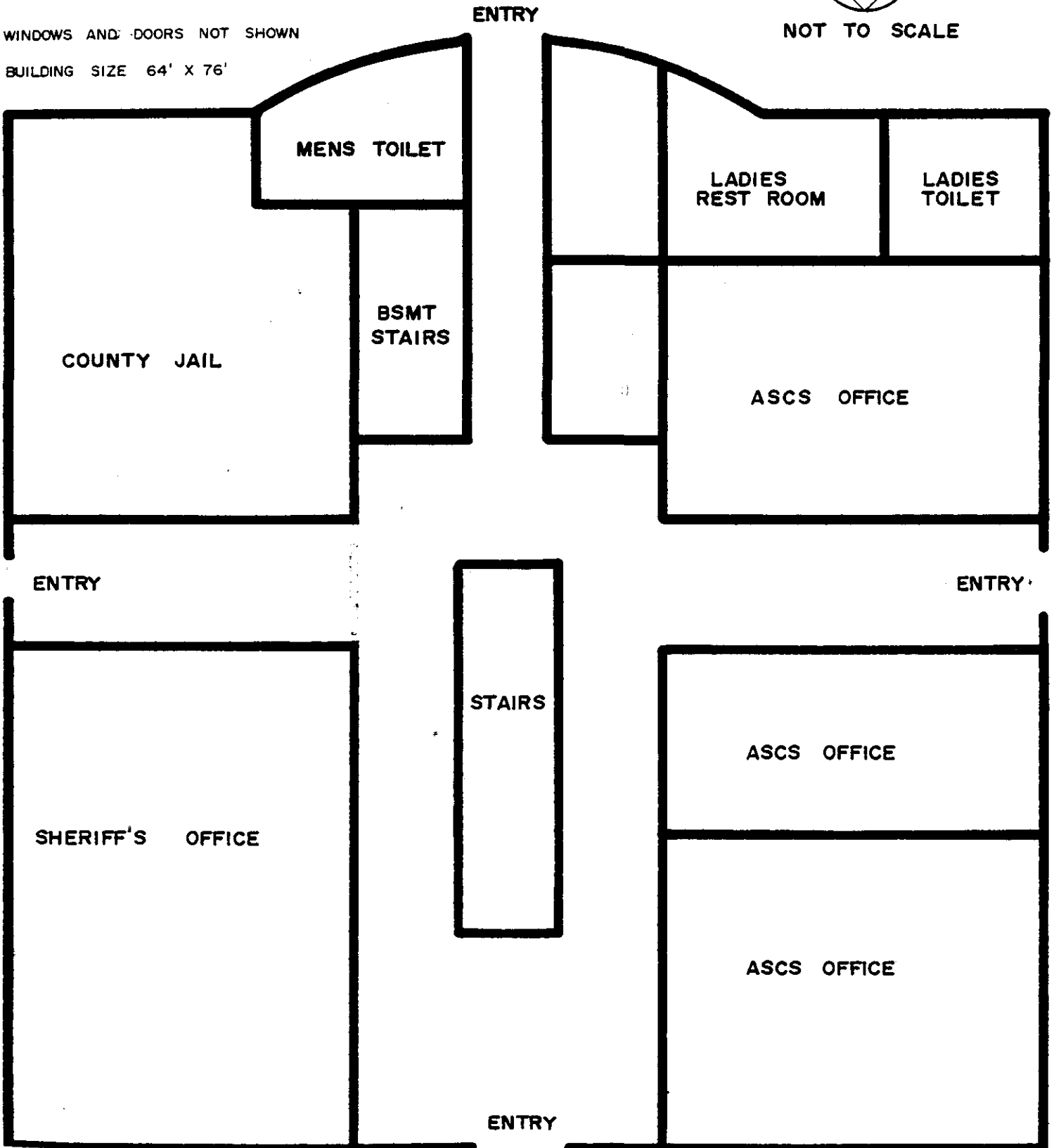
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
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STONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
GALENA, MISSOURI

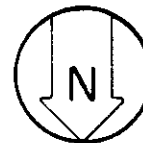


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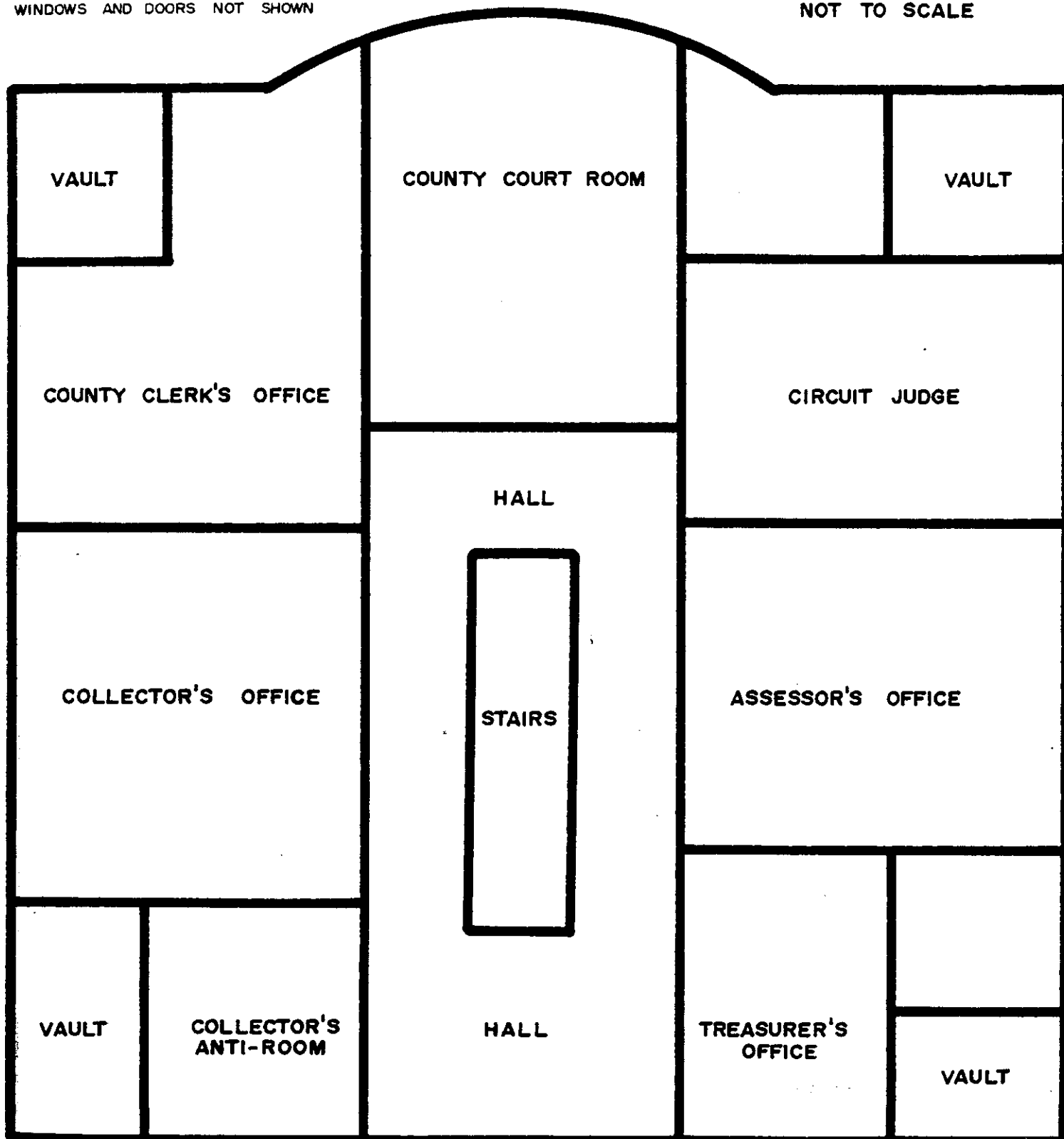


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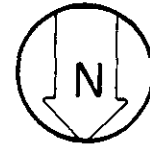


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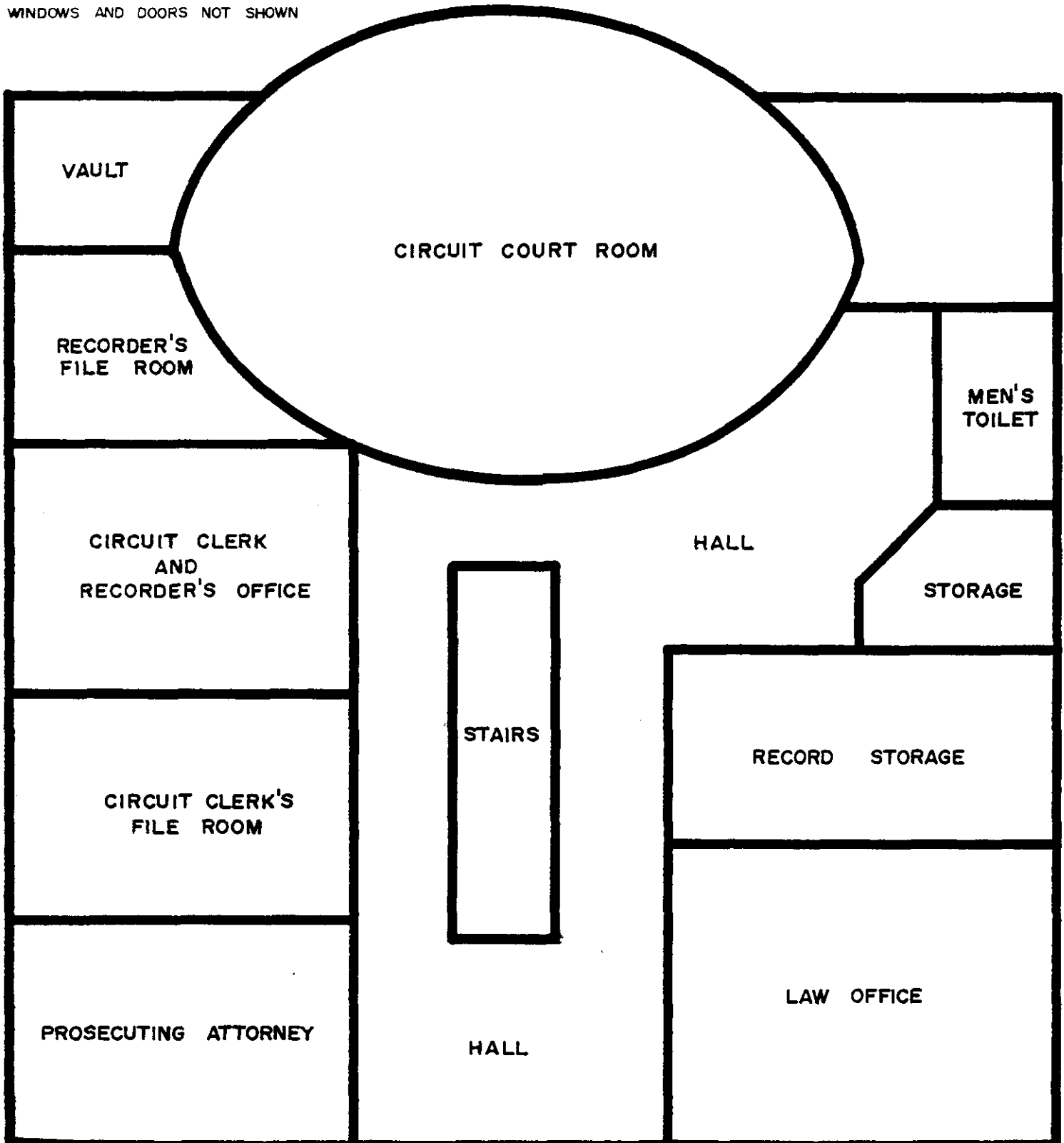


THIRD FLOOR PLAN
STONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
GALENA, MISSOURI



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Galena, Missouri

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View of the principal (north) facade.



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View of the north and west facades.



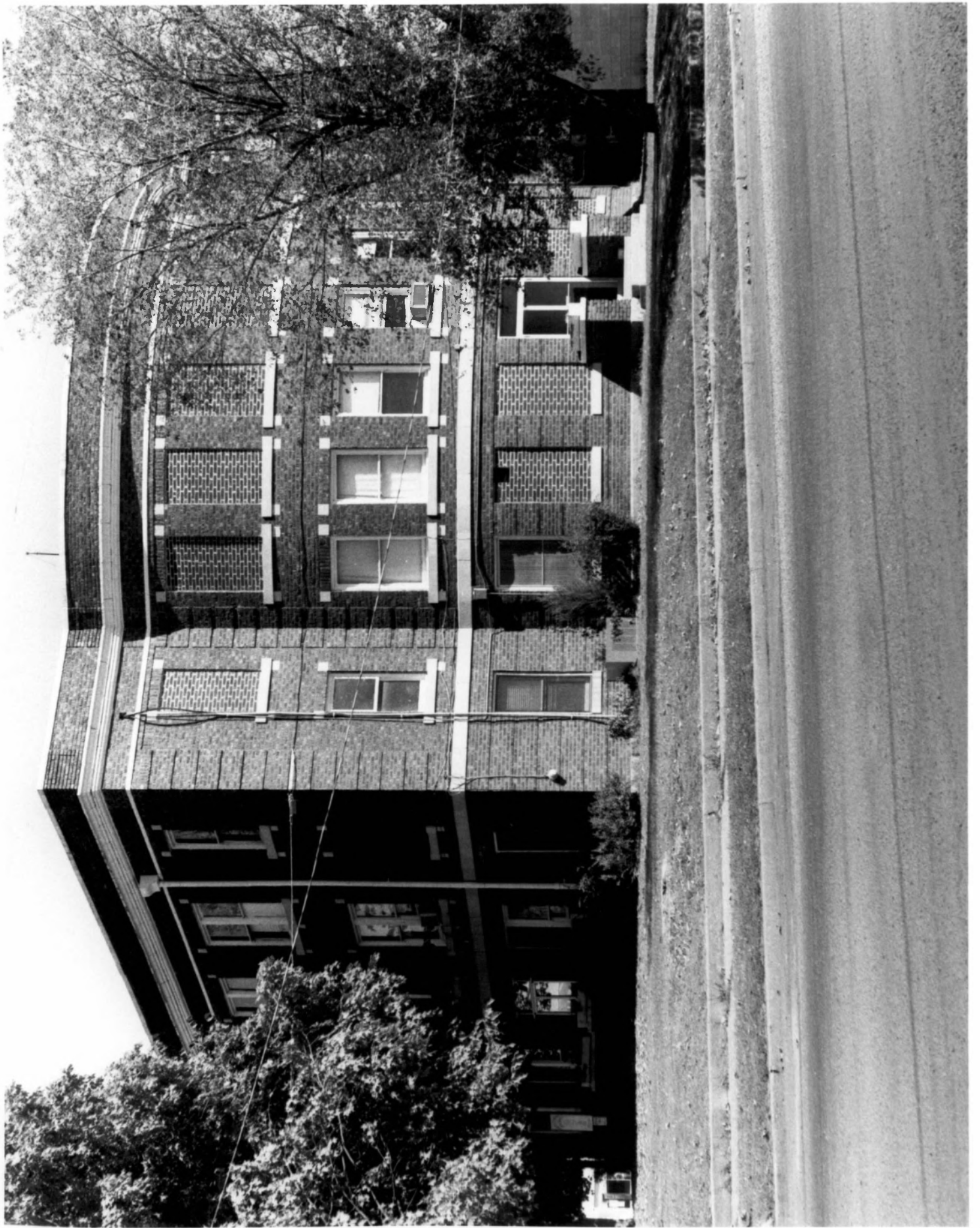
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View of the west and south facades.



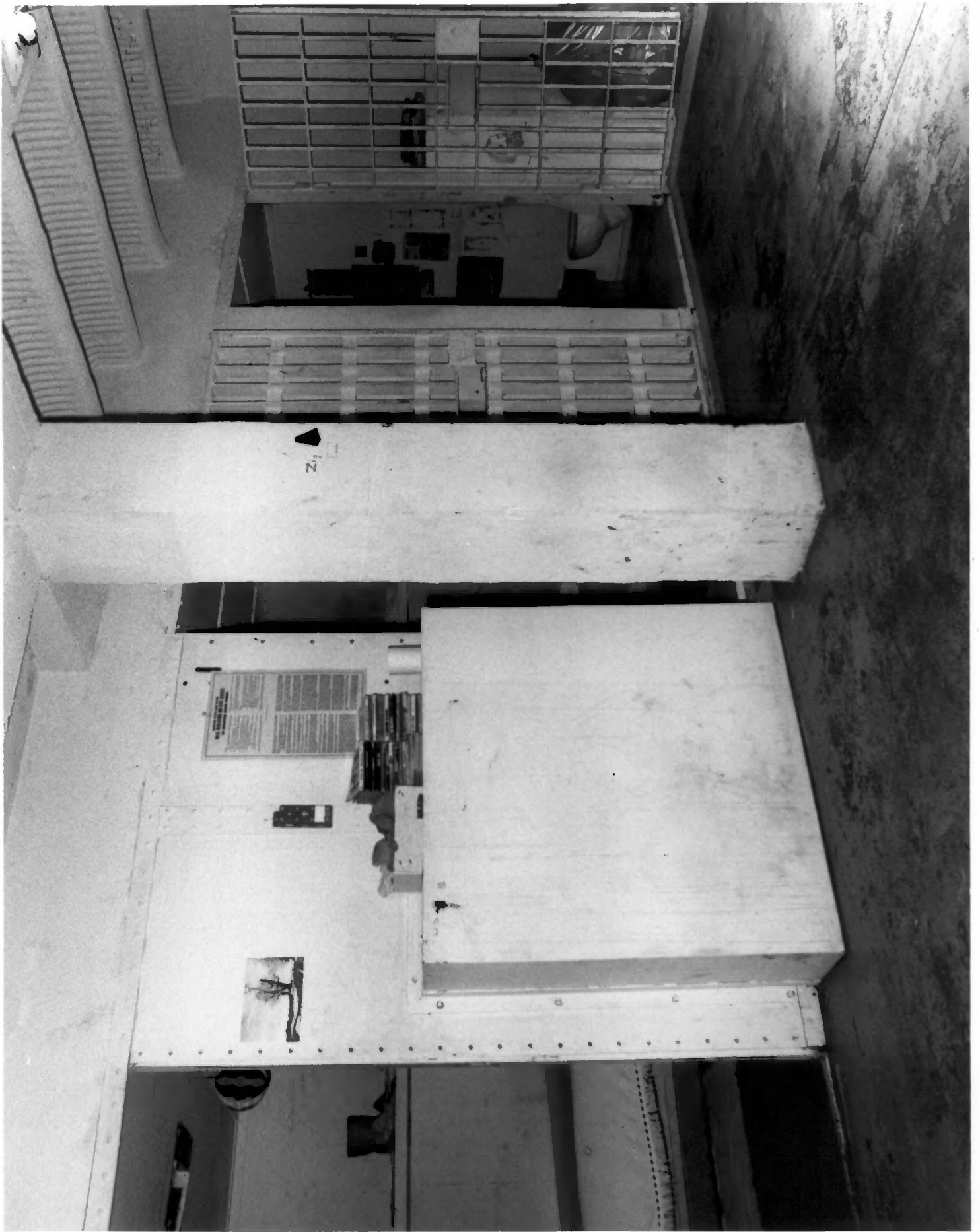
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View of first floor jail.



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View of County Collector's Office.



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View of second floor courtroom



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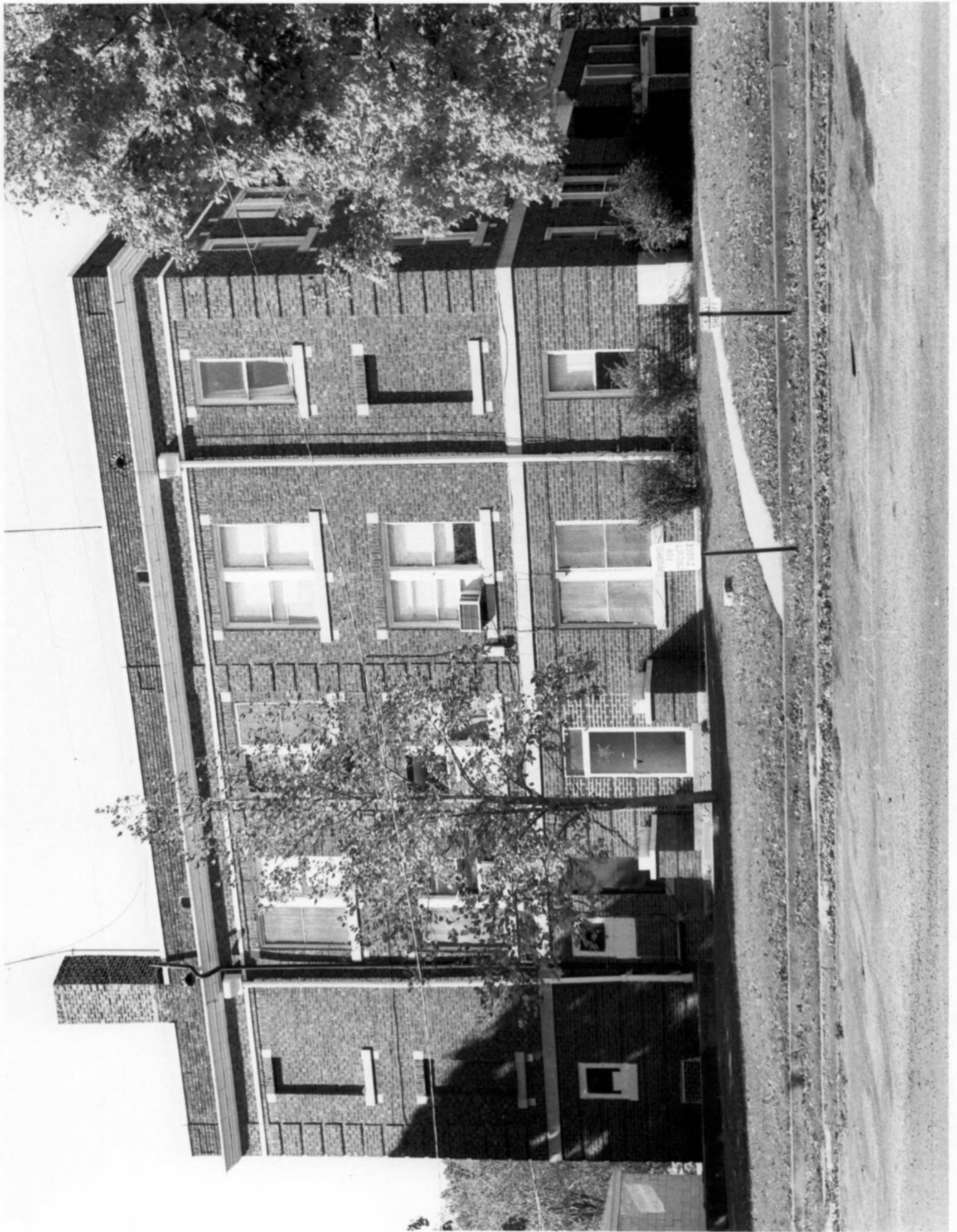
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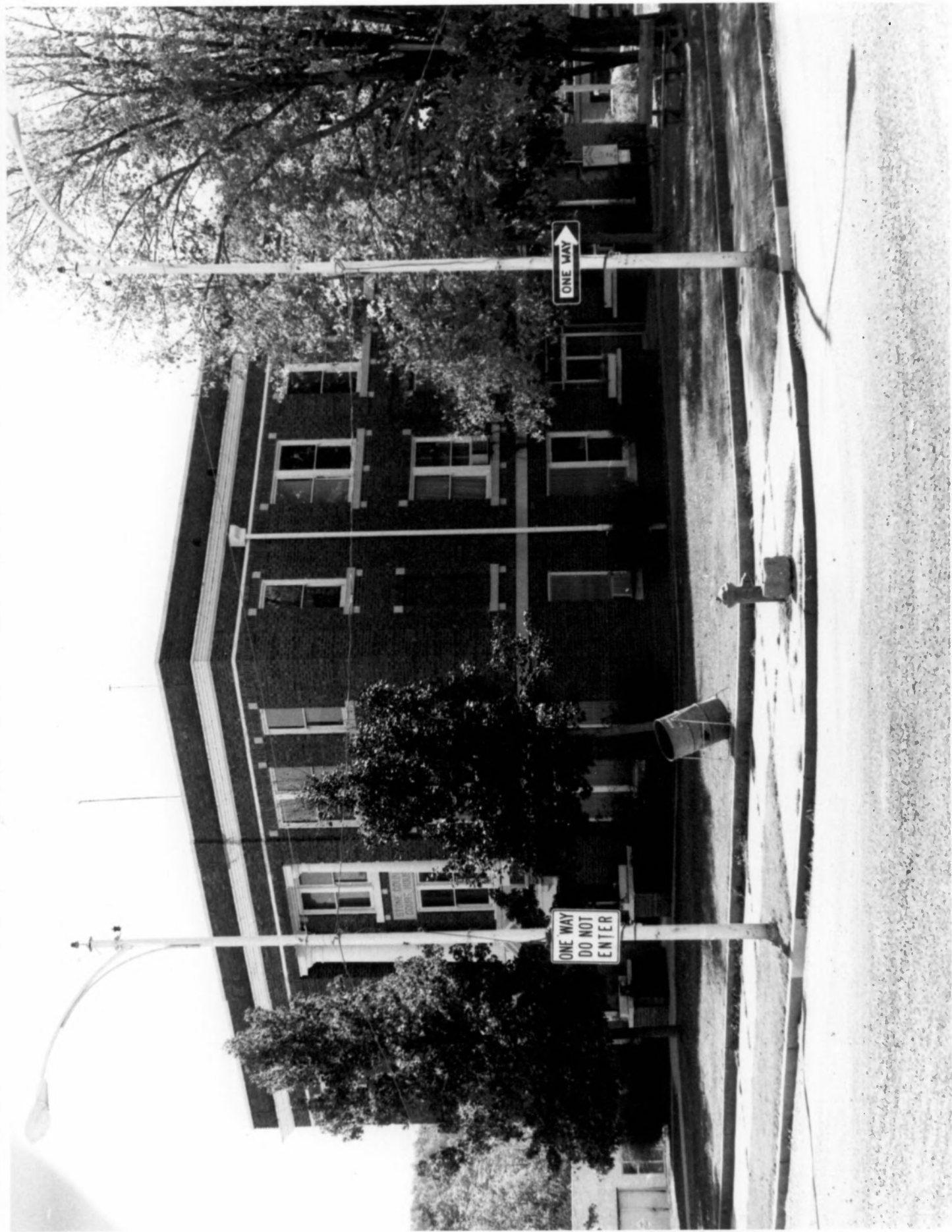
View of remodeled third floor courtroom.



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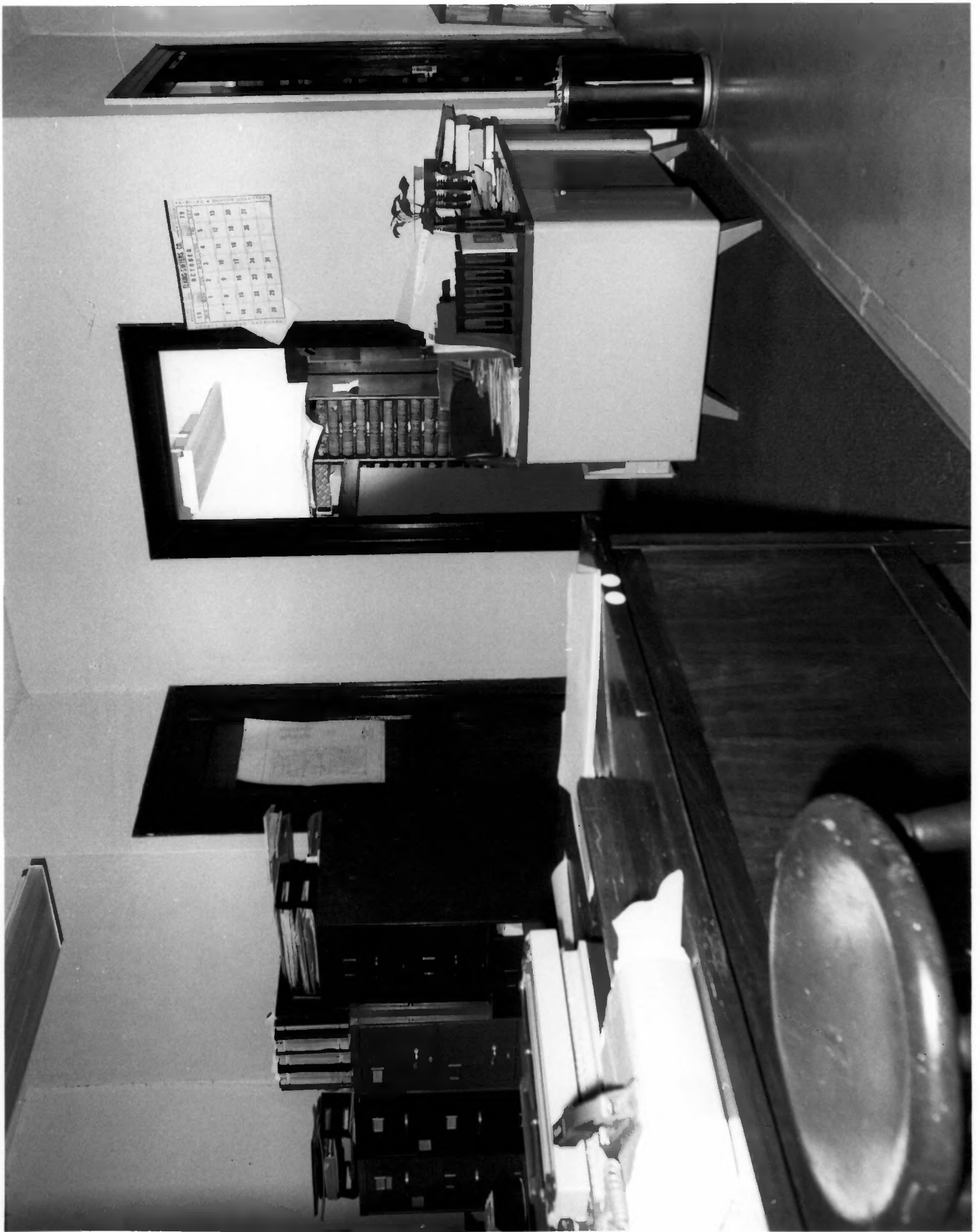




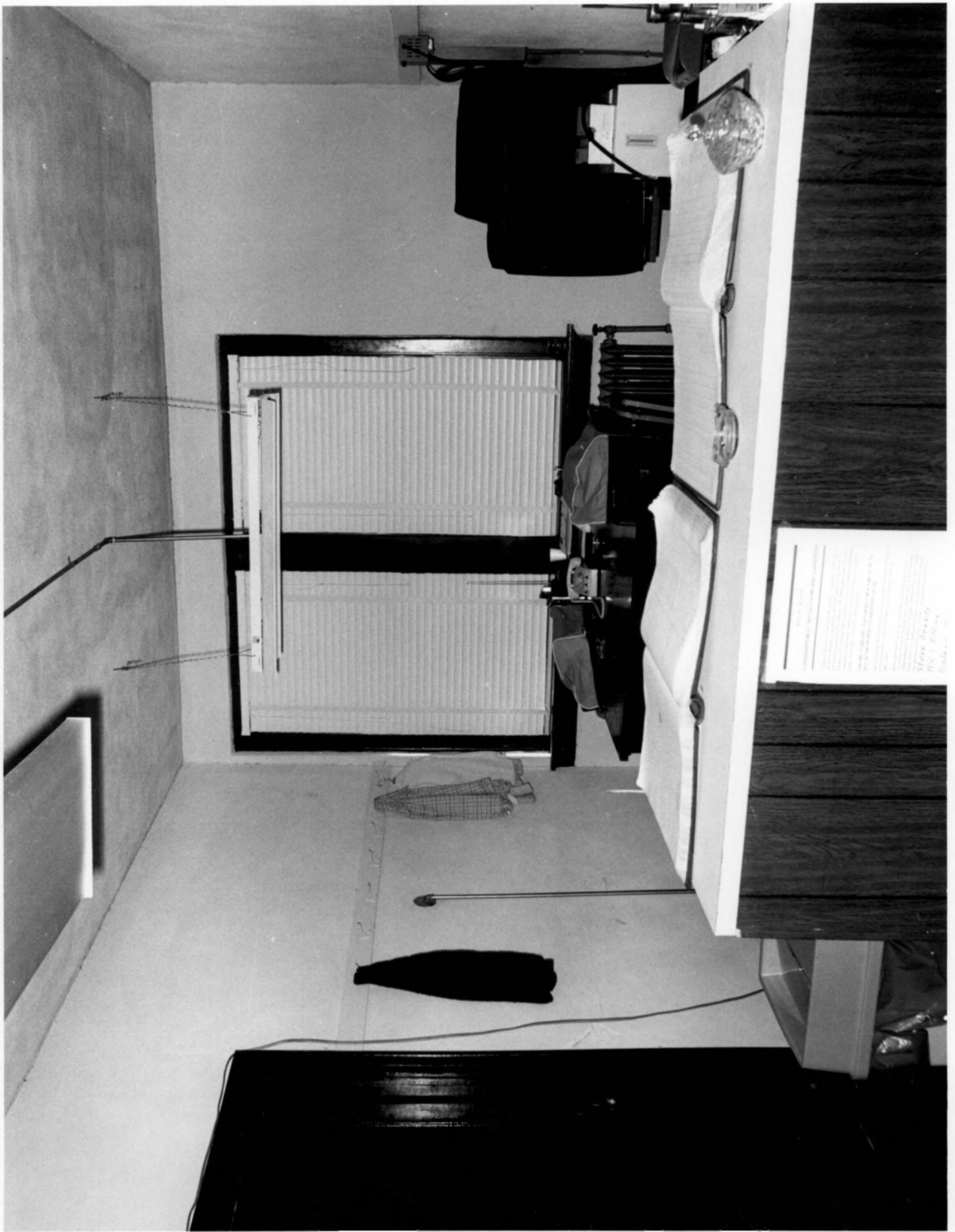
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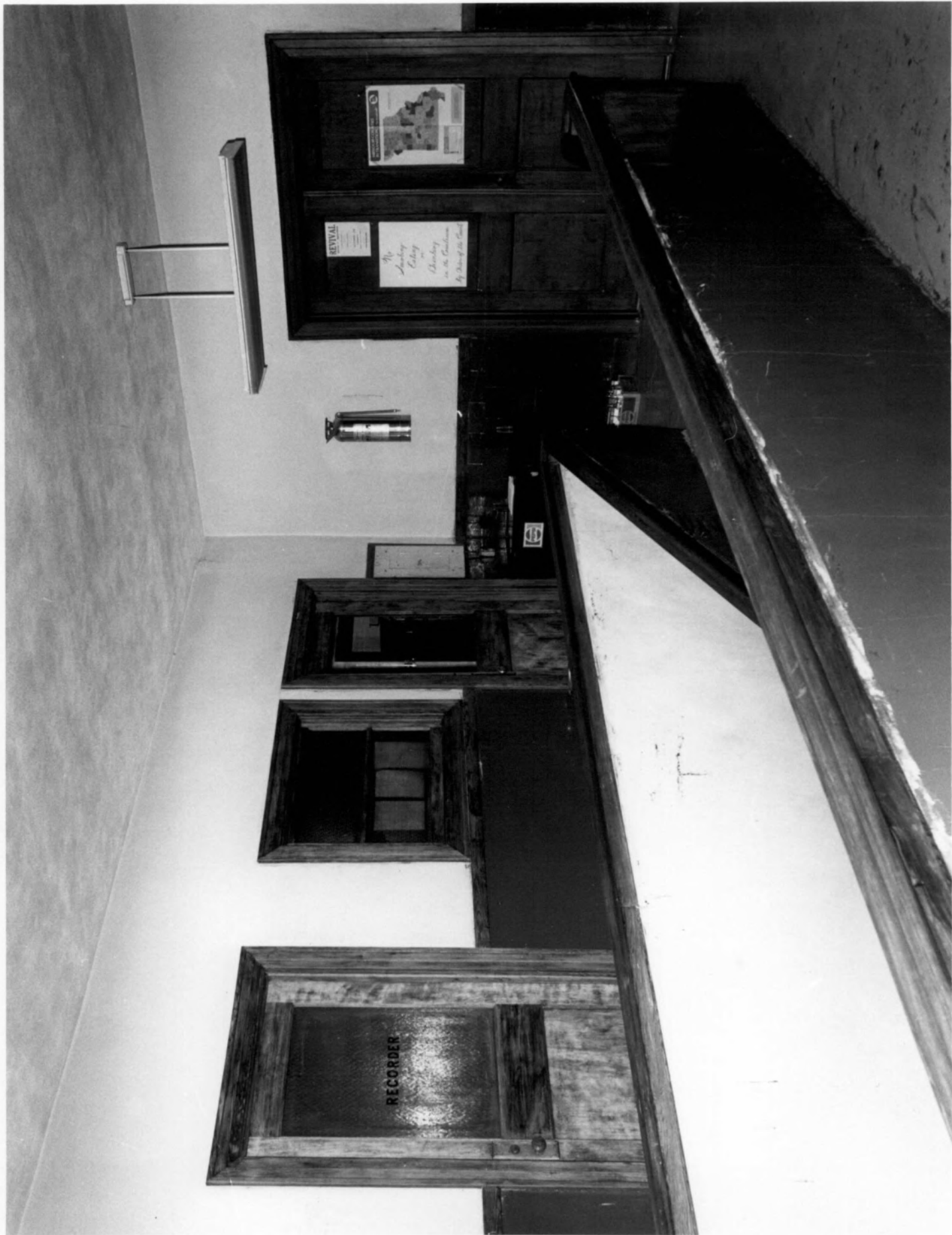
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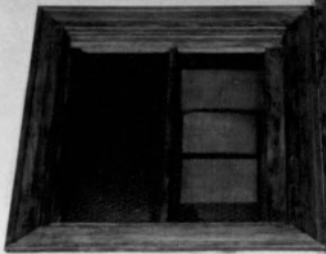


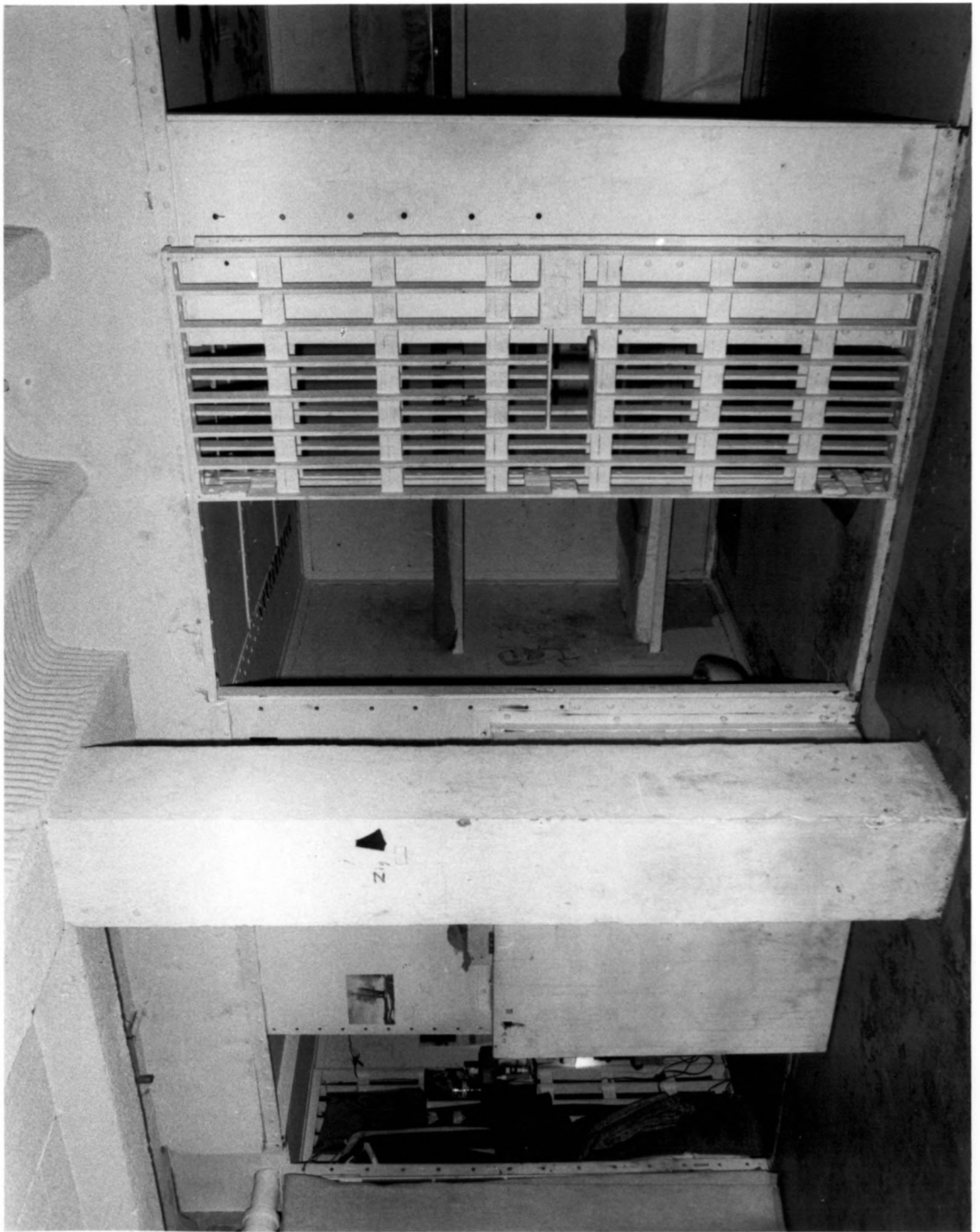


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