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Joliet and Marquette paddled out of Wisconsin River and into the Mississippi
at this point on June 17, 1673

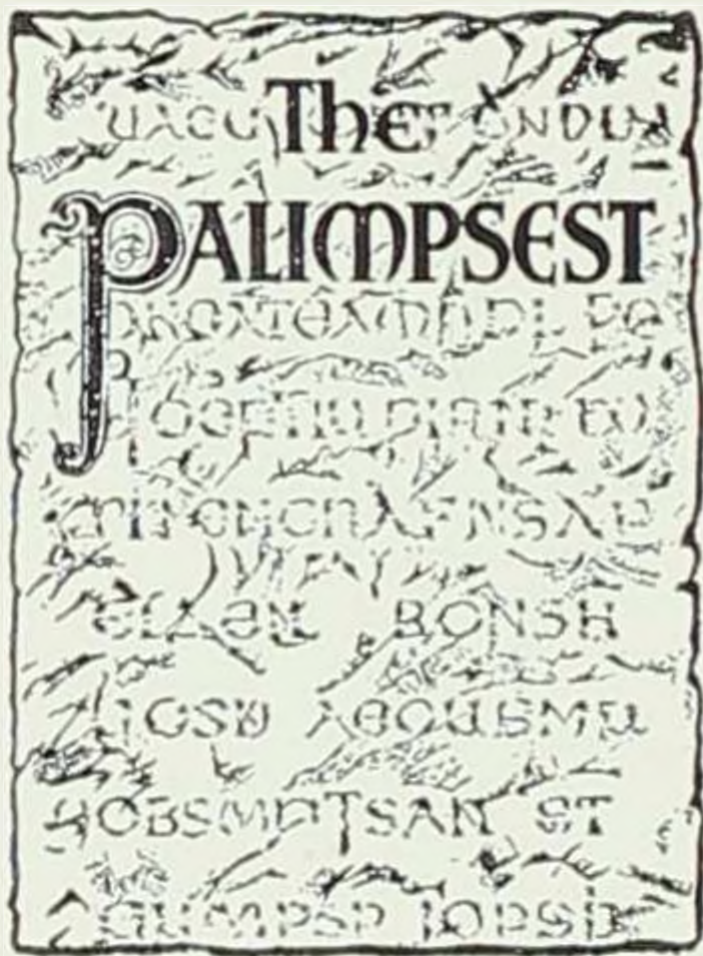
Some Historic Sites in Iowa

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The Meaning of Palimpsest

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 record 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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The pictures were collected and arranged by William J. Petersen, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa. This issue, together with the references found on the inside back cover, should be helpful to schools and study clubs, as well as to all Iowans interested in learning more about their state.

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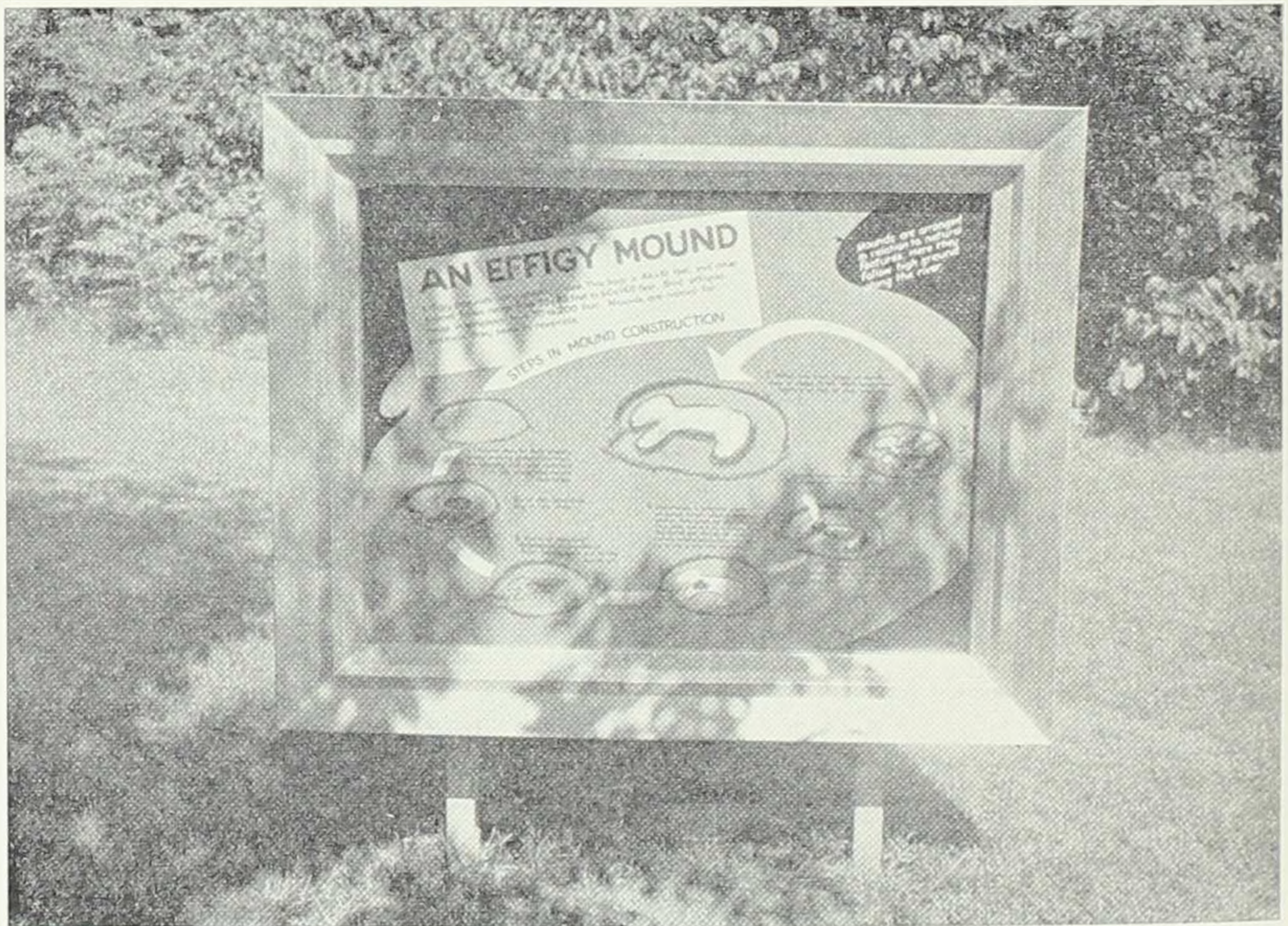
The written history of Iowa begins on June 17, 1673, when Joliet and Marquette paddled out of Wisconsin and into the broad expanse of the Mississippi just below McGregor, Iowa. Everything before that date is pre-historic Iowa and is best represented by the Effigy Mounds National Monument above present-day Marquette.

The Effigy Mounds National Monument was established by Presidential proclamation on October 25, 1949. Establishment of the area resulted from the efforts of conservation-minded Iowans (including the State Historical Society of Iowa) over many years.

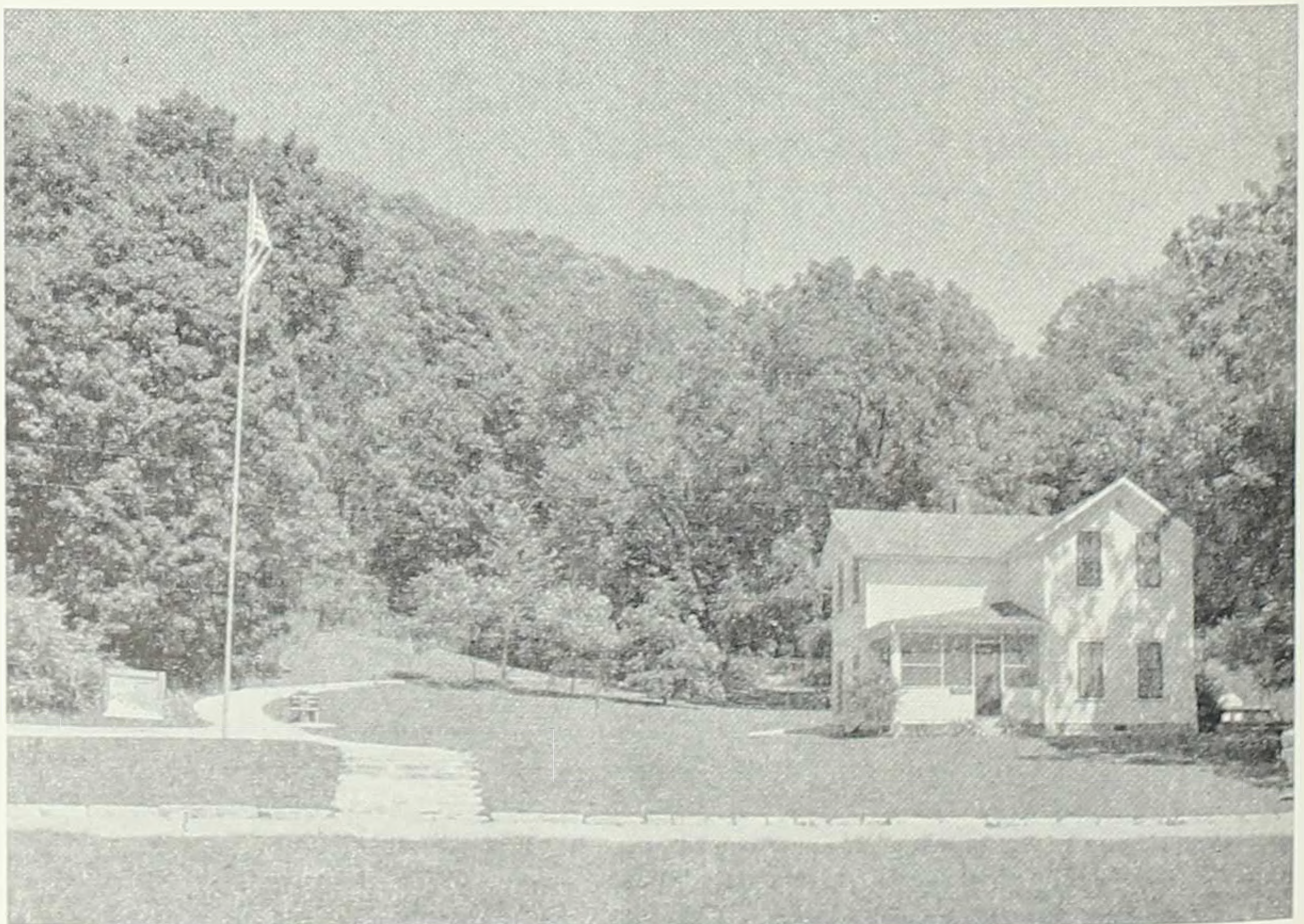
The Society is proud of its part in bringing this much-deserved honor to Iowa. The two square miles embracing Effigy Mounds National Monument contain mounds dating back nearly 1,000 years to the period of the Crusades and form a good starting points for "Some Historic Sites in Iowa."

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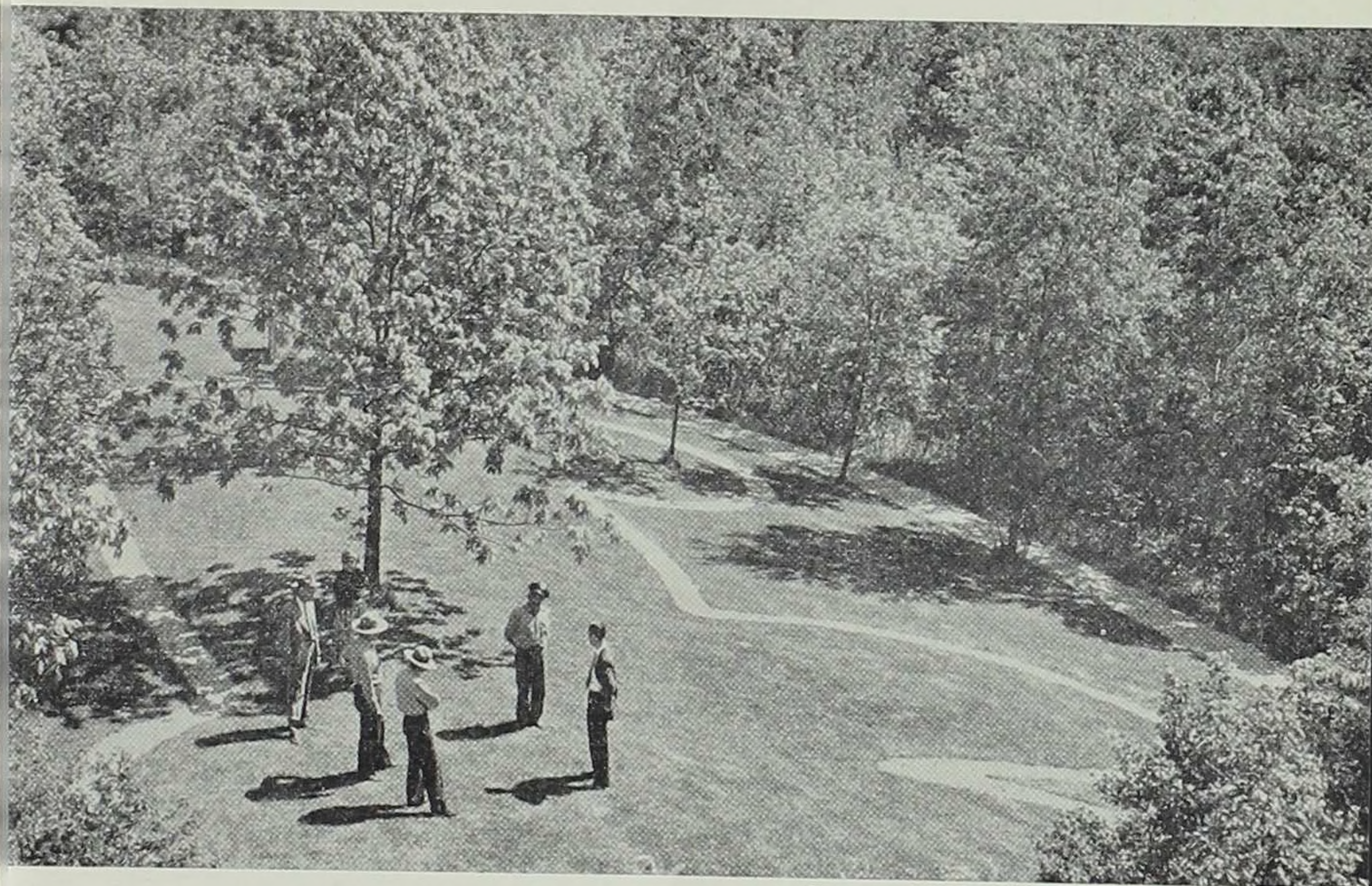
EFFIGY MOUND NATIONAL MONUMENT
Marquette



Explanatory Signs Help the Visitor.



Headquarters of the Effigy Mound National Monument.



Courtesy Effigy Mound National Monument

Guides Explain the Mounds Along Picturesque Trails.



Courtesy Effigy Mound National Monument

The Mississippi Can Be Seen From Park Trail.

REMAINS OF OLD FORT ATKINSON
Fort Atkinson



Photo Courtesy Iowa Conservation Commission

Established — 1840; Abandoned — 1849; Sold at Auction — 1853.

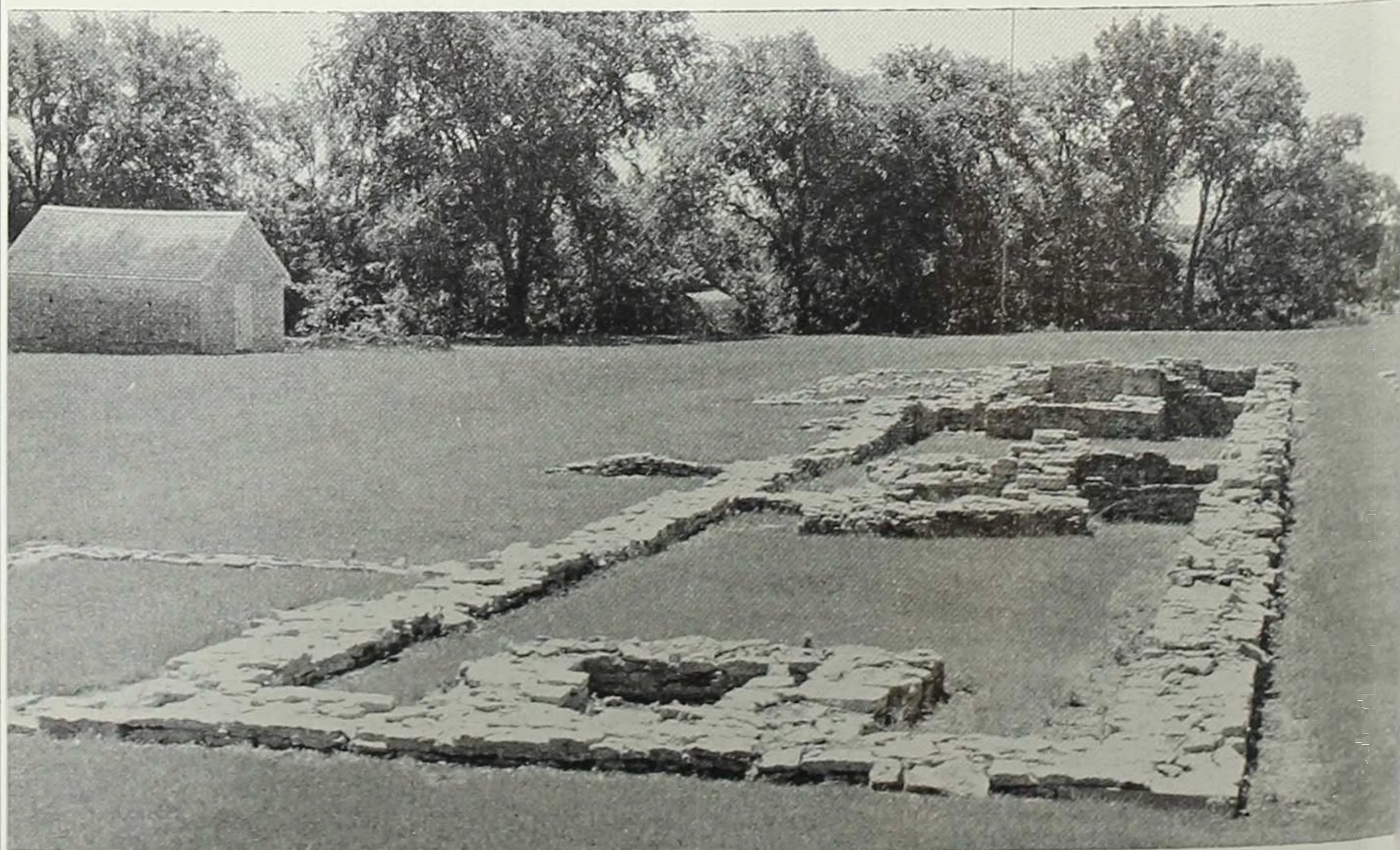
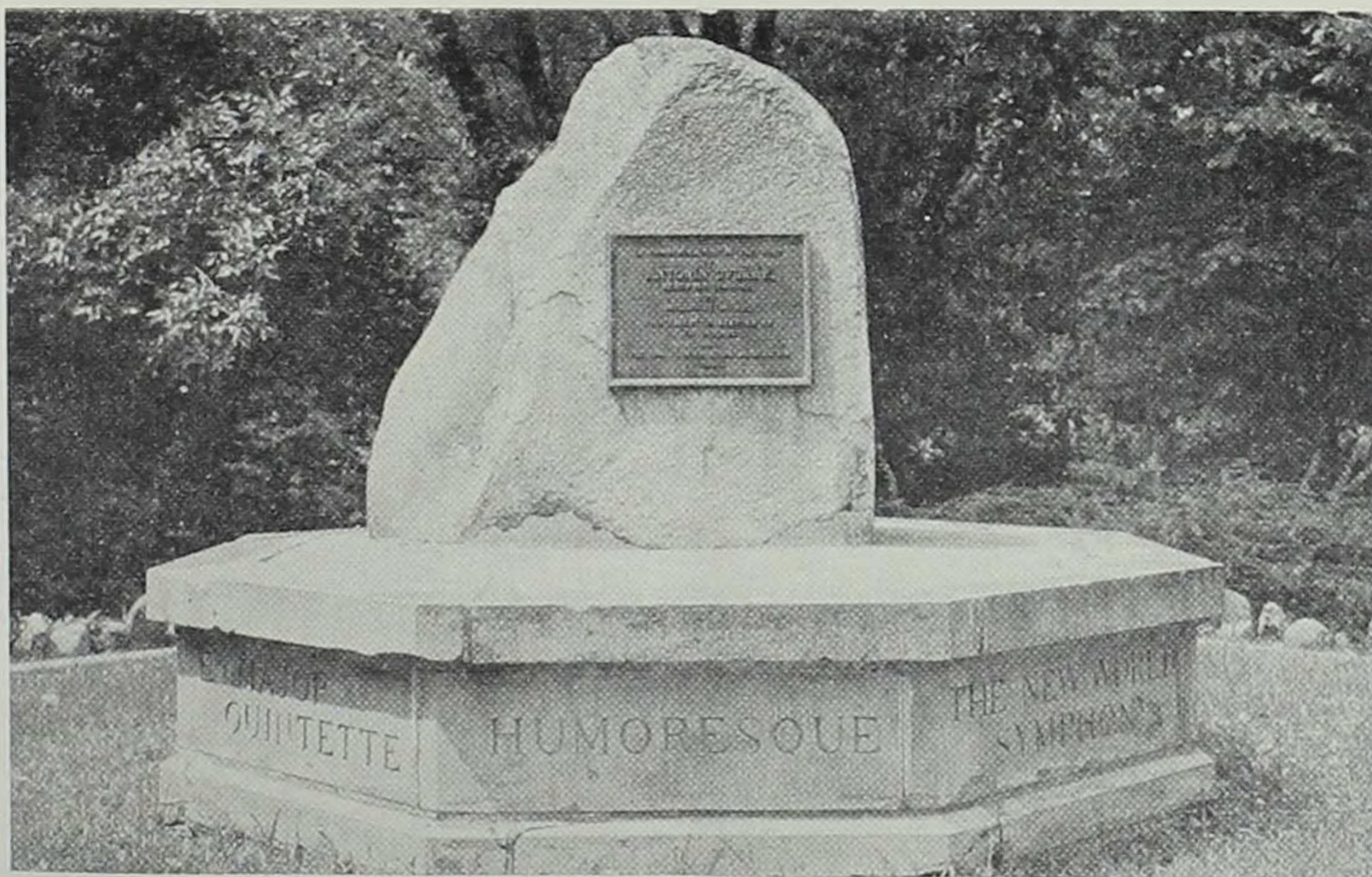


Photo Courtesy Iowa Conservation Commission

Fort Atkinson was established to protect the Winnebago Indians from the Sioux on the North and from the Sauk and Fox on the South. The Winnebago were removed from the Neutral Ground to Minnesota in 1848.

DVORAK IN IOWA
Spillville



Monument Commemorating Visit of Renowned Composer in 1893.

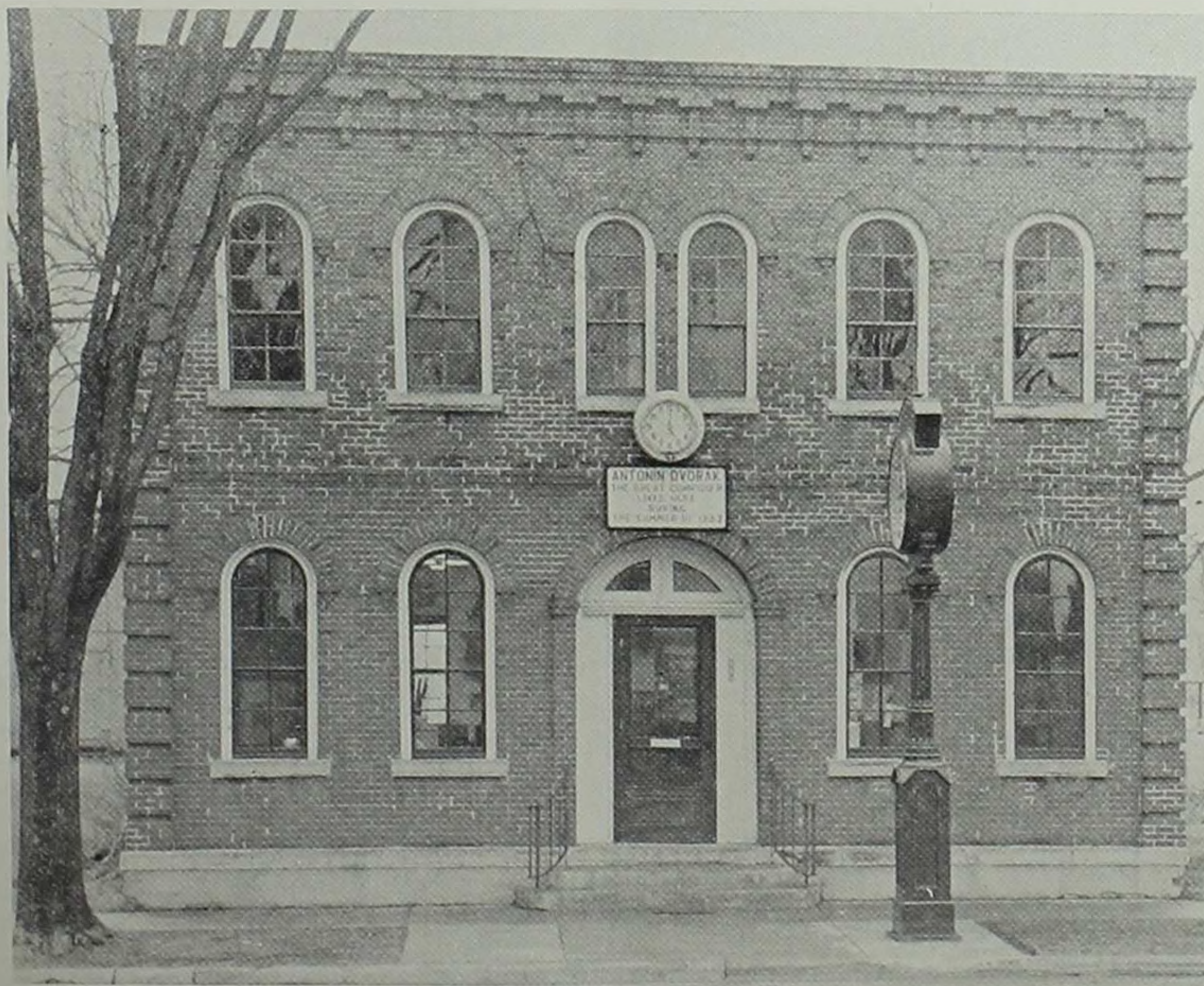
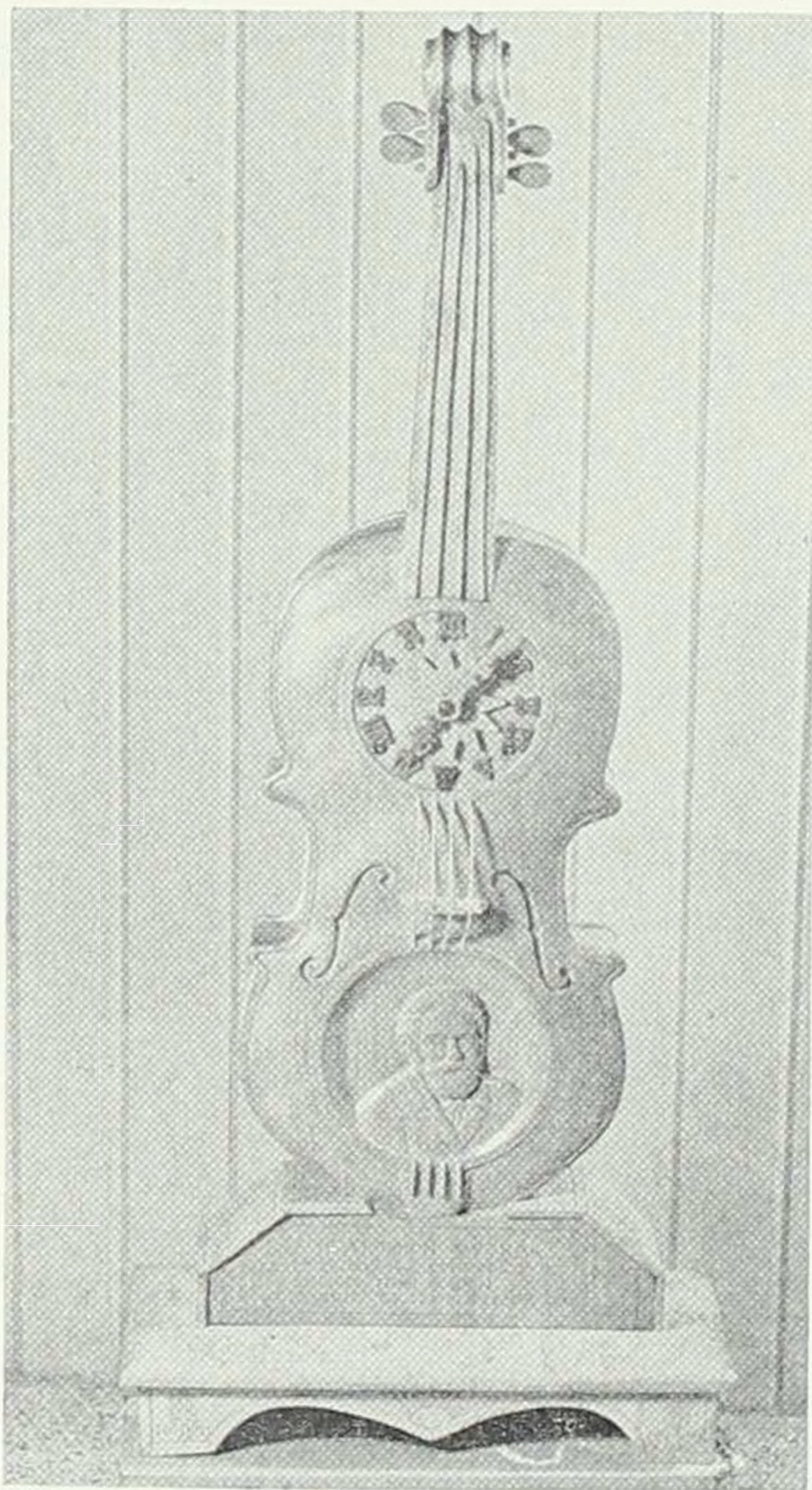


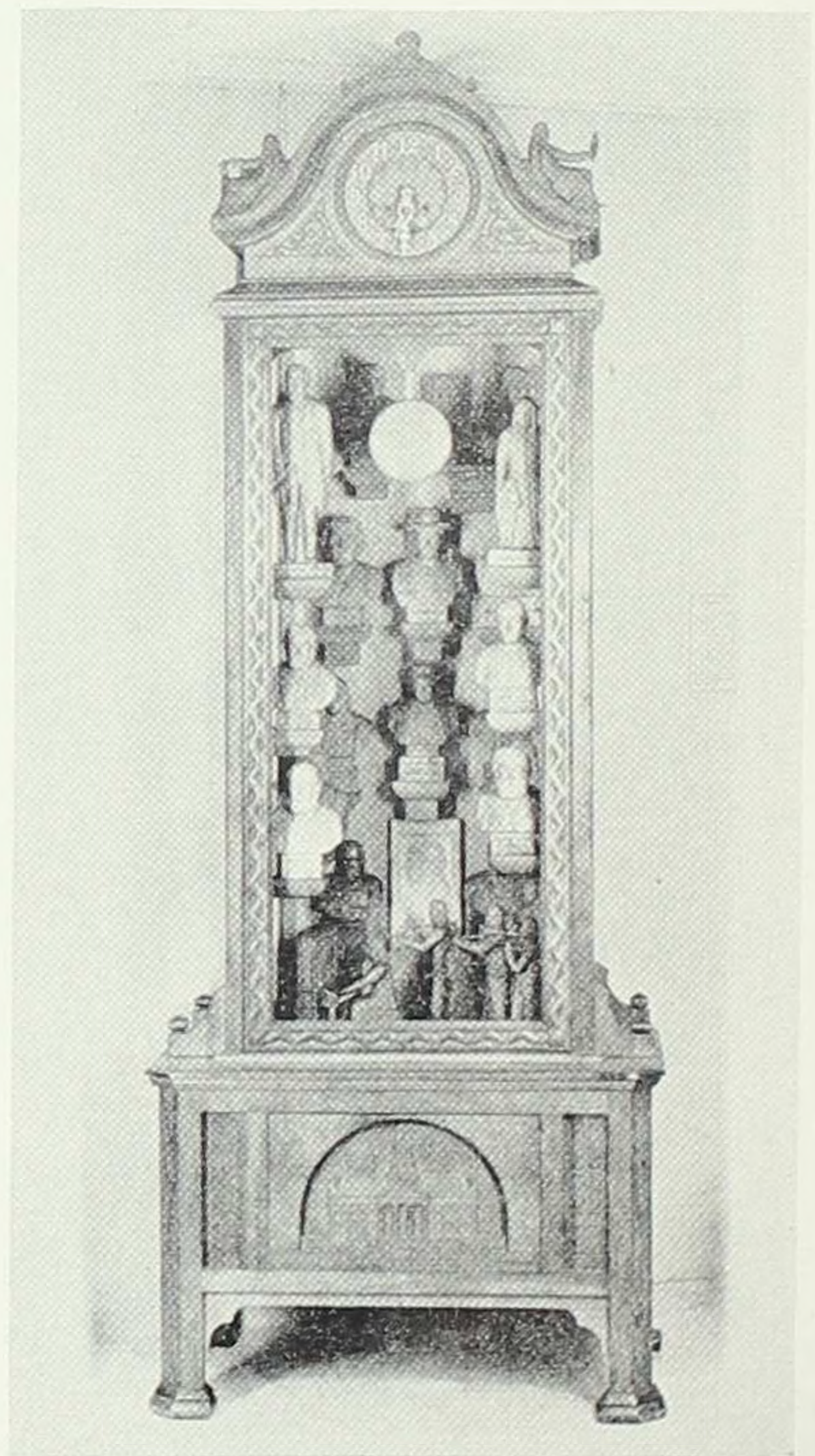
Photo by Kayenay courtesy Andera

The Home in which Dvorak lived. Here he completed the "New World" symphony, composed his "American Quartette" and a quintette for strings, and found inspiration for "Humoresque." The Bily Clocks are now housed in this home.

SYMPHONIES IN WOOD: SOME BILLY BROTHERS CLOCKS
Spillville



Violin Clock

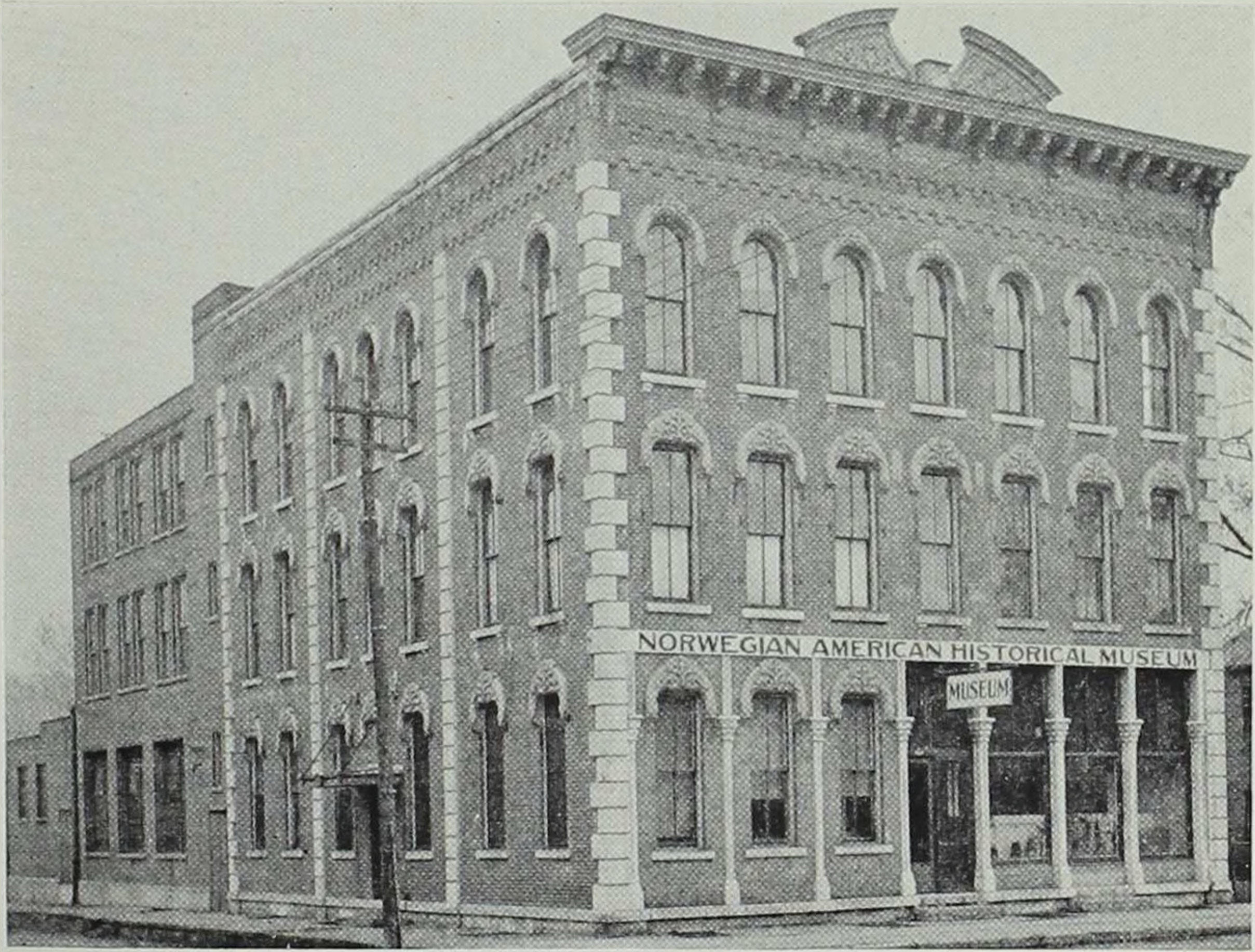


The Statuary Clock



First Thanksgiving Plaque

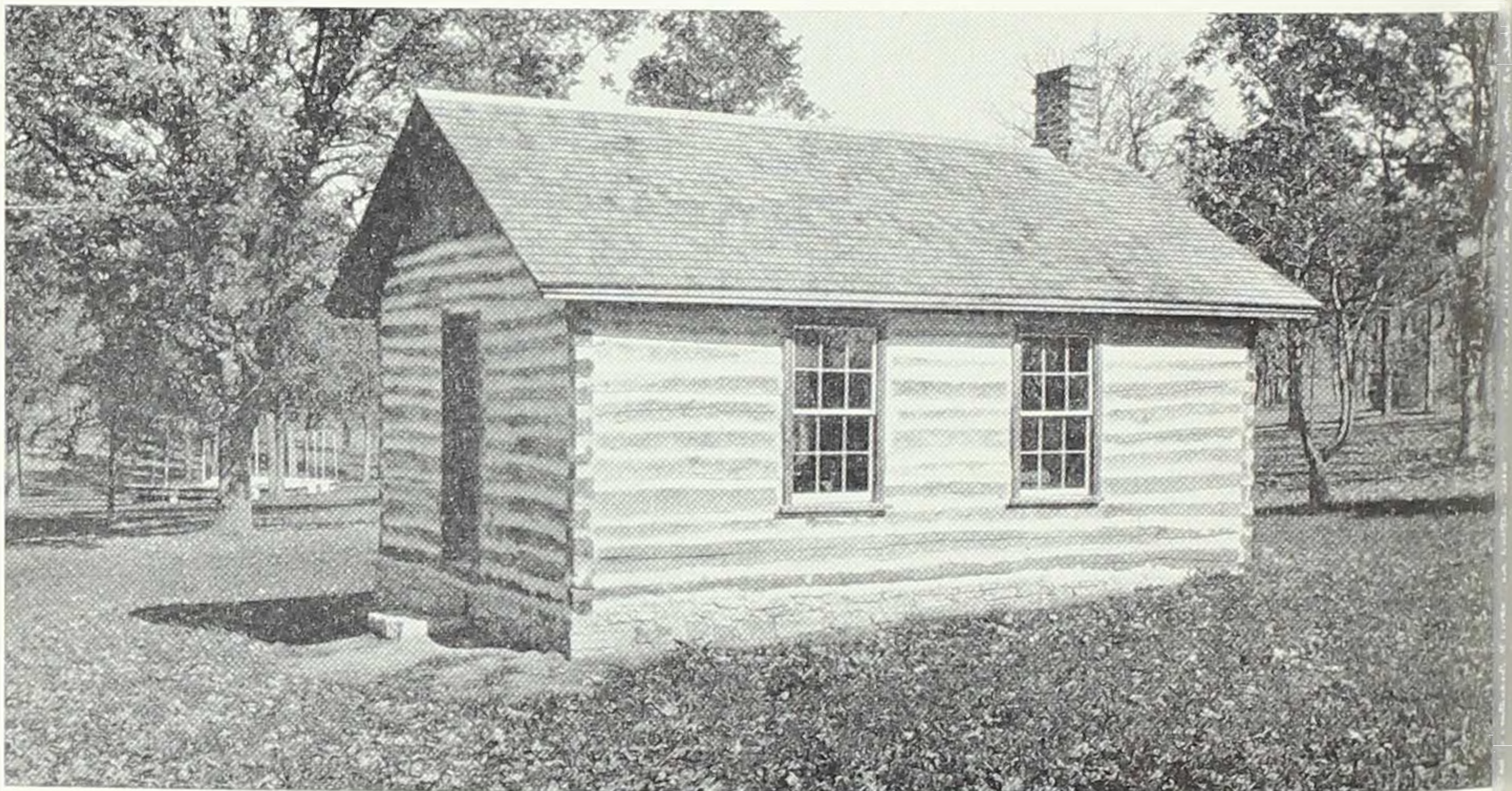
NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Decorah



THE HARLAN HOME
Mount Pleasant



PIONEER LOG CABINS
Decorah

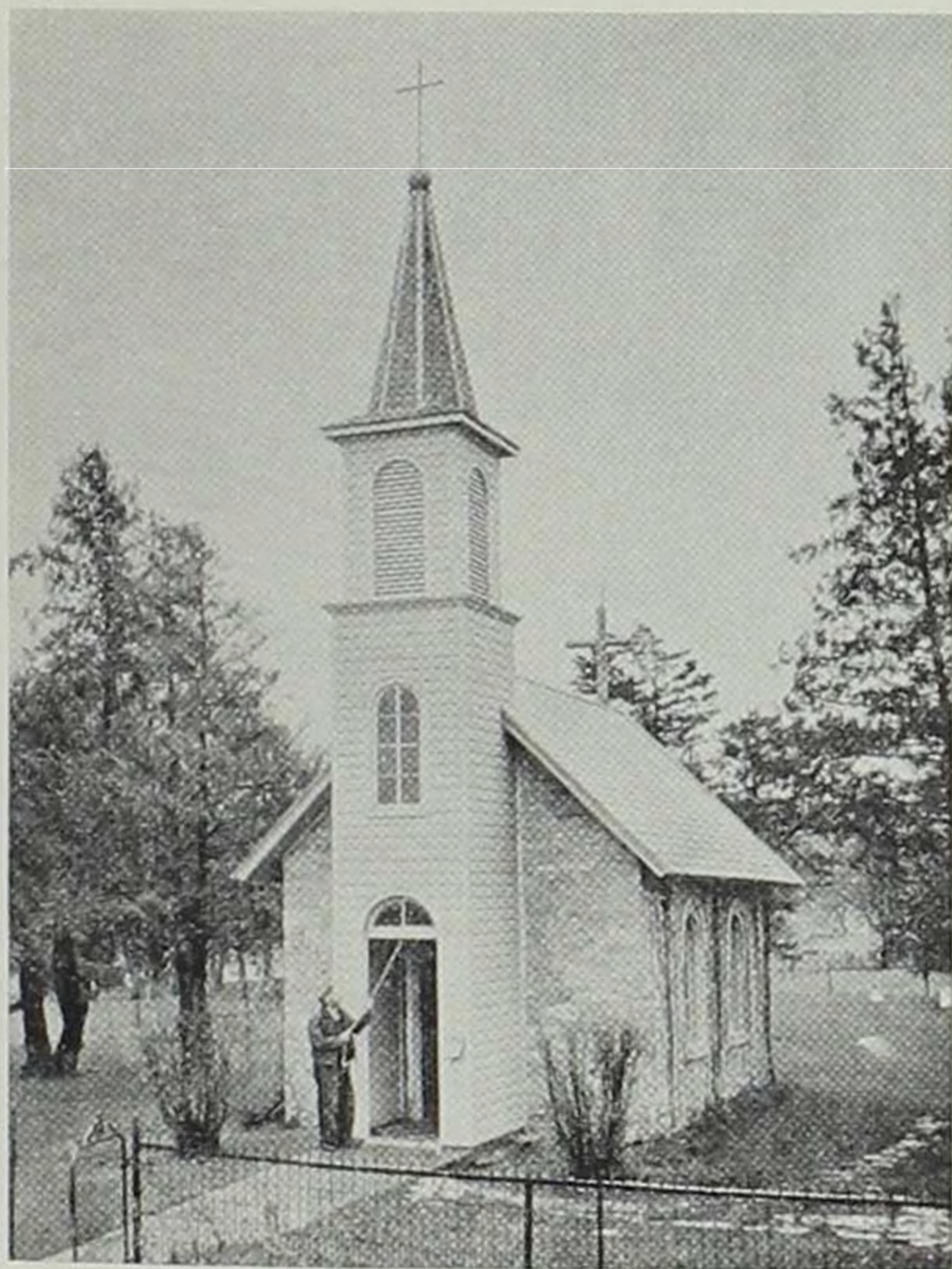


Exterior of Cabin on Luther College Campus.



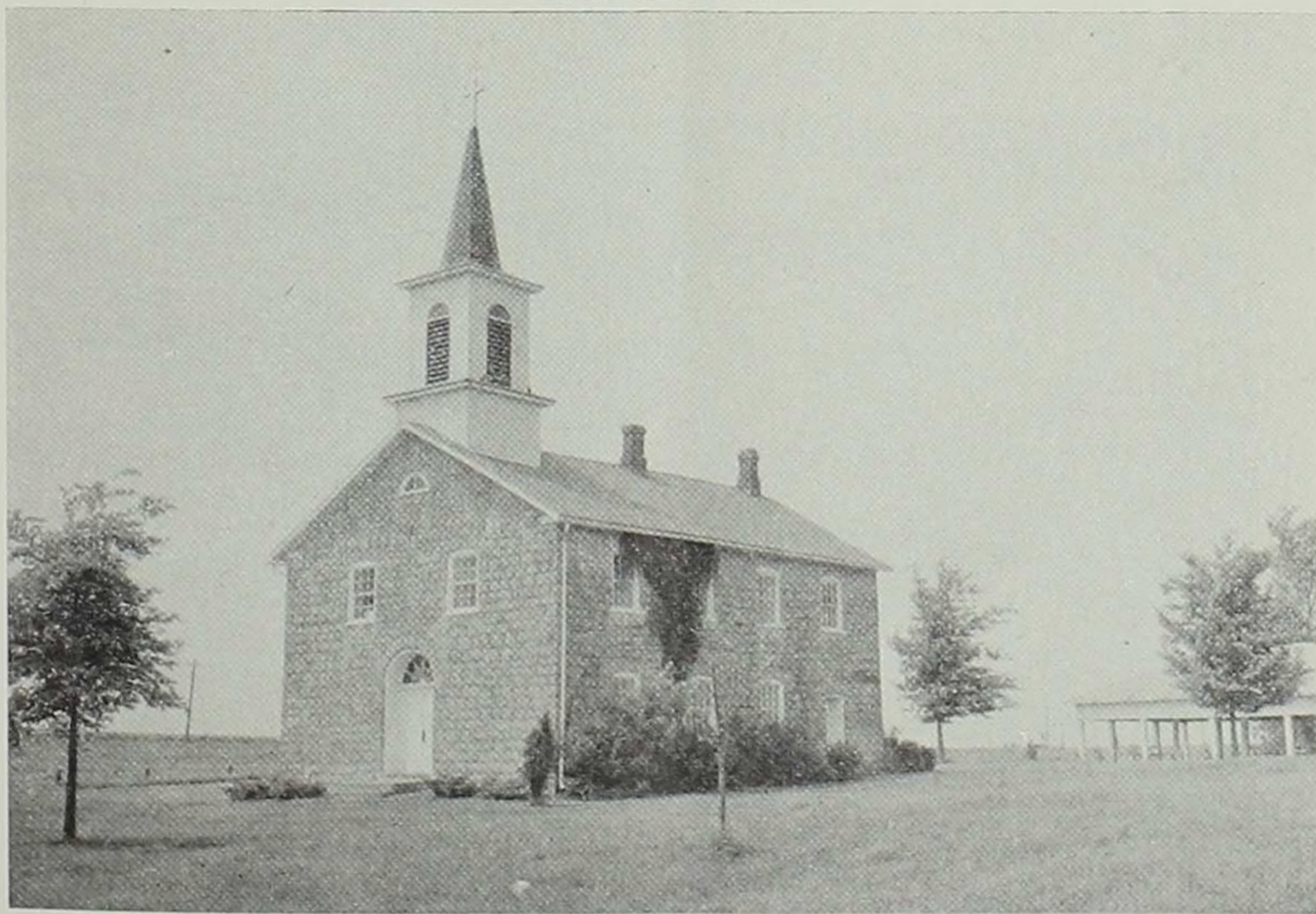
Interior View of Pioneer Cabin.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPEL
Near *Festina*



(At right) Interior View of 4-pew St. Anthony Chapel.

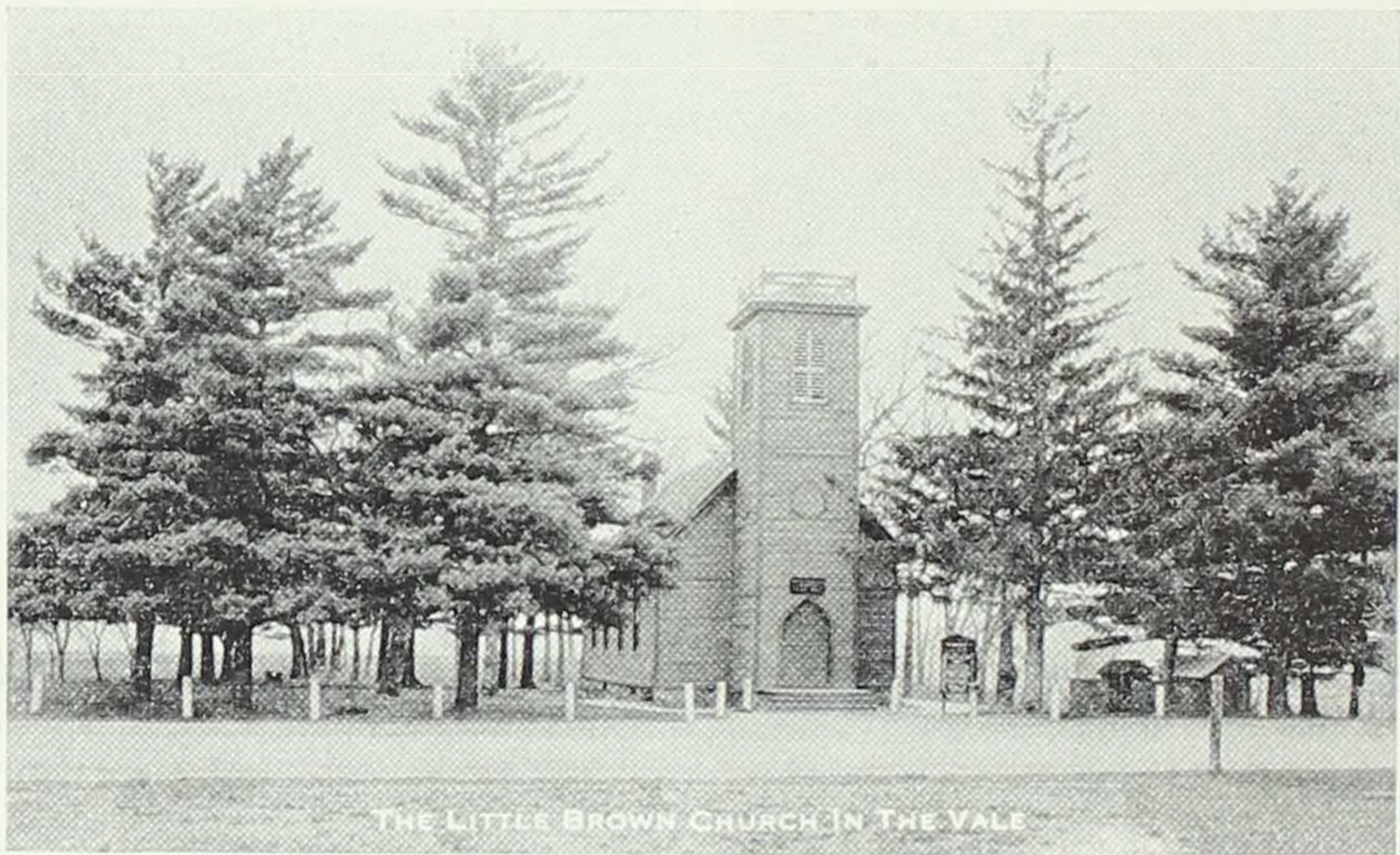
ST. PETER'S GERMAN UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Near *Garnavillo*



Built in 1858 near Ghost Village of Ceres.

THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE

Nashua



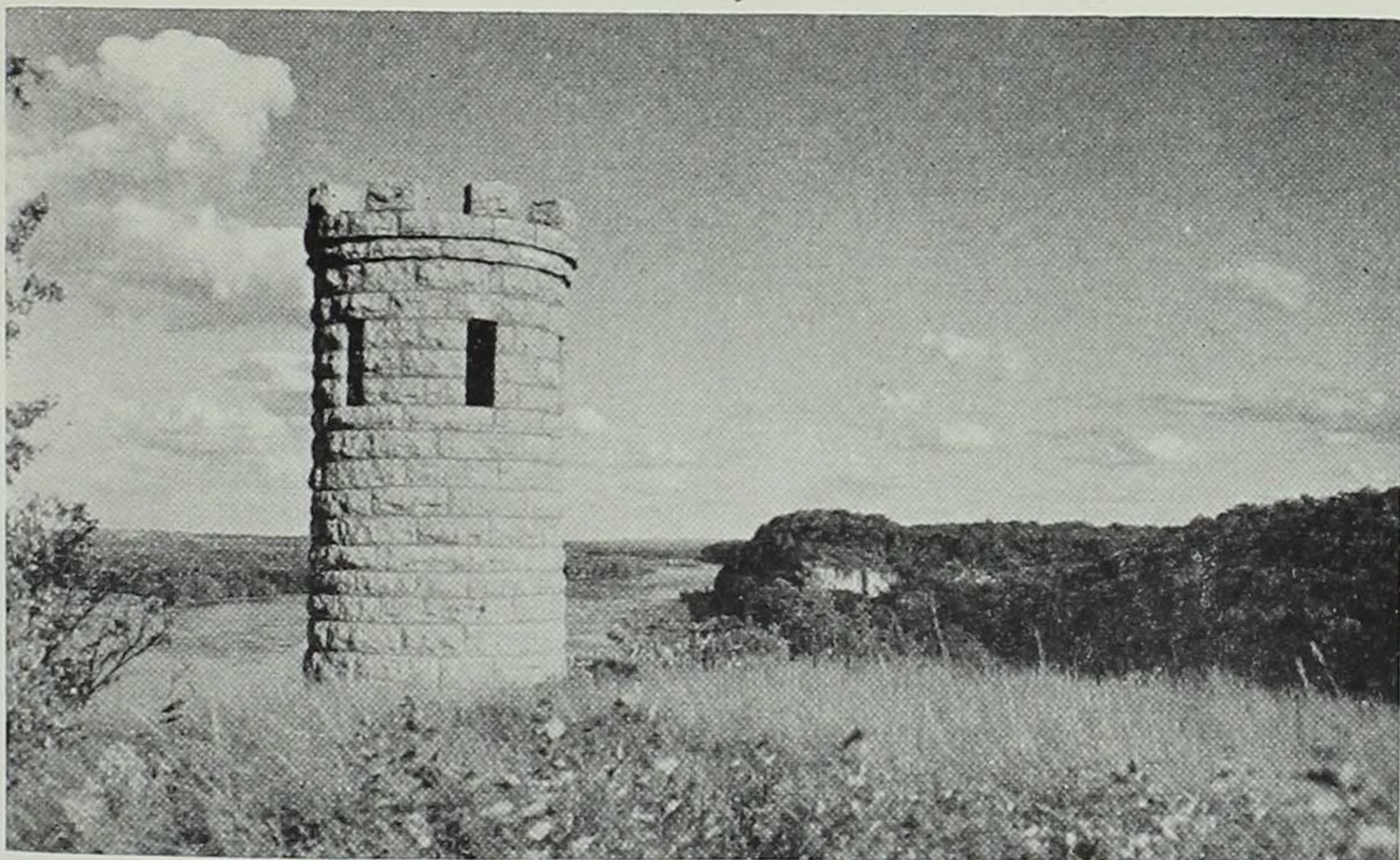
Exterior View.

*There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier place in the dale
No spot is so dear to my childhood,
As the little brown church in the vale.*



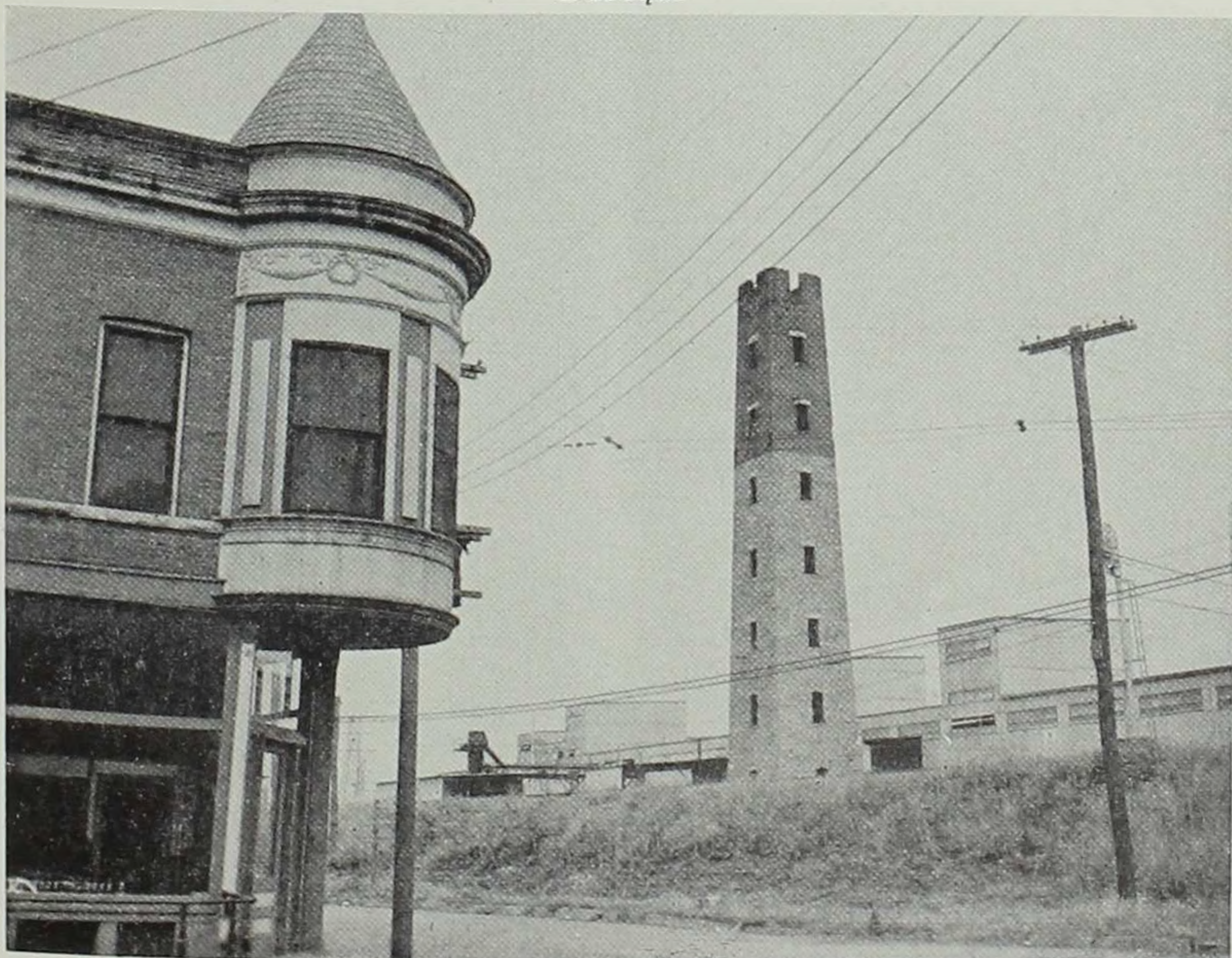
Interior of the Little Brown Church

GRAVE OF JULIEN DUBUQUE
Dubuque

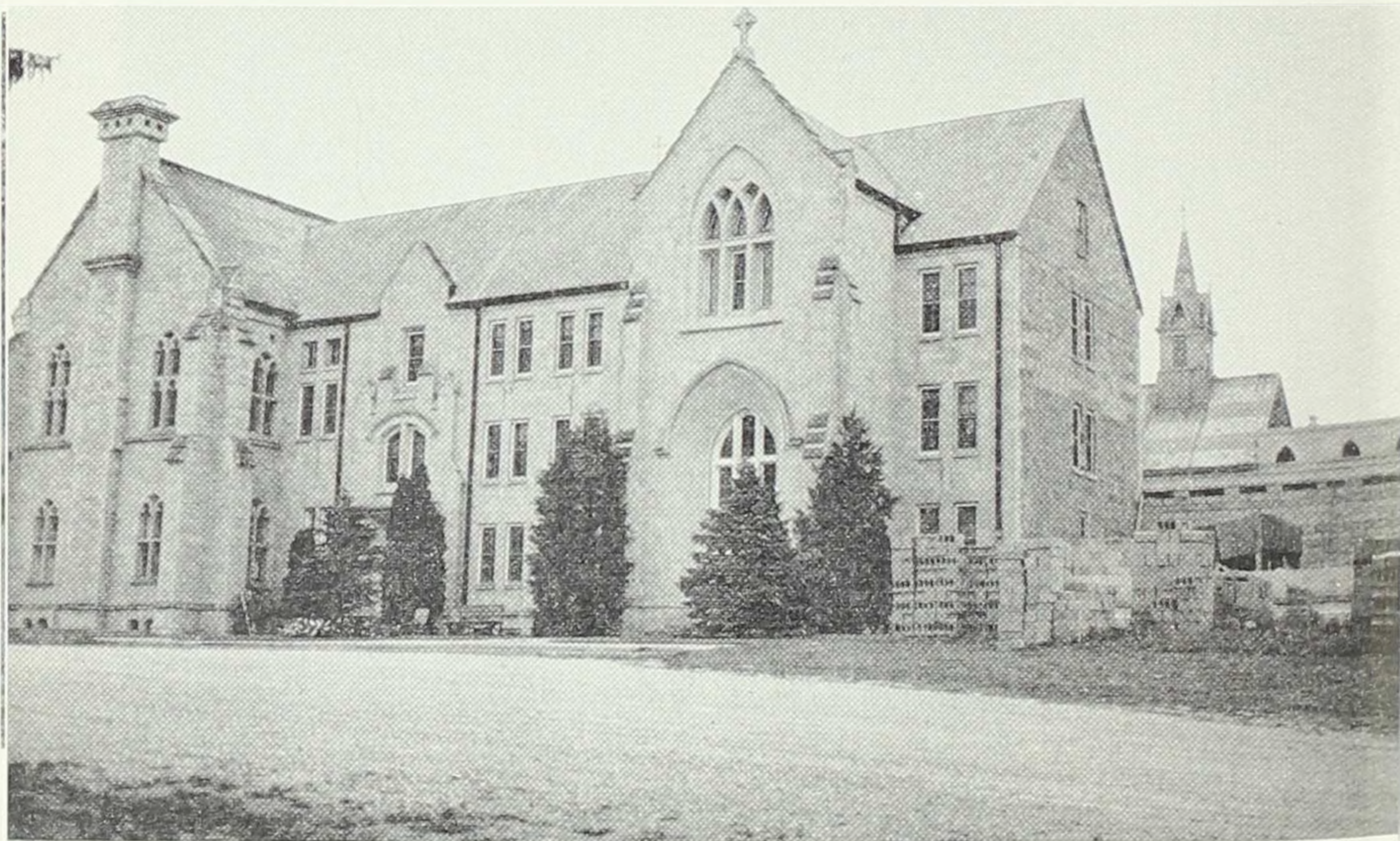


A French Canadian who came to Prairie du Chien in 1785, Dubuque received permission of the Fox Indians to work the lead mines around present-day Dubuque in 1788. A Spanish Land Grant was made to him in 1796. He died in 1810.

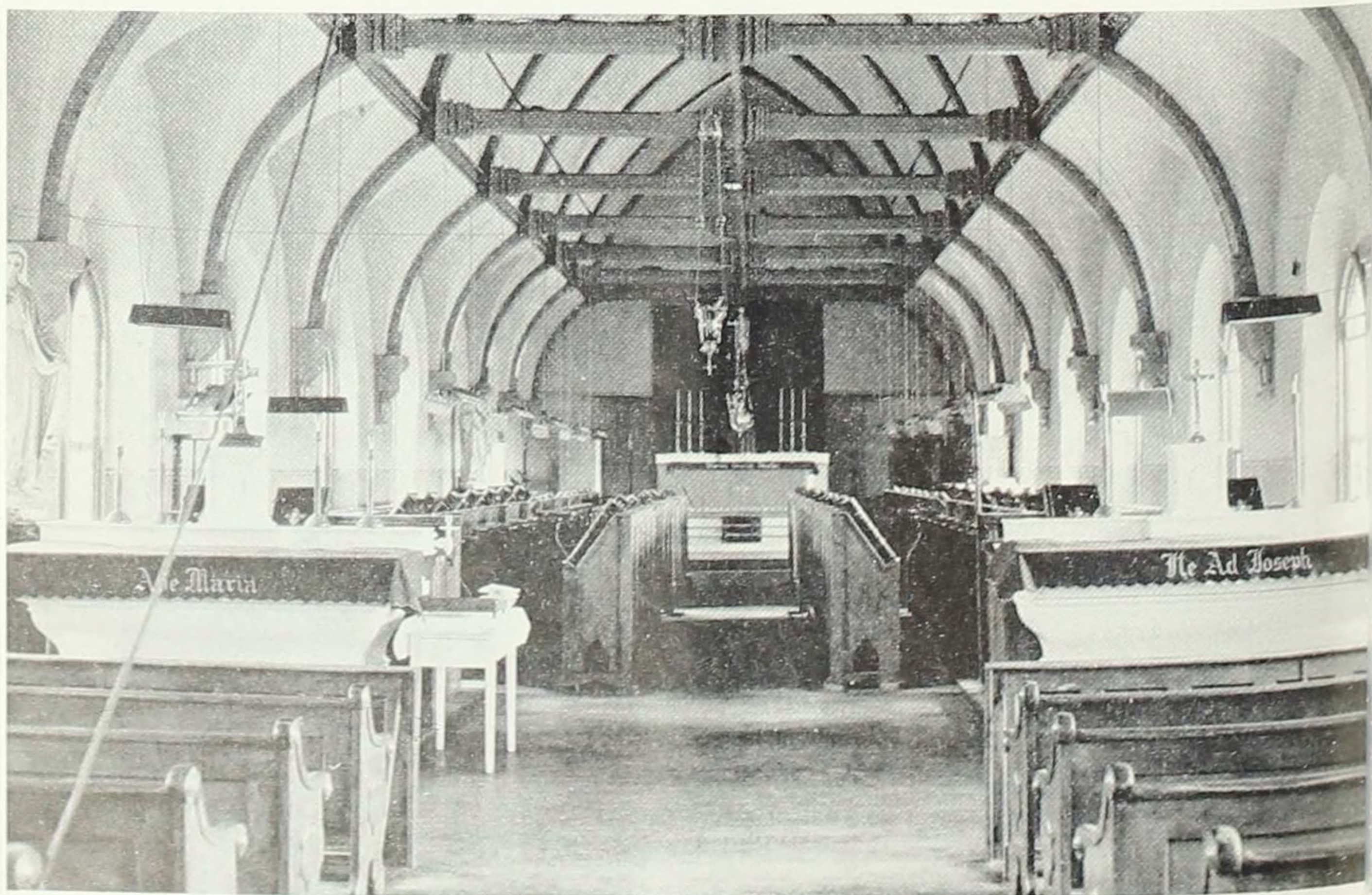
CENTURY-OLD SHOT TOWER — SYMBOL OF THE LEAD ERA
Dubuque



THE TRAPPIST ABBEY OF NEW MELLERAY
Near *Dubuque*

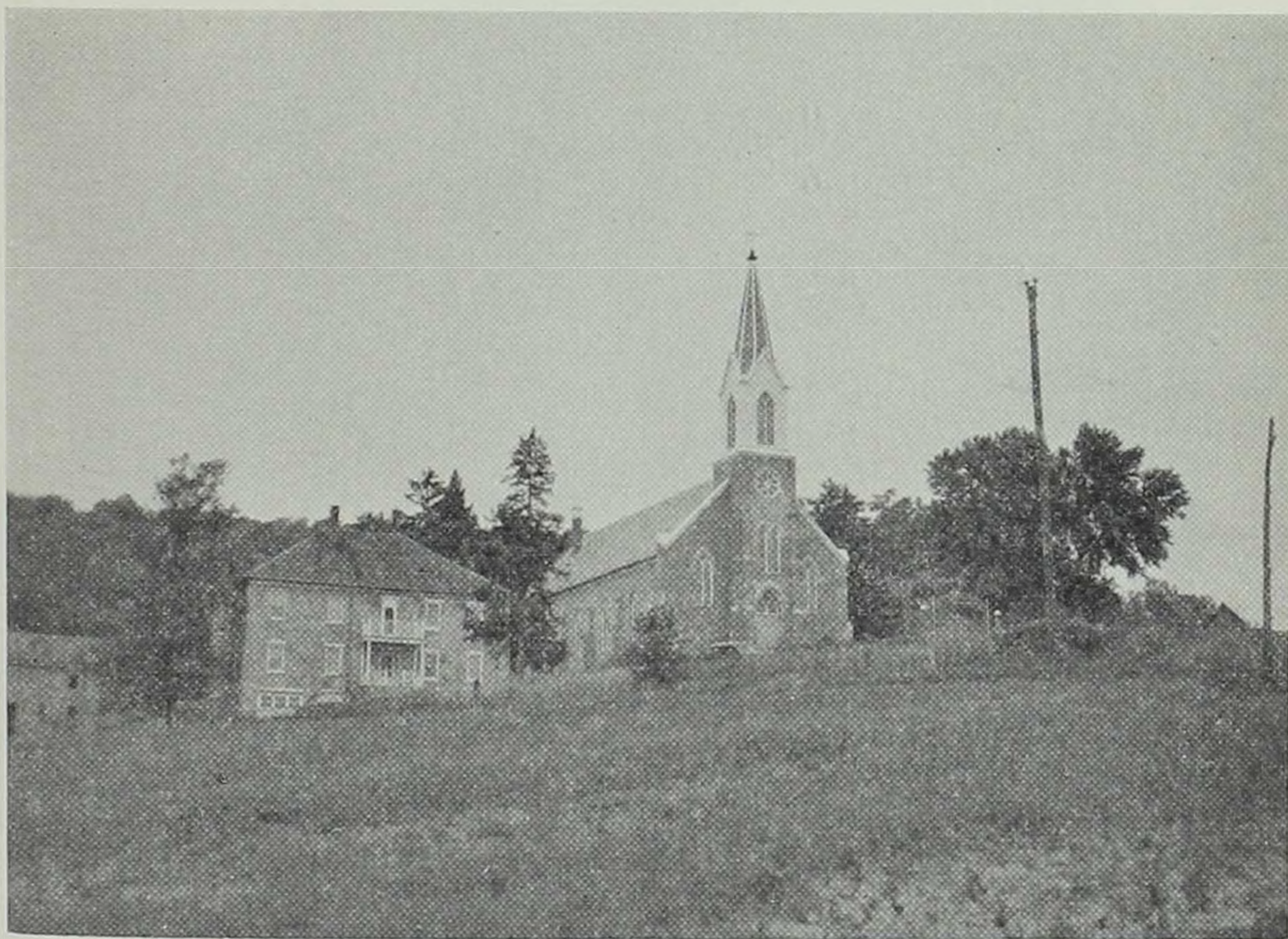


Exterior of the Abbey.

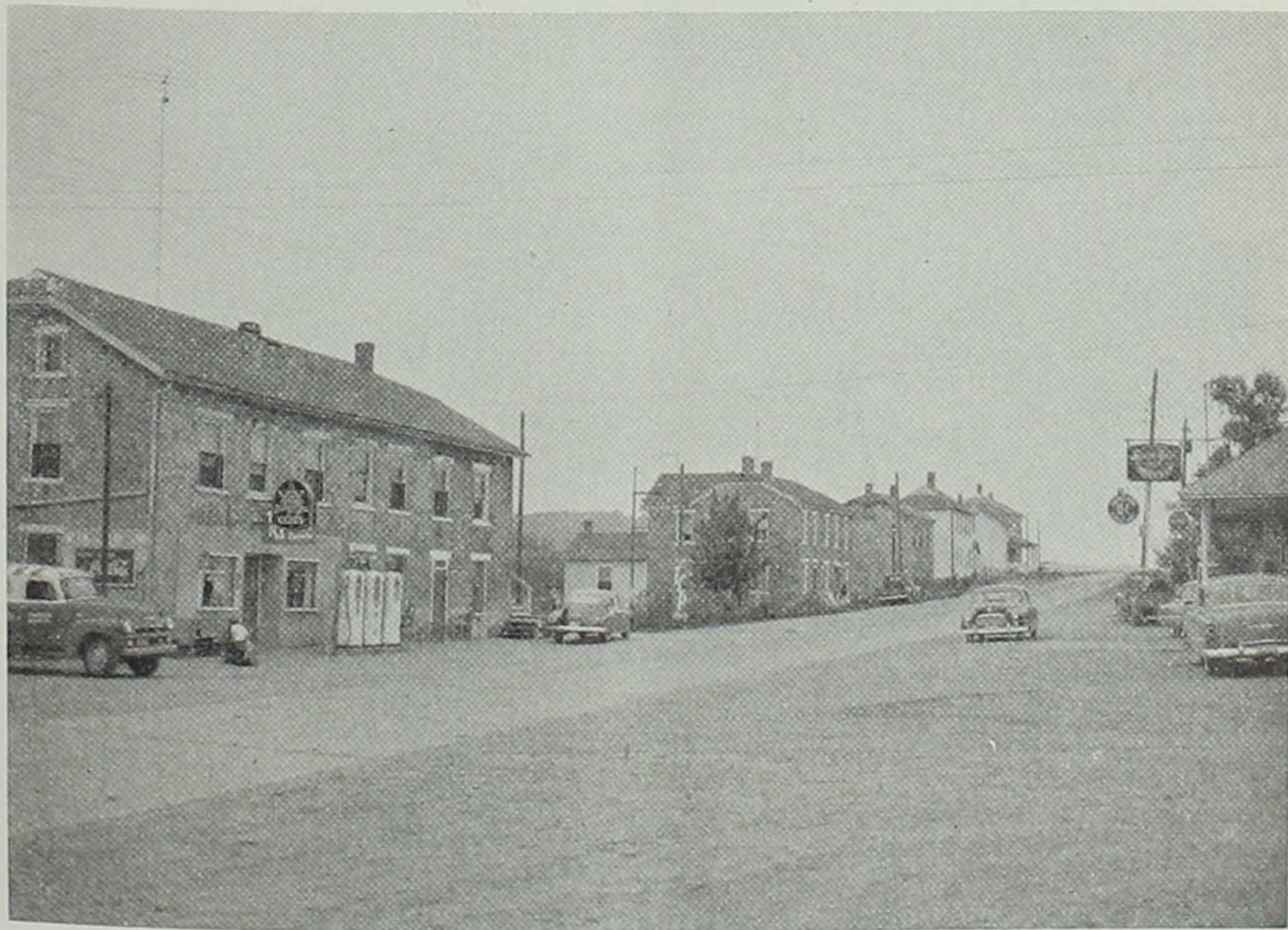


Interior View of Chapel at New Melleray.

A LUXEMBURG IDYLL OF THE 1850'S
St. Donatus



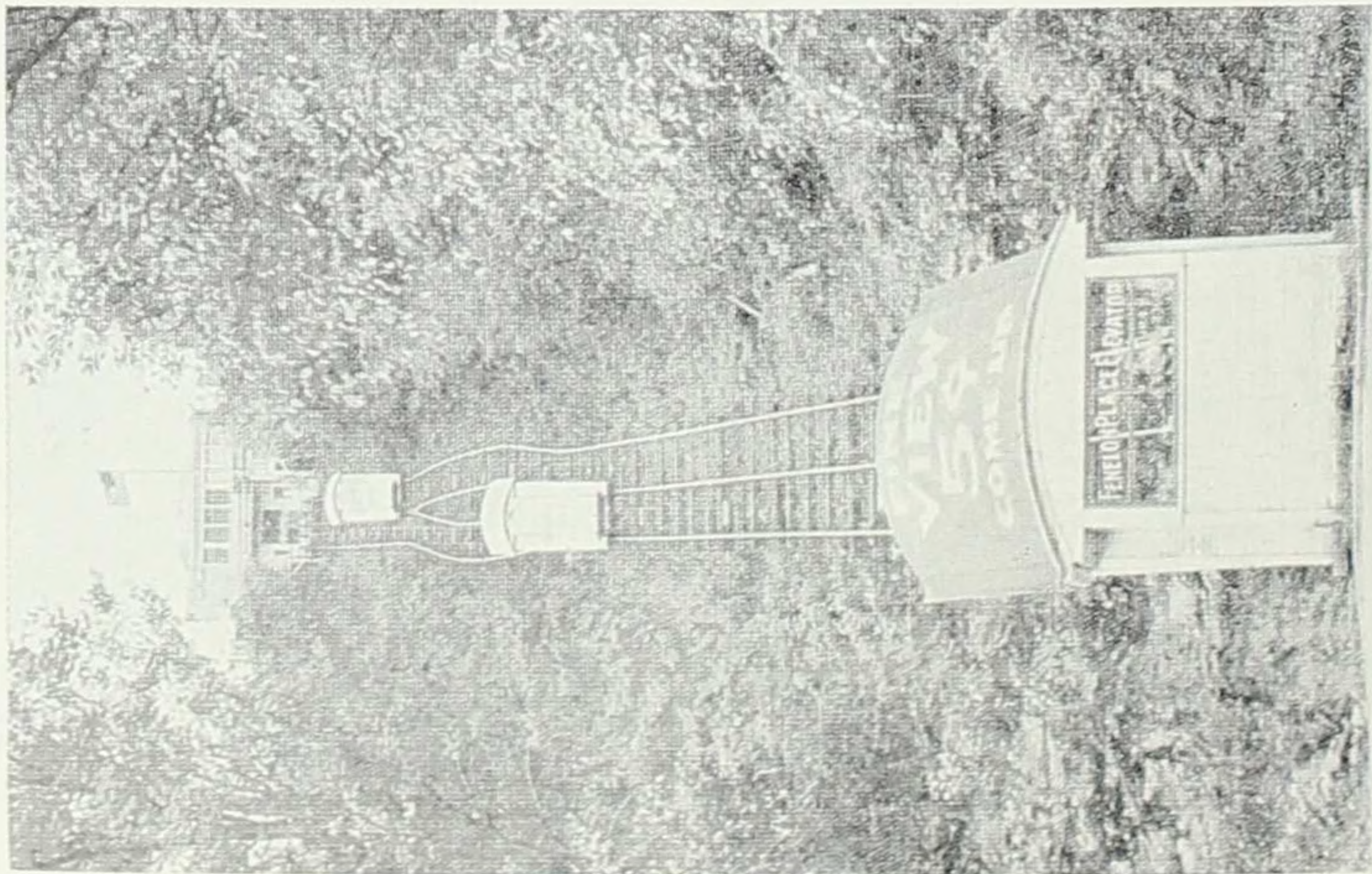
The Church at St. Donatus.



Main Street in St. Donatus.

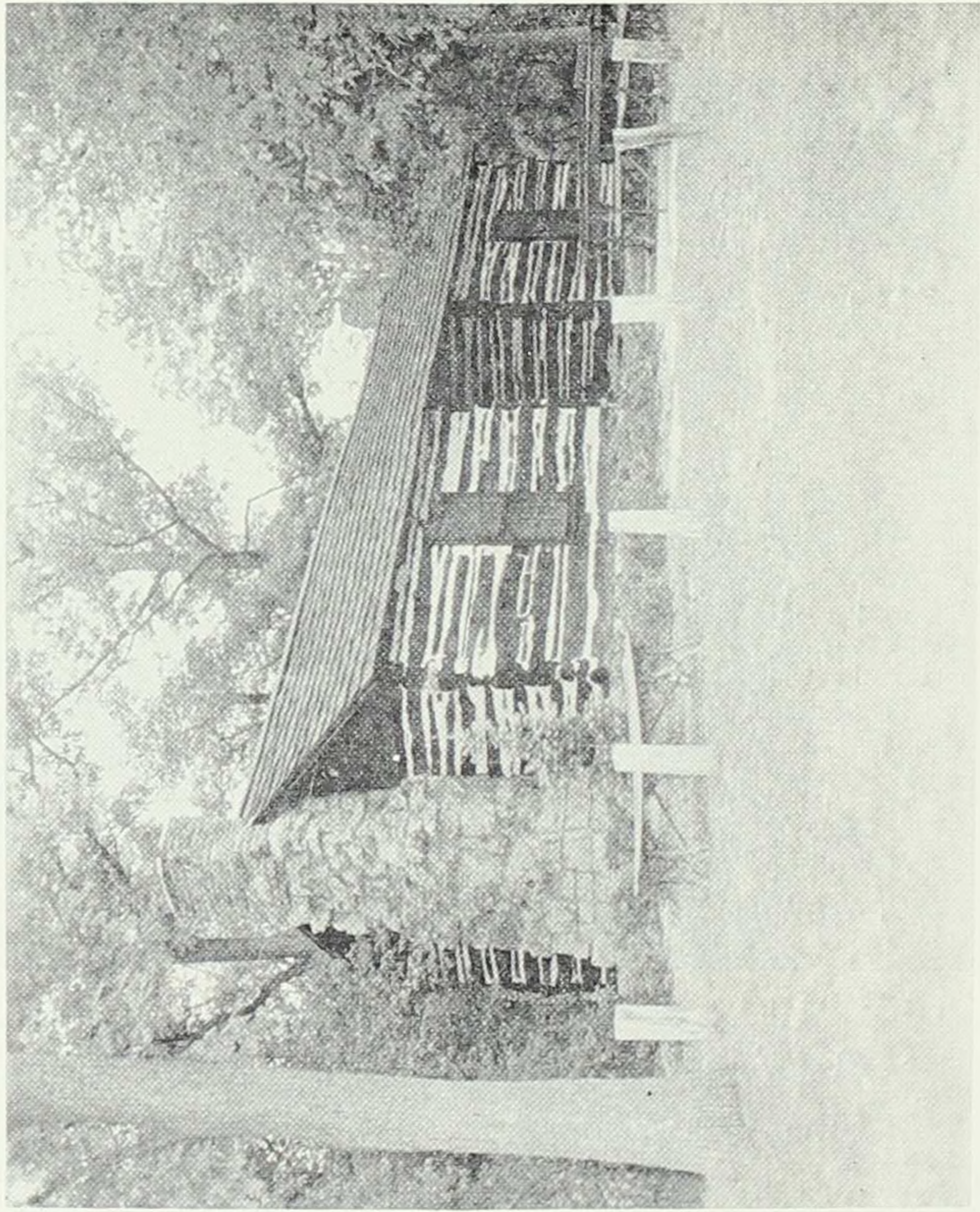
FOURTH STREET ELEVATOR

Dubuque



THE OLDEST LOG CABIN IN IOWA — 1833

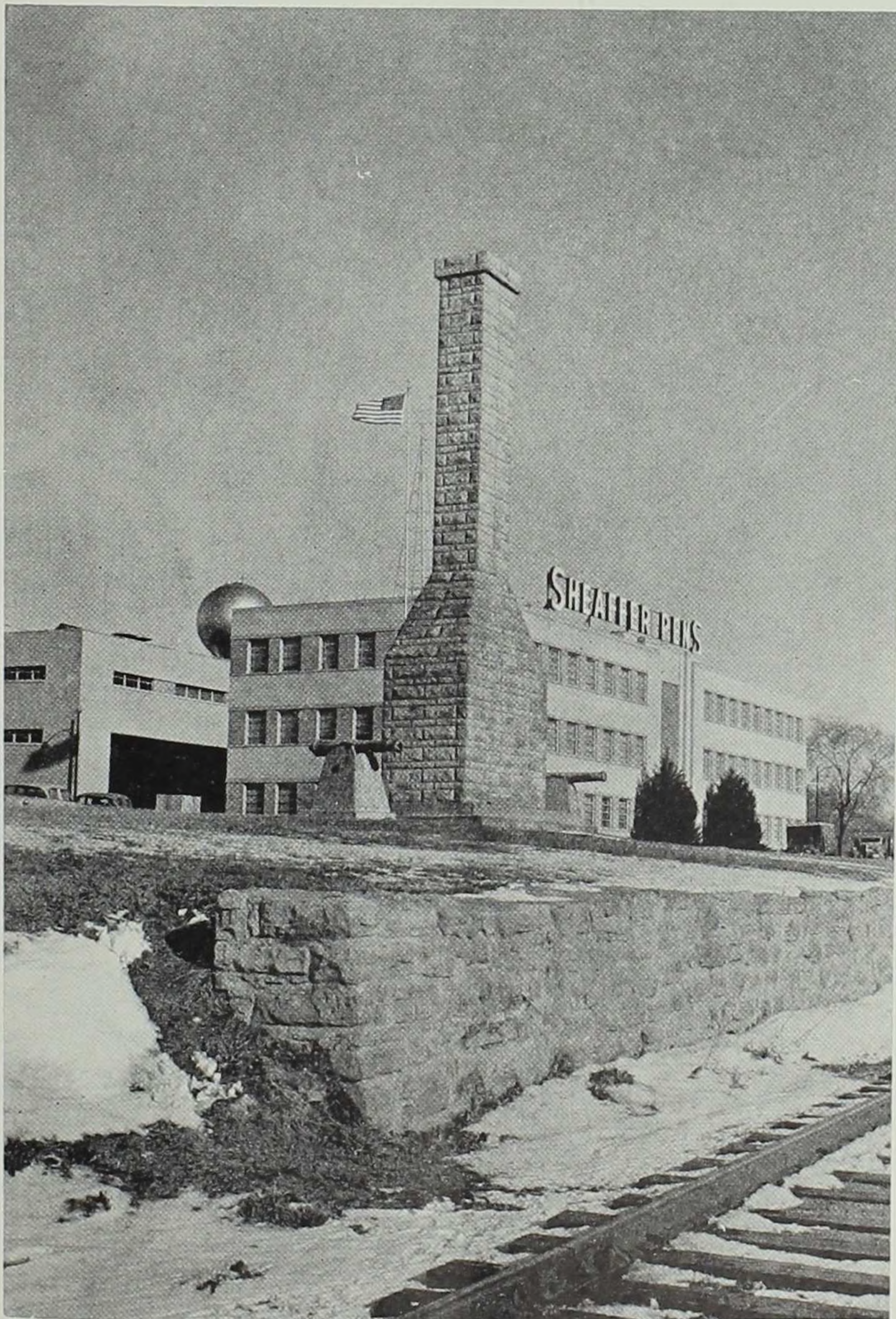
Eagle Point Park in Dubuque.



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MARKER FOR FORT MADISON: THE FIRST AMERICAN FORT
IN IOWA (1808-1813)

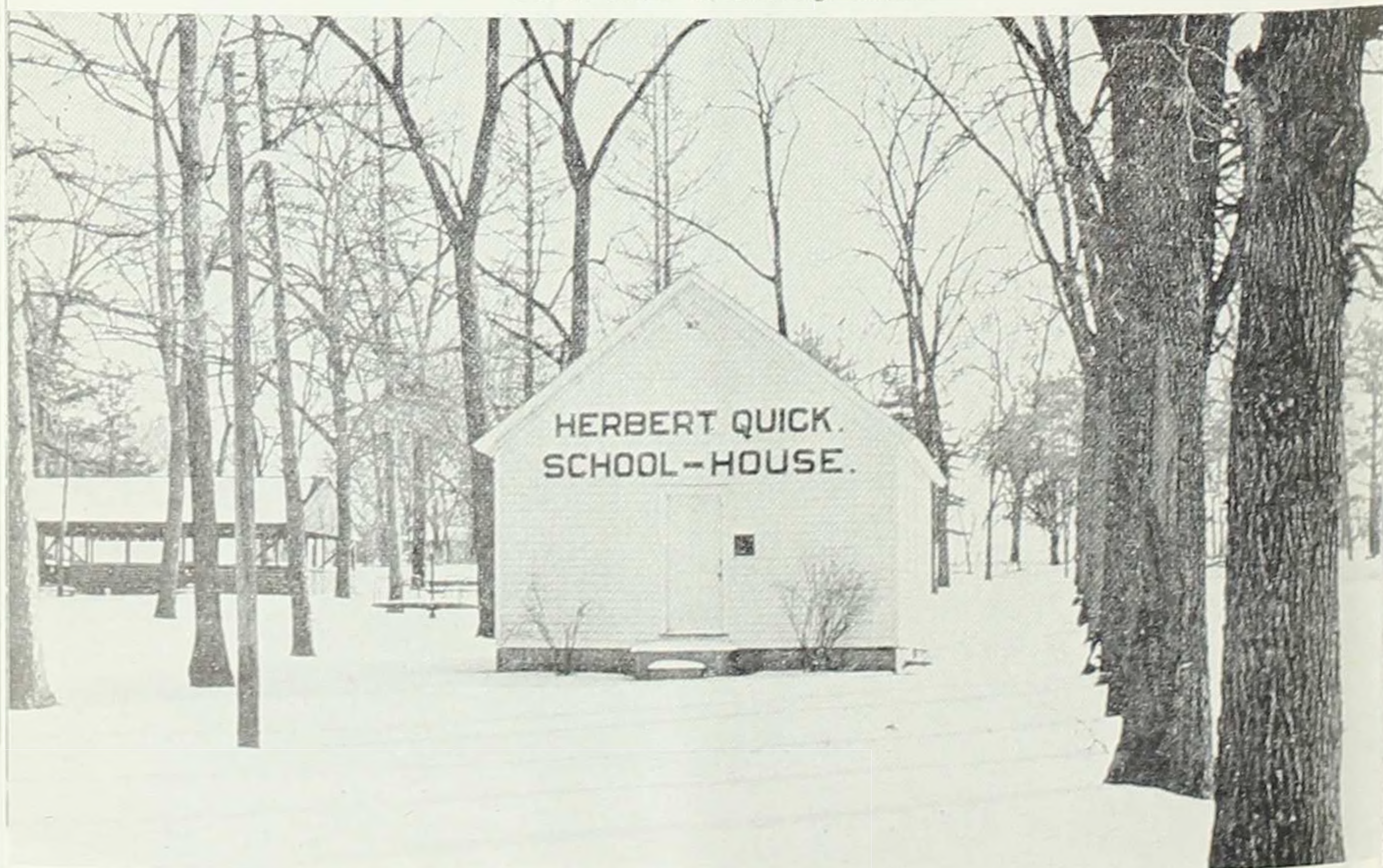
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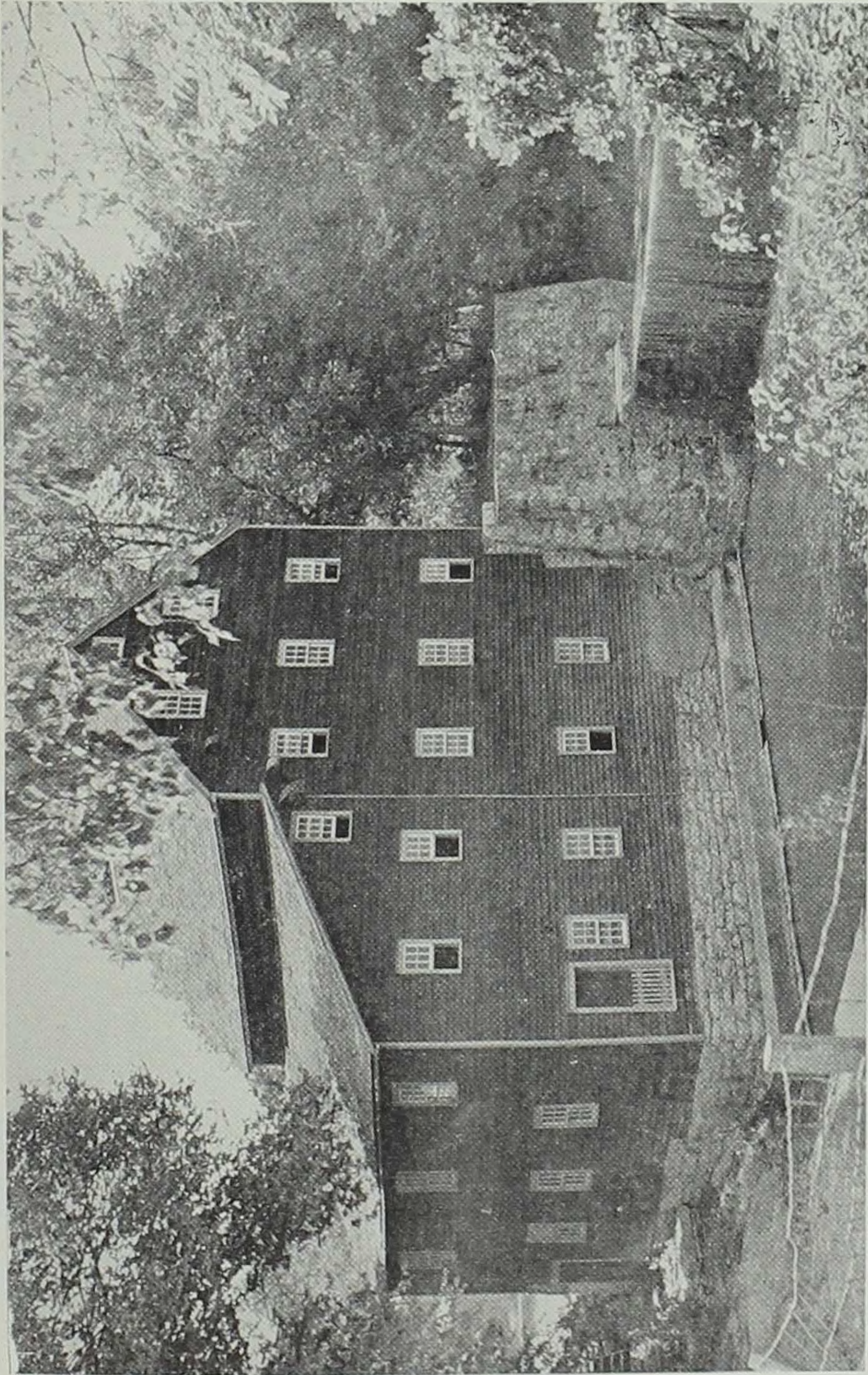


REPLICA OF THE FIRST SCHOOL IN IOWA (1830)
Galland



SCHOOL ATTENDED BY HERBERT QUICK
Orion Park in Grundy Center

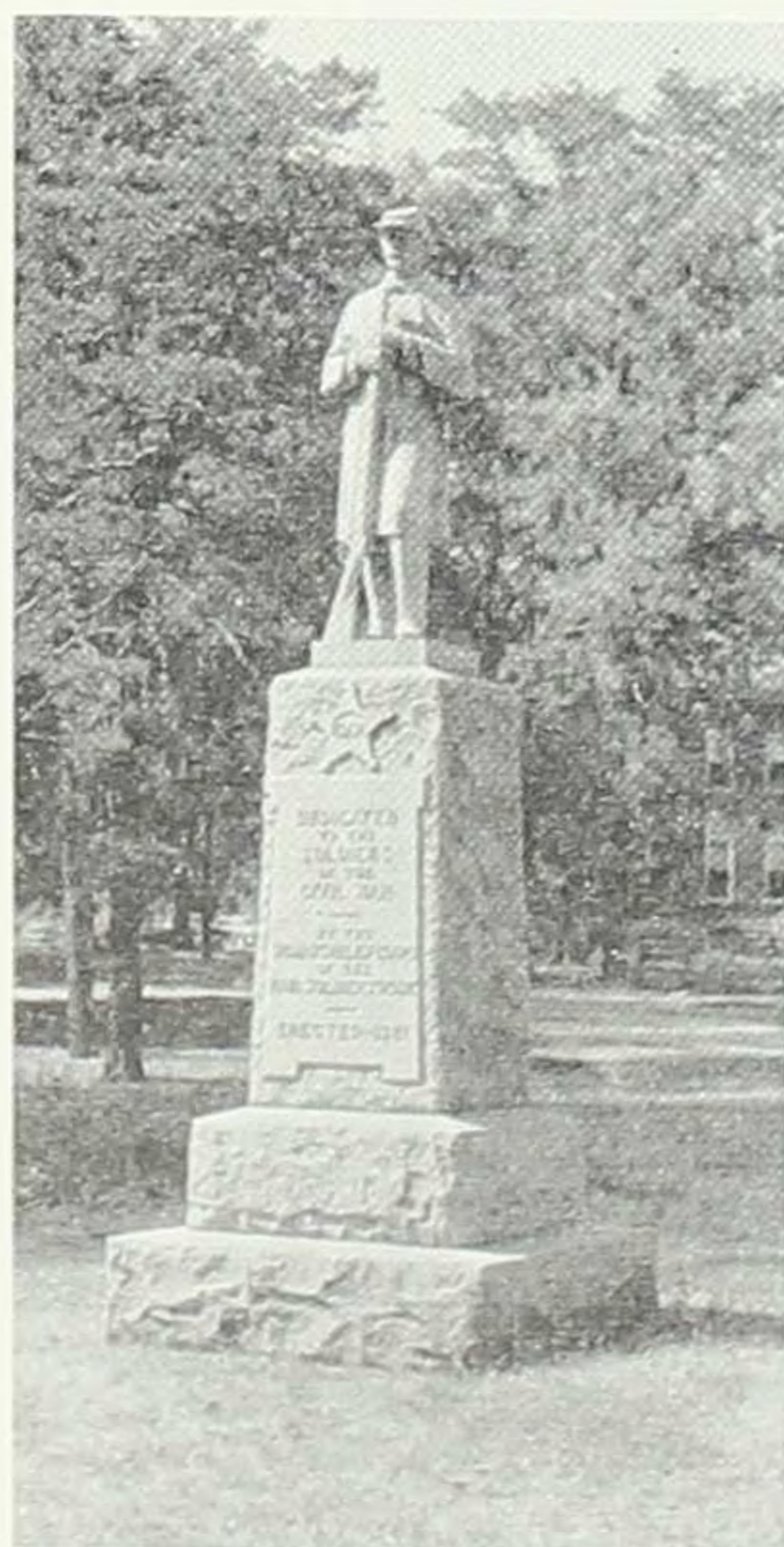
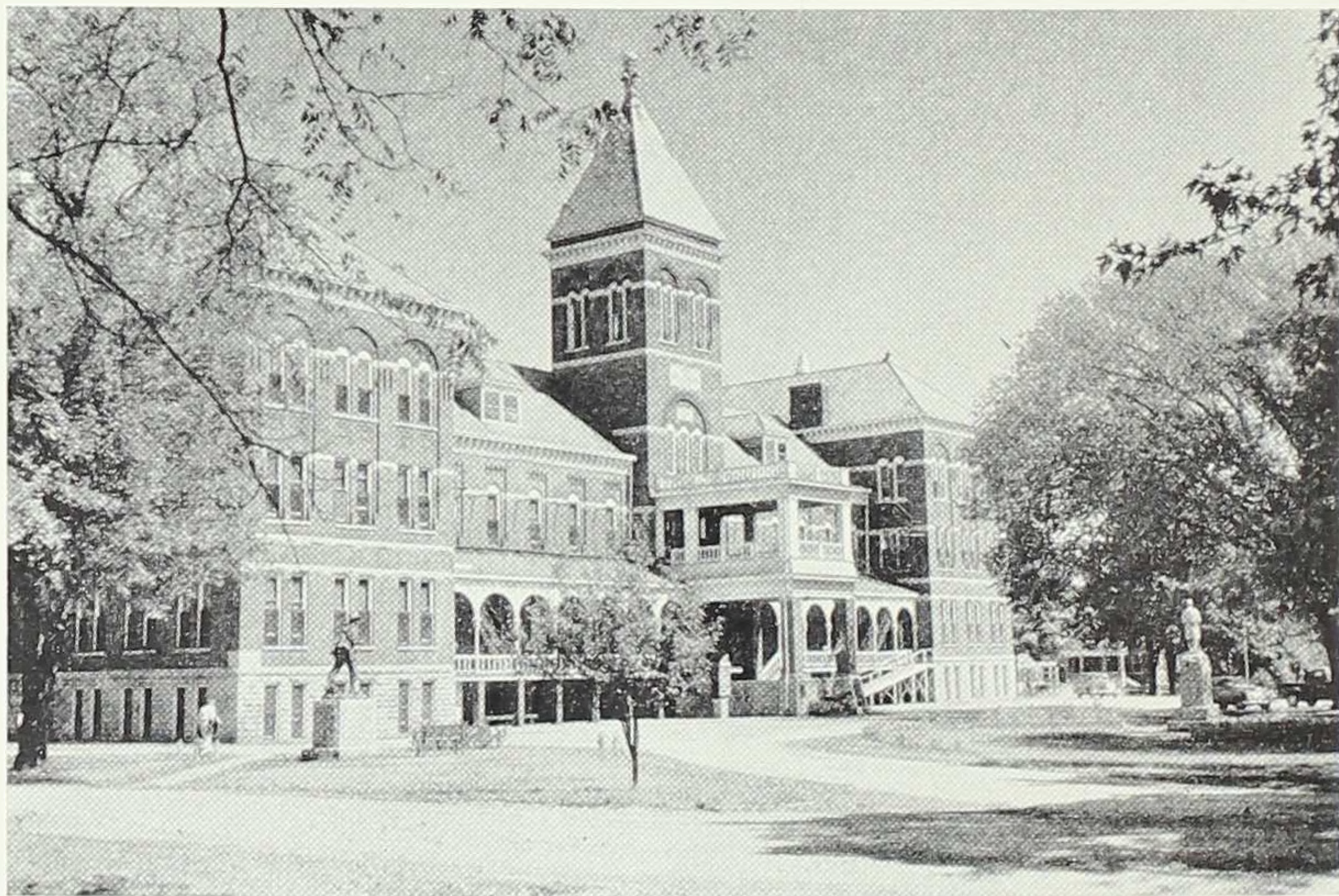




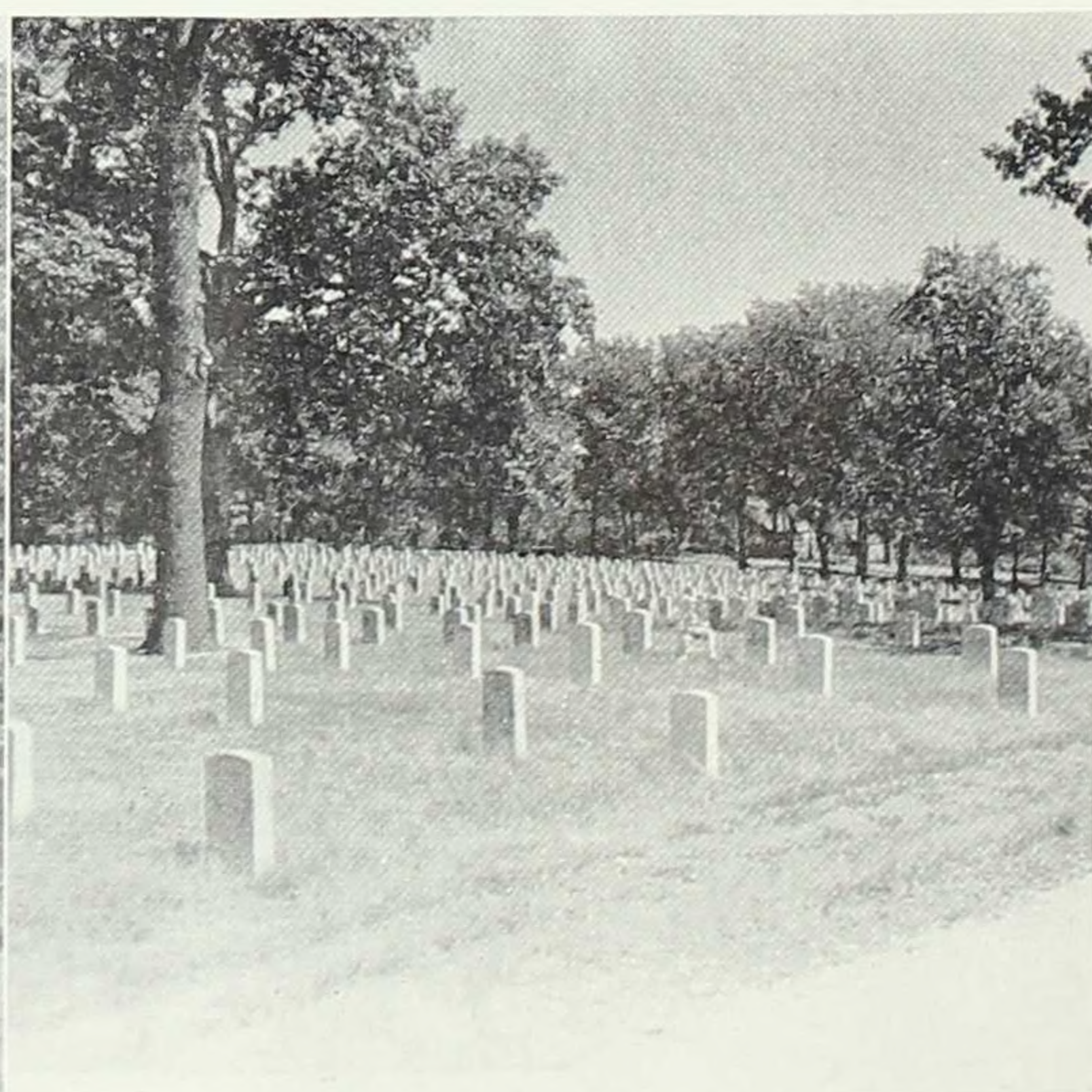
THE OLD MILL
Wildcat Den State Park — Muscatine County

IOWA SOLDIERS HOME

Marshalltown



Statue of Soldier



Cemetery

OUR HEROIC DEAD — CIVIL WAR



SAMUEL RYAN CURTIS
Keokuk

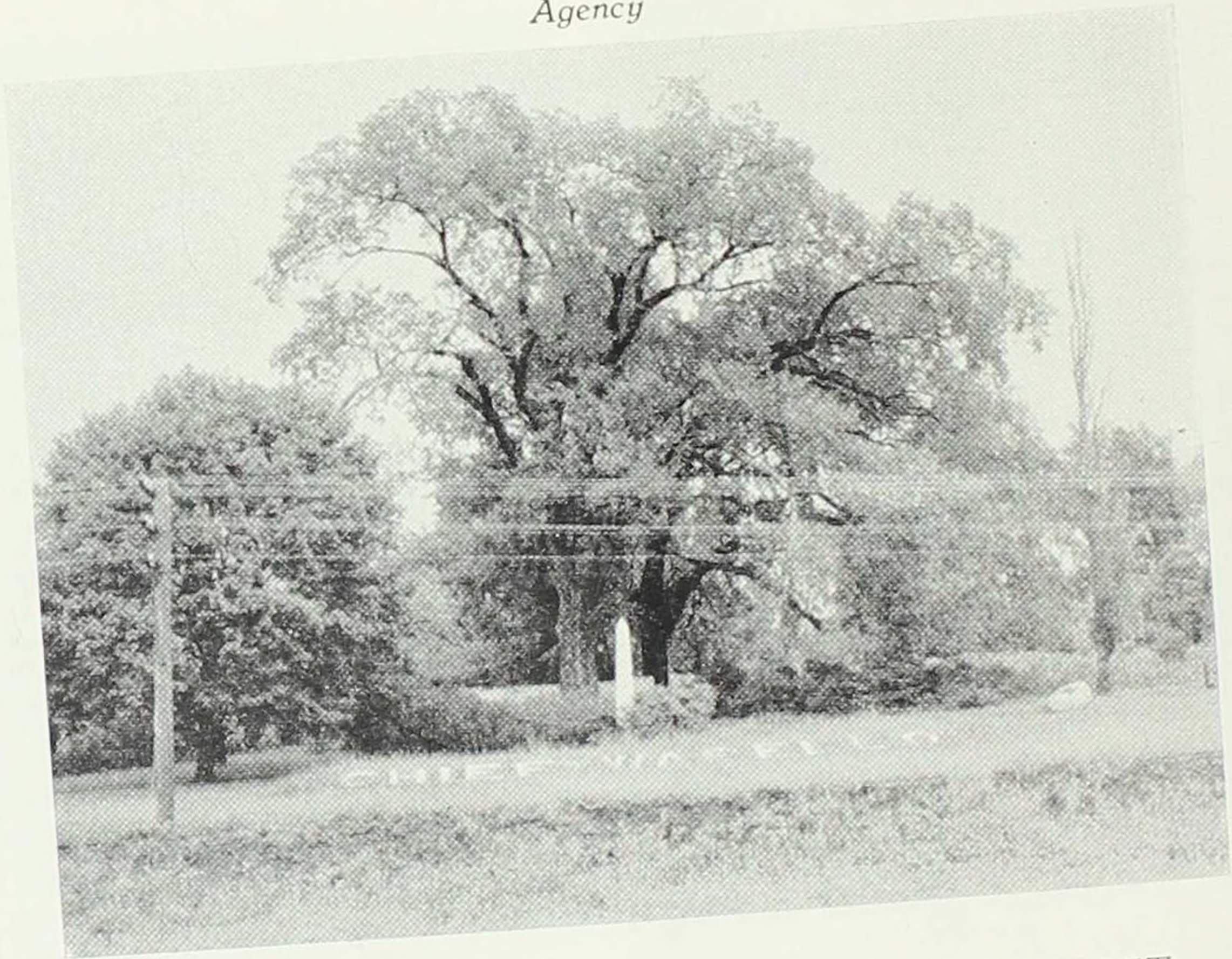


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Burlington

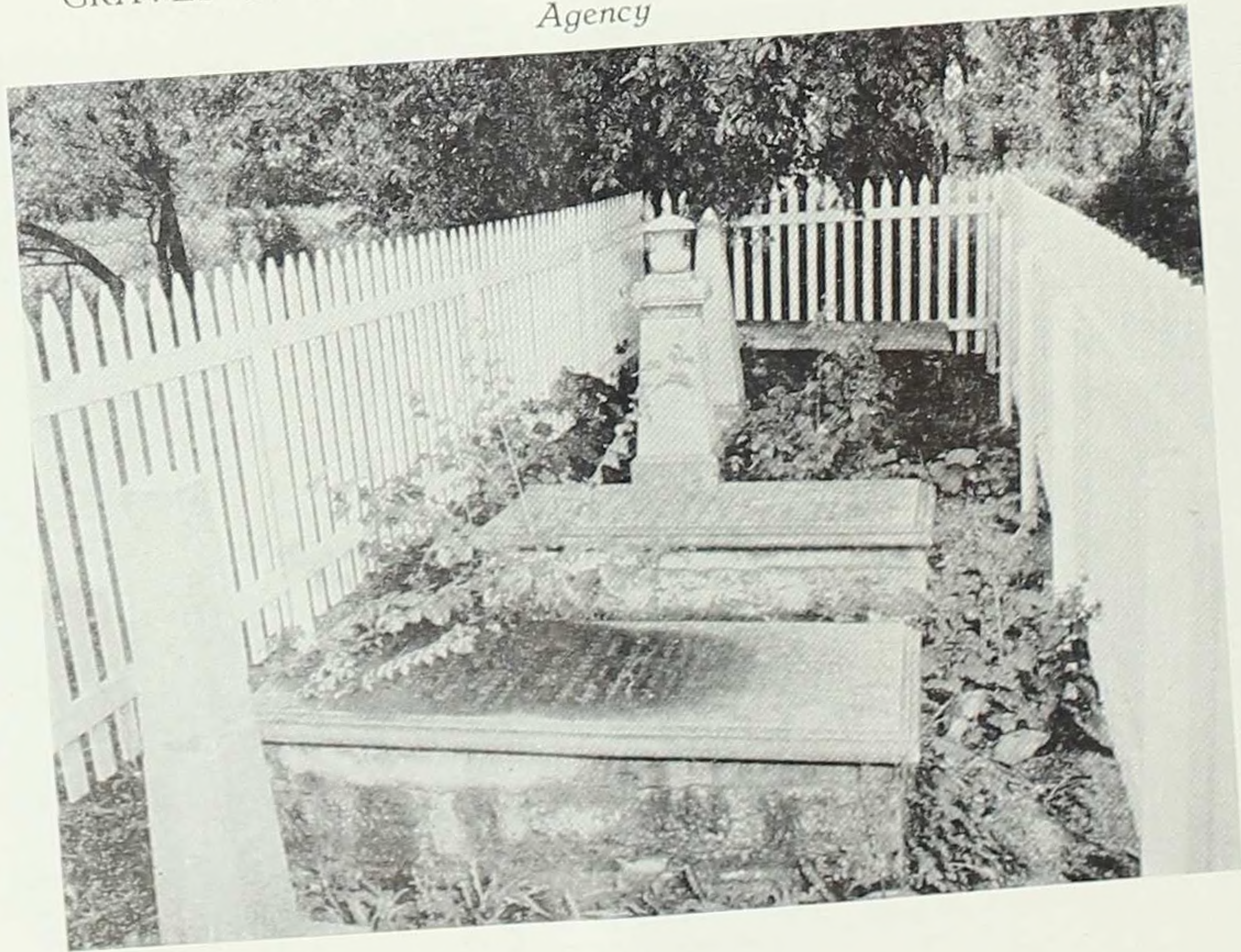


National Cemetery
Keokuk

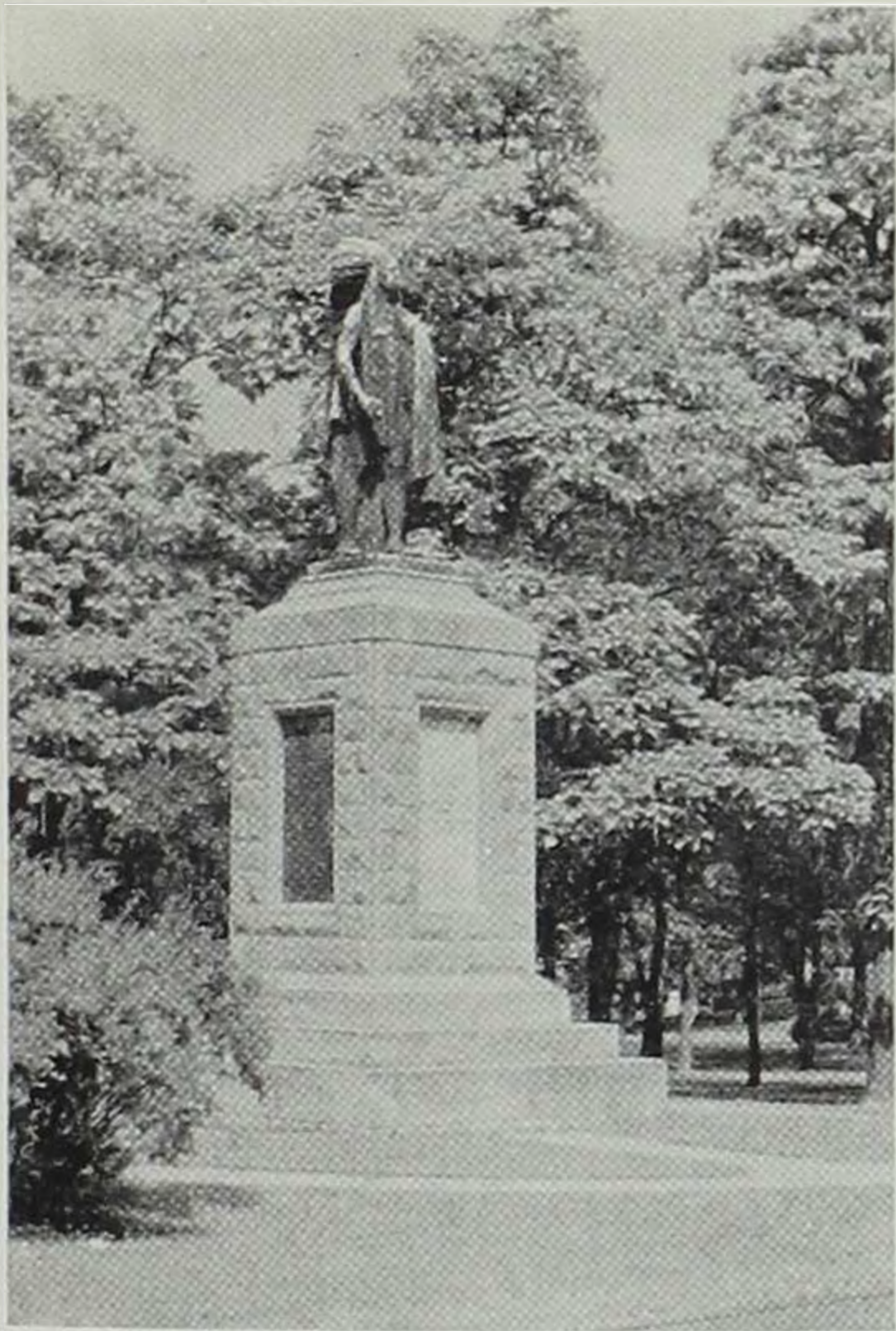
MONUMENT TO CHIEF WAPELLO
Agency



GRAVES OF CHIEF WAPELLO AND JOSEPH M. STREET
Agency



OUR FIRST IOWANS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN



CHIEF KEOKUK
Keokuk



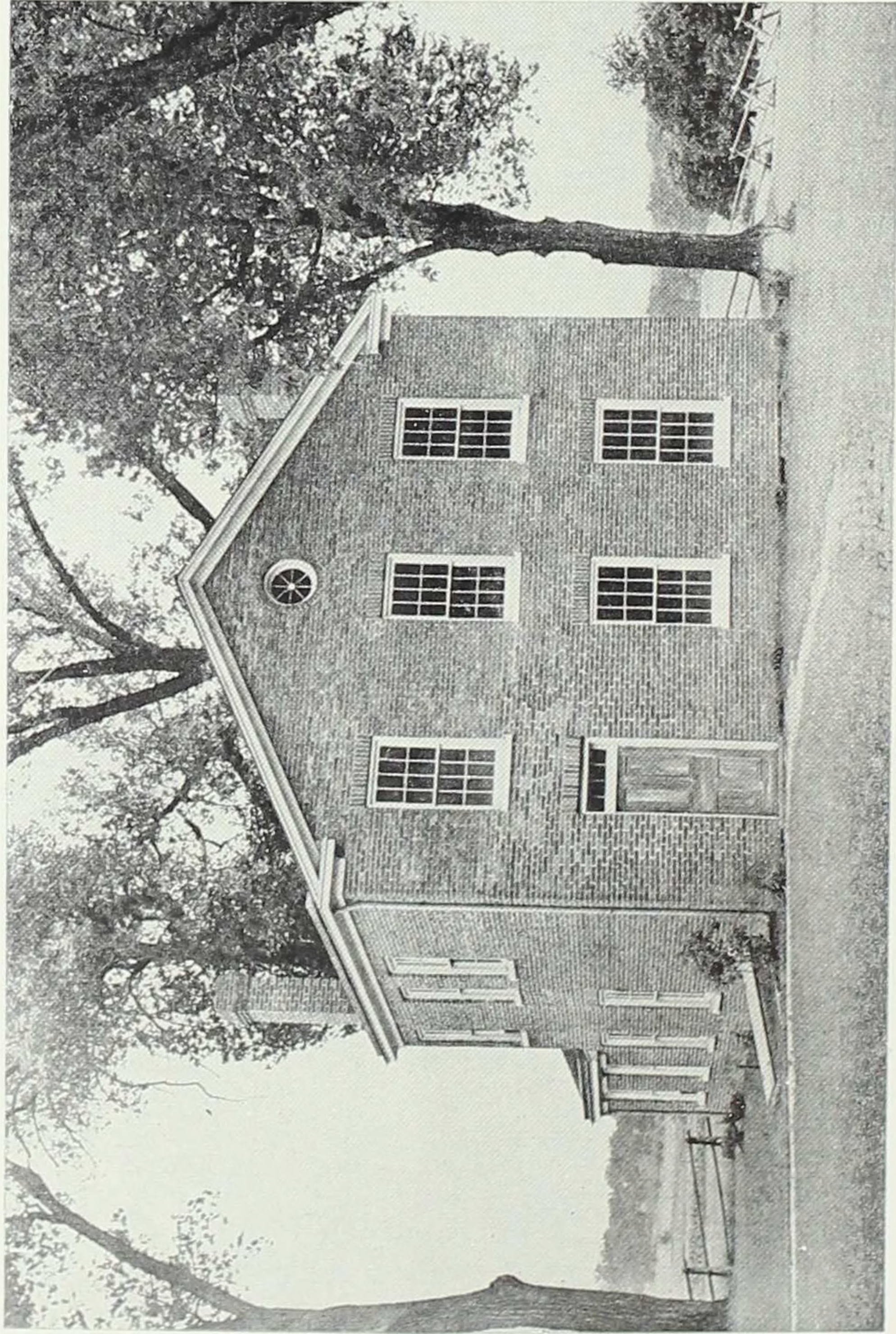
CHIEF MAHASKA
Oskaloosa



Black Hawk Springs
Burlington

HOME OF FIRST GOVERNOR OF TERRITORY OF IOWA

Iowa City

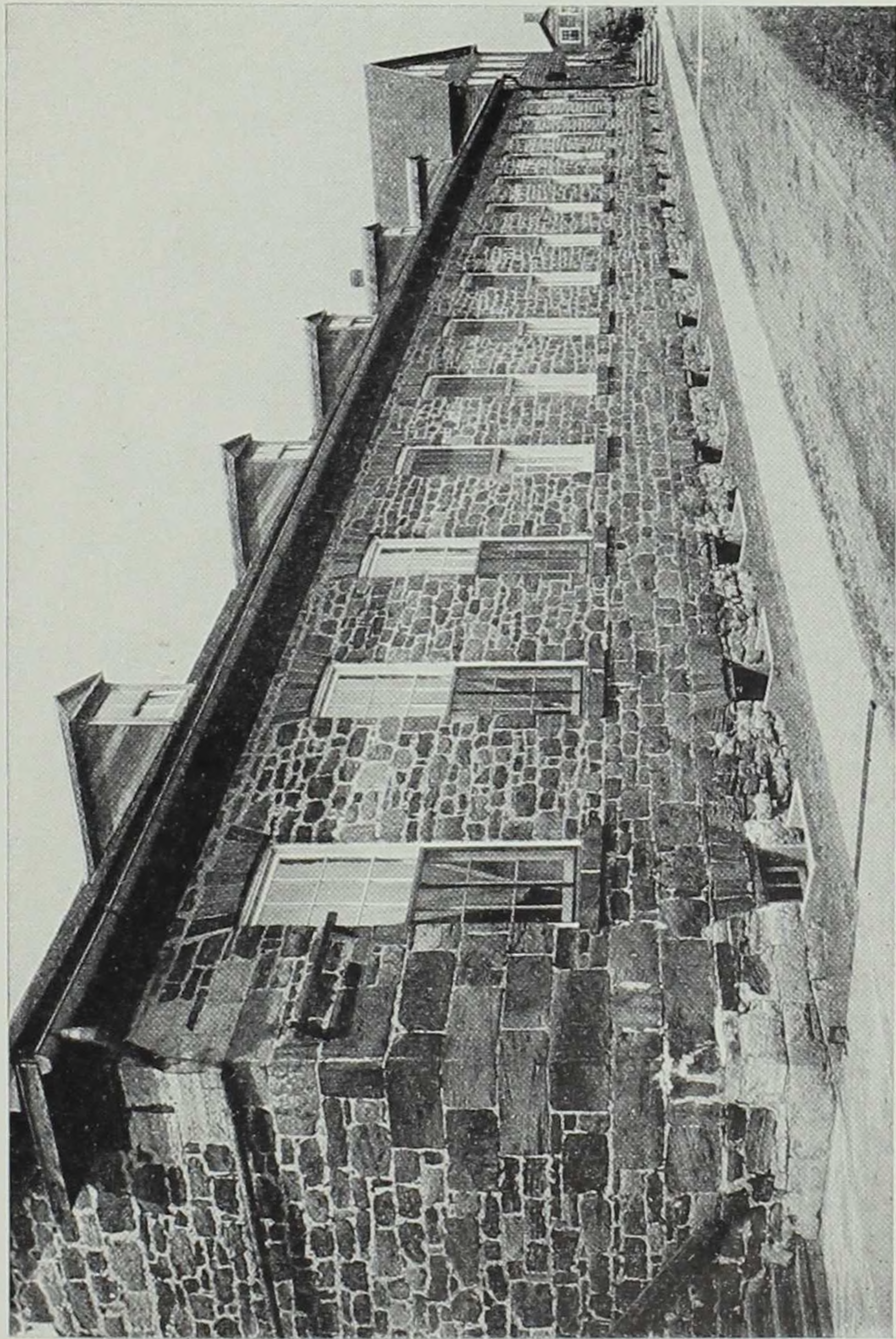


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Plum Grove — Home of Governor Robert Lucas

AMANA — THE COMMUNITY OF TRUE INSPIRATION

Amana

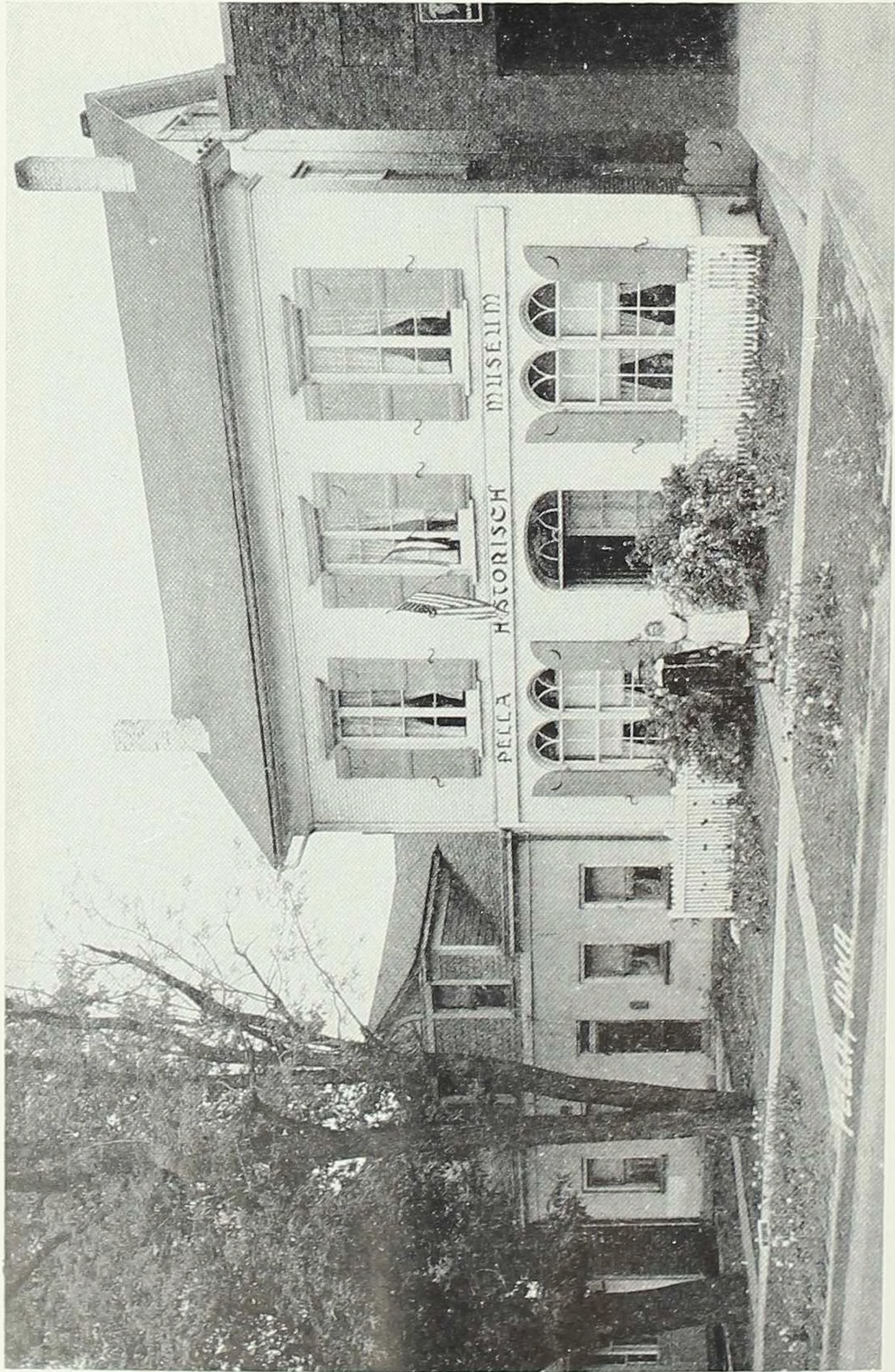


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Amana Church

A BIT OF HOLLAND IN IOWA

Pella



Pella Historical Museum

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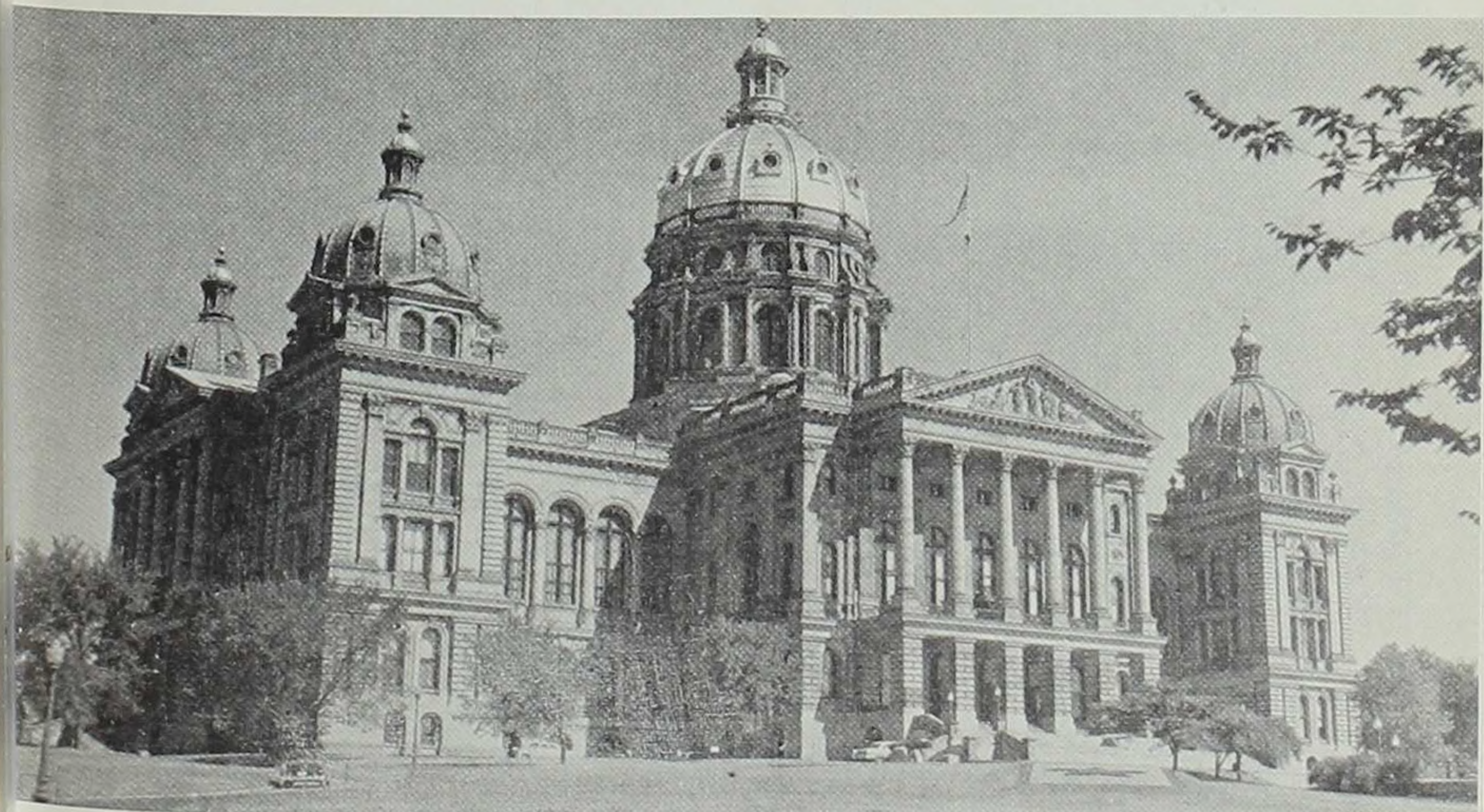
THE WILLIAM BOYD ALLISON MONUMENT

Des Moines



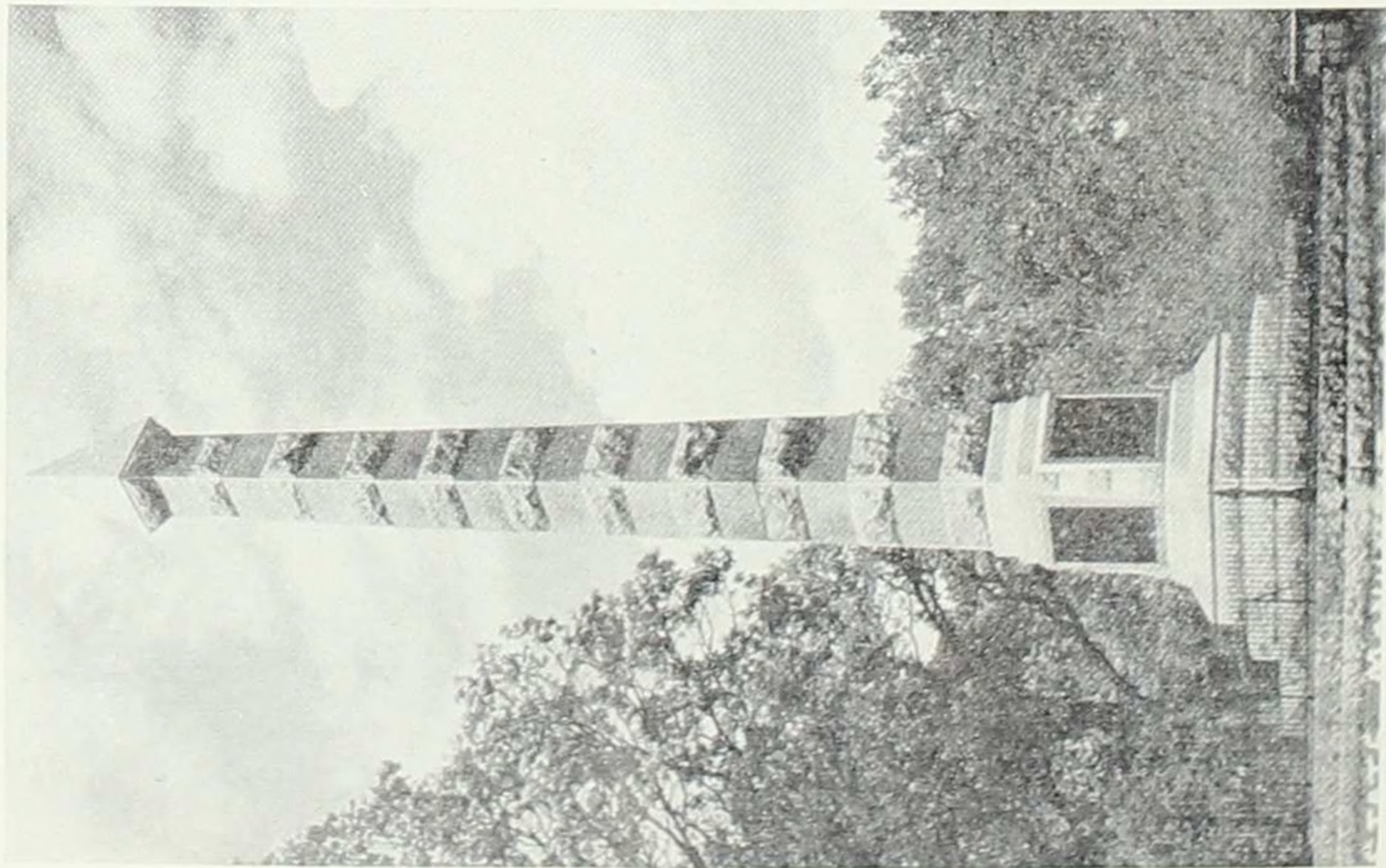
IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Des Moines

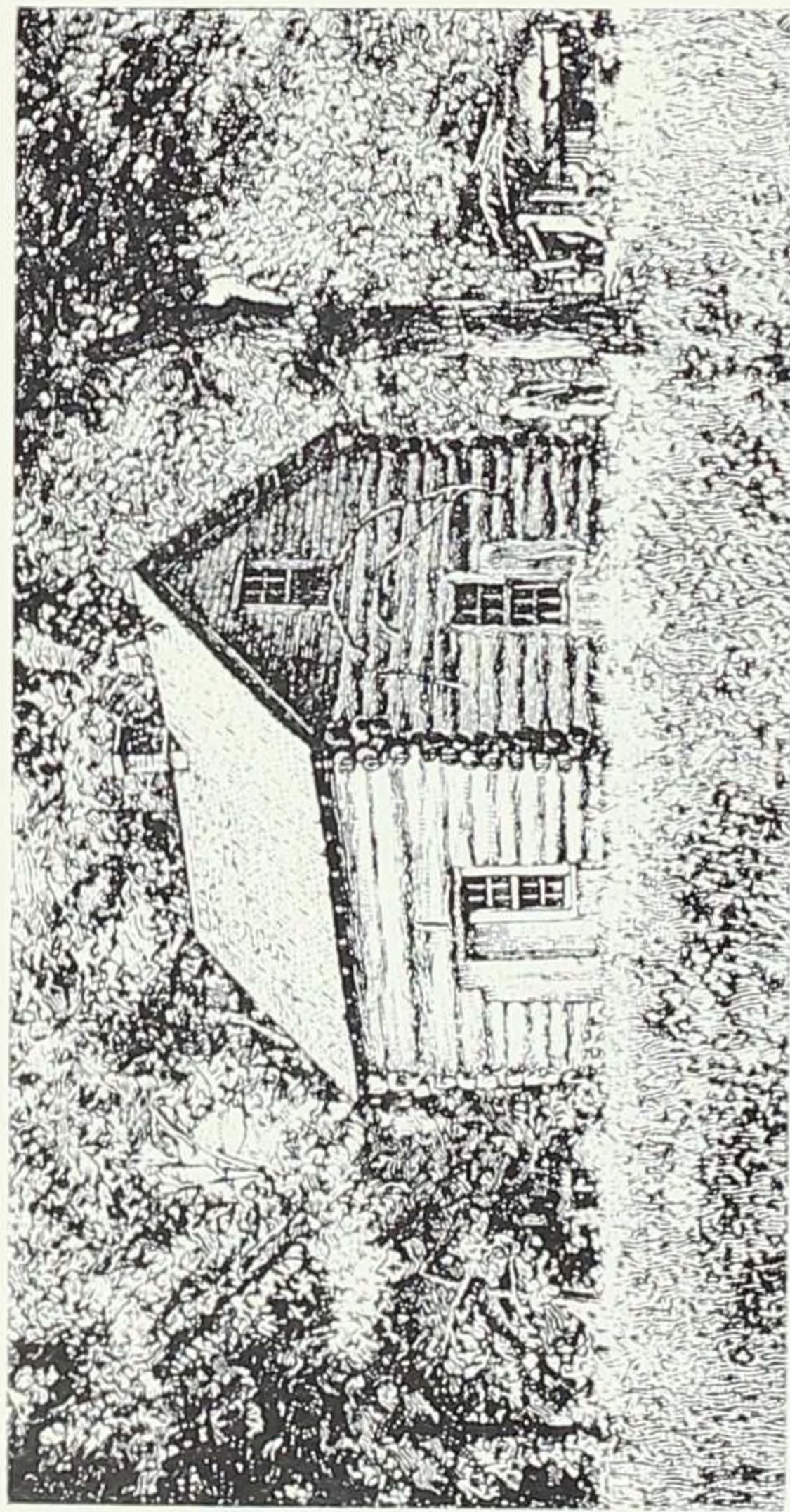


THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE: 1857

Arnolds Park



Monument erected 1895



From Gilchrist's *Iowa*

Gardner Log Cabin — 1888

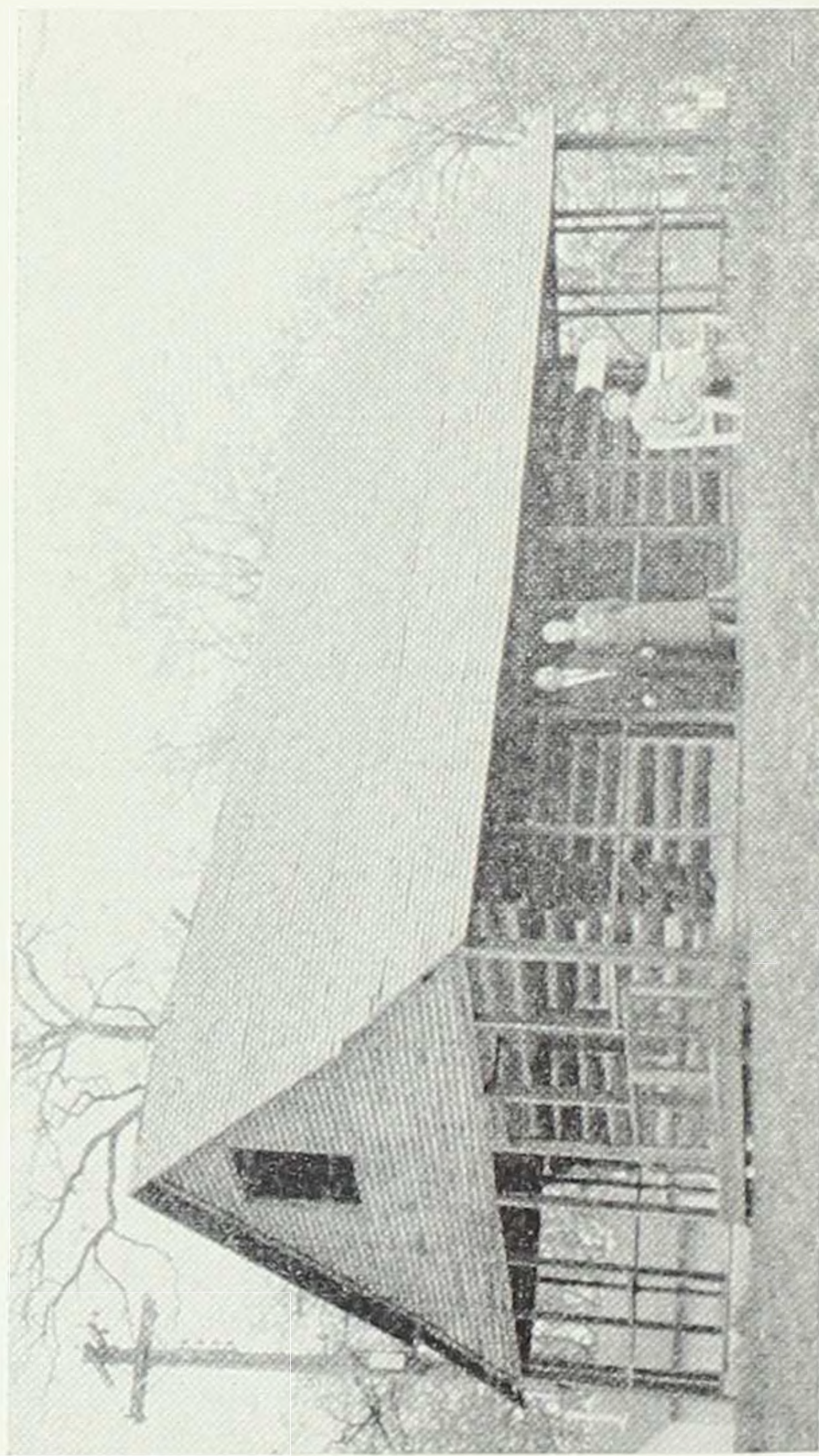
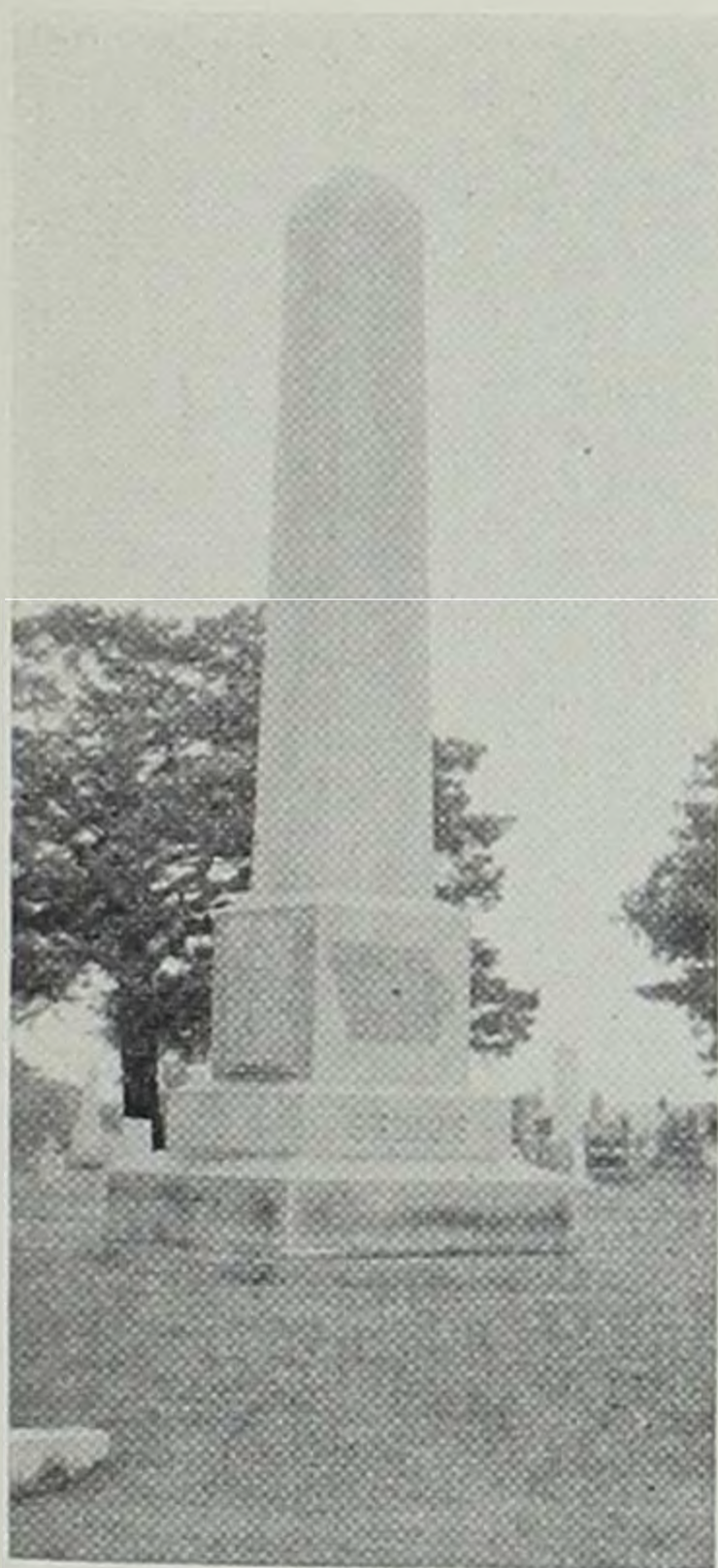


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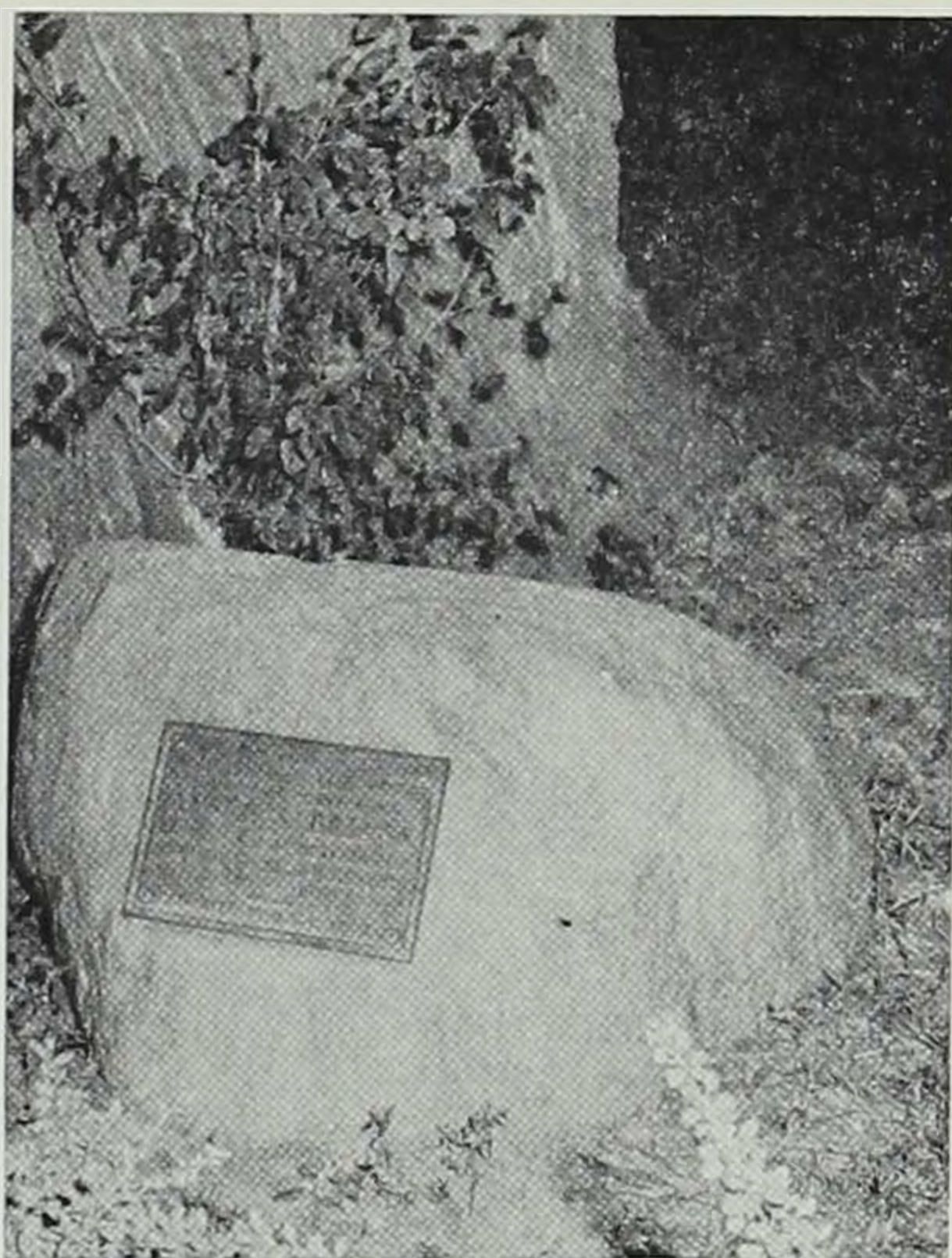
Gardner Log Cabin — 1960

GRAVE OF ANSEL BRIGGS — FIRST STATE GOVERNOR

Andrew



Monument Over Grave
of Ansel Briggs
Andrew



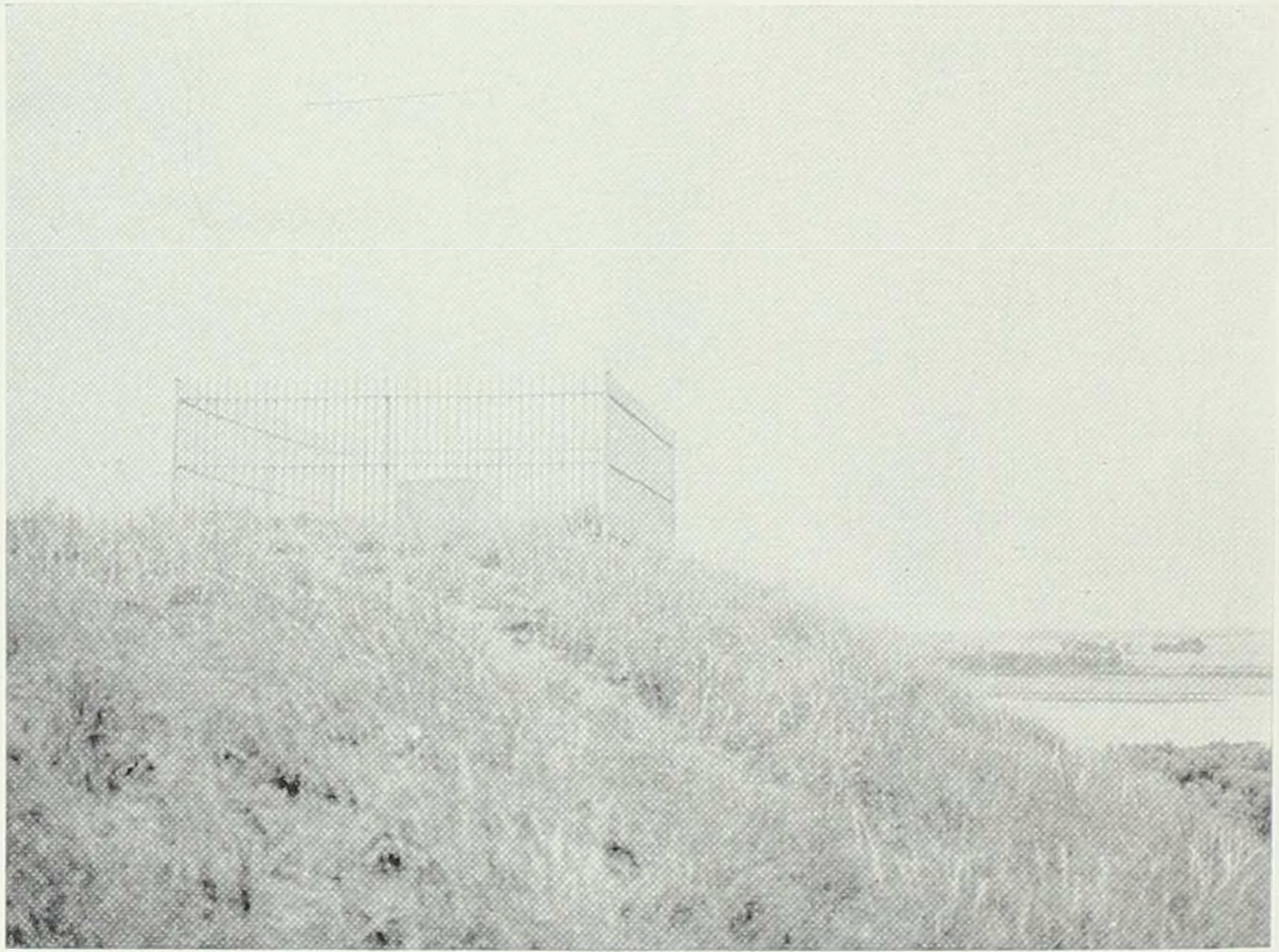
Bronze Tablet Marking
Tree Planted by Ansel Briggs
Andrew



Butterworth Tavern — Ansel Briggs Lived Here
Andrew

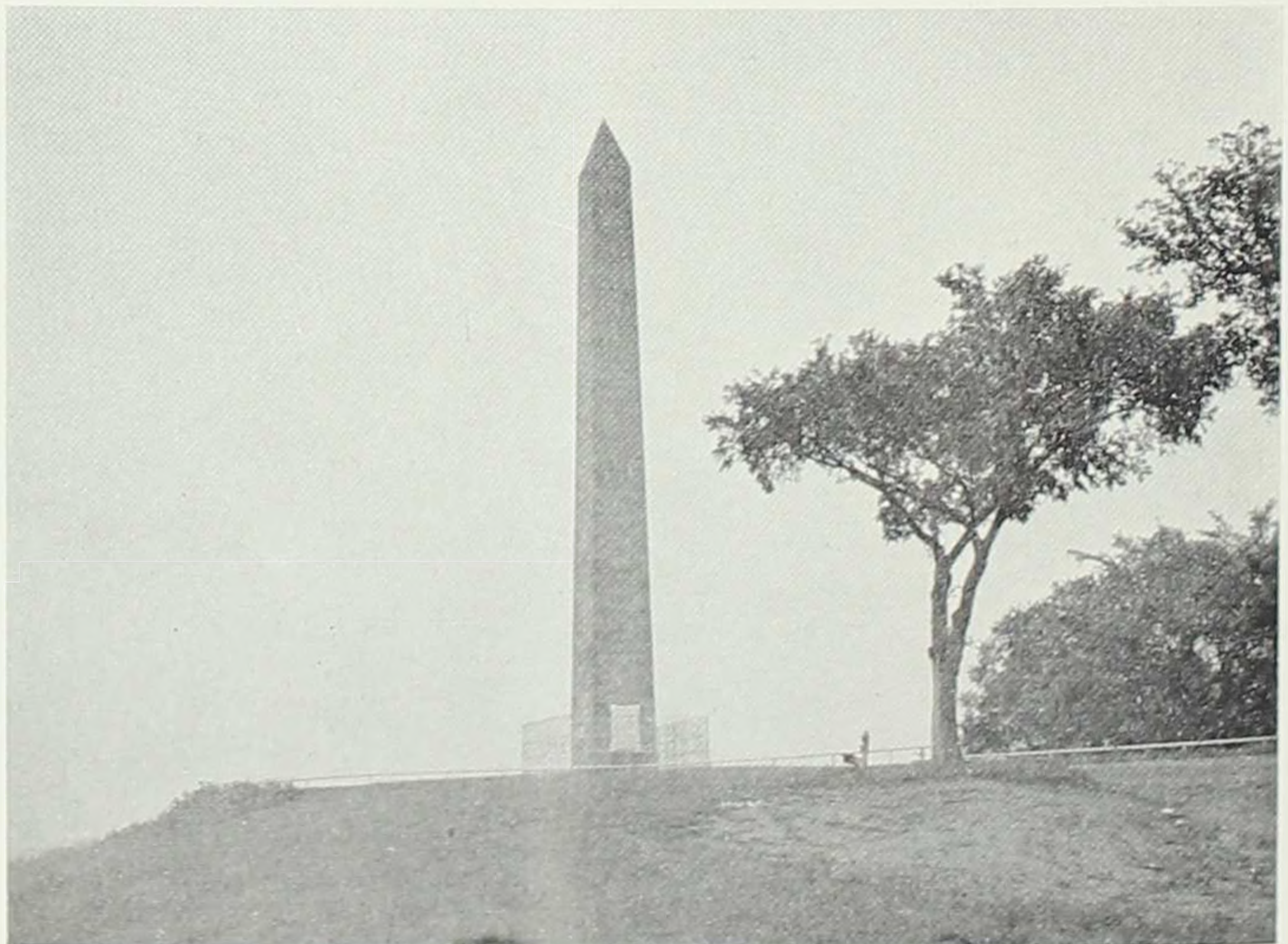
WAR EAGLE'S GRAVE OVERLOOKING THE BIG SIOUX

Sioux City



MONUMENT TO SERGEANT CHARLES FLOYD

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LEWIS AND CLARK MEMORIAL
Council Bluffs

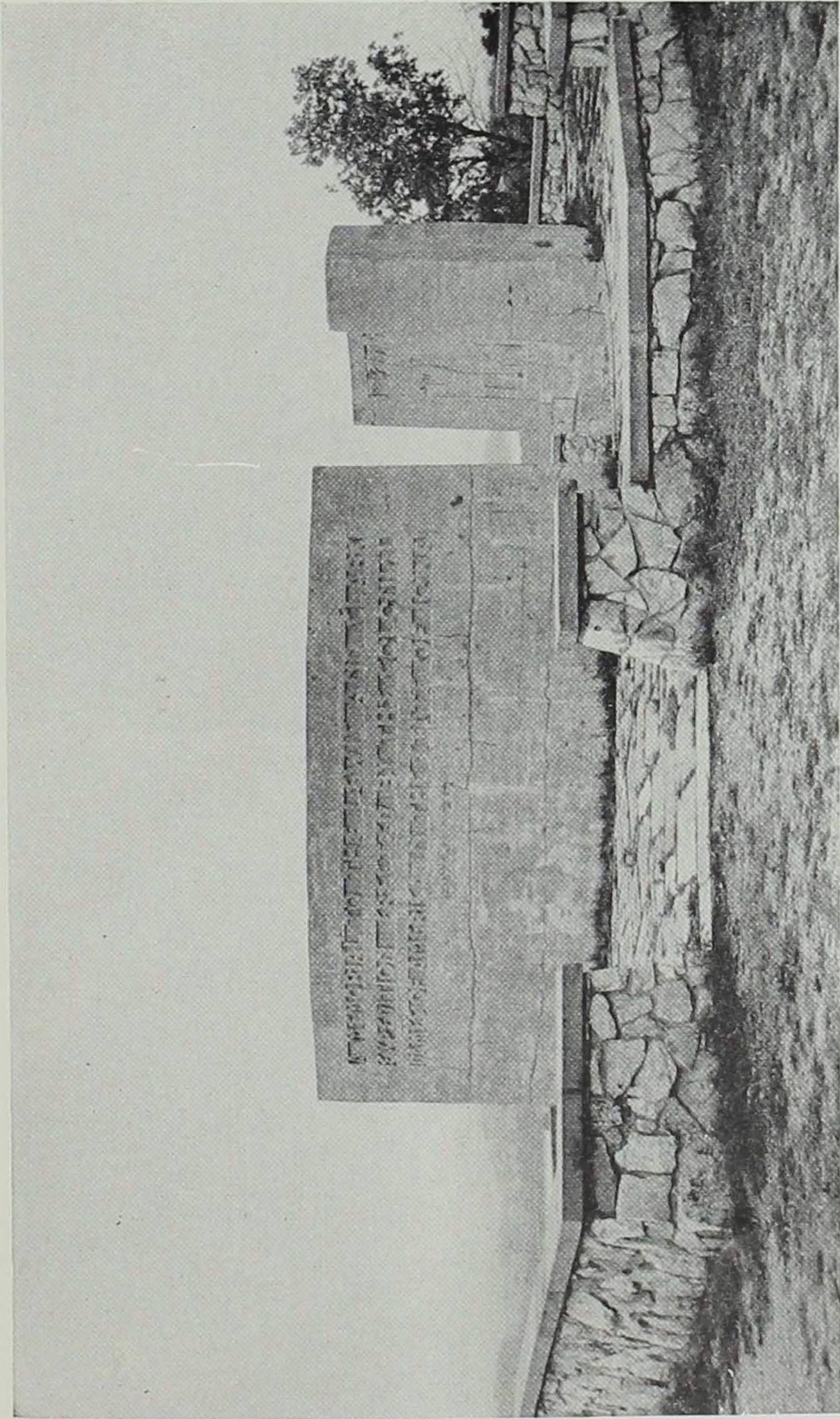
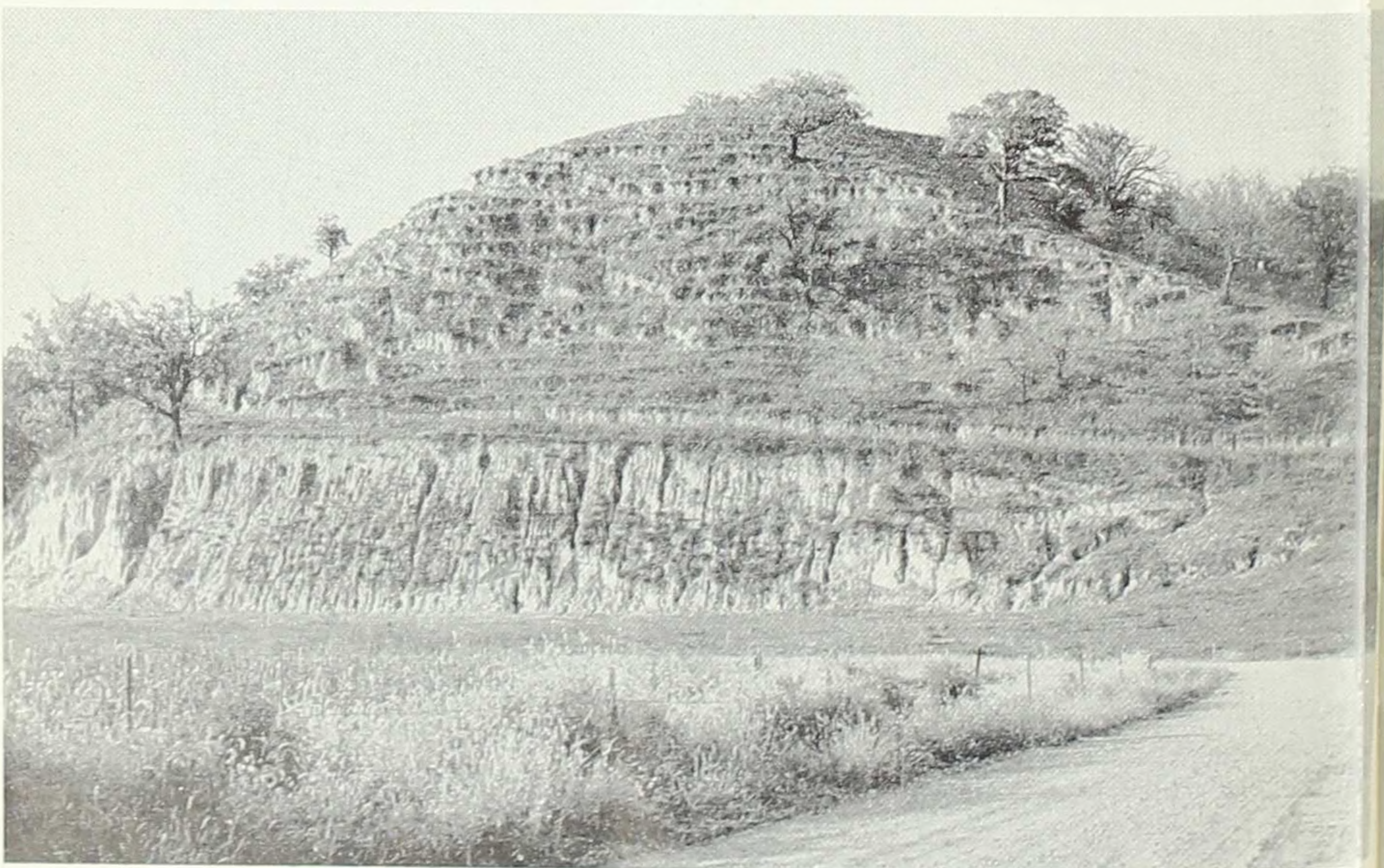
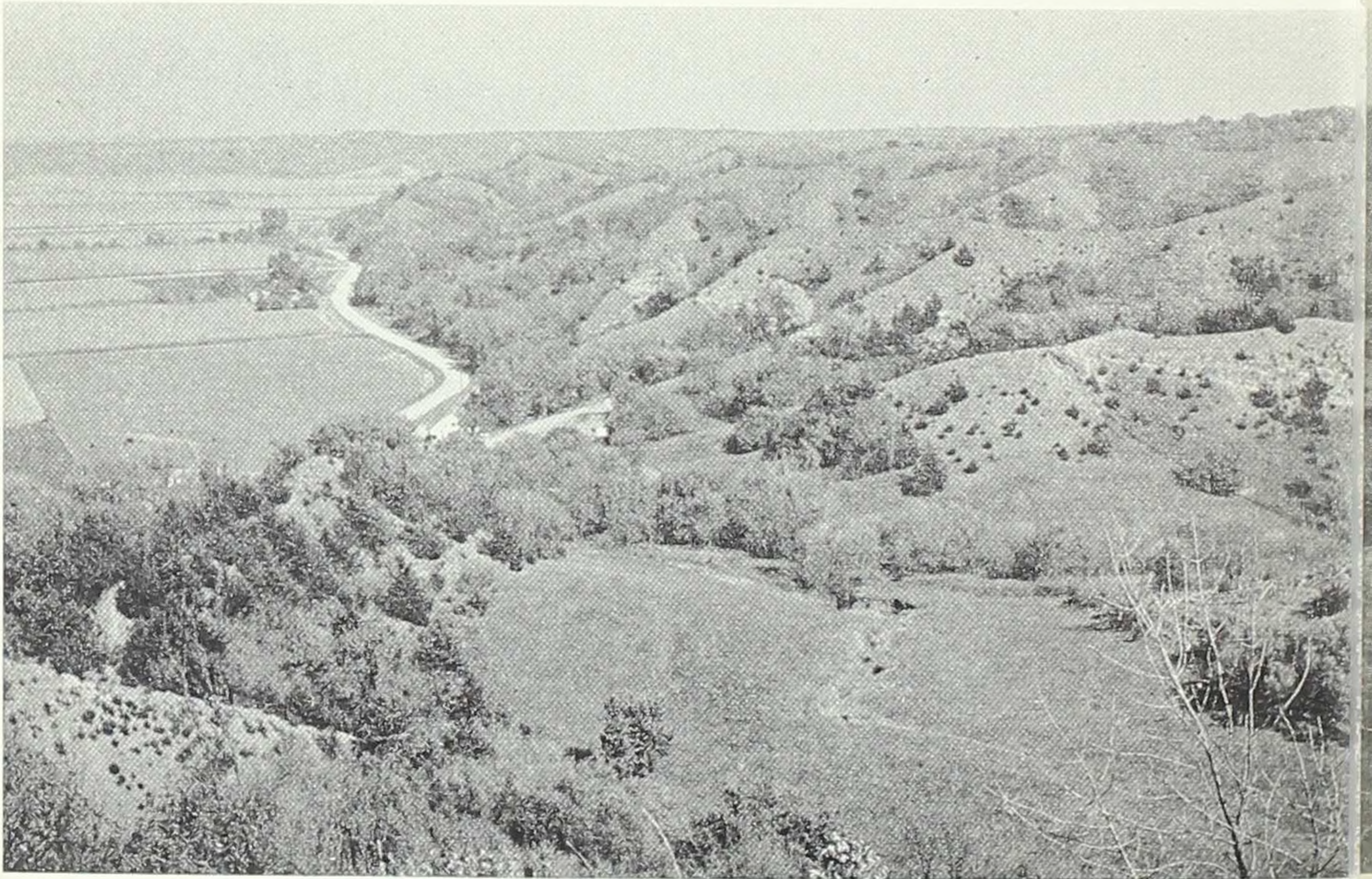


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Lewis and Clark passed along the western border of Iowa from July 18 to August 20, 1804. They held a council with the Missouri and Oto Indians in the vicinity of Council Bluffs for which the present city has received its name.

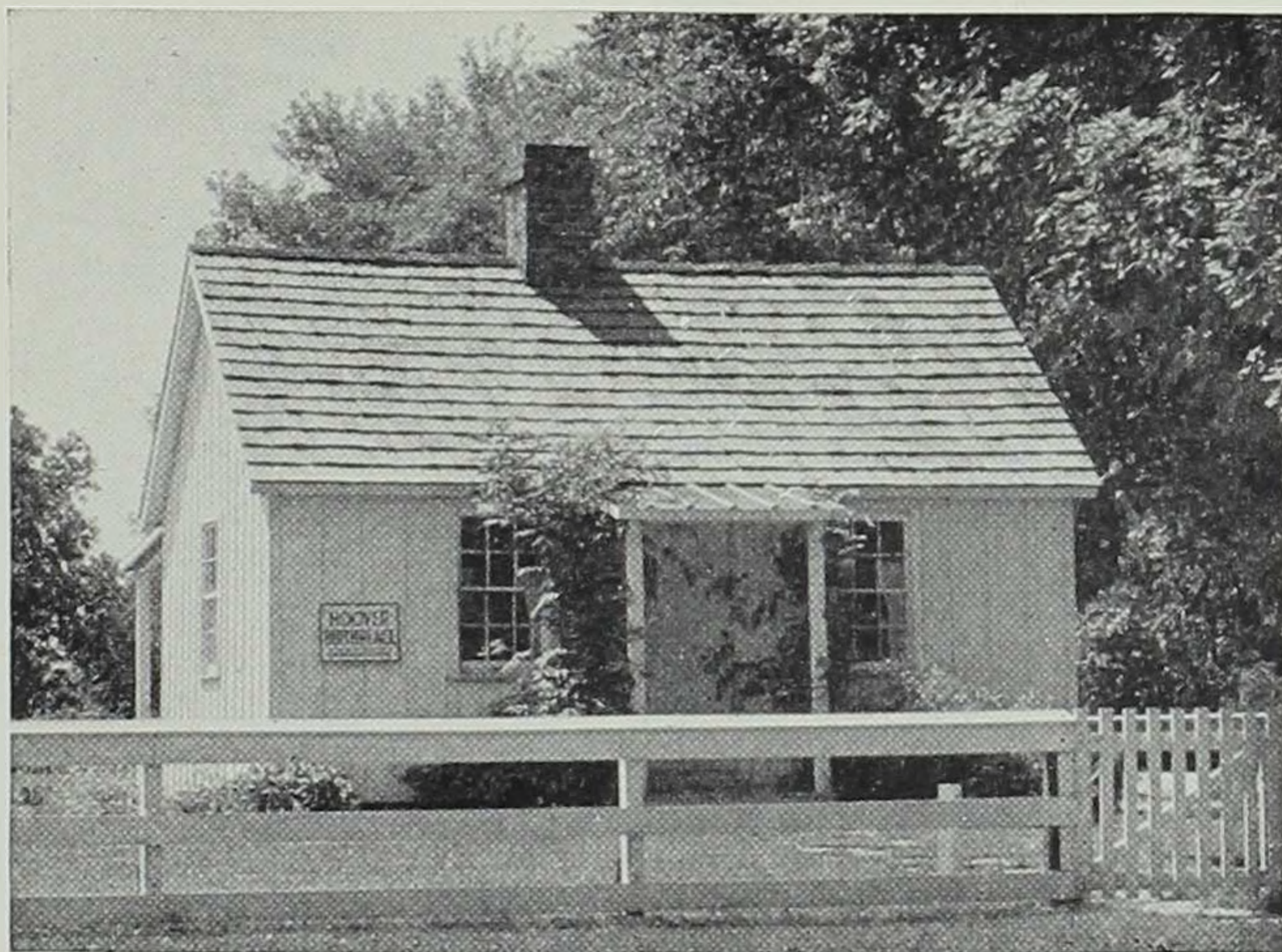
ALONG THE WAUBONSIE TRAIL
Fremont County



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BIRTHPLACE OF IOWA'S ONLY PRESIDENT

West Branch



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Herbert Hoover Birthplace

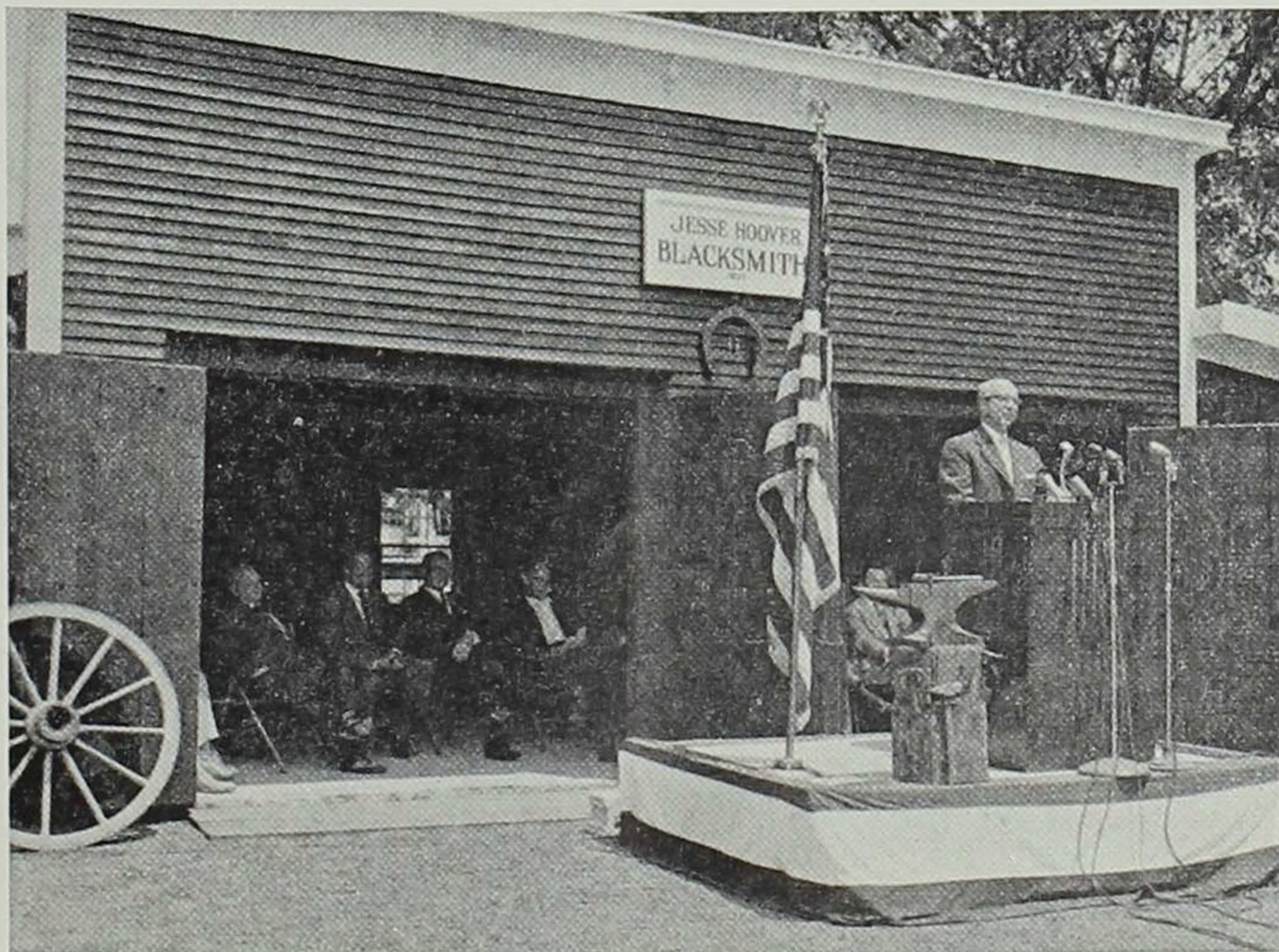


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Replica of Blacksmith Shop of Jesse Hoover
West Branch

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
CENTENNIAL BUILDING

Iowa City

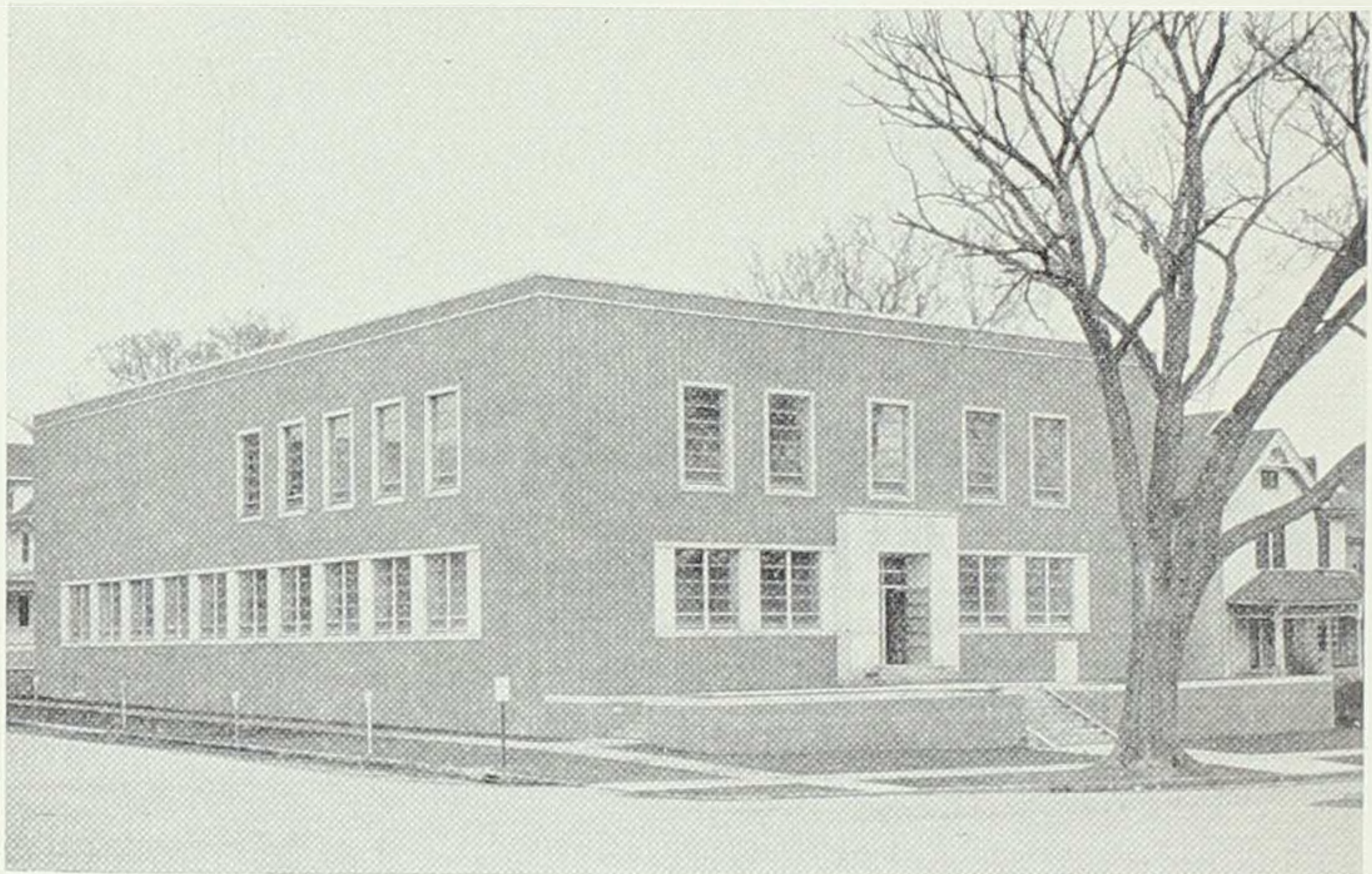


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TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITOL — 1841-1857

Now University of Iowa Administration Building

Iowa City

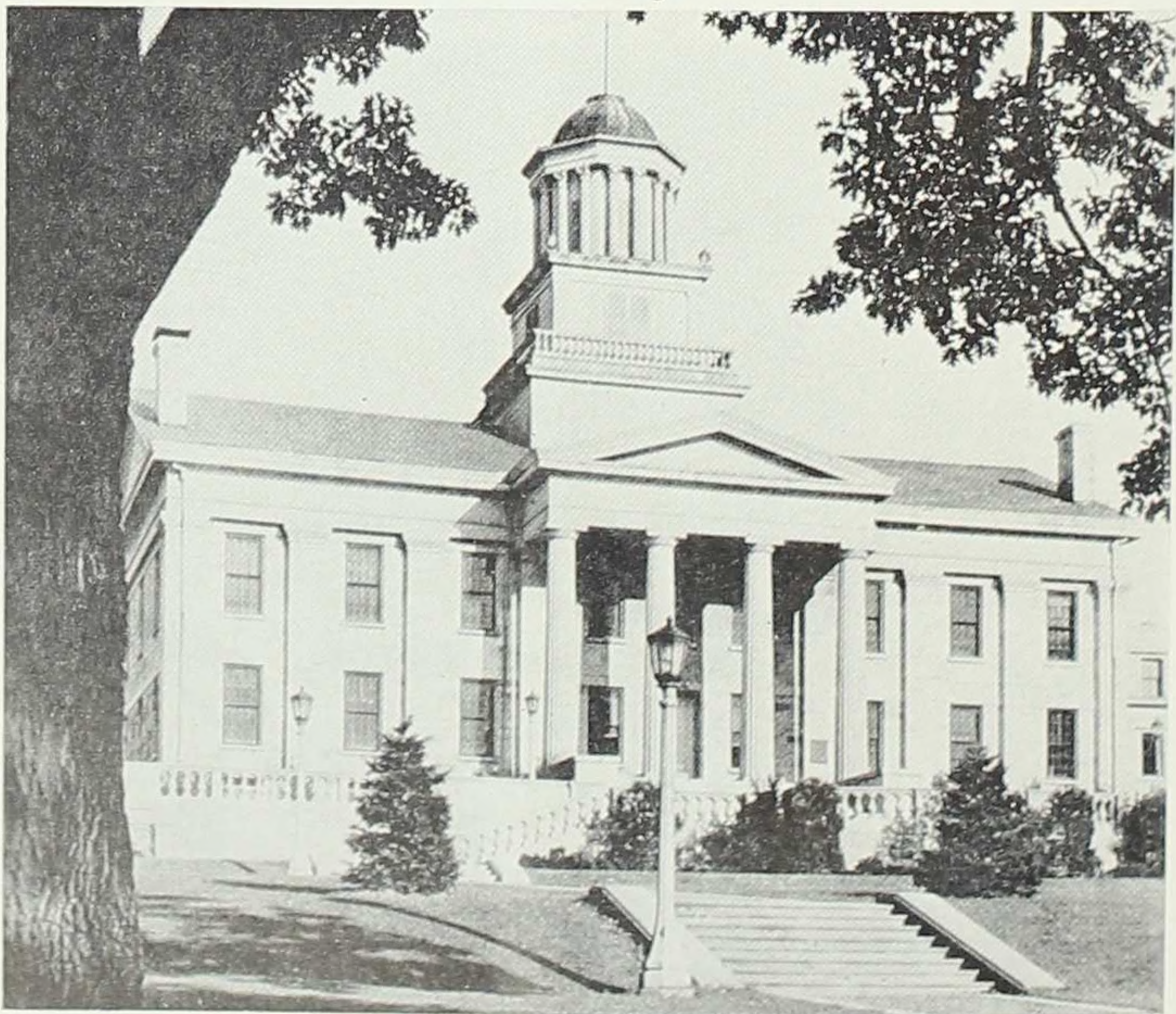


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