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historic	Villa Panoram	a		
and/or common	Villa Panoram	a		
2. Loca	tion			
street & number	1310 Swifts H	i ghway		not for publication
city, town	Jefferson Cit	y vicinity of		
state	Mo. code	county	Co1e	code
3. Clas	sification	<u> </u>		
Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Proper	ty		
name	Michael T. an	d Rosalyn Redel		
street & number	2207 Greenmea	dow Drive		
city, town	Jefferson Cit	y vicinity of	state	Mo. 65104
5. Loca	tion of Lega	il Description	on ·	
courthouse, regis	try of deeds, etc. Cole	County Recorder's	Office	·
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depository for su	rvey records Departme Preserva	nt of Natural Resou	urces, Division of	Parks and Historic
city, town P.	O. Box 176, Jeffers	on City,	state	Mo. 65102

7. Description

Condition excellent	deteriorated	Check one XXunaltered	Check one _XX_ original s	ite	
_XX_good	ruins	altered	moved	date	
fair	unexposed				

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Villa Panorama is a two and one half story brick colonial revival house constructed on a raised basement of rough ashlar limestone faced with smooth stone blocks. The house sits back on a lot on the highest spot in Jefferson City on Swifts Highway in the south central part of the City. The house is so situated as to make use of the views of the Missouri Capitol to the North and the rolling landscape to the south. The house was built for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Moerschel in 1907. The main facade faces south. The roof is a gambrel of slate and the building has raised parapet gable walls on the east and west.

The main facade is a three bay configuration comprised of a center doorway flanked by windows with a round arch soldier course with circular set-in spandrels on the first floor. An entrance portico, reached by a wide flight of stone steps with wrought iron railing, protects the side-lighted and transomed door. Stained glass is used in all glazed areas of this entrance doorway, including a large panel which depicts a peacock in the door. The Portico is made up of stone bases with brick piers and a pair of stone columns with doric capitals. The cornice, with a little setback, continues as the cornice of a porch to the east where it turns along the east wall. This porch sits on stone piers and has a tile floor and stone railing. A stone balustrade has been removed from the top of the portico and the porte cochere. Lattice panels provide ventilation for the work area under the porch.

The second floor south facade is composed of a central copper bay window flanked by a window on either side. The cornice is made up of a stone beltcourse, additional brick work with four stone pendant like panels and a built up wooden cornice which houses copper gutters! This wooden cornice makes a slight return on the east and west gable ends. Principal windows on the first and second floors are double hung fifteen over one light sash units.

The top floor has three large dormers with double hung ten over one sash units. The end dormers have triangular pedimented gables while the center has a round pedimented gable. There is a wrought iron railing at the dormer line of the roof and between the chimneys.

The gambrel roof is of slate and has paired chimneys in the parapet gable walls. Two oval windows and a pair of double hung six over one light sash windows are located in each gable wall of the top floor. A semicircular louvered vent is centered above the two third floor windows.

The house is basically L-shaped with a center hall in the main block. A back stairway is located at the rear of the main block on the west side with an entrance from under the Porte cochere. A small service wing extended to the north beyond the rear stairs. The house is well-constructed and is an unusual early use of expanded metal lath with almost a full inch of plaster. A brick bay window is located at the northeast corner of the main block. It is two stories high and is topped with the same cornice as the main block but has brick piers and wrought iron railing above the cornice line.

The site includes an original brick carriage house, which is located several yards to the northwest of the house. The carriages were kept in the southern two thirds of the first floor and horses were kept in stalls in the north end. Hay storage and servant housing were located on the second floor under the slate covered gambrel roof. A large

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dormer is located on each side of the roof, which is topped with an octagonal ventilating cupola with a copper roof and a weather vane at the peak.

A colonial revival pump house is located in the yard just east of the house. It is a one story building of brick with a hipped roof. It features a portico which is very similar to the one on the main house. This building also has stained glass windows in its west facade and one door to the east. It houses the pumps used for the pool and irrigation systems that were installed by the Botz family.

The property was significantly improved by Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Botz after they purchased it in 1922.

The Carriage house was converted into a garage with an apartment over it. The grounds were extensively landscaped a swimming pool and a wading pool were constructed, and a series of flower beds, walks and seating areas and landscape architectural structures were installed at this time. A wishing well of brick and wrought iron, statuary and a cast iron miniature of the Santa Maria were part of this landscaping effort. Later, a stone grotto was constructed at the southwest edge of the property for private devotion and meditation.

The main house saw renovations in the kitchen and bathroom areas. A new two story addition was constructed along the north side of the house. This addition was carefully joined to the original house and the brick work matched. Multi-paned metal sash units, (casements) were utilized to create sunrooms on each floor.

All buildings remain and are in good condition. Some of the interior modifications performed during the tenure of the Missionaries of LaSalette after 1948 have been removed and a new kitchen installed in a portion of the addition. The original kitchen and pantry have been extensively remodeled as a restaurant kitchen.

The basement of the home contains a large rathskeller which can be reached from the side entrance or from under the front porch. Several utility rooms and a half bath are located on this level also.

The main floor contains the center hall, a parlor on the west side, a parlor and a dining room on the east side of the main floor and rest rooms behind the side stairs. The dining room, which has a bay window in the east wall, is connected to the front parlor by means of sliding doors. The two parlors have six foot wide sliding pocket doors to the center hall. All principal rooms have fireplaces with mirrored overmantles intact. The remodele kitchen and restaurant kitchen are located across the north end of the house.

The center hall has a single flight of steps which ascend in the center of the north wall to a landing which has another short flight of steps at the east and west wall to the second floor hall. A stained glass doorway that leads to the sunroom is located in the north wall, four steps up from the landing. The main hall has oak woodwork, columbs, beams and cornice work which are intact.

The second floor contains three principal bedrooms over the main rooms below. Fireplaces

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are intact in all three rooms, including the bedroom with a bay window. A compartment bathroom and a small bedroom are located in the original service wing on the north side of the side stairs. The later addition is a sunroom across the north. It is constructed using an early celotex material for floors, walls and ceiling. Original light fixtures are intact in the sunroom. Several later interior walls have been removed. The top floor, which can be reached by the side stairs only, contains four rooms and a bath which is presently a rental apartment.

A stone wall is located along the southern edge of the property along Swifts Highway.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 _X 1900-	Areas of Significance—C	heck and justify below	X landscape architecture law literature military music politics/government	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1907	Builder/Architect	H. J. Wallau	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Villa Panorama is significant under Criteria A, B, and C.

- A. Broad Patterns: Villa Panorama was constructed during the period of rapid development of Jefferson City as Missouri's Capitol City. Mr. Moerschel was one of the citizens instrumental in developing an industrial base, civic improvements and community services that led to Jefferson City's growth as a major urban center. He also contributed money and effort to the rebuilding of the State Capitol after the destruction by fire in 1911. Mr. Botz continued this industrial and community development well into the middle of this century.
- B. People: The owners of this property from the turn of the century until 1948 were family of real import to Jefferson City and the state. This property was the home of the directors of several important enterprises in the city banks, brewery, printing company, hatchery, street car system, nursery and poultry farms. H. J. Wallau was a German immigrant who built many homes in Jefferson City and built the Cole County Court House.
- C. Architecture: Villa Panorama is an excellent example of colonial revival architecture in central Missouri. It is well-designed and was built with materials that were up to date at the time of construction. The addition to the north end of the house and the landscaping were done by the Botz family. Mr. Botz, who ran a nursery and a poultry operation, extensively landscaped the Villa grounds on a scale unusual in central Missouri.
- Villa Panorama was constructed on land originally purchased by Robert A. Ewing in 1824. This property of 160 acres was divided and was acquired by Ada F. Swift in 1863. This holding of about 43 acres was titled in her name until after the Civil War when she petitioned and transferred the property into her husband's name. The first owner of the specific lot where Villa Panorama is located was William R. Hopkins in 1871. Several subsequent owners apparently had difficulty as the property was sold several times at sheriff's sale. In 1905, the lot was acquired by Charles and Myrtle Opel for \$2,800. H. J. Wallau purchased the property on March 26, 1907 and sold it in May of the same year to Jacob F. Moerschel.
- Jacob F. Moerschel was born in Bavaria, Germany on July 20, 1848, the son of Frank Joseph and Anna Bloechinger Moerschel. After his formal education ended in Germany, Moerschel became a brewer. He immigrated to St. Louis in 1867 with no funds and no knowledge of the English language. Once in St. Louis, he practiced his occupation of brewing by gaining employment in breweries there. He worked in all facets of the industry and gained extensive knowledge of the entire brewing process. His drive paid off as he became a partner in the Klausmann Brewery in 1884 and then established the Spring Brewery in St. Charles in 1890.

Moerschel acquired the Wagner Brewery in Jefferson City. This operation became known as the Capital Brewery Company. Under his direction, the Capital Brewery became an important enterprise in Jefferson City. Located at Dunklin and Washington Streets, the entire block was used by the company.

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The buildings themselves were described as of "pleasing architecture with the latest appliances used." The plant was "thoroughly progressive" and the production soared to 20,000 barrels brewed annually, with distribution in a one hundred mile radius. The brewery also contained the only artificial ice manufacturing operation in the city. Moerschel's ice production reached 60 tons per day. Seven wagons were required to distribute the brewery's beer and ice and it employed forty employees.

Jacob F. Moerschel was known as a homeloving man, happy when his children were around him. He had a reputation for shrewdness, highest integrity and ability, and civic promotion. He used his gifts and resources with generosity and was public-minded. Moerschel was primari-responsible for building the streetcar system in Jefferson City. He pledged \$5,000 to the construction of the existing state capitol, paid his pledge in full and then made another pledge to the completion of the building. Although Jacob F. Moerschel had no time to participate actively in politics, he took the citizenship responsibilities of his adopted country seriously and always voted. He was an organizer, stockholder and director of the Cole County Bank.

Jacob F. Moerschel was an example of the industrious type of individual who made fortunes in the post-Civil War industrial boom in the United States. His ambition, foresight and business acumen moved him from poor immigrant status to nouveau riche. Moerschel used his wealth to provide the comforts of Villa Panorama and a comparable lifestyle for himself and his family. He also shared the philanthropic outlook of other post-Civil War "Captains of Industry."

Mr. Moerschel died in January of 1918. His will, dated February 1, 1917, specifically mentions his present home in Jefferson City, known as Villa Panorama, which he desired to remain in his family. However, the property was sold, according to his will, for the highest price obtainable to Otto C. and Renee Bichet Botz for \$35,000 in 1922.

Otto C. Botz was born in St. Louis of German parents. He moved to Jefferson City from Sedalia in 1921. Botz was a principal in the merger of several printing and stationery finition the Hugh Stephens Printing and Stationery Company and later became president and gener manager. In October of 1929, the company became Botz Printing and Stationery Company and included the Acme Printing and Stationery Company at Sedalia.

Mr. Botz was president of the following: Jefferson City Printing Company, Botz Real Estate and Investment Company, Panorama Nursery Corporation, Missouri State Chickeries, Capitol Poultry Farms (all of Jefferson City) and Triangle Printing Company of Davenport, Iowa and Acme Printing and Stationery Company of Sedalia. For three years, Botz served as president of the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Botz held a patent for quick freezing of chickens.

To complete a "journeyman's education," Botz started out on a tour of the world, working his way. The tour was interrupted at the onset of World War I. While in France, he met his wife, Miss Renee Bichet, and they were married in 1918.

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The property was acquired by the Missionaries of LaSalette from Mr. and Mrs. Botz. A seminary was then established and Villa Panorama was adapted for housing of priests and lay brothers until 1967.

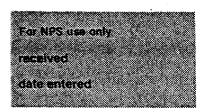
In 1969 the house and grounds were acquired by Don and Grace Kruse who undertook extensive renovation of the interior that included removal of many of the modifications completed by the LaSalette Missionaries. Many of the items that were removed by the LaSalettes were acquired and restored to Villa Panorama, including the Peacock stained glass.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached

10. Geographical	Data	
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Verbal boundary description and ju	stification	
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l. name/title Patrick H. Steele, Sr		
organization Missouri Heritage		May 15, 1984
street & number P. O. Box 895	telepi	hone (314) 635-6877
city or town Jefferson City	state	Missouri
12. State Historic	Preservation Of	fficer Certification
The evaluated significance of this proper	rty within the state is:	
national	state X local	
As the designated State Historic Preserv 665), I hereby nominate this property for according to the criteria and procedures State Historic Preservation Officer signa	inclusion in the National Register and set forth by the National Park Service	I certify that it has been evaluated
John Karel, Director & De	eputy State Historic Preserv	vation date 9/4/84
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I hereby certify that this property is		
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Keeper of the National Register		
Attest:		date
Chief of Registration		

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Part of the west half of the Northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 44, Range 12, in the City of Jefferson, Cole County, Missouri, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot No. 15 of Swifts and Thompsons Subdivision of the City of Jefferson, Missouri, per plat of record in Plat Book 1, page 9, Cole County Recorder's Office; thence south 5 degrees east, along the quarter section line, and the east line of said Lot No. 15, 532 feet, to the northerly line of Swifts Highway; thence north 87 degrees 10 minutes east, along the said northerly line of Swifts Highway, 503 feet; thence north 5 degrees west, parallel with the quarter section line, 547.33 feet to the north line of Section 13, Township 44, Range 12; thence south 85 degrees 25 minutes west, 503.24 feet, to the point of beginning.

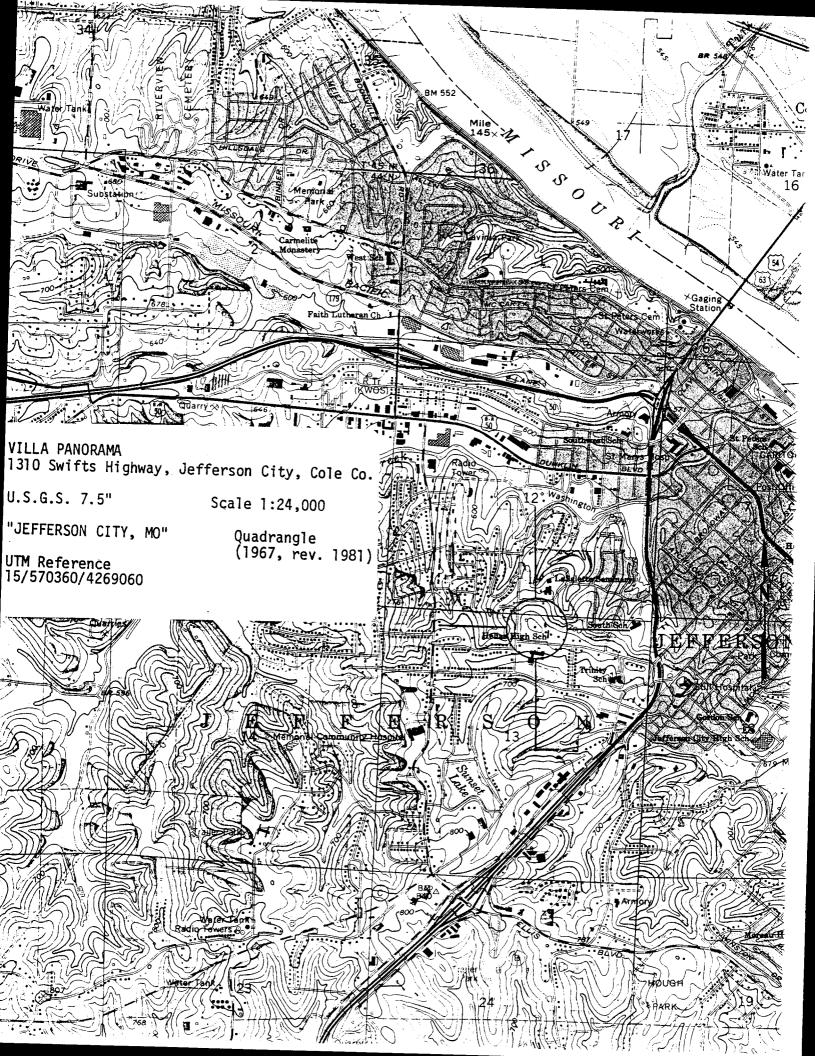
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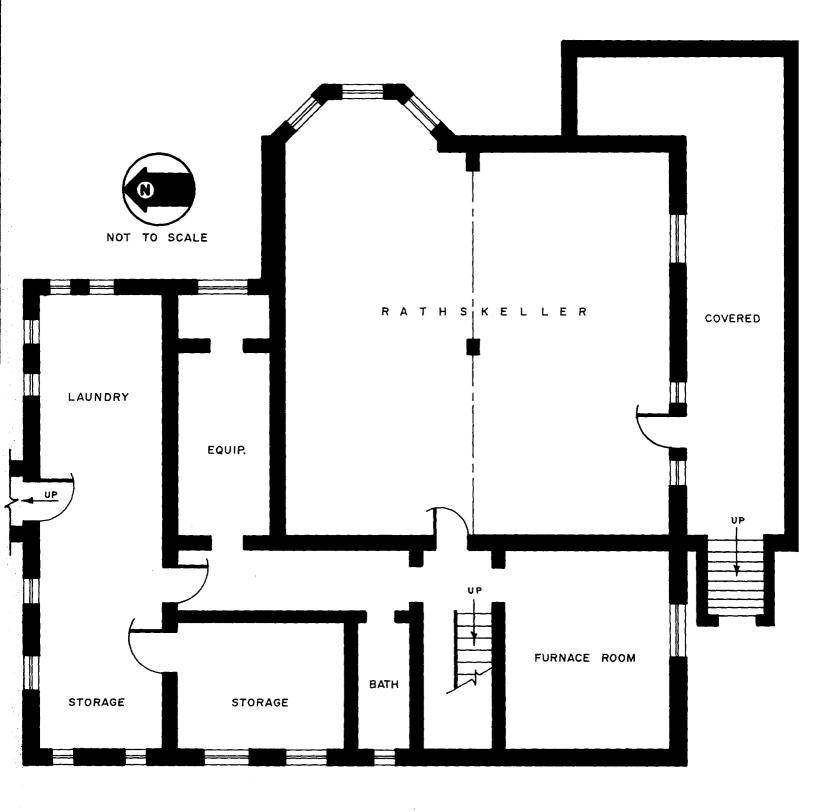
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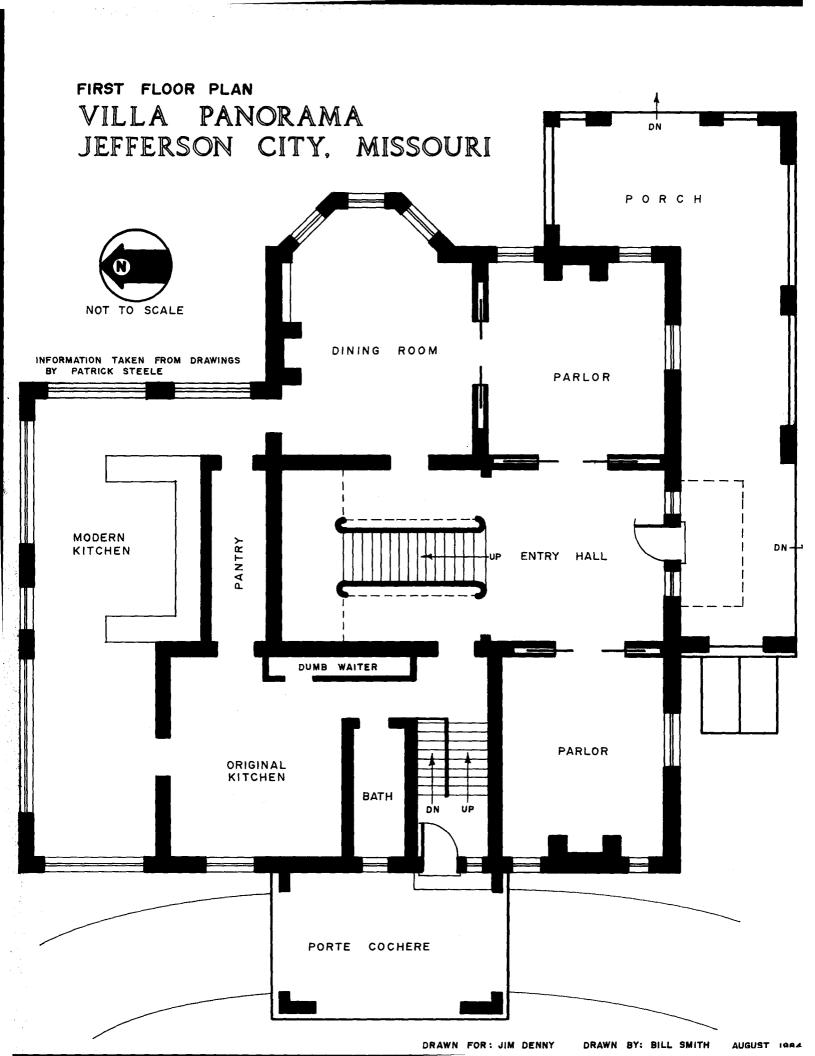
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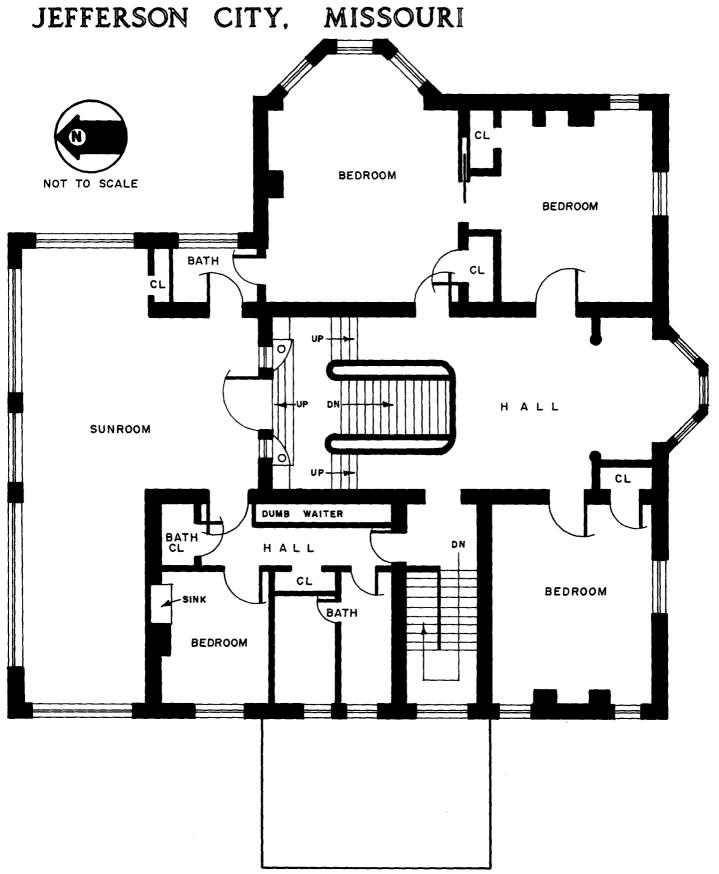
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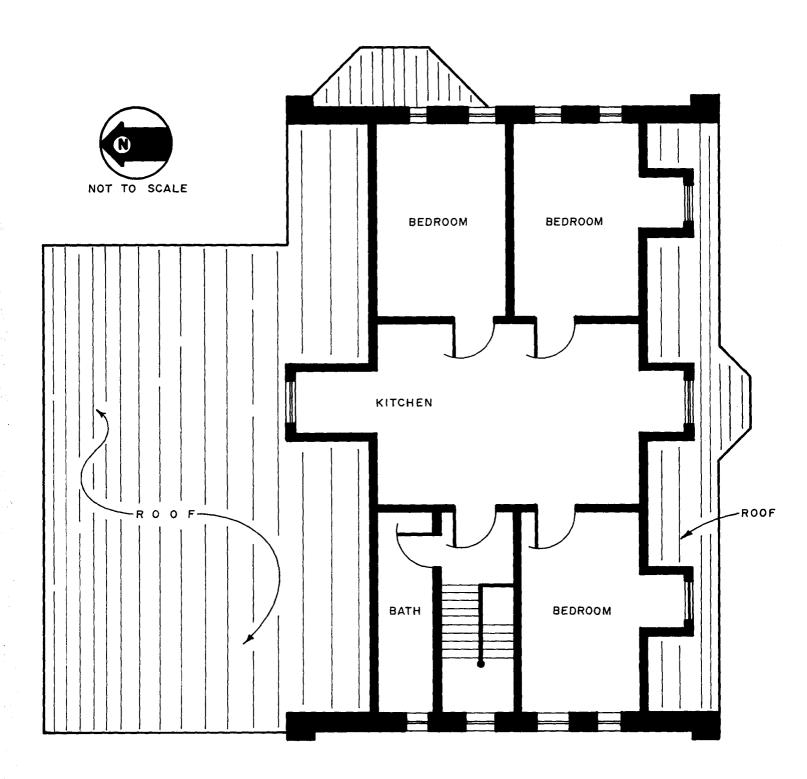


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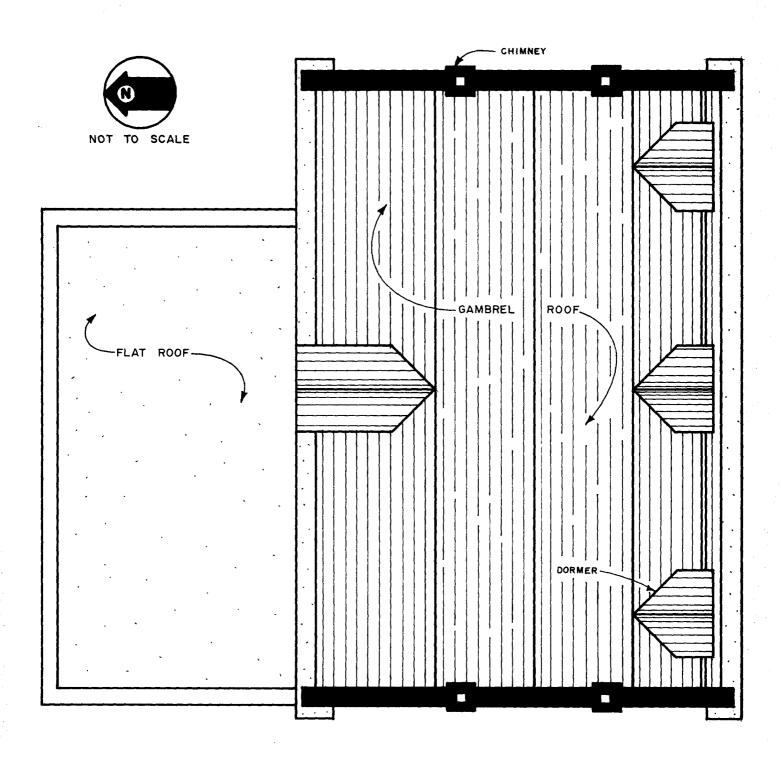
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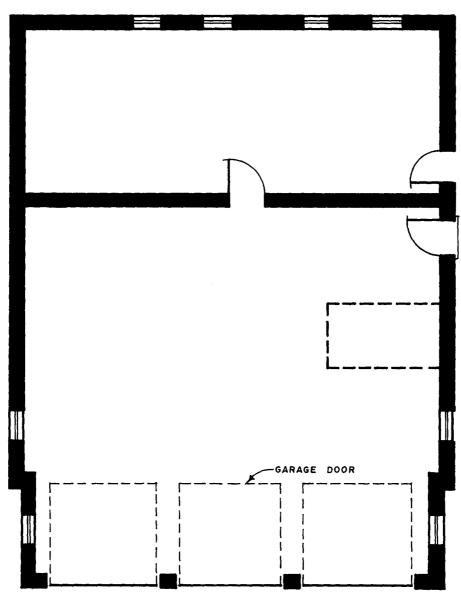


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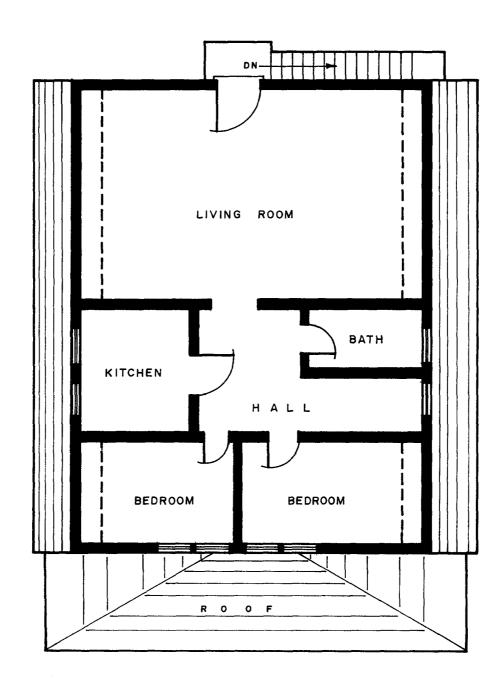
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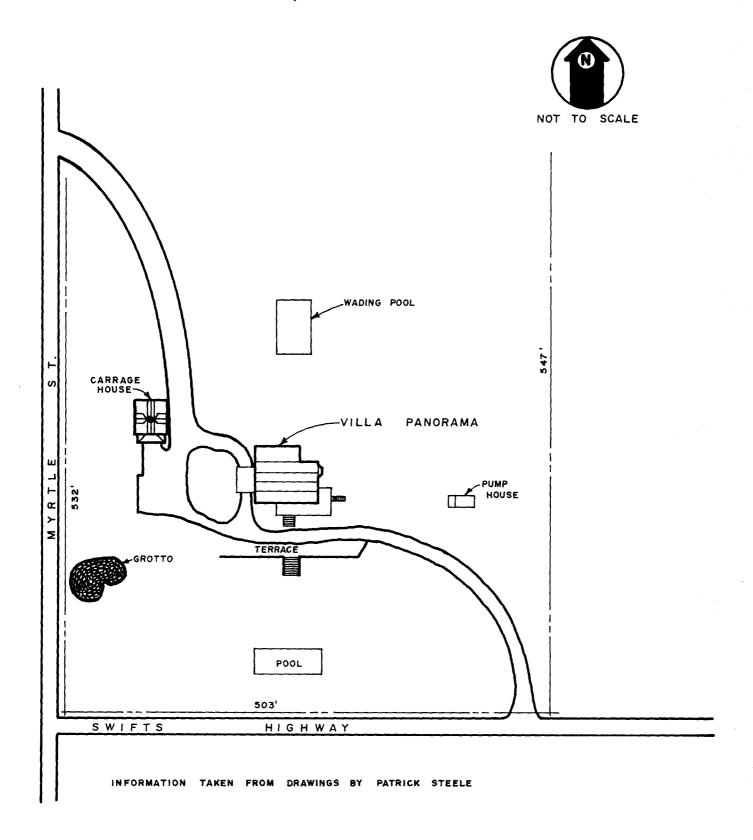


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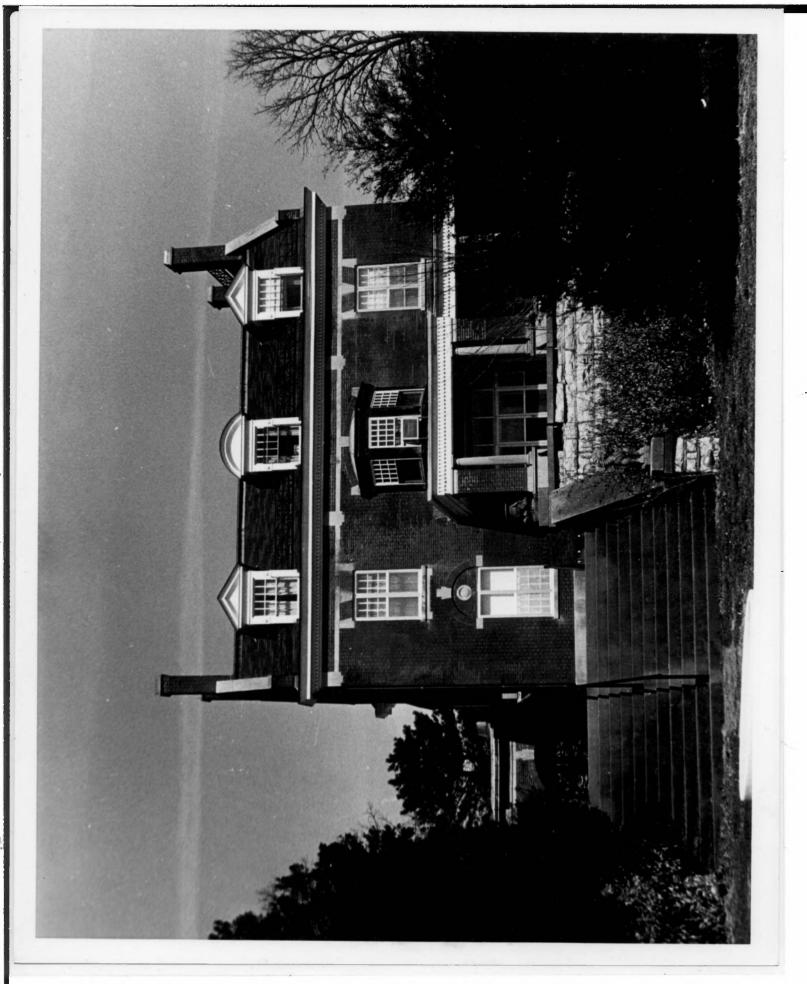




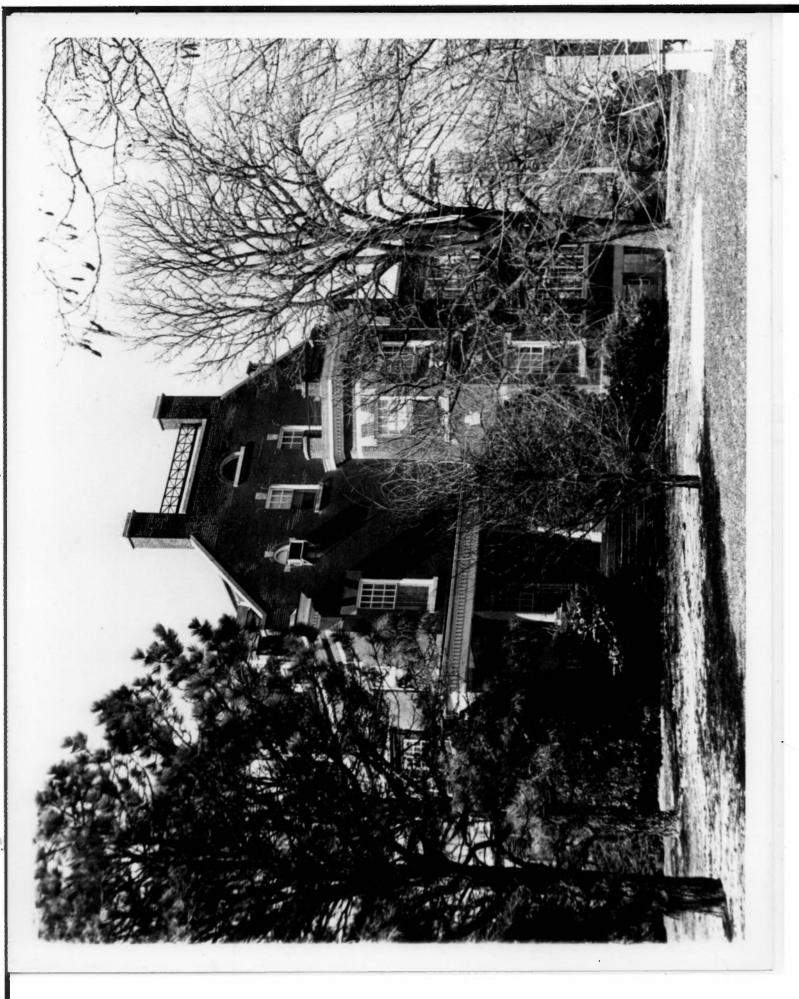
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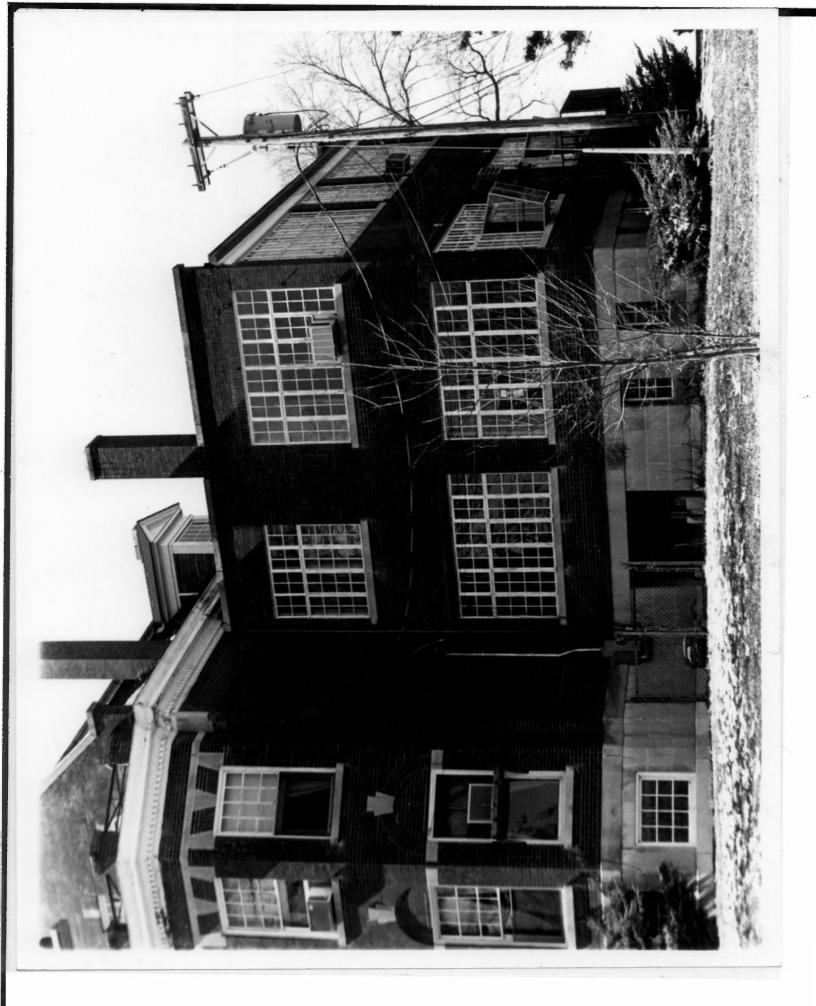


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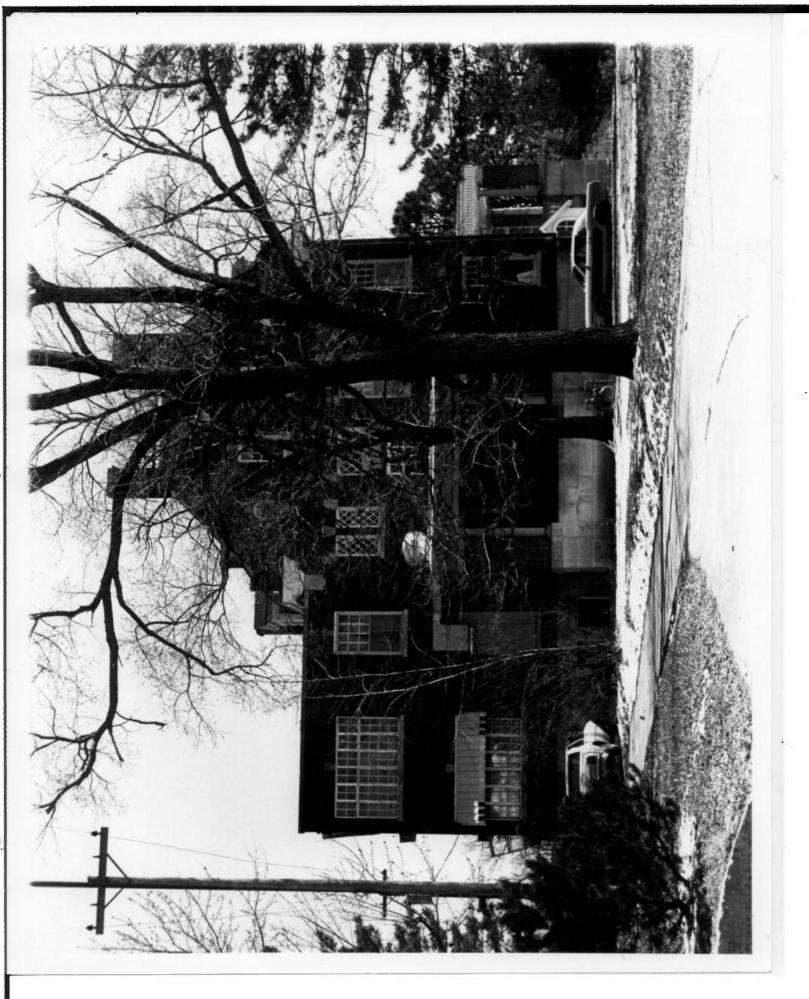
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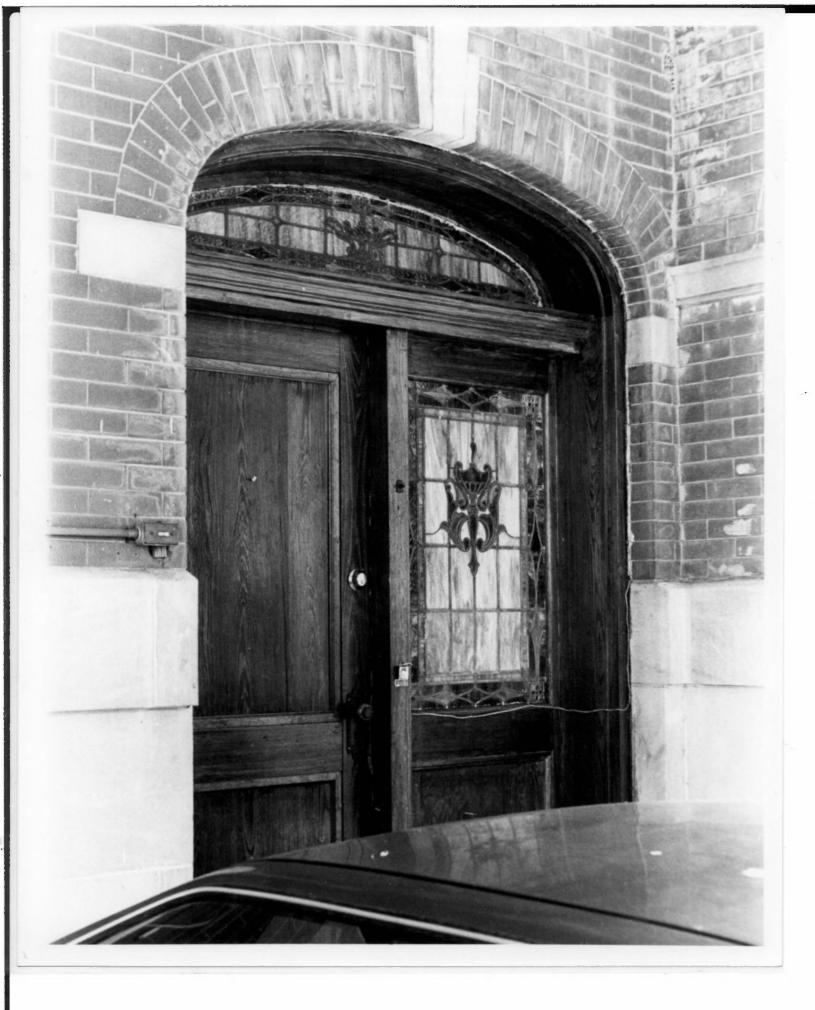
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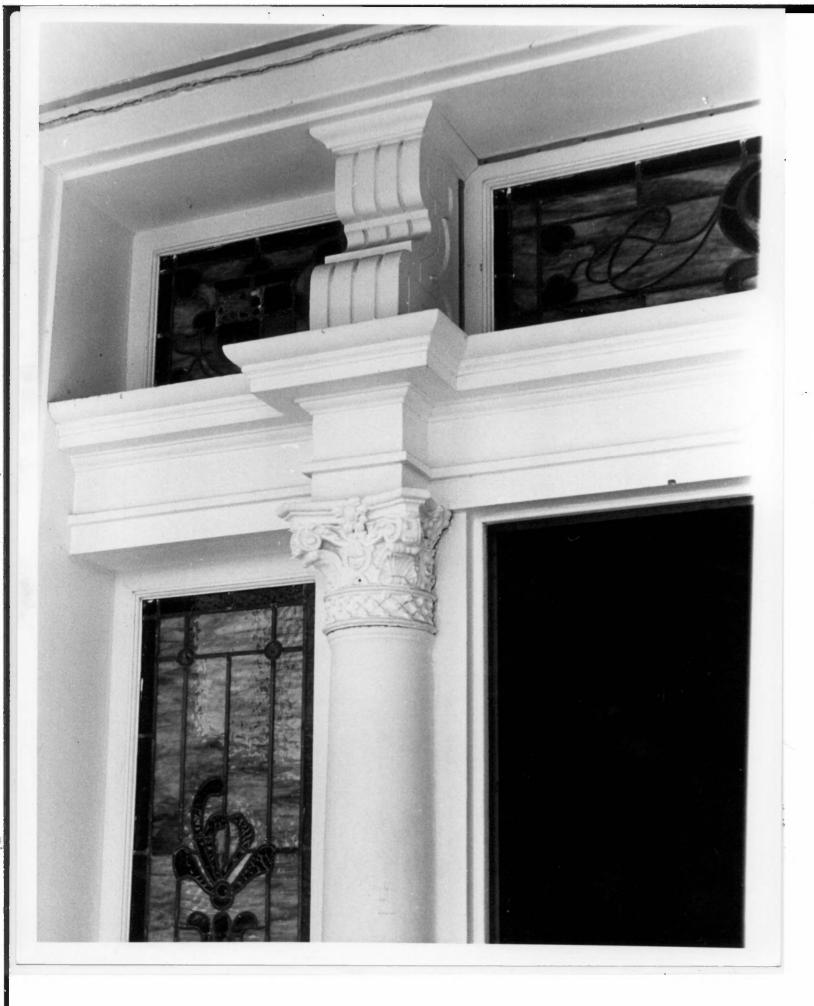
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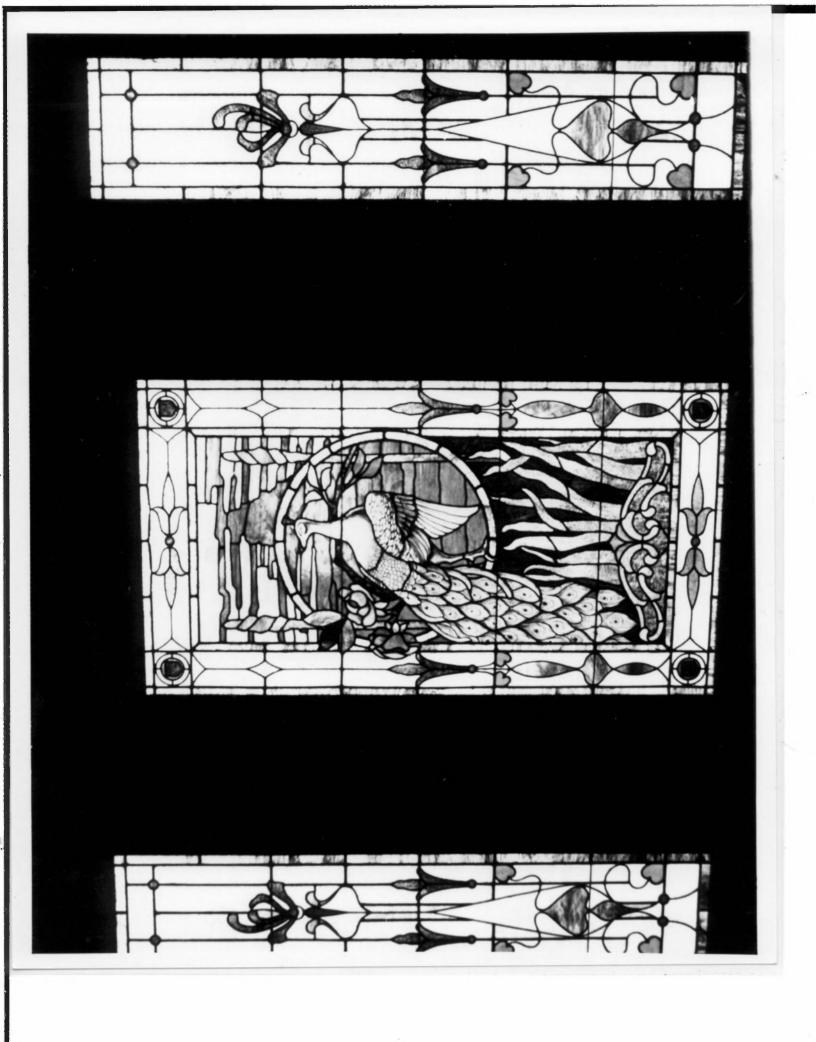


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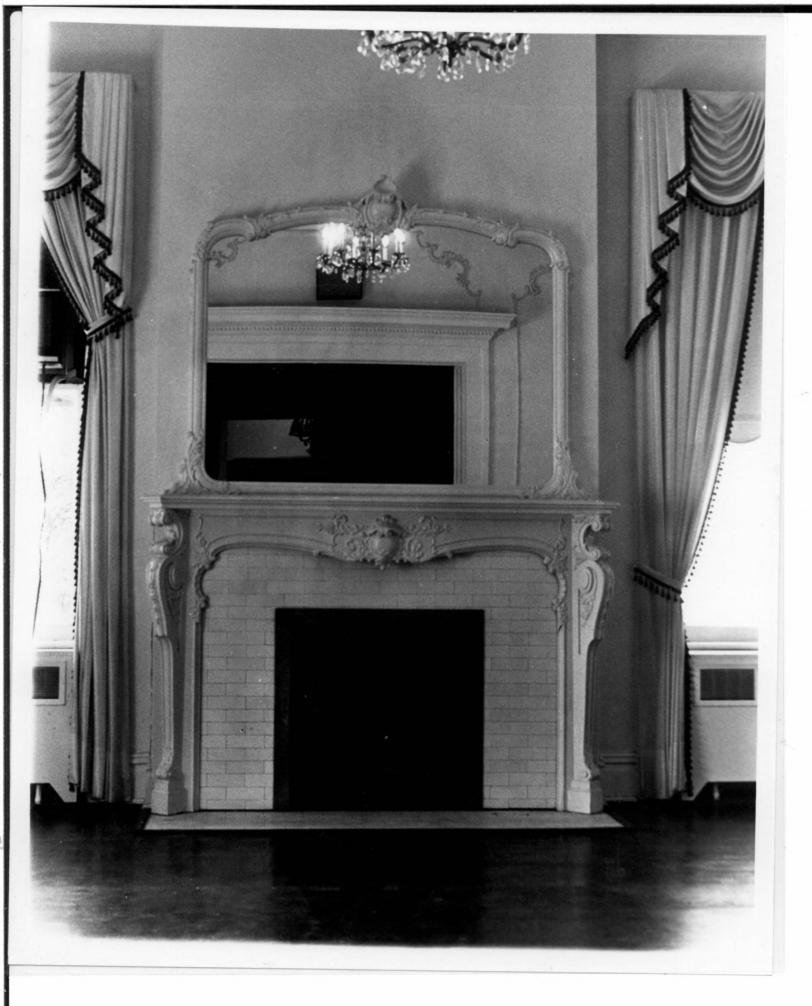


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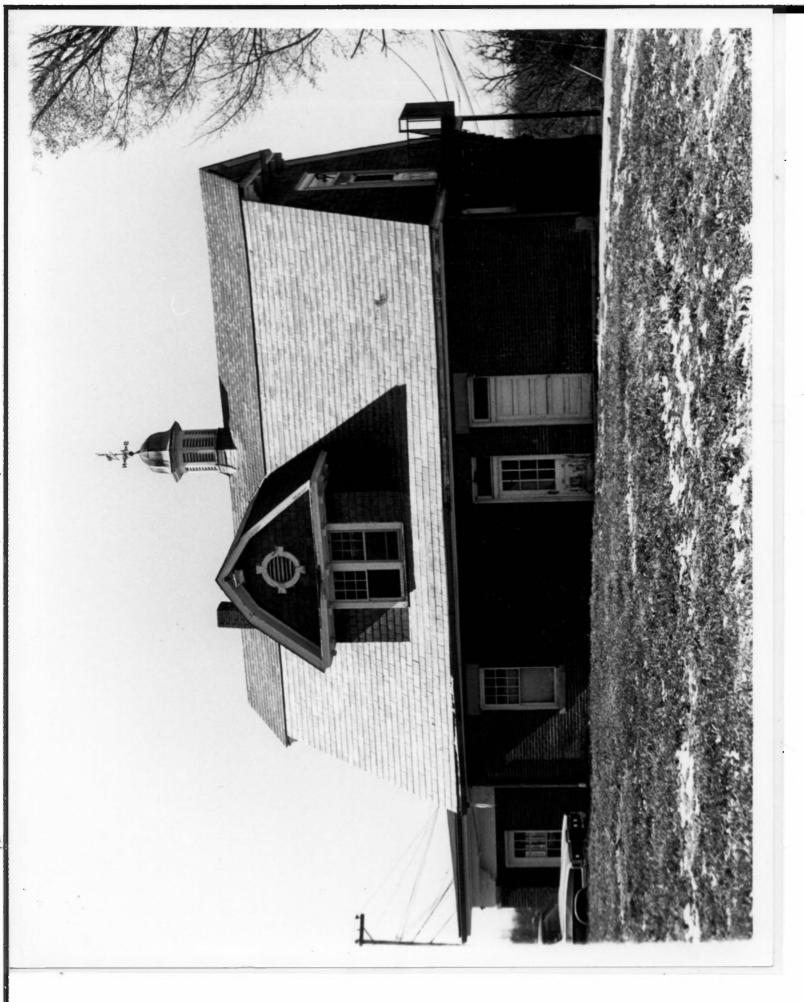
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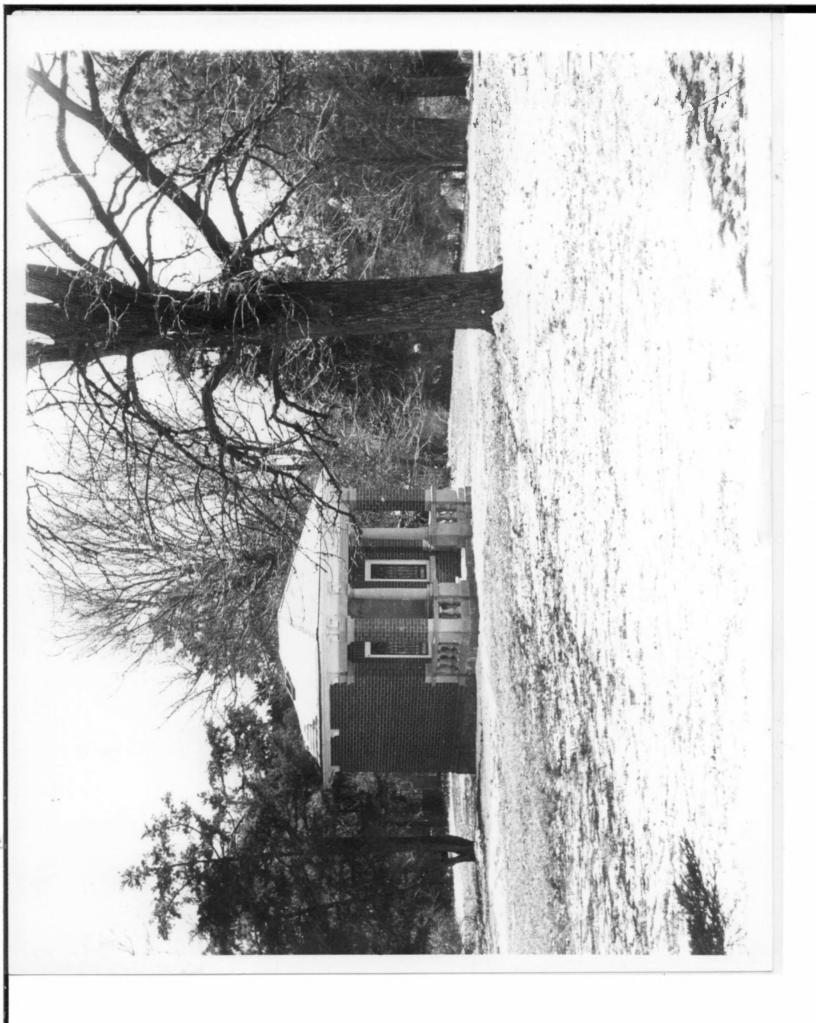


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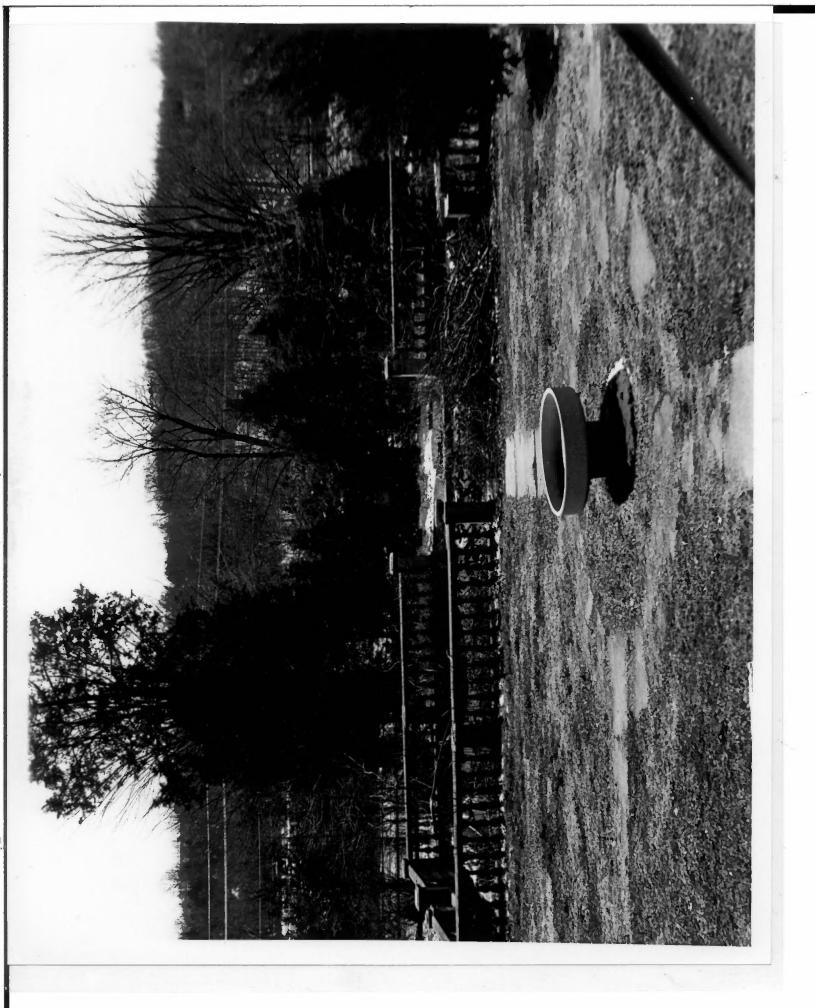


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