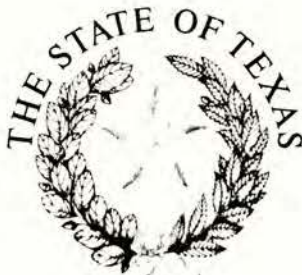


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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

February 2, 1988

Dee Barker, Chair
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P.O. Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Dee:

At its recent meeting in Austin, the State Marker Committee voted unanimously to remove the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation from the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church Building at 522 Missouri Avenue in Fort Worth. This decision was based upon the lack of response on the part of the owners after two or more attempts to secure payment for the Official Texas Historical Building Marker.

I am returning to you the original materials submitted to us. Should the owners decide to pursue a marker at some point in the future, an up-to-date application and current photos would need to be submitted for review under standards in place at the time of the resubmittal.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard, Director
State Marker Program

/fr

cc: The Rev. Patrick L. Williams



TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

25 September 1987

Missouri Avenue Methodist Church
522 Missouri Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Dear Sir,

A June 24, 1987 letter from the Texas Historical Commission to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, with copy to your church, noted that funds for the Texas Historical Marker for the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church Building had not been received.

I have tried numerous times to reach the church by telephone to ask if you are still interested in obtaining this marker. Perhaps you will give me a call.

The state office will hold these marker applications only for limited time without action. If no action is taken and the marker is taken out of the normal process, then one has to start over again from the beginning. I would hate to see that happen since the marker has been approved.

Please contact me and let me know if you care to continue with an effort to receive this marker, or if we should remove it from our files.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

*Have not heard from them,
have removed from files
Dee*

Missouri Ave
file



2 July 1987

Cynthia Beeman
Marker and Research Department
Texas Historical Commission
Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Cynthia,

I have pulled the Fort Worth First Seventh Day Adventist Church application from our active files. They do not indicate any interest in obtaining a marker.

The Missouri Avenue Methodist Church is still interested and I hope the check will soon be on its way. I will keep tabs on that one.

Enclosed is the signiture of Mollie Lasater, President of the Fort Worth Independant School District board. Since you have a signature from the Alumni Asso. representative, that should finalize the I.M. TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL approvals.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 463-6100

June 24, 1987

Dee Barker
Tarrant County Historical Commission
2200 Oak Knoll Drive
Colleyville, TX 76034

RE: Missouri Avenue Methodist Church building marker

Dear Dee:

A recent survey of our pending marker files has revealed that we have never received payment for the above mentioned approved marker. The last correspondence concerning it was sent in September 1986.

Will you please check on this application for us? The current price for a building marker is \$321.75 (\$300.00 if paid for by a tax-exempt organization.) As soon as payment is received we can proceed with writing the marker inscription. We will wait to hear from you on this marker. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman
Historian
State Marker Program

cc: The Rev. Patrick L. Williams



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276
September 30, 1986

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 463-6100

Duane Gage
828 Harwood Road
Hurst, Texas 76054

RE: MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH
16 x 12 building marker without post

Dear Duane:

This letter is to notify you that the State Marker Committee has reviewed and approved the above referenced structure for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation. This special status, awarded to properties deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations, conveys a measure of legal protection to the building. Notification of any modifications to the exterior of this structure should be made to the Texas Historical Commission at least 60 days prior to the commencement of work. Please refer to marker policies 13 through 18 of your application guidelines for further information on the RTHL designation.

At this time, payment for the marker is due. A check, in the amount of \$318.38 (\$300.00 if paid for by a tax-exempt organization) should be made payable to the Texas Historical Commission and sent to the letterhead address at your earliest convenience.

Once payment has been received, the application will be placed in line to have the marker inscription written. The inscription will not be prepared until after funds have been received. When the text is written, a copy will be sent to you and any parties listed below for review.

The Texas Historical Commission wishes to congratulate you on the preservation of this fine structure and appreciates your effort to record Texas history in this manner.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard, Director
Research and Markers

cc: The Rev. Patrick L. Williams

APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

**Texas Historical Commission
Research and Markers Department
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711**

Title of marker (subject to revision by THC staff) <p style="text-align: center;">MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING</p>		
Marker location (street address or highway number; include name of cemetery, building, park, etc., if applicable; if on highway right-of-way or in a small community, briefly explain how to get there from the nearest town) <p style="text-align: center;">522 Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104</p>		
City or nearest city shown on Texas Highway Department road map <p style="text-align: center;">Fort Worth</p>	County <p style="text-align: center;">TARRANT</p>	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site For example, "Subject is 1/2 mile SW of marker site." <p style="text-align: center;">on site</p>	Surface to which marker will be attached (if not on post) <p style="text-align: center;">brick facade</p>	
Owner of marker site <i>pastors study</i>	Address <i>2725 Sixth Ave</i>	City, Zip Code <i>Ft. Worth, Tx 76110</i>
Sponsor of marker <i>church - 336-2117</i>	Address <i>522 Missouri</i>	City, Zip Code <i>Ft. Worth Tx 76104</i>
Person to whom marker is to be shipped	Address <i>2725 Sixth Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76110</i>	City, Zip Code <i>Fort Worth, Texas 76110</i>
NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.		
Signature of County Chairman <i>Quon Loya</i> "I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy." % TCJC NE Campus, 828 Harwood Road, Hurst, Texas 76054		

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative history *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee. 5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

SUBJECT MARKERS

- 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) . . . \$175 ^{With tax} \$183.75
- 27" x 42" subject marker with post \$575 ^{With tax} \$603.75
- 27" x 42" subject marker without post \$525 ^{With tax} \$551.25
- 18" x 28" subject marker with post \$325 ^{With tax} \$341.25
- 18" x 28" subject marker without post \$250 ^{With tax} \$262.50
- If (We) request RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

BUILDING MARKERS

- 16" x 12" building marker with post \$225 ^{With tax} \$236.25
- 16" x 12" building marker without post ~~\$175~~ ~~\$183.75~~

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 15, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

Patrick L. Williams
Signature of owner

PAPERWEIGHTS

- Please indicate quantity desired.
- 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker \$75 ^{With tax} \$78.75
Allow 2 months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.
 - Medallion paperweight \$25 ^{With tax} \$26.25
Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

- Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:
- 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign \$65 ^{With tax} \$68.25
These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.
 - Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
 - Green and White (for interstate highways)
 - 18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign \$65 ^{With tax} \$68.25
In black and white only. For city and county roads.
Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement.
 - With arrow pointing straight ahead
 - With arrow pointing left
 - With arrow pointing right

OTHER

- National Register plaque \$ 35 ^{With tax} \$ 36.75
- 12" x 6" supplemental plate \$ 65 ^{With tax} \$ 68.25
- 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy 11) . . . \$110 ^{With tax} \$115.50
- Replacement medallion (see policy 11) \$ 65 ^{With tax} \$ 68.25
- Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$ 10 ^{With tax} \$ 10.50
- Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$ 10 ^{With tax} \$ 10.50
- Bronze seals (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$ 50 ^{With tax} \$ 52.50
- Bronze plates (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$135 ^{With tax} \$141.75
- Certificates of commendation \$0e each

do you want her
to ans. those 4
questions?

Mrs. Alma Bruton

5620 Victoria Place

Fort Worth, 76112

St. Andrew's Church

ON Missouri, Ave.

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Research and Markers Department
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711
512/475-3092 -- 463-6100

Date: September 12, 1986

RE: Missouri Avenue Methodist Church
Tarrant County

Dear Applicant/County Chairman:

Our staff has made a preliminary review of the above referenced marker application. Before we can complete our evaluation, however, we need the following information (note checked items below).
~~We will place the application on hold until all requested material has been received.~~

- Black and white photographs of each side of the structure, plus any available historic photos.
 - Unified narrative history (see marker policy #3).
 - Bibliography of sources (see marker policy #3).
 - Footnotes (see marker policy #3).
 - 8½" x 11" white bond paper.
 - Signature of county historical commission chairman on application form.
 - Street address of or directions to the proposed marker site.
 - Street address or telephone number for the person to whom the marker is to be shipped (the shipping firm will not deliver to post offices or to rural route box numbers).
 - Permission of property owner for the marker's placement.
 - Size and/or type of marker.
 - Surface to which marker will be attached (brick, stone, stucco over stone, etc.).
- Other: This application will go to the State Marker
Committee today with a favorable staff recommendation;
however, we would like additional assistance with the
questions on the following page.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. If you have any questions about the material we need, please contact the Research and Markers Department of the Texas Historical Commission.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard

Frances Rickard, ~~Historian~~ Director
Research and Markers

Copies sent to: Duane Gage, The Rev. Patrick L. Williams

Missouri Avenue Methodist Church
Tarrant County
page 2

1. Please provide any available historic photographs.
2. When was St. Andrew's Methodist Church founded?
3. Who was the pastor of Missouri Avenue in 1905, when the church building was completed? If possible, please provide his years of birth and death as well.
4. Please clarify the discrepancy between the statement on page 2 that says the 1892 sanctuary was valued at \$9,500 in 1896, and the statement on page 3 that says the current building was to be completed in June 1895. When did the fire occur that destroyed the 1892 sanctuary?

NEW TRINITY CEMETERY

&

DR. RILEY RANSOM

Garfield Thompson (429-2706) will be in charge of the program and invitations. Reverend Holliday has agreed to speak. (534-6998) Elvia McBride (336-7329), daughter of Dr. Ransom will represent her father. Garfield will be out of town February 7 and 8th.

George MONNIG HOUSE

Jess Cole (332-1582) will send in check for \$371.45.

BISCOCCHI BUILDING

Mr. Cole said to hold off on the subject marker because of the money at this time.

DEVITT HOUSE

Aurora Masters (926-9196) will have some wood replaced and painted then call us to have more pictures taken.

ST. ANDREWS METHODIST - MISSOURI AVE.

Mable Arman (535-7766) said that first there was a frame church that burnt, then another (frame) church that burnt katy corner across from the present brick church. She has relatives that will verify this. Her mother attended the Church.



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512) 475-3092

February 11, 1986

Duane Gage
TCJC NE Campus
828 Harwood Road
Hurst, TX 76054

RE: Missouri Avenue Methodist Church
16" x 12" Building Marker without Post

Dear Mr. Gage:
This letter is to notify you that we have received the above-referenced marker application.

The application first will be reviewed and evaluated by the Texas Historical Commission staff. Should additional information be needed, you will be contacted. After any deficiencies have been corrected, copies of the application will be sent to the members of the State Marker Committee, who will make the final determination of the topic's acceptability for marking.

You will be notified as soon as the committee makes its decision. If the topic is approved for marking, we will request payment at the time of notification. If not approved, the application will be returned along with a letter of explanation.

Because of the variables involved in the marker process and because we must coordinate our orders with the schedule of the contracting foundry, we would ask that the dedication date not be set until you have received notice that the marker has been shipped.

We appreciate your interest in preserving the history of Texas.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard

Frances Rickard
Historian
Research and Markers

FR/crl

cc: Rev. Patrick L. Williams

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING

By
Ruth Reiter Stone
#3 Chase Court
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

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This magnificent yellow brick church built in 1905 at 522 Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, is true to the period of time in which it was built, with Louis Sullivan overtones. The architects were Sanguinet and Messer, famous local architects. The historic resources survey conducted for the Historic Preservation Council of Tarrant County has found that it deserves to be considered for the National Register (see appendix A).

The church rests on a five and one half foot tall foundation of cut sandstone with a sandstone cap. Red cement holds the sandstone blocks together. The front entrance, on the southeast corner, has a semicircular porch that follows the contour of the building. The roof of the porch, with a slight slope, is supported by four square brick piers. Above are three rectangular stained glass windows, crested with a large dormer consisting of three panels of glass.

The porch has square towers on either side. The belfry on the south rises high above all with a pinnacle. The steeple on the east tapers to a spire. Both towers have a most ornate frieze that is a molded zinc of garlands and circles. Buttresses, capped with white sandstone, support these towers.

There is an extra wide enclosed overhang that encircles the building. All the windows are stained glass. Where figures appear, the face, arms, and legs have been changed out to dark brown glass. There are two exceptionally wide lancet windows, one facing east and the other south. The hip rises to include a center hip that gives a pyramid affect.

The education building was added in 1912 on the west of the sanctuary. It is a three story rectangular building constructed of material similar to the material used in the church.

Inside, the sanctuary is shallow, but arcs out wide as it progresses toward the back of the church and its three entrances. On the south side there is a small balcony supported by two Tuscan oak pillars. The wainscoating around the room is three feet high and there are oak pilasters reaching to the ceiling in all the corners. All the doors and windows have wide oak facings and the pews are natural oak. The plaster walls are cream colored.

All the windows have stained glass and are a rainbow of color. There are ceiling high windows set in the bay at the back of the church. Three extra wide lancet windows, one of which is in back of the pulpit, have figures of people in them.

The alter, with much paneling, and the choir are recessed by an expansive arch that comes to a center point. The only concession to modernism are the ceiling tiles, not an improvement to the acoustics.

The Missouri Avenue Methodist Church evolved from a circuit, according to the 1887 Journal of the Northwest Texas Conference.¹ Mattie Hurdleston Harris's mother bought an old schoolhouse at Missouri and Annie Streets. This was the first church of the Missouri Methodists.²

In 1890 the church was listed in the conference journal as an individual church located on Missouri Avenue.³ In 1890 the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church became organized, and a sister church, the Fourth Street Church, became the First Methodist.⁴

In 1892 the frame school house was sold to a Negro congregation. A new building was then erected on the site at 522 Missouri Avenue. Two weeks after the last payment was made, the new structure was destroyed by fire.⁵

W.W. Utley, of Utley and Utley, Contractors had designed and built the frame church. He resided nearby at 800 Missouri Avenue. His father had built numerous structures in Fort Worth. In 1896 the building was valued at \$9,500.⁶

After the first Missouri Avenue Methodist Church structure burned, another one was designed by Sanguinet and Messer̄ on the southeast corner of Missouri

Avenue and Annie Street. The work was to be completed by June 15, 1895, but much is left to speculation. It is not clear whether a structure was available to the congregation, or whether the church struggled without a sanctuary for a time. At any rate, it is not until 1905 that the church is found to be operating, in a new sanctuary on the northwest corner of the intersection, 522 Missouri Avenue. Possibly after some delay caused by financial difficulties, the congregation used the Sanguinet and Messer plans and hired Angus McLeod, a contractor, to construct their building. On November 28, 1900, the trustees of the church purchased materials from W.R. Francis to be used by Angus McLeod, the contractor.⁷ Other materials furnished to Angus McLeod by P.T. Connelly for the Missouri Avenue Church amounted to \$350.00. The material consisted of window frames, door frames, louvers, wainscoting, panneling, railings, balustrades, sashes, transoms, doors, and roof brackets.⁸

On April 4, 1904, J.M. Dean and his wife, Nora, were paid \$4,000.00 by W.J. Boaz, M.M. Clark, M.A. Clark, B.L. Morris, W.E. Essex, trustees of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South for Lots 7 and 8 of Block 9 of the Alford and Veal Addition to the City of Fort Worth.⁹ M.H. Frisch, and his wife Cassie M. Frisch, were paid \$1,050 by W.J. Boaz, M.M. Clark, M.A. Clark, W.S. Essex, and B.L. Moore as Trustees of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, south of the Northwest Texas Conference for Lot 9, Block 9 in the Alford and Veal Addition of the City of Fort Worth, Texas. Premises were to be used, kept, and maintained and disposed as a place of residence for use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This document was dated May 13, 1904.¹⁰

In 1905 the Northwest Texas Conference records listed the church's value at \$25,000.¹¹

In 1912 the three story blocky education building was built, increasing the value of the church to \$50,000. It is attached to the sanctuary on the west side and constructed of similar materials.¹²

The evaluation fluctuated between \$30,000 to \$50,000 until 1934 when it attained the value of \$60,000 and remained constant thereafter.¹³

In 1950, after the community's population began to be predominantly Black, the Methodist quarterly Conference voted 13 to 8 over heated opposition to offer the Missouri Avenue Church property for sale at a minimum price of \$70,000. The only bid made was by a Negro congregation, St. Andrew's Methodist Church for \$70,000.¹⁴

By a vote of 12 to 7 the sale of the Church was authorized for \$70,000. Reverend W.W. Ward, District Superintendent, said the Conference named M.B. Douglas, J.W. Lusk, W.R. Harvey, Leroy Chisholm, and L.A. Evridge to negotiate the sale. Strong objections had been made by the Home and Business Protective League arguing that the sale would allow Negroes to "take over the neighborhood."¹⁵

The transaction found M.B. Douglas, J.W. Lusk, Leroy Chisholm, L.A. Evridge, W.R. Harvey, J.M. Anderson, C.W. Cross, as Trustees of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church of the Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, selling the property to R.C. Bonner, M.L. Sneed, K.W. McMillan, Jr., J. Armstrong, John Echols, J.B. Yerwood, L.E. Trezevant, W.M. Berg, and Perry Hollins, as Trustees of St. Andrews Methodist Church of Fort Worth. The document stated that Lot 7 in Block 9 of Alford and Veal Addition, were to be used for the residence of the ministers of the Methodist Church, and that Lots 8 and 9 be kept as a place of devine worship of the Methodist ministry and subject to the General Conference and Annual Conference discipline usage, and ministerial appointments. Included in the sale were Lots 8 and 9, church educational buildings, covering real estate improvements, all pews and pulpit furniture, ceiling fans, lighting fixtures, linoleum, window blinds, and plumbing, heating equipment, and one Knight and Brinkerhoft upright piano, and Lot 7, the parsonage and garage.

W.W. Ward, District Superintendent and A.G. Standlee, preacher in charge

of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church gave written consent to the conveyance as required by the Discipline of the Methodist Church.

\$60,000 was the price actually paid for the Church. \$40,000 was paid in cash and the balance of \$20,000 was represented by three promissory notes at 5%.¹⁶

In 1950, when the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church sold its building to St. Andrews, the Missouri Avenue membership moved and became Morningside Methodist Church which was later sold to another Negro congregation; the Morningside membership (originally Missouri Avenue Methodist Church) moved to Forest Hill and became Forest Hill Methodist Church.¹⁷

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ 1887 Journal NW Texas Conference.
- ² Fort Worth Star-Telegram March 25, 1950
- ³ 1890 Journal
- ⁴ History of First Methodist
- ⁵ Fort Worth Star-Telegram March 25, 1950
- ⁶ 1896 Journal
- ⁷ Mechanic Lien Volume 7, p. 117
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- ⁹ Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 194, p. 261
- ¹⁰ Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 191, p. 364
- ¹¹ 1905 Journal
- ¹² 1912 Journal
- ¹³ 1934 Journal
- ¹⁴ Fort Worth Star-Telegram March 22, 1950
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- ¹⁶ Tarrant County Deed Record Volume 2200, p. 257
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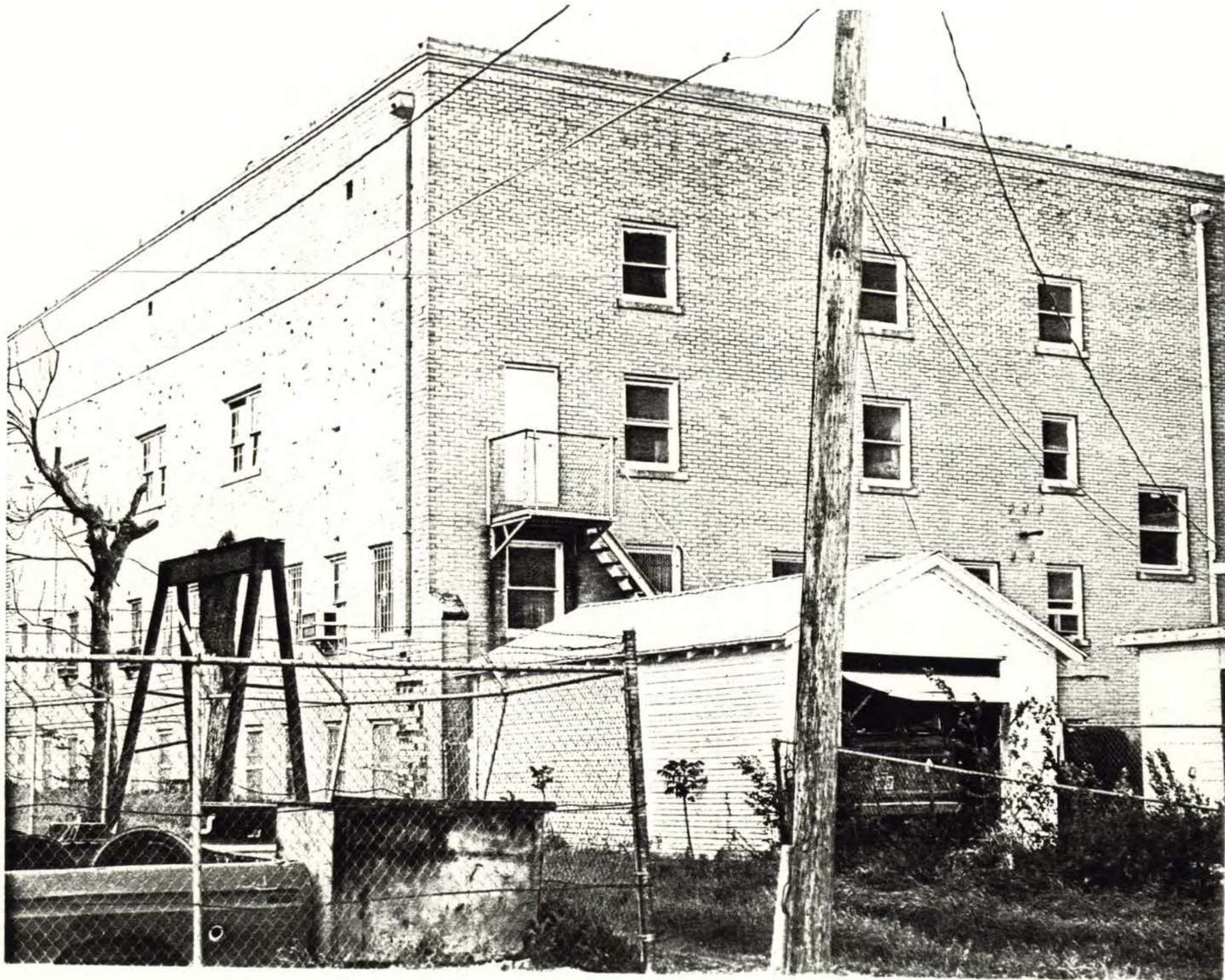
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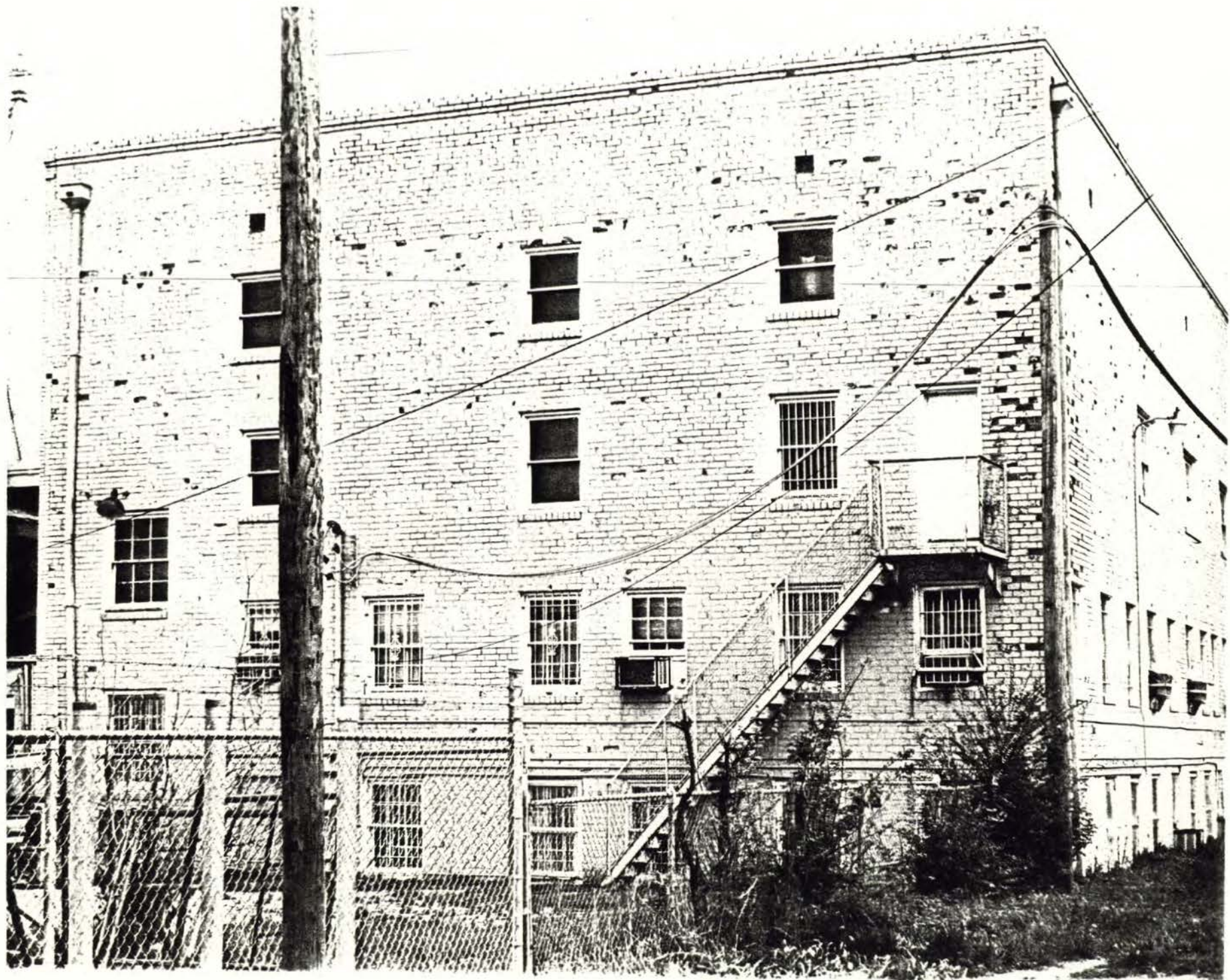
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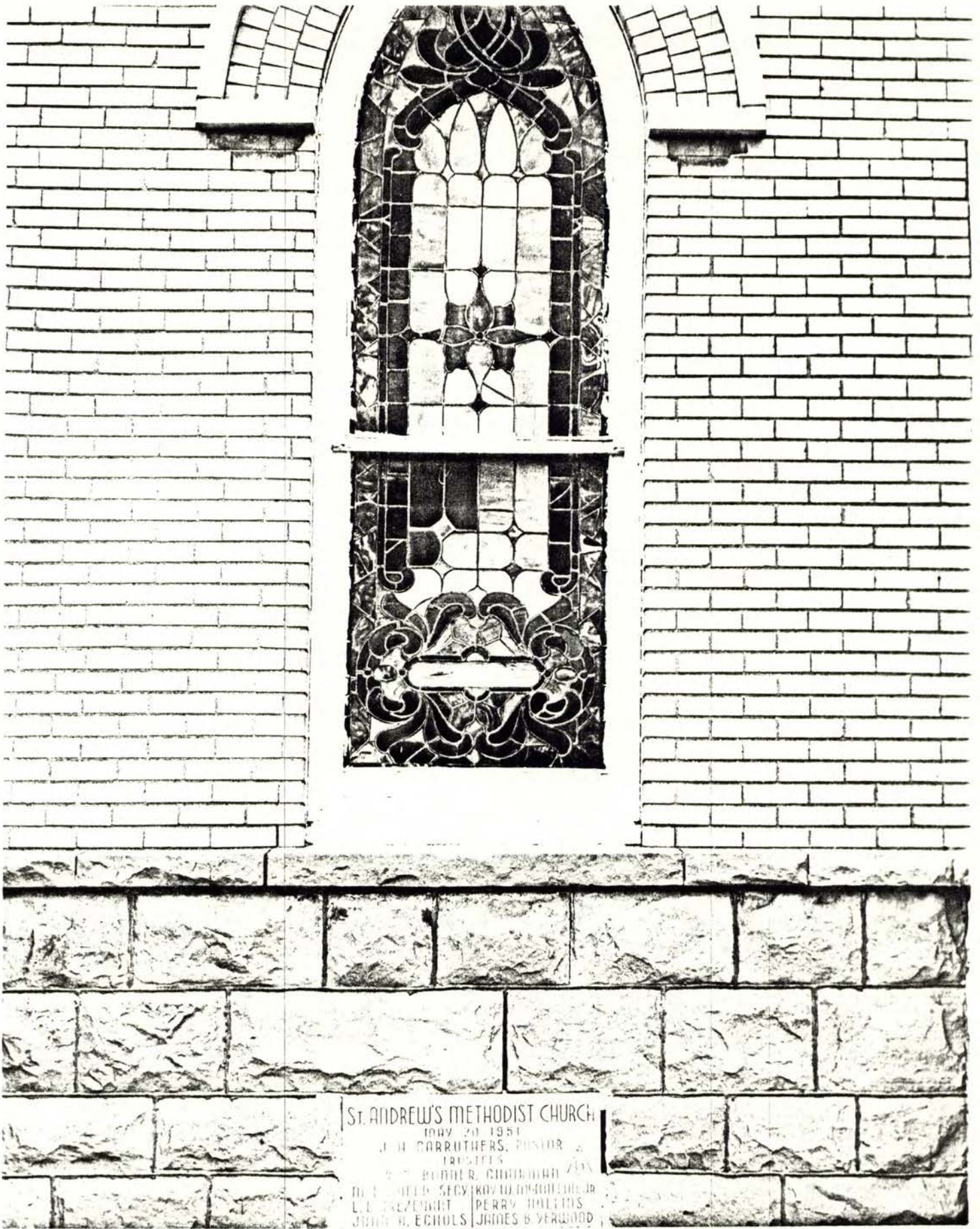












ST. ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
MAY 20 1951
J. H. CARBUTHERS, PASTOR
TRUSTEES
R. W. BUNTER, CHAIRMAN
W. S. WHEAT, SECY, KAY W. HANCOCK, JR.
L. E. BREZEMIT, PERRY HALLIS
JOHN H. ECHOLS, JAMES B. VERWOOD

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by
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I. THE ARCHITECTURE

(522 Missouri Avenue)

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MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING

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II. THE CONGREGATION

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In 1892 the frame school house was sold to ~~a~~ ^a Negro congregation. A new building was ~~erected~~ ^{then} on the site ~~of the present church.~~ ^{at 522 Missouri Avenue.} Two weeks after the last payment was made, ~~it~~ ^{the new structure} was destroyed by fire. ⁵ W. W. Utley, of Utley and Utley Contractors had designed and built the frame church. He ~~lived nearby~~ ^{resided} at 800 Missouri Avenue. ~~This was the Utley and Utley Contractors.~~ His father had built numerous ~~structures in~~ ^{structures in} ~~much of~~ Fort Worth. In 1896 the building was valued at \$9,500. ⁶

~~The Missouri Avenue Methodist Church was built at two separate times.~~ ^{after the first structure burned, another one} ~~was erected by~~ ^{was} ~~designed by~~ ^{designed by} ¹ Sanguinet and Messer ~~erected a church on the southeast corner of Missouri~~

but much is left to speculation. It is not clear whether a structure was actually built on the southeast corner of Missouri Avenue and Annie Street at that time, then ~~at the~~ was relocated on the opposite (northwest) corner of the intersection in 1904. or the congregation struggled without a sanctuary for a time. At any rate, beginning in 1905 the church is listed at the northwest corner location, 522 Missouri Avenue. Possibly the congregation used the Sargent and Messer plans and, after some delay, ^{caused by financial difficulties} ~~constructed~~ the structure with volunteer labor. ~~They~~ hired Angus McLeod, a contractor, to construct the structure.

Avenue and Annie Street. The work was to be completed by June 15, 1895, but much is left to speculation. It is not clear whether a structure was available to the congregation, or whether the church struggled without a sanctuary for a time. At any rate, it is not until 1905 that the church is found to be operating, in a new sanctuary on the northwest corner of the intersection, 522 Missouri Avenue.

Possibly, after some delay caused by financial difficulties, the congregation used the Sanguinet and Messer plans and hired Angus McLeod, a contractor, to construct their building. On November 28, 1900, the trustees of the church purchased materials from W. R. Francis to be used by Angus McLeod, the contractor.⁷ Other materials furnished to Angus McLeod by P. T. Connelly for the Missouri Avenue Church amounted to \$350.00. The material consisted of window frames, door frames, louvers, wainscoting, panneling, ~~xx~~ railings, balustrades, sashes, transoms, doors, and roof brackets.⁸

On April 4, 1904, J. M. Dean and his wife, Nora, were paid \$4,000.00 by W. J. Boaz, M. M. Clark, M. A. Clark, B. L. Morris, W. E. Essex, trustees

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of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South for Lots 7 and 8 of Block 9 of the Alford and Veal Addition to the City of Fort Worth. ⁹

← M. H. Frisch, and his wife Cassie M. Frisch, were paid \$1,050 by W. J. Boaz, M. M. Clark, M. A. Clark, W. S. Essex, and B. L. Moore as Trustees of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, ~~South~~ of the Northwest Texas Conference for Lot 9, Block 9 in the Alford and Veal Addition of the City of Fort Worth, Texas. Premises were to be used, kept, and maintained and disposed as a place of residence for use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This document was dated May 13, 1904. ¹⁰

In 1905 the Northwest Texas Conference ^{records} listed the ⁱⁿ Church value at \$25,000. ¹¹

In 1912 the three story blocky education building was built, increasing the value of the Church to \$40,000. It is attached to the sanctuary on the west side and constructed of similar materials. ¹²

The evaluation fluctuated between \$30,000 to \$50,000 until 1934 when it attained the value of \$60,000 and remained constant. ¹³
In 1950, after the community's population began to be predominantly Black, The Methodist Quarterly Conference voted 13 to 8 over heated opposition to offer the Missouri Avenue Church property for sale at a minimum price of \$70,000. The only bid made was by a Negro congregation, ^{St-Andrews Methodist Church} for \$70,000. ¹⁴

By a vote of 12 to 7 the sale of the Church was authorized for \$70,000. Reverend W. W. Ward, District Superintendent, said the Conference named M. B. Douglas, J. W. Lusk, W. R. Harvey, Leroy Christolm, and L. A. Evridge to negotiate the sale. Strong objections had been made by the Home and Business Protective League arguing that the sale would allow Negroes to "take over the neighborhood." ¹⁵

^{The transaction found} M. B. Douglas, J. W. Lusk, Leroy Christolm, ^{son} L. A. Evridge, W. R. Harvey, J. M. Anderson, C. W. Cross, as Trustees of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church of the Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, ^{selling the} ~~and Church~~ property to

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being formerly known as Missouri Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South of the Northwest Texas Conference located in Fort Worth, sold to R. C. Bonner, M. L. Sneed, K. W. McMillan, Jr., J. Armstrong, John Echols, J. B. Yerwood, L. E. Trezevant, W. M. Berg, and Perry Hollins, as Trustees of St. Andrews Methodist Church of Fort Worth. ^{the document stated that} Lot 7 in Block 9 of Alford and Veal Addition, ^{were to} ~~that the premises~~ be used for the residence of the ministers of the Methodist Church, and that Lots 8 and 9 be kept as a place of divine worship of the Methodist ministry and subject to the General Conference and Annual Conference discipline usage, and ministerial appointments. ^{included in the sale were}

(Lots 8 and 9, Church educational buildings, covering real estate improvements, all pews and pulpit furniture, ceiling fans, lighting fixtures, linoleum, window blinds, and plumbing, heating equipment, and one Knight and Brinkerhoft upright piano, and

Lot 7, ^{the} parsonage and garage.

W. W. Ward, District Superintendent and A. G. Standlee, ^PPreacher in charge of the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church gave written consent to the conveyance as required by the Discipline of the Methodist Church.

\$60,000 was the price, ^{actually} paid for the Church. \$40,000 was paid in cash and the balance of \$20,000 was represented by three promissory notes at 5%. ¹⁶ ~~Note 1 for \$5,000 was payable on or before October 1, 1950. Note 2 for \$5,000 was payable in installments of \$150 due on or before January 1, 1951 and \$150 due each succeeding month until July 1, 1951. Note 3 of \$10,000 was payable in installments of \$150 on or before August 1, 1951, and \$150 due on or before the first day of each succeeding month until the entire principal shall have been paid with interest from July 1, 1951 until paid. Executed on May 25, 1950. ¹⁶~~

In 1950, ^{under} the Missouri Avenue Methodist Church was sold ^{its buildings to} to a Negro.

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~~congregation that became~~ St. Andrews, The Missouri Avenue membership
moved and became Morningside Methodist Church which was later sold to another
Negro congregation; ~~and~~ the Morningside membership ^(originally Menari Avenue Methodist Church) moved to Forest Hill and
became Forest Hill Methodist Church.¹⁷

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FOOTNOTES

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There is a cornerstone on the sidewalk at Morningside United Methodist Church located at Morningside and East Lowden.

It reads:

Missouri Ave.

M. E., Church South South

1895

This square pink granite cornerstone has been on the sidewalk since the church people moved to the Morningside Church in 1950. The people have since moved to Forest Hills.

Mable Arsmar, historian of the Forest Hills Methodist, would like to see it returned to the St. Andrews Church.

This project of getting a release from Morningside Church will soon be underway.

Mable Arsmar, 535-7766

MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST PREACHERS

1887		1919	Gid J. Bryan
1888	A. T. Taylor	1920	" " "
1889		1921	" " "
1890	Thomas C. Ragsdale	1922	L. L. Felder
1891	" " "	1923	" " "
1892	" " "	1924	" " "
1893	O. F. Sensobaugh	1925	J. F. Luker
1894	" " "	1926	" " "
1895	" " "	1927	W. M. Roder
1896	E. F. Boone	1928	E. P. Williams
1897	J. S. Barcus	1929	" " "
1898	" " "	1930	Frank L. Turner
1899	" " "	1931	" " "
1900		1932	" " "
1901	B. W. Dodson	1933	A. S. Gafford
1902	W. H. Howard	1934	" " "
1903	" " "	1935	" " "
1904	" " "	1936	" " "
1905	C. V. Oswalt	1937	C. H. Sesserson
1906	O. P. Kiker	1938	Claude P. Jones
1907	" " "	1939	E. P. Jones
1908	B. R. Bolton	1940	" " "
1909	" " "	1941	" " "
1910	J. C. Mimms	1942	" " "
1911	Sam G. Thompson	1943	C. D. Wooten
1912	" " "	1944	" " "
1913	Frank E. Singleton	1945	" " "
1914	W. E. Boggs	1946	J. U. McAfee
1915	C. C. Hightower	1947	" " "
1916	" " "	1948	A. G. Standlee
1917	J. B. Berry	1949	" " "
1918	W. J. Hearon	1950	Not Listed.

MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor

1886 on the circuit

1887 Fort Worth Circuit,

1888 Missouri Avenue Methodist

1889 " "

1900 " "

C. S. Field

A. P. Taylor

M. K. Little

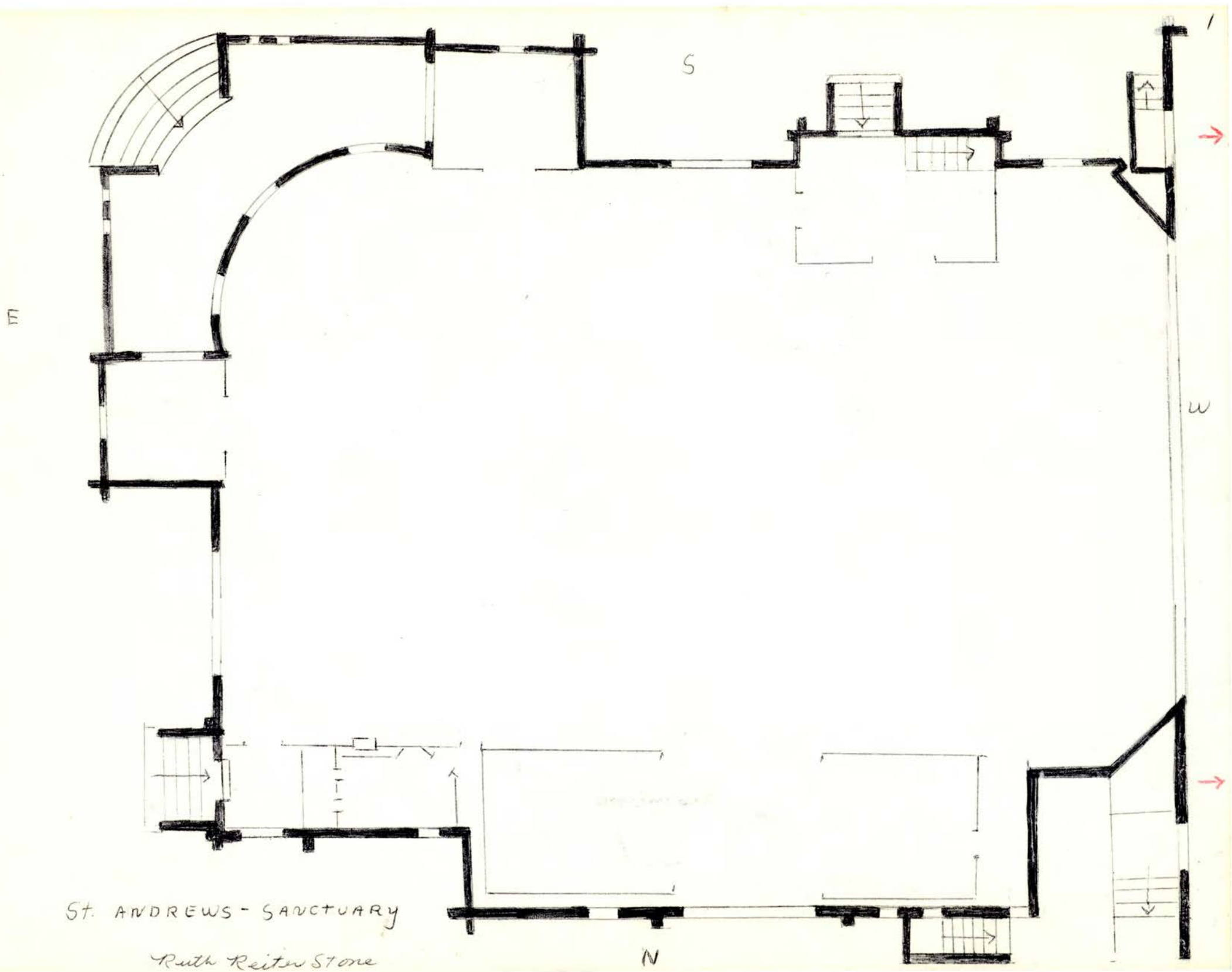
Thomas C. Ragsdale

Taken from the Methodist Conference Books

Jean Traster

3805 Walton

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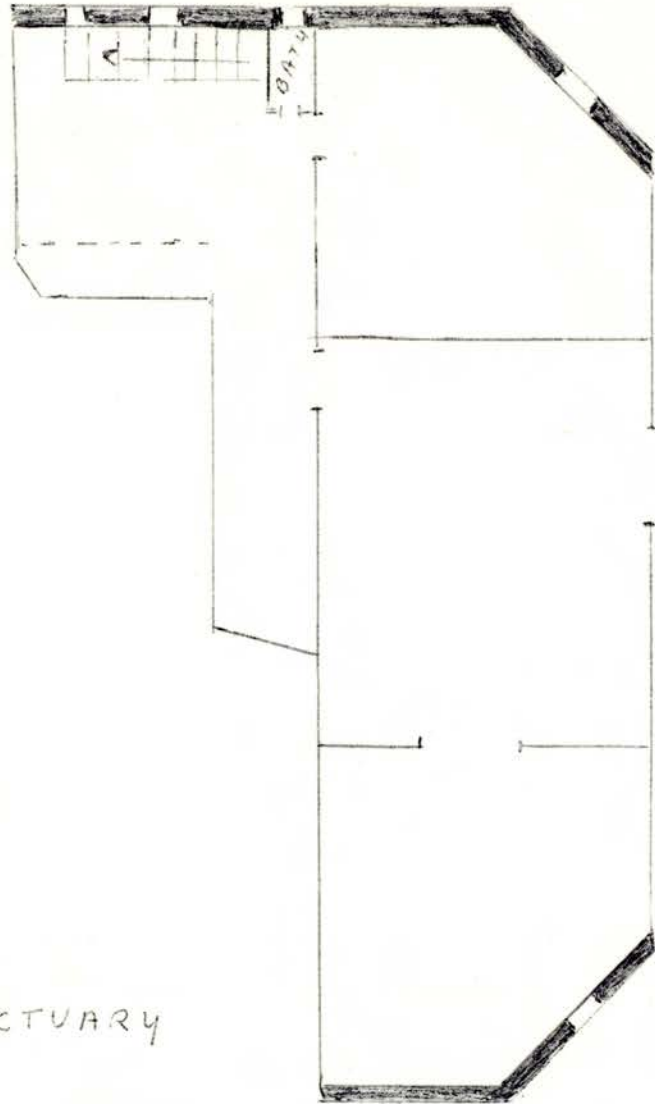


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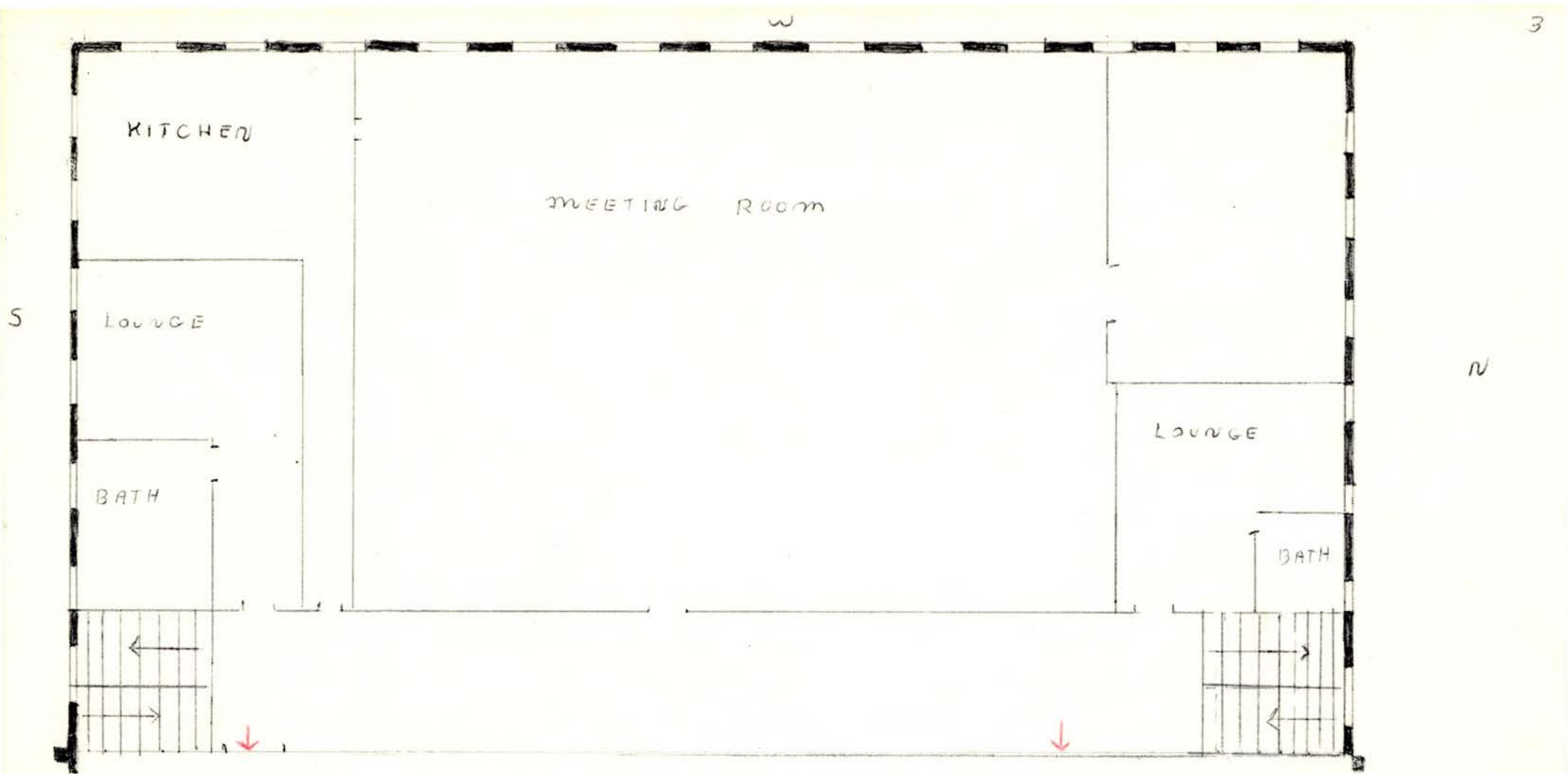
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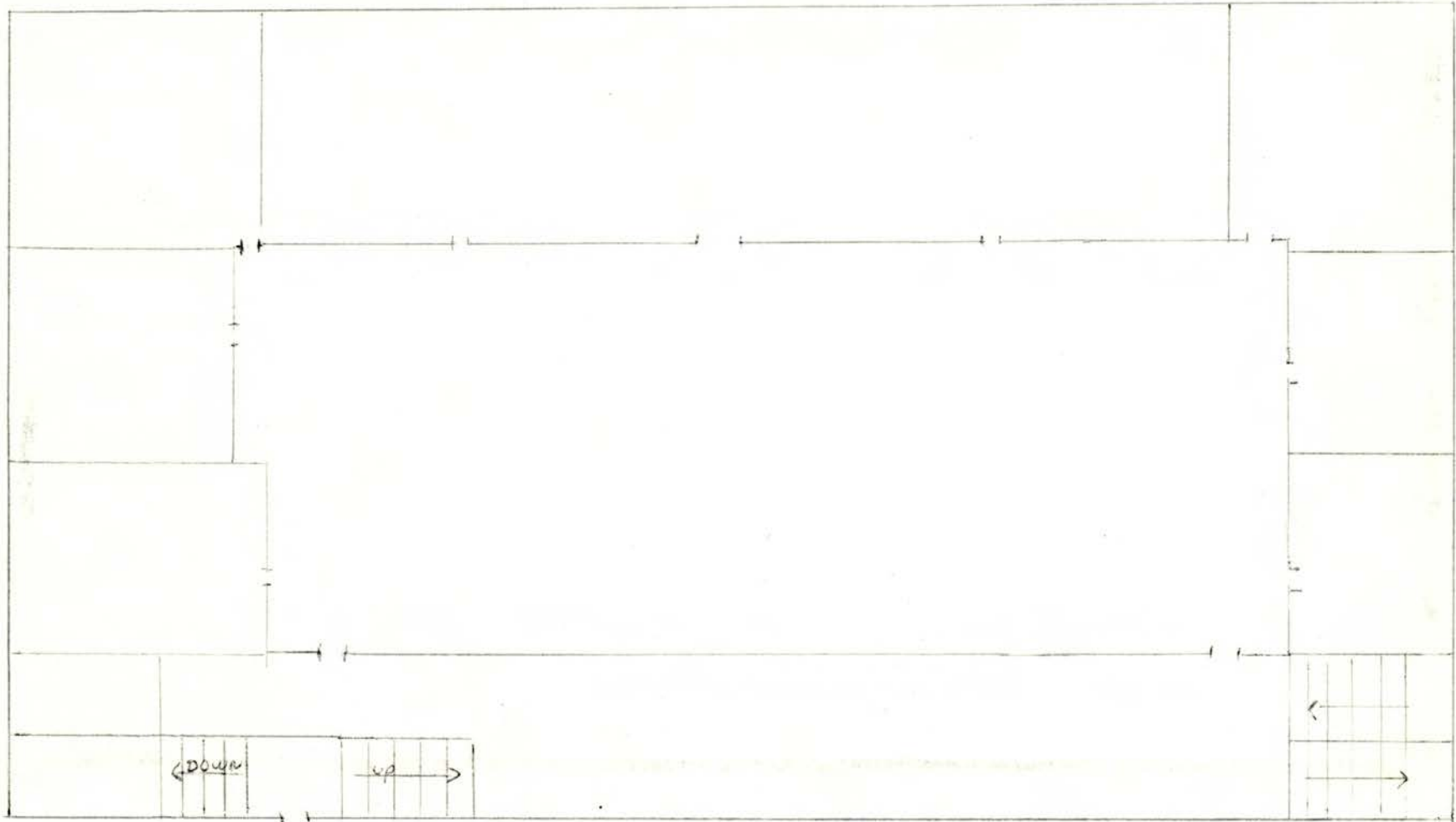
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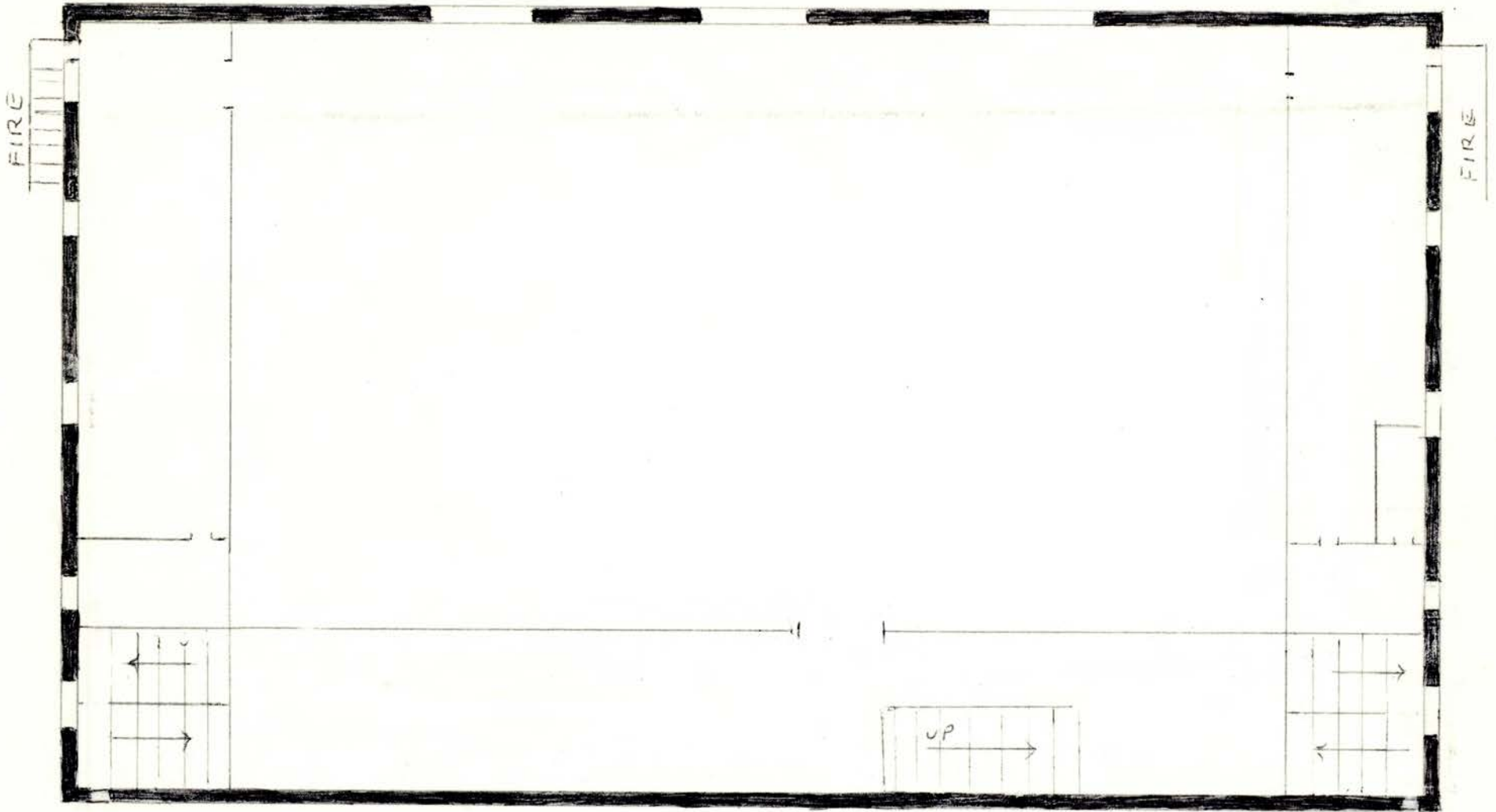
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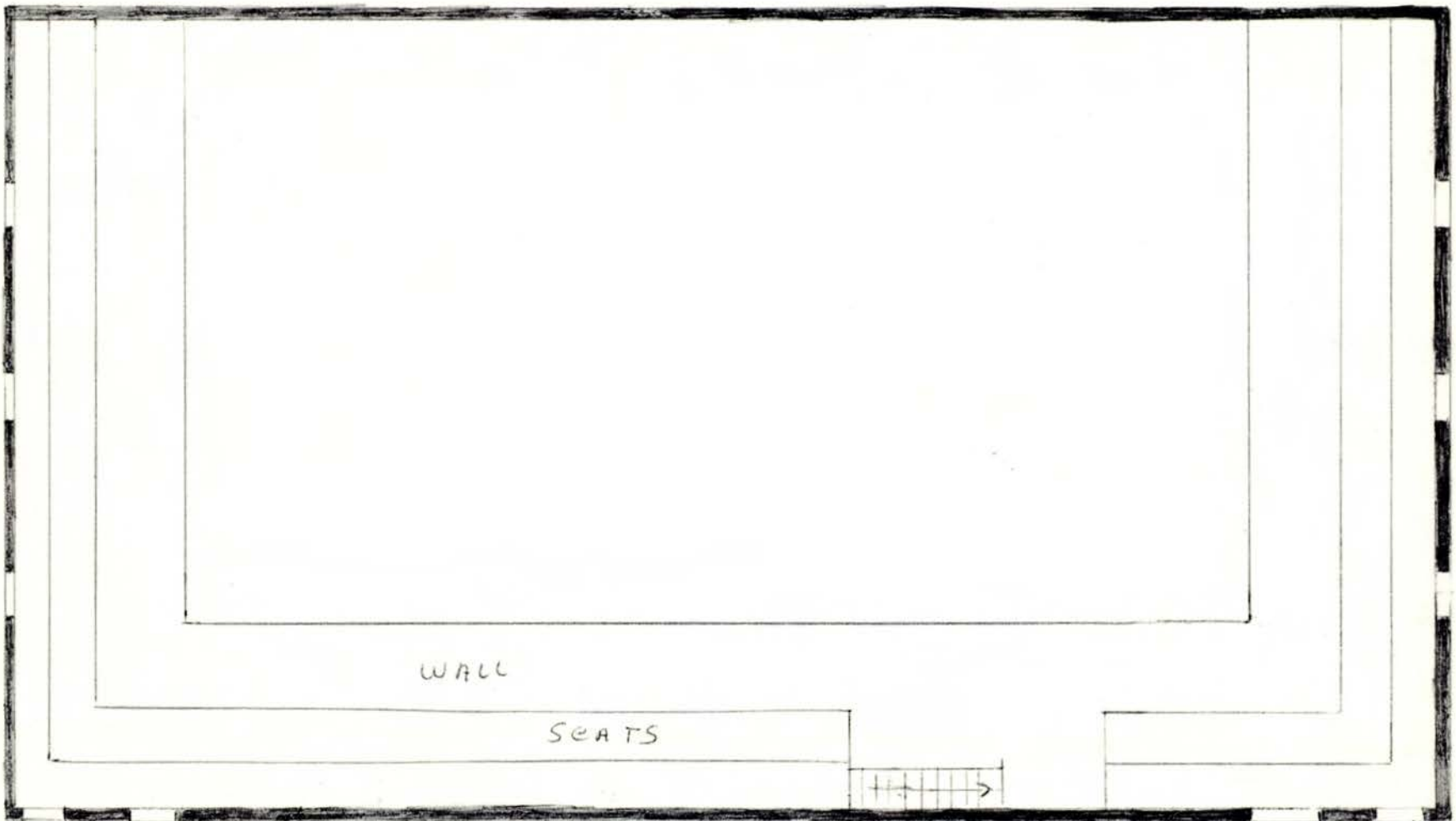
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47. 522 Missouri Avenue Missouri Avenue Methodist 1904
 NR* Church/St. Andrew's United c. 1915
 Methodist Church

Missouri Avenue Methodist Church was organized around 1889, and met initially in a former schoolhouse on the southeast corner of Missouri Avenue and Annie Street. A wood-framed sanctuary was erected on this site in 1892, which burned several years later. In 1895, Sanguinet & Messer designed a new structure for the congregation on the same site. The congregation purchased three lots on the northwest corner of Missouri and Annie in 1904, catercorner from the old site; the church is listed at this new location beginning in the 1905 city directory. It is not clear why the congregation chose to change locations, nor is it known whether the sanctuary was moved or constructed new in 1904. The existing building, with rusticated stone base and yellow brick walls, is a picturesque composition of varied towers and turrets projecting from a hipped block. Rectangular and lancet-arched stained glass windows are of a high quality. The flaring hipped roof-forms and superb Sullivanesque friezes suggest that the building was designed and built in 1904. (Its massiveness also makes the idea of relocation unlikely.) A three-story blocky education building, attached to the sanctuary on the west and constructed of similar materials, was added reputedly around 1915. The original congregation sold the buildings in 1950, at which time the sanctuary was slightly remodeled. With more complete documentation of the history and integrity of the sanctuary, it would appear to be eligible for the National Register.

48. 1000 block, Missouri Avenue (NE corner Verbena St.) Our Mother of Mercy School 1931
 NR

A one-story brick structure on a high-basement concrete base, rectangular in plan with flat roof, on a corner site. The parapet has blocky finials at each corner and triangular pediments over the central arched entries on the two principal facades. Horizontal window openings, now boarded in, flank the entries. An incompatible wood addition has been built over the stairs of the south entry. The building was constructed in 1931 as a four-room school for Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, which served a black congregation (see E24). Father N. P. Denis, the pastor, reputedly built the school with the help of the young men of the Parish. In use as a school until 1958, when a new building on Terrell Avenue opened, the structure is presently in private ownership and vacant. It appears to be eligible for the National Register for its association with local black history.

49. 1415 Missouri Avenue House c. 1910

Built around 1910, according to city directories, this cottage has had a number of owners and tenants over the years. Prior to 1940 residents included a painter, a barber, a porter, a driver and a maid. The house is an excellent example of a widespread type, with rectangular plan, hip roof and full front porch. The porch is supported by four well-

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev. 8-82)

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1. County TARRANT TAR
FW 5. USGS Quad No. _____ Site No. _____
 City/Rural FOIT WORTH UTM Sector _____
 2. Name MISSOURI AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH 6. Date: Factual _____ Est. 1905
 Address 522 MISSOURI AVENUE 7. Architect/Builder _____ Contractor _____
 3. Owner _____ 8. Style/Type _____
 Address _____ 9. Original Use CHURCH
 4. Block/Lot _____ Present Use CHURCH
 10. Description A LARGE YELLOW BRICK CHURCH, GEOMETRICALLY RECTANGULAR IN PLAN, WITH RUSTICATED SAND-
 STONE BASE AND STEEPLY PITCHED HIP ROOF. PICTURESQUE COMPOSITION WITH HIGH BELTCH NEAR FRONT
 COTNER, SUBSIDIARY TOWER ON EAST WALL, AND TOWER-LIKE PROJECTING BAY ON SOUTH WALL. TOWERED WAVE
 PYRAMIDAL ROOFS AND ARCH CLAD IN PRESSD METAL PAINTED SILVER ON UPPER PORTIONS. ROUNDED *
 11. Present Condition GOOD; SOME WINDOWS BROKEN, INTERIOR PARTIALLY REMODELED
 12. Significance * WILL GET SEE CORNER WITH CURVING FLAT-ROOFED PORCH CONTAINING ENTRY. GOTHIC ARCHES &
 STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF HIGH QUALITY, SOME BERTAN COLUMN AS WELL. SUPERB SULLIVANESQUE ORNAMENT
 APPLIED INTERIOR CORNER FRIZE BANDS. MISSING AND EXTREME ROOF OVERHANG GIVE PRAMIE SCHOOL FEELING.
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site (describe) ON FRINGE OF OLDER CIVIC CENTER,
 NOW NEAR PRESBYTERY, NEW SCHOOL, AND INDUSTRIAL SITE; SITE WELL MAINTAINED WITH LARGE TREES.
 14. Bibliography _____ 15. Informant _____
 16. Recorder WOODY MINOR Date 1 SEPT 83

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

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BUILDING DESCRIPTION

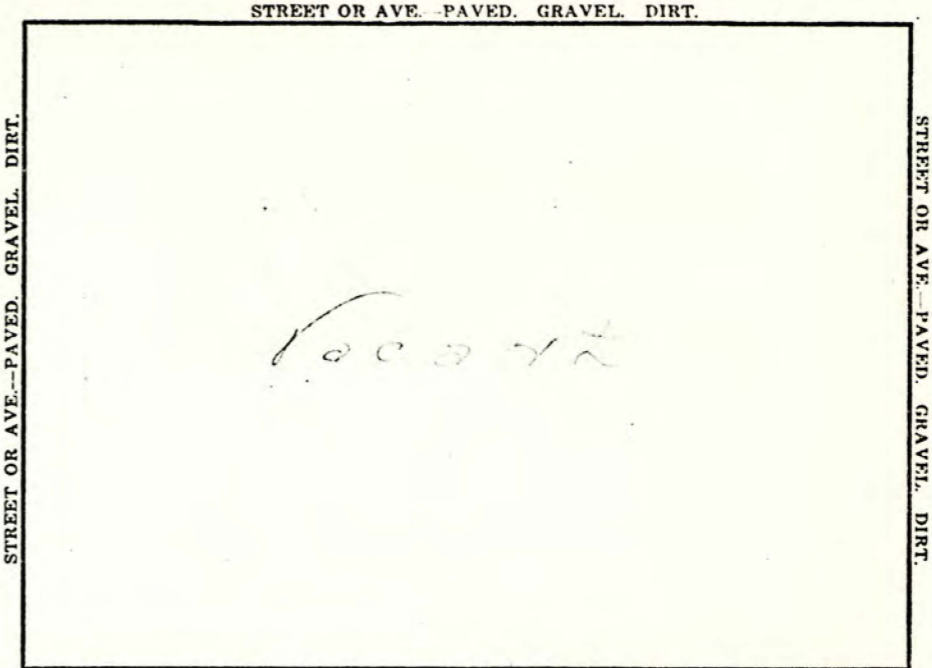
CLASS	ROOF	EXTERIOR WALLS	HEATING	LIGHTING
Shack	Flat Hip	Brick	Fire Place	Lamps
Cottage	Gables, Dormers	Brick Veneer	Wood, Coal, Oil	Gas
Duplex	Cut up, Ordinary	Stone	Gas Furnace	Electric
Bungalow	Plain, Gravel	Stone Veneer	Steam	
Residence	Tile Shingle	Plastered	Stove	
Apartment	Metal, Tile	Stucco on Wood	Gas	INSIDE FINISH
Hotel	Corr. Iron	Stucco on M. Lath	Hot Water	Unfinished
Office Building	Composition	Hollow Tile		Sheetrock
Store	Wood	Terra Cotta		Beaverboard
Storage	Saw Tooth	Adobe	PLUMBING	Sealed
Factory		Box	No. of Fixtures	Papered
Filling Station		Frame	Toilet	Plastered
Garage		Weather Board	Bath Room	Plaster M. Lath
Shed		Sheet Iron	Shower	Plaster W. Lath
Barn		Concrete	Sink	Pine Floors
Servants House	Whole			Hardwood Floors
Sign Board	Part			Cement Finish
	Finished	TRIMMINGS	BUILT-IN FEATURES	Tile Floors
	Unfinished			Marble Floors
FOUNDATION				Dirt Floors
	CONSTRUCTION	Cobblestone	Buffet	CONDITION
Stone		Brick, Plaster	Patent Beds	Poor
Concrete	Good	Stone, Wood	Refrigerator	Fair
Brick	Medium	Plain	Bookcase	Good
Posts	Cheap	Ornamental	Kitchen Cab.	
Piers	Mixed	Cornice	Break. Room	Built Year
No Foundation				

No. Rooms.....	Remodeled	Occupied	Owner	Renter	Vacant
SIZE OF BUILDING					
Wide	Deep	No. Stories	Wide	Deep	No. Stories
x			x		
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x			x		

No. Sq. Ft.	Class	Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$
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RENDERED FOR TAXATION						
YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION FINAL	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
1935	10	1200 00		1200 00		
1937	10	700 00				

PLAT



STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.

BUILDING PERMIT NO. DATE:

PURPOSE: ADD. BLDGS. \$..... REPAIRS \$..... TOTAL \$.....

VAL. BEFORE ADD. IMP. \$..... VAL. AFTER ADD. IMP. \$.....

PER CENT DEPRECIATION..... NET VAL. ALL BLDGS. \$.....

NO. REVENUE \$..... LAND VALUATION

ZONE NO.

SIZE OF LOT	FRONT FT. VALUE	TOTAL
50 X 154	✓	660.00
X		
X		
X		
X		
X		

UNIT VALUE..... FACTOR.....

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation \$ 660.00

Total Improvement Valuation

Grand Total

MAR 24 1938

BUILDING DESCRIPTION

CLASS	ROOF	EXTERIOR WALLS	HEATING	LIGHTING
Shack	Flat Hip	Brick	Fire Place	Lamps
Cottage	Gables, Dormers	Brick Veneer	Wood, Coal, Oil	Gas
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Shed		Finished	Concrete	Sink
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	Plain		Marble Floors	
	Cheap	Dirt Floors	CONDITION	
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Stone	Patent Beds	Fair		
Concrete	Refrigerator	Good		
Brick	Bookcase	Built Year		
Posts	Kitchen Cab.			
Piers	Break. Room			
No Foundation				

No. Rooms.....	Remodeled	Occupied	Owner	Renter	Vacant
SIZE OF BUILDING					
Wide	Deep	No. Stories	Wide	Deep	No. Stories
x			x		
x			x		
x			x		

No. Sq. Ft.	Class	Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$
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RENDERED FOR TAXATION						
YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION FINAL	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
1937	798-9	Ex.				

PLAT

STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.

STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.

Mo = Ave. Methodist Church.

STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.

STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.

BUILDING PERMIT NO.: DATE:

PURPOSE: ADD. BLDGS. \$..... REPAIRS \$..... TOTAL \$.....

VAL. BEFORE ADD. IMP. \$..... VAL. AFTER ADD. IMP. \$.....

PER CENT DEPRECIATION NET VAL. ALL BLDGS. \$.....

NO. REVENUE \$..... LAND VALUATION

ZONE NO.	SIZE OF LOT	FRONT FT. VALUE	TOTAL
	X		
	X		
	X		
	X		
	X		
	X		

UNIT VALUE..... FACTOR.....

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation \$

Total Improvement Valuation \$

Grand Total \$

MAR 24 1938