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**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 Dauphine Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

not for publication

city, town Bonnot's Mill vicinity of congressional district #8 - Hon. Richard Ichord

state Missouri code 29 county Osage code 151

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. & Barbara A. Bregant

street & number 3435 Country Club Drive

city, town Jefferson City vicinity of state Missouri 65101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Osage County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Linn state Missouri 65051

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Missouri State Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program, P.O. Box 176

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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 Dauphine Hotel survives in nearly original condition in the small picturesque Missouri (now Osage) River town of Bonnots Mill, Missouri. The hotel is of frame construction, its clapboard sheathing painted white, and is built on a modified U-plan with its brick south wing having considerably less depth than the north wing. Both wings are two stories in height. The six bay main block is long and rectangular shaped. A two story gallery spans its entire front. A similar gallery spanning the space between the rear wings has been enclosed. The porch support posts on the second story with their chamfered upper portions are original on the primary elevation. Those of the first story were identical but at an unknown time were replaced with the present turned supports. A small side porch on the north facade has been modified by means of the extension of its roof to tie in with the middle section of the front gallery. On both the front and rear galleries an outside stair with turned balusters and newell post ascends from the first to second story levels. The medium pitch gable roof has boxed returns and breaks at the eave line to extend at a less steep pitch over both front and rear galleries. A medium pitched cross gable roof covers the north wing, a hipped roof the south wing. The predominant window types are either small paned six-over-six or larger paned two-over-two double hung sash. The shutters which were once on the building are not in place at the present but have been preserved and will be repaired and reinstalled by the present owners. There is no regular pattern to the distribution of doors. On the first story primary facade a door occurs in the second bay from the north, while one in the fourth bay granting access into the lobby was converted to a small window during a partitioning to create a bathroom. The second story has doorways in the second, fifth and sixth bays.

The foundations for the main block and galleries are made of dressed limestone blocks. A cellar underlies the north half of the main block. Early photographs suggest that the north porch has always had the concrete foundation presently there.

The original roof of the Dauphine Hotel was a wood shingle one, but at an early date, probably by the turn of the century, the standing seam metal roof which is presently there was installed. The four remaining chimneys serve as flues for stoves. There is one on the west sloping roof of the main block, one on the south wing and two on the north wing.

For almost the latter half of its existence, the Dauphine Hotel has served as a residence and this may have confused the original floor plan on the first floor, but the second floor plan seems to have remained constant except for minor modifications. The first floor of the main block appears to have had three large rooms, all having different dimensions as is true of most other rooms, and a narrow cloak room now divided to create the bathroom previously mentioned. The rear north wing has kitchen, dining and storage areas; the south wing was probably a sleeping room although it is presently being used as a game room. The second floor is divided into bedrooms of various sizes. Across the main block on either floor there was no interior transverse hall, access to the rooms being gained from the front and back galleries. On the second floor there is an interior hallway which was once probably an open veranda onto which the rooms of the north wing open.

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 type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1840, 1879 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Dauphine Hotel is significant as a well preserved small hotel of a type which occurred in the late nineteenth century in small Missouri River valley towns which were also served by railroads. It is also significant as the inn and later residence of the Verdote family which was prominent in Bonnot's Mill. Of secondary importance is the fact that in its name, and to an extent in its fabric, it remembers the town of Dauphine gradually which became known as Bonnot's Mill following the Civil War.

The Dauphine Hotel is the result of at least two, and probably several, major building phases. At least a portion of the building was present prior to the Civil War. An 1858 transaction mentions a frame house, and the building's fabric also contains strong evidence to suggest this. Clapboards on the north half of the first story of the main block appear to be hand riven, and in the stone walled cellar under this portion, pit sawn floor joists can be observed suggesting the possibility of a ca. 1840 date. The remainder of the main block must have been constructed bringing it to its present form sometime around 1879 according to information contained in the abstract. It is mentioned in the Goodspeed history of 1889 and in the 1891-2 edition of the Missouri State Gazetteer and Business Directory. It is not, however, mentioned in earlier editions of this same publication which is puzzling. Its form, a modified I-type, one room deep and entered on the second floor from an outside stairway (or stairways in double gallery types such as this building is) that is contained in a two story gallery porch is a dwelling type which had been observed in at least one other Missouri River valley small town inn (in the town of McKittrick, Montgomery County, and in the old Stage Coach Stop, Waynesville, Pulaski County) and has also been observed in domestic dwellings built well before the Civil War (an example is the Shoults-McLane house in Old Appleton, Cape Girardeau County). It is presumed to be a variant of the upland south building tradition which is well represented in the region (although the community is a French one, there is no record of a distinctively French architecture).

Nothing is known of the building's function as a hotel prior to 1890 when Alex Verdote acquired it except that it was owned at different times by Dubrouillet and Pinet, saloon owners. Soon Verdote was advertising: "first class cuisine; excellent rooms; guests are made to feel at home; best accommodations for travelers; prices very reasonable." By that time, the river and railroad had made the town an important regional shipping center and the influx of "drummers", businessmen, and other travelers created a brisk business for the hotel which lasted until the 1930's. During this time, Alex Verdote operated the hotel with his four daughters. He also operated a grain elevator and hardware and implement store and established the Bonnot's Mill Bank in 1905. In addition, he was active in politics and served as presiding judge of Osage County for two terms. After the building ceased to function as a hotel, the three Verdote sisters who never married continued to reside there until the last of them died in 1970. A nephew then purchased the house and used it as a weekend residence until 1979 when he sold it to the present owners.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name "Loose Creek, Mo."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, original town of Bonnot's Mill.

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Barbara A. Bregant

organization date June 10, 1980

street & number 3435 Country Club Drive telephone

city or town Jefferson City state Missouri 65101

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

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

date

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

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Interior woodwork is simple and modest, and the original cabinet work of the pantry is intact. Artificial wood grained siding in the enclosed rear porch on both floors and in the upper hallway is intrusive and the present owners intend to remove it.

Three original cisterns and one original outbuilding survive. This outbuilding is sectioned into a former stable and a former chicken coop, both now used for storage, and a privy divided into three stalls. The garage was erected in the early 1970's and is noncontributing.

The town of Bonnots Mill is at the head of a steep narrow valley and most of it is built on steep hills with the houses squeezed close together on small lots giving the town a unique and charming flavor. The landscaping of the Dauphine Hotel reflects this topography. The building rests on a comparatively large lot on a rise looking west over the business district. A concrete retaining wall with round metal fence posts set into it at wide intervals fronts the property. This replaces a smaller dressed stone retaining wall situated closer to the hotel, which once had a picket fence defining its borders. A retaining wall spans the rear inner portion between the wings to create a shallow courtyard. The grade then rises abruptly enough to place the second floor of the back inner portion of the north wing at nearly ground level.

The hotel is in good to excellent condition, and the present owners are now restoring it to its original appearance as much as is practical and possible to do.

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The town of Bonnot's Mill is the last of a succession of French settlements in the area. The earliest was Cote Sans Dessein on the opposite bank of the Missouri River which began in the early 1800's and where a blockhouse was located during the War of 1812. The Cote was subsequently abandoned for a settlement across the river known as French Village. A devastating flood in 1844 put an end to this settlement and soon after, the town of Dauphine began. Felix Bonnot who had immigrated from France in 1837 laid out a plat in 1852, and built saw and flour mills. At one time he owned the lot upon the Dauphine Hotel is now located. The town gradually acquired the name Bonnot's Mill and thrived as a regional shipping and trade center. The composition of the French population in the town was in part derived from French Canadians who were the first white settlers in the Mississippi and Missouri River valleys, supplemented in later years especially the 1840's and 1850's, by immigrants coming directly from France. Later in the 19th century an influx of German settlers altered the composition of the population and their culture overwhelmed the French traditions that still persisted.

Throughout its history, the population of Bonnot's Mill had hovered around 100 people, reaching a peak of about 250 in the 1910's, 1920's and 1930's. Its population is presently approximately 175 people, and it serves primarily as a dormitory community for people working in nearby Jefferson City and elsewhere.

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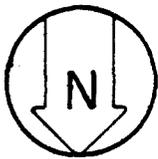
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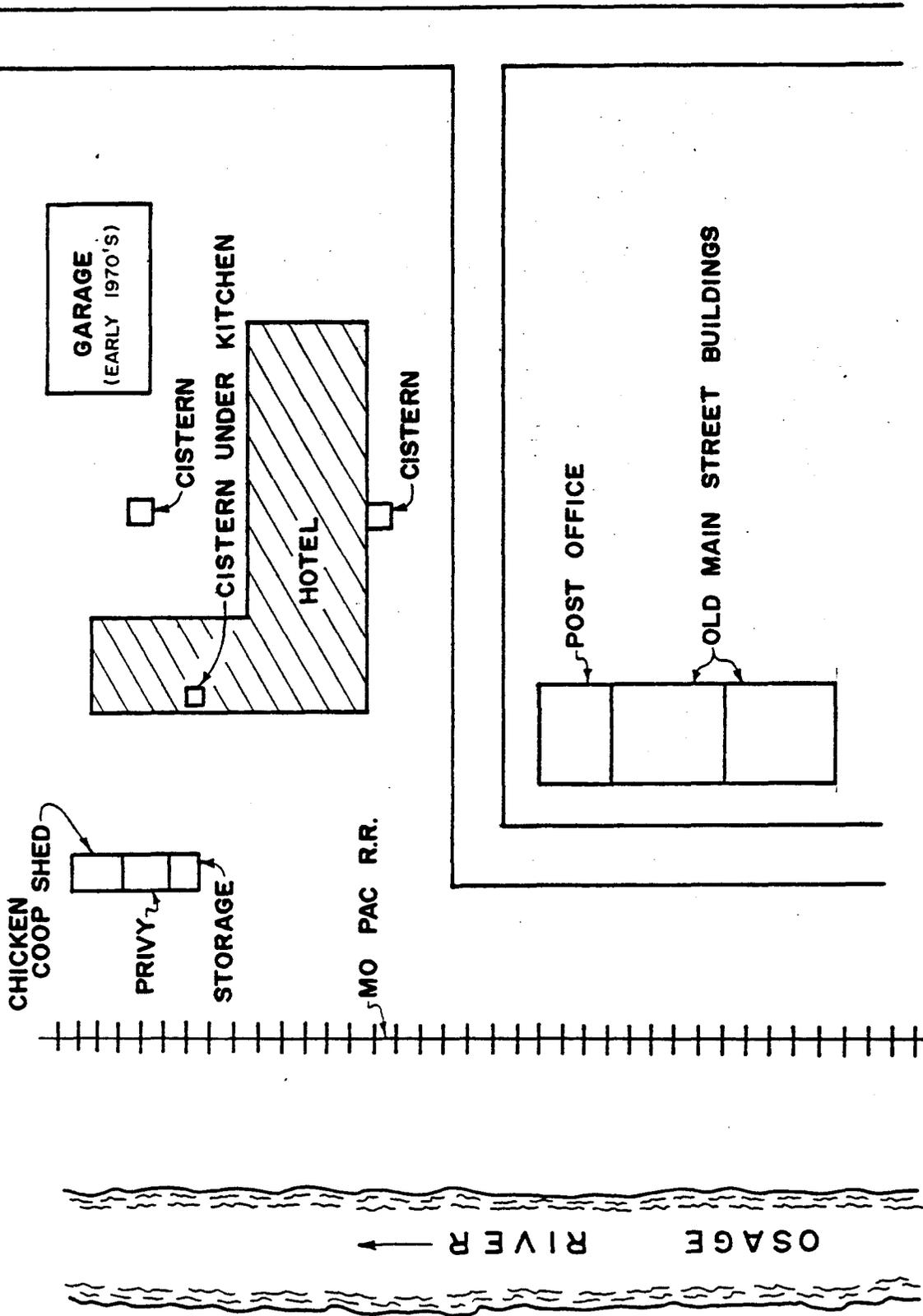
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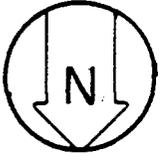
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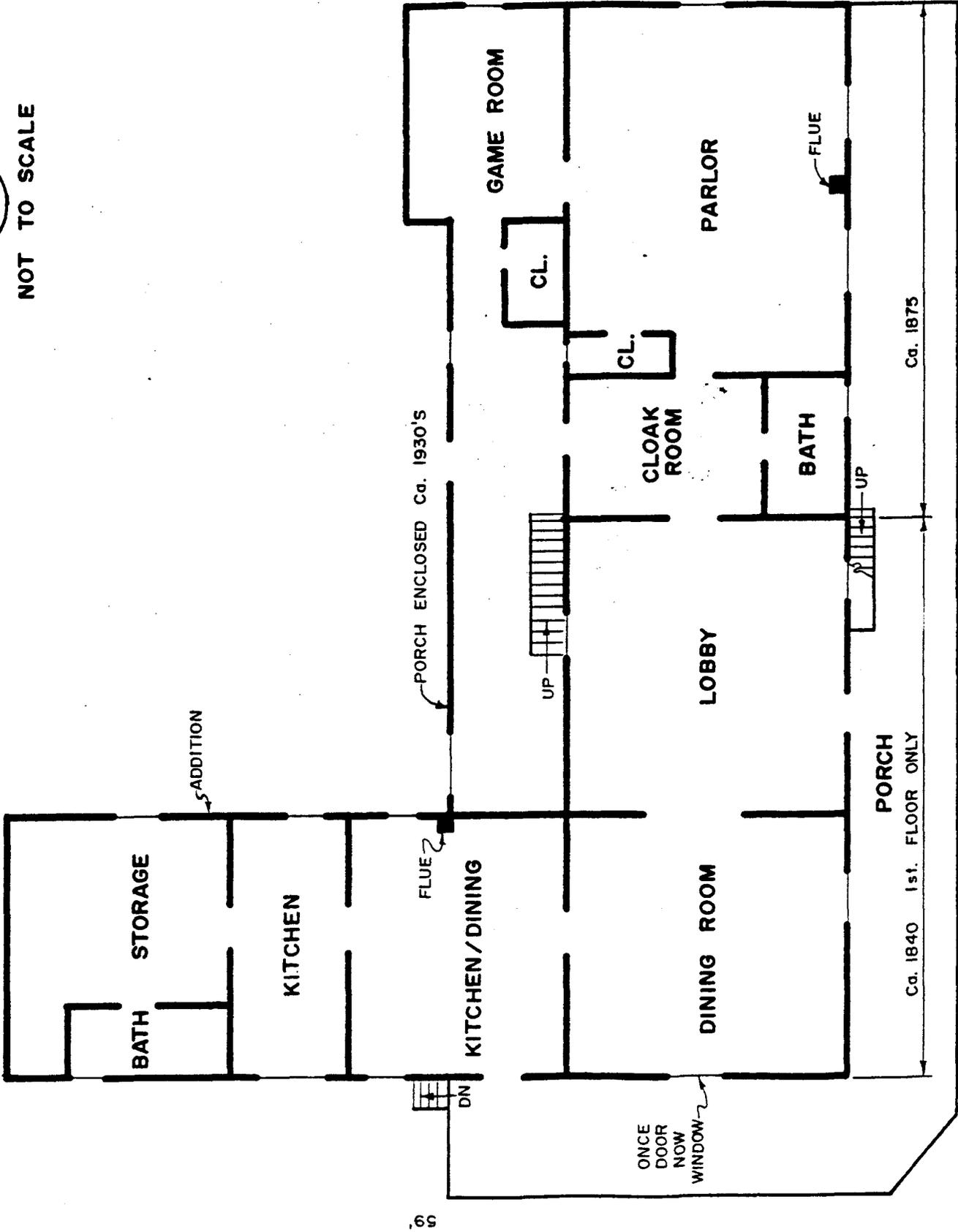
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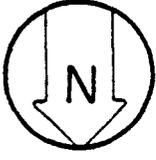
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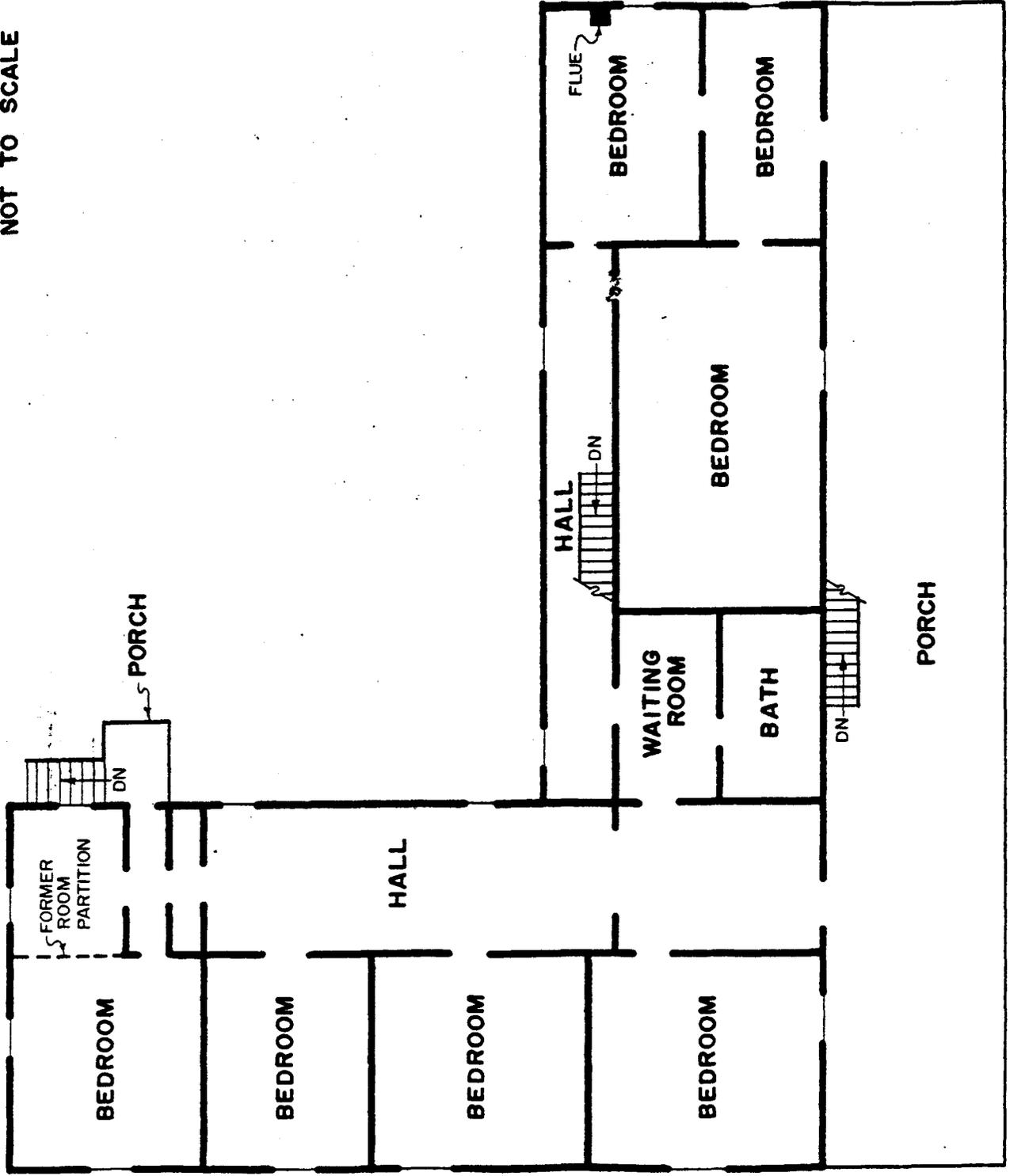
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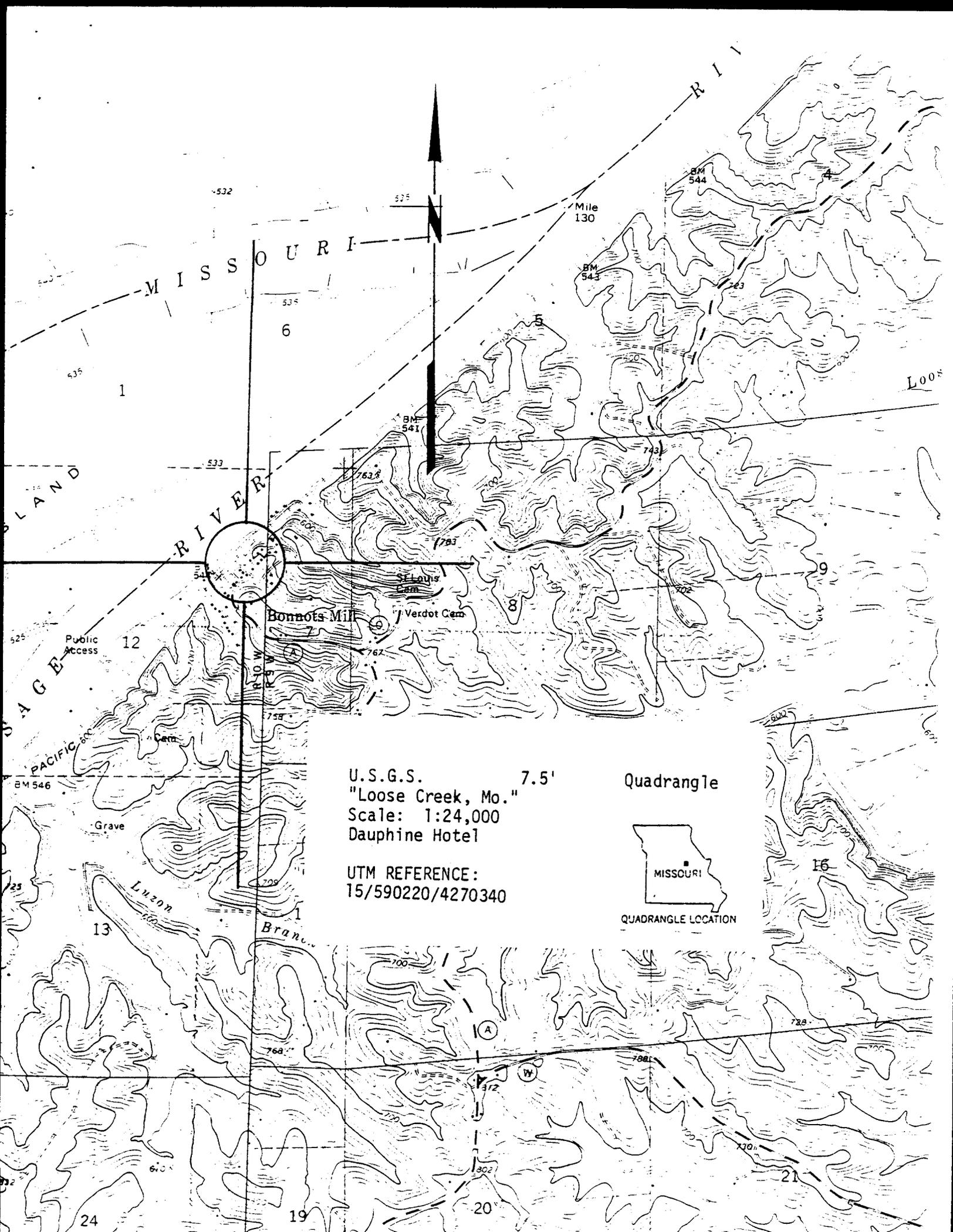


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Dauphine Hotel

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DAUPHINE HOTEL

#464

COUNTY: Osage

LOCATION: Bonnot's Mill, Mo.

OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. & Barbara A. Bregant
ADDRESS: 3435 Country Club Drive
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: July 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.: September 11, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: September 17, 1980

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: November 14, 1980

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE
(AND PRESENTOR): May 18, 1981
Karen L. Dusheke

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Primary (west) facade; view looking southeast.



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Primary facade; view looking northeast.



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South facade; view looking north.



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North facade; view looking southwest.



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East facade; view looking west.



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Primary facade, outside stair, view looking
north.



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Primary facade, second story gallery; view
Looking south.



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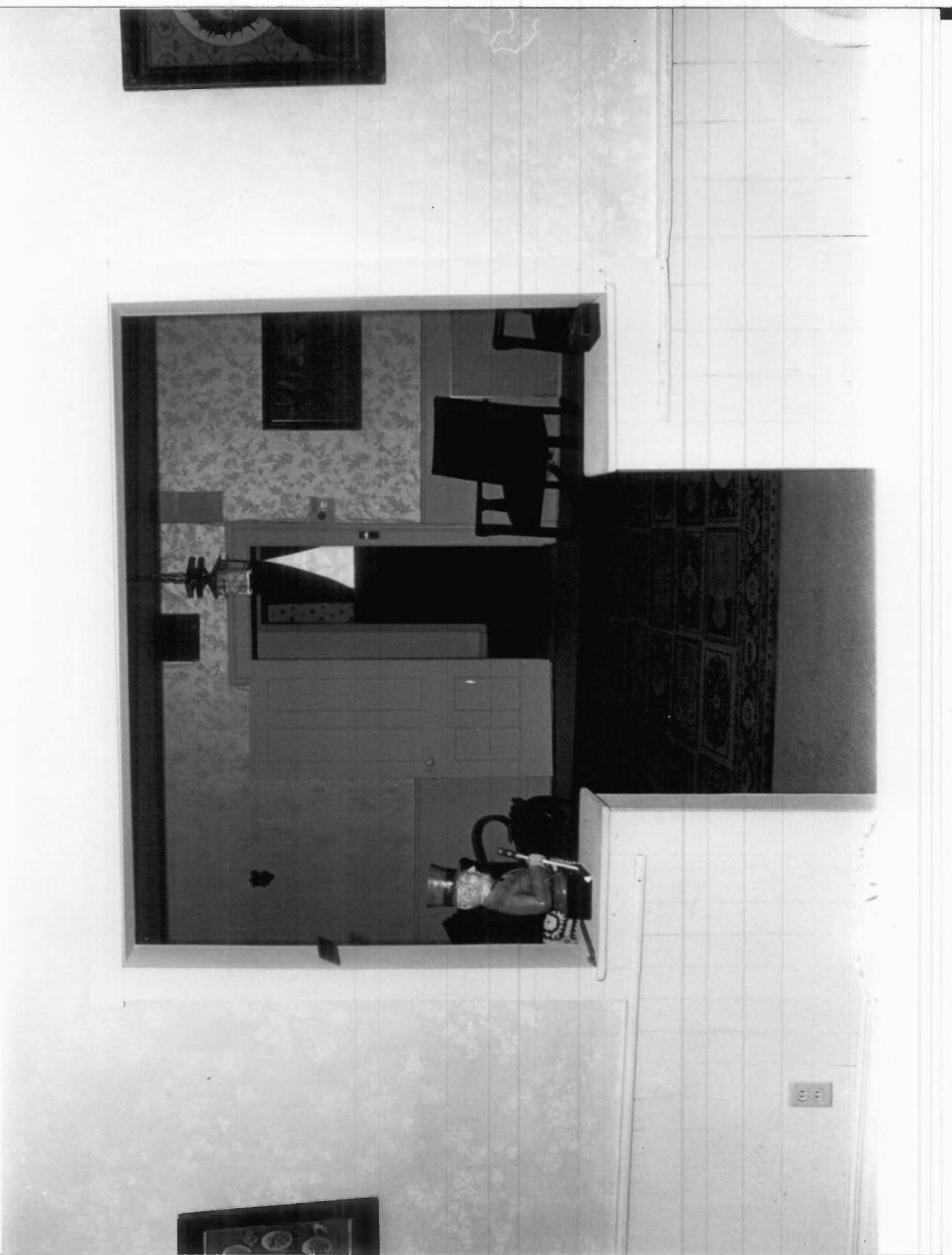
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gallery; view looking south.



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Interior view, dining room looking toward lobby
with cloakroom and parlor beyond; view looking
south.



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Interior view, upstairs hallway in north wing;
view looking east.



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Interior view, second story room in north
wing; view looking southeast.

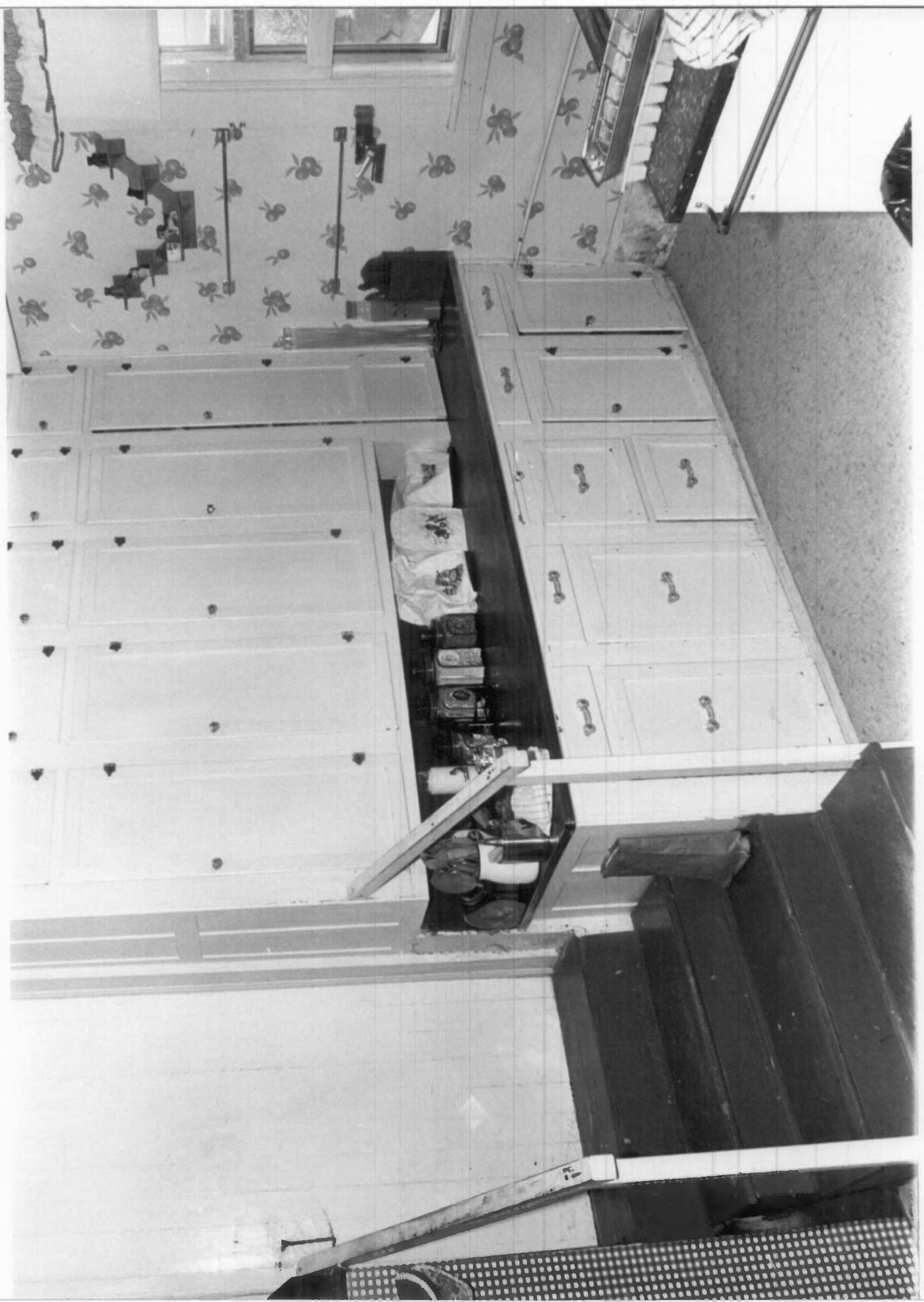


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Interior view, kitchen cabinets; view looking
southeast.



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Detail of outdoor privy; view looking northeast



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shingle roof; view looking southeast.

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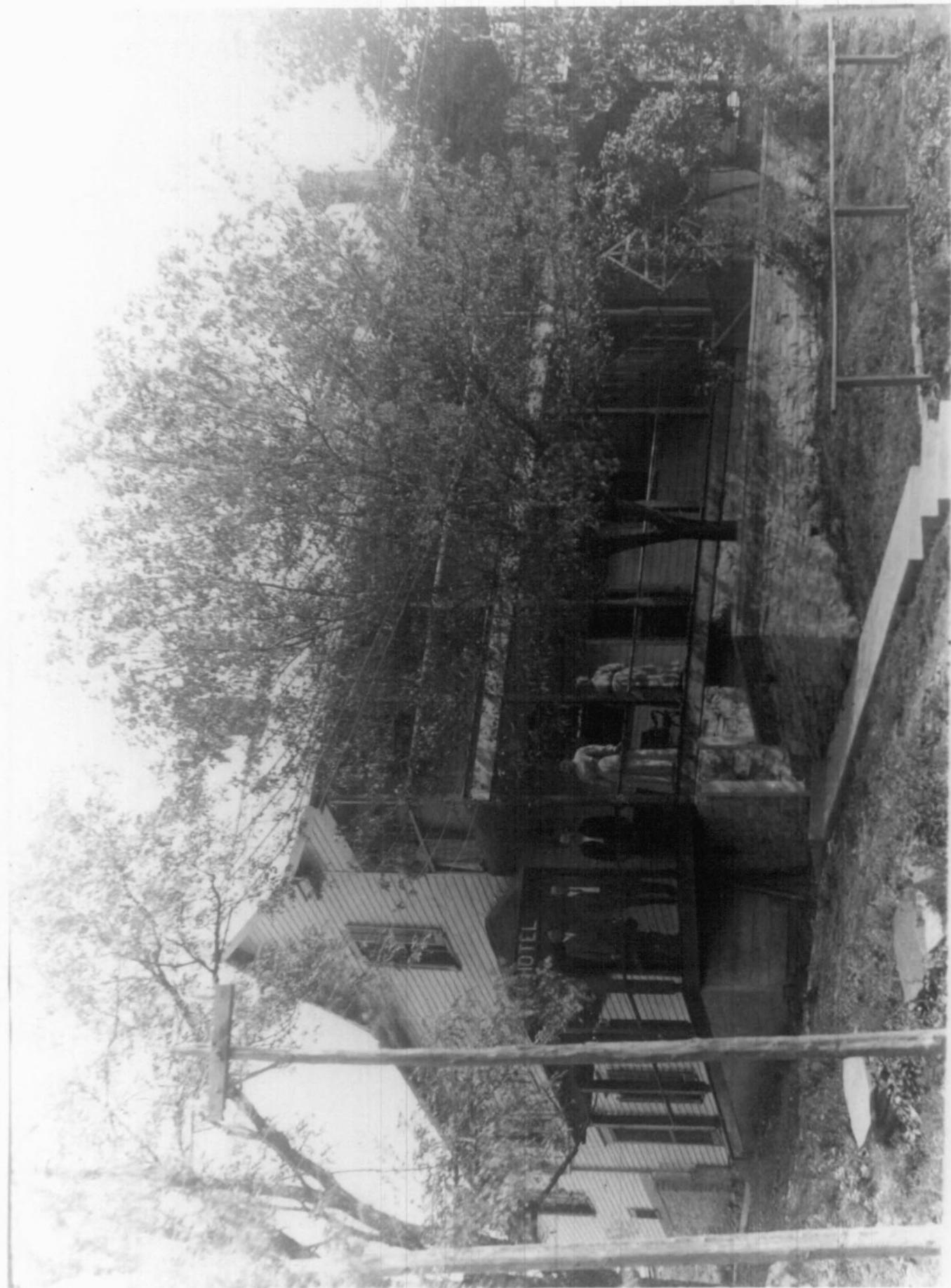
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Primary facade; view looking southeast.

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