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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Arkansas
COUNTY
Ouachita
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Graham-Gaughan-Betts House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Major Joseph M. [Graham House]

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
710 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: AR CODE: 05 COUNTY: Ouachita CODE: 103

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Albert Lea and Lennie Nelson Betts

STREET AND NUMBER:
710 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE: AR CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Ouachita County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
[Blank]

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE: AR CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969-1973 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Arkansas History Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 West Markham Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Little Rock

STATE: AR CODE: 05

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: AR

COUNTY: Ouachita

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Graham-Gaughan-Betts House is a two-story frame building of nearly square floor plan when considered without additions. Two large interior chimneys extend above the truncated hip roof on both sides. The facade gives the appearance of being divided into three bays by the symmetrical placement of three window casements on the upper story and two window casements and entry on the lower story.

A one-story hipped roof porch was added soon after the house was constructed; however, the exact date cannot be determined from available evidence. A bracketed frieze extends across the entire width of the porch entablature. The entrance of the porch is an arcade consisting of four posts with three arches, one large elliptical arch between two smaller round arches. The open spaces between the arches are of a proportion of 1-3-1. This entrance projects slightly from the main porch and has a gable roof with a bracketed frieze slightly more intricate in detail than that on the rest of the porch. There are a total of six sectional posts supporting the extended portion of the porch. The main porch roof is supported by a number of vertical timbers with horizontal members to form decorative horizontal and vertical openings. There are two large inverted, lyre-shaped features, one on either side of the arcade. They extend from the porch floor to architrave, meeting at a pendant. Iron railings span the open spaces between the porch posts.

The entire structure rests on a brick foundation which projects approximately three feet above grade. It is discontinuous under the area immediately below and in line with window casements, and is filled with lattice work or brick venting.

The main entrance has a double door entry with side lights and transom. The doors have one solid vertical panel each and two vertical side panels. **All windows have mullions** and are double-hung with four light sashes, except those fronting the porch which have six lights in each sash. There are no shutters on the windows.

The house, which was constructed in 1858, has been altered twice. The most notable alteration was the rear addition which has changed the basic floor plan to an extended ell shape. Because of extensive fire damage, the entire roof was replaced and completely altered from its original appearance shortly after the turn of the century.

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7. Description (Graham-Gaughan-Betts House - Page 2)

The floor plan of the two-storey house consists of a central hallway with two rooms on either side. The open-well, two-flight stairway rises from the left rear hallway with the landing crossing the width of the hall, and returning to the second floor along the right-hand wall. Each of the eight original rooms open into the central hallway.

The detailed woodwork is original and includes fireplace mantels, four-panel doors, window surrounds, and stair rail. The home has been impressively refurnished by the present owners, and is open on special occasions for public tours.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the Graham-Gaughan-Betts House was built for Major Joseph M. Graham in 1858, it was planned to be one of the best and most handsome of the period. Built on a lot acquired from his brother, Dr. Henry Graham, Major Graham planned this large two story frame structure as a residence for his large family.

Both Major Graham and his wife Mary were natives of North Carolina, and the house they built in Camden was modeled after a North Carolina home that Mrs. Graham had admired as a girl. Camden's best craftsman was hired to make the interior of the house as handsome as possible. Mr. Emmanuel Sifford handcrafted the doors, blinds, windows, transoms, mantels, cupboards and stairway.

Mrs. Graham was intensely Southern in her sympathies and did much to alleviate the discomfort and suffering of Confederate soldiers as they retreated from Camden before the Federal troops under General Frederick Steele in April of 1864. Mrs. Graham could also adjust to strained situations. When General Steele made his headquarters at her home during the brief Federal occupation of Camden, she managed to discover that they had mutual friends in New York.

After the war the Grahams were faced with financial difficulties; and were forced to take in boarders. Though Major Graham died in 1871, his wife managed to retain the family home until her death in 1888. In 1899 the house was purchased by Thomas Joseph Gaughan, and remained in the Gaughan family until well into the 20th century. This historic Camden residence is now being restored by its present owners.

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8. Significance (Graham-Gaughan-Betts House - Page 2)

Without its one-storey front porch the old Graham home would be quite simple; however the ornate and interesting woodwork of the veranda-style porch make the house unique in south Arkansas. The lyre-shaped openings on either side of the arcade-style entry are the most dominate features. Of special note are the entry way column capitals, the pendants centered in each lyre-shaped opening, and the brackets along the porch roof. The detailed craftsmanship of the Graham-Gaughan-Betts House makes it one of the most architecturally interesting houses in the State.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arkansas History Commission. Archives, Arkansas Landmark Society Records.
 Elliot, Mrs. M. A. The Garden of Memory: Stories of the Civil War as Told by Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy. Camden, Arkansas: Brown Printing Company, 1916.
 Federal Writers Project. "Ouachita County," Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock.
 Gaughan, Mrs. Thomas Joseph. Unpublished Memoirs, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 1954.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33 ° 35 ' 05.1"	92 ° 50 ' 24.7"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ed Baxter, Staff

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Program DATE: July 17, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Suite 1030, Plaza West

CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock STATE: AR CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

William E. Henderson

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date March 8, 1974

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-18-74

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Robert Dunn	DATE February, 1974	NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

South facade elevation viewed from the south.

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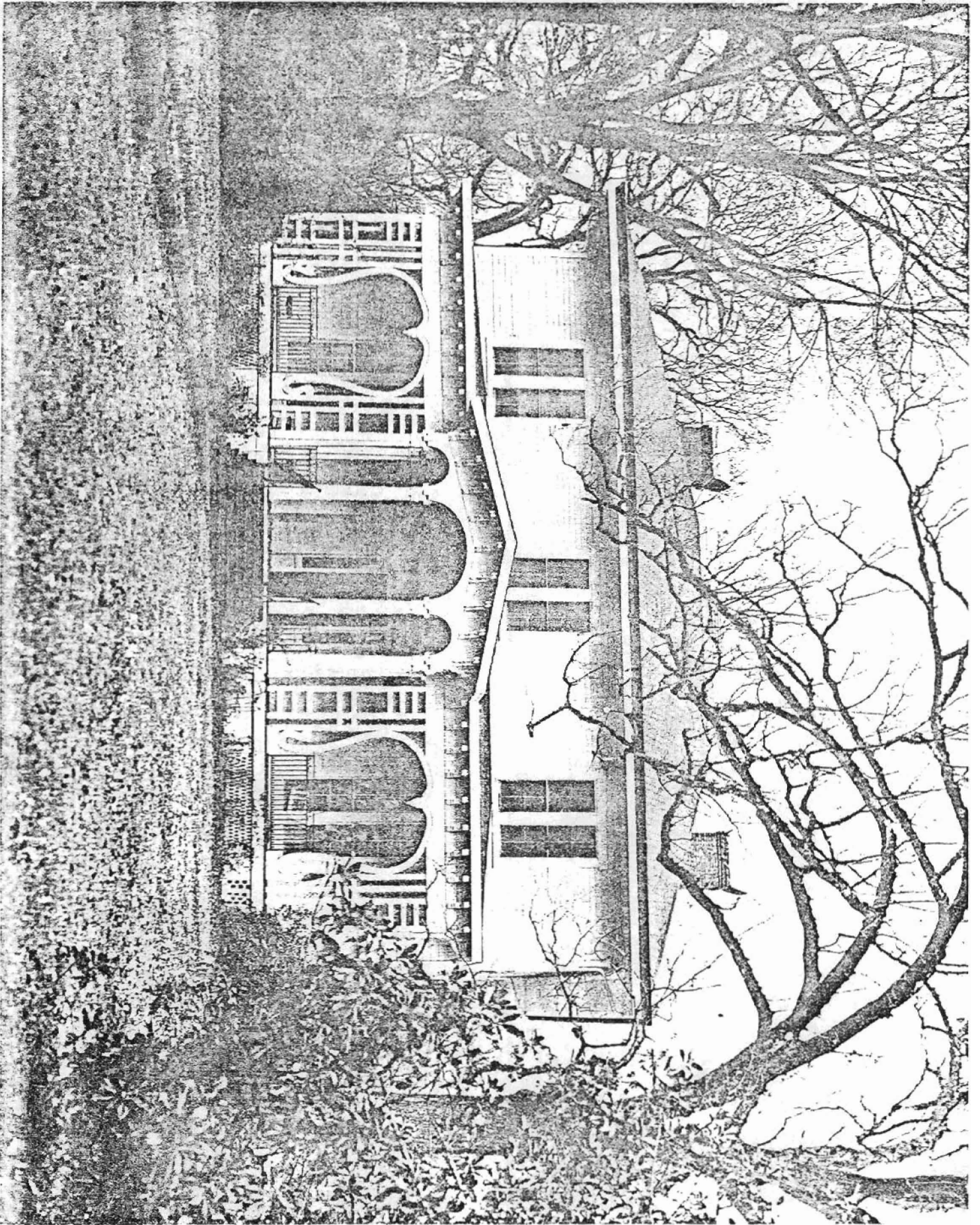
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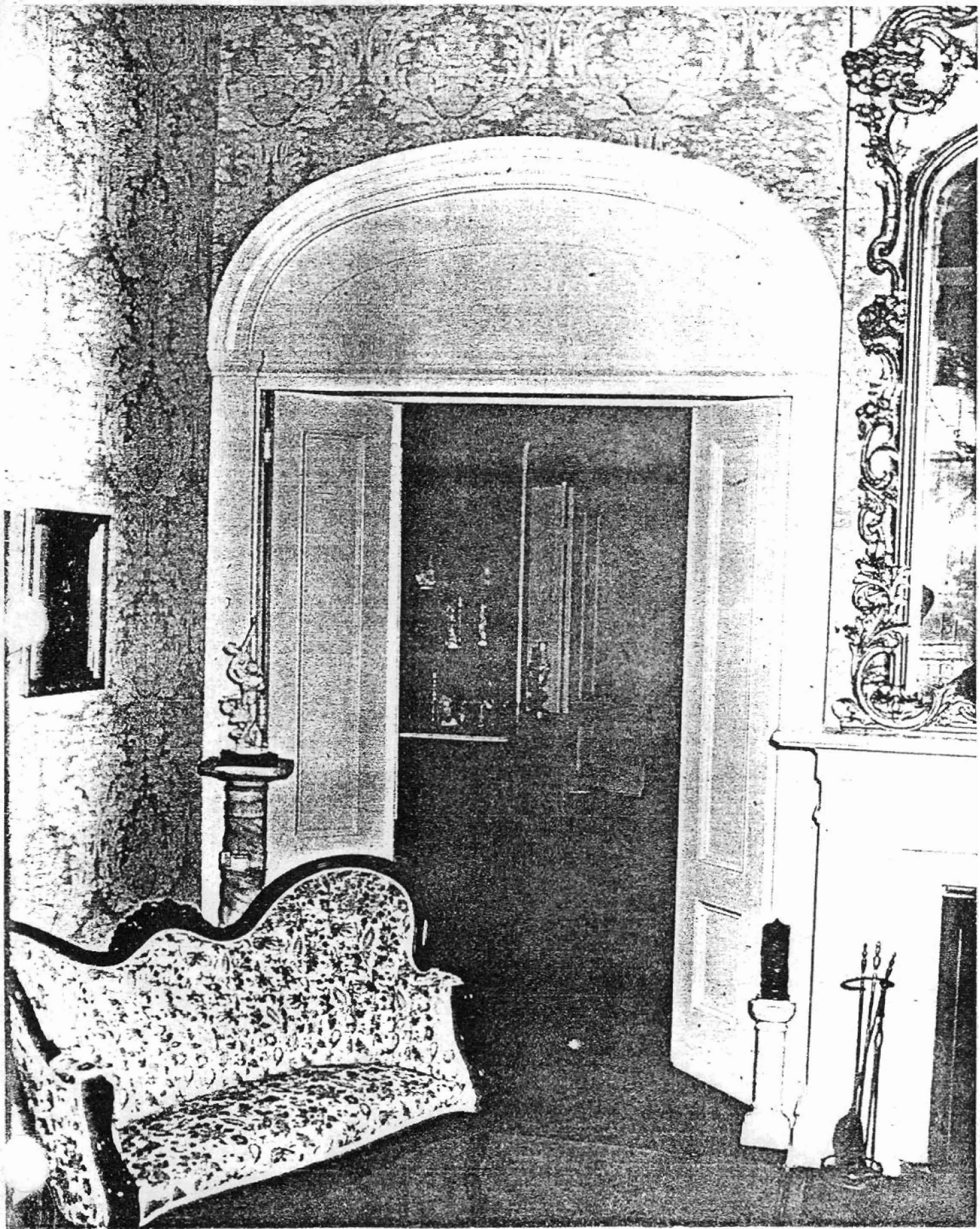
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series, Camden Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24000			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

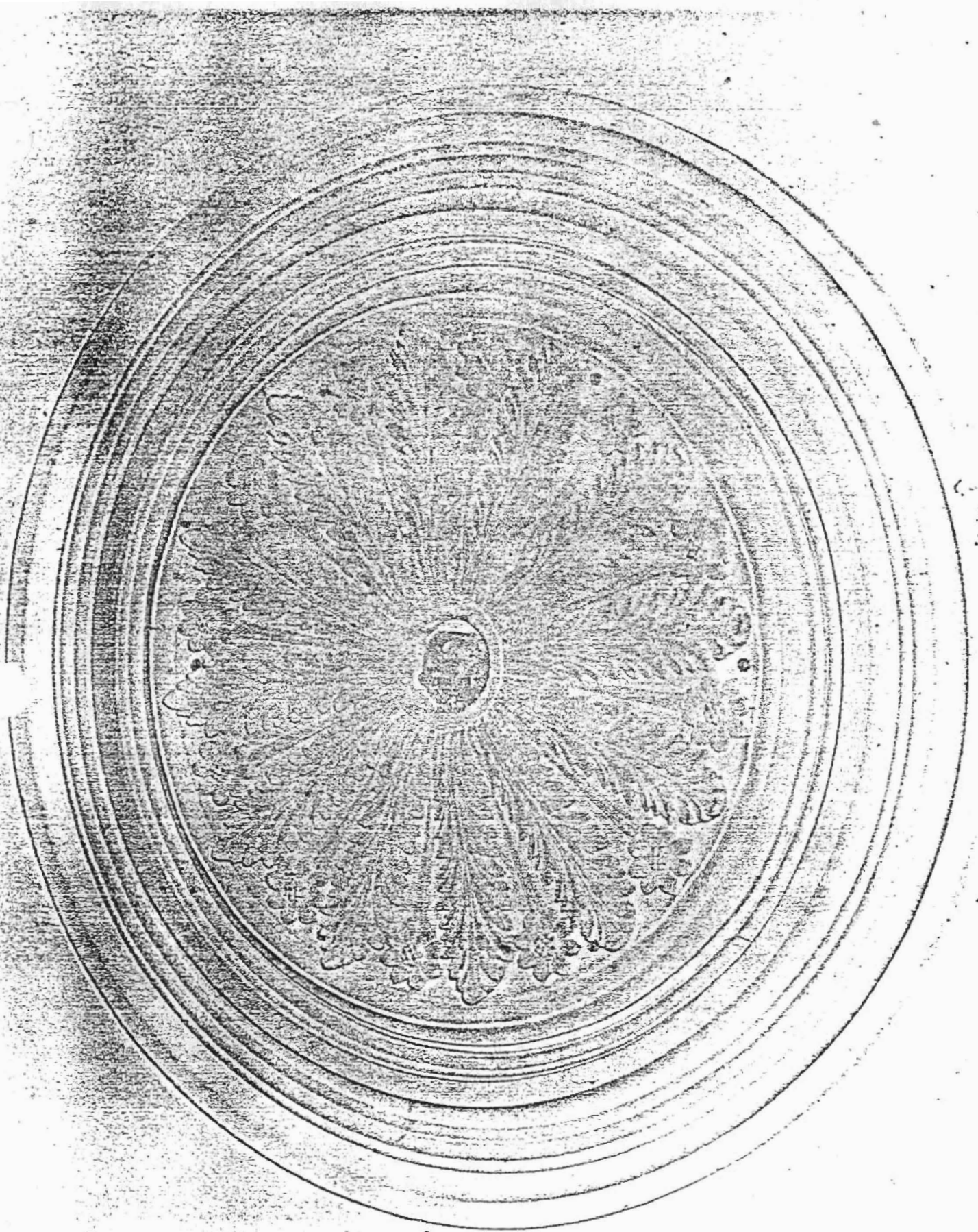




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Parlor doorway and mantel detail



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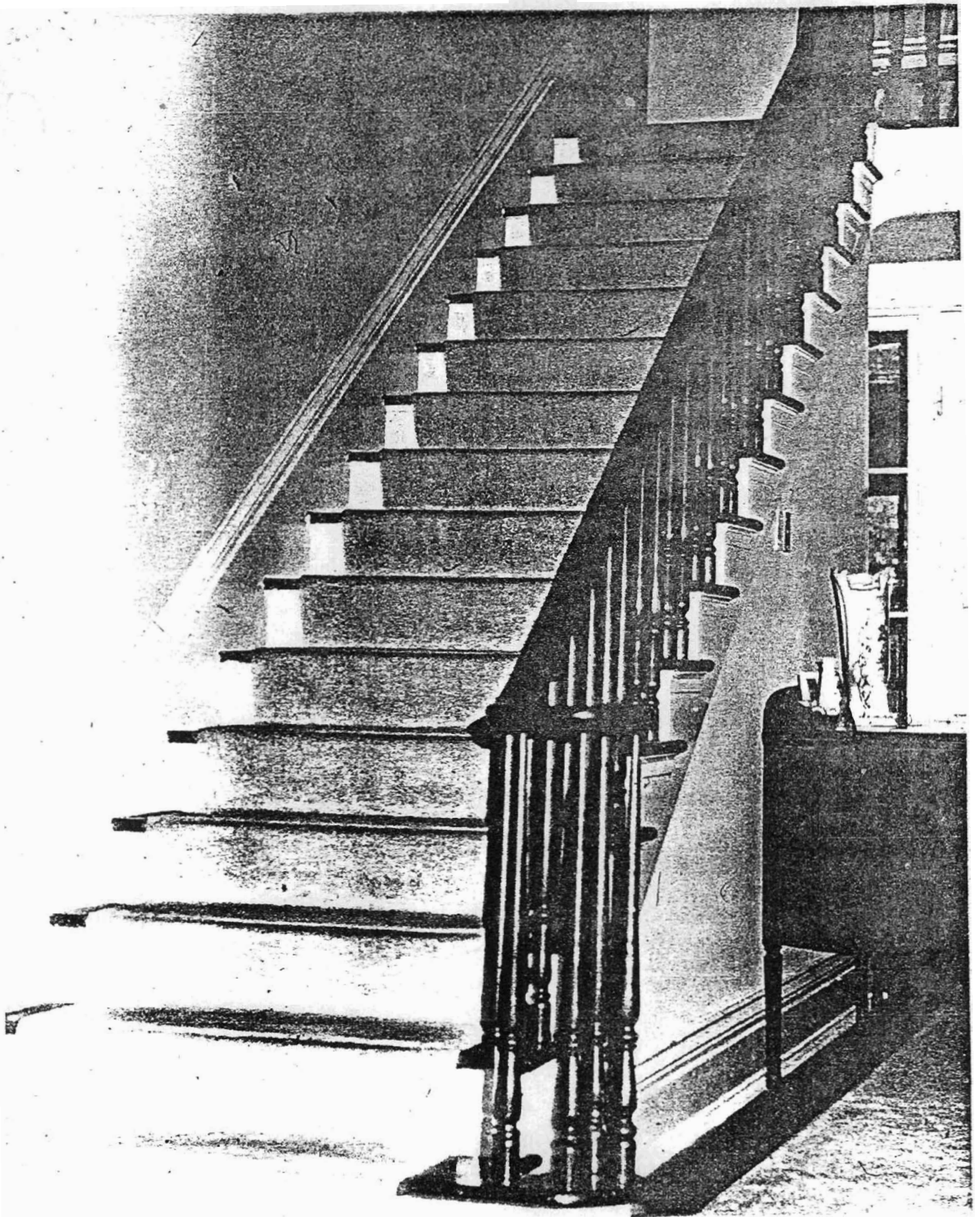
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Ceiling medallion.



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Stairway, central hall



92° 50' 24.7"

33° 35' 05.1"