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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 Arkansas City High School

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Robert S. Moore and President Streets N/A not for publication

city, town Arkansas City N/A vicinity of

state Arkansas code 05 county Desha code 041

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Arkansas City School System

street & number

city, town Arkansas City N/A vicinity of state Arkansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Desha County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Arkansas City state Arkansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title AHPP Survey Files has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no N/A

date September, 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

city, town Little Rock state Arkansas

## 7. 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

#### SUMMARY

Constructed in 1910, Arkansas City High School is a two story brick Renaissance Revival structure with a three-story central tower of Italian Villa inspiration. Typical Renaissance Revival features include a low-pitched hipped roof, brick quoins, differentiation of materials between first and upper floors and a rectangular plan.

#### ELABORATION

The Arkansas City High School is constructed of red brick laid in common bond and sits on a raised white painted concrete block foundation. The hip roof has over hanging eaves supported by decorative rafter ends and is covered with asphalt shingles and is pierced on three sides by pedimented and louvered attic vents. Each of the four elevations is symmetrical. A beltcourse of projecting brick separates the raised basement and first floor. The majority of windows are nine-over-one double-hung with stone sills.

The front facade is dominated by a three story square tower that forms the entrance and stair hall of the building. A round arched opening on the first floor is detailed with a stone keystone. A brick panel bearing "Arkansas City High School 1910" is surrounded by a projecting brick border. Stone sills on the upper two floors rest on several courses of projecting bricks and extend across the width of the tower. The second floor has three double-hung windows with diamond lights in the upper sash, which are surrounded by a brick border. The top level of this hip-roofed tower has three one-over-one double-hung windows separated by freestanding Doric columns and flanked by engaged pilasters of the same order. A wood cornice is detailed with dentils and a finial extends from the roof.

The recessed entrance is framed by the arch of the tower. The double doors have ten lights above wood panels and are flanked by five light sidelights. The transom has diamond-shaped lights.

The main body of the building is identical on either side of the tower. Two six-over-one double-hung basement windows are centrally positioned on each side. The top two floors have eight nine-over-nine double-hung windows with eight stone diamonds inlaid in the wall between the two floors.

The south side elevation has six windows at the basement level and two at the center of each upper floor that are six-over-one double-hung. The tops of the two smaller center of the roof slope and heating outlet grilles are located between floors. The north side elevation is identical to the south in its pattern of fenestration. Two basement and one third floor window have been bricked up.

The east rear elevation is similar to the front facade. Differences include the brick chimney, a utility door that replaced two basement windows and a simplified two story entrance projection.

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Inside the east and west entrances are stairs leading up to the central corridor of this building's main floor, off of which are located four classrooms, one at each corner of the building. Floors are oak and detailing is minimal. Each classroom has a paneled wood door with a four-light transom and simple surrounds. Pressed metal ceilings display a variety of patterns. The walls of each classroom are lined with blackboards. A small cloakroom is located in each. Small rooms used for storage and/or offices are located on either side of the corridor between classrooms. These small rooms have false ceilings and partitions. Stairs at either end of the corridor lead to the second floor where there are three classrooms, one of which extends across the entire north side of the building. This large room is entered through two sets of double doors and has a storage room in the northeast corner. In addition, there are two storage areas over each of the first floor entrances.

Stairs at each entrance lead to the basement, which is devoted to restrooms, dressing facilities and storage.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1910

Builder/Architect

Clyde Farrell

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Arkansas City High School, located on an entire city block in this small south-east Arkansas community, was constructed in 1910 at a cost of \$20,000. Designed by Clyde Farrell, who is known in Arkansas for his public school building designs, the high school represents a dramatic departure from the one room frame schoolhouse it replaced. Although referred to as the "high school", the building served grades one through twelve. The need for a replacement structure had become acute with the town experiencing a boom period at the turn of the century as a result of its strategic location on the Mississippi River. Designated the county seat in 1879, Arkansas City by the 1900's had a growing population whose livelihood depended on the river, agriculture, and the lumber industry. The two story brick Renaissance Revival structure which was constructed in 1910, is rivaled only by the County Courthouse in its visual impact on the flat terrain of this small town. Farrell who worked for noted Little Rock architect Frank W. Gibb for thirteen years early in his career, designed many public buildings throughout the state. Schools were the main thrust of his architectural practice followed by his design for fire stations. The Arkansas City High School is one of Farrell's most successful designs.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Madge Youree, August 30, 1984.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one  
Quadrangle name Arkansas City, Ark.-Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 through 28 of Block F in the original city of Arkansas City.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Fred Kleihauer, edited by AHPP staff

organization Tom Herrin Associates

date August 18, 1984

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telephone (501) 236-7358

city or town Paragould

state Arkansas

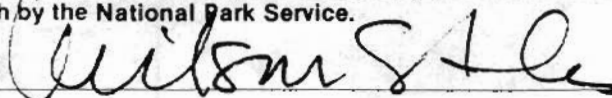
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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



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

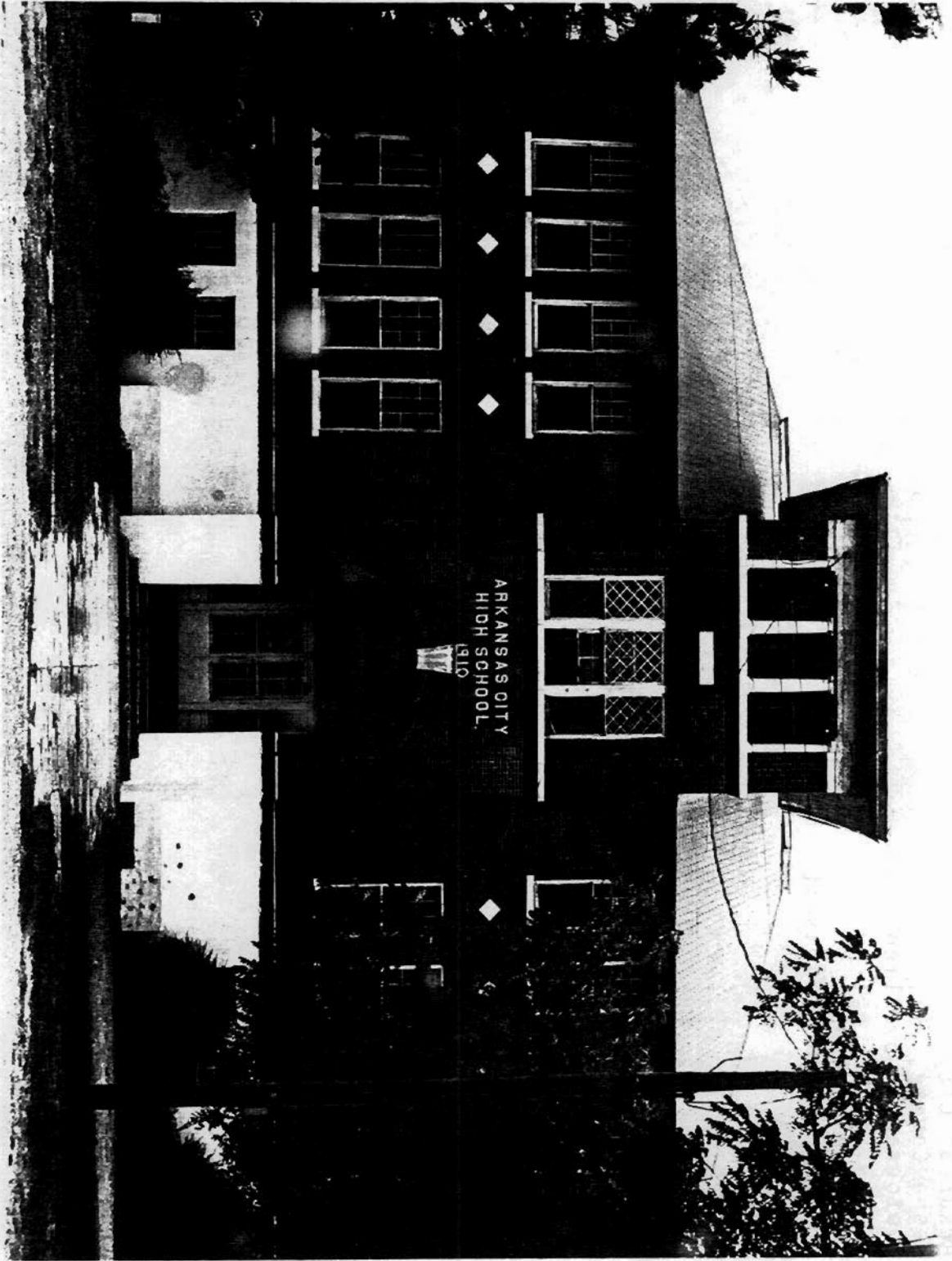
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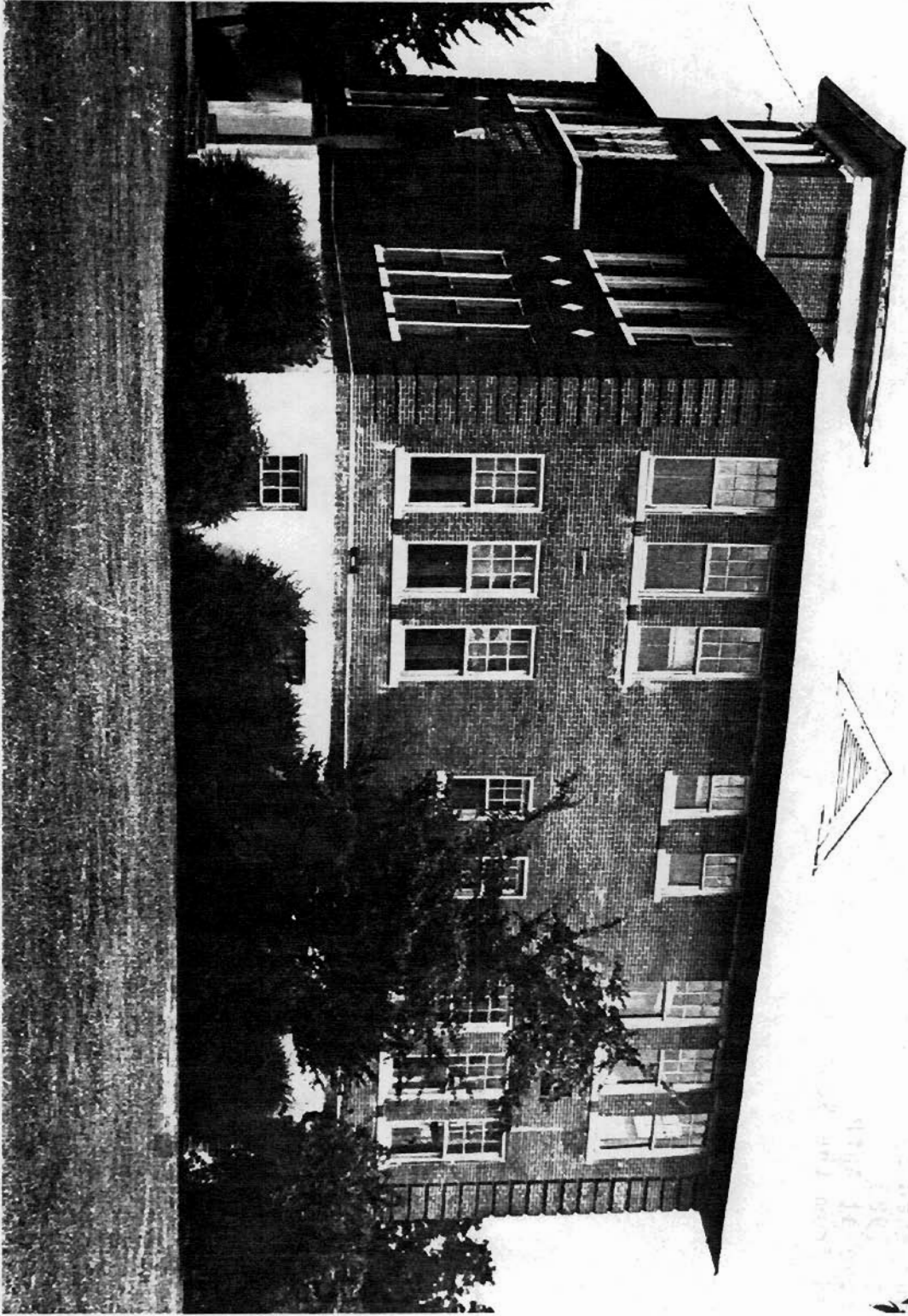
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HIGH SCHOOL  
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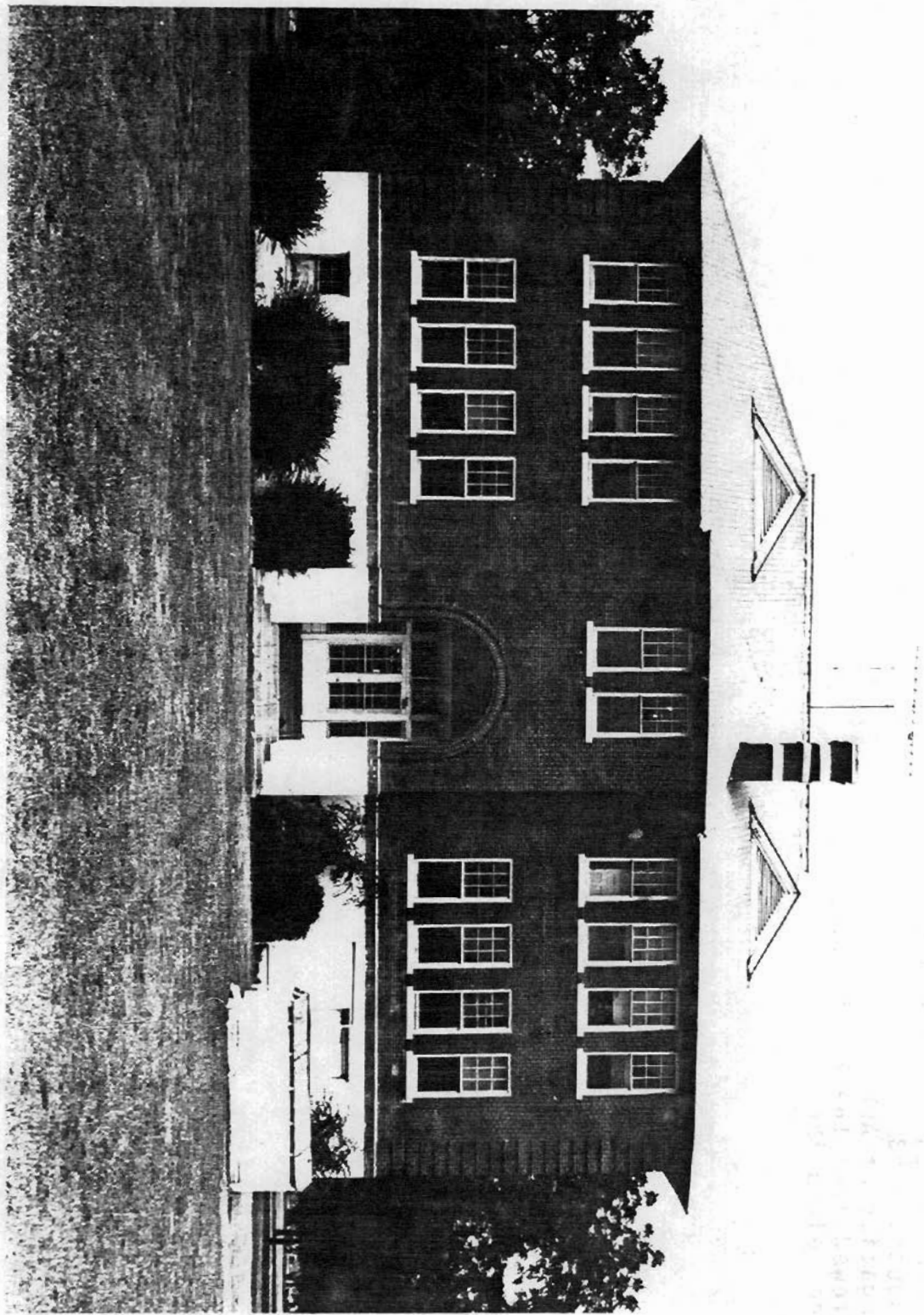


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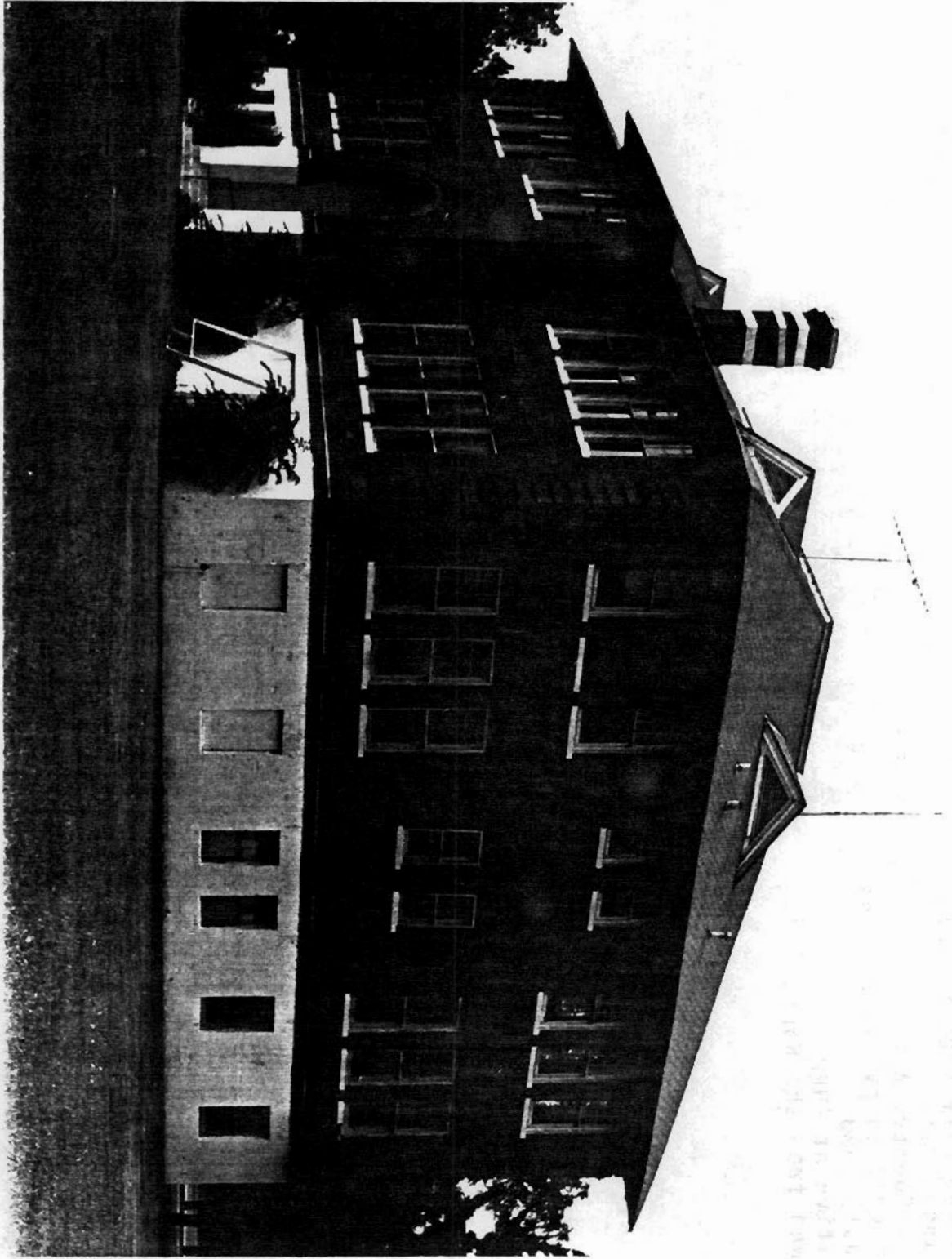




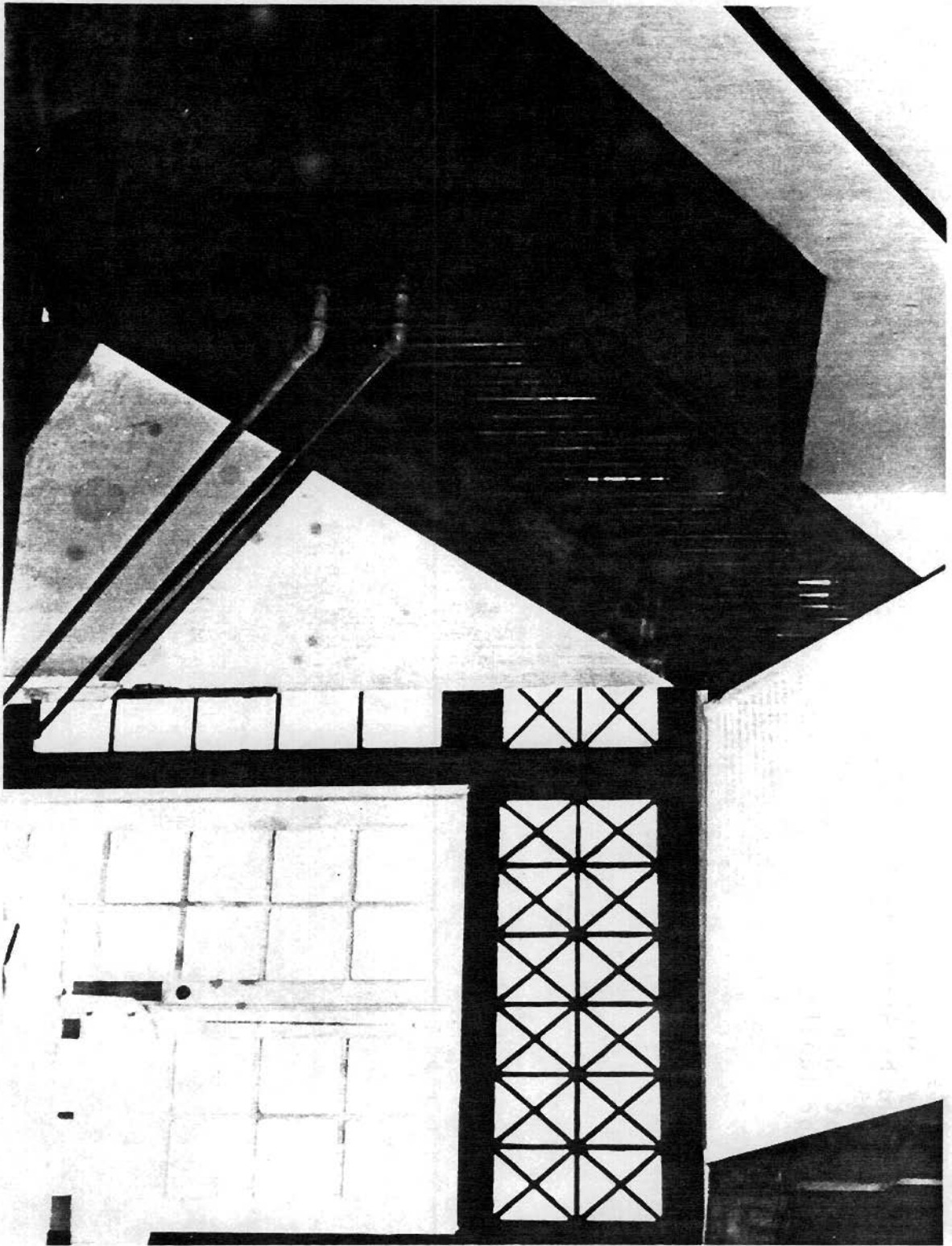


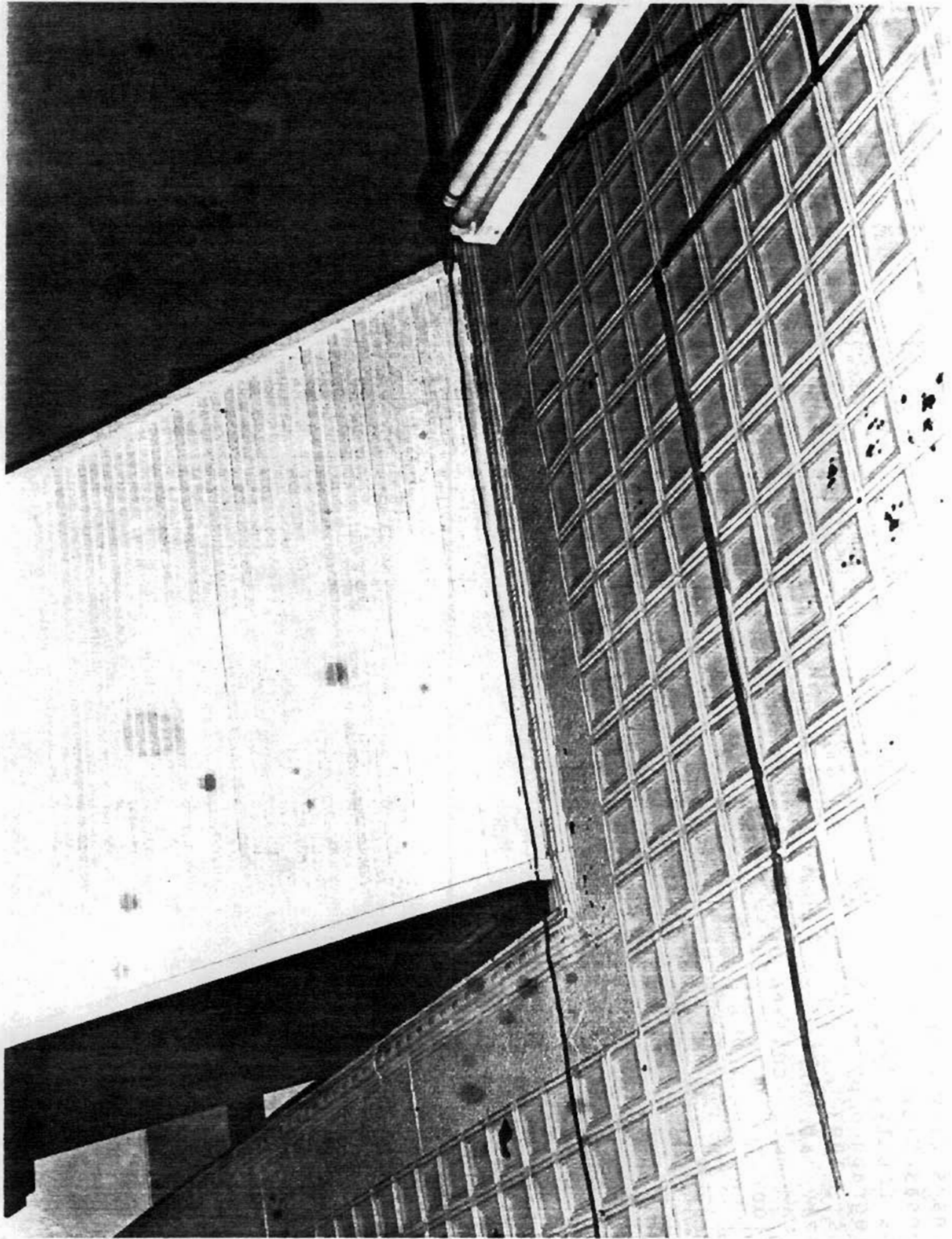


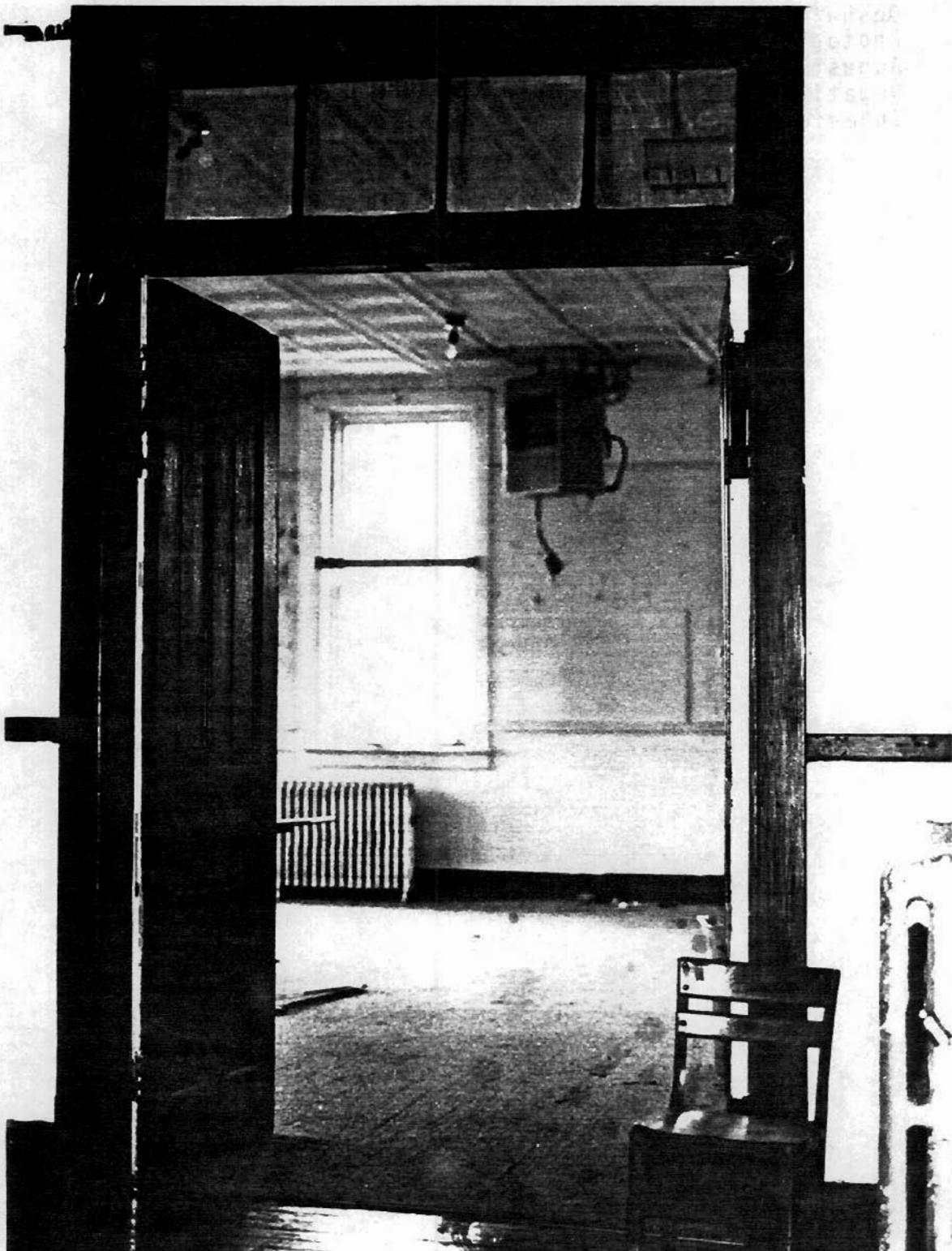
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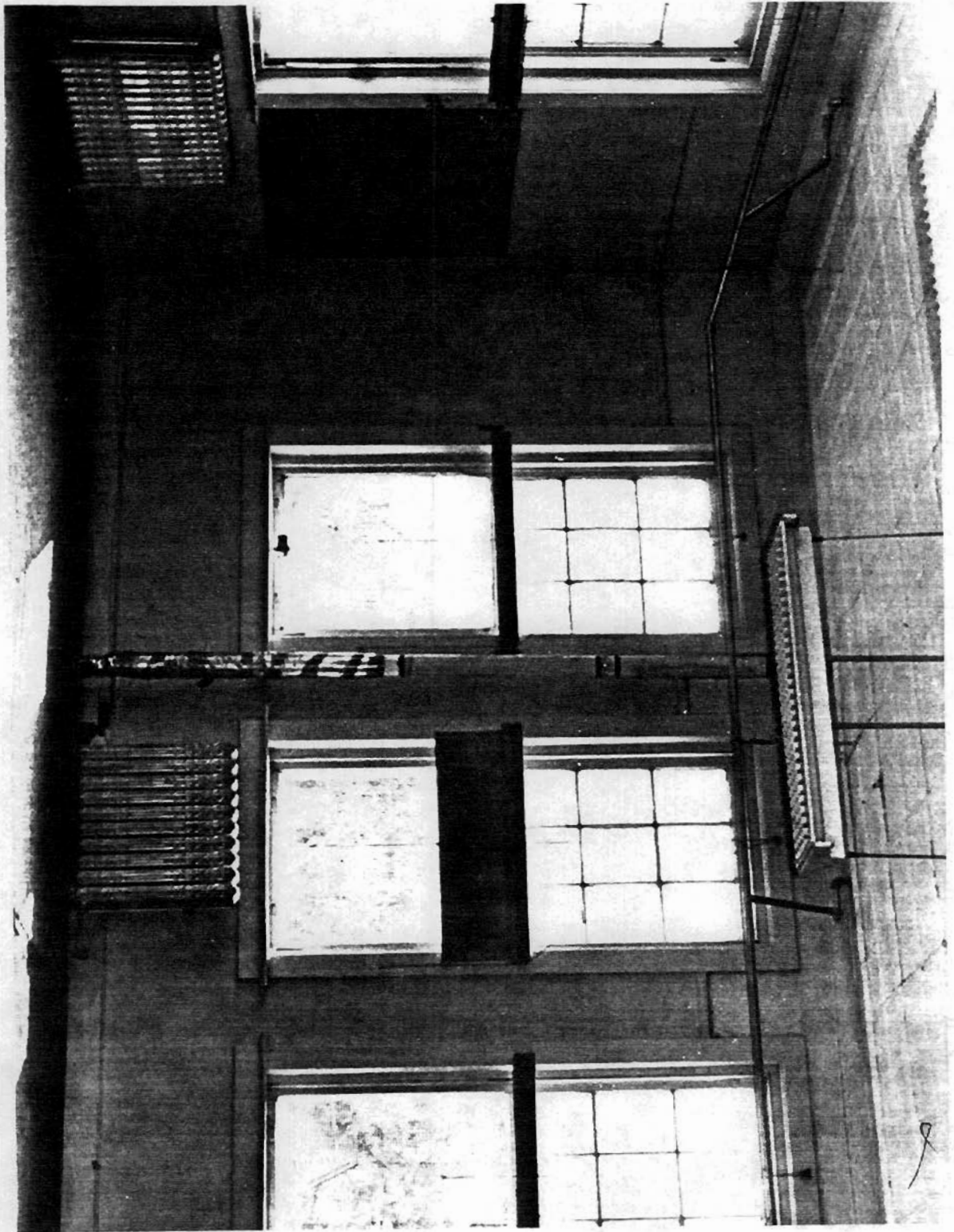


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