

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Howard	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Lilac Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Alfred W. Morrison House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1 mile SW of Fayette on State Highway 5, T 50N R 16W Sec 14

CITY OR TOWN:  
1 mile SW of Fayette

STATE Missouri	CODE 65248	COUNTY: Howard	CODE 089
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. McKenty

STREET AND NUMBER:  
RFD #2

CITY OR TOWN: Fayette	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65248
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Howard County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fayette	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65248
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.67

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65201
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6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 24

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two-story red brick Federal style house of exceptional architectural detail ca. 1830. Date of construction and style of architecture is early for Howard County, Missouri.

Gable end of the 2½ story main block forms central third of the facade, flanked symmetrically by 1½ story twin wings having their gable ends perpendicular to that of the central section.

Atypical plan has no center hall, originally no interior stairways for access to second floor. Three rooms of about equal size across front of house. Three rooms (sitting room, kitchen and dining room) on the rear at right angles to front rooms forming a "T" plan. Construction curiosity deleted interior connection between some adjacent rooms. One isolated downstairs front room is believed to have been used by the original owner as an office. Upstairs bedrooms were separated by wall about 1½ feet in thickness with separate exterior stairways for access. Doorways have since been cut through these walls. Exterior stairs removed and interior stairs inserted by present owner.

House built with slave labor. Brick burned on the property. One slave cabin of wood frame construction, remains in good condition behind the house.

Hilltop site, house faces southeast. Present owner testifies that disorientation to compass points proves advantageous for ventilation.

Walnut woodwork throughout. Several especially fine original fireplace mantles with hand-carved sunburst designs.

After purchasing property in 1961 present owner continued an extensive renovation project begun by the previous owner. Present owner added one story room to rear of "T", bathrooms at both angles of the "T", and brick-paved porch to north side of original portion of the "T".

House now in pristine condition, fresh plaster, paint, excellent state of repair.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

House built by Alfred Morrison who came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1822 and began buying land in Howard County eventually owning about 1600-1700 acres. (Information from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. McKenty, present owners, who have made a study of the history of the house, in interview, Missouri State Historical Survey staff, August, 1968.) Alfred Morrison surveyed the town site for Fayette and served as one of the trustees when Fayette was reincorporated May, 1830. Morrison's involvement in political activities explains his need for a large separate office in his home. He served as sheriff, Judge of the County Court, and State Treasurer, 1851-1860. While he was treasurer, state funds were secured in the attic workrooms of the house. House passed to James Morrison, son of Alfred, about time of Civil War. James Morrison descendants lived in house until 1952.

An exceptionally fine example of Federal style of the era in central Missouri, the house is set apart by the arrangement of the facade. Most contemporary local houses had the gable ends to the sides rather than front and rear.

Origin of the design not definitely known, but the consistency of form and proportions, and assured manner in which classic details were employed in this building suggest that the builder drew his ideas from a published source, possibly a builder's planbook. (Reference is made to the Palladian window in the gable of the facade, the fan-lighted main entranceway, keystone lintels of the facade windows, the cornice with its regularly spaced and elegantly formed modillions.)

A report included in the Historic Sites Files of the State Historical Society of Missouri (E.P. Puckett of Fayette, Mo. based on research by L. Hainlin, and dated April 8, 1858) notes that the house was copied in part from the design of the Morrison's brother-in-law William Hughes' house, built 1828-1832 about four miles west of Fayette.

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8. A third suggestion as to the origin of the design of Lilac Hill has been offered by Charles Van Ravenswaay (quoted in the Missouri Club Woman, Vol. XV, No. 4, April, 1940, p. 2 referring to James Talbot's History of the South) who stated that it was possible that Alfred Morrison himself designed his house.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Property abstract in possession of present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. McKenty, 1968.
2. McKenty, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S., present owners, interviewed by Missouri State Historical Survey staff members, Vicki Rottman and Mary P. McCue, August 21, 1968.
3. State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. Historic Sites File.
4. Talbot, James. History of the South quoted in The Missouri Club Woman, Vol. XV, No. 4, April, 1940, p. 2.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
N NW	39	08	06	92	41	36						
W NE	39	08	03	92	41	39						
S SE	39	08	00	92	41	36						
E SW	39	08	03	92	41	32						

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 AND TITLE:  
M. Patricia Holmes, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Survey and Planning Office DATE: March 18, 1969  
Missouri State Park Board

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 176, 1201 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City STATE: Missouri 65101 CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title: Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date: March 24, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Currenly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 16 1969

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. Muntagh  
 Keeper of The National Register

APR 16 1969

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10-301  
(Dec. 1968)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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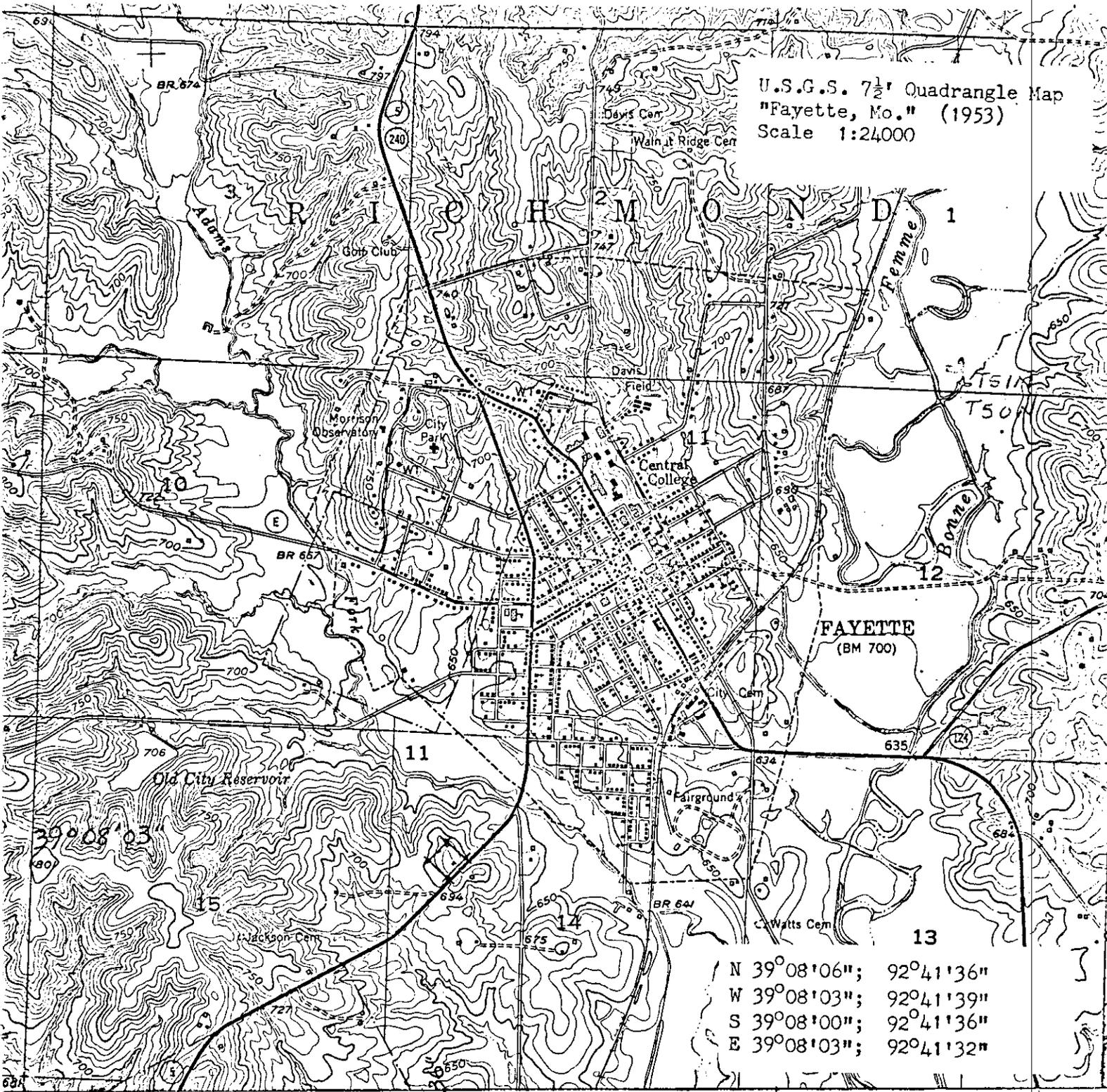
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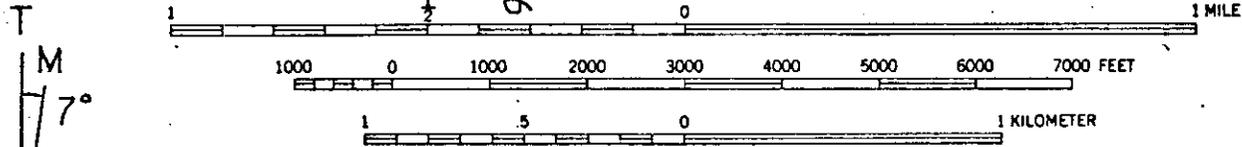
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Fayette			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Missouri	24	Howard	089
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Quadrangle "Fayette"			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1953			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle Map  
 "Fayette, Mo." (1953)  
 Scale 1:24000



42°30' NEW FRANKLIN 8.7 MI. BOONVILLE 11 MI. (NEW FRANKLIN) 40° R. 16 W. 11 MI. TO ROCHESTER

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, FEDERAL CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:	HP Holmes, State Historical Surv. y, Missouri State Park Board		
DATE OF PHOTO:	21 August 1968		
NEGATIVE FILED AT:	Missouri State Park Board, P.O. Box 176 1201 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101		
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Looking north, view includes southeast wall (facade) to right, and southwest gabled sidewall of wing to left.			

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4. IDENTIFICATION  
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Looking southwest, view includes rear aspect of principal block of house (to left); northeast side of "T" showing side gallery added by present owners and new addition (to right) at the northwest end of the "T".

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Name of Site: Lilac Hill

Site Number

Photographer: M.P. Holmes (McCue)

Date of Photo: 21 Aug 68

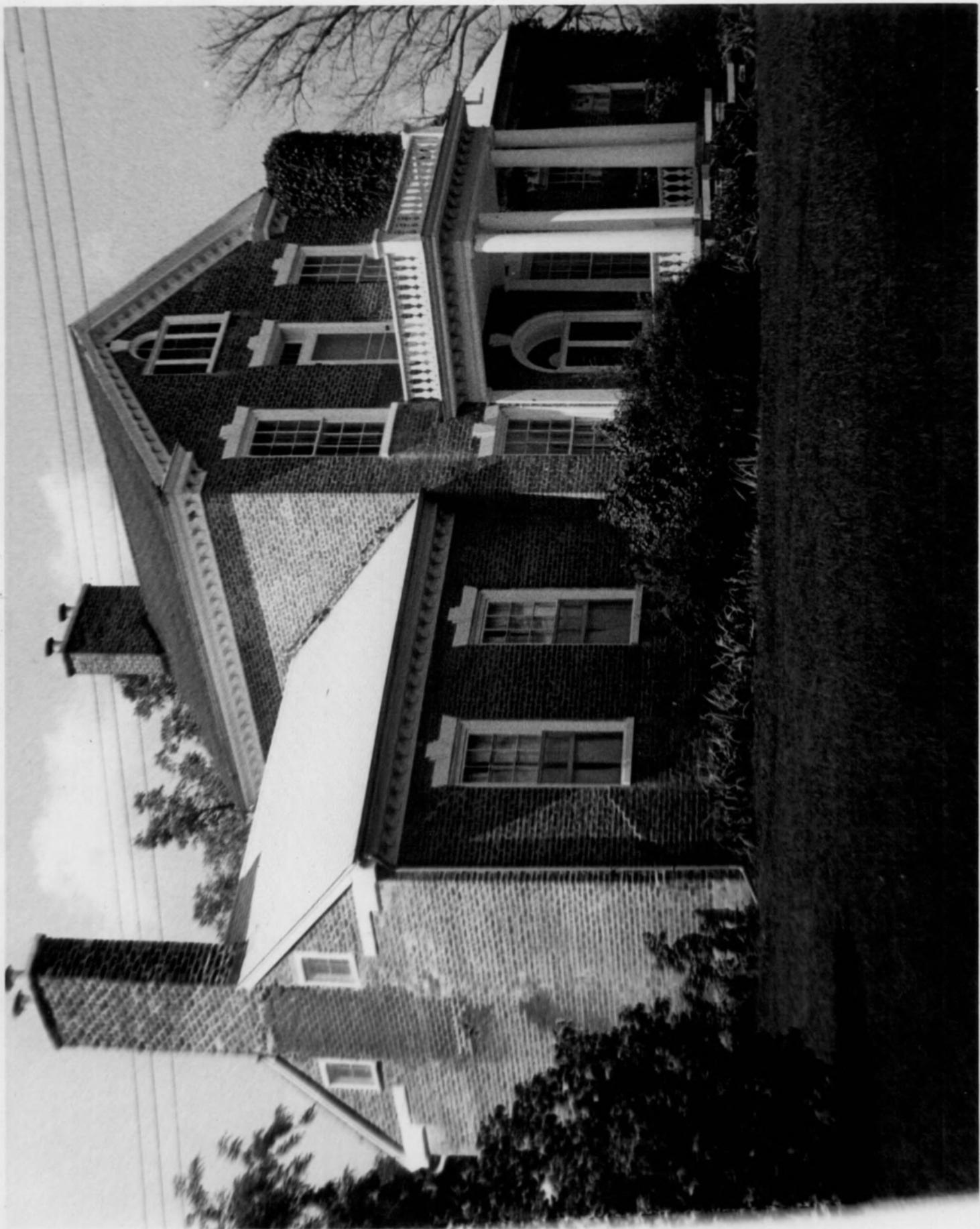
View of Photo: Toward North, from south

Neg. Size 35 m.m.

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Lilac Hill sw of Fayette  
HOWARD CO.  
MP McCue photo MSPB 21

from south



Lilac Hill sw of Fayette Mo.  
HOWARD CO.  
MP McCue photo 21 Aug 68  
from northeast  
35 mm.

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