

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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

Waddell House

AND/OR COMMON

Pastorium of the First Baptist Church, Van Amburg House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1704 South Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#4 - Hon. Ike Skelton

STATE

Missouri

CODE
029

COUNTY

Lafayette

CODE
107

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. R.W. Van Amburg

STREET & NUMBER

1704 South Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 64067

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds, Lafayette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Missouri 64067

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Missouri State Historical Survey

DATE

1978, 1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176

CITY, TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Waddell House, which is located in an old residential neighborhood of Lexington, Missouri, is a two story residence with a partial basement and red brick walls, now painted red. These walls are 14" thick and are laid in common bond on a brick foundation. All exterior trim is painted white. The original, gabled section of the house is asymmetrically organized and features decorative elements such as clustered chimney pots, scalloped vergeboards with pendants, a spindled stickwork porch with mansard roof and cresting and heavy, shaped, segmentally arched and molded lintels of stone and plaster over brick, details which are suggestive of many styles and periods of design. The roof is presently covered with green asphalt shingles.

This house, with the additions of the north living and utility rooms, measures approximately 29'6" along the primary (south) facade and 57'11" along the east and west at its extremes (see plan). Hip roofs cap the additions of 1907-1909, and a flat tin roof tops that of 1939. No basement was included in the original plan. The present basement, which underreaches all parts of the house except the parlor, was excavated in the 1920's. A half story attic rests above the original section of the house. In addition to the alterations indicated on the house plan, all fireplaces were bricked up in 1911 when heating stoves were added to all of the rooms.

Regular maintenance of the Waddell House has prevented deterioration. Protective and supporting elements of the building, as well as the detailing and trim, are presently sound. The attic and additions have recently had insulation installed to their interior walls, a job which necessitated alterations to these areas. The original portion of the house, however, remains as it was with its original wooden doors and window frames, trim and interior double oak floors intact and in very good condition. In addition, all framing and foundation work of the original house survives and is in excellent condition.

8 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed: late 1840's BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown
 Purchased by Waddell: 1869

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waddell House in Lexington, Missouri is significant as a property once owned by William Bradford Waddell, an outstanding early citizen of this town, and his wife, Susan Bryam Waddell. It has continued in the possession of Waddell's family since his death in 1872, and many of his descendants have held prominent places in the history of the town of Lexington, Missouri. In addition, with its exterior eclectic embellishment and its original interior furnishings and decoration from the estate of William Bradford Waddell, which have been preserved by the family through the years, this vernacular brick house has been transformed into one of the finest and most well preserved Victorian era homes to survive in Lexington. William Bradford Waddell, who acquired the house in trade for stock in the local Baptist Female College in 1869, after the house had served as the parsonage for the oldest church in Lexington, the First Baptist Church (founded 1825), was the third member of the notable pioneering shipping firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell, outfitters and overland traders to the West and founders of the short-lived but legendary Pony Express [Trustees of the First Baptist Church, n.p., Settle, pp. 8-12, 136-138 and Smith, pp. 10-25]. In addition, Waddell was a prominent wholesaler and retailer, organizer of the Lexington Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, organizer and trustee of the Female Collegiate Institute (Baptist Female College, founded 1851) and trustee of the First Baptist Church [Young, Volume 1, p. 211]. Waddell made a gift of this house to his son, Robert Fielding Waddell, and his new bride, Emma, soon after its purchase, though it was not officially deeded to Robert until 1882 [Waddell Family Records].

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Settle, Raymond W. and Mary L. Empire on Wheels. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1949.
2. Smith, Waddell F. The Story of the Pony Express. San Francisco: Hesperian House, 1961.
3. Trustees of the First Baptist Church. Order for Sale of the Pastorium, May 23, 1969.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME "Lexington East, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 4,2,4 4,5,0 4,3 3,7 3,3,9

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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E

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G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 5, Block 13, First Addition to Lexington

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Noelle Soren

ORGANIZATION

Architectural Historian
Office of Historic Preservation
Department of Natural Resources

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 176

TELEPHONE

314/751-4096

CITY OR TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

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

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHEF OF REGISTRATION

FHR-8-300A
(11/78)

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4. Young, William. History of Lafayette County, Missouri. Indianapolis: B.F. Bowen and Co., 2 Vols., 1910.
 5. Waddell Family Records. In possession of Katherine Waddell Van Amburg, the present owner of the Waddell House.

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Lexington

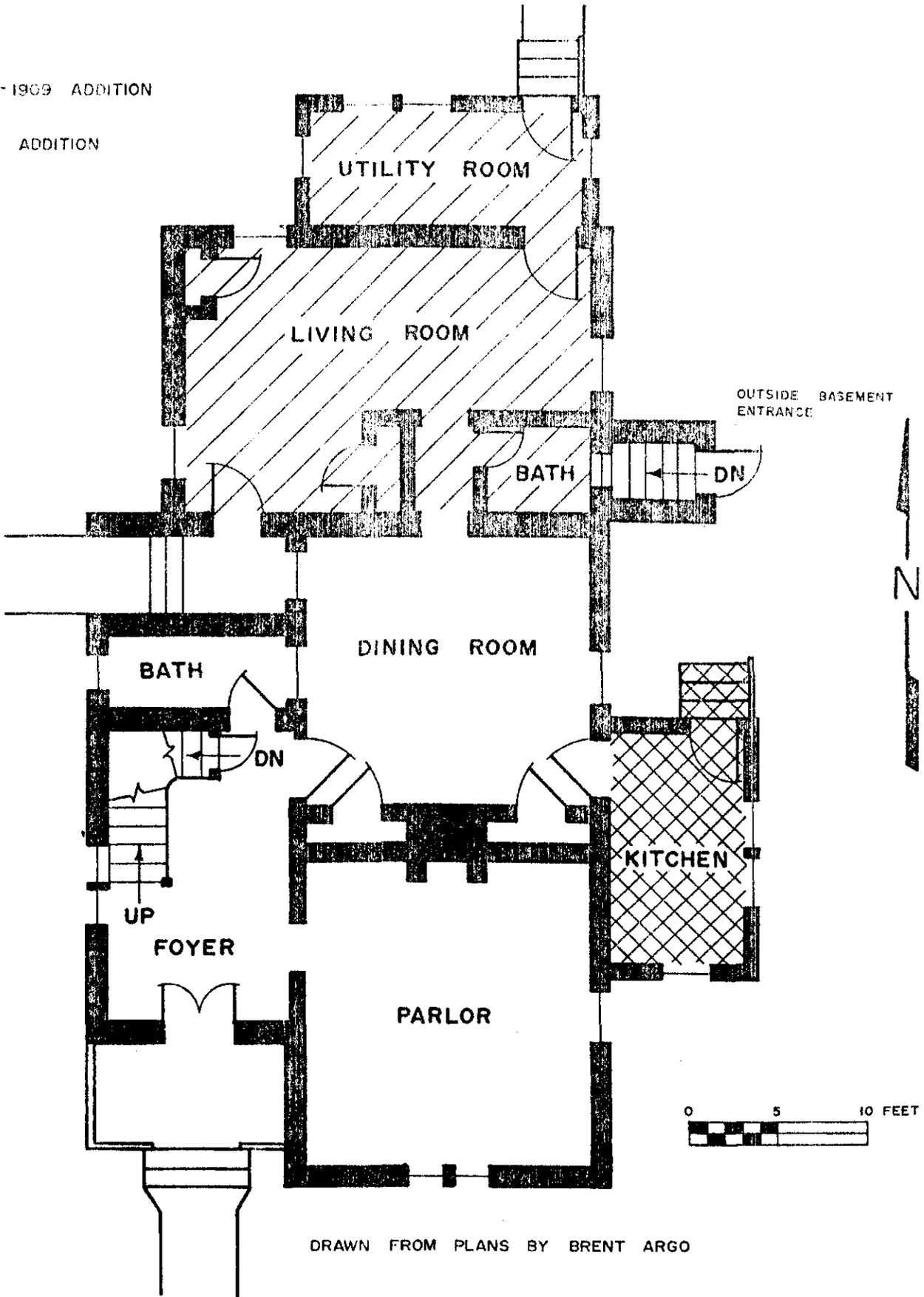
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
THE WADDELL HOUSE
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI



1907-1909 ADDITION

1939 ADDITION



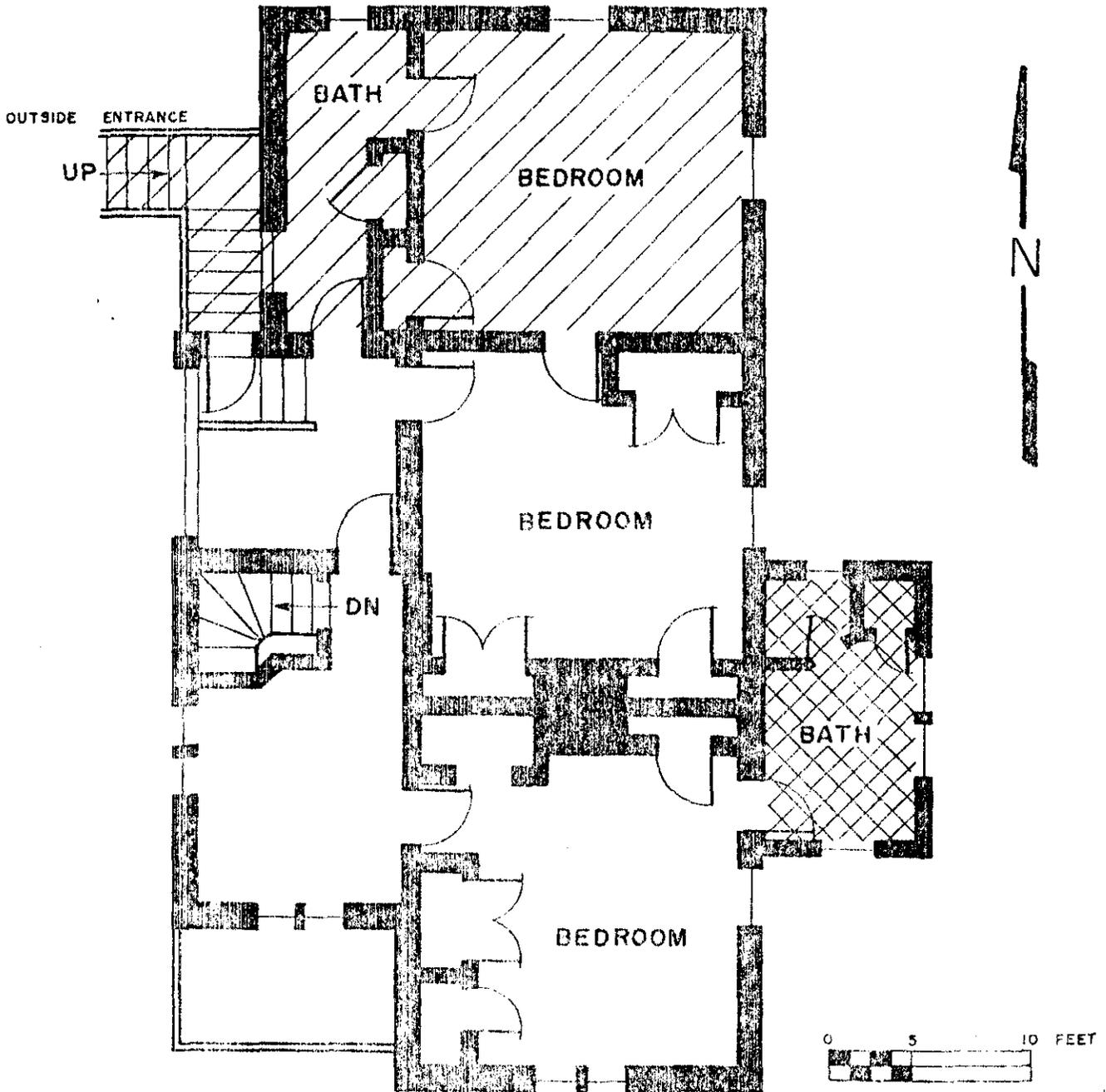
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
THE WADDELL HOUSE
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI



1907 - 1909 ADDITION

1939 ADDITION



DRAWN FROM PLANS BY BRENT ARGO

WADDELL HOUSE

#395

COUNTY:

Lafayette

LOCATION:

Lexington

OWNER:
ADDRESS:

Mrs. R.W. Van Amburg
1704 South Street
Lexington, Mo.

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

July 20, 1979

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

August 20, 1979

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

August 23, 1979

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

October 11, 1979

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED
(AND PRESENTOR):

April 14, 1980
John Karel

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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1704 South Street, Lexington, Lafayette County,
Mo.
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June, 1979
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Jefferson City, Mo. 65101
South (primary) facade.



WADDELL HOUSE

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South facade, detail, spindled Eastlavian porch
with Second Empire detailing.



WADDELL HOUSE

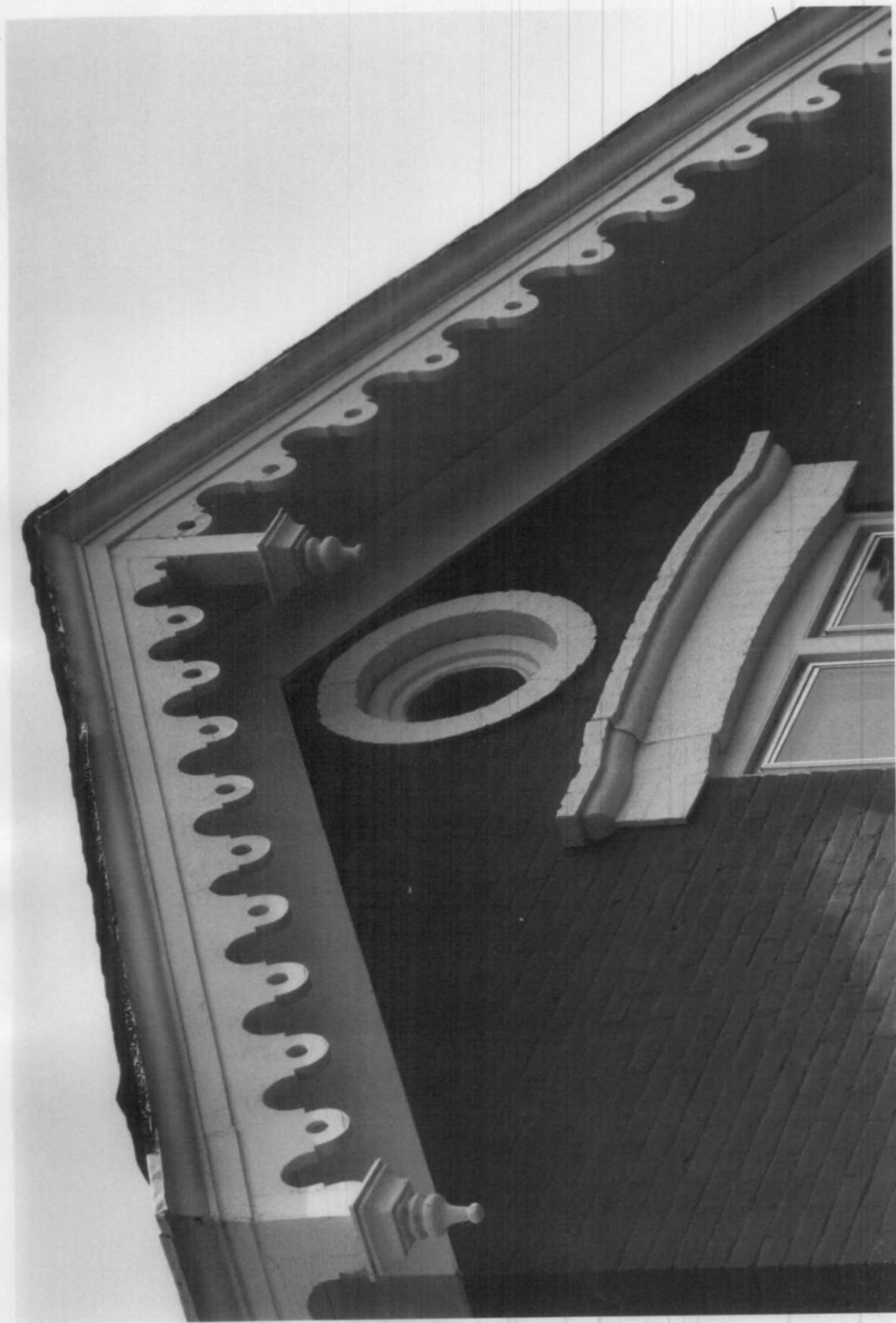
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South facade, detail, pierced vergeboard and
heavy, brick decorated lintel.



WADDELL HOUSE

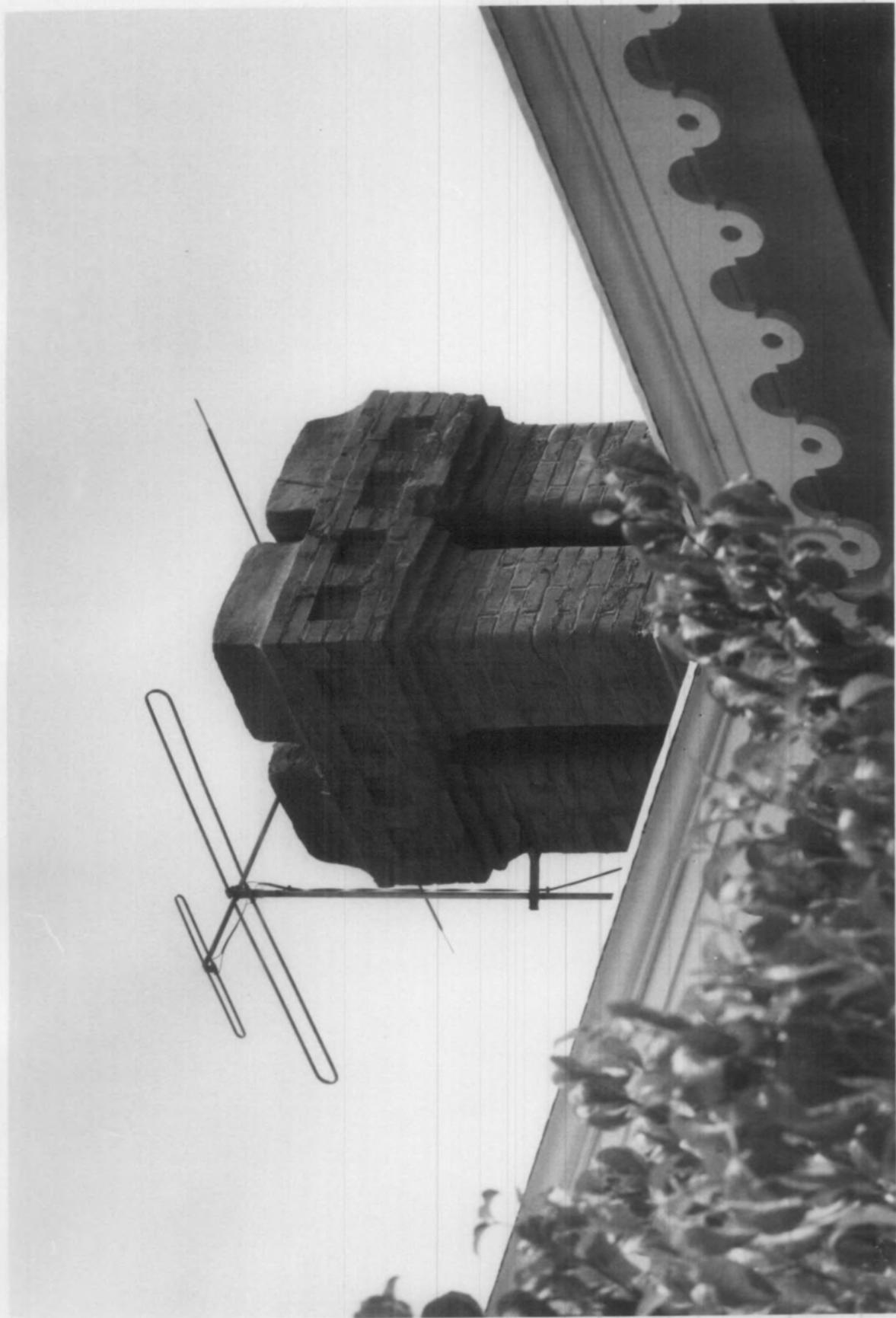
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View to northeast, detail of clustered
chimneys.



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View to southeast showing the west side of the
addition of 1907-1909 to the rear of the house.



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View to southwest of addition of 1907-1909 with
smaller 1939 addition to the left.



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View to north of east side showing join of
1939 addition to the main house.



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Interior, entry hall, view to north. Antiques
are from the estate of William Bradford
Waddell.



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Interior, parlor, view to southeast. Antiques
are from the estate of William Bradford
and his family.

