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In early times a palimpsest was a parchment or other material from which one or more writings had been erased to give room for later records. But the erasures were not always complete; and so it became the fascinating task of scholars not only to translate the later records but also to reconstruct the original writings by deciphering the dim fragments of letters partly erased and partly covered by subsequent texts.

The history of Iowa may be likened to a palimpsest which holds the records of successive generations. To decipher these records of the past, reconstruct them, and tell the stories which they contain is the task of those who write history.

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Pictures Are History

A tablet of red catlinite taken from an archaeological site in Lyon County, Iowa, bears a crude drawing of an animal, apparently a buffalo. This primitive effort to depict life in Iowa illustrates man's urge to preserve a pictorial record of his experiences, surroundings, and achievements. Gradually man acquired more skill in drawing and painting and invented machines to assist him in making pictures. Today man is picture conscious as never before in the history of the world.

This number of THE PALIMPSEST contains a series of pictures and maps illustrating the history of Iowa. An effort has been made to select pictures which are significant in the development of the State, but it has obviously been impossible to include all phases of life in Iowa or to present a complete sequence of events. The pictures included are listed on page 356.



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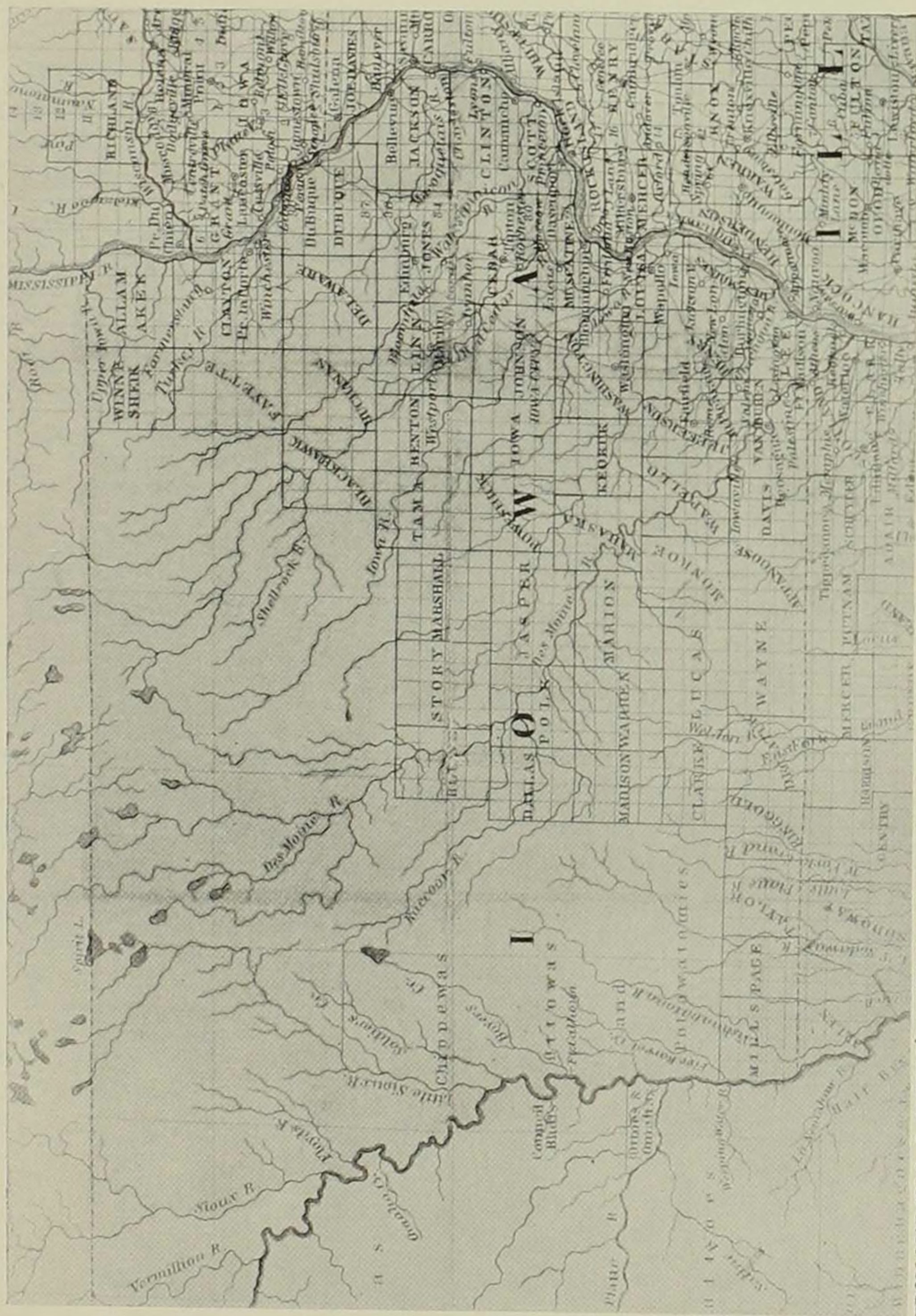
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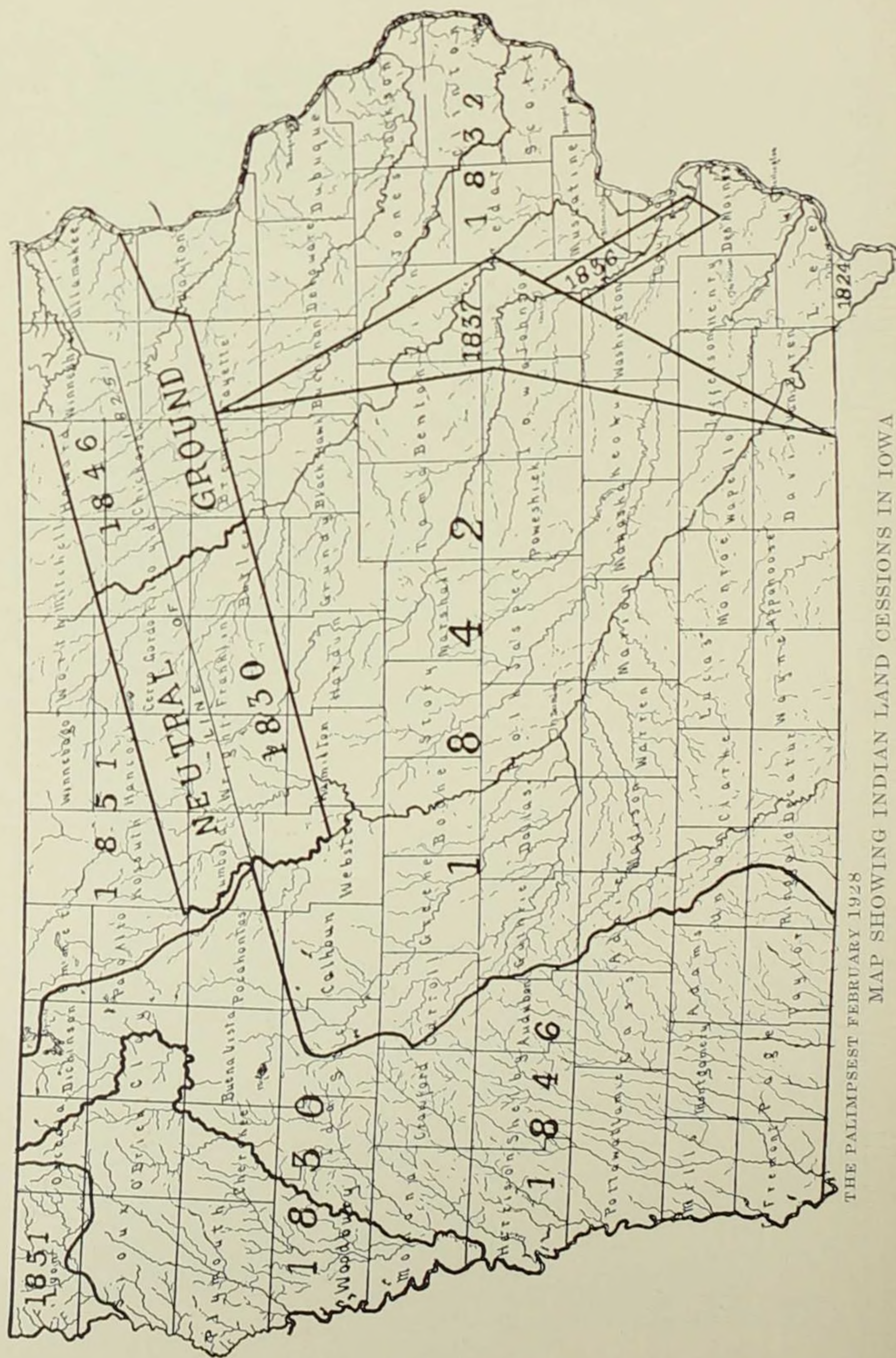
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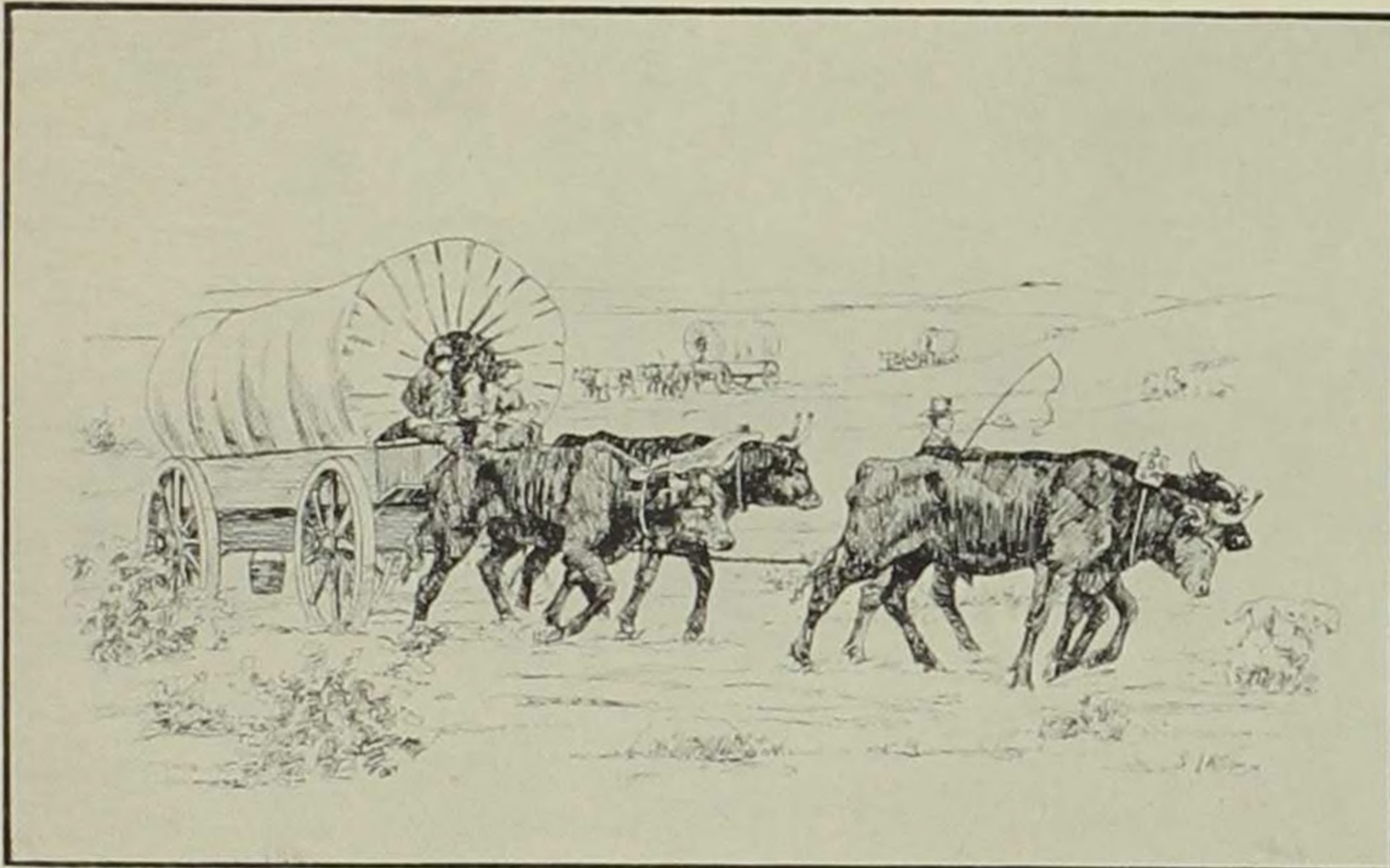
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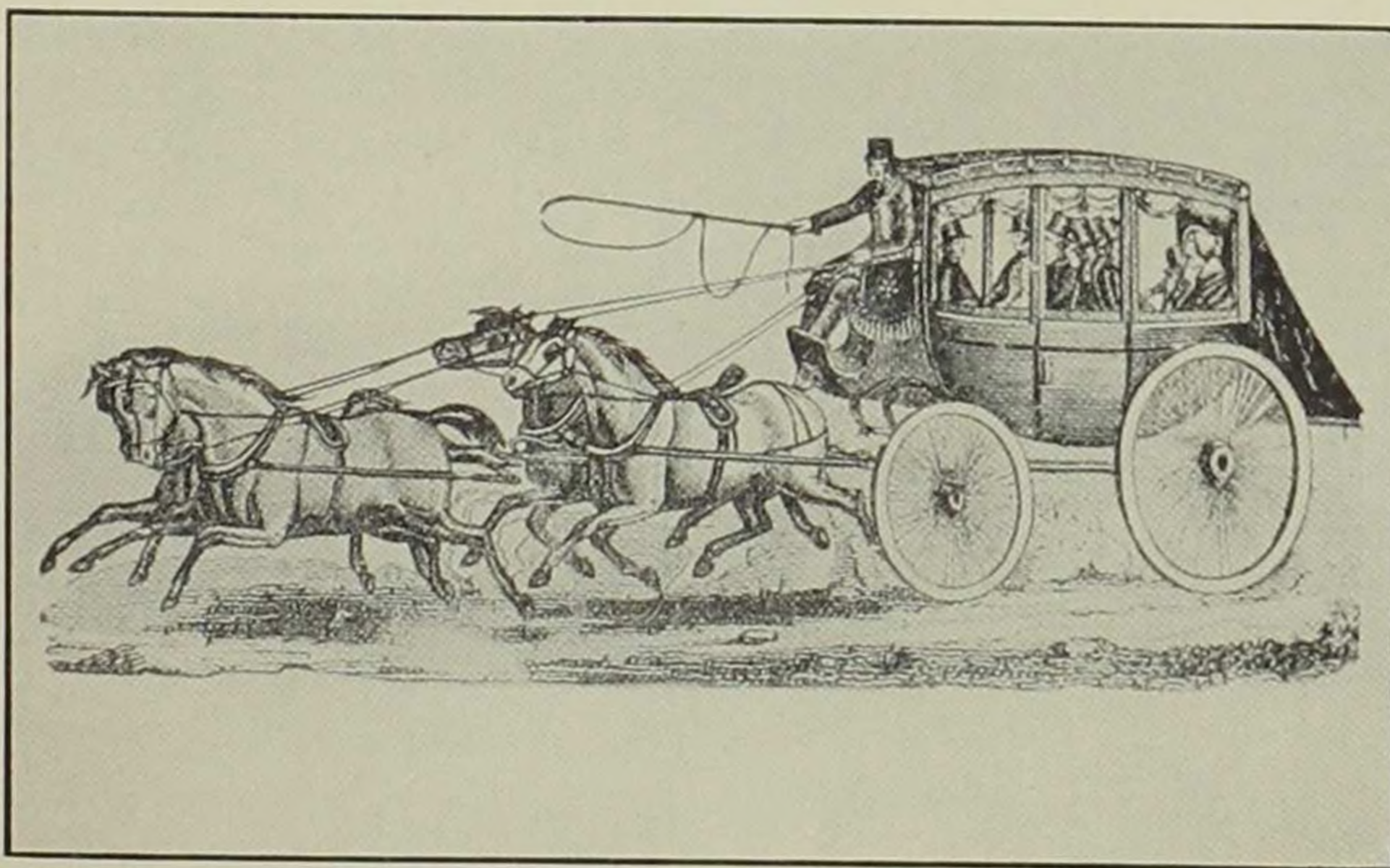


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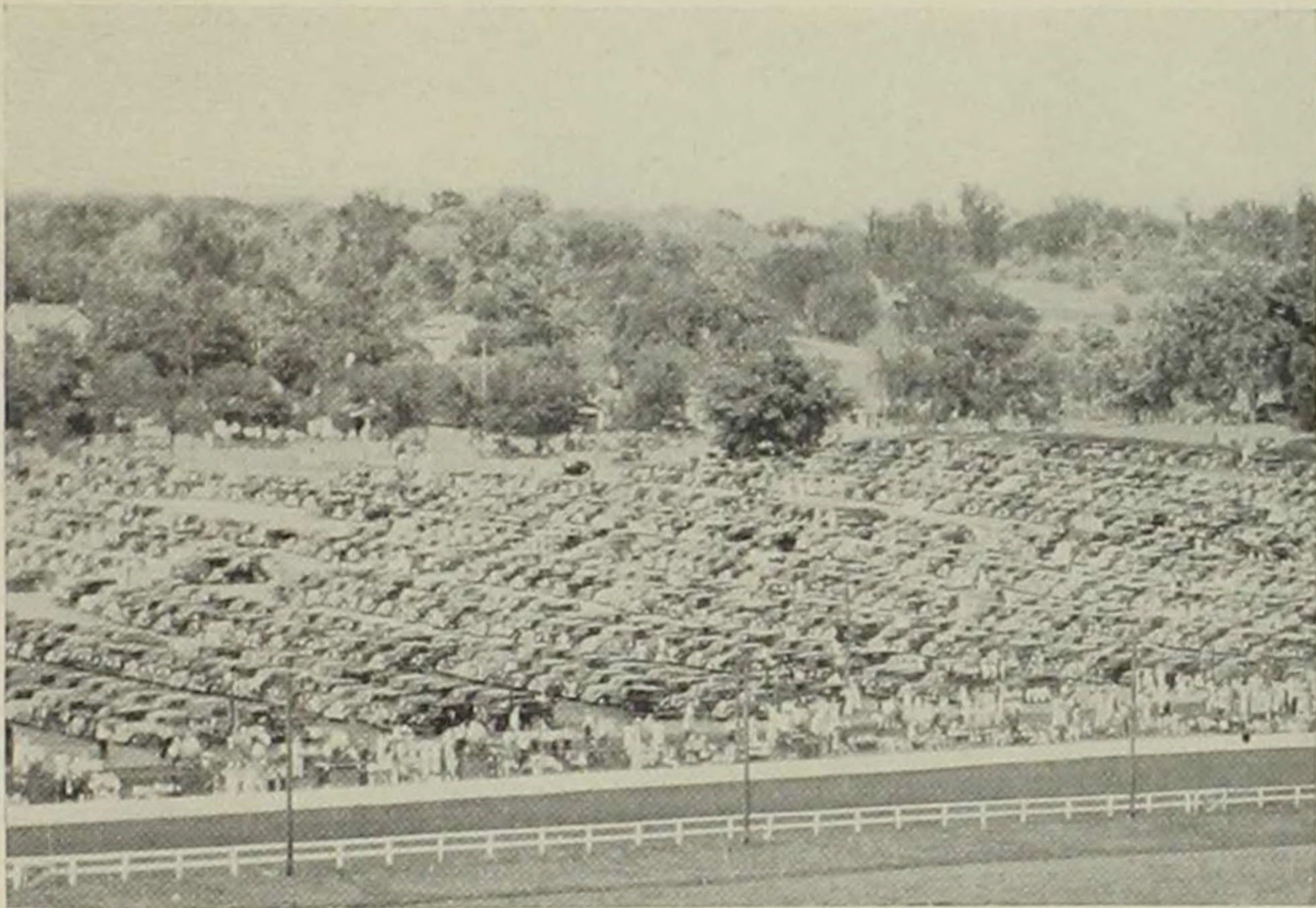
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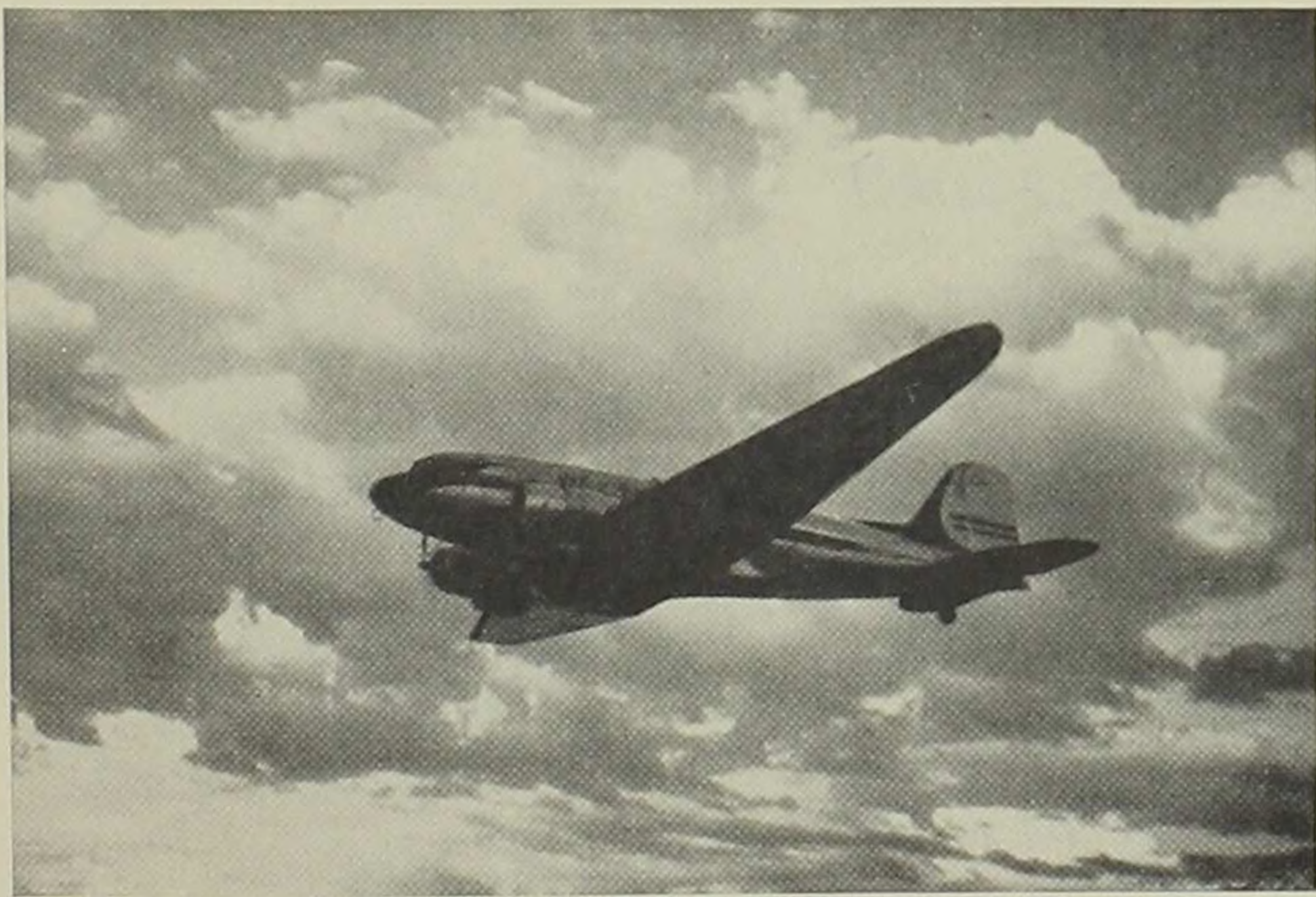
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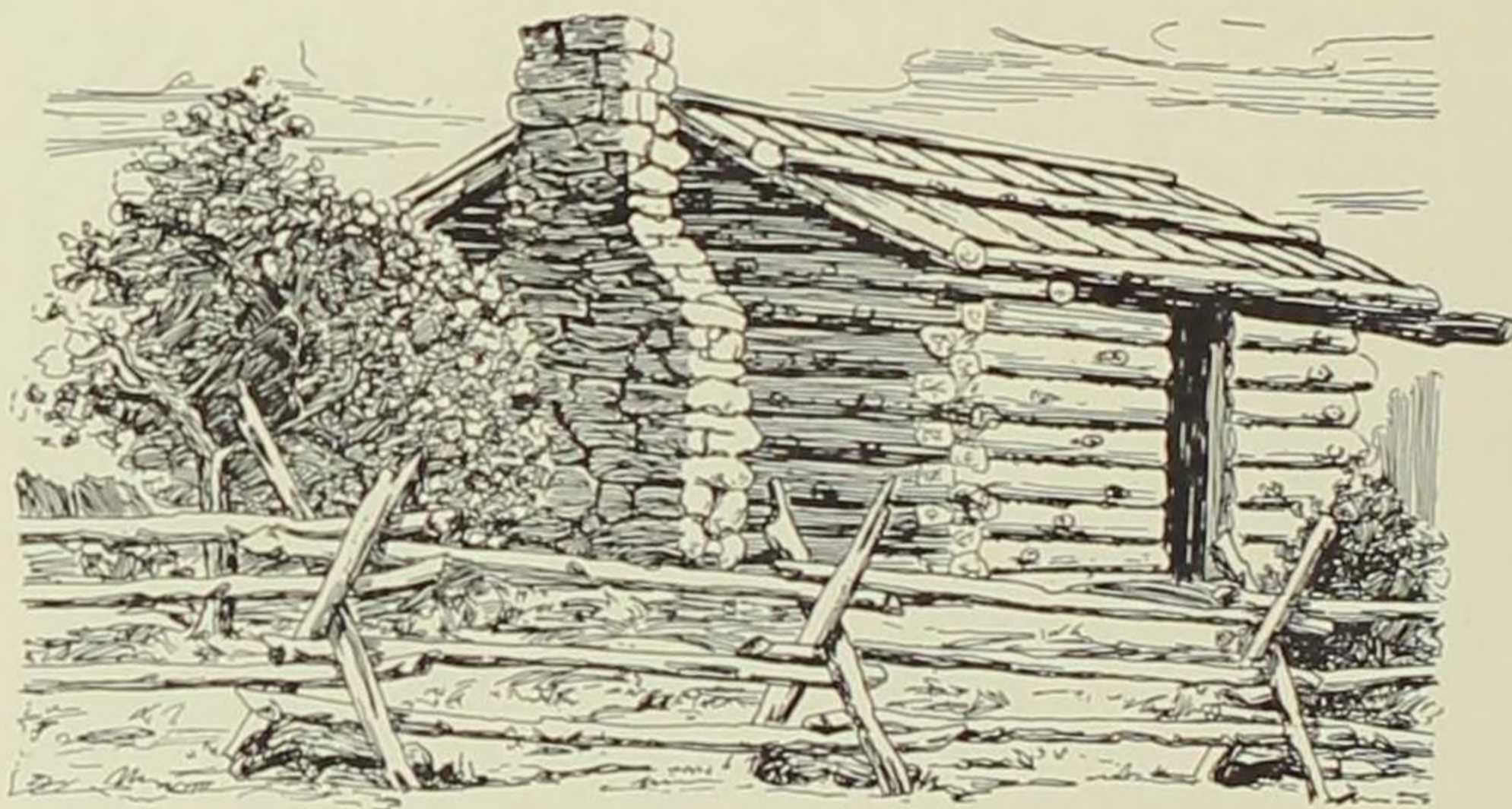
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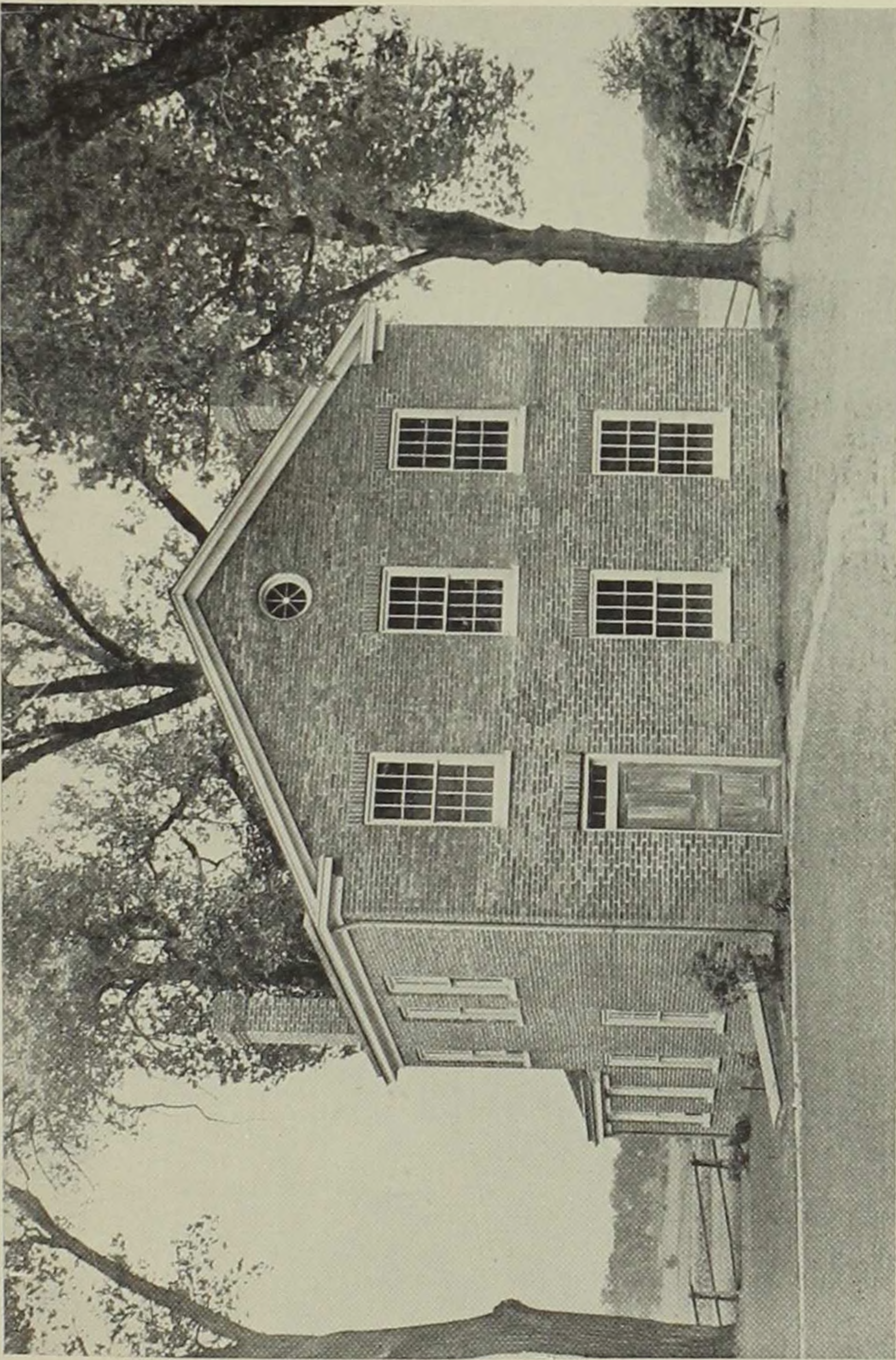
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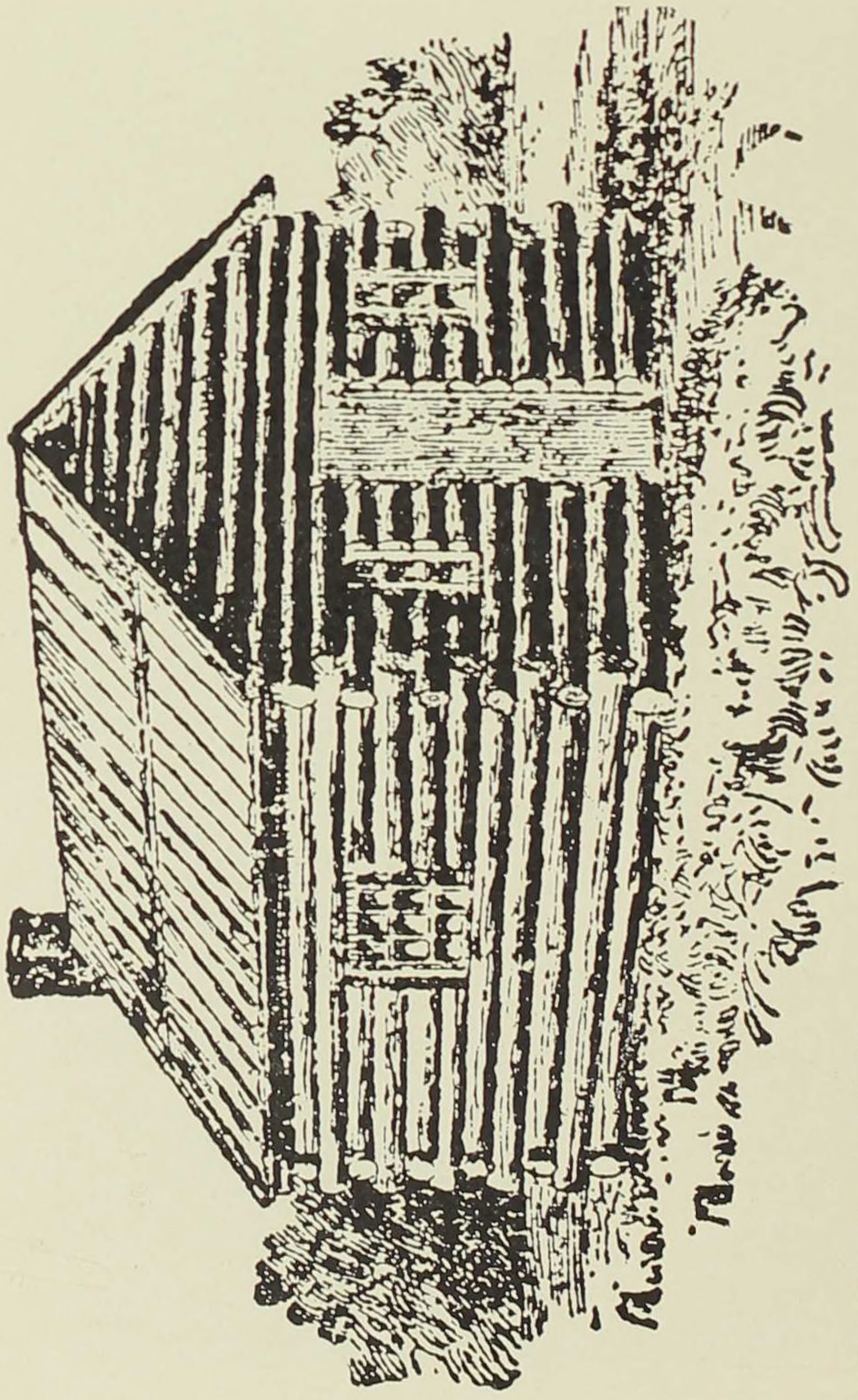
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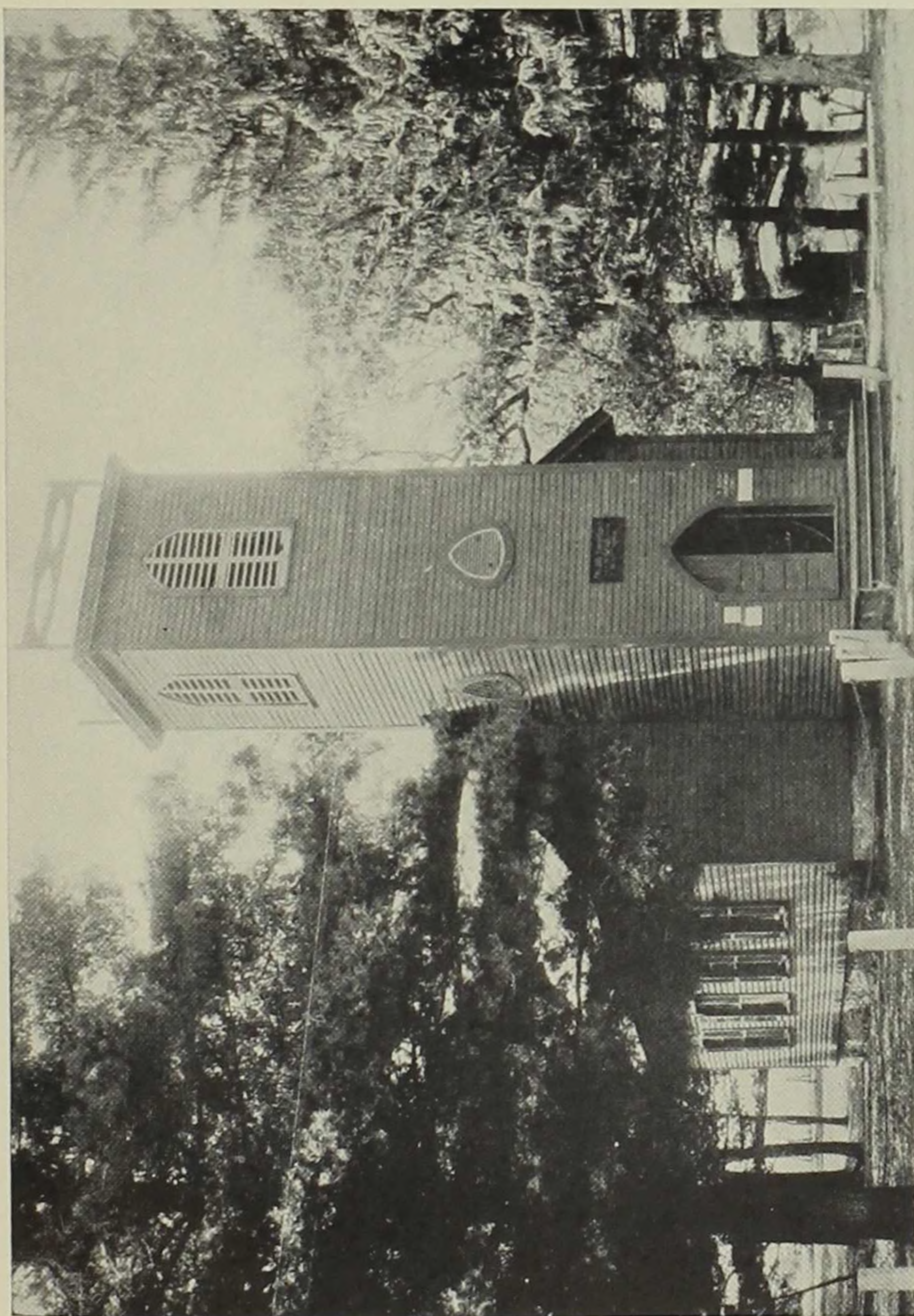


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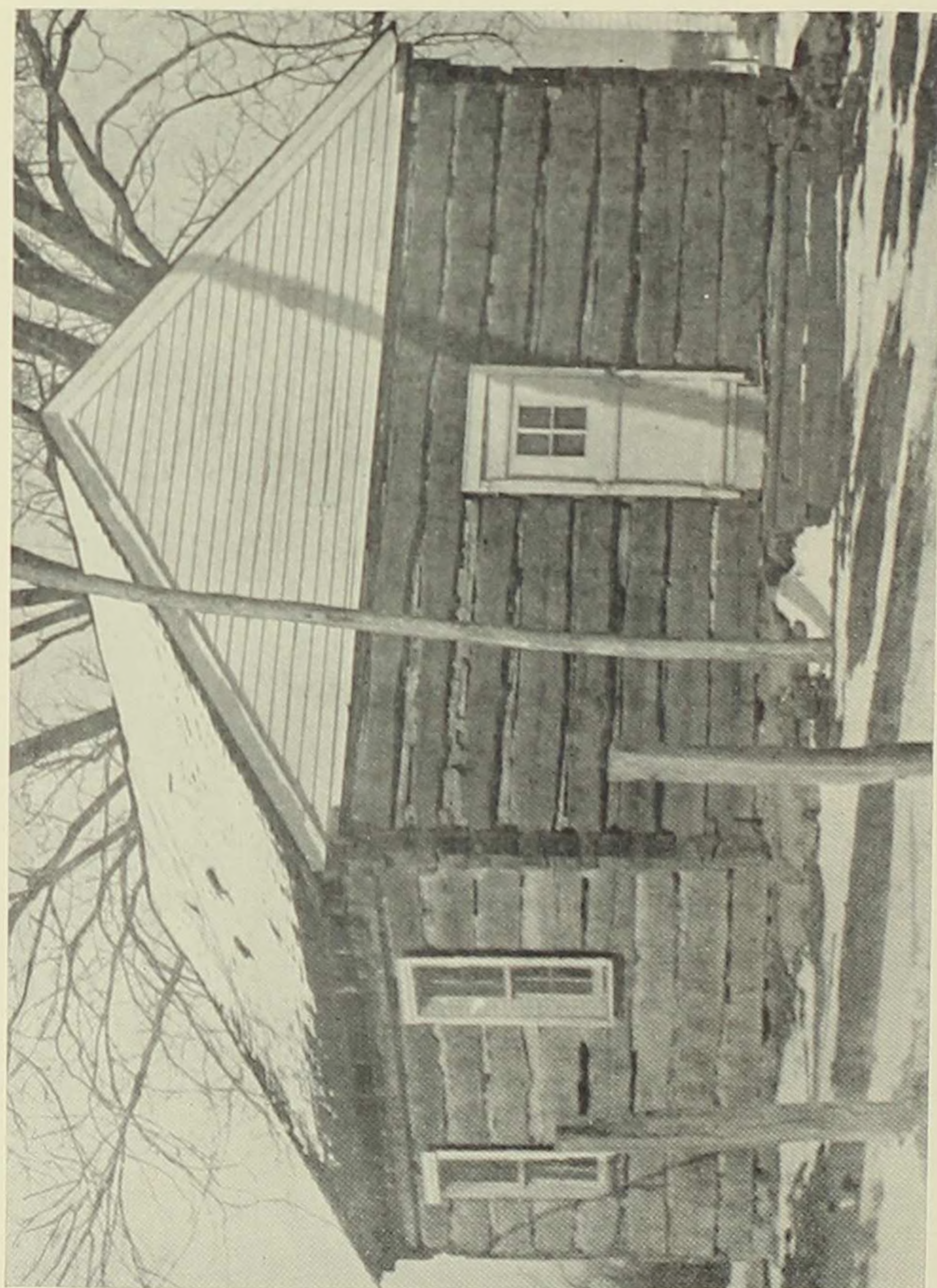
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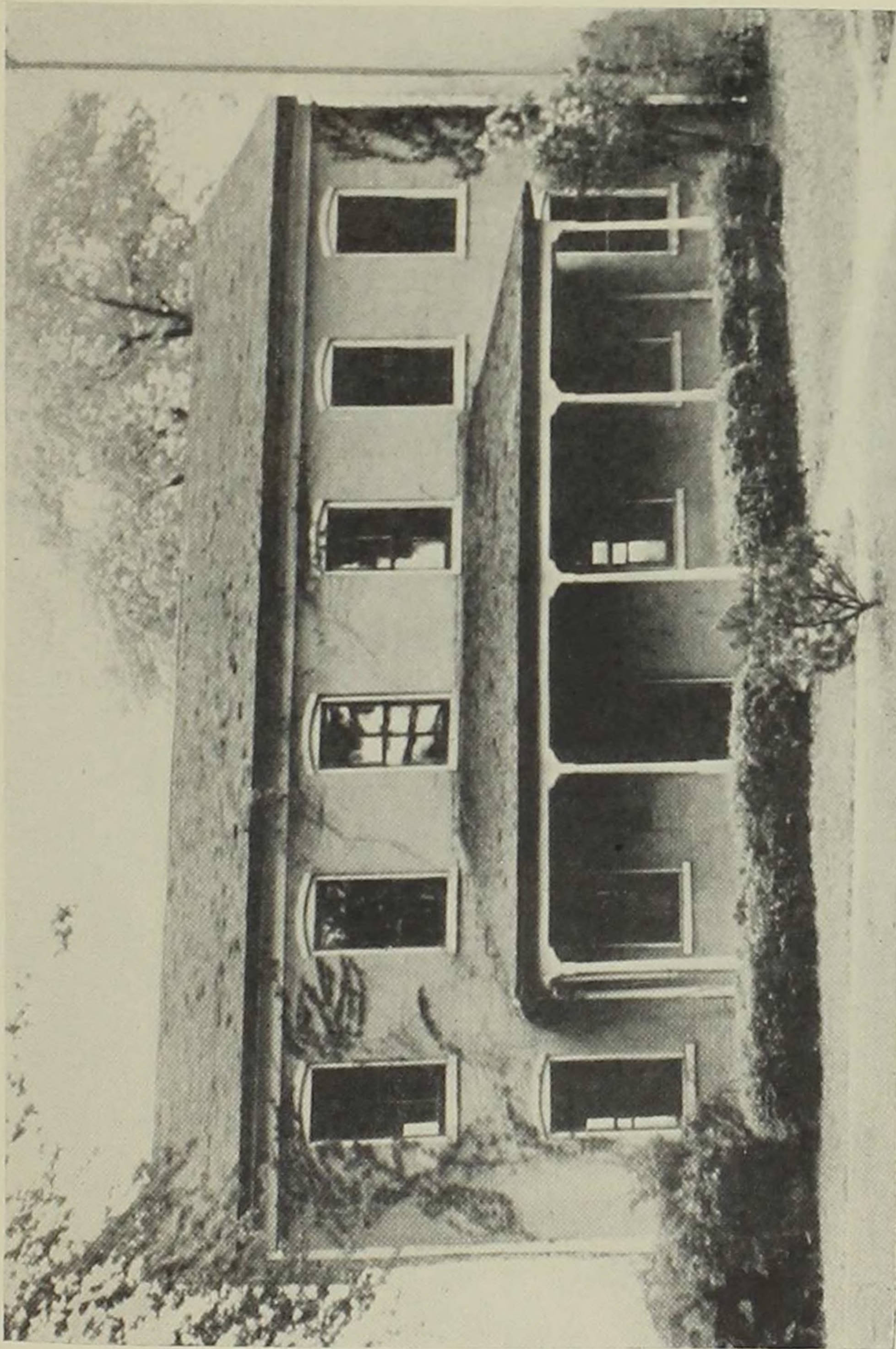


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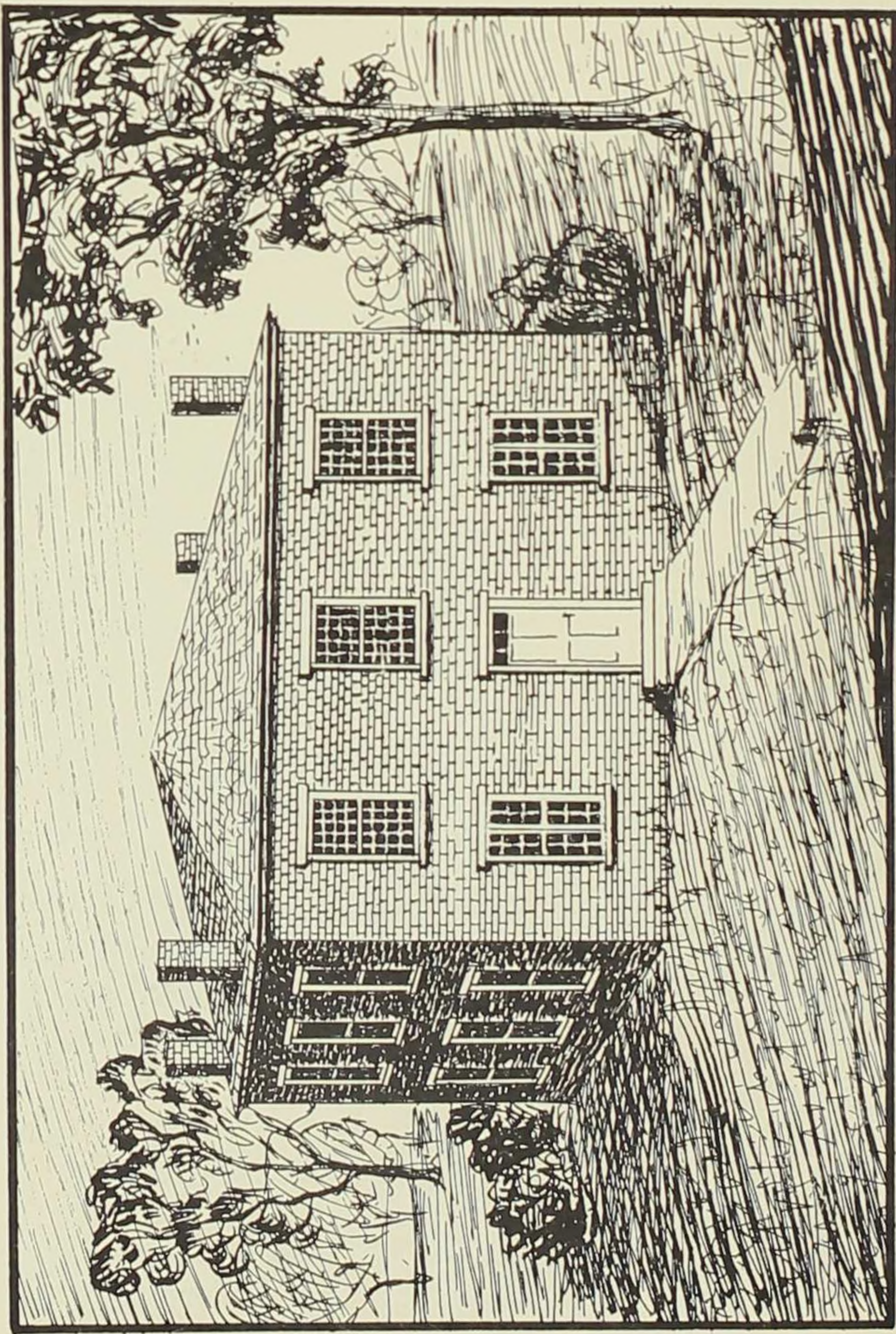


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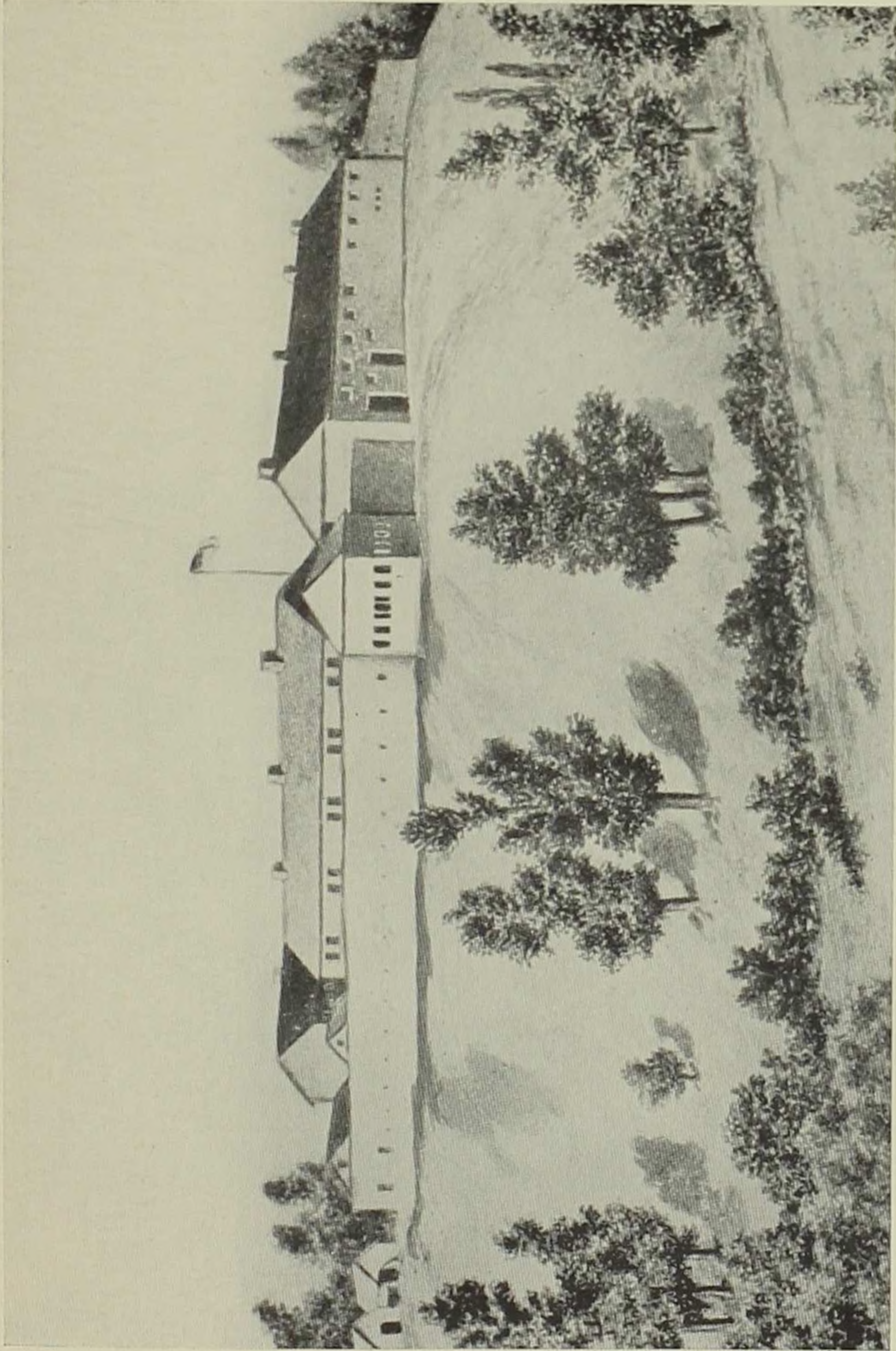
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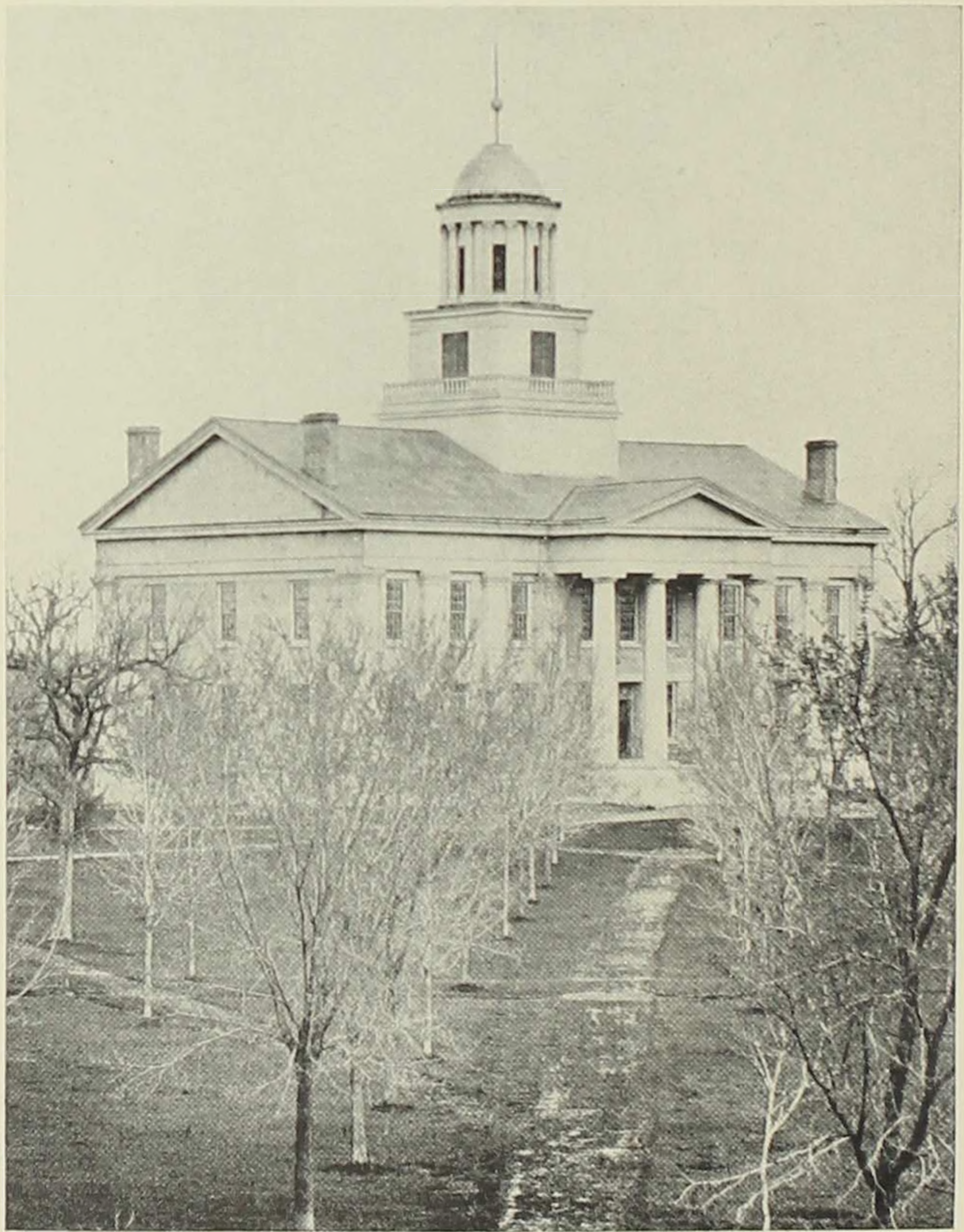
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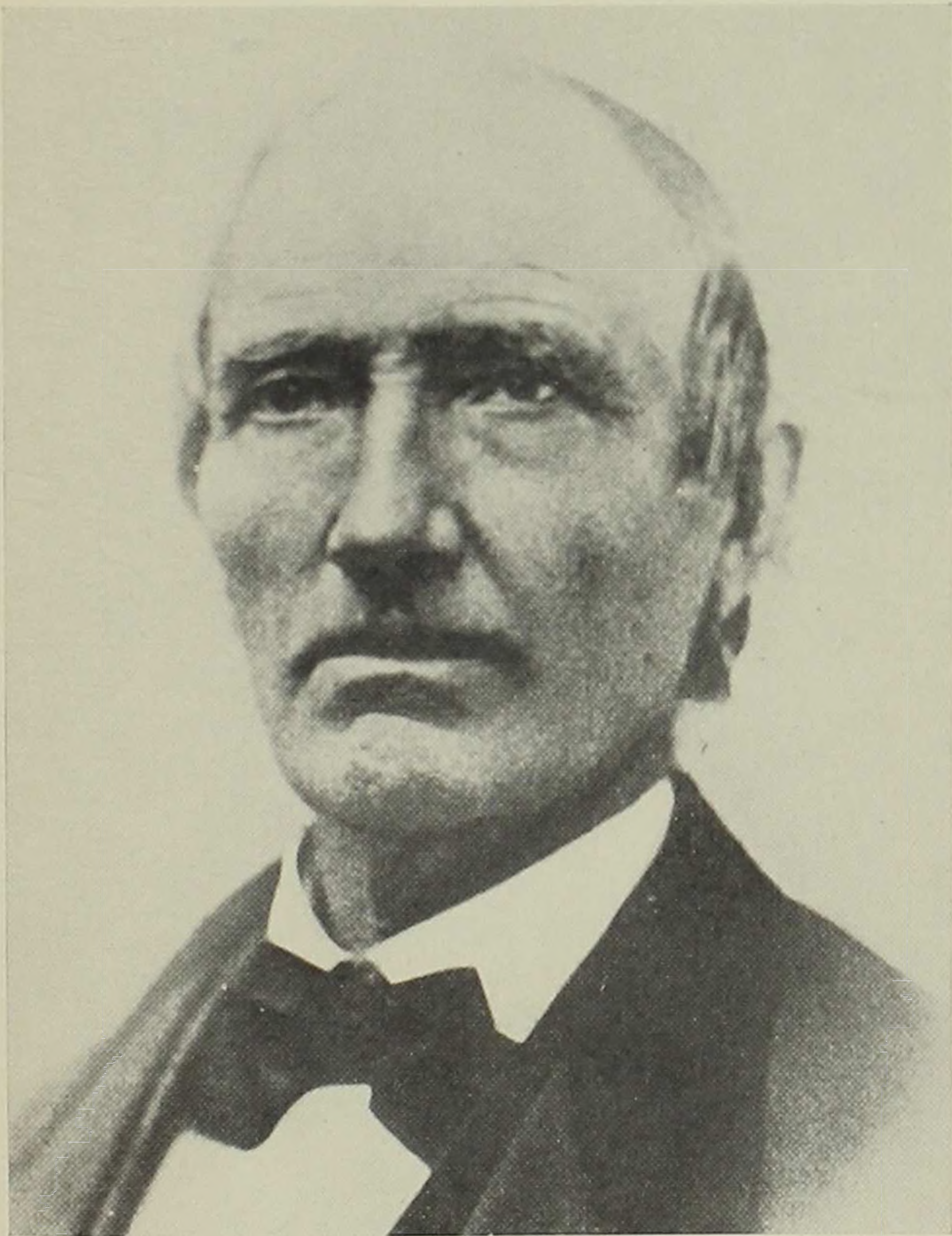
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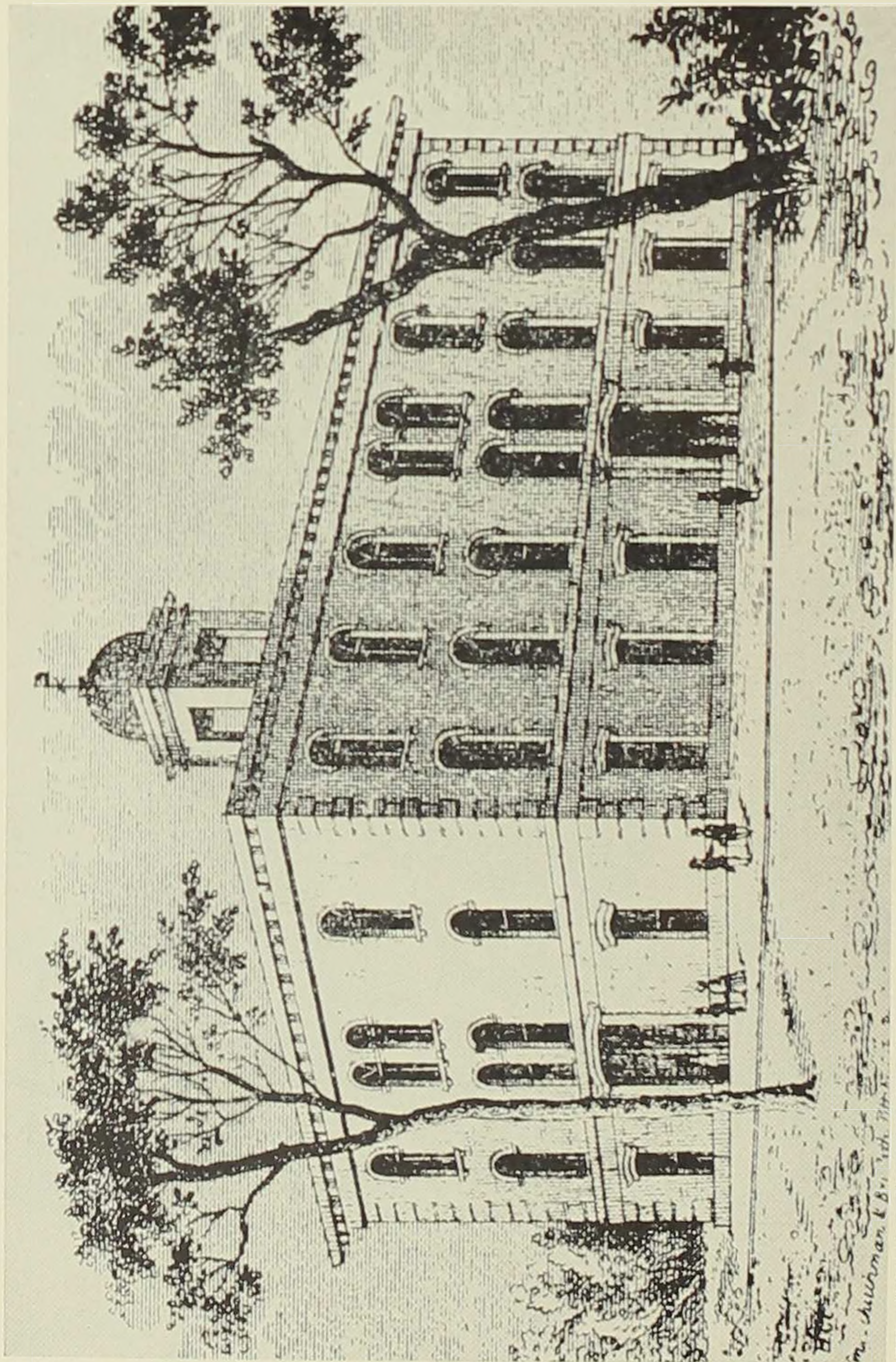
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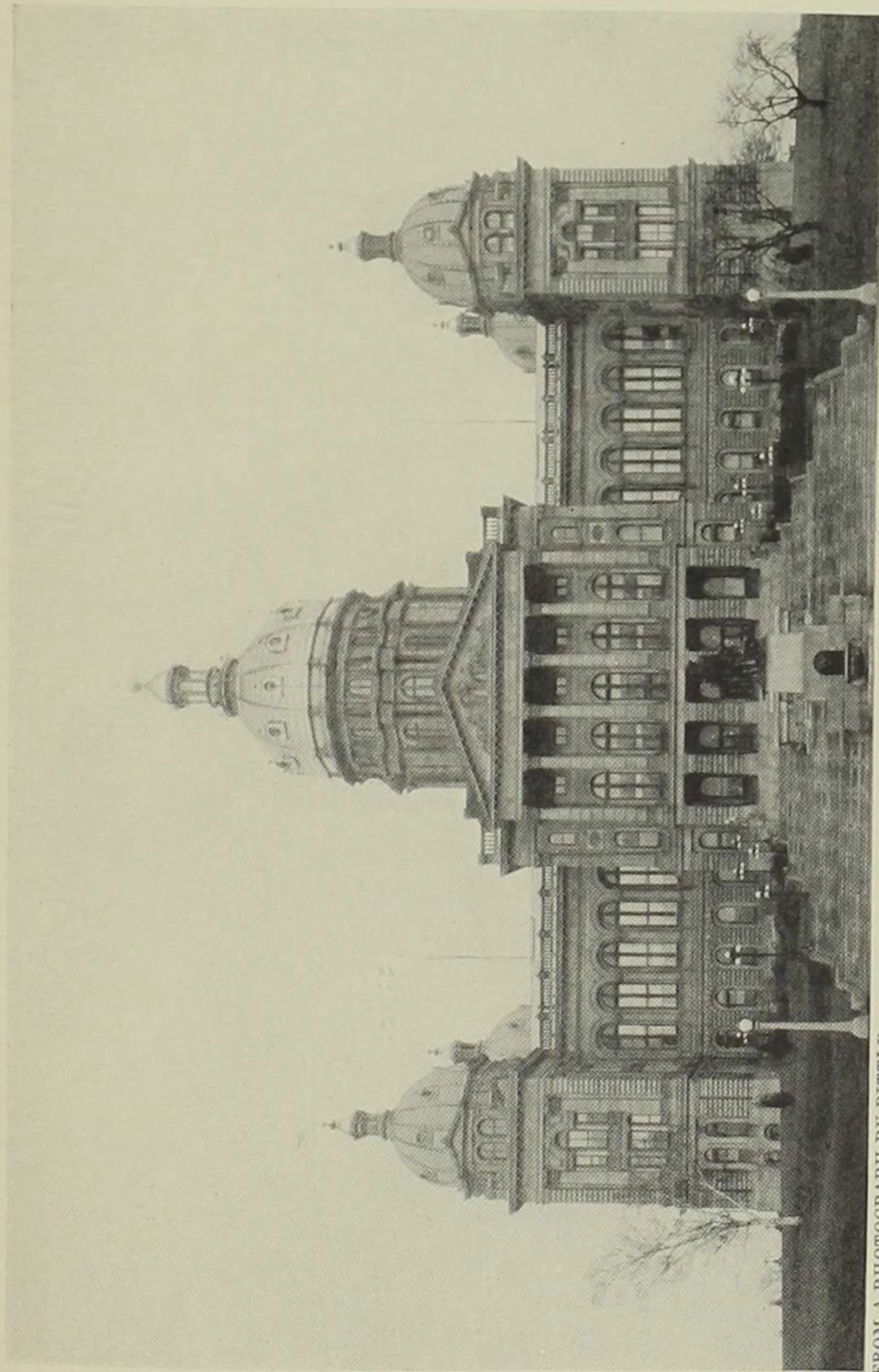
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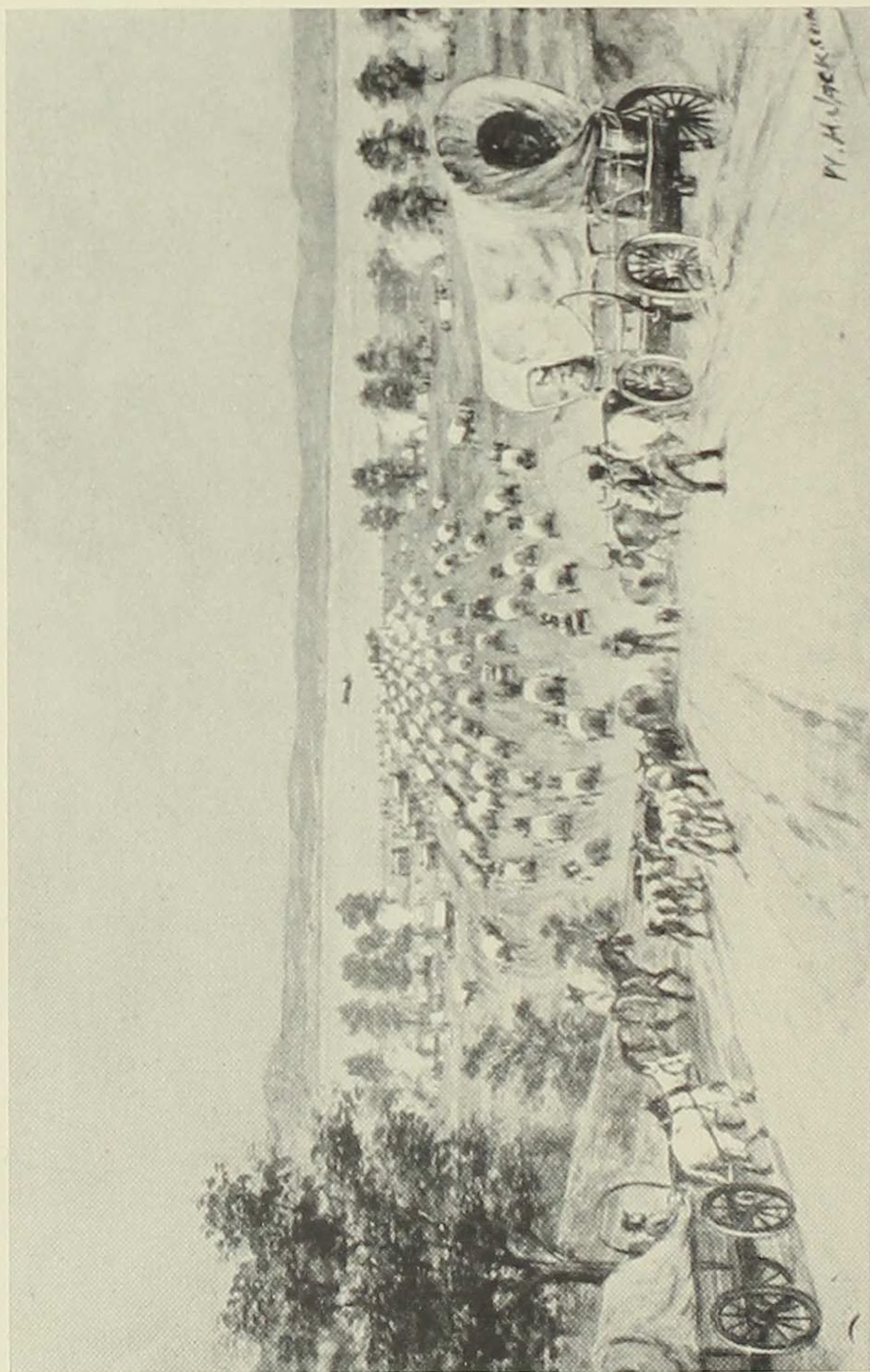
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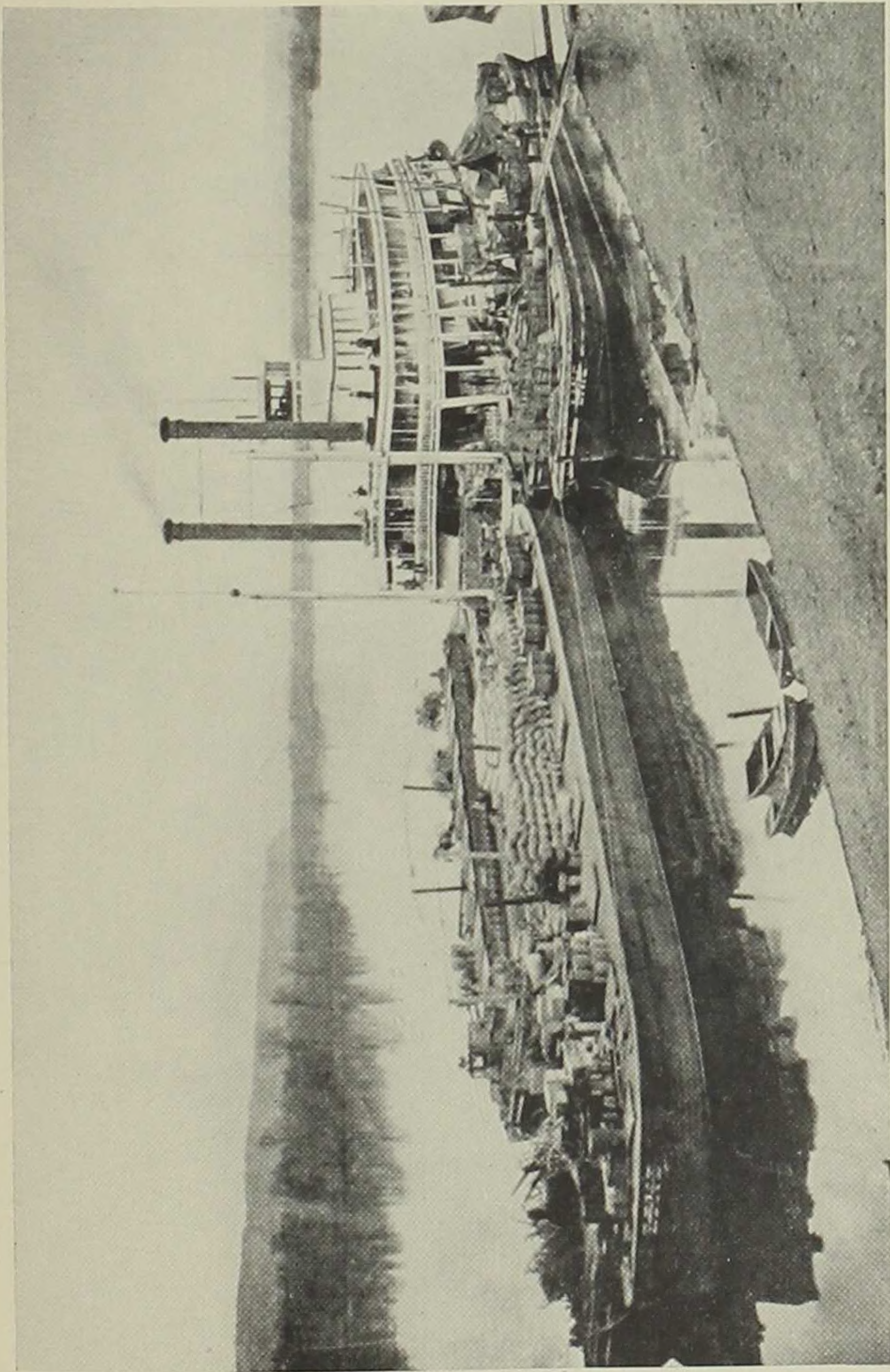
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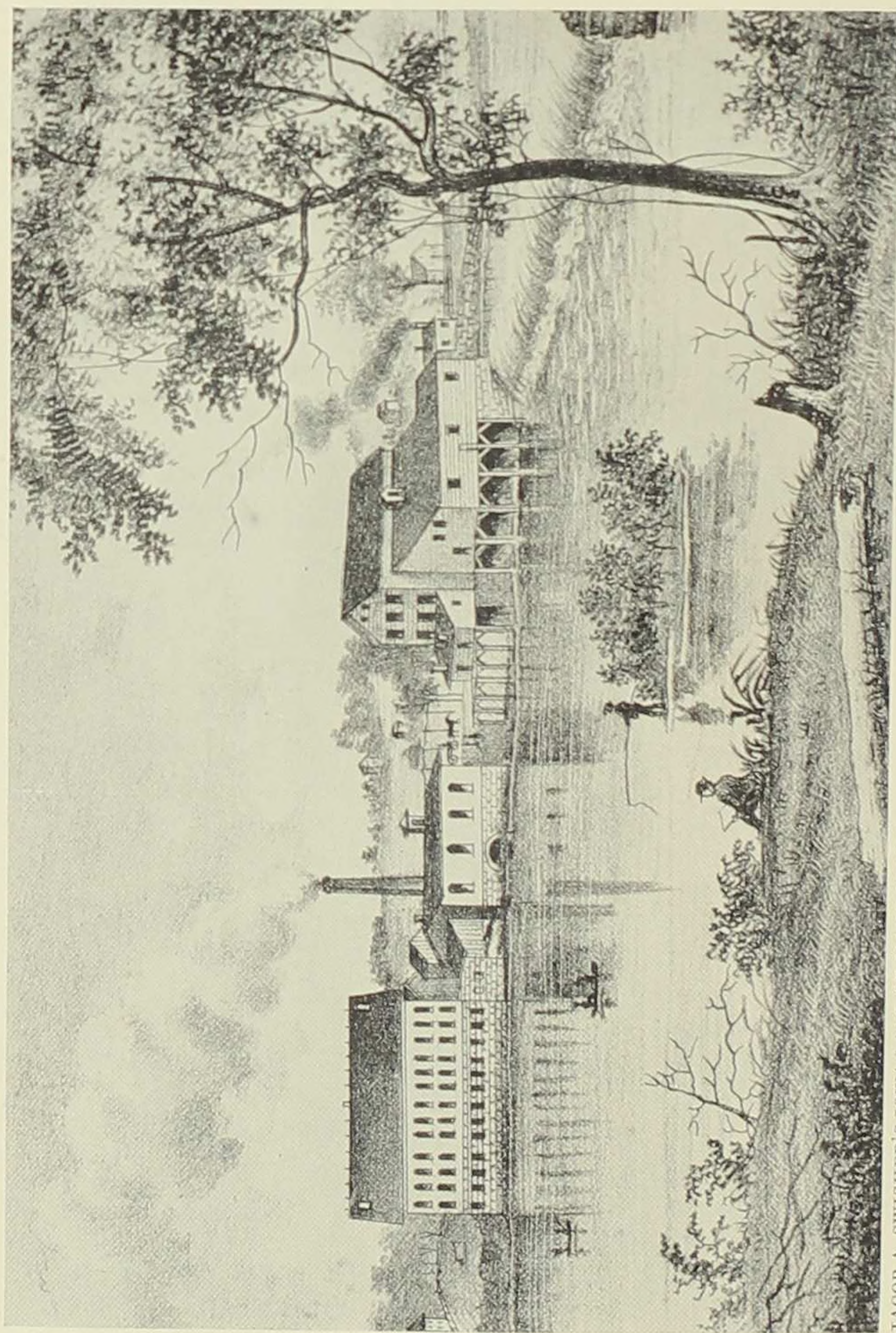
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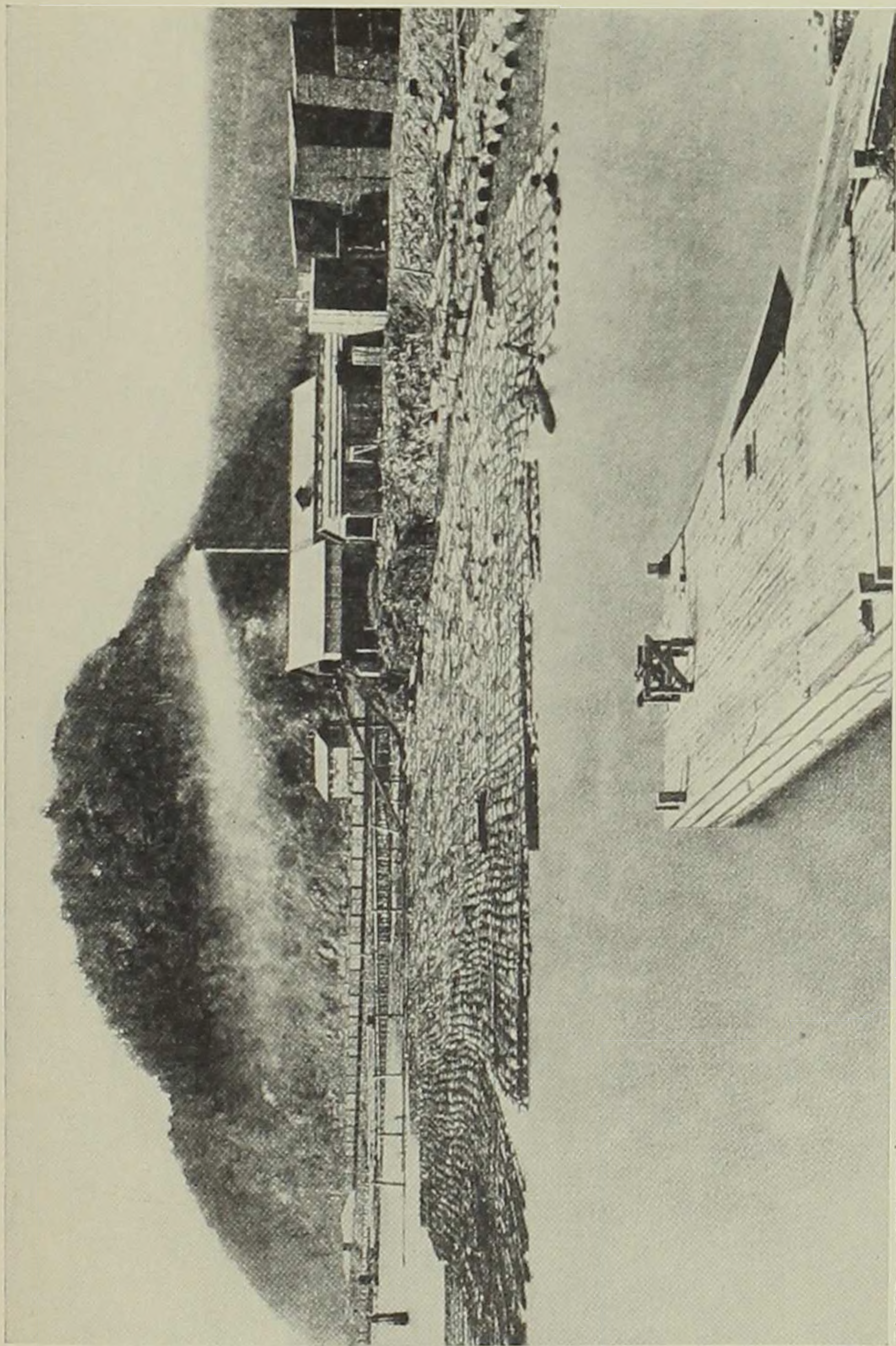
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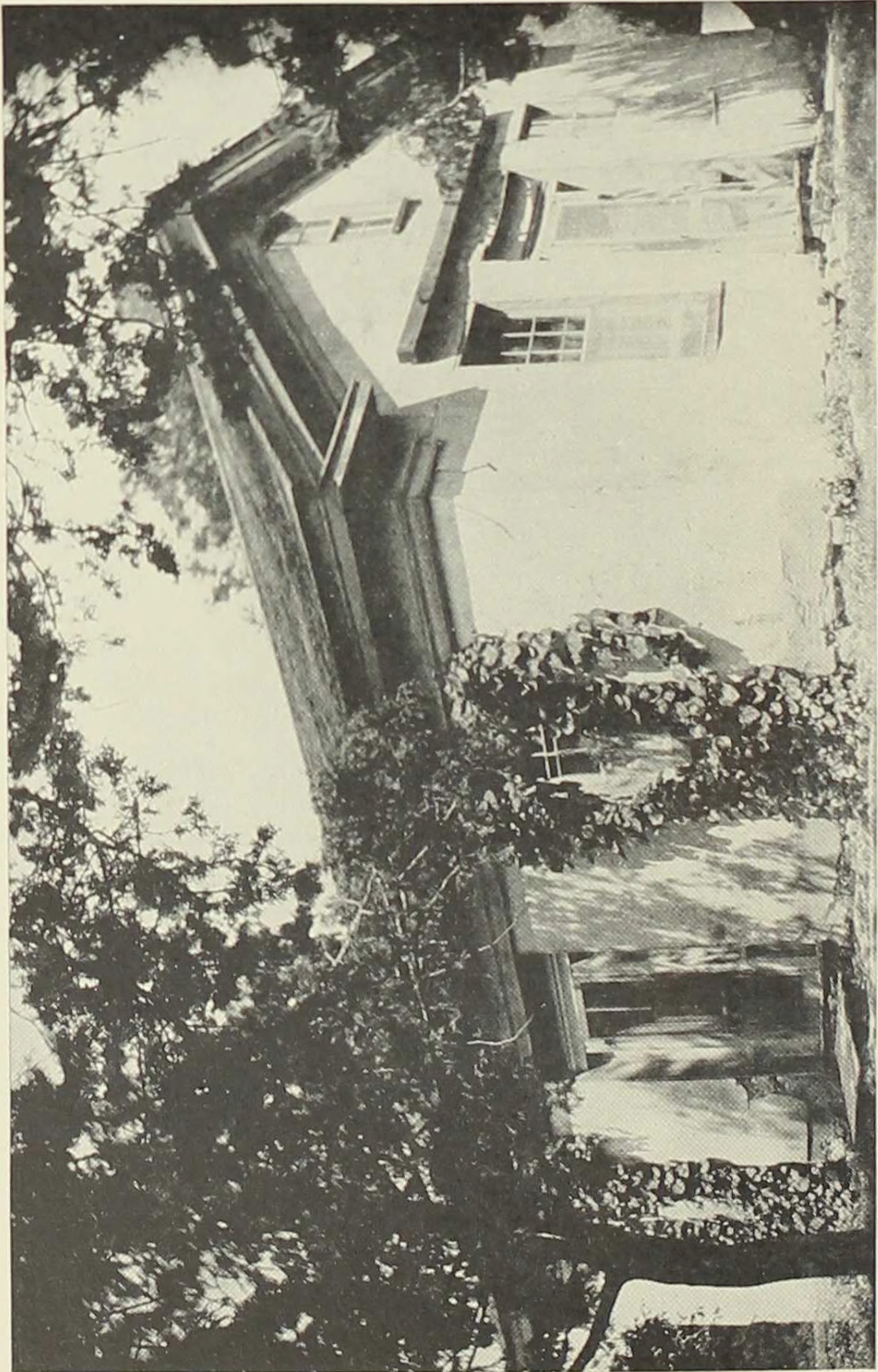
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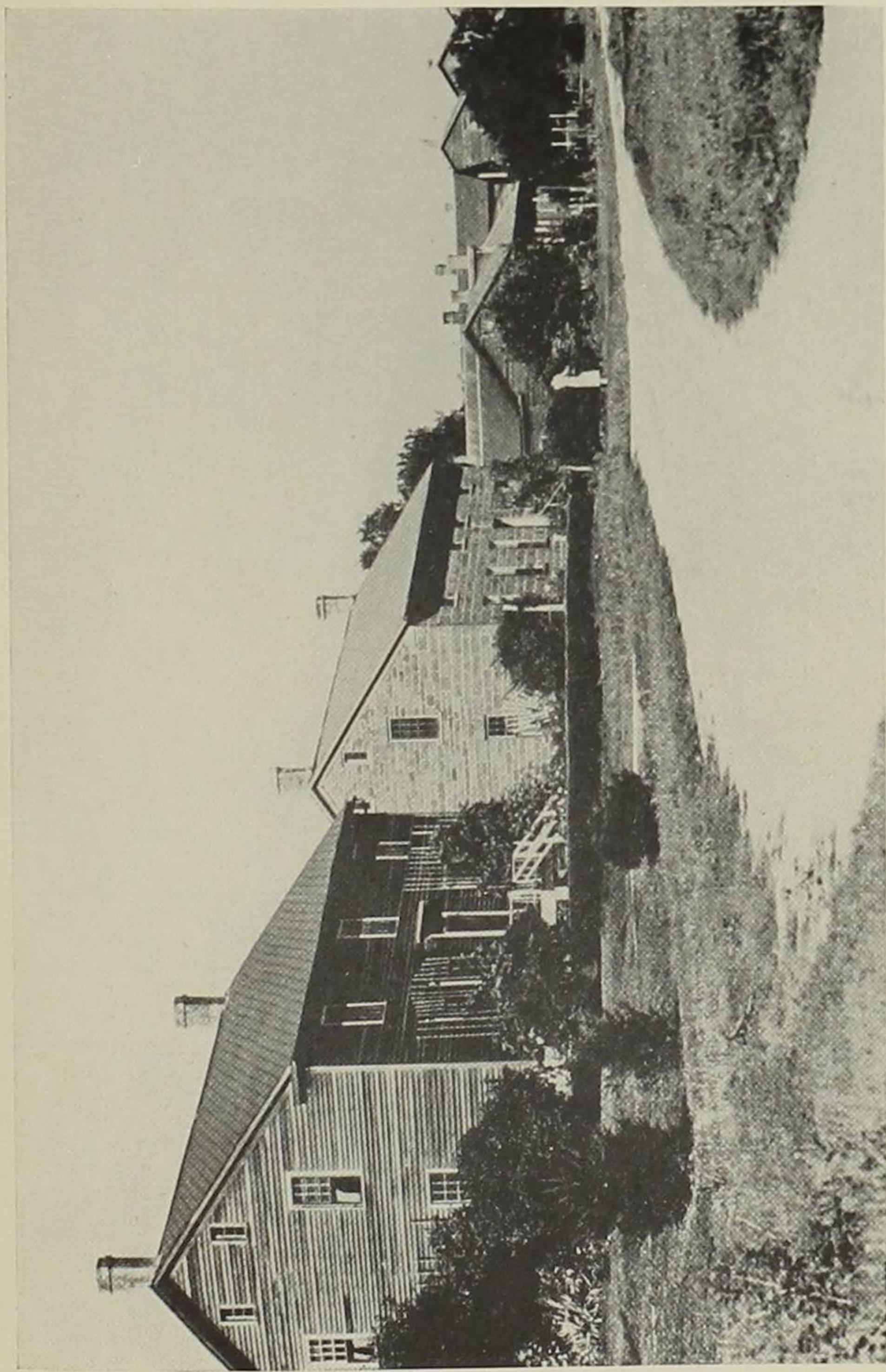
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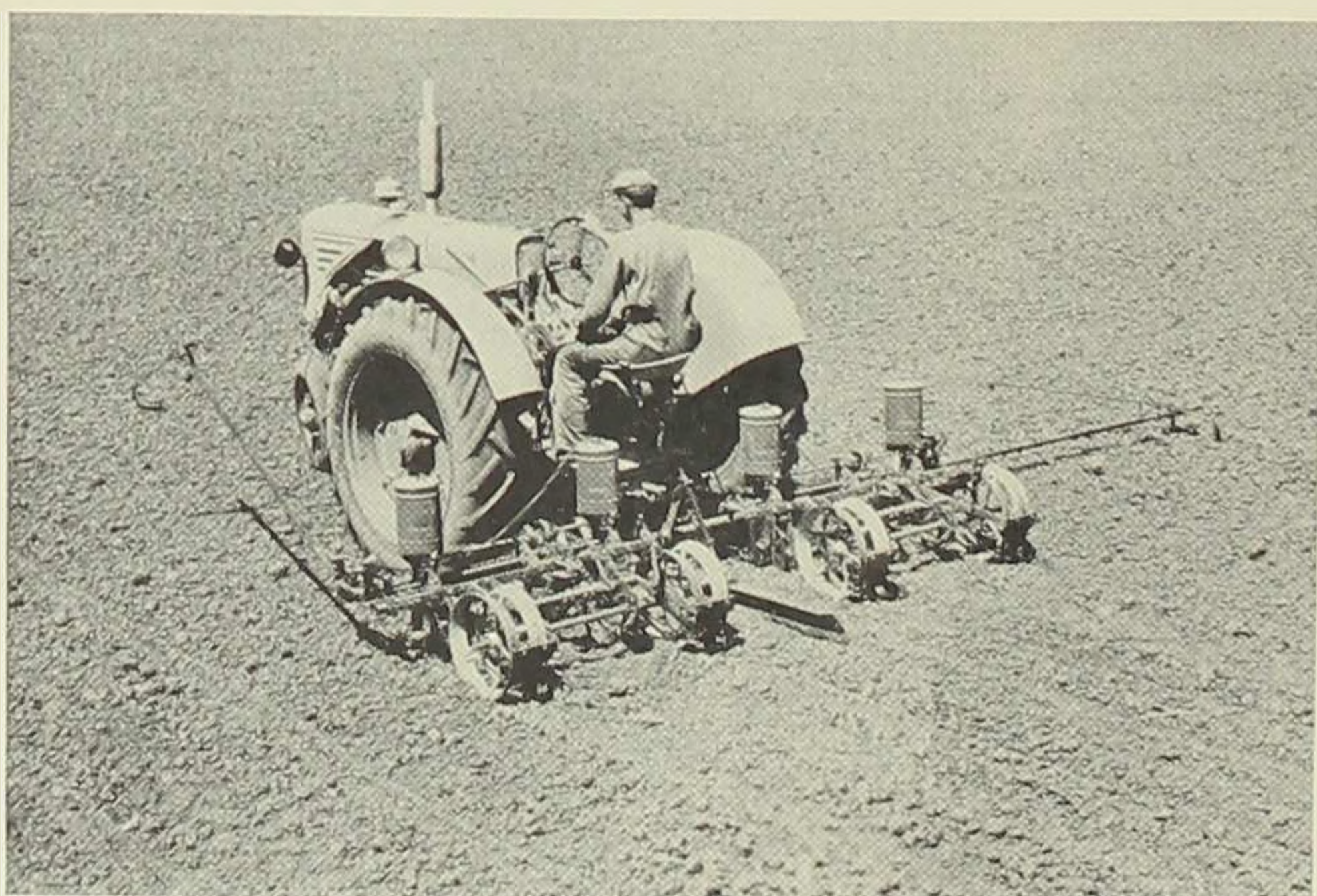
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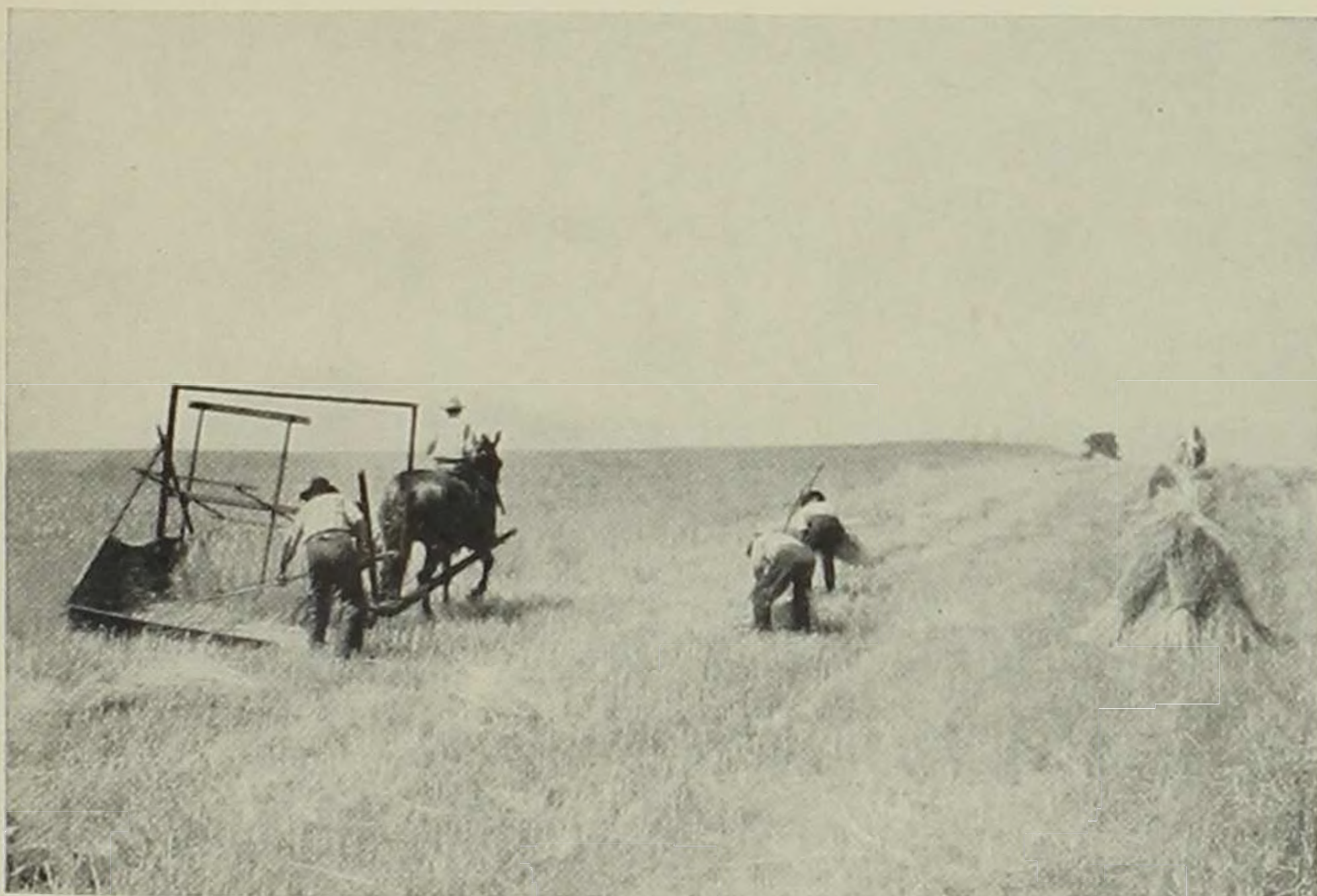
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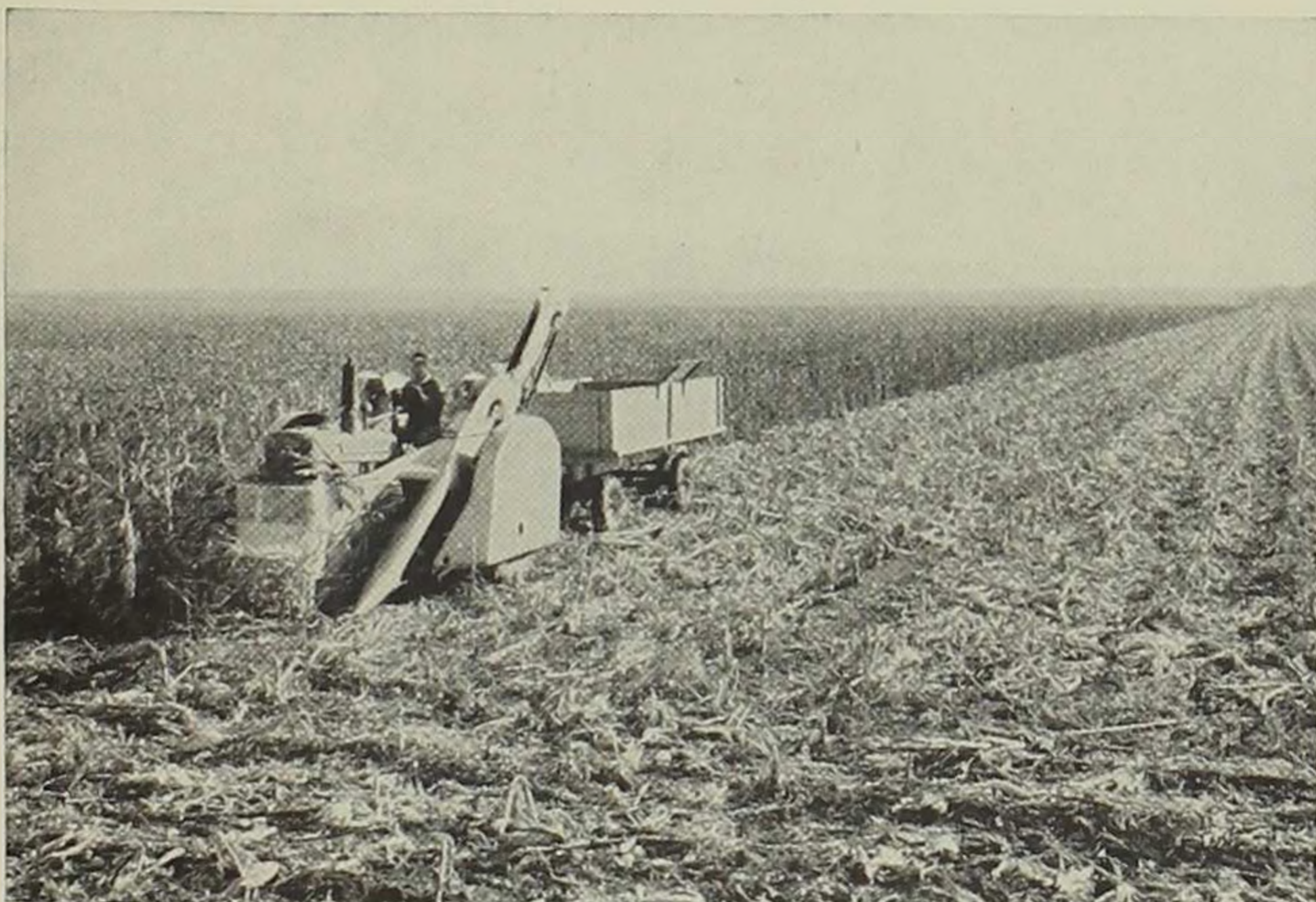


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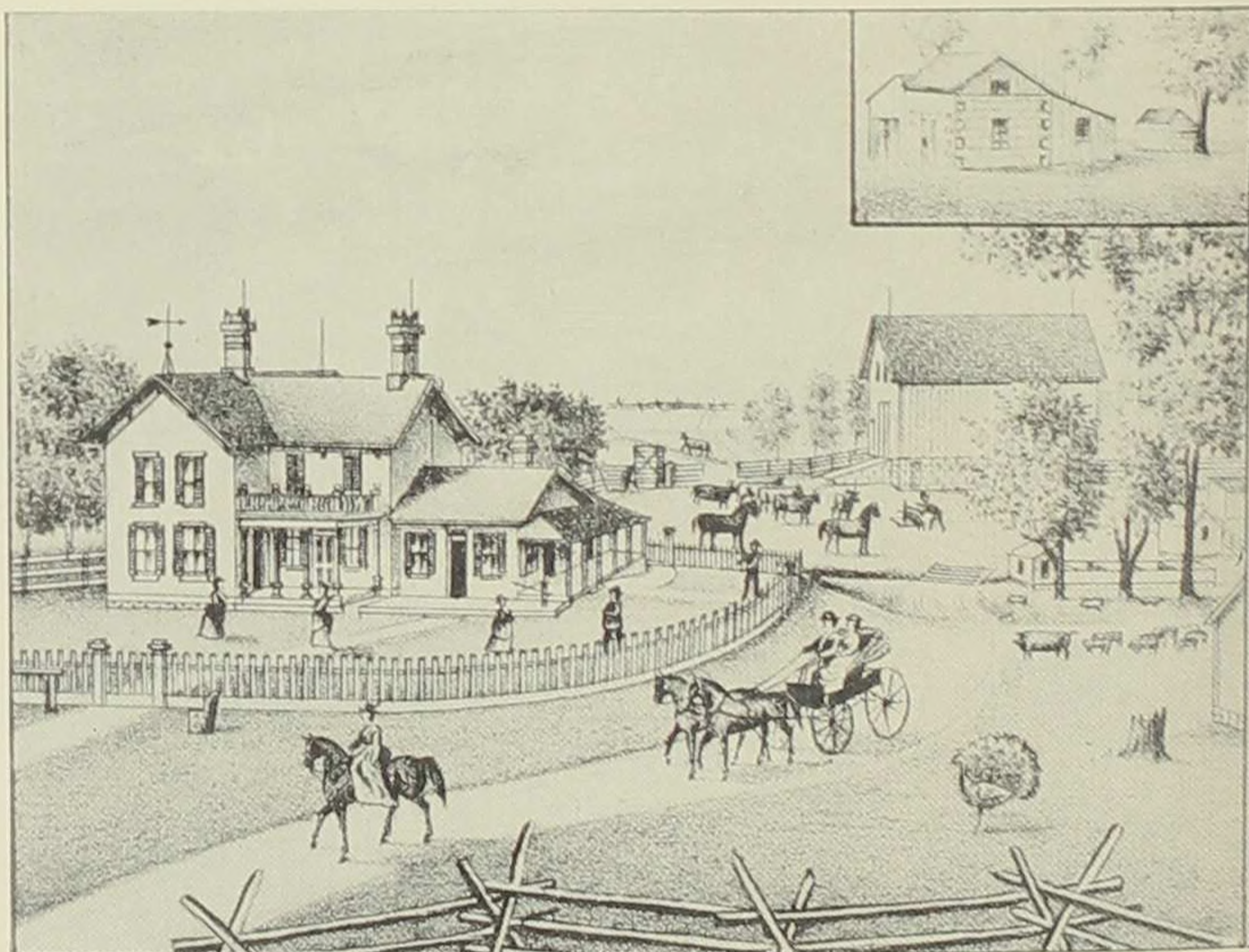
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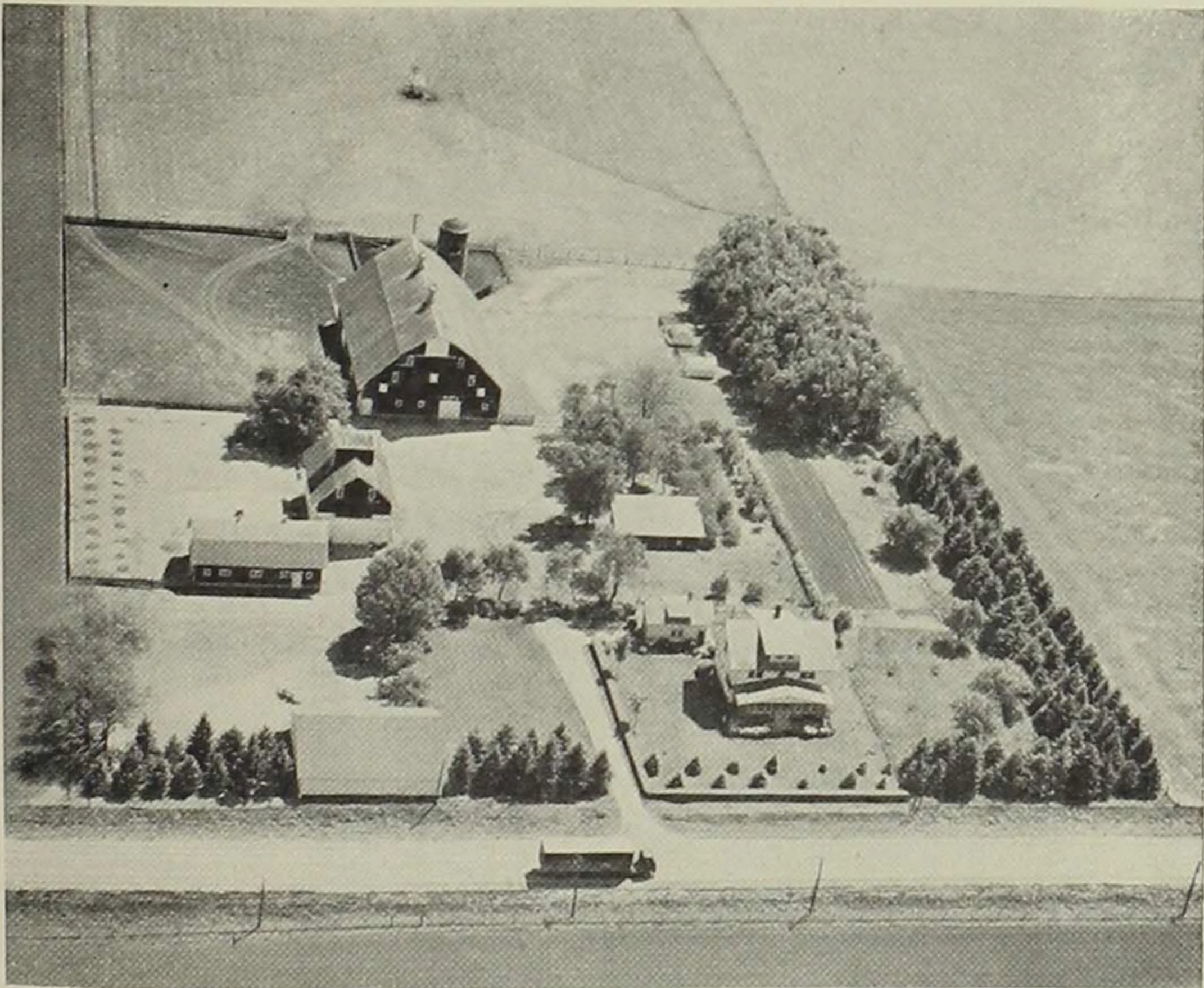
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