

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Joseph E. England, Jr. House

other name/site number: PU\_0082

2. Location

street & number: 313 Skyline Drive

not for publication: N/A

city/town: North Little Rock

vicinity: N/A

state: AR

county: Pulaski

code: AR 119

zip code: 72116

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Pre-Depression Houses and Outbuildings of "Edgemont in Park Hill"

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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

Cathryn A. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

4-2-92  
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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**6. Function or Use**  
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Historic: Domestic  
Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling  
Secondary Structure

Current : Domestic  
Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling  
Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and 20 Century Revivals/English Revival

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Brick roof Other/Composition Shingles  
walls Brick other \_\_\_\_\_  
Stone/Fieldstone

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture  
Community Planning and Development

Period(s) of Significance: 1928-1942

Significant Dates: 1928-1942

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Designed by Frank Carmean/  
Built by the Justin Matthews Company

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X See continuation sheet.

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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Acreege of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

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C	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	D	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

   See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:    See continuation sheet.  
Lots 4, 5, and 6 of block 106, Park Hill Addition to the City of North Little Rock

Boundary Justification:    See continuation sheet.  
This boundary includes all three original lots historically associated with this resource.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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### Summary

Occupying an elevated site, the Joseph E. England, Jr. House is a one-and-one half story, brick and stone-veneered residence. Characteristics such as steeply-pitched cross gables, prominent chimney stacks, and diamond-shaped window panes make it one of Edgemont's best examples of the English Revival style.

### Elaboration

The wedge-shaped site on which the Joseph E. England, Jr. House stands takes advantage of Skyline Drive's view to the south across the Arkansas River. With its main facade oriented to the southwest, the house offers a particularly dramatic view of the Little Rock skyline from an enclosed porch at the south end of the main facade.

Other than the enclosure of the porch (which originally was open and later was screened) the house has undergone little exterior alteration since its construction in 1928. Typical of the English Revival style, the main roofline is side-gabled, but the south gable is capped by a hip. Prominent cross gables, which anchor each end of the main facade, also are hipped. Contrasting with the dark reddish-brown brick used elsewhere on the house, the gabled bay containing the enclosed porch at the south end of the main facade is fieldstone-veneered. Fieldstone veneer also distinguishes the main entrance to the house, which is topped by a very steeply-pitched gable that overlaps the cross gable at the north end of the main facade. A broad brick chimney, now partially obscured by landscaping, is situated near the middle of this facade. Just above the eave line, the chimney divides into two tall stacks.

Although most of the windows in the house, including two sets of triple windows that flank the chimney, have six-over-six, double-hung sashes, second-story windows in each of the front-facing gables contain sashes with picturesque diamond-shaped panes.

The rear face of the main roofline is broken by two cross hips which are echoed by the hipped roof of what originally was a garage with maid's quarters. Located just a few feet from the rear facade of the main house, this outbuilding is veneered with the same dark reddish-brown brick as the house. Although it has been converted to use as a workshop, the outbuilding has not been too extensively altered on the outside. The original garage door has been replaced by a window and a smaller door, and a flat-roofed carport has been added to the south end of the building. A small lean-to storage room also has been added to the east side of the outbuilding.

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As is common among the Edgemont houses, the style of decorative details found inside the England House does not necessarily "match" the house's exterior architectural style. In particular, the living room of this English Revival-style house has a fireplace with a mantle in the Colonial Revival style. Several arched openings, the hallmark of the interiors of the Edgemont houses, are found throughout the first floor of the England House.

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### Summary

Criteria A and C, local significance

One of sixteen residences representing the "Edgemont" phase of Park Hill's development, the Joseph E. England, Jr. House also is one of only three Edgemont houses that appears to have attracted the sort of upper-middle-class to upper-income residents that developer Justin Matthews hoped would populate "Edgemont in Park Hill." Probably because it was built for one of Edgemont's most affluent residents, the Joseph E. England, Jr. House is among the largest and most stylish of the area's houses.

### Elaboration

The England House was built by the Justin Matthews Company in 1928 for Joseph E. England, Jr. and his wife, Keo, whose daughter was Mrs. Justin Matthews, Jr. Their relationship to the developer of Park Hill no doubt helps to explain why the Englands were willing to move to the north side of the Arkansas River at a time when most of their social peers were building new homes in Pulaski Heights, a suburban development west of Little Rock.

Joseph E. England, Jr. was the elder son of a prominent Little Rock banker. After attending Exeter Academy and Yale University, he worked for many years at his father's bank, the England National Bank, where he eventually became president. The bank closed in the mid-1920's, however, and Joseph E. England, Jr. went into the insurance business. He also was a business associate of Justin Matthews, apparently co-owning some of the property that was developed as Park Hill. (One of the streets in Edgemont, Dooley Road, seems to have been named for England's wife, whose maiden name was Dooley.)

Despite their prominence, the Englands were not immune to the effects of the Depression. They lost their Edgemont home about 1935; Joseph E. England, Jr. died in April 1937.

After the Englands' departure, the house was rented to tenants until about 1950. The present owners, who bought the England House in 1980, are only the third owner-occupants the house has had.

One of Edgemont's most imposing houses, the Joseph E. England, Jr. House represents the scale and quality of development that Justin Matthews aspired to--but generally did not attain--for "Edgemont in Park Hill." The house is significant both as a distinguished example of the English Revival style and as a reminder of Justin Matthews' unfulfilled plans for Edgemont.

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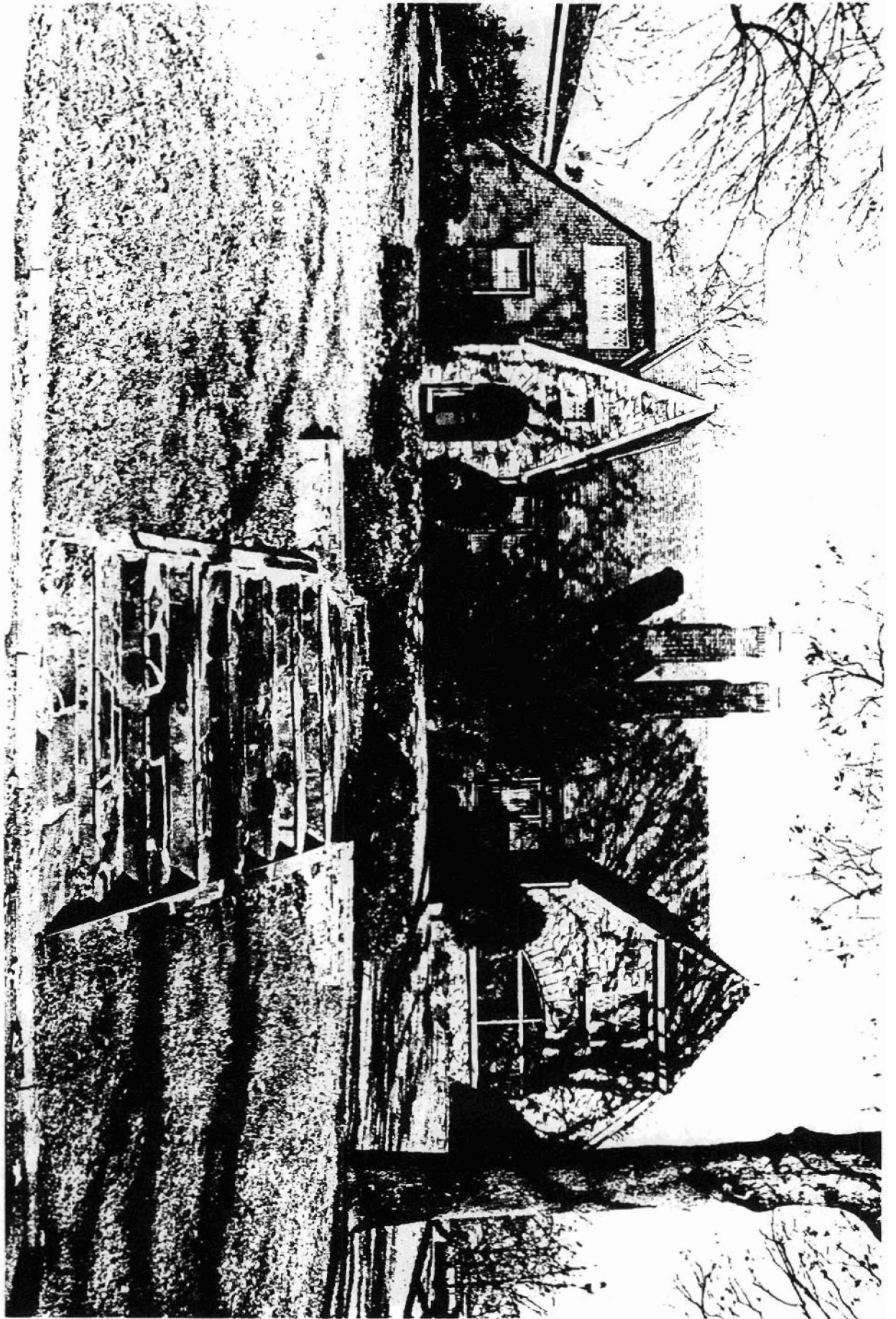
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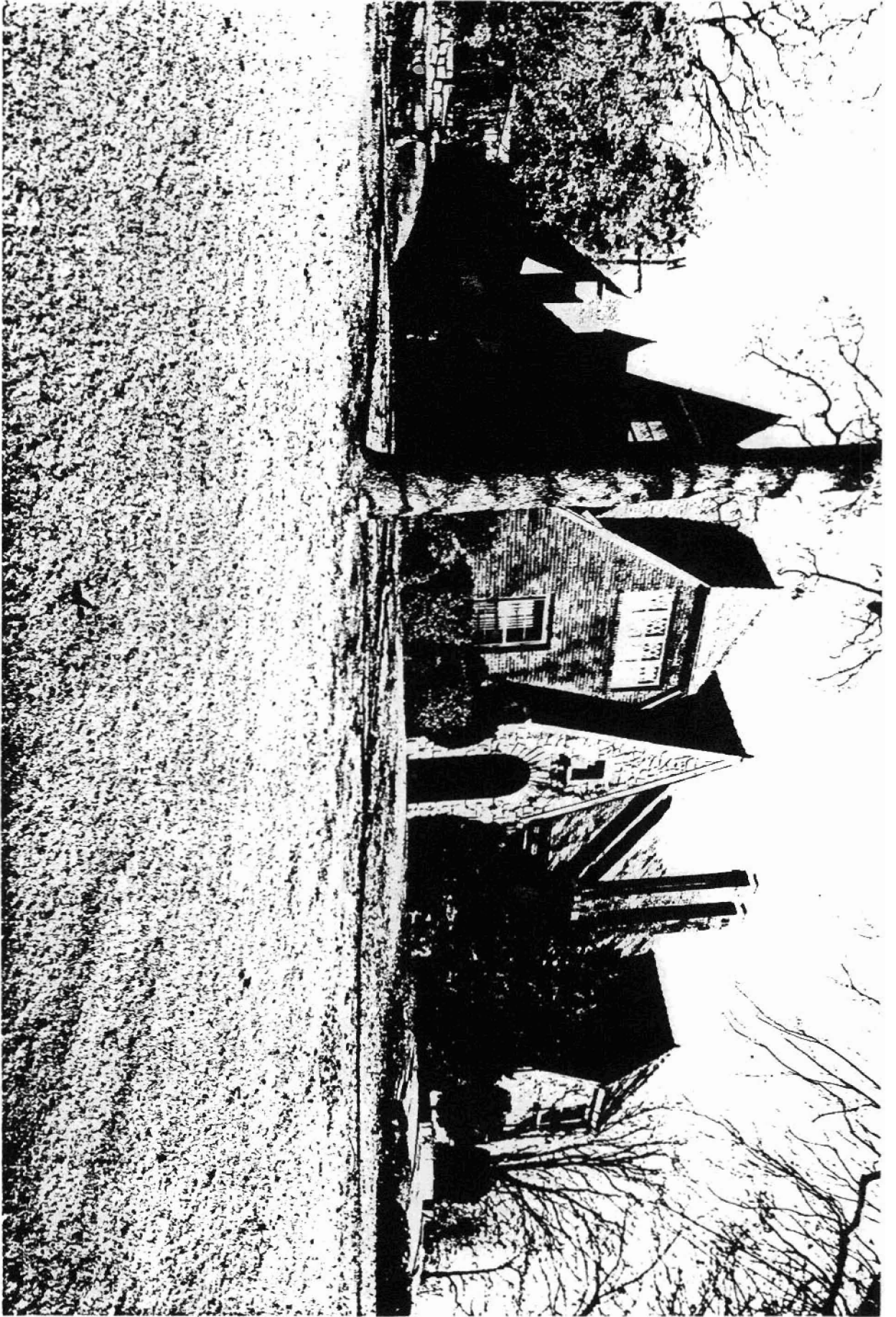


England House, 313 Skyline Dr. (PU 0082)  
North Little Rock, AR  
Cheryl Nichols

December 4, 1990

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View looking northeast at main facade

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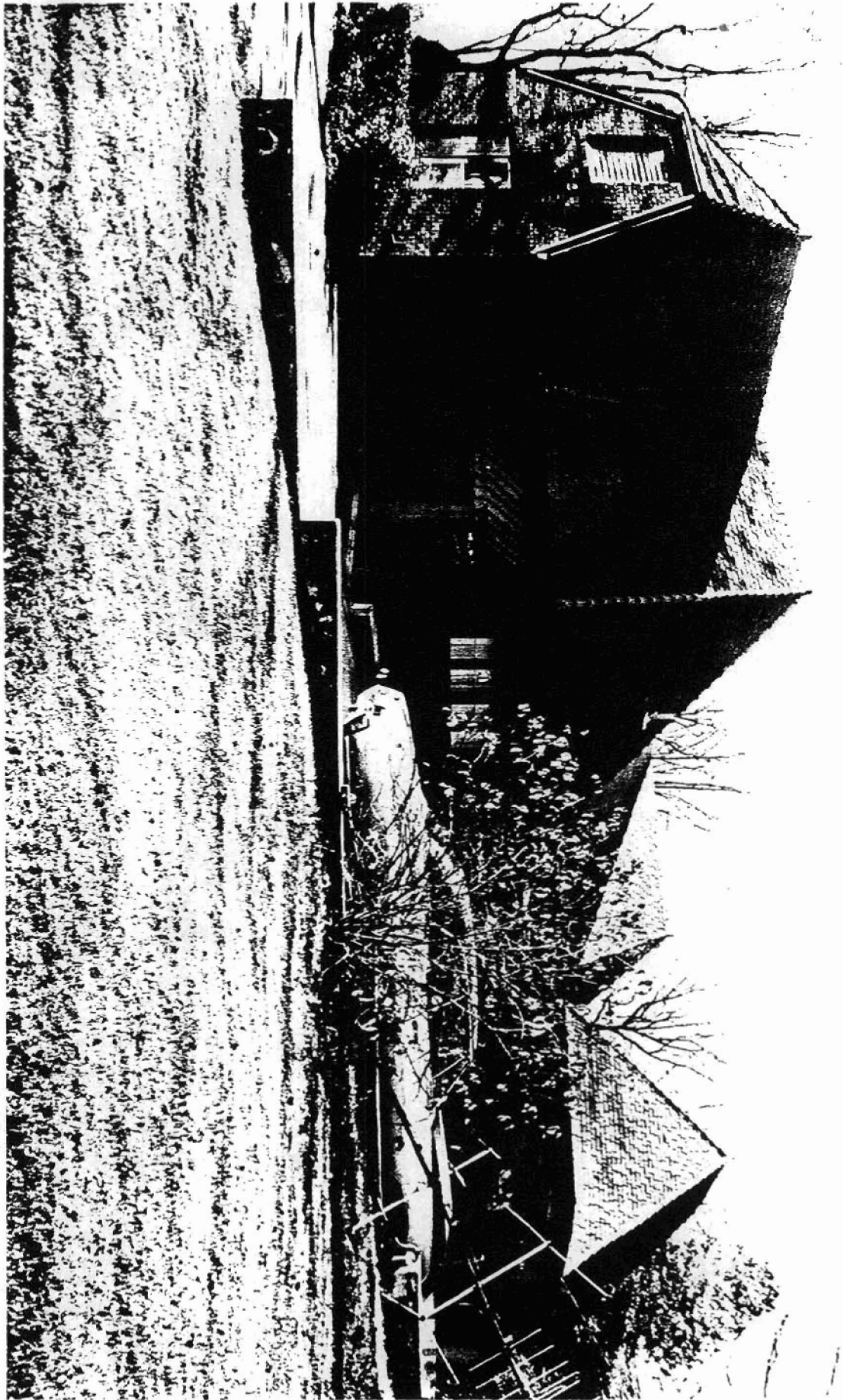
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View looking east

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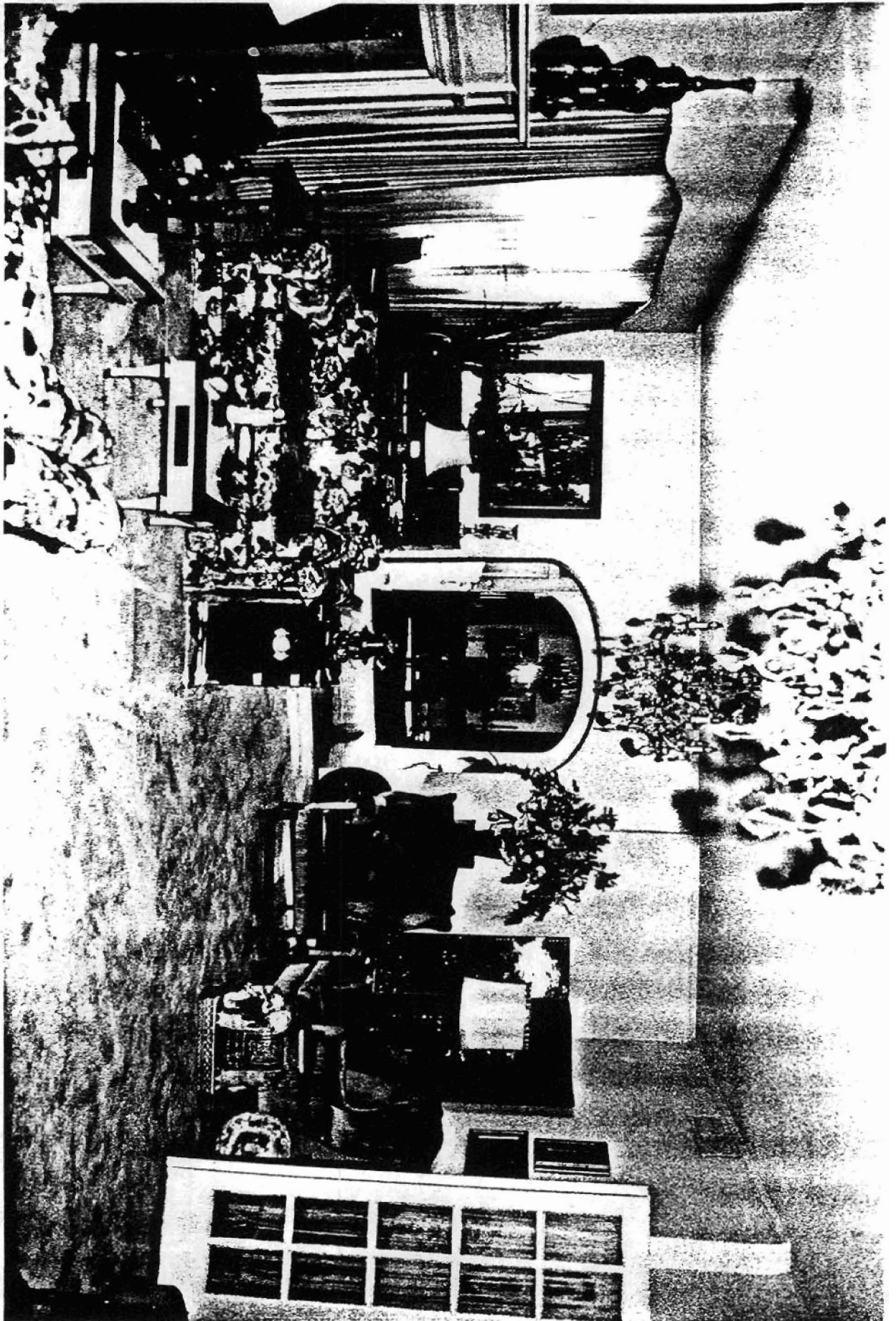
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View looking west

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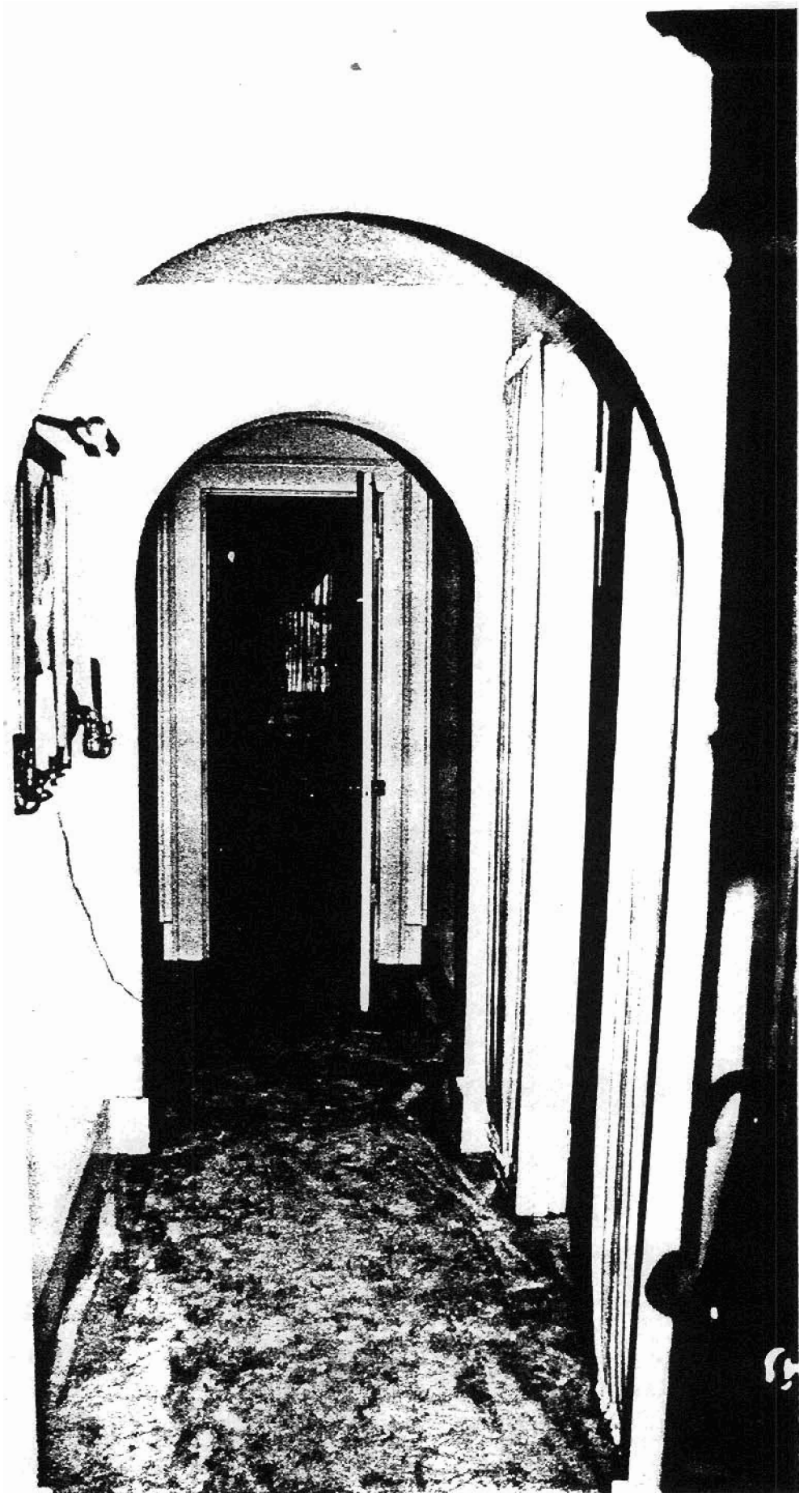
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Living room, looking northwest

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Bedroom hall, looking southeast  
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