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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bechle Apartment Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1000 East Ninth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Arkansas

VICINITY OF

CODE
05

COUNTY

Pulaski

CODE

119

3 CLASSIFICATION

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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- OTHER: Apt.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Hampton Roy and Nancy H. Roy

STREET & NUMBER

2021 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pulaski County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Second & Markham

CITY, TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bechles Duplex is a two story Colonial Revival structure designed by Charles Thompson. The 1909 brick structure faces south. The plan is rectangular with a hipped roof. A single dormer is centered on the front. The dormer has Palladian proportioned windows with stick work radiating from the centers. The pedimented gable is deeply inset and supported by brackets. A two-story portico runs the length of the south side. The portico has a wide frieze board with dentiled cornice, which is supported by four Tuscan columns mounted by short, brick piers.

The first on the front (south) has two single doors on the east end and on the west, a twelve over one central window flanked by six over one sidelights. Above, on the second story, the window repeats but there is only a single door.

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
99	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
699	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bechle duplex is significant in its associations with the commercial prosperity of a German immigrant to the United States. Little Rock, in the latter 19th century had a large population of German immigrants. The brick building was designed by Charles Thompson, the most prominent architect in Arkansas at the time. The brick apartment house is historically significant in its association with Thompson.

On September 12, 1896, Mr. G. Bechle and his wife, Elizabeth, bought the property. Mr. Johann Christian Bechle was born in 1852 in Stuttgart, Germany. In 1882, he came to Little Rock with Mr. and Mrs. Stegmar. He stayed with the Stegmar's sister Elizabeth in 1883. Mr. G. Bechle started to work in 1882 for the C. J. Penzel Company, wholesale grocers at Seventh and Sherman Streets. By the time he retired, he had become president of the company. His wife, Lizzie, worked as a homemaker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bechle died in July, 1915. Mr. Bechle asked his nephew, Mr. Otto Stegmar, and his wife, Tillie, to come live with him soon after. Upon his death in 1936, the Bechle's apartment building became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Stegmar. Mr. Bechle is buried in Oaklawn Cemetary. Mr. Otto Stegmar worked at the Houck Piano Company.

Renovation of the structure was begun in 1976 by the present owners for apartments. Located in an area of Little Rock separated from the downtown by an Interstate Highway, renovation of the Bechle Apartment Building is a first step in recognition of this isolated section of the city's historic resources.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Otto Stegmar, 1975

Abstract of the property.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Little Rock

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 5,6,7,7,8,0 3,8,4,4,2,2,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 7 and 8 and the south fifty feet of lots 5 and 6, block 10, Woodruff's addition to the city of Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

6-20-78

STREET & NUMBER

2021 Main Street

TELEPHONE

(501) 371-2763

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Ann B. Carter*

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Bechel Apartments
Little Rock, Arkansas

UTM Reference:
15 / 567 780 / 3844 220

AREA PLANNING
DASKI COUNTY

553 114
EXAN

LITTLE ROCK QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1.7 MI TO NORTH TERMINAL INTERCHANGE
92°15' 34"45'

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HILL
Mile 118
ARKANSAS RIVER

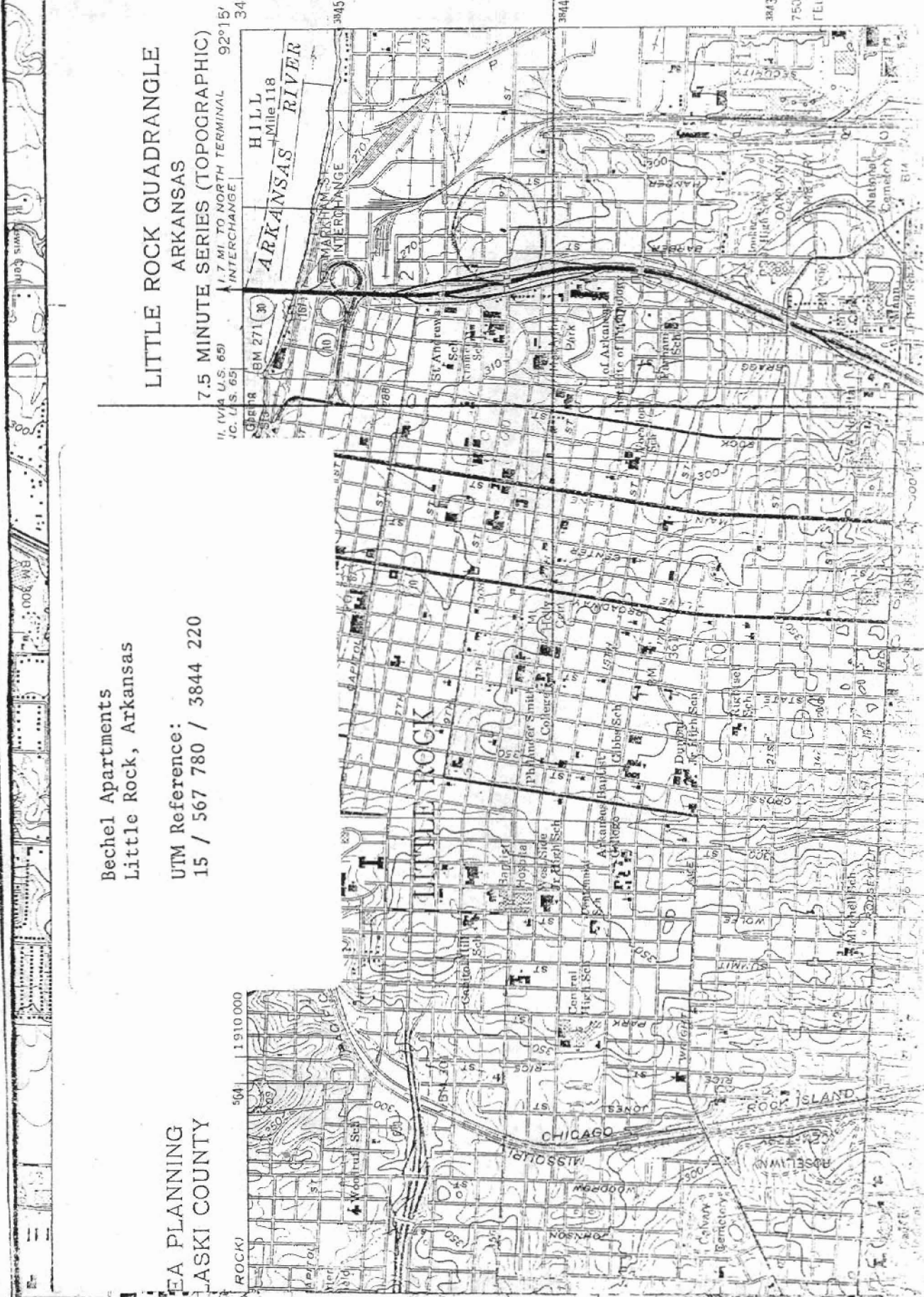
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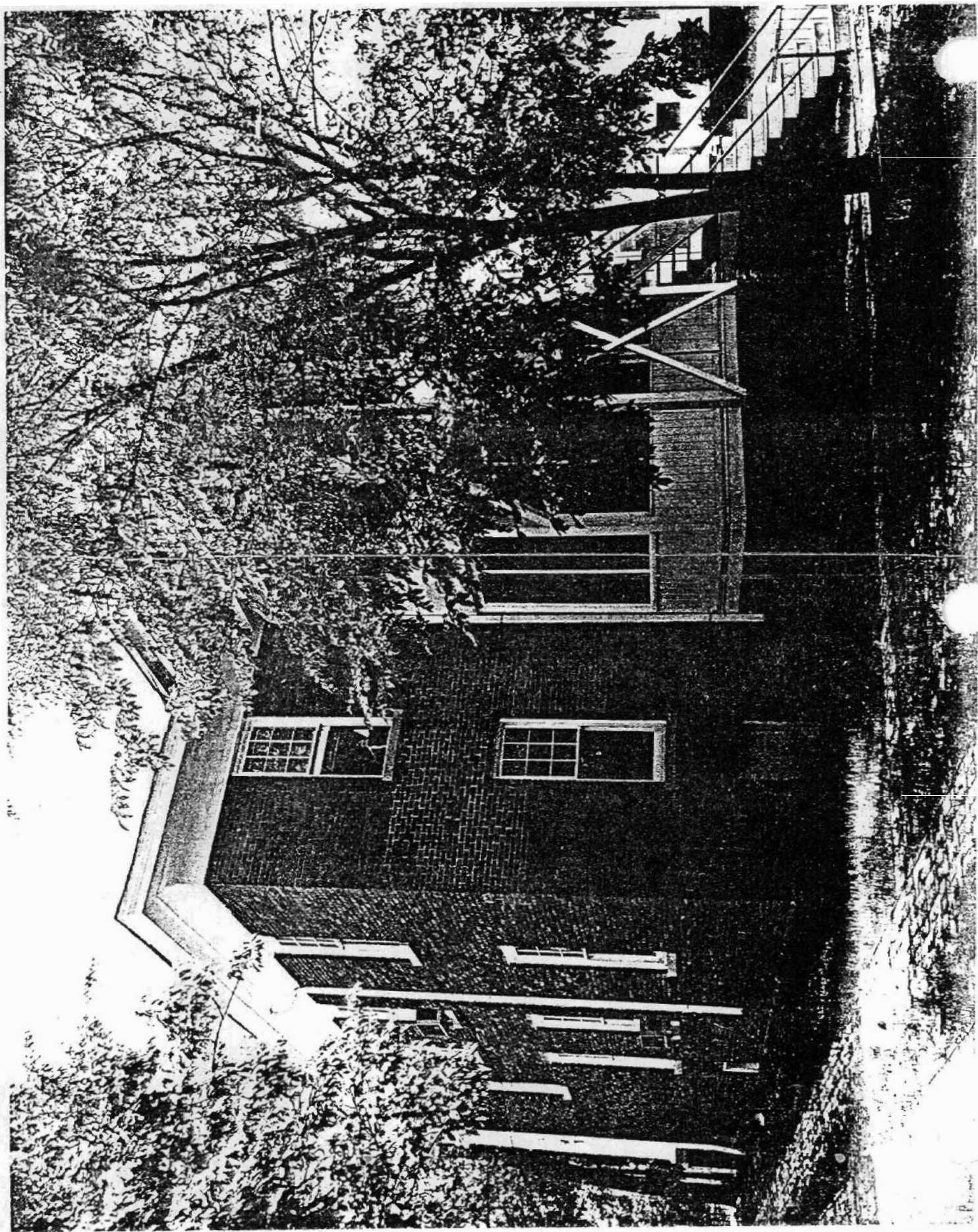
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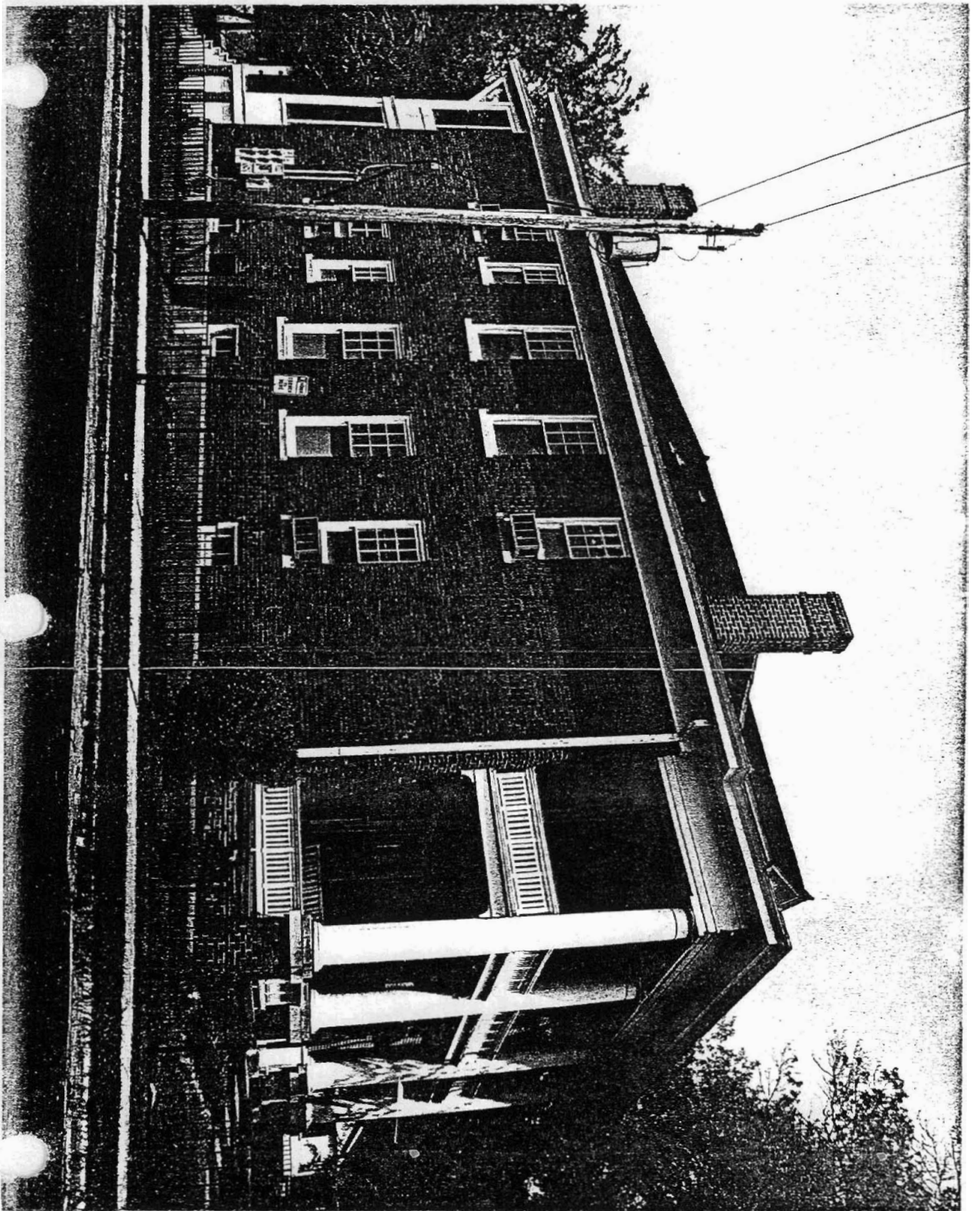
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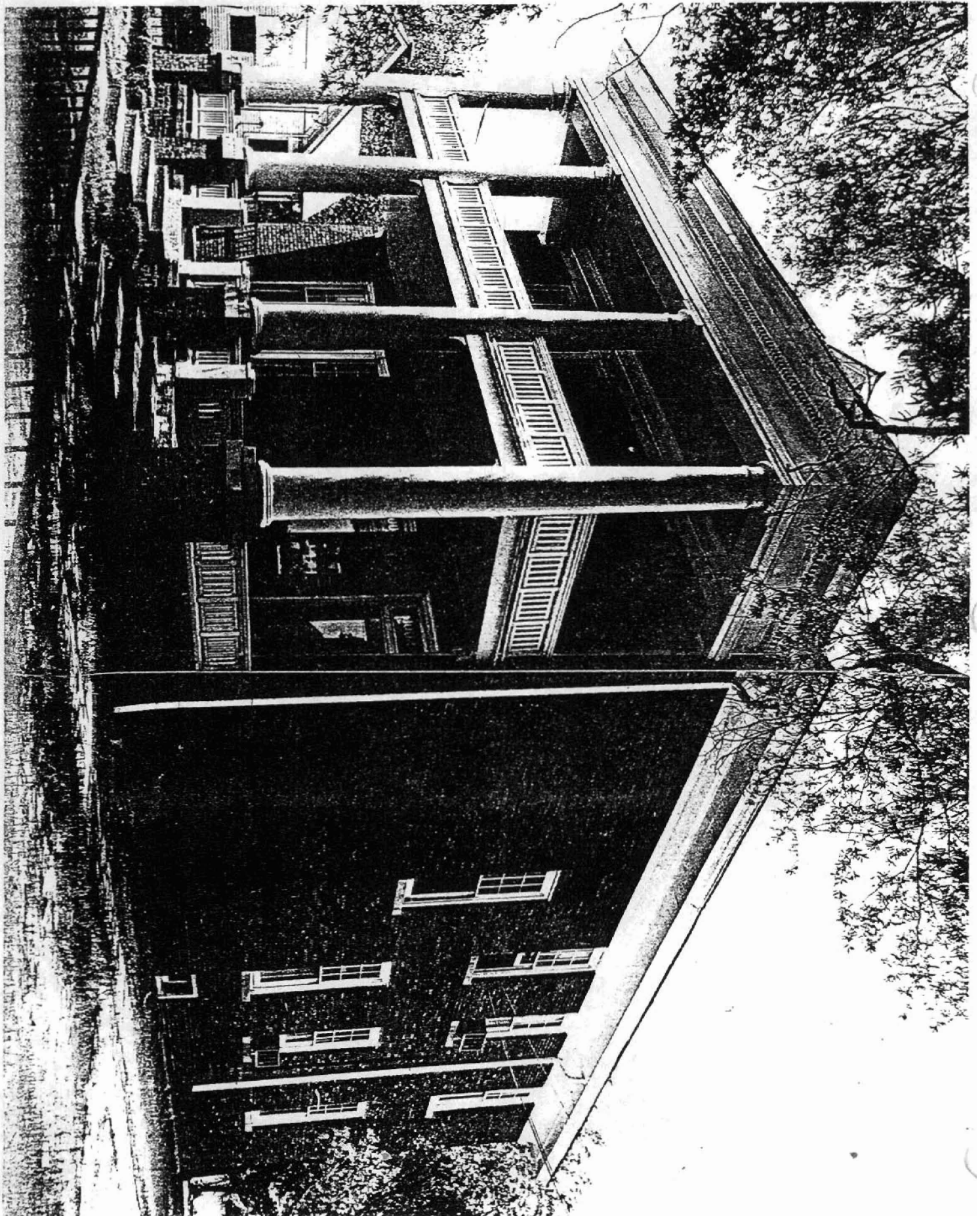
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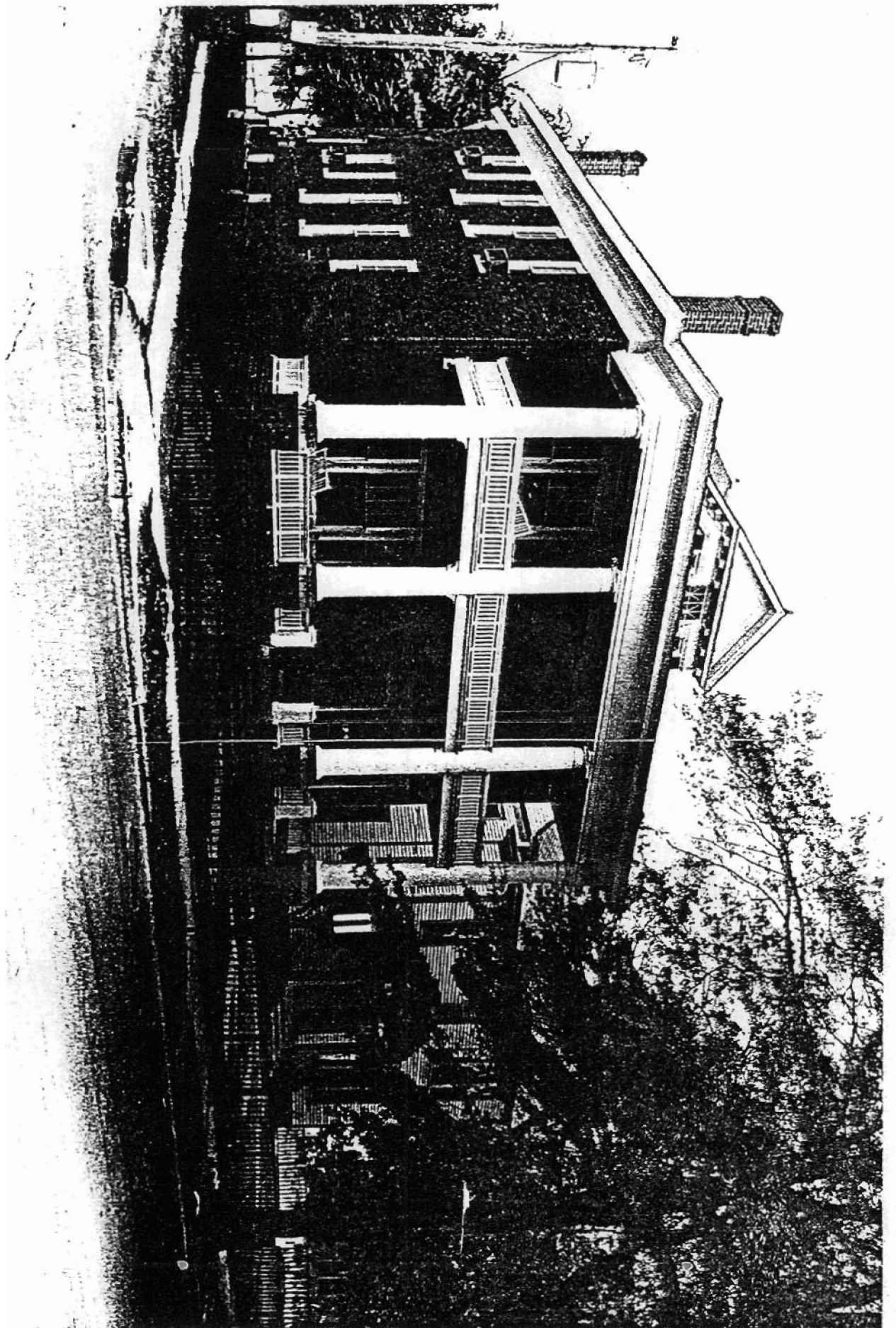
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