

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY**

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Explain Initial Survey

- Broad

- Just Photos and Addresses

Prioritized for Local Architectural and Historical Significance

- Concept of Integrity

Intensive Level Survey

- Site visit

 - Black and White Photography

 - Site plan sketch

- Oral History with owner

- Compiled Documentation

Presentation of Five Sites

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- Ballweg Farm

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- Williamson Farm (house)

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Further Recommendations

- Complete Survey

- Driving Tour

- Newspaper Articles

- Local Landmark Designation

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Property name: Ballweg Farm

Property address: 6263 River Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location T8N R9E Section 1

Historic Owner (s): Anderson (plat maps: 1861, 1873, 1899), Svern (plat maps: 1904, 1911, 1922), Thompson (plat maps: 1926, 1931), Leo and Dorothy Ballweg (purchased 1939)

Current Owner: Dorothy Ballweg
Address: 6263 River Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

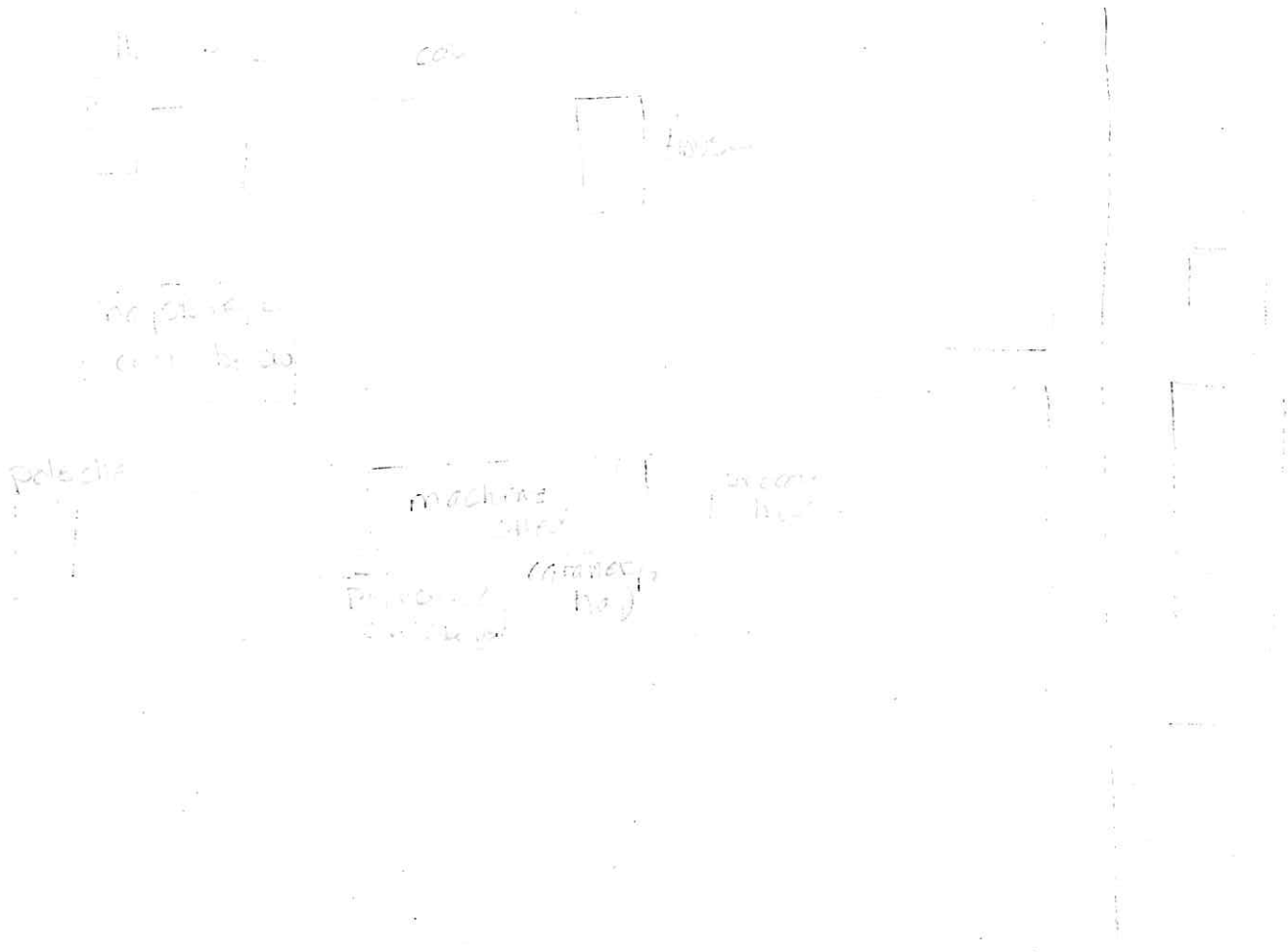
Historic usage: farm

Current usage: farm

Construction date(s): 1926, 1947 (house), 1903 (strip house, in wall), 1909 (barn, stone), 1950 (hog house, east), 1968 (hog house, west), 1983/4 (pole cattle barn)

Builder/Architect name(s): unknown

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

The 126 acre farmstead now known as the Ballweg Farm is located on River Road in the northeast corner of the Town of Westport. 80 acres are in the Town of Westport, 46 are in the Town of Windsor. The farm is divided by north/south running River Road. "Whiskey" Creek defines the eastern border of the property.

It is an active farm, with pigs and cattle raised for commercial sale. There has been a house on the site since at least 1861. A house appears on plat maps for the years 1873, 1890, 1899, 1904, and 1931. These maps do not identify outbuildings on the site. However, the stone tobacco strip house on the east side of River Road, which is part of this property, has an incised date of 1903, and the stone foundation of the barn is inscribed 1909. Anthony Ballweg states that the stone foundation was added after the wood barn was constructed.

Leo Ballweg grew up in a farm in Roxbury on Crystal Lake. His grandparents were from Germany, and immigrated at an unknown date. Dorothy Ballweg grew up on a farm on Balzer Road off Highway Q half way between Waunakee and Middleton. Her parents had both been raised in Ashton. Leo and Dorothy married on November 23, 1939. They bought this farm in the same year.

When Leo and Dorothy Ballweg purchased the property, it had fallen into disrepair. The house had burned down in 1926. The owner's insurance company provided enough money to reconstruct a small house. The land was being rented out "on shares" at the time of the Ballwegs' purchase.

When Ballwegs purchased the farm, it consisted of the small house, the strip house and tobacco barn, the two barns, and the pig/chicken house on 126 acres. . They also moved a cabin from Camp Indianola (where Governor Nelson State Park is now) for storage. The Ballwegs added the two hoghouses, a pole barn for cattle protection, and corn cribs, a granary and a milking shed.

Throughout the Great Depression and World War II, the Ballwegs, who already had three bedrooms, were not allowed any additional lumber to increase the size of their house. Then, in 1947, they were able to add on to the house to the size it is today.

Over years of improvements, the farm has produced cash crops of tobacco (through the mid 1990s), peas, and corn. The land on the east side of River Road had been tilled for drainage by hand when the Ballwegs bought the property. They tilled the land on the west side of the road.

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For many years, Leo and Dorothy raised pigs for sale and kept a herd of about thirty-five milk cows. For years, the pigs were purchased by Oscar Mayer in Madison. Now, the pigs are taken to Arlington, WI and then to Iowa. When Leo and Dorothy's son Anthony started managing the farm in 1982, he introduced beef cattle and now maintains about 75 head. Leo died in 2005, and Dorothy still lives in the home at age 94.

This property is an excellent example of a working farm with a rich history. As is common with a farm in continuous operation, the architectural integrity of the structures has been altered by their constant usage. The relative historic significance of this farm and its buildings will become more evident as the Historic Resources Survey of Westport is completed.

References: Dorothy Ballweg, Anthony Ballweg (interviews 11/29/05, 1/5/06)

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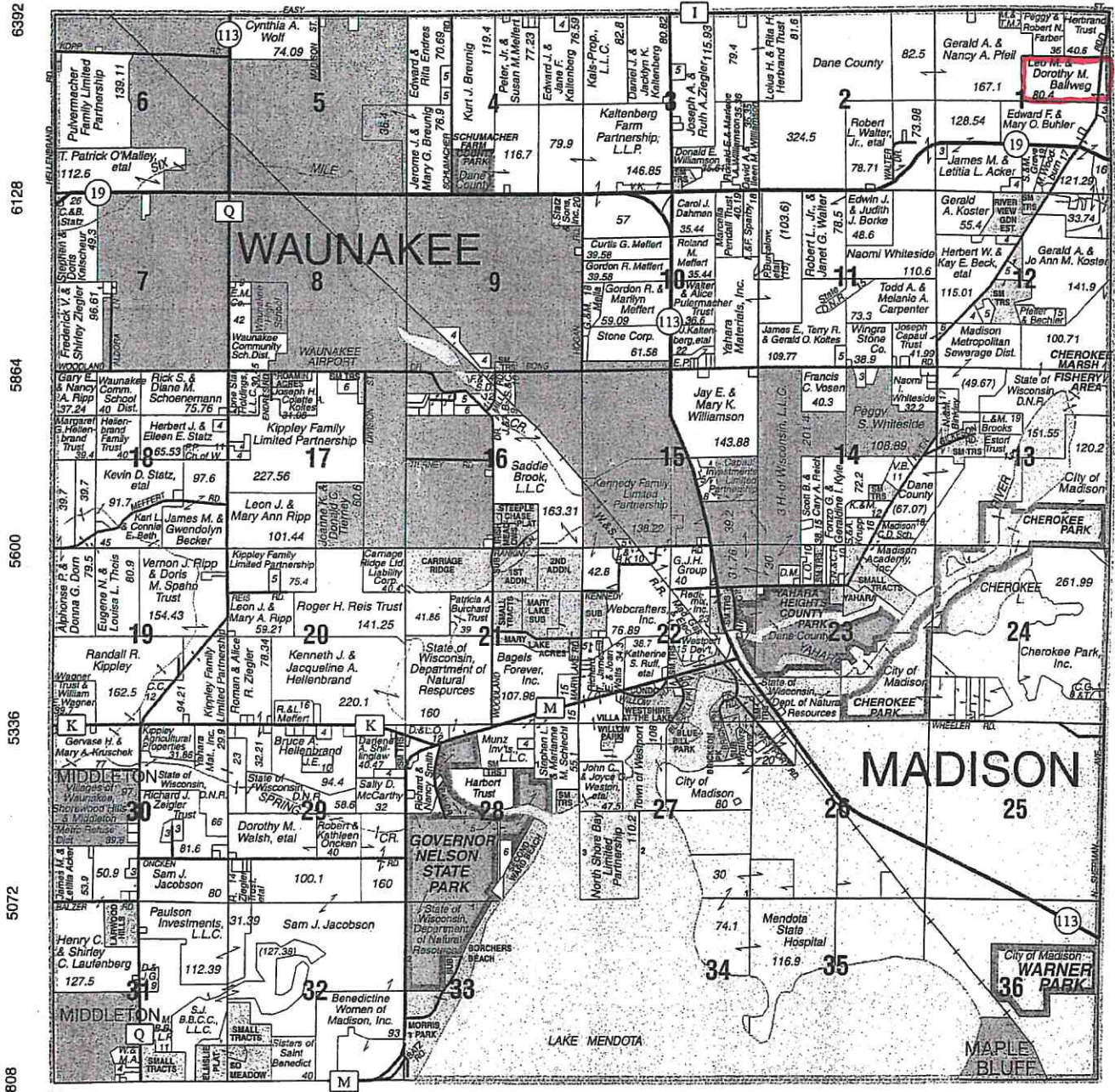
Project Statement

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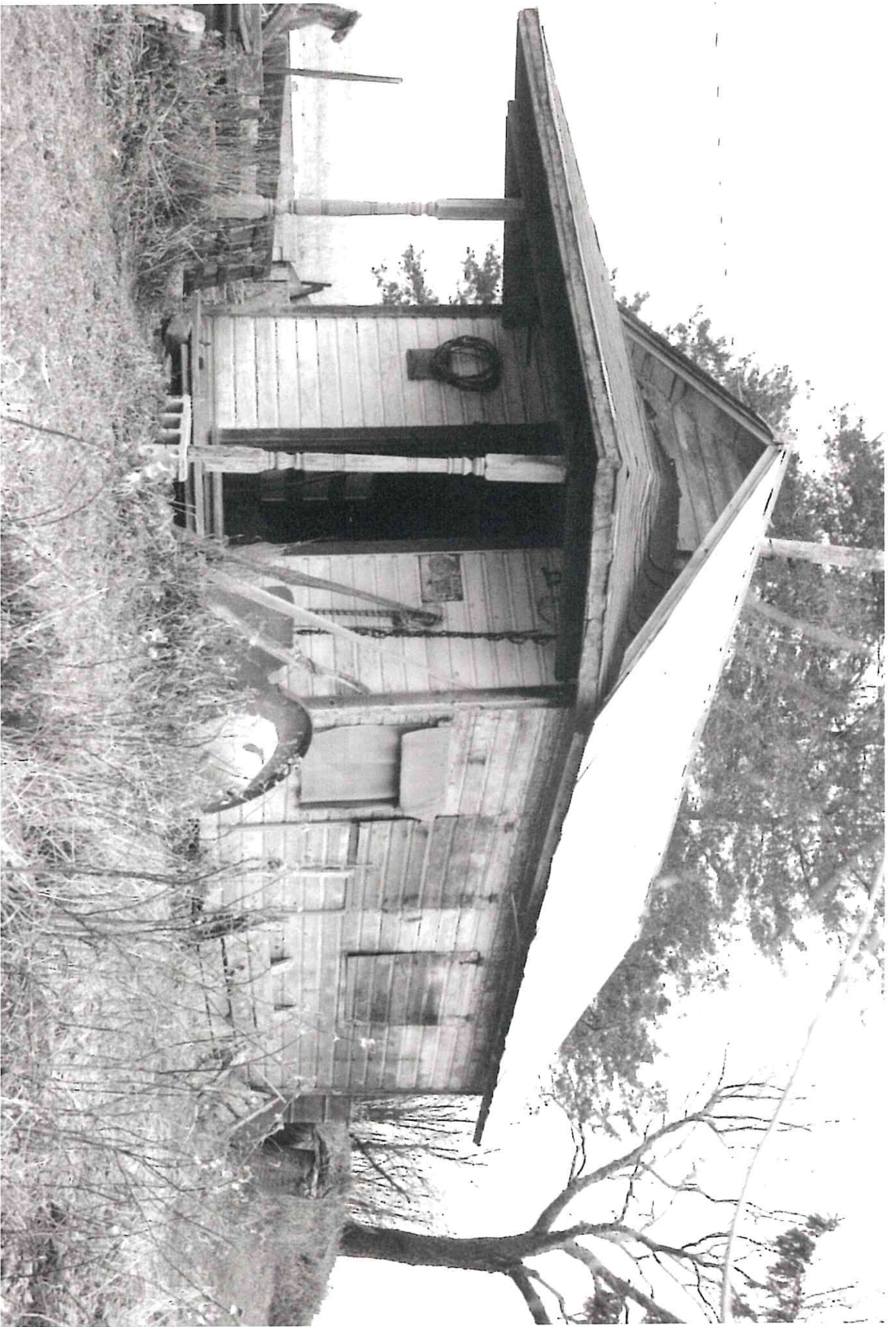
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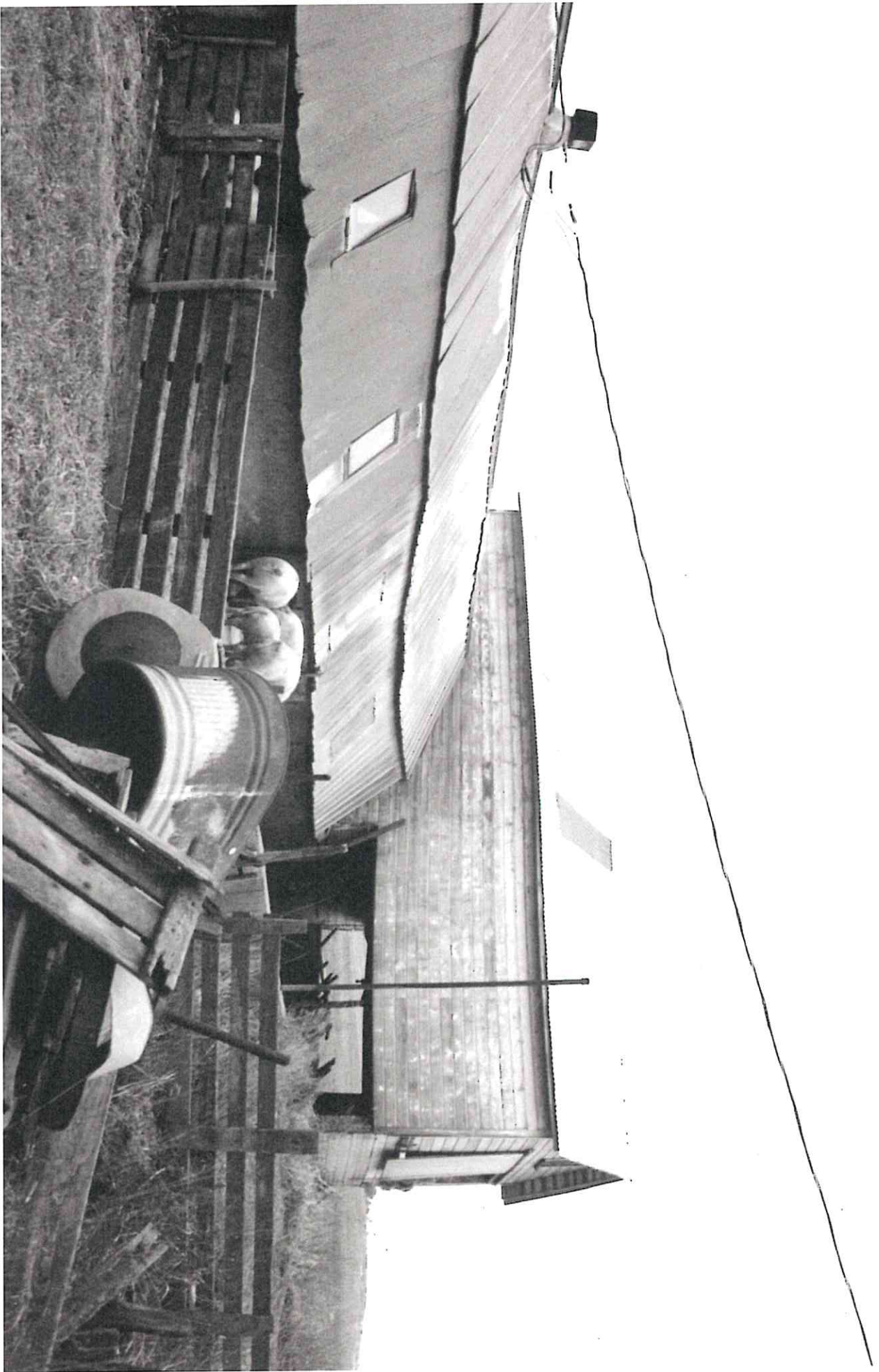
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2. House, from SW
3. Cabin from Camp Indianola, from SE
4. Hog House, from SE
5. Hog House, from NE
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7. Corn Crib, from SW
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9. Corn Crib, from W
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11. Pole Barn, from NE
12. Outbuilding, from SE
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14. Barn, Milk House, Corn Crib, from NE
15. Barn, foundation detail
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17. Machine Shed, from NW
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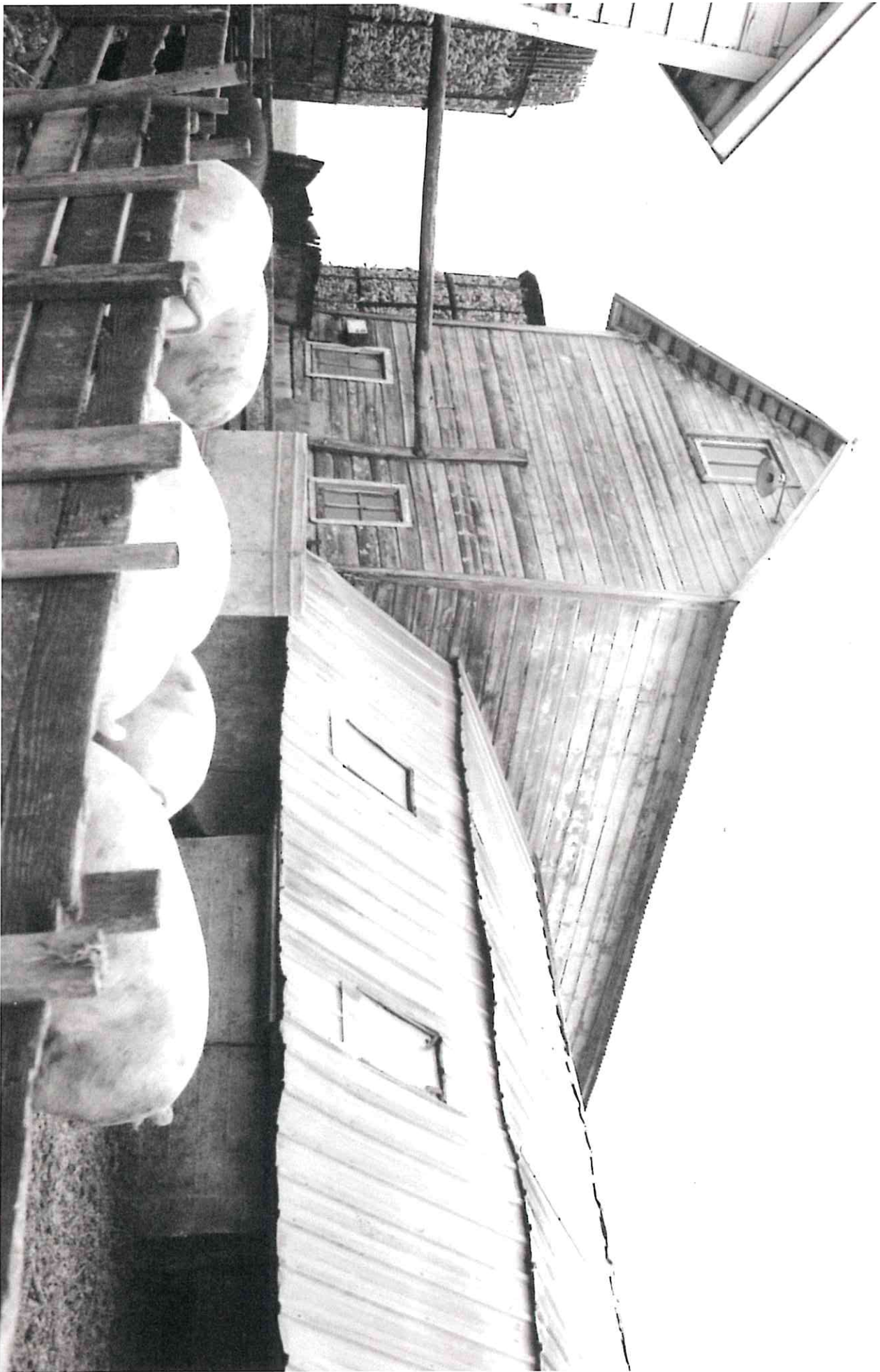


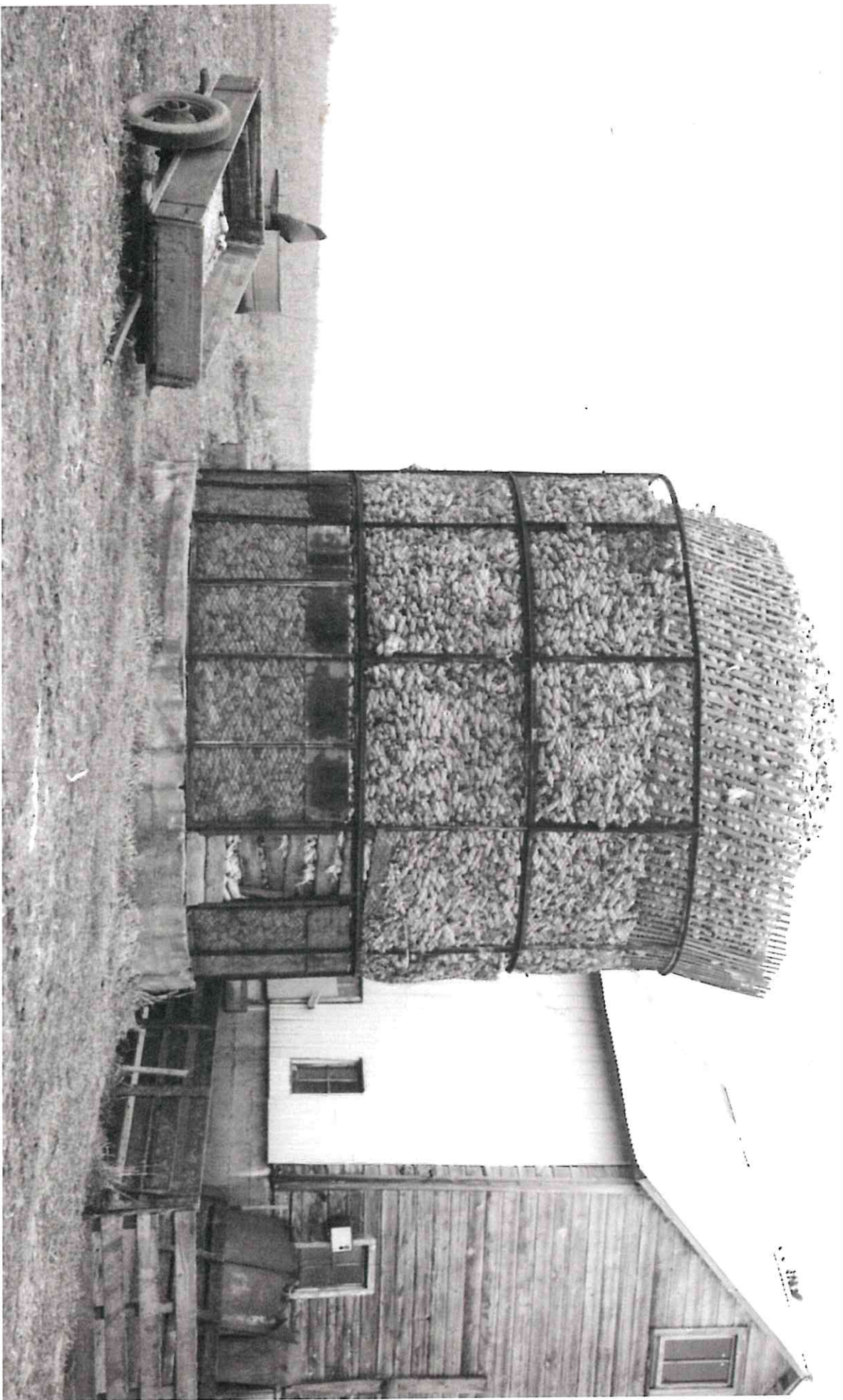




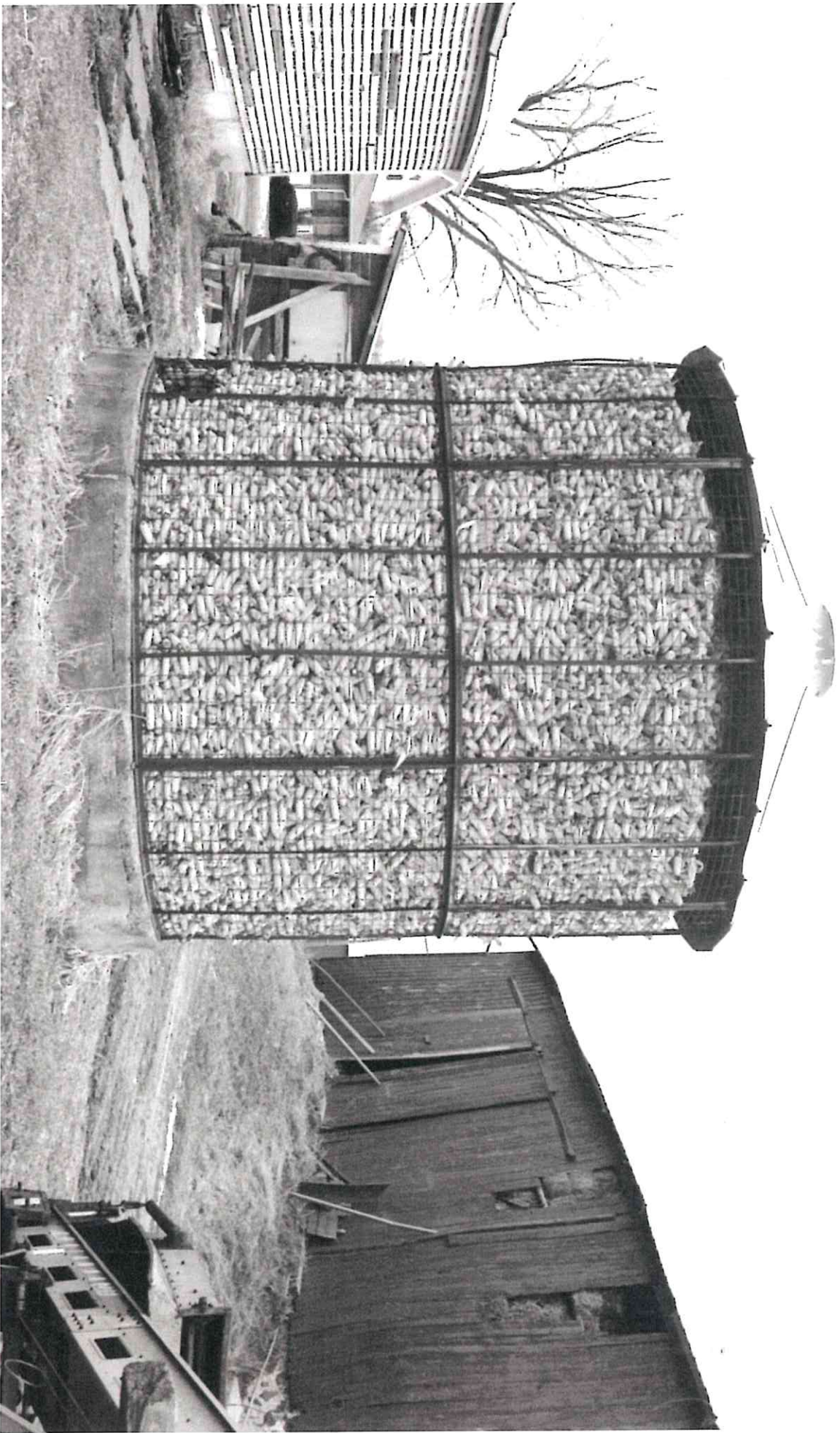


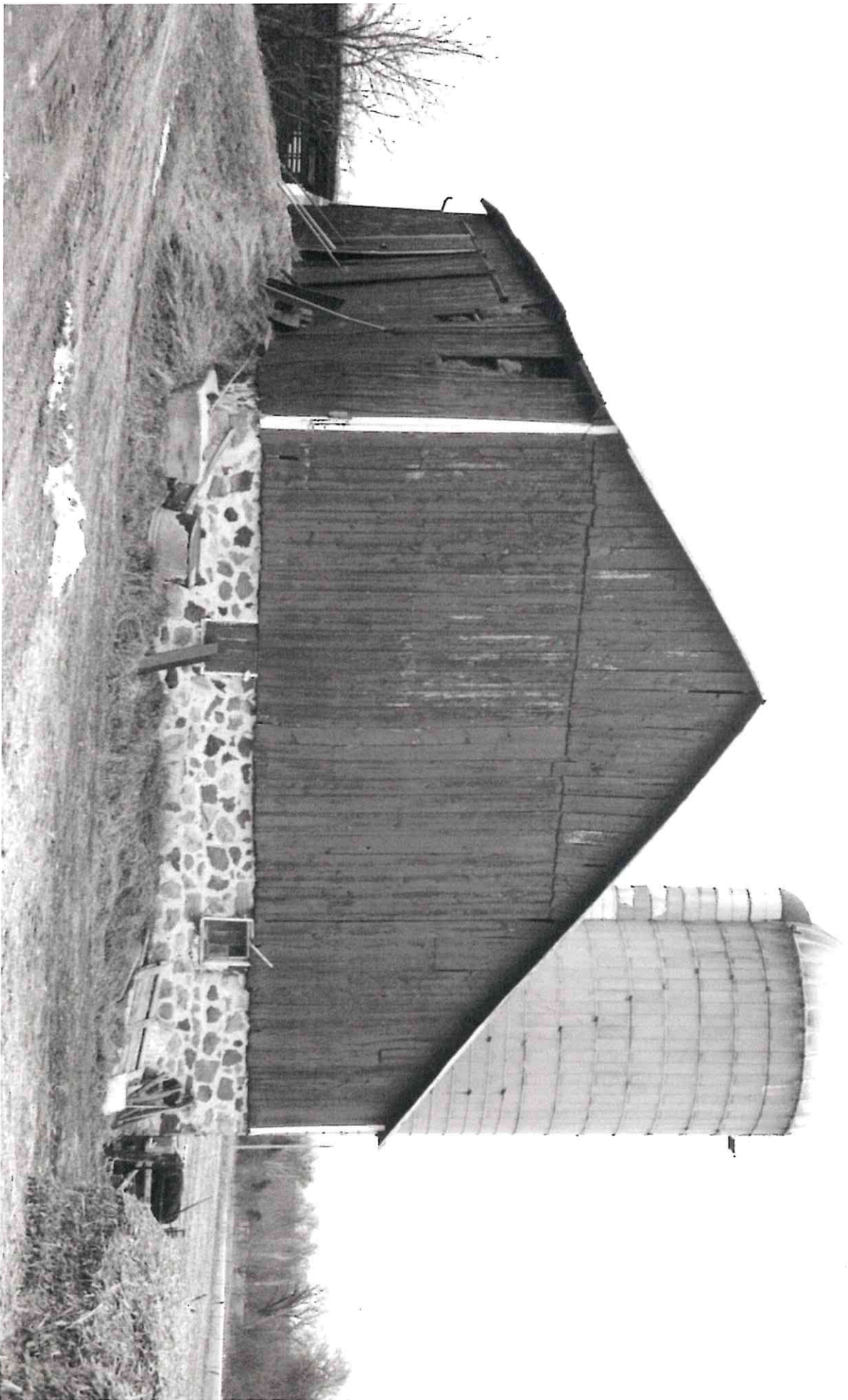






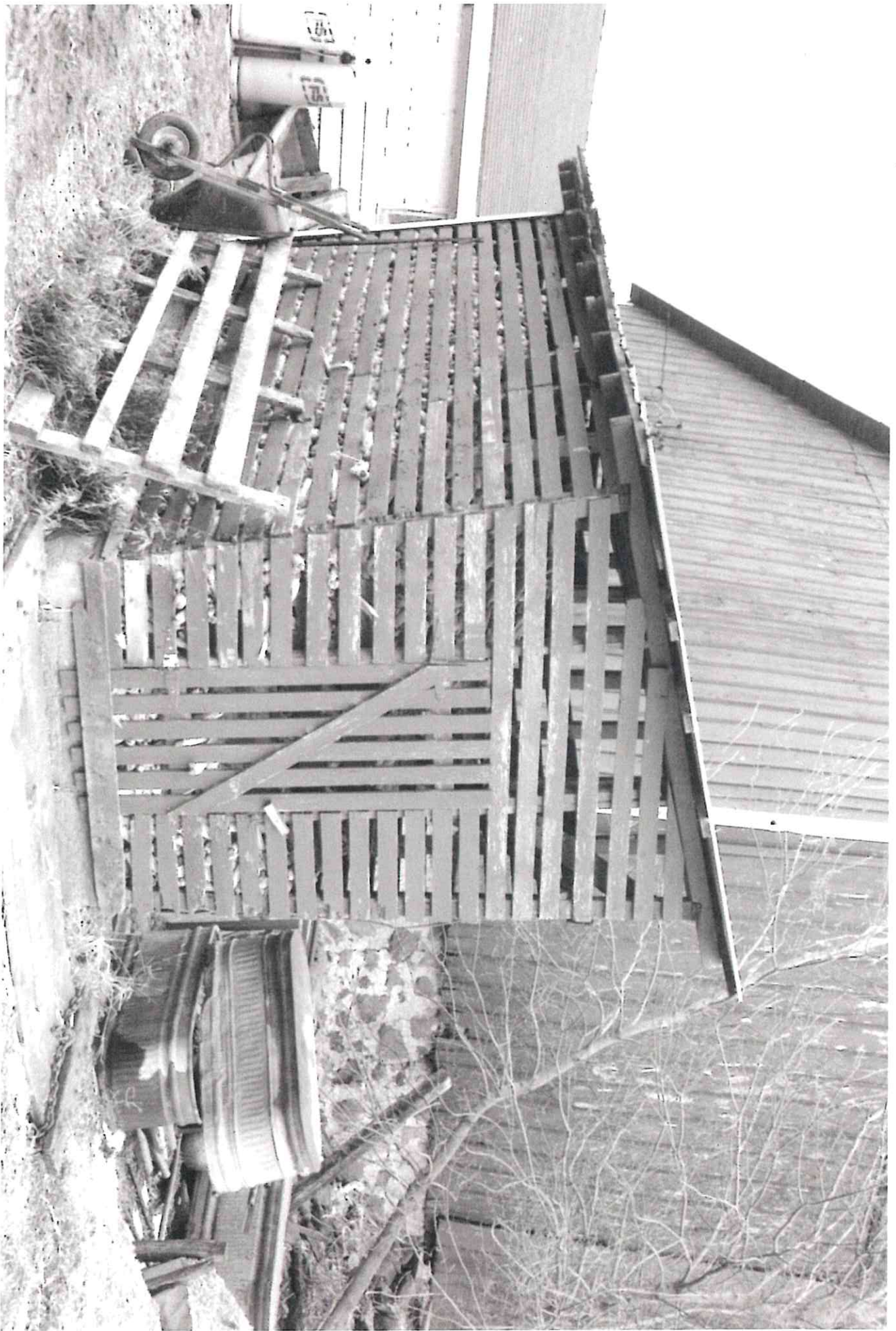


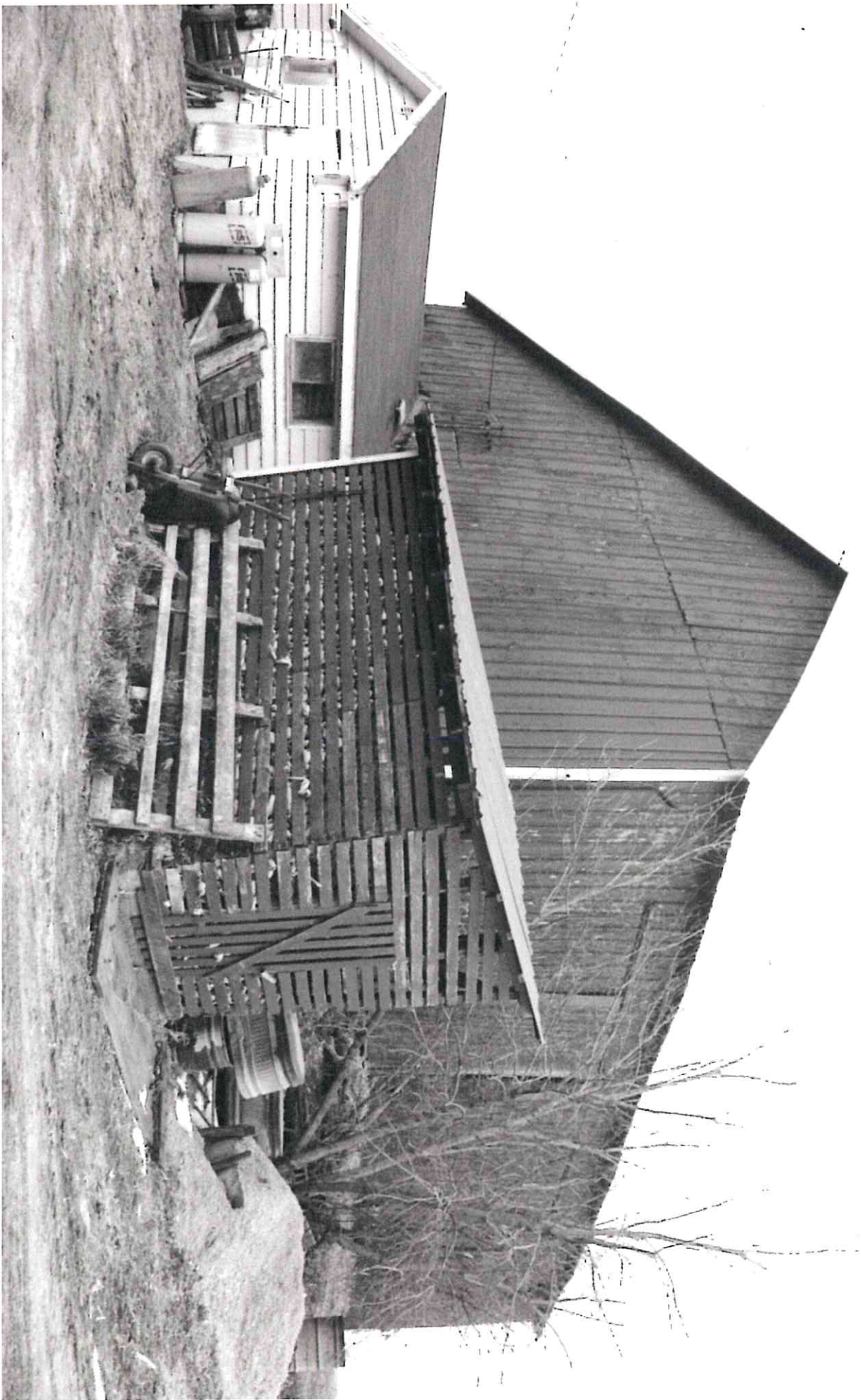








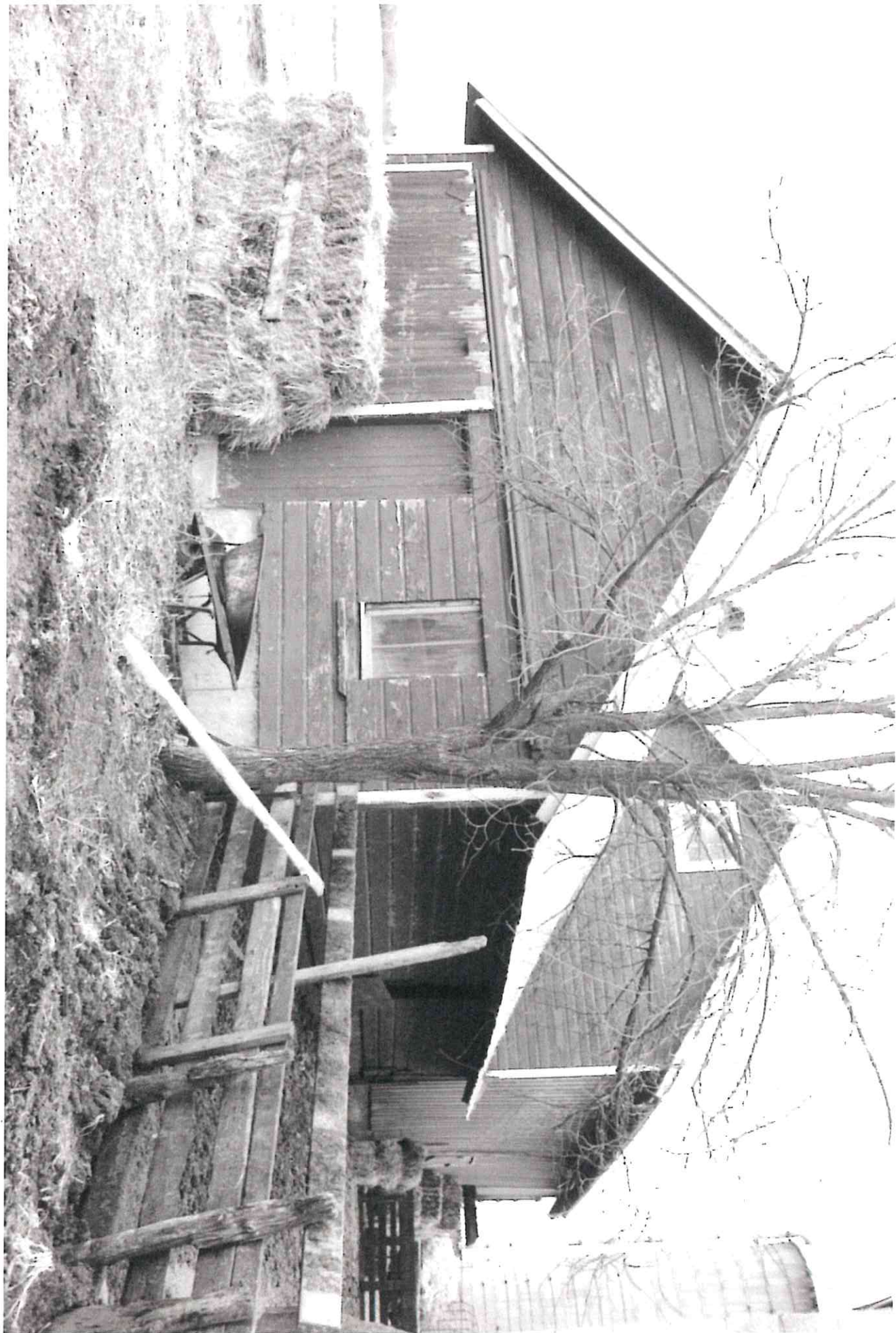


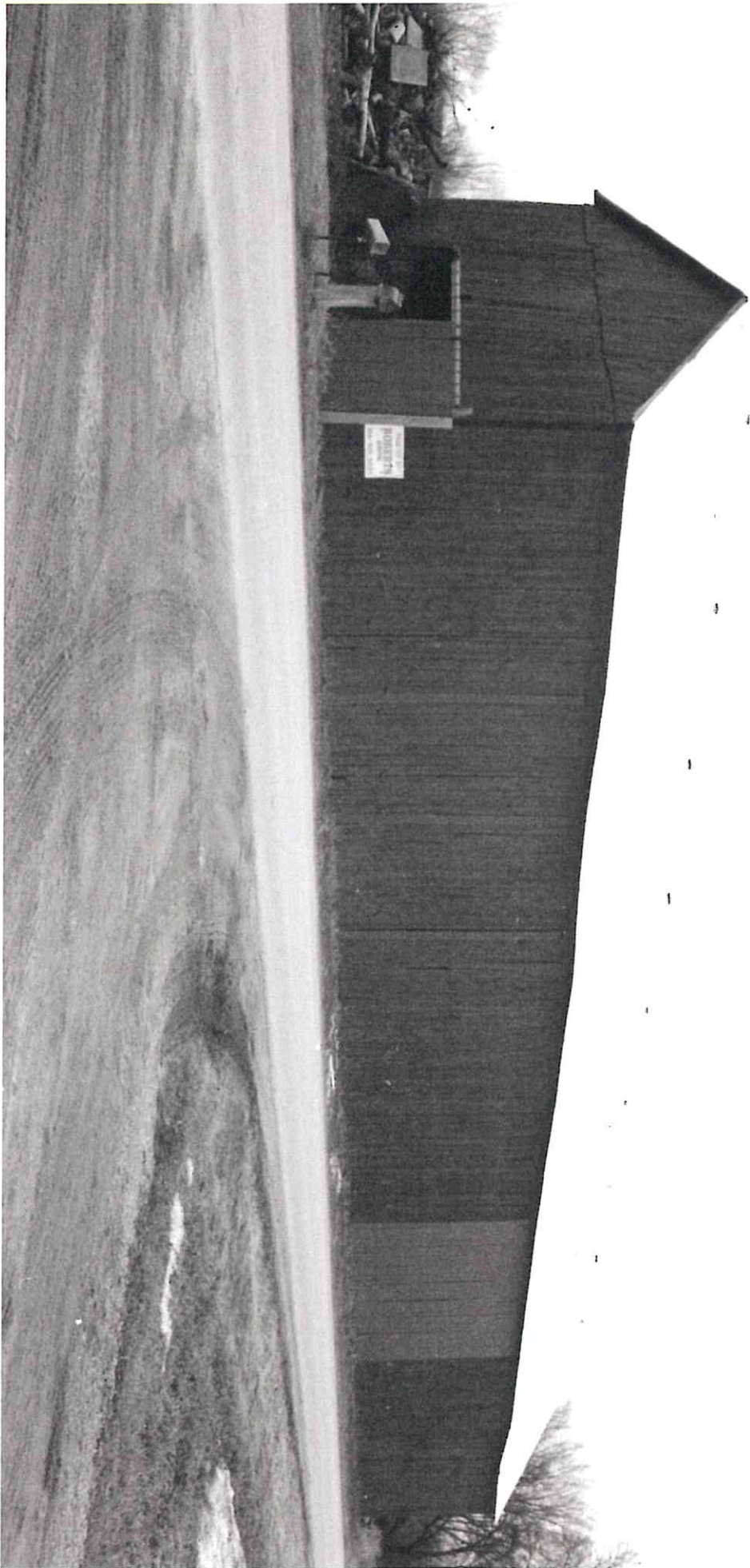


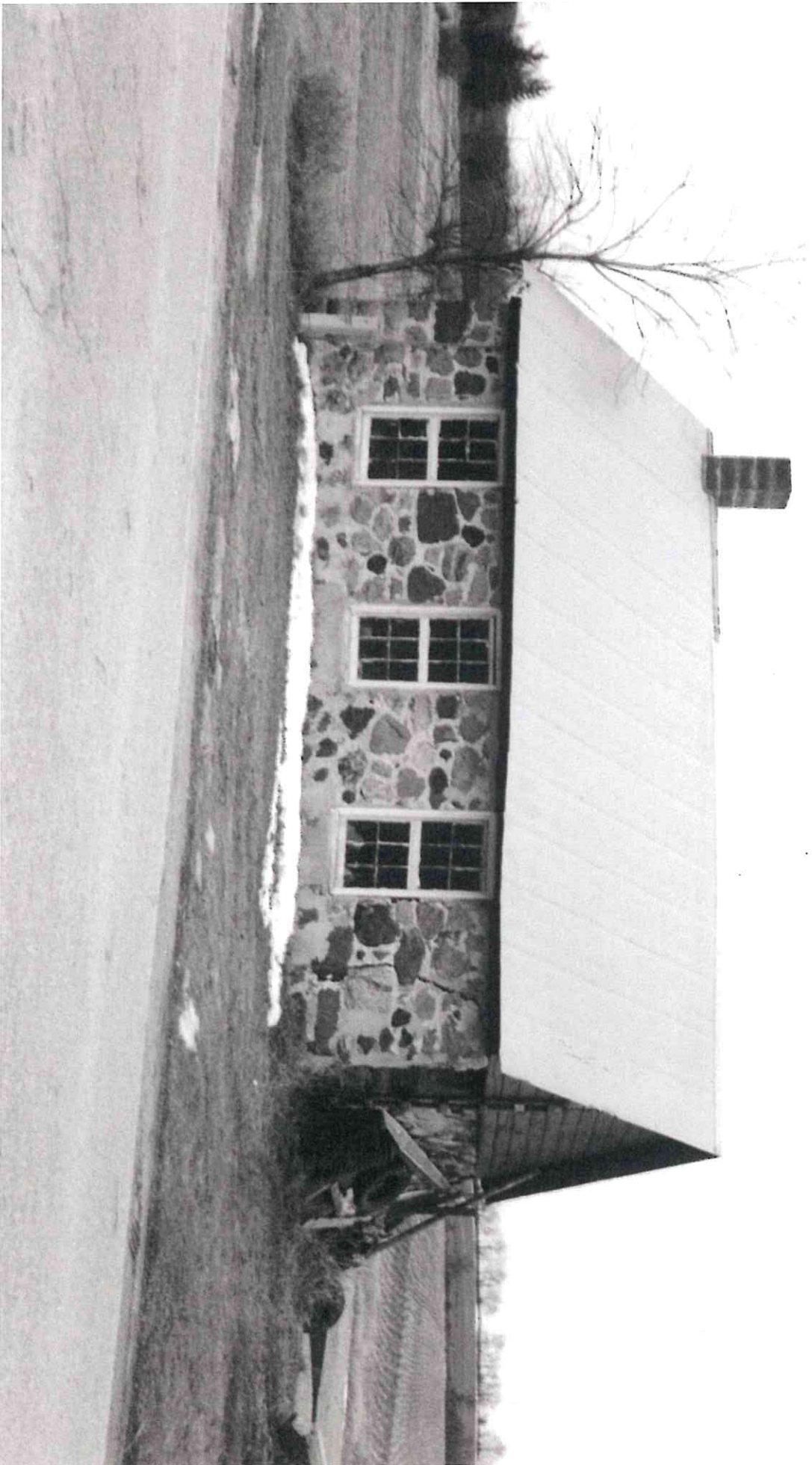












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Property name: Sunnyside Farm

Property address: 5995 River Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location: T8N R9E Section 12

Historic Owner (s): 1861: Dominick O'Malley, H. Nelson, and Ch. Larson (multiple parcels, separately owned); 1873, Nelson, O'Malley, Phil Riley, Claudius Ellis, J. Jimmeson, 1890, also S.H. Slinde; 1899, also Jens Nordness; By 1911 August and Anna Beck, after 1930 Chris and Henry Beck; c. 1970: Herbert and August Beck

Current Owner: Kay Beck, et al

Address: 6053 Templeton Dr.
Waunakee, WI 53597

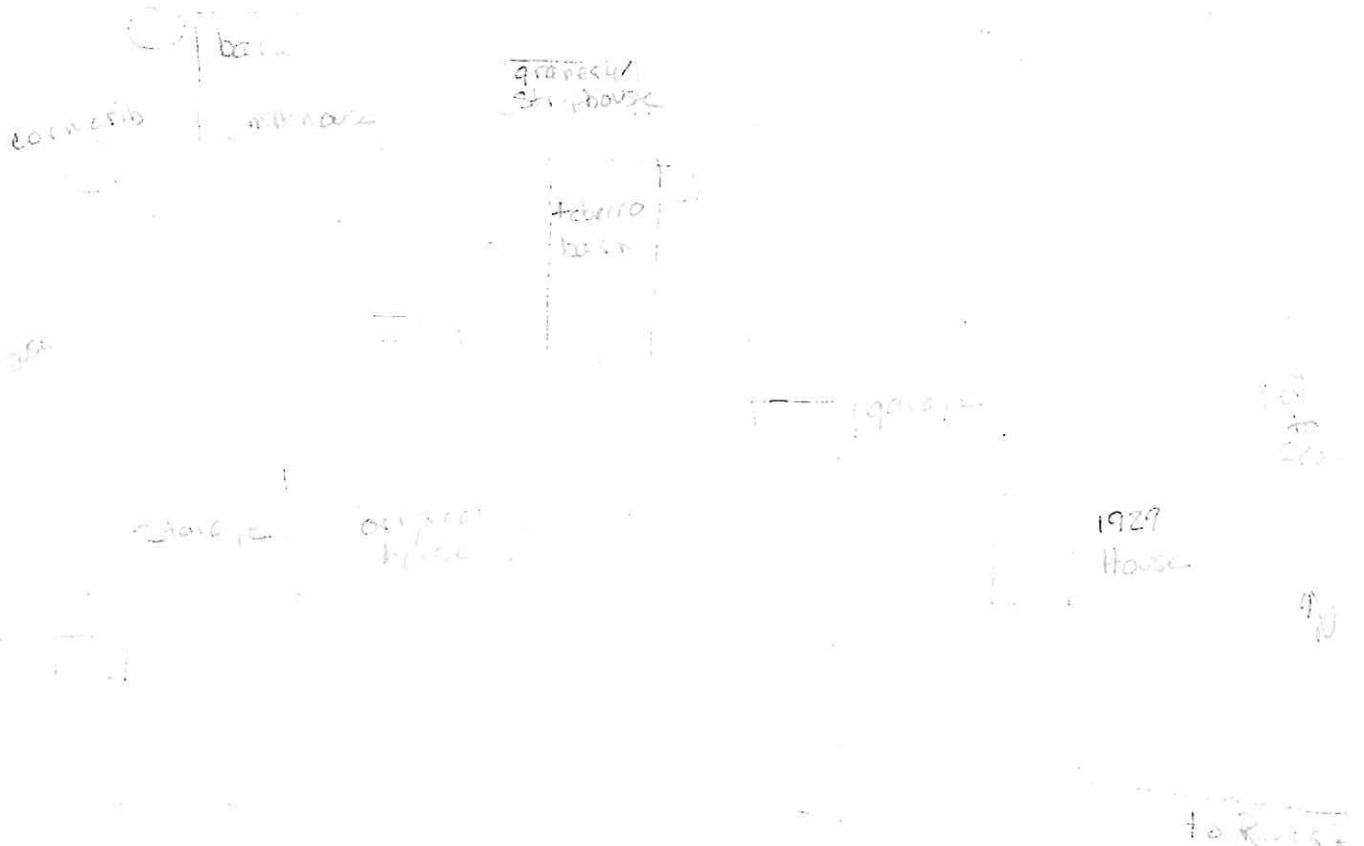
Historic usage: farm

Current usage: farm

Construction date(s): 1929 (white house)

Builder/Architect name(s): unknown

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

Sunnyside Farm is located on River Road in the northeast corner of the Town of Westport. In 1861, the land appears to belong to Dominick O'Malley, H. Nelson, and Ch. Larson (multiple parcels, separately owned). In 1873, Nelson and O'Malley still owned some of the land, while Phil Riley and Claudius Ellis now owned some parcels as well. In addition, Dominick O'Malley had sold some land to J. Jimmeson. By 1890, Nelson had sold to S.H. Slinde. A house had been constructed on the Riley property between 1873 and 1890. This may be the weathered, unelectrified house in the center of the building complex that still stands today. By 1899, Jimmeson had sold to Jens Nordness.

Between 1904 and 1911, the parcels which eventually made up the 120 acre property (by 2007 112 acres remain in the parcel) had been combined, and August and Anna Beck had purchased the farm. Immigrating from Germany, they had lived in Medford before purchasing this property. They constructed the new house in 1929. They lived in the house while their son lived in the original farmhouse - which had no electricity.

August Beck died in the late 1930s, at which time his sons Chris and Henry took over the farm. Henry's wife Ella came from Germany in 1930. While Chris never married or had children, Henry and Ella had six children. Henry died in 1969 and Ella in 1970.

In 1970, Henry and Ella's son August and his wife Louise moved to the farm and farmed with August's brother Herbert until 1978. Shortly after, the family rented out the land and buildings.

After renting homes for years, Herbert and his wife Kay Beck built their own home on land belonging to the farm that could be accessed from the Mike Simon subdivision developed adjacent to the farm in the 1960s.

From 1978-1987 Danny Kaltenberg rented the property, then in 1987 the Koltes brothers began renting the land and continue to do so today (2007). The barns are leased to Vicky Sneider, who stables horses in them. The house has had various renters.

The Becks raised corn, oats and tobacco. They started with milk cows, changing to beef cattle in the 1970s.

The Koltes brothers raise corn and soybeans on the land. They use the tobacco barn on the farm to process tobacco they grow on other land.

Sunnyside farm used to have a windmill that pumped water to a reservoir at the edge of the field.

The stone bottom of the granery was used as a strip house.

This property is an good example of a working farm with a history of both owner occupation and leased operations. The architectural integrity of the structures has been altered by their constant usage. The relative historic significance of this farm and its buildings will become

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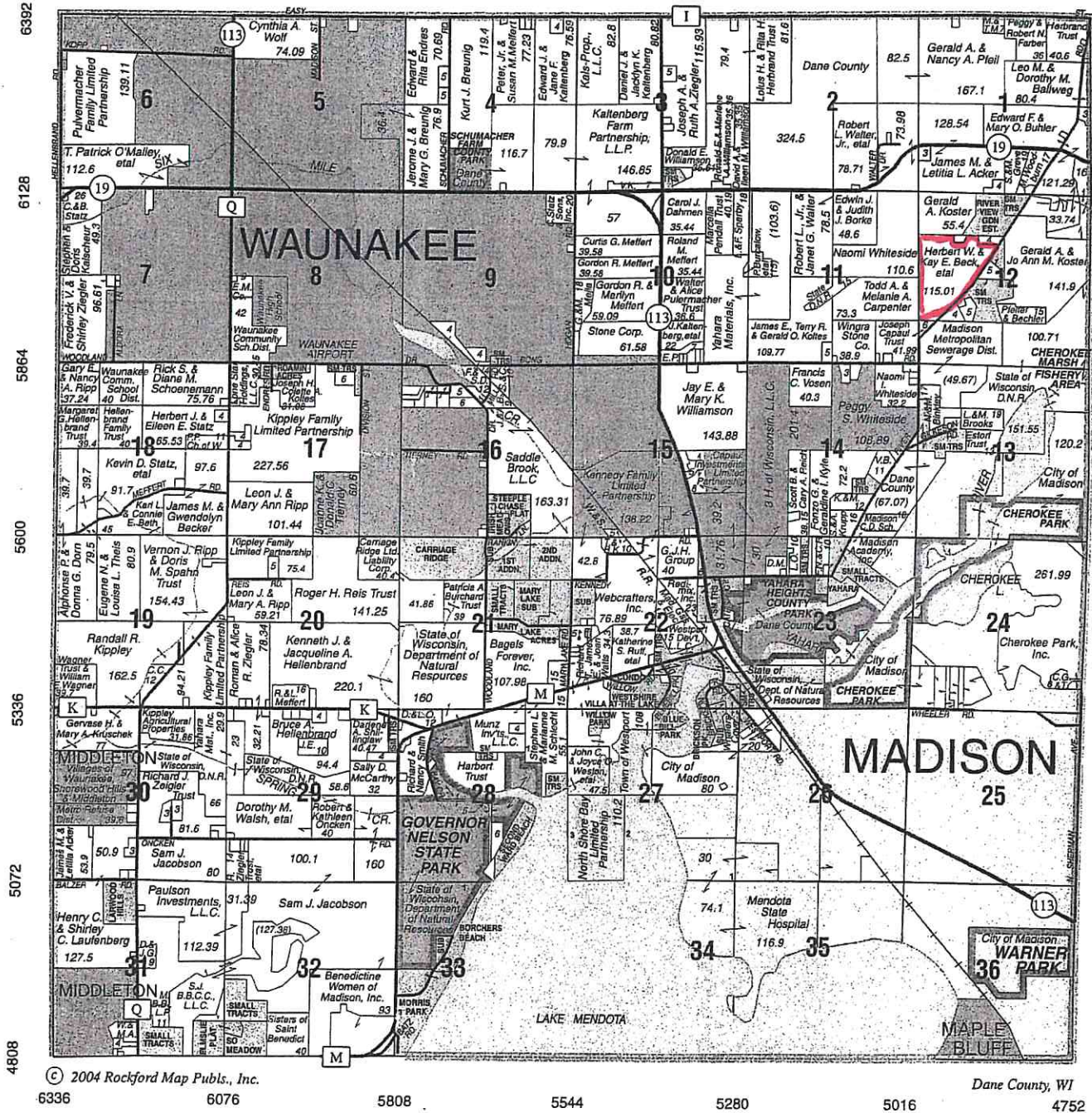
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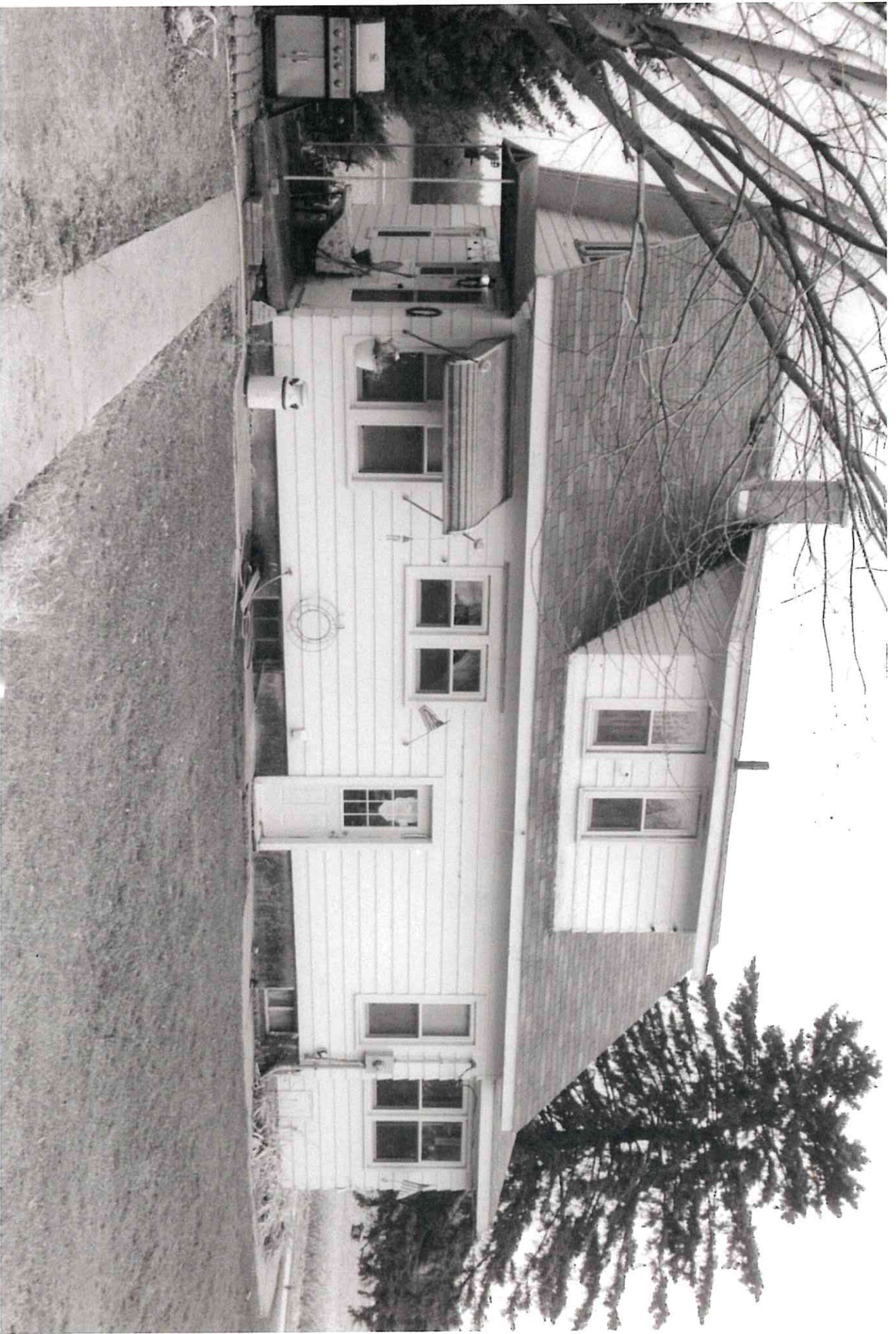
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4. Original farmhouse with storage addition from NE
5. Original farmhouse from SE
6. Detail of storage addition from NW
7. Garage from SW
8. Tobacco barn from S
9. Tobacco barn from E
10. Granery and strip house from E
11. Granery and strip house from W
12. Wall remnant, pig house site from S
13. Barn from E
14. Barn with milk house on right from S
15. Barn wall detail
16. Milk house
17. Barn and silo from W
18. Shed roof outbuilding (1) from W
19. Shed roof outbuilding (2) from SW
20. 1967 Corn crib from SE
21. Outbuilding (1) from E
22. Outbuilding (2) from W
23. Corrals and fields from N
24. Overview, original house and barn, from S
25. Overview corrals and original house, from SE
26. Fields from NE
27. Overview from SE



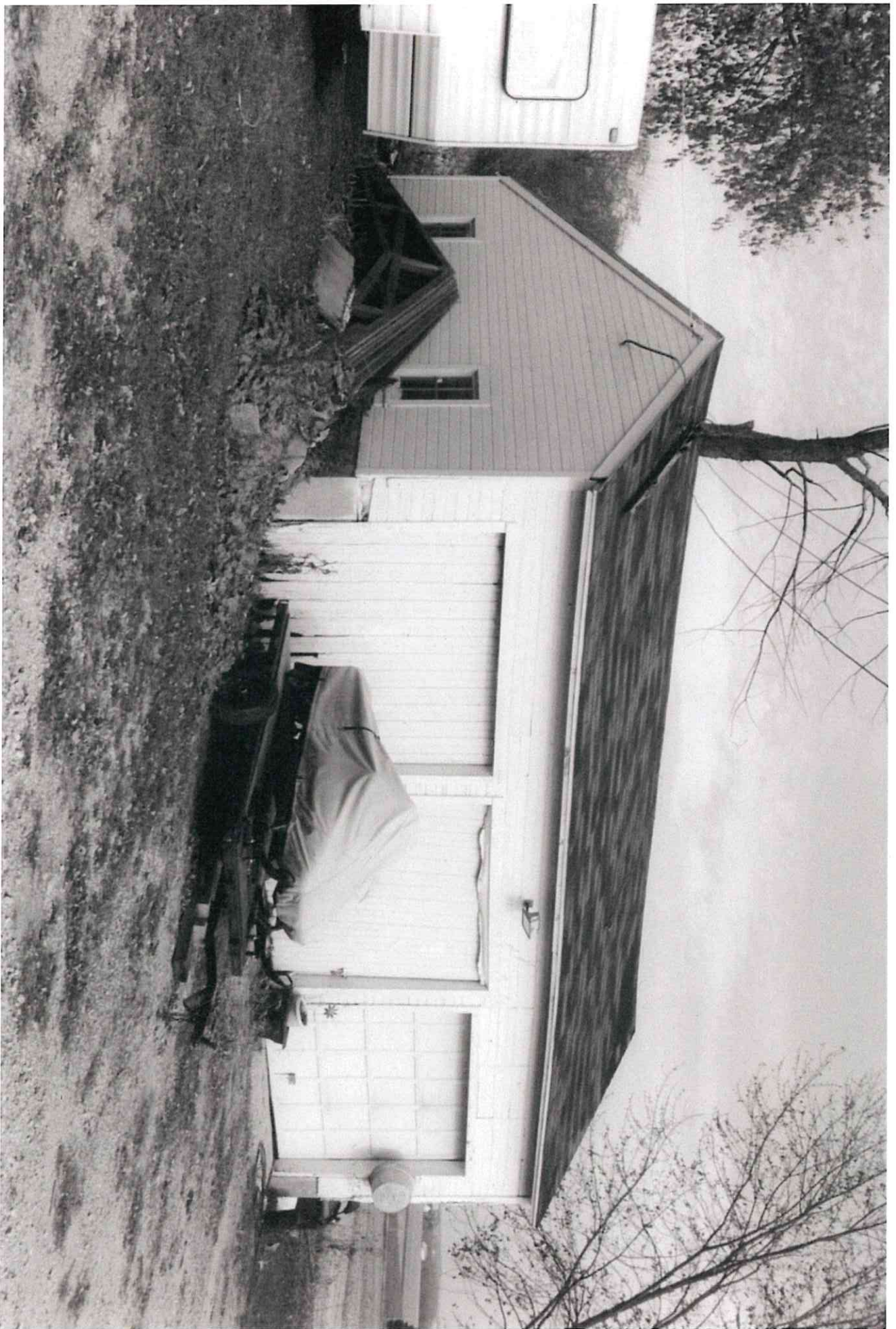




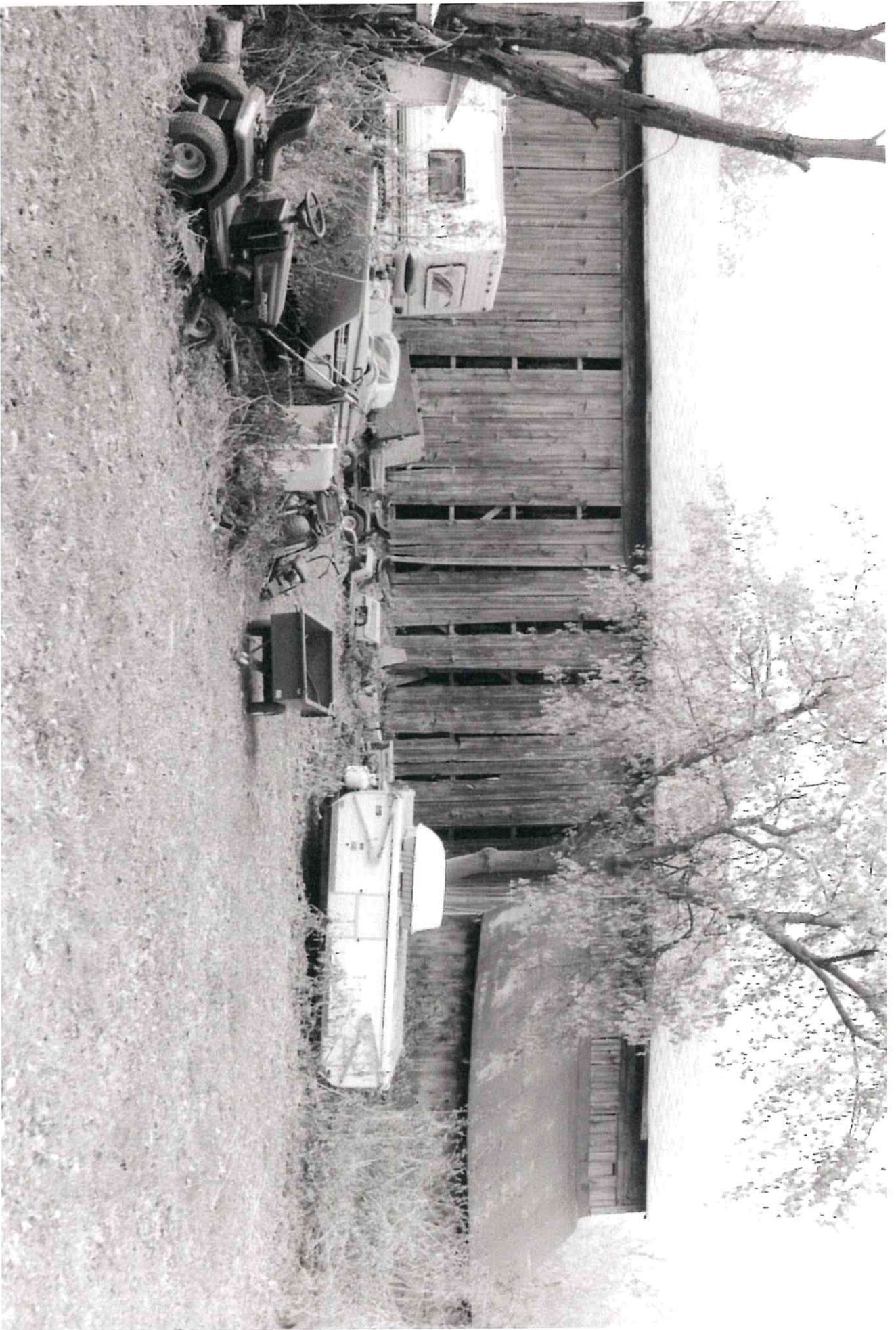




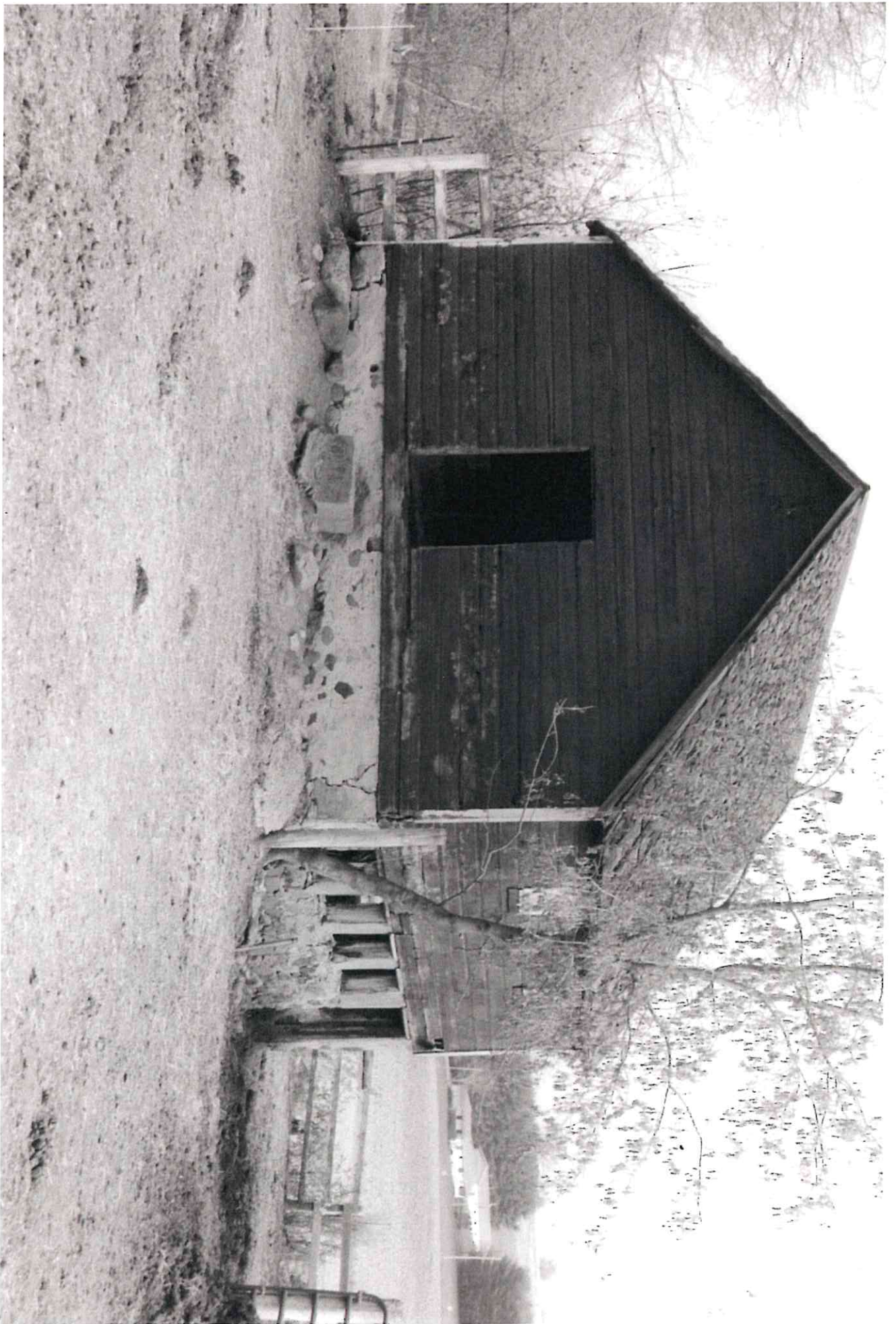


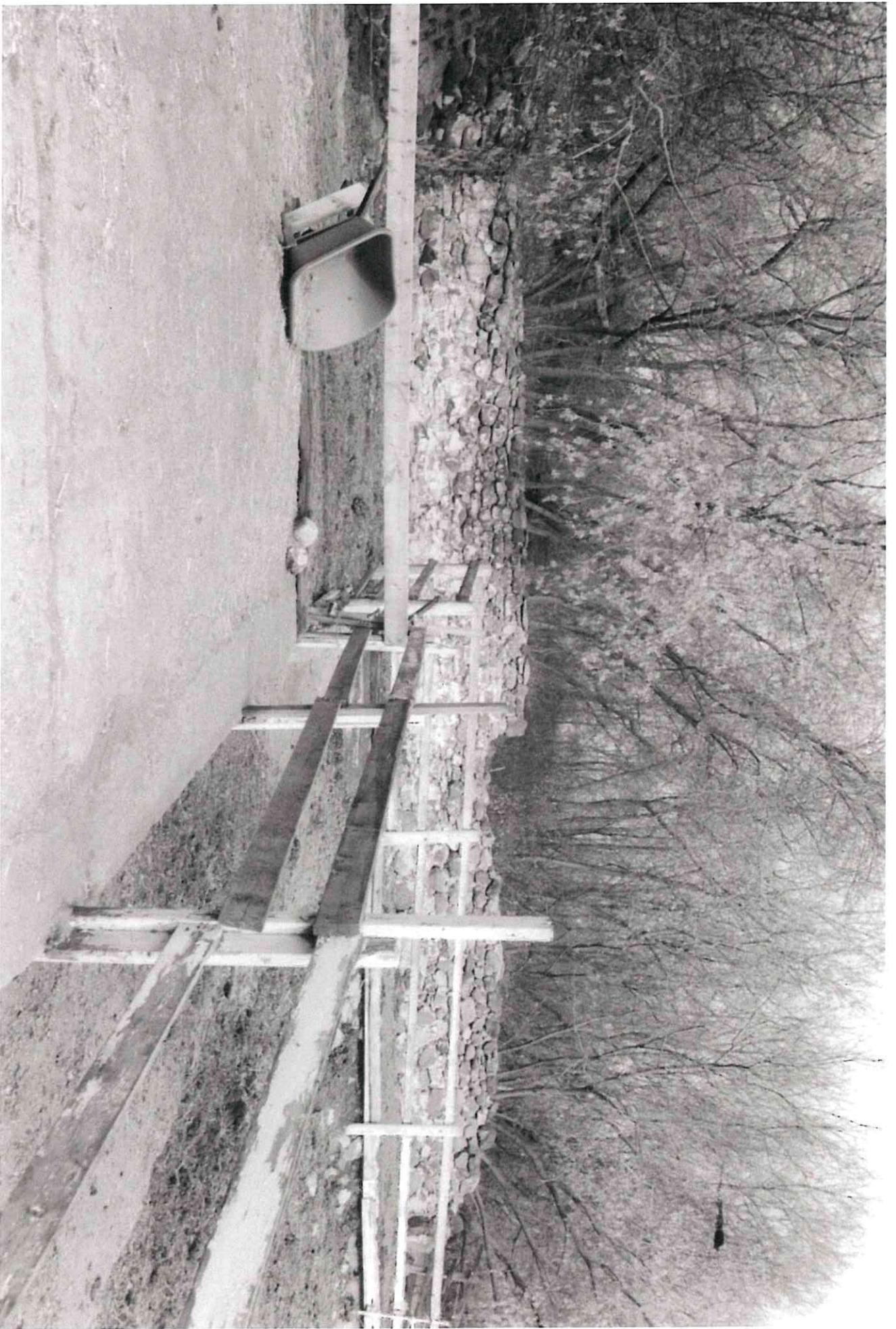


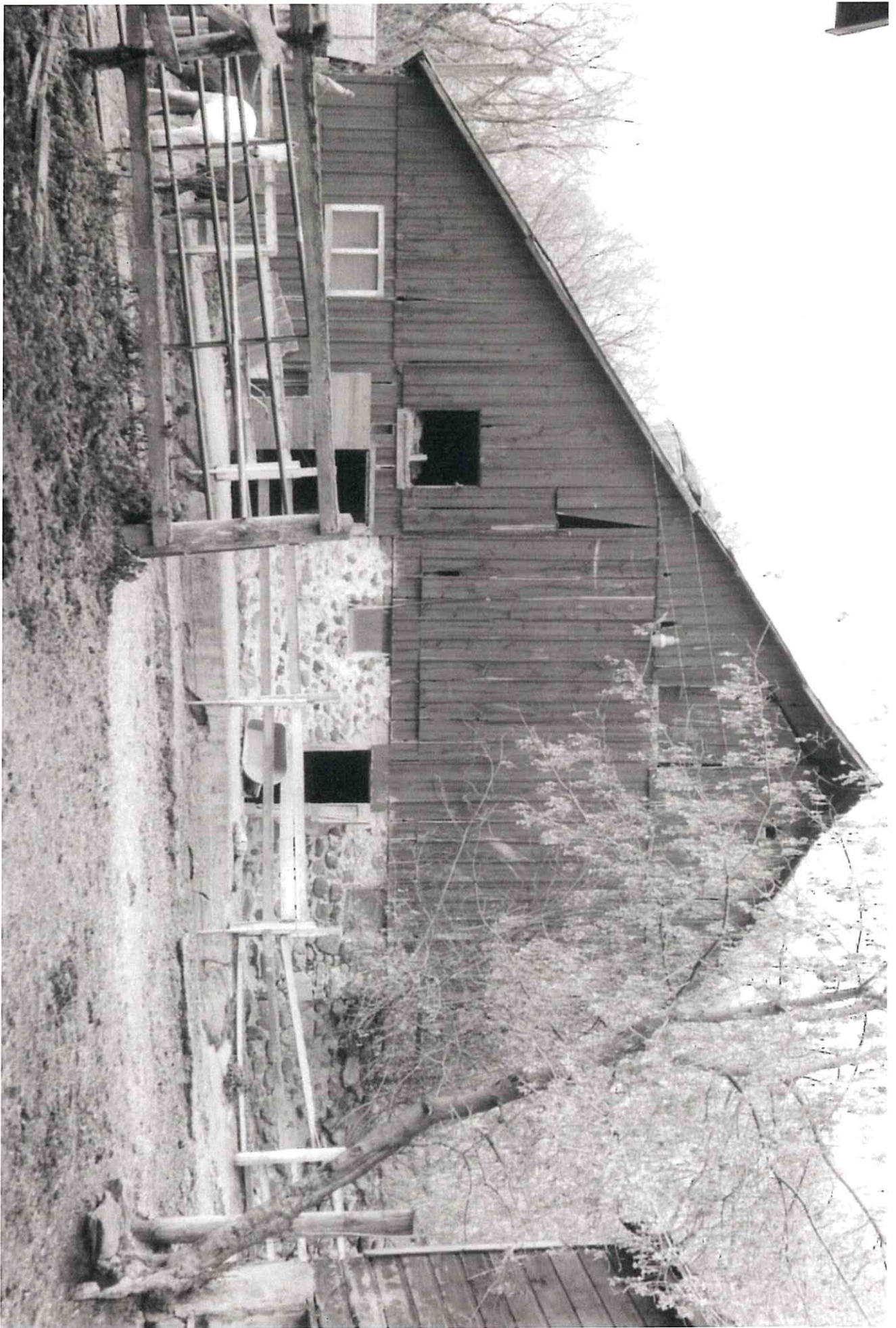


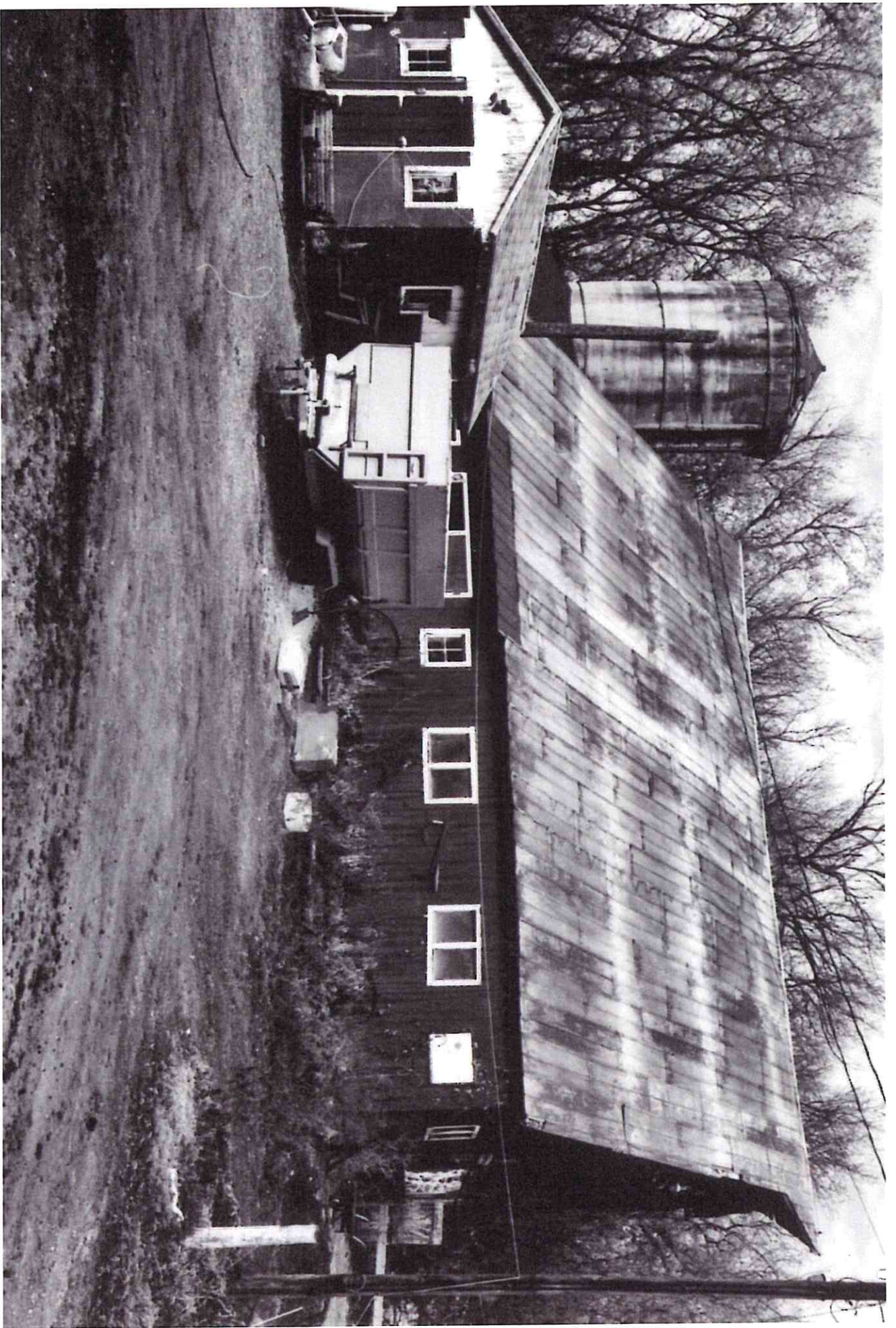


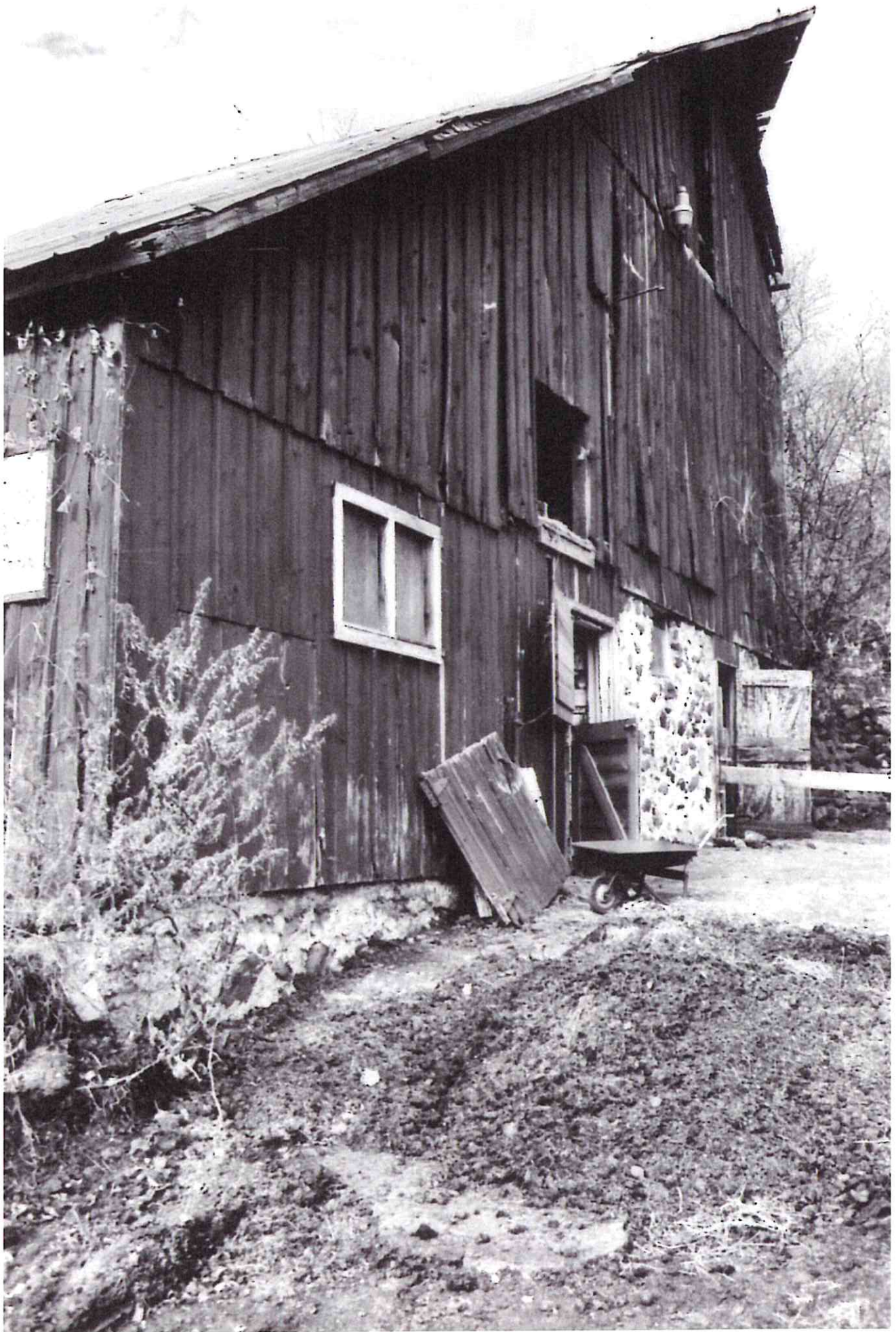




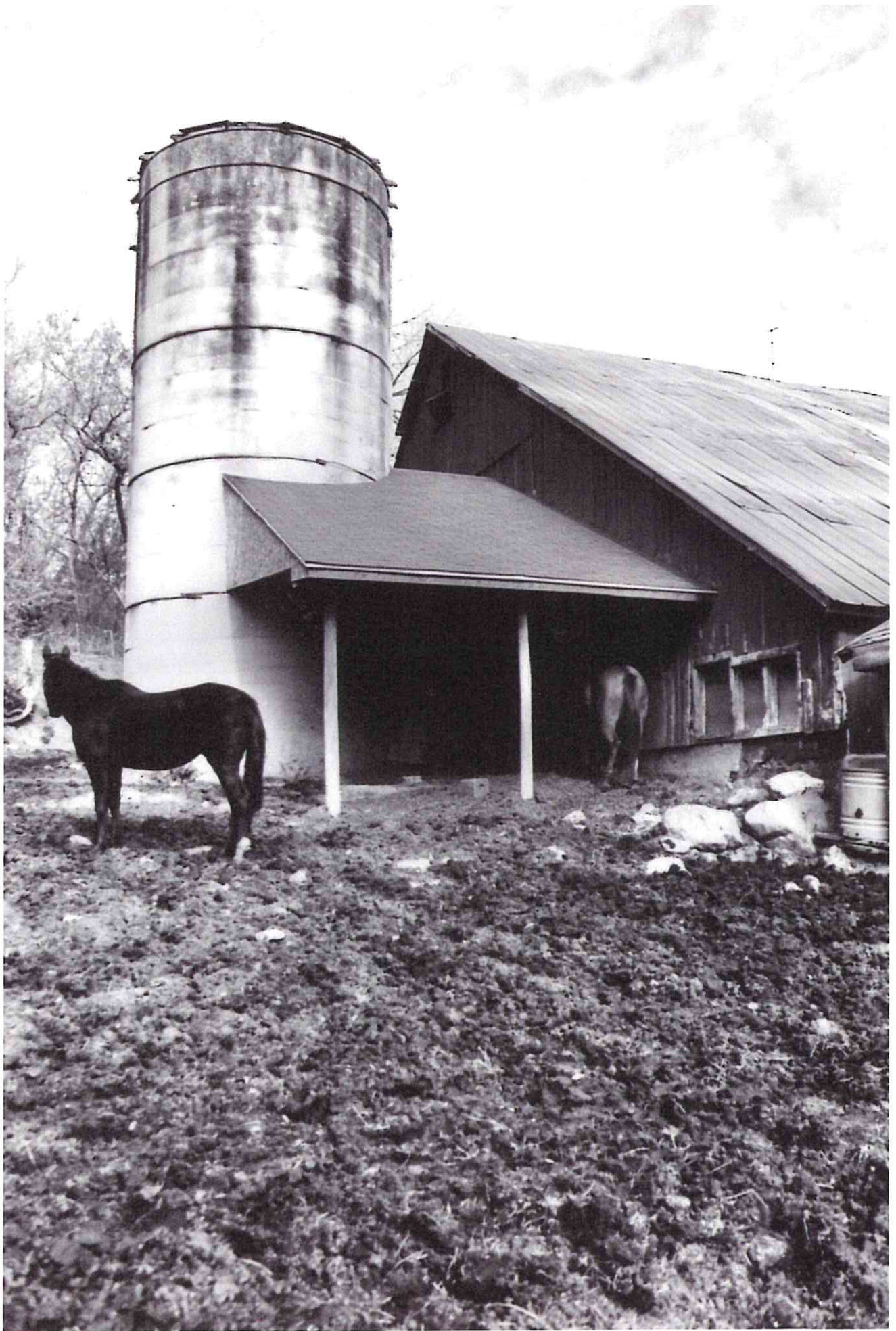


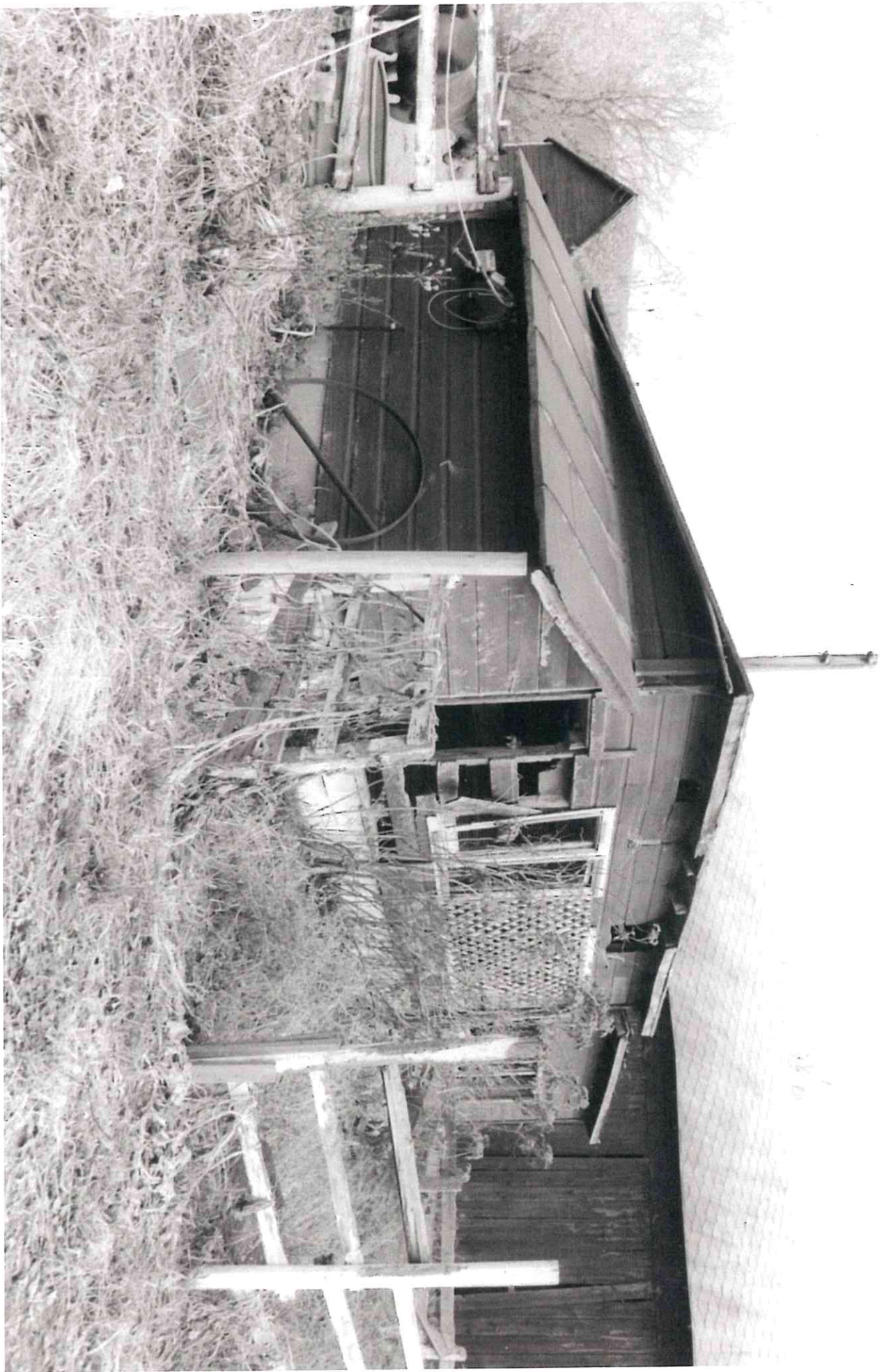


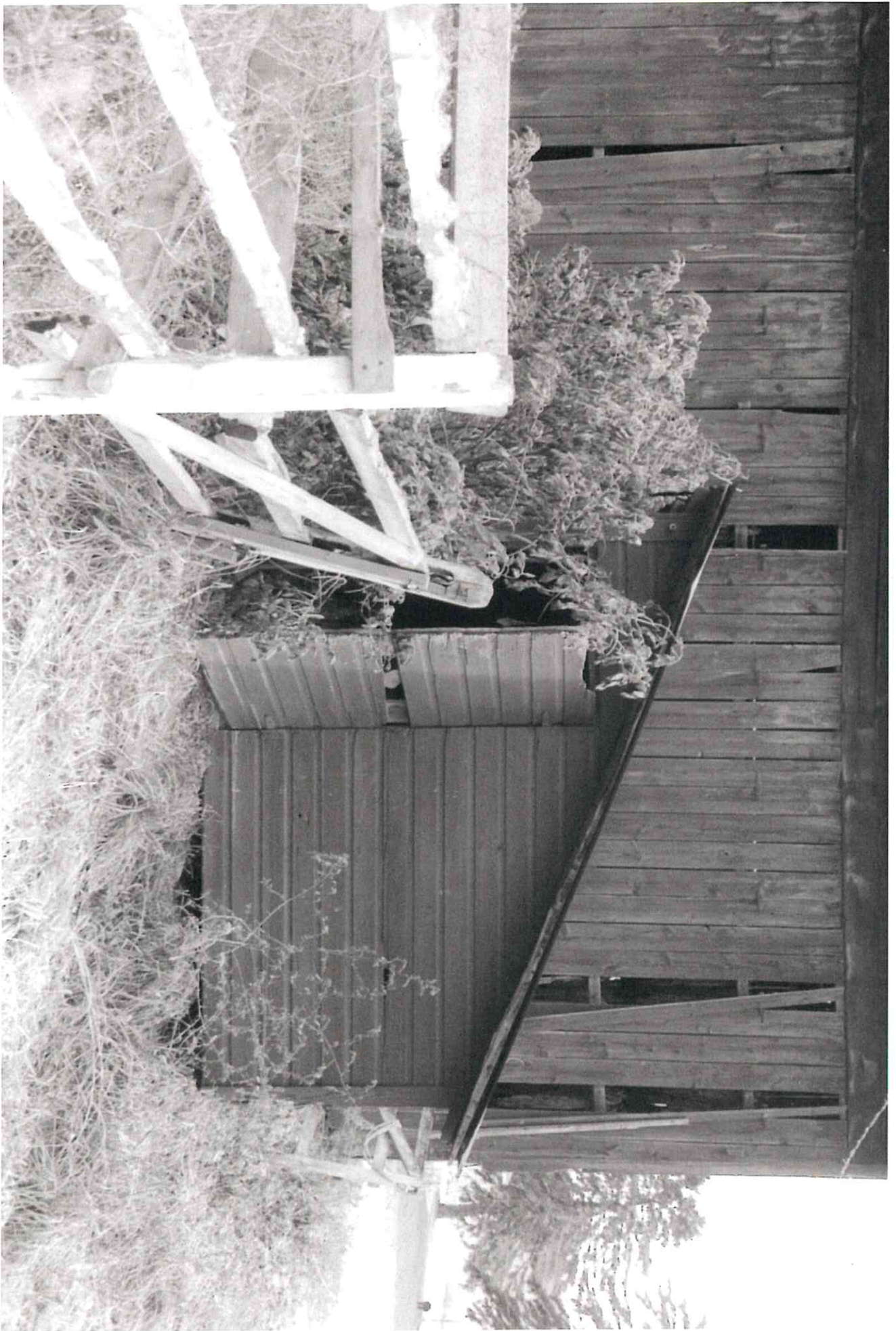


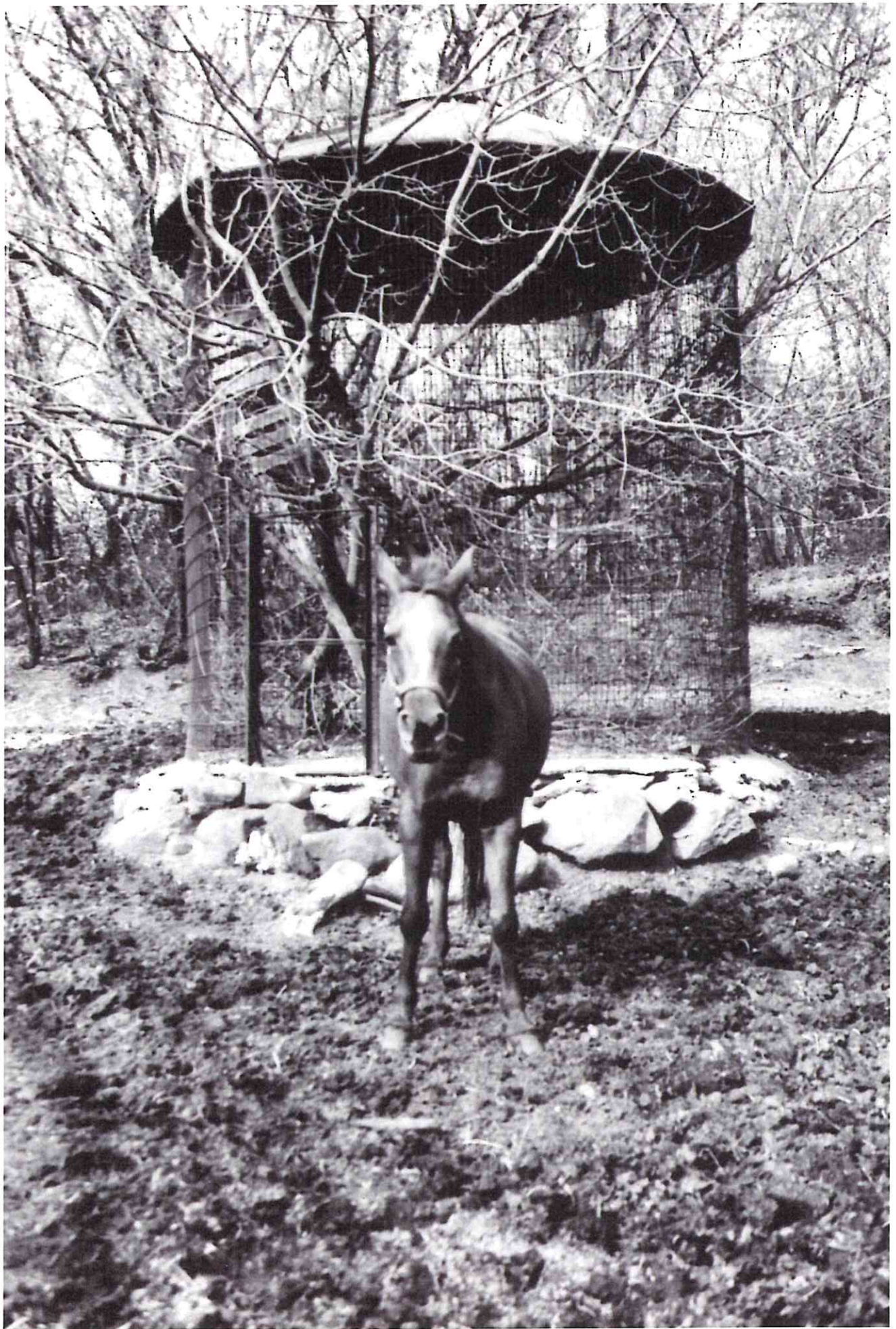




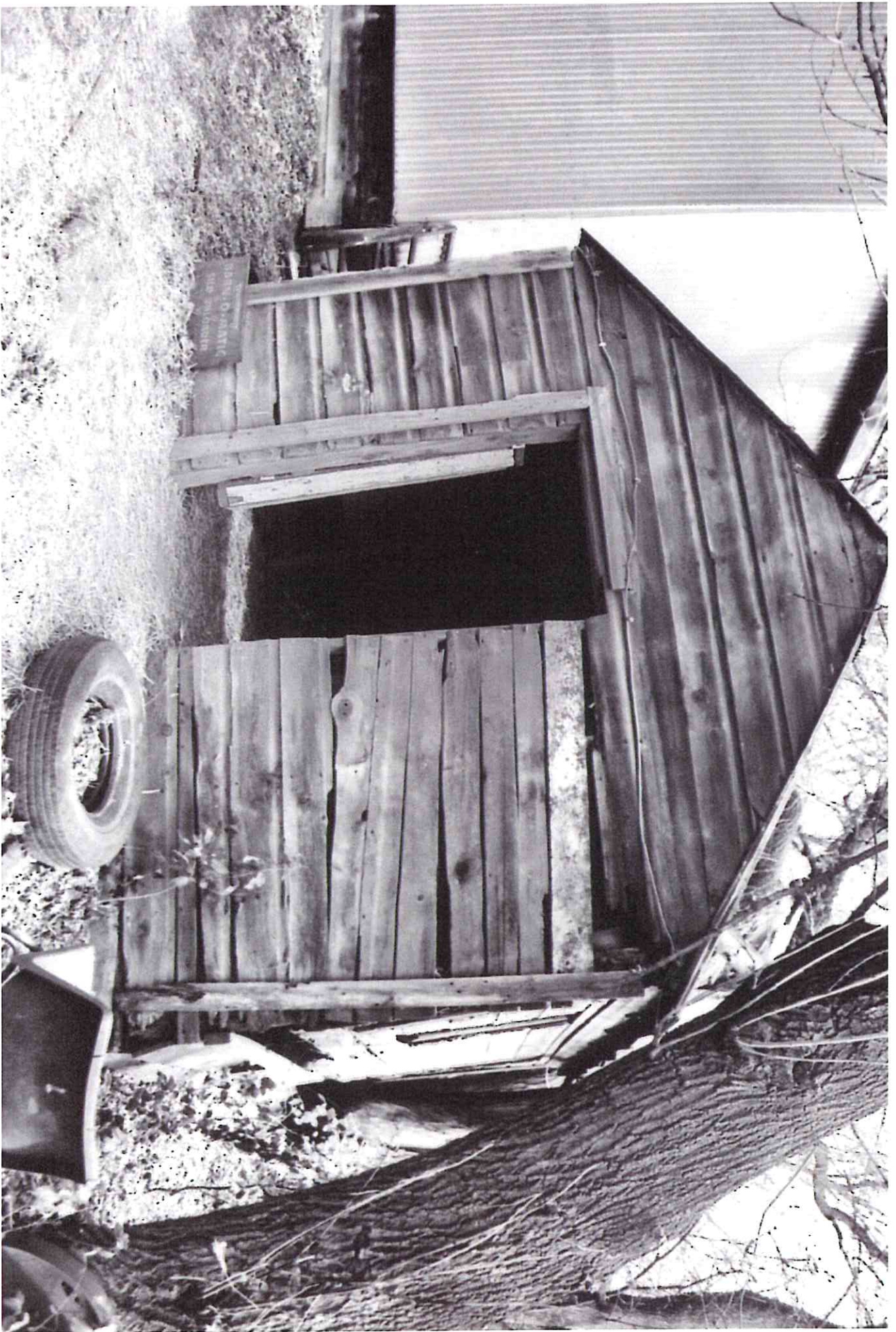




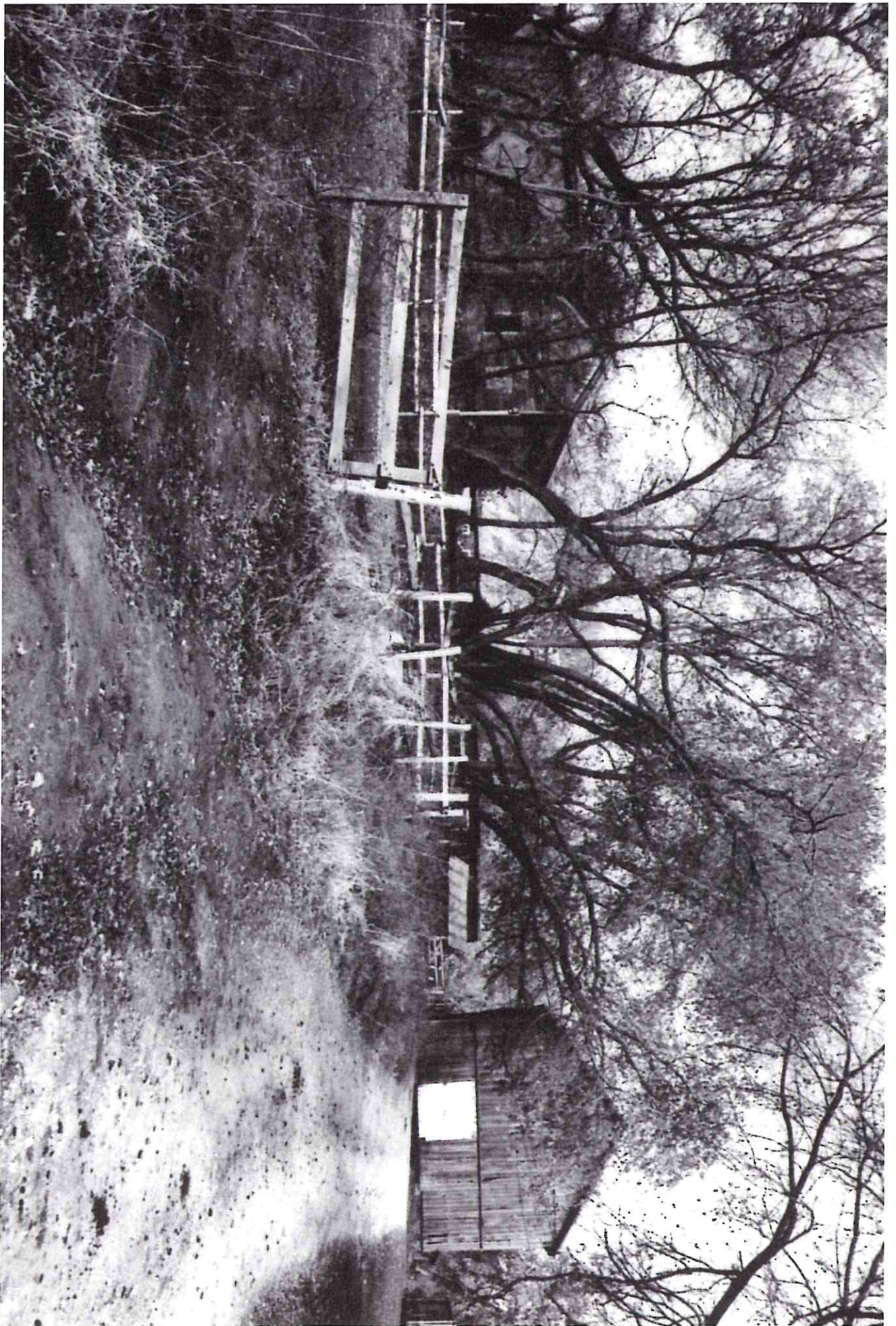


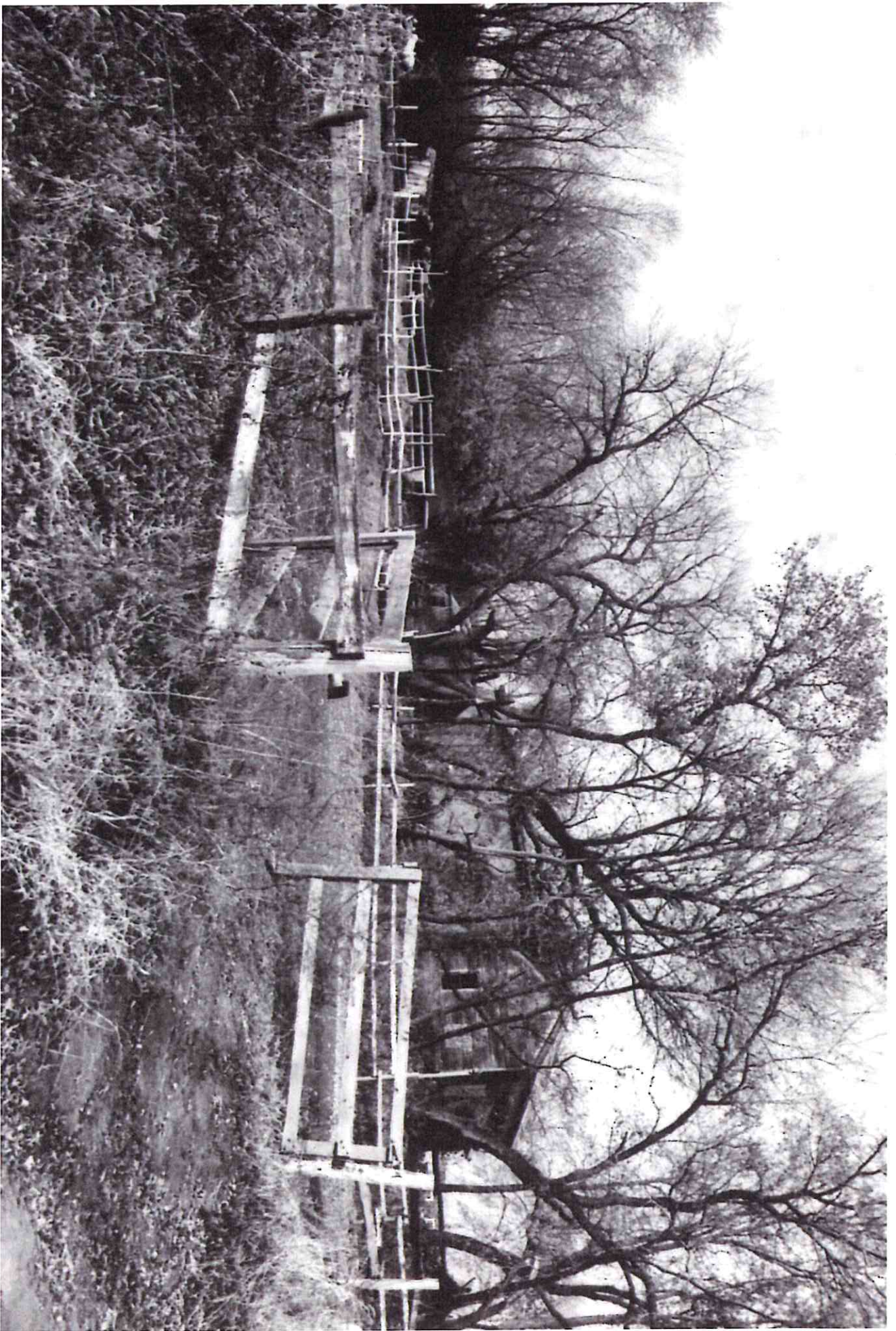


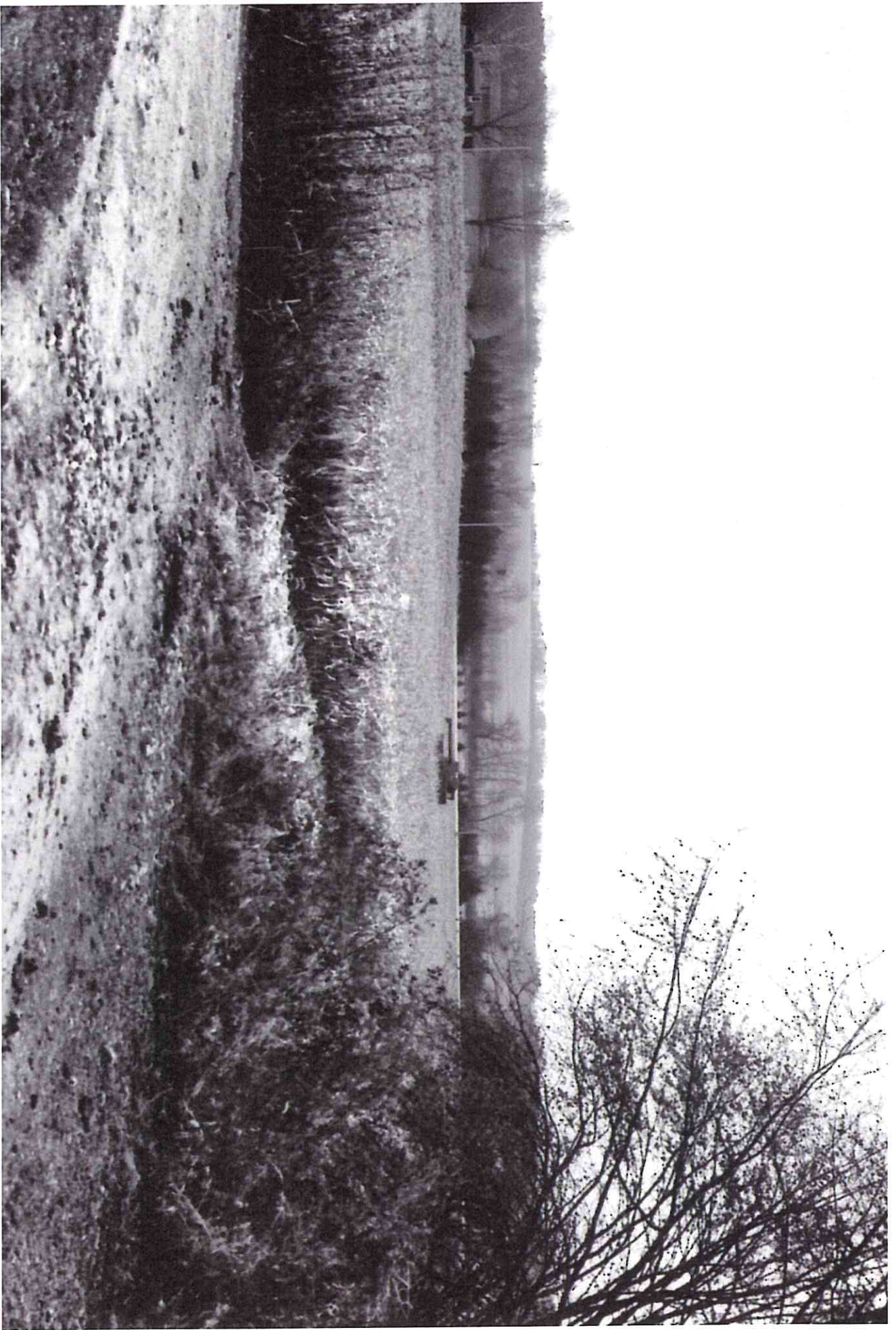


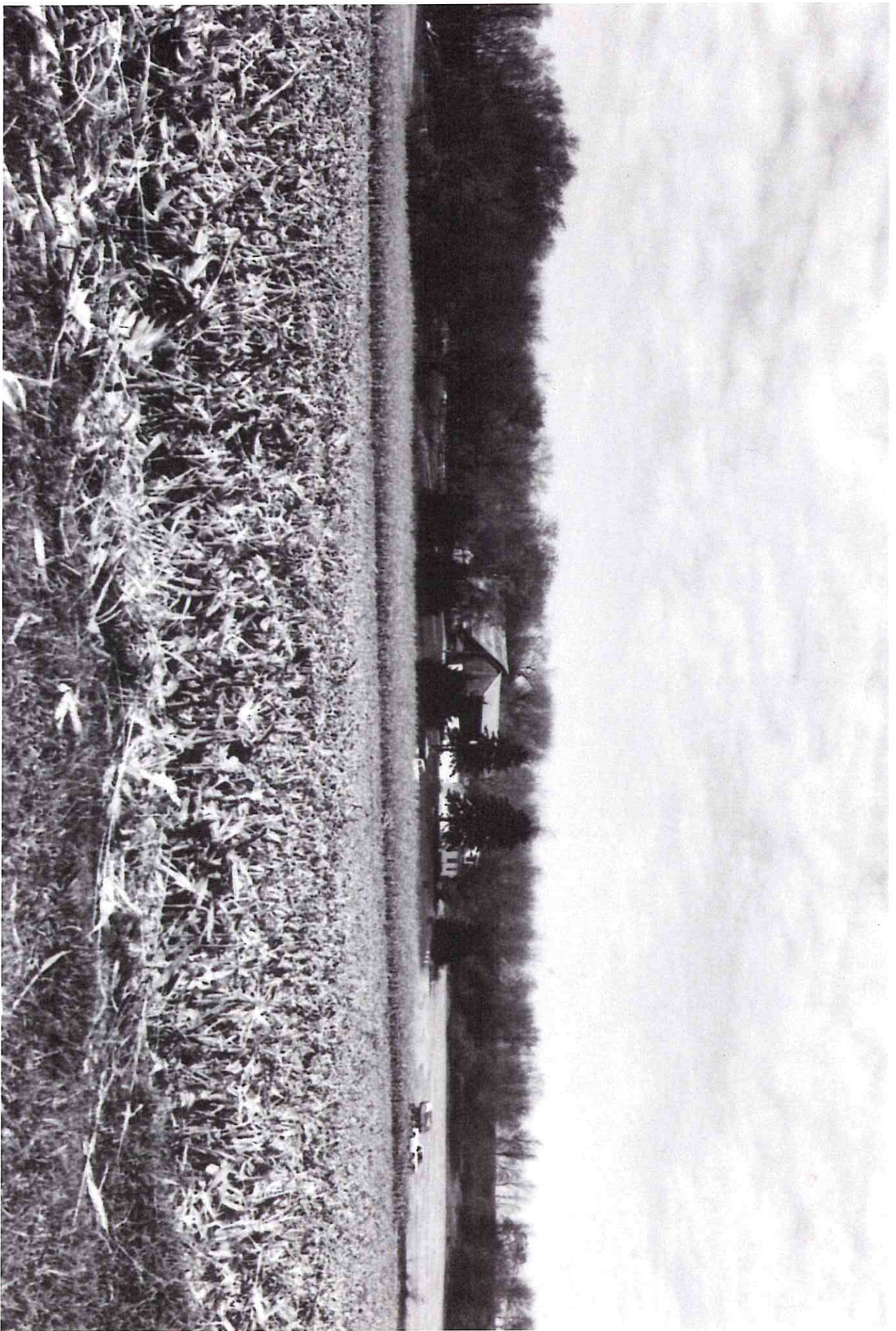












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Property name: Koltes Farm

Property address: 5208 Bong Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location: T8N R9E, Section 11

Historic Owner (s):

1873, J.C Schutz; By 1899, Joseph Koltes; by 1911, William Koltes; Late 1930s, Louis Statz;
Late 1950s: Dr. Golden; Early 1970s: Ronald, James, Gerald and Terry Koltes

Current Owner: James, Gerald and Terry Koltes

Address: 6732 County Road I
Waunakee, WI 53597

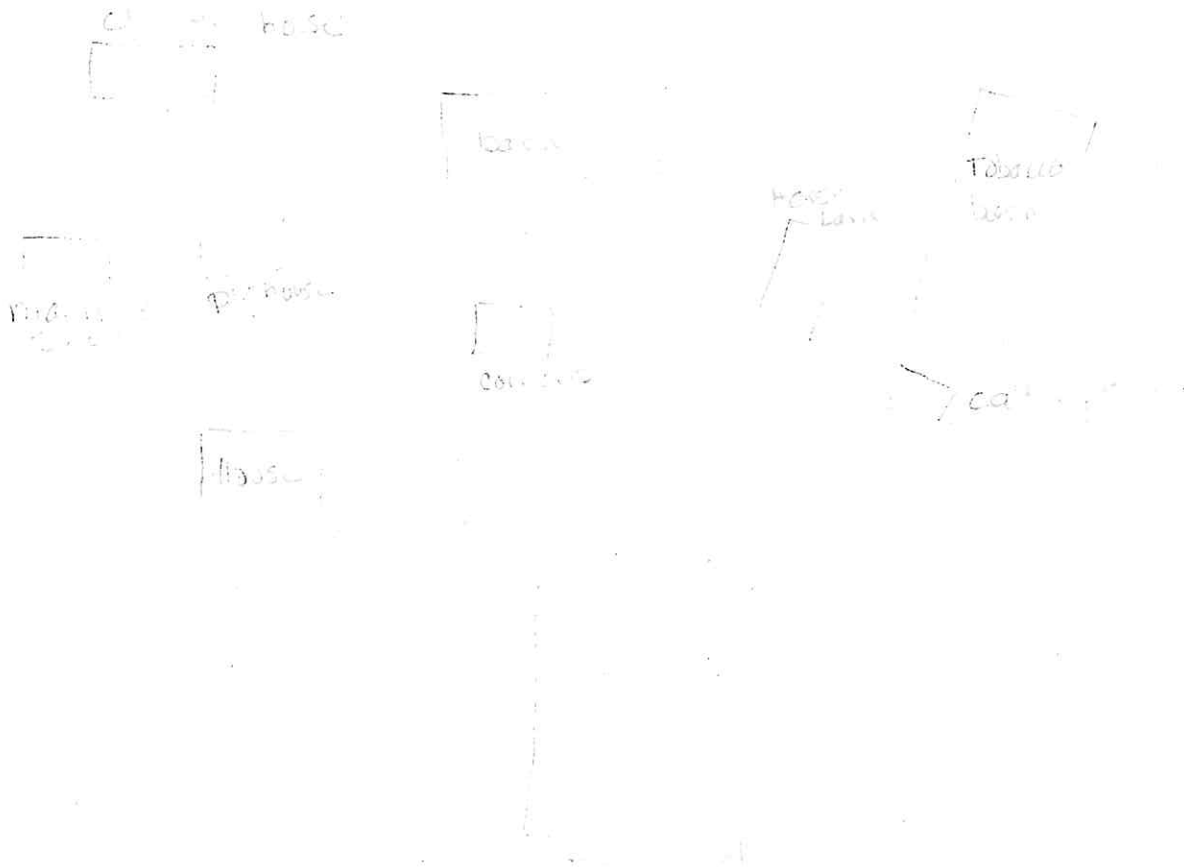
Historic usage: farm

Current usage: farm

Construction date(s): between 1873 and 1899 (main block of house), barn, chicken house,
horse barn, corn crib (during Joseph Koltes' ownership c. 1899 - 1911)

Builder/Architect name(s): unknown

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

The Koltes farmstead is located on Bong Road in the northeast corner of the Town of Westport, in a deep valley. Currently 108 acres, the original holdings were 250 acres. At the western edge of the property is a prairie, known as the Koltes Prairie, which has never been farmed. It is unusual since it contains plants from both low land prairie (along Bong Road) and high prairie on the hilltop. The Koltes Brothers were always told it was a prairie, and have maintained it. The Westport Drumlin is located in a 4 ½ acre section running southwest to northeast within the limits of the original farm. This oddly shaped section was donated to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources by Dr. Golden (~ 1960s).

A chronology of ownership is provided by historic plat maps of Westport. No owners are listed for this parcel on an 1861 plat map of Westport township. In 1873, J.C. Schutz is noted as owner. Joseph Koltes purchased the farm between 1873 and 1899. At Joseph Koltes' death, ownership of the farm went to his oldest son, William and is noted on a 1911 Westport plat. In the late 1930s, the Koltes family lost ownership of the farm and it was purchased by local farmer/realtor Louis Statz who leased it to others. In the late 1950s the farm was purchased by Dr. Golden, who also rented the land to others. In the early 1970s, four of the Otto Koltes' sons (Ronald, James, Gerald and Terry) purchased the farm from Dr. Golden.

An immigrant from Germany with his parents at about age 16, Joseph Koltes first settled on a small farm in what is now Northgate Mall in the city of Madison. He purchased the Bong Road property sometime between 1873 and 1899. Joseph Koltes passed ownership of the farm to his oldest son William, who married and moved to Madison without ever running the farm. He worked at Madison Kipp.

Joseph Koltes's second son Otto lived on the farm and worked it into the 1930s. Otto was talented with engines and mechanics, especially at windmills that ran water pumps and Delco Plant home generators. He maintained a room in the top of the barn for his inventions. Otto was known by the neighbors as someone to call on to get their pumps and other mechanicals working. Otto farmed as his father had, raising chickens, cows, pigs and potatoes. Otto Koltes hired himself and his steam traction engine out to other farms in the surrounding area. A traction engine can propel itself rather than remaining stationary. In addition to threshing, Otto used the engine to steam (sterilize) the tobacco fields before planting. The engine could also run a corn separator and a lumber mill. The steam engine was made in 1913 and was used by the Koltes family in the same way into the 1970s. Since there were few such engines in the area, Otto Koltes and his sons kept busy with work on local farms. In the late 1930s, Otto Koltes lost his farm and went to work at Gisholt in Madison, renting places in the countryside for his family to live. By 1954, Otto had paid all his debts and purchased a 30 acre farm in the Town of Vienna.

The next owner of the Bong Road farm, local farmer/realtor Louis Statz, leased it to others.

Dr. Golden, a bone specialist in Madison, purchased the farm from Statz in the early 1950s. He and a partner retrofitted the main barn into a rabbitry. They raised rabbits for studies at the University of Wisconsin. The space was air-conditioned and had all the latest technologies

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incorporated. During this retrofit, the fixtures for the cows (stalls, waste gutter) were removed.

Otto Koltes' sons, Ronald, James, Gerald and Terry, grew tobacco on the land during Dr. Golden's ownership. The arrangement was 50/50, splitting costs and profit. In this manner, the brothers didn't have to rent the land outright and were able to share the risks. When the Doctor was in poor health and ready to sell the land, he already knew the Koltes brothers and sold to them.

The Koltes brothers have farmed the land since the 1970s in corn, soybeans and hay. The house has been occupied by sons of the Koltes brothers. Gerald's son John was married at the farm in 2004, on a pretty summer day under a handmade white arch with chairs on the lawn.

The farm consists of a house, barn, tobacco barn, chicken house, horse barn, pig house, machine shed, calving shed, and a corn crib.

The two story section of the house appears to have been constructed between 1873 under JC. Schutz's ownership and 1899 under Joseph Koltes' ownership. The house was a simple rectangular block containing two rooms on the first floor and two rooms on the second floor. Having no basement, the house rests on log timbers for a foundation, now clad in concrete. This section of the house had been re-roofed many times. In the early 2000s, John Koltes removed five layers of roof including original wood shingle, asphalt shingle, metal, rolled roof with tar, and 1960s asphalt shingle. The one story section of the house was probably constructed by Joseph Koltes at a later date. This section has a 6' deep basement lined in sandstone.

All of the outbuildings except for the tobacco barn were constructed during Joseph Koltes' ownership. An original tobacco barn blew over in 1966 and the Koltes brothers built a larger one on the same location.

During Otto Koltes' tenure on the farm (prior to the late 1930s), he separated a small room off of the hayloft in the main barn, keeping it locked, and used it as a private space for his inventions in mechanics. In particular, he worked on creating a directional signal for automobiles that would turn off on its own.

Otto Koltes installed a windmill in front of the house. This provided water to the house and a source for water to be hauled to the barns.

The outbuildings are currently used for agricultural storage for the Koltes Brothers' farm operations.

There is a cell tower located on the property.

This property is an excellent example of a working farm with a rich history. The two story section of the house contains one of the older residential structures in the Township of Westport. The architectural integrity of the structures has been altered by their constant

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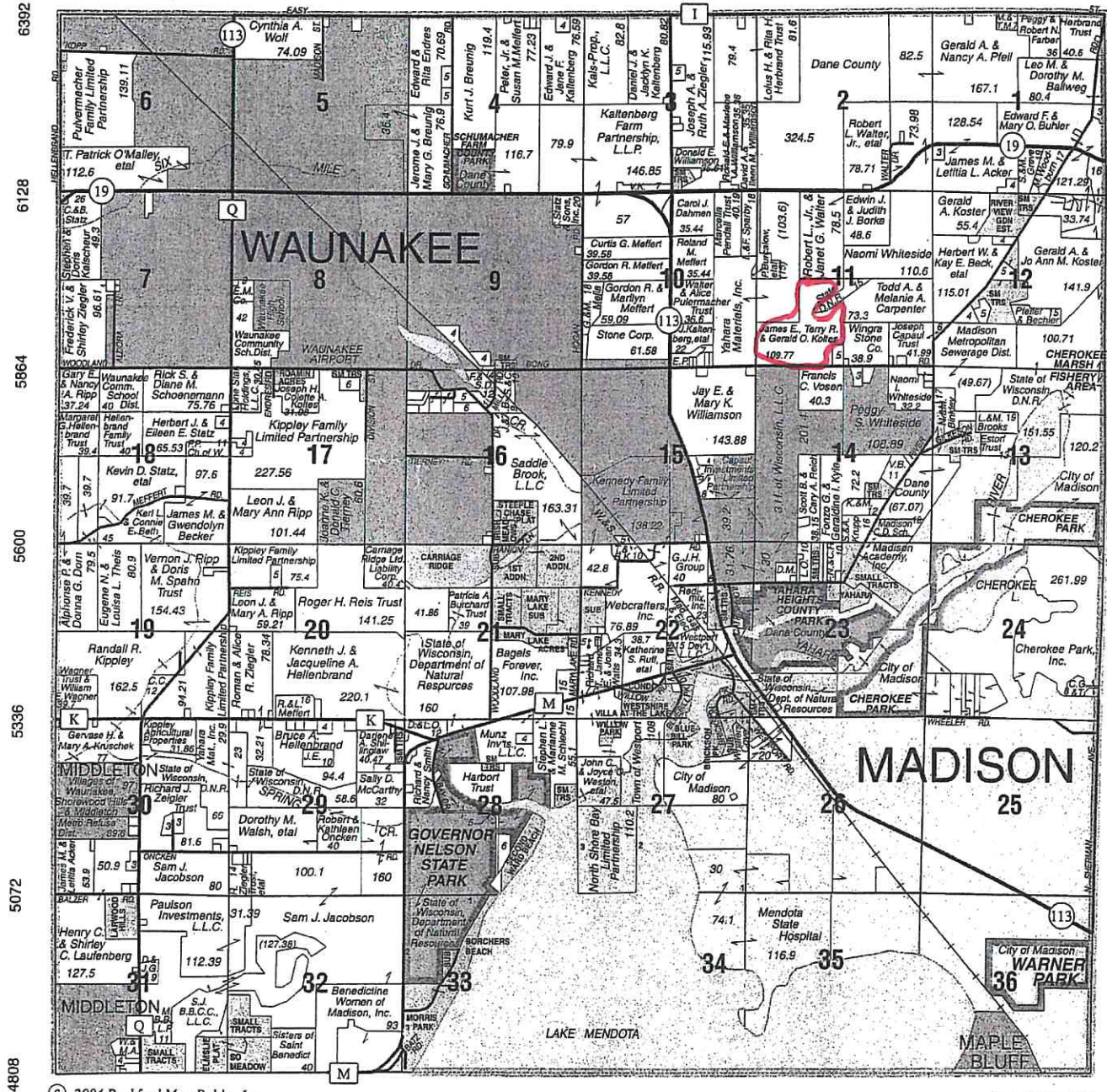
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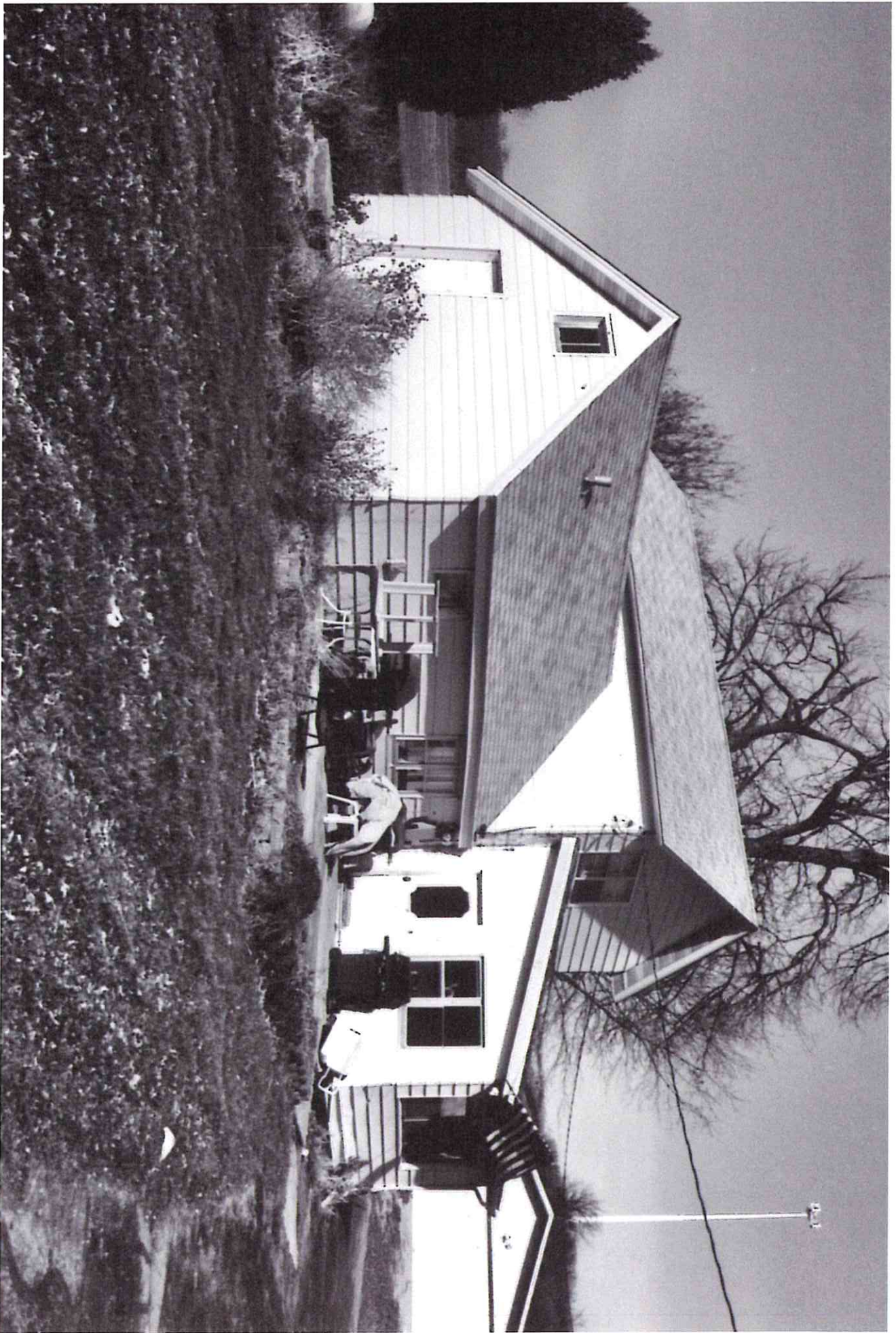
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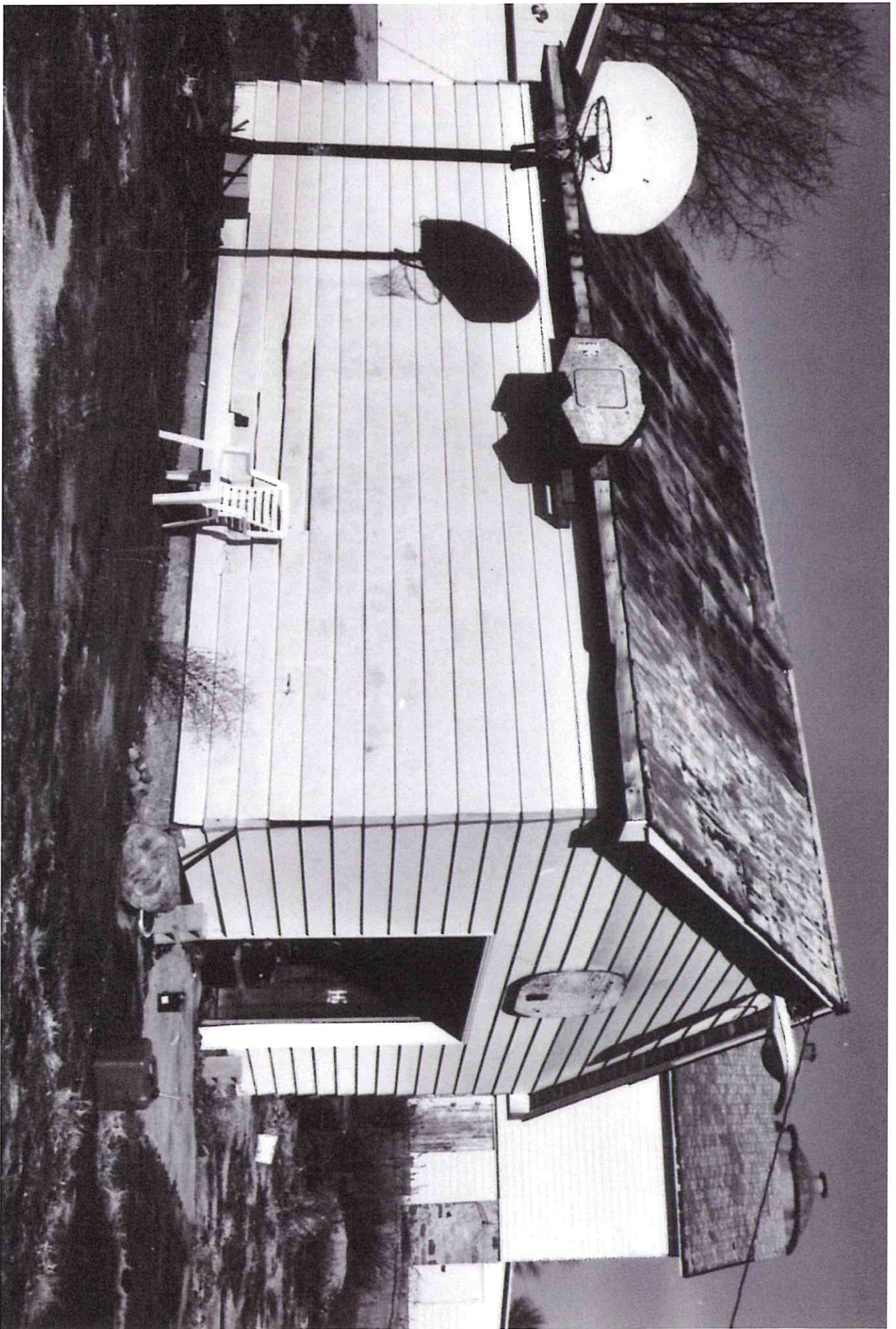
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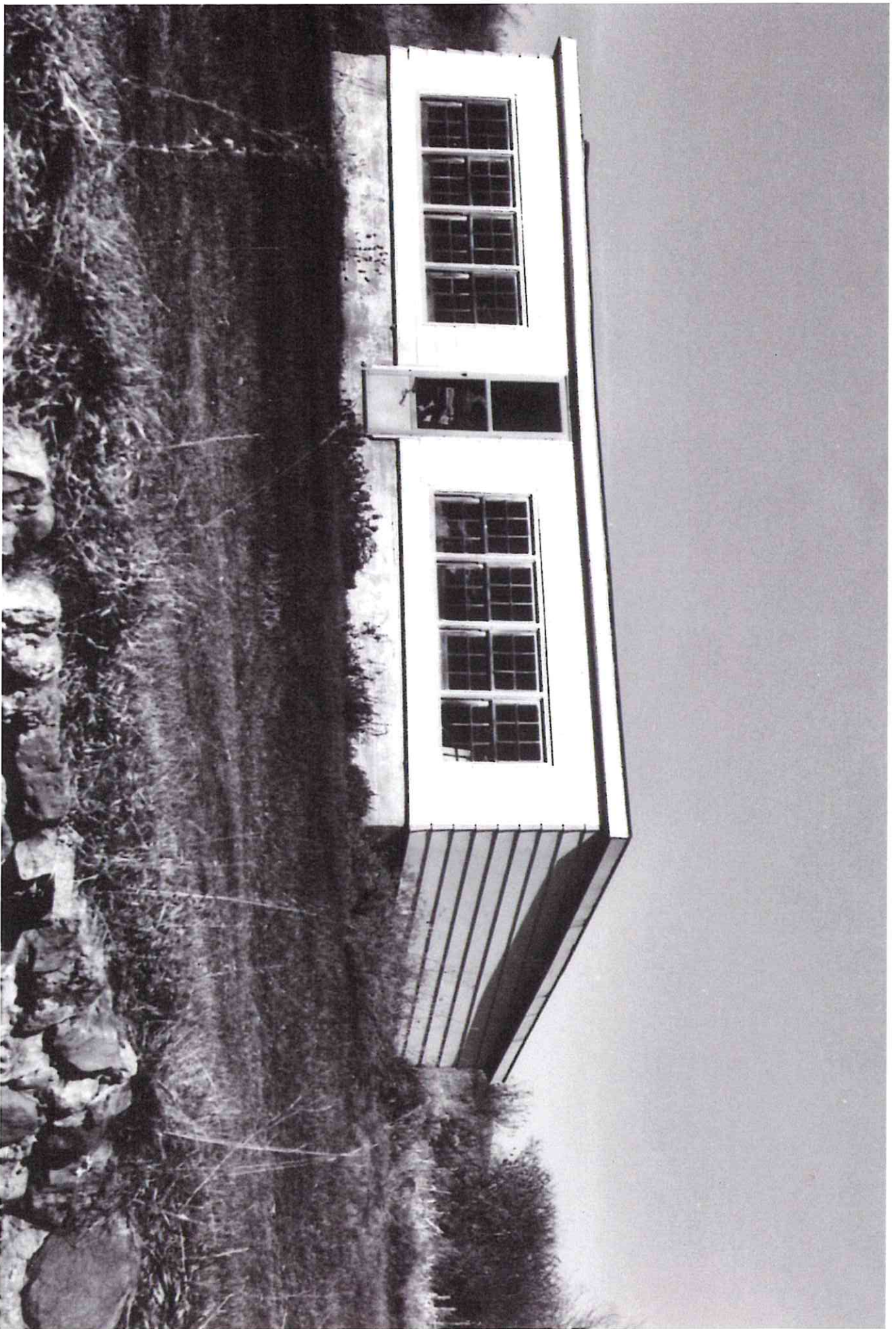
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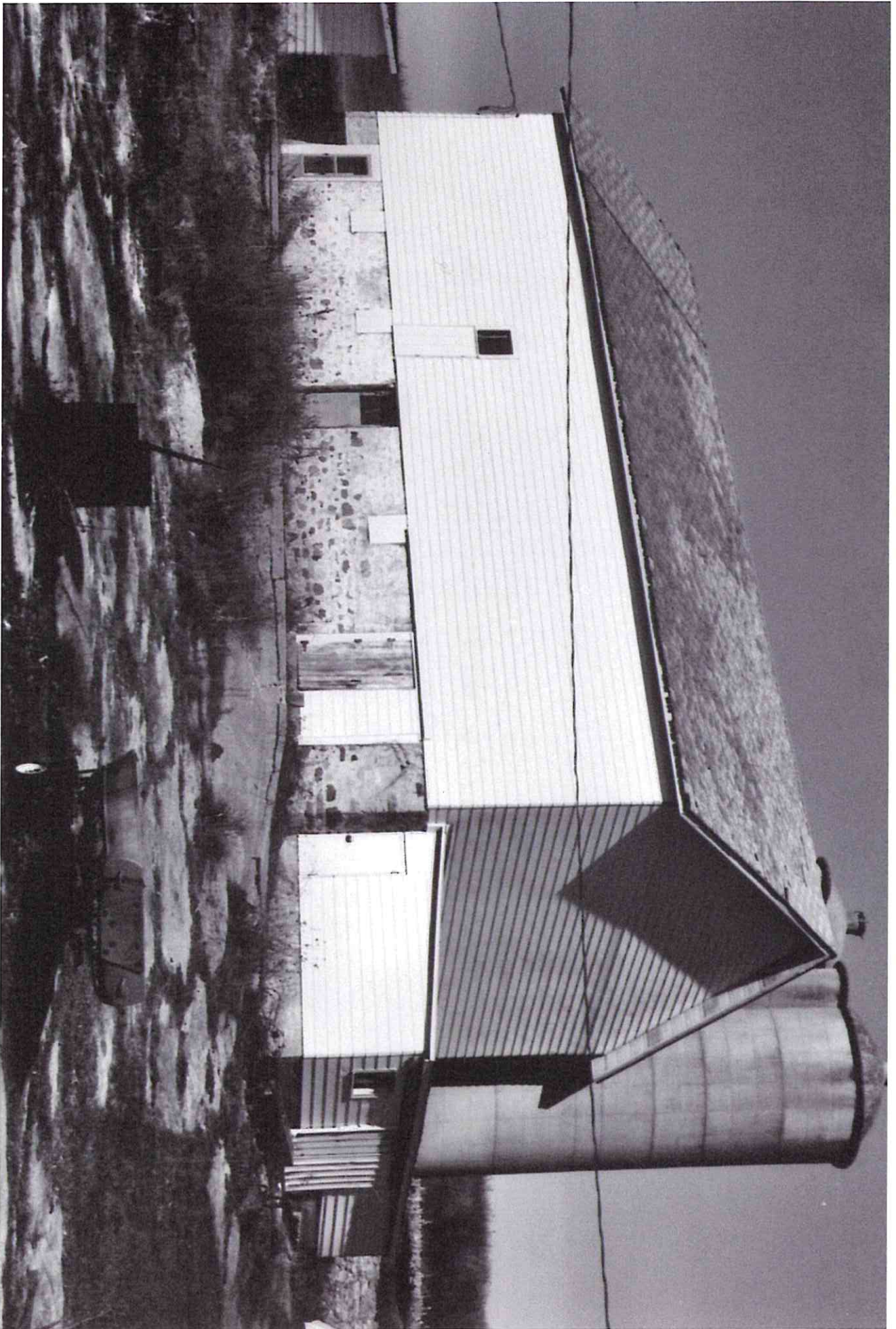


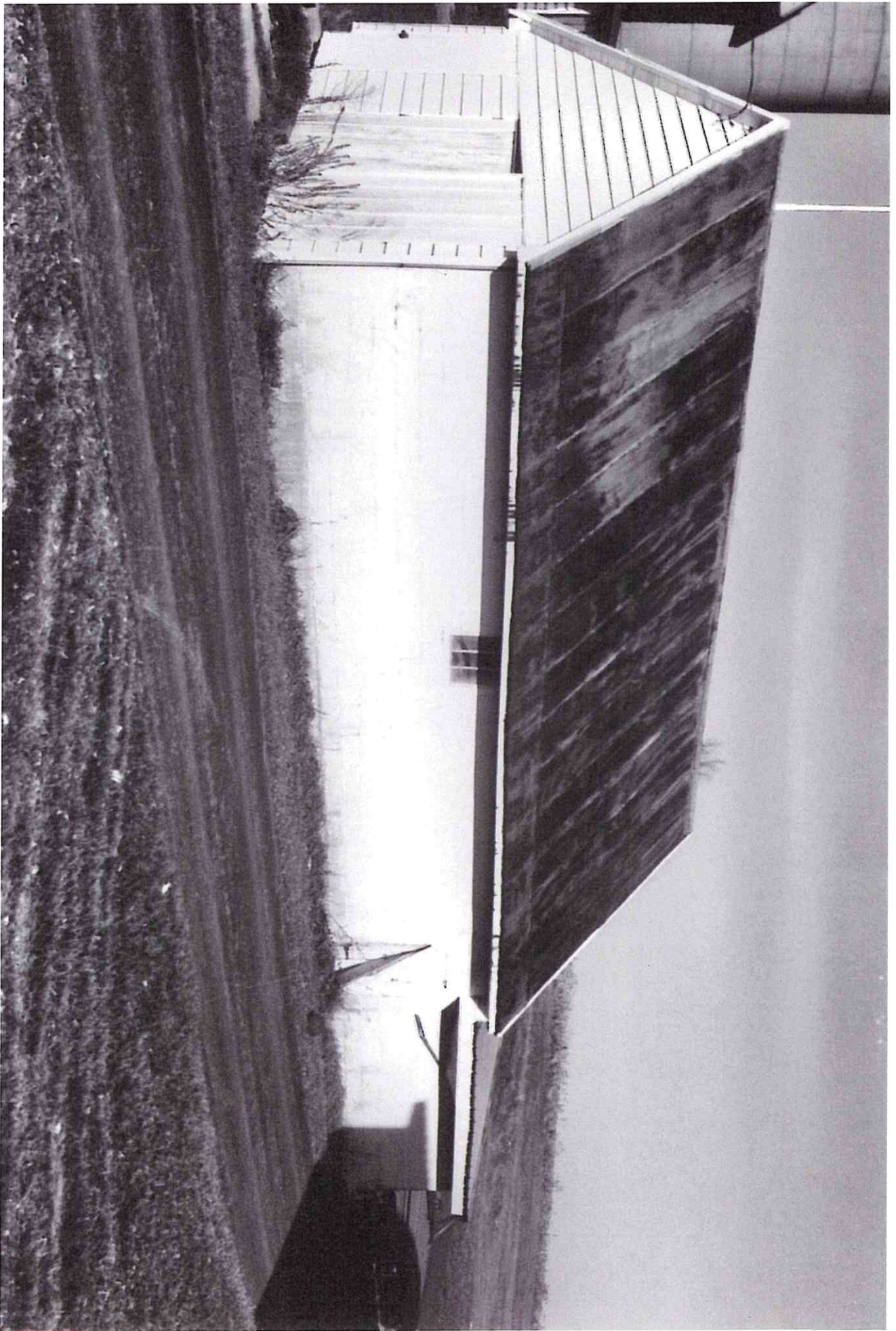


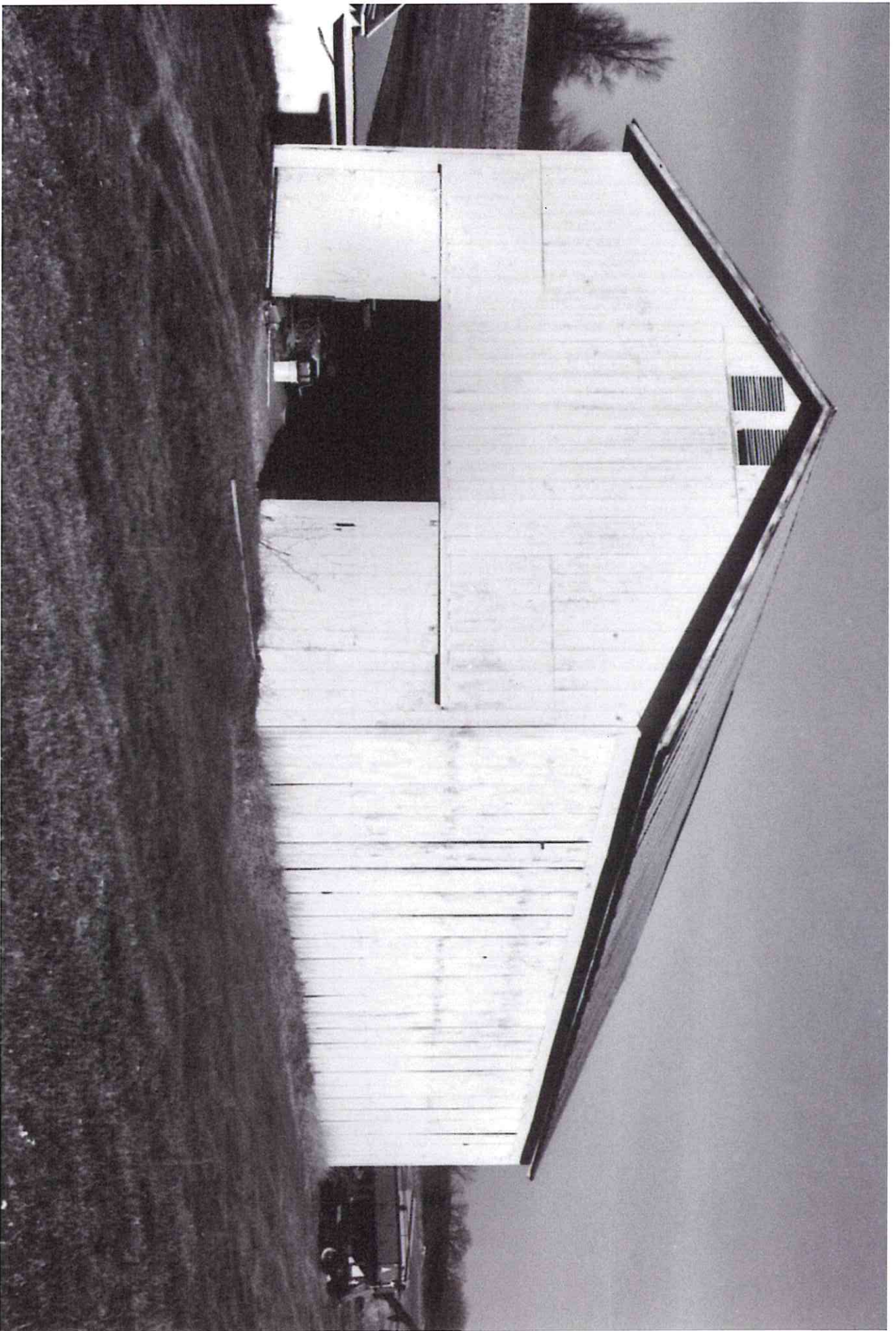


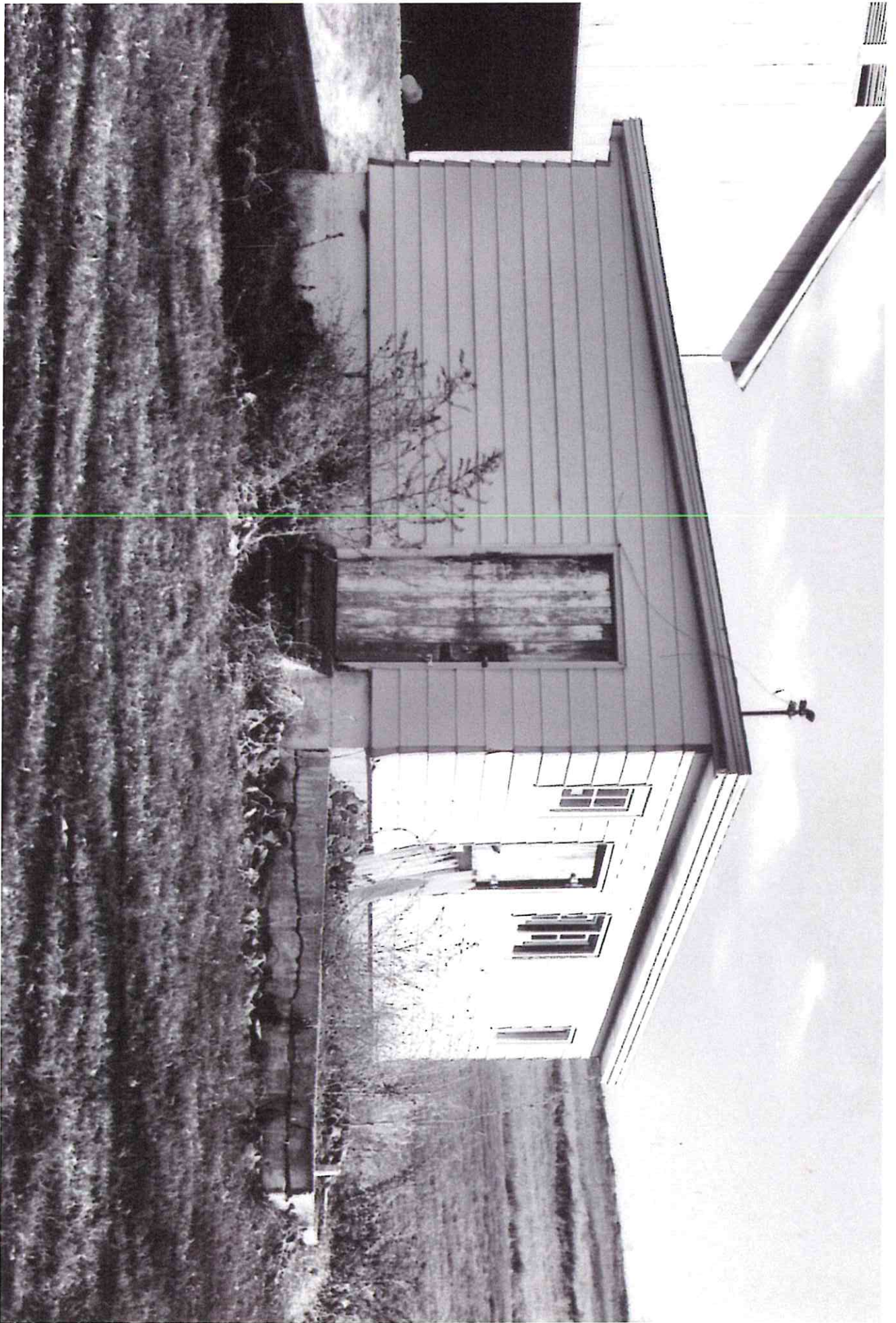














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Property name: Williamson Farm

Property address: 5770 Highway 113
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location: T8N R9E Section 15

Historic Owner (s): June 20, 1837 Peter C. Brooks, Jr.; Ignatius Sargent, Dominick O'Malley (by 1873); Frederick Buhler (1922); Sherman L. Wallace (1942); David Williamson (1971); Jay Williamson (2003)

Current Owner: Jay Williamson
Address: 5770 Highway 113
Waunakee, WI 53597

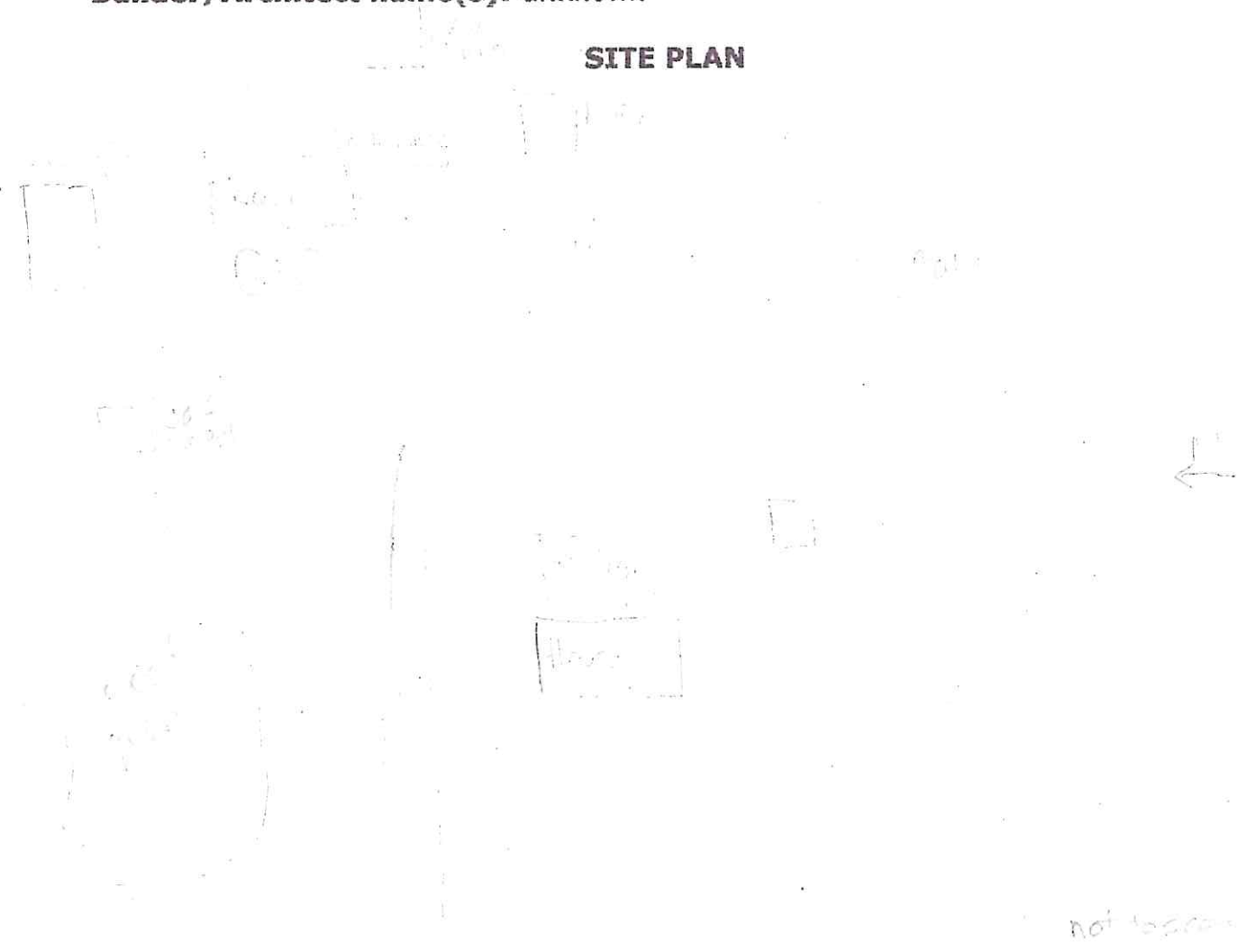
Historic usage: farm

Current usage: farm

Construction date(s): Open cattle pen, c. 1975; House addition, 1996-7; Calf shed, c. 2000; Barn, 2002

Builder/Architect name(s): unknown

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

The 145 acre Williamson Farm on Highway 19 consists of a stone farmhouse, a calf shed, an open cattle pen, two silos, a gambrel roofed barn, a new red barn, a shed roofed shed. There is also a cell tower on the property. The farm was originally 160 acres. The new Highway 19 took 10 acres. Two small parcel, one on Bong Road and one across Highway 19 from the stone house, have been separated for Williamson family homes.

An ownership history indicates that on June 20, 1837 this land was first deeded to Peter C. Brooks, Jr. and Ignatius Sargent. Dominick O'Malley owned the land by 1873 when there is a structure, probably the stone house, noted on a township plat map. Structures are not listed on the deed, so it is unclear who built the house and when. Frederick Buhler purchased the property in 1922, Sherman L. Wallace owned the property from 1942 to 1971. He did some farming and may have hired some help as this was not his major form of income.

David and Ileen Williamson rented the property beginning in 1961 and purchased it in 1971. Both worked on the farm, milking from 1960 to 1987, with some miscellaneous cash crops such as soybeans and hay. They also had hogs for a while. When David and Ileen Williamson were milking, they sold milk to Deerfield and Wisconsin Dairies, and then to AMPI at the end of their tenure. A small rear addition to the house was replaced in 1996-7 with the present rear section.

In 2003, David and Ileen's son Jay purchased the farm and now raises cash crops and steers.

New buildings have replaced original agricultural outbuildings. These include the open cattle pen (c. 1975), calf shed (c. 2000), and barn (2002).

Although the house has experienced alterations over the years, it is a distinctive landmark on the countryside in the Town of Westport. Built of buff-colored local stone, the main rectangular block has a three bay front elevation and a three bay side elevation. Entrances mark the center bay of the front elevation and the east bay of the north side elevation. Supports for a one-story full front elevation porch are evident in the stone wall. Large stone quoins mark the four corners of the stone house and the door and window surrounds. The quoins are finished in a different manner from the stones of the walls. The difference between the two finishes creates a unusual pattern. A stone water table delineates the stone foundation from the stone walls of the house. A small rear addition was replaced in 1996-7 with the current addition.

This property is a local example of a stone farmhouse and surrounding farm. The

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house is one of only a few stone residential structures in the Township of Westport. The architectural integrity of the house has been altered by the recent rear additions and the removal of an original front porch. The outbuildings have been altered or replaced by their constant usage. The relative local historic significance of this house, farm and its buildings will become more evident as the Historic Resources Survey of Westport is completed.

References: Ileen Williamson, oral history and property abstract
(October, 2006, February 2007)

Westport Township plat maps: 1861, 1873, 1899, 1904, 1922, 1931
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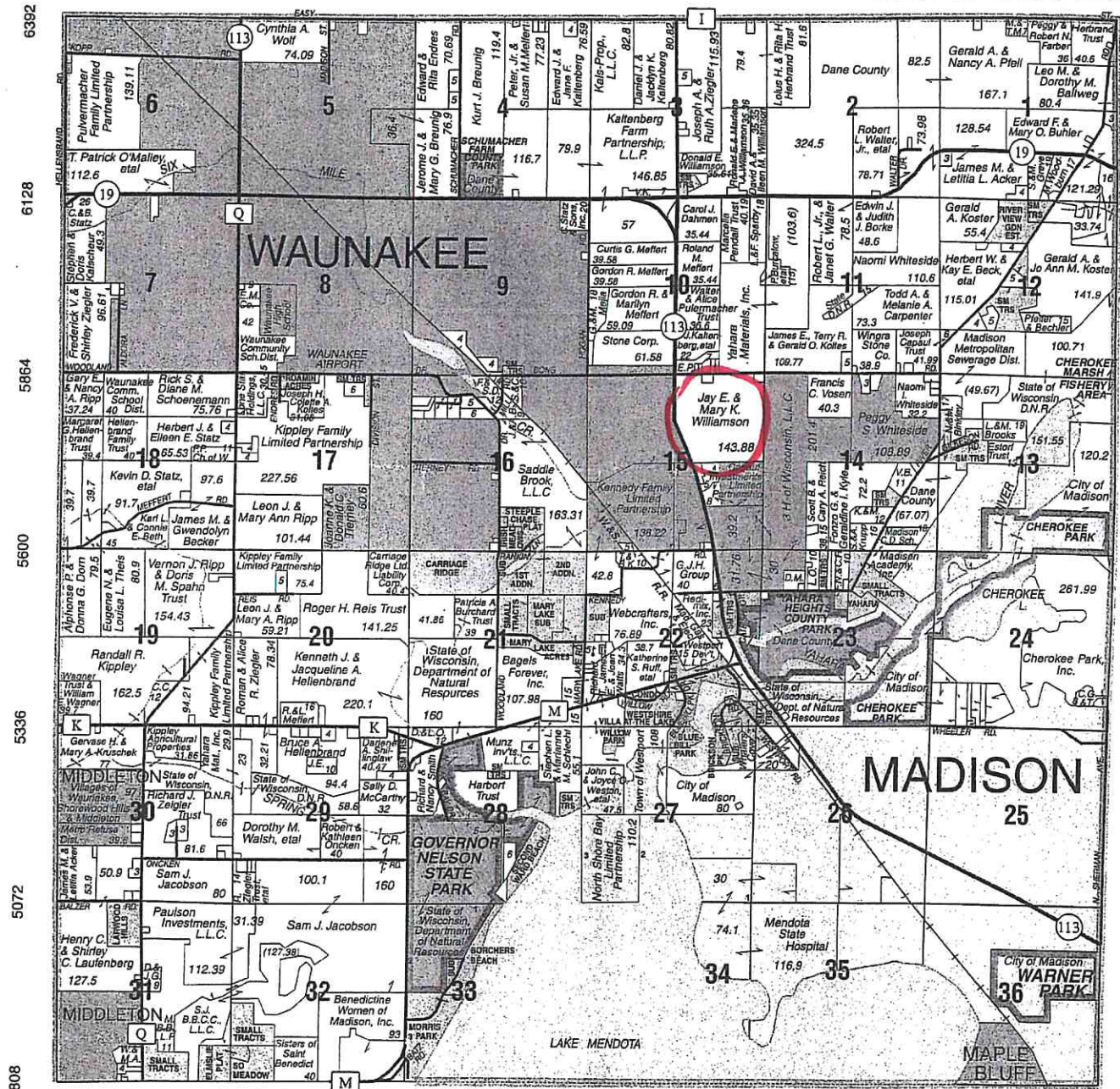
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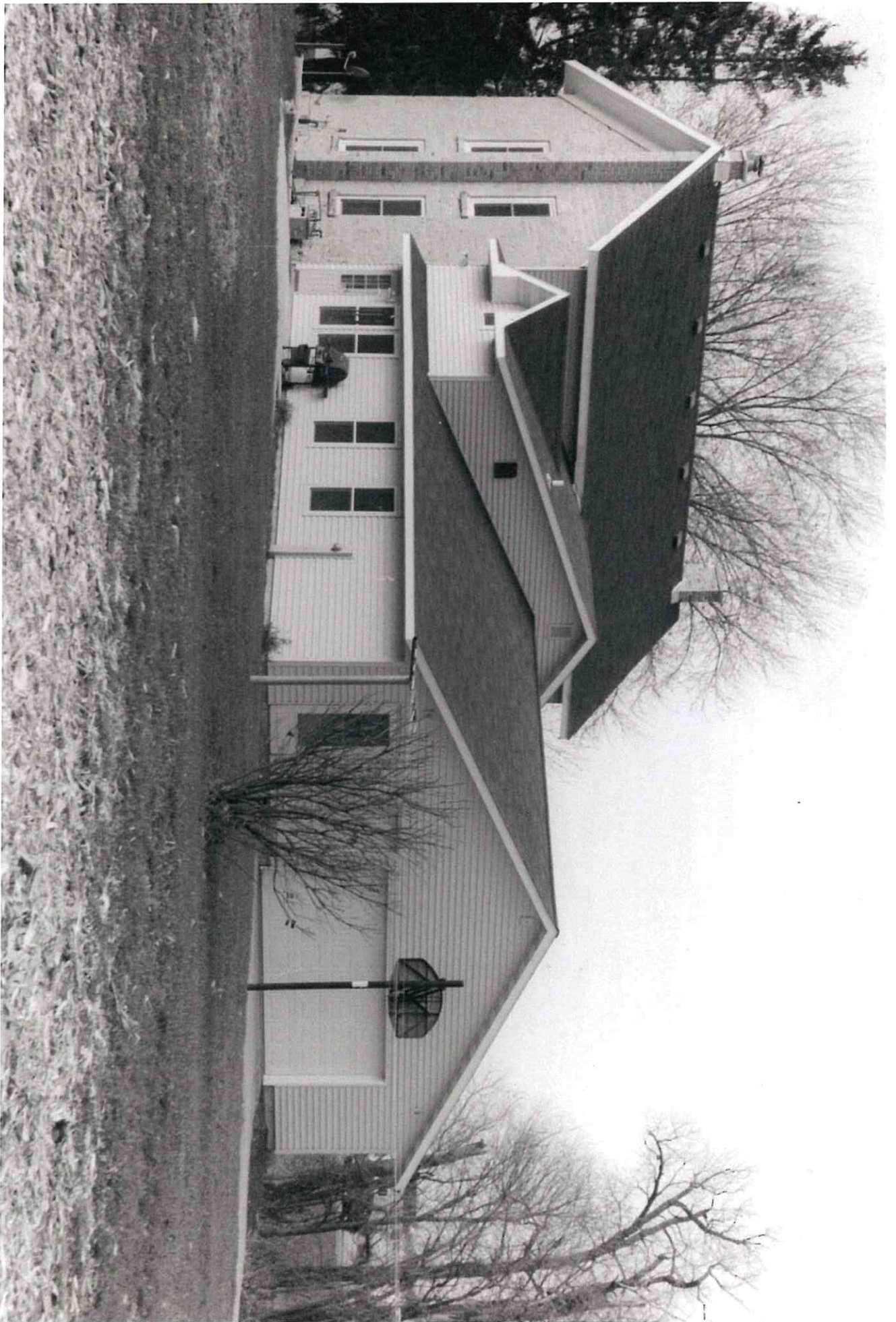
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Waunakee, WI

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5. Open cattle pen (c. 1975) from W
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7. Barn and milk house from W
8. Barn (2002) from W
9. Shed from W
10. Pen from W
11. Overview of buildings from SW









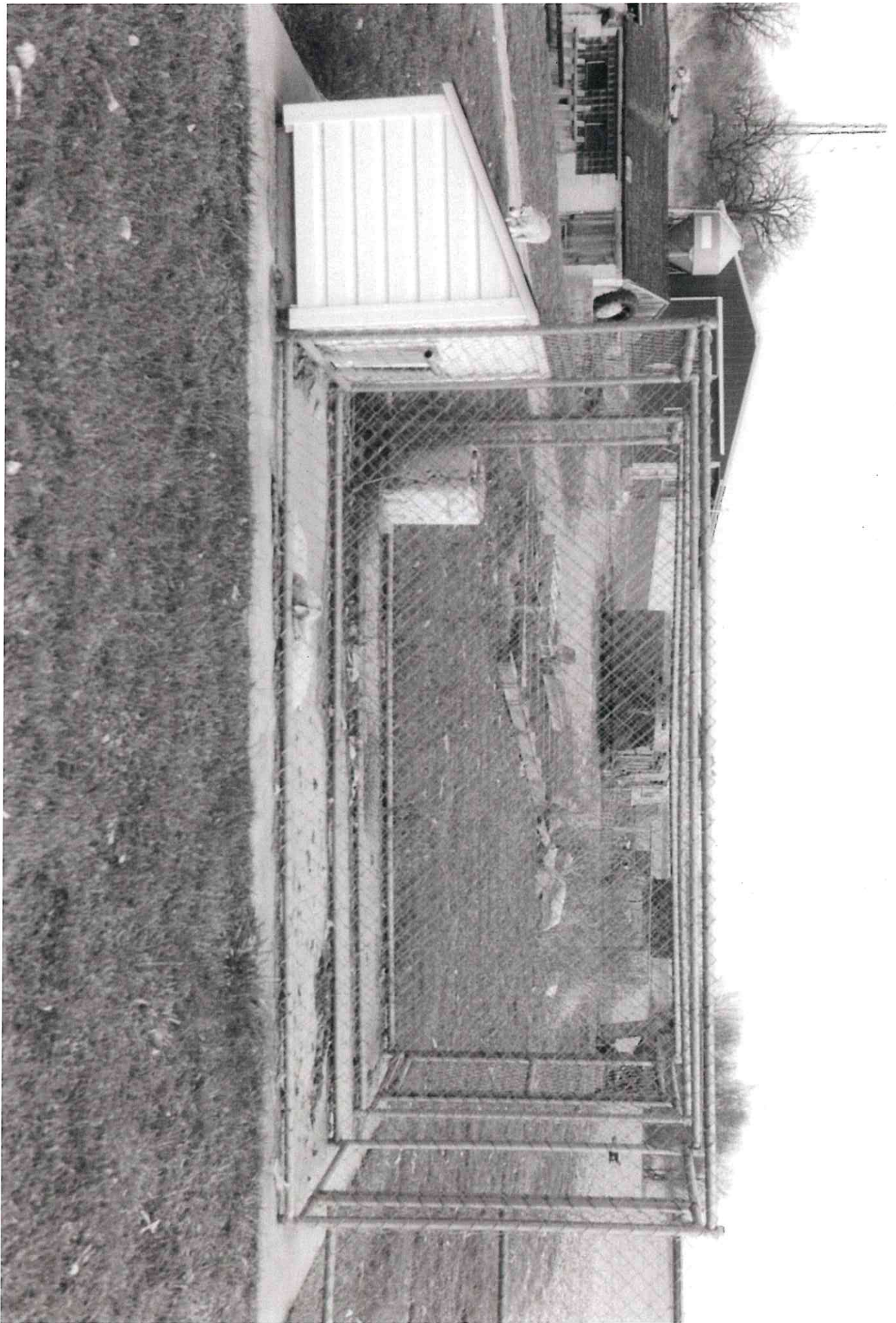


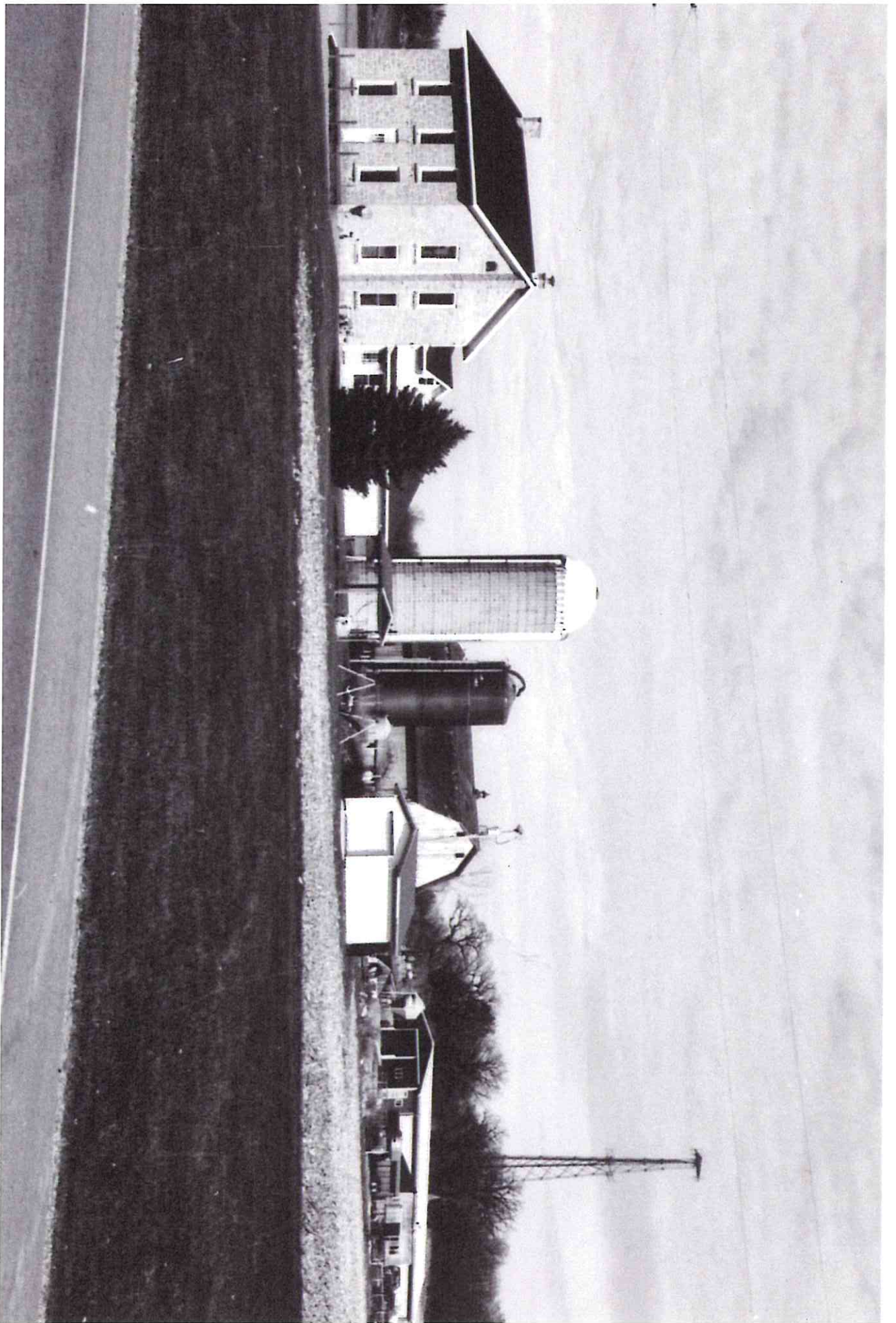












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Property name: Peter and Lena Kaltenberg Farm

Property address: 5601 Easy Street
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location: T8N R9E Section 4

Historic Owner (s): Williamson and Barwise (plat map 1861); A. Williams (plat maps: 1873, 1890, 1899); J. Kaltenberg (plat maps: 1904, 1911, 1914, 1922, 1926); Peter and Lena Kaltenberg (1925-1973)

Current Owner: Ed and Jane Kaltenberg

Address: 5607 Easy Street
Waunakee, WI 53597

Historic usage: farm

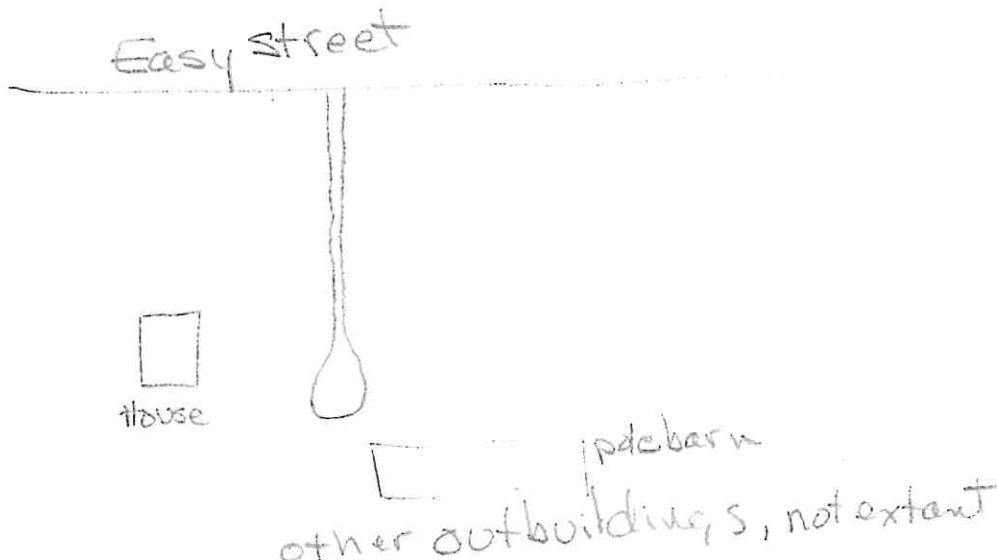
Current usage: farm

Construction date(s): c.1925 (house) c.1925 (barn, not extant), c.1925 (tobacco barn, not extant)

Builder/Architect name: Klingelhofer (house, builder)

SITE PLAN

not to scale



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Narrative:

The Peter and Lena Kaltenberg Farm is located on Easy Street at the northern border of the Town of Westport. The site looks over the whole township, with Lake Mendota visible to the south. It is perhaps the highest point in the Town of Westport. The farmhouse is the remaining historic structure on the property of originally 83 acres (6.5 acres have been separated off for new Kaltenberg homes). It was constructed in 1921, the year of Peter and Lena's marriage. An earlier structure of unknown style appears on plat maps as early as 1890 under the ownership of "A. Williams". These maps do not identify outbuildings on the site.

A review of historic plat maps shows ownership history: 1861 Williamson and Barwise; 1873, 1890, 1899 A. Williams; 1904, 1911, 1914, 1922, 1926 J. Kaltenberg; 1931, 1947, 1955 Peter Kaltenberg.

The house was built for the Kaltenbergs by Mr. Klingelhofer, at a cost of \$1,800.00. In the same year, Klingelhofer constructed a house of the same plan and interior details in the village of Waunakee for Peter's father and mother, Jakob and Lena Kaltenberg. At that time, Jakob and Lena moved to town and divided their large farm into four sections for their four sons: Anton, Peter, Jake, and Joe. Anton (Tony)'s property was on Highway 19 and is now the site of Kaltenberg Seed. Peter received this property at 5601 Easy Street (it was "admitted" to them on July 12, 1925), while Jake received property at the southwest corner of Easy Street and County I. Joe received the homestead property on the north side of Easy Street and County I (2006 location of Payne and Dolan).

Peter and Lena Kaltenberg raised cows, corn, grain and tobacco from 1925 until the 1940s when they moved to town (Waunakee). Then Joseph and Loretta Karls rented the farm and land and continued farming with cows, corn and grain.

Peter Kaltenberg died in 1969. Afterward, his widow Lena sold this property to Peter's nephew Ed and his wife Jane, who lived and farmed at the original family farm. In the middle 1970s, Ed and Jane Kaltenberg sold the original farm (in Vienna) to Payne and Dolan. In 1976, Ed and Jane built a new home near Peter and Lena's farmhouse.

At one time, the farm consisted of the farmhouse, barn, tobacco barn, and a hog shed. The barn was donated and moved to Schumacher Farm (Dane County Parks) in 2004 but was demolished by a wind storm before it was secured. It had been ordered through the mail and shipped on three truckloads from Alberta, Canada in the 1920s. The tobacco barn was burned by the local fire department after 1977. A house across Easy Street was burned at the same time. The hog barn was demolished and replaced with a pole shed after 1977.

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The 1925 farmhouse is a lovely example of transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival styling. It is a cross gable roof over an asymmetrical two-story main mass. A one-story open front porch is supported by simple wood columns. The columns are in sets of three at each corner of the porch, and paired at the side of the entrance stairs.

The interior of the house retains all of its original woodwork, including living room and dining room floors laid in a pattern of successively smaller rectangles. Between the living room and dining room, the passage is marked by wood columns resting on a parapet wall of bookcases. These rooms are decorated with leaded glass windows in the transoms above pairs of operable windows. The stairway features full leaded glass windows.

The house has four bedrooms, three on the second floor and one on the first floor. The first floor also has the Dining room, living room, kitchen and large walk-in pantry. The house did not have a bathroom until the 1970s when Ed and Jane Kaltenberg readied the house for tenants. There is a large cement-lined storm shelter of unknown construction date under the lawn west of the house.

This property is an excellent example of a early 1900s farmhouse. The house retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The relative historic significance of this farmhouse will become more evident as the Historic Resources Survey of Westport is completed.

References: Ed Kaltenberg, Jane Kaltenberg (site visit December 14, 2006, phone interview December 19, 2006)
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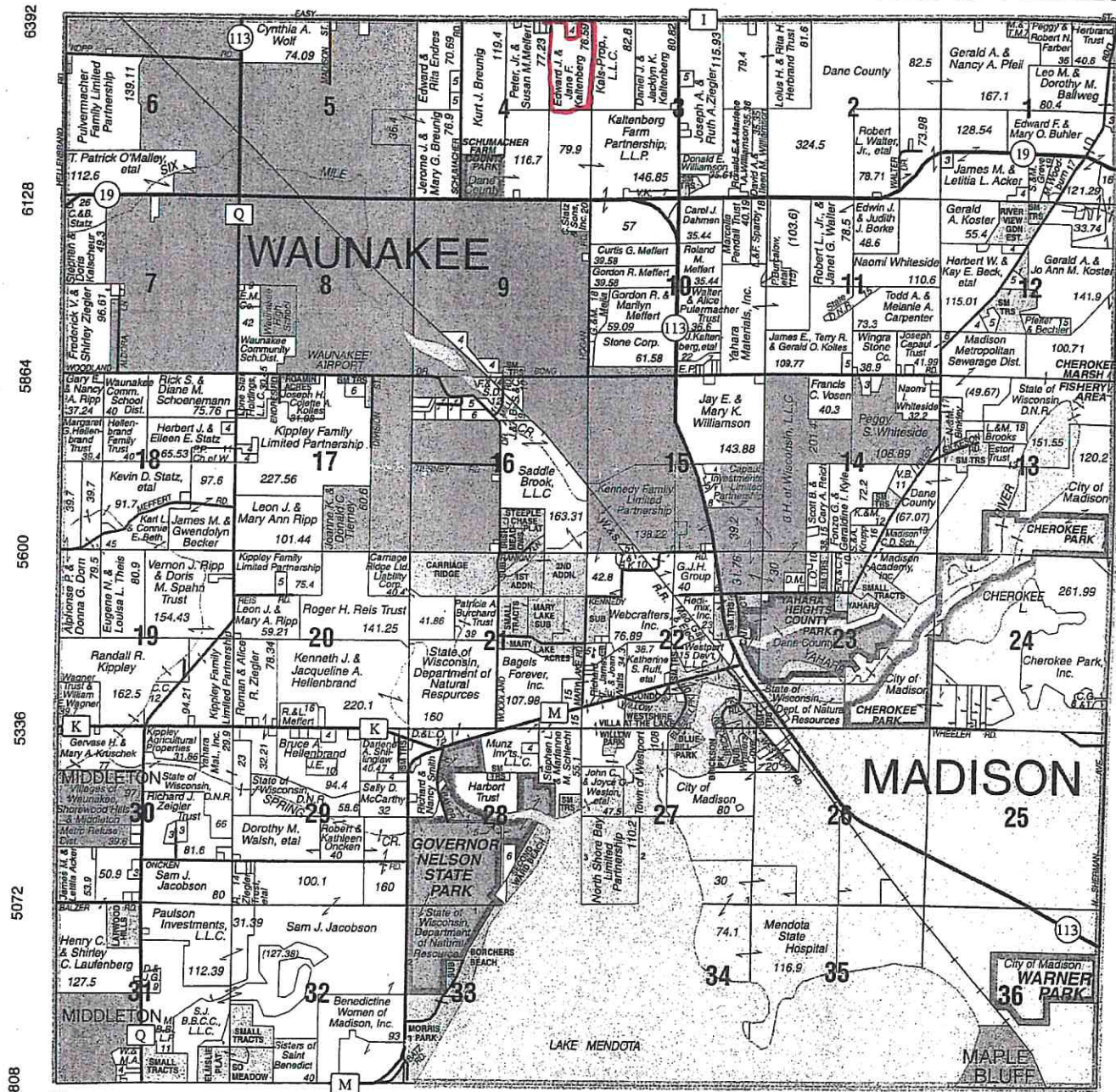
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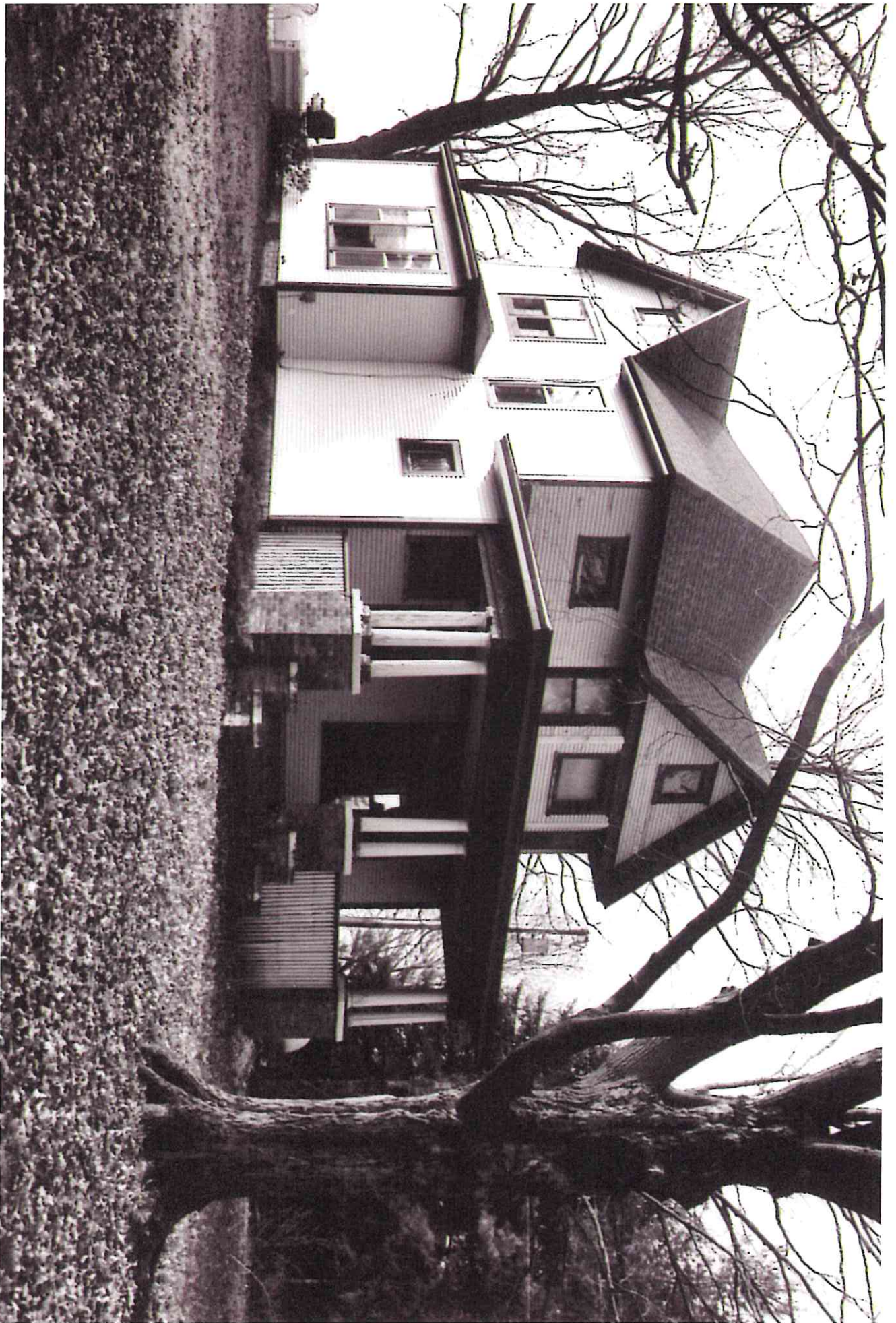
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Waunakee, WI

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7. House from E



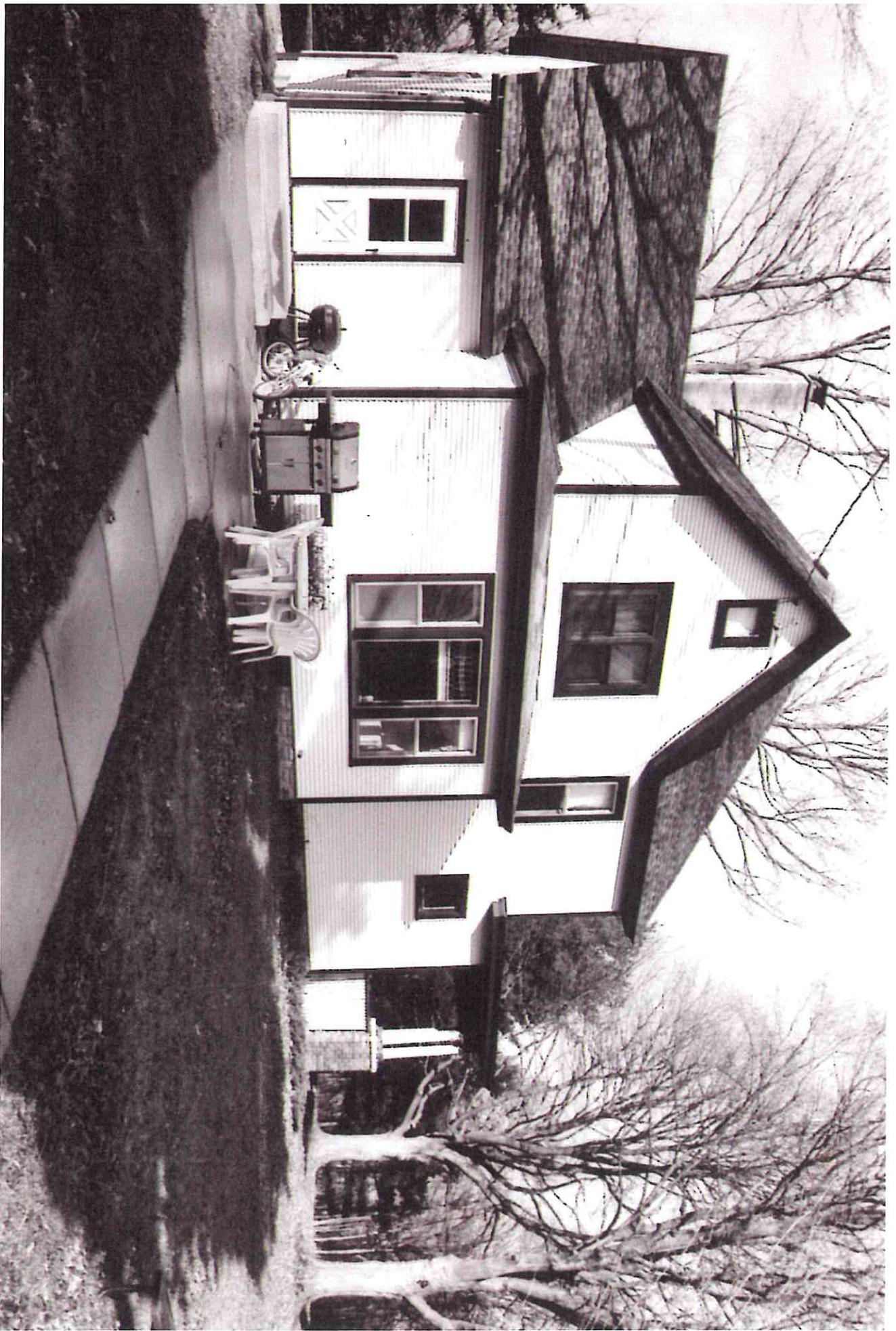












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Property name: O'Malley/Mendota/Meffert Farm

Property address: 5941 Highway 113
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location approximately N½ of the W½ of section 10, town8N, R9E, Township of Westport, Wisconsin

Historic Owner (s): G. Dodge (1861), P. O'Malley (1873), Mary O'Malley (1890), J.R. O'Malley (1899), M.J. and T. O'Malley (1904), J.R. O'Malley (1911), J.R. O'Malley (1922), State of Wisconsin (1931-c.1953)

Current Owner: Gordon and Marilyn Meffert
5939 State Highway 113
Waunakee, WI 53597

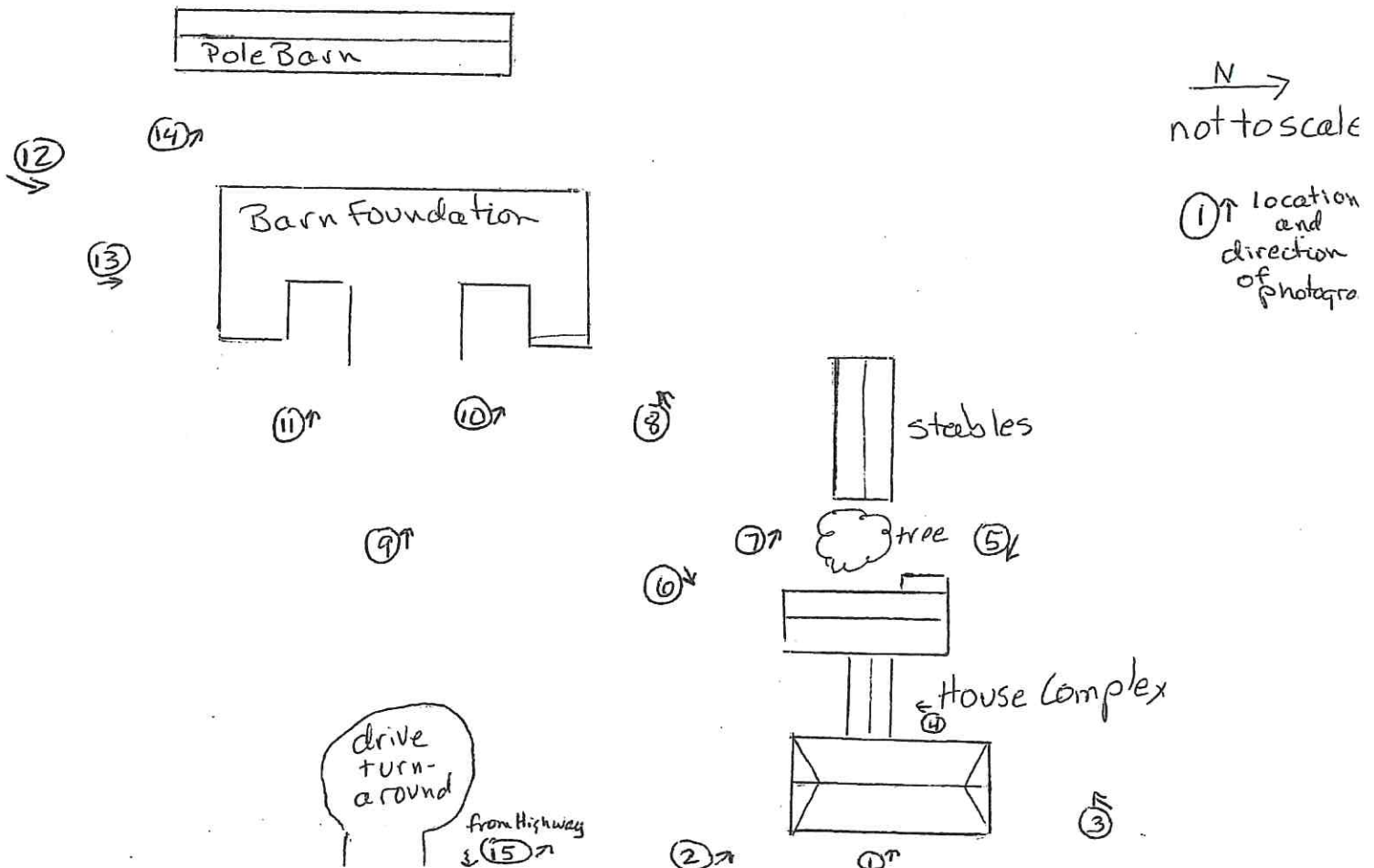
Historic usage: Farm

Current usage: residential/open land

Construction date(s):

Builder/Architect name(s):

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

The impressive white house on a rise on the western side of Highway 113 in the Town of Westport owes its size and shape to an interesting history. The house is surrounded by gently rolling hills, now somewhat obscured by the 1962 leveling of Highway 113.

A house appears on this site on the 1861 Town of Westport map. All maps from the years 1873, 1890, 1899, 1904, 1911, 1922, and 1931 also show a house on this site. Although it has received alterations over the years, the eastern wing of the house (the wing facing the road) may date from the 1860s.

Members of the O'Malley family farmed this land from before 1873 through the 1920s. In addition to constructing the house, they planted trees (now gone) and probably had agricultural outbuildings (not extant).

The State of Wisconsin purchased the house and farm by 1931 to use both to support and rehabilitate residents of the Wisconsin Hospital for the Insane (renamed Mendota State Hospital in 1935, and now known as Mendota Mental Health Institute) and was called Mendota Farm for the Insane. To accommodate residents, the State moved a house from across Highway 113 and placed it just west of the original farmhouse. The two houses were joined with a structure featuring steel I-beams and terrazzo floors. The middle section was then clad in brick. The newly configured building featured a large dining hall on the first floor and a large open dormitory room on the second floor. The State built the long one story shed with stables as well as the 72 station barn (foundation remains). The mature trees that now grace the property were planted by the State.

Under the ownership of the State of Wisconsin, this dairy operation turned out high quality milk. Each cow was trained to a specific station and its milk was weighed for butterfat content. The highest producing 72 cows were kept. The State Farm residents would start milking at opposite ends of the barn and work toward the center.

By the 1950s, rehabilitation policies were changing and the State Farm was deemed too expensive to maintain. It was put up for public auction in the early 1950s. Jack Meffert was the successful bidder, and moved his family to the farm in 1953. The Mefferts had a dairy farm on the property throughout the 1950s and 60s. When Jack Meffert's older sons left for college, their dad had to stop dairying, but continued to raise crops. Through the mid 1980s, this property produced peas, sweet corn, and other crops which varied year to year. Mr. Meffert "loved to cut down trees" and cut down many of the large oaks on the western edge of the farm. The metal pole barn to the west of the State Farm barn foundation was

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erected by Mr. Meffert in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

Beginning in August of 1962, John Van Dinter rented a room in the back of the second story of the large house. He was teaching at Waunakee High School. In the evenings, he started going to the barn and helping out. In particular, his help relieved Lorraine Meffert of some of the farm chores. Mr. Van Dinter recalls that the Mefferts milked around 100 cows with no machines or pipeline; all the milk was carried by hand to the milk house. The 72 stantions didn't accommodate all of their cows at one time.

In the Spring, Mr. Van Dinter also helped with the field work. Mr. Meffert and Mr. Van Dinter also hauled crops from other farmers to local canning factories. Mr. Van Dinter did the driving, Mr. Meffert paid for the gas and the truck, and they split the proceeds. In particular, they hauled many loads from corn growers in the Mazomanie area. Van Dinter recalls that in the summers he worked from 4 in the morning until midnight. Mr. Van Dinter got married at the end of 1962, but remained boarding and working at the Meffert's until 1969 when he began building his own home.

Upon returning from the Navy in 1975, Jack and Lorraine's son Gordon Meffert got married, built a new house (just south of the State Farm house) and began his dental practice within a few months. Jack and Lorraine built the Colonial Crest apartments and lived in an owner's apartment there. The State Farm house was divided in multiple units which are now occupied by renters.

This property has an unusual history, transforming from a private working farm to a public working farm for institutionalized people, then transforming back to a private working farm. Little remains of the late nineteenth/early twentieth century farm. The period of public ownership from 1932-1953 is reflected in the large residence comprised of two earlier houses, and the remains of the large barn. The historic significance of this farm and its buildings is associated with the period of public ownership as representative of broad patterns of history and the unique problem of managing those who do not fit in the general society.

References:

Interview with Gordon Meffert, March, 2008.

Interview with John A. Van Dinter, February, 2009.

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4. Detail of window wells
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8. Barn foundation from NE
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11. South wing of barn foundation from E
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13. Interior of barn foundation from S
14. Pole barn from SE
15. View from highway from SE

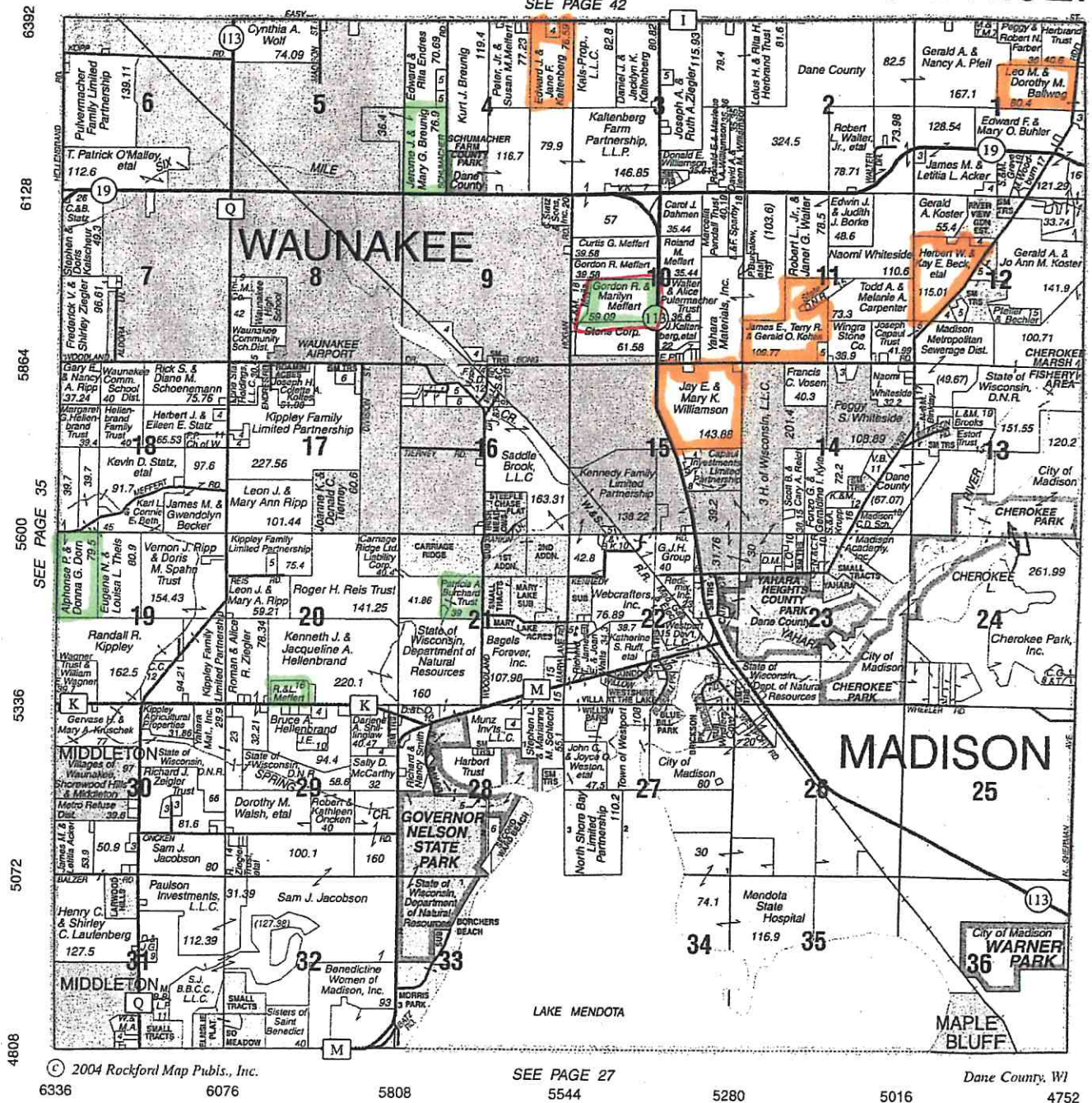
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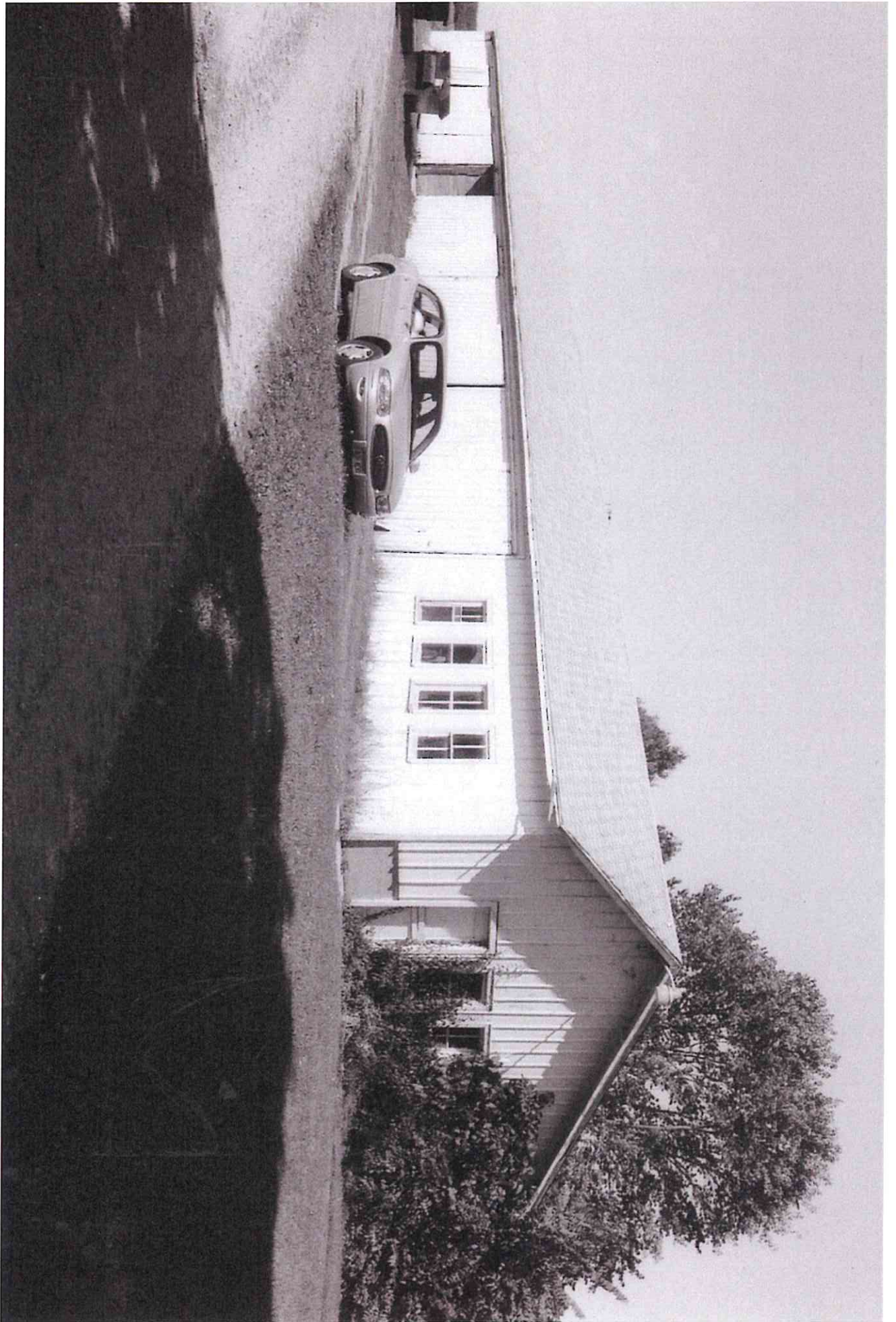




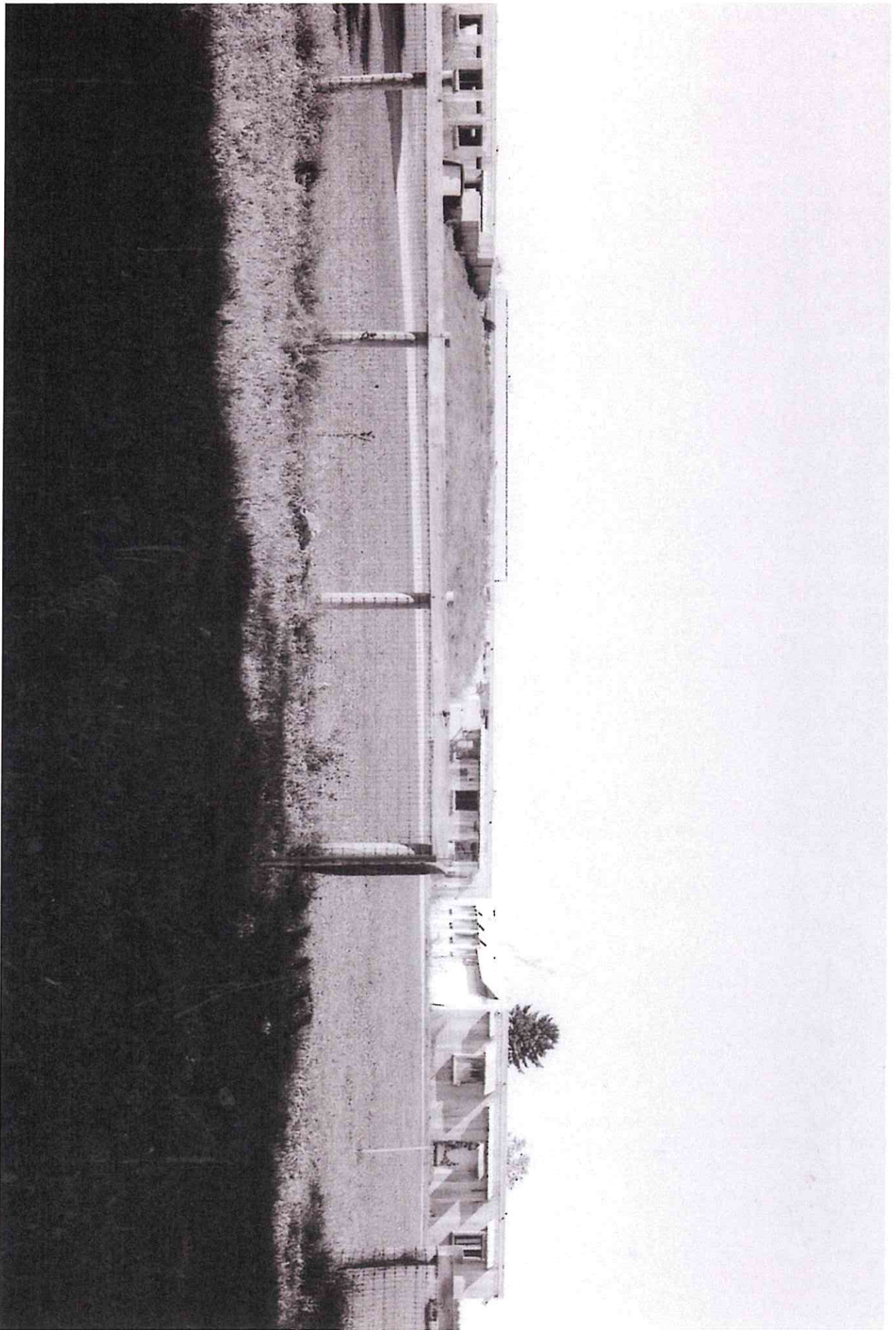








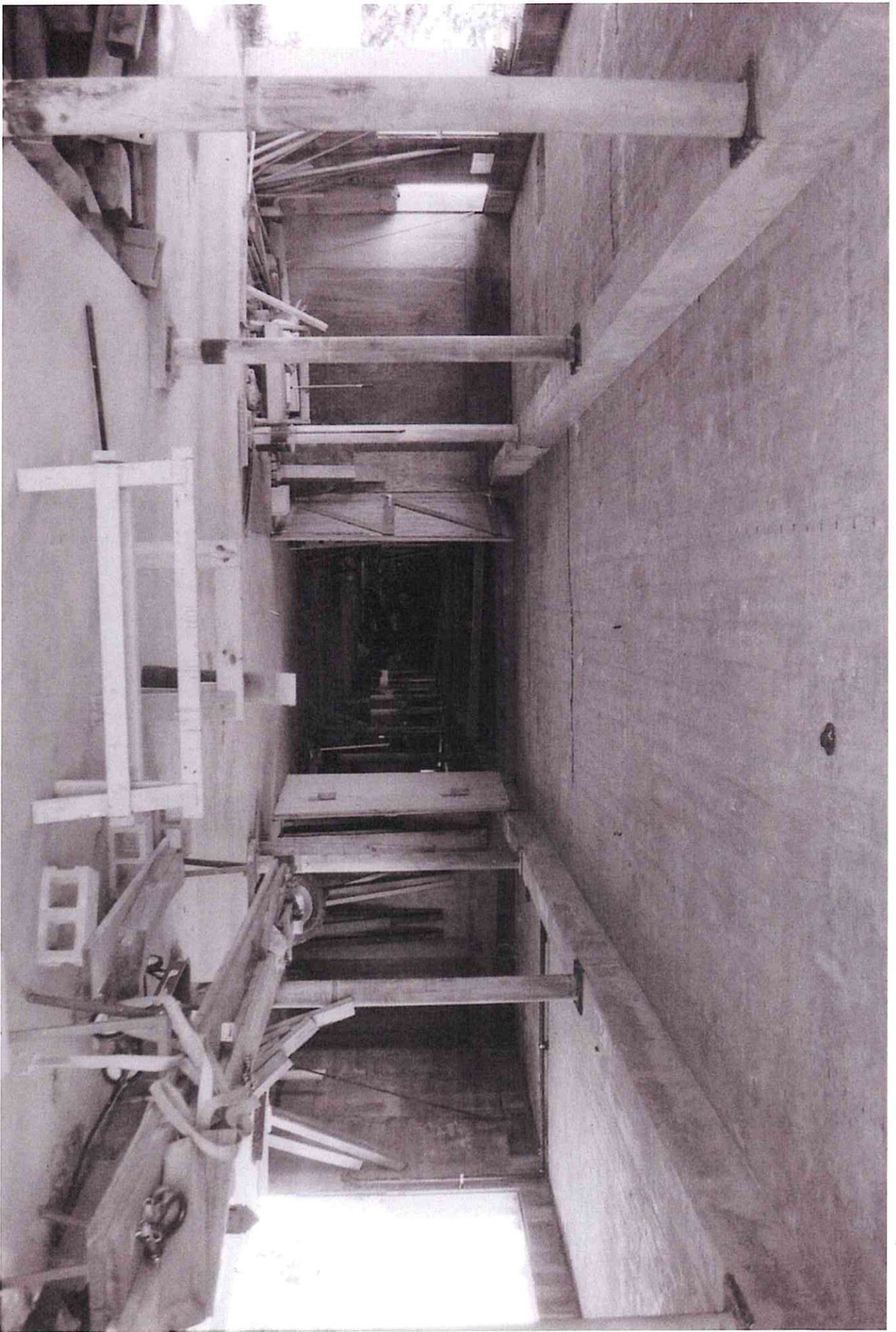


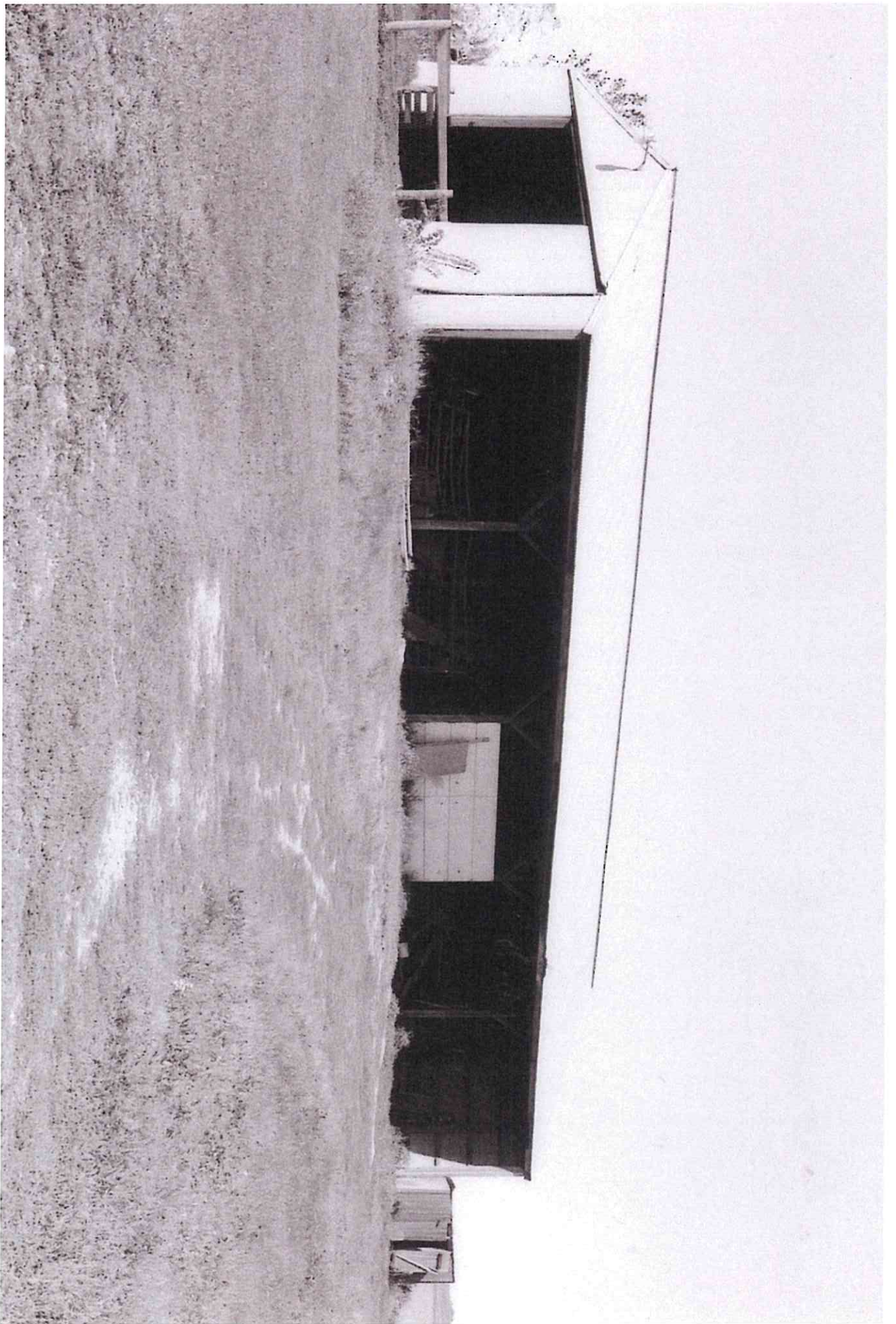


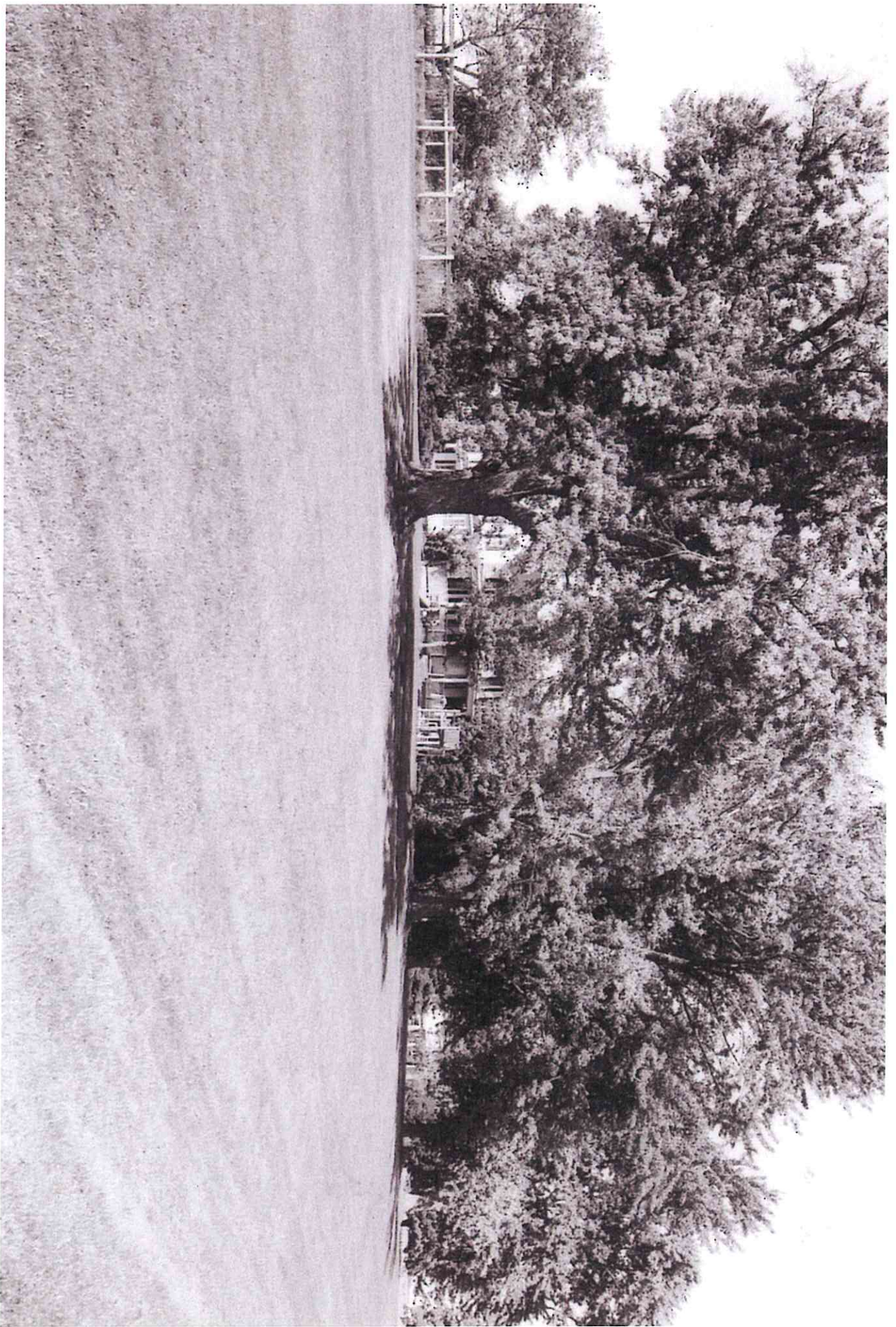












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Property name: O'Keefe Farm

Property address: 5483 Woodland Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 21, Township 8N, Range 9E; Township of Westport, Wisconsin

Historic Owner (s): William and Mary O'Keefe (1853-1906), Micheal and Mary O'Keefe (1906-1928) Michael O'Keefe heirs (1928-1955), Jacob "Bud" Gerhardt (1955-1959), Patricia Burchard (1959- per property abstract in possession of Sue Burchard)

Current Owner: Patricia Burchard
5483 Woodland Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597

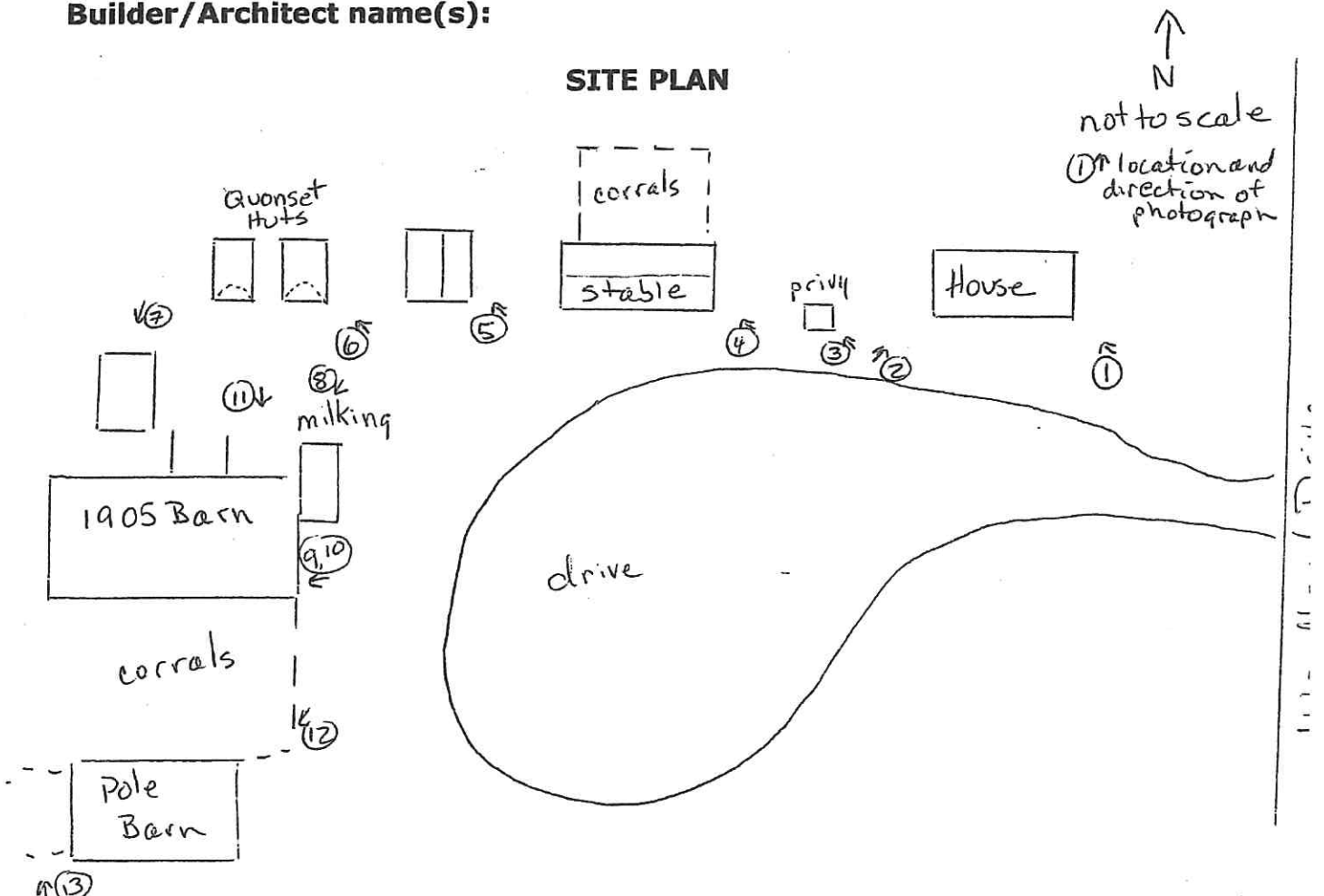
Historic usage: Farm

Current usage: Horse Farm

Construction date(s): Barn, 1905 (date block on barn); One-story Stable c. 1955 (Pat and Sue Burchard); Show Barn 1977 (Pat and Sue Burchard)

Builder/Architect name(s):

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

History

The O'Keefe Farm is located on Woodland Drive just southwest of the center of the Township of Westport. The land is somewhat flat with a creek running from north to south in the western third of the property. Although the eastern boundary is now Woodland Drive, historically only the very northeast-most corner of the property was on a road. Woodland Drive was connected to county Highway K in the late 1950s.

A.B. Clark entered this land with the US Land Office on June 3, 1851. He sold it to John Collins in 1852, who then sold it to William Keefe [sic] in 1853. William O'Keefe, along with other area settlers, was from the village of Westport in Ireland. William and his wife Mary farmed the land for the next fifty years, building residences, barns and other outbuildings along the way. The farm was then run by William's son Michael for over 20 years. Throughout the Great Depression of the 1930s, Michael's children, primarily William Arthur (Art), managed to keep the farm in the family, although the Abstract reflects that it was a struggle.

Mary Kaltenberg Breunig remembers visiting the O'Keefe farm with her father Anton to deliver seed. The O'Keefes belonged to Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, which was primarily Irish, while the Kaltenbergs belonged to Waunakee's St. John's Catholic Church, which was primarily German. Mary Bruenig remembers Art O'Keefe and his wife as very distinguished people.

The O'Keefe family sold the property to Jacob Gerhardt ("Bud") in 1955. Gerhardt owned the Kupfer Foundry on Madison's east side and planned to make canals and dredge the land for a pond for residential development. The iron gates on Woodland Drive south of this property are all that was realized of that dream. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources currently owns 160 acres in the SW ¼ of section 21, much of which had been O'Keefe farmland.

Bud Gerhardt farmed some of his land, and may also have leased some of it to others. The crops from the land may have been raised or used by the canning company in Waunakee.

Bud Gerhardt sold 40 acres of the historic O'Keefe farm, including the house, barn, and stable, to Patricia and Gerald Burchard in 1959. Patricia raised three daughters at the farm. She ran the farm as a horse farm. She has leased the 10 acre field to the north of the house to Leon Ripp for most of the time she has owned the property.

Patricia Burchard's daughter Sue now runs a mare management service from the

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farm.

Buildings

The first house that William O'Keefe built burned (date unknown) and was replaced with a second house which was moved (date unknown). The second house is currently just north of this property, on Woodland Drive, facing the creek, on land that was historically part of the O'Keefe Farm, but is no longer. The present house is the third house on the same foundation, constructed by the O'Keefe family at an unknown date. Pat Burchard added on to the house in the 1960s.

The large barn with a stone foundation was constructed in 1905 by William O'Keefe, according to a datestone in the stone wall. It was re-sided by the Burchards. The one-story stable was built in the mid-late 1950s for Bud Gerhardt. The large show barn was constructed circa 1977 for Patricia Burchard.

This property is an excellent example of a working farm with a rich history. As is common with a farm in continuous operation, the architectural integrity of the structures has been altered by their constant usage. The relative historic significance of this farm and its buildings will become more evident as the Historic Resources Survey of Westport is completed.

References:

Abstract, in possession of owners Patricia and Sue Burchard
Interview with Patricia and Sue Burchard, May, 2008
Interview with Mary Kaltenberg Breunig, May 2008

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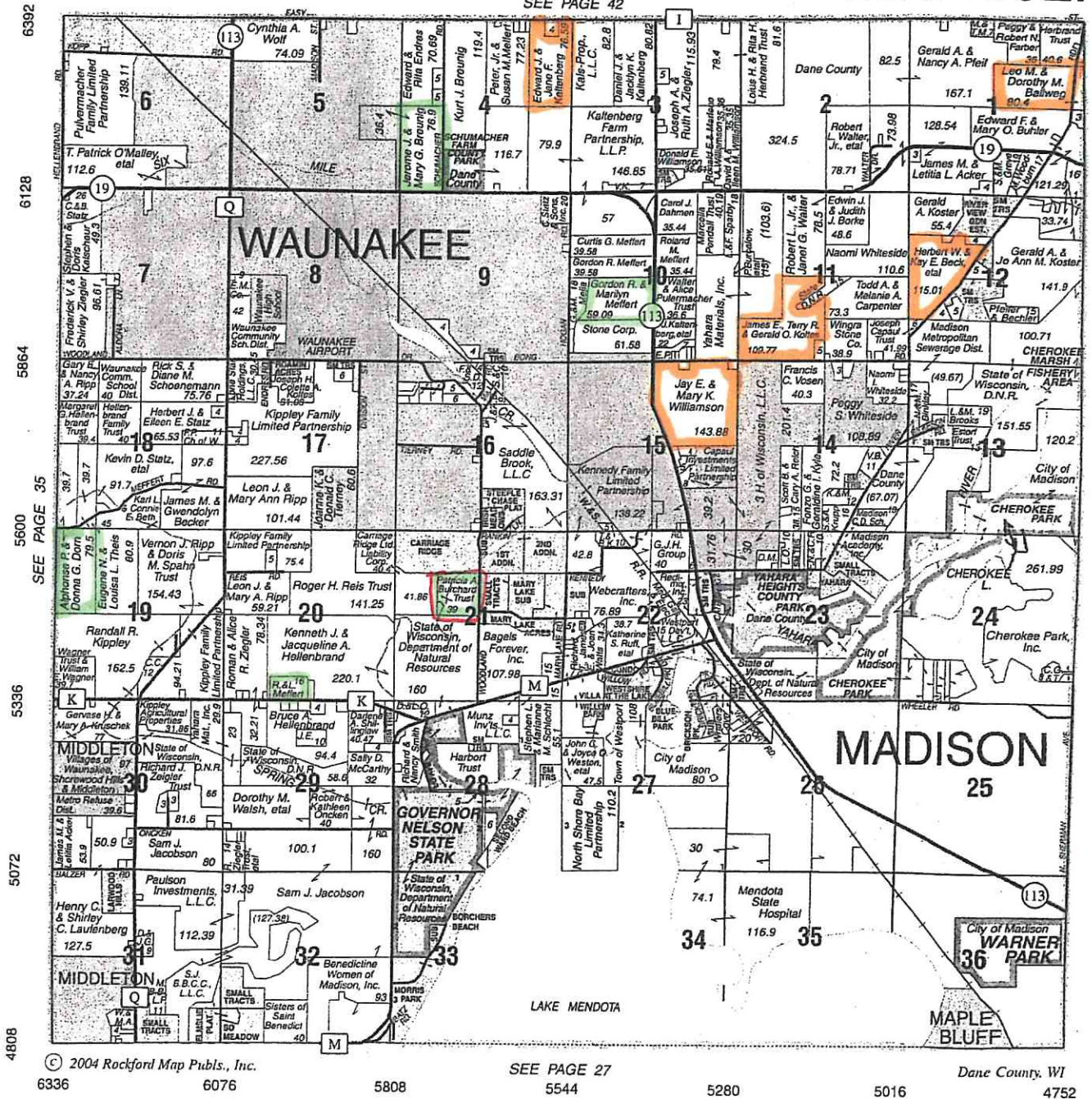
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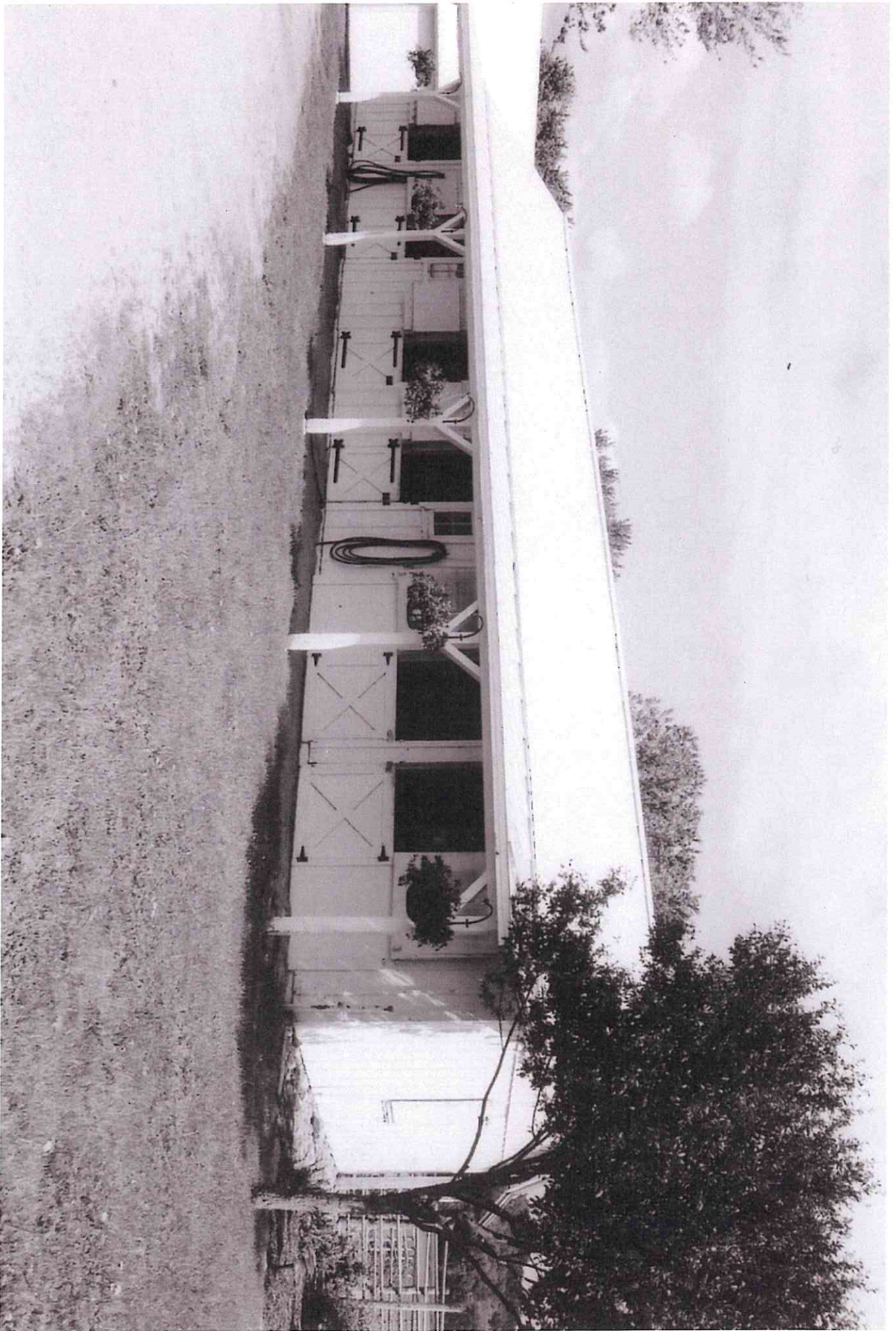


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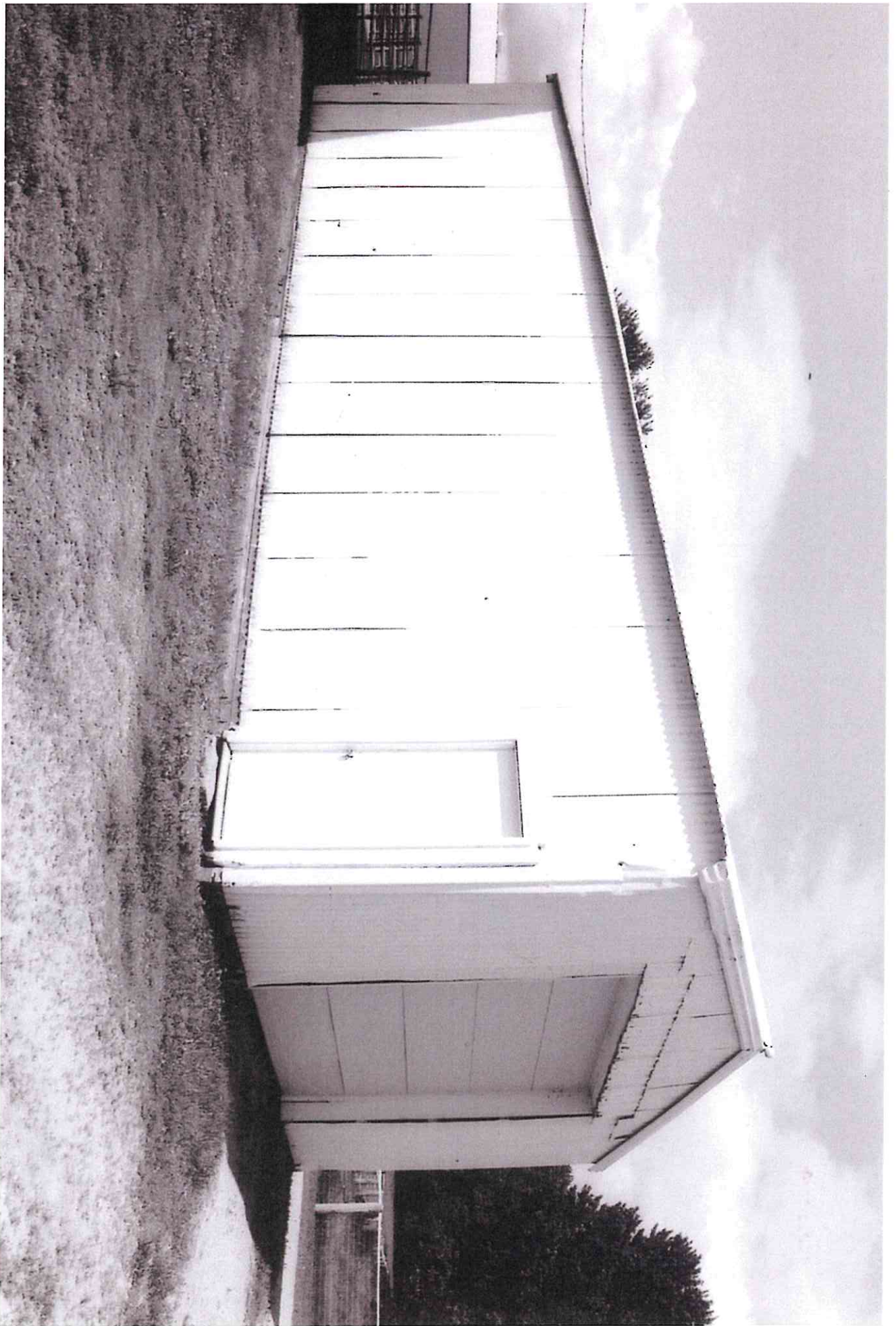




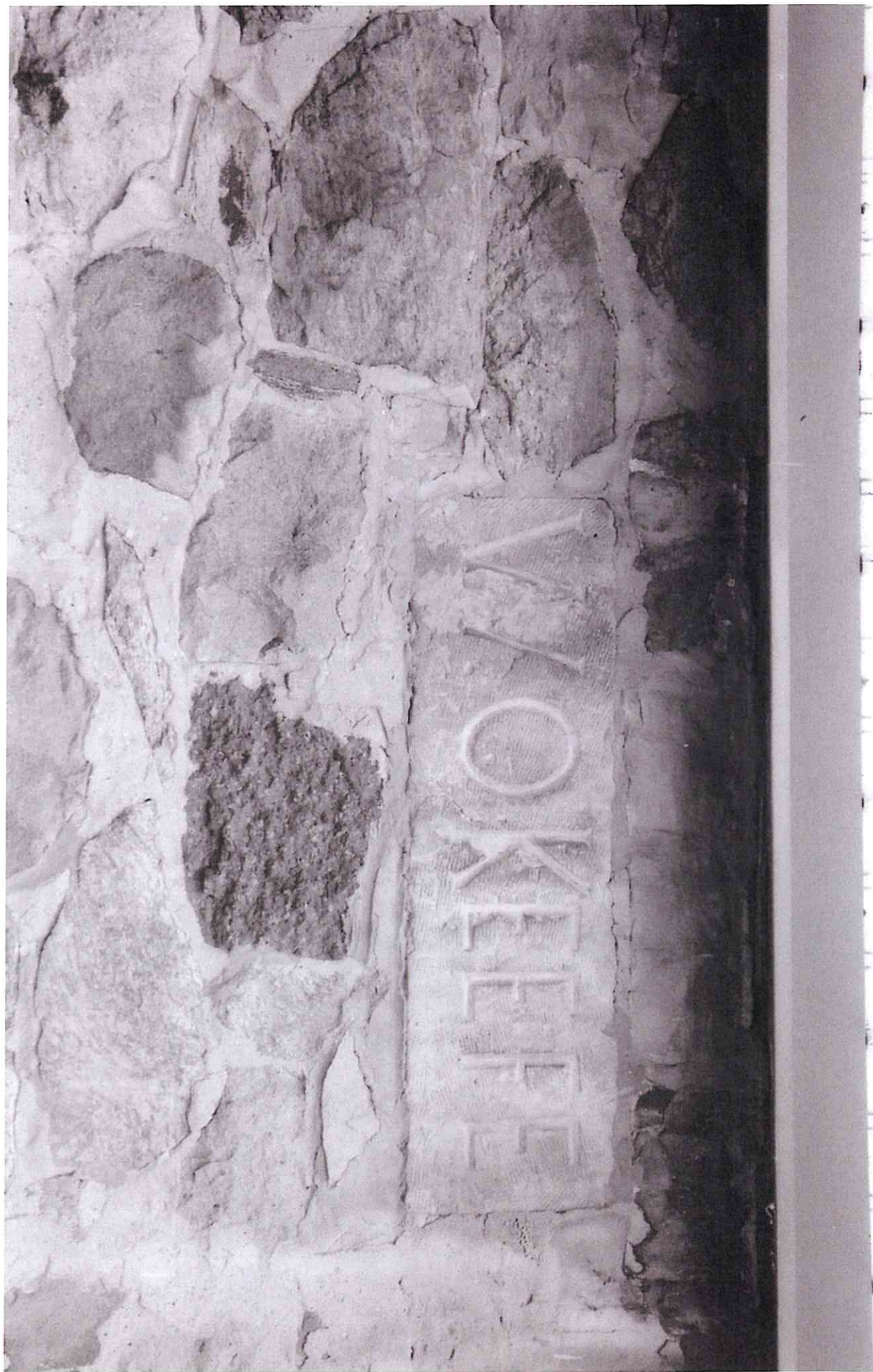






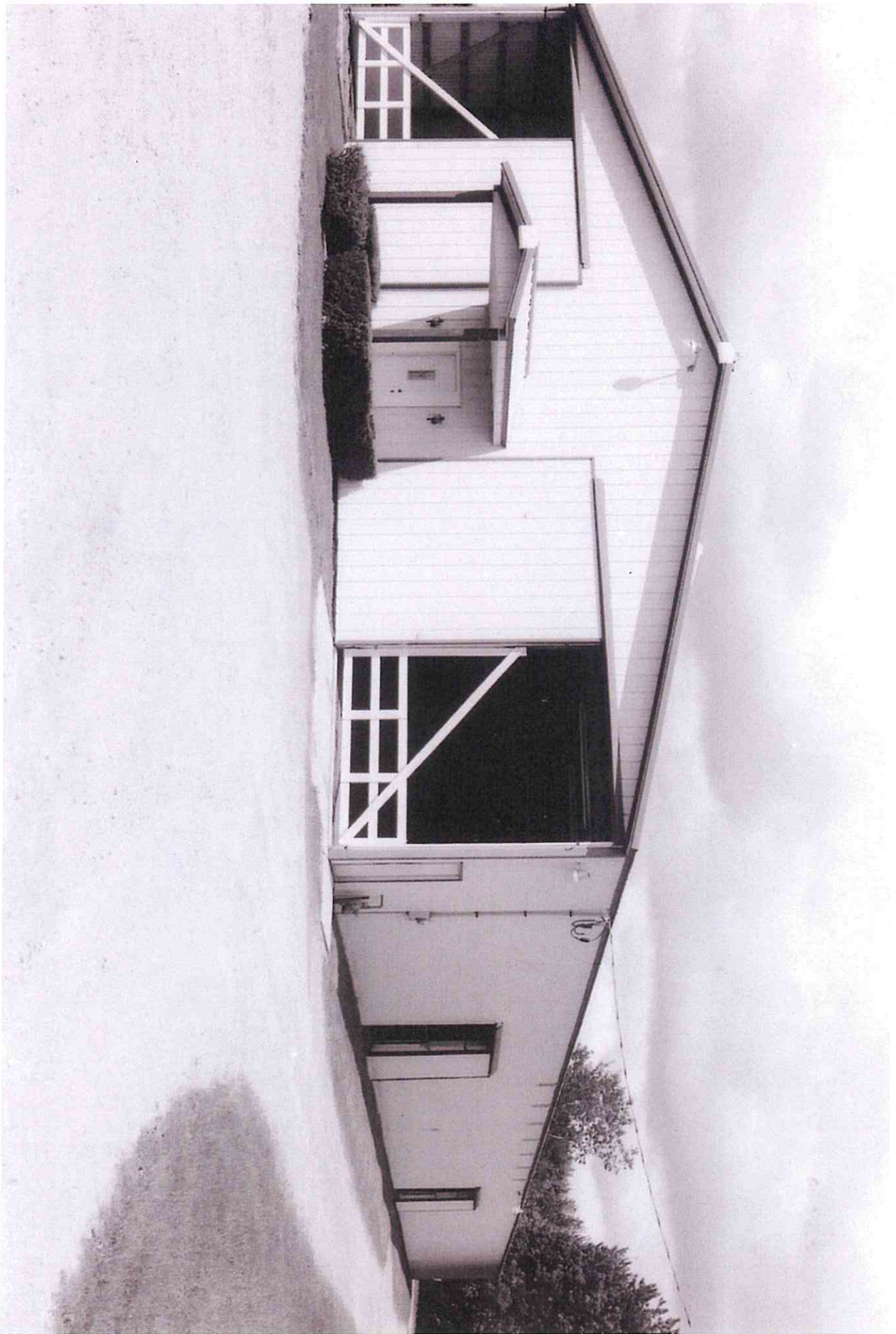














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Property name: Fitzgibbon-Block house

Property address: 5964 County K
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location 16 acres on the north side of County Highway K in the S½ of the E ½ of the SW ¼ of section 20, Town8N, Range 9E, Township of Westport, Wisconsin

Historic Owner (s): Bernice Fitz-Gibbon, Herman Block (wife and husband) (mid 1920s-1982), Joe and Deidre Garten (1982-2000)

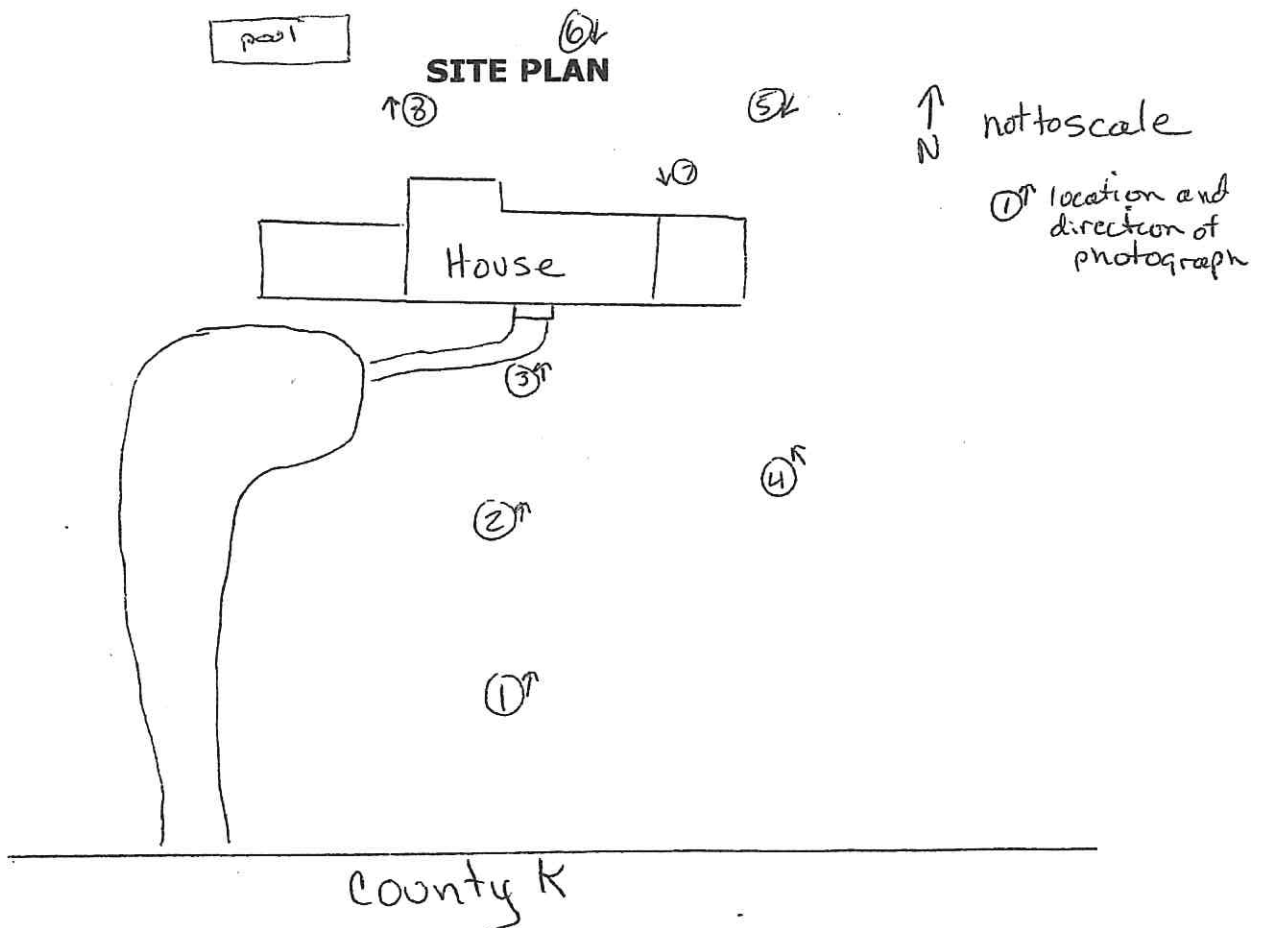
Current Owner: Randal and Laura Meffert
5964 County K
Waunakee, WI 53597

Historic usage: Residence

Current usage: Residence

Construction date(s): 1935

Builder/Architect name(s): Frank Riley, Lewis Siberz



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Narrative:

This imposing house on a hill overlooking Lake Mendota from a distance was designed in 1935 by the Madison firm of Frank Riley and Lewis Siberz for Bernice Fitz-Gibbon (this spelling is what she used professionally) and her husband Herman Block. The land had been part of her Fitzgibbon family's home farm, settled in the 1850s by James Fitzgibbon. The foundation of the original Fitzgibbon home is down the hill from this house, near Highway K. After thirty successful years of farming, in the 1880s, James Fitzgibbon built a stone house higher on the hill, and moved his mature orchard as well. Neither nineteenth century home is extant. The large barn that was part of the family farm is still extant on the property to the east, but is not part of this documentation.

Bernice Fitz-Gibbon moved to New York in the mid-1920s and became the highest paid woman in advertising by 1940. She worked for Macy's, Gimbels and Wanamaker's department stores before beginning her own advertising company. In the 1920s or 30s, she purchased some of the family farm acreage from her mother. Although she always resided in New York City, she and her children visited this house for vacations. As her daughter Elizabeth grew older, Elizabeth traveled alone to the family farm. [more information on Bernice Fitz-Gibbon appears following the photographs.]

Bernice Fitz-Gibbon and Herman Block hired Frank Riley to design their home. The original plans (missing the pages for the main elevation) are in the possession of the current owners. Frank Riley was a well-known architect for the elite of the Madison area. The home was built as a summer and retirement home, although Bernice Fitz-Gibbon never retired to the home. [more information on Frank Riley appears following the photographs]

The second owners were Diedre and Joe Garton, owners of Quivey's Grove. Active preservationists, they also spearheaded the saving and restoration of the Lunt-Fontaine home, Ten Chimneys, in Genesee Depot, near Waukesha Wisconsin. The Gartons purchased this property from the Bernice Fitz-Gibbon Estate in 1982 and owned it until June of 2000, when current owners Randal and Laura Meffert purchased the property.

The Gartons made a few alterations to the property, including expanding the kitchen to the north, dividing a bedroom into laundry and bathrooms, adding cedar shakes to the roof in 1982 and adding a swimming pool in the same year.

The Mefferts have made similar lifestyle changes to the house, adding bay windows in the north wall of the kitchen, redoing the roof, and remodeling the kitchen.

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This property is an excellent example of a Frank Riley/Lewis Siberz Colonial Revival Style house. It is the only one of its type in the Township of Westport, and is unusual for its rural siting. It is worthy of local landmark status.

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Meffert, Randal and Laura, personal interview, May, 2008

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Bernice Fitz-Gibbon

From "about the author", end matter to Macy's Gimbels, and Me, How to Earn \$90,000 a Year in Retail Advertising, by Bernice Fitz-Gibbon, c. 1951

Bernice Fitz-Gibbon was born and educated in Wisconsin. She grew up on a farm in Waunakee and attended the Sacred Heart Convent in Madison. To help pay for her tuition at the University of Wisconsin, she taught in a one-room district school for a year. After graduating from the university, she taught high school English for one year in Chippewa Falls, and one year in Hudson, Wisconsin. She worked briefly as a reporter on the *Rockford (Illinois) Register Gazette* and then turned to selling space and writing copy for the paper's advertisers. Her first department store job was with Marshall Field's in Chicago; her second with Wanamaker's in New York.

In the mid-twenties, when she went to Macy's where she stayed until 1935, Miss Fitz-Gibbon's advertising career moved into high gear. The following year she returned to Wanamaker's as Advertising Director. In 1940, she became Advertising Director of Gimbels. She established her own agency, Bernice Fitz-Gibbon, Inc., in 1954 and subsequently became a member of the board of directors of Montgomery Ward & Company. The Women's Editors of the Associated Press named her the Business Woman of the Year and *Fortune* magazine cited her as one of the seven top business women in the United States. She has also written many articles which have appeared in *McCall's*, *Good Housekeeping*, *The New York Times Magazine* and *Glamour*. Bernice Fitz-Gibbon has a daughter, a son and six grandchildren.

From Obituary, from the New York Times 2/25/1982

Bernice Fitz-Gibbon, a merchandising and retail advertising specialist she was named this year to the Advertising Hall of Fame, died Monday at the Onalaska, Wis, Care Center, a nursing home. She was 87 years old.

In the early 1920s, Miss Fitz-Gibbon joined Macy's advertising department, where she worked for 12 years. She then served as publicity director for John Wanamaker, and in 1940, she became publicity director and a member of the executive board at Gimbels. In 1954 she resigned from Gimbels to open her own advertising consultant offices on Fifth Avenue.

She retired to Madison, Wis. six years ago. Her husband, Herman Block, a lawyer, died in 1951. She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Wing of LaCrosse, Wis; a son, Peter Block of McLean, Va; a brother Gerald Fitzgibbon of Madison, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11A.M. at St. Mary of the Lake Roman Catholic Church in Westport, Wis.

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Frank Morris Riley, Architect

From Master Architects, Katherine Rankin, City of Madison Office of Historic Preservation.

Frank Riley was born in Madison, September 10, 1875. His father, Edward, was born in New York State and raised in Lodi, Wisconsin. He became a well-known businessman in Madison banking circles and for several years was secretary to the UW Board of Regents. Riley's mother, Eliza, was from Sun Prairie.

Riley studied Civil Engineering at the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1898. In 1897, however, he went to Boston to study architecture at MIT. He studied there for three years, to 1900 (sources differ as to whether or not he graduated from MIT). From 1900 to 1911 he lived in London, and from 1913 to 1915 he lived in Italy and Germany. While in Germany he worked for a year for an architect in Munich. In 1915 he came back to the United States where he lived for a very short time in New York before returning to Madison.

While working in Boston, Riley completed his first design for a Wisconsin building, the large Colonial Revival Style house for his parents at 2925 Oakridge (built 1908). When he returned to Madison in 1915 he moved in with his parents and lived in that house until his death. Riley never married.

Riley's return to Madison coincided with the new Lakewood subdivision being developed by the Hanks Company in what is now Maple Bluff. Riley received many commissions for buildings in the new area, including the magnificent T. R. Hefty house (now the Governor's residence) and the Maple Bluff country Club. Also in his first year or so he designed the Thomas E. Brittingham house in the Highlands (now the University President's house) and the Madison Club. From that time until his death, Riley designed many of the finest houses in Maple Bluff, University Heights, Shorewood Hills, the Highlands and Nakoma. He also designed several fraternity and sorority houses on Langdon Street.

Riley is most well known for his residential designs, most of which were Georgian in inspiration, although he was also quite skilled in the Tudor Revival and French Style. Among his most important non-residential designs were East High School, the Madison Club, Security State Bank, Kessenich's Women's Clothing Store, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lakewood School in Maple Bluff and the Jones Dairy Farm estate in Fort Atkinson. In the 1920s Riley's firm and Law, Law and Potter were the two major architectural firms in Madison.

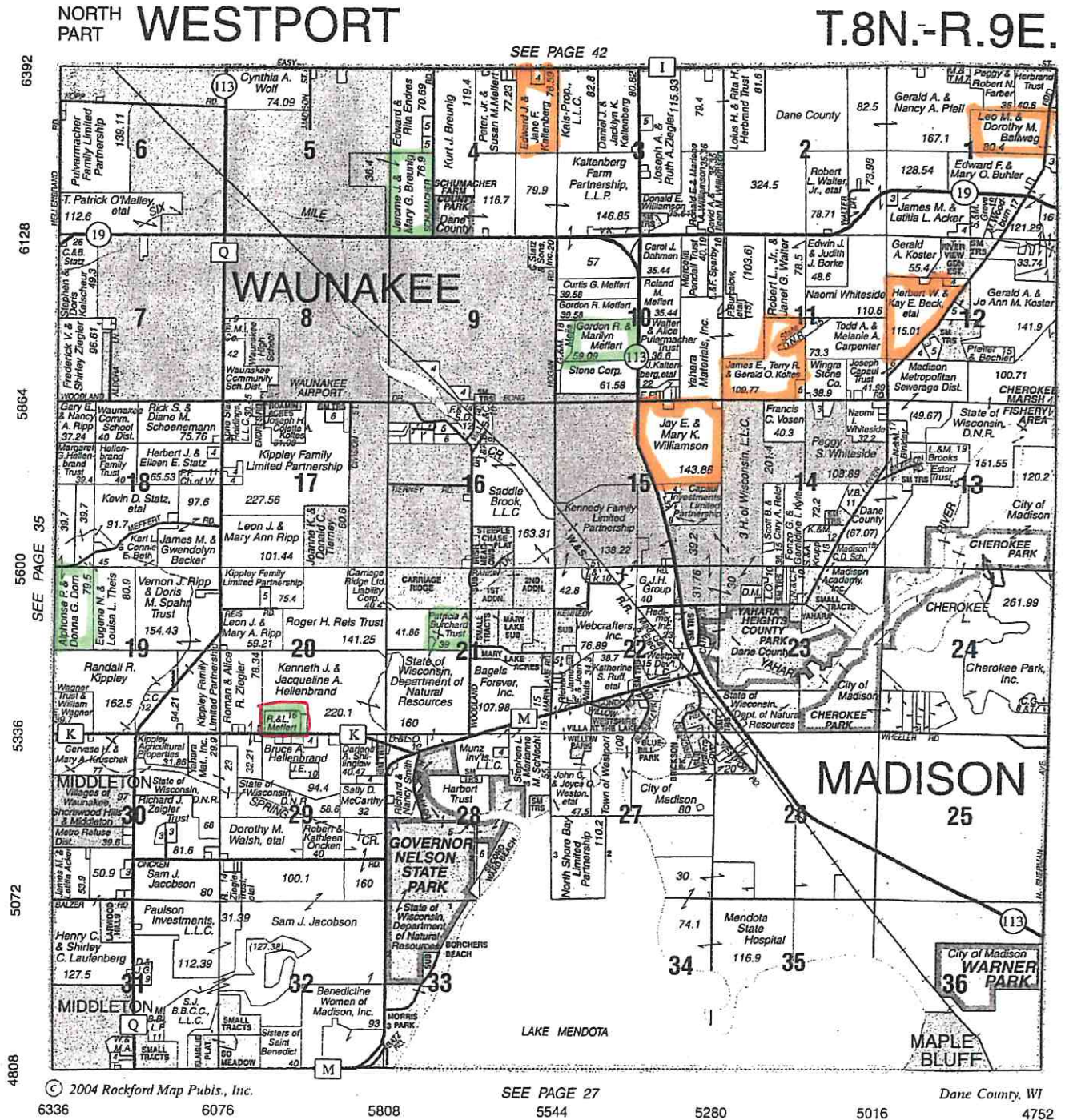
Riley's work is characterized by finesse of proportion, refinement of detail

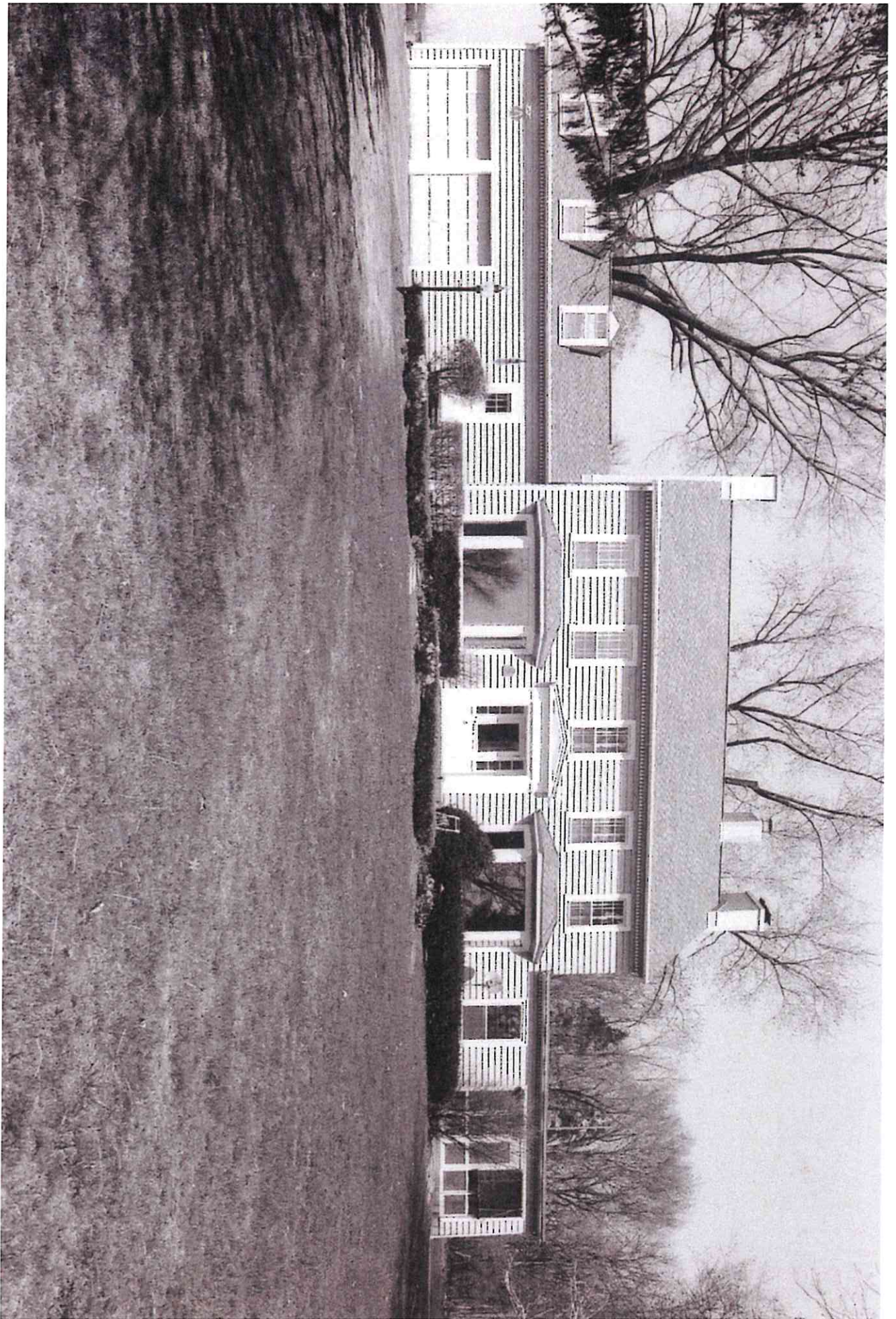
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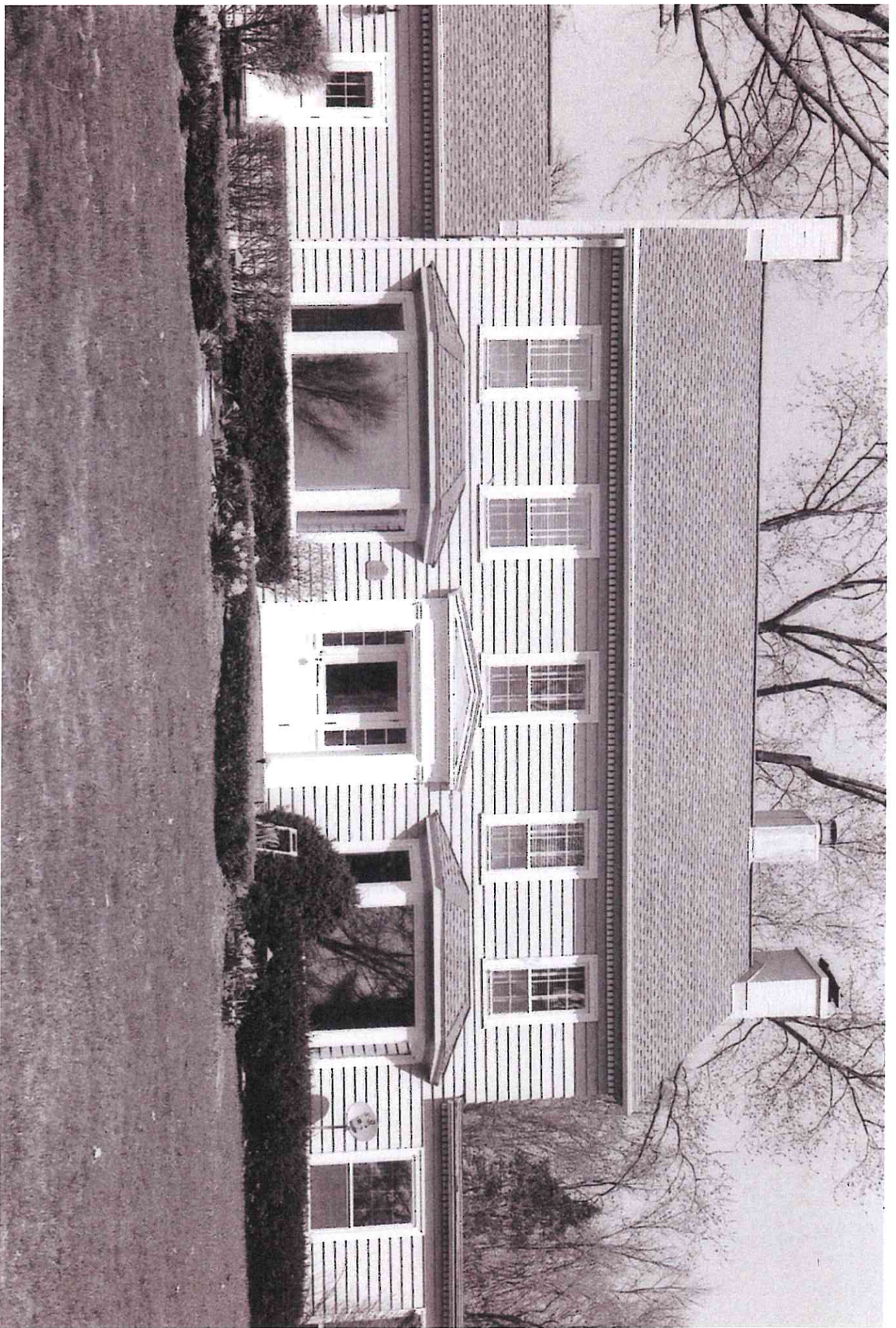
and knowledgeable use of period revival elements. Even today a Riley designed house is a symbol of status and good taste. Madison realtor Lucien Hanks apprenticed with Riley. From 1923 until 1940 or 1941 Riley was associated with Lewis Siberz (in the 1930s the firm was sometimes known as Riley and Siberz). For his entire career Riley's office was located at 24 E. Mifflin Street. He died in 1949.

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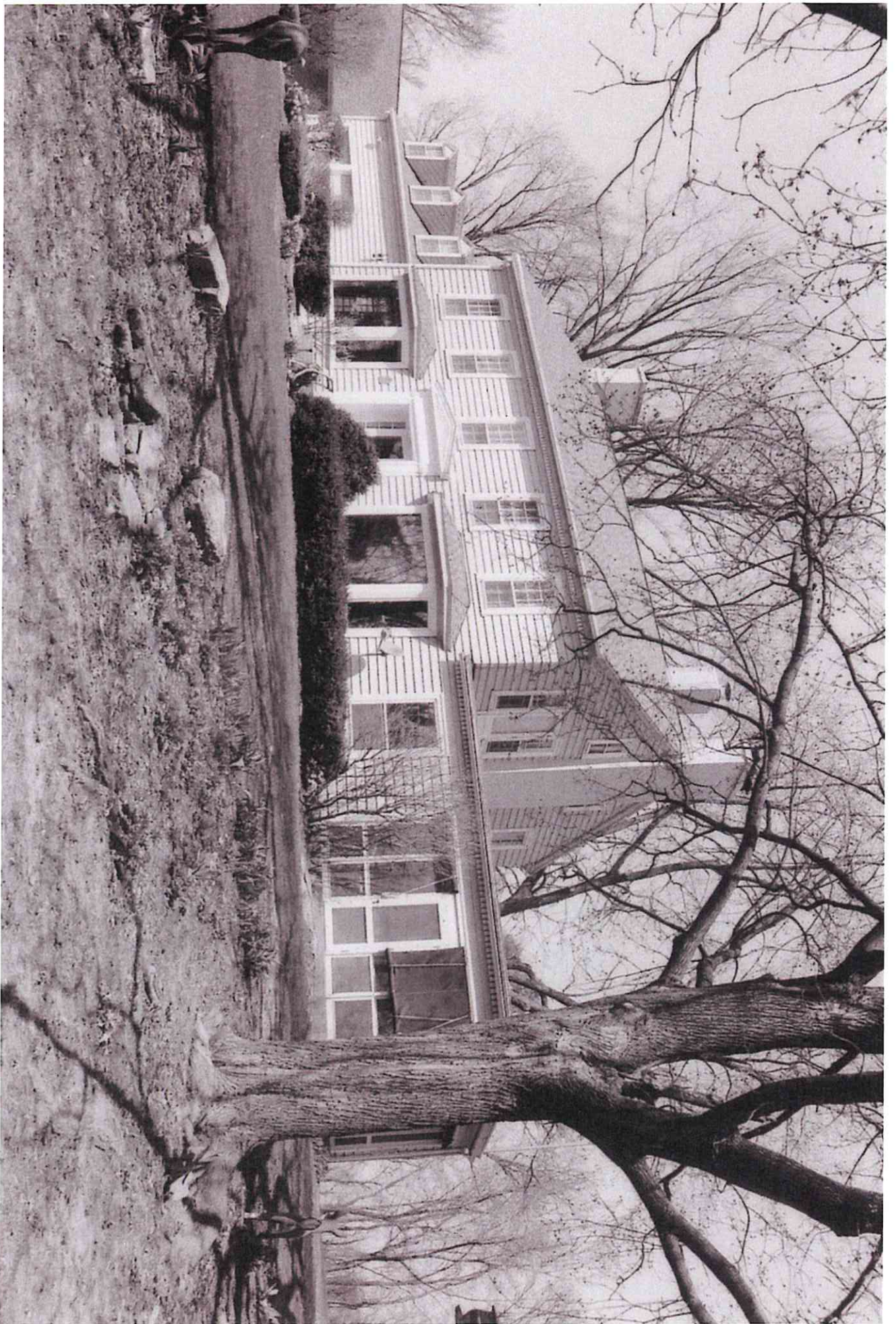
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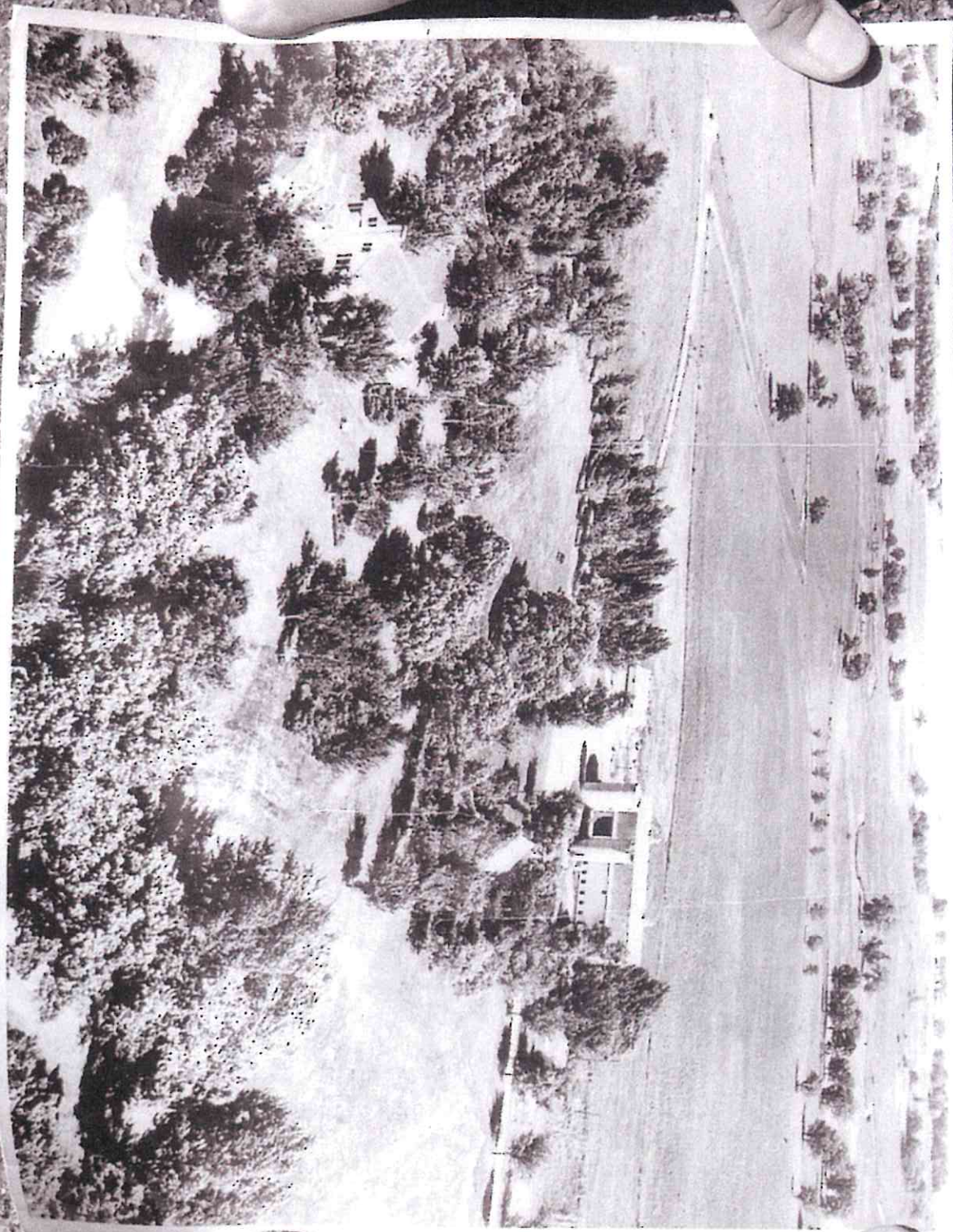












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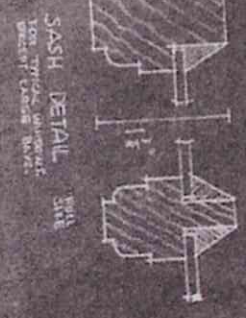
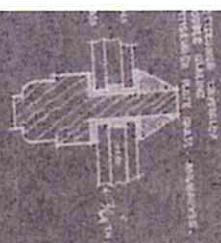
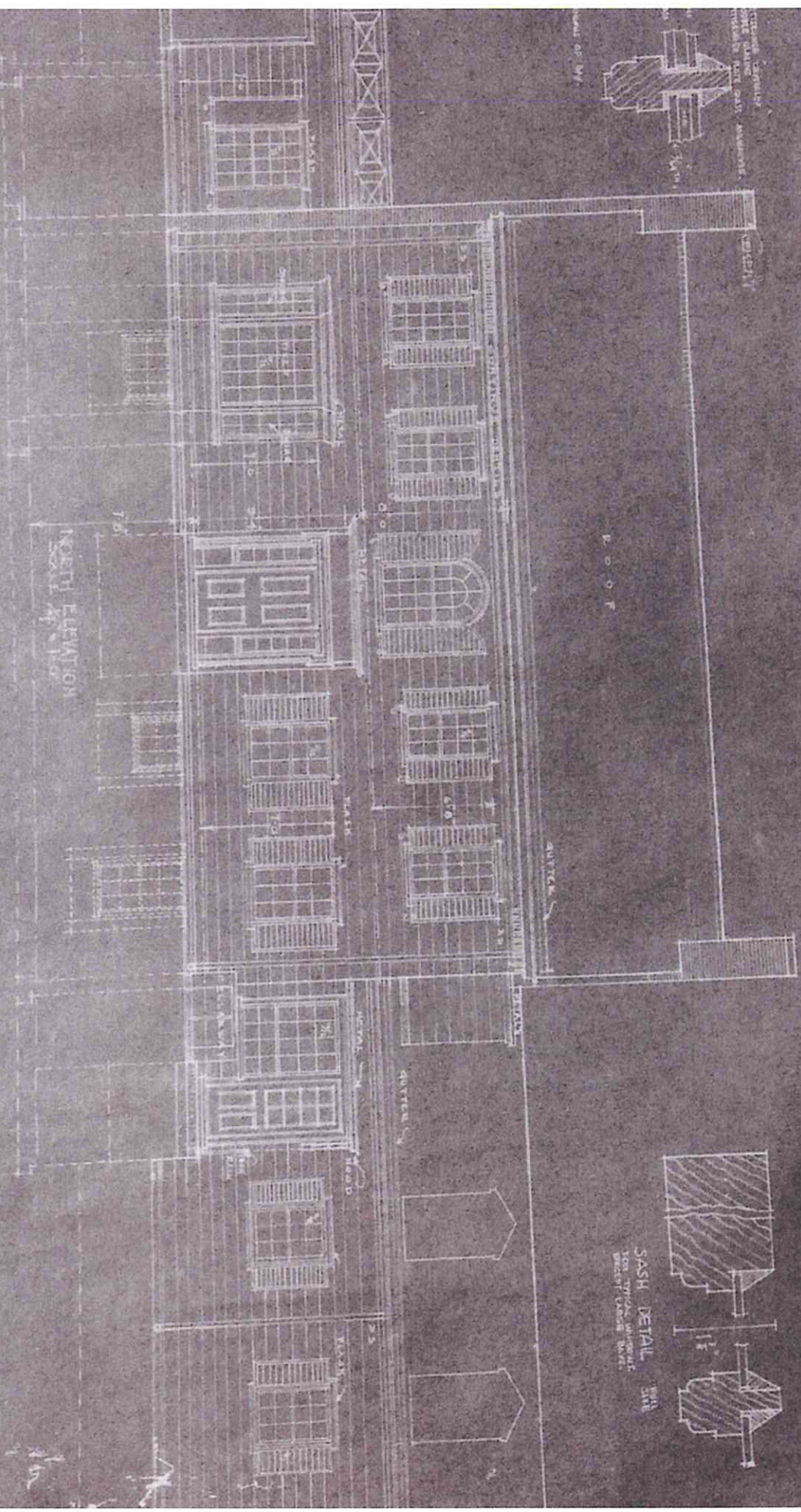
RESIDENCE FOR MR. & MRS. HERRICK BLOCK, LAKE MENDOTA, WIS.

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Property name: O'Malley-Kaltenberg-Breunig Farm

Property address: 5802 State Highway 19
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location W½ of the SW ¼ of section 4 of Township 8N, Range 9E of the Township of Westport, Wisconsin

Historic Owner (s): C.H. Arnold (1873), Martin O'Malley(1890,1899,1904, 1911, 1931maps) , Anton Kaltenberg (1943-1973 per Mary Kaltenberg Breunig),

Current Owner: Jerome and Mary Breunig
5802 State Highway 19
Waunakee, WI 53597

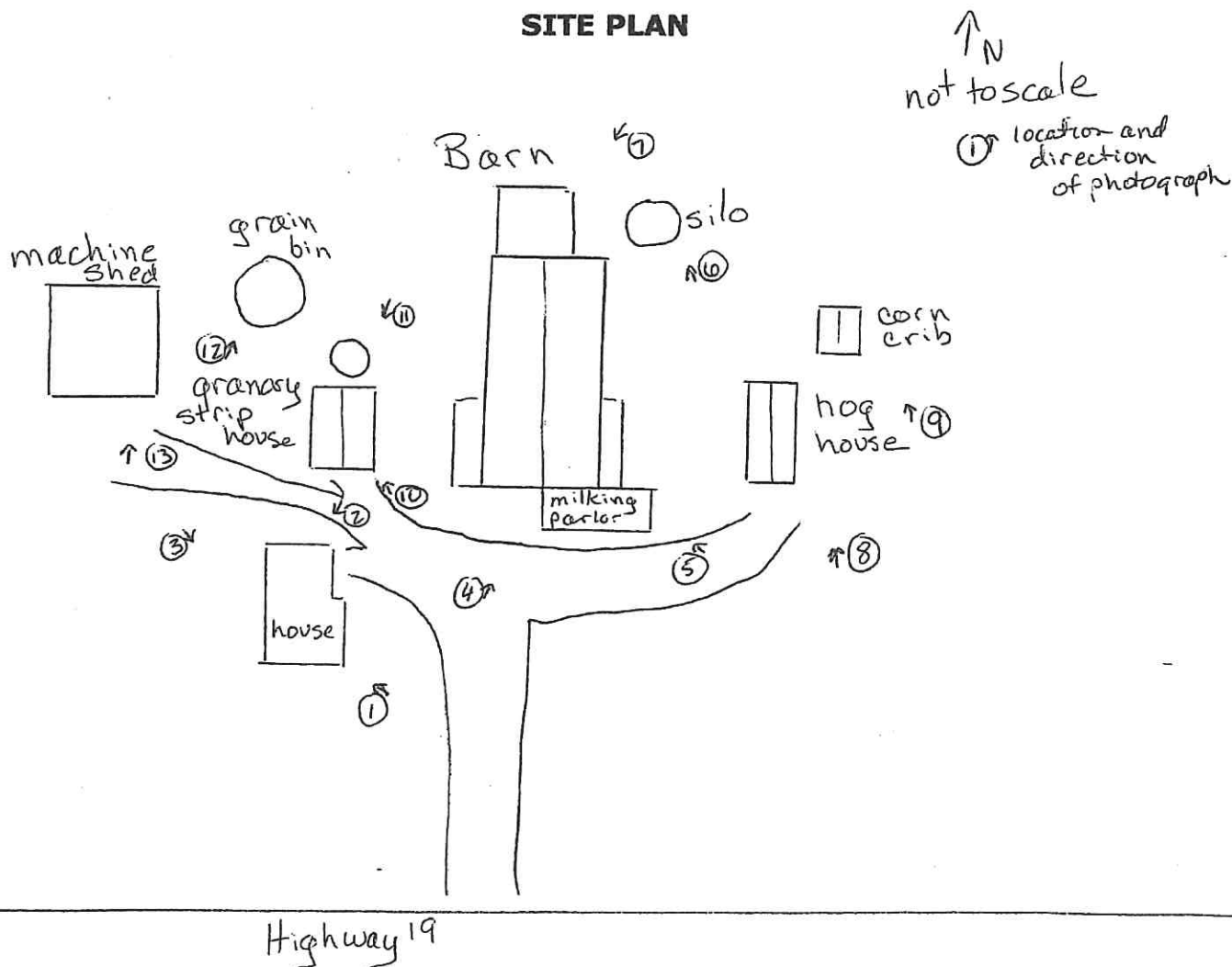
Historic usage: Farm, Dairy Farm

Current usage: Cattle Farm

Construction date(s): Shed additions on barn 1943, Milking Parlor 1943, Large metal grain bin mid 1940s, corn crib 1940s

Builder/Architect name(s): Milking Parlor designed and installed by University of Wisconsin Dairy research

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

The O'Malley/Breunig/Kaltenberg Farm is located on a rise on busy State Highway 19 on the edge of the village of Waunakee, Wisconsin. It is bordered on the south by Highway 19, on the east by Schumacher Road, on the north by another farm, and on the west by the eastern boundary of Waunakee.

Martin O'Malley owned this farm for at least 50 years. Apparently, he never lived on nor worked the farm himself, but always leased it to others. At one point there must have been tobacco grown on the property since up until the 1950s there had been a tobacco shed on the back of the main barn and the first floor of the granary had been a strip house.

Anton Kaltenberg bought this farm in 1943. He was the successful seed scientist with a large farm further east on Highway 19. Kaltenberg kept close ties with the agricultural college at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. When they were developing new grains, Kaltenberg would test them. When he purchased this farm, he did so with the intent to get it ready to be a successful dairy farm. He added shed-roof additions to the main barn, built a metal grain bin, added a garage and indoor bathroom to the house. Anton Kaltenberg used to walk by the house on his way to school in the 1890s, and reported to his daughter that it was an old house even then.

Anton Kaltenberg's daughter Mary and her husband Jerome Breunig began farming at this location in March of 1950, two months after they were married. They rented the property from Anton until 1973 when they could purchase it. Jerome Breunig grew up in Roxbury on a farm and as the only boy in the family, could have had the family farm. His new wife Mary persuaded him to be at this more productive farm closer to her family.

Jerome and Mary Breunig milked from 1950 until the mid-1990s. Their son Kurt works the farm now, raising beef cattle and feed. The Breunigs and their son have raised cash crops at times, selling them to Waunakee and Lodi processing plants.

According to Mary Breunig, this farm is home to the first milking parlor in the State of Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin dairy program developed and installed it in 1943. The milking parlor had an elevated stage for the cows to stand during milking. Three cows could fit in the parlor and be milked at the same time. In addition, because the cows were raised above the level of the dairyman, his knees did not suffer - a common ailment for dairy farmers. A stainless steel pipe lead from the milking room to the holding tank in the first room. Originally, the walls of the milking parlor were plaster, which was hard to keep clean during daily scrubbing. In the mid-1950s, the walls were tiled, making sanitizing the room easier. All of the milking apparatus of the milking parlor has been dismantled and

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removed. The walls of the parlor remain.

This property is an excellent example of a working farm with a rich history. As is common with a farm in continuous operation, the architectural integrity of the structures has been altered by their constant usage. The remaining walls of the 1943 early milking parlor add significance to the property in the area of agriculture. The relative historic significance of this farm and its buildings will become more evident as the Historic Resources Survey of Westport is completed.

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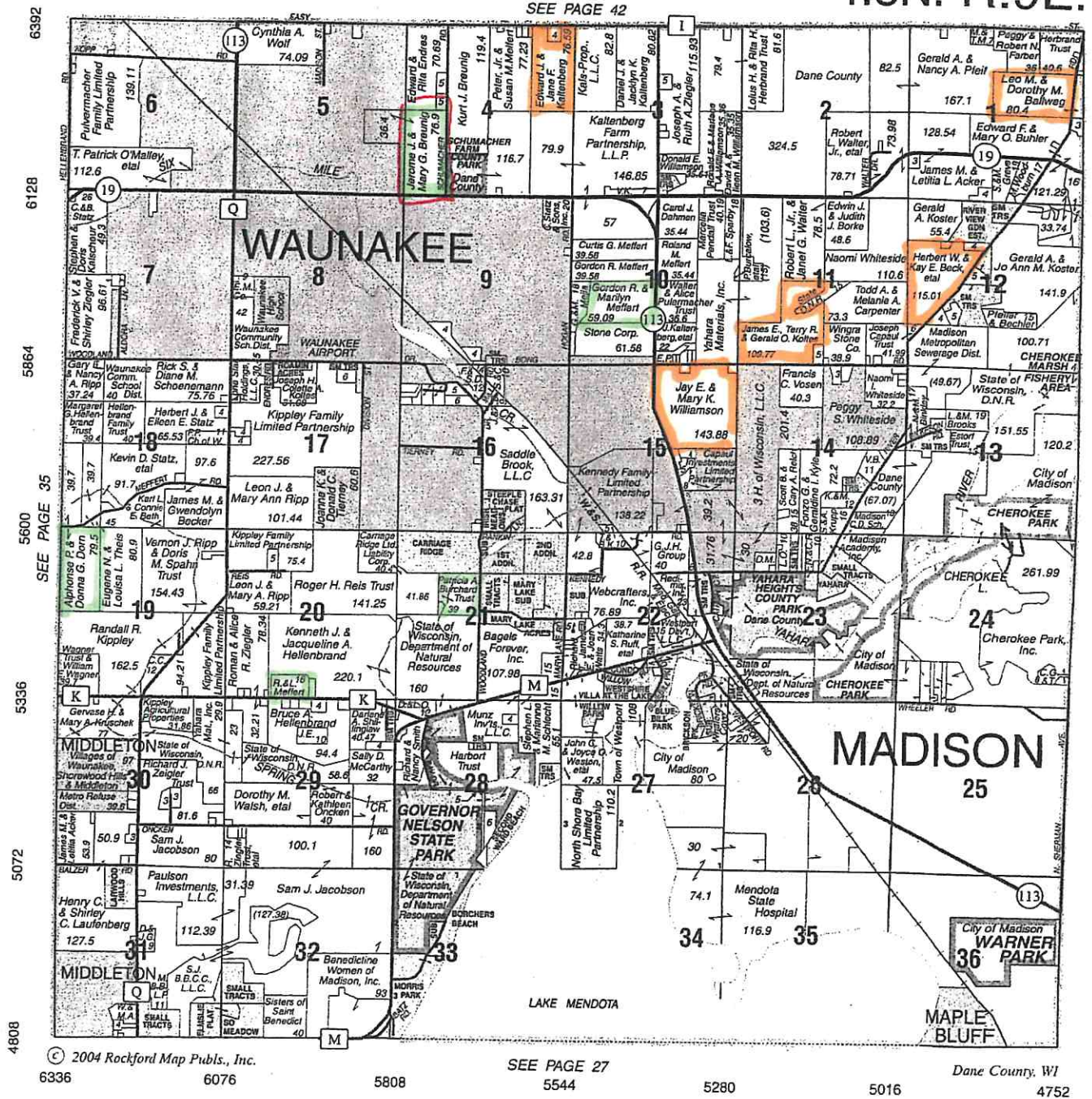
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5. Milking parlor from SE
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7. Barn additions from NE
8. Hog House from SE
9. Corn crib from SE
10. Strip House 1st floor(tobacco), Granary 2nd floor, from SE
11. Metal Grain Bin, Strip House/Granary, from NE
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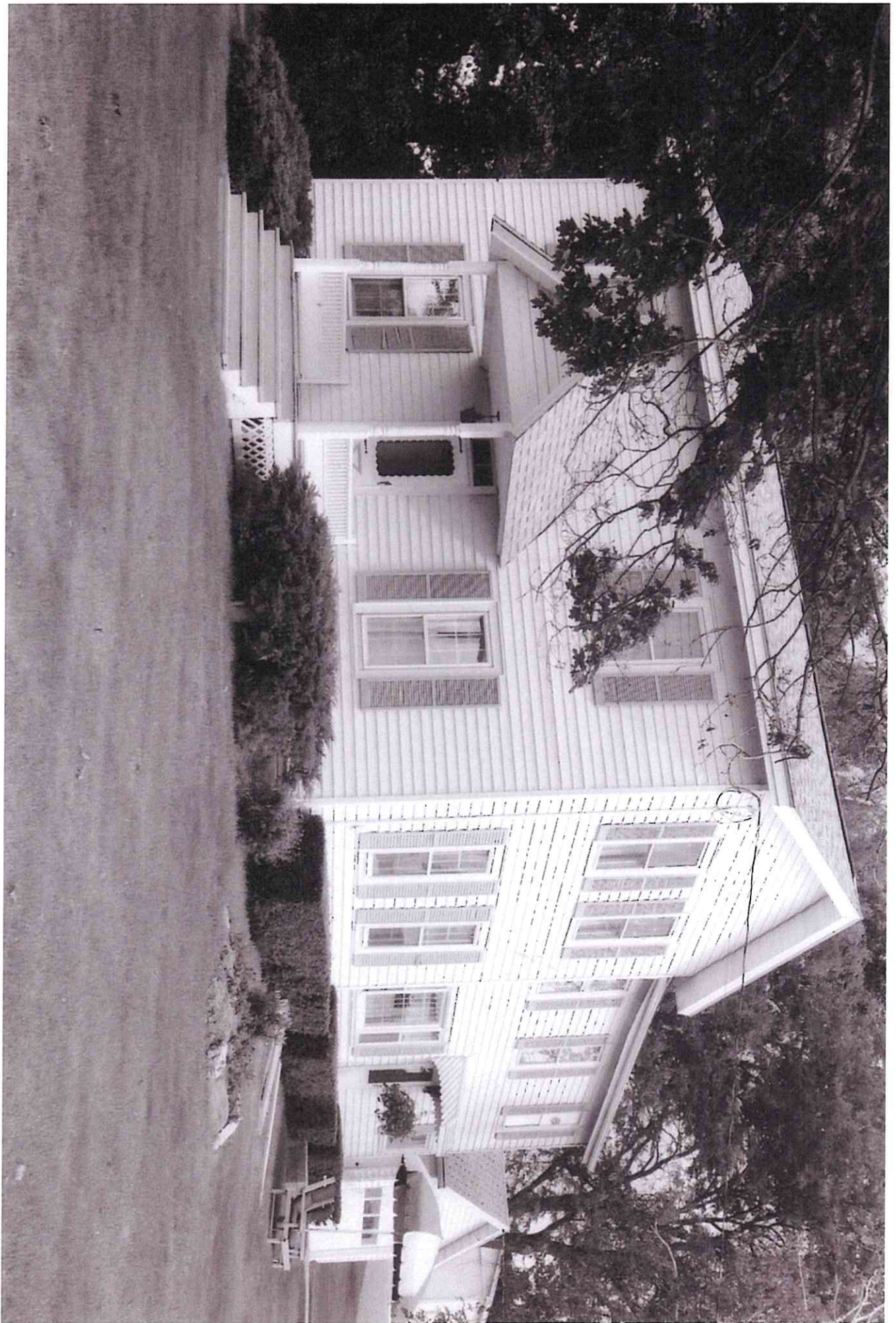
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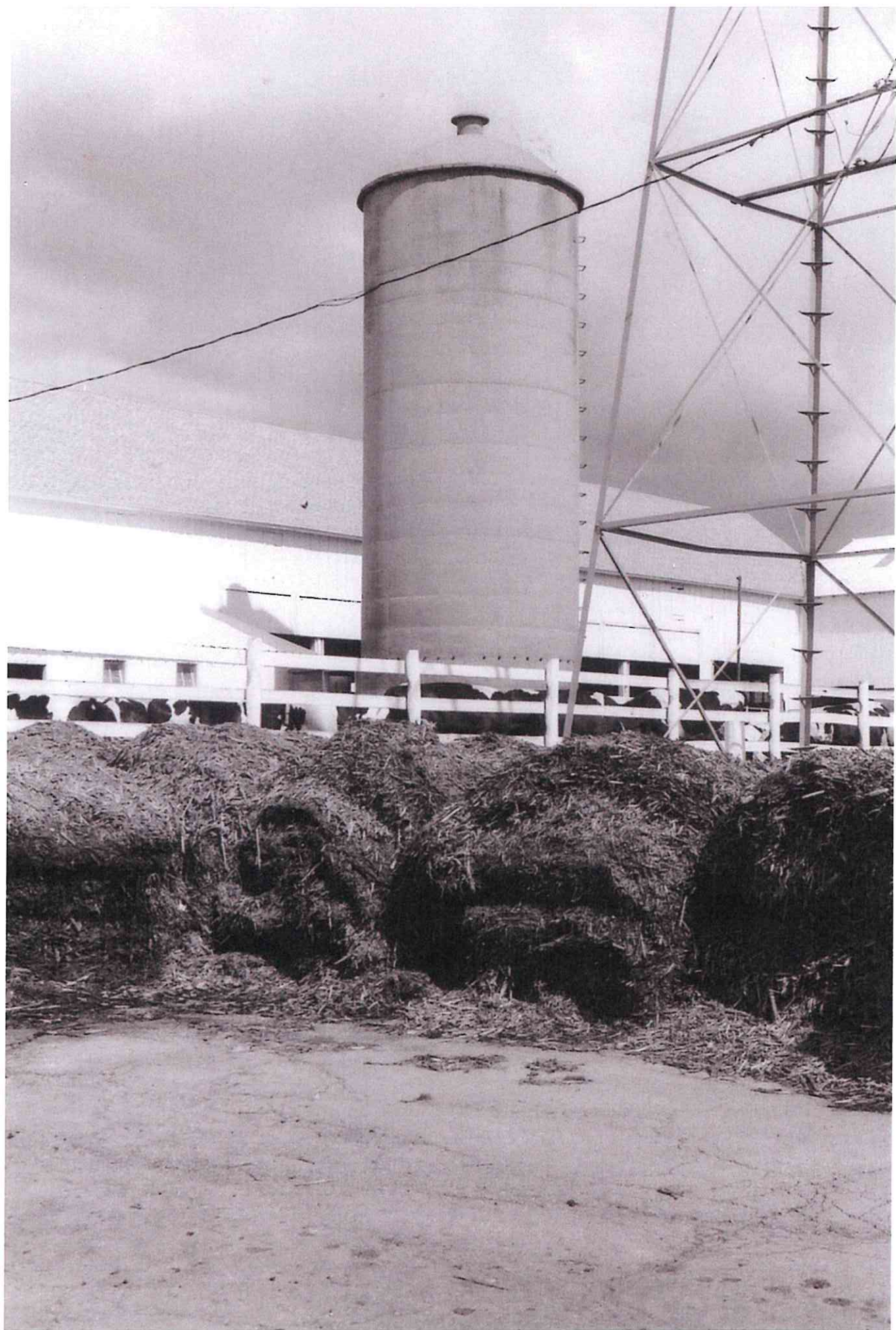


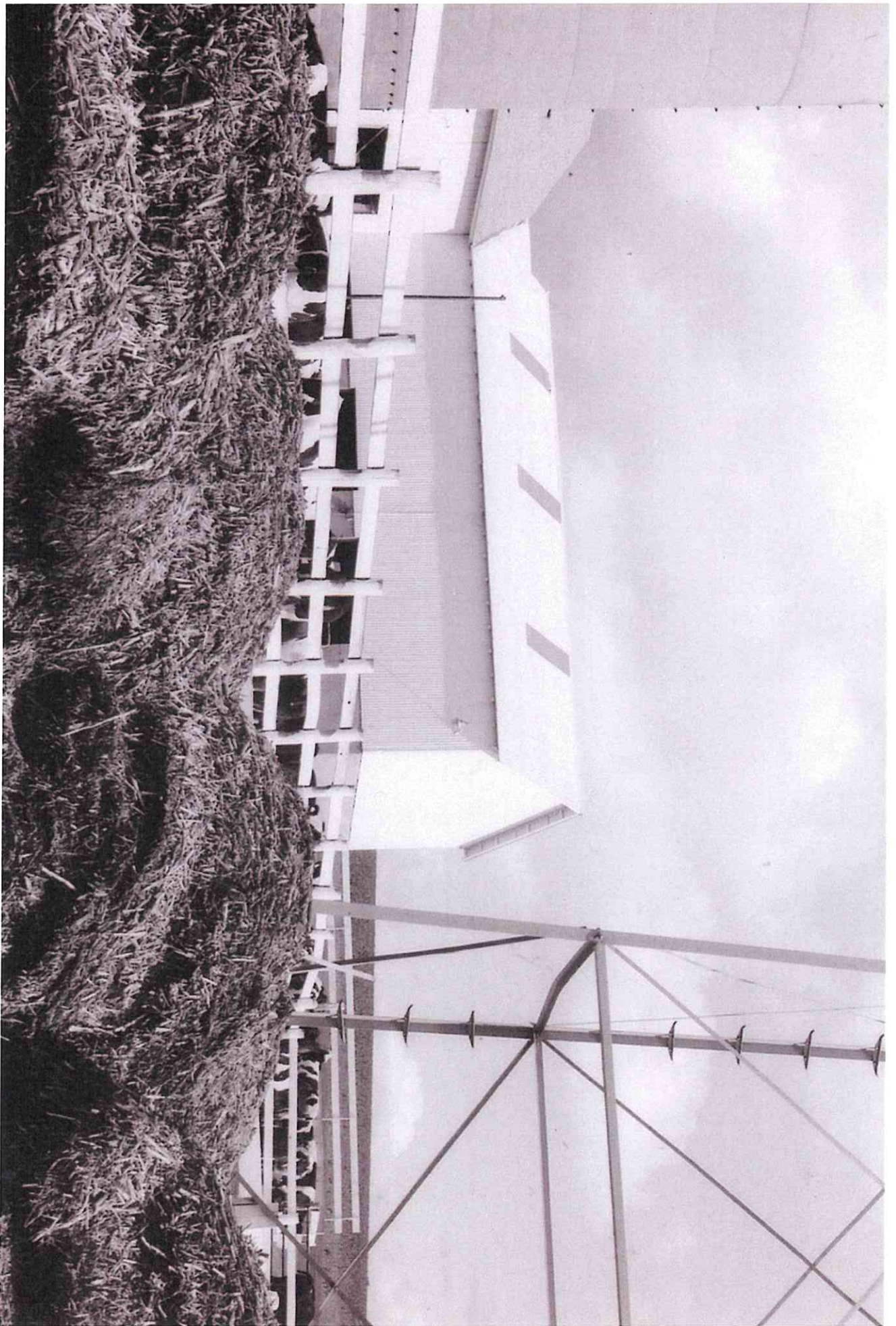




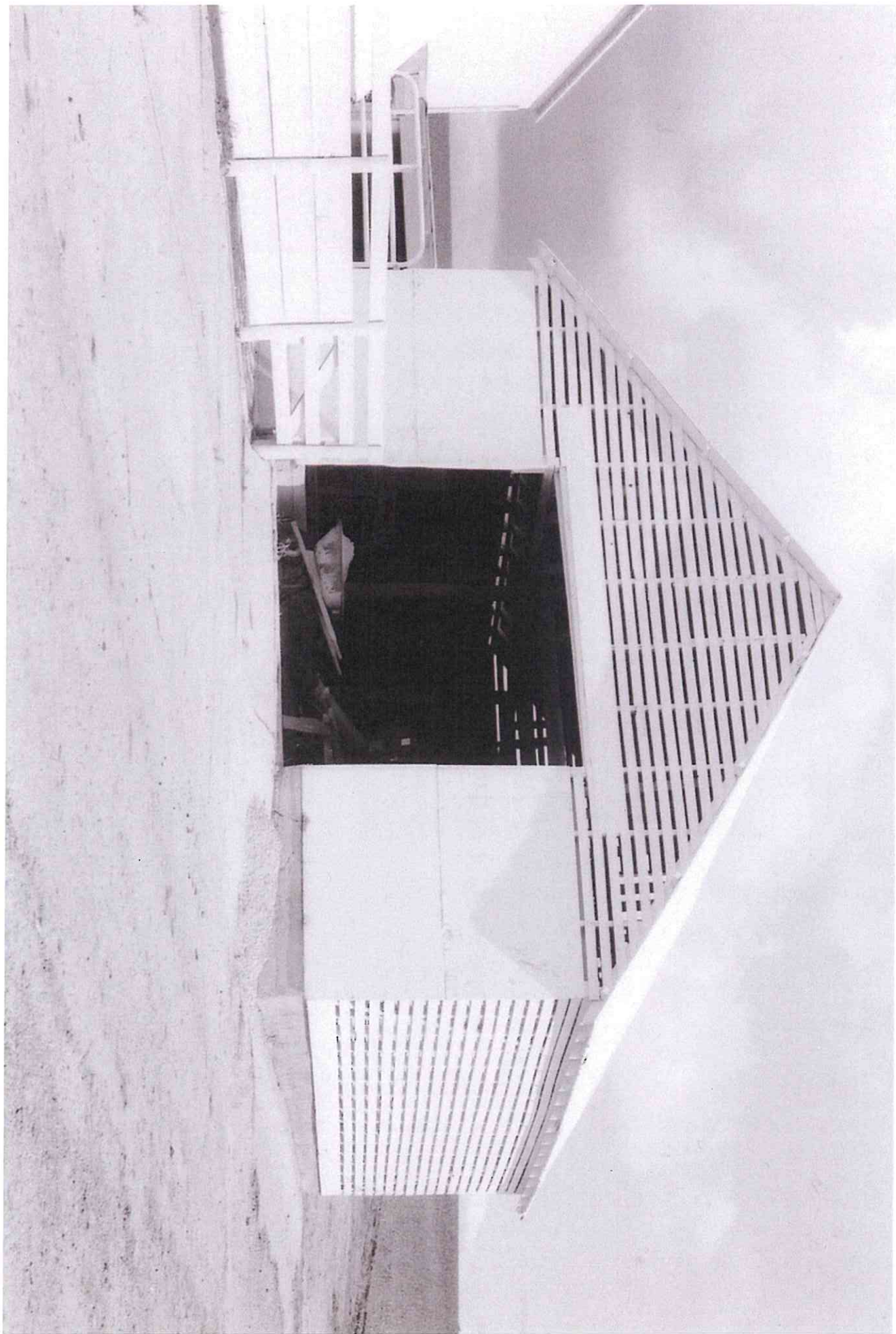


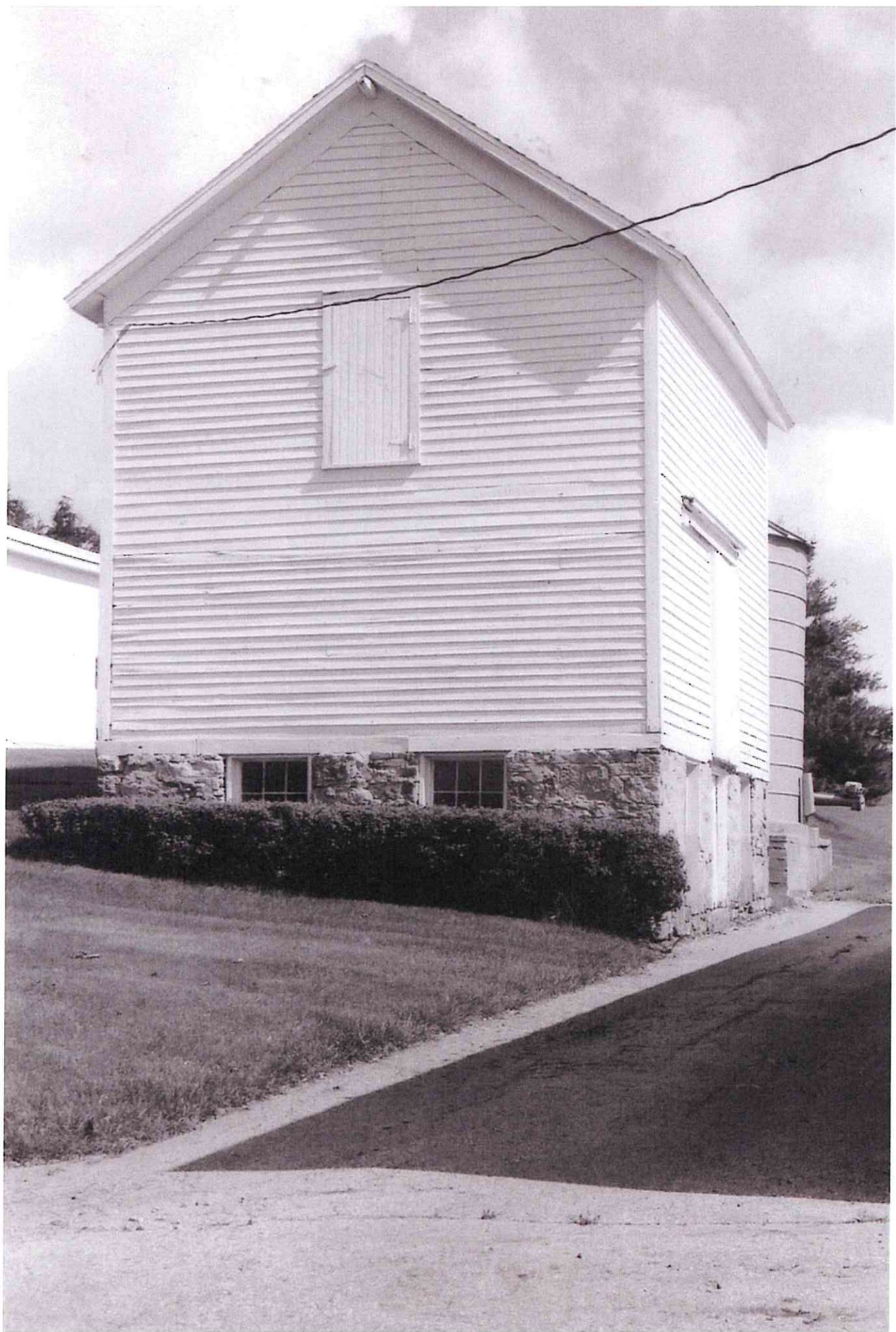


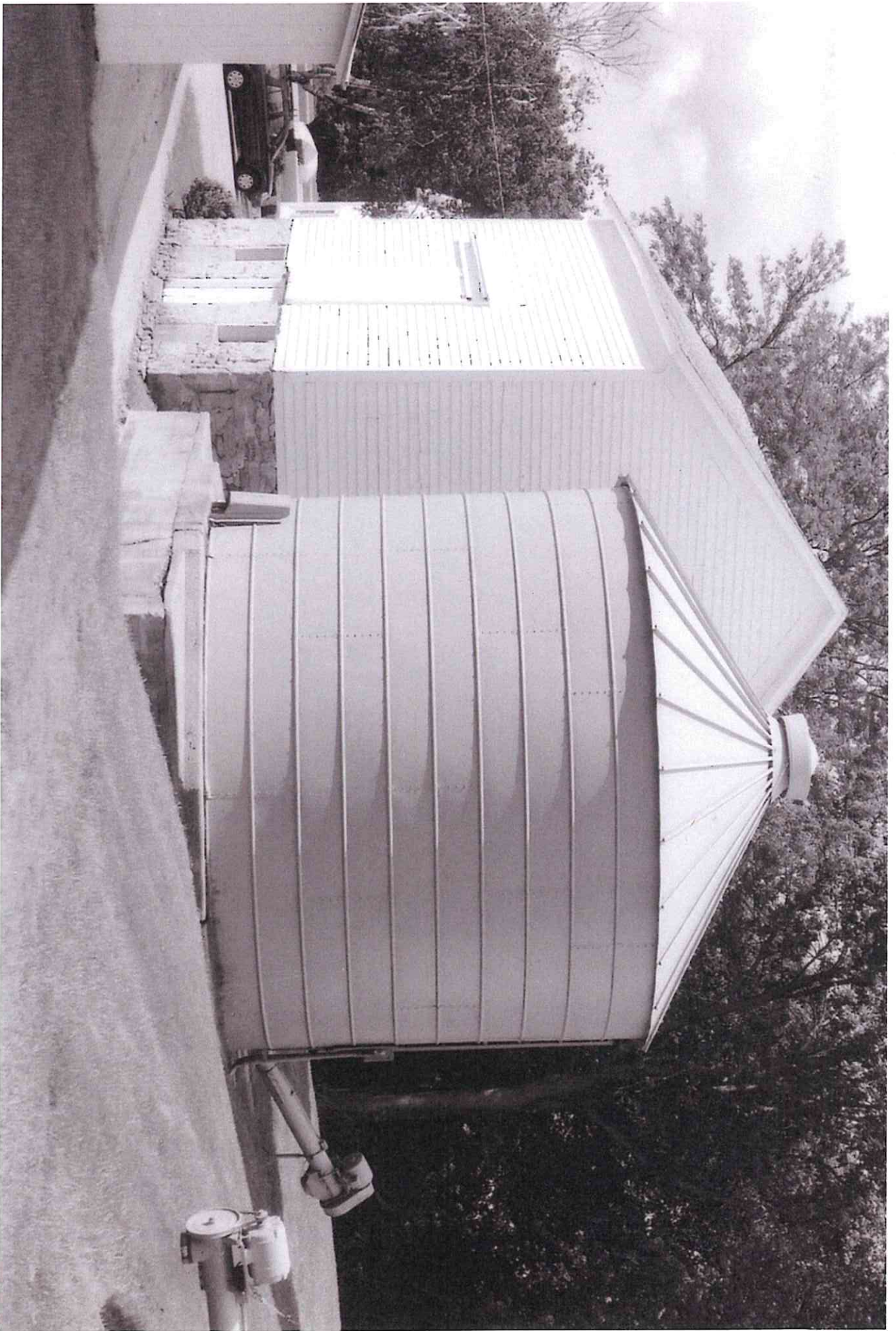
















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Property name: Koltes-Dorn Farm

Property address: 6303 Meffert Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Location W½ of NW¼ of section 19, Township 8N - Range 9E, Township of Westport, Wisconsin

Historic Owner (s): Daris Cody (1858-1866); Michael Koltes and Helena Fisher (1866-1886); Joseph Dorn and Adelaide Koltes Dorn (Michael's daughter) (1886-1914); Edward Dorn (1914-1965)

Current Owner:

Alphonse and Donna Dorn (1965-present)
6303 Meffert Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

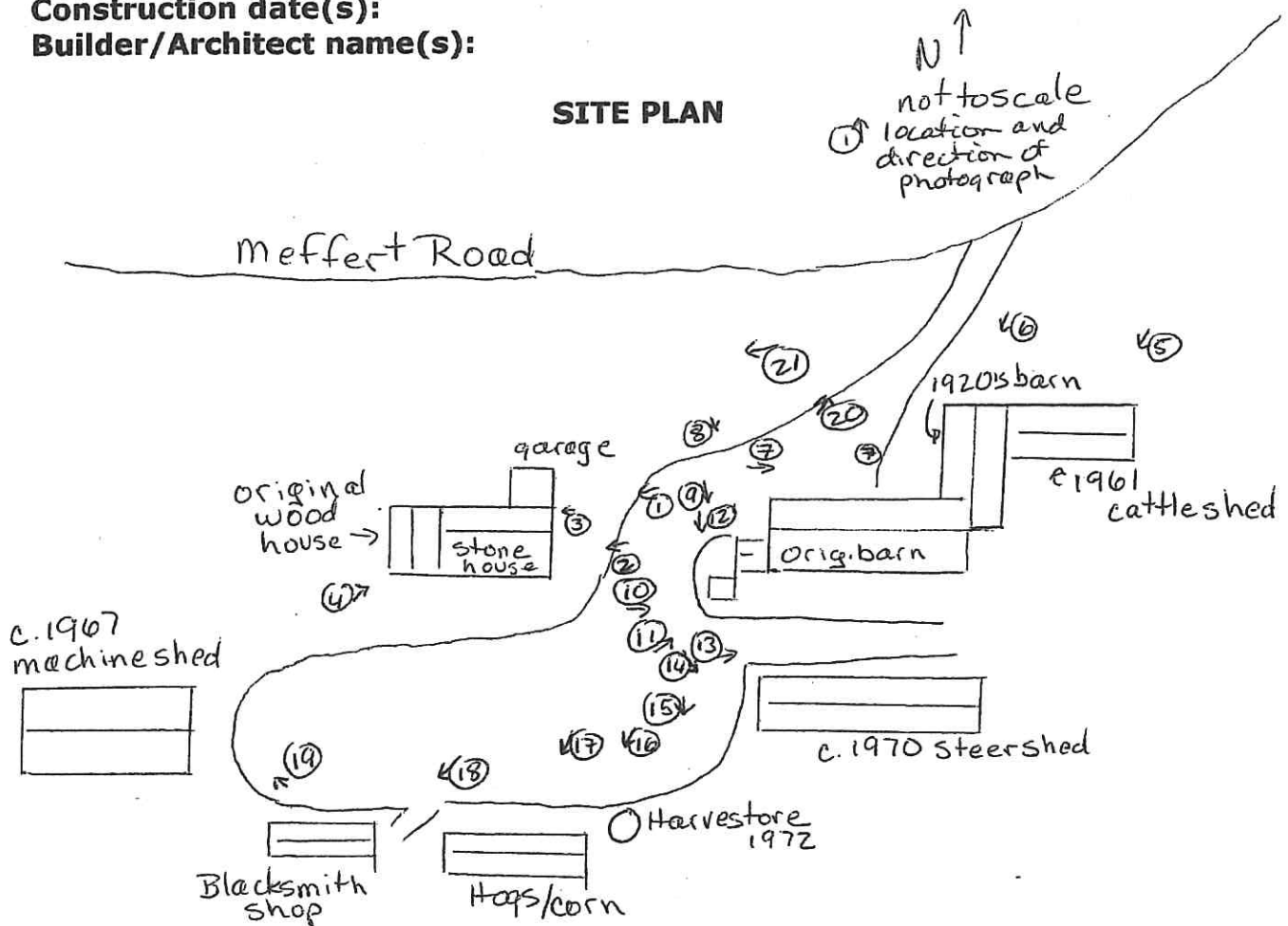
Historic usage: Dairy Farm

Current usage: Crop land, storage

Construction date(s):

Builder/Architect name(s):

SITE PLAN



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Narrative:

The farm at 6303 Meffert Road is on the crest of a hill on a bend in Meffert Road on the western most edge of the Town of Westport. The land falls away to both the east and the west, providing broad views in many directions. The farmstead is compactly laid out, with most buildings oriented to the central drive and turn-around. The farm is now comprised of an historic farmhouse, historic barn with additions, shed-roofed machine shed, smoke house, hog house, blacksmith shop, and a 1960s machine shed.

The house was constructed in three stages. A wooden house was on the site when Joseph Dorn purchased the 200 acre farm in 1886. It may date to 1861, when a notation for a house appears on the township map. Within a few years of Joseph and his wife Adelaide Koltes purchasing the farm from her father Michael, she had persuaded him to construct a two-room stone addition, and eventually a stone-walled kitchen on the west side. The stone was quarried on site.

By 1914, Joseph had added another 40 acres to the property, and built a number of outbuildings. In that year, Joseph divided his property. He had three sons, two of whom wanted to farm, a third wanted to go into business (he began Dorn and Shipky which evolved into Dorn Hardware, still a viable enterprise in 2008). The land was divided so that two of the sons could each have 120 acres. Edward M. Dorn (current owner Al's father) got the home farm. Brother Joseph C. Dorn got the land one farm to the east, where he established his family.

Edward Dorn and his wife Gertrude Maurer (from South Dakota) had four sons. They were driven to school at St. John's in Waunakee in the morning, and walked home at the end of the day. When Joseph and Adelaide moved to town, Edward's oldest sons took a horse and kept it at the grandparent's home about a block from the school so they could ride home in the afternoon.

Alphonse Dorn was born in 1932. In 1940 and 41 his oldest three brothers were drafted and sent overseas. Al had to leave school to take over his brothers' tasks. He reports that "times were rough" on this farm in the 1920s, 30s and 40s. Al married Donna in 1952. They were able to buy the farm in 1965. Over the years, they had dairy operations, beef cattle, hogs, and "some chickens, but there wasn't any money in it" so they "got rid of them". They raised corn and alfalfa and also rented other land and raised crops. Buyers for their beef cattle and hogs would come to the farm and bid on the animals. The buyers would then tell them when to haul them. The Dorns often sold to Oscar Mayer in Madison. The dairy barn was remodeled with a stainless steel waste pipeline to keep the barn cleaner. Al Dorn built a 40x80 cattle shed onto the dairy barn, and he also built the newer 40x100 machine shed. They had a trench style silo.

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In 1985 Al and Donna Dorn stopped farming and sold off their farm equipment. They now rent out the land to Kipley for crops and Skipper Bud uses the machine shed to store boats.

This property was certified as a "Century Farm" in August of 1968. It shows the evolution of a hardworking farm over many years. As is common with a farm in continuous operation, the architectural integrity of the structures has been altered by their constant usage; however, the main house and the barn date from early in the Town of Westport's dairy industry history. The relative historic significance of this farm and its buildings will become more evident as the Historic Resources Survey of Westport is completed.

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Town of Westport historic maps: 1861, 1873, 1890, 1899, 1904, 1911, 1922, 1931.

Author interview with Alphonse and Donna Dorn, March, May 2008.

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