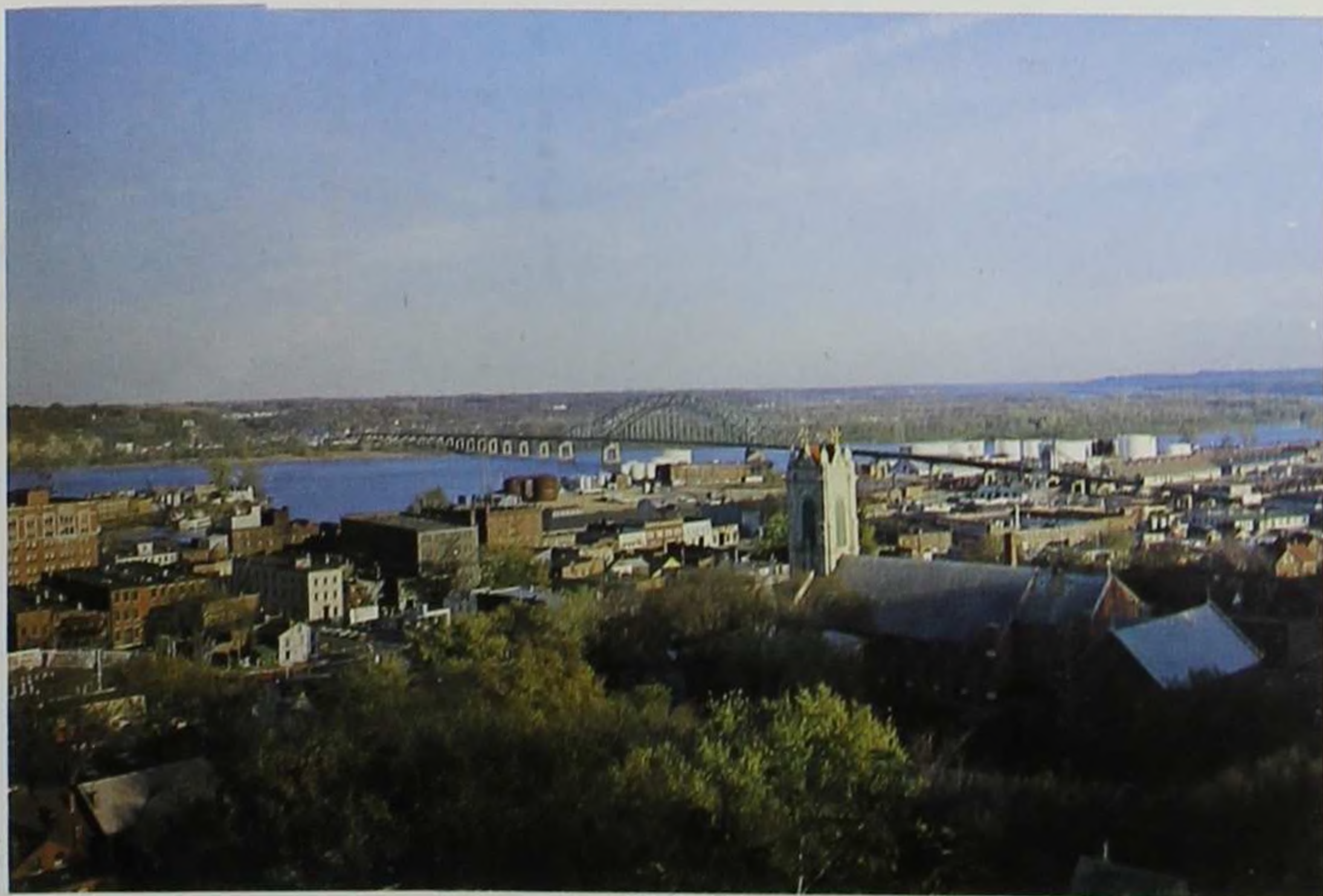


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The Meaning of Palimpsest

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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Some Historic Sites in Iowa

The written history of Iowa begins on June 17, 1673, when Joliet and Marquette paddled out of the Wisconsin River 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.

A number of other sites comparable to the Effigy Mounds area are being developed. In addition, the State Historical Society of Iowa hopes to make a beginning on its Toolesboro Mounds area in the months ahead.

As a further guide for members and interested Iowans, the Society plans to publish issues of *The Palimpsest* on such topics as museums—state, city, and privately owned—which have outstanding merit and will be of more than local interest. The latter type will doubtless be listed in an appendix. Also contemplated is an issue on fairs, festivals, rodeos and similar attractions. These must be

well-established and possess the element of longevity, such as the Clay County Fair, the National Dairy Congress, the Pella Tulip Festival, the Tama Powwow, and the rodeos at Sidney and Fort Madison. Information, programs, and pictures will be needed in order to develop these stories. Ultimately complete issues of *The Palimpsest* should appear on the more important ones, similar to those published on the Iowa State Fair, the Clay County Fair, the Tama Powwow, and the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion.

Iowa has a rich and colorful history and every effort should be made to present it in vivid and dramatic form. Historical accuracy should always be the determining factor in every community presentation. It is only when the elements of truth and accuracy are combined with drama that a true picture can be drawn.

One can earnestly hope that the following pages will serve as a catalyst in engendering a deeper love and affection for the Hawkeye State.

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REMAINS OF OLD FORT ATKINSON
Fort Atkinson

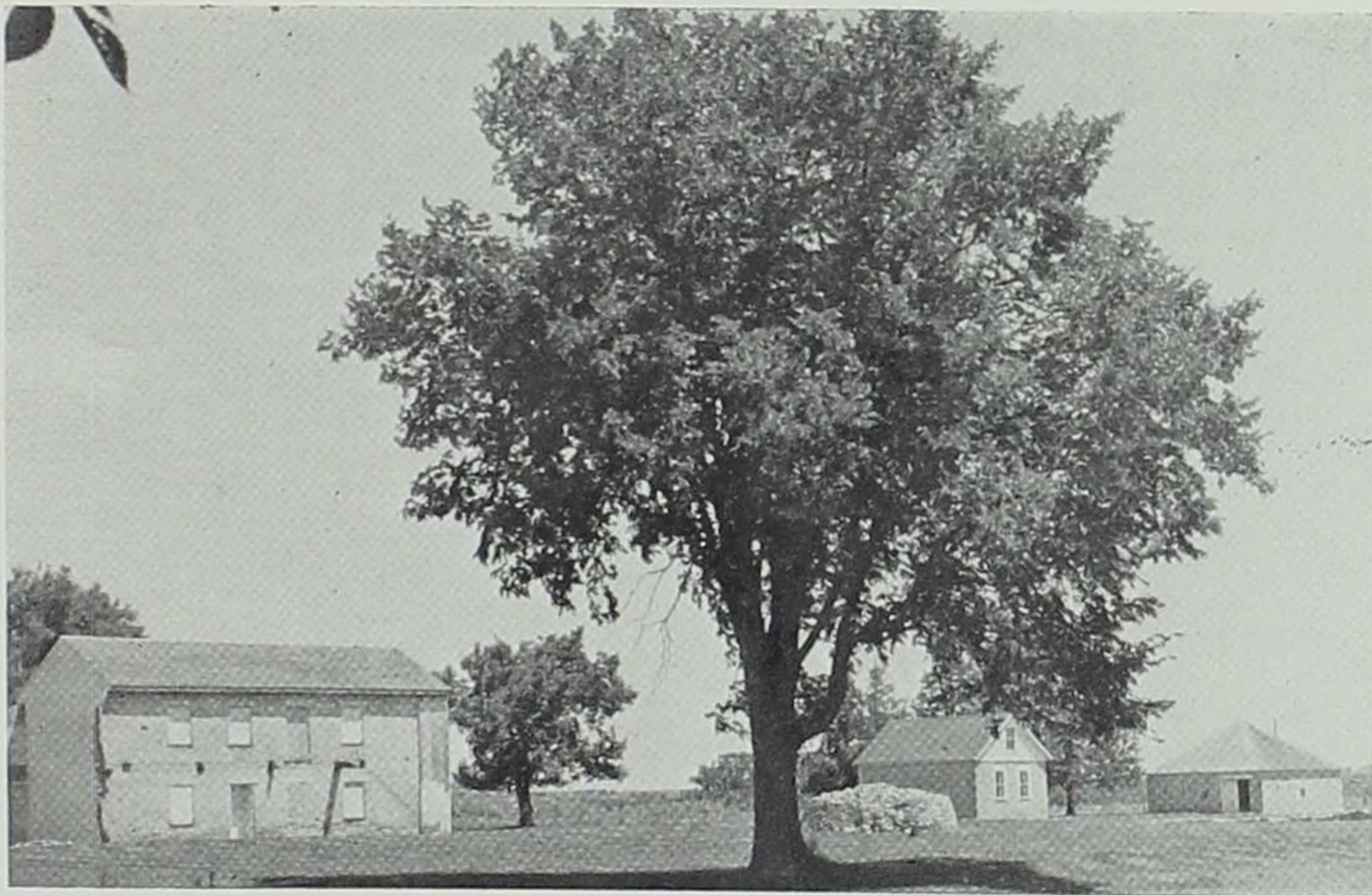


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Established — 1840; Abandoned — 1849; Sold at Auction — 1853.

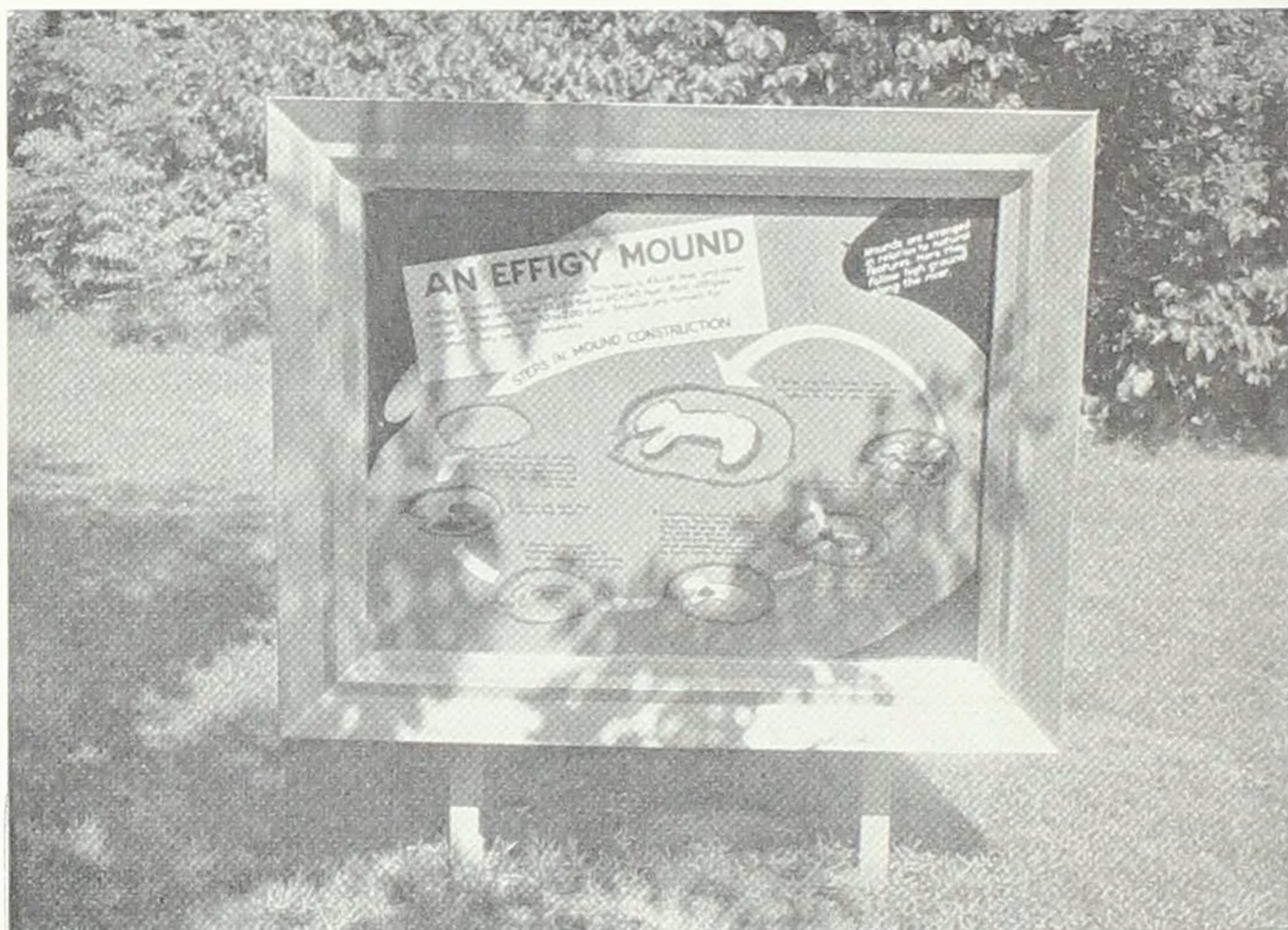


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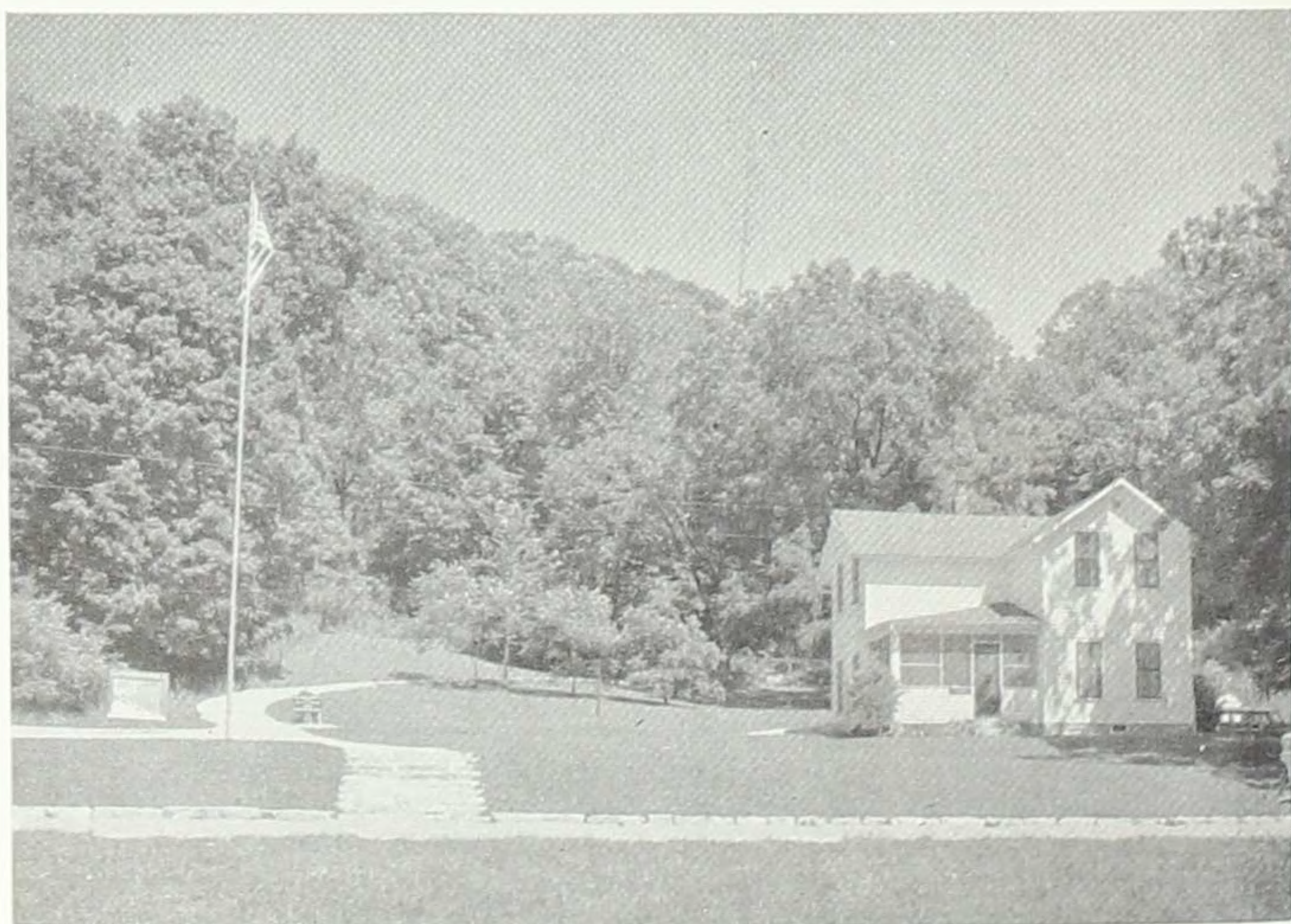
Fort Atkinson was established to protect the Winnebago Indians from the Sioux on the North and from the Sauk and Fox on the South. The Winnebagoes were removed from the Neutral Ground to Minnesota in 1848.

EFFIGY MOUNDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Marquette



Explanatory Signs Help the Visitor.



Former Headquarters, Effigy Mounds National Monument.

EFFIGY MOUNDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Marquette



Courtesy Effigy Mounds National Monument

Guides Explain the Mounds Along Picturesque Trails.



Courtesy Effigy Mounds National Monument

The Mississippi Can Be Seen From Park Trail.

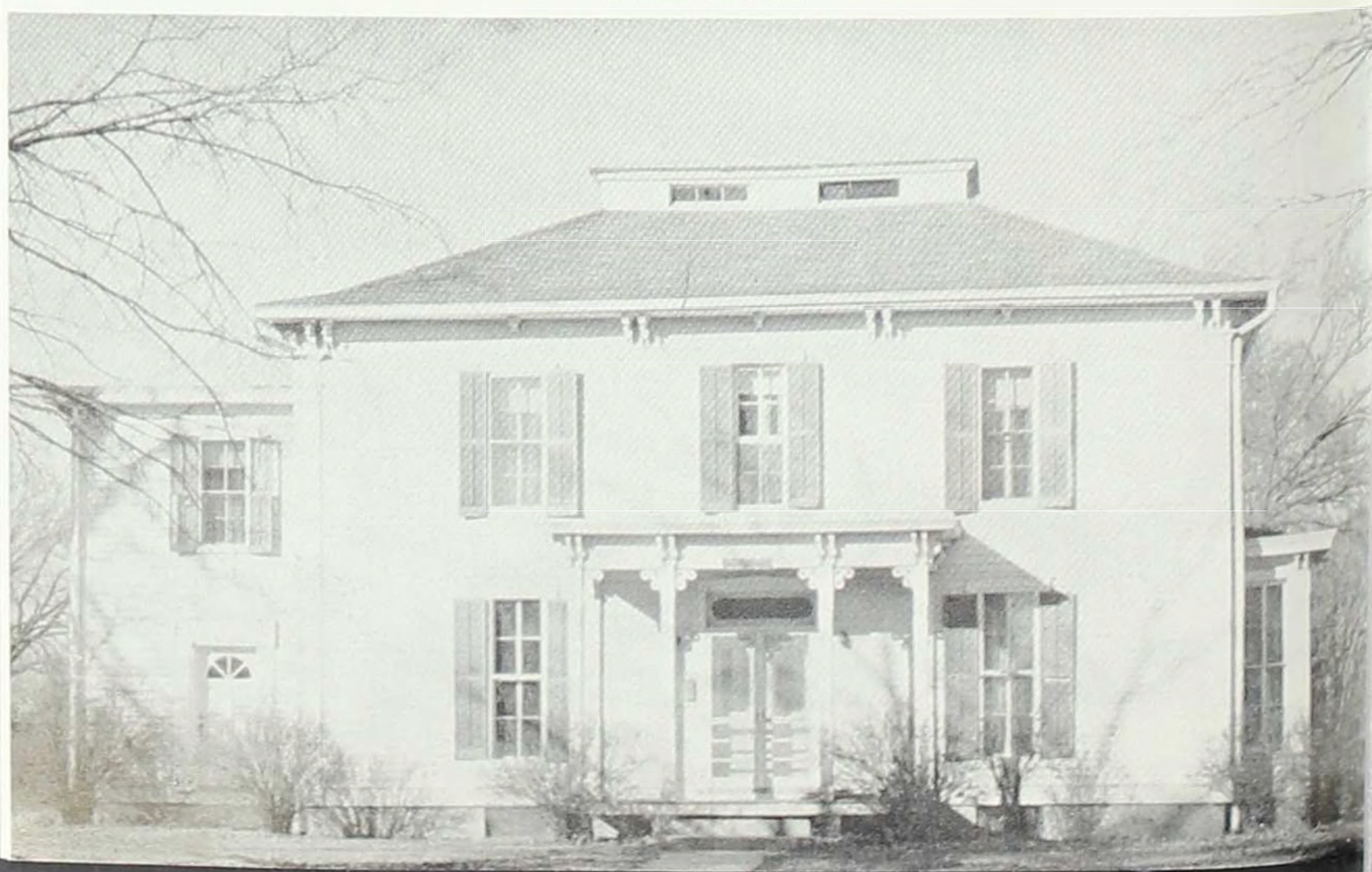
NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Decorah



THE HARLAN HOME

Mount Pleasant



TWO NEW STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SITES



Photo by L. O. Cheever

Society Members Inspect Toolesboro Mounds.



Cedar Rapids Gazette Photo

Montauk — The Larrabee Home at Clermont.

ANTONIN DVORAK IN IOWA
Spillville



Monument Commemorating Visit of the Renowned Composer in 1893.

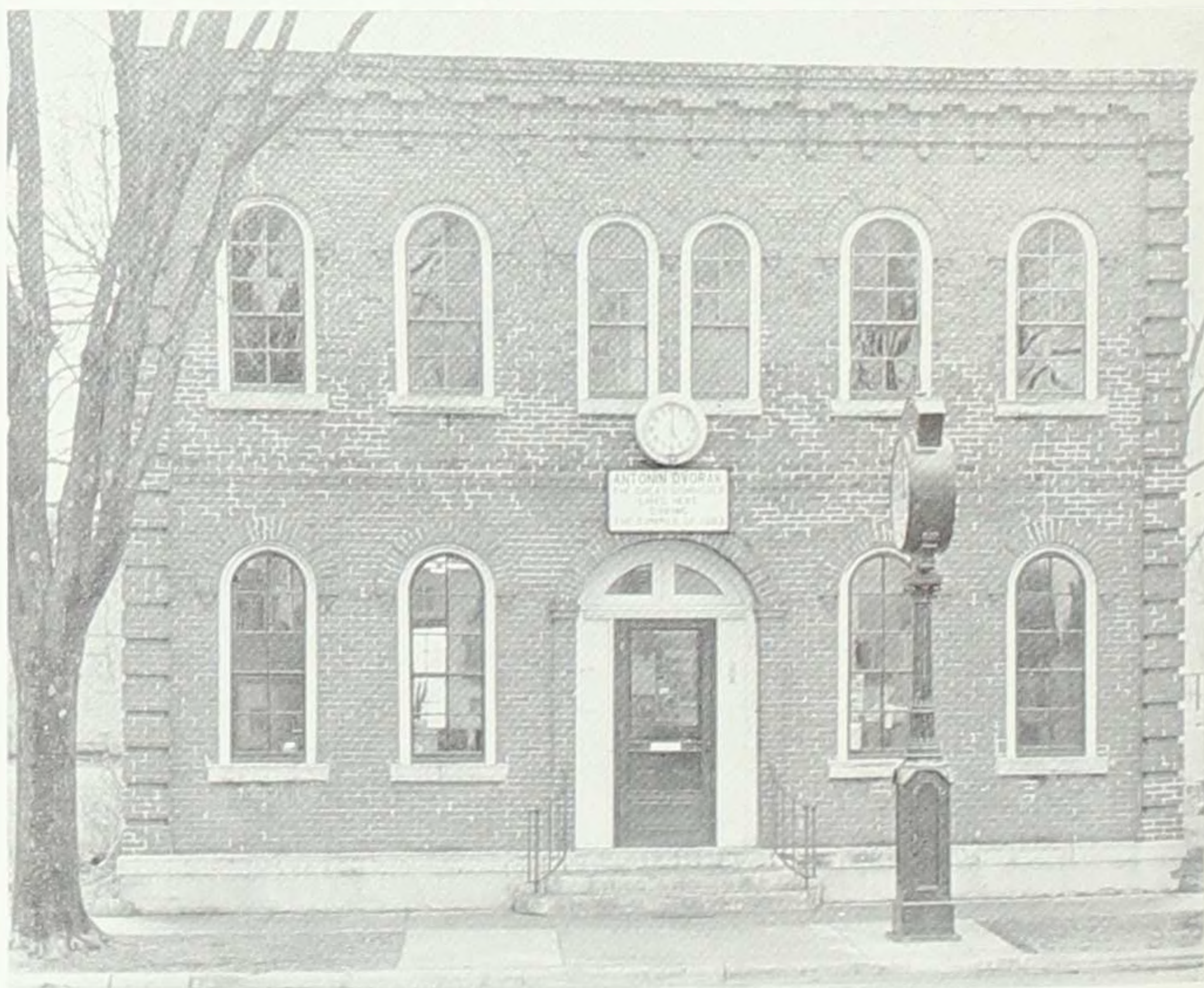


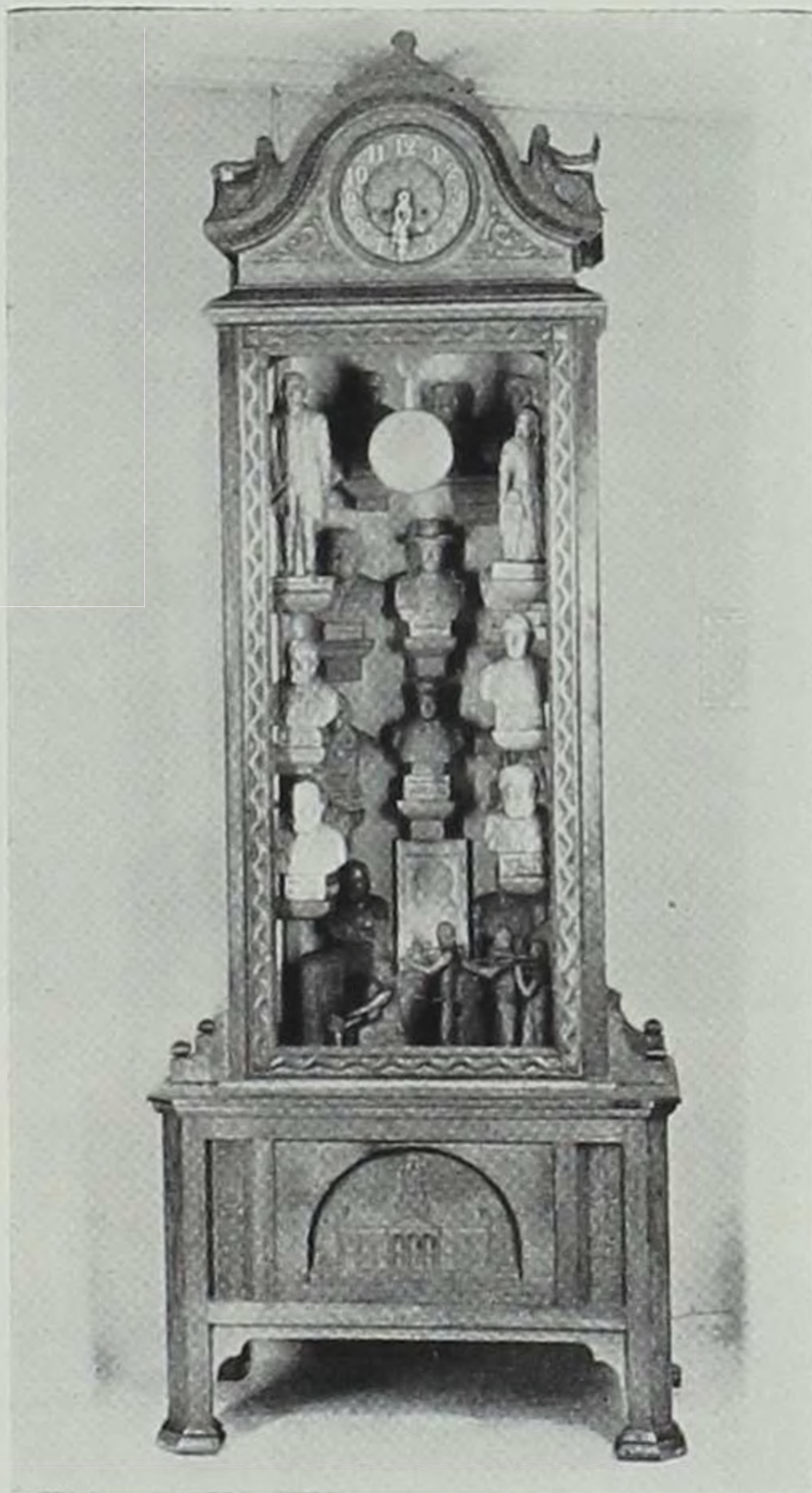
Photo by Kayenay, courtesy Andera

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 Billy Clocks are now housed in this home.

SYMPHONIES IN WOOD: SOME BILLY BROTHERS CLOCKS
Spillville



Violin Clock

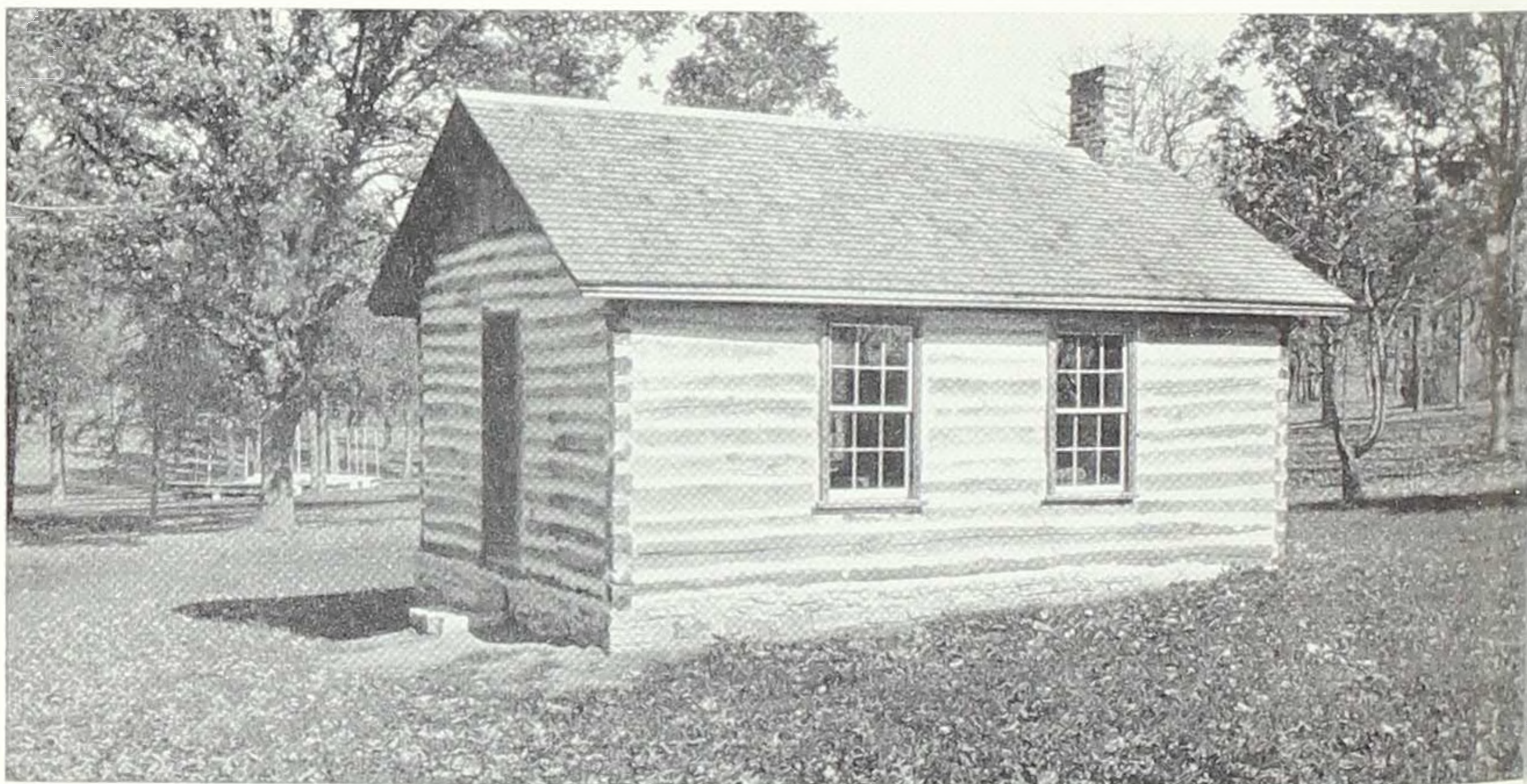


The Statuary Clock

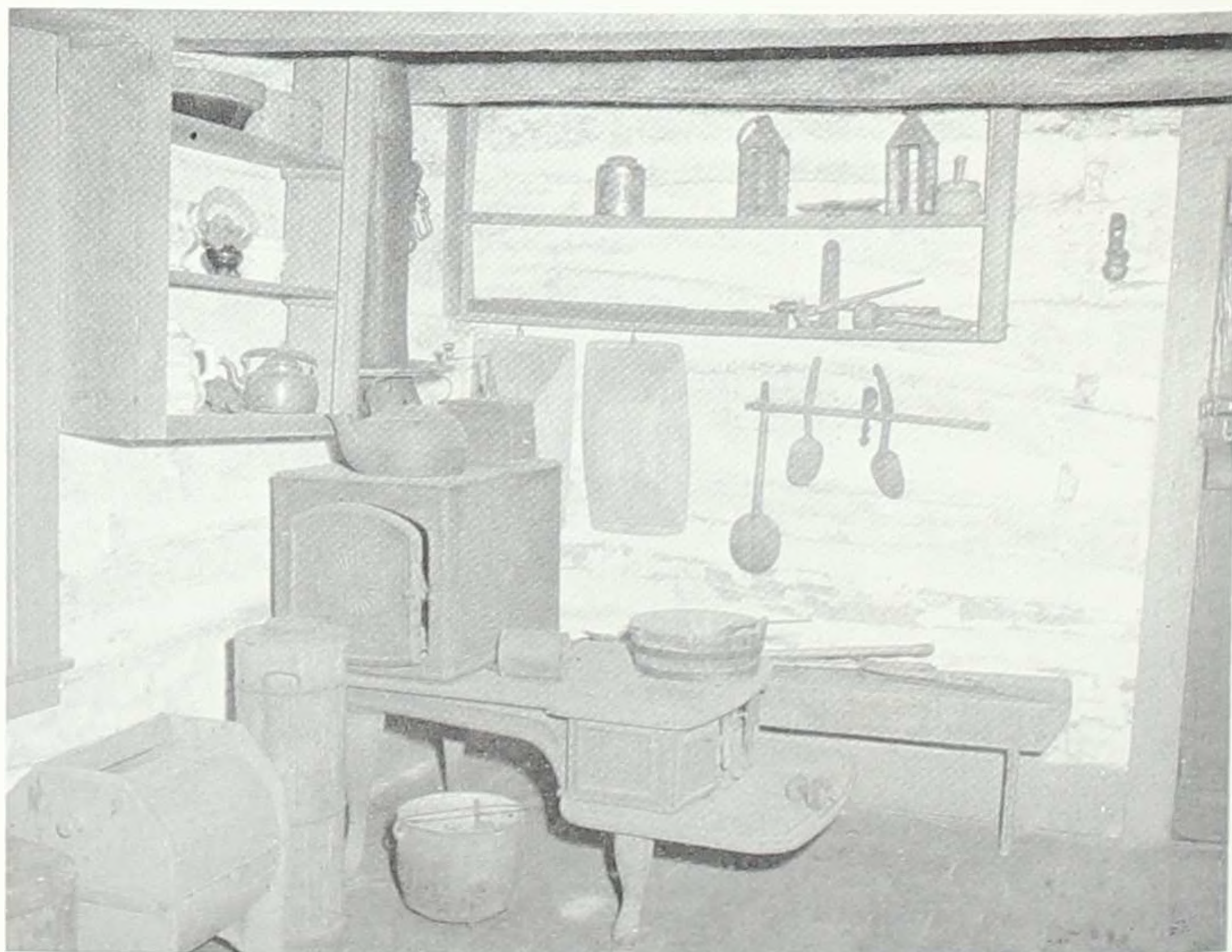


First Thanksgiving Plaque

THERE ARE SEVERAL PIONEER LOG CABINS AT DECORAH



Exterior of Cabin on the Luther College Campus.



Interior View of One of the Pioneer Cabins.

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



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



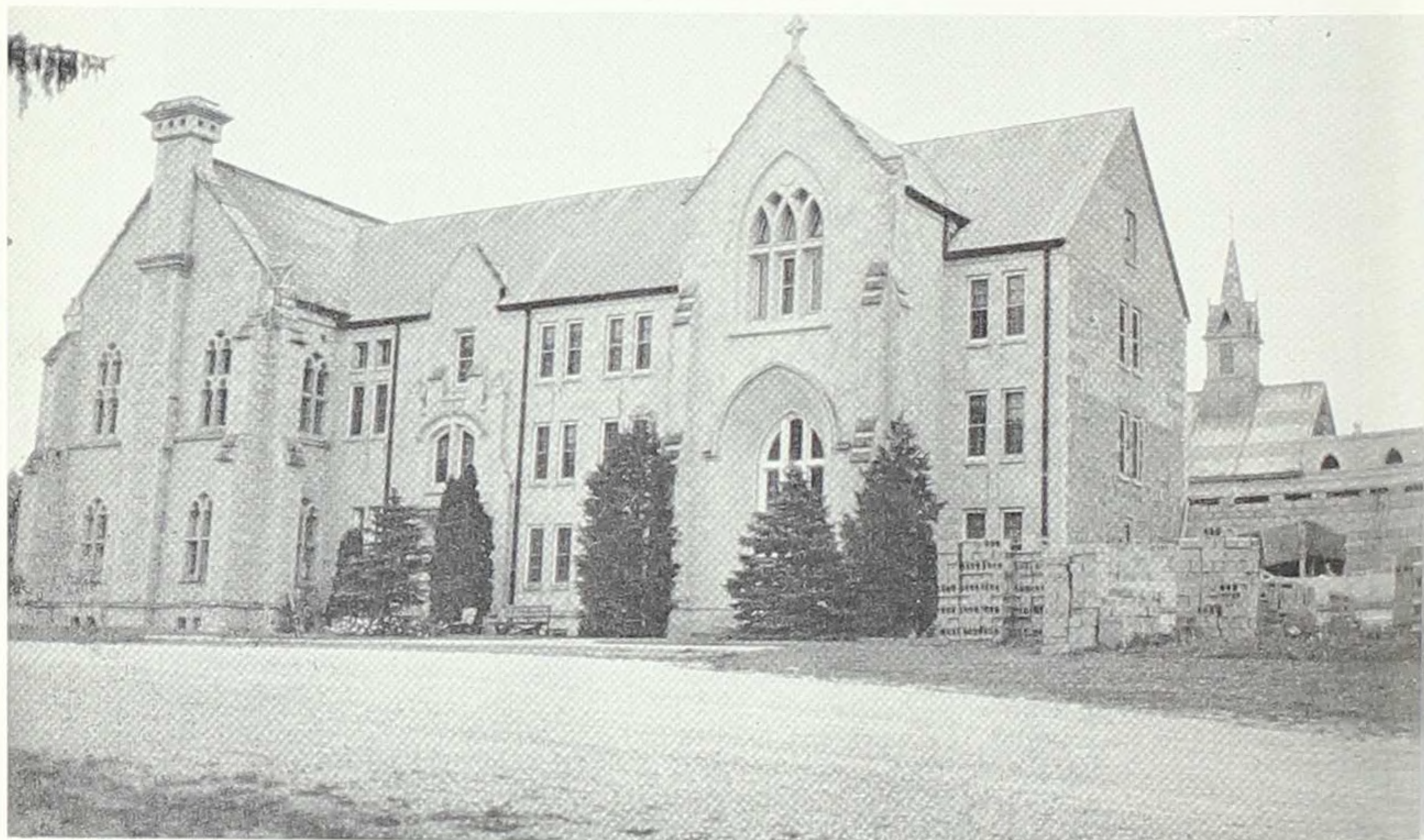
A French Canadian who came to Prairie du Chien in 1785, Dubuque received permission of the Fox Indians to work the lead mines around present-day Dubuque in 1788. A Spanish Land Grant was made to him in 1796. He died in 1810.

JUSTICE SAMUEL F. MILLER HOME AND MUSEUM
Keokuk

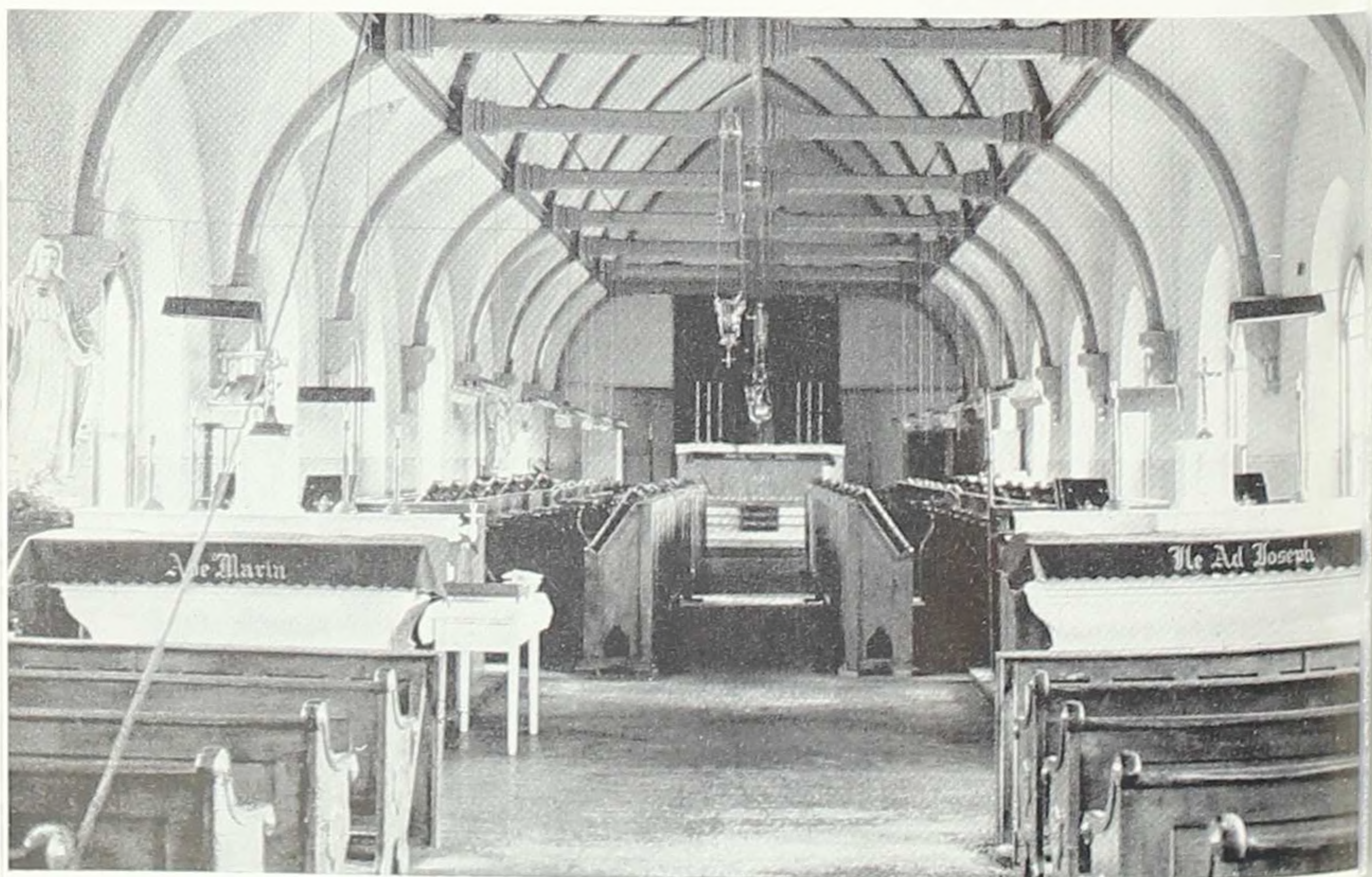


Lincoln appointee to U.S. Supreme Court; Served 1862-1890.

THE TRAPPIST ABBEY OF NEW MELLERAY
Near *Dubuque*



Exterior of the Abbey.



Interior of Chapel at New Melleray.



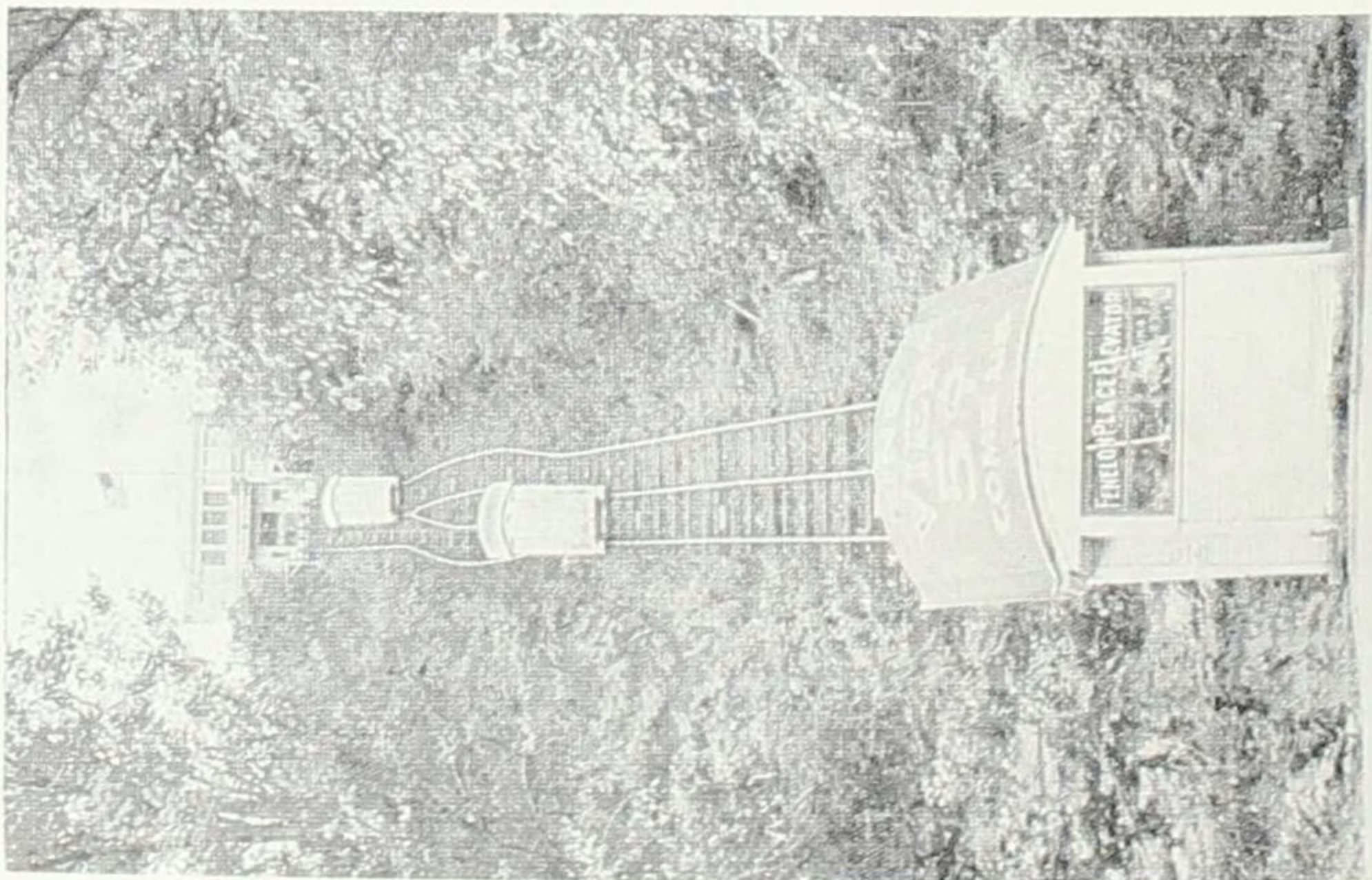
Main Street in St. Donatus — An Early Luxemburg Settlement.



The Old Court House, Keokuk — Erected as a Medical School in 1857.

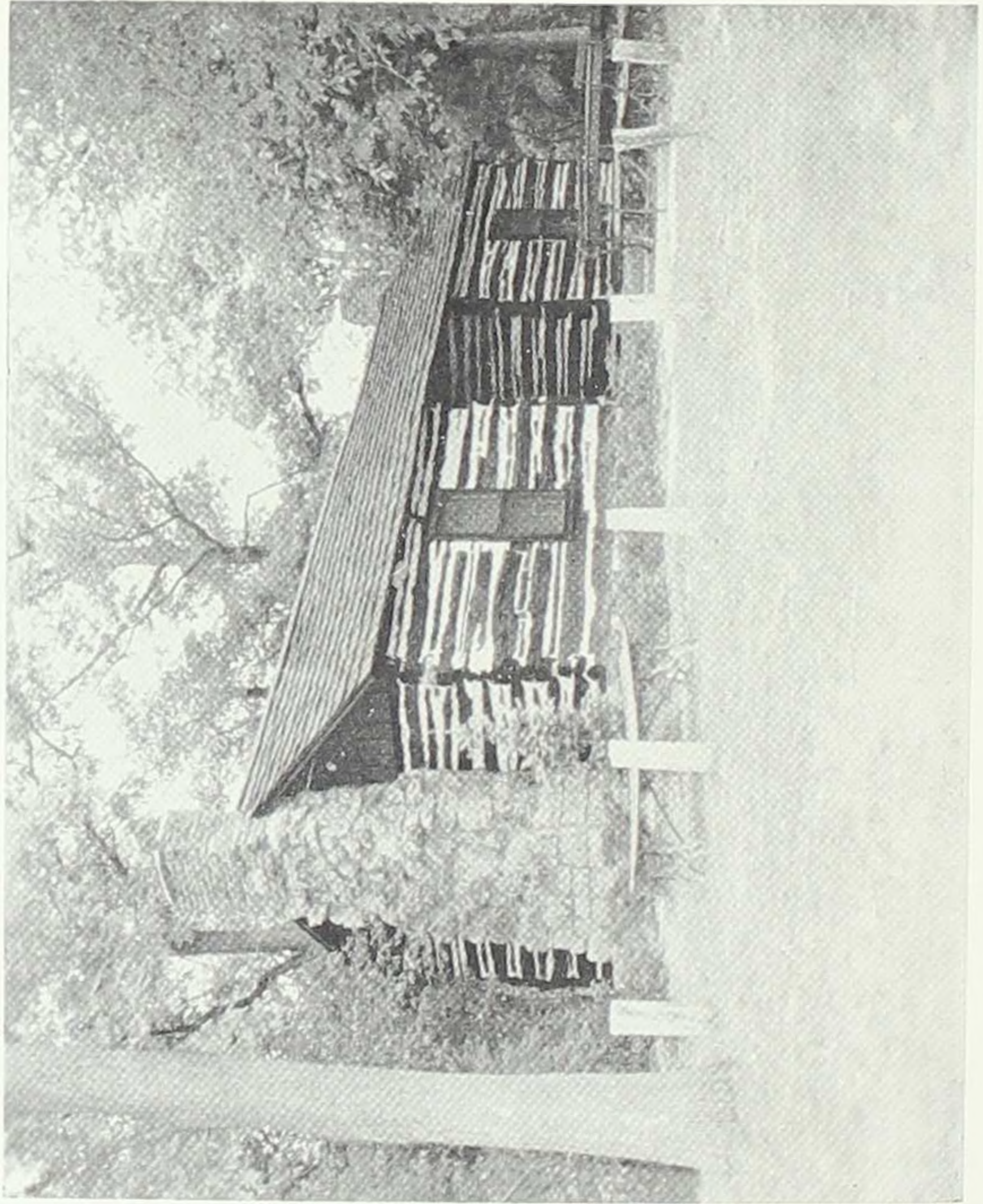
FOURTH STREET ELEVATOR

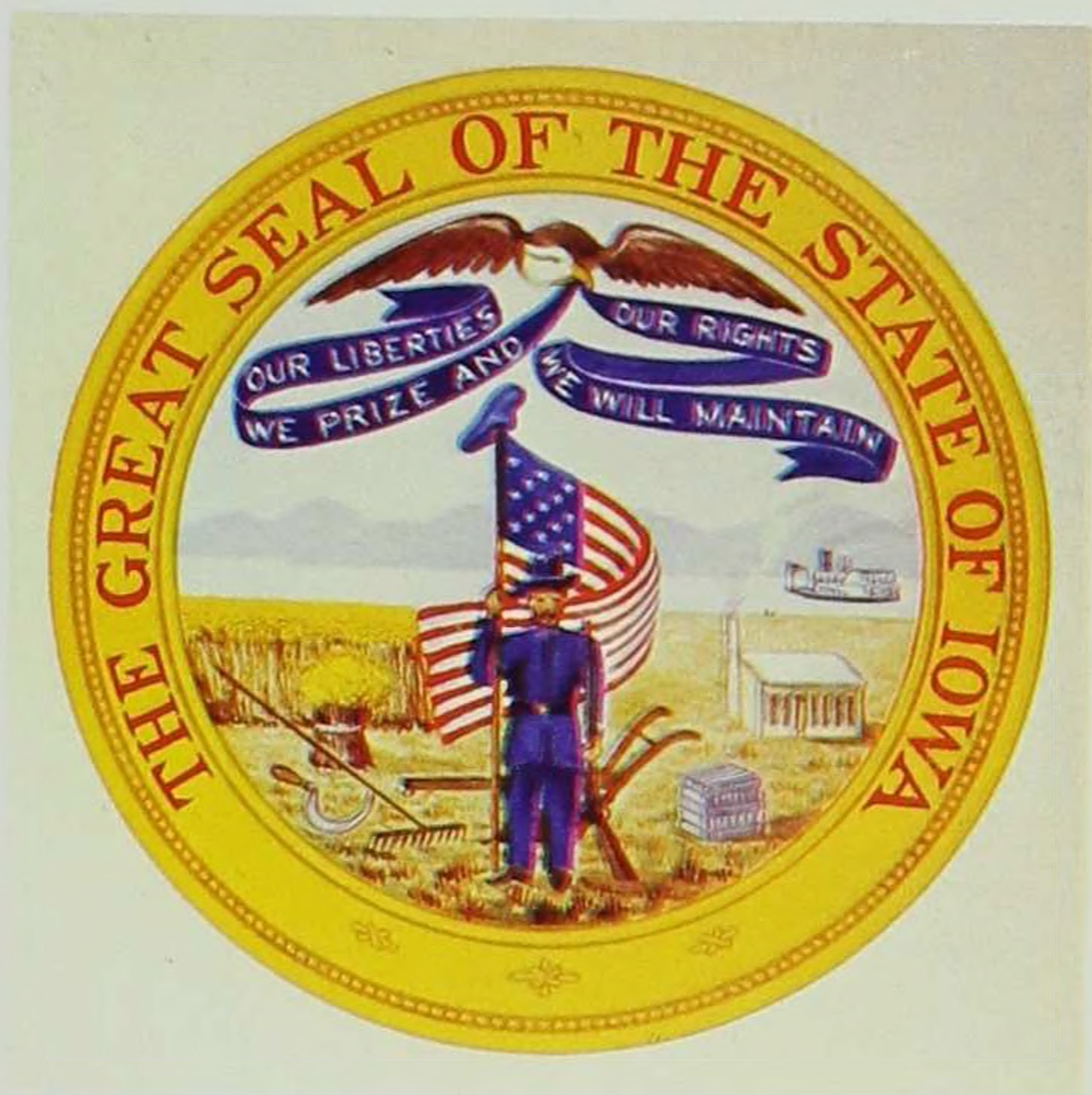
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THE OLDEST LOG CABIN IN IOWA — 1833
Adjoining the Ham Home and Museum, Dubuque.





The Great Seal of Iowa



The Iowa State Banner



Headquarters and Museum, Effigy Mounds National Monument, Marquette



The Graves of Chief Wapello and Joseph M. Street, Agency



Gardner Log Cabin, Spirit Lake Monument, and Museum, Arnolds Park



Burial Site of Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover, West Branch



An Amish Man Drives His Team into Kalona



Wyatt Earp Home and Holland Museum, Pella



Historic Manning Hotel, Keosauqua



Mid-Victorian Susie Sower Home, Marshalltown



Mount Pisgah Mormon Cemetery, near Lorimor



The Old Shot Tower, Dubuque



Centennial Building, Iowa City—Home of the State Historical Society of Iowa



Old Capitol, Iowa City—Home of the University of Iowa



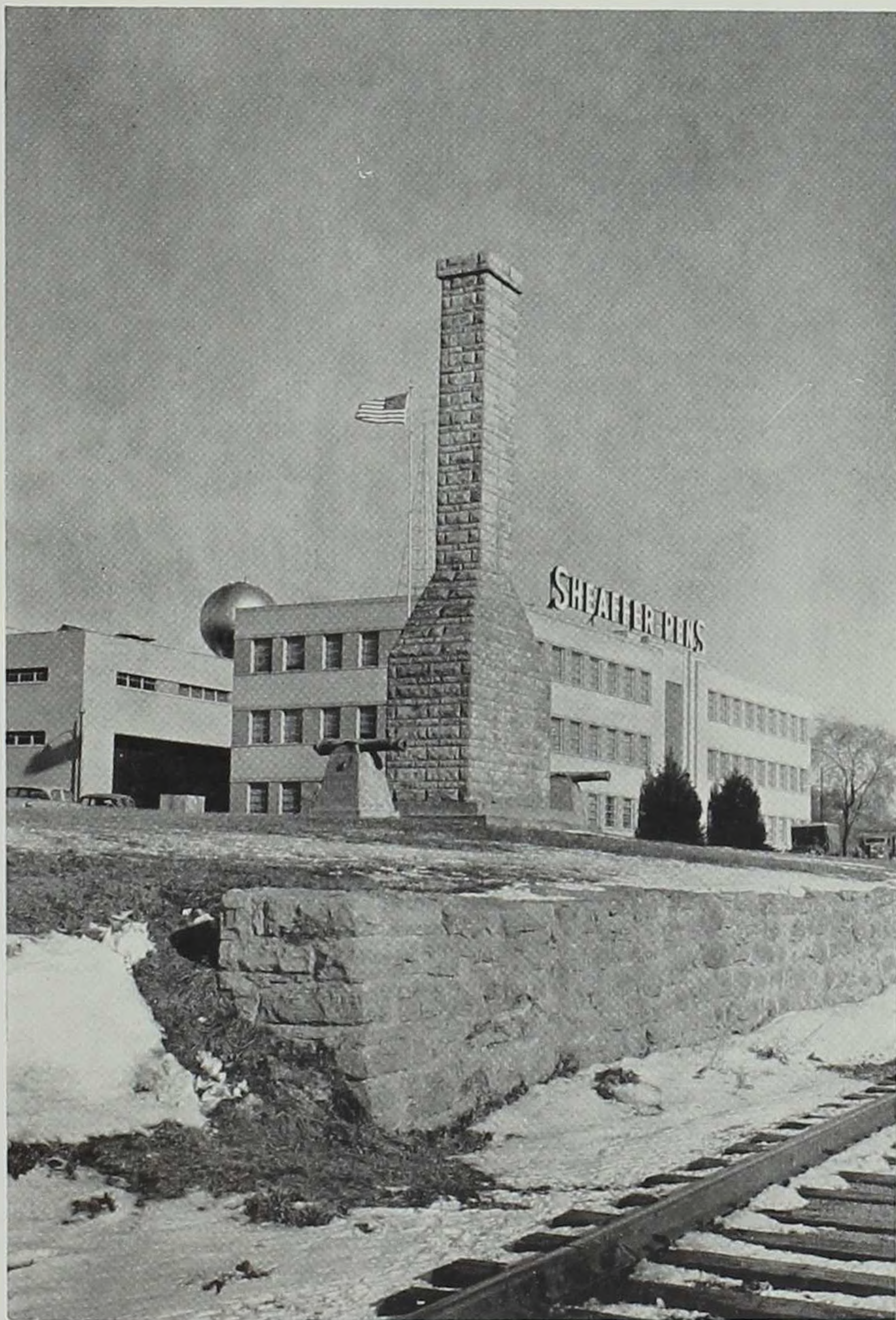
Wild Rose—State Flower of Iowa



Eastern Goldfinch—State Bird of Iowa

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

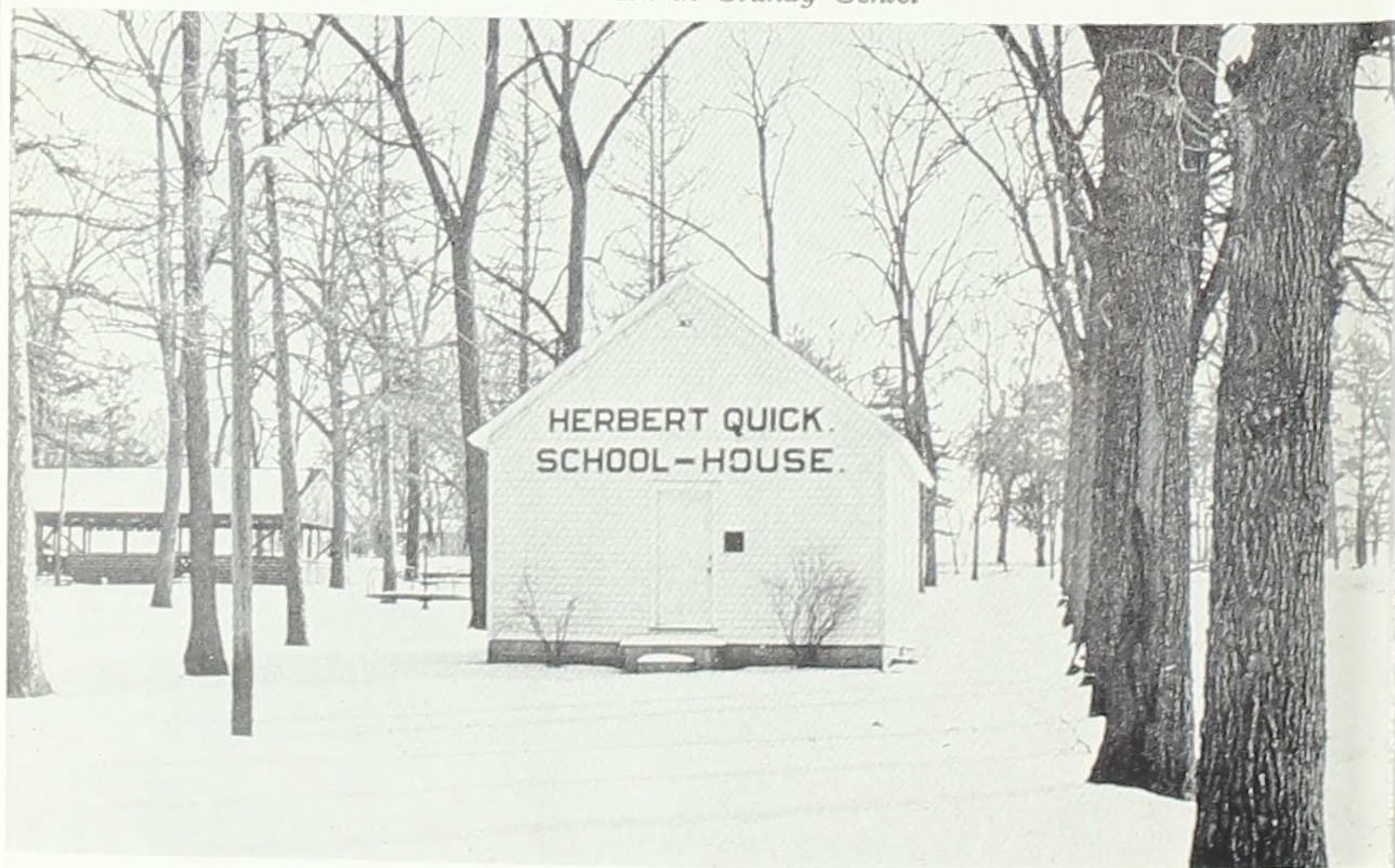
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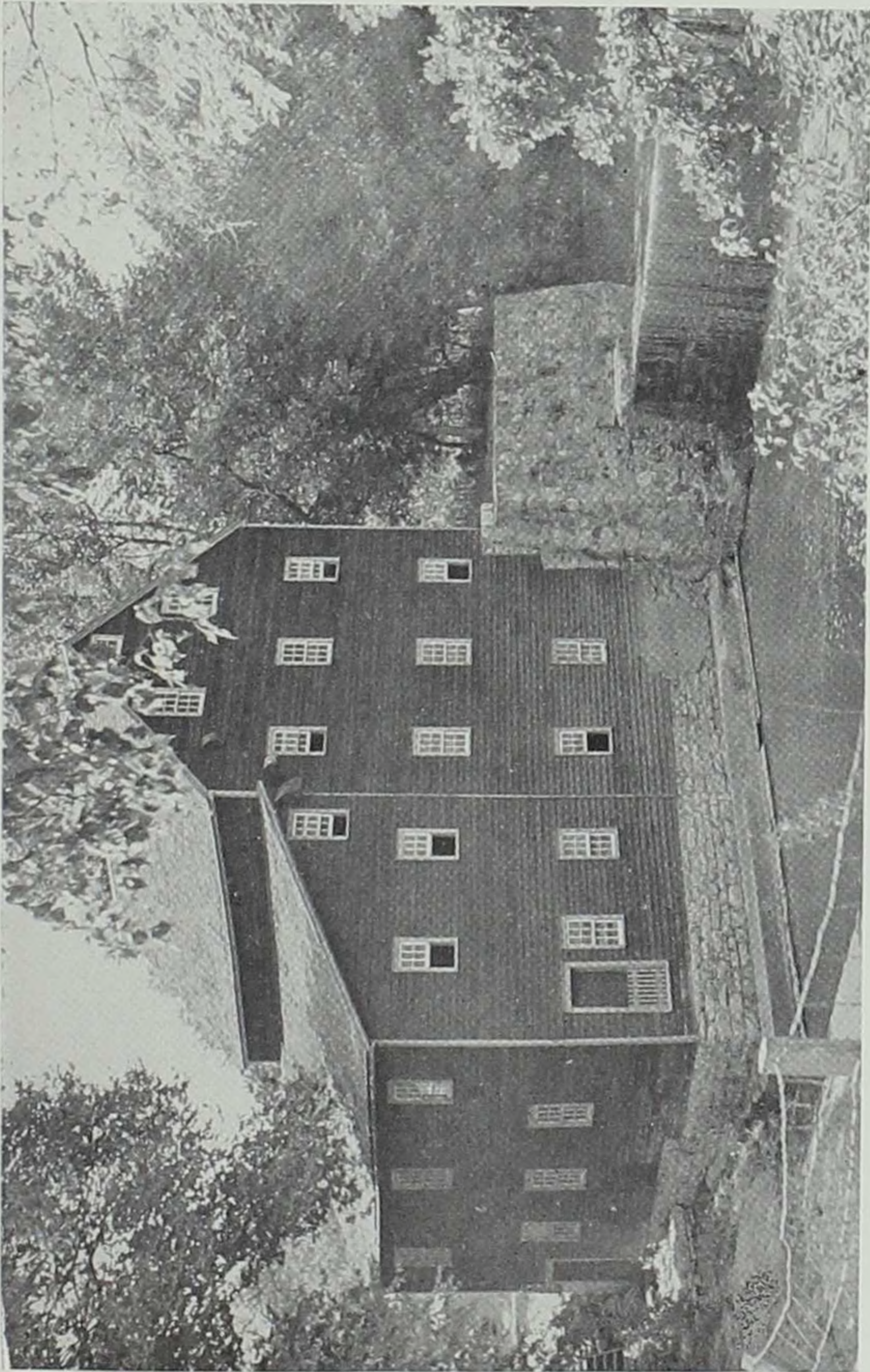


REPLICA OF THE FIRST SCHOOL IN IOWA (1830)
Galland in Lee County



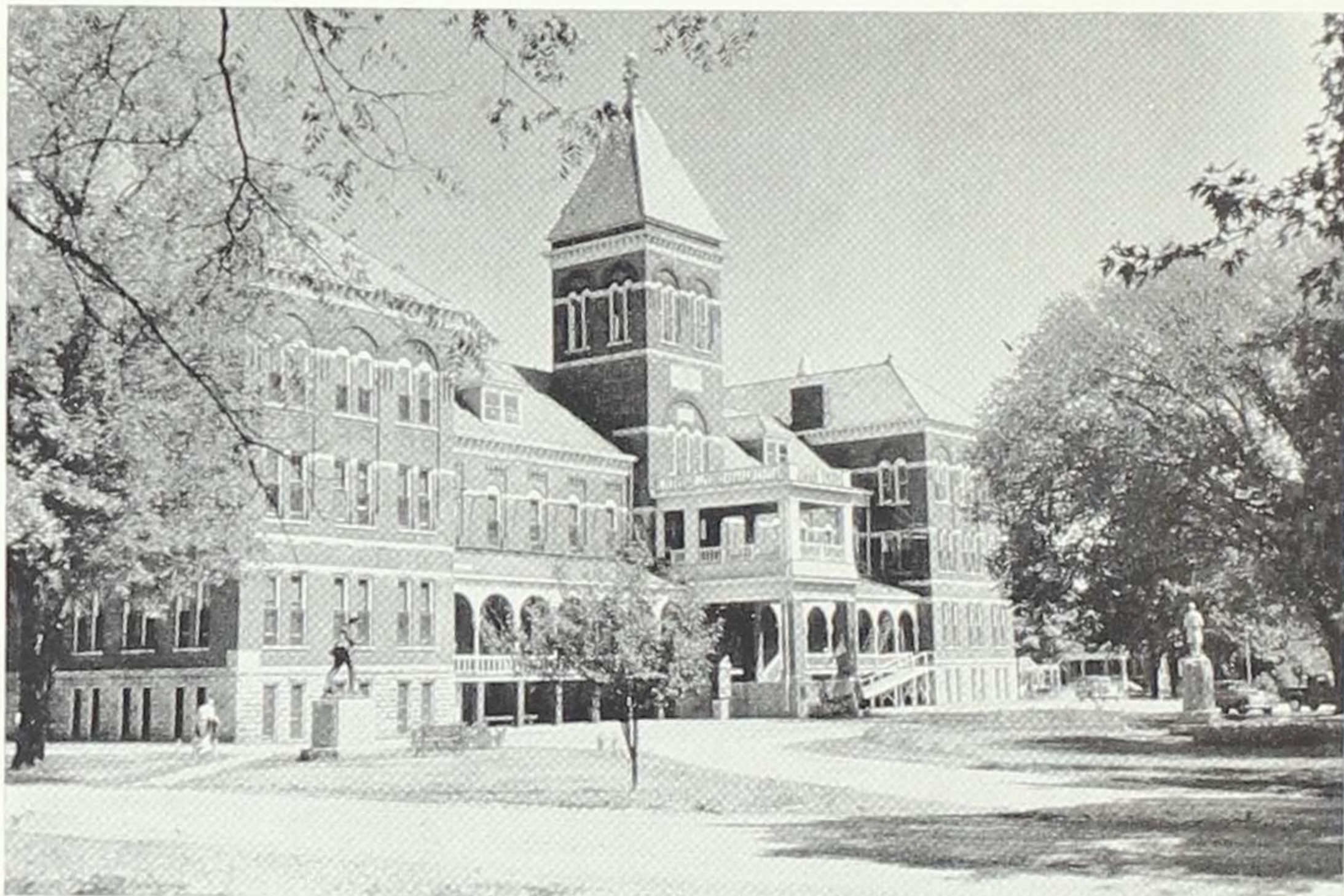
SCHOOL ATTENDED BY HERBERT QUICK
Orion Park in Grundy Center





THE OLD MILL
Wildcat Den State Park — Muscatine County

IOWA SOLDIERS HOME
Marshalltown



Statue of Soldier



Cemetery

OUR HEROIC WAR DEAD — CIVIL WAR



SAMUEL RYAN CURTIS
Keokuk

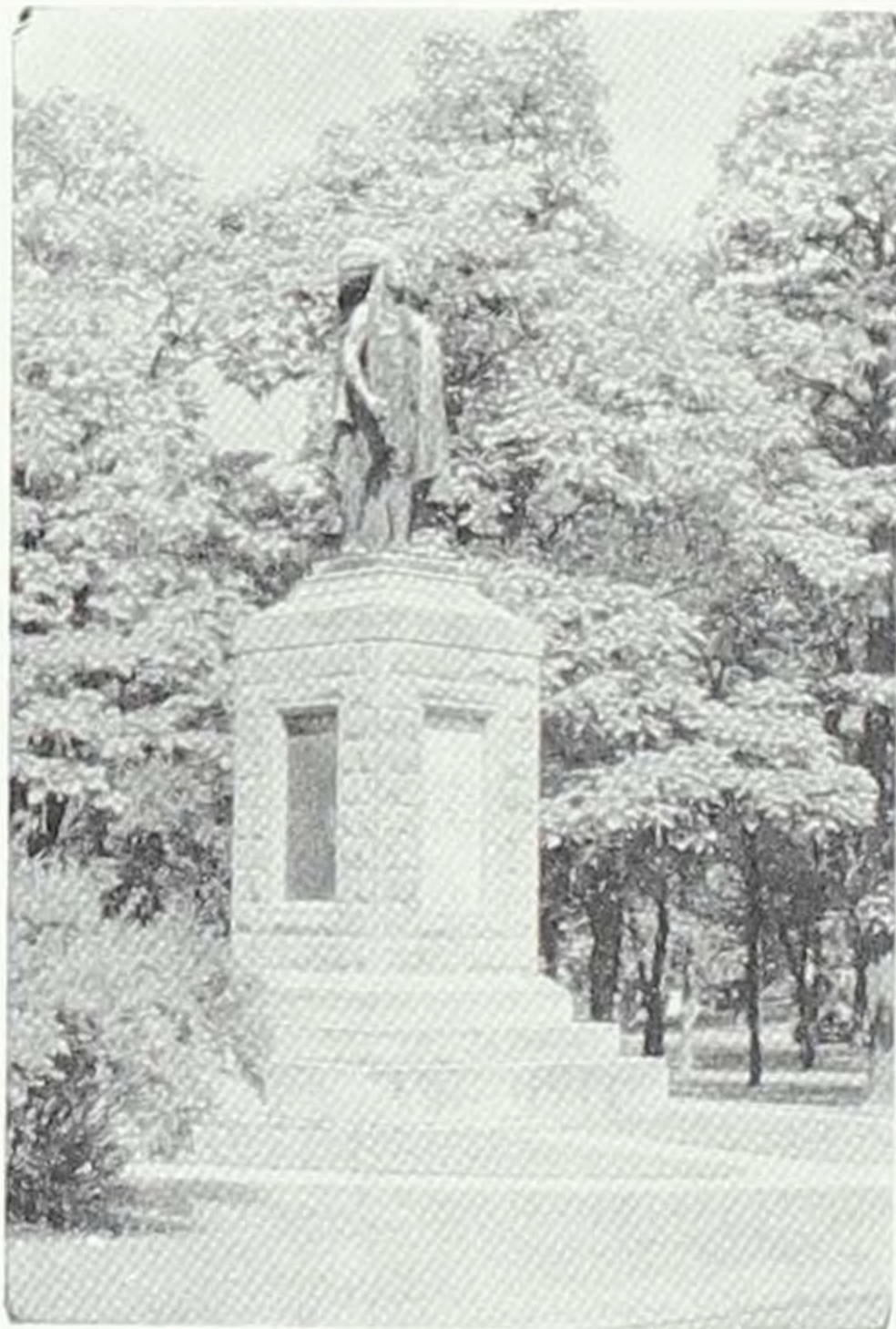


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Burlington

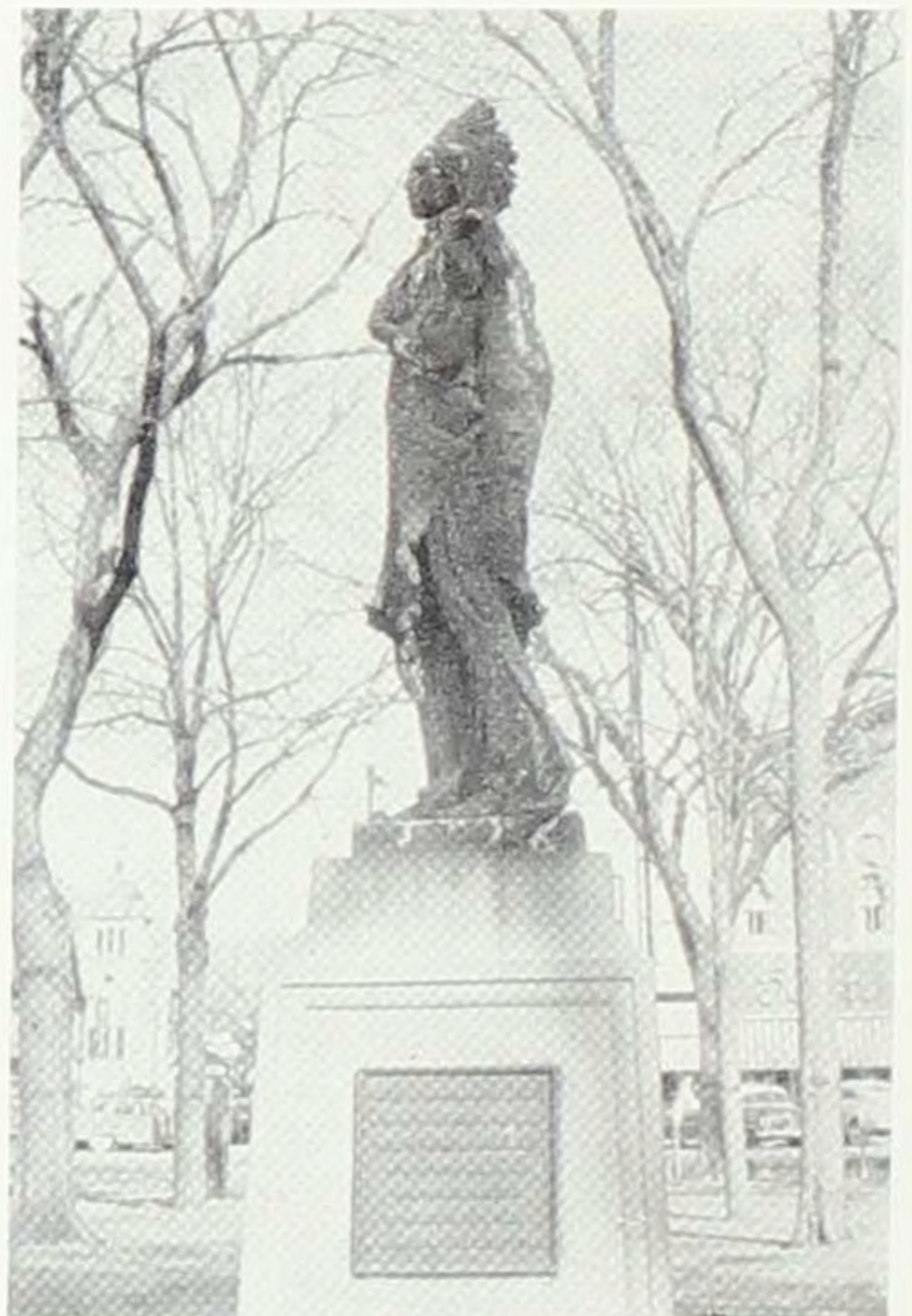


National Cemetery
Keokuk

OUR FIRST IOWANS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN



CHIEF KEOKUK
Keokuk

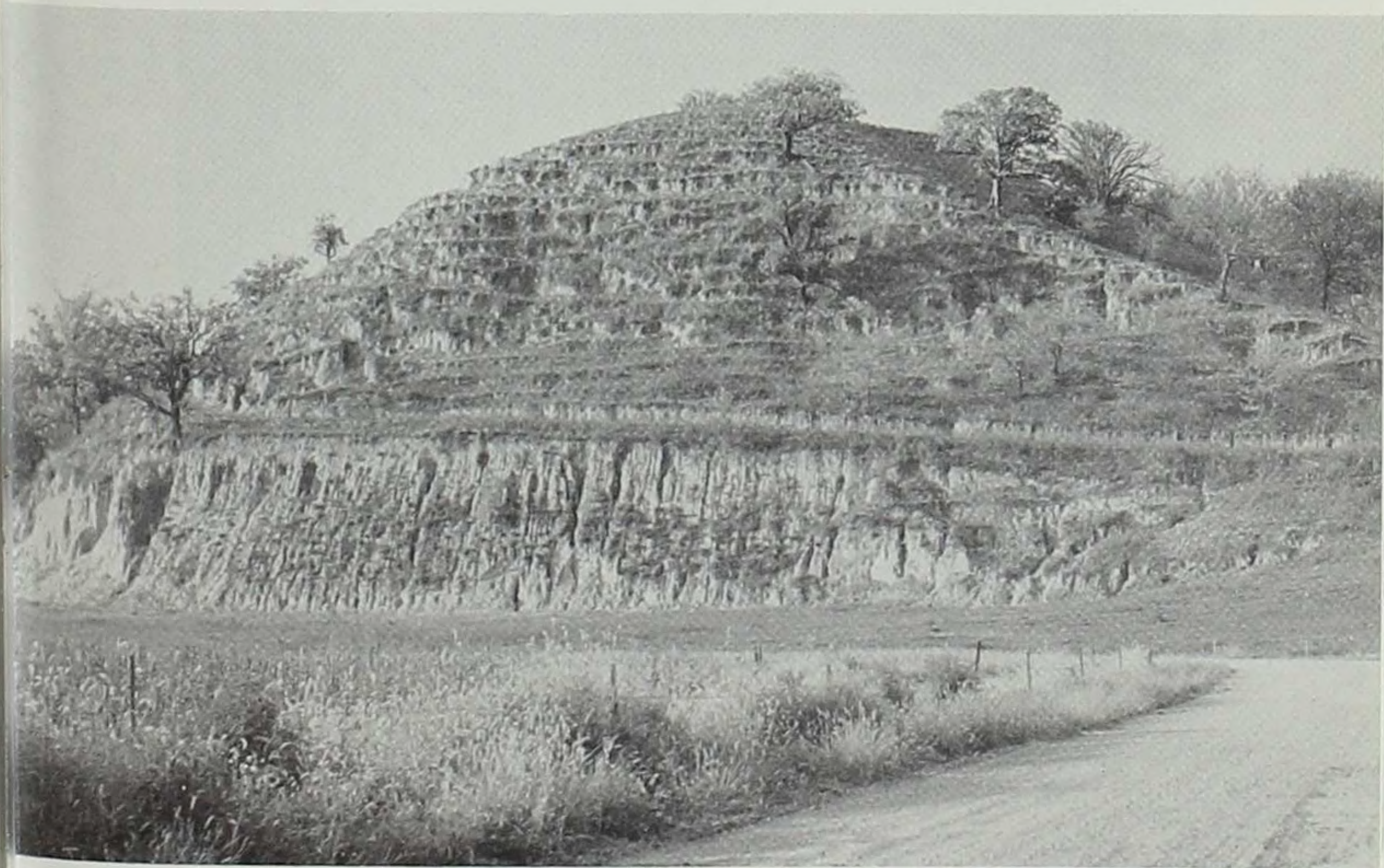
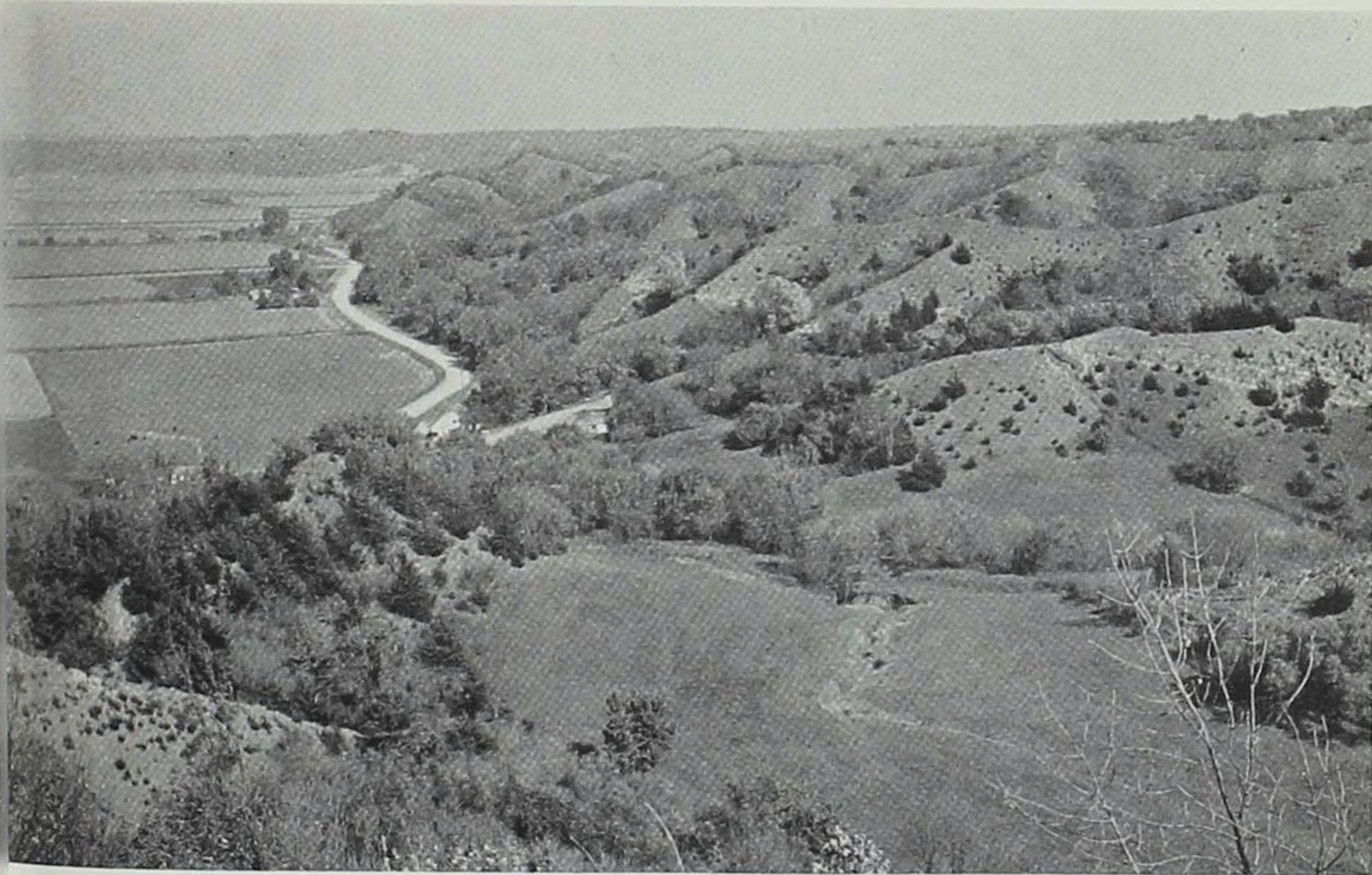


CHIEF MAHASKA
Oskaloosa



Black Hawk Springs
Burlington

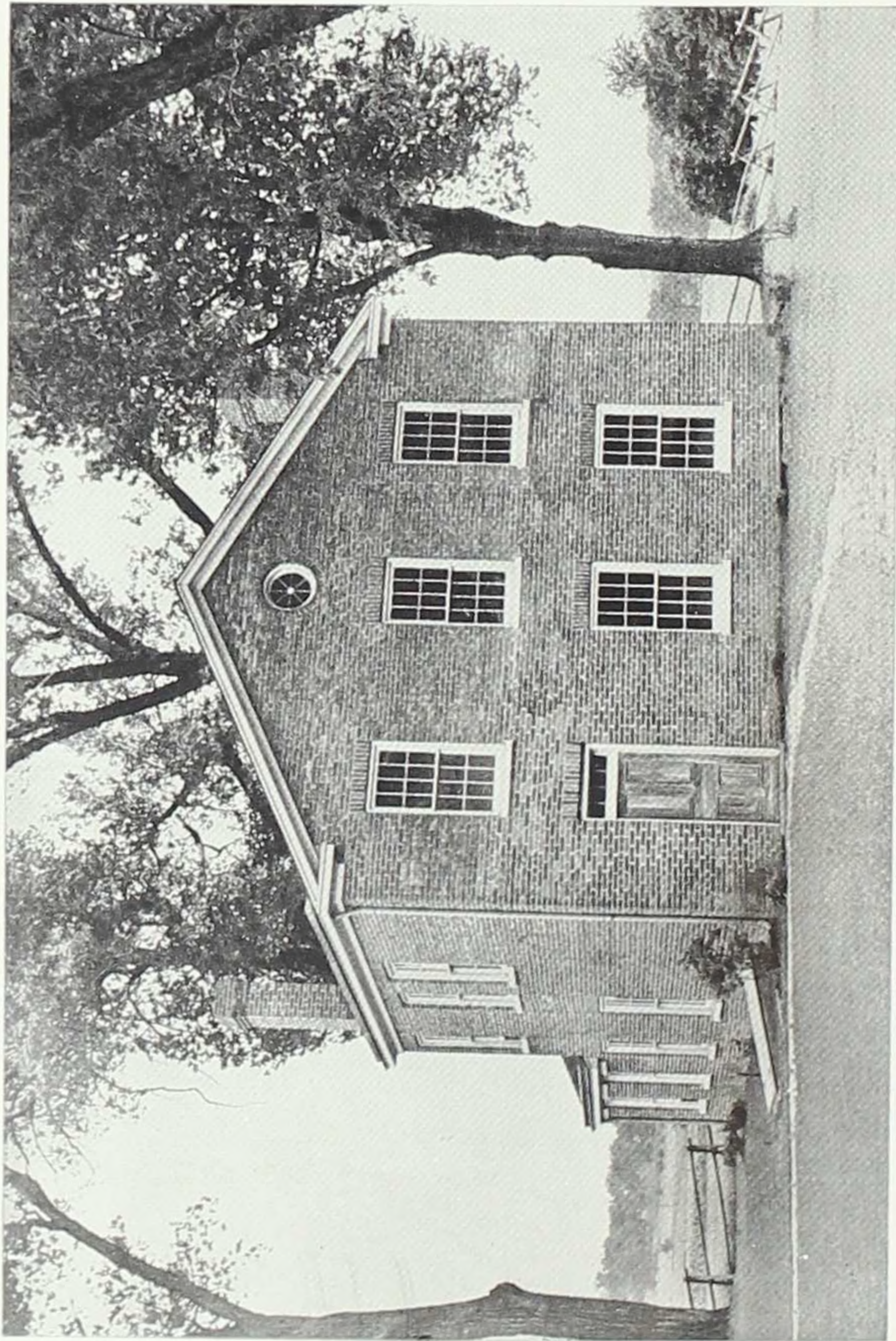
ALONG THE WAUBONSIE TRAIL
Fremont County



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HOME OF FIRST GOVERNOR OF TERRITORY OF IOWA

Iowa City

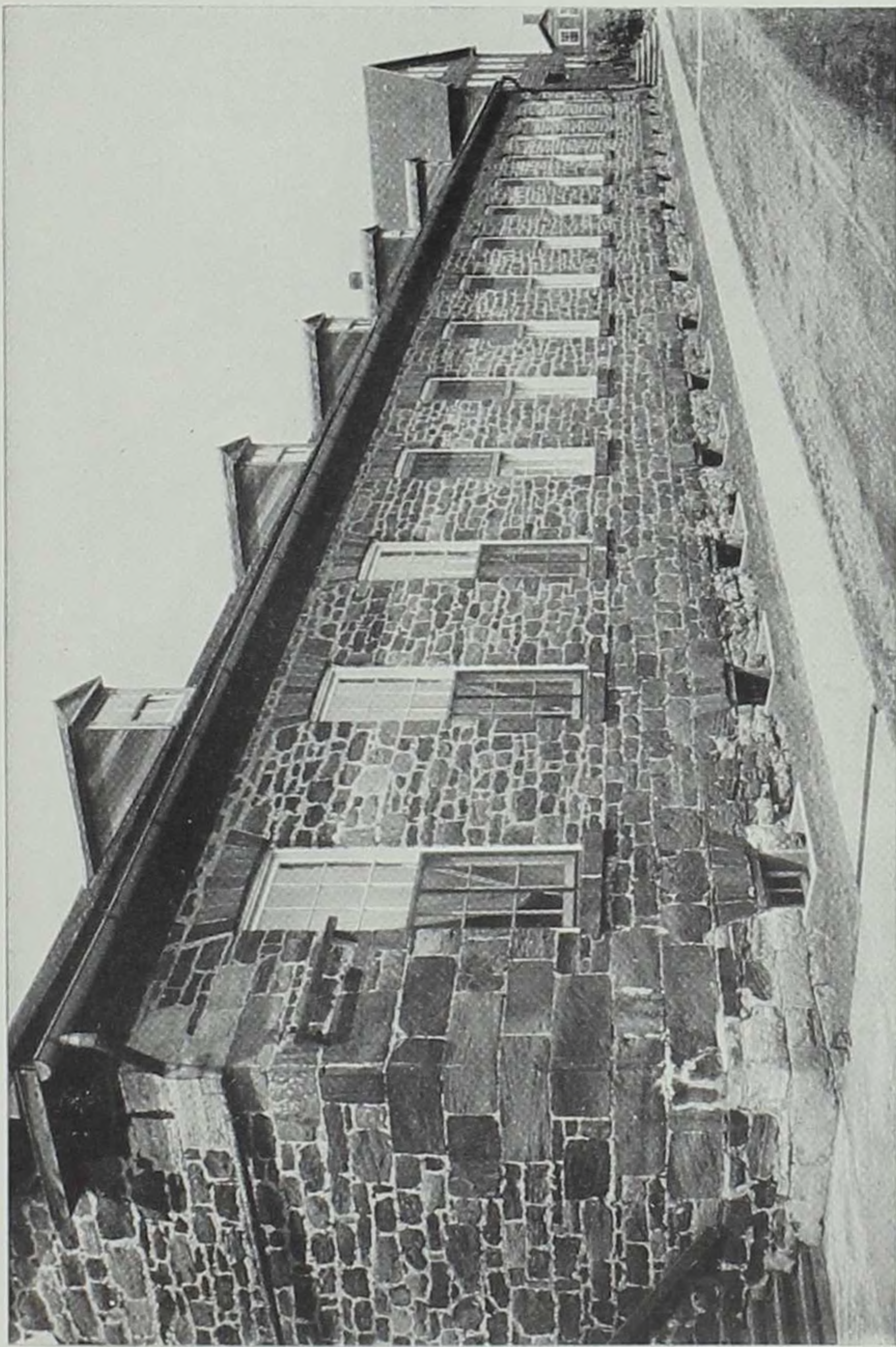


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Plum Grove — Home of Governor Robert Lucas.

AMANA — THE COMMUNITY OF TRUE INSPIRATION

Amana

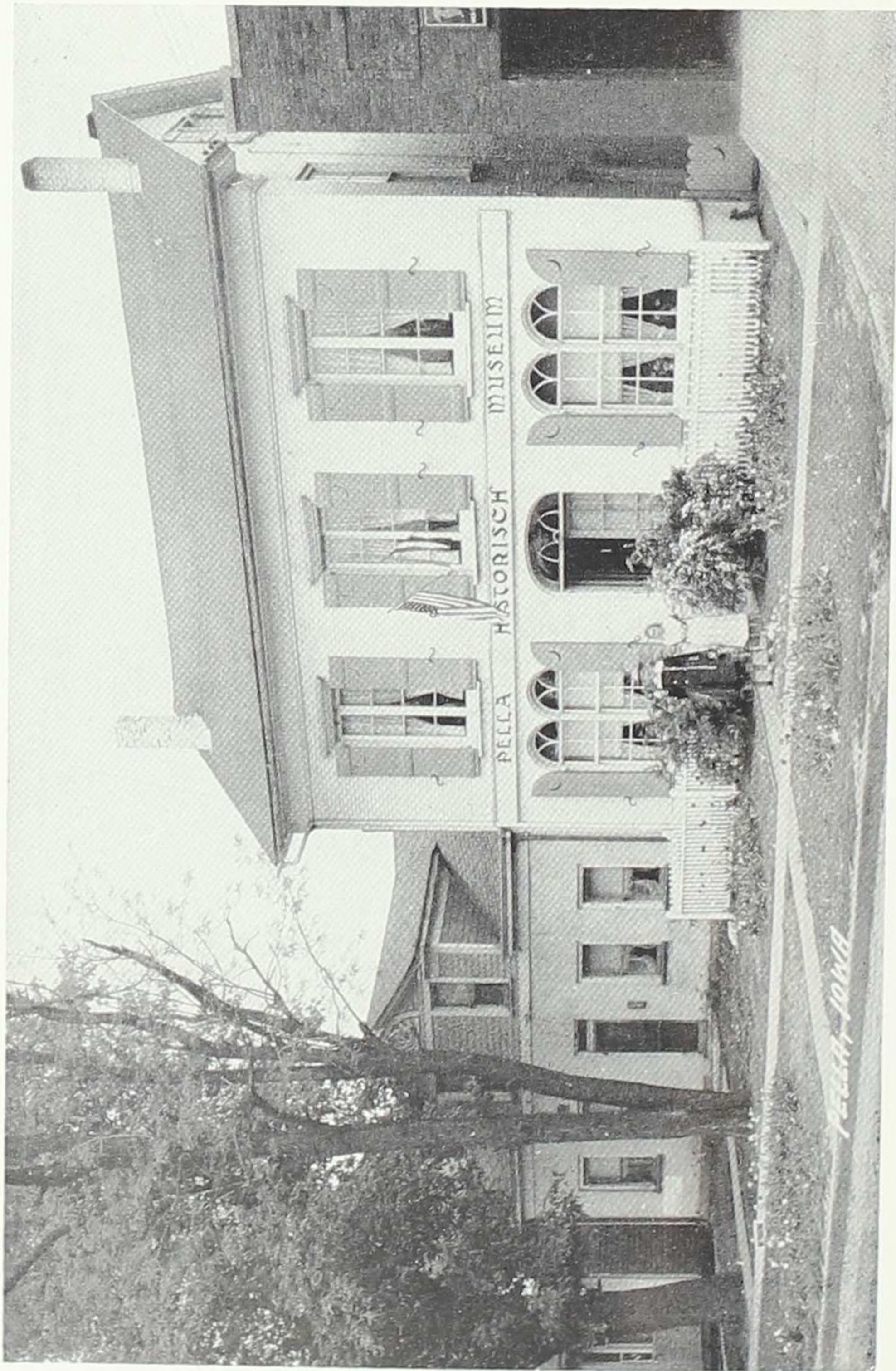


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Amana Church

A BIT OF HOLLAND IN IOWA

Pella



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Pella Historical Museum — Now the Holland Theater

THE WILLIAM BOYD ALLISON MONUMENT

Des Moines

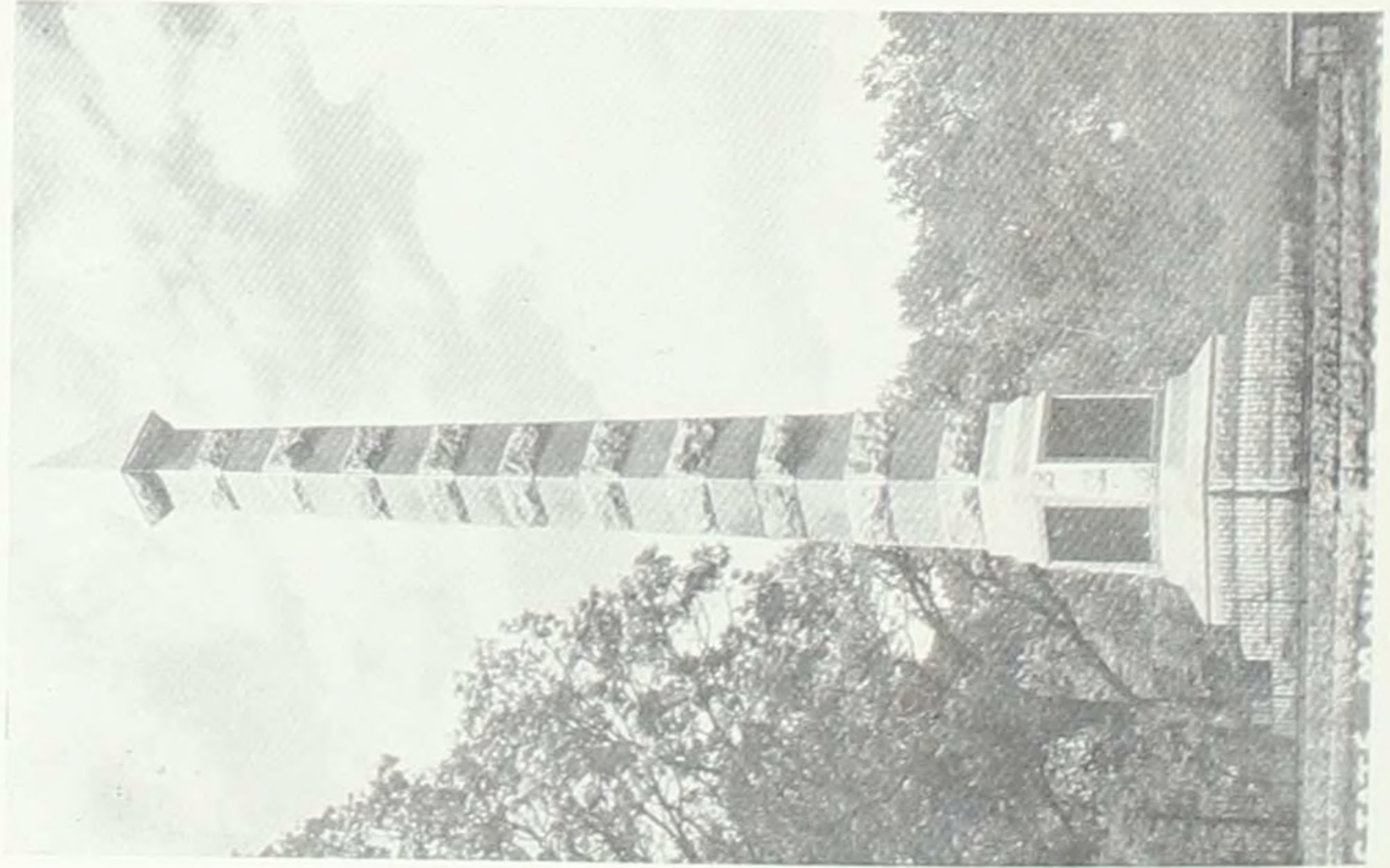


IOWA STATE CAPITOL

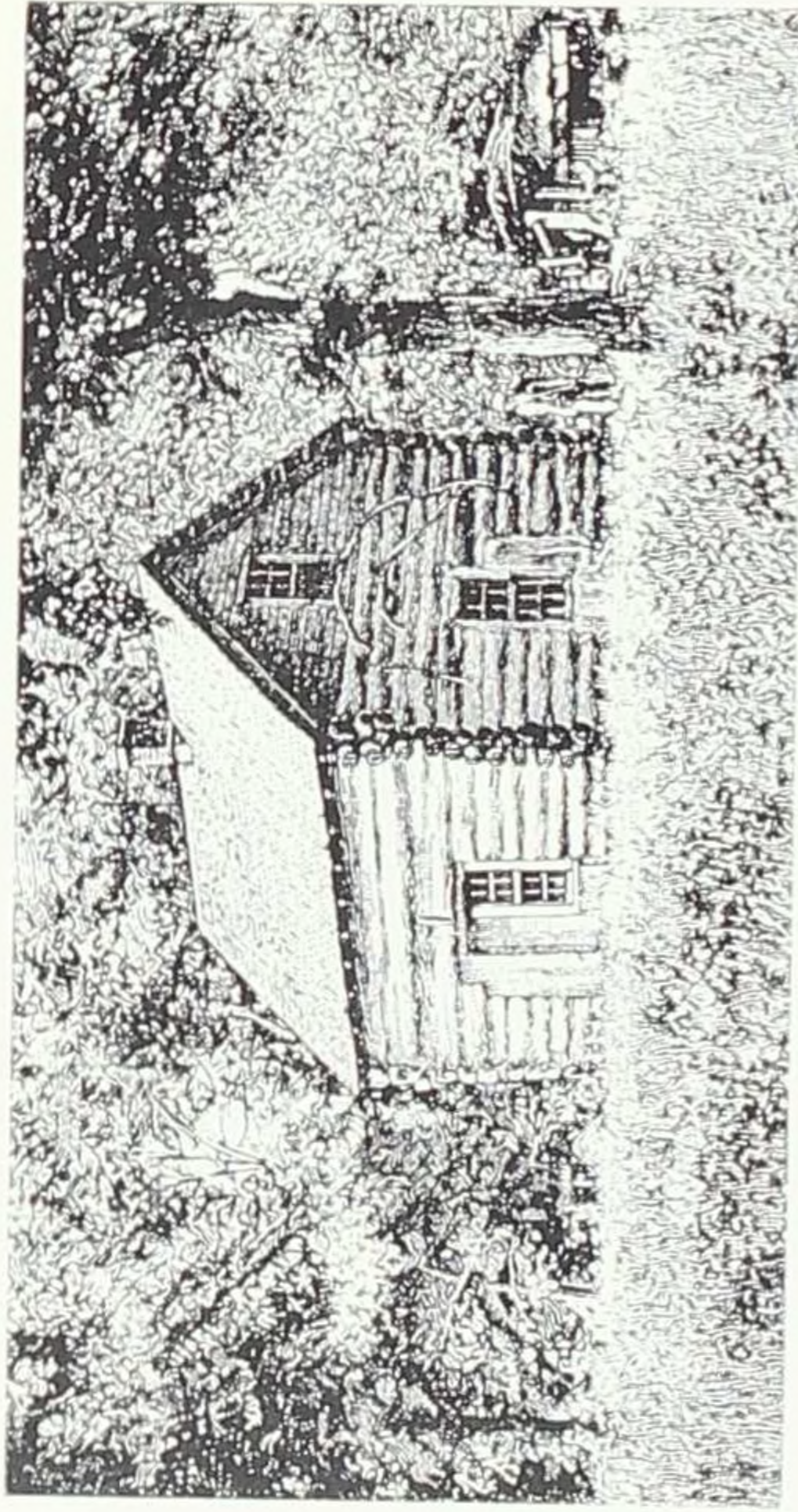
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THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE: 1857
Arnolds Park



Monument erected 1895



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Gardner Log Cabin ~ 1888

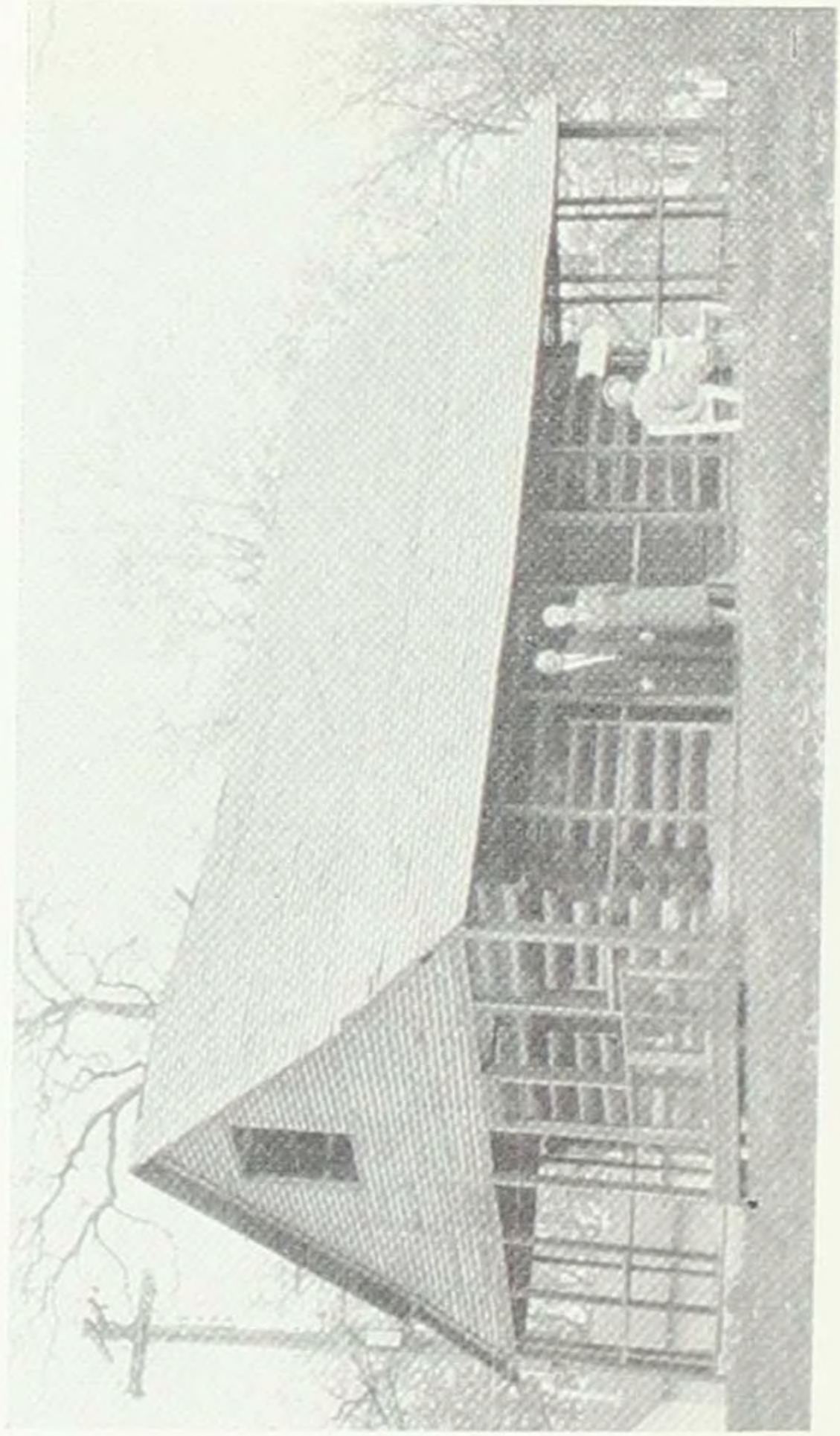


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Gardner Log Cabin ~ 1960

GRAVE OF ANSEL BRIGGS — FIRST STATE GOVERNOR
Andrew



Monument Over Grave
of Ansel Briggs
Andrew

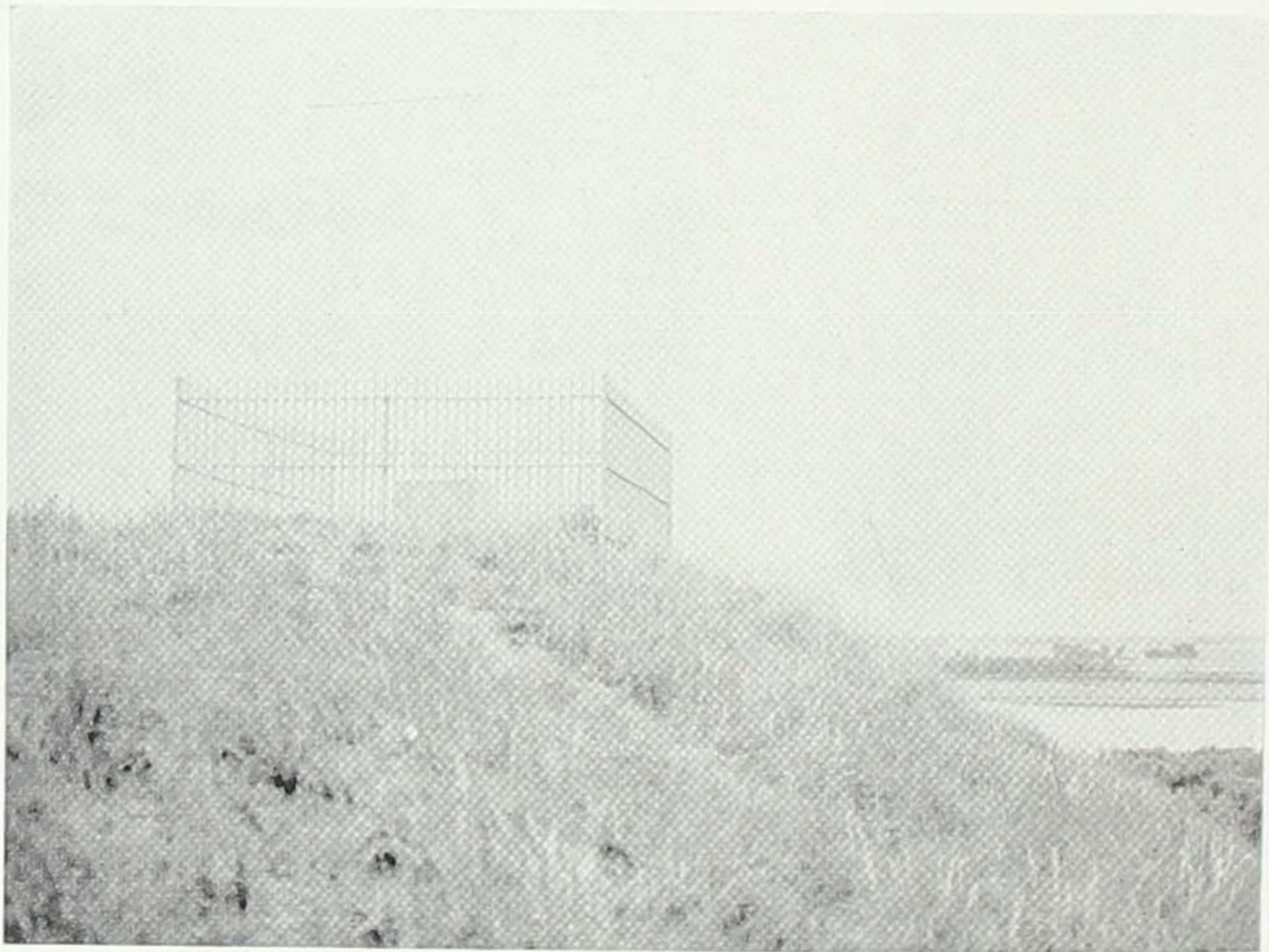


Bronze Tablet Marking
Tree Planted by Ansel Briggs
Andrew



Butterworth Tavern — Ansel Briggs Lived Here
Andrew

WAR EAGLE'S GRAVE OVERLOOKING THE BIG SIOUX
Sioux City



MONUMENT TO SERGEANT CHARLES FLOYD
Sioux City



LEWIS AND CLARK MEMORIAL
Council Bluffs

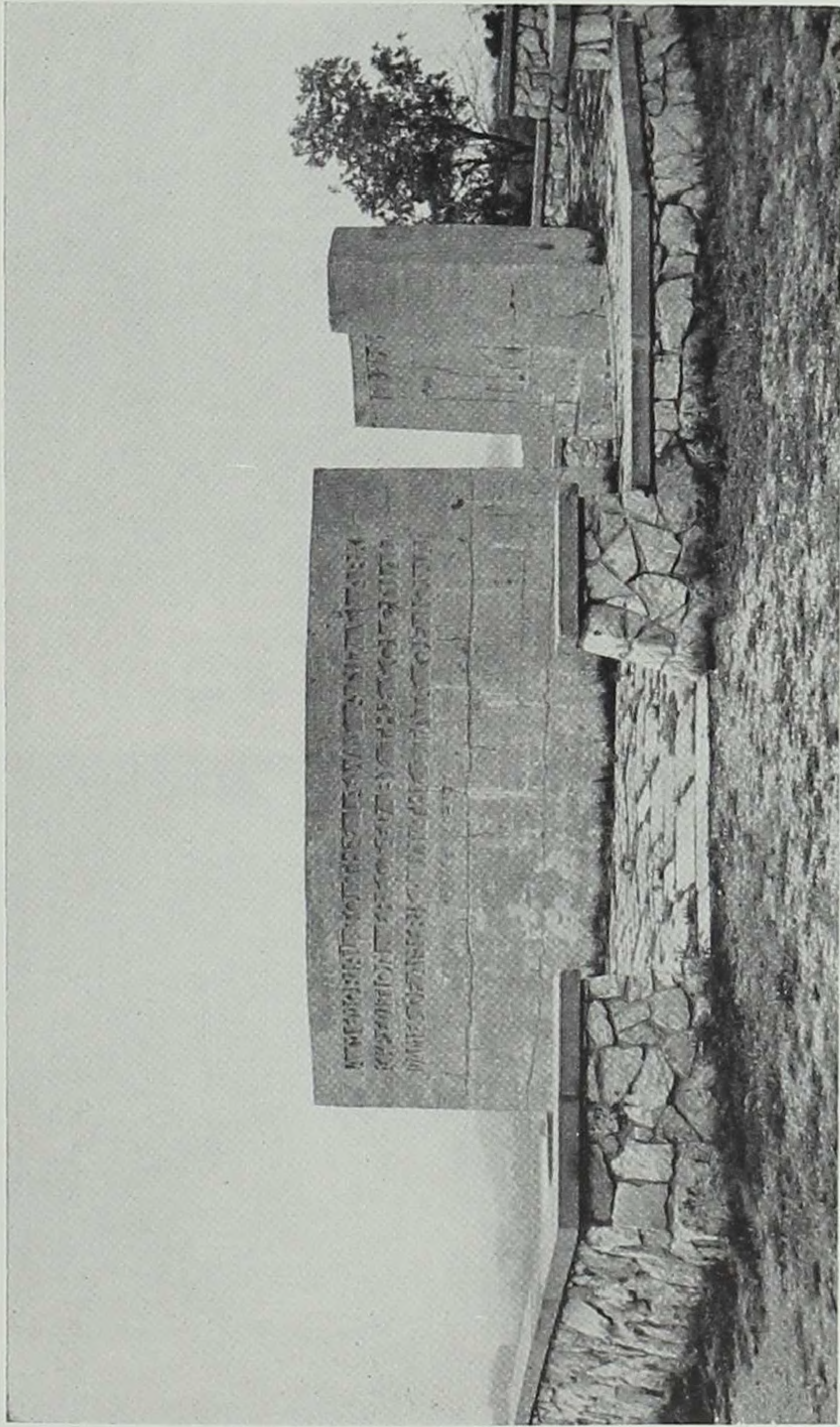
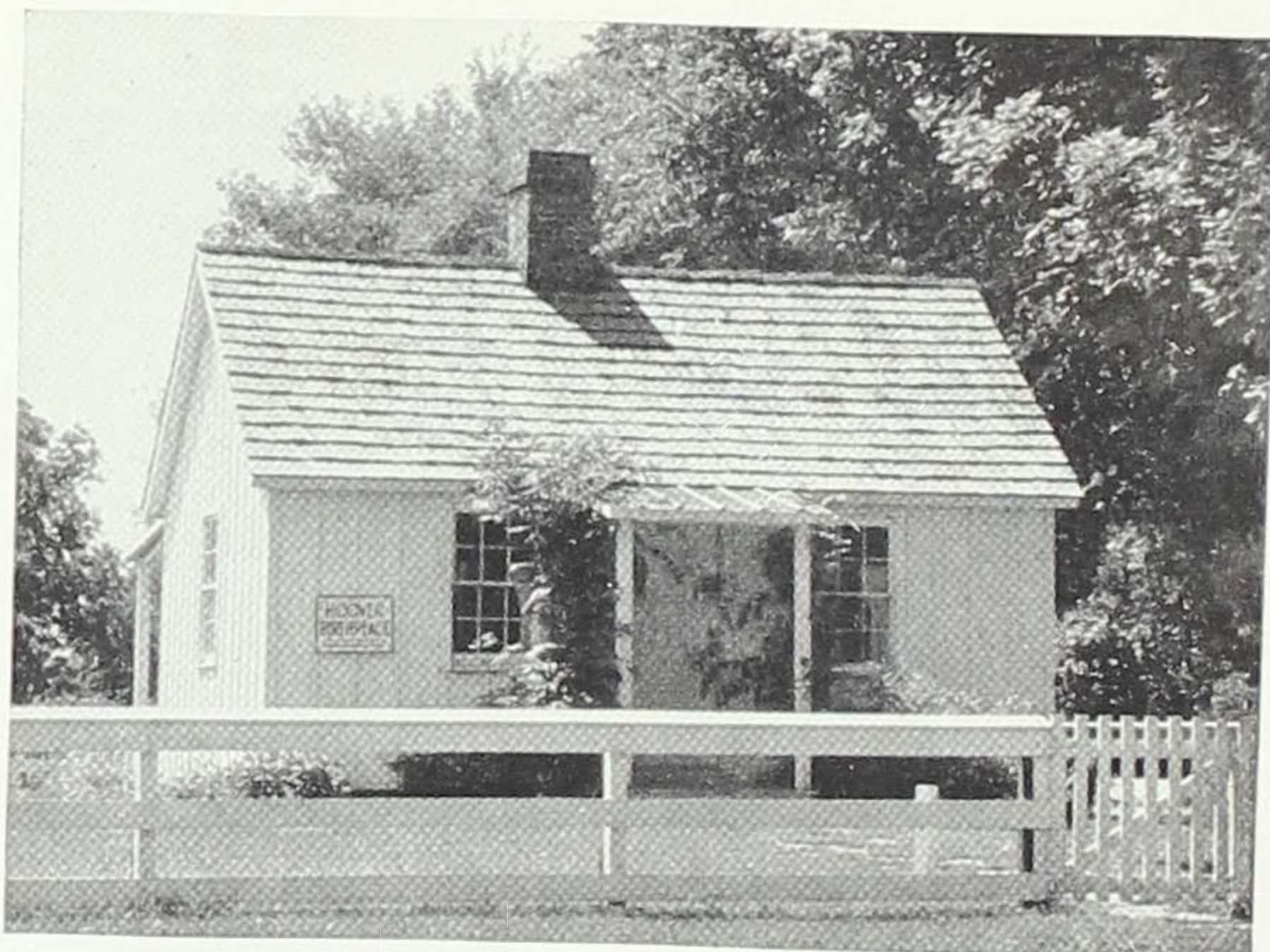


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Lewis and Clark passed along the western border of Iowa from July 18 to August 20, 1804. They held a council with the Missouri and Oto Indians on the banks of the Missouri above present-day Omaha. The City of Council Bluffs was named to commemorate this historic event.

BIRTHPLACE OF IOWA'S ONLY PRESIDENT
West Branch



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Herbert Hoover Birthplace



Photo Courtesy William Wagner
Replica of Blacksmith Shop of Jesse Hoover
West Branch

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Visitors Flock to Pike's Peak State Park, McGregor

