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1993

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Hebron Center Historic District

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: Church Street, Gilead Street, Main Street, Marjorie  
Circle, Wall Street and West Street

city/town: Hebron not for publication: N/A

vicinity: N/A

state: CT county: Tolland code: 013 zip code: 06248

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: private, public-local

Category of Property: district

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>60</u>	<u>19</u>	buildings
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	objects
<u>63</u>	<u>25</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 1

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See cont. sheet.

Signature of certifying official: [Signature] Director, Connecticut Historical Commission Date: 06/08/93

State or Federal agency and bureau In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Table with 2 columns: Historic/Current and Sub. Rows include categories like DOMESTIC, COMMERCE/TRADE, RELIGION, EDUCATION and sub-categories like single dwelling, professional, business, religious structure, school, library.

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Federal
Greek Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation STONE roof ASPHALT
walls WOOD other N/A
BRICK

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: state

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE
RELIGION
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period(s) of Significance: C.1745-C.1940

Significant Dates: See item 7

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: See item 7

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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The Hebron Center Historic District consists of 41 major buildings and their associated outbuildings situated around the intersection of Route 85 (Church and Gilead Streets) and Route 66 (West Main and Main Streets), and extending northward on Marjorie Circle and Wall Street, in Hebron, Connecticut. The buildings in the district date mainly from the early to middle 19th century; however, as a result of Hebron's reconstruction after two severe fires in the 1880s, there are also several buildings that date from the late 19th century. Partly because of the fires, which destroyed numerous 18th-century buildings, only two houses of traditional colonial form, one of which was built c.1800-1820, remain standing within the boundaries of the district (Photographs 1 and 2). Most of the early 19th-century houses have some Federal-style detail, such as a fanlight in the tympanum or above the doorway, and several are oriented with their gable end facing the street (Photographs 3 and 4). Greek Revival-style features, such as pilaster-and-lintel doorways and corner pilasters, are also evident on several of the district's buildings (Photograph 5), in one case combined with Gothic-arched windows (Photograph 6). Some of the buildings built in the Victorian period display decorative elements such as scroll-sawn brackets and partly shingled exteriors. Wood-frame construction and clapboarded exteriors predominate, but there are also four brick buildings and one early 20th-century house built of concrete blocks. Throughout the district there are 19th-century barns, sheds, and other outbuildings from the period of significance, and many of the properties include stone walls along the road and field lines (Photograph 7).

In addition to the houses, the district includes several institutional buildings. Among them are four current or former religious structures: the brick Agudas Achim (United Brethren) Synagogue, built in 1940 and exhibiting an Art Deco influence (Photograph 8); the brick Gothic Revival-style St. Peter's Church (Episcopal), built in 1826 (Photograph 9); the Victorian Gothic Congregational Church, erected in 1883 (Photograph 10); and the former Methodist meetinghouse, 1838, which is Greek Revival in style and was later used as the Town Hall. Other institutional buildings include the Town Records Building, a small brick building built in 1909 to safeguard Hebron's public records (Photograph 11); the Stick-style Hebron Center School, 1883, now used as the American Legion Hall; and the Douglas Library, 1898, Queen Anne style. Also included is the Porter Gristmill, a small 18th-century wood-frame mill located on Jeremy Brook at the west end of the district (Photograph 16).

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A small town green formerly occupied the center of the district. Although a large portion of that green has now been displaced by the intersection of Routes 66 and 85, wide two-lane state highways, parts of the green survive as grassy strips of land separating Route 66 from Old Hebron Road and Hebron Center Road, the local roads that run in front of the buildings (Photograph 12--see also Sketch Map). A few trees and a bench occupy these remnants. The largest remaining portion of Hebron Green is the open parcel southwest of the intersection that serves as Hebron's Veterans Memorial Park (Photograph 13). In the park stand six war memorials: granite monuments to those who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; a World War I plaque on a boulder, set back from the road against the trees; and a small black cannon and a flag pole located in the center of the square-shaped park. None of these objects appears to be more than 50 years old; they are counted as noncontributing objects. All the remnants of the green, including Veterans Memorial Park, are counted as a single contributing site.

The inventory of resources also includes the historic cemetery associated with St. Peter's Church as a contributing site and the town pound (Photograph 14), a small early 19th-century enclosure built of low fieldstone walls, as a contributing structure.

Most of the buildings in the district preserve their original form and much of their original detailing. Many of the buildings on Main Street have been converted from residential to professional or commercial use; however, alterations have been carried out mainly at the rear or sides of the buildings, so the original appearance is maintained. The district remains unaffected by the large-scale commercial development often found along state highways. The majority of buildings throughout the rest of the district are still used as residences. Some have seen some type of minor alteration, such as window replacement and additions to the rear or sides, but most retain their original form, fenestration, chimneys, sash, and exterior siding materials. The few noncontributing buildings in the district are mostly garages, sheds, or barns that are of modern construction, along with one modern house and a veterinary clinic (Photograph 15).

The boundary of the district generally follows property lines, cutting across them only to exclude excessive acreage. The boundary was

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delineated so as to include contiguous historic buildings but exclude the predominantly modern construction that surrounds Hebron Center on all the main roads.

In the Inventory of Resources that follows, the count of contributing buildings (C) includes a number of barns and other outbuildings that retain their historic appearance; conversely, the count of noncontributing buildings (NC) includes garages and other outbuildings that appear to be of relatively recent construction. "Siding" indicates either aluminum or vinyl siding, and "composition siding" includes both asbestos and wood-fiber composites. No notation of style appears if no identifiable style is apparent; most of these are plain, vernacular structures. Dates and historic names were primarily derived from the Historic District report cited in the Bibliography.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- X previously listed in the National Register AUGUSTUS POST HOUSE (Hewitt House)
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office Connecticut Historical Commission
- Other state agency 59 South Prospect Street
- Federal agency Hartford, Connecticut 06106
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: approx. 83 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	_____	_____	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

X See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: X See continuation sheet.

The boundary is shown on the accompanying map, scale 1"=200', compiled from Hebron Assessor Maps 69 and 70.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

The boundary generally follows property lines, except where necessary to cut across them so as to exclude excessive back acreage.

11. Form Prepared By Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator

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**INVENTORY OF RESOURCES**

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
HEBRON GREEN	Remnants of 18th-century town common located between Route 66 and Old Hebron Road and Hebron Center Road; includes Veterans Memorial Park on Church Street, along with six war memorials, all less than 50 years old (one contributing site, six noncontributing objects). (Photograph 12)	1	6
10 Church Street	AGUDAS ACHIM SYNAGOGUE (United Brethren Synagogue), 1940, Art Deco influence, Ira Charles Turshem, architect. One story, brick, doorway with arched side lights. Circular window over doorway with Star of David. North and south sides stucco over brick, with large arched circular windows. (Photograph 8)	1	0
13 Church Street	JOHN GRAVES HOUSE, 1816, Federal style; 2 1/2 stories, 3-bay gable-end facade, brick center chimney, 12-over-12 sash, fanlight in gable, triglyphs and metopes on rake board; fluted pilasters support entry pediment, and fanlight and sidelights surround front door. Barn at rear sided with vertical boards. (Photograph 3)	2	0



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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
17 Church Street	House, c.1800-30, Federal style, brick, 2 1/2 stories, 3-bay gable-end facade, full cornice return, splayed-brick lintels and stone window sills, 6-over-6 sash, elliptical window in gable peak with radial glazing. Portico on slender columns sheltering doorway with paneled door, pilasters, and fanlight. Nineteenth-century barn at rear with vertical boards, now used as garage. (Photograph 4)	2	0
18 Church Street	REV. AMOS BASSETT HOUSE, 1806, Federal style with added Victorian details. Two stories, hipped roof, center chimney and small side chimney, clapboards, 2-over-2 sash, 5-bay facade, pedimented projecting central bay with flush boarding and fanlight. Fanlight transom and fluted pilasters around entry. Victorian porch with arches and pendants across front. Modern greenhouse and shed in rear.	1	2
22 Church Street	GOV. JOHN S. PETERS HOUSE, 1806, Federal style, brick, 5-bay facade, 2 1/2 stories, three end brick chimneys, 6-over-6 sash, fanlights in gables. Entry has fanlight transom. Entry portico with modillions, frieze, fluted Doric columns, and pilasters. Large board-sided barn in rear, modern shingled garage and shed.	2	2
25 Church Street	House, c.1815-30, Federal style, 3-bay gable-end facade, 2 1/2 stories, clapboards, 6-over-6 sash, full return of cornice with semi-elliptical window in tympanum. Large board-sided barn in rear.	2	0

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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
30 Church Street	ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1826, Gothic Revival style, brick, 1 story. Bell tower at rear; wooden belfry stage with corner pilasters, lancet-shaped openings with louvers. Entry on east end elevation with modern double doors; large lancet window above. Large lancets on side elevations with stained-glass memorial windows. Modern 1 1/2-story meeting hall (Phelps Hall) next to church; burying ground (contributing site) behind church. (Photograph 9)	2	1
39 Church Street	House, c. 1910, Foursquare style, 2 1/2 stories, hip roof, center brick chimney, siding. Bay window in front. Entry porch extends around side of house. Modern addition to rear. Modern barn.	1	1
49 Church Street	House, c. 1910, Bungalow style, 1 1/2 stories, concrete-block walls, side brick chimney. Gable roof with large dormer slopes over front porch. Modern rear addition.	1	0
60 Church Street	House, Greek Revival style with Gothic Revival influence. Three-bay gable-end facade, 2 1/2 stories, brick center chimney, clapboards. Nine-over-nine and 6-over-6 sash, full cornice return, pointed-arch tripartite window in gable; transom and sidelights surrounding entry. Board sided barn at back of house. (Photograph 6)	2	0

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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
1 Main Street	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HEBRON, 1883, Victorian Gothic style, Ephraim J. Wilcox, builder, 2 stories, clapboards. Large bell tower with open belfry at southeast corner and smaller tower at southwest corner; frieze created by vertical boarding. Hood moldings above paired lancet windows. Doorways sheltered by peaked roofs, one of stick braces and one on large scroll brackets. Large board-sided barn in rear. (Photograph 10)	2	0
4 Main Street	AUGUSTUS POST HOUSE (Hewitt House), 1826, Federal style. Brick, 2 1/2 stories, 5-bay gable-end facade, fanlight in gable, center entry with fanlight (modern). Four corner chimneys, 12-over-12 sash, tripartite rectangular window over west-side recessed entry. Victorian-period addition on south side with 2-over-2 windows. Listed on National Register of Historic Places.	1	0
7 Main Street	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARSONAGE, c.1885, Eastlake style, 3-bay gable-end facade, 2 1/2 stories, clapboards, 2-over-2 sash, bargeboard with rope and foliate designs, corner brackets. Entry hood on brackets. Rope ornament applied to window caps. Italianate-detailed side porch. Two board-sided barns in rear, modern garage.	3	1

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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
10 Main Street	House, c.1820, Federal style, 3-bay gable-end facade, 2 1/2 stories, clapboards, full cornice return, 2-over-2 sash with 12-over-12 on attic story. Victorian doorway, modern porch across part of front and along east side. Twentieth-century garage.	1	1
12 Main Street	OLD GENERAL STORE, c. 1840, Greek Revival style, 2 1/2 stories, composition siding, 2-over-2 sash, large oblong window in gable. Victorian-period storefront and 2-story porch. Garage.	1	1
14 Main Street	FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY PARSONAGE, 1824, Federal style, John Graves, builder; 3-bay gable-end facade, 2 1/2 stories, clapboards, 2-over-2 and 6-over-6 sash, full cornice return, fanlight in gable. Simple entablature over doorway. Board-sided barn now used as garage. (Photograph 12, far right)	2	0
17 Main Street	House, c.1860, altered c.1885, Greek Revival style, 2 stories, composition siding (board and batten on ell), 6-over-6 sash, pilaster-and-lintel doorway.	1	0
18 Main Street	HEBRON CENTER SCHOOL (American Legion Hall), 1883, Stick style, 1 1/2 stories, clapboards, 6-over-6 sash, bracketed cupola, molded window caps, paired front entries sheltered by flat roofs on stick braces, circular window in gable. (Photograph 12, background)	1	0

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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
21 Main Street	House, c.1885, 1 1/2 stories, shingled, 6-over-6 sash, c.1920 porch with square columns across front of house. Garage.	1	1
22 Main Street	DOUGLAS LIBRARY, 1898, Queen Anne style, 1 story, gable-on-hip roof, exterior sided with fishscale shingles, clapboards, and vertical boards. Bargeboard.	1	0
26 Main Street	METHODIST MEETING HOUSE (Old Town Hall), 1838, Greek Revival style, 1 story, 3-bay gable-end facade, clapboards, corner pilasters, wide frieze with dentils, pilaster-and-lintel central entry with paneled door, 16-over-16 sash. Small belfry with pilastered corners, cut granite foundation.	1	0
27 Main Street	House, 1883-5, 1 1/2 stories, clapboards, 6-over-6 sash, shed-roofed open porch on square posts, all of modern construction on west side.	1	0
28 Main Street	House, 1 story, shingled, 6-over 6 sash; on site of mid-19th-century blacksmith shop.	1	0
30 Main Street	Store (former house), 1 1/2 stories, c.1885, 2-bay gable-end facade, siding, 6-over-6 sash. Modern display window.	1	0
31 Main Street	Bank; c.1885/ <u>rebuilt 1988</u> , 1 1/2 stories, clapboards, modern 6-over-6 sash, cornice return and elliptical window in gable. Bank machine and freestanding drive-up structure in parking lot.	1	1

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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
Marjorie Circle	TOWN RECORDS BUILDING, 1909, Classical Revival influence, 1 story, brick, full cornice return, 2-over-2-sash; granite foundation, lintels, sills, date stone in gable. Transom over front door. (Photograph 11)	1	0
8 Marjorie Circle	House, c.1856, Greek Revival style, 2 stories, low hip roof, 3-bay facade with entry on right, sheltered by partly enclosed flat-roofed portico. Sidelights and transom. Clapboards, 6-over-6 sash, corner pilasters, wide frieze and cornice molding. (Photograph 5)	1	0
21 Marjorie Circle	House, c.1800-20, 5-bay facade, 2 1/2 stories, brick center chimney, clapboards, 6-over-6 sash, doorway with sidelights and simple entablature supported by plain boards. Modern garage. (Photograph 2)	1	1
22 Marjorie Circle	House, 1840, Greek Revival style, 1 1/2 stories, full cornice return, recessed portico across entire front supported on 4 square columns. Clapboards, with flush boarding behind portico and in tympanum. Two-over-two sash. Added shed dormer.	1	0
25 Marjorie Circle	House, c.1745-50, Colonial style, 4-bay facade with entry off-center, 1 1/2 stories, gambrel roof, brick center chimney, clapboards, 12-over-8 sash. Ell to rear. Board-sided barn. (Photograph 1)	2	0

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30 Marjorie Circle	House, 1820, Federal style, 2 1/2 stories, 3-bay gable-end facade, 2 brick chimneys, clapboards; 12-over 12, 12-over-8, and 6-over-6 sash. Gabled entry portico with frieze, columns, and pilasters. Triangular gable window. Board-sided barn in rear.	2	0
50 Marjorie Circle	House, c.1850, Greek Revival/Italianate influences, 2 1/2 stories, clapboards, 2-over-2 sash, pedimented gable end, bracketed cornice, entry on south side sheltered by flat roof on scroll brackets with pendants. Large vertical-board sided barn, modern shed near house. (Photograph 7)	2	1
11 Wall Street	House, c.1890, 3-bay facade, 1 1/2 stories, clapboards. Front porch with turned posts, post brackets, spindles, and stick-work railing extends around side of house. Modern garage next to house.	1	1
15 Wall Street	House, c.1920, Bungalow style, 1 1/2 stories, wood shingles. Gable roof extends to form front porch with square columns and solid railing. Central gabled dormer. Modern garage.	1	1
21 Wall Street	House, c.1890, 1 1/2 stories, 2-over-2 sash; clapboards and fishscale shingles. Side porch, formed from roof extension, with decorative paneled railing.	1	0

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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
24 Wall Street	House, c.1880, 3-bay gable-end facade, 1 1/2 stories, siding. Italianate-detailed porch with paneled uprights and curved brackets across front. Gable window with sidelights. Nineteenth-century board-sided barn, with large new barn under construction.	2	1
30 Wall Street	House, c.1960, 1-story, "ranch" type, sided.	0	1
44 Wall Street	House, c.1840, Greek Revival style, 3-bay gable-end facade, 2 1/2 stories, clapboards. Two board-sided c.1900 barns, shed, and c.1920 cement-block outbuilding at rear.	5	0
1 West Main Street	SQUIRE TIMOTHY DUTTON HOUSE, 1790, Federal style, 2 stories, hip roof, 5-bay facade twin interior chimneys, clapboards; 12-over-12, 2-over-2, and 6-over-6 sash. Large flat-roofed portico on four columns, added c.1910; wide 8-panel door.	1	0
5 West Main Street	H. PORTER HOUSE, c. 1890, 2 1/2 stories, six-bay broad-side facade, twin chimneys, clapboards, 2-over-2 sash, front entrance with new enclosed vestibule. Garage of modern construction next to house.	1	1
43 West Main Street	Veterinary clinic, c.1980, 1 1/2 stories, board-sided exterior.	0	1



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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	C	NC
55 West Main Street	PORTER GRISTMILL, c.1740, small 2 1/2-story clapboarded mill building with reproduction waterwheel (original grinding equipment moved to <u>Old Sturbridge Village</u> ), 2 1/2-story clapboarded house, c.1790, two c.1900 board-sided barns. (Photograph 15)	4	0
West Main Street	HEBRON TOWN POUND, 1821, small enclosure formed by low fieldstone walls. (Photograph 16)	1	0

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Significance

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Summary

Hebron Center Historic District is historically significant because its buildings reflect the area's longstanding role as the town's political, commercial, educational, and religious center (Criterion A). In the 18th century, Hebron's widely dispersed farm families journeyed to the town center to attend weekly religious services at the Congregational meetinghouse and, less frequently, to participate in town meetings and militia drills on the adjacent town common. The area also was the location of a tavern and one other shop, typical of the limited commercial activity that occurred around rural crossroads in the 18th century, and of one of the waterpowered gristmills that were essential to the agricultural economy. In the 19th century, the area developed as a town green, with meeting places of other religious organizations, an increased number of small businesses, and a greater concentration of houses. Public institutions, including a district school, town hall, public library, and, in the early 20th century, the town records building, also were located at the town center. Despite two severe fires that swept through the center in the late 19th century (an uncommon occurrence for rural Connecticut crossroads), many buildings remain today to recall Hebron Center's role as the hub of the town's community life. The district also has architectural significance because many of its buildings are well-preserved and embody the distinctive characteristics of particular architectural periods and styles (Criterion C). The Federal style of the early 19th century is particularly well-represented, with numerous finely detailed cornices, fanlights, and porticos illustrating the elegant interpretation of classical precedent that was at the heart of the style.

Historical Importance of Hebron Center

Hebron, incorporated as a town in 1708, grew slowly as families from Massachusetts, Long Island, and other areas of Connecticut bought tracts of land and settled. Farms were spread out throughout the town, with only the area around the town common and meetinghouse as a focal point. The meetinghouse accommodated both religious services and town meetings, and the common served as the town's parade ground, market place, and common pasture. These two factors were enough to establish the area of the proposed district as the town's center. There were few houses there in the 18th century, but the crossroads at the center also provided the core for a small commercial nucleus in the form of a tavern and store. The district school and the gristmill on nearby Jeremy Brook did not serve the entire town, but they also helped establish the center as a place of community activity.

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After the Revolutionary War Hebron began to grow and many more buildings were constructed, forming a small village at the town center. By the early 19th century numerous houses, several stores, a school, and a meetinghouse surrounded the town common, and a town pound was built nearby to accommodate stray animals. The main road through the village, present-day Route 66, was improved as the Hebron and Middle Haddam Turnpike in this period, further contributing to the village's prosperity. Church Street also began to expand and develop. The house at 22 Church Street, built in 1806, was home to Connecticut governor and physician John S. Peters. The pastor of the Congregational Church, the Reverend Amos Bassett, also built a house there, on 18 Church Street, as did John Graves, a cabinetmaker, who had a woodworking shop adjoining his house at 13 Church Street.

The 19th century saw an increase in religious diversity, and as other denominations formed, they built their meeting places at the town center. St. Peter's Church at 30 Church Street was constructed in 1826, and in 1838 the Methodists built a meetinghouse at the east end of the common, which by that time, fenced and planted with trees, was beginning to assume the aspect of a village green. In the 20th century, the process was repeated: United Brethren synagogue reflects the settlement of East European Jews in Hebron in the early 20th century. Taking up egg and dairy farming, they gave new life to the town's farmlands, which by then were in economic decline.

Hebron's growth tapered off in the middle of the 19th century, but as late as 1869 there were still about four dozen houses, a hotel, post office, five stores, two churches, a doctor's office, four artisan shops, the school, and the gristmill at Hebron Center, and the Methodist church had been converted into a "Town House" for public meetings. Several of these buildings were destroyed by the great fires of 1882 and 1888, but it is a testimony to the continuing importance of the center that most were rebuilt. As part of the reconstruction, the Victorian Gothic Congregational Church at 1 Main Street was dedicated in 1883, and a new parsonage was built nearby a few years later. The district school, 18 Main Street, was also replaced in a more Victorian style. New public buildings continued to be built at the center as need arose: a small Queen Anne-style building was erected for a public library at 22 Main Street, on the south side of the green, in 1898, and in 1909, the town built a small brick structure to house town records and to commemorate Hebron's 200th anniversary.

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Today many of the residences and other buildings in the district have been turned to uses other than those for which they were built. Nevertheless, the buildings continue to serve as reminders of the village's long history as the center of Hebron's community life.

Architectural Importance

Many of the buildings in Hebron Center have exceptional architectural qualities and represent well-preserved examples of their type. The key features of the traditional colonial Connecticut house--central chimney, clapboarded exterior, and small-pane sash--are present in the small gambrel-roofed dwelling at 25 Marjorie Circle (Photograph 1) and in the later example next door (Photograph 2). The Federal style, with its emphasis on small-scale detail, geometric designs such as interlaced arches and the ellipse, and classically inspired decorative motifs, is epitomized by the district's many porticos, fanlight transoms, and elliptical or semi-elliptical gable windows (Photographs 3, 4, and 12). Although lacking the sophistication found in more cosmopolitan areas, these houses also illustrate the greater variety in form and floor plan that came in with the 19th century: hip roofs, gable-end-to-the-road orientation (usually with a full cornice return), and end or corner chimneys, combined with a center or side hall plan. Such features typify the period's departure from traditional New England house building.

Although not as abundant as the Federal style, there are a few structures that embody the Greek Revival style. The house at 8 Marjorie Circle (Photograph 5), for example, displays the wide corner pilasters, rectilinear shapes, and heavily proportioned moldings that characterized the style. The Methodist meetinghouse, also known as the Old Town Hall (Photograph 12, center) also exhibits common Greek Revival characteristics in its cornice return, denticulated frieze, simple entablature, pilaster-and-lintel doorway treatment, and corner pilasters.

The Gothic Revival is represented in the house at 60 Church Street (Photograph 6) which, while primarily Greek Revival in inspiration, has the pointed-arch windows in the gable that are the hallmark of Gothic architecture. A more fully realized example, one of the earliest Gothic Revival buildings in the state, is the 1826 St. Peter's Church (Photograph 9), which, in addition to its pointed-arch windows, contains a reference to the medieval parish churches of England in its orientation with the bell tower at the rear.

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Finally, owing in part to the fires of the 1880s, the district has a few buildings that have typical Victorian elements, such as entry hoods on scroll brackets, dense sawn and incised decorative woodwork, variegated siding materials, and complex overall massing. All of these characteristics are present in the 1883 Congregational Church (Photograph 10) and, to a lesser extent, in the houses built around the green following the fires.

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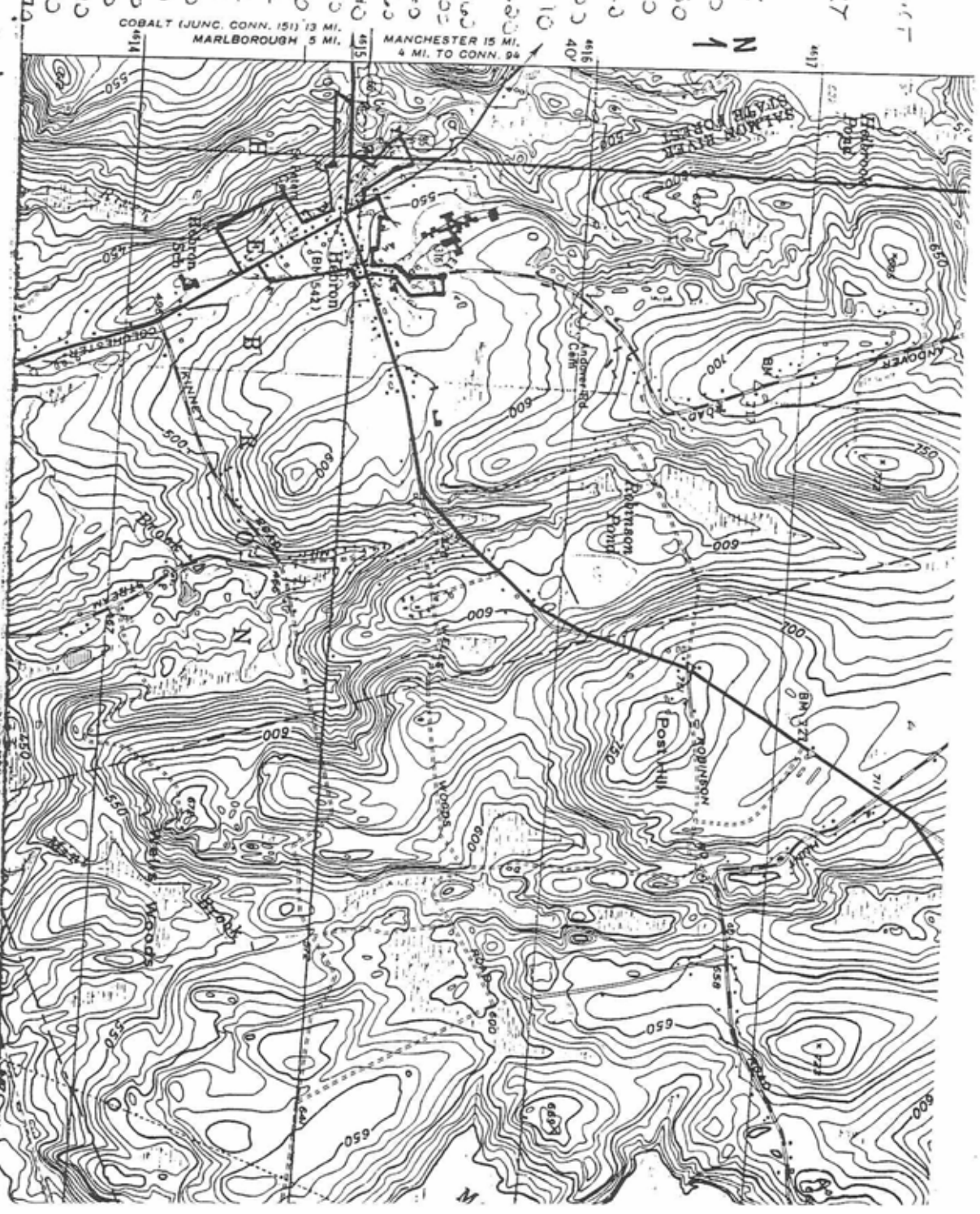
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Captions:

House at 25 Marjorie Circle, camera facing northwest  
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House at 8 Marjorie Circle, camera facing northwest  
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House at 60 Church Street, camera facing northwest  
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House at 50 Marjorie Circle, camera facing north  
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Agudas Achim (United Brethren) Synagogue, 10 Church Street, camera  
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First Congregational Church, 1 Main Street, camera facing east  
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Portion of Hebron Center Green, camera facing east along Main Street  
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Veteran's Memorial Park, Church Street, camera facing southwest  
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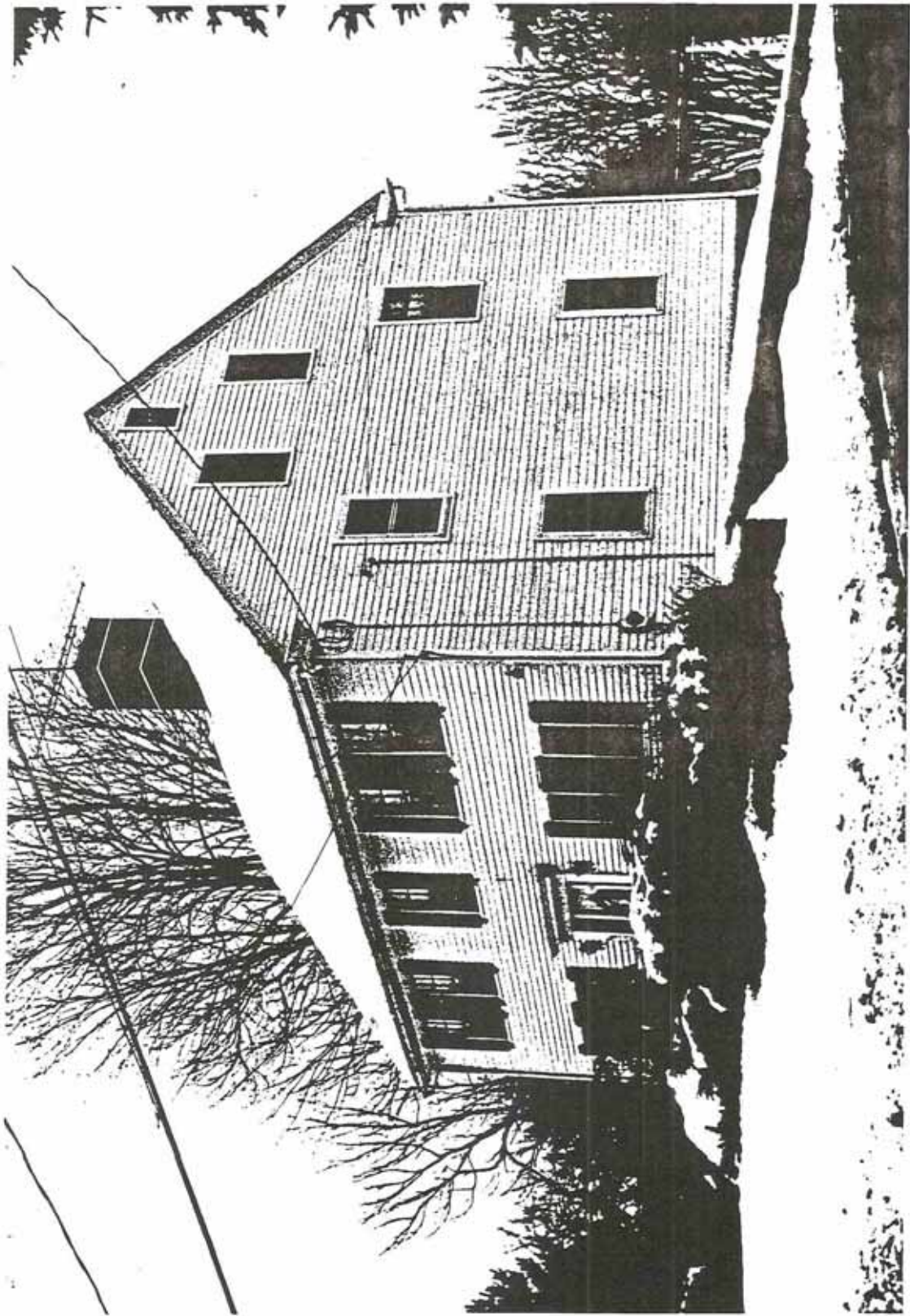
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Veterinary clinic, 43 West Main Street (noncontributing), camera facing  
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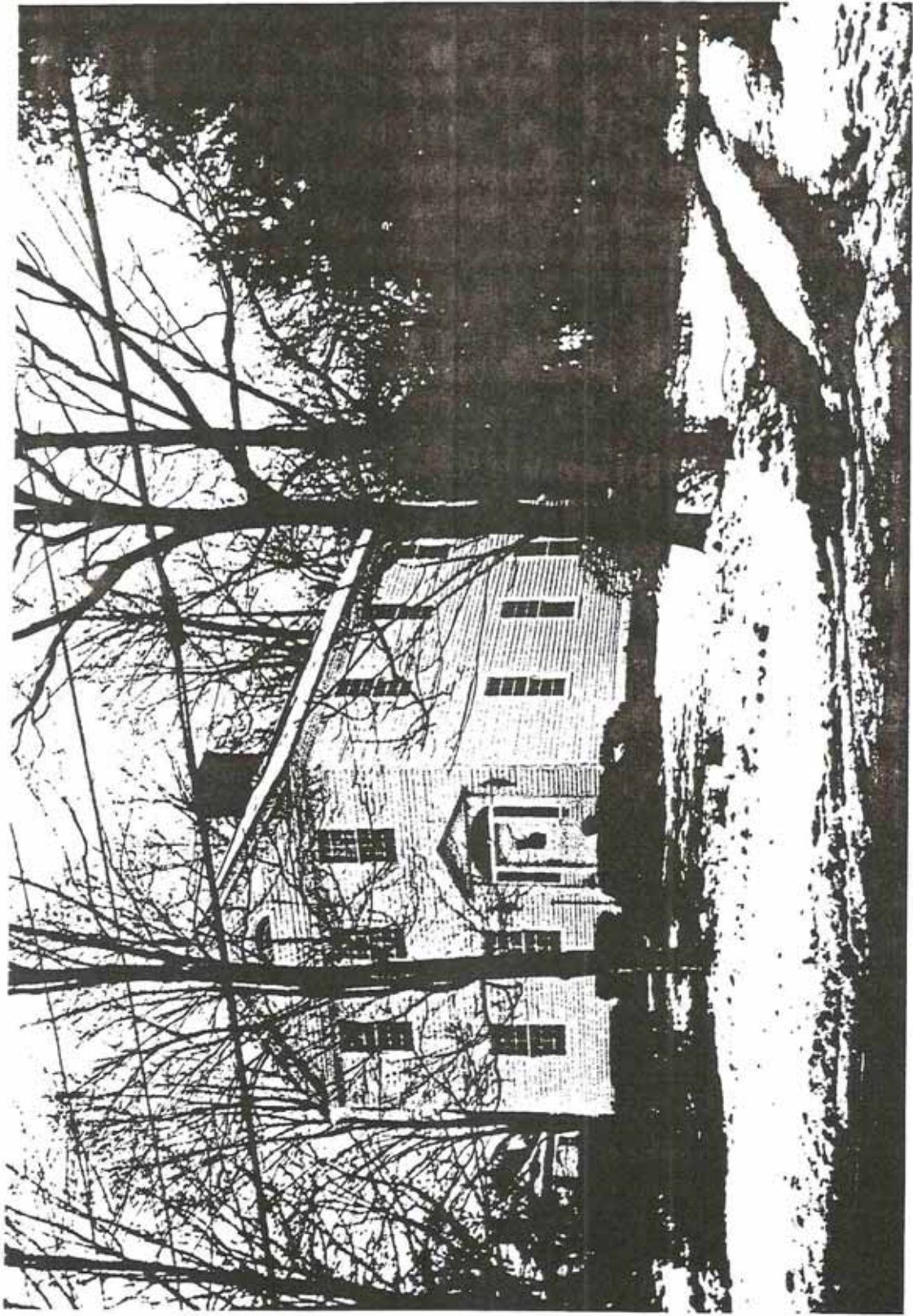
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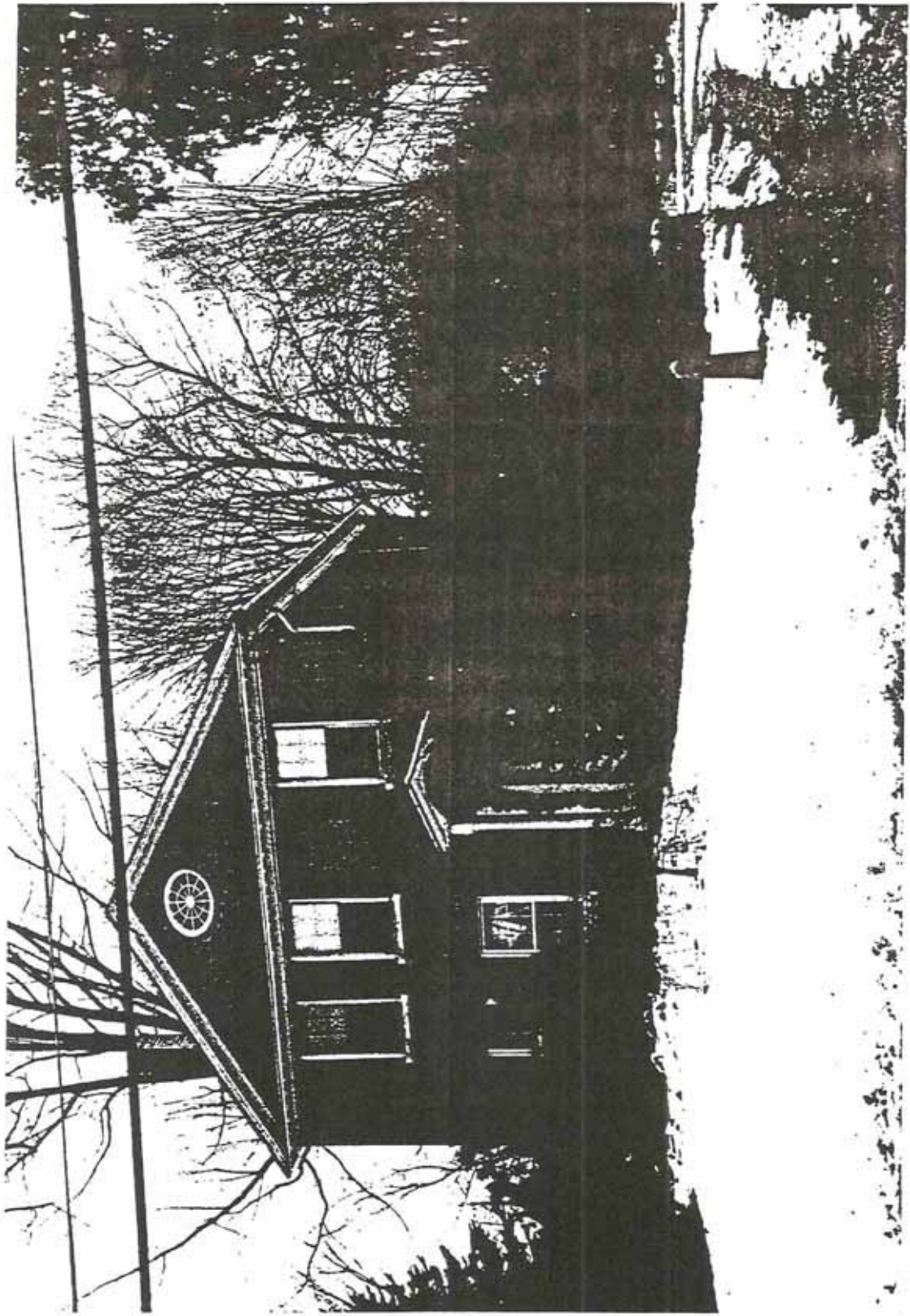
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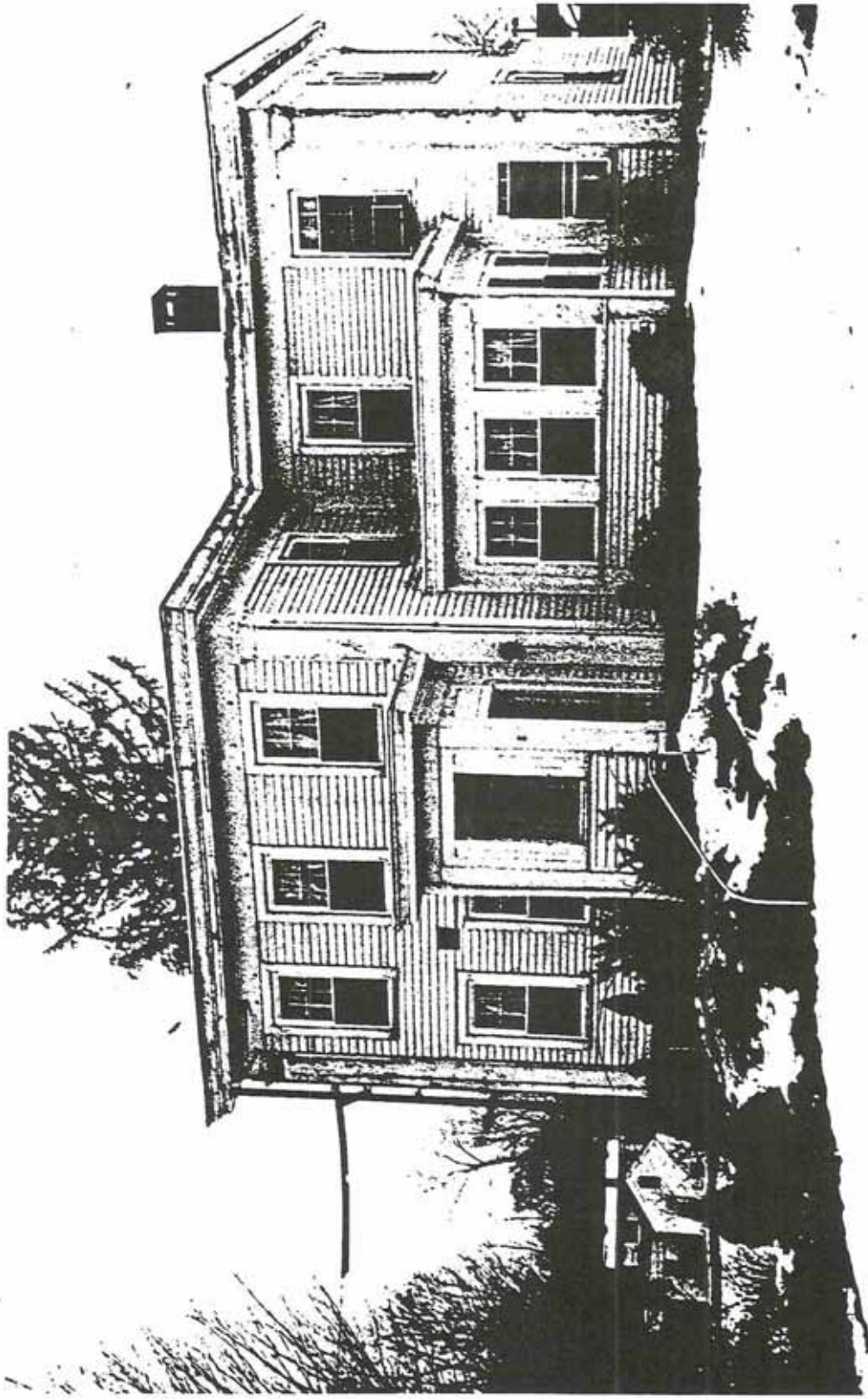
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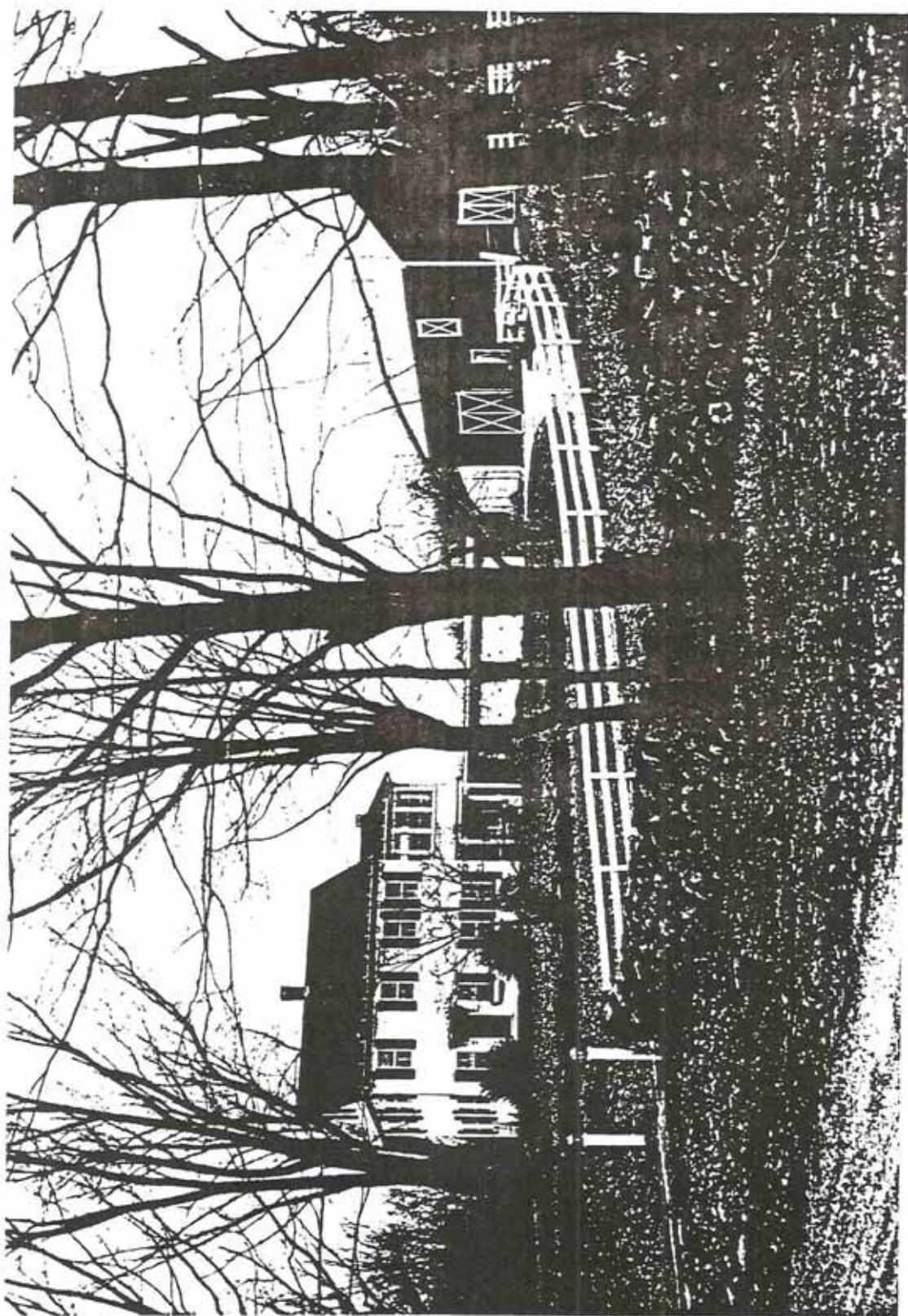


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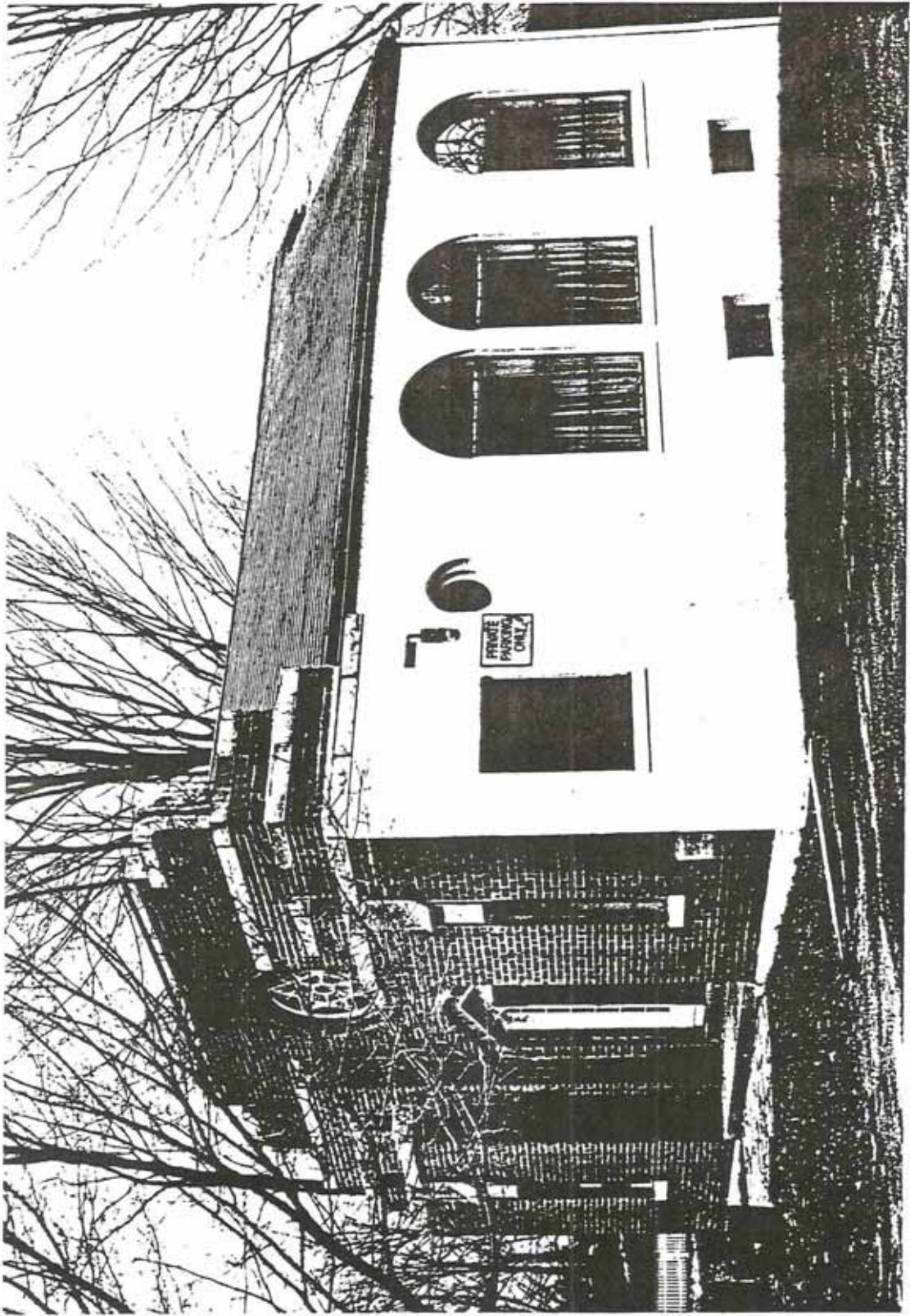


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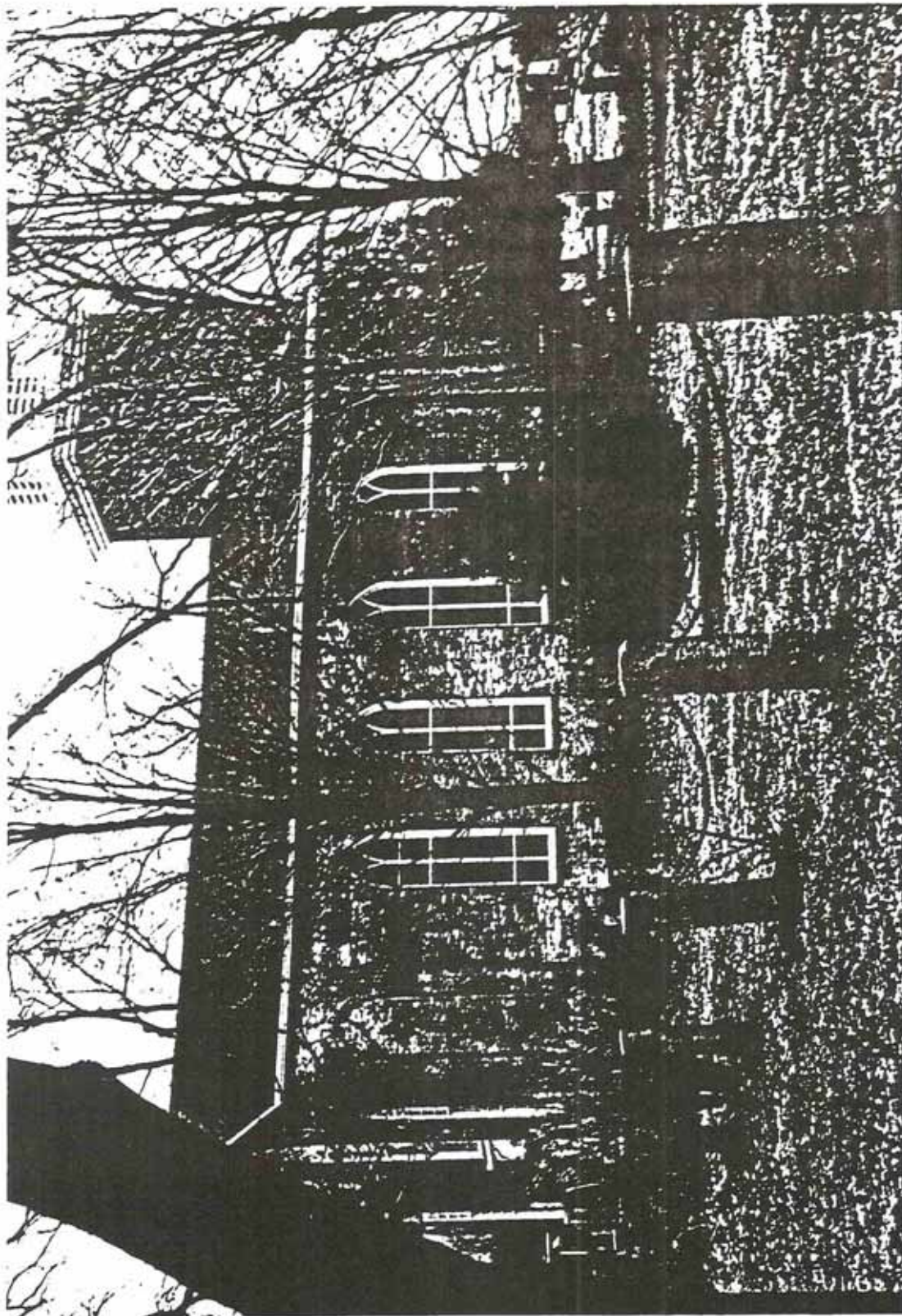




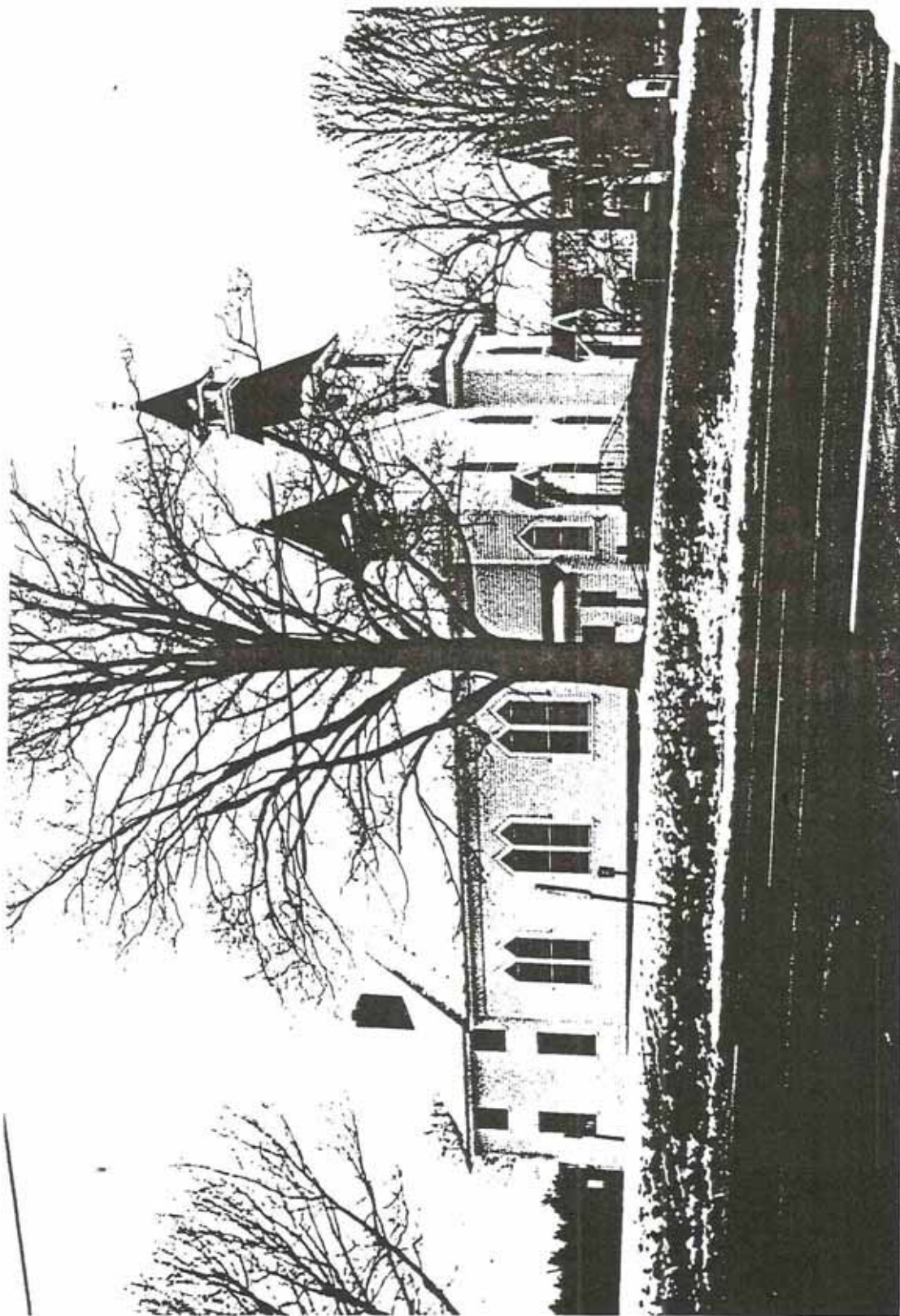
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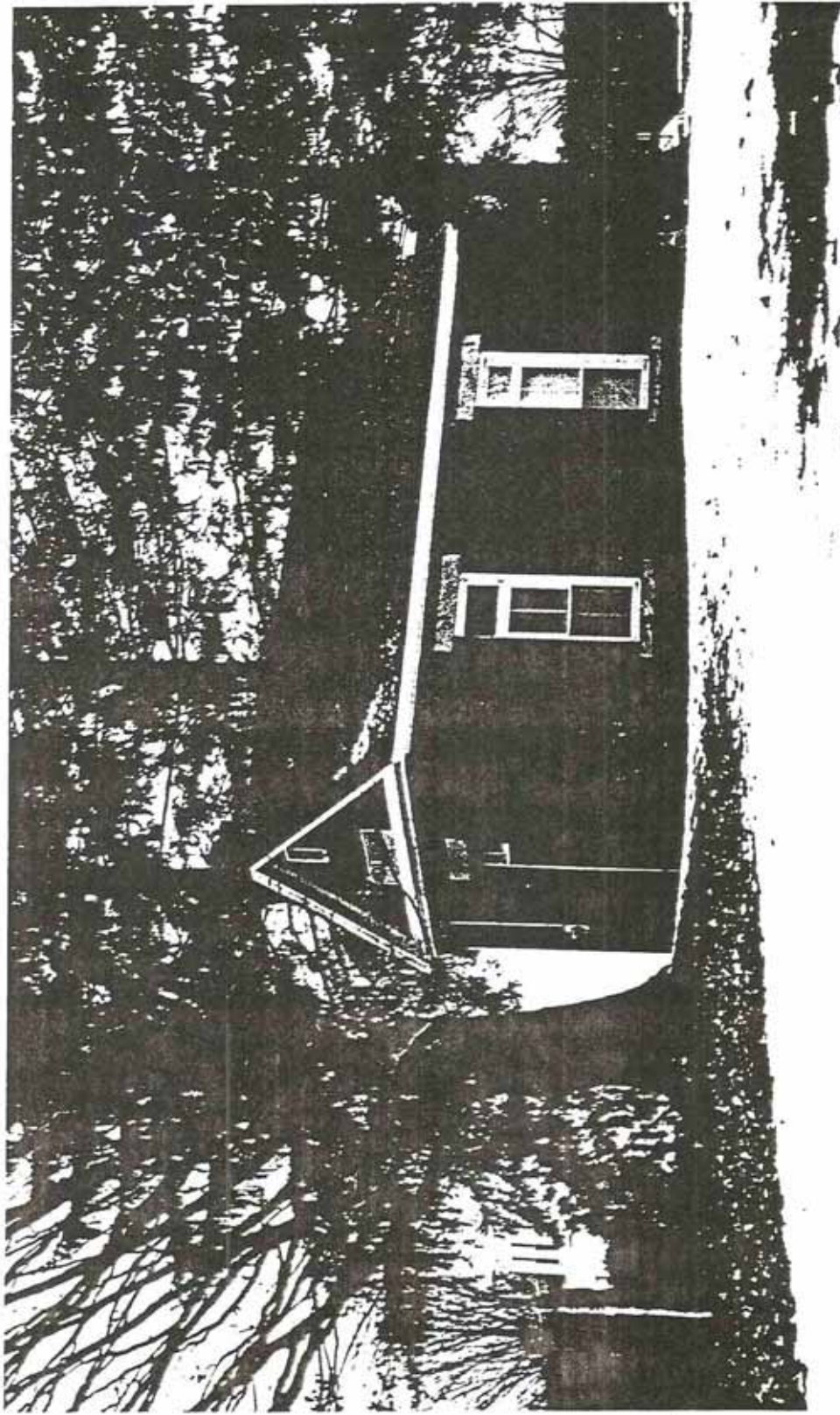
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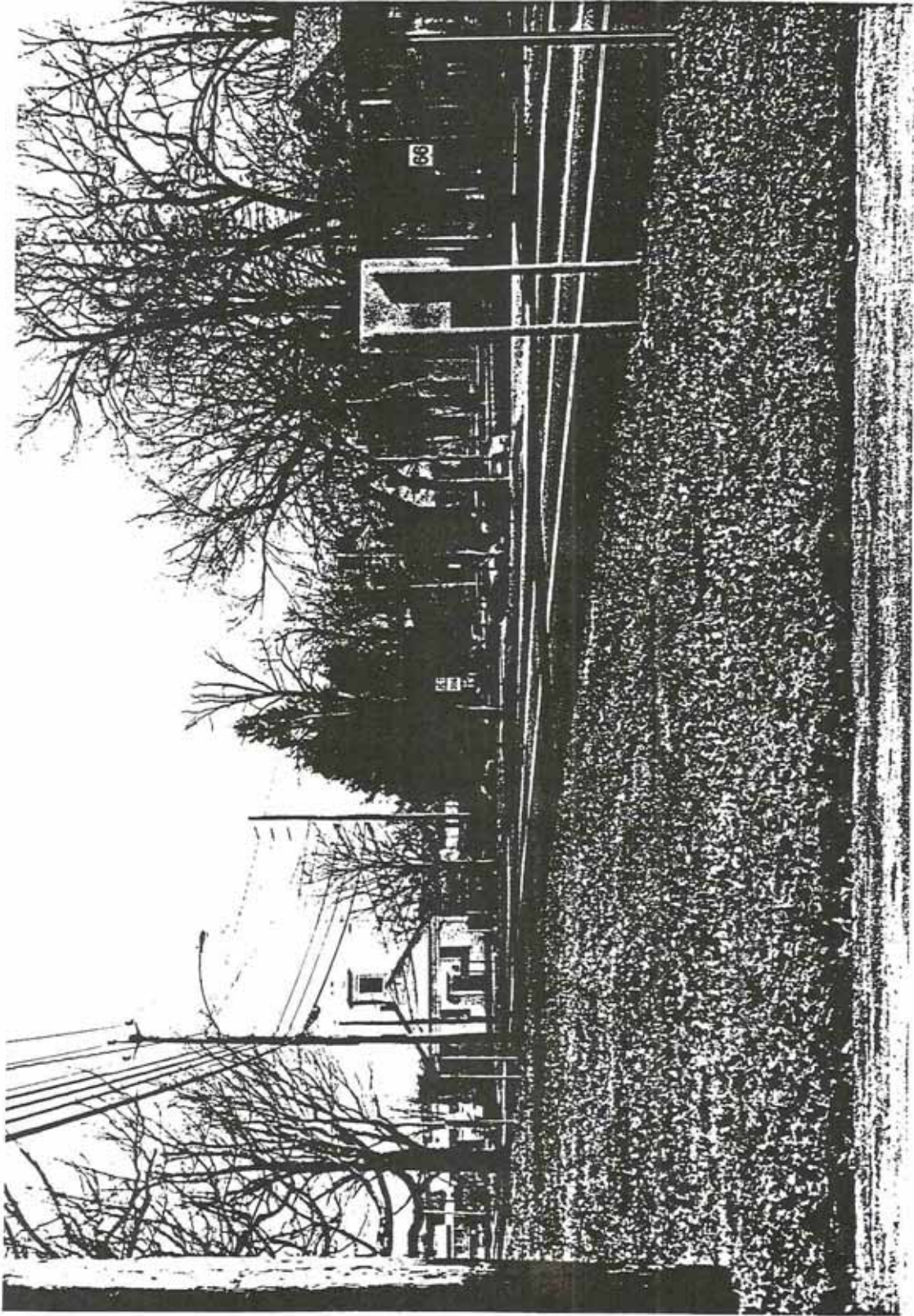
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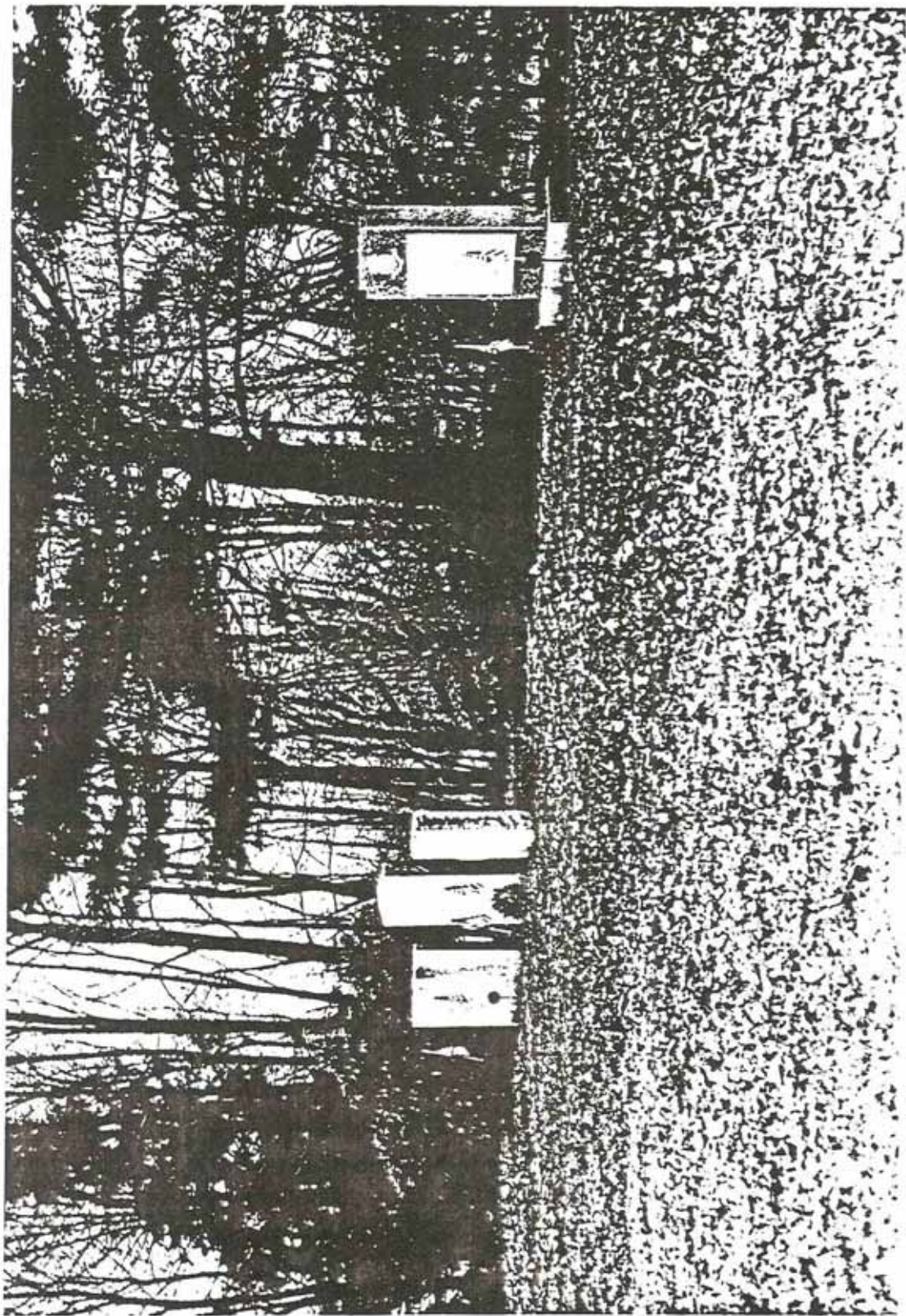
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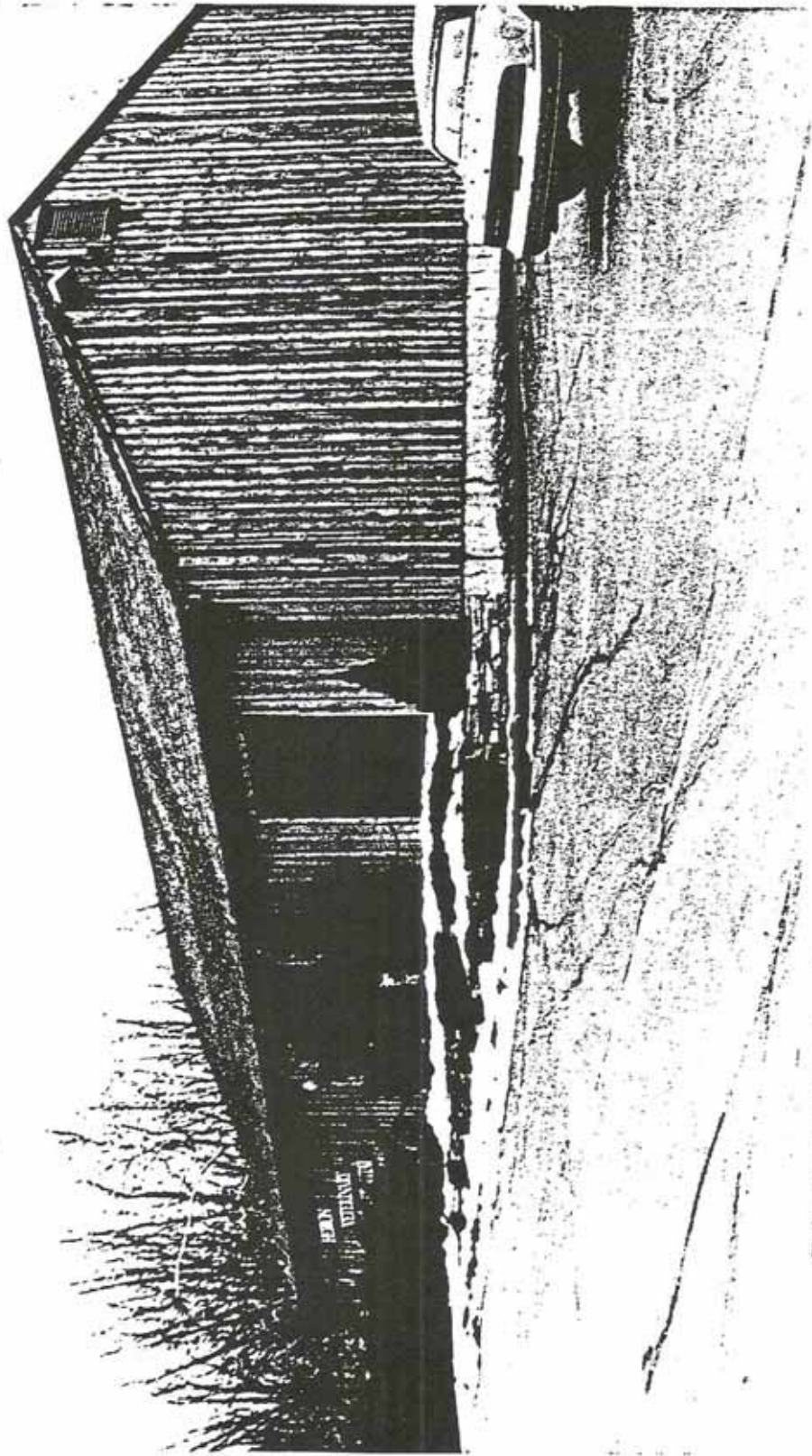


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Hebron Center Historic District Tolland CT  
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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Beth A. Savage*  
Signature of the Keeper

7/30/93  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

B. Statement of Significance: Criteria Considerations

Criteria exception A applies to the district because religion is justified as an applicable area of significance and several properties were and are used for religious purposes.

This information was confirmed with John Herzan, National Register Coordinator, CTSHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

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