

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service



National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections.

1. Name

historic City Hall and Fire Station, Old

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 101 North High Street not for publication

city, town California vicinity of congressional district #8 - Hon. Richard H. Ic

state Missouri code 29 county Moniteau code 135

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Jack P. Crawford

street & number 701 East Smith Street

city, town California vicinity of state Missouri 65108

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Moniteau County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town California state Missouri 65108

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1980 federal state county local

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

city, town Jefferson City state Missouri 65102

7. Description

Condition:

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one:

unaltered
 altered

Check one:

original site
 moved. date: _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance:

California, Missouri's Old City Hall and Fire Station at North High and Stella Streets is situated in a residential neighborhood, mid-way between the community's two business districts. The little-altered two story Italianate design of c. 1892, a stylistic hold over from the Victorian era, is set off by contrast to the two, one story additions of utilitarian design that were built during the 1910's and 1930's.

From a coursed, ashlar foundation, the earliest of the structure's three sections rises two stories in red brick, laid in stretcher bond, to decorative brickwork at the roof line of the principal facade. Arched window and door openings at the first story and segmentally arched apertures at the second story establish the elevation's three-vertical divisions; brick quoining lends further definition to the bays and corners of the formal elevation. The use of a central vertical axis created by the superposition of doors that open into the street and onto an ornamental cast iron balcony reinforces the vertical motion of the quoining.

A stepped roof line edged with coping, unevenly fenestrated, segmentally arched windows and doors and a frame stairway with a bracketed projecting roof articulate the Stella Street elevation.

The building's two, one story red brick additions are marked by a single, modified vehicular entrance containing a door enframed by brick infill and two operable vehicular entrances.

Except for the 1930's addition which remains largely unchanged, the interior of the building has been modified throughout.

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		

Specific dates c. 1892 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old City Hall and Fire Station, California, Missouri, is locally significant as an early municipal government building. Architecturally, the structure is important because it illustrates the survival of the Italianate style past its prime, a carry over which was common in outstate Missouri towns during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building's integrity of design, materials and craftsmanship, which is not impinged upon by the modern additions, serves to enhance its historical and architectural significance.

The earliest portion of the Old City Hall and Fire Station dates to c. 1892.¹ A History of Moniteau County documents that the previous City Hall occurred severe damage from fire several months prior to the book's publication in 1889.² This information coupled with the fact that the City acquired the lot at North High and Stella Streets in 1890³ suggests that a new facility was constructed between 1890 and 1892.

An early one story calaboose, joined to the rear elevation, and a detached storage shed used by the fire department⁴ were demolished prior to the construction, before 1917, of a one story brick addition to house the town's fire truck.⁵ The facility was enlarged further at an unknown date to accommodate additional vehicles and storage for emergency medical equipment; the first addition was converted into office space for the Board of Public Works at this date.⁶

The building was used for municipal offices until the City's acquisition of new quarters in 1975. Leased for a short-term to the Moniteau County Historical Society, the Old City Hall and Fire Station was recently purchased by Californian Jack Crawford, who hopes to qualify for tax treatments pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976, as amended, in the structure's rehabilitation and conversion into apartments.

Footnotes

1. Insurance map of California, Moniteau County, Missouri. (New York: Sanborn-Perris Map Co. Ltd., September 1892), Sheet 1.
2. J. F. Ford, A History of Moniteau County (California, Missouri: Marvin H. Crawford, 1936), p. 271.
3. Interview with Jack Crawford, owner, California, Missouri, 6 August 1980.
4. Insurance map of California, Moniteau County, Missouri. (New York: Sanborn-Perris Map Co. Ltd., September 1892), Sheet 1.
5. Insurance map of California, Moniteau County, Missouri. (New York: Sanborn Map Co., October 1917), Sheet 3.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Crawford, Jack. California, Missouri. Interview, 6 August 1980.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name "California North, Mo."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	1 5	5 3 7 8 3 8	4 2 7 5 9 0 9	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Commencing at the South East Corner of Lot Number One Hundred and thirteen (113) in Block Twenty eight (28) on High Street, old town in the City of California, thence West Sixty five feet (65), thence North eighty two and one half feet (82 1/2), thence East Sixty five (65),

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: 1. Jack Crawford

organization: _____ date: June 4, 1980

street & number: 701 East Smith Street telephone: 314/796-4743

city or town: California state: Missouri 65108

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 16 Feb 82

For HCRS use only

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

date

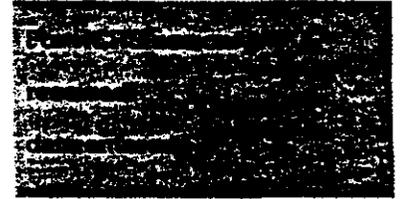
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date

Chief of Registration

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2. Ford, J. F. A History of Moniteau County. California, Missouri: Marvin H. Crawford, 1936.
3. Insurance map of California, Moniteau County, Missouri. New York: Sanborn-Perris Map Co. Ltd., September 1892.
4. Insurance map of California, Moniteau County, Missouri. New York: Sanborn-Perris Map Co. Ltd., August 1898.
5. Insurance map of California, Moniteau County, Missouri. New York: Sanborn Map Co., October 1917.

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2. Jill Johnson, Architectural Historian
Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

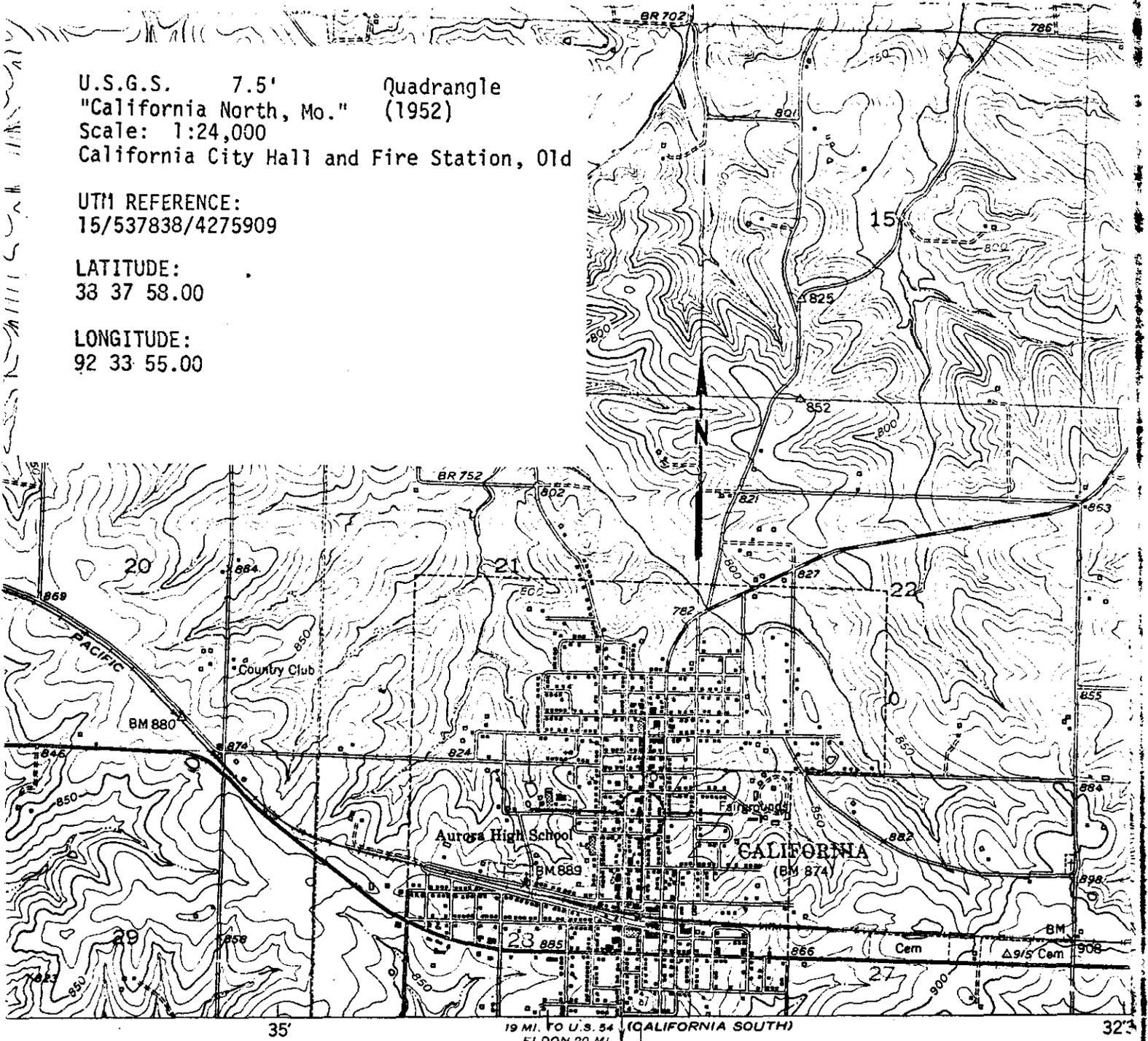
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U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
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 California City Hall and Fire Station, Old

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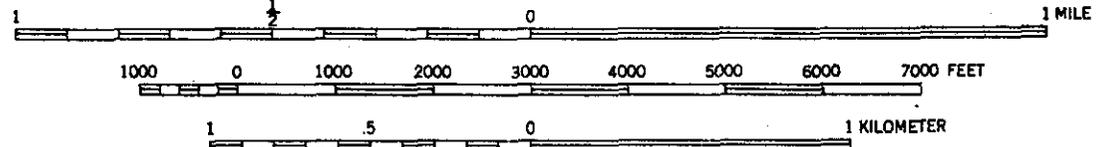
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 92 33 55.00



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SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

TRUE NORTH
 MAGNETIC NORTH

APPROXIMATE MEAN
 DECLINATION, 1952

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

OLD CALIFORNIA CITY HALL & FIRE STATION

#508

COUNTY:

Moniteau

LOCATION:

101 North High Street, California, Mo.

OWNER:

Jack P. Crawford

ADDRESS:

701 East Smith Street
California, Mo. 65108

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

October 24, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

February 23, 1982

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

March 10, 1982

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

April 12, 1982

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED
(AND PRESENTOR):

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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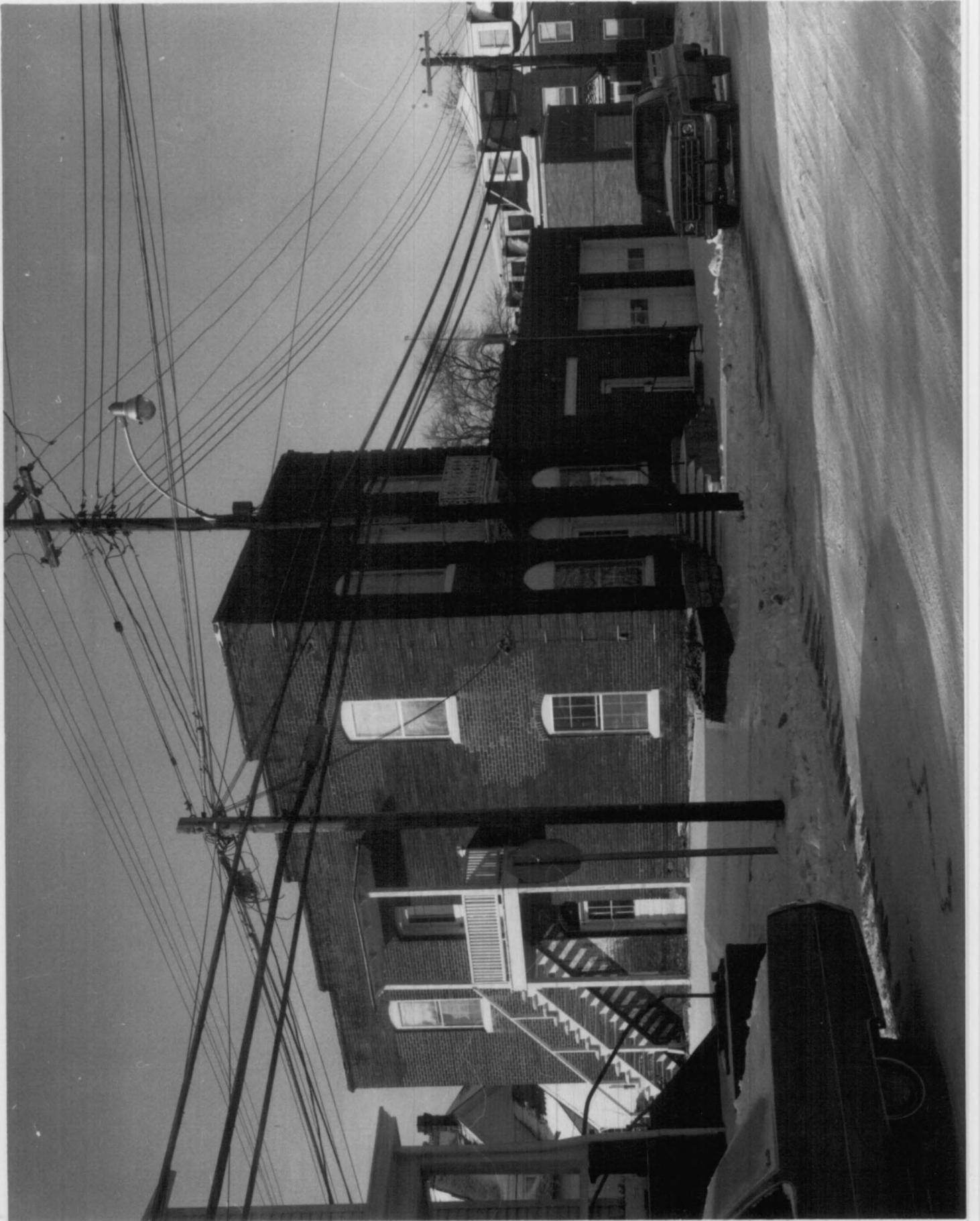
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California, Missouri

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View of the North High and Stella Street
facades, showing the c. 1892 section and the
two northern additions.

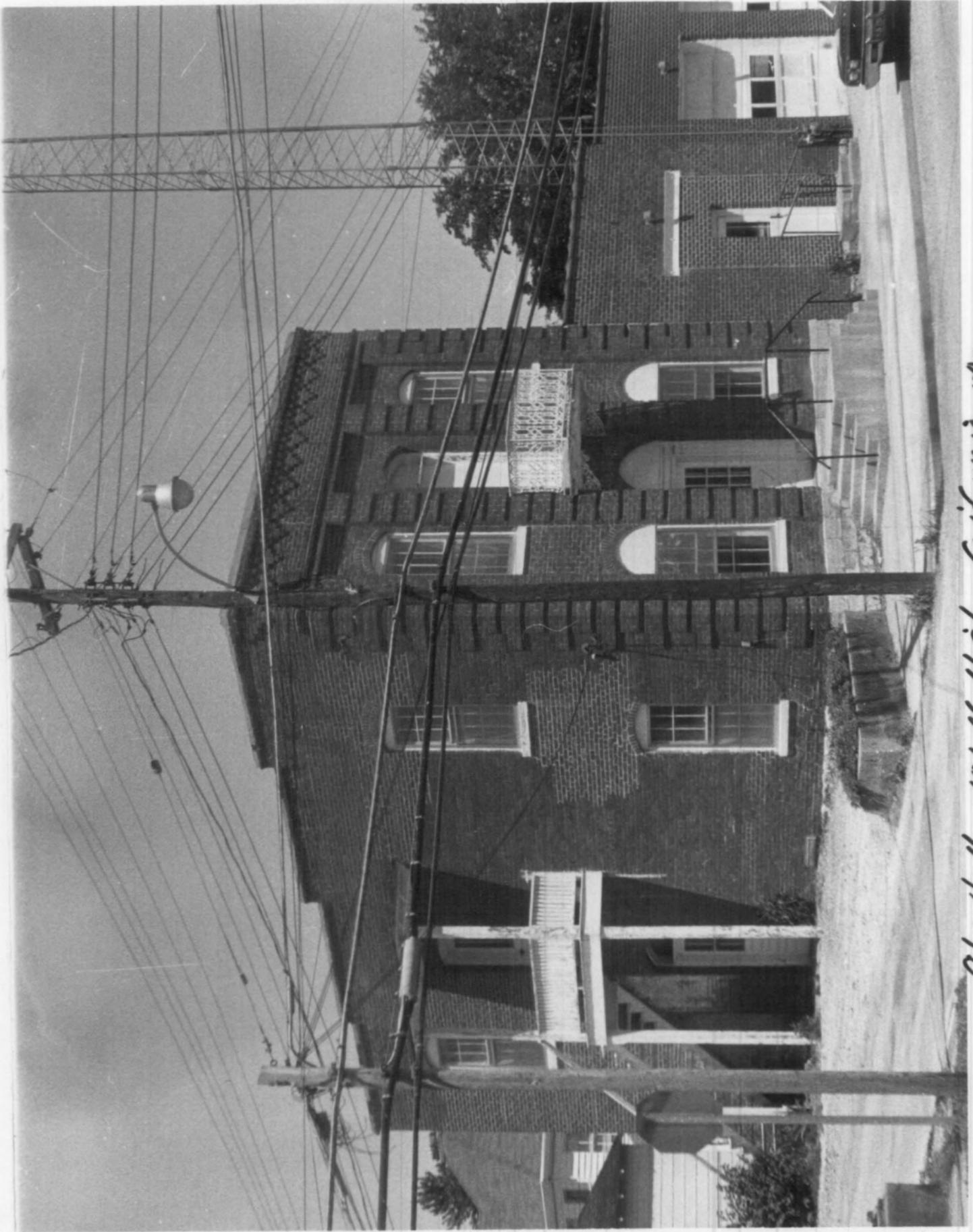


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View of the North High and Stella Street
facades, looking north.



City Hall, 101 N. High, California, 1910

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View of the North High Street facade,
looking south.



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View of the rear and Stella Street
elevations, looking northeast.



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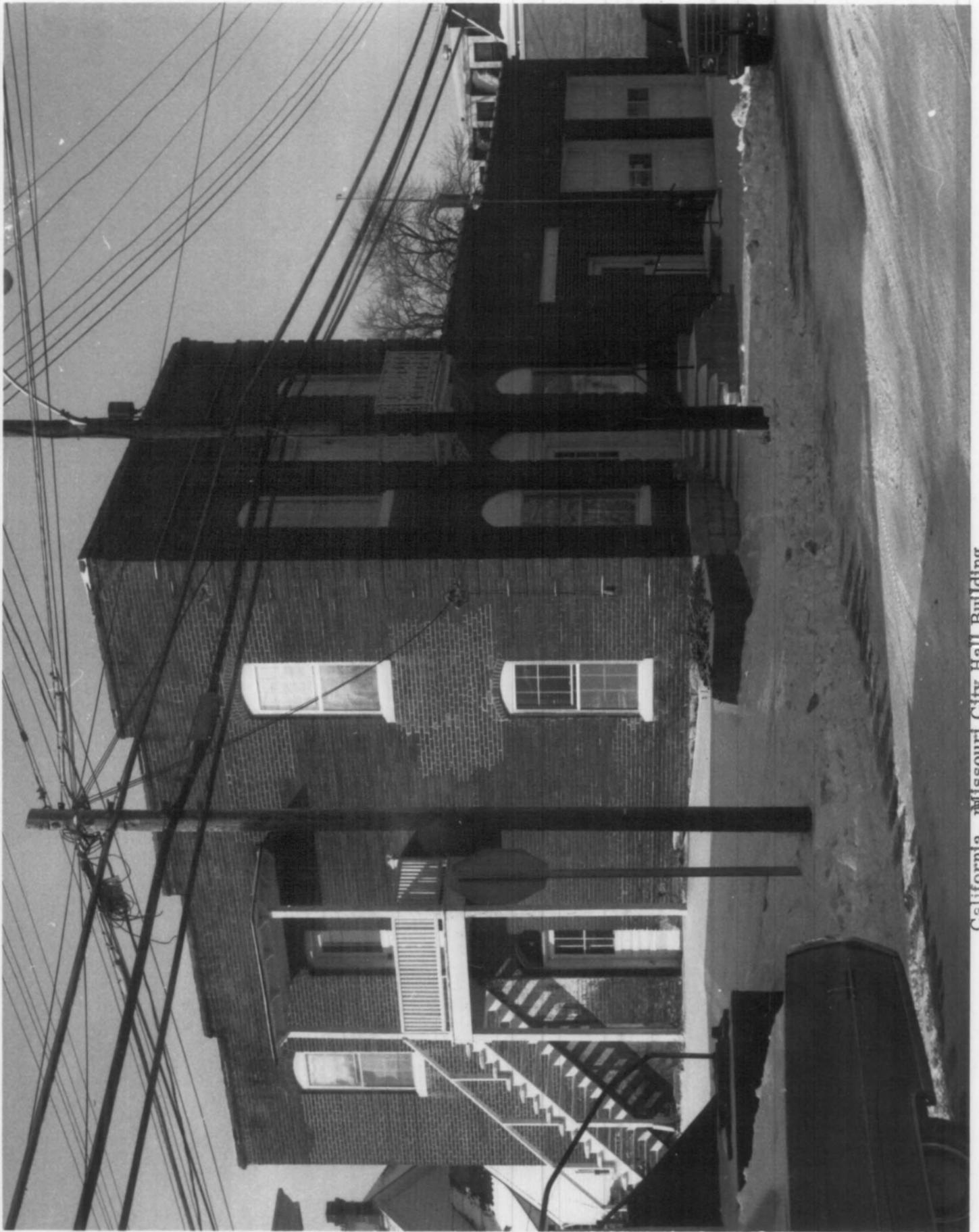
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Detail of the primary facade, showing the
ornamental balcony and decorative brickwork
at the roof line.





California, Missouri City Hall Building

