

*Bradley County*  
*Warren*  
*St. Luke's Catholic Church*

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic Name: St. Luke's Catholic Church

Other Name/Site Number: BR0028

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2. Location

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Street & Number: 508 West Pine

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Warren

Vicinity: N/A

State: AR

County: Bradley

Code: AR011

Zip Code: 71671

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u>1</u>     | _____           | buildings  |
| _____        | _____           | sites      |
| _____        | <u>1</u>        | structures |
| _____        | _____           | objects    |
| <u>1</u>     | <u>1</u>        | Total      |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**  
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

Calvin A. Hatcher  
Signature of certifying official

4-20-98  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**  
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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entrance on the front facade, the church is largely unchanged.

The front, or southern, elevation is dominated by small porch with a bell-cast gable roof and the unusually placed stained-glass window. This window echoes the shape of the rest of the Gothic windows and is not directly attached to the main building. Instead, the stained glass forms the gable end of the porch. The entry porch is supported by Ionic columns and is further supported from within by a decorative set of rafters. Beneath the porch is a set of double doors capped by a large Gothic arch transom. A marble stone is located to the right of the entrance, and it reads, "ST. LUKE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH/ 1948 / † / ERECTED / 1907/." The fenestration of this elevation is composed of one pointed arch window and an oculus window. Above the entrance is a bell tower clad in weatherboard and punctured on all four sides by square wood louvered vents. The bell tower is capped by a steeply pitched pyramidal roof.

The rest of the building is simply composed. The side, or western, elevation is fenestrated by six pointed arch windows. The rear, or northern, elevation is fenestrated by a triad of Gothic arched windows. The modern cooling and heating system is located on this elevation. The other side, or eastern elevation contains the ell-projection. This projection is punctured by windows and a single leaf wooden door capped by a Gothic arch stained-glass transom on the southern side. The remainder of the fenestration consists of one window to the right of the projection and three windows to the left of the projection.

The interior of the sanctuary is covered in beaded board except for the northern wall that is currently obscured by modern wood paneling. The ceiling features the same decorative trusses as the porch on a much grander scale. The pews are simple and are embellished with a raised Gothic arch panel on each side. All changes date to the 1948 sale of the building at which time the floor level was raised about six inches throughout the church and the appropriate symbols of Catholic worship were. The hardwood floor has been re-carpeted a number of times. The L-shaped addition accommodates a small office and storage space.

A non-historic basketball court and playground are located to the rear of the church.

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: RELIGION Sub: religious facility

Current : RELIGION Sub: religious facility

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

LATE VICTORIAN/Gothic Revival

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof ASPHALT  
walls CONCRETE other WOOD/weatherboard

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

**Summary**

Constructed in 1907, St. Luke's Catholic Church is located at 508 West Pine Street, in Warren. Its simple L-shaped design is augmented by Gothic Revival fenestration, and concrete blocks which are molded to give the appearance of both smooth and rusticated ashlar. A bell tower and covered entrance denote the front facade of the church. A non-historic basketball court and playground are located at the rear of the church building.

**Elaboration**

Constructed in 1907, St. Luke's Catholic Church is located at 508 West Pine Street, in Warren, Bradley County. Its simple L-shaped design is augmented by Gothic Revival fenestration, and a bell tower surmounted by a steeple cross. Rather than using the rusticated concrete blocks along the corners of the building to create quoins, the builders instead used the smooth concrete to surround corners, windows and doors. Thus, the single-story building is very highly textured. The church is fenestrated with stained glass windows with hoppers. The major portion of the building is capped by a gable roof, with exposed rafter ends, while the bell tower is capped by a steeply pitched, pyramidal hip roof. Except for the 1948 replacement of the stained-glass windows, and the addition of the bell-cast gabled

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1907, 1948

Significant Dates: 1907, 1948

Significant Person(s): N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A  
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

#### Summary

St. Luke's Catholic Church is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance as an excellent example of an early twentieth century Gothic Revival church concrete block construction.

#### Elaboration

The town of Warren was incorporated April 8, 1851. Before it became one of Arkansas' leading timber industry towns, the town survived as a county seat and trading center for half a century.

The land upon which the church would be built was purchased in 1907 by William Montgomery Brown, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas for the sum of \$275.00. The church, known then as St. Mary's, was built in 1907 by the executives of the Southern Lumber Company who had moved from Minnesota and who were Episcopalians. The church did not grow and by the late 1920s there was no minister for the church or services held by others. By the late 1930s the church was not used and a fence was constructed around it. It remained empty until 1948 when the Catholic Church bought the building from the Episcopalian Church and renamed it St. Luke's. The only significant changes to the building have been the addition of the covered entrance, the raising of the floor, and the replacement of the stained glass windows.

St. Luke's Catholic Church is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C with local significance as an excellent example of an early twentieth century Gothic Revival church of concrete block construction. This is the only known Once set in a residential area in Warren, the church building is now increasingly surrounded by commercial buildings.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**  
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Information provided by Fr. Dan Dorsey. 1997.

The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas.  
Chicago,  
Nashville and St. Louis: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890.  
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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**  
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Acreage of Property: approximately one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

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| A | <u>15</u> | <u>585200</u> | <u>3719950</u> | B | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| C | ___       | ___           | ___            | D | ___ | ___ | ___ |

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point on Township line one hundred ninety (190) feet West of the Southeast Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section Thirty One (31) Twonship Twelve (12) South, Range Nine (9) West, from thence running West on said line one hundred Twenty eight (128) feet, thence North three hundred eighteen (318) feet, thence East One Hundred Twenty Eight (128) feet, thence South three Hundred Eighteen (318) feet, thence South three Hundred Eighteen (318) feet to point of beginning, containing 0.93 acres, more or less.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains all remaining historically significant structures and buildings associated with this property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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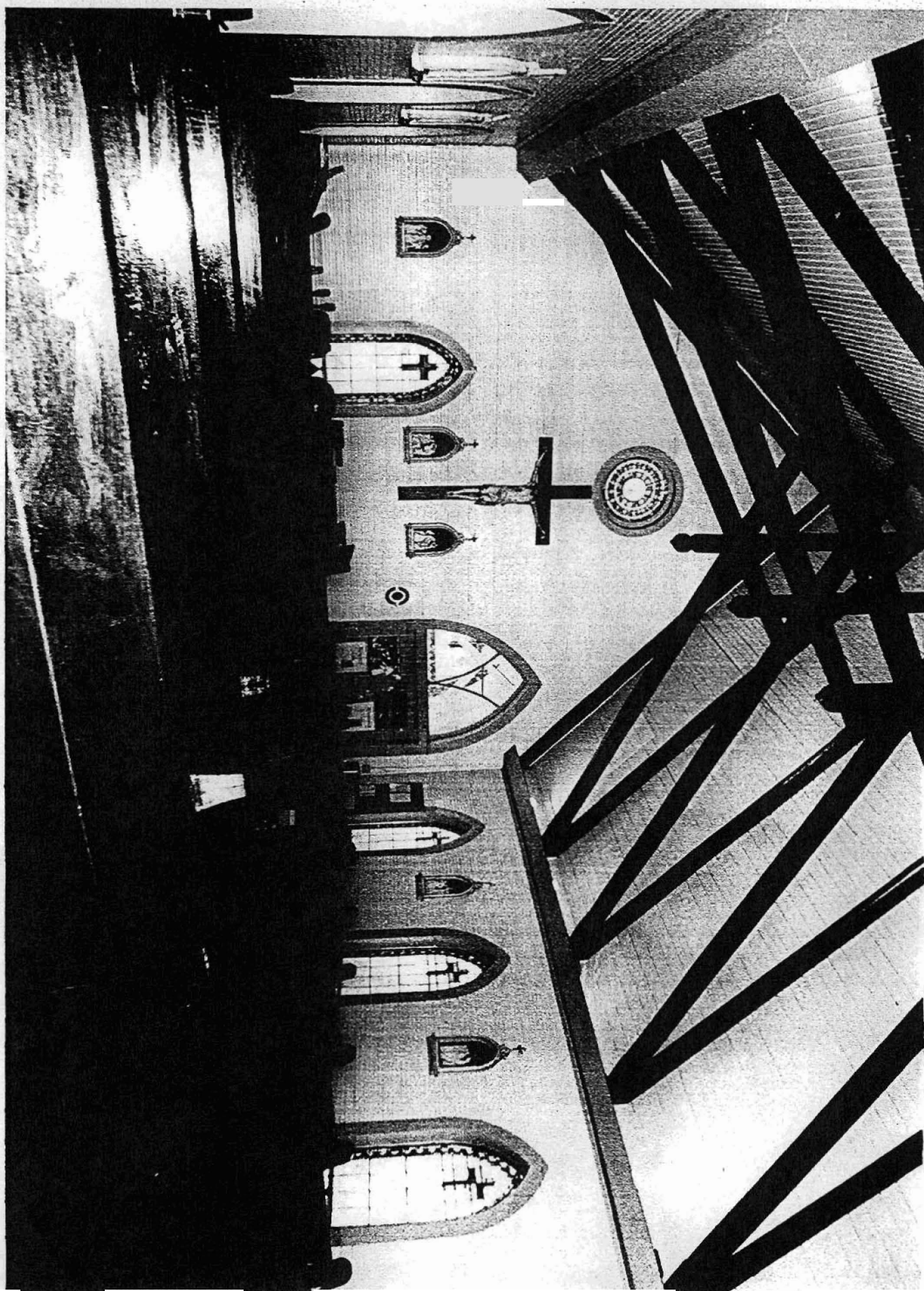
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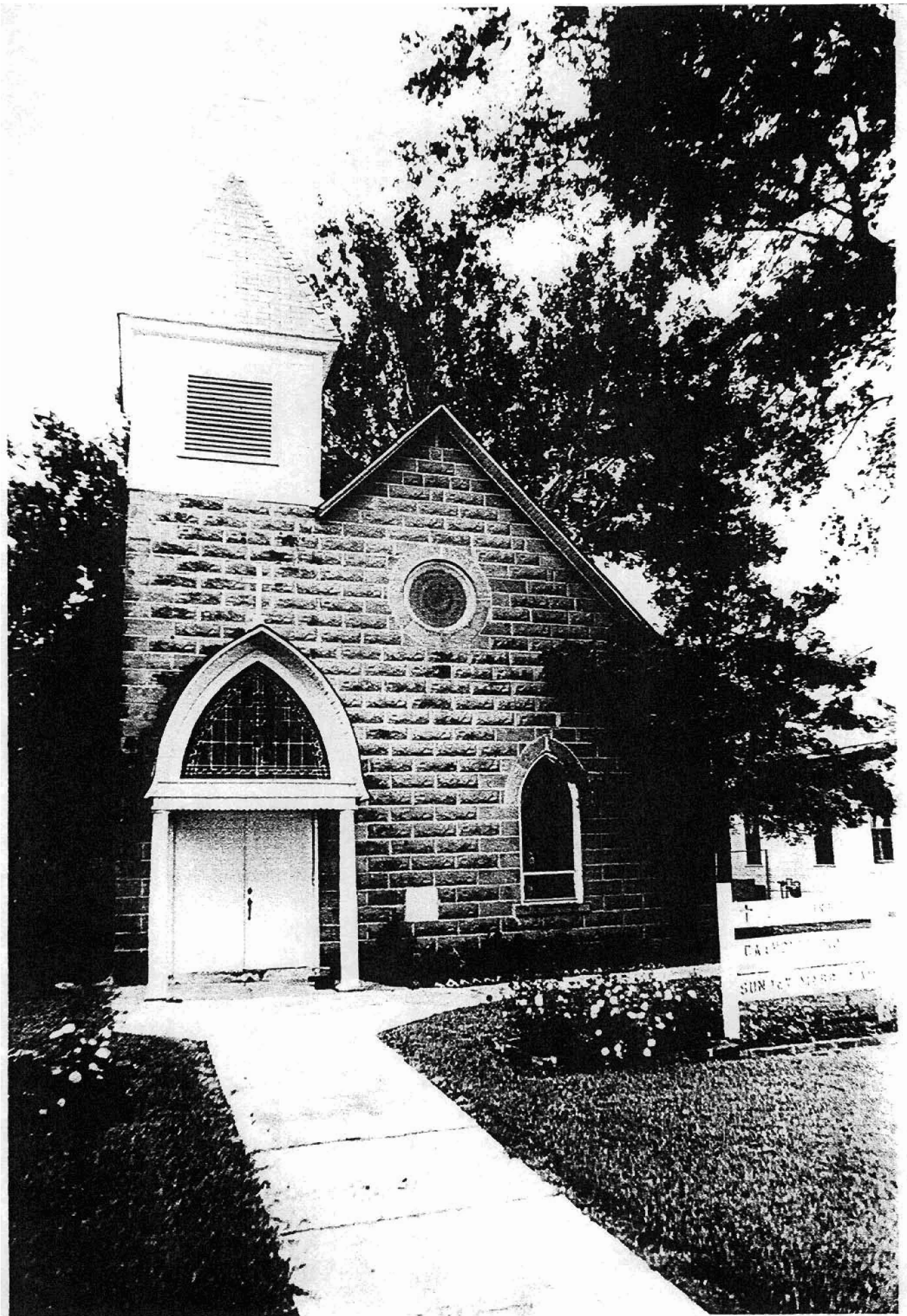
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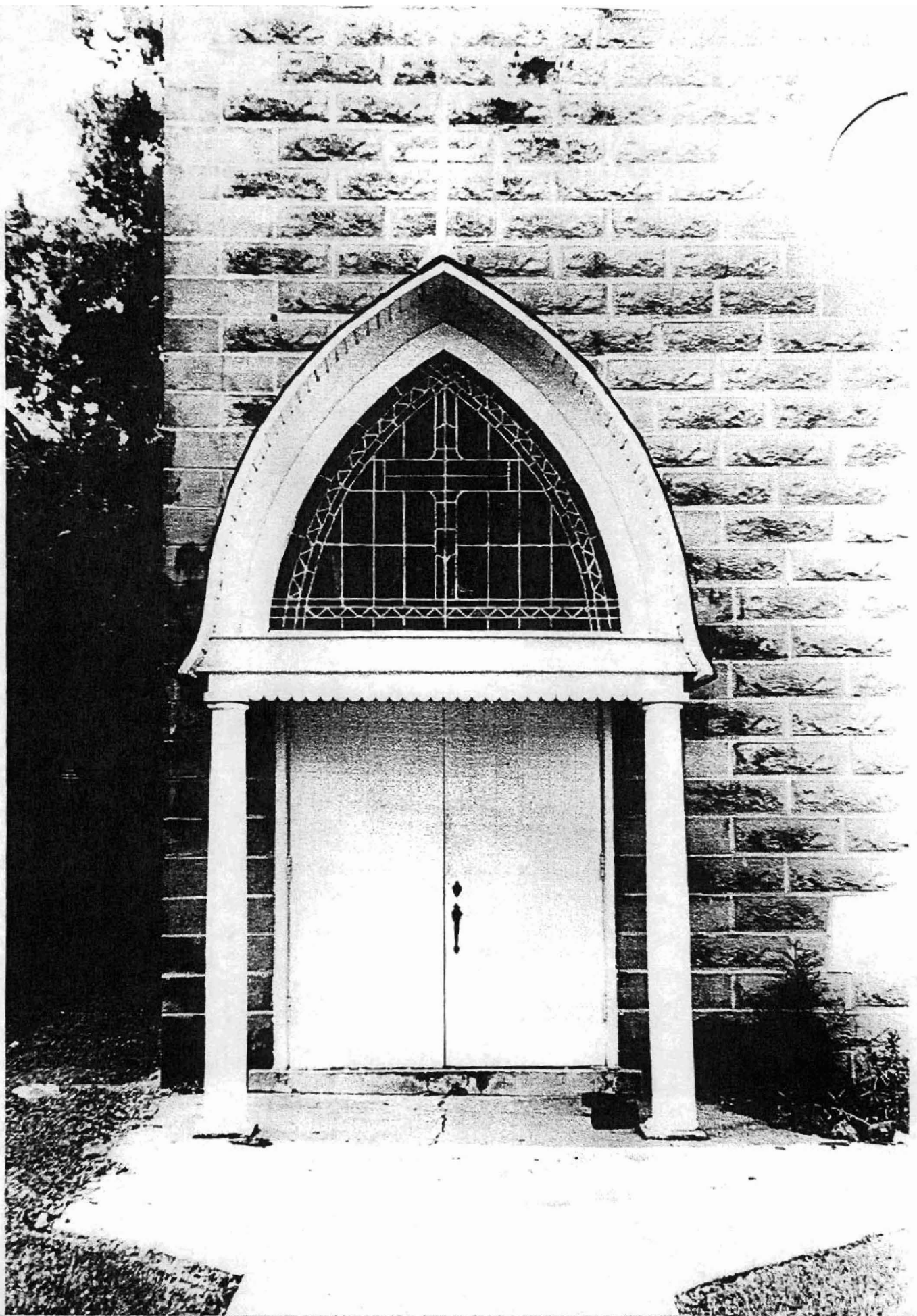
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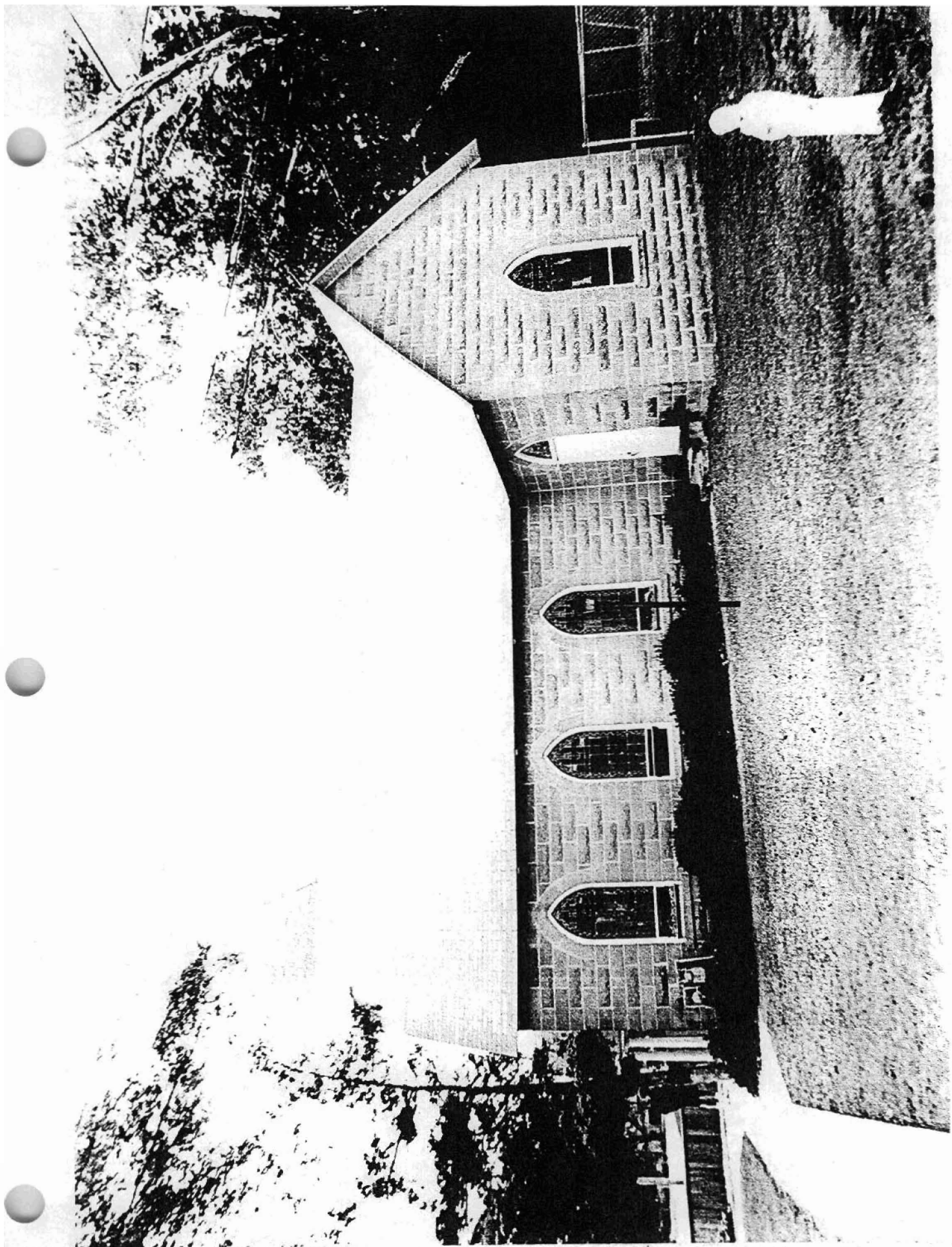
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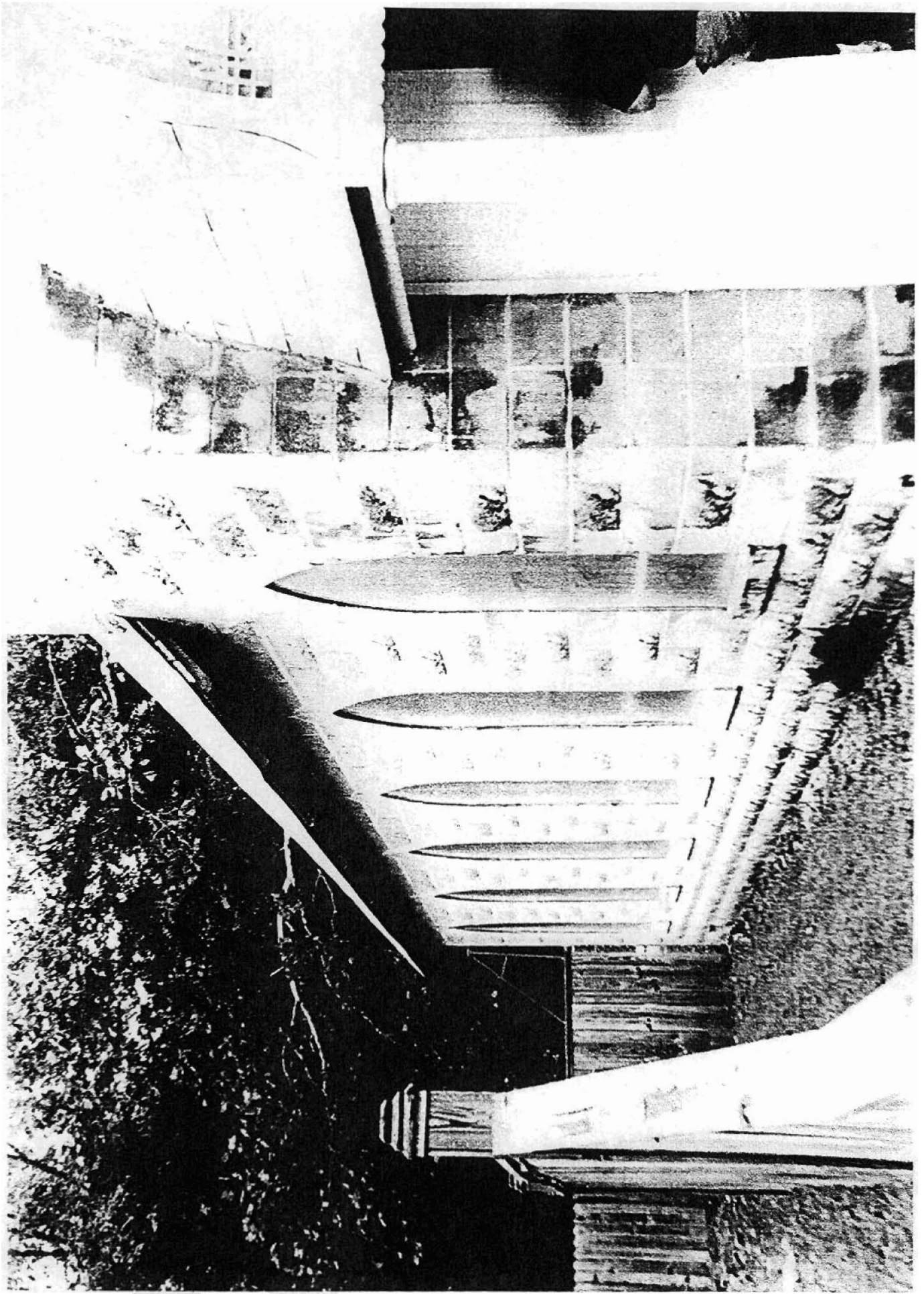


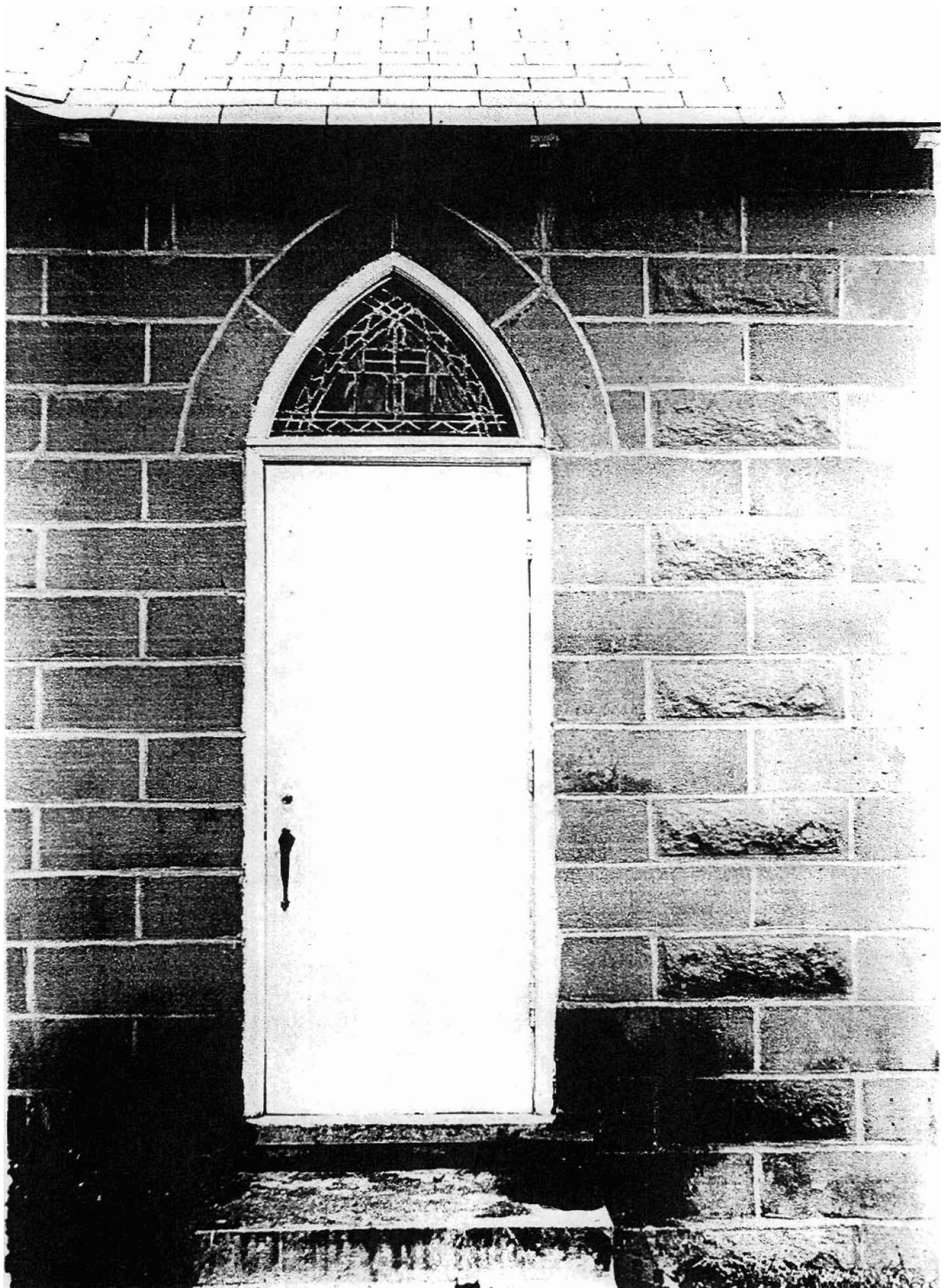


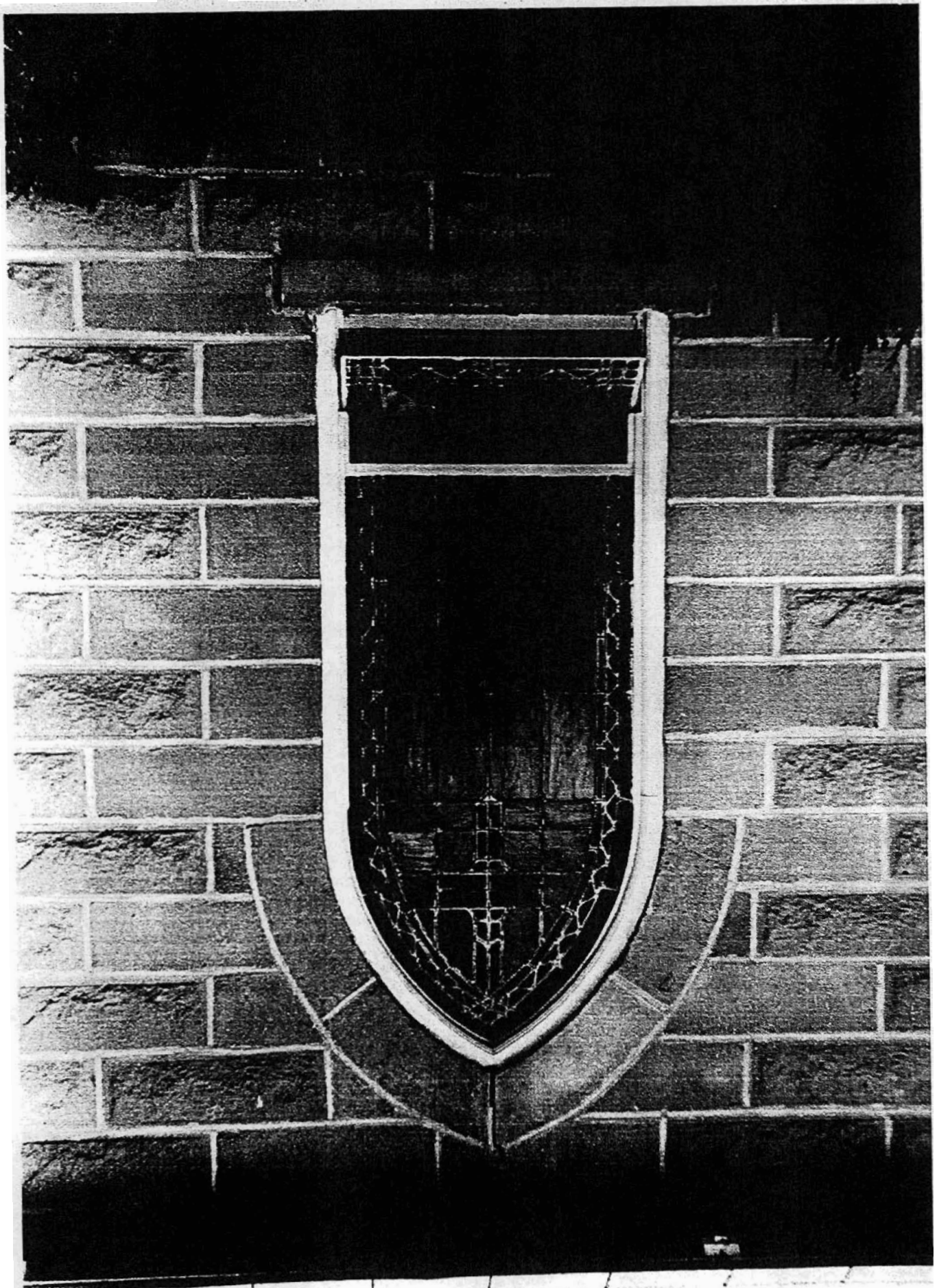


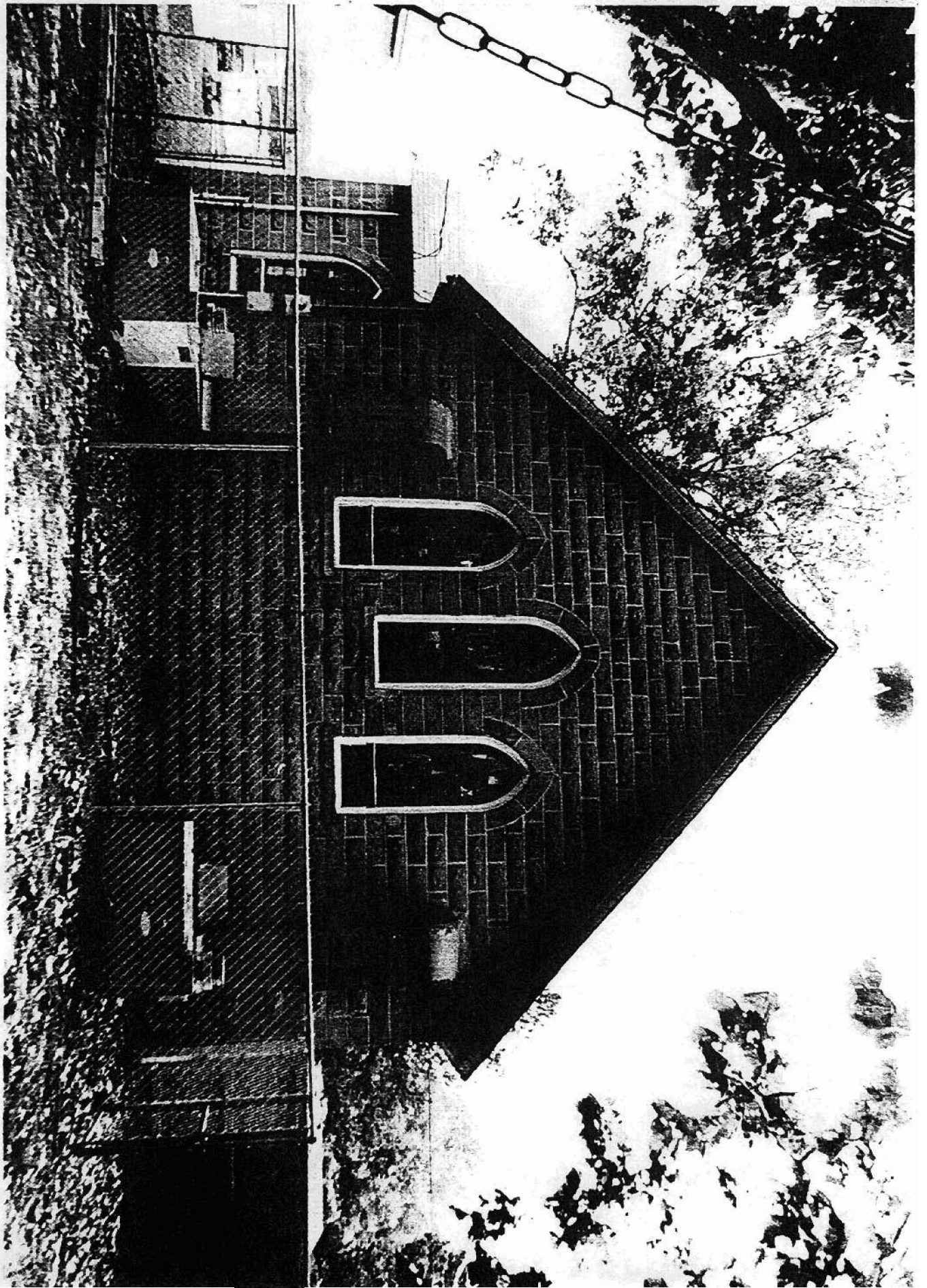




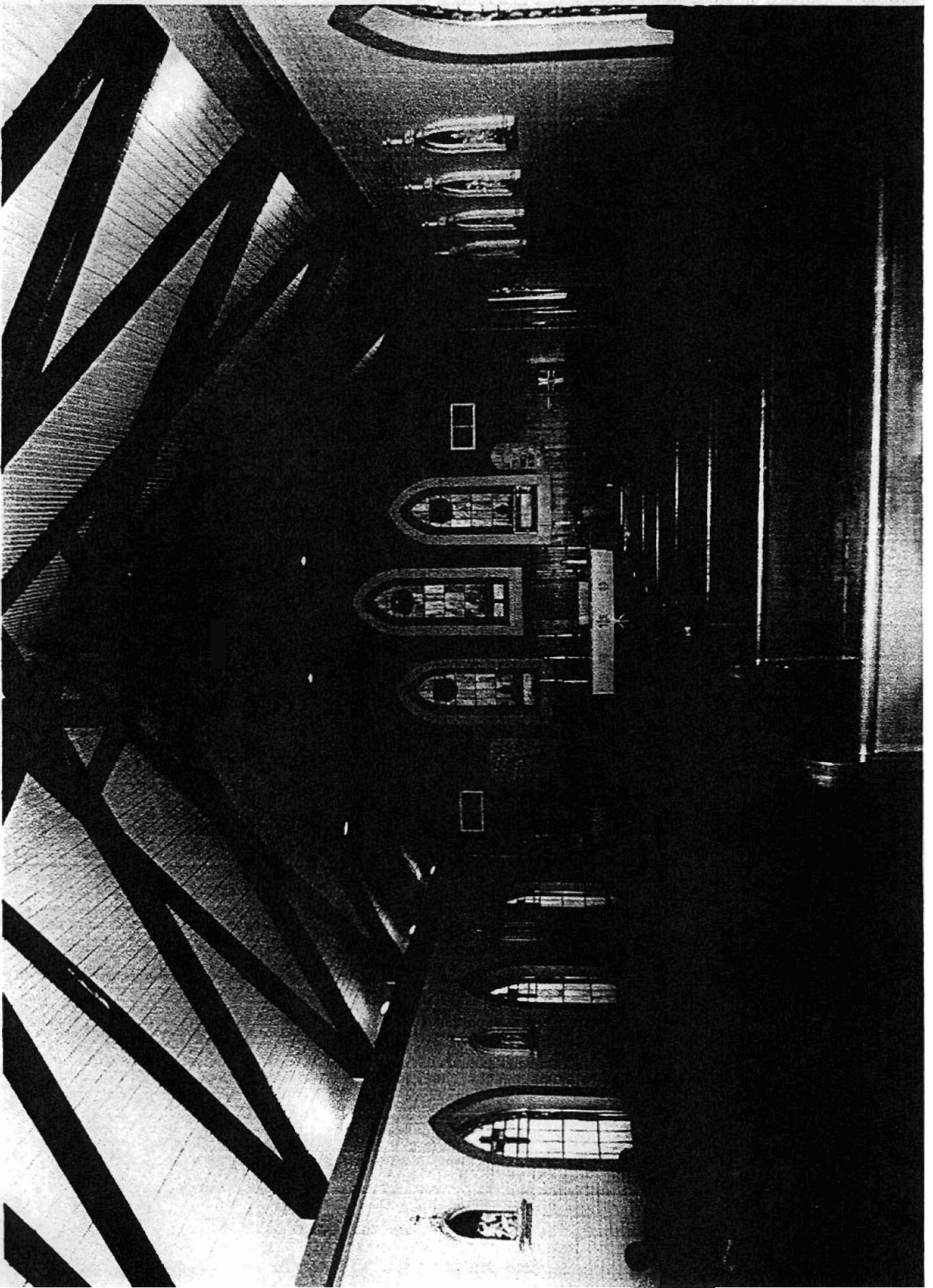












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