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

1. Name

historic HAMILTON HOUSE

and/or common Edna Cuddy Memorial House and Gardens

2. Location

street & number 1228 West Main \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Bethany \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

state Missouri code 29 county Harrison code 081

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Harrison County Historical Society

street & number P. O. Box 199

city, town Bethany \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Missouri 64424

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds

street & number Harrison County Courthouse

city, town Bethany \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Missouri 64424

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 Missouri Department of Natural Resources - P. O. Box 176

city, town Jefferson City \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Missouri 65102

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Hamilton/Edna Cuddy Memorial House and Gardens is an asymmetrical shaped house of brick construction facing North from its corner lot one block off the square in the City of Bethany, Missouri. This tall and stately Italianate-style home was designed in 1882 by Edmund Eckel of St. Joseph, Missouri, for a prominent hardware merchant by the name of James P. Hamilton (but usually called J.P.). Mr. Hamilton's initials, J.P.H., and the date, 1882, were carved into the projecting double window header off the second floor of the north facade. The initials and dates are further accentuated by a gable pediment in the roof just above this area. There is a one-story, slanted bay below this area. At the top of the windows on both the first and second floor levels, there is a double row of soldier course brick (a design often used by Edmund Eckel) that wraps itself around the north and part of the east facade. This decoration is very prominent from the street. A smooth stone belt accentuates the separation of the first and second floor levels. At the roof line, a projecting cornice is supported by concave, curved brackets with dentils between the brackets. The roof is a low, truncated-hip style covered with asbestos shingles. There are three plain brick chimneys, one on the west and two on the east walls.

The windows are long and narrow and are carefully proportioned to the whole house. There are curved brick arches above each window and protruding iron sills beneath.

The doors on the primary facade have transoms and both tend to reach directly into the street with their small porches and short expanse of lawn. The porch on the east appears as an addition to the original house, but covers the same area that an earlier porch had covered. The columns are tapered from bottom to top and not in keeping with the Italianate style of the house. Once inside the main entrance on the west, there is a long hall with a series of doors and an open, curved staircase that leads to the second floor. The tapered, octagonal newell post in the hall and the wooden trellage in the double doors are probably factory made. The doors lead to the front parlor, a dining room, the basement stairs and the kitchen. Within the rooms are decorative elements such as: arched woodwork above the doors, sliding wood door panels and the trellage between the parlor and dining room.

The ceilings are high, eleven feet in most rooms, but more in the front hallway. Wallpaper, typically floral but peeling and cracking, makes the rooms a bit garish.

The second floor contains four bedrooms, but on a somewhat plainer tone than the first floor. However, the curved staircase leading from the first floor has a handsome newell post, carved balustrades, oriental carpet and grained woodwork.

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On the exterior, there is a large expanse of lawn and wooded area on the south side of the property. At one time, these two lots were a formal garden, but they have not been maintained for a long period of time and volunteer trees have overgrown the area. On the north and west, the property line is marked with a low iron fence made by the Champion Iron Fence Company of Kenton, Ohio. It was in place during the Hamiltons' residency.

While this home is not the most lavish of Italiante/Victorian styles in America or Missouri, it is elaborate for Harrison County and the City of Bethany. It is a handsome, well-constructed and fashionably-adorned house built for a late-19th-Century, middle-class hardware merchant. This house typifies the life and times of the merchant class in "small town" Northwest Missouri.

# 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 1882 Builder/Architect Edmund Eckel

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hamilton/Edna Cuddy Memorial House and Gardens is significant according to the criteria of evaluation under definitions B and C to wit: it is associated with the life of James P. Hamilton, a person significant to the history of the town of Bethany and the county of Harrison in Missouri; and it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Italianate-style house of the middle-class merchant in Missouri.

Architecture: The Hamilton/Edna Cuddy Memorial House and Gardens is a good example of an effort to erect as pretentious a house as possible by an aggressive pioneer as he assumed an aura of grace in building himself a dwelling as spacious and spectacular as his purse and parcel would allow. Mr. Hamilton went even further with his pretentiousness in building his home out of brick in an area where wood frame structures are predominant. This tall and stately structure was built near the downtown square in Bethany, Missouri. Because the Italianate is rare in Harrison County, this house stands out as being significant. Certain features of the house, which would have been built of stone in 17th Century Italy, have been translated into brick and wood in the area of Missouri. The imitation elements, such as brackets and soldier course brick, communicate substance and stature critical to the successful appearance of the facade.

The windows of the house are long and narrow in keeping with the Italianate style. The front doors also reach out to the street with small porches and staircases with a very small front lawn. On the interior, the tapered octagonal newell post in the hall and the wooden trellage in the double doors are probably factory made, a feature of pretentious houses built after 1885. The ceilings are high and give the feeling of airy space and a comfortable sense of enclosure. The curved staircase, grained woodwork and other interior decorations indicate the Hamilton family built a lavish, handsome, well-constructed and fashionably-adorned house to reflect their economic and social status in Bethany, Missouri. The survival of the construction date and J.P. Hamilton's initials on the second floor window headers are important elements in evaluating the significance of the Hamilton/Edna Cuddy Memorial House and Gardens.

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Commerce: J.P. Hamilton's life (1840-1911) is an interesting case study of a successful southerner on the Missouri frontier engaged in the mercantile business. J.P. Hamilton was born in Green County, Kentucky, in 1840, and came with his parents to Randolph County, Missouri, later to Daviess County, and in 1859 to Bethany. J.P. Hamilton was a pioneer hardware merchant who started his business in 1859 in Bethany when it was still considered a small country town. Mr. Hamilton continued in the hardware business until 1899, when ill health forced him to sell the Hamilton Hardware Company to Phillips and Storm, who reorganized it into the Bethany Hardware Company. During his forty years as a merchant in Bethany, Mr. Hamilton was a prominent man in city and county affairs. He served as alderman for the City of Bethany. He helped organize the Bethany Savings Bank, of which he was a director and vice president. He was a member of the Independent order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias Lodge. In the 1921 History of Harrison County, Mr. Hamilton is remembered as one of the sturdy pioneers and enterprising characters who helped Bethany and Harrison County grow.

Final Comment: While it is not a factor in National Register consideration, it is nonetheless of considerable importance that, although the house has deteriorated in recent years and needs attention, it is now in the hands of the Harrison County Historical Society, which is vitally concerned with its restoration and preservation.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Wanamaker, George W., Ed. History of Harrison County, Missouri. Topeka, Kansas: Historical Printing Co., 1921.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .50 acres  
Quadrangle name "Bethany, Missouri"

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UTM References

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Lots one (1), five (5), and six (6), all in Block four (4) in the Southwest quarter of the west one-half of the Southeast quarter of Section ten (10), Township sixty-three (63), Range twenty-eight (28), in the City of Bethany, Missouri.

**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. Thomas W. Carneal, Associate Professor

organization Northwest Missouri State University date August 10, 1984

street & number 307 Colden Hall telephone (816) 562-1212

city or town Maryville, state Missouri(816) 562-1212

## 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

John Karel, Director & Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Parks and Historic Preservation date 2/27/85

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

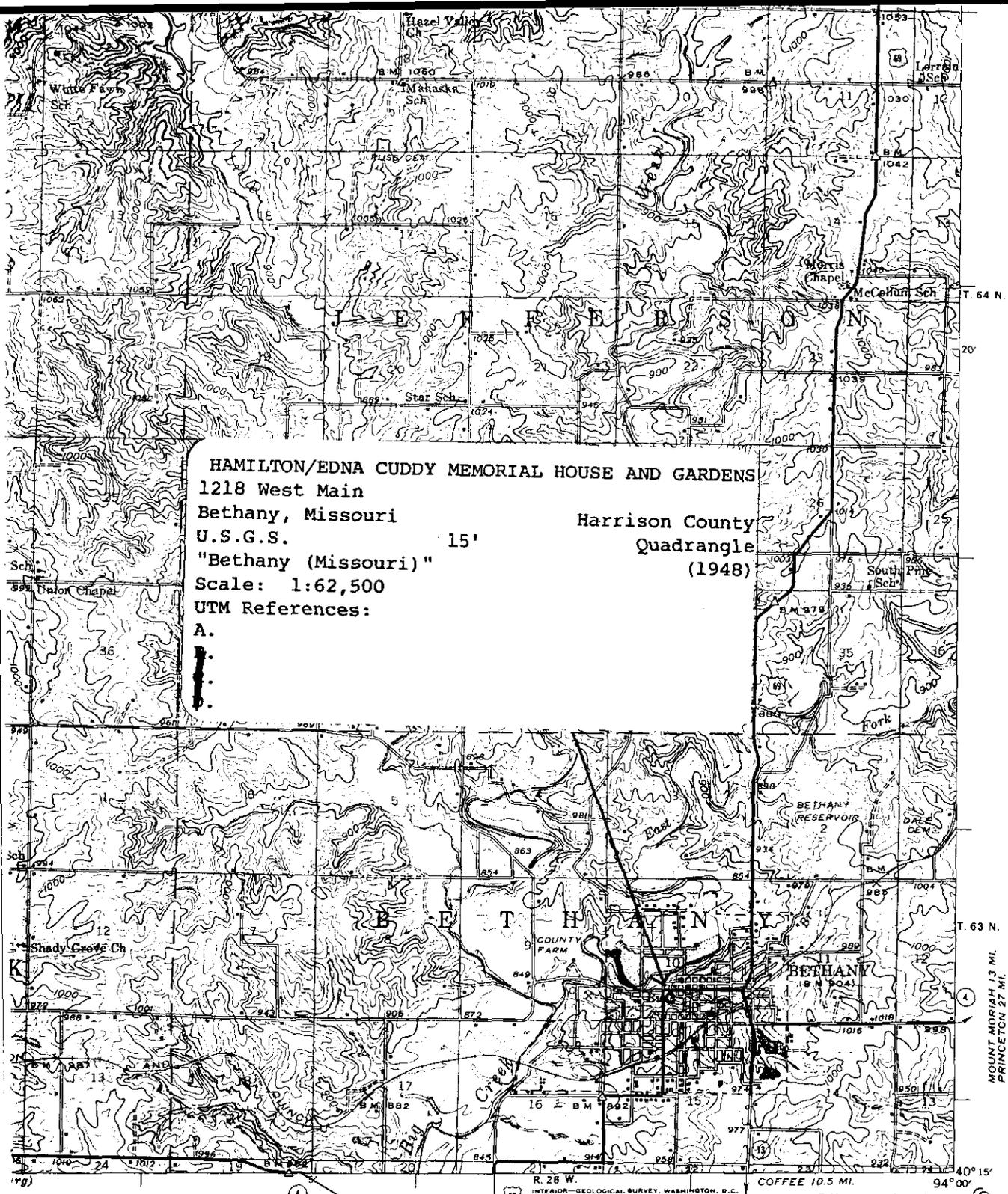
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



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 Bethany, Missouri  
 U.S.G.S. 15' Harrison County  
 "Bethany (Missouri)" Quadrangle  
 Scale: 1:62,500 (1948)  
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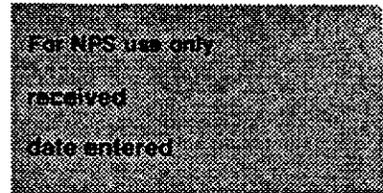
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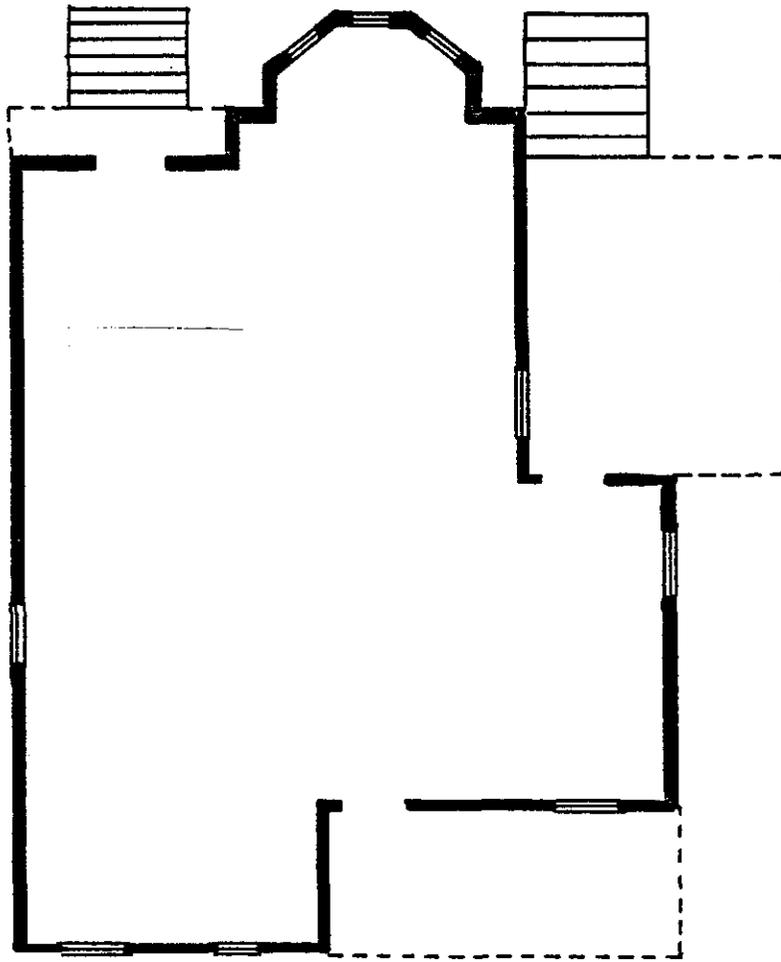
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2. James M. Denny, Chief Survey & Registration  
and State Contact Person  
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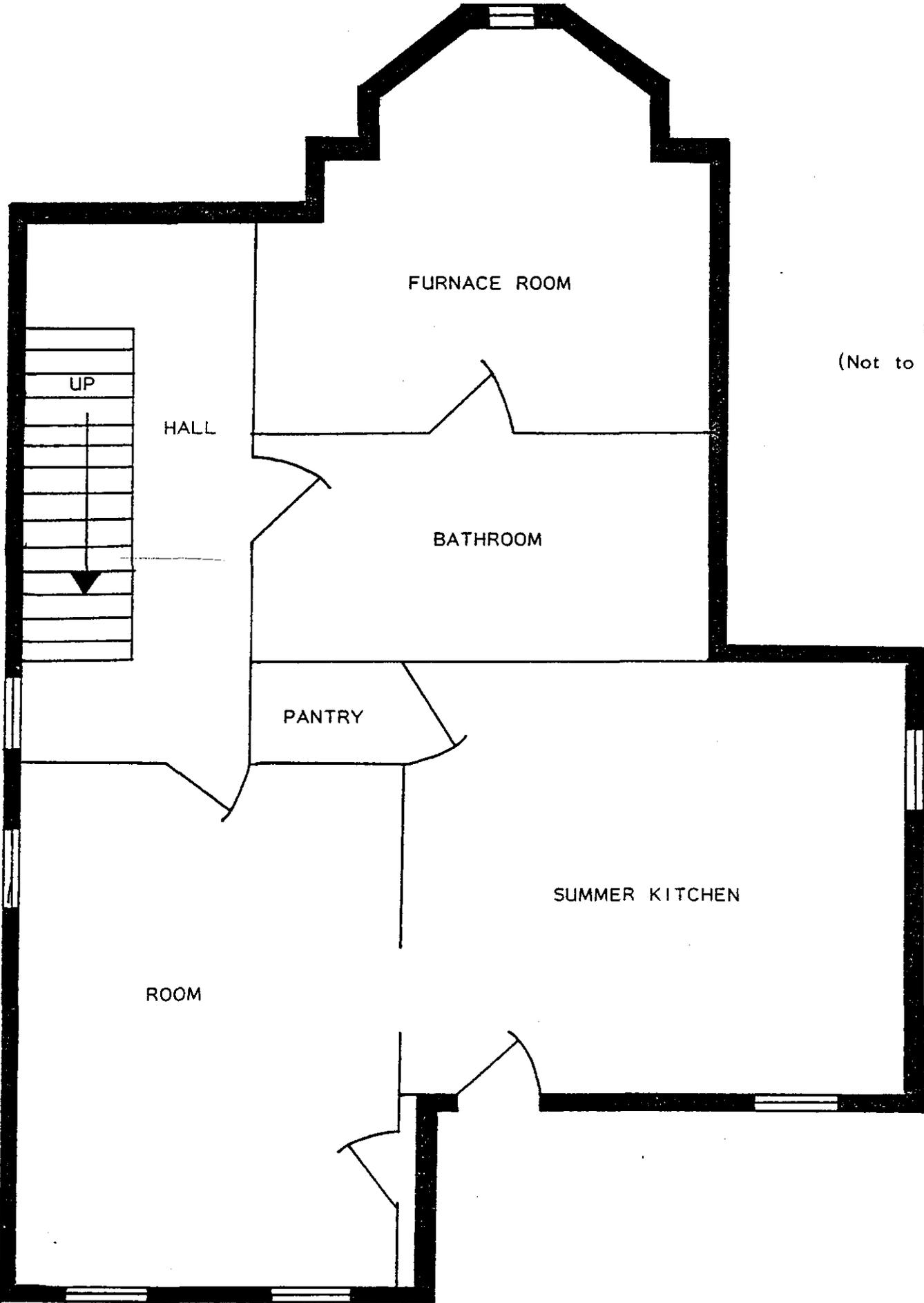


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Site Plan



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(Basement)

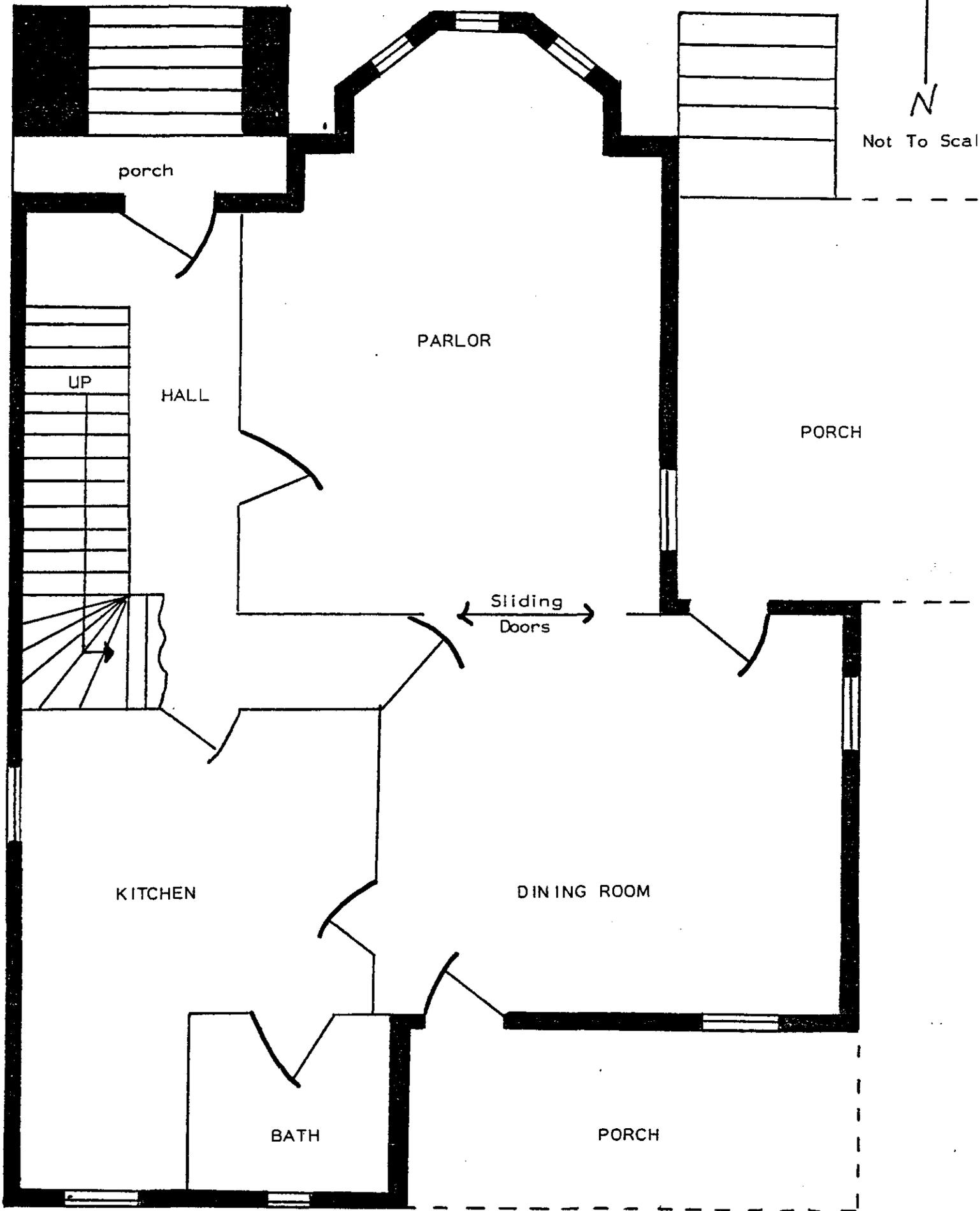


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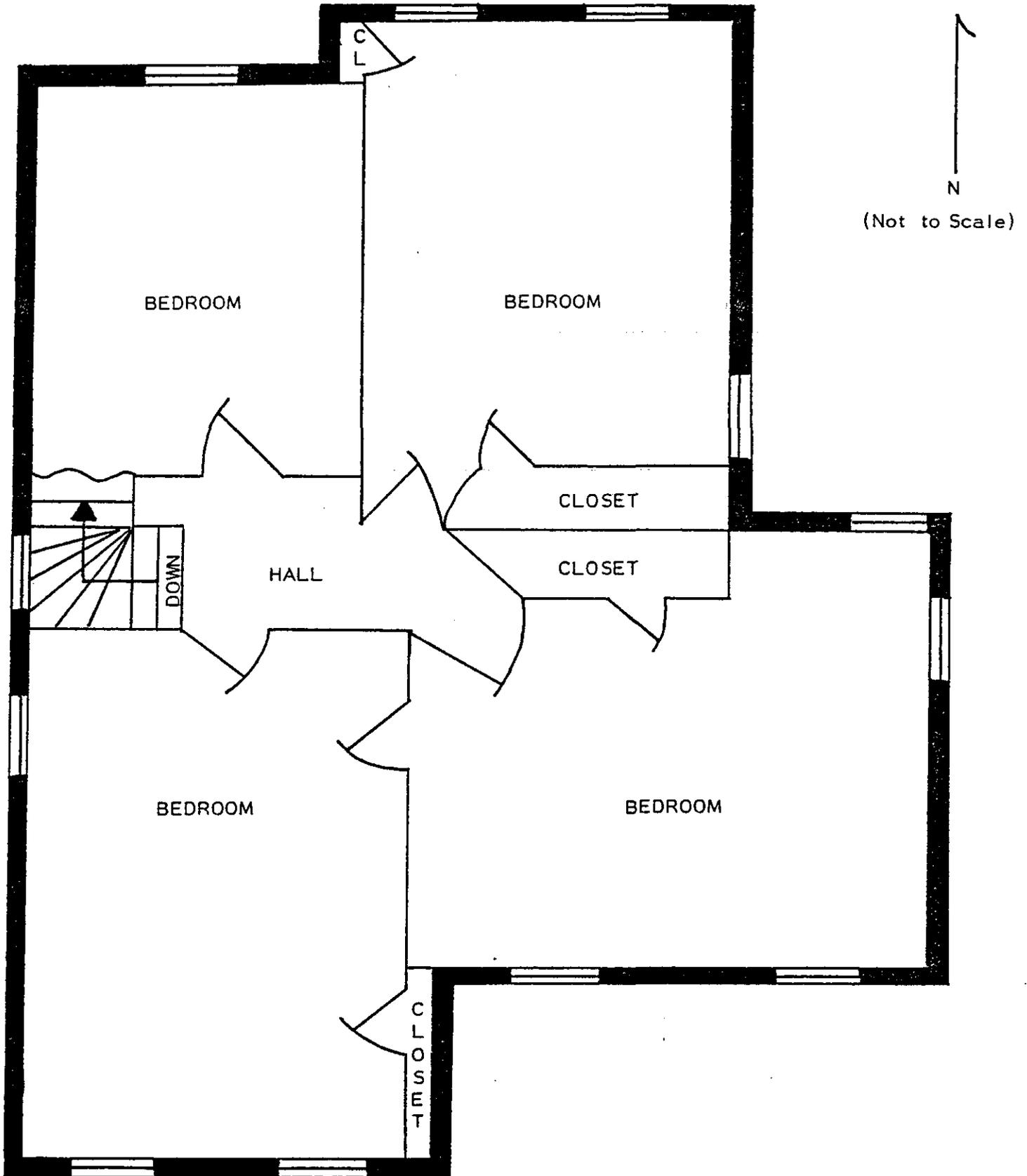
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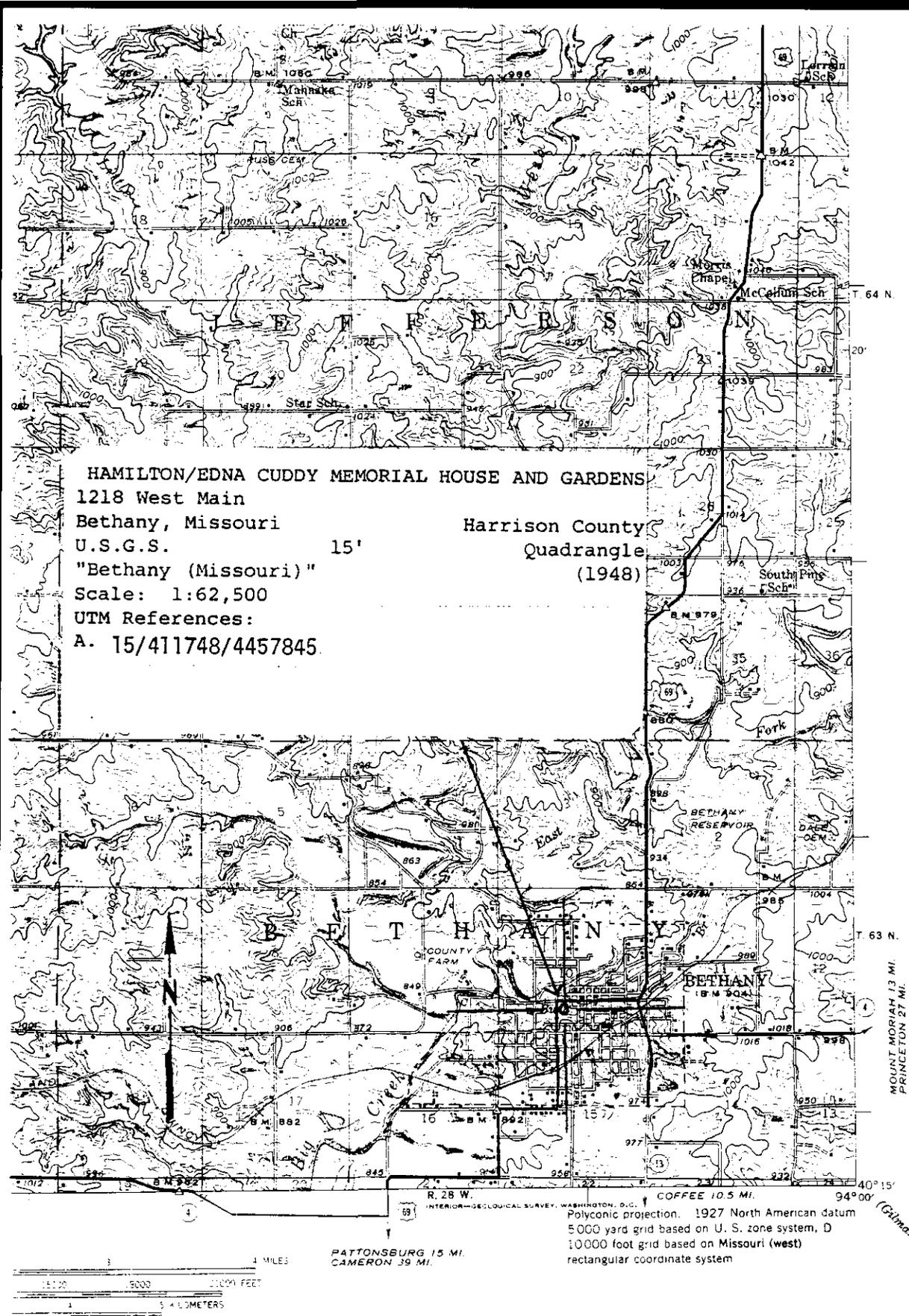


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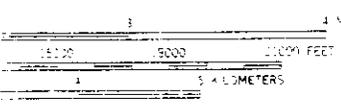
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Streetscape  
Looking West

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Primary (North) Facade

Looking South



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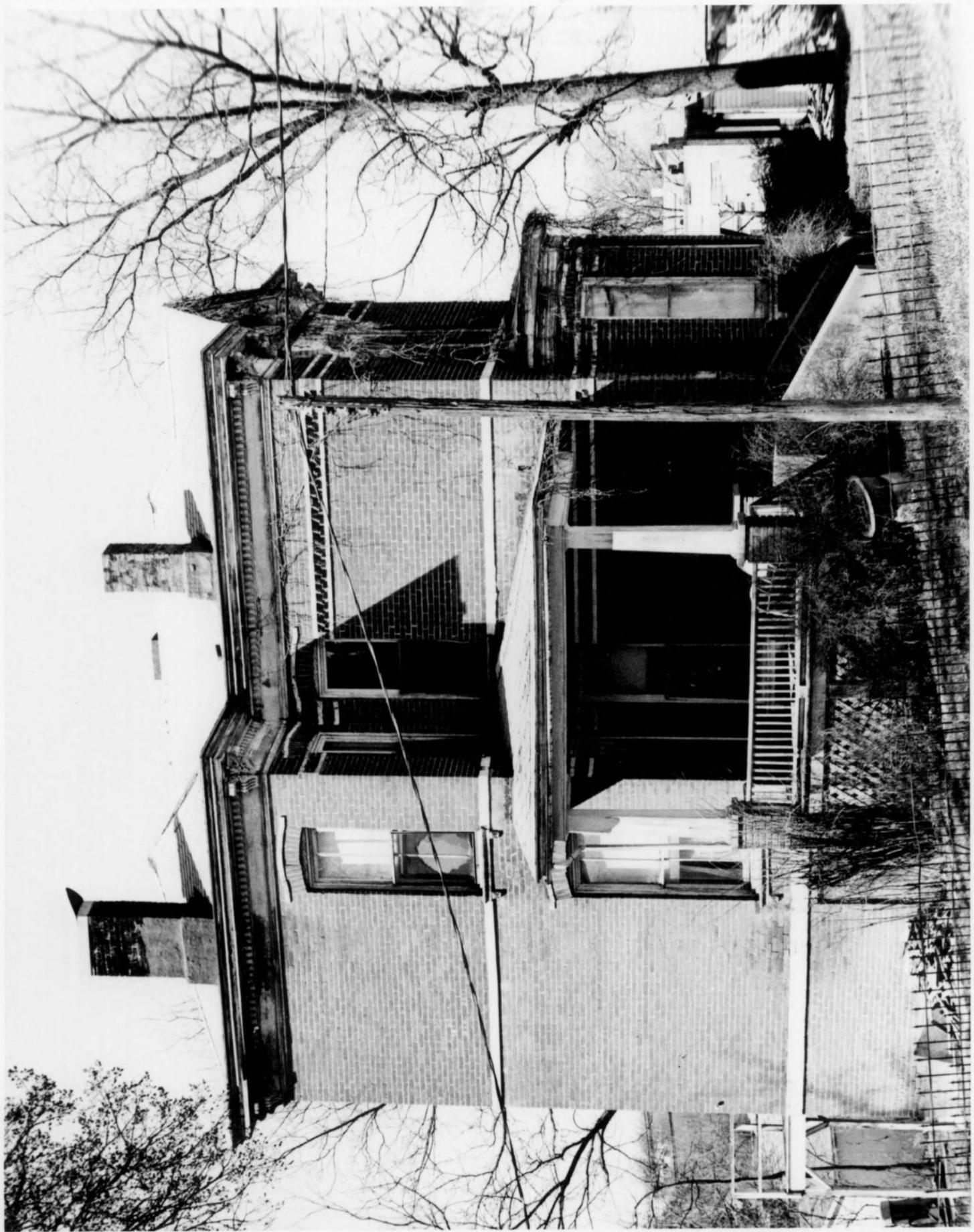
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East Facade  
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South Facade

Looking North



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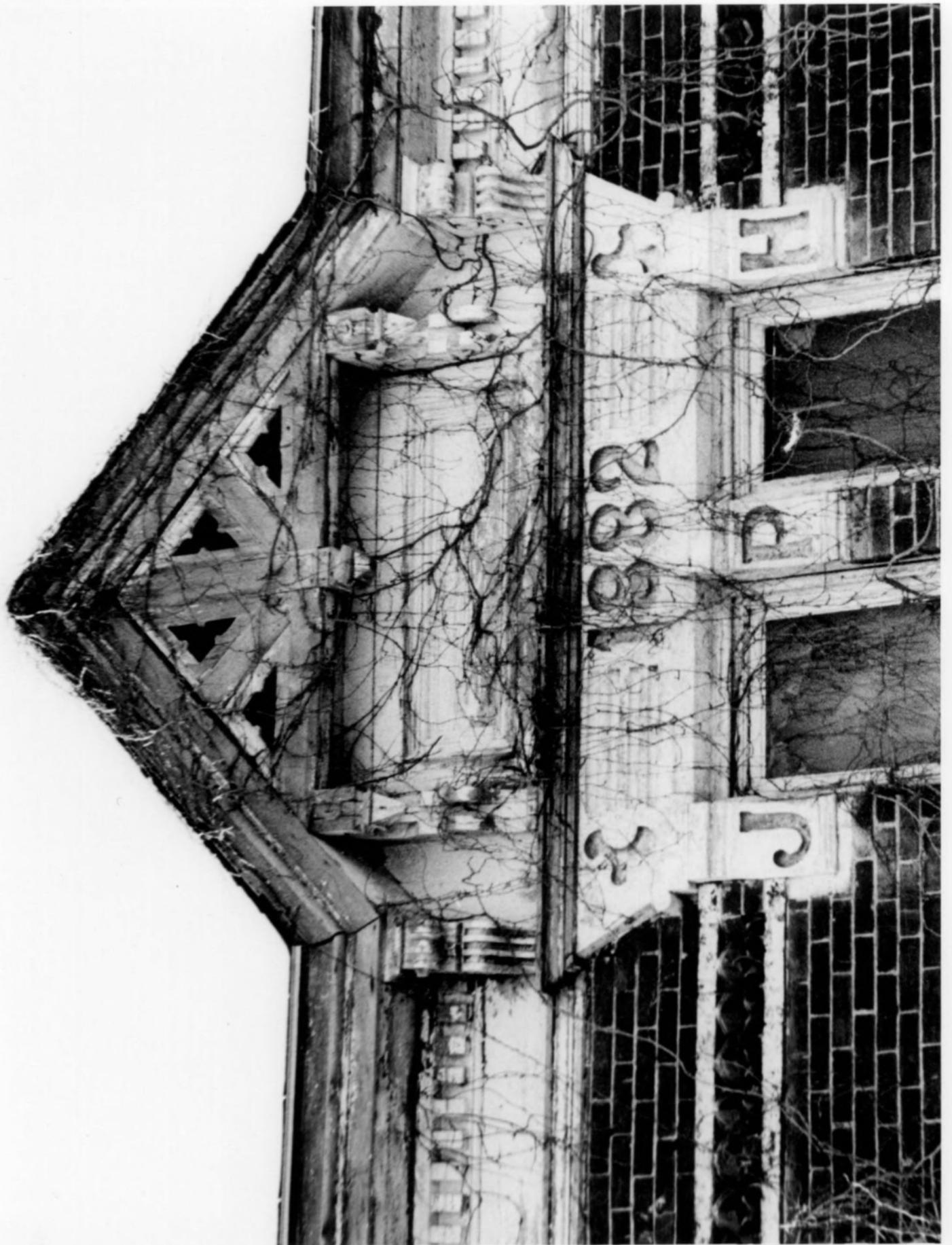
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Detail of Pediment & Lentil

North Facade

Looking South



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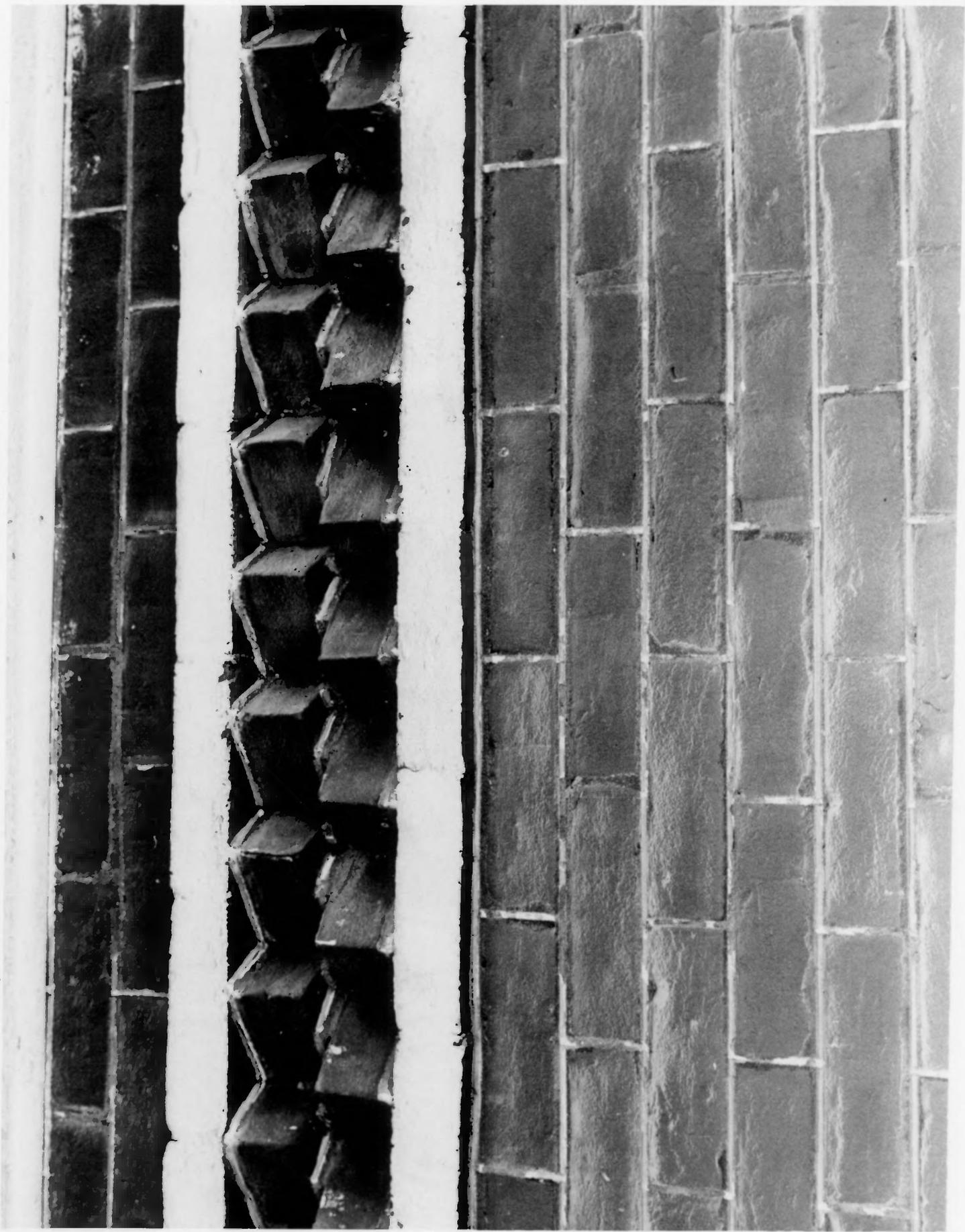
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Detail of Brick Course

East Facade

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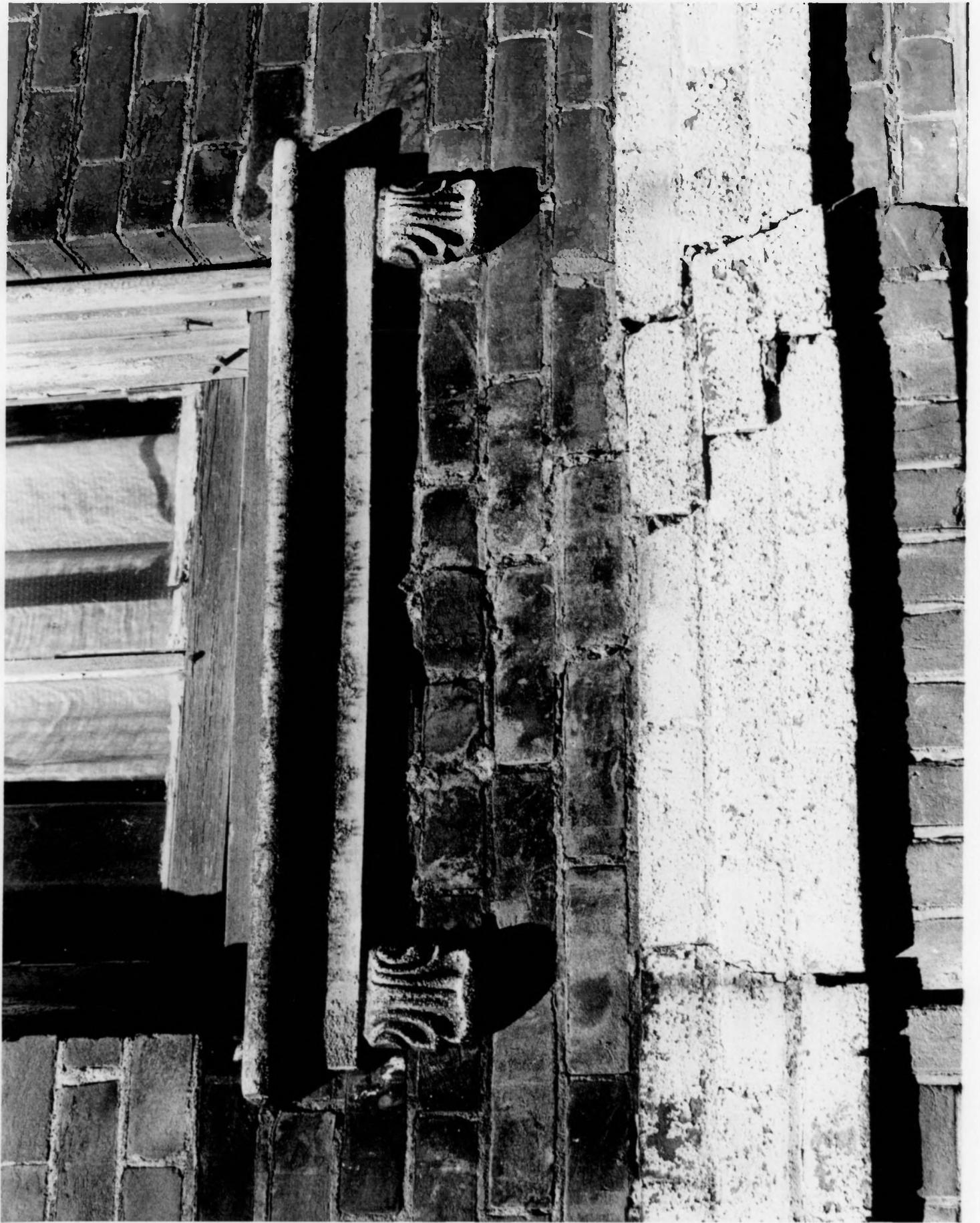
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Detail of Iron Windowsill

East Facade

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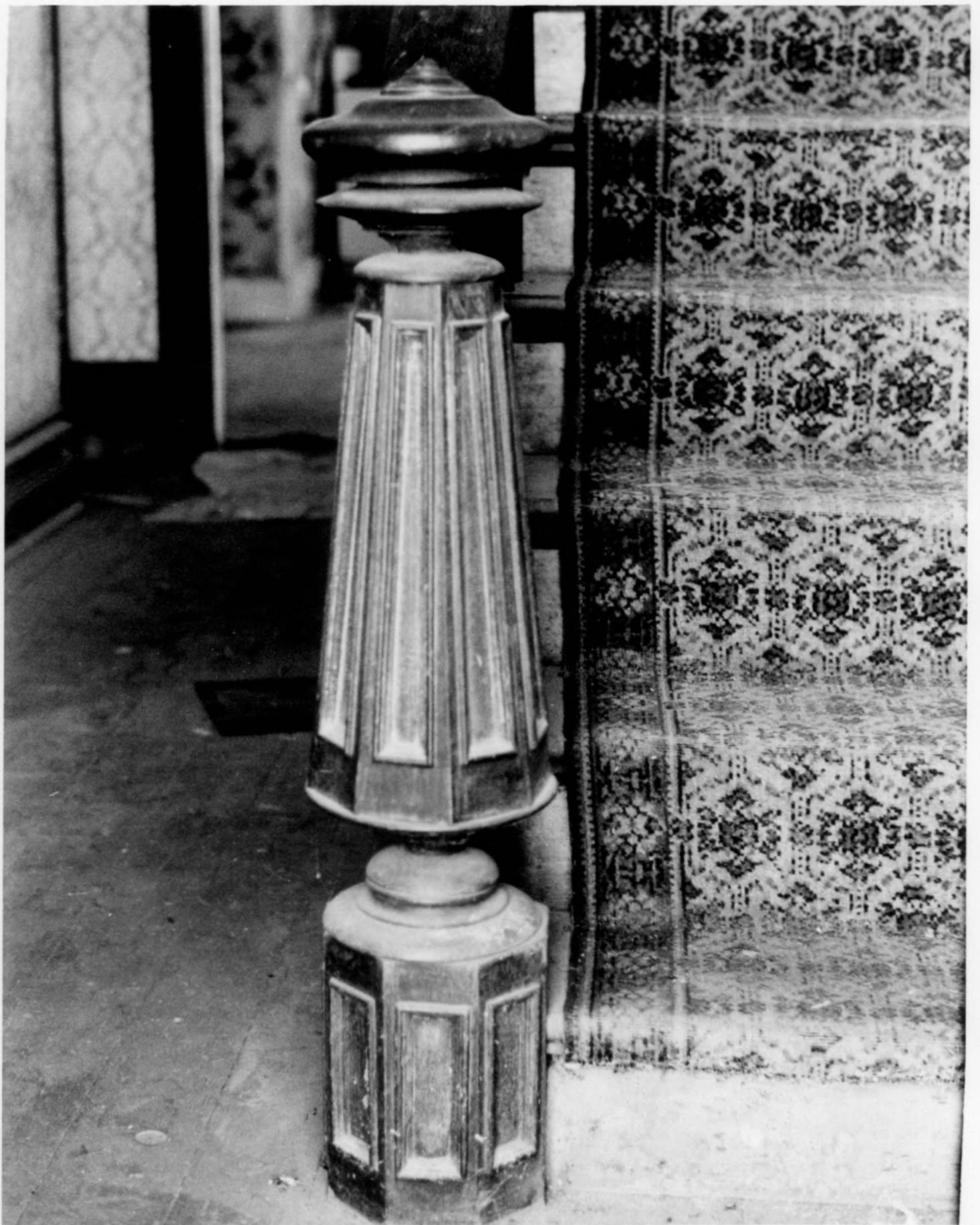
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Interior View, Newell Post

1st Floor Entry Hall

Looking South



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Interior View

Newell Post & Stairs

1st Floor Entry Hall

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Interior View

Stairwell & Balustrades

1st Floor Entry Hall

Looking South



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View of Interior Door

1st Floor Diningroom

Looking West



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Interior View

Wood-Turned Trellage

1st Floor Livingroom, looking north



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Detail of Iron Gate &

Fence Surrounding Property

Looking West

