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May 13, 2009

Honorable Tony Avella
City Council
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38-50 Bell Boulevard, Ste. C
Bayside, New York 11361

Re: LYDIA ANN BELLE and J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE
39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Queens

Dear Councilman Avella,

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March 10, 2009

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Bayside, NY 11361

Re: 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, Borough of Queens, NY

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June 4, 2007

Mr. Henry Euler

204-05 43rd Avenue
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Re: Ahles House, Queens

Dear Mr. Euler

Thank you for submitting a request for evaluation. Staff will review the material and keep you informed of the process. We appreciate your interest in historic preservation and in the work of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

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Your Name <u>Tony Avella - Council Member</u>		Daytime Telephone No. <u>(718) 747-2137</u>	
Mailing Address <u>38-10 Bell Blvd, Suite G</u>		Apartment	
City <u>Bayside</u>	State <u>NY</u>	Zipcode <u>11361</u>	
Today's Date <u>1/4/05</u>			

PROPERTY TO BE EVALUATED: 38-24 21st Street, Bayside NY 11361

Name (if any): None

Building type (Original Use): One family home

Architect (if known): N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE INDICATE BELOW ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY: HISTORY, SIGNIFICANCE, PRESENT CONDITIONS, CURRENT STATUS, CURRENT USE, etc.

The architecture of the home indicates it could be one of the oldest in Bayside.

Many of its original aspects remain intact.

It is clearly a potential target for development.



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PROPERTY TO BE EVALUATED: Address (39-26 213th Street, Bayside, NY 11361), Name (Ahles House), Building Type (Home), Architect (if known)

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Built in 1873 by Robert Bell for his daughter Lillie and her husband John William Ahles. This wedding gift was located on Ahles Road, now known as 41st Avenue. Robert Bell's cousin, Abraham Bell II, was the road supervisor when the house was built and named the road.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: Mary Beth Belts, Director of Research



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May 11, 2009

BY HAND

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Re: Ahles House
39-26 to 39-24 213th Street
Bayside, New York (the "Premises")

Dear Ms. Daly:

This letter and accompanying exhibits are submitted in opposition to the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC") upcoming vote to calendar the Ahles House (the "House") for landmark consideration. LPC is scheduled to have its calendaring vote on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 and a public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. In your letter dated March 10, 2009 to the owner of the House (attached hereto as **Exhibit A**), you write, "we believe your home merits review because it is a rare surviving 19th century Second Empire-style house." It is our position that dramatic changes to the House since its construction render little of the original structure, and what may have been distinctive Second Empire characteristics, intact. For this reason, we believe the House is not worthy of individual landmark designation status. Below is a discussion of the various factors that have led us to this conclusion, as well as a brief discussion of the Second Empire style and a comparative review of several other New York City Second Empire houses that are individual landmarks.

1. Original Orientation Compromised, the House was Moved

The Sanborn Maps from 1903, 1917 and 1934 (**Exhibit B**) indicate that the house was actually moved. These maps show that in 1903 and 1917, 213th Street, extended southward from 39th Avenue, and ended at the former northern lot line of the Ahles property. The fact that 213th Street ended at the Ahles lot line was no coincidence, since the House was, in 1917, located squarely in the path of the southern prolongation of 213th Street. At some point between 1917 and 1934, the

house was moved westward just far enough to accommodate the southerly continuation of the 213th Street to 41st Avenue.

Furthermore, the House's front entrance historically faced south as it related to the vast front yard of the Ahles property between the House and the railroad right-of-way. Once the House was moved westward, 213th Street was mapped and constructed only several feet from the House's east façade. The construction of 213th Street has reduced the formerly considerable side yard to a non-complying five foot front yard. Yet the historic front entrance to the House remains on the southern wall, and where it once faced the vast front yard, it is now some 20 feet from the neighbor's property to the south. See the Current Survey of the House (**Exhibit C**).

These two locational changes, the dramatic movement of the House approximately 40 feet southwest, and the rotation of yards (*i.e.*, the front became a side, a side became the front, etc.) by virtue of the construction of 213th Street, dramatically compromise the integrity of the original orientation of the House.

2. The House was Significantly Altered

After reviewing the 1917 and 1934 Sanborn Maps, together with the Photo of Original House (**Exhibit D**) and current photographs of the building (among others, **Exhibit E**), it is clear that the House, perhaps when moved, underwent a significant transformation. The Changes Diagram (**Exhibit F**) illustrates several of the significant changes made to the House during that 20 year span.

A. Rear Portion of House Removed.

A substantial portion of the rear wing of the house was removed – all three stories. See the Rear Yard Photographs, attached as **Exhibit G**, illustrating that a sizeable portion of the original building is no longer intact. The photographs in Exhibit G show the outline of the original dimensions of the house. The current House does not retain its original proportions, and many of the House's architectural features, in particular a window bay (see the Sanborn Maps in Exhibit D), were lost when this portion of the House was removed. Nearly one-third of the House's original depth and floor area was demolished, dramatically compromising the building's original integrity.

B. Wrap-Around Porch Removed

As can be seen from Viewpoint 1 on Exhibit D and Exhibit F, the original House had a sweeping wrap-around porch extending around three sides of the House. This classic feature of Second Empire style homes is almost completely gone. There is small segment of porch located in the northern side yard.

C. Two-Story Bay Window Removed

The original bay windows, a salient feature of the Second Empire style, have been removed. The house had at least two window bays, one was lost when the rear section of the building was removed, see above subparagraph A. The second, seen in Viewpoint 1 on Exhibit D and on Exhibit F, was a two-story bay window, behind or west of the porch. This bay window was removed, stripping the building of its special articulated character.

D. Clapboard Siding Covered

Still another Second Empire characteristic that has been eliminated over the course of time is the wooden clapboard siding. A thick layer of concrete has been skimmed over the building's exterior, covering and destroying the original clapboard. See Exhibit D, the Changes Diagram.

E. Change in Use

The building was originally designed and used as a single family home, its main entrance on the south façade provided access to a gracious center hallway for the first floor and a central stair to the second floor. The House, however, was converted into a two-family residence, the "main entrance," which is now on the side due to the imposition of the City's street grid, only provides access to the second floor. The entrance for the ground floor is now located at the rear of the building through the small shed like structure that was not part of the original building.

The center hallway was cut away and converted into a descending stair leading to the cellar. In fact, the floor's parquet design can still be seen abruptly ending as the stairs descend, and then where new partitions were added, the center hall parquet mysteriously crosses an interior hallway. See **Exhibit H**.

F. Added Entranceway

The one-story entranceway in the back yard was added after the house was moved and the aforementioned rear portion of the House was removed. This entranceway, which can be seen in **Exhibit I**, was not constructed in character with Second Empire style or with the rest of the House; its roof is not shingled like the rest of the House and the door is not heavily molded or adorned with sculpted details, typical of Second Empire homes.

G. Replacements

Much of the original building materials have been replaced, resulting in significant changes to the original appearance of the House.

1. The wooden frame windows have recently been replaced with composite material windows;
2. The wooden door bulkhead has been replaced with an aluminum door (see Exhibit I);
3. The wooden roof ridge caps have been replaced with aluminum materials; and

4. The historic wooden clapboard exterior has been replaced with a concrete-type material.

H. Dentil Molding Not Original

The House's box cornice has dentil molding in place, much of it is in poor condition and missing in several instances. See **Exhibit J**, Photos of Damaged Roof. More importantly, when the current dentil molding seen in Exhibit J is compared to the photograph in Exhibit D, the latter depicts a heavier scrolled-type of molding, leading us to believe that the current dentil molding is not original and was added at a later date. Furthermore, the now gone heavier scrolled molding is more in keeping with the Second Empire style.

3. Second Empire Style

The Second Empire style is characterized by many architectural traits. Two notable Second Empire homes that are individual landmarks in New York City are the Bedell House at 7484 Amboy Road on Staten Island, and the Pell House at 586 City Island Avenue in the Bronx. These homes possess considerably more original traits true to the Second Empire Style than the house on 213th Street. Moreover, these homes also possess their respective locational integrity, something the House does not.

According to the LPC News Release dated April 12, 2005 (**Exhibit K**), the Bedell house:

...retains its historic clapboard siding. The house's one-story front veranda features handsome turned posts and a molded cornice and the windows still retain their molded surrounds. The western façade retains its two-story polygonal bay enriched by recessed panels and molded cornices....

As compared to the above text states, the House does not retain a single one of these classic Second Empire traits (*e.g.*, clapboard siding, veranda, veranda's turned posts, two-story bay), such elements have been replaced, demolished or never existed.

The LPC report from October 29, 2002 (**Exhibit L**), Samuel Pell House as follows:

A five-bay-wide, three-story frame building, the Pell house is sheathed in its original clapboards and retains its historic two-over-two fenestration. It is richly embellished with heavy molded door and window surrounds, bracketed cornices, bay windows, and porches with turned posts and curved wood braces....

Again, the House under present consideration by LPC, as it currently stands, is devoid of these features. Unlike the Pell house, its bay windows, its original clapboards, and its wrap-around porch, the distinguishing features of Second Empire style, no longer exist. The below Comparative Table illustrates how the House does not measure up to other New York City Second Empire landmark homes.

Comparative Table

Characteristic	Bedell House	Pell House	Premises
Mansard Roof	X	X	X
Dormers	X	X	X
Curved dormer windows	X		None
Scrolled brackets beneath eaves	X	X	Minor dentils, not original
Projecting portico or porch	X	X	None
Turned posts on porch	X	X	None
Entrance with paired doors		X	None
One- or two-story window bay	X	X	Removed
1/1 or 2/2 windows	X	X	6/6
Clapboard siding	X	X	Covered

The above Comparative Table demonstrates that the House falls short with regard to its landmark credentials as compared to other City landmarks.

Conclusion

Based on the above changes to the House regarding location, orientation, layout, use, proportions, details and materials, we respectfully request that the Commission not calendar this House for a landmark designation hearing. The House does not possess many of the necessary elemental Second Empire traits (see **Exhibit M**, Illustrative Second Empire – Captain’s Cottage No.2). We believe that these very significant changes to the House render it ineligible for individual landmark status.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,



Jordan Most

Enclosures
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EXHIBIT A



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EXHIBIT B

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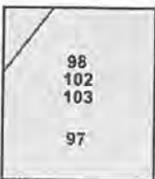
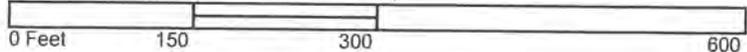
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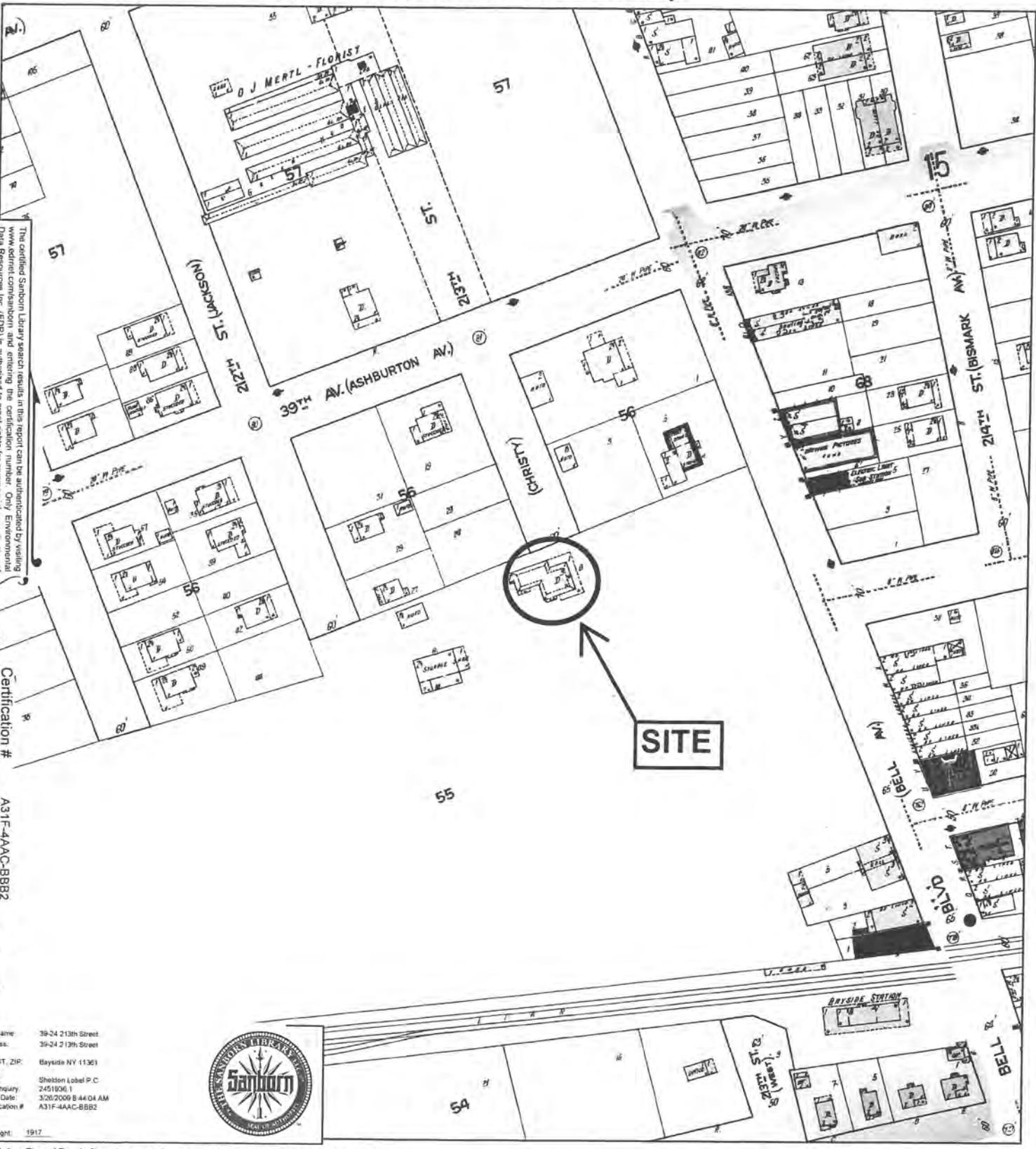
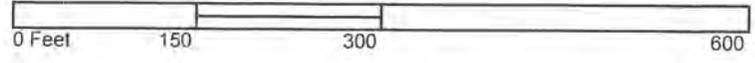
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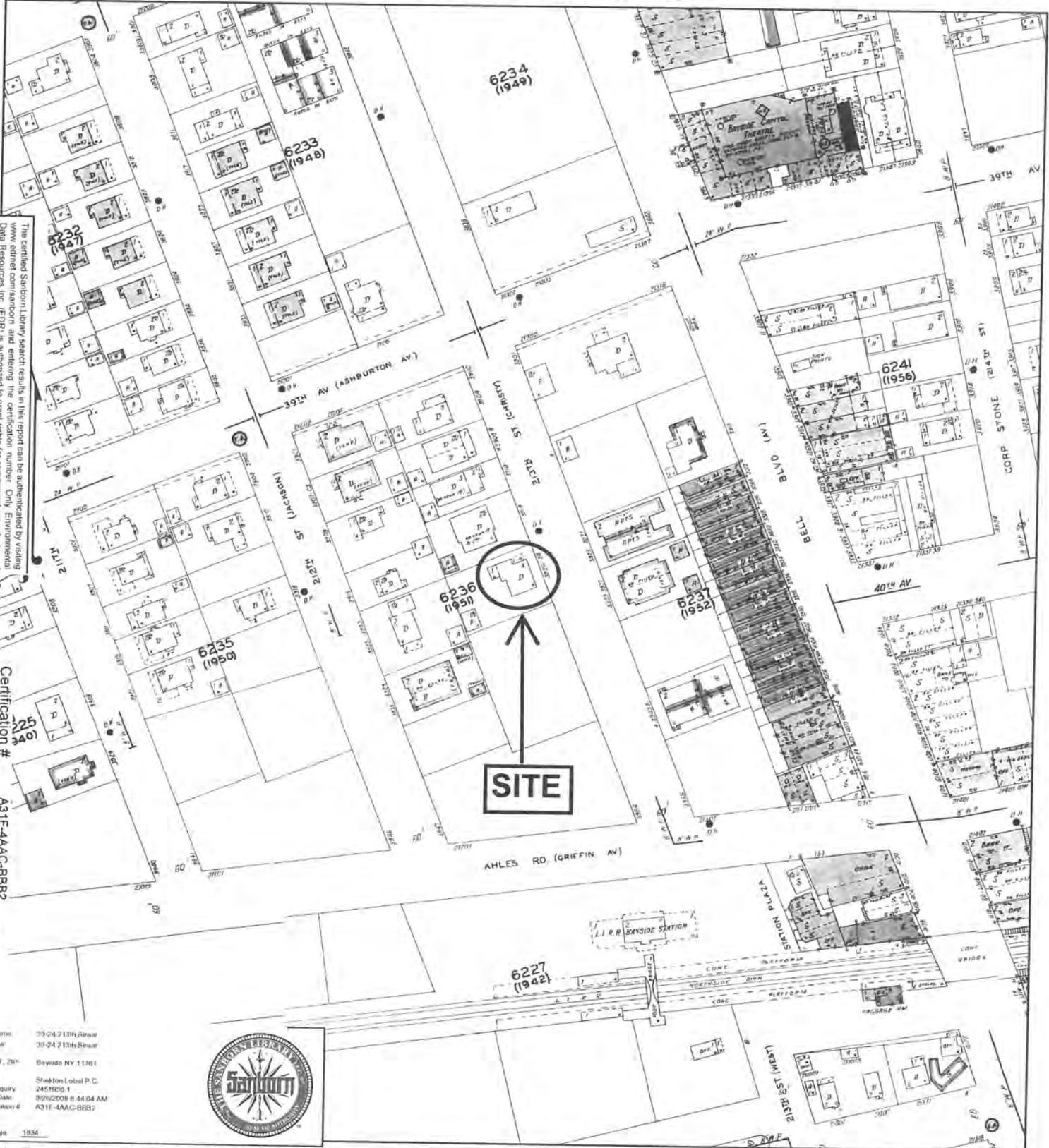
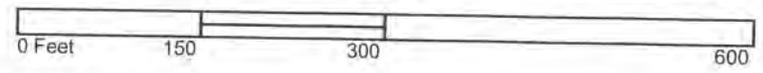
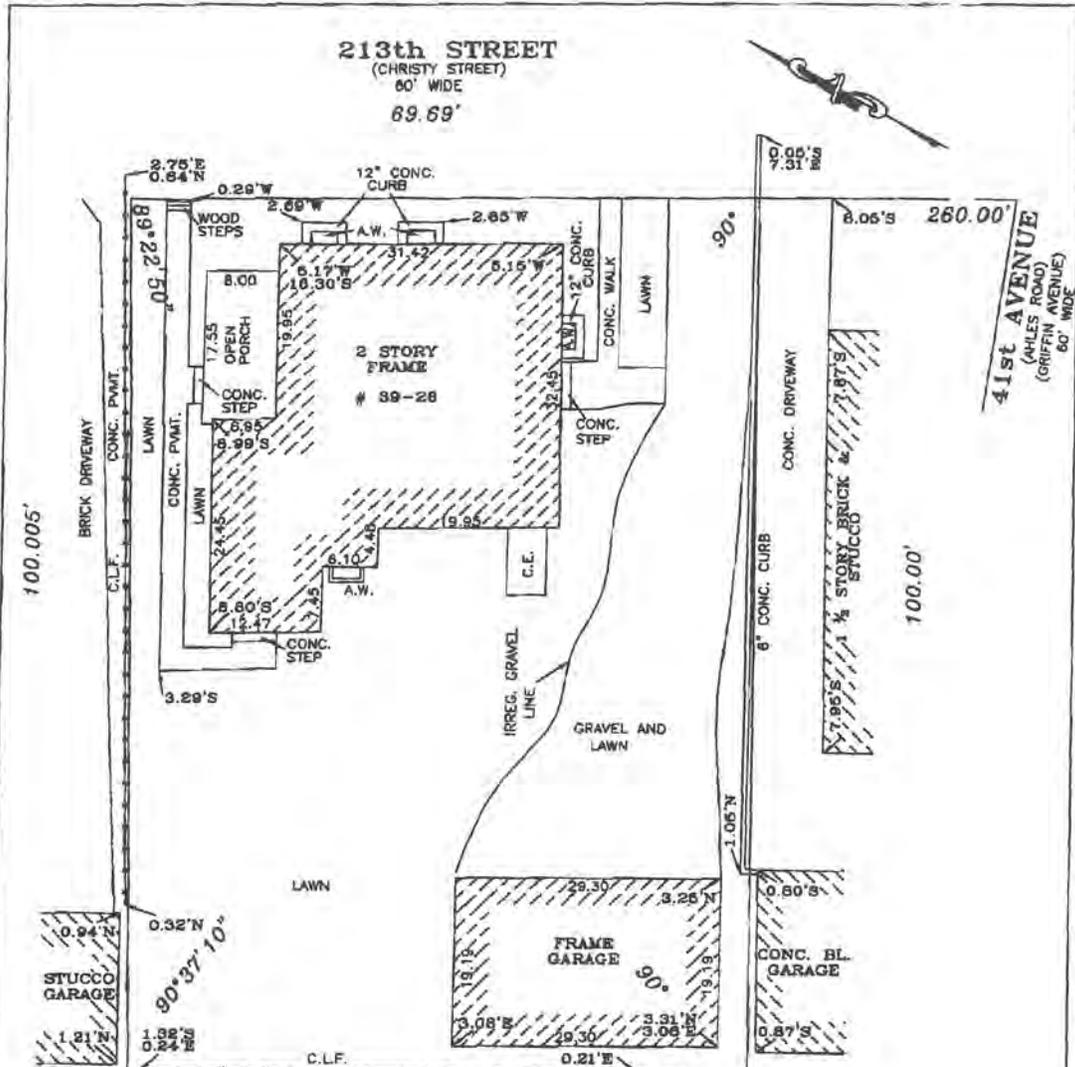


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- LEGEND:**
- 8" WINDOW — 8" W
 - CONC. LAR ENTRANCE — C.E.
 - CONC. FINISH FENCE — C.L.F.
 - RA FORM — R.F.T.
 - PAINT — PAINT
 - CONC. — CONC.
 - CONC. HEAD SERVICE WIRE — C.H.S.W.
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 - PA. ESCAPE — P.E.
 - UTILITY POLE — *

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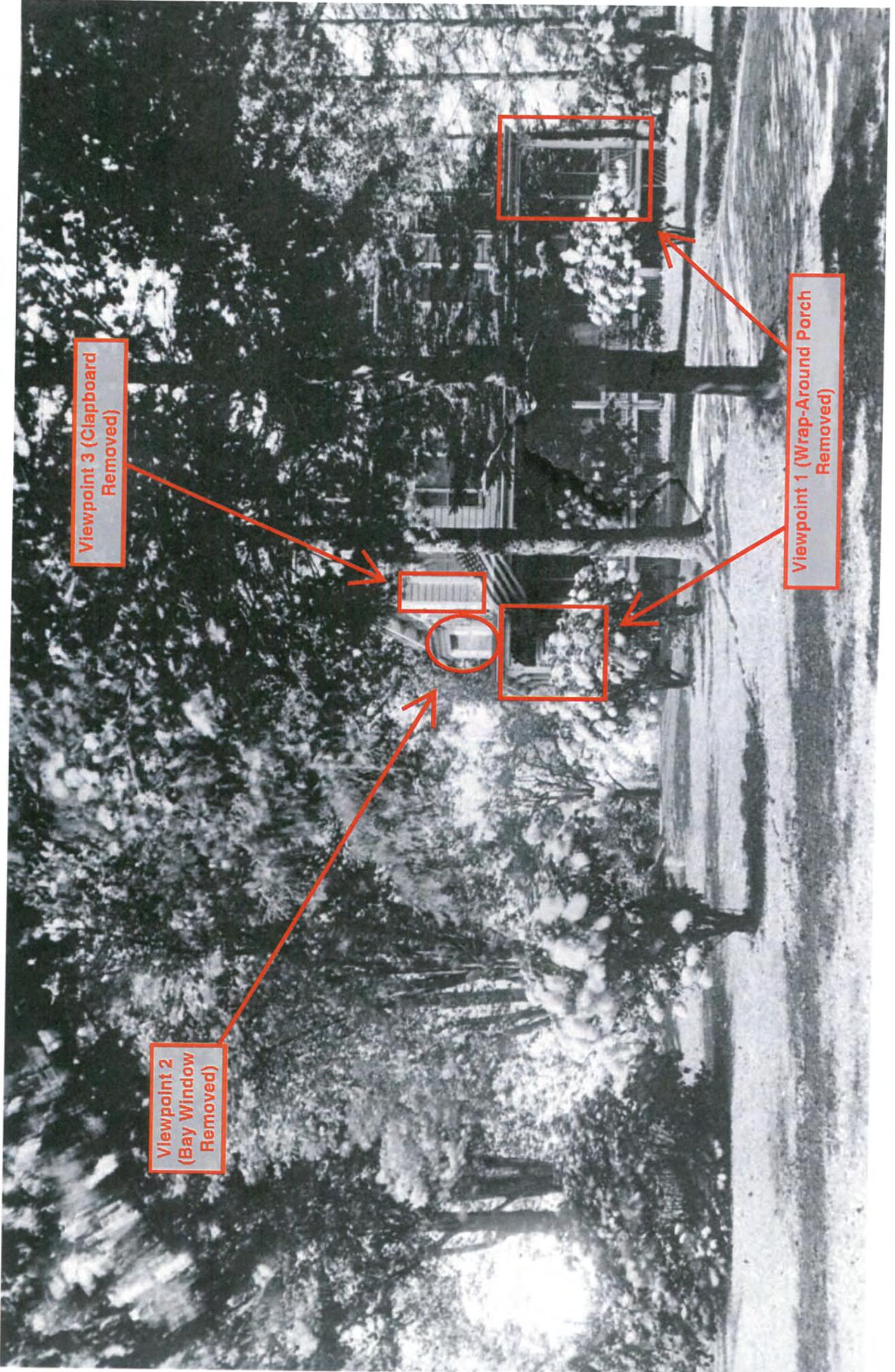
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TAX DESIG: Block 6236, Lot 18

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HSBC Mortgage Corporation USA
Robert Rubin
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Job No. 21500
Drawn By: BK

EXHIBIT D

Photo of Original House



Viewpoint 3 (Clapboard Removed)

Viewpoint 2 (Bay Window Removed)

Viewpoint 1 (Wrap-Around Porch Removed)

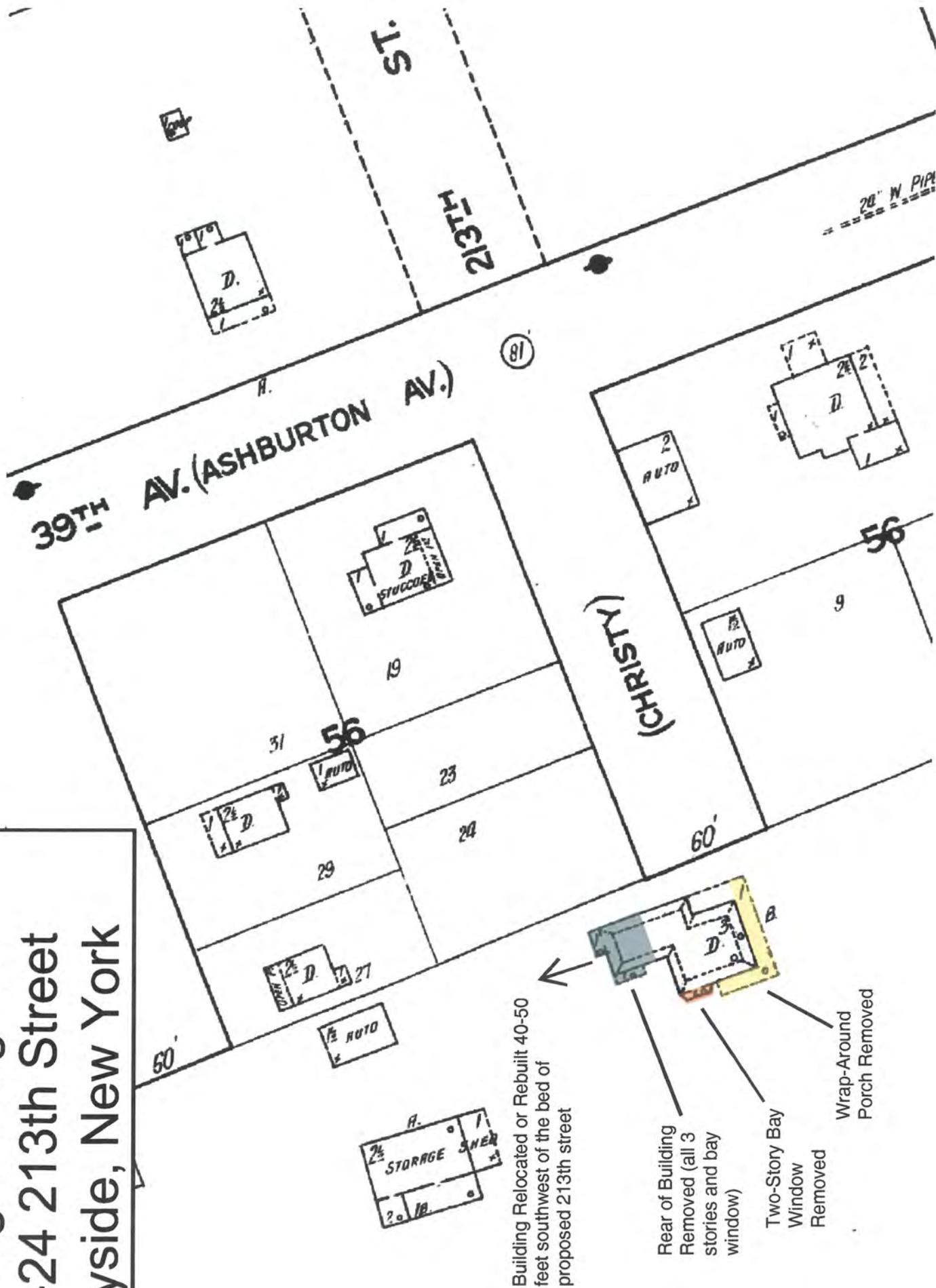
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Photo of Front of Building



EXHIBIT F

Changes Diagram 39-24 213th Street Bayside, New York



Building Relocated or Rebuilt 40-50 feet southwest of the bed of proposed 213th street

Rear of Building Removed (all 3 stories and bay window)

Two-Story Bay Window Removed

Wrap-Around Porch Removed

EXHIBIT G

Photos of Rear of Yard Locating Demolished Section





Photos of Damaged Cornice





EXHIBIT K

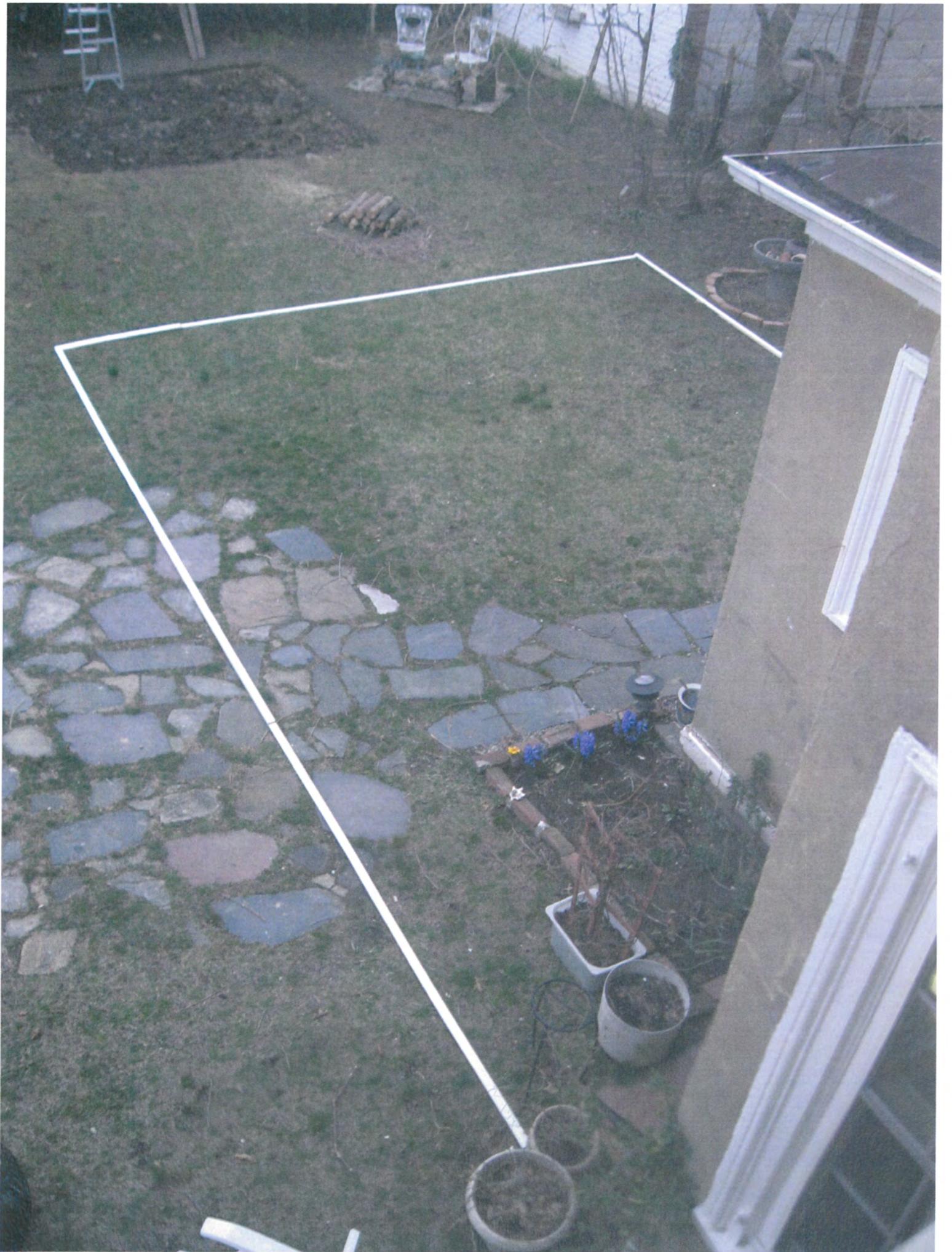


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EXHIBIT I

Photo of Rear of Building



Later Addition -
Non-Mansard Roof

Later Addition -
Aluminum Bulkhead

Later Addition - Main
Entrance to First Floor
in Rear Yard



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News Release
April 12, 2005

Contact: Diane Jackier
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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGNATES AN INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK IN STATEN ISLAND

“Despite the recent removal of some historic elements, the Bedell House still retains the proportions and many significant details of a Second Empire-style building,” said Robert B. Tierney, Chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. *“It is important that the Commission has taken this step to designate this landmark in Tottenville.”*

James L. and Lucinda Bedell House, 7484 Amboy Road, Staten Island

Constructed between 1869 and 1874, the James L. and Lucinda Bedell House is a fine example of a free-standing Second-Empire style frame residence, and until it was altered in March 2005 in an attempt to thwart landmark designation, was the best preserved house in the style on Staten Island’s South Shore. Second Empire style houses once proliferated on the South Shore, where the popularity of the style coincided with a period of prosperity and growth tied to the opening of the Staten Island Railroad, but they are now becoming increasingly rare.



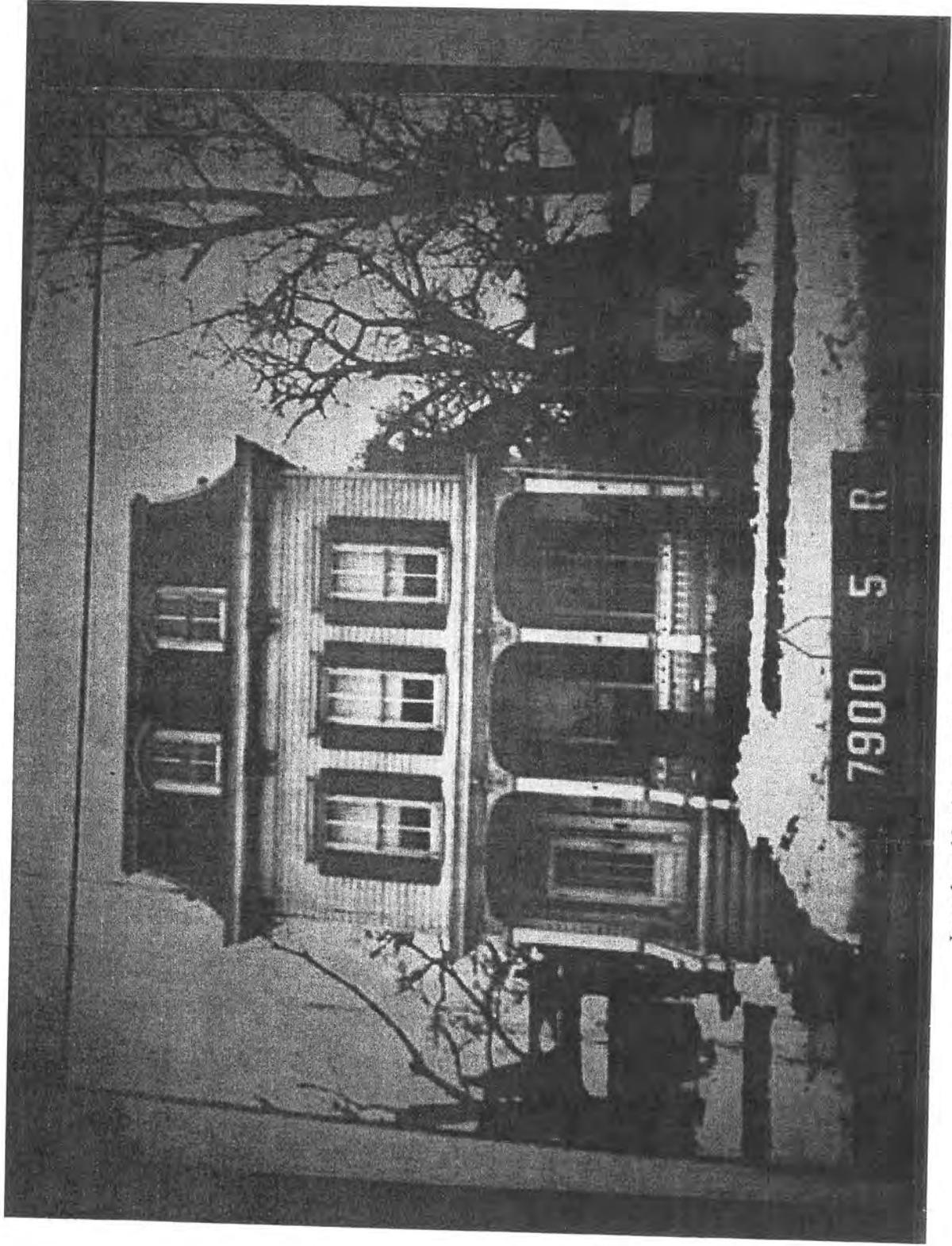
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A three-bay wide, three-story frame building, the Bedell House is the only architecturally distinguished Second Empire frame house on the South Shore that retains its historic clapboard siding. The house’s one-story front veranda features handsome turned posts and a molded cornice and the windows still retain their molded surrounds. The western façade retains its two-story polygonal bay enriched by recessed panels and molded cornices. The imposing flared mansard roof that extends over the main portion of the house has segmental arched dormers that retain their molded hoods.

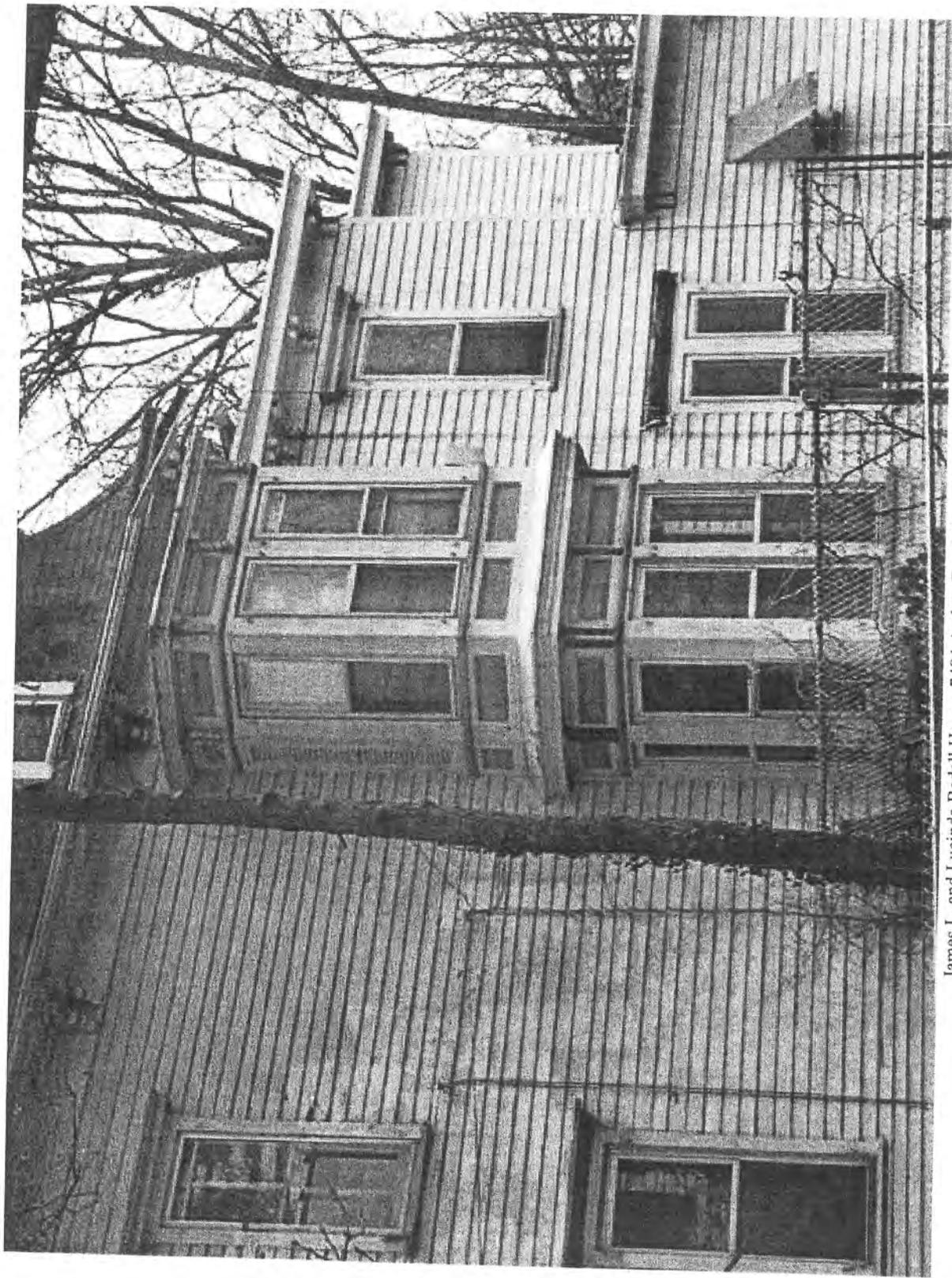
James Bedell was part of a prominent family that settled on Staten Island in the eighteenth century and included a number of the island’s leading carpenters and undertakers. His eldest brother, Isaac P. Bedell, who lived nearby on Main Street in Tottenville, was one of the island’s leading carpenter builders, responsible for the Edwards-Barton House (1869) at Historic Richmond Town, among other works. As a carpenter, Isaac Bedell was often called on to build coffins and in 1841 he established an undertaking business that survives today as the oldest undertaking business in New York City. James Bedell also became a carpenter and cabinet maker and by the 1870s, when this house was built, specialized in making window blinds and sash. It seems likely that he or his brother Isaac was responsible for the design and construction of this house.

In the 1920s, the house was acquired by architect Chester Abram Cole. A leader in the architectural profession on Staten Island, Cole was associated with the nationally prominent firm of Carrere & Hastings prior to entering the firm of the well-known Staten Island architect James Whitford. Cole is probably best known for his work in restoring the Conference House, a designated New York City Landmark. In 1945, the Bedell House was acquired by Earl M. Simonson, an attorney for the New York Telephone Company, who later served as president of the Conference House Association.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission is the New York City agency responsible for designating and regulating New York City's landmarks. To date, the Commission has designated 1,120 individual landmarks, 104 interior landmarks, 9 scenic landmarks, and 83 historic districts.



James L. and Lucinda Bedell House, 7484 Amboy Road, Staten Island, c. 1940
Photo source: New York City Department of Records and Information Services, Municipal Archives



James L. and Lucinda Bedell House, 7484 Amboy Road, Staten Island, April 2005
Photo: Gale Harris

EXHIBIT L

SAMUEL PELL HOUSE, 586 City Island Avenue, Borough of the Bronx. Built c. 1876

Landmark Site: Borough of the Bronx Tax Map Block 5635, Lot 73

On April 16, 2002, the Landmarks Preservation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation as a Landmark of the Samuel Pell House¹ and the proposed designation of the related Landmark Site (Item No. 1). The hearing had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the law. Three witnesses, the owner of the building, and representatives of the Historic Districts Council and Municipal Art Society, spoke in favor of the designation. There were no speakers in opposition to the designation. The Commission has received letters in support of the designation from Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, City Council Member Madeline Provenzano, Bronx Community Board No. 10, the City Island Historical Society, and Rev. Robert J. Moore, pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church. State Senator Guy J. Velella has written to the Commission indicating that he is not opposed to the designation.

Summary

This imposing residence, constructed around 1876, is a fine and well-preserved example of the free-standing Second Empire style frame houses that once proliferated in the rural areas of New York City but are now increasingly being altered or demolished. Built for oysterman Samuel Pell, it is significant reminder of the enormous wealth that the oyster trade brought to the maritime community of City Island in the nineteenth century. The Second Empire style is unusually well-represented on the island with thirteen surviving houses of which the Pell house is the grandest and best preserved. A five-bay-wide, three-story frame building, the Pell house is sheathed in its original clapboards and retains its historic two-over-two fenestration. It is richly embellished with heavy molded door and window surrounds, bracketed cornices, bay windows, and porches with turned posts and curved wood braces. The unusually well-preserved and elaborately-detailed mansard roof retains its original patterned polychrome slate shingles, pedimented dormers, and decorative metal flashing. Samuel Pell was a descendent of the Pell family that once owned this area of the Bronx. He and his children, who occupied this house until about 1900, were prominent members of the City Island community. In 1907, the house was sold to James Feeley, a partner in a wholesale lace curtain importing firm. In the late 1920s, the house passed to his son Edgar J. Feeley, a prominent attorney and part owner-officer of the New York Giants baseball team, who occupied the house until his death in 1972. It is currently being used as a residence.



Illustrative Second Empire - Pell House

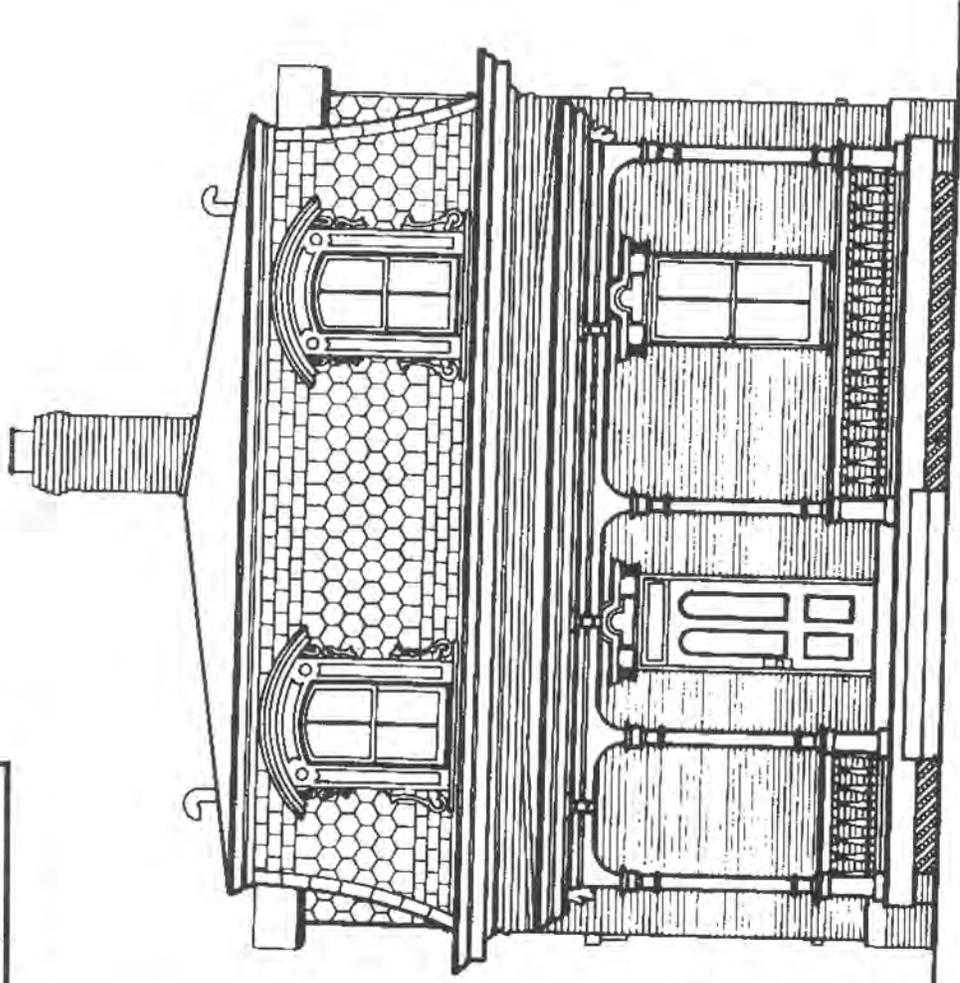


Samuel Pell House, 586 City Island Avenue, Bronx
View from the northwest
Photo: Carl Forster

EXHIBIT M

Illustrative Second Empire

- Mansard Roof
- Porch with Decorative Posts
- Clapboard siding
- Arched Windows



111 Captain's Cottage No. 2. Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, New York. 1885; small, late, and provincial; nevertheless, a high-spirited version of the Second Empire style.



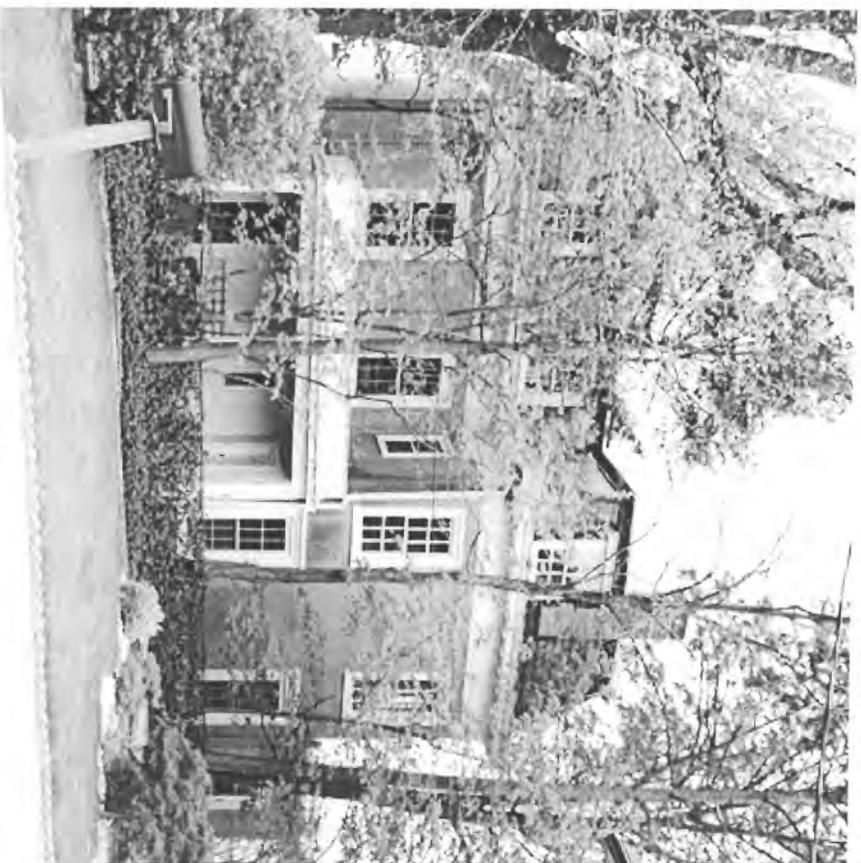
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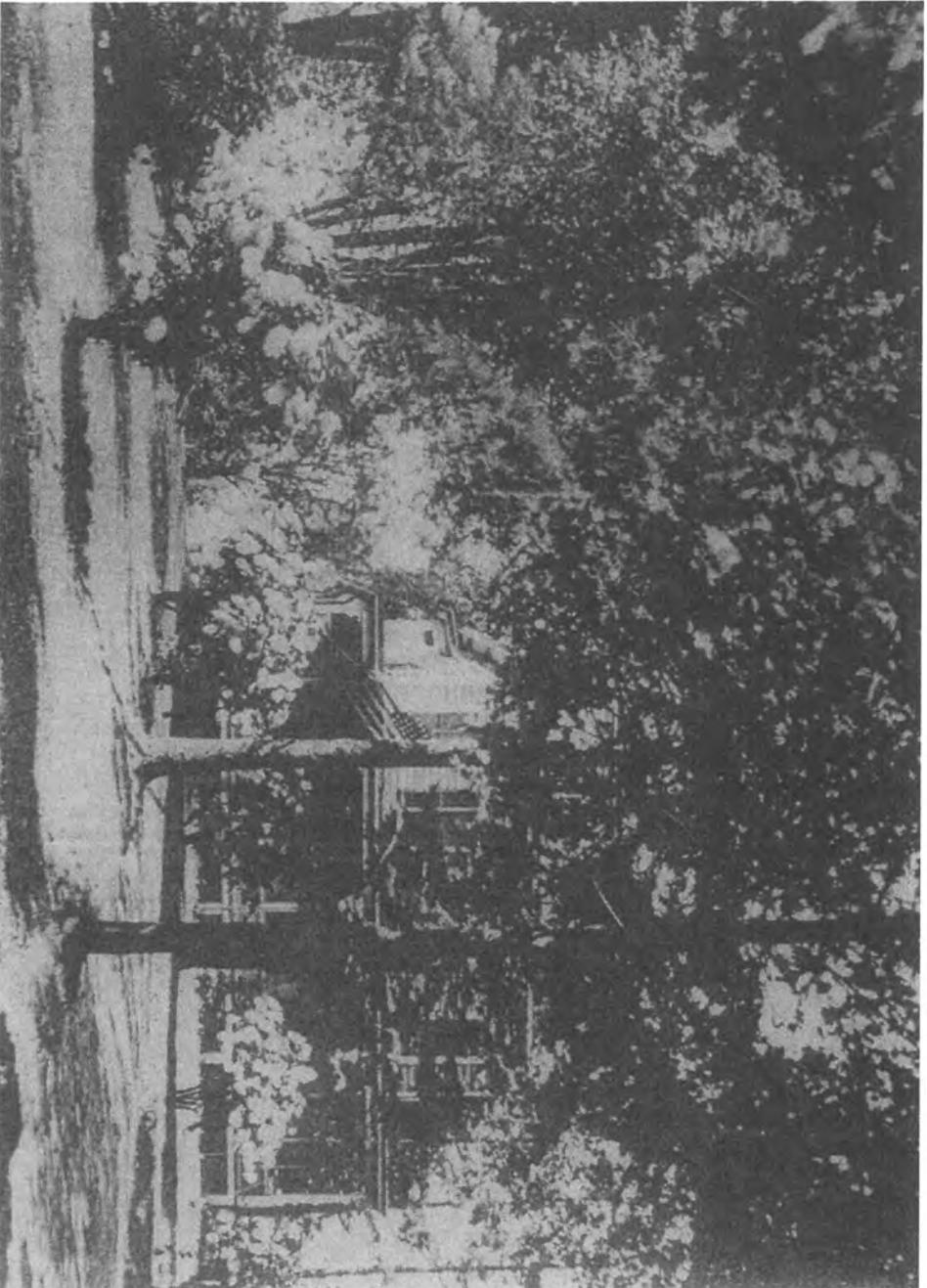
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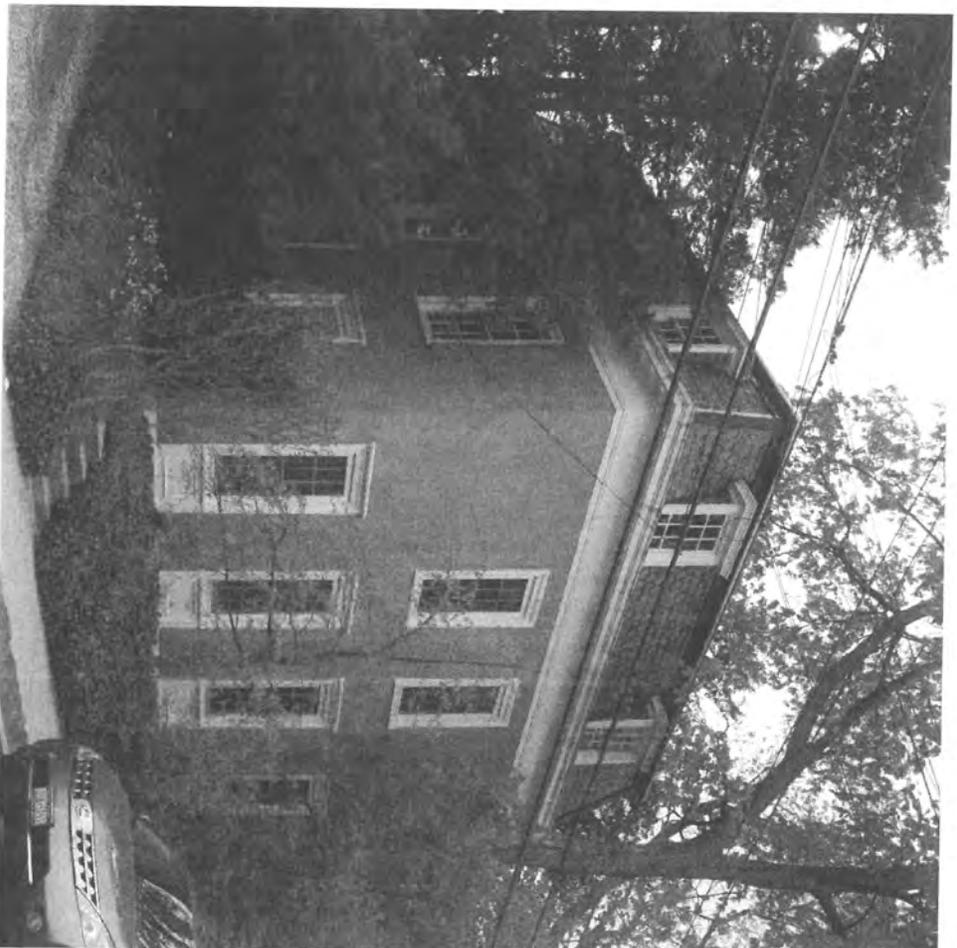


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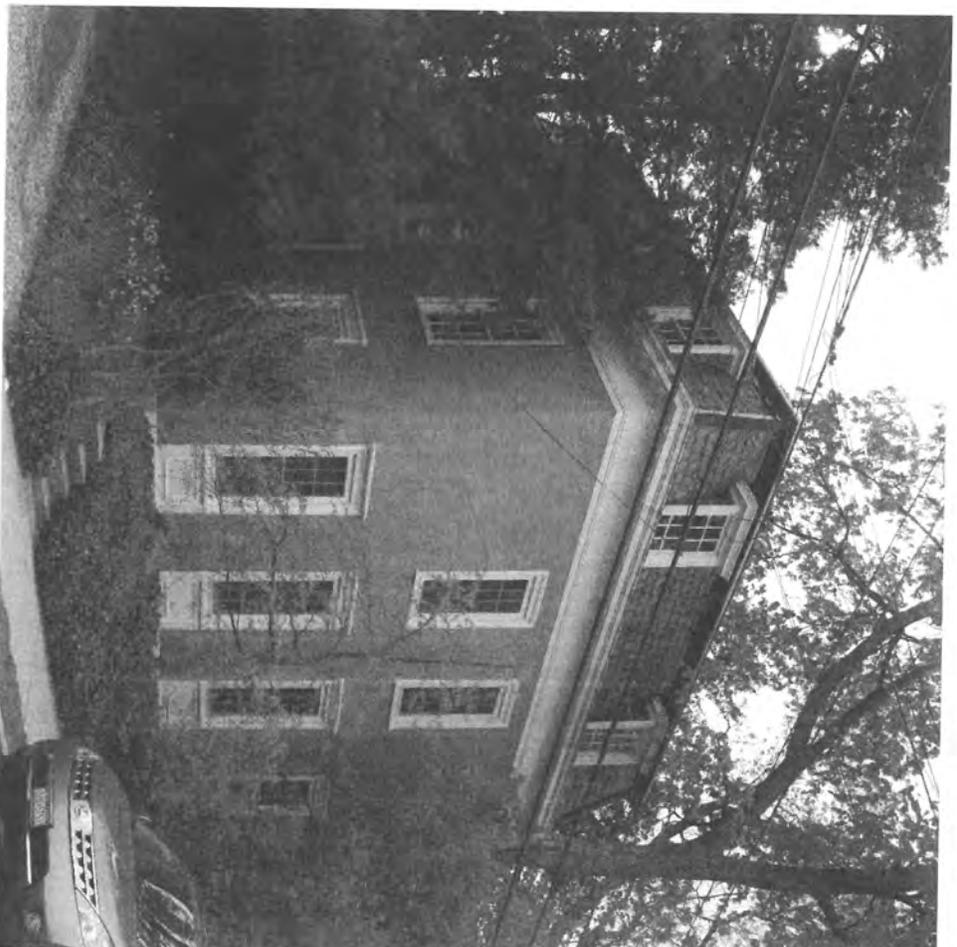
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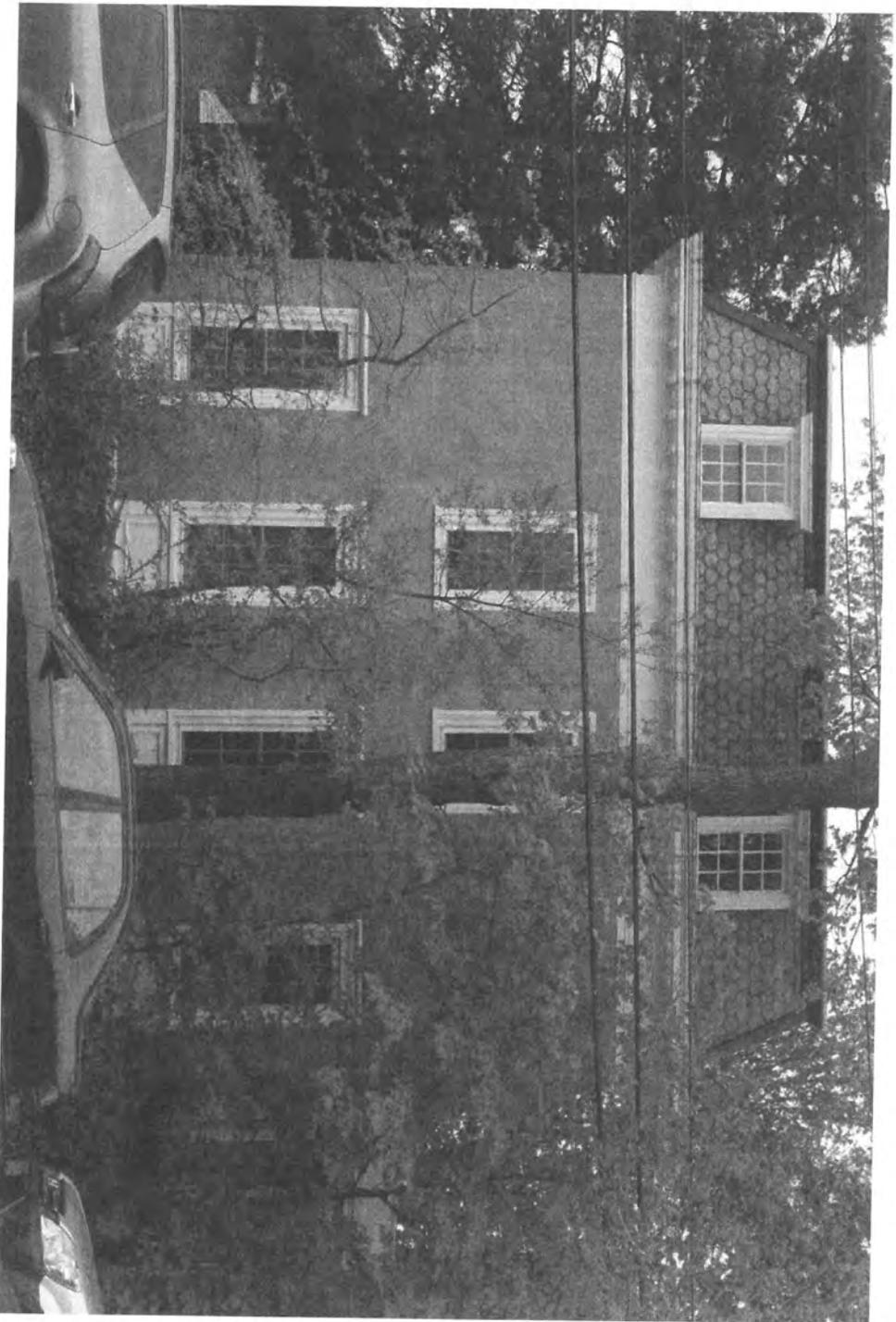


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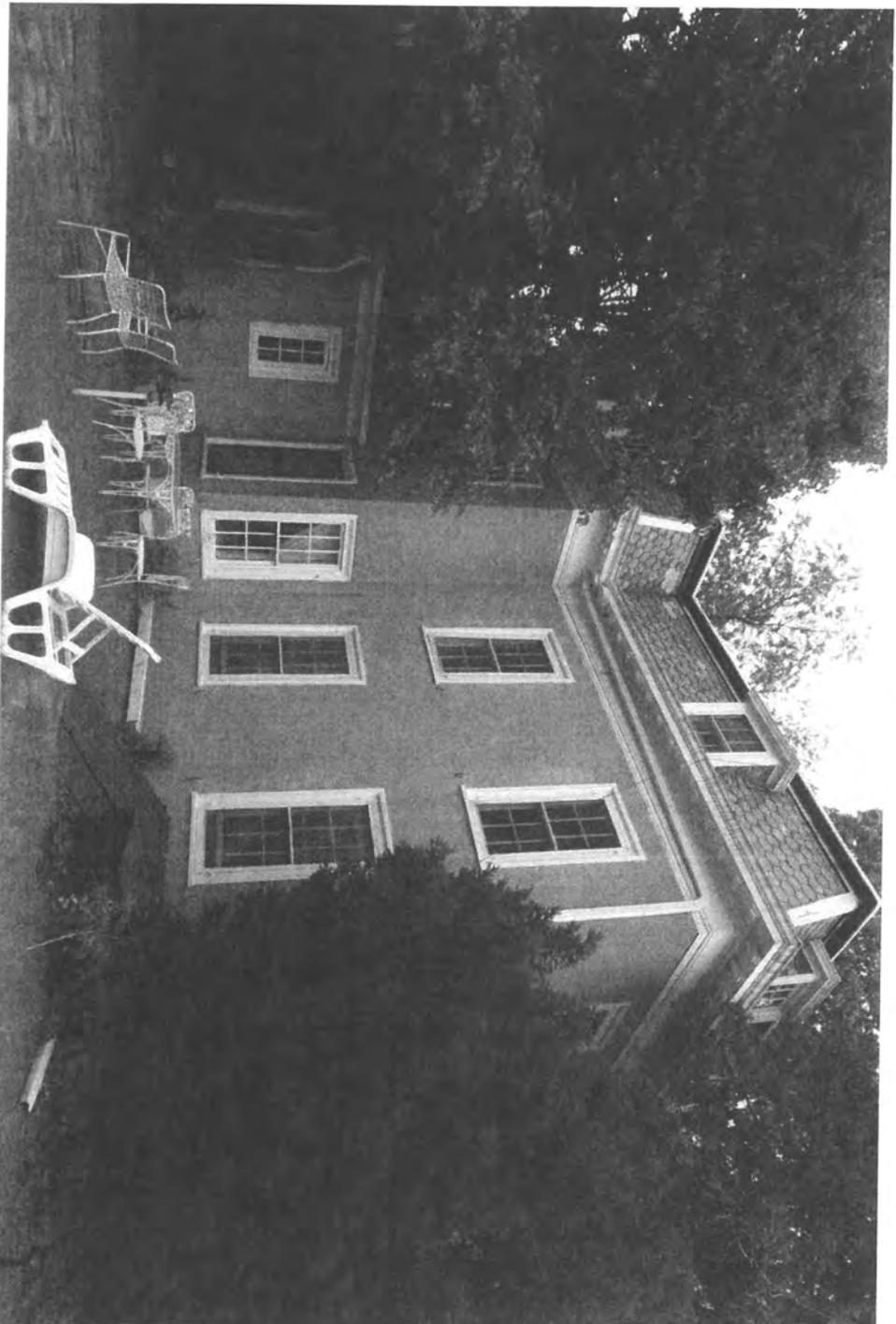
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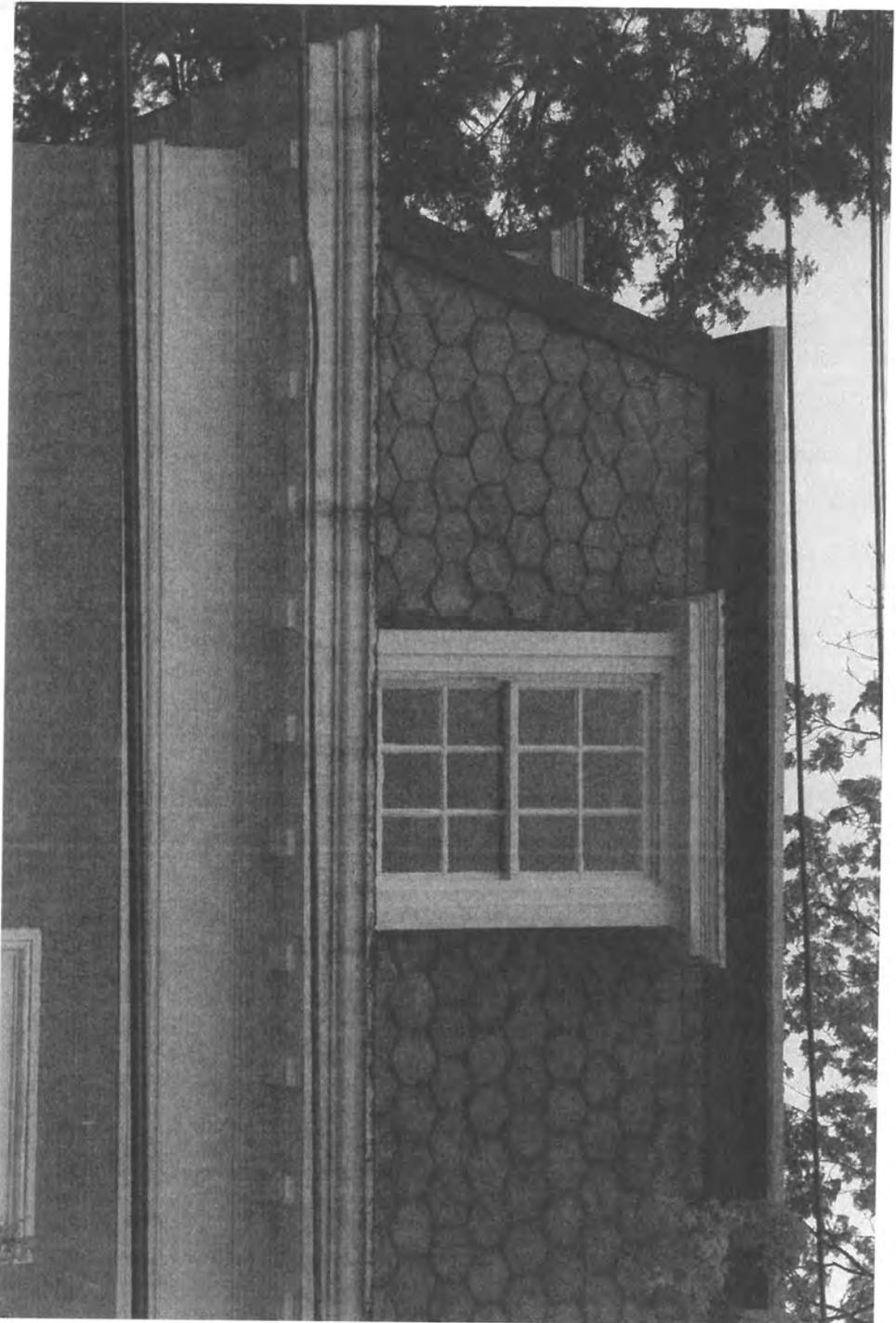
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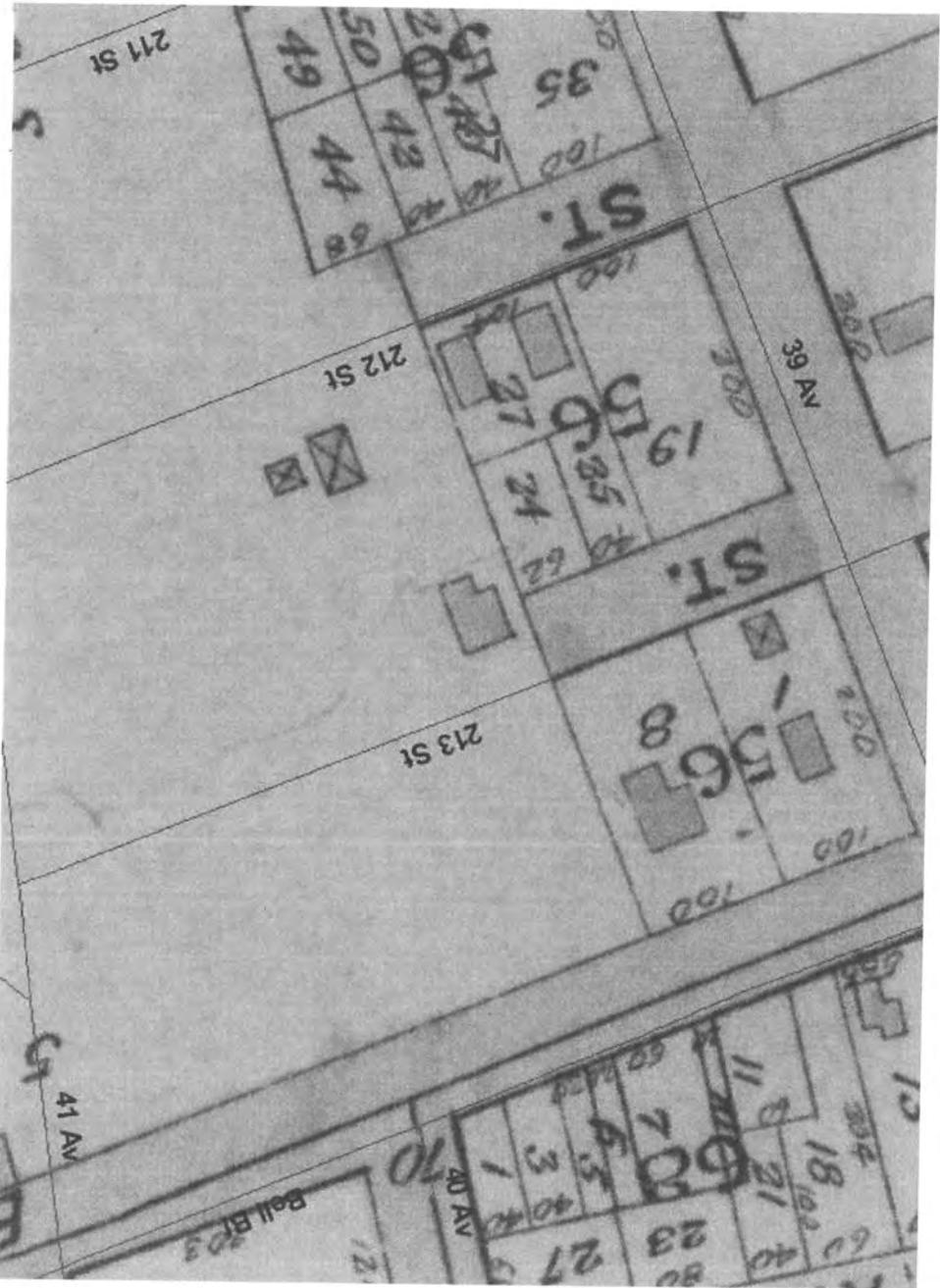
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1909 Atlas of Queens showing the Ahles House prior to the house being moved and 213th Street cut through.





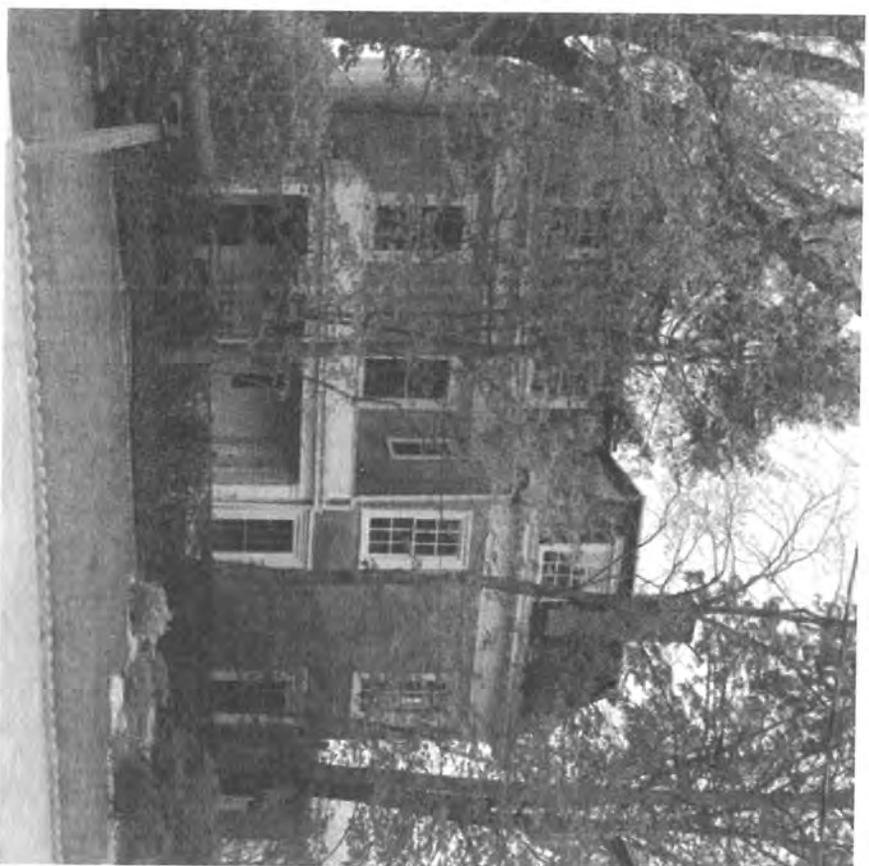
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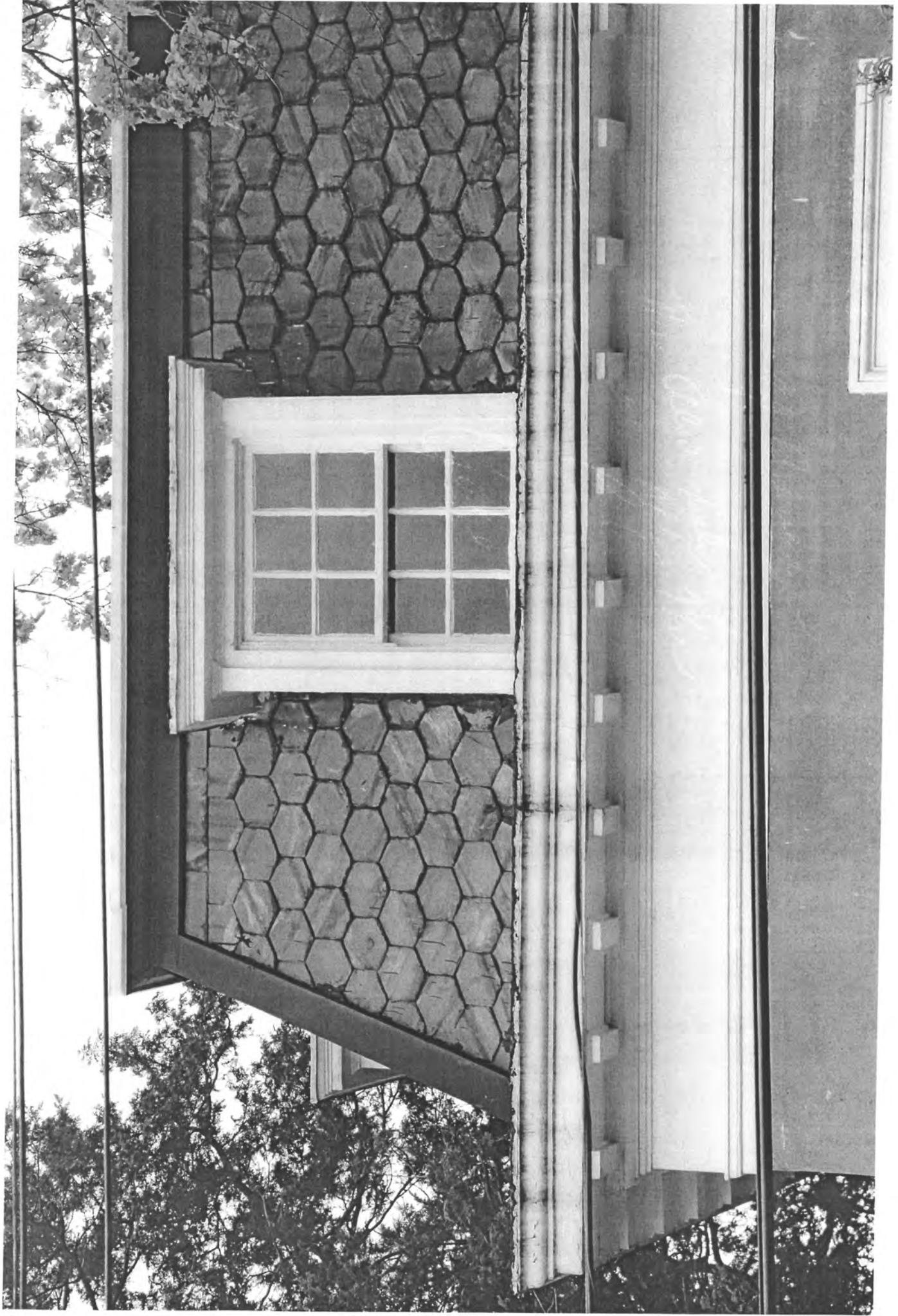
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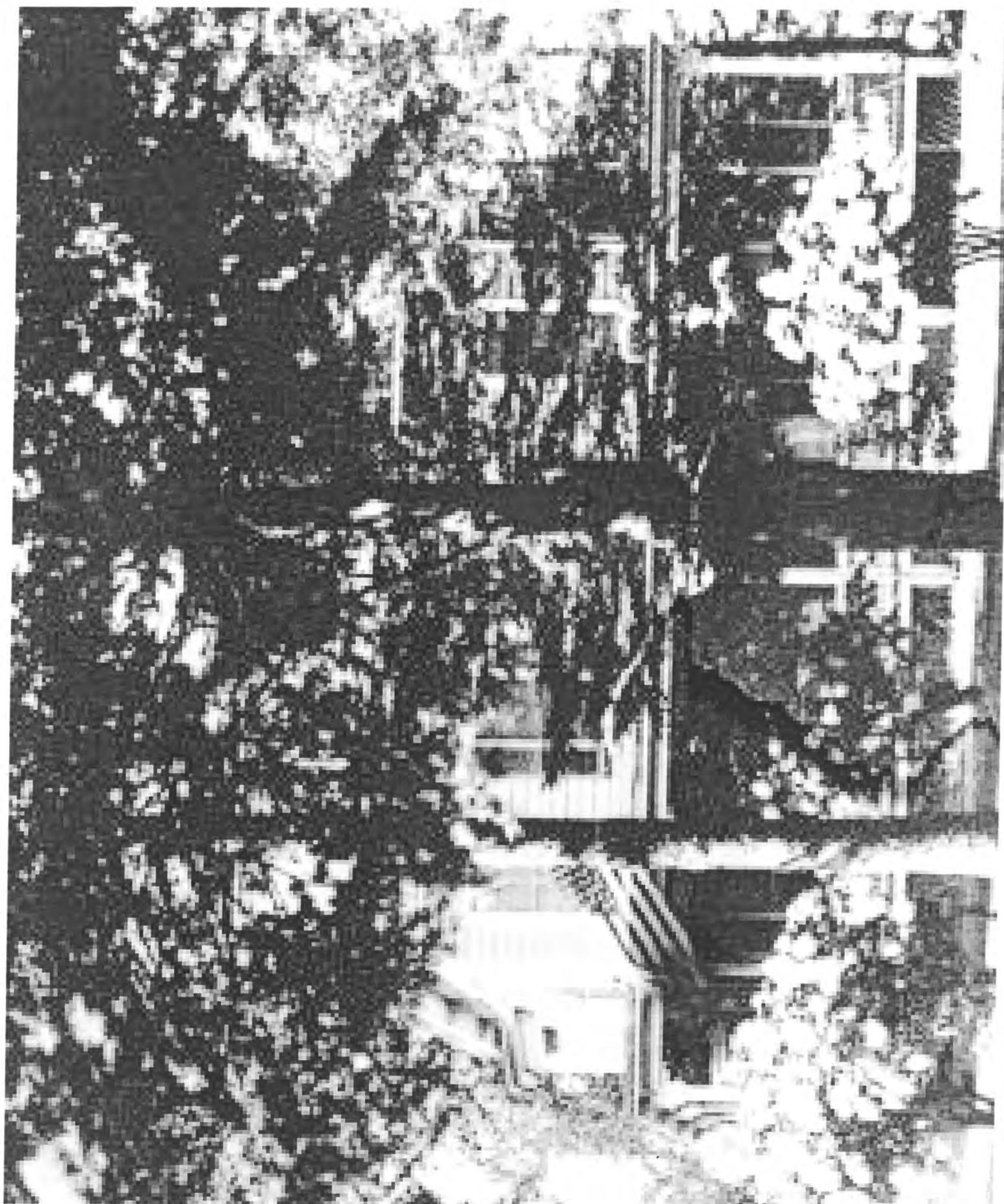


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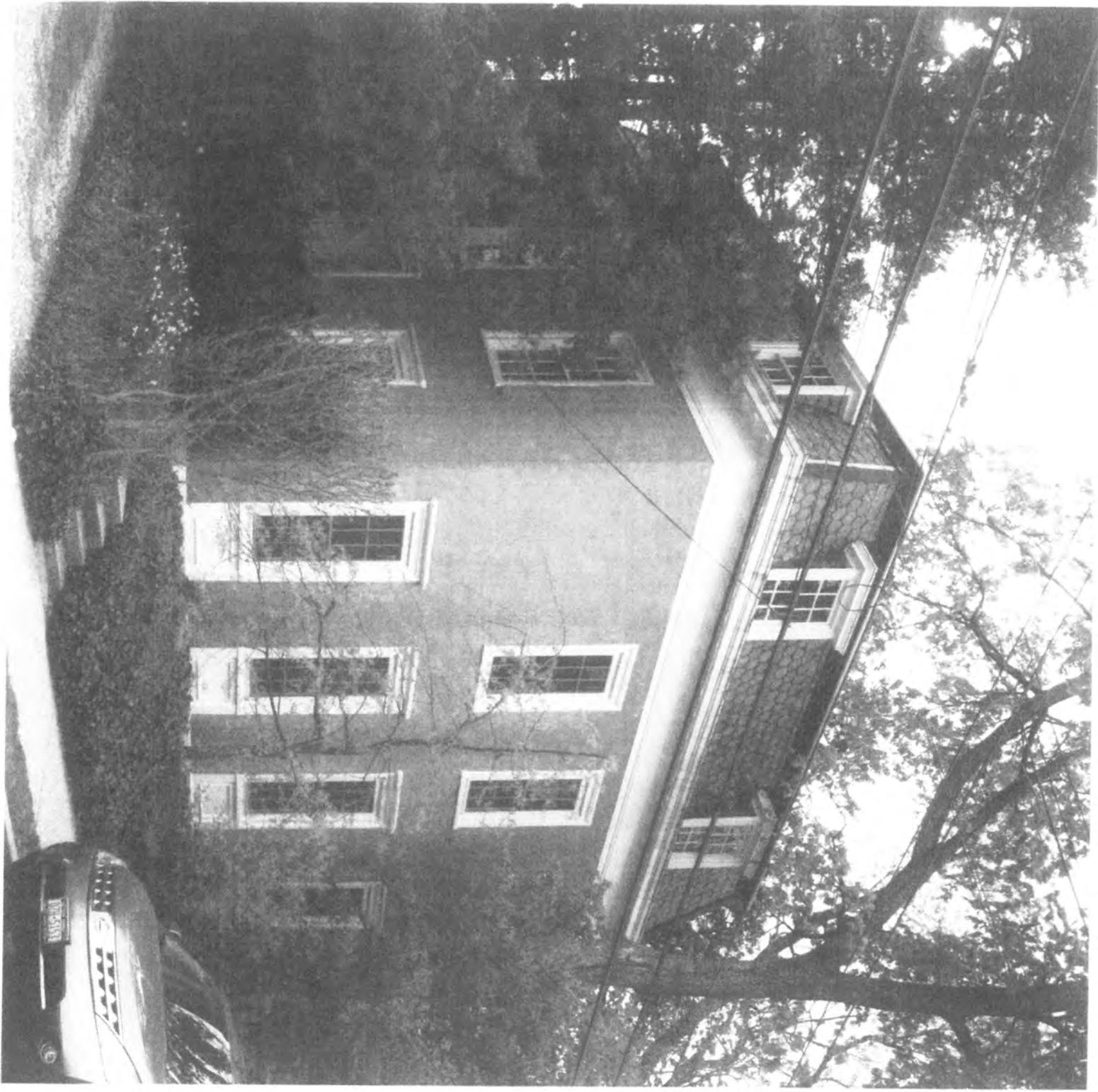


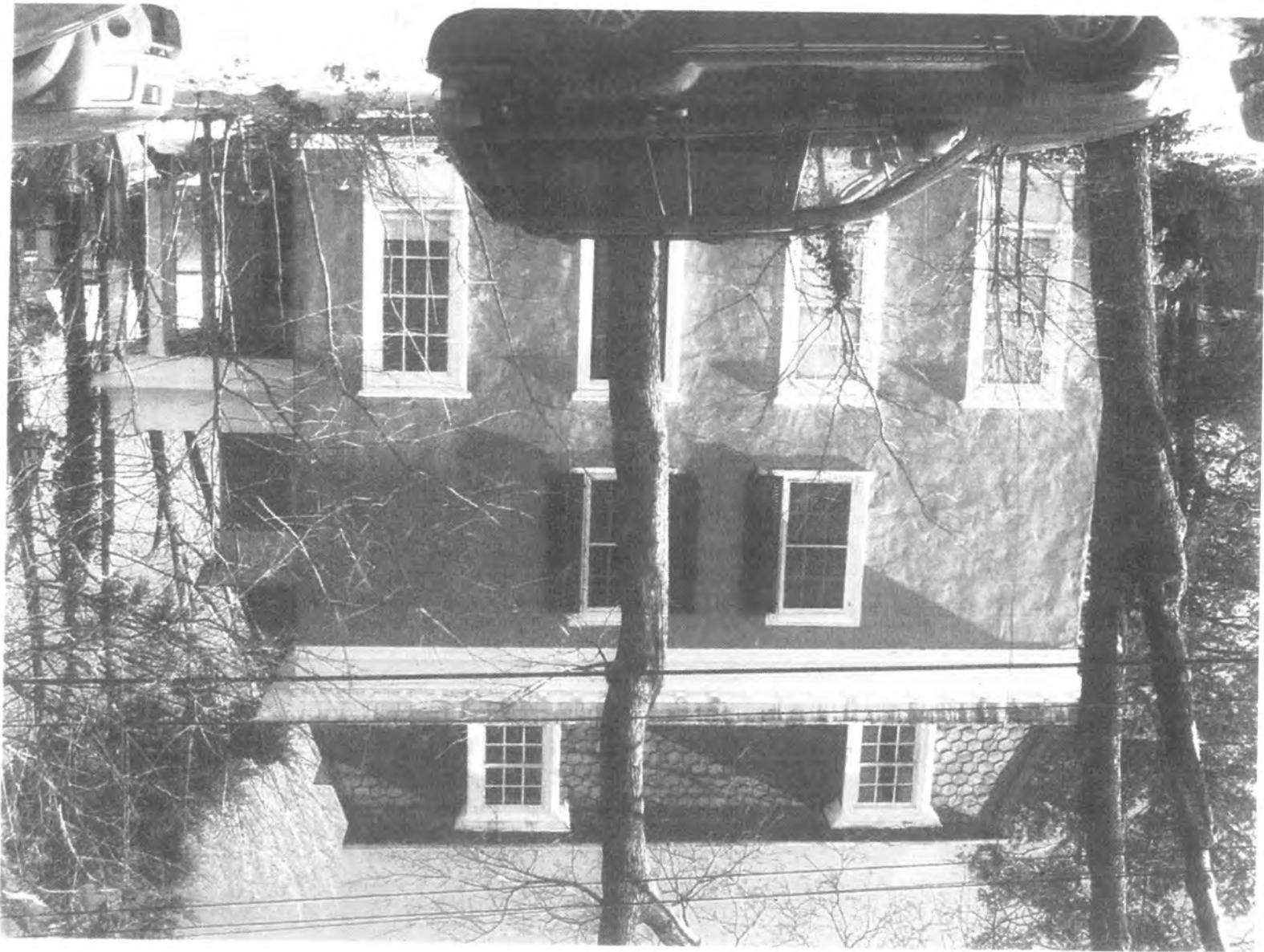


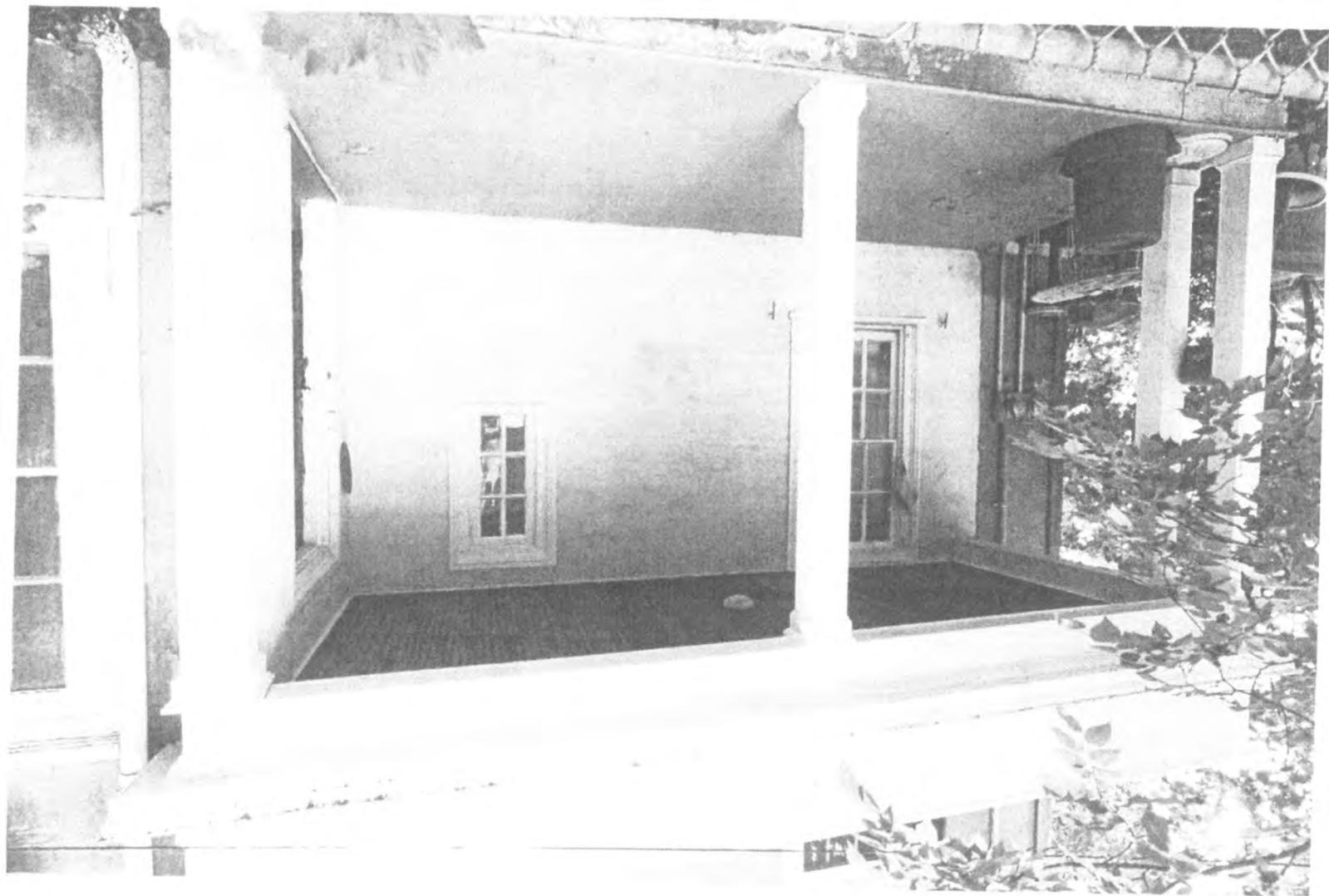




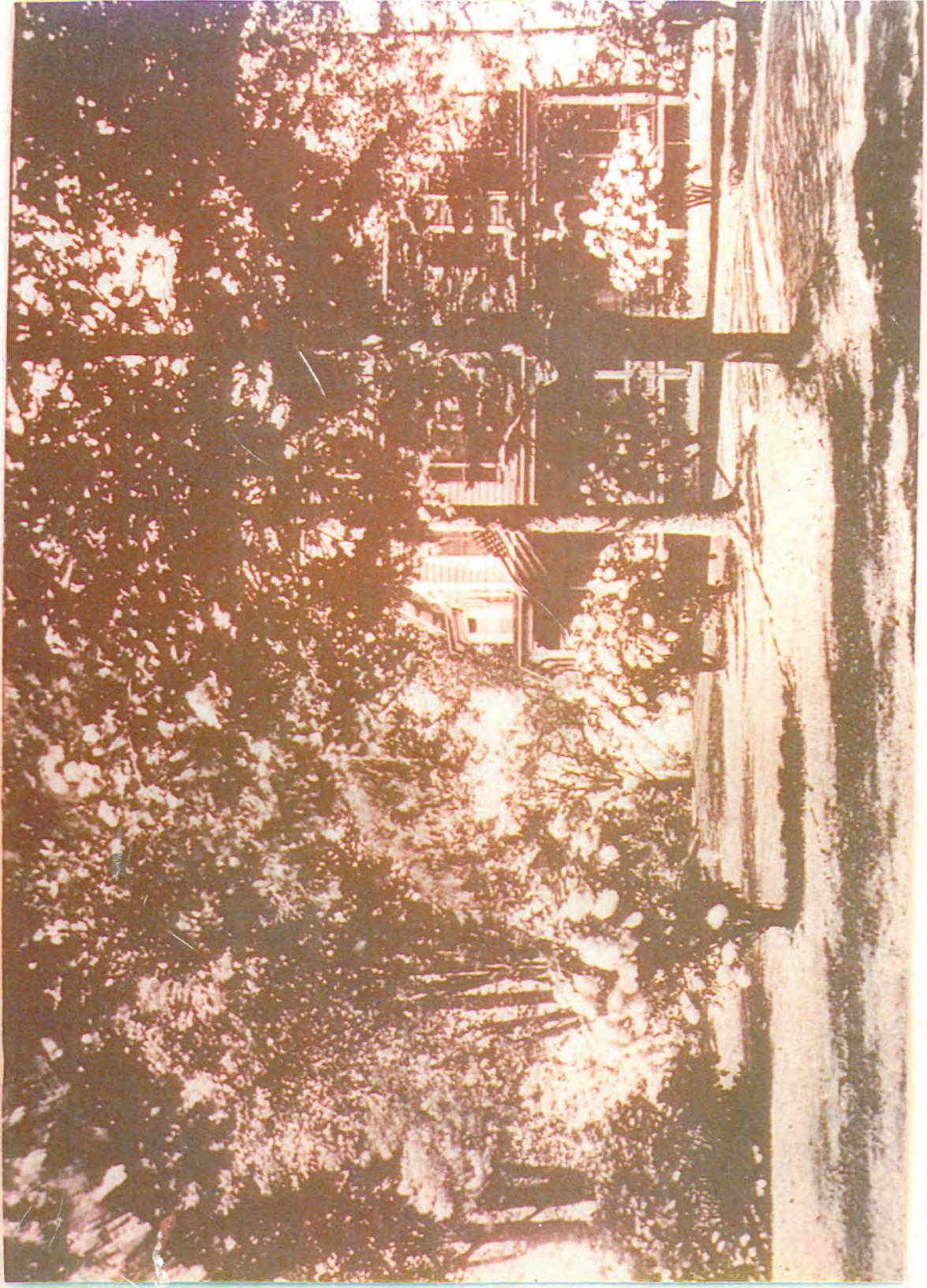
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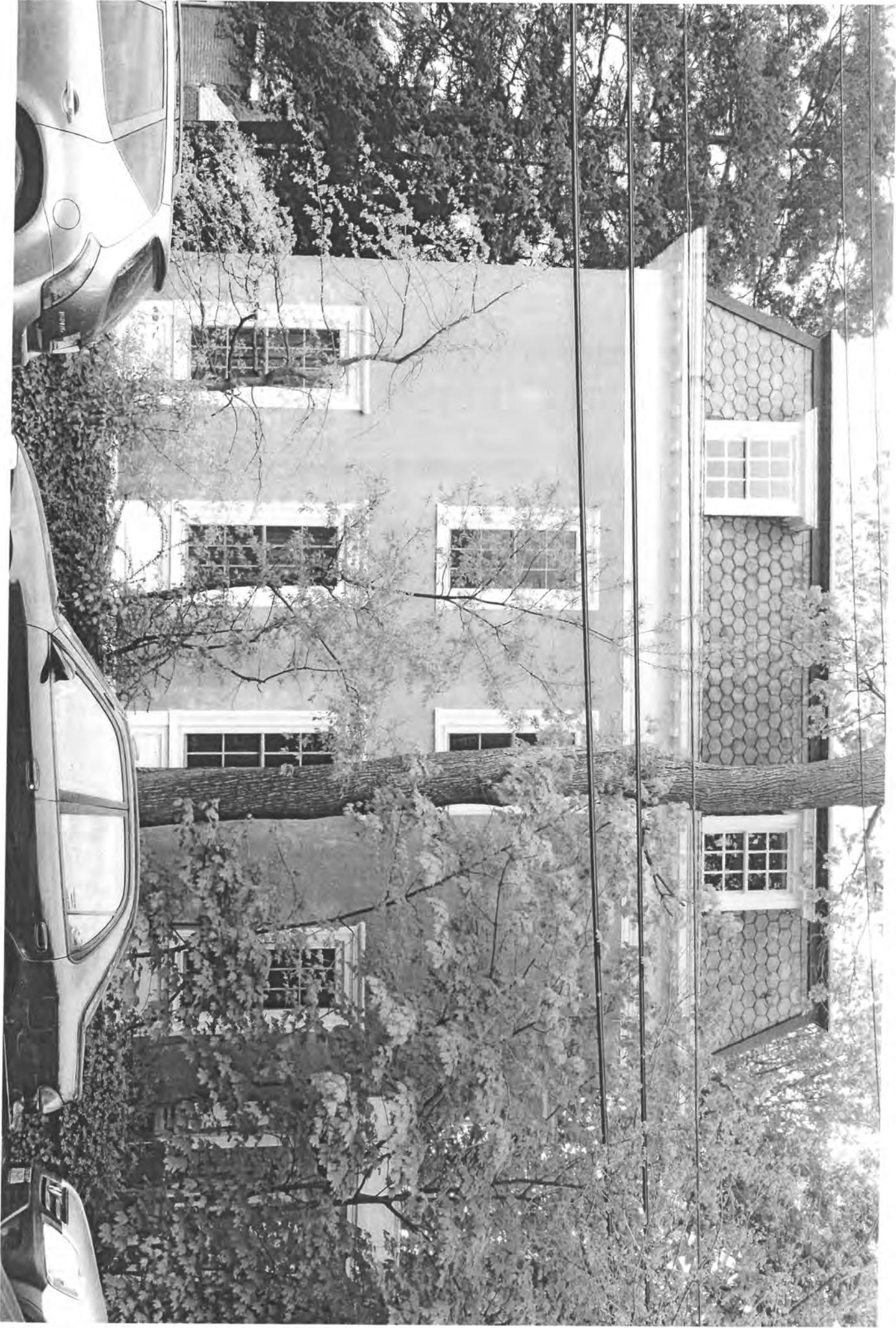


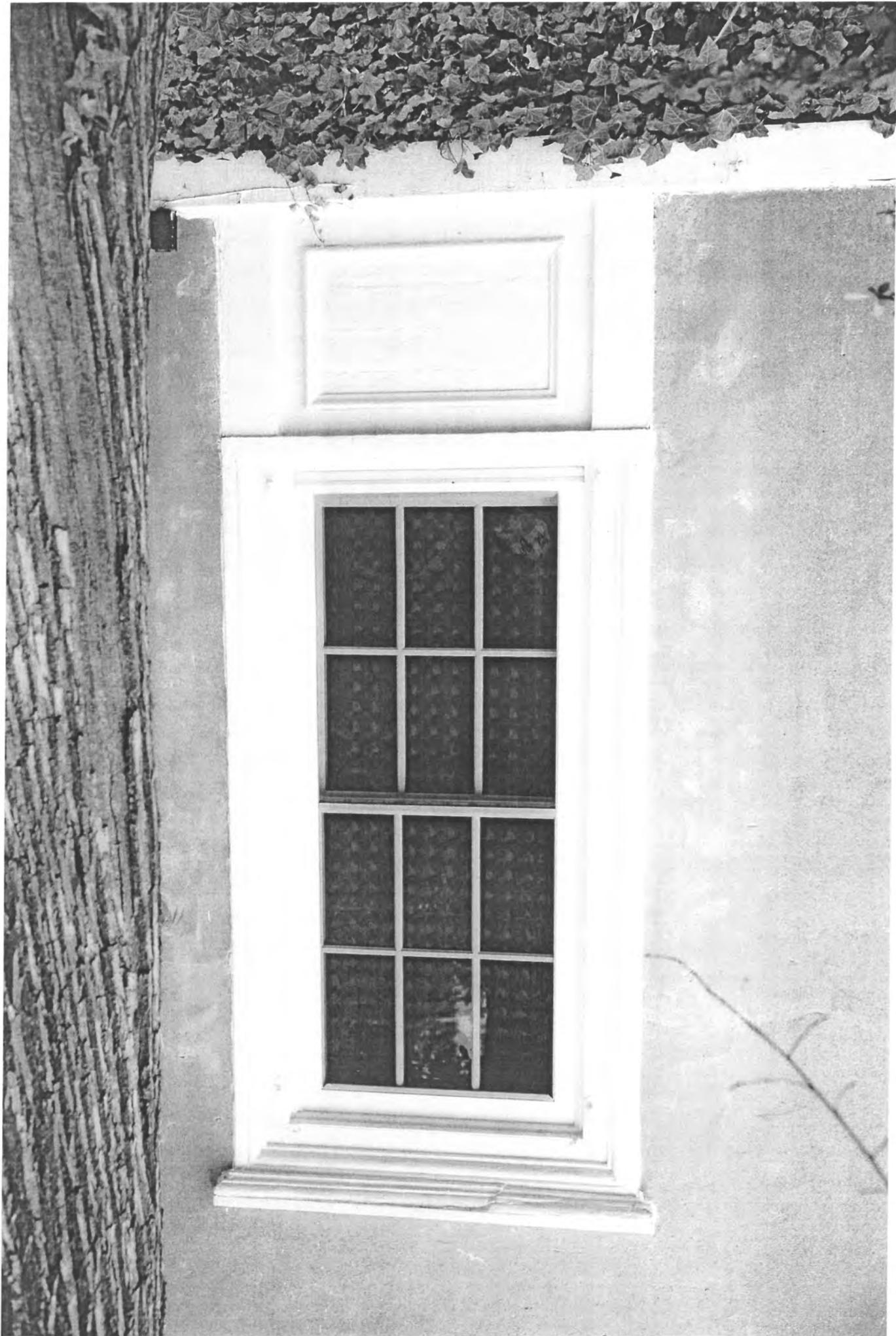






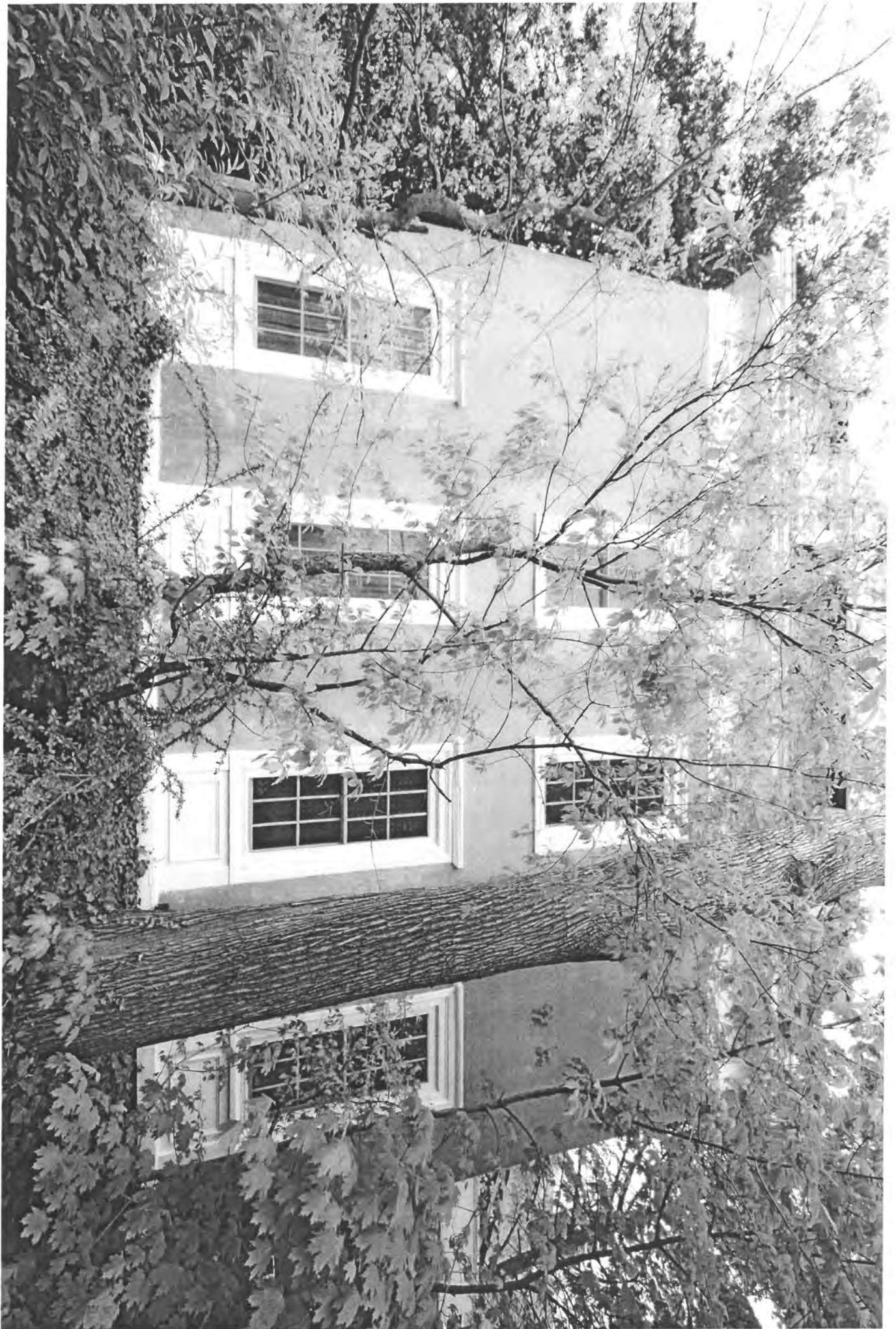




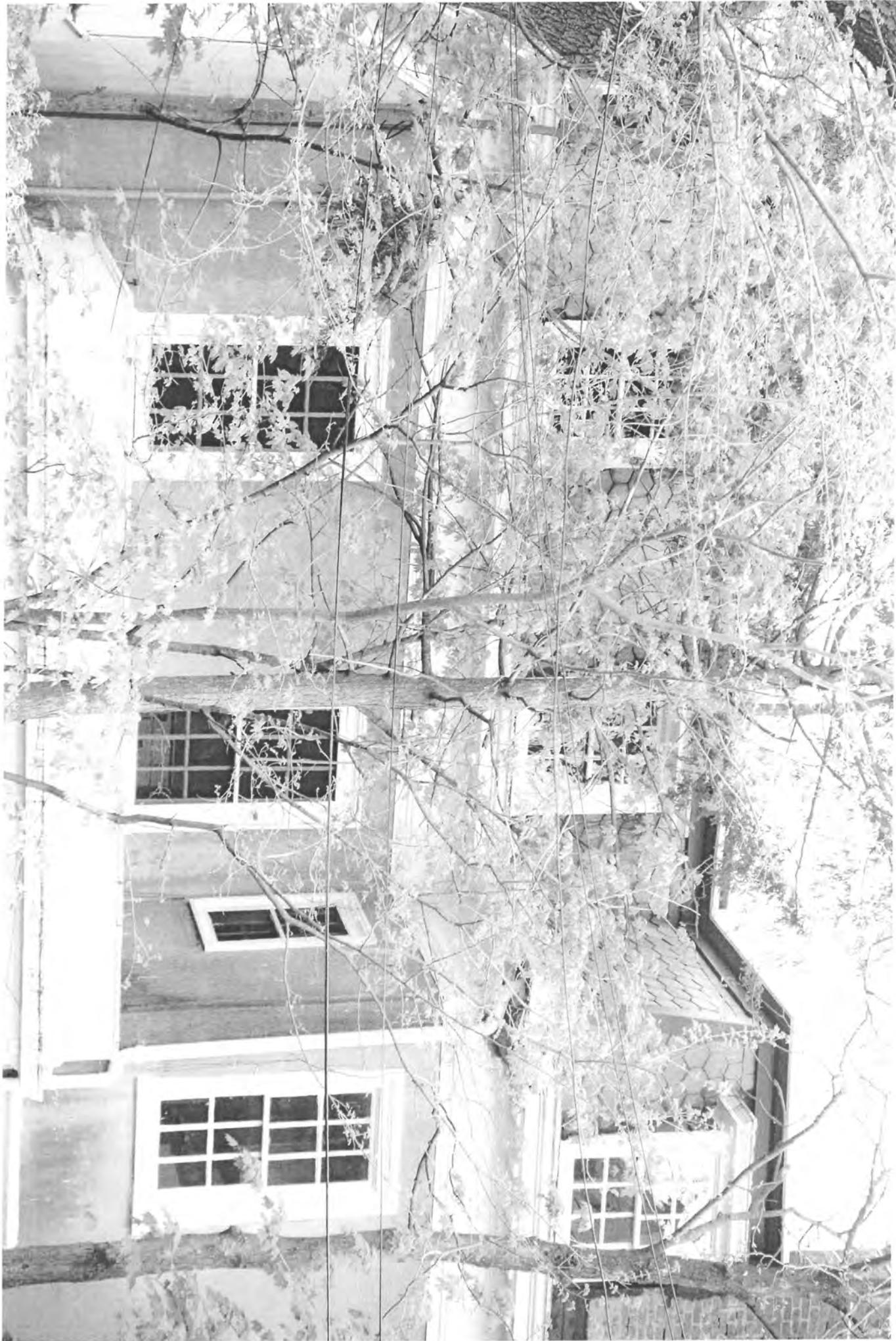








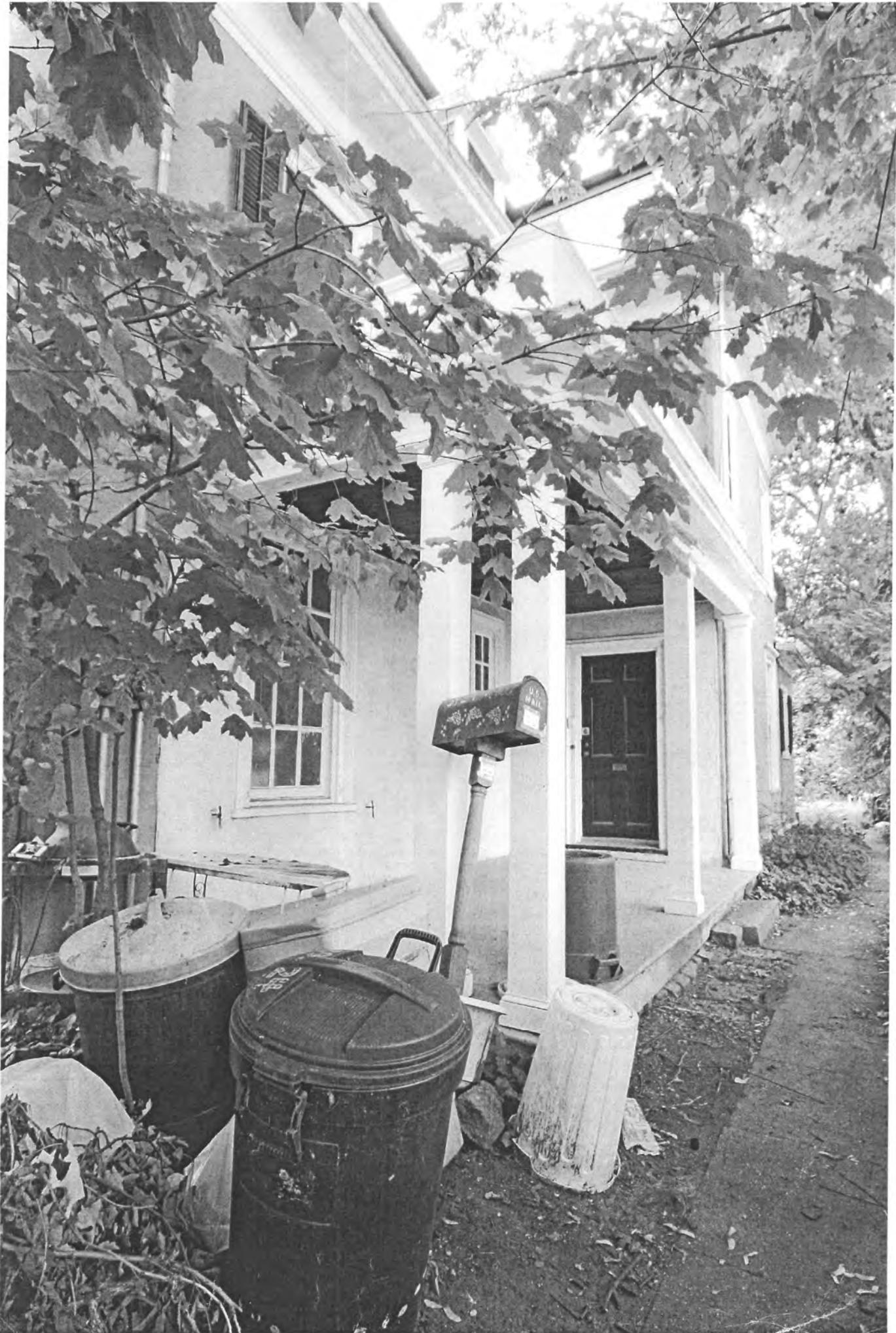


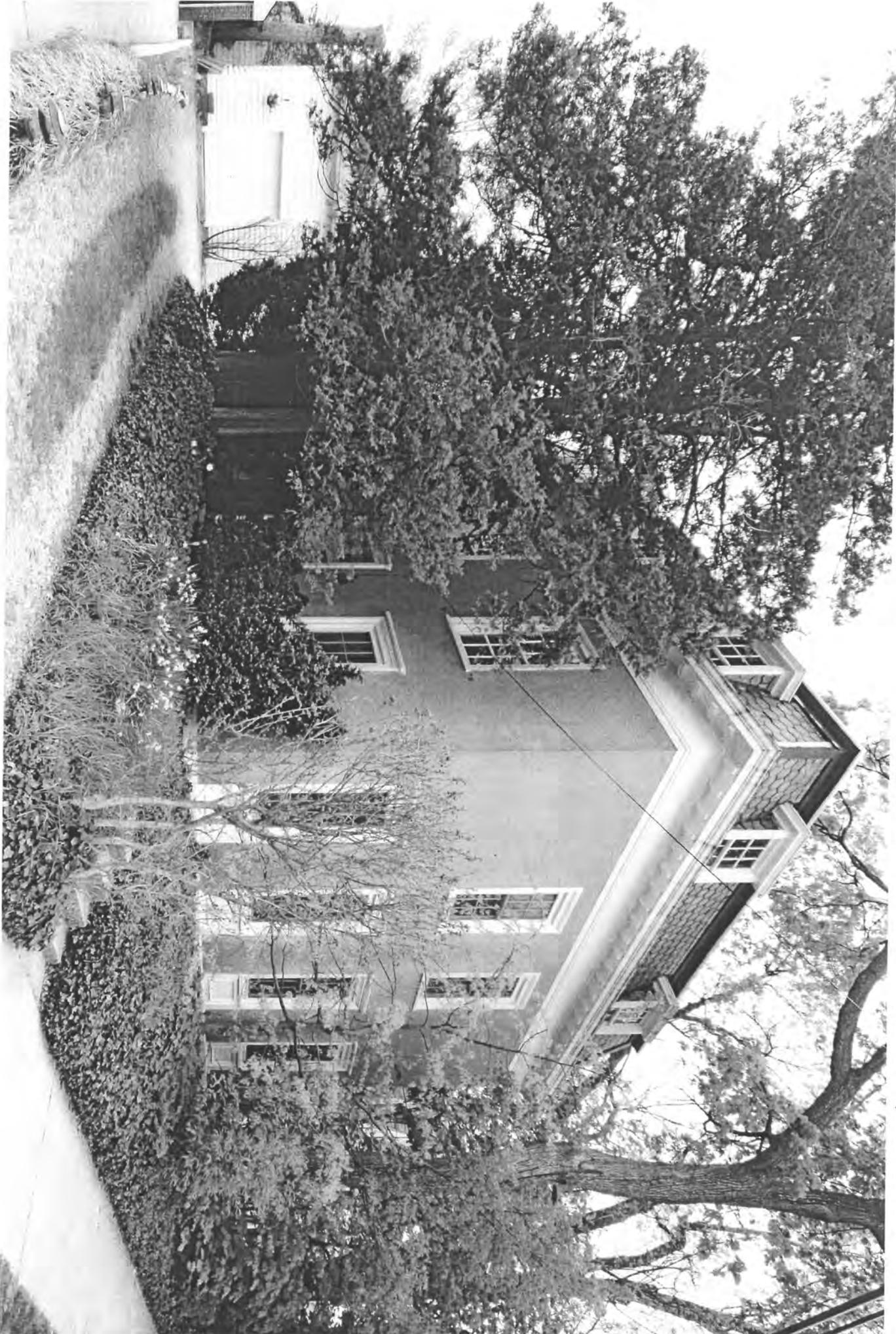










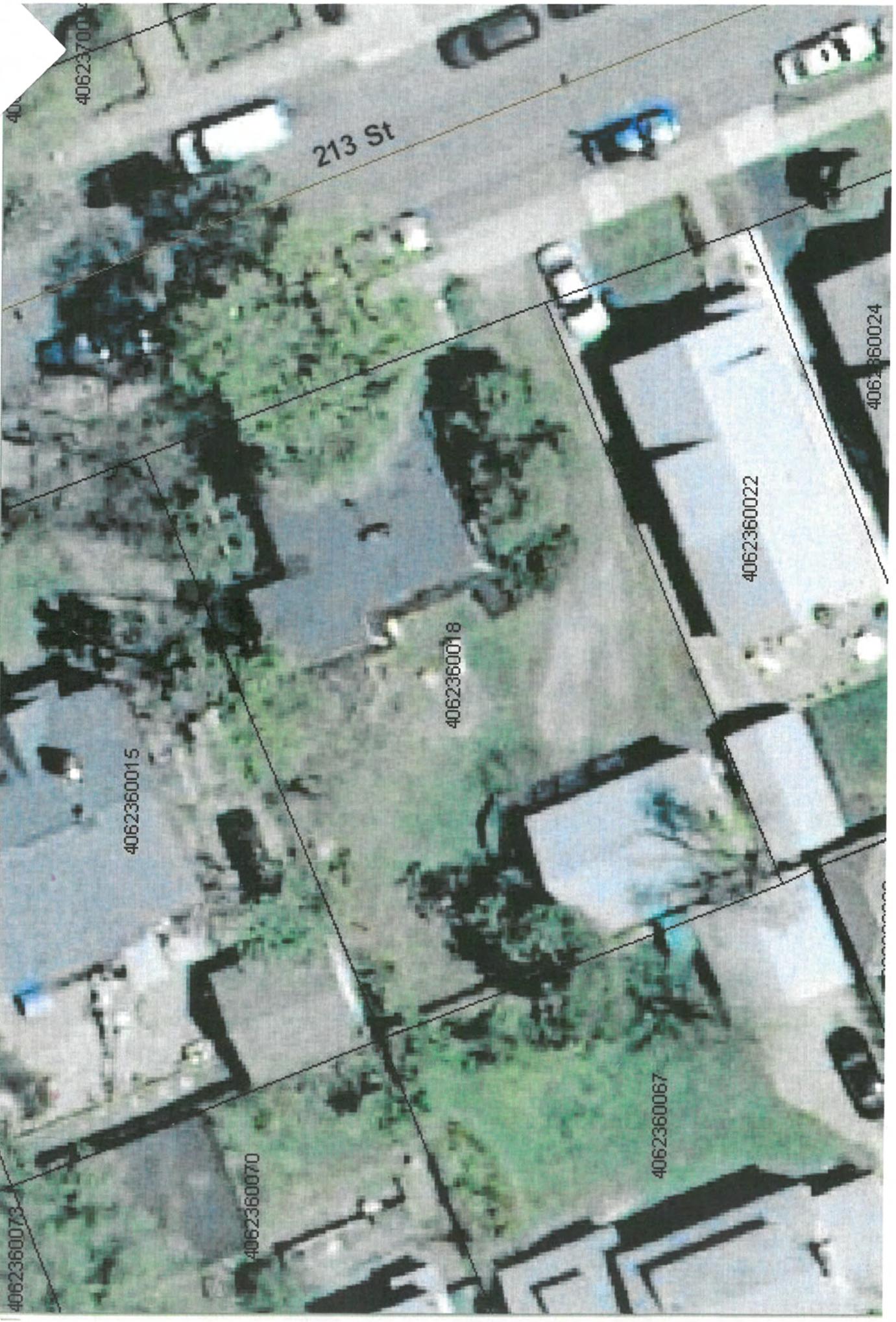












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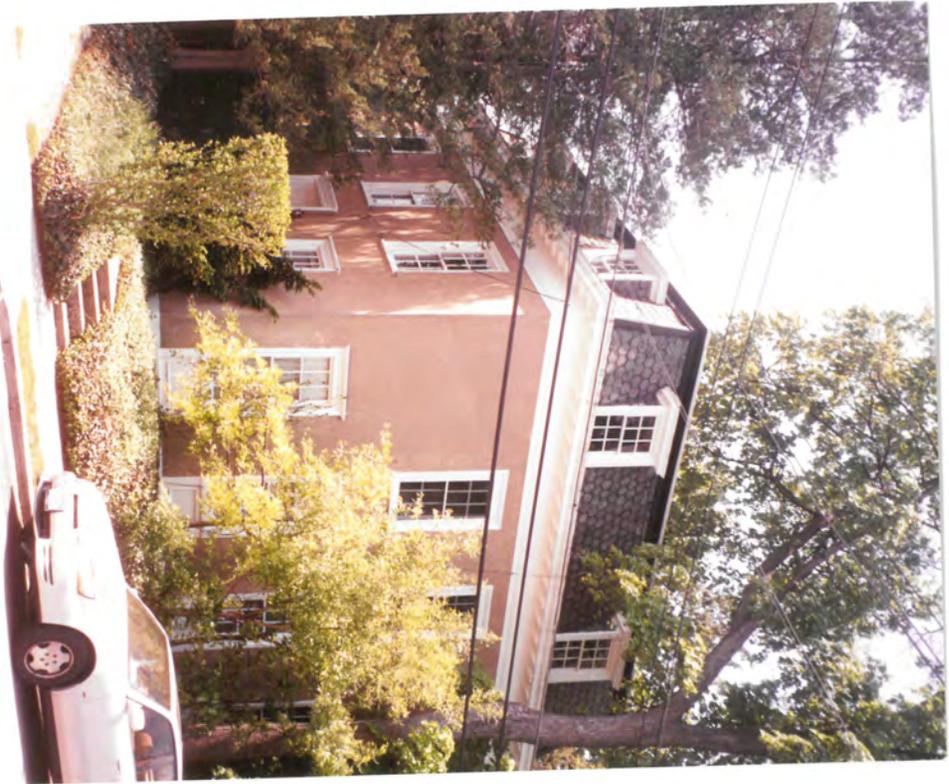
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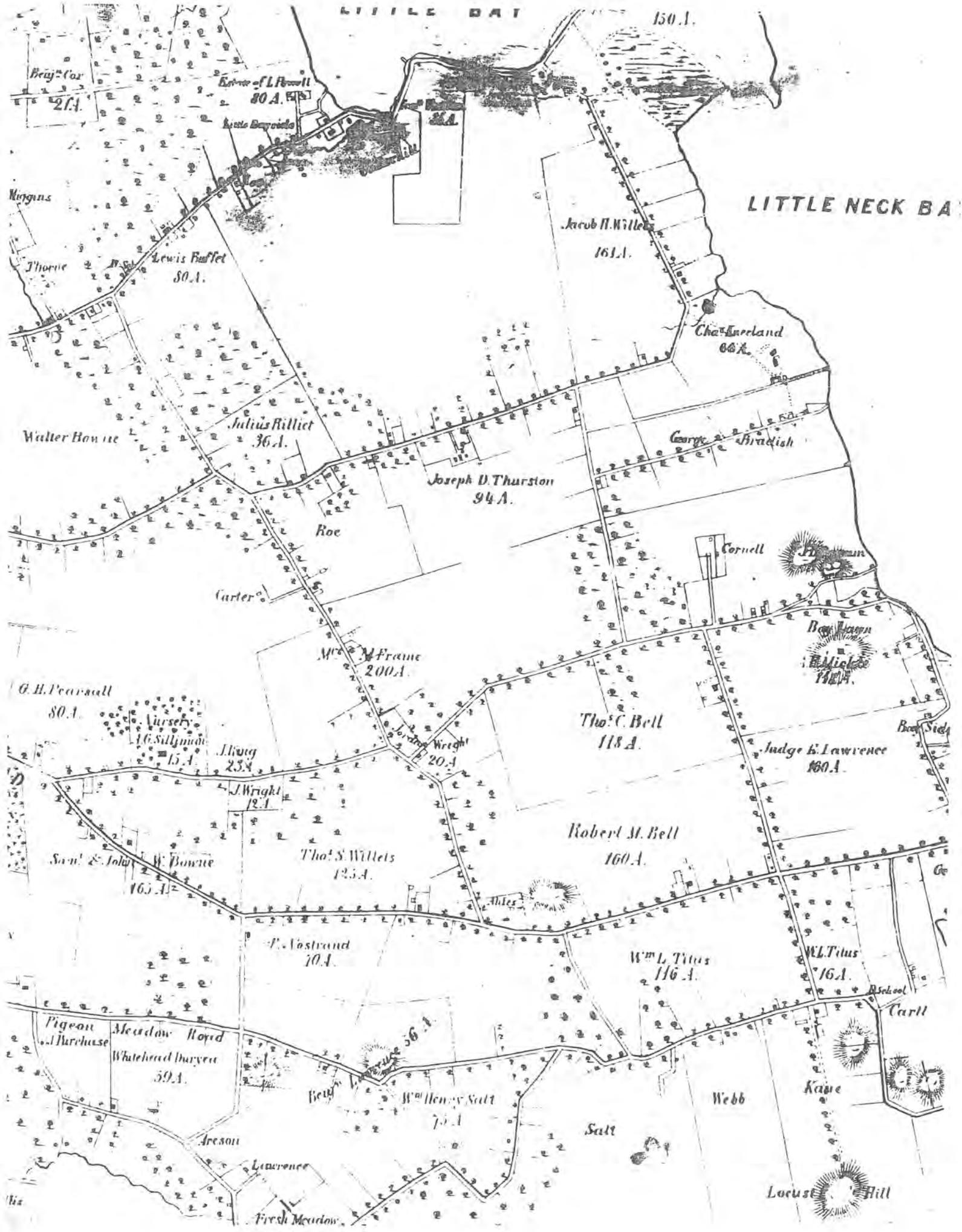




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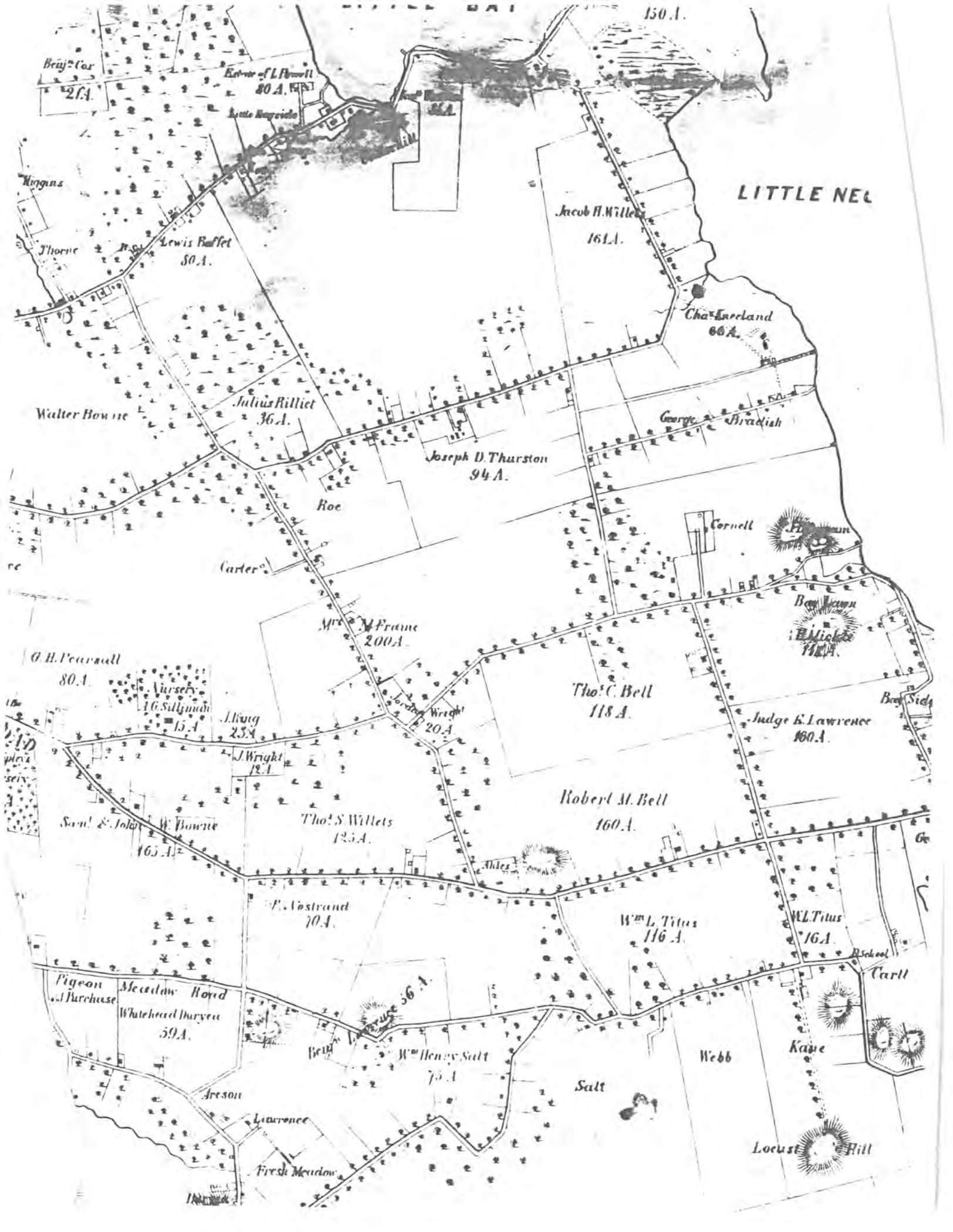
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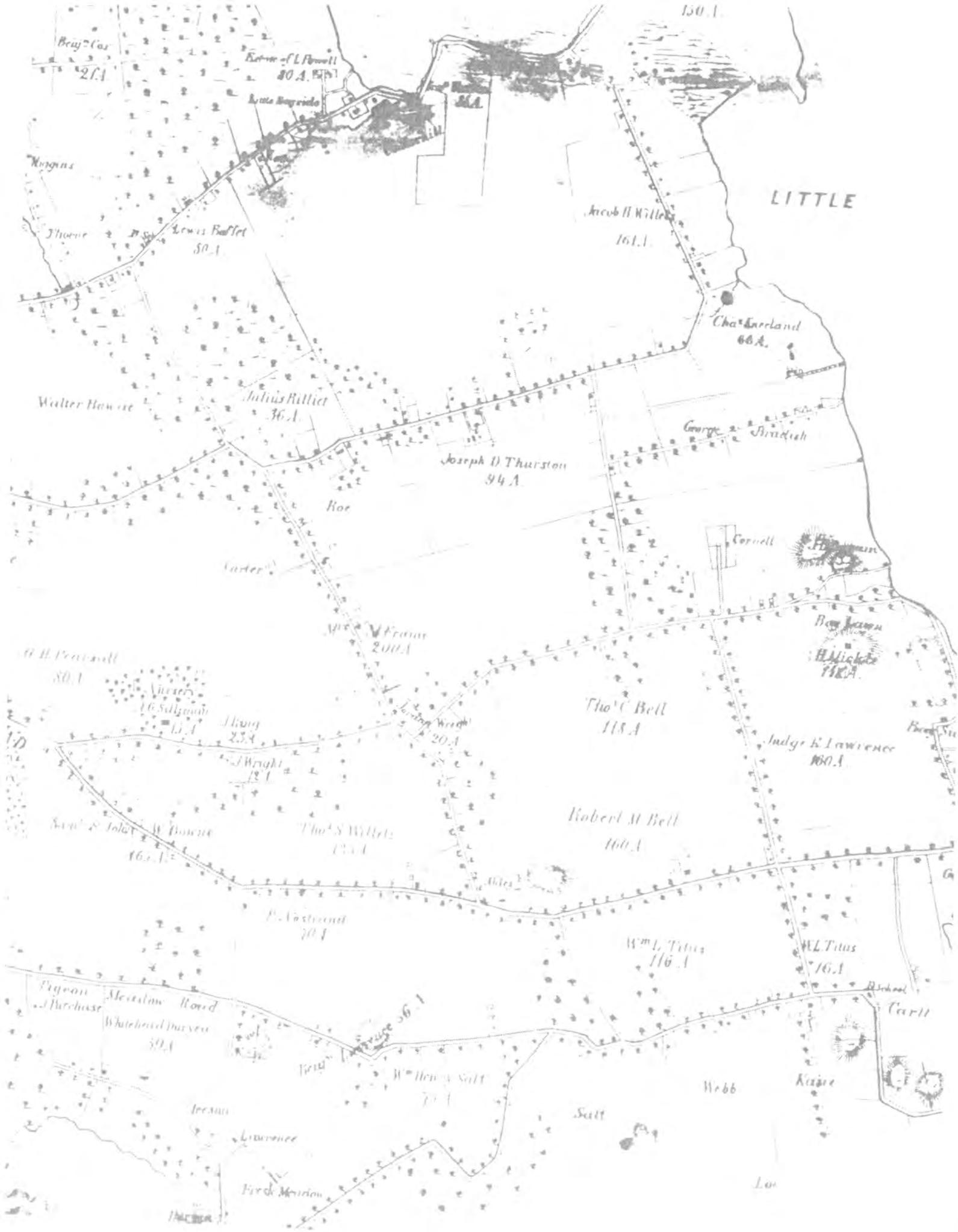
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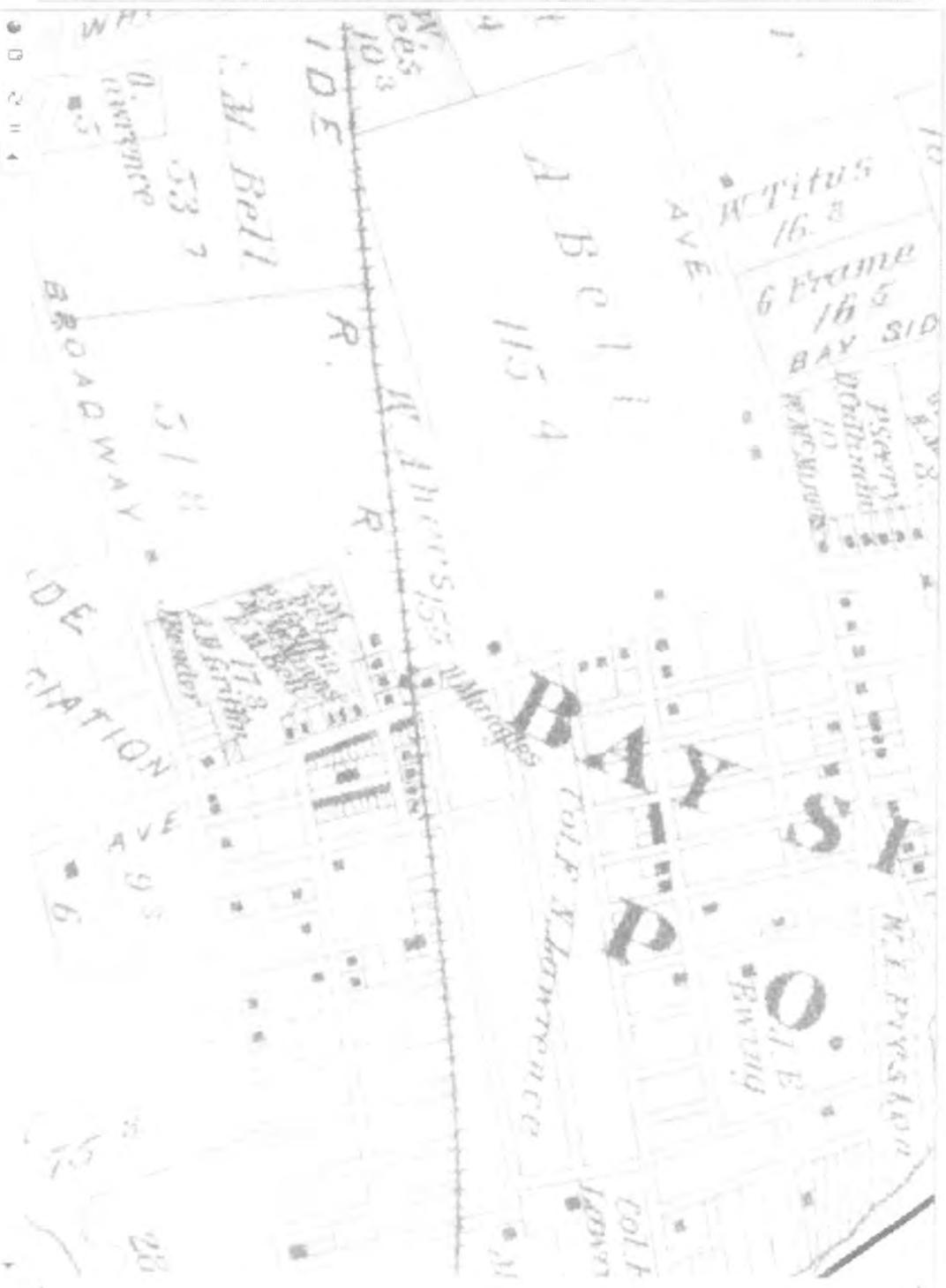
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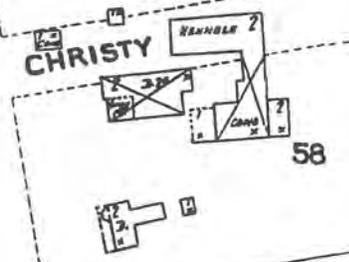
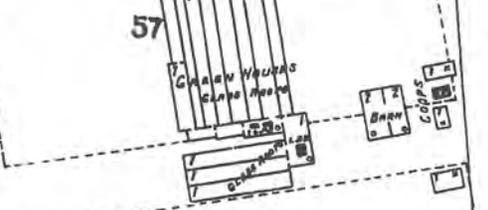
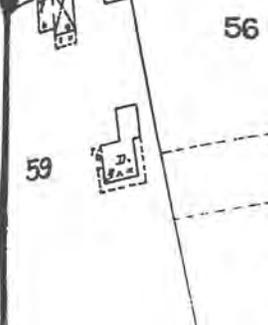
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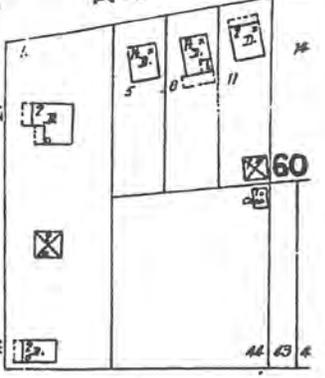
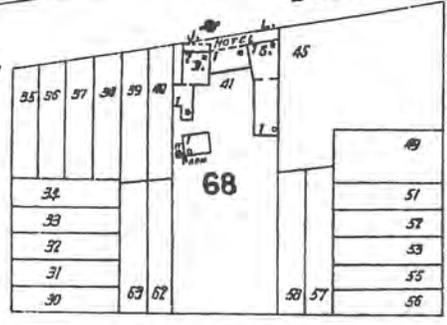
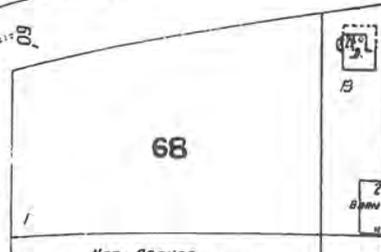
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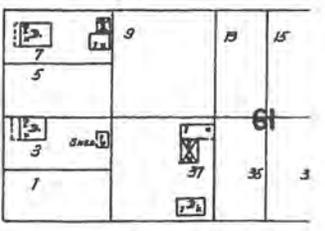
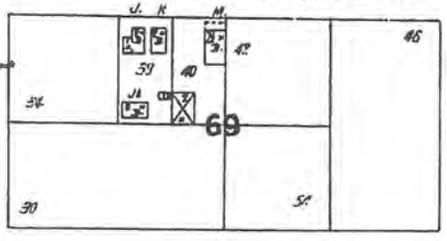
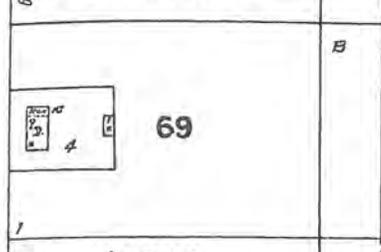
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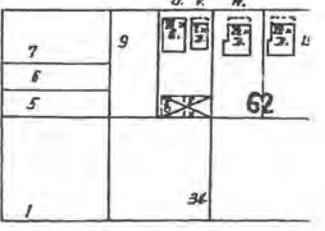
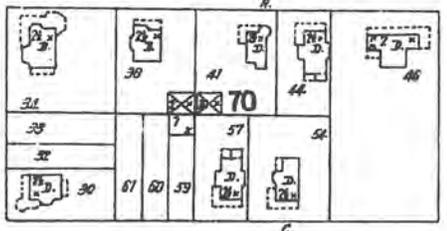
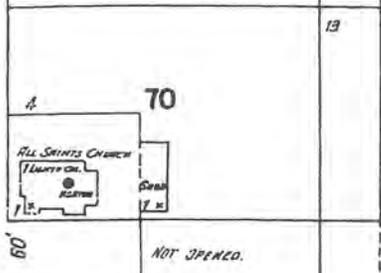
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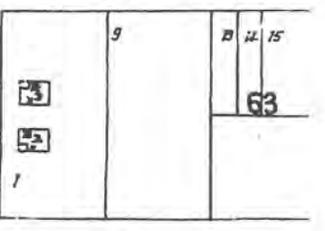
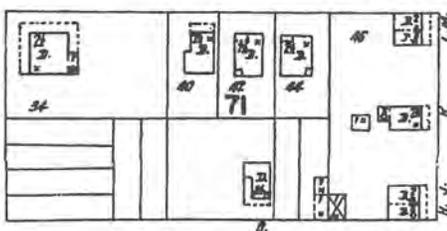
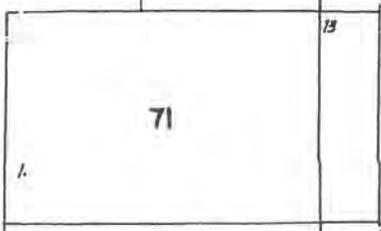
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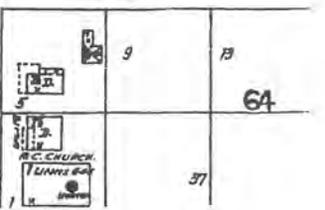
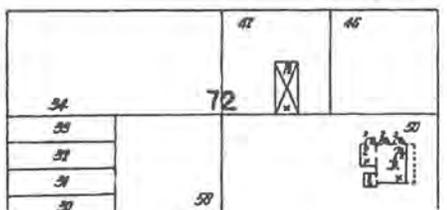
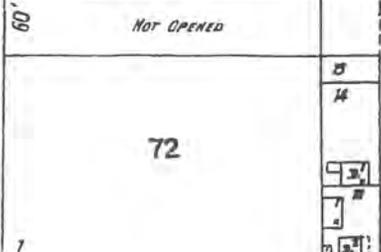
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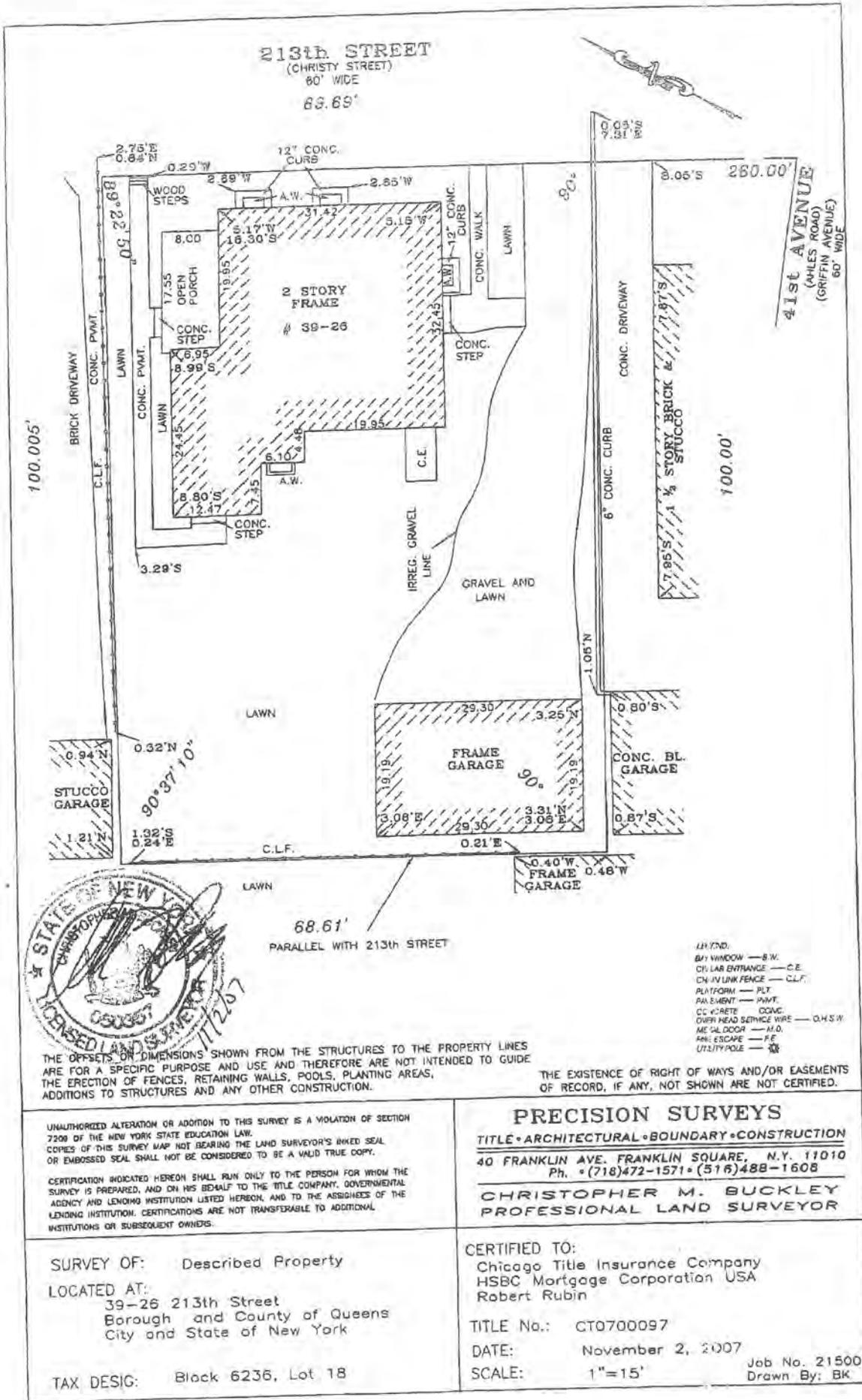
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Dwelling-house or other habitation	Family numbered over of habitation	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended school within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.				
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		Charlotte "	50	F					New York			
		Margaret "	27	F					"			
		William A "	25	M		Wearer			"			
		Hannah "	22	F					"			
1274	1588	Robert M Todd	52	M		Farmer	30,000	5,000	Massachusetts			
		Catherine K "	52	F					New York			
		Richard M "	19	M		Farmer			"			
		Lydia "	12	F					"			
		Phoebe Lawrence	54	F					"			
		Catherine Walpole	35	F		Seaman			Ireland			
		Nora Kelly	21	F		Seaman			"			
		Margaret Quinn	22	F		Seaman			"			
		Patrick Quinn	60	M		Day Laborer			"			
		Peter Walpole	45	M		"			"			
		Michael Walsh	19	M		"			"			
		Melissa Chambers	12	F					Pennsylvania			
1275	1589	Patrick Buntell	30	M		Day Laborer			Ireland			
		Ellen "	25	F					"			
		John "	4	M					New York			
		Thomas "	2	M					New York			
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		Hannah "	49	F					England			
		Hannah "	19	F					New York			
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		Margaret "	34	F					"			
		Elizabeth "	12	F					"			
		George "	8	M					"			
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1279	1593	Famusa Foster	45	M		Ship Painter	5,000	1,000	"			
		Alice "	40	F					"			
		William "	19	M		Carpenter			"			

No. white males, 23 No. colored males, No. foreign born, No. blind, No. white females, 23 No. colored females, No. deaf and dumb, 1 No. insane, 45,000 16,000

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- CL: IN LINK FENCE — C.L.F.
- PL: PLATFORM — PLT.
- PA: PALEMET — P.M.T.
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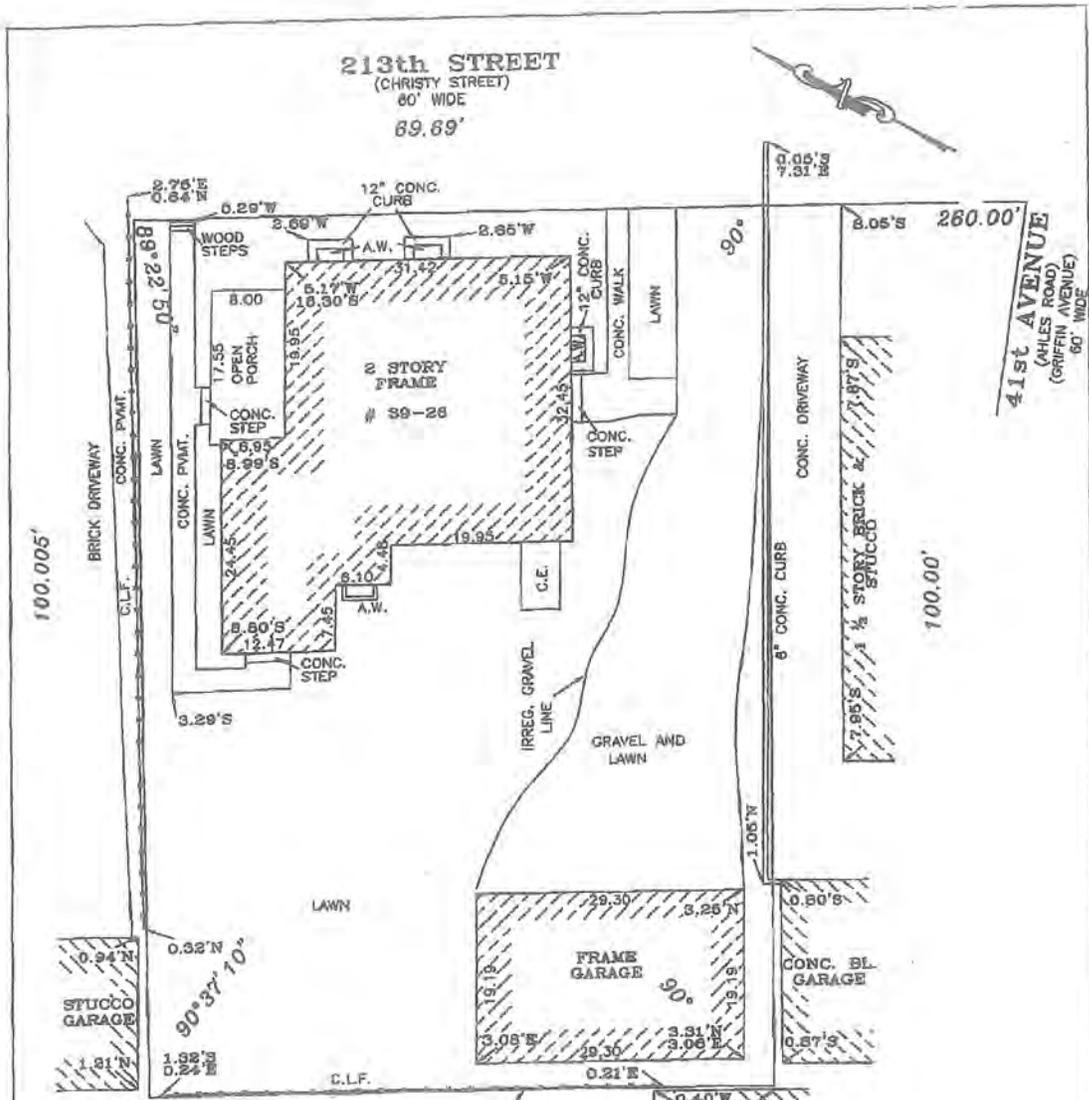
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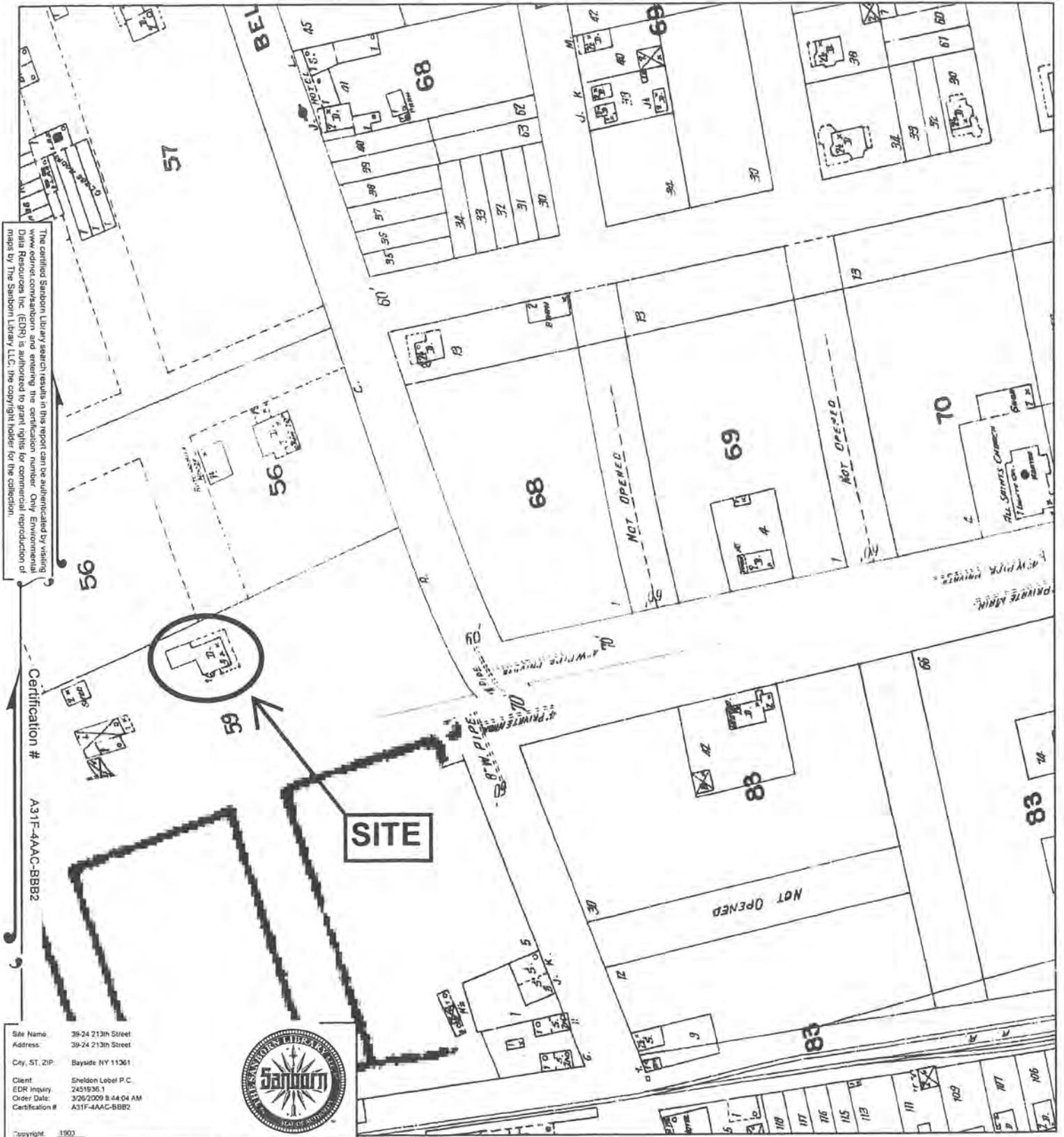
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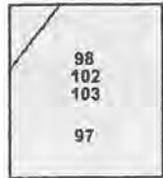
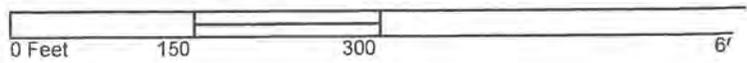
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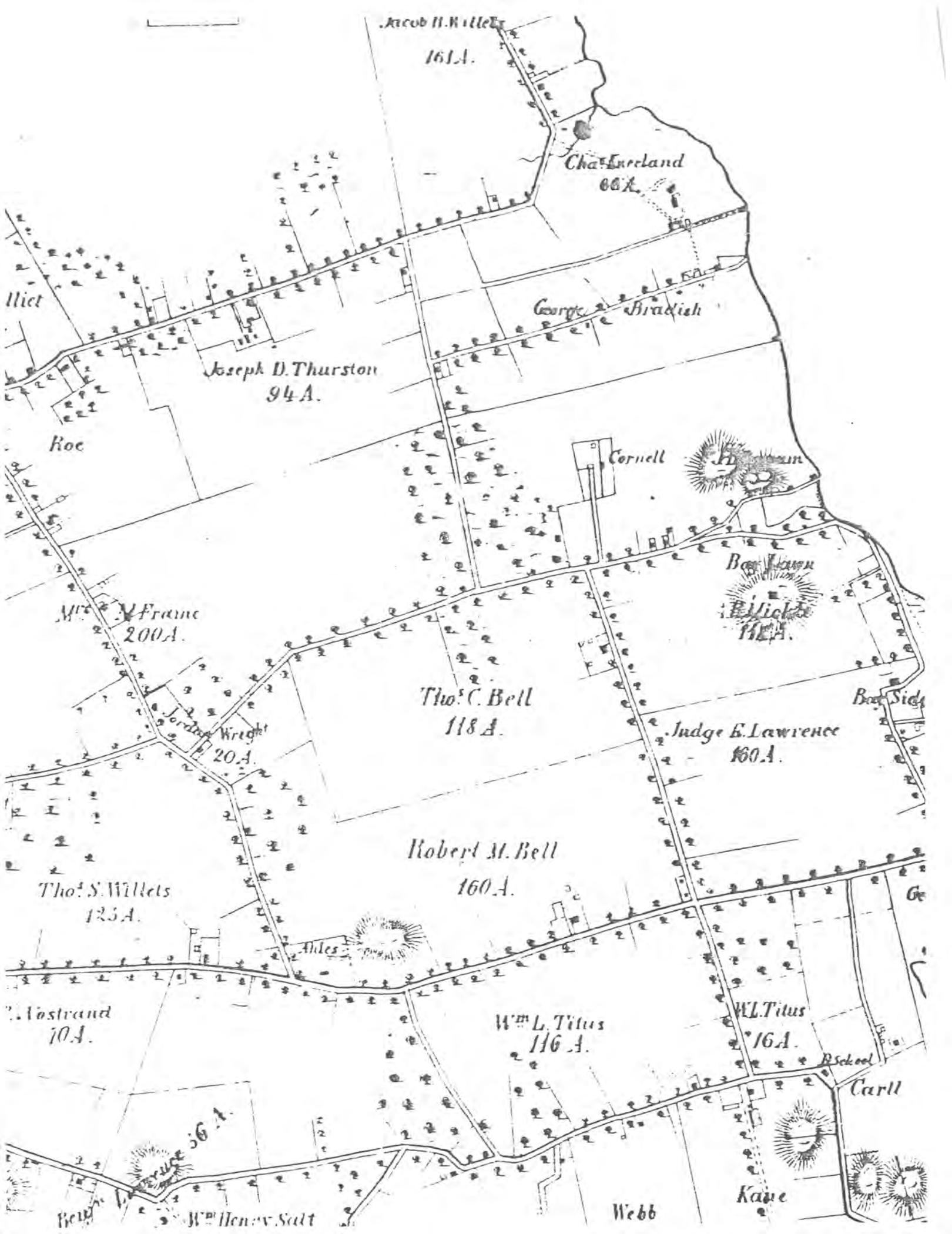
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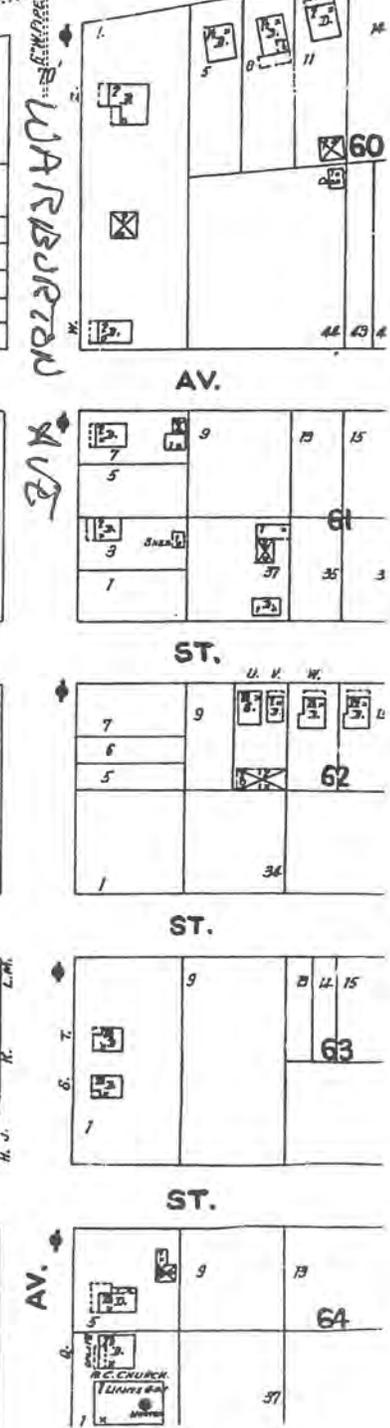
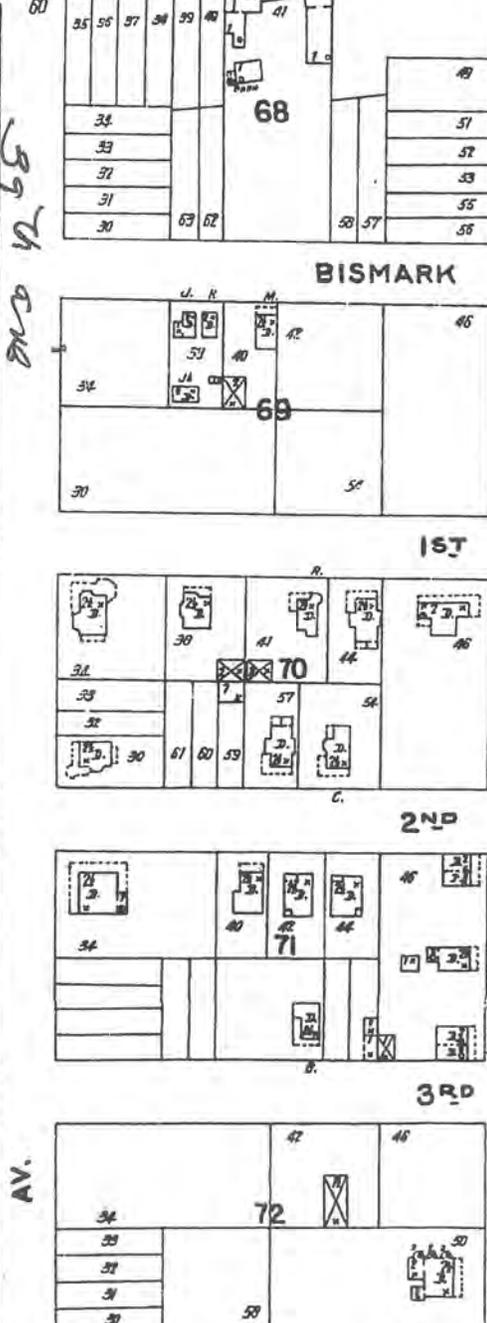
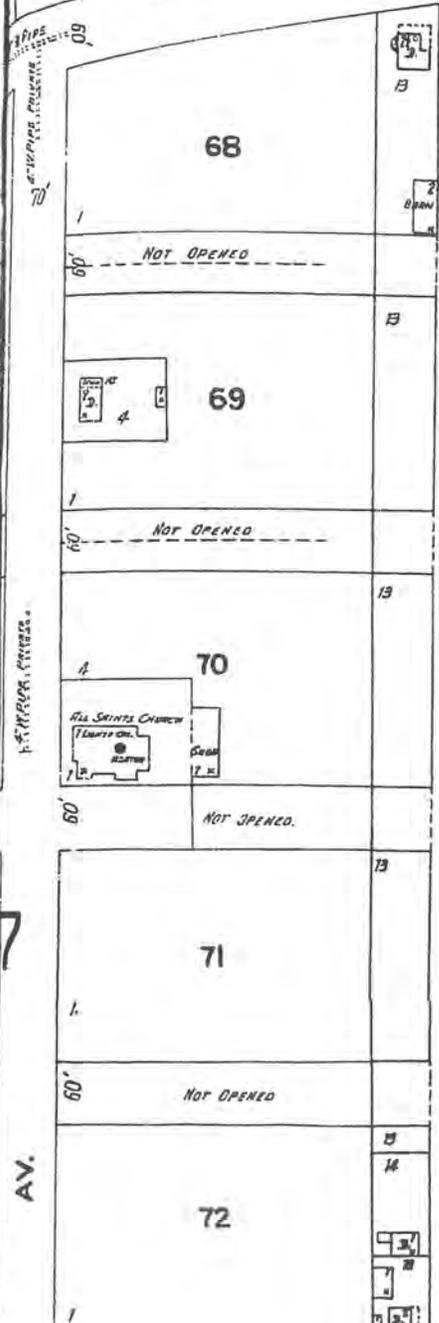
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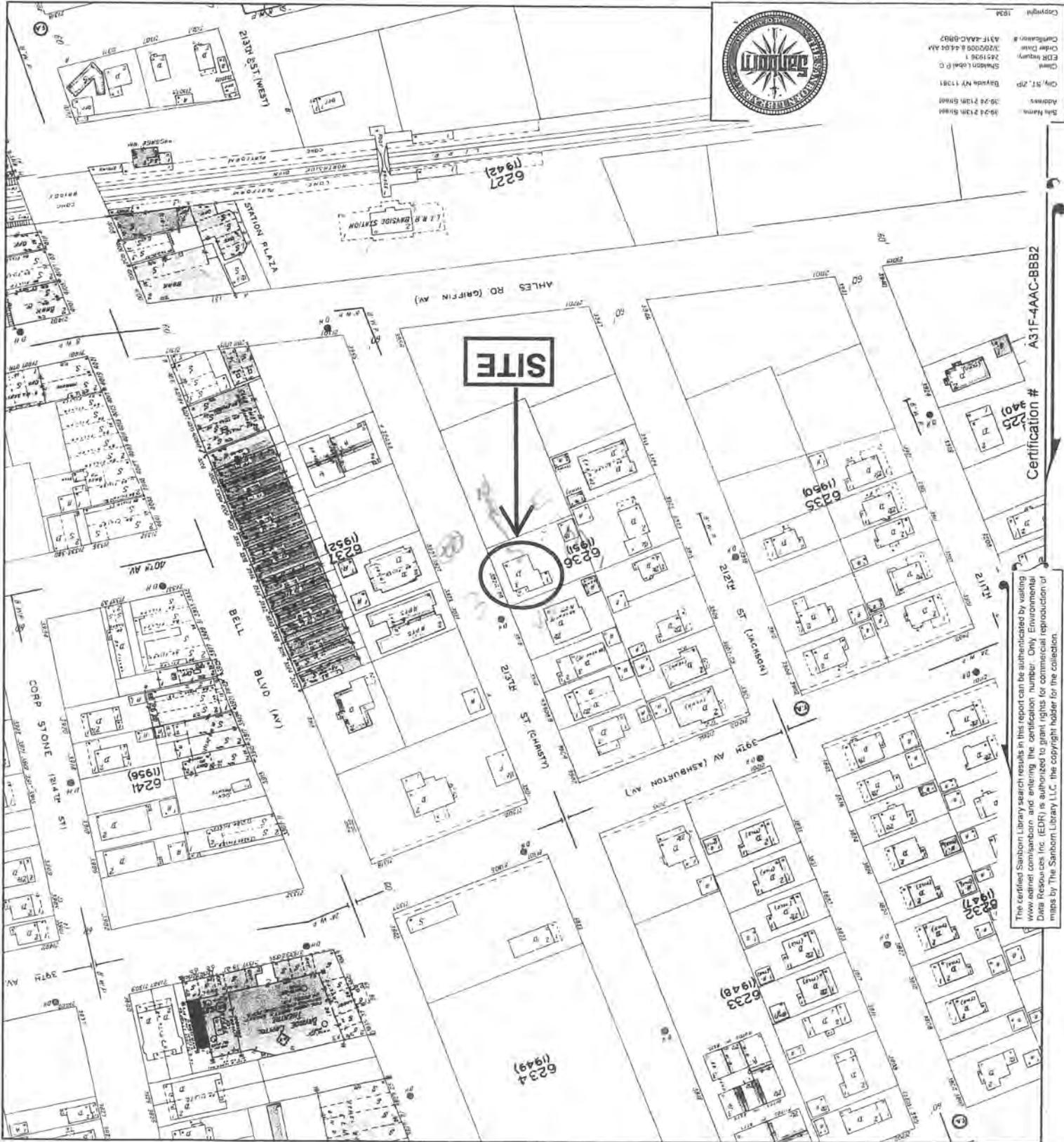
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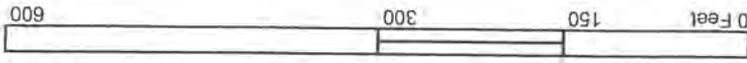
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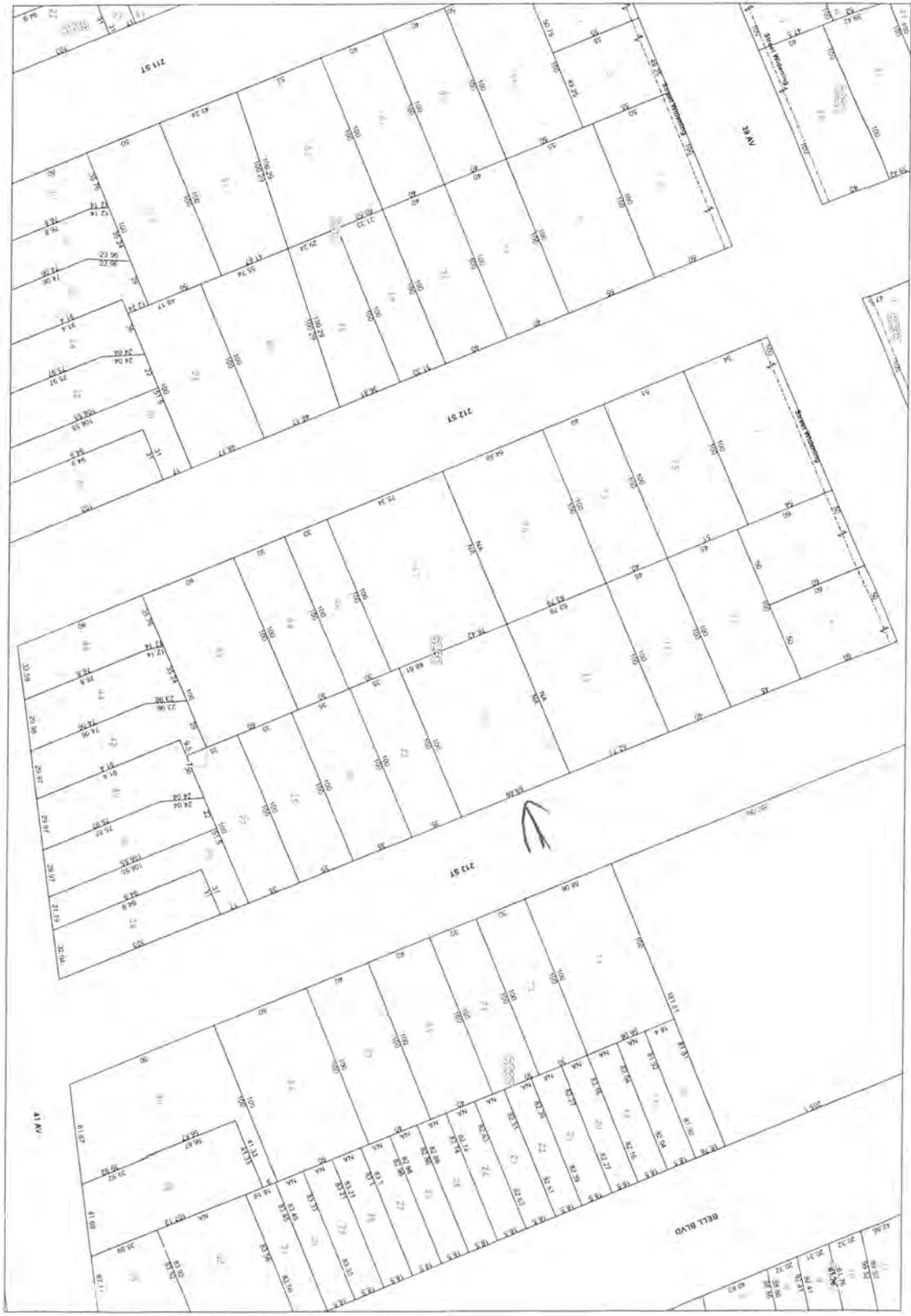


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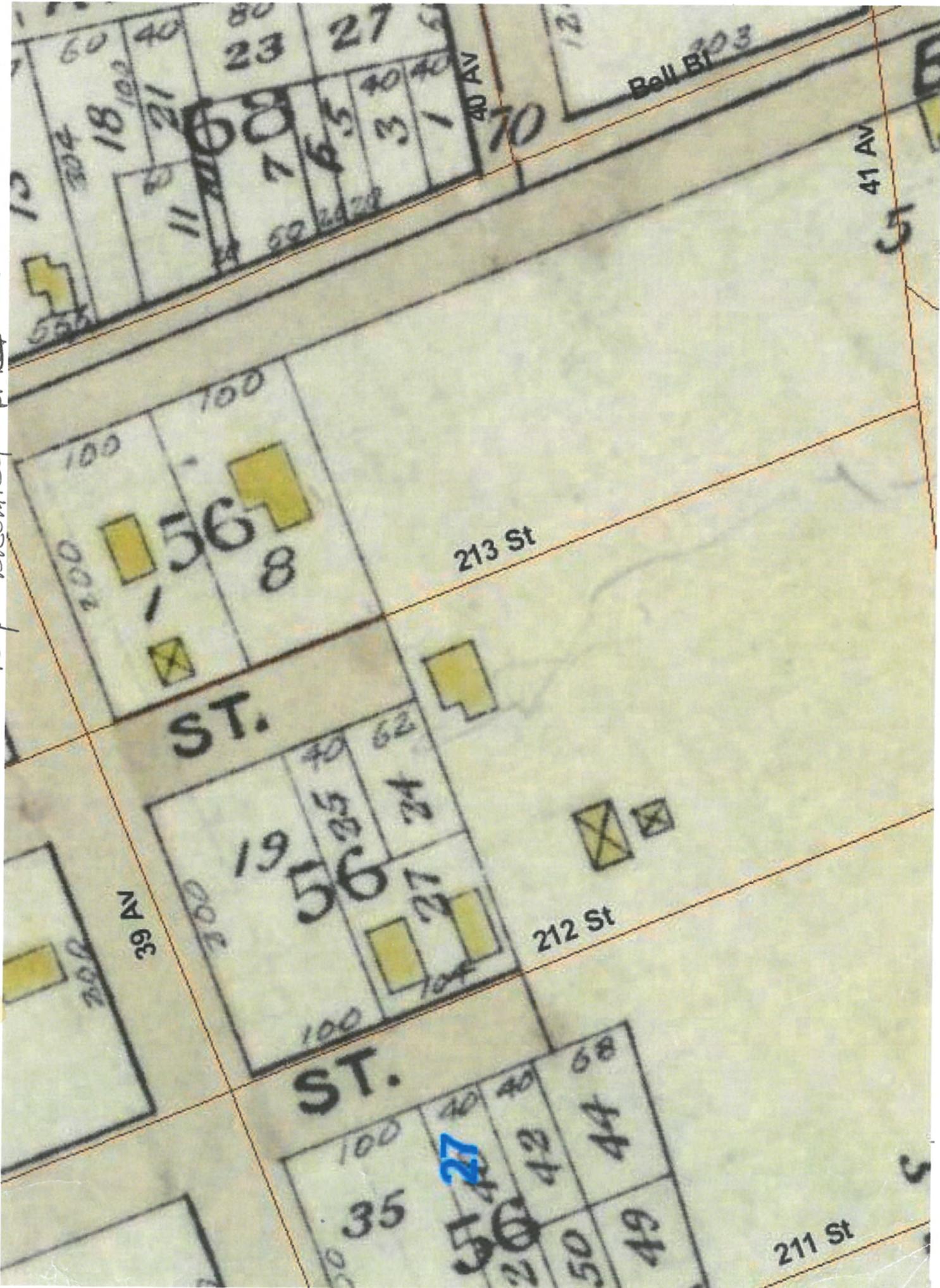


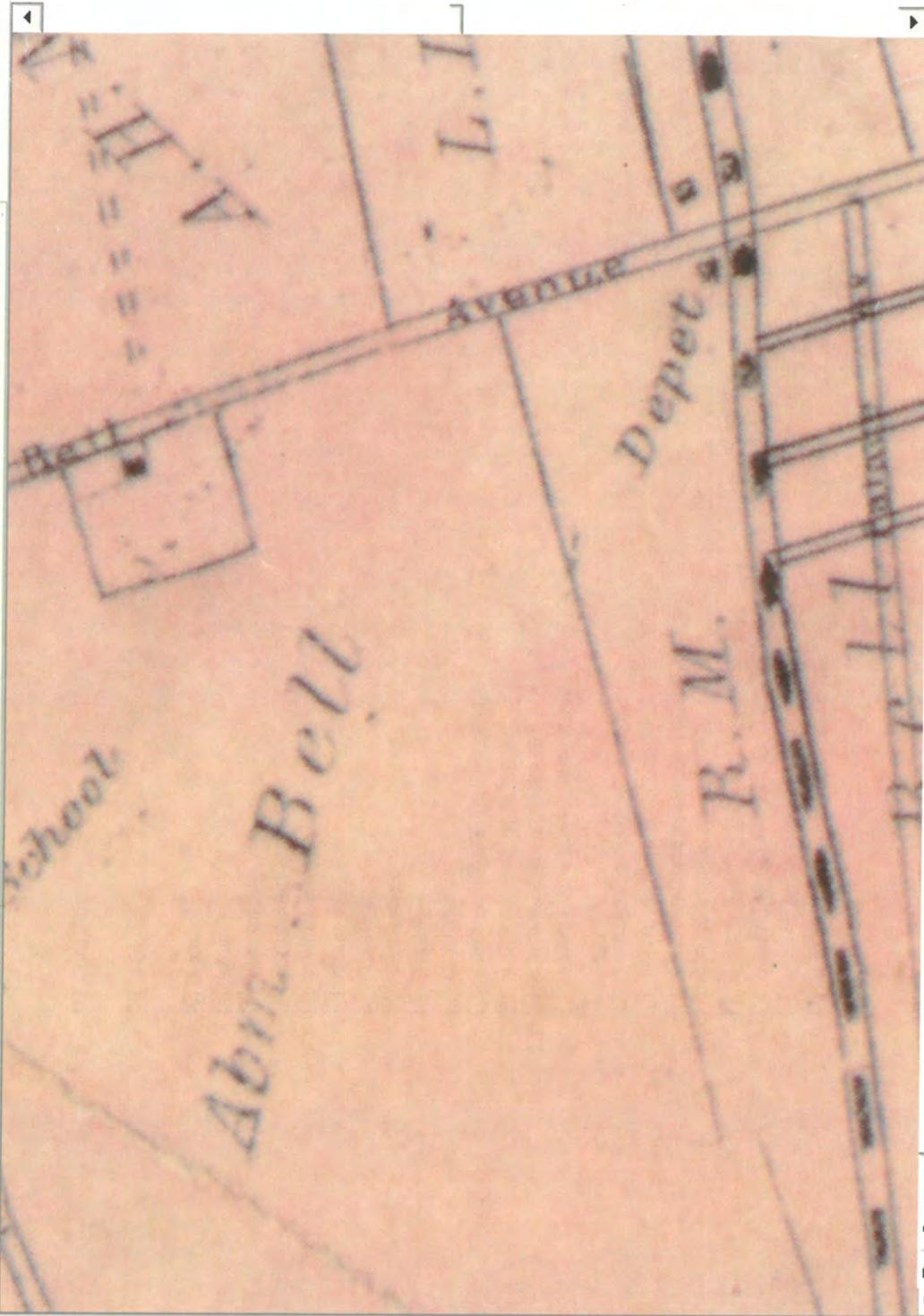
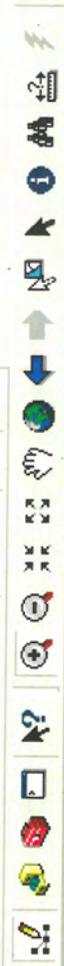


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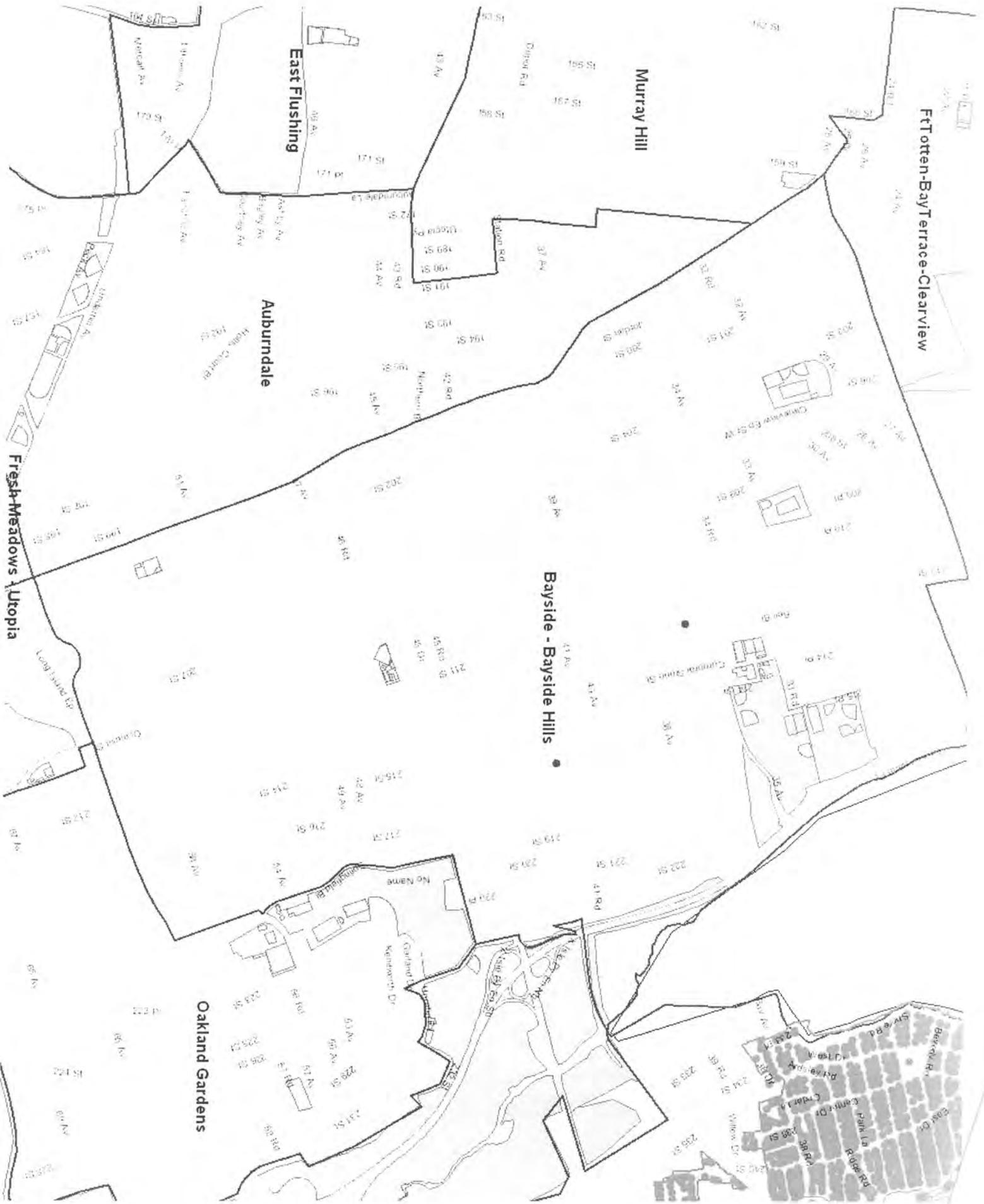
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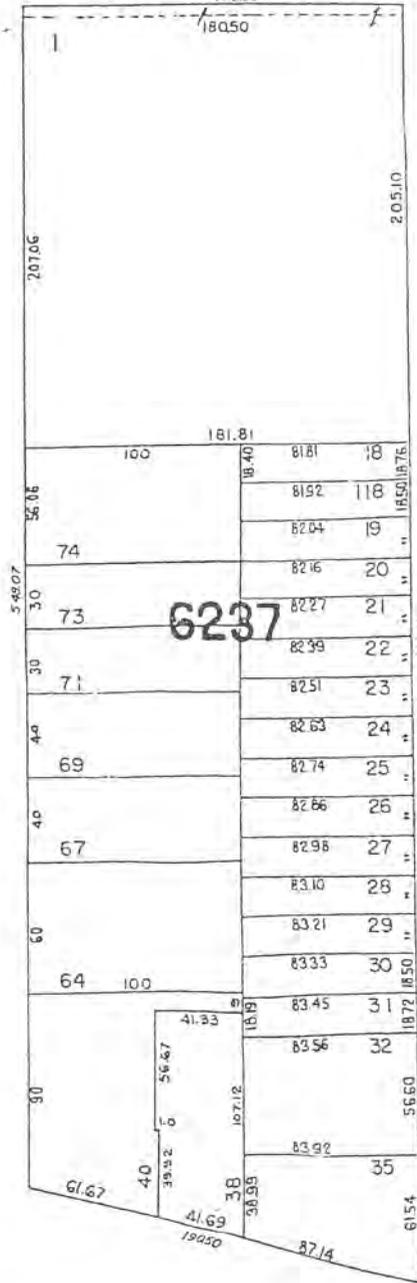
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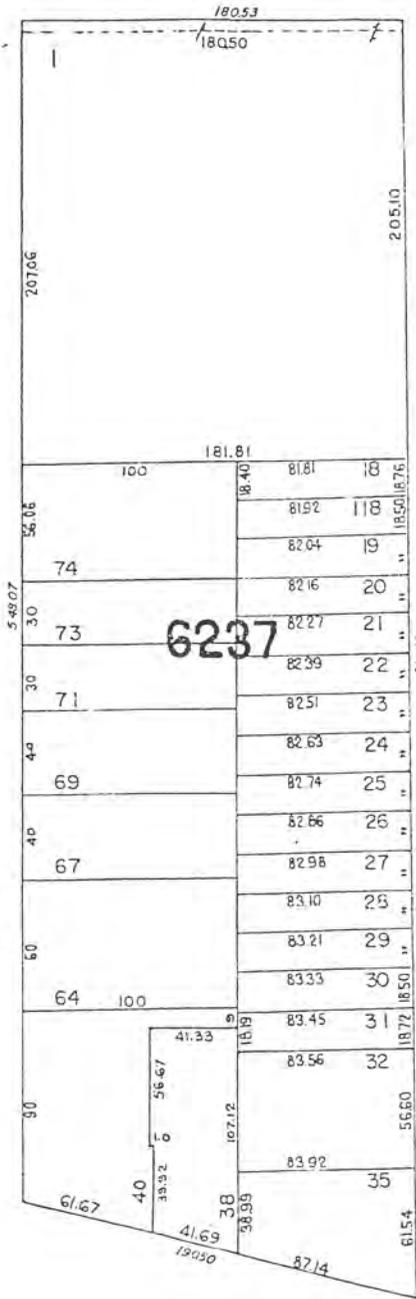
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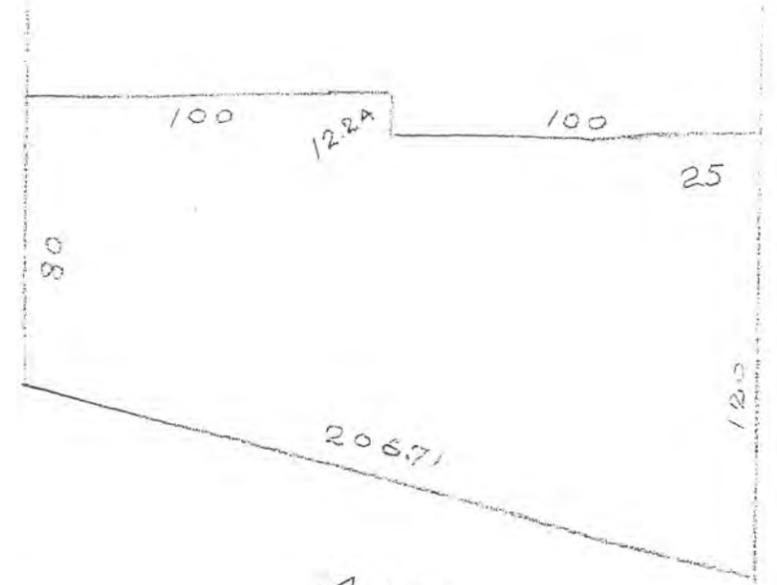
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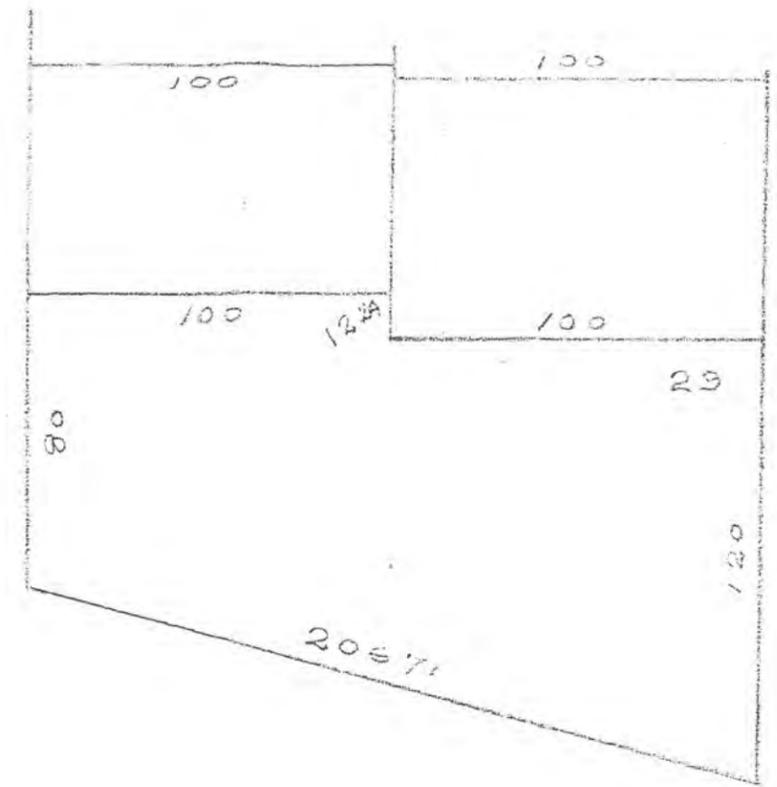
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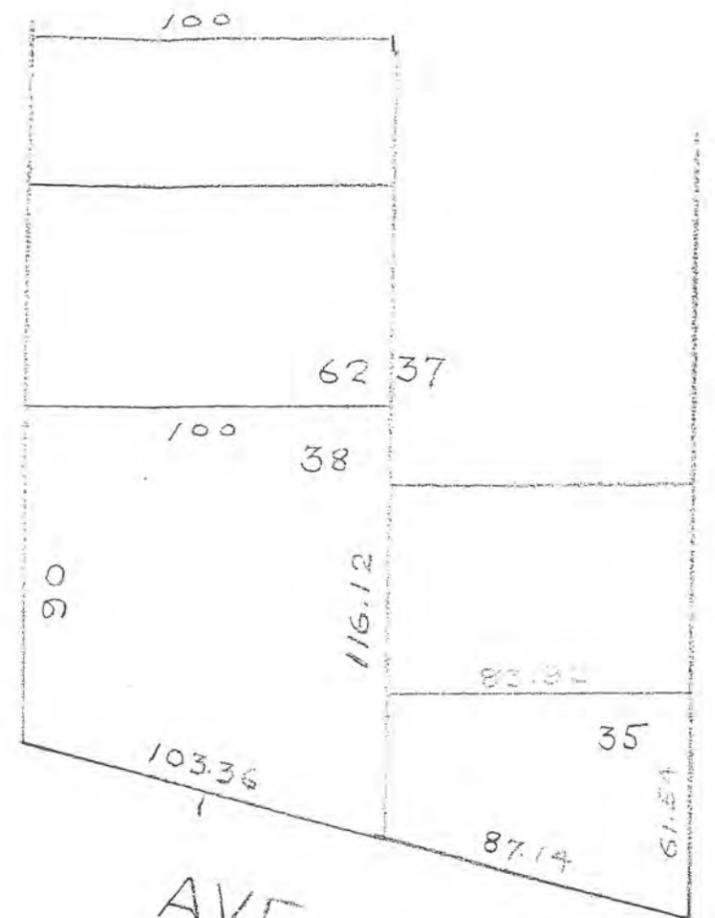


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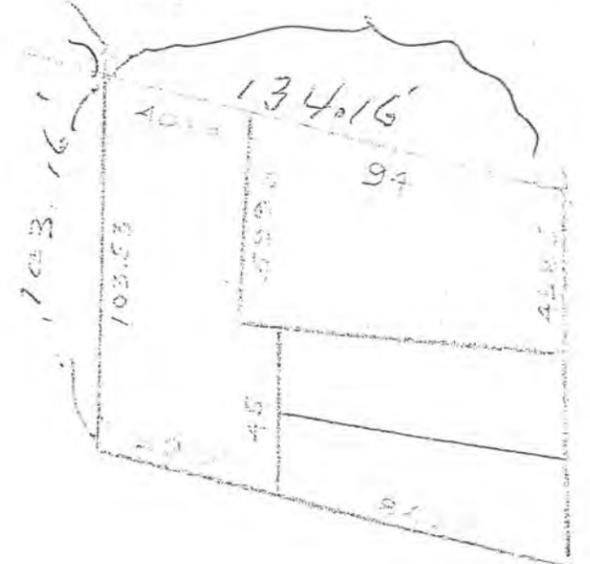


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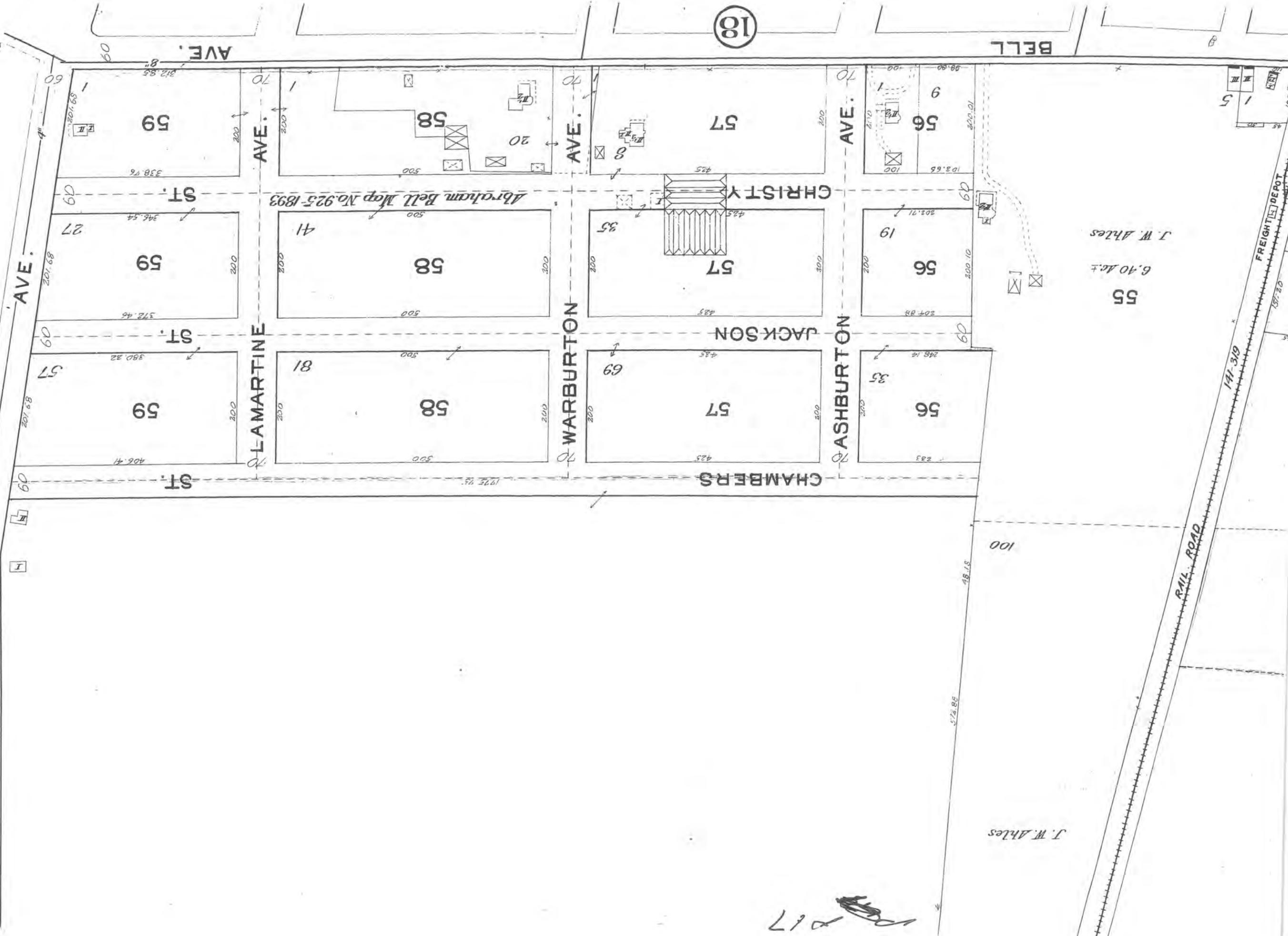
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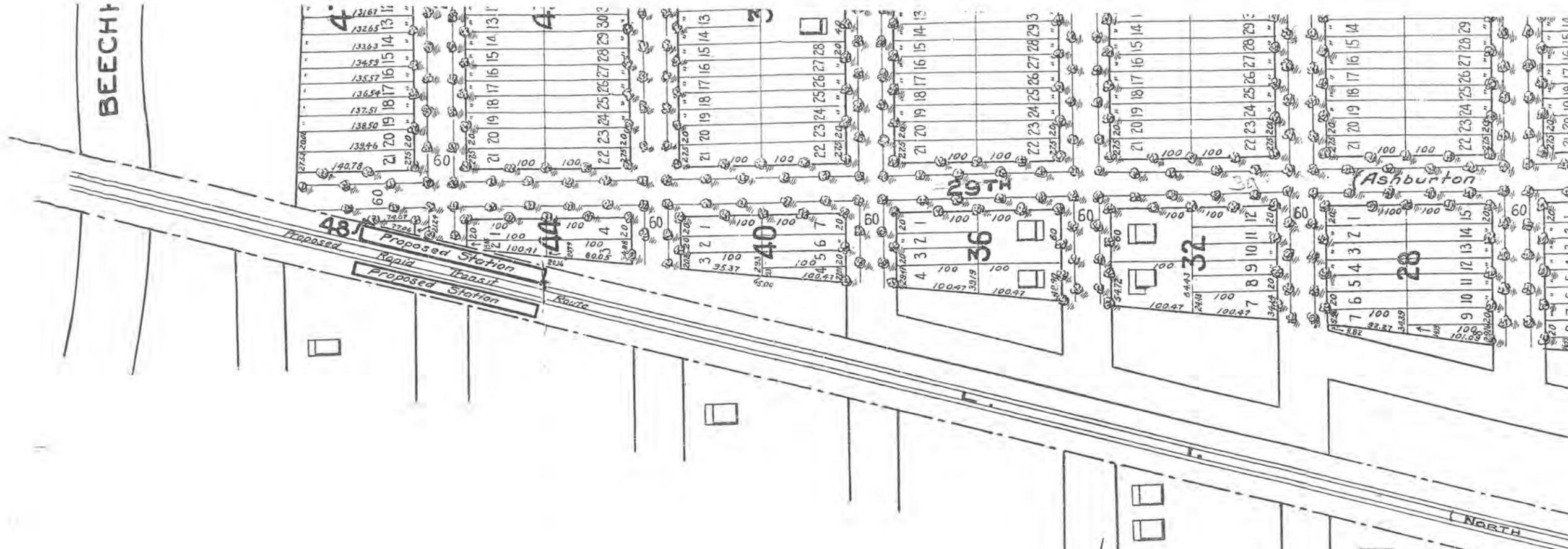
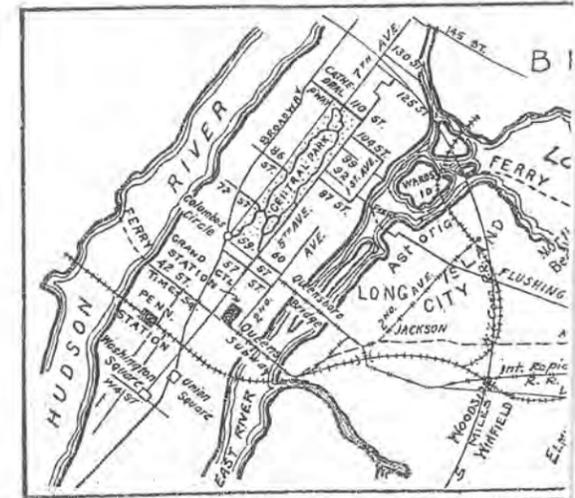
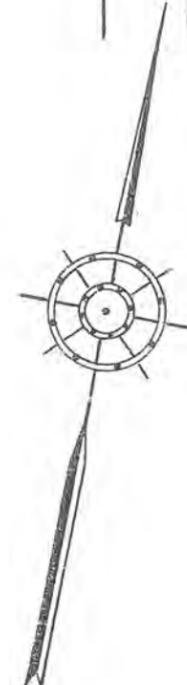
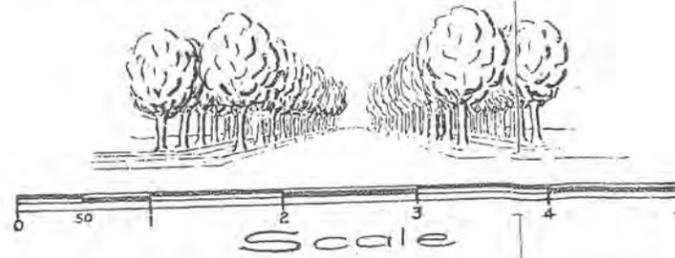


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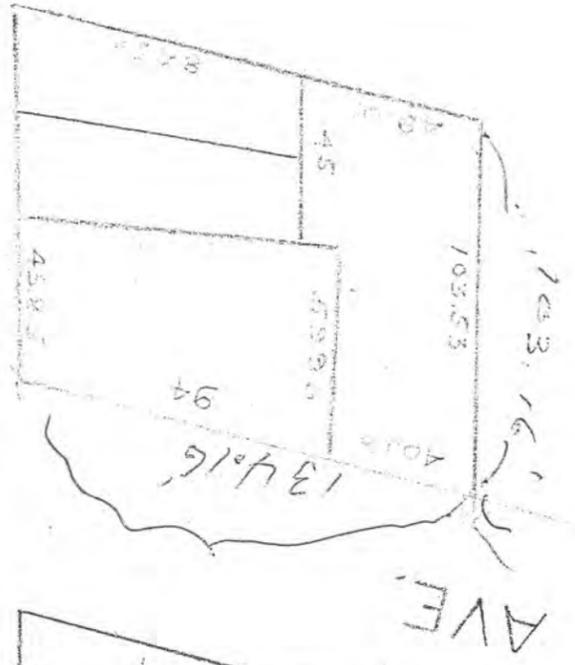


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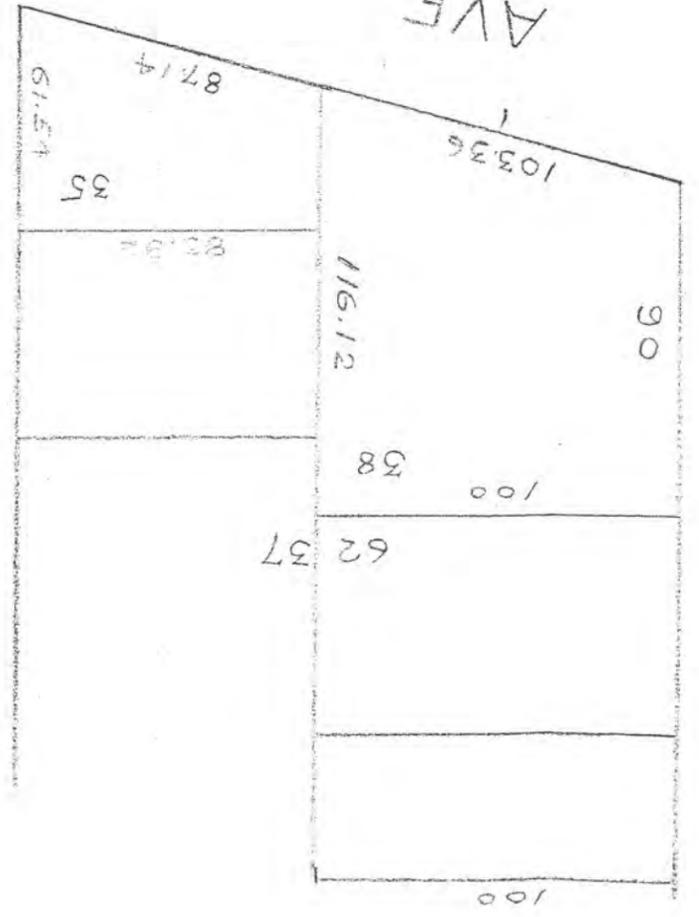
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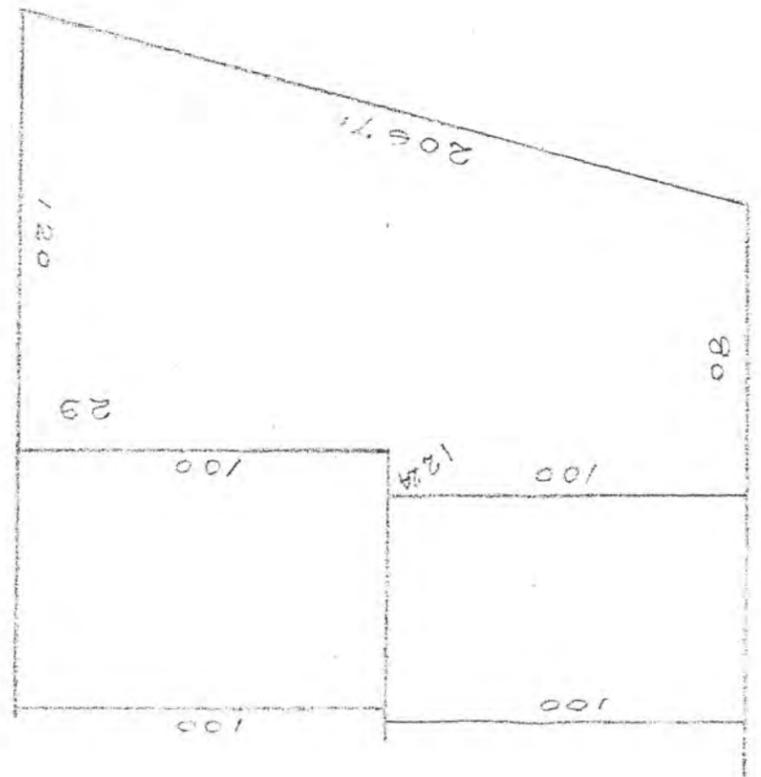
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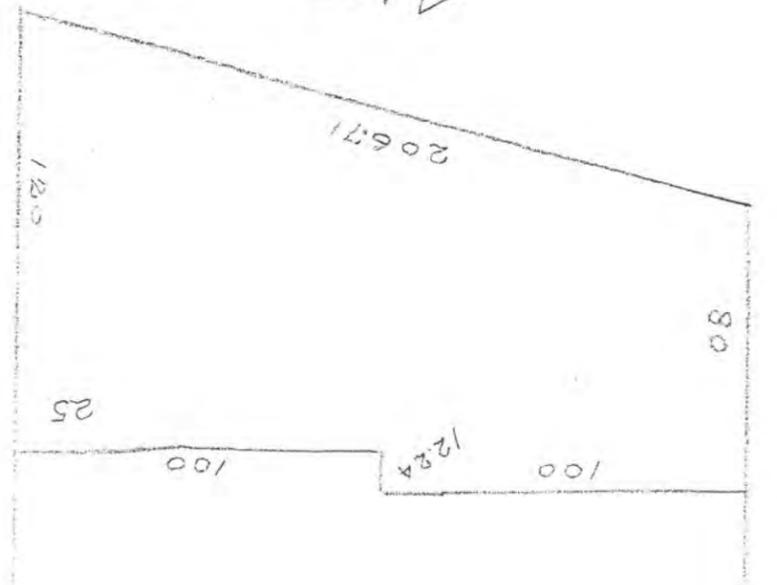


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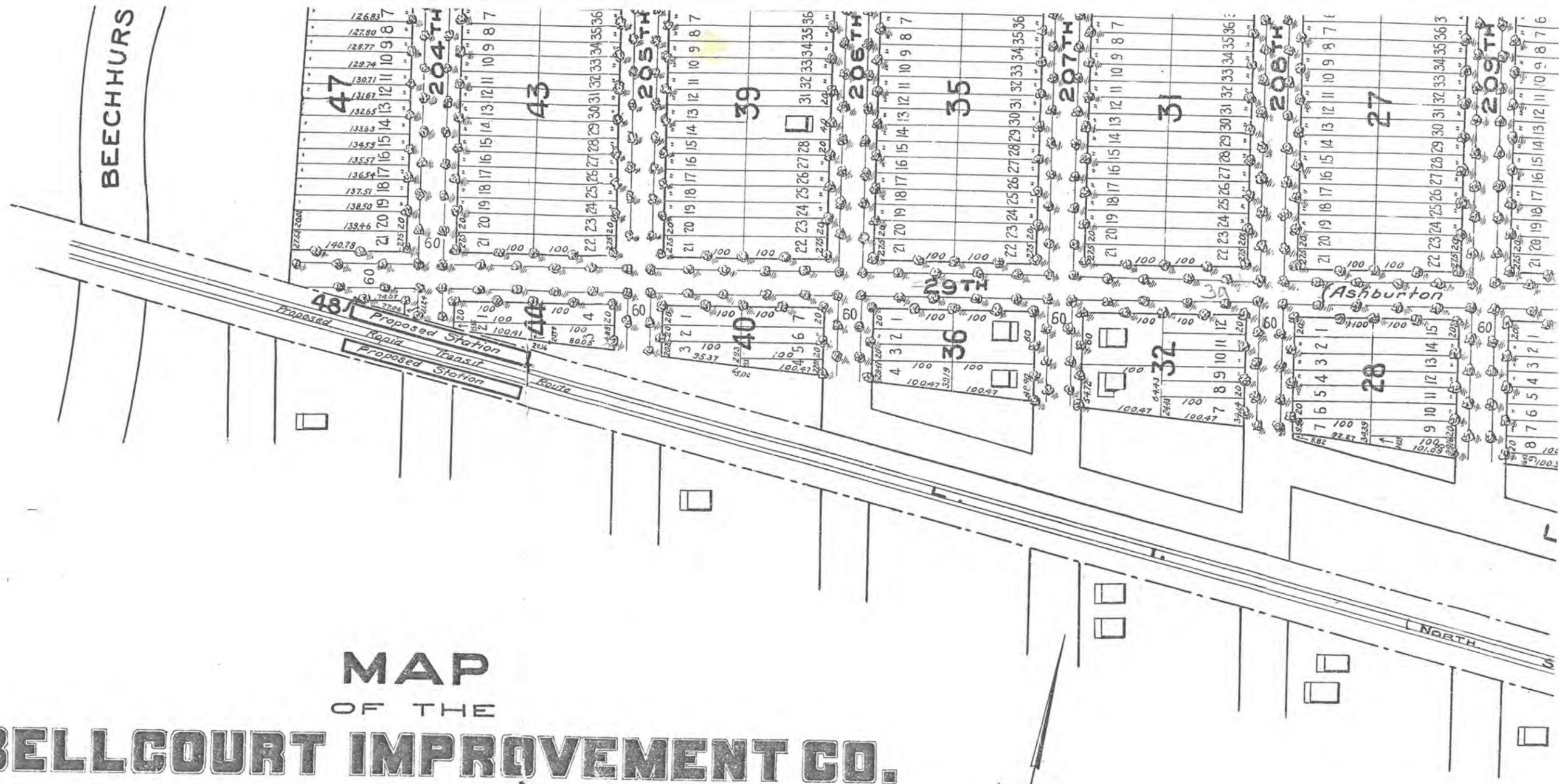
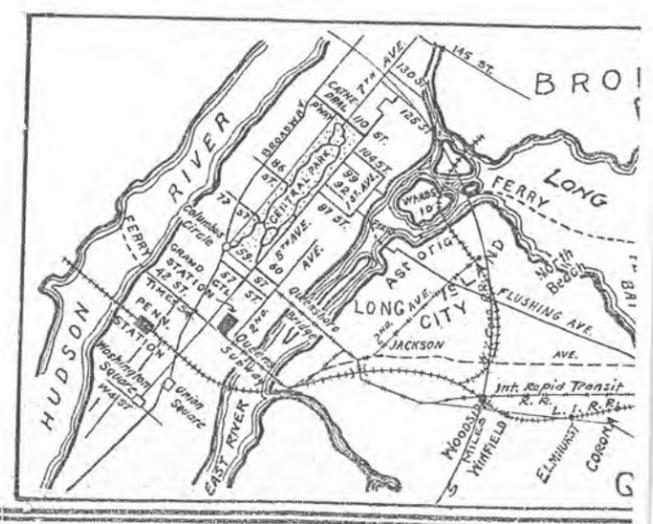
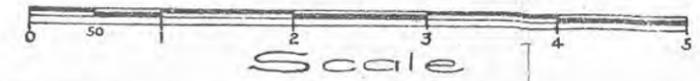


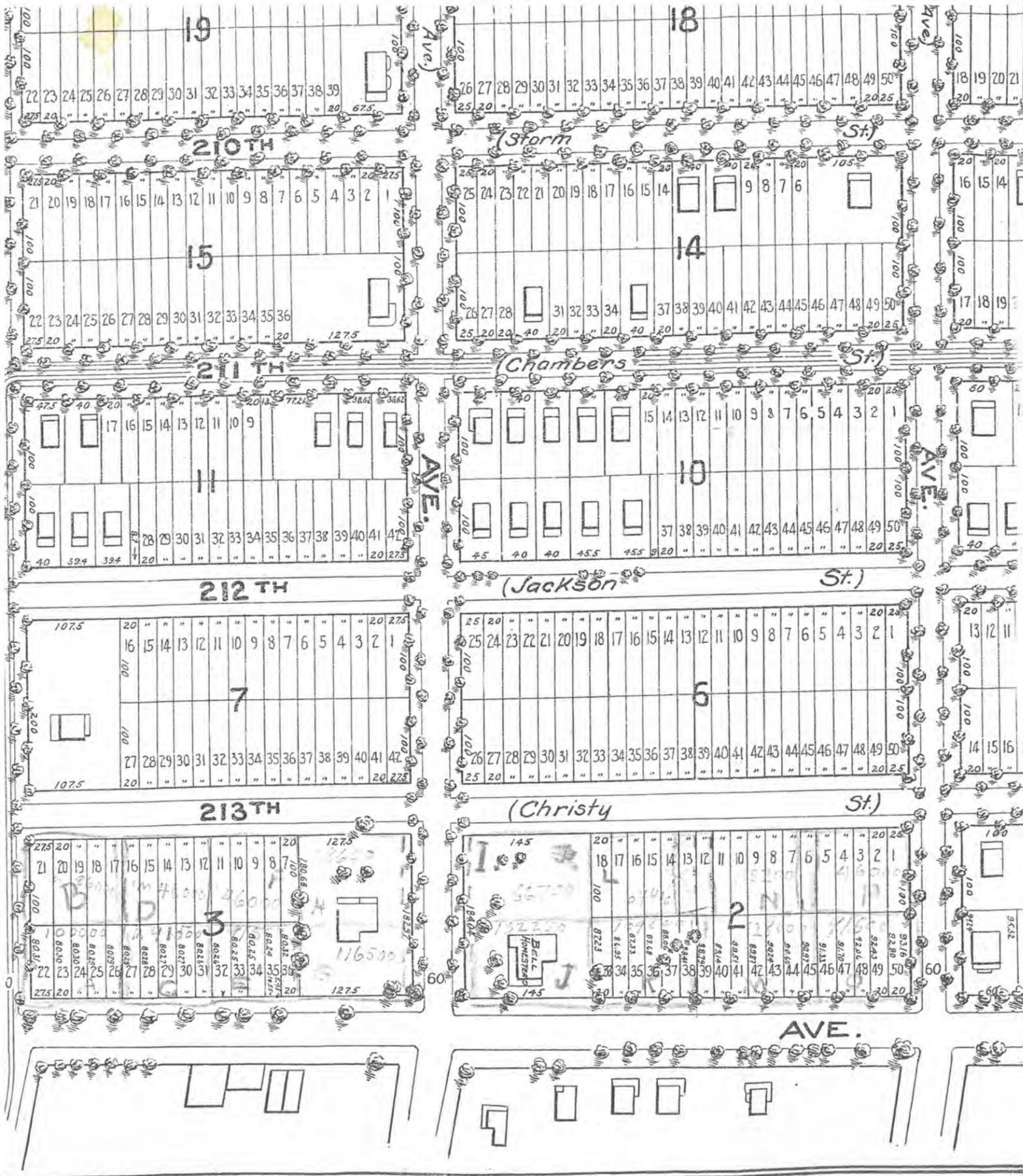
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Elder flower and berry (in Irish, n. *trom*, descriptive *tromaire*); Trummery House in 1886; and the manuscript Quaker record of the family of Archibald Bell (1617/20-1707): see pages 16, 18 and 9.

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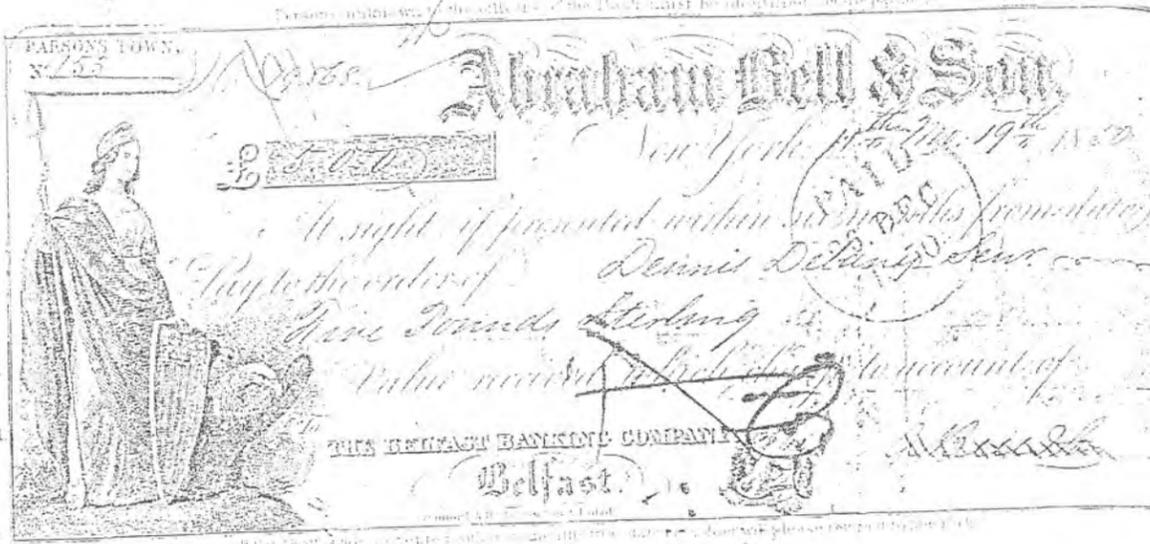
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who would have loved to help with this book;*

*and for Liam Alan Frost Jackson and Finn Cuan Frost Jackson,
so that they may know some small part of whence they come.*

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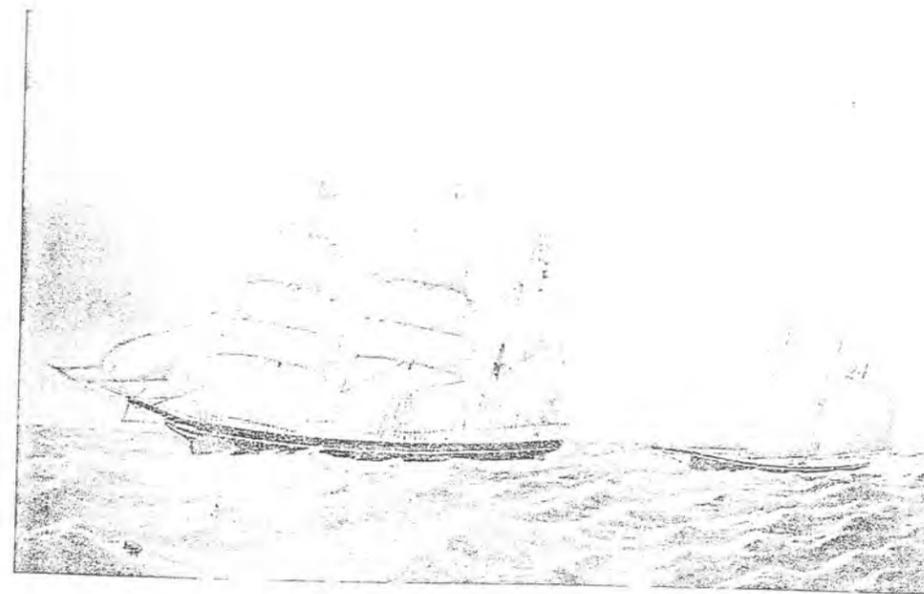
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Society, prepared for the firm by H. Quigley of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York State and dated July 28, 1851, lists Irish Americans of the County sending money through it to friends and relatives in Ireland.

S.U.N.Y.'s staggering archive includes no less than forty-six of the Letter Copy Books mentioned above. Each contains a ream of rice-thin paper, so there are some 23,000 pages of the firm's letters in longhand awaiting research. The earliest of these, 'per the ship *Caledonian*', is addressed (as indeed is much of the correspondence) to the shipping agency Malcomson Bell & Company in Liverpool, directed by Abraham's first cousins Joseph, Andrew and David Malcomson and James Greer Bell. It is dated 12 mo. 31, 1835. The last was dated February 15, 1913. There is fairly complete coverage from the outset to 1856 and then a twenty-year break until 1877. Mentioned also as assisting at the Belfast end of things is



The barque *Harriet* and Pilot Boat no. 24, *William Bell*, stated to have been owned by William Bell. By J. Hansen, Marine Painter, 173 South Street, New York. Courtesy, Bayside Historical Society

Abraham's brother Thomas Bell, who had moved, it seems for the purpose, from Lurgan to Belfast in 1807.

It appears a seamless story of success, but it was not without its difficult moments. In that same year of 1842, when Abraham apparently divested himself of his ships, Joseph O'Brien says

But to tell the truth I think he has been on the eve of Bankruptcy this summer. A Mr Toulmin of whom thee may have heard Maria speak was one of the firm in Mobile that was the cause of his failure in 1837 ... and Mr Toulmin being an honest man has undertaken to try to pay their debts they having failed at the same time of which there is due Abram one hundred and thirty thousand dollars [= \$2.85m.]; a sum that would almost buy the whole town of Collins and for which Abram has not received one cent. ... Toulmin has been on here this summer and has compromised with his creditors for ten cents in the dollar; what he owes Abram being but a small part of what he owes in this city.

Hinshaw records that Abraham's son James was disowned in 1840 – was it for a temporary inability to meet debts? And was there a link between the company's difficulties and those of William Bell back in Belfast about 1842? Whatever, Abraham himself seems to have surmounted them and according to a grandson remained in business until within a few months of his death in 1856. It is time to reflect on the man behind the success.

4.9.2 Superfluity

THE BELLS OF BAYSIDE

It seems Abraham had office and home on Pearl Street (principally 294) when first in New York. After his return from Stramore and the death in 1818 of his business partner Robert

Bowne, he moved office to Fulton Street (principally 117). About the same time he transferred his residence to 483/5 Broadway and soon after to the corner of Houston and Sullivan. From about 1837 home was 423 Broome, in 'the uptown of the city in those days.' Winterthur Library has a document presented to the City Fire Insurance Co. evidencing a disastrous blaze in Fulton Street in 1835. It itemises the loss of mahogany furniture, 900 books, carpets, china, cooking utensils, linens, fire irons, bedding, quilts, silver, writing desks, 18 dozen cotton shirts, etc.

He was active in civic and Quaker affairs. He was one of the original incorporators of the Jamaica and Hempstead Turnpike Company. His name is among the life members on a list of subscribers to the Society for the Prevention of Pauperism in New York, established in 1817 and so renamed in 1824. His political stance was Republican. A memoir states that 'During the fierce contest in regard to the United States Bank, he was a uniform and consistent friend of General Jackson's party, and was one of the few merchants of New York who sustained the government during that struggle....'

The same memoir says that, representing the New York Meeting of the Society of Friends, 'He was a member of the committee which had charge of Indian Affairs, and was instrumental in causing the remnant of that once numerous race, to be in a measure protected by the General government.' This refers to his membership of the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs of the four Yearly Meetings of Genesee, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia (Hicksite). These had united in 1838 to protect the Seneca Indians from the Ogden Land Company, which was trying to buy their land. The Committee was convinced that the Indians had been bribed to sign the treaty agreeing to cede their New York lands. It gathered evidence and sent it to President van Buren. However the Senate ratified the treaty by which the Senecas had agreed to sell and the only recourse of the Friends was to public opinion. They issued a great many pamphlets setting forth the facts of the case, including a book, *The Case of the Seneca Indians*, published in 1840. In 1842 a conference was held between the Secretary of War, agents of the Ogden Land

Company and a delegation of Friends. As a result the Company agreed to a supplemental treaty giving the Senecas title to reservations at Cattaraugus and Allegheny. By 1849 the active work of the Friends with the Senecas ended and the Joint Committee dissolved in 1850.

Letters from the time confirm Abraham's involvement: on 17 June 1839 he writes himself from Buffalo that 'I have been placed on a committee to visit the poor Indians and have got this far.' Later, in May 1842, Joseph O'Brien of his staff notes 'There is a committee appointed to go to Buffalo about Indian affairs again and Abraham is one of them... I am afraid that Ab'm will not go as he was very unwell yesterday but is better to day...'

Care for the dispossessed Indians was a commitment he shared with a historically well-known Quaker, Philip Evan Thomas of Baltimore. Thomas was President of the first railway company in the US, the Baltimore and Western Maryland, later the Baltimore and Ohio. It commenced in 1830 with a line from Baltimore to Ellicott's Mills, one of the cars being Evan Thomas' 'Aeolus', propelled by a square sail!

In due course Thomas was to become father-in-law to Abraham's son James. A printed circular about the Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children, based on the Cattaraugus Reservation, describes how Philip had arranged for nine Indian children to be sustained through a winter at his expense. The Council of the Seneca Nation approved a resultant proposal for a permanent institution. 'Ten persons, five of them, connected with as many different religious denominations, and five Indians, associated themselves as Trustees'. The New York State Legislature granted a charter and \$2,000 [= \$41,000] and in 1855 the Asylum was built. Philip Thomas gave the first donation, of \$100, and his name was given to the institution in view of his longstanding devotion and 'disinterested benevolence to the Indian race'. It must have been remarkable and sustained benevolence: in 1860 he would write to James, 'Tell Philip' - Philip Thomas Bell (1846-1914), a grandchild named after him - 'I have framed for him a very rough drawn representation of my adoption into the Seneca nation.'



Abraham Bell's mansion at the northwest corner of Bell Avenue and 38th, Bayside, built in the 1840s. Courtesy, Bayside Historical Society

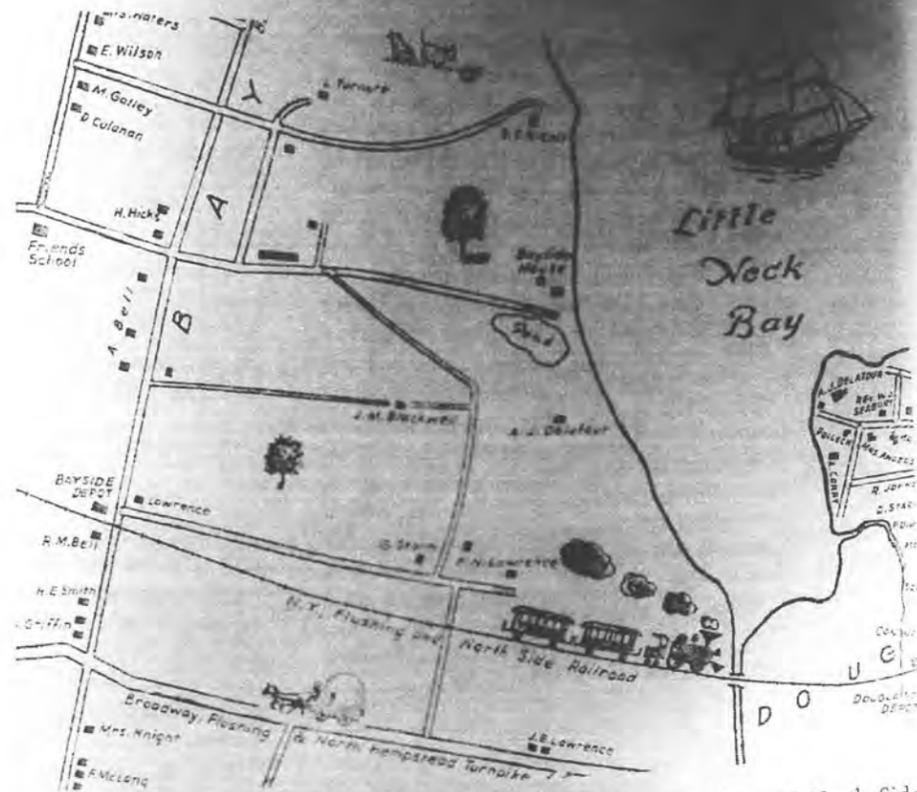
To return to Abraham. When he prospered he bought land outside New York City. The Bayside Historical Society tells us that he acquired in 1824, for \$27,500 (half a million dollars today) a farm of 246 acres from Timothy Matlack. The property included a small seventeenth century house known commonly as Bayside House and located at De La Tour Place on the shore of Little Neck Bay. Abraham used the house as residence for a quarter of a century until a larger home was built in the 1840s. However, he must have felt lonely at times, for Mary had died in 1832.

The farm extended from Little Neck Bay to the present 204th Street and from Crocheron (35th) Avenue to a little south of today's 39th. It was bounded on two sides by lands of Joseph and Konrad Lawrence, and was divided by a lane into two parts, known as the upper and lower farms. Abraham brought in cattle and horses from Europe and created a pond

on the lower section to provide water for the animals and to harvest ice for use in the summer. It became the well-known Gold Fish Pond in Crocheron Park, and the lane became known as Bell Avenue. Narrow and tree-lined, the lane originally ran for about a mile through the middle of Abraham's extensive property. Several similarly large estates lay to the north and prevented its extension in that direction. It was prolonged southward beyond 48th Avenue in 1916 and this stretch was widened about 1927. The result is the present-day Bell Boulevard, the principal street of Bayside, running fully four and a half miles. It remains the centre of the suburb's social and business activity.

When he purchased the farm in 1824, Abraham had his nephew Robert Moore Bell (1807-1888) come to manage it. His own eldest, James, was still in Belfast; and there is evidence that the second son, Thomas, was not physically strong. Robert

Part of Bayside in 1870. Abraham and Robert Moore Bell's properties are seen to the left; the Friends School and Bayside Depot of the railroad stood on land donated by them. From a map by Catherine and E. Theodore Nelson. Courtesy the Bayside Historical Society.



had been brought up in Liberty Grove, Rowlandsville near Port Deposit, Maryland (where his father Richard, Abraham's elder brother, had died ten years before), and had returned to Pennsylvania with his mother. He came to own part of the Bayside farm in a few years and would marry Catherine Lawrence in 1832. The Lawrences were a very distinguished New York family: a John Lawrence had been Mayor of the city in 1673 and again in 1691; and Catherine's brother Cornelius was shortly to be its first elected Mayor, from 1834 to 1837. Robert himself bought 160 acres that had belonged to Catherine's father Henry Lawrence, west of the lane. He thus became one of Bayside's wealthiest landowners. In 1866 he

donated land for the New York, Flushing and North Side Railroad station (now the LIRR). His son Richard later did the same to enable a Methodist Episcopal church to be built. Abraham was effectively an 'uncle' to the wider Bell family and to Friends in general as they went through New York, or back and forth across the Atlantic on commercial or Society business. Through his brothers Thomas and Joseph and son James in Belfast, the Irish Quaker community sent packages and letters as 'ship's stores' via the company. One writes: a 'box of wearables left in the care of A. Bell and waits there for thy order...'; another 'we were quite at a loss to know the best way of sending the Twenty pounds, whether to desire

A portrait of Robert Moore Bell in 1865 by the famous American photographer, Matthew B. Brady. Courtesy, Bayside Historical Society



A. Bell to send it to you in hard money...? Many depended on him – John Nicholson and others were apprenticed to him; and a Lurgan cousin, of Thomas Bell & Company, makes the seemingly rather curt request

... Our brother Richard [1819–1880] & his wife [née Margaret Lockhart] intend going to New York by the 'City of Glasgow' steamer to sail next week. The former will call upon you on arrival with an invoice of a further shipment... & a case of Hemstitches and we will thank you place him in the House when these goods are sold either at a salary or such other way as you can agree upon. We intend now when he gets settled to do a much larger business in your markets.

Abraham himself crossed the Atlantic at least twenty times and all his family went back and forth on visits – records of no less than five such between 1820 and 1850 are known to the writer. He died on February 2nd or 3rd, 1856 and was buried in a family plot – 4076–9/31, Vernal Avenue, Dale Water, Greenwood Cemetery, New York.

Abraham had lived to be 78; his son James, having come to America at the age of 23, lived there for another sixty years. Duke University summarises its holdings as business

correspondence, including letters concerning the importation of Irish linen 'through a firm headed by James C. Bell'. In time he diversified into property: in the 1880s we find that he and his youngest son Jacob Harvey Bell (1853–1917) are in loans, mortgages and real estate. But they no longer operated out of 25 Park Row or 117 Fulton Street in Manhattan: rather from Warburton Hall in Yonkers. Notepaper James used in 1864 is headed 'Banking office of Abraham Bell's Son', with Yonkers interpolated in manuscript before 'New York'.

And they continued to prosper. James owned the very substantial building that became Yonkers Village Hall and had a home in Conowingo, Maryland. Wintering in Florida was already part of the scene. They would stay at the Poncé de Léon or its sister hotel, the Royal Palm. They had their own Pullman car – there is a letter from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company advising them that 'we will be glad to stop Florida Special at any date desired at Perryville [just south of Conowingo] for your party... The cost of winter excursion ticket, Conowingo to St. Augustine and return, is \$46.90 [= \$1,000]'. When James died on May 20, 1897 the newspaper by-line, 'by telegraph to the Herald', was 'James Bell dies suddenly – Millionaire, of Maryland, Passes Away at his Summer Home'. He had 'it is estimated, left an estate valued at many millions'. In retrospect it is amusing that, back in 1844, Philip Evan Thomas, having learnt that his daughter Harriet had an understanding with James, wrote suggesting that he and James have 'a frank and full conversation... in regard to thy situation & prospects in life... it is my duty to be assured that in a step so important as now proposed, there is a fair prospect her situation would be comfortable.' The marriage lasted fifty-seven years.

The home at Conowingo is nowadays known as Bell Manor and is a centre for the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. James had bought its 134 acres in Cecil County in 1864 and built the house. The family moved there in 1870. He bought the Rock Run Mill in Port Deposit and set up a grain and feed store in Baltimore. He dealt in cotton during the American Civil War. They lived in the house for some thirty years, ironically calling it 'The Wigwam'. It was sold to the Conowingo Land Co. and later to the Susquehanna Power Co.



Bell Manor, Conowingo, Maryland: nowadays a Girl Scout Program Center. Photo by Artvue Post Card Co.

In 1896 the family moved to Livingston Manor at Claverack, a few miles from Hudson Station in New York State's Hudson Valley, where, as the newspaper reported, James died in 1897. This fine mansion in Palladian style built in 1797 is described in *Rutledge*, a novel by Miriam Coles Harris. On its walls hung framed messages, the first to be sent over the Morse telegraph wires from Washington to Baltimore – the words 'What hath God wrought', and the first real communication, from the then US President's wife: 'Mrs Madison sends her love to Mrs Wethered'. That is, Mary Thomas Wethered, a daughter of Philip Evan Thomas and sister-in-law of James, and wife of John Wethered, the Member of Congress from Baltimore.

The house remained in Bell hands until the 1960s, apparently passing from James' son Jacob Harvey Bell (1853–1917) to his daughter Mary Bell (b. 1886), wife of Edward Fitch. She is said to have left it in turn to a nephew of her husband, by name Ed Jackson (unrelated to your author). At some point it nearly came to grief: I have heard it alleged that it was acquired by the Mafia and high-level meetings were held there, until one of them tried to burn it down to collect the insurance money!

Reverting to Bayside, in 1849 the lower section of the lower Abraham Bell farm was sold, and Thomas moved to the upper farm. He built and occupied a house at the northwest corner of 38th Avenue and Bell Boulevard. Probably as a result of his indifferent health, less is known of him than of others of the family. Yet interesting people called on him – a small treasure of the Bayside Historical Society is the pioneer aviator's visiting card, with, on the reverse, the words 'Thomas Bell – Just to let you know I've called on you. Hope I may see you sometime soon. Orville Wright'.

Thomas's wife, born Eliza Hough Jackson (1813–1901), was well-known in her own right. She was born at Darby near Philadelphia to a family noted in the Society – indeed Greeves states that she was a great-great-grand-daughter of one of the original members of Lurgan Meeting, Antony Jackson. A very complimentary obituary noted that 'From the President of the United States to the humblest citizen the labor of her hands were given forth without stint.' The 'labor' was usually in the shape of pincushions! She wrote that she had made 2,600 of them and sent them to 'high and low, rich and poor, colored people and Indians'. President Benjamin Harrison had received one, and Alexander Graham Bell of telephone fame (no known relation). She was also an industrious quilter,

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Orville Wright's visiting card. Courtesy, Bayside Historical Society



Thomas Christy Bell (1815–1864) and his wife Eliza Hough Jackson (1813–1901). Courtesy, Bayside Historical Society

keeping the customary close record of the work involved, even at the age of 78:

This 'Comforter' I commenced 4th mo. 17th, 1891. For Abraham and Melissa, and finished it 6th mo. 12th. It contains fourteen yards of Surah Silk, colors, old rose and blue. It has one hundred and thirty-nine yards of 'strait-work', twelve yards of chainwork, one square yard of 'small shells' in the center, thirty-four feathers and four stars. The needles were threaded eight-hundred and twenty-two times, entirely by myself, and also every stitch done by my own hands.

She received in December 1891 a reply from Caroline, the wife of President Benjamin Harrison, thanking her for a letter that had praised the President and his administration. Eliza had presented the President with a silk quilt, now in the Smithsonian Museum, and Caroline Harrison had sent Eliza Bell in return a collection of the president's speeches. Among the Winterthur Library's possessions is an account book of Eliza's, which among other things contains a record of quilts she made.

One might think from all this that Eliza was simply a well-to-do lady with time on her hands: and one would be quite wrong. An acquaintance held that 'She had a brilliant mind, was a profound thinker and was always trying to do something for the betterment of her fellows. I recall that she was one of the strongest abolitionists in this section.' Not only that, but she was a member of the Board of Managers of Swarthmore College from 1862 to 1882. She had also been on the committee that solicited subscriptions for the establishment of the new college: so, effectively, one of its founders. When Thomas died in 1864, their son Abraham inherited the farm in turn.

Abraham Bell (1841–1914) was born in Little Neck Bay, Bayside. The Bayside Historical Society refers to him as 'Abraham II', which he was for Bayside, but of course his great-grandfather had also carried the name, in Lurgan. He grew up in these very comfortable, although disciplined, surroundings

and it seems it was this extensive property that gave him his livelihood. One bit of his schoolwork remains, rendered the more intriguing as evidence of the times in which he lived by his teacher's endorsement, 'No Errors':

No Errors

United States

Now consisting of thirty-one States and eight Territories. It is bounded on the north by the great Lakes, and British America, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and Mexico, on the east by the Atlantic, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean. The early inhabitants of the country were Indians but they have nearly all passed away, there are a few tribes in the Territories. America was discovered by Christopher Columbus, in the year 1492, he landed on the island Guanahani.

The oldest town in our country is St. Augustine in Florida, which was founded in 1565 by the Spaniards. The United States contains the largest lakes and the longest river in the world. A great quantity of gold is found in California.

Abraham Bell

1st. mo. 17th, 1857

On marrying Melissa Rebecca Chambers of Avondale, New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, he built her a fine new dwelling. Winterthur has the specifications for the work of building, erecting and finishing in March 1870 a two storey and attic frame house designed by Robert Mook. It became known in later years as 38-08 Bell Boulevard.

The Queen's Tribune newspaper said in 2001 that 'Bell made his fortune by capitalizing on Bayside's proximity to Manhattan and to its scenic location, selling summer villas in the area to wealthy socialites.' It is difficult to judge from this distance whether the statement is accurate. Certainly, we know that as a lifelong resident of Bayside, Abraham managed the farm for four decades, until he sold it in 1907, keeping back

three blocks on the boulevard, from Warburton to Lamartine Avenue. The Rickert-Finlay Company developed the property and called it Bellcourt. He was active in community affairs as a member of the local School Board. He was a lifelong member of Flushing Meeting and donated land to help establish the first school for the Society, on his property near Crocheron Avenue and 210th Street. He was the first to bring running water from a pipeline to Bayside.

According to a newspaper obituary, he too was an enthusiastic Republican, as his grandfather had been. But the only public office he ever held was that of Road Commissioner, an unremunerated post creating, caring for and naming streets in the area. He was a member of the Third Ward Farmers' and Taxpayers' Association and a regular attender at their meetings. Perhaps learning from his grandfather's misfortune in 1835, he was a Charter Member and Trustee of the Bayside Volunteer Fire Department, Enterprise Hook and Ladder Number 1, founded in April, 1890, and an active fireman until shortly before he died.

Winterthur has Abraham II's diaries for eighteen of the twenty-five years between 1867 and 1892. In retirement he led a fairly routine life. He frequently travelled between other homes in Yonkers and Narragansett. In winter he regularly visited Green Cove Springs, Florida, along the St. Johns River. He spent many hours playing quoits and ten pins, fishing, walking, and taking part in croquet matches. He took croquet very seriously, even supervising the rolling of the grounds by local workmen. He was acquainted with political figures of the day. For instance, in 1872, he visited with his friend, Rhode Island Governor William Sprague, and was called on by Horace Greeley of 'Go West, young man' fame. He wrote about driving out of Newport in the company of General Sherman. It seems that he seldom commented on what he was doing, but when he did his remarks were generally negative. He attended the Presidential inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant in March of 1869 and instead of commenting about the significance of the event, complained about the conditions: 'The streets were so wet & muddy that we did not get out of the carriage, returned to Alexa. about 3 pm. tired and hungry'. His comments about



The house that Abraham had built in 1870 for his bride Melissa. Courtesy Bayside Historical Society

the Centennial exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876 were similar: 'The roads were so muddy in the neighbourhood of the Centennial grounds that it was rather unpleasant walking about there.'

When he died, at his home, he was described by a good friend as a 'quiet, unassuming, well-living gentleman. He kept a great deal to himself and his family, but he always took a keen interest in public affairs. He was what I call a right thinker, and he was generally found on the right side of things. He was a strong, sturdy citizen of the kind that our country needs.'

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Times of course changed and the pace of development was ratcheted up in and around New York. The Bayside Bells became liable to swingeing tax charges. They held in 1923 that the Board of Estimate & Apportionment of New York City had zoned Bell Avenue for business and that they had personally contributed to the consequent costs of paving it and providing

sidewalks, but that then the owners in the vicinity wanted to change the zoning to residential. They also sought to retain their own remaining holdings as a farm, to reduce their tax exposure. This was ridiculed by Chas. J. Post, writing in the *New York Daily Mirror* in 1931: 'And let us have done with calling this thing "a farm". It is no more a farm than kittens born in an oven are biscuits.'

The arguments dragged on. One of his children detailed their complaints in 1946, perhaps more emotionally than in legal terms: its tone recalls nothing so much as the Quaker Sufferings of the 17th century. Abraham, they felt, had worked to establish his family in a free country, where a Bill of Rights should protect his heirs and assigns to have, hold, use, occupy and possess the home and living he had secured for them 'forever', as the original deed of 1824 had clearly provided. A large chunk of the remaining property was rented out to a local farmer, but yielded little income. Prospective purchasers were frightened away by the low yield. 'We would sell what we could

Abraham Bell (1841–1914) and his wife Melissa Bell née Chambers. Courtesy Bayside Historical Society



at a time to meet the heavy burden', they wrote. The family felt swindled in several transactions: nor it seems was it taken into mitigation that they had freely donated land for railway developments, a church and a school.

In the 1890s, there had been no less than five fine Bell homes standing in Bayside. Tragically, not one has escaped the developers. The last of them was 38-08 Bell Boulevard. Though many Baysiders sought to preserve this landmark and make it a headquarters for their Historical Society, it could not be rescued from demolition in 1971. It has been replaced by a bland, ugly funeral parlour.

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Two other descendants of Abraham I are worthy of brief mention. First, a grandson, John Wethered Bell (1848–1919). He was a son of James Christy Bell and seems to have been much involved in running the family estate around 'The Wigwam' in Conowingo, Maryland and, later, Livingston Manor. Among the files in S.U.N.Y. Albany are letters to him from suppliers of many of the items necessary on a country

estate – interesting since they were only then becoming available for the first time: a powered windmill, an electric car, gum boots, an Edison mimeograph, equipment for lighting Conowingo Bridge by electricity. The Pope Manufacturing Company wrote him from Boston acknowledging his order of a tricycle: 'If you will use the mch. carefully and will not injure it in any way, nor loan it, are willing you should try it on the road, but please remember that in this as in all other things, practice makes perfect. . . . Have just received word that an Englishman has succeeded in making 20 miles in one hour and seven minutes, which is better than has ever been done on a bicycle in this country'.

He too sounds like a rich dilettante, but was inventive. As 'John Wethered Bell ingénieur civil à Conowingo, Etat de Maryland' he patented in Belgium, America and elsewhere a mechanism whereby an extra set of hands could be attached for very little cost to the then average watch, in such a way as to indicate the hour in another time zone. The vastness of the US meant that it could be light in the East while still dark in the West, yet trains would set off and arrive at times determined

solely at their departure points. Even railroad companies in Connecticut, for example, had failed to comply with a recommendation for a standard *Connecticut* time. The 'neglect of these companies so to comply,' said John, 'causes three kinds of time to be now in use at New London by the railroads centering there, and two kinds, in like manner, at Norwich and Willimantic. . . . But 'the telegraph has placed it within our power to determine and regulate daily the time for any standard or system of standards which may be adopted'. It was only in 1883 that Railway Time Conventions were being implemented. The standards or zones being proposed were Intercolonial, Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. I doubt if John's invention added much to the Bells' already adequate resources, but he was certainly able to quote a number of satisfied customers.

And, finally, a great-grandson, who would no doubt have called himself James Christy Bell III. Born in 1889, he was conferred AB at Princeton in 1912 and PhD at Columbia University in 1921. In later years he was a horticulturalist and banker – Vice President of the Nassau National Bank – living in Yonkers. His PhD thesis was published, entitled 'Opening a Highway to the Pacific 1838–1846'. It proposed 'to study the hopes and fears and ideas of a definite and, in its way, articulate group of the American community – that body of farmers and mechanics in whose families the tradition of westward migration was imbedded through several generations after their first coming to the Virginia mountains'. One reviewer said it was interesting 'in spite of the fact that it is a doctor's thesis', but felt the title was misleading, since 'the real subject is the cause of the early emigration to Oregon' – agrarian discontent in the Mississippi Valley after 'a complete collapse of credit and circulating medium and no market for surplus produce'. 'Mr. Bell', said the reviewer, 'is entitled to the credit of showing more specifically than has ever been done before that this was the cause of the Oregon emigration'.

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Their work ethic and their moral code made these Bayside and Yonkers Bells rich and cultivated beyond the imagination

of old Archibald, and their means would unquestionably have far exceeded 'superfluity' in his book. But it was counterbalanced by generous giving towards needs of the community, and consistent practice as Quakers. They lived in stirring times – and in a place possibly too stirring for some. Nobody put it better than the Richard Bell who had been peremptorily sent out to join Abraham the Banker's staff in 1850. Within weeks he writes from Brooklyn to his brother Samuel Alexander Bell back home:

I have heard and seen some queer things since I came to this country. You would see more in New York than you would for half a century in Lurgan. When Abraham Bell came here first the population was under 40,000: it is now upwards of 500,000 and Brooklyn is considerably larger than Belfast.

And that was but half way through the Big Apple's 19th century expansion. The astronomic progression of the rest of that century and of the 20th had not even been dreamt of.

4.9.3 Going West

THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD BELL (1769–1814) IN OHIO

In contrast to their New York City cousins of the previous two chapters, the descendants of Richard Bell, the elder of the two emigrant brothers from Lurgan, give a flavour of rural America in the New Nation, Ante-Bellum and Civil War times.

Three of his daughters married and remained in Chester County, Pennsylvania and one in Cecil County, Maryland. All married countryside Quakers. Susanna married Isaac Chambers, a wheelwright; Mary's husband was a farmer, Ziba Moore, and Phebe's David Chambers a tailor-cum-merchant; Eliza wed Amos Moore, a cabinet-maker-cum-undertaker.

The two sons took off for other parts. Robert Moore Bell was summoned to manage his uncle's Bayside farm, as we have seen. Abraham (1800–1875), however, was part of the movement westward. Along with Roger Kirk, doubtless of the once-related Quaker family back in Lurgan, he pushed

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ABRAHAM m. MARY TOPPING

ABRAHAM WAS PROBABLY DISOWNED FOR MARRYING OUT OF THE QUAKER FAITH

B. 1742 (5-15) D. 1808

U. S. A. BRANCH

RICHARD m. RACHEL MOORE
B. 24.12.1769 D. 1817 (ESTIMATED)
10-17-1772 1-23-1814

THOMAS m.

1st ABRAHAM m. "THE BANKER" OF NEW YORK
1st BELL TO SETTLE AT BRIDGE, N.Y. 1824
D. 1773 D. 1856
BELL BOULEVARD BRIDGE NAMED AFTER HIM.

MARY CHRISTY OF MOYALLEN, COUNTY DOWN, IRELAND DAUGHTER OF JAMES CHRISTY, OF LOWE STRATMORE (A.P.?)
B. 1785 D. 1832

ROBERT MOORE m. CATHERINE LAWRENCE
B. 1807 D. 1832
B. 1880 D. 1880

SARAH m. 1) ... UPRICHARD 2) ... JALNSON

THOMAS m. ELIZA HOUGH JACKSON
B. 1816 D. 1864 (AN INVALID) 9-

1812 B. 1814 D. 1901

WILLIAM WITH HIS FATHER IN N.Y. SHIPPING FIRM.

SARABELLA (UPRICHARD) m. MADOLMSON

RICHARD m. JULIA B. CK. 1874
B. 20.2.1842 D.

LILLIE m. JOHN AHLES 1873 (6-19)
b. 7-13-1848 d. 5-25-1895
b. 4-2-1849 d. 8-20-1915

2nd ABRAHAM m. MELISSA PERRECCA CHAMBERS
B. 1841 D. 1914

JANE HOUGH
B. 1843 D. 1859

MARY CHRISTY
B. 1845 D. 1854

JANET FREDERICK STORM LAWRENCE 1876
B. 1847 D. 1937

CHARLOTTE CLERMONT BATTER
b. 1849

LILLIE EMILY HENRY m. ELIZA 1874
B. D. SUICIDE (NO ISSUE)
ONE OF HENRY'S SISTERS MARRIED CHARLES GOULD.
ONE CHILD DIED (MARY?)

EVA UNMARRIED FRIEND OF LEONARD BELL #2.
JAMES (NO ISSUE)
JOSEPH D. 1928
JOHN m. ? ISSUE
WILLIAM DAUGHTER DOCTOR

RICHARD

ROBERT

GERTRUDE

b. 3-3-1888
VIRGINIA m. GRUMP
JOHN S. CRUMP

WILLIAM B. 1872 D. 1931
m. ELLA HOLLEY

BRAINTON B. 1874 D. 10-23-1949
m. HELEN GILLIES

THOMAS B. 1875? D. 1967 (3-9)

MARY CHRISTY B. 1876 D. 25.12.1969

ELIZA B. 1878 D. 1985

AHLES HOUSE LP-2341

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SITE NAME: ALEXES HOUSE

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NOTES

LYDIA ANN BELL AND J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE
39-24 -39-26 213TH STREET, BAYSIDE, QUEENS

This impressive Second Empire Style residence is a rare reminder of nineteenth-century Bayside, when it was a village of suburban villas and substantial farmhouses. This house was constructed around 1873 by farmer Robert M. Bell for his daughter Lydia (usually known as Lillie) and her husband John William Ahles, a prominent grain merchant and officer of the New York Produce Exchange and Queens County Agricultural Society. The house is located on a portion of a farm that had descended in the Lawrence family from the seventeenth century and was purchased by Robert Bell in 1836, a few years after his marriage to Catherine Lawrence, the younger sister of New York City mayor Cornelius W. Lawrence. In 1880, following the death of his wife, Bell and his sister-in-law, Phoebe Lawrence also moved into this house. It remained in the ownership of the Ahles family until the 1940s.

Built only a few years after railroad service reached Bayside in 1866 and residential subdivisions began to replace farms, the Ahles house typifies the substantial Second Empire style suburban villas erected by wealthy businessmen during the 1870s and 1880s. It retains the cubic form and dormered mansard roof typical of the Second Empire Style as well as such details as the molded cornice and hexagonal slate shingles. The house was moved a few feet from its original site to its present location in 1924 to allow Christy Street now 213th Street to be cut through to 41st Avenue. It was then that the original wrap-around porches and a bay window were removed, the facades were stuccoed, and the original windows replaced with multipane wood sash. Possibly the one-story rear ell was also rebuilt or replaced.

When J. William Ahles died in 1915, his obituary in the *New York Times* indicated that his home was "one of the show places" of the town. Today this house is thought to be one of the oldest surviving in Bayside and is considered a significant reminder of the neighborhood's past.

LP-2341

250-25 41st Road
Little Neck, NY 11363
June 24, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

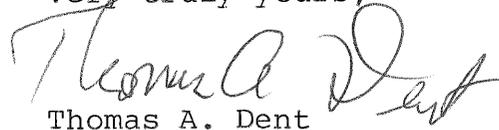
Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a member of the Bayside Historical Society and as a 57 year resident of North East Queens, I urge you to designate Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House in Bayside as a New York City Landmark. Built about 1873 by Robert M. Bell for his daughter and son-in-law, the Ahles House in Bayside is possibly the oldest surviving home, a valuable reminder of the community's rich cultural past. It is the last of the Bell houses, a family that was most important in the history of the Bayside Community. Its Second Empire Style retains the cubic form, dormered mansard roof, molded cornice and hexagonal slate shingles that are typical of the Second Empire.

To assist us in retaining this valuable testimonial to Bayside's history Landmark status is imperative.

Please designate the Ahles House as a New York City Landmark.

Very truly yours,


Thomas A. Dent

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Opposition to Landmark Designation
Lydia Ann Bell & J. William Ahles H
39-24/26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens



Presentation by:
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Sheldon Lobel, P.C.

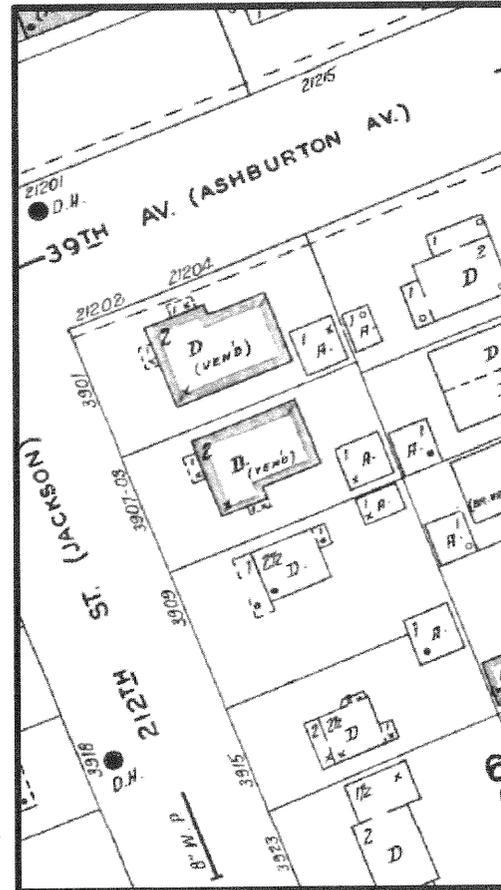
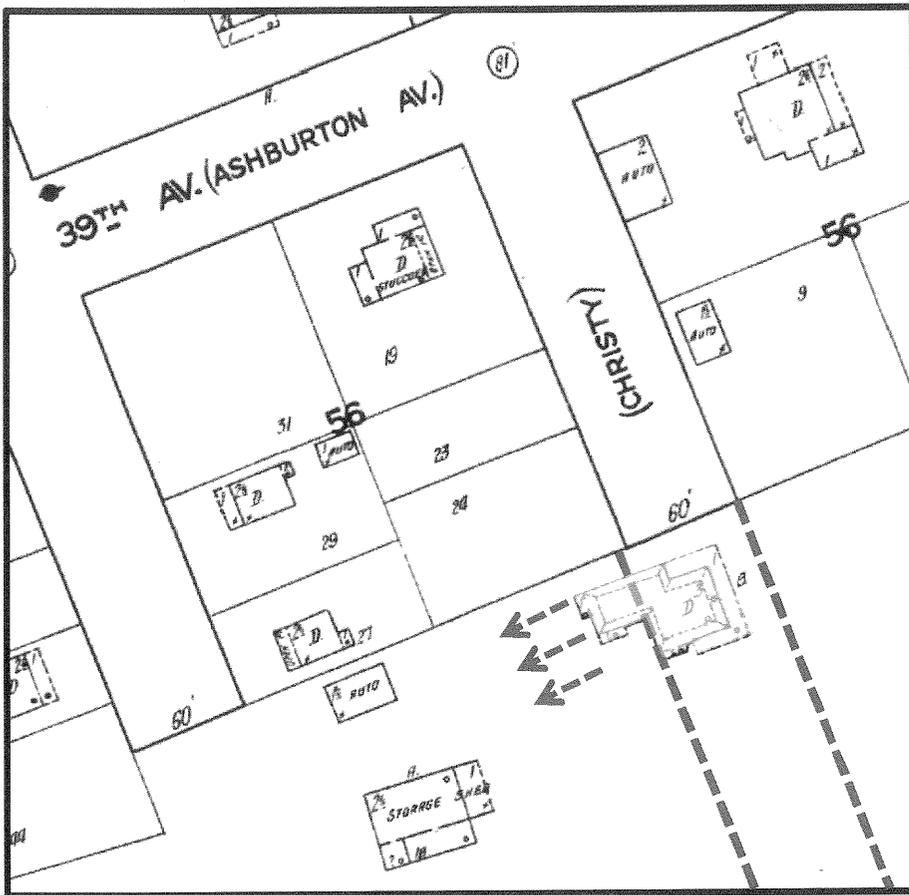
Not Worthy of Landmark Design

- Original orientation of the House was significantly altered.
- Exterior and interior features of the House significantly altered.
- House lacks distinctive features of “Secc Empire” style.
- House was not designed by an architect of historical significance.
- House was never owned or occupied by a person warranting landmark designation.

Original Orientation Alterec

1917 Sanborn Map

1934 Sanbor



The House was moved westward between 1917 and 1934 to accommodate the southerly continuation of 213th St. The House's entrance and yards shifted accordingly.

Photograph of House from Late 19th

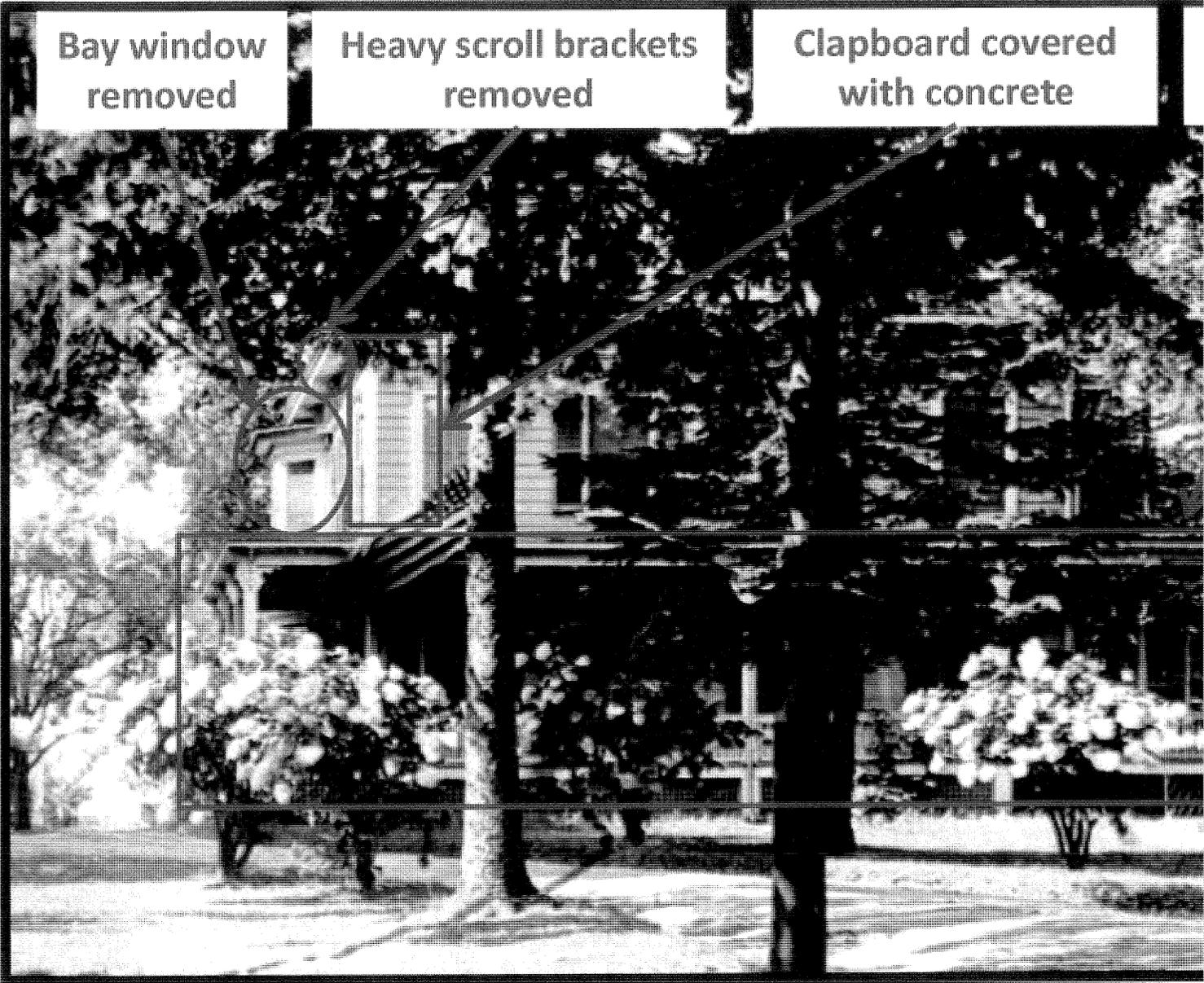


Alterations: Essential "Second Empire" Features

Bay window removed

Heavy scroll brackets removed

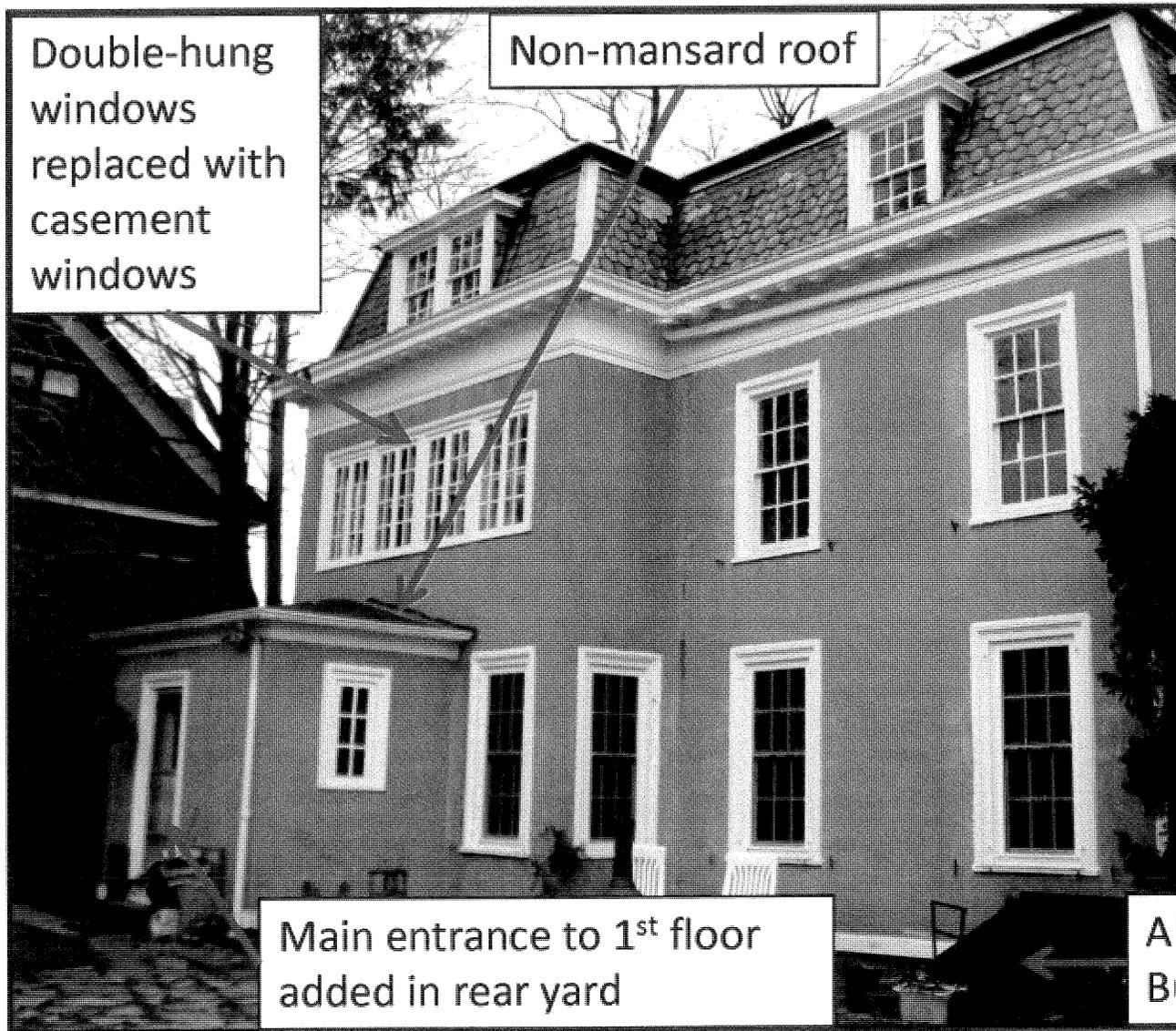
Clapboard covered with concrete



Alterations: Significant Portion Re



Alterations: Later Additions and C

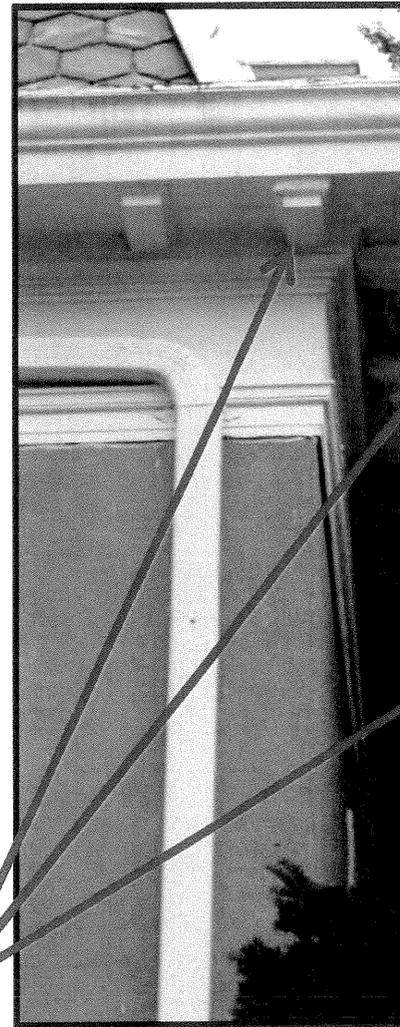


Alterations: Dentil Molding



Remnant of original decorative scroll brackets

Original decorative scroll brackets replaced by dentil molding (damaged and missing in several locations)



Alterations: Materials

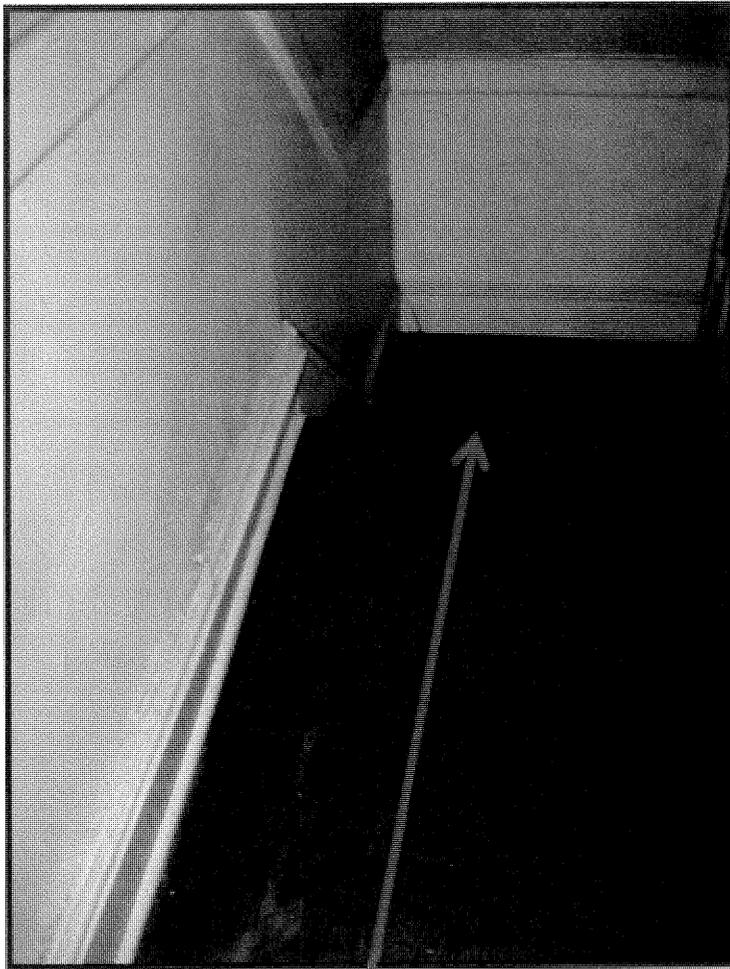
Original wood
roof ridge caps
replaced with
aluminum

Original wood
window frames
replaced with
composite
material and non-
traditional 6-over-
6 windows

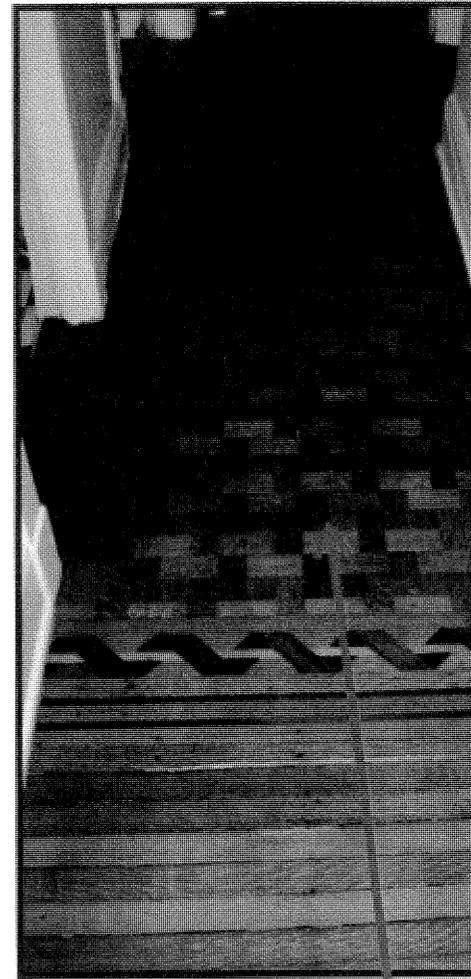
Original clapboard
siding covered
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Alterations: Use Changed to Two-



Former center hallway flooring truncated when hallway was altered and converted into stairs to cellar



The geometric parquet remains on the other wall where the center would have continued

Summary of Major Alteration

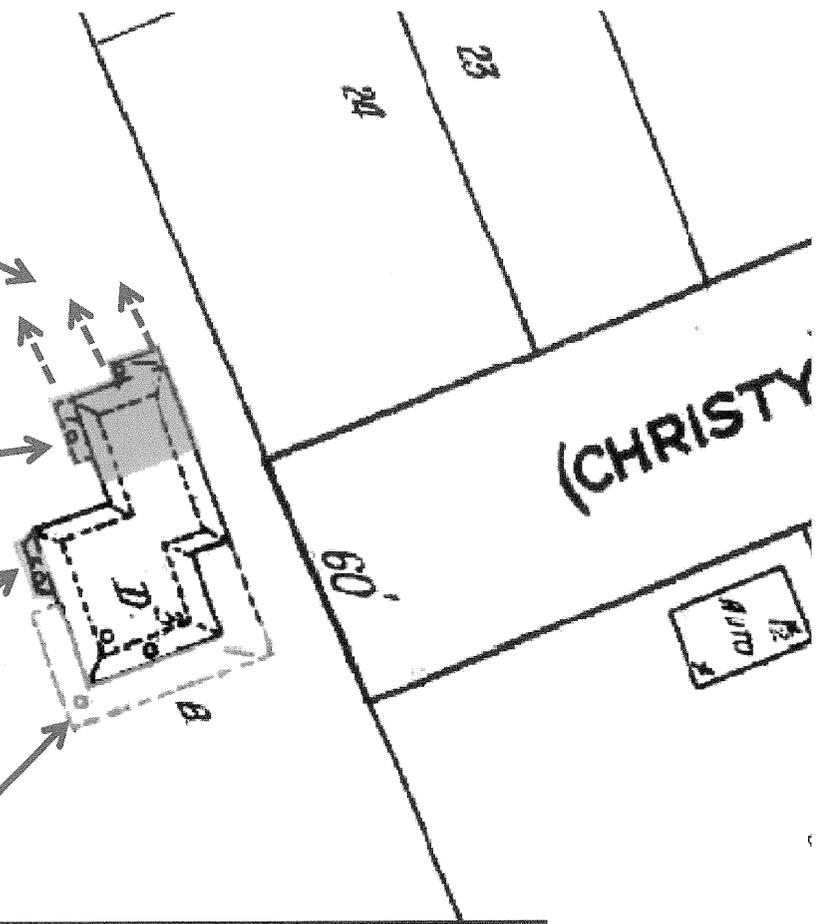
House relocated or rebuilt 40-50 ft. southwest of the bed of the proposed 213th Street

Rear of house removed (3 stories & bay window)

Two-story bay window removed (confirmed by flooring pattern)

Wrap-around porch removed

Throughout:
-Clapboard siding covered
-Scrolled brackets removed
-Windows replaced



Review & Comparison of Two Landmarked “Second Empire”

- Bedell House, Staten Island
- Pell House, Bronx
- Comparison of the Bedell and Pell Ho
the Ahles House.

Bedell House, Staten Island



- Clapboard siding
- Two-story polygonal porch with recessed panels and molded cornices
- Veranda with turned columns and molded cornice
- Original molding around windows
- Roof retains arched dormers with original molded hoods

Pell House, Bronx



- Five bays
- Original clapboard siding
- Two-over-two windows
- Original heavy door and window frames
- Original brackets
- Original porch posts and curved braces

Comparative Table

Characteristic	Bedell House	Pell House	Ahl
Mansard Roof	X	X	
Dormers	X	X	
Curved/ Pedimented dormer	X	X	
Scrolled brackets beneath eaves	X	X	
Projecting portico or porch	X	X	
Turned posts on porch	X	X	
Entrance with paired doors	None	X	
One- or two-story window bay	X	X	
1-over-1 or 2-over-2 windows	X	X	
Clapboard siding	X	X	

*In addition, the Ahles house was moved and substantially modified

Conclusion: Not Worthy of Landmark Design

- Significant changes to the location, layout, orientation, use, proportions, details, materials.
- House lacks necessary elemental “Second Empire” style traits.
- House was not designed by an architect of historical significance.
- House was never owned or occupied by anyone warranting landmark designation.

Lorraine Roach-Steele

From: Emily Rich on behalf of Hearing Comments
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 9:25 AM
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as per the Landmarks Law, the LPC mission statement, and as per Chairman Tierney's testimony at the City Council Landmarks Oversight Hearing in April 2006 at Queens Borough Hall, assuring Queens that it will experience a sufficient rise in landmarks. While we applaud this Commission's work on an increase in Queens landmarks i.e. Sunnyside Gardens, the most diverse borough is still far behind the designation rate of landmarks in Manhattan and Brooklyn, respectively.

According to your preliminary research report, the 1873 Ahles House is indeed an impressive Second Empire Style residence, and a rare and crucial reminder of 19th century Bayside, when it was predominantly a village of suburban villas and a plethora of farmhouses. It is also an outstanding example of Second Empire Style suburban villas, erected by prosperous entrepreneurs during the 1870s & 1880s, and retains its cubic form, dormered mansard roof, molded cornice, and hexagonal slate shingles. It maintains a charming presence, along with its mature trees.

A survivor yet a "trace" can continue to empower citywide residents. The Commission made a bold move by holding a public hearing today, so please see it through that it receives your blessing in the face of the citizens, so we and future generations can experience history first-hand, in contrast to reading about it in compromised history texts. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Michael Perlman

Rego-Forest Preservation Council, Chair (Rego Park & Forest Hills)

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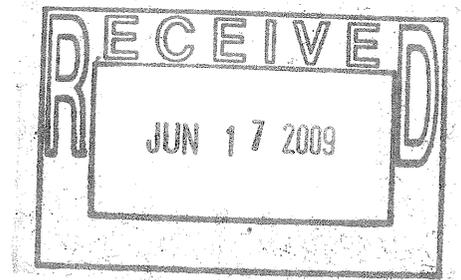


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KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK 11424-1015

June 12, 2009



Mr. Robert B. Tierney, Chairperson
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Center Street 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Re: Landmark Designation, Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House
39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Borough of Queens

Dear Chairperson Tierney:

Please accept this letter of support for the landmark designation for the Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House.

Constructed about 1873 by farmer Robert M. Bell for his daughter Lydia, it is thought to be one of the oldest homes still surviving in Bayside. It is a rare example of a Second Empire Style home that dominated the area when Bayside was a village of suburban villas and substantial farmhouses.

While some changes have occurred over the years, it still retains the cubic form and dormered mansard roof typical of the Second Empire Style as well as details like the molded cornice and hexagonal slate shingles. Let us insure through a landmark designation, that it survives for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Sincerely yours,

Helen M. Marshall
Queens Borough President

NEW YORK
STATE
SENATE

ALBANY, NEW YORK 12247



FRANK PADAVAN

SENATOR, 11TH DISTRICT
ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER
FOR CONFERENCE OPERATIONS

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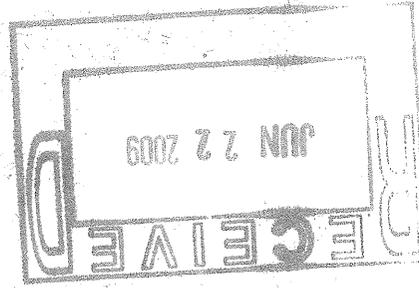
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June 18, 2009

Commissioner Robert Tierney
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007



Dear Commissioner Tierney:

It has come to my attention that the Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House located at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street in Bayside, Queens is under consideration to be designated as a New York City Landmark.

The Ahles house is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside. It was built by Robert M. Bell, whom Bell Boulevard is named after, for his daughter Lydia Ann Bell and her Husband J. William Ahles and it is an extremely important part of Bayside's History. In 1915, in J. William Ahles obituary, the home was referred to as "one of the showplaces" of the entire town of Bayside. This home needs to be preserved so that future generations of Bayside residents can get a glimpse into what their town was like in the past.

It is with this information that I give my full support for this location to be landmarked and thus preserved for future prosperity.

Sincerely,

Frank Padavan
State Senator

FP: esg

C: Bayside Historical Society



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KATE DALY
Executive Director

May 22, 2009

Honorable Helen M. Marshall
Borough President of Queens
120-55 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, New York 11424

Re: LYDIA ANN BELL AND WILLIAM J. AHLES HOUSE, 39-24 to 39-26 213th
Street, Borough of Queens

Dear Borough President Marshall:

In accordance with Section 25-313 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that a *public hearing* regarding the proposed landmark and landmark site will be held on **Tuesday, June 23, 2009**, in the Public Meeting Room at the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North, New York. Please note that a government-issued form of identification is required to enter the Municipal Building. You and/or your representative are invited to attend the hearing to present information or testimony relating to the proposed designations. A brief description of the proposed landmark is enclosed.

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Sincerely,

Kate Daly

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cc: Robert Tierney, Chair



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Honorable Gary Ackerman
United States Congress
218-14 Northern Boulevard
Bayside, New York 11361

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Honorable Steve Newman
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Queens Community Board No. 11
46-21 Little Neck Parkway
Little Neck, New York 11362

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Honorable Frank Padavan
New York State Senate
150-26 14th Avenue
Whitestone, New York 11357

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Honorable Ann Margaret Carrozza
New York State Assembly
213-33 39th Avenue
Bayside, New York 11361

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Sincerely,

Kate Daly

KD:lrs

cc: Robert Tierney, Chair



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KATE DALY
Executive Director

May 22, 2009

Honorable Tony Avella
City Council
38-50 Bell Boulevard, Ste. C
Bayside, New York 11361

Re: LYDIA ANN BELL AND WILLIAM J. AHLES HOUSE, 39-24 to 39-26 213th
Street, Borough of Queens

Dear Councilman Avella:

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cc: Robert Tierney, Chair
Alonzo Carr
Michael Casertano

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Function 1 - Geographic Information by Address

Address Number (if any): 39-24
Street Name / Place Name: 213 st
Select Borough: Queens

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Geographic Information for 39-24 213 STREET in QUEENS

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Geographic Information:

Orientation: Address is on the right when facing from 39 AVENUE to 41 AVENUE.	
Zip Code: 11361	Community District: 411
2000 Census Tract: 1123	X / Y Coordinates: 1047241 / 217994
2000 Census Block: 2009	Low House Number: 39-00
1990 Census Tract: 1123	High House Number: 40-98
Dynamic Block: 208	Segment ID / Length: 0098238 / 607
LION Face Code: 6934	Street Code: 2649001010
LION Sequence Number: 01070	Preferred LGC: 01
Low End Cross Streets: 409140 39 AVENUE	High End Cross Streets: 409540 41 AVENUE

City Service Information:

Police Borough Command: 6	Sanitation District / Section: 411 / 112
Police Precinct: 111	Sanitation Subsection: 2C
Fire Division: 14	Regular Sanitation Pick-Up: MTH
Fire Battalion: 53	Recycling Sanitation Pick-Up: ETH
Fire Company: E 306	DOT Street Light Area: 4
Health Area: 2110	School District: 26
Health Center District: 43	CD Eligibility: Ineligible

Political Information:

Congressional District: 5	Senatorial District: 11
Civil Court District: 6	City Council District: 19
Assembly District: 26	Election District: 56



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39-24 213 STREET
213 STREET

39-24 - 39-26

QUEENS 11361

Health Area : 2110
Census Tract : 1123
Community Board : 411
Buildings on Lot : 2

BIN# 4137527

Tax Block : 6236
Tax Lot : 18
Condo : NO
Vacant : NO

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Cross Street(s): 39 AVENUE, 41 AVENUE

DOB Special Place Name:

DOB Building Remarks:

Landmark Status:

Special Status: N/A

Local Law: NO

Loft Law: NO

SRO Restricted: NO

TA Restricted: NO

UB Restricted: NO

Little 'E' Restricted: N/A

Grandfathered Sign: NO

Legal Adult Use: NO

City Owned: NO

Additional BINs for Building: 4863958

Special District: NONE

Department of Finance Building Classification:

B2-2 FAMILY DWELLING

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	Total	Open
Complaints	0	0
Violations-DOB	0	0
Violations-ECB (DOB)	0	0
Jobs/Filings	0	
ARA / LAA Jobs	0	
Total Jobs	0	
Actions	6	

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KATE DALY
Executive Director

May 22, 2009

Robert Rubin
39-26 213th Street
Bayside, New York 11361

Re: LYDIA ANN BELL and J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE, 39-24 to
-26 213th Street, Queens
Landmark Site: Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 6236, Lot 18

Dear Mr. Rubin:

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KD:lrs

cc: Robert Tierney, Chair
Jordan Most, Esq.

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Lorraine Roach-Steele

From: Lorraine Roach-Steele
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Megan Schmitt
Subject: RE: June 23

Thanks A LOT, Megan.

-----Original Message-----

From: Megan Schmitt
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 3:20 PM
To: Lorraine Roach-Steele
Subject: RE: June 23

Hello Lorraine! Sorry that I did not get to this yesterday. Here is the owner info you requested...

177 West Broadway
Shiloh Company, LLC
177 W. Broadway
New York, NY 10013-2921

57 Sullivan Street
Mr. Robert W. Coulter
Ms. Elise Kanda
57 Sullivan Street
New York, NY 10012-4306

145 8th Avenue
Robert Chisholm
145 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10011

145 8th Avenue
Tracking down this owner information has been very difficult....I have the following and cannot confirm the accuracy of either

Iahovos Inc.
147 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10011

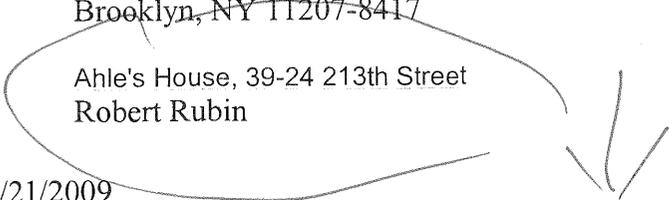
and also

Iahovos Inc.
4208 28th Avenue
Astoria, NY 11103-2802

311 Broadway
311 Broadway LLC
1000 Pennsylvania Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207-8417

Ahle's House, 39-24 213th Street
Robert Rubin

4/21/2009



39-26 213th Street
Bayside, NY 11361

From: Lorraine Roach-Steele
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 11:28 AM
To: Megan Schmitt
Subject: June 23

Hi Megan,

Please - WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE – see if you have the owner information for the following:

- 311 Broadway
- 57 Sullivan
- 145 8th Avenue
- 147 8th Avenue
- 177 West Broadway

Thanks
Lorraine



NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009
PUBLIC HEARING and PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

TIME: 9:30 – 9:50 AM PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 1 LP-2329 STAFF: O.K.	<u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u> <u>EDITH ANDREWS LOGAN RESIDENCE</u> , 17 West 56 th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1272, Lot 25
TIME: 9:50 – 10:10 AM PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 2 LP-2330 STAFF: M.B.B.	<u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u> <u>E. HAYWARD FERRY RESIDENCE</u> , 26 West 56 th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1271, Lot 54
TIME: 10:10 – 10:30 AM PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 3 LP-2326 STAFF: M. S. P.	<u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u> <u>MIDDLETON S. and EMILIE NEILSON BURRILL HOUSE</u> , 36 East 38 th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 867, Lot 45
TIME: 10:30 – 10:45 AM PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 4 LP-2320 STAFF: D.P.	<u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u> <u>MOUNT OLIVE FIRE BAPTIZED HOLINESS CHURCH (FORMER SECOND REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)</u> , 308 West 122 nd Street (aka 304-308 West 122 nd Street), Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1948, Lot 41

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

<p>TIME: 12:30 – 12:45 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC MEETING ITEM NO. 3 LP-2310</p> <p>STAFF: M.B.B.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND</u></p> <p><u>CAPTAIN ABRAM & ANN DISSOSWAY COLE HOUSE</u>, 4927 Arthur Kill Road, Staten Island. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Staten Island Tax Map Block 7632, Lot 6</p>
<p>TIME: 12:45 – 1:00 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC MEETING ITEM NO. 4 LP-2311</p> <p>STAFF: J.S.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF THE BRONX</u></p> <p><u>NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN MUSEUM (NOW LIBRARY) BUILDING, FOUNTAIN OF LIFE, AND TULIP TREE ALLEE</u>, Watson Drive and Garden Way, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, the Bronx. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of the Bronx Tax Map 3272, Lot 1 in part, consisting of the property bounded by a line that corresponds to the outermost edges of the rear (eastern) portion of the original 1898-1901 Museum (now Library) Building (excluding the International Plant Science Center, Harriet Barnes Pratt Library Wing, and Jeannette Kittredge Watson Science and Education Building), the southernmost edge of the original Museum (now Library) Building (excluding the Annex) and a line extending southwesterly to Garden Way, the eastern curbline of Garden Way to a point on a line extending southwesterly from the northernmost edge of the original Museum (now Library) Building, and northeasterly along said line and the northernmost edge of the original Museum (now Library) Building, to the point of beginning.</p>

LUNCH 1:00 – 1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION - Continued

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

<p>TIME: 1:30 – 1:45 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 7 LP-2280</p> <p>STAFF: T.H.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN</u></p> <p><u>WILLIAM ULMER BREWERY</u>, 31 Belvedere Street; 26-28 Locust Street; 71 Beaver Street (aka 71-83 Beaver Street), Brooklyn. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Brooklyn Tax Map Block 3135, Lots 34, 16, 27</p>
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<p>TIME: 2:15 – 2:45 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 9 LP-2334</p> <p>STAFF: M.S.P.</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED OCEAN ON THE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT</u> Borough of Brooklyn Boundary Description The proposed Ocean on the Park Historic District is bounded by a line beginning at a point on the eastern curbline of Ocean Avenue on a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 211 Ocean Avenue, easterly along said line and the southern property line of 211 Ocean Avenue, northerly along the eastern property lines of Nos. 211 through 189 Ocean Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 189 Ocean Avenue to the eastern curbline of Ocean Avenue, and southerly along the eastern curbline of Ocean Avenue, to the point of beginning.</p>
<p>TIME: 2:45 – 3:15 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 10 LP-2335</p> <p>STAFF: J.M.</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED AUDUBON PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT</u> Borough of Manhattan Boundary Description The (proposed) Audubon Park Historic District consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the southern curbline of West 156th Street and the western curbline of Broadway, extending northerly across West 156th Street and continuing northwesterly along the southwestern curbline of Edward M. Morgan Place to its intersection with the southeastern curbline of Riverside Drive, continuing northeasterly across Edward M. Morgan Place to the intersection of the northeastern curbline of Edward M. Morgan Place with the southern curbline of West 158th Street, easterly along the southern curbline of West 158th Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 609 West 158th Street, northerly across the roadbed and along said property line to the northern property line of 609 West 158th Street, westerly along said property line and the northern property line of 611 West 158th Street (aka 810 Riverside Drive) to the western property line of 611 West 158th Street (aka 810 Riverside Drive), southerly along said property line to the northern curbline of West 158th Street, westerly across Riverside Drive and along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 807 Riverside Drive (aka 620-624 West 158th Street), southerly across the roadbed and along said property line to the northern property line of 801 Riverside Drive, westerly along a portion of said property line to the western property line of 801 Riverside Drive, southerly along a portion of said property line to the northern property line of 779 Riverside Drive (aka 779-789 Riverside Drive), westerly along said property line to the western property line of 779 Riverside Drive (aka 779-789 Riverside Drive), southerly along said property line to the northern property line of 773 Riverside Drive (aka 773-777 Riverside Drive), westerly along a portion of said property line and along the northern property line of Manhattan Tax Map Block 2134 Lot 250 to the northeastern curbline of Riverside Drive West, southeasterly and easterly along said curbline, continuing easterly along the southern curbline of Riverside Drive, easterly across Riverside Drive to the eastern curbline of Riverside Drive, southerly along said curbline to its intersection with the northern curbline of West 155th Street, easterly</p>

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION - Continued

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

<p>TIME: 3:30 – 4:00 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 11 LP-2328</p> <p>STAFF: J.S.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u></p> <p><u>ASCHENBROEDEL VEREIN (LATER GESANGVEREIN SCHILLER BUND/ NOW LaMAMA EXPERIMENTAL THEATER CLUB BUILDING), 74 East 4th Street, Manhattan</u></p> <p><i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 459, Lot 23</p>
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	along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 780 Riverside Drive (aka 780-784 Riverside Drive; 635-639 West 155 th Street), northerly along said property line and along the eastern property line of 788 Riverside Drive (aka 786-788 Riverside Drive; 640-642 West 156 th Street) to the southern curbline of West 156 th Street, easterly along said curbline to the point of the beginning.
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PUBLIC MEETING SESSION - Continued

ITEMS TO BE CALENDARED

<p>TIME: 3:15 – 3:20 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC MEETING ITEM NO. 5 LP-2339</p> <p>STAFF: J.M.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF THE BRONX</u></p> <p><u>PROPOSED PERRY AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT</u> <i>Boundary Description</i></p> <p>The (proposed) Perry Avenue Historic District consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northwestern curbline of Perry Avenue with a line extending southeasterly from the northeastern property line of 2987 Perry Avenue, northwesterly along said property line to the northwestern property line of 2987 Perry Avenue, southwestery along said property line and the property lines of 2985 through 2971 Perry Avenue to the southwestern property line of 2971 Perry Avenue, southeasterly along said property line to the northwestern curbline of Perry Avenue, northeasterly along said curbline to the point of the beginning.</p>
<p>TIME: 3:20 – 3:25 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC MEETING ITEM NO. 6 LP-2340</p> <p>STAFF: C.D.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u></p> <p><u>46 WEST 55TH STREET</u>, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1270, Lot 60</p>
<p><u>LAI D O V E R</u></p> <p>PUBLIC MEETING ITEM NO. 7 LP-2341</p> <p>STAFF: G.H.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF QUEENS</u></p> <p><u>LYDIA ANN BELL AND J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE</u>, 39-24 TO 39-26 213TH Street, Queens. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 6236, Lot 18</p>
<p>TIME: 3:25 – 3:30 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC MEETING ITEM NO. 8 LP-2342</p> <p>STAFF: G.K.</p>	<p><u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u></p> <p><u>PARAMOUNT HOTEL</u>, 235-245 West 46th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1018, Lot 6</p>

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

<p>TIME: 1:45 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 8 LP-2333</p> <p>STAFF: C.B.</p>	<p>BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN</p> <p><u>PROPOSED FILLMORE PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT</u> Borough of Brooklyn <i>Boundary Description</i></p> <p>The proposed Fillmore Place Historic District consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northern curblineline of Fillmore Place and the western curbeline of Roebling Street, continuing southerly across the roadbed of Fillmore Place and along the western curblineline of Roebling Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the southern property line of 168 Roebling Street, westerly along said line and the southern property line of 168 Roebling Street, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 30 Fillmore Place, westerly along the southern property lines of 30 through 18 Fillmore Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 16 Fillmore Place, westerly along the southern property lines of 16 through 10 Fillmore Place, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 10 Fillmore Place, westerly along the southern property line of 675 Driggs Avenue to the eastern curblineline of Driggs Avenue, northerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern curblineline of North 1st Street, westerly across the roadbed of Driggs Avenue and along the northern curblineline of North 1st Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 676 Driggs Avenue, northerly along the western property lines of 676 through 662 Driggs Avenue, easterly along the northern property line of 662 Driggs Avenue to the western curblineline of Driggs Avenue, southerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the northern property line of 667 Driggs Avenue, easterly along said line across the roadbed of Driggs Avenue and along the northern property lines of 667 Driggs Avenue and 7 Fillmore Place, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 9 Fillmore Place, easterly along the northern property lines of 9 through 21 Fillmore Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 21 Fillmore Place, easterly along the northern property line of 23 Fillmore Place, southerly along the eastern property line of 23 Fillmore Place to the northern curblineline of Fillmore Place, easterly along said curblineline to the point of the beginning.</p>
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PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

TIME: 10:45 – 11:05 AM	<u>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</u>
PUBLIC HEARING ITEM No. 5 LP-2337	<u>FORT WASHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</u> , 21 Wadsworth Avenue (aka 21-27 Wadsworth Avenue; 617-619 West 174 th Street), Manhattan.
STAFF: G.H.	<i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 2143, Lot 38 in part, consisting of the land on which the church building is situated, excluding the Sunday School.

TIME: 11:05 – 11:25 AM	<u>PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT</u>
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PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

TIME: 11:25 AM – 12:00 PM	<u>BOROUGH OF QUEENS</u>
PUBLIC HEARING ITEM No. 6 LP-2325	<u>RIDGEWOOD THEATER</u> , 55-27 Myrtle Avenue, Queens.
STAFF: V.K.	<i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 3451 Lot 7 in part

PUBLIC MEETING SESSION

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

TIME: 12:00 – 12:15 PM	<u>BOROUGH OF QUEENS</u>
PUBLIC MEETING ITEM No. 1 LP-2316	<u>JAMAICA HIGH SCHOOL</u> , 167-01 Gothic Drive, Jamaica, Queens.
STAFF: G.K.	<i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 9858, Lot 100, in part consisting of that portion of the lot south of the masonry wall that is fifteen feet north of the central wing of the school and that extends along the southern line of lot 87 across lot 100 to the point where it meets 168 th Street.
TIME: 12:15 – 12:30 PM	<u>BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND</u>
PUBLIC MEETING ITEM No. 2 LP-2221	<u>RUTAN JOURNEY HOUSE</u> , 7647 Amboy Road, Staten Island.
STAFF: M.B.B.	<i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Staten Island Tax Map Block 8050, Lot 13



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Executive Director

May 22, 2009

Honorable Amanda Burden
Chair
Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Chair Burden:

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Sincerely,

Kate Daly

KD:lrs

cc: Robert Tierney, Chair

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing/Public Meeting
June 23, 2009

**ATTACHMENT
ITEMS TO BE HEARD**

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

PROPOSED PERRY AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT, Borough of the Bronx

Boundary Description

The (proposed) Perry Avenue Historic District consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northwestern curblineline of Perry Avenue with a line extending southeasterly from the northeastern property line of 2987 Perry Avenue, northwesterly along said property line to the northwestern property line of 2987 Perry Avenue, southwesterly along said property line and the property lines of 2985 through 2971 Perry Avenue to the southwestern property line of 2971 Perry Avenue, southeasterly along said property line to the northwestern curblineline of Perry Avenue, northeasterly along said curblineline to the point of the beginning.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

46 WEST 55TH STREET, 46 West 55th Street, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1270, Lot 60

311 BROADWAY, 311 Broadway, Manhattan

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 151, Lot 31

57 SULLIVAN, 57 Sullivan Street, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 489, Lot 2

145 EIGHTH AVENUE, 145 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 741, Lot 31

147 EIGHTH AVENUE, 147 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 741, Lot 32

177 WEST BROADWAY, 177 West Broadway, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 176, Lot 16

PARAMOUNT HOTEL, 235-245 West 46th Street, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1018, Lot 6

143 ALLEN STREET, 143 Allen Street, Manhattan.

Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 415, Lot 23

(Former) RIDLEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 315 Grand Street, Manhattan.
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 308, Lot 14

(Former) RIDLEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 321 Grand Street, Manhattan.
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 308, Lot 15

97 BOWERY, 97 Bowery, Manhattan.
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 304, Lot 2

(FORMER) GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE CO., 357 Bowery, Manhattan
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 459, Lot 7

HEBREW ACTORS UNION, 31 East 7th Street, Manhattan.
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 463, Lot 42

SIRE BUILDING, 211 West 58th Street, Manhattan.
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1030, Lot 25

138 SECOND AVENUE, 138 Second Avenue, Manhattan
Landmark Site: Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 450, Lot 5

BOROUGH OF QUEENS

LYDIA ANN BELL AND J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE 39-24 TO 39-26 213TH Street,
Queens.
Landmark Site: Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 6236, Lot 18



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009
AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION
ITEMS TO BE HEARD

Time: 9:00 – 9:30 AM Public Hearing Item No. 1 LP-2339 Staff: J.M.	BOROUGH OF THE BRONX <u>Proposed PERRY AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT</u> , Borough of the Bronx <i>Boundary Description</i> The proposed Perry Avenue Historic District consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northwestern curblineline of Perry Avenue with a line extending southeasterly from the northeastern property line of 2987 Perry Avenue, northwesterly along said property line to the northwestern property line of 2987 Perry Avenue, southwesterly along said property line and the property lines of 2985 through 2971 Perry Avenue to the southwestern property line of 2971 Perry Avenue, southeasterly along said property line to the northwestern curblineline of Perry Avenue, northeasterly along said curblineline to the point of the beginning.
Time: 9:30 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing Item No. 2 LP-2341 Staff: G.H.	BOROUGH OF QUEENS <u>LYDIA ANN BELL and J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE</u> , 39-24 to 39-26 213 th Street, Queens. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Queens Tax Map Block 6236, Lot 18
Time: 10:00 – 10:20 AM Public Hearing Item No. 3 LP-2357 Staff: M.C.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>138 SECOND AVENUE HOUSE</u> , 138 Second Avenue, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 450, Lot 5
Time: 10:20 – 10:40 AM Public Hearing Item No. 4 LP-2345 Staff: T.N.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>145 EIGHTH AVENUE HOUSE</u> , 145 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 741, Lot 31

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION (Continued)
ITEMS TO BE HEARD

Time: 10:20 – 10:40 AM Public Hearing Item No. 5 LP-2346 Staff: T.N.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>147 EIGHTH AVENUE HOUSE</u> , 147 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 741, Lot 32
Time: 10:40 – 11:00 AM Public Hearing Item No. 6 LP-2350 Staff: M.S.P.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>143 ALLEN STREET HOUSE</u> , 143 Allen Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 415, Lot 23
Time: 11:00 – 11:20 AM Public Hearing Item No. 7 LP-2344 Staff: J. S.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>57 SULLIVAN STREET HOUSE</u> , 57 Sullivan Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 489, Lot 2
Time: 11:20 – 11:40 AM Public Hearing Item No. 8 LP-2347 Staff: M.C.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>177 WEST BROADWAY HOUSE</u> , 177 West Broadway, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 176, Lot 16

PUBLIC MEETING SESSION
ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

Time: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM Public Meeting No. Item 1 LP-2218 Staff: J.S.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>94 GREENWICH STREET HOUSE</u> , 94 Greenwich Street aka 14-18 Rector Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 53, Lot 41
Time: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM Public Meeting Item No. 2 LP-2219 Staff: M.B.B.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>94 ½ GREENWICH STREET HOUSE</u> , 94 ½ Greenwich Street aka 94A Greenwich Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 53, Lot 40
Time: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM Public Meeting Item No. 3 LP-2220 Staff: M.B.B.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>96 GREENWICH STREET HOUSE</u> , 96 Greenwich Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 53, Lot 39

PUBLIC MEETING SESSION (Continued)
ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

Time: 12:10 – 12:30 pm

Public Meeting Item No. 4
LP-2314

Staff: C.D. and M.C.

PROPOSED PROSPECT HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The proposed Prospect Heights Historic District consists of the properties bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of Underhill Avenue and Prospect Place, extending southerly along the western curbline of Underhill Avenue to a point in said curbline formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the northern property line of 349-351 Park Place, aka 147-151 Underhill Avenue (Block 1160, Lot 1), easterly across Underhill Avenue and along said property line, northerly along the western property line of 369 Park Place, easterly along the northern Property lines of 369 to 411 Park Place and a portion of the northern property line of 413 Park Place, easterly along the angled northern property lines of 413 to 421 Park Place, southerly along the eastern property line of 421 Park Place across Park Place to its southern curbline, easterly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 426 Park Place, southerly along said property line, easterly along the northern property lines of 423 to 429 Sterling Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 429 Sterling Place, easterly along the northern property line of 431 Sterling Place, southerly along the eastern property line of 431 Sterling Place, across Sterling Place to its southern curbline, easterly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 446 Sterling Place, southerly along said property line, westerly along the southern property lines of 446 to 364 Sterling Place, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 364 Sterling Place, westerly along the southern property line of 346 Sterling Place, aka 185 Underhill Avenue and across Underhill Avenue to its western curbline, southerly along said curbline to the northwest corner of Underhill Avenue and St. John's Place, westerly along the northern curbline of St. John's Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 323 St. John's Place, aka 200 Underhill Avenue, northerly along the angled property lines of 323 St. John's Place, aka 200 Underhill Avenue, and 198 to 188 Underhill Avenue, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 188 Underhill Avenue, northerly along the western property lines of 186 Underhill Avenue (aka 186A Underhill Avenue) to 176 Underhill Avenue, aka 340-344 Sterling Place, and across Sterling Place to its northern curbline, westerly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly across Sterling Place from a portion of the eastern property line of 288 Sterling Place, aka 29 Butler Place, southerly across Sterling Place and said property line, following its eastward angle to the northern curbline of Butler Place, westerly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from a portion of the western property line of 286 Sterling Place, aka 27 Butler Place, northerly along said property line, westerly along the angled southern property lines of 284 and 282 Sterling Place, continuing westerly along the southern property lines of 280 to 276 Sterling Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 274 Sterling Place, westerly along the southern property line of 274 Sterling Place, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 274 Sterling Place, westerly along the southern property line of 272 Sterling Place and the angled southern property lines of 270 and 268 Sterling Place, northerly along the western property line of 268 Sterling Place and across Sterling Place to its northern curbline, westerly along said curbline to the northeast corner of Sterling Place and Vanderbilt Avenue, northerly along the eastern curbline of Vanderbilt Avenue and across Park Place to a point in said curbline formed by its intersection with a line extending eastward from the southern property line of 630A Vanderbilt Avenue, westerly across Vanderbilt Avenue and along said property line, southerly along a

portion of the eastern property line of 210A-220 Prospect Place and the eastern property line of 233-235 Park Place, across Park Place and continuing southerly along the eastern property line of 248 Park Place, westerly along the southern property line of 248 Park Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 226-246 Park Place, westerly along the southern property line of 226-246 Park Place, southerly along the eastern property line of 213 Sterling Place to the northern curblines of Sterling Place, westerly along said curblines, northerly along the eastern curblines of Flatbush Avenue, easterly along the northern property line of 375 Flatbush Avenue, easterly along the northern property lines of 375 Flatbush Avenue and 183 to 187 Sterling Place, northerly along portions of the western property lines of 189-191 Sterling Place and 200 Park Place, westerly along a portion of the southern property line of 200 Park Place and the southern property lines of 196 to 188 Park Place and the angled southern property lines of 186 to 180 Park Place, northerly along the western property line of 180 Park Place and across Park Place to its northern curblines, westerly along said curblines, northerly along the eastern curblines of Carlton Avenue to a point in said curblines formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the southern property line of 632A Carlton Avenue, westerly across Carlton Avenue and along said property line to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 632 Carlton Avenue, northerly along said line and the western property line of 632 Carlton Avenue, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 632 Carlton Avenue, northerly along the western property lines of 628-630 and 626 Carlton Avenue, westerly along the angled southern property lines of 140 and 138 Prospect Place, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 138 Prospect Place, westerly along the southern property line of 321 Flatbush Avenue to the eastern curblines of Flatbush Avenue, northerly along the eastern curblines of Flatbush Avenue to the northern curblines of Prospect Place, westerly along said curblines to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southward from the western property line of 115 Prospect Place, northerly along said property line and the angled western property lines of 112 to 102 St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the southern property line of 283 Flatbush Avenue to the eastern curblines of Flatbush Avenue, northerly along said curblines to the northern curblines of St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the northern curblines of Saint Mark's Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southward from the western property line of 75 St. Mark's Avenue, northerly along said property line, easterly along the northern property line of 75 St. Mark's Avenue, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 77 St. Mark's Avenue, easterly along the northern property lines of 77 to 107 St. Mark's Avenue and a portion of the northern property line of 109 St. Mark's Avenue, northerly along the western property line of Block 1143, Lot 140 (an interior lot), westerly along a portion of the southern property line of 538 Bergen Street and the southern property lines of 536 and 534 Bergen Street, northerly along the western property line of 534 Bergen Street and across Bergen Street to the northern curblines of Bergen Street, westerly along said curblines to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southward from the western property line of 531 Bergen Street, northerly along said property line, easterly along the northern property lines of 531 to 535 Bergen Street and a portion of the northern property line of 537 Bergen Street, northerly along the western property line of 546 Dean Street to the southern curblines of Dean Street, easterly along the southern curblines of Dean Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 536 Carlton Avenue, aka 561-565 Dean Street, northerly across Dean Street and along the western property lines of 536 to 522 Carlton Avenue, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 522 Carlton Avenue, northerly along the western property lines of 520 to 516 Carlton Avenue, aka 734-738 Pacific Street, to the southern curblines of Pacific Street, easterly along said curblines to the southwest corner of Pacific Street and Carlton Avenue, southerly along the western curblines of Carlton Avenue and across Dean Street to the southwest corner of Dean Street and Carlton Avenue, easterly across Carlton Avenue and along the southern curblines of Dean Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 555 Carlton Avenue, aka 574 Dean Street, southerly along the eastern property lines of 555 to 565A Carlton Avenue and a portion of the eastern property line of 567 Carlton Avenue, easterly along the northern property lines of 573 to 585 Bergen Street, southerly along the eastern property line of 585 Bergen Street and across Bergen Street to the southern curblines of Bergen Street, easterly along said curblines to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southward and across Bergen Street from the western property line of 570 Vanderbilt Avenue, aka 635 Bergen Street, northerly across Bergen Street and along the western property lines of 570 to 566 Vanderbilt Avenue and a portion of the western property line of 564 Vanderbilt Avenue, westerly along a portion of the southern property line of 564 Vanderbilt Avenue, northerly along portions of the western property lines of 564 and 560 Vanderbilt Avenue, easterly along a

portion of the northern property line of 560 Vanderbilt Avenue, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 560 Vanderbilt Avenue and the western property lines of 558 to 552 Vanderbilt Avenue, aka 662 Dean Street to the southern curbline of Dean Street, easterly along said curbline and across Vanderbilt Avenue to the southeast corner of Vanderbilt Avenue and Dean Street, northerly across Dean Street and along the eastern curbline of Vanderbilt Avenue to the southeast corner of Vanderbilt Avenue and Pacific Street, easterly along the southern curbline of Pacific Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northward from the eastern property line of 565 Vanderbilt Avenue, aka 820-826 Pacific Street, southerly along the eastern property lines of 565 to 583 Vanderbilt Avenue and across Dean Street to its southern curbline, easterly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northward from the eastern property line of 680 Dean Street, southerly along the eastern property line of 680 Dean Street and the angled eastern property line of 589 Vanderbilt Avenue, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 591 Vanderbilt Avenue, southerly along the eastern property line of 591 Vanderbilt Avenue and a portion of the eastern property line of 593 Vanderbilt Avenue, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 593 Vanderbilt Avenue, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 593 Vanderbilt Avenue and the eastern property lines of 593½ to 601 Vanderbilt Avenue, aka 651 Bergen Street, continuing southerly across Bergen Street to its southern curbline, westerly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 603 Vanderbilt Avenue, aka 640 Bergen Street, southerly along the eastern property lines of 603 to 623 Vanderbilt Avenue to the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along said curbline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly and across St. Mark's Avenue from the eastern property line of 625 Vanderbilt Avenue, aka 236 St. Mark's Avenue, southerly across St. Mark's Avenue and along the eastern property lines of 625 to 633 Vanderbilt Avenue and a portion of the eastern property line of 635 Vanderbilt Avenue, easterly along the northern property lines of 239 to 277 Prospect Place, northerly along a portion of the western property line of 281 Prospect Place, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 281 Prospect Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 281 Prospect Place, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 281 Prospect Place and the northern property lines of 287 and 289 Prospect Place, southerly along the angled portion of the eastern property lines of 289 and 291 Prospect Place, easterly along the angled northern property lines of 293 to 297 Prospect Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 297 Prospect Place, easterly along the northern property lines of 299 to 307 Prospect Place, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 307 Prospect Place, easterly along the northern property line of 309 Prospect Place, southerly along the eastern property line of 309 Prospect Place and across Prospect Place to its southern curbline, and easterly along said curbline to the point of the beginning.

<p>Time: 12:30 – 12:40 PM</p> <p>Public Meeting Item No. 5 LP-2327</p> <p>Staff: C.B.</p>	<p>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</p> <p><u>JOHN PEIRCE RESIDENCE</u>, 11 East 51st Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1287, Lot 10</p>
<p>Time: 12:40 – 12:50 PM</p> <p>Public Meeting Item No. 6 LP-2320</p> <p>Staff: D.P.</p>	<p>BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN</p> <p><u>MOUNT OLIVE FIRE BAPTIZED HOLINESS CHURCH (Former Second Reformed Presbyterian Church)</u>, 308 West 122nd Street (aka 304-308 West 122nd Street) <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1948, Lot 41</p>

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE COMMISSION'S CALENDAR

Time: 3:45 – 4:15 PM Public Meeting Item No. 11 LP-2369 Staff: M.C.	BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND <u>STATEN ISLAND ARMORY</u> , 321 Manor Road, Staten Island <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Staten Island Tax Map Block 332, Lot 4 in part
Time: 3:45 – 4:15 PM Public Meeting Item No. 12 LP-2370 Staff: T.N.	BOROUGH OF THE BRONX <u>DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK</u> , 2792 Third Avenue (aka 495 Willis Avenue) Borough of the Bronx Tax Map Block 2307, Lot 54

	LUNCHEON BREAK – 12:50 – 1:20 PM	
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PUBLIC HEARING SESSION
ITEMS TO BE HEARD

Time: 1:20 – 1:40 PM Public Hearing Item No. 9 LP-2342 Staff: M.C. for G.K.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>PARAMOUNT HOTEL</u> , 235-245 West 46 th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1018, Lot 6
Time: 1:40 – 1:55 PM Public Hearing Item No. 10 LP-2359 Staff: T.N.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>SIRE BUILDING</u> , 211 West 58 th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1030, Lot 25
Time: 1:55 – 2:10 PM Public Hearing Item No. 11 LP-2356 Staff: M.S.P. for G.K.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>HEBREW ACTORS' UNION</u> , 31 East 7 th Street, Manhattan <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 463, Lot 42

Time: 2:25 – 2:40 PM Public Hearing Item No. 12 LP-2354 Staff: M.C.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>(Former) GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING</u> , 357 Bowery, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 459, Lot 7
Time: 2:10 – 2:25 PM Public Hearing Item No. 13 LP-2353 Staff: D.P.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>97 BOWERY BUILDING</u> , 97 Bowery, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 304, Lot 200
Time: 2:40 – 2:55 PM Public Hearing Item No. 14 LP-2343 Staff: C.B.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>311 BROADWAY BUILDING</u> , 311 Broadway, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 151, Lot 31
Time: 2:55 – 3:15 PM Public Hearing Item No. 15 LP-2351 Staff: M.P.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>RIDLEY & SONS DEPARTMENT STORE</u> , 315-317 Grand Street, aka 66-68 Allen Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 308, Lot 14
Time: 2:55 – 3:15 PM Public Hearing Item No. 16 LP-2352 Staff: M.P.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>RIDLEY & SONS DEPARTMENT STORE</u> , 319-321 Grand Street, aka 65 Orchard Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 308, Lot 15
Time: 3:15 – 3:30 Public Hearing Item No. 17 LP-2363 Staff: T.N. for G.K.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>(Former) JARMULOWSKY BANK</u> , 54 Canal Street aka 54-58 Canal Street; 5-9 Orchard Street, Manhattan <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 294, Lot 8
Time: 3:30 – 3:45 PM Public Hearing Item No. 18 LP-2340 Staff: C.D.	BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN <u>46 WEST 55TH STREET HOUSE</u> , 46 West 55 th Street, Manhattan. <i>Landmark Site:</i> Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 1270, Lot 60

PUBLIC MEETING SESSION
ITEMS TO BE PROPOSED FOR THE COMMISSION'S CALENDAR

Time: 3:45 – 4:15 PM

Public Meeting Item No. 13
LP-2361

Staff: O.K., M.C., C.D.
M.S.P.

PROPOSED CROWN HEIGHTS NORTH II HISTORIC DISTRICT
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The proposed Crown Heights North II Historic District consists of the properties bounded by a line beginning at the northwest corner of Block 1213 Lot 72 (1109 Bergen Street), extending southerly across Bergen Street to its southern curbline, westerly along the southern curbline of Bergen Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 1100 Bergen Street, southerly along said property line, easterly along the southern property lines of 1100 to 1108 Bergen Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1110 Bergen Street (aka 715 St. Mark's Avenue, Block 1220, Lot 19) to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southwest corner of the northern building on Lot 19, easterly along said line, the southern building line of the northern building on Lot 19, and a line extending easterly to the western property line of 1120 Bergen Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1120 Bergen Street, easterly along the southern property line of 1120 Bergen Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1130 Bergen Street and the western property line of 731 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 731-751 St. Mark's Avenue and 150 New York Avenue) and across St. Mark's Avenue to the southern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the southern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 744 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 744-748 St. Mark's Avenue), southerly along the western property line of 744 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 744-748 St. Mark's Avenue), westerly along the northern property lines of 837 to 833 Prospect Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 827 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 827 and 825 Prospect Place, northerly along eastern property line of 821-823 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 821-823 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 821-823 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 819 Prospect Place and part of the northern property line of 817 Prospect Place, northerly along part of the eastern property line of 817 Prospect Place, westerly along part of the northern property line of 817 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 815 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 815 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 809 Prospect Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 805 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 805 and 801 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 801 Prospect Place, southerly across Prospect Place to the southern curbline of Prospect Place, westerly along the southern curbline of Prospect Place to the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly along the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue to the northern curbline of Sterling Place, easterly along the northern curbline of Sterling Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 860 Sterling Place, southerly across Sterling Place and along the western property line of 860 Sterling Place, easterly along the southern property lines of 860 to 868 Sterling Place, southerly along the western property line of 857 St. John's Place, westerly along the northern property line of 853 St. John's Place, southerly along the western property line of 853 St. John's Place to its intersection with the northern curbline of St. John's Place, easterly along the northern curbline of St. John's Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 856 St. John's Place, southerly across St. John's Place and along the western property lines of 856 St. John's Place and 799 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 797 to 787 Lincoln Place (aka 767B-775 Nostrand Avenue) to the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly along the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly across Lincoln Place, southerly along the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue to the northern curbline of Eastern Parkway, easterly along the northern curbline of Eastern Parkway, easterly across New York Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 299 New York Avenue (aka 619 Eastern Parkway), northerly along the eastern property lines of 299 (aka 619 Eastern Parkway) to 291 New York Avenue, easterly along the southern property lines of 884 to 932 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 276 Brooklyn Avenue, easterly along the southern property line of 276 Brooklyn Avenue to the western curbline of Brooklyn Avenue, northerly along the western curbline of Brooklyn Avenue across Lincoln Place, St. John's Place, Sterling Place, and Park Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern property line of 186 Brooklyn Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 186 Brooklyn Avenue, southerly along the western property line of 186 Brooklyn Avenue, westerly along the northern property lines of 979 and 975 Park Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 963-973 Park Place and 940 Prospect Place, northerly across Prospect Place to the northern curbline of Prospect Place, westerly along the northern curbline of Prospect Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 895-905 Prospect

Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), northerly along part of the eastern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), easterly along part of the southern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), northerly along part of the eastern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), northerly across St. Mark's Avenue to the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 777-785 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 1180 Bergen Street), northerly along the eastern property line of 777-785 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 1180 Bergen Street) to the southern curbline of Bergen Street, westerly along the southern curbline of Bergen Street to the eastern curbline of New York Avenue, northerly along the eastern curbline of New York Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern property line of 110 New York Avenue (aka 110-120 New York Avenue and aka 1145-1155 Bergen Street), westerly across New York Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 110 New York Avenue (aka 110-120 New York Avenue and aka 1145-1155 Bergen Street), westerly along the northern property lines of 1141 to 1131 Bergen Street, southerly along the western property line of 1131 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1127 to 1121 Bergen Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1119 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property line of 1119 Bergen Street, southerly along the western property line of 1119 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1117 to 1109 Bergen Street, to the point of beginning.

Time: 3:45 – 4:15 PM

Public Meeting Item No. 14
LP-2362

Staff: D.P.

PROPOSED SOHO-CAST IRON HISTORIC DISTRICT EXTENSION
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Area 1: The proposed Soho-Cast Iron Historic District Extension consists of the properties bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of West Broadway and West Houston Street, then extending westerly along the southern curbline of West Houston Street, southerly along the western property lines of 482 and 480 West Broadway, westerly along the northern property line of 474-478 West Broadway (aka 146 Thompson Street) to the eastern curbline of Thompson Street, southerly along the eastern curbline of Thompson Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from a part of the southern property line of 468-472 West Broadway (aka 138-150 Thompson Street), easterly along a portion of the southern property line of 468-472 West Broadway (aka 138-150 Thompson Street), southerly along the western property lines of 460 to 454 West Broadway and 157 Prince Street to the northern curbline of Prince Street, easterly along the northern curbline of Prince Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 150-154 Prince Street (aka 436-442 West Broadway), southerly across Prince Street and along the western property line of 150-154 Prince Street (aka 436-442 West Broadway), westerly along the northern property line of 430-436 West Broadway, southerly along the western property line of 430-436 West Broadway, westerly along the northern property line of 426-428 West Broadway (aka 102-104 Thompson Street) to the eastern curbline of Thompson Street, southerly along the eastern curbline of Thompson Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 426-428 West Broadway (aka 102-104 Thompson Street), easterly along the southern property line of 426-428 West Broadway (aka 102-104 Thompson Street), southerly along the western property lines of 424 and 422 West Broadway, westerly along the northern property line of 418-420 West Broadway (aka 94-96 Thompson Street) to the eastern curbline of Thompson Street, southerly along the eastern curbline of Thompson Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 418-420 West Broadway (aka 94-96 Thompson Street), easterly along the southern property line of 418-420 West Broadway (aka 94-96 Thompson Street), southerly along the western property lines of 414-416 West Broadway and 169 Spring Street to the northern curbline of Spring Street, easterly along the northern curbline of Spring Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 166 Spring Street (aka 402-404 West Broadway), southerly across Spring Street and along the western property line of 166 Spring Street (aka 402-404 West Broadway), westerly

along the northern property line of 400 West Broadway, southerly along the western property lines of 400 to 390 West Broadway, easterly along the southern property line of 390 West Broadway, southerly along the western property lines of 386-388 to 378-380 West Broadway and a portion of the western property line of 372-376 West Broadway (aka 504-506 Broome Street), easterly along a portion of the southern property line of 372-376 West Broadway (aka 504-506 Broome Street), southerly along a portion of the western property line of 372-376 West Broadway (aka 504-506 Broome Street) and across Broome Street (Watts Street) to the southern curblineline of Broome Street (Watts Street), westerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 505 Broome Street (aka 366-368 West Broadway and 1-3 Watts Street), southerly along the western property line of 505 Broome Street (aka 366-368 West Broadway and 1-3 Watts Street), westerly along a portion of the northern property line of 362-364 West Broadway, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 362-364 West Broadway, westerly along a portion of the northern property line of 362-364 West Broadway, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 362-364 West Broadway, easterly along the southern property line of 362-364 West Broadway to the centerline of West Broadway, northerly along the centerline of West Broadway to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the southern curblineline of West Houston Street, then westerly to the point of the beginning.

Area 2: The proposed Soho-Cast Iron Historic District Extension consists of the properties bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of Lafayette Street and East Houston Street, then extending southerly along the western curblineline of Lafayette Street, across Prince Street and following the curve of Lafayette Street to the northwest corner of Lafayette Street and Spring Street, westerly along the northern curblineline of Spring Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 72-78 Spring Street (aka 65-71 Crosby Street), southerly across Spring Street and along the eastern property line of 72-78 Spring Street (aka 65-71 Crosby Street) and a portion of the eastern property line of 61-63 Crosby Street, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 61-63 Crosby Street, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 61-63 Crosby Street, westerly along the southern property line of 61-63 Crosby Street, southerly along the eastern property lines of 59 to 44-47 Crosby Street, easterly along the northerly property line of 416-422 Broome Street (aka 202 Lafayette Street) to the western curblineline of Lafayette Street, northerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern curblineline of Kenmare Street, easterly across Lafayette Street and along the southern curblineline of Kenmare Street to the southwest corner of Kenmare Street and Cleveland Place, southerly along the western curblineline of Cleveland Place, across Broome Street, and continuing southerly along the western curblineline of Centre Street to the northwest corner of Centre Street and Grand Street, westerly along the northern curblineline of Grand Street and across Lafayette Street to the northwest corner of Grand Street and Lafayette Street, southerly across Grand Street and along the western curblineline of Lafayette Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the southern property line of 158-164 Lafayette Street (aka 151 Grand Street), westerly along the southern property line of 158-164 Lafayette Street (aka 151 Grand Street), southerly along the eastern property lines of 13-17 to 1 Crosby Street (aka 28 Howard Street), across Howard Street and continuing southerly along the eastern property line of 19 Howard Street and a portion of the eastern property line of 21-23 Howard Street (aka 261-267 Canal Street, easterly along a portion of the northern property line 257 Canal Street, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 257 Canal Street, easterly along a portion of the northern property line of 257 Canal Street and the northern property line of 255 Canal Street, southerly along the eastern property line of 255 Canal Street to the centerline of Canal Street, westerly along the centerline of Canal Street to the centerline of Broadway, northerly along the centerline of Broadway to the centerline of Howard Street, easterly along the centerline of Howard Street to the centerline of Crosby Street, northerly along the centerline of Crosby Street to the southeast corner of Crosby Street and East Houston Street, easterly along the southern curblineline of East Houston Street to the point of the beginning.

PROPOSED GREENWICH VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT EXTENSION II
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

Time: 3:45 – 4:15 PM

Public Meeting Item No. 15
LP-2366

Staff: O.K., G.K., M.S.P.

Boundary Description

Area I of the Proposed Greenwich Village Historic District Extension II consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the northwest corner of West Houston Street and Sixth Avenue, extending northeasterly along the western curbline of Sixth Avenue to a point in the middle of the roadbed of West 4th Street, northwesterly along a line in the middle of the roadbed of West 4th Street to a point on a line extending northeasterly from the northern property line of 180 West 4th Street (aka 180-184 West 4th Street and 1-3 Jones Street), southwesterly along said line and the northern property lines of 180 West 4th Street (aka 180-184 West 4th Street and 1-3 Jones Street) through 287 Bleecker Street, southwesterly to a point in the middle of the roadbed of Seventh Avenue South, southwesterly along a line in the middle of the roadbed of Seventh Avenue South to a point on a line extending northwesterly from the eastern curbline of Bedford Street, southeasterly along said line and the eastern curbline of Bedford Street to the southeastern corner of Leroy and Bedford Streets, southwesterly along the southern curbline of Leroy Street to a point on a line extending northwesterly from the western property line of 42 Leroy Street, southeasterly along said line and the western property line of 42 Leroy Street, northeasterly along the southern property lines of 42 Leroy Street and 45 Bedford Street (aka 40 Leroy Street) to the eastern curbline of Bedford Street, southeasterly along the eastern curbline of Bedford Street to the southeastern corner of Carmine and Bedford Streets, southwesterly along the southern curbline of Carmine Street to a point on a line extending northwesterly from the western property line of 60 Carmine Street (aka 60-64 Carmine Street and 37A Bedford Street), southeasterly along the said line and the western property line of 60 Carmine Street (aka 60-64 Carmine Street and 37A Bedford Street), southwesterly along part of the northern property line of 35 (aka 35-37) Bedford Street and the northern property lines of 45 (aka 45-47) Downing Street through 55 ½ (aka 55, 55 ½ and 55A) Downing Street, southeasterly along the western property line of 55 ½ (aka 55, 55 ½ and 55A) Downing Street to the southern curbline of Downing Street, northeasterly along the southern curbline of Downing Street to a point on a line extending northwesterly from the western property line of 46 (aka 46-48) Downing Street, southeasterly along said line and the western property line of 46 (aka 46-48) Downing Street, northeasterly along the southern property line of 46 (aka 46-48) Downing Street through 38 Downing Street, northwesterly along part of the eastern property line of 38 Downing Street, easterly and northeasterly along the southern property line of 17 (aka 17-19) Bedford Street to the eastern curbline of Bedford Street, southeasterly along the eastern curbline of Bedford Street and the northern curbline of West Houston Street to the point of beginning, Borough of Manhattan.

Area II of the Proposed Greenwich Village Historic District Extension II consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the northwest corner of Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue South, extending northeasterly along the western curbline of Seventh Avenue South to a point in the middle of the roadbed of Leroy Street, southwesterly along the middle of the roadbed of Leroy Street to a point on a line extending northerly from the western property line of 66 Leroy Street (aka 66-68 Leroy Street and 10-12 Seventh Avenue South), southerly along said line and part of the western property line of 66 Leroy Street (aka 66-68 Leroy Street and 10-12 Seventh Avenue South), westerly and southerly along part of the irregular northern and western property lines of 2 Seventh Avenue South (aka 2-8 Seventh Avenue South), southerly along part of the western property line of 2 Seventh Avenue South (aka 2-8 Seventh Avenue South) to the northern curbline of Clarkson Street and easterly along the northern curbline of Clarkson Street to the point of beginning, Borough of Manhattan.

PROPOSED UPPER EAST SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT EXTENSION
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

Time: 3:45 – 4:15 PM

Public Meeting Item No. 16
LP-2371

Staff: J.M., C.B.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Area I (Northern Section)

Area I of the proposed Upper East Side Historic District Extension consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the southern curblineline of East 75th Street and the eastern curblineline of Lexington Avenue, extending northerly across the roadbed of East 75th Street and along the eastern curblineline of Lexington Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the northern property line of 1061-1065 Lexington Avenue, easterly along said property line and the northern property lines of 157 through 163-173 East 75th Street to the eastern property line of 163-173 East 75th Street, southerly along said property line and across the roadbed to the southern curblineline of East 75th Street, westerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 176 East 75th Street, southerly along said property line to the southern property line of 176 East 75th Street, westerly along said property line, the southern property line of 174 East 75th Street, and a portion of the southern property line of 172 East 75th Street to the eastern property line of 151 East 74th Street, southerly along said property line and across the roadbed to the southern curblineline of East 74th Street, westerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 144 East 74th Street (aka 1031 Lexington Avenue), southerly along said property line to the northern property line of 1019-1029 Lexington Avenue (aka 145-151 East 73rd Street), easterly along a portion of said property line to the eastern property line of 1019-1029 Lexington Avenue (aka 145-151 East 73rd Street), southerly along said property line to the northern property line of 153-157 East 73rd Street, easterly along a portion of said property line to the eastern property line of 153-157 East 73rd Street, southerly along said property line to the northern curblineline of East 73rd Street, easterly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 1009-1017 Lexington Avenue (aka 150 East 73rd Street), southerly across the roadbed and along said property line to the northern property line of 153-155 East 72nd Street, easterly along a portion of said property line and along the northern property line of 157 East 72nd Street to the eastern property line of 157 East 72nd Street, southerly along said property line to the northern curblineline of East 72nd Street, westerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 164-172 East 72nd Street, southerly across the roadbed and along said property line to the southern property line of 164-172 East 72nd Street, westerly along said property line and a portion of the southern property line of 158-162 East 72nd Street, southerly along a portion of the eastern property line of 158-162 East 72nd Street, westerly along a portion of the southern property line of 158-162 East 72nd Street and along the southern property line of 993-999 Lexington Avenue (aka 150-156 East 72nd Street) to the eastern curblineline of Lexington Avenue, northerly along said curblineline and across the roadbed to the northern curblineline of East 72nd Street, westerly across the roadbed and along the northern curblineline of East 72nd Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 113-115 East 72nd Street, northerly along said property line to the northern property line of 113-115 East 72nd Street, easterly along said property line, the northern property line of 117-123 East 72nd Street, and a portion of the northern property line of 1004-1010 Lexington Avenue (aka 125-139 East 72nd Street) to the western property line of 1012 Lexington Avenue, northerly along said property line, the western property lines of 1014 through 1020 Lexington Avenue, the western property line of 1022 Lexington Avenue (aka 138-140 East 72nd Street), and across the roadbed to the northern curblineline of East 73rd Street, easterly along said curblineline to the western curblineline of Lexington Avenue, northerly along said curblineline to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the southern property line of 1032-1034 Lexington Avenue, westerly along said

property line to the western property line of 1032-1034 Lexington Avenue, northerly along said property line to the northern property line of 1032-1034 Lexington Avenue, easterly along a portion of said property line to the western property line of 142 East 74th Street (aka 1034A Lexington Avenue), northerly along said property line to the southern curblines of East 74th Street, westerly along said curblines to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 1036-1038 Lexington Avenue (aka 135-143 East 74th Street), northerly across the roadbed, along said property line, and along a portion of the western property line of 1040-1054 Lexington Avenue (aka 126-130 East 75th Street) to the southern property line of 1040-1054 Lexington Avenue (aka 126-130 East 75th Street), westerly along a portion of said property line to the western property line of 1040-1045 Lexington Avenue (aka 126-130 East 75th Street), northerly along said property line to the southern curblines of East 75th Street, easterly along said curblines and across the roadbed to the point of the beginning.

Area II (Southern Section)

Area II of the proposed Upper East Side Historic District Extension consists of the property bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northern curblines of East 63rd Street and the western curblines of Lexington Avenue, extending westerly along the northern curblines of East 63rd Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 125 East 63rd Street, northerly along said property line to the northern property line of 125 East 63rd Street, easterly along said property line to the western property line of 826-842 Lexington Avenue (aka 136 East 64th Street), northerly along a portion of said property line to the southern curblines of East 64th Street, westerly along said curblines to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the western property line of 844-854 Lexington Avenue (aka 133-135 East 64th Street), northerly across the roadbed and along said property line to the northern property line of 844-854 Lexington Avenue (aka 133-135 East 64th Street), easterly along a portion of said property line to the western property line 856 Lexington Avenue, northerly along said property line, the western property lines of 858 through 864 Lexington Avenue, and the western property line of 866 Lexington Avenue (aka 130 ½ East 65th Street), across the roadbed to the northern curblines of East 65th Street, easterly along said curblines, across the roadbed, and along said curblines to the point of its intersection with a line extending northerly from the eastern property line of 144-146 East 65th Street, southerly across the roadbed and along said property line to the southern property line of 144-146 East 65th Street, westerly along said property line and the southern property lines of 142 through 132 East 65th Street to the eastern property line of 851 Lexington Avenue, southerly along said property line, the eastern property lines of 843 through 849 Lexington Avenue, and the eastern property line of 841 Lexington Avenue (aka 155-157 East 64th Street) to the northern curblines of East 64th Street, westerly along said curblines and across the roadbed to its intersection with the western curblines of Lexington Avenue, southerly across the roadbed and along said curblines to the point of the beginning.

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June 21, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Re: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to express our support for designating the Ahles house and property at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street in Bayside, Queens as a historic landmark. This home, build around 1873, is the sole surviving home of the Bell Family and a stellar example of a Second Empire-style residence of the nineteenth century.

Both the other Bell Family homes fell to the developer's axe, along with a multitude of other historic homes in Bayside, and this residence deserves landmark status to protect it BEFORE it is sold and demolition considered.

Since the status does not prevent its owner from selling the property, nor evict anyone currently living in the home, an affirmative ruling would merely ensure that this piece of Bayside history will continue to exist in reality, not just in pictures and photos of heartbroken Bayside residents who are forced to witness the wanton destruction of our neighborhood on a daily basis by outsiders who have no ties or commitment to the community.

We have written to the Commission before, expressing support for the activities of the Bayside Historical Society and other community groups working to preserve these homes, and the response has been not to wait until demolition is imminent to act.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, we are acting and respectfully request that this home be designated a historic landmark on June 23, 2009.

Sincerely,

Carole Ann Moleti
John D. Virzi

June 21, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Bldg,
1 Centre St. 9 Floor
New York NY. 10007
Re: Ahles House Designation

In Europe there is a book published "What Our Grandchildren Will Never See."
Is that what we want to do in Bayside?

There are precious few structures remaining from the 19th Century. Let us save
what we can for the future generations.

The Ahles House is the last of the Bell houses. It is in great shape and serves the
family that lives there like it has done for many other families over the last 130+
years. It is a clear reminder to all who walk by of Bayside's wonderful past.

Do we want to leave only pictures to our children?

Please think of the future. Think of what your grandmother used to tell you about
the good old days and save this last reminder of our town's vibrant, historical past.

Hopefully submitted,

Eva Salalmon
173-51 47th Ave.
Flushing, NY 11358

June 21, 2009

Dear Chairperson Tierney,

As Vice President of Education at the Bayside Historical Society and administrator of childrens' programs, I feel I have a special incentive for supporting the landmarking of the Lydia Ann Bell and William J. Ahles House. The programs we offer to hundreds of visiting Queens students emphasize preserving the past. The youngsters are taught the value of investigating history using cherished and irreplaceable documents,, photographs and ephemera in our archives. They are taught that **the best gift for the future is the past**. Needless to say the Ahles House is a perfect example of the type of home that existed here in Bayside and illustrates attention to architectural detail. It possesses style and grace, features our children are less likely to see, as such structures are fewer and farther between. Among the many positives of having it stand proudly in this neighborhood, one can pass by and view it, as opposed to seeing examples of such homes in a textbook. The Ahles House stands as a gem in the crown of Queens.

If the youngsters we are entrusted to, witness and understand our commitment to landmark this precious architectural example, they too will grow up valuing historic character and its contributions to the place where they have their roots.

It is my hope that these students as well as myself can count on you to support the landmark designation so that it may survive for future Baysiders as well as all members of the Queens community.

Sincerely,

Denise Johnson

214-03 33rd Road

Bayside, NY 11361

June 20, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10017
RE: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

Dear Sir;

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bayside Historical Society and a resident of Bayside for 72 of my 75 years, I would like to ask you to consider Landmark status for the Ahles House on 213th Street in Bayside. Having grown up in this neighborhood I have witnessed the loss of much of its history and natural beauty – the Bayside Golf Course, the woods that ran along 26th Avenue from Francis Lewis Blvd. to Bell Blvd., the John Golden estate, the Abraham Bell II home and the Women's Club of Bayside to name just a few.

Along with the Cobblestone House and the Cornell-Appelton House, across the street from where my husband and I live, the Ahles house is one of the last of the historic homes in Bayside – a lovely example of nineteenth century Bayside. Queens has very few landmarks and we just cannot afford to lose another one.

Thank you for your consideration of our Landmarking request.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Margaret Riconda
33-44 214th Place
Bayside, NY 11361

June 20, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Landmarking the Bell/Ahles House
39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside Queens

To Whom It May Concern:

New York City has always realized that the sense of history that makes this city great has been an important, if not a vital, part of the uniqueness offered in the varying communities around the five boroughs.

The Landmarks Commission is again faced with the challenge of making the Bell/Ahles House in Bayside (the oldest existing home in the community) a permanently landmarked building. This decision is not to be taken lightly. To lose this home would be tantamount to disregarding the historical value this home has in Bayside.

Please vote to landmark the Bell/Ahles House and keep it a permanent part of the Bayside community – a place that will continue to be significant historically and serve as a reminder of the founders of the Bayside community. Too quickly our history is being removed from around New York City and will not be regained in the future.

Please support the landmarking of this beautiful home.

Sincerely,

Connie Thorsen
189-47 43rd Rd.
Auburndale, NY 11358

Landmarks Preservation Commission

Re: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

June 20, 2009

As a Bayside resident and a member of the Bayside Historical Society, I am writing to express my support for the preservation of Ahles House.

This property is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside . It is rich in Bayside's history and is a constant reminder of Bayside's rapidly disappearing cultural past. In fact, it is the last of the Bell houses. The Bell family is one of the most important families in Bayside's history. The family's namesake, Bell Boulevard is the centerpiece of the Bayside neighborhood and is well regarded throughout New York.

As you no doubt are aware, two other Bell houses located across from each other on the corner of 38th Avenue and Bell Boulevard, were torn down in the 1970's, and were replaced by office space and a funeral home.

The borough of Queens, when compared with Manhattan and Brooklyn, has very few landmarks and landmark districts. The Ahles House and many other landmark-worthy places in Queens are extremely important to New York City's cultural integrity. Bayside currently has only two individual landmarks: The Stone House on 36th Avenue and Bell Blvd. and The Lawrence Cemetery.

Therefore it is my fervent wish that the Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House (39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens), be granted landmark status.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Sansosti

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June 18, 2009

The Honorable Robert Tierney, Chairman
The Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street Municipal Building
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney,

The Queens Chapter of the AIA wholeheartedly endorses the designation of the Lydia Ann Bell and William J. Ahles House at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, in Bayside, as a NYC Landmark.

This house is important both culturally and architecturally. It is the last of the Bell houses to survive, and reflects the rich history of the Bell family who were so important in the life of Bayside during the 19th century.

Architecturally, the house depicts the evolution of taste and style bridging the 19th and 20th centuries, retaining prominent features of the Second Empire style of the 1870s with its mansard roof, followed by later alterations that reflect the architectural eclecticism of the early 20th century.

Today, this handsome building has much detail that is intact and well maintained, allowing the contemporary observer a window into the Bayside that once was.

We urge you to designate the Ahles house.

Sincerely,


Kevin Wolfe, AIA
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June 18, 2009

FRANK PADAVAN

SENATOR, 11TH DISTRICT
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Commissioner Robert Tierney
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

It has come to my attention that the Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House located at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street in Bayside, Queens is under consideration to be designated as a New York City Landmark.

The Ahles house is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside. It was built by Robert M. Bell, whom Bell Boulevard is named after, for his daughter Lydia Ann Bell and her Husband J. William Ahles and it is an extremely important part of Bayside's History. In 1915, in J. William Ahles obituary, the home was referred to as "one of the showplaces" of the entire town of Bayside. This home needs to be preserved so that future generations of Bayside residents can get a glimpse into what their town was like in the past.

It is with this information that I give my full support for this location to be landmarked and thus preserved for future prosperity.

Sincerely,

Frank Padavan
State Senator

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June 12, 2009

Mr. Robert B. Tierney, Chairperson
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Center Street 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Re: Landmark Designation, Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House
39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Borough of Queens

Dear Chairperson Tierney:

Please accept this letter of support for the landmark designation for the Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House.

Constructed about 1873 by farmer Robert M. Bell for his daughter Lydia, it is thought to be one of the oldest homes still surviving in Bayside. It is a rare example of a Second Empire Style home that dominated the area when Bayside was a village of suburban villas and substantial farmhouses.

While some changes have occurred over the years, it still retains the cubic form and dormered mansard roof typical of the Second Empire Style as well as details like the molded cornice and hexagonal slate shingles. Let us insure through a landmark designation, that it survives for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Sincerely yours,

Helen M. Marshall
Queens Borough President

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June 18, 2009

The Honorable Robert Tierney, Chairman
The Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street Municipal Building
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney,

The Queens Chapter of the AIA wholeheartedly endorses the designation of the Lydia Ann Bell and William J. Ahles House at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, in Bayside, as a NYC Landmark.

This house is important both culturally and architecturally. It is the last of the Bell houses to survive, and reflects the rich history of the Bell family who were so important in the life of Bayside during the 19th century.

Architecturally, the house depicts the evolution of taste and style bridging the 19th and 20th centuries, retaining prominent features of the Second Empire style of the 1870s with its mansard roof, followed by later alterations that reflect the architectural eclecticism of the early 20th century.

Today, this handsome building has much detail that is intact and well maintained, allowing the contemporary observer a window into the Bayside that once was.

We urge you to designate the Ahles house.

Sincerely,


Kevin Wolfe, AIA
Michael Almon, AIA
AIA Queens Preservation Committee


Laura Heim, AIA
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Landmarks Preservation Commission
Re: Ahles House Designation

Dear Chairman Tierney,

I have lived in Bayside for forty-two years and remember the Bell Mansion on the corner of 38th Avenue and Bell Blvd. It was a sprawling wood building with all the charm of a Southern Mansion. I was very unhappy when the wrecking ball came calling.

Since that time I have been a witness to many beautiful Bayside homes disappearing under the ruse of progress. What has taken their place, however, has been nothing more than a demonstration of greed.

Now we are on the brink of losing the only remaining home of the historic Bell family. I used to walk my dog past this house with dreams of owning it some day. If that dream had ever come to pass we would not be worried about historic preservation, because I would have bought it for the purpose of preserving it.

Please give serious consideration to designating the Ahles House as a Bayside/NYC landmark. Of all the many great and various buildings and homes that once stood here, full of architectural variety and significance, only two have been landmarked, and one of those is a cemetery. The Ahles House is likely the oldest and most intact of the few that remain. We cannot run the risk of losing such a jewel as it.

Baysiders feel an urgent need to preserve what remains of our cultural past. This is a wonderful community to raise children and live the American dream. Preserving our history should be a priority.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Alexandria Dunne
36-34 211th Street
Bayside, New York 11361

29-52 215 Street

Bayside, NY 11360

June 22, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission

Municipal Building

1 Centre Street, 9th Floor

New York, NY 10007

Re: NYC Landmark Designation of

LYDIA ANN BELL AND J. WILLIAM AHLES HOUSE

39-24 to 39-26 213th STREET, BAYSIDE, QUEENS

I am in support of designating the Ahles House as a NYC Landmark. It is one of the oldest surviving houses in Bayside. This house is worthy of preservation based not only upon the wonderful architectural style of the house, but also on the history of this house belonging to the prominent Bell family of Bayside.

I remember with great sadness the demolition of the Bell family patriarchal home on Bell Boulevard and 38th Avenue. Since that demolition in the 1970's, much of the architecture of Bayside has been lost to development in recent years. It is time to preserve the remaining examples of our community's cultural and architectural history.

Sincerely,

Anne O'Connell

To the Landmarks Preservation Commission,

I urge you to support the designation of the Ahles House as a landmark. It is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside and the last of the Bell houses. The Bell Family is one of the foremost and formative families of Bayside.

The Ahles House lies just one block from Bell Blvd, the main thoroughfare and epicenter of Bayside life.

This part of Bayside was once the Bell farm. In their success, the Bell Family erected some beautiful homes here, but the Ahles House is the last one standing. It looks so genuine and is a truly authentic, wholly intact timepiece of the 1870's.

Nothing else around our town appears (or should I say remains) so classic or venerable as the Ahles House.

Please landmark this house for us and future generations of Bayside and New York City to enjoy.

Sincerely, Lois Williamson

- a Bayside resident of 38 years

June 22, 2009

Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission:

I am writing you to support the designation of the Ahles House in Bayside, Queens as a New York City LANDMARK.

Thank you,

Margaret Haunss
1006 Northern Blvd.
Roslyn, NY 11576-1501

June 18, 2009

To The Landmarks Preservation Commission,

I urge you to grant the Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House, located at 39-24 to 39- 26 213th. St. landmark status.

Since moving here twenty years ago, I have seen so many older homes torn down and replaced with monstrosities: so-called "McMansions" or 6 family "townhomes" with little, if any, architectural merit. Landmark status would preserve this special home.

We must do everything in our power to protect and preserve Bayside's cultural and historic past.

The Ahles House is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside and stands as a monument to Bayside's history, a history that is being threatened by people who understand only profit and have no sense of this community and its rich past.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Chesloff

1539 212th St

Bayside, NY 11360-1109

June 17, 2009

Dear members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission,

The Ahles House, built in 1873, is an impressive Second Empire style residence and one of the oldest houses existing in Bayside today. When the Ahles family lived in the house it was known as one of the town's show places.

The house typifies the Second Empire style residences of the late 1860's with its dormered mansard roof consisting of hexagonal slate shingles, along with its cubic form.

The residence should not only be considered for Landmark designation for its aesthetics but for its history related to Queens agriculture, as the house was constructed by farmer Robert Bell for his daughter and her husband John William Ahles, a prominent grain merchant and officer of the New York Produce Exchange.

As an architect and trustee of the Bayside Historical Society, I strongly recommend that The Landmarks Preservation Commission designate the Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens the distinguished place of New York City Landmark.

Sincerely,

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June 22, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
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Re: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

Dear Members of the Landmark Preservation Commission,

As a board member of the Bayside Historical Society (and for myself personally), I am writing this letter in support of a New York City landmark designation of the Ahles House located at 39-24 213 Street in Bayside, New York.

The Ahles House has stood the test of time for 136 years in Bayside. It is a clear and convincing example of what is known as Second Empire architecture. It is the last remaining house of the Bell Family, Bayside's most significant family, whom did much to develop central Bayside and it's environs.

Considering the family history of the Ahles House, it's vivid, classic architecture from a bygone era, it's 1873 vintage, and the fact that it is the *only* remaining house of it's kind in *all* of Bayside, I strongly feel it is worthy of the esteemed status of becoming a New York City Landmark.

Very truly yours,

Maria R. Rodriguez
Treasurer
Bayside Historical Society

Carl and Eileen Cotoggio
19-32 202nd Street
Bayside, New York 11360
718-352-4492

Dear Commissioner Tierney and the LPC,

Please accept this letter as a show of support for the preservation and designation the Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House (39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens) as a New York City Landmark.

I know how it feels to personally lose history forever. I have lived in Bayside for over 50 years and grew up at 42-17 217th Street. When my parents passed away we sold the house. I recently passed and saw it was leveled to the ground and a new house was being built. The house was built in the 1880's. Many of the original Victorian details were intact when we moved. The ball and claw tubs, original woodwork, were all there.

I am saddened to think that the many generations to come will miss the opportunity of having history preserved for them. Americans travel the world to see old buildings, ruins and historical places. We have the opportunity now to preserve the sites that the future populous will travel to see and be grateful that it was conserved for them.

Sincerely,
Carl and Eileen Cotoggio

Lorraine Engenito
210-50 41 Avenue, #5-J
Bayside, NY 11361

June 22, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
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New York, NY 10007

Re: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

Please designate the **Lydia Ann Bell and J. William Ahles House** (39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens) as a New York City Landmark.

I love Bayside for its old trees and for its residential houses, some older than others. Those houses representing an older, significant part of Bayside's history should be preserved so that we don't lose any more of our identity.

May I ask that you vote to designate the Ahles House as a NYC landmark so that others may marvel at its beauty?

Very truly yours,

21 June 2009

Dear Members of the Landmarks Preservation Committee:

I am writing to support the efforts of our community to have the Ahles House designated as a New York City Landmark. I'm a long-term member of the Bayside community. I moved here with my parents when they bought a house near Sacred Heart Church in 1965, and I now live with my wife and two children in a home on 38th Avenue that we purchased in 2003.

I am *very* familiar with the immediate area near the Ahles house, and I learned about it in way that might tell all of us something about how Bayside has changed. I had a paper route for the now defunct Long Island Press in 1972 and 1973 (seventh and eighth grade at Sacred Heart) on 213th Street between 35th and 39th Avenues. So I remember very distinctly the Bell House on 38th and Bell and even the large wooded lot (imagine that) on the corner of northwest corner of 38th and 213th.

I realize that change is inevitable, but I encourage you to consider what this change would entail. Does Bayside really *need* to have one fewer example of our long and distinctive history replaced by a drab multi-family dwelling or an office complex? Within the last two years we have seen no fewer than six new homes erected within a block of the Ahles home—on lots where two homes once stood. We have long been aware of this trend, yet we have rarely been able to act in time to reverse it.

So here's a chance for us to act in a timely way to hold on to a vital part of Bayside.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gene McQuillan
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Bayside, NY 11361
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genekcc@verizon.net

June 19, 2009

Dear Members of the Landmarks Preservation Committee:

As a native New Yorker and longtime Queens resident I know that the ability to embrace change is an important one. The incredible rate at which change occurs here is breathtaking and many times for the best. But as members of a community embracing new things, we also have to be able to know how to preserve those things that connect us to the past and teach us our history.

Developers only look at a property as a lot – a potential for a new structure and for making money. We have seen many old, and historically significant homes demolished in the past, including at least two houses built by the Bell Family. Now the Ahles House, the last remaining structure in Bayside associated with this historically prominent family, is being considered for landmarking. It is an honor and responsibility that Baysiders are proud to accept.

As you consider your decision to landmark this venerable home (built in 1873), please remember that with every letter you receive, there are hundreds of people who did not write you a letter, who pass by the Ahles House everyday and say to themselves, "What a gorgeous old home. I wonder about its history." Some of those people contact the Bayside Historical Society. Some of them ask the owner. Some check with neighbors. The important thing is that the house inspires them and interests them in New York history. The landmarking of this historically rich home will strengthen that everyday process. It will allow us to appreciate and learn from history for years to come. The alternative would only lead us down a road where one day we are haunted by its absence.

Sincerely,

Brita Kube

Bayside Resident

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Re: Ahles House

Esteemed Members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission,

Friends of Oakland Lake (FOLR) is pleased to join with the Bayside Historical Society in fighting for the preservation of our community's history. Landmarking a historic property is just one way we as a community can safeguard our quality of life. While our mission is to ensure that Oakland Lake and Ravine is preserved for future generations and helping support efforts across our area to preserve our greenspaces and natural resources, our members are equally committed to preserving our community's ties with the past, it's history and character. FOLR also has an educative function similar to BHS and as such preserving an historic property like the Ahles House is an important part of sharing our history with future generations.

To this end FLOR is pleased to lend our support to the Bayside Historical Society in preserving this wonderful piece of our community's heritage.

We hope the property's current owner considers these factors and avails himself of such abatements and tax credits as may be available to offset any costs incurred in preserving this vital part of our heritage.

Dan Egers

President

cc: Vince Tabone, Esq.

June 22, 2009

Mr. Robert M. Tierney, Commissioner
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street 9th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: Landmark Designation, Lydia Ann Bell and William J. Ahles House - 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, NY.

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

Please accept this letter of support for the landmark designation for the Ahles House, constructed around 1873 by Robert M. Bell, which was home to a very prominent Bayside family. It is truly a reminder of Queens rich cultural past which unfortunately is disappearing rapidly. This home is a rare example of Second Empire Style which once dominated the area.

The Bayside Historical Society wholeheartedly supports the designation and we hope the Commission will act favorably on the application. Historic beautiful homes in Queens must be preserved. We are "ripe pickings" for developers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandi Viviani
President
Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association, Inc.
PO. Box 580031
Flushing, NY 11354



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Edward Kirkland

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204-05 43rd Avenue
Bayside, NY 11361-2617
June 20, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
City of New York
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

To the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

As a Board member of the Bayside Historical Society, I am very much in favor of seeing that the Ahles House in Bayside, Queens, is granted city landmark status. This historic, 19th Century house is located at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, NY 11361.

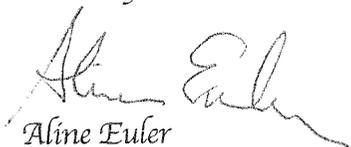
This home was built in 1873 by Robert M. Bell as a wedding present for his daughter, Lydia Ann (Lillie) Bell and her husband J. William Ahles. Both Mr. Bell and Mr. Ahles were prominent in the agriculture business. Mr. Bell was a member of one of the founding families of my community of Bayside.

As the house stands today, one is impressed by its Second Empire architectural style. The mansard roof, molded cornices and hexagonal slate shingles are all in tact.

I grew up in Bayside and I have witnessed first hand the desecration and destruction of many historic buildings, including the Bell homes on Bell Blvd. and 38th Avenue, the Bell Estate on 43rd Avenue and Corporal Kennedy Street, the Wettingfeld Farm on Bell Blvd. near Rocky Hill Road, the Vincent Aderente house on 208th Street near 42nd Avenue, the Tad Dorgan house on 209th Street near 43rd Avenue and the many homes taken for the Clearview Expressway including the Jacob Rupert mansion that was located on 42nd Avenue and 207th Street. Slowly but surely, all of our precious history is disappearing.

That is why I urge you to landmark the Ahles House, before it meets the same fate as our other historical Bayside homes. This house deserves landmark status, both from a historical and architectural perspective.

Sincerely,


Aline Euler



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Item # 2 Item Address 39-24 - 39-26 213th st. Ahles House

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Bayside Historical Society
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Item # 2 Item Address Ahles House - Bayside 11361

In favor of proposal Against proposal Other position

Henry Euler
Name

204-05 43 Ave. Bayside, NY 11361
Address

Auburndale Improvement Assoc, Inc.
Bayside Historical Society & Queens Preservation Council.
Representing

If you would rather leave a statement, complete and return to the Reception Desk, or mail the form to the Commission at the above address, attention: Diane Jackier, Director of External Affairs.

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Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 580331, Station A
Flushing, NY 11358
June 19, 2009

Commissioner Robert Tierney and Board Members
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Tierney and Board Members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

The Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc. is the oldest and one of the largest civic associations in Queens County. We are in our 104th year of existence. Our membership consists of over six hundred families in the Auburndale and Western Bayside area. Our organization strongly urges you to designate the Lydia Ann Bell and John William Ahles House as a New York City historic landmark. This home is located at 39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens, 11361.

This house is probably the oldest house left in Bayside. It was constructed in 1873 in the Second Empire style of architecture. It retains its cubic form, mansard roof, hexagonal slate shingles and molded cornices. It is truly a unique building for the area.

The historical significance of the house is indisputable. It was constructed at the request of farmer Robert Bell (of the prominent Bayside Bell family) for his daughter, Lydia Ann Bell, as a present to mark her marriage to John William Ahles. Mr. Ahles was a grain merchant who was also an officer of the New York Produce Exchange and the Queens County Agricultural Society.

This building is a vital piece of Bayside history. Over the years, we have lost many homes and buildings in our area that were historically significant and no doubt landmark worthy. Our organization hopes that you will honor the Ahles House with city landmark status. If we do not preserve our past, historic places like the Ahles House will eventually be lost forever.

We also feel that Queens has not received the attention it deserves when it comes to landmarking historically significant buildings and districts. We hope that the Commission will continue to consider our borough's treasures for designation, including the neighborhoods of Broadway-Flushing, Richmond Hill, Parkway Village, Bell Court, Bayside Weeks Woodland and sections of Auburndale and Western Bayside that merit landmark status.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Henry Euler
First Vice President and Zoning and Housing Chair,
Auburndale Improvement Association, Inc.

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June 20, 2009

The Honorable Robert B. Tierney, Chairman
The Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Center Street Municipal Building
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney,

As a Vice-President of the Bayside Historical Society, we wholeheartedly support the designation of the Ahles House. As part of our core mission, initiated under the leadership of our founder, the late Joesph H. Brown, we advocate for the preservation and protection of Bayside's most historic structures and distinctive neighborhoods.

My family and I take a lot of walks around Bayside. It's how we came to fall in love with the place. Bayside is a place full of eclectic home styles from the early-20th century: Tudor Revival, Dutch Colonials, attached English Townhouses, Arts & Crafts, and other elegant homes of an era when homes were built gracefully, with a purposeful attention to scale and a distinct sense of community in mind.

And then there is the Ahles House. It is from a grand, earlier age and of a unique architecture (the Second Empire style of the 1870s), the influence of which can be distinctively seen in revisionist styles (mentioned above) that followed in the early-20th century. It is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside and a critical reminder of Bayside's rich, but rapidly disappearing, cultural past. It is the last of the Bell houses. The Bell family is one of, if not *the* most important families in Bayside's long history. Abraham Bell III had been active in community affairs and was said to have been involved in the "creating, caring for and naming of streets," as well as for establishing the local water system.* The family's namesake, Bell Blvd., runs like a spine through the middle of Bayside. A former country lane that divided the farm into two halves, Bell Blvd has long been and continues to be the heart and soul of Bayside.

Two other wonderful Bell houses, located across from each other on the corner of 38th Ave and Bell Blvd. were torn down in the 1970's, replaced by office space and a funeral home.

As you may be well aware, Queens, when compared with Manhattan and Brooklyn, has very few landmarks and landmark districts. The Ahles House and many other landmark-worthy places in Queens are extremely important to NYC's cultural integrity. Bayside currently has only two individual landmarks: The Cobblestone House and the Lawrence Cemetery. We feel it is imperative to have more.

The Ahles House clearly fits the criteria for and is worthy of New York City Landmark status. It is the only Second Empire style home still in existence in Bayside or its environs. It has retained its prominent architectural features. From its dormered mansard roof with replete with hexagonal slate tiles, to its distinctive cubic form, the Ahles House stands out as a vital, living reminder of Old Bayside. No less important is its association with the Bell Family, without whom Bayside surely would not have become such a thriving, desirable place to live in and raise a family of your own.

This morning, in my hand, I hold overwhelming letters of support from our local elected officials: Councilman Tony Avella, State Senator Frank Padavan, Borough President Helen Marshall, Assemblywoman Ann-Margaret Carrozza; letters of support from the Queens County Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Queens Civic Congress, neighboring civic groups, the Bayside Historical Society, the preeminent Bayside historian and Bayside Times columnist Joan Brown Wettingfeld and, above all, letters of support from individual families and citizens of Bayside. May this support, along with the historical and architectural integrity of the Ahles House, bring you today to decide favorably for its well-deserved designation as landmark.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul DiBenedetto
36-15 210th Street
Bayside, NY 11361

* Landmarks Preservation Commission
October 19, 2004; Designation List 357
LP-2154, 'Cobblestone House' report



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Date 6, 23, 2009

Item # LP2341 Item Address 39-24 213ST Bayside

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June 23, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Center Street 9th Floor
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Re: Landmark Designation, Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House
39-24 to 39-26 213th Street, Borough of Queens

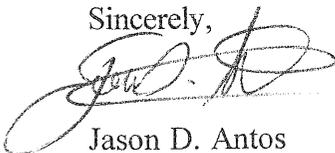
Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission:

This letter is written in support of landmark designation for the Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House.

As a twenty eight year resident of the Bayside/Whitestone community, I have seen many historic structures linking these two neighborhoods with the past meet their demise with the wrecking ball. In 2006, I authored a history book on Whitestone. The cover features an image of the Arthur & Dorothy Dalton Hammerstein house overlooking the Long Island Sound and Fort Totten. One of the few landmark buildings in the area and the only one in the town of Whitestone, it was designated in 1982. Many other structures have not been so lucky. One being the tin ware factory on Clintonville Street and 12th Avenue built by John Locke and Samuel Leggett. This factory, built in 1860, turned the town from a rural farming community of two hundred people into a major neighborhood numbering more than seven thousand over night. Three years ago, the main factory was demolished to make way for a gated community.

In many ways the factory, the oldest structure in the town, reminds me of the Ahles house. Built for his daughter Lydia in 1873 by Robert M. Bell, the name sake for Bell Boulevard, it is one of the oldest homes in Bayside. And, like the Locke Factory was to Whitestone, it is also Bayside's oldest link to the past. If not designated, future generations will be cheated out of their chance to experience something that is a virtual link to the origins of our beloved neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Jason D. Antos

Member of the Bayside Historical Society Board of Directors.



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Item # LP 2341 Item Address 39-24 213 St Bayside

In favor of proposal Against proposal Other position

CAROL MARIAN

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214-72 33 Ave

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Bayside Historical Society

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The Officers' Club c.1887

Bayside Historical Society

June 22, 2009

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Re: Ahles House Designation, 6-23-09

Dear Sir or Madam:

As President of the Bayside Historical Society, I strongly recommend that the Landmarks Preservation Commission designate the Ahles House at 39-24 213 Street, Bayside, Queens a New York City Landmark. As a homeowner living at 214-72 33 Avenue, Bayside for 37 years I also strongly recommend the designation.

Not only Bayside but also all of New York City has lost so much of its history in the last few years. This is a building in very good condition and exists as a legal two family residence. The homeowner can continue receiving an income from the residence without tearing it down. There are benefits to owning a historic property.

The rate of destruction of our architectural gems in this community has been greater than ever and homes are being torn down by developers who do not live in the community and are looking only at the exorbitant profits that were available during the period when home prices in Bayside soared. Now that there has been a decline in home sales, we are left with many unsold buildings that replaced the historic homes.

On behalf of the Bayside Historical Society and the many homeowners who support Preservation, I ask you to approve the designation of the Ahles House.

Sincerely,

Carol Marian
President

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A New York City Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places



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Item # Ahles House Item Address 39-24 / 39-26 213rd Street Queens

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Jordan Most

Name

Sheldon Lobel PC 9 East 40th St. N.Y.C.

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Robert Rubin - owner of the property

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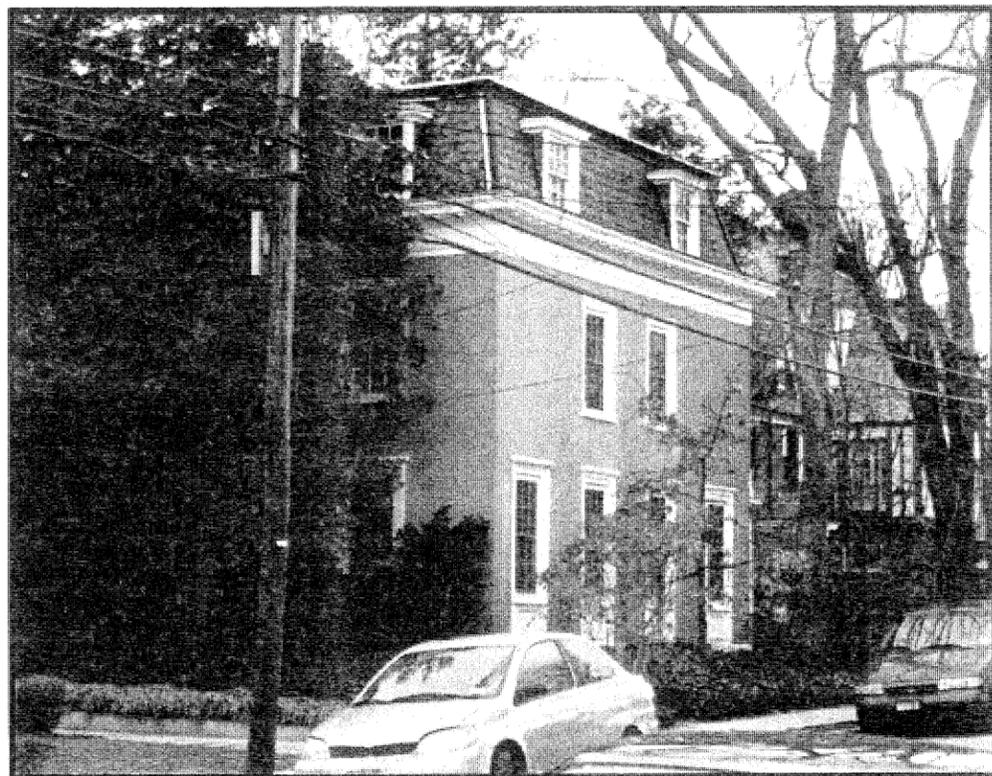
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Opposition to Landmark Designation of the Lydia Ann Bell & J. William Ahles House 39-24/26 213th Street, Bayside, Queens



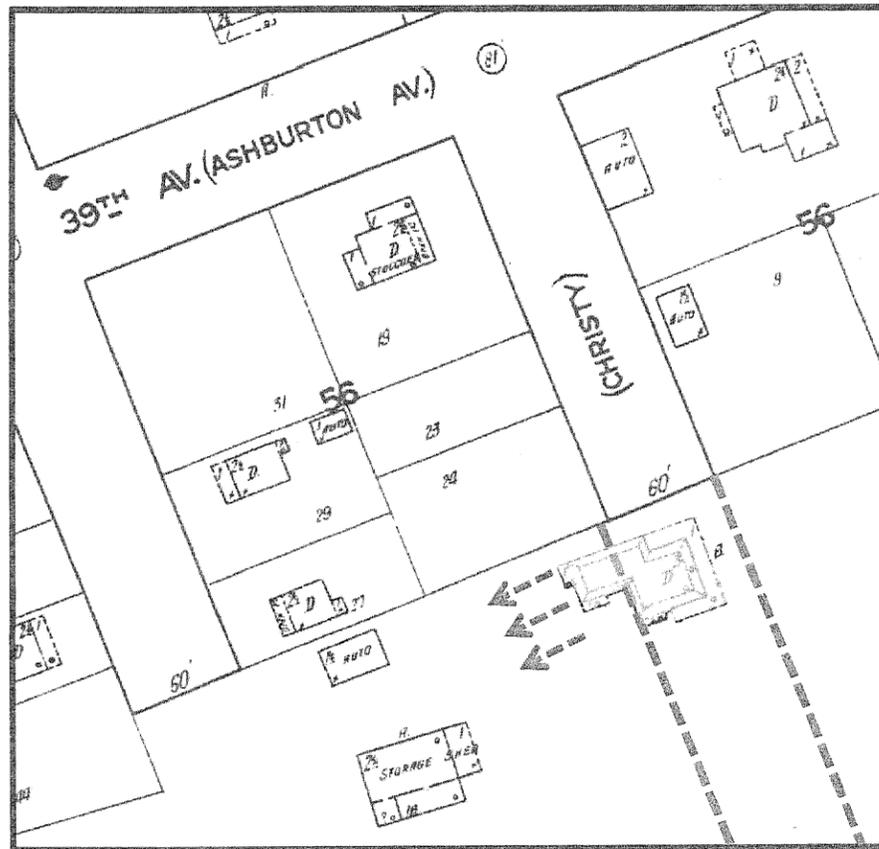
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Not Worthy of Landmark Designation

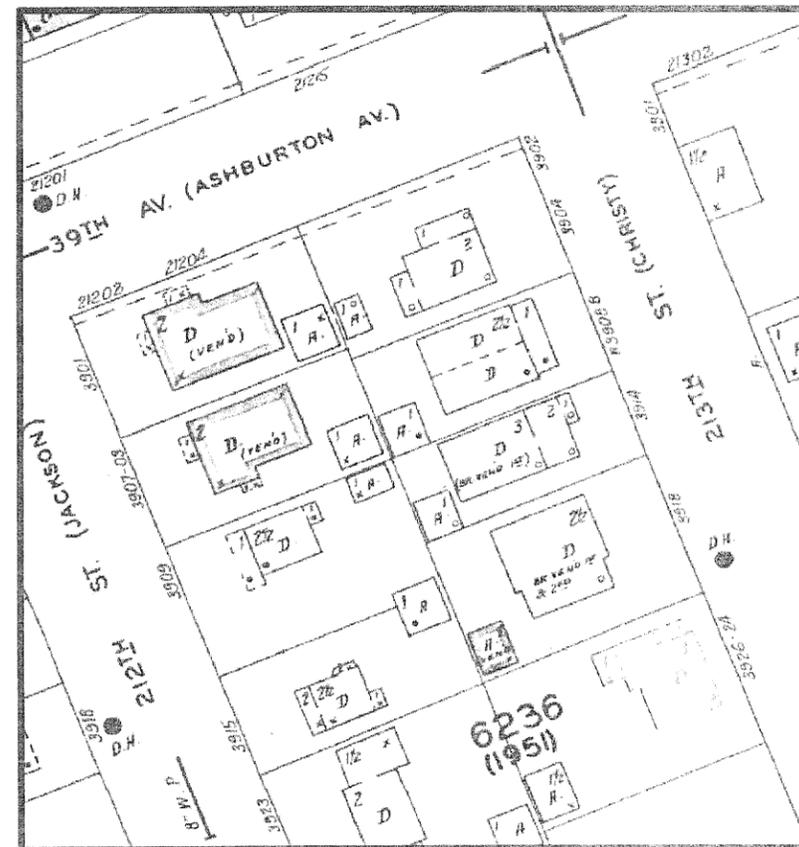
- Original orientation of the House was significantly altered.
- Exterior and interior features of the House were significantly altered.
- House lacks distinctive features of “Second Empire” style.
- House was not designed by an architect of historical significance.
- House was never owned or occupied by anyone warranting landmark designation.

Original Orientation Altered

1917 Sanborn Map

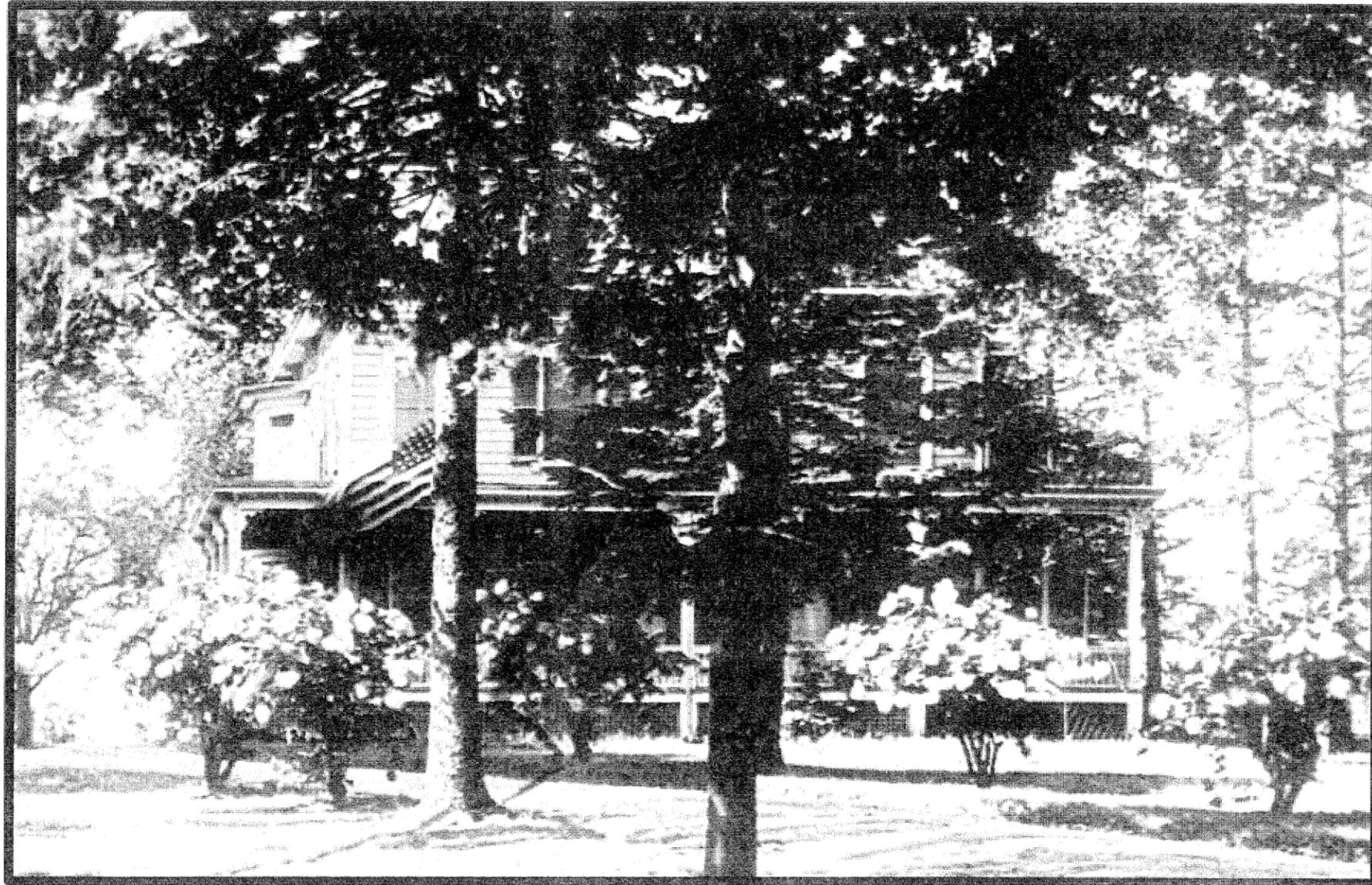


1934 Sanborn Map

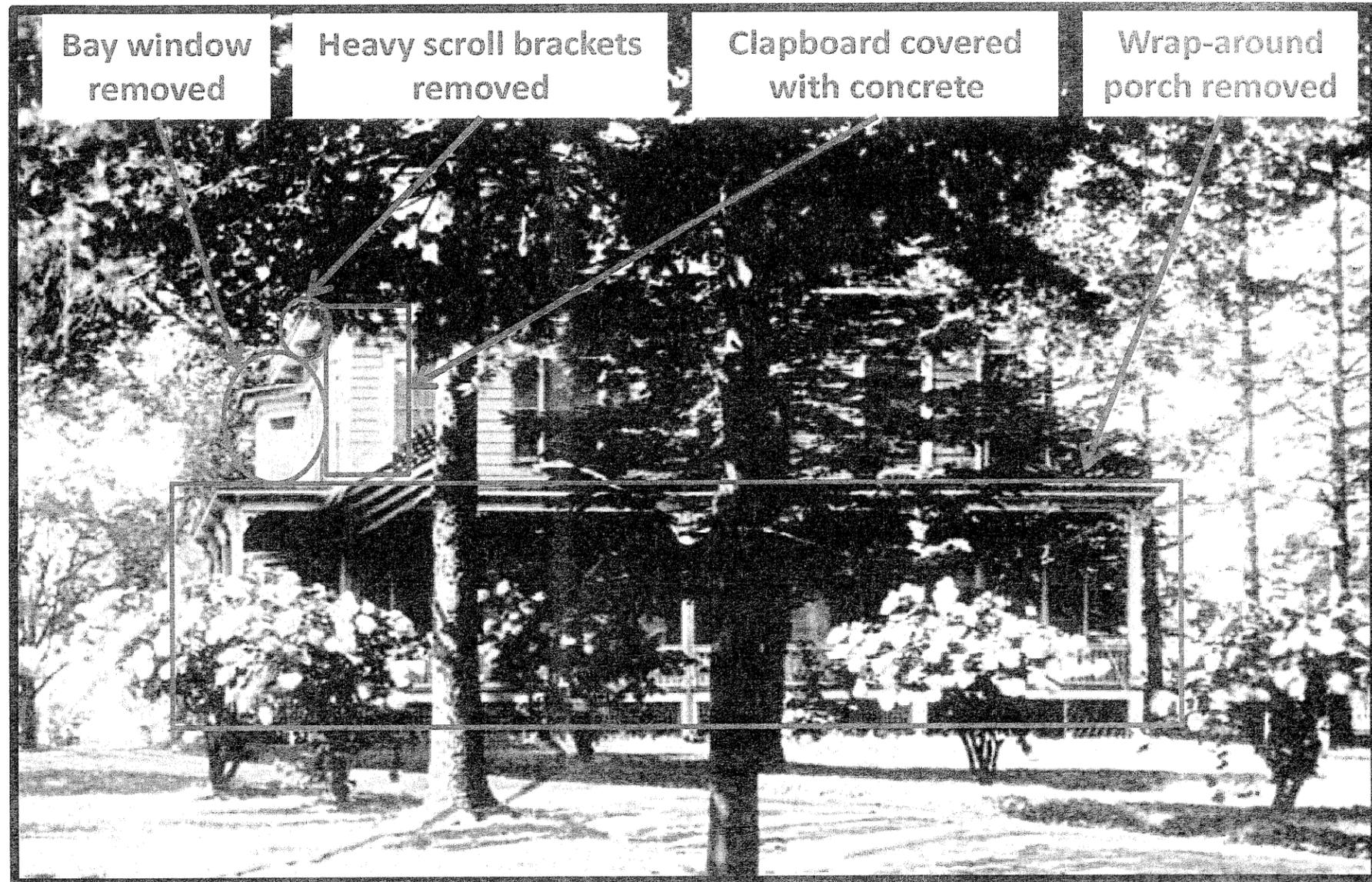


The House was moved westward between 1917 and 1934 to accommodate the southerly continuation of 213th Street. The House's entrance and yards shifted accordingly.

Photograph of House from Late 19th Century



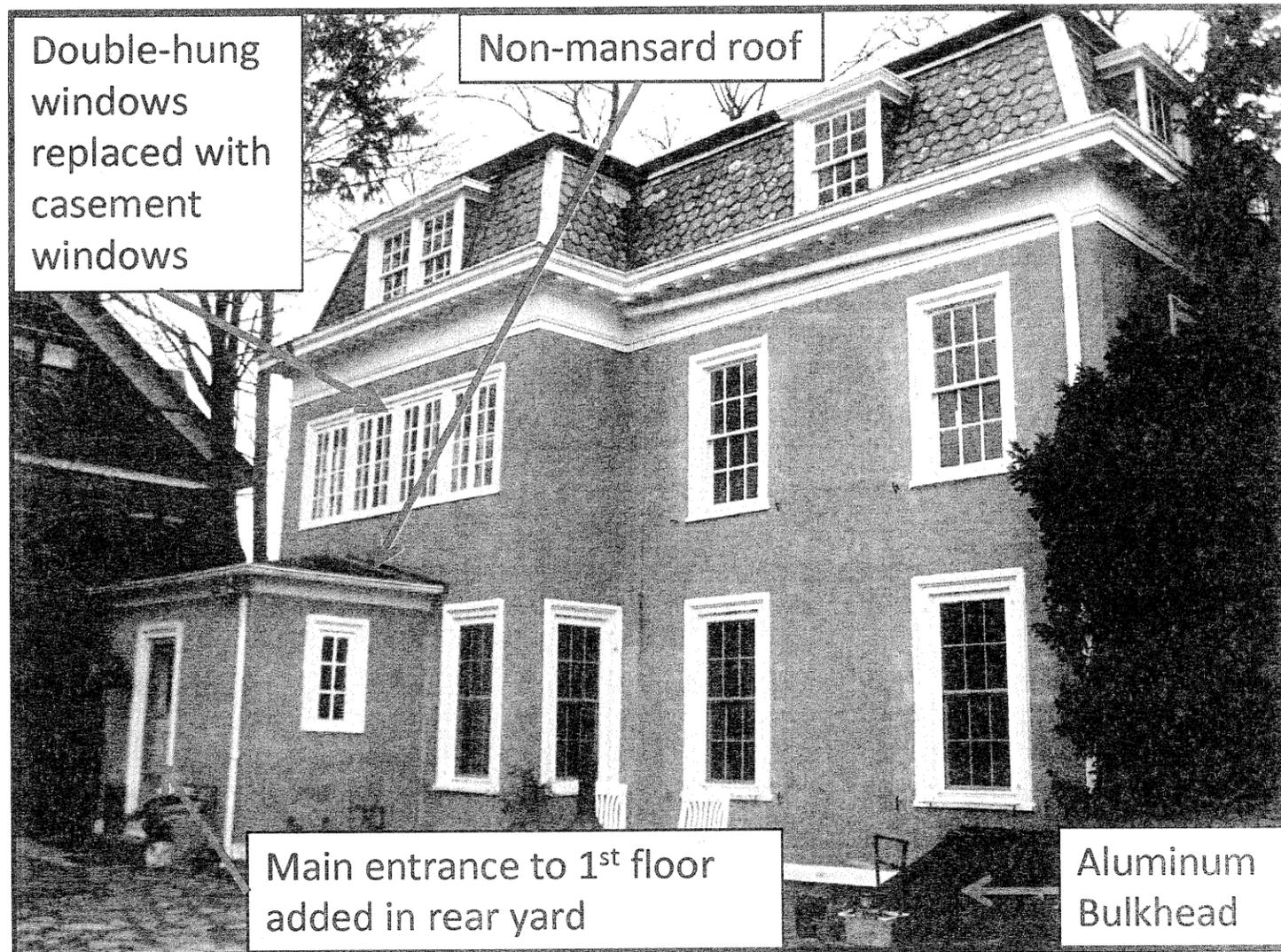
Alterations: Essential "Second Empire" Features Removed



Alterations: Significant Portion Removed



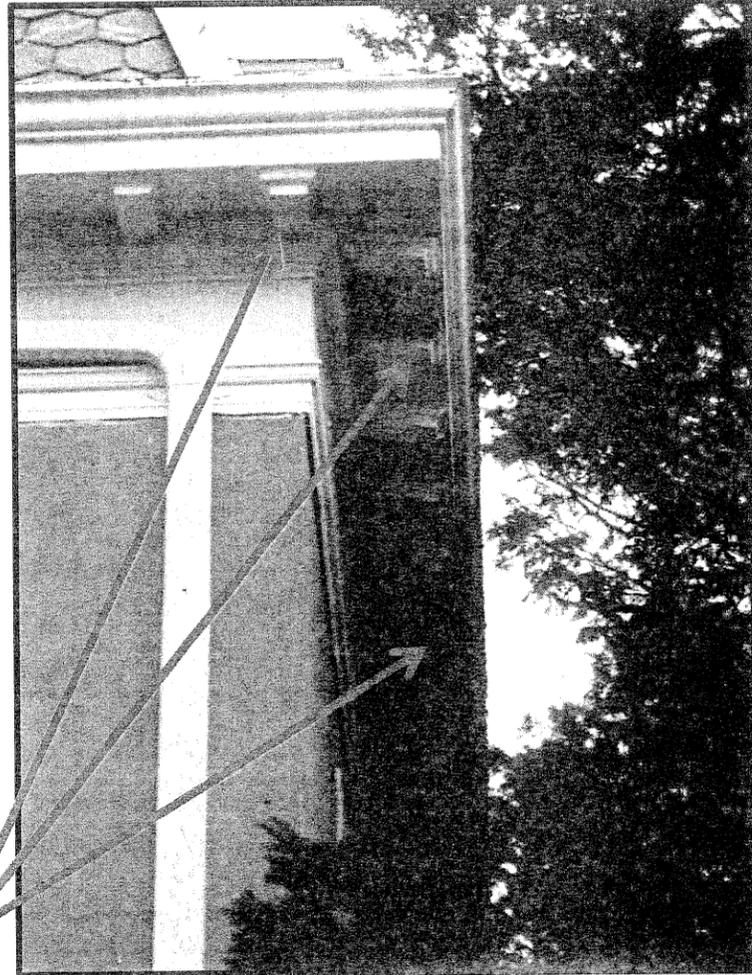
Alterations: Later Additions and Changes



Alterations: Dentil Molding



Remnant of original decorative scroll brackets



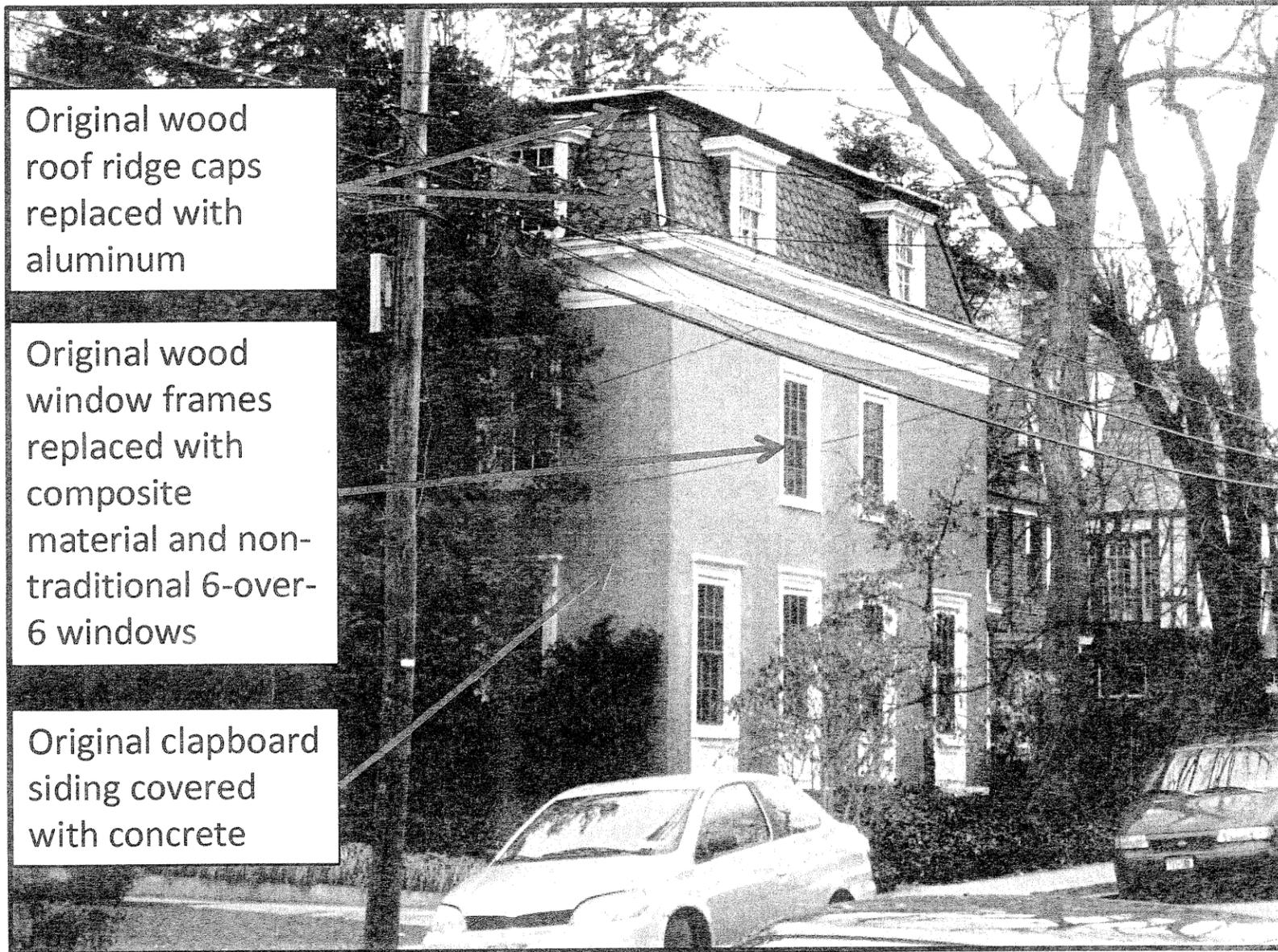
Original decorative scroll brackets replaced by dentil molding (damaged and missing in several locations)

Alterations: Materials

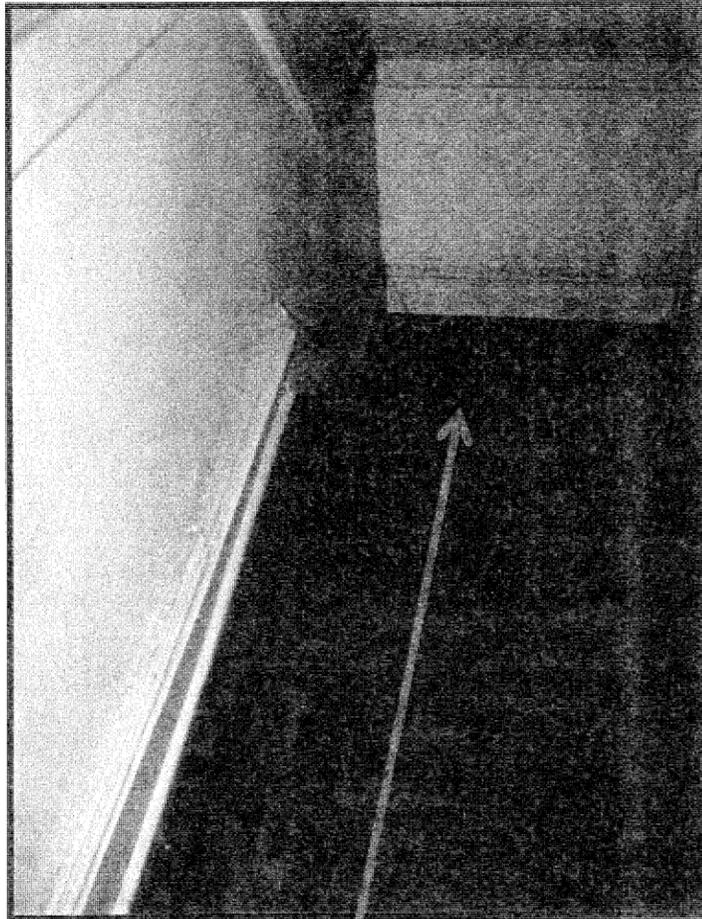
Original wood
roof ridge caps
replaced with
aluminum

Original wood
window frames
replaced with
composite
material and non-
traditional 6-over-
6 windows

Original clapboard
siding covered
with concrete



Alterations: Use Changed to Two-Family

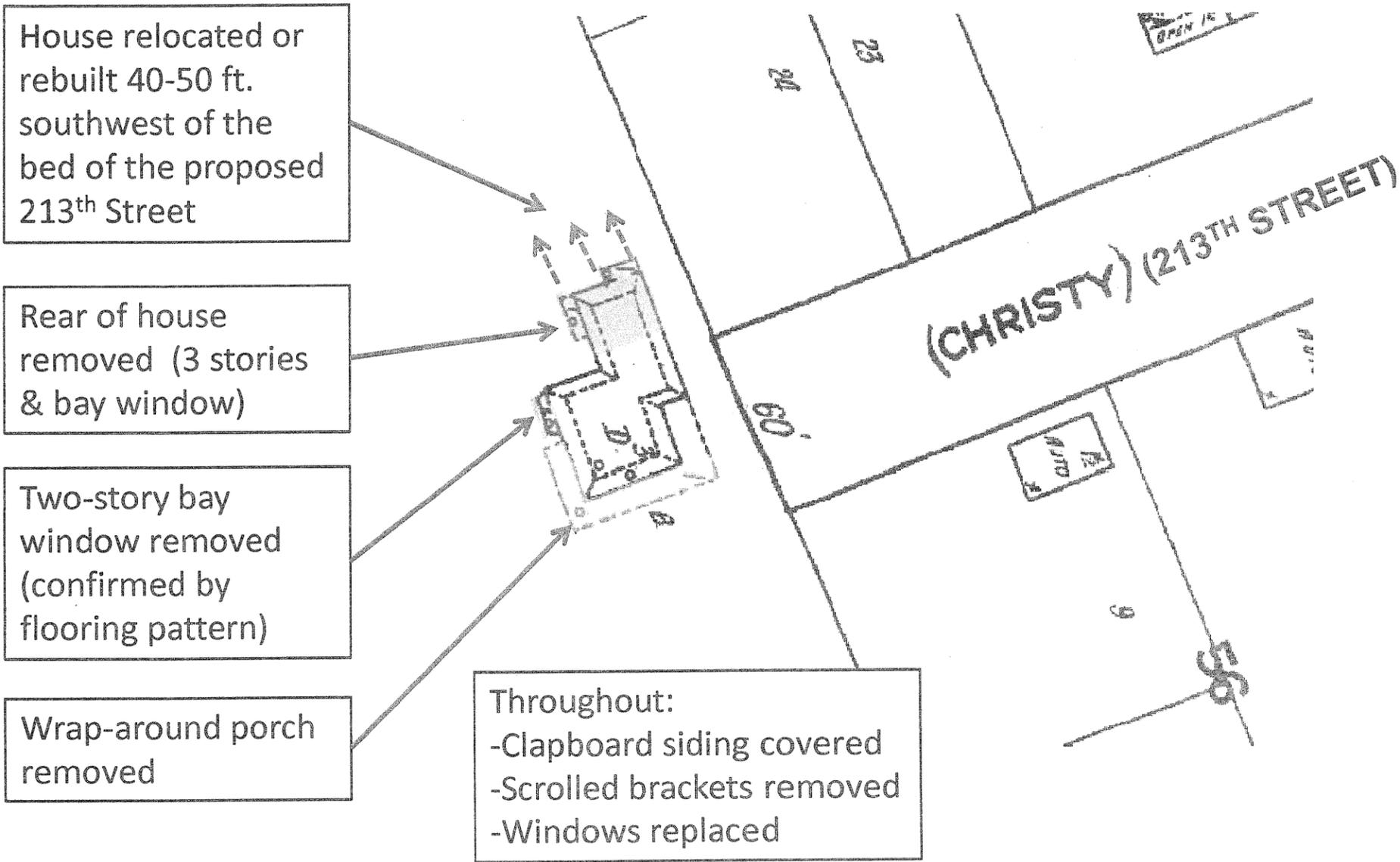


Former center hallway flooring truncated when hallway was altered and converted into stairs to cellar



The geometric parquet design remains on the other side of the wall where the center hallway would have continued

Summary of Major Alterations



House relocated or rebuilt 40-50 ft. southwest of the bed of the proposed 213th Street

Rear of house removed (3 stories & bay window)

Two-story bay window removed (confirmed by flooring pattern)

Wrap-around porch removed

Throughout:
-Clapboard siding covered
-Scrolled brackets removed
-Windows replaced

Review & Comparison of Two Landmarked “Second Empire” Houses

- Bedell House, Staten Island
- Pell House, Bronx
- Comparison of the Bedell and Pell Houses to the Ahles House.

Bedell House, Staten Island



- Clapboard siding
- Two-story polygonal bay with recessed panels and molded cornices
- Veranda with turned posts and molded cornice
- Original molding around windows
- Roof retains arched dormers with original molded hoods



Pell House, Bronx



- Five bays
- Original clapboard siding
- Two-over-two fenestration
- Original heavy molding on door and windows
- Original bracket cornices
- Original porch with turned posts and curved wood braces

Comparative Table

Characteristic	Bedell House	Pell House	Ahles House*
Mansard Roof	X	X	X
Dormers	X	X	X
Curved/ Pedimented dormer	X	X	None
Scrolled brackets beneath eaves	X	X	None
Projecting portico or porch	X	X	None
Turned posts on porch	X	X	None
Entrance with paired doors	None	X	None
One- or two-story window bay	X	X	None
1-over-1 or 2-over-2 windows	X	X	None
Clapboard siding	X	X	None

*In addition, the Ahles house was moved and substantially modified.

Conclusion:

Not Worthy of Landmark Designation

- Significant changes to the location, layout, orientation, use, proportions, details, and materials.
- House lacks necessary elemental “Second Empire” style traits.
- House was not designed by an architect of historical significance.
- House was never owned or occupied by anyone warranting landmark designation.

A Street By Another Name

By Joan Brown Wettingfeld

In the early part of this century many of Bayside's streets had names rather than numbers. There are interesting stories attached to these names and many reflected the presence of the prominent citizens of that day who made this town their home. Ahles Road, for example, is now known as 41st Avenue. It ran then from 208th Street to present day Bell Boulevard. Old maps show a portion of 41st Avenue as Ahles Road as late as 1941.

The naming of Ahles Road was no accident for the road supervisor at the time was none other than Abraham Bell II, and John William Ahles married Robert Bell's daughter, Lillie, in June of 1873. Born in New York City in 1848, Ahles moved with his family to Bayside in 1850, the place chosen by his father who had emigrated from Hanover, Germany.

John William Ahles, or "Willie", as he was called became an errand boy for a Wall Street brokerage firm at the age of 15. Over the years through a series of promotions he was on the road to success when the infamous machinations of James Fisk and Jay Gould, attempting to corner the gold market, brought on the debacle known for all time as "Black Friday." Many brokers including Ahles' employers went into bankruptcy. Undaunted, Ahles started as a salesman for a produce merchant and by 1880 had established his own business at 37 Pearl Street in the city. He became a member of the board of managers of the New York Produce Exchange

When he married Lillie Bell in 1873 his father -in-law, Robert Bell, built the couple the lovely home pictured here, and presented it to them as a wedding gift. Three of the Ahles children were born here: Robert, Gertrude and Virginia.

Known for his integrity and business acumen, John William Ahles died in 1915 after amassing a large fortune. In the milieu of those times he enjoyed an enviable social position in the Bayside community

The Ahles "mansion" still stands today at 39-26 213th Street and the street named in his honor now is known only by its number...41st. Avenue.

But herein lies another story .

A look back at history reminds us that the patriarch of the Bell family, Abraham Bell acquired his land in Bayside in 1824. It consisted of 240 acres and extended from Little Neck Bay to present day 204th St. and from Crocheron Ave. (35th Ave.) to somewhat south of 37th Ave.

That farmland later became the commercial and cultural heart of Bayside. The lane which divided it became Bell Boulevard.

One of the vast holdings acquired by the original Abraham Bell was the old Bell House which many Baysiders worked diligently to rescue from demolition - but landmarking was in its "infancy" then and the building could not be rescued before it was demolished by developers. Despite our current "new age" we are once again faced with losing one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside, the Ahles House, the last of the Bell homes. It is a reminder that we are fast losing evidence of our history and impressive cultural past. Our citizens need to be heard on this matter. Let us hope that in today's milieu our concerns will be given a positive consideration.

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The Bayside Times



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Via Facsimile

June 19, 2009

Ms. Kate Daly
Executive Director
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

Re. Ahles House Designation, June 23, 2009

Dear Ms. Daly:

I am writing to express my strong support for the landmark designation of the Ahles House.

As you may know, the Ahles House is one of the oldest surviving homes in Bayside and a critical reminder of Bayside's rich but rapidly disappearing, cultural past. The Ahles House is the last of the Bell Houses and the Bell Family is one of the most important families in Bayside's long history.

I wholeheartedly believe that designating the Ahles House undoubtedly coincides with the mission of the Commission and will be a significant reminder of the neighborhood's past.

I implore you to approve this designation. Please let me know if I can be of further reference.

Sincerely,

Ann-Margaret Carrozza
Member of Assembly

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cc. Bayside Historical Society



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Landmarks Preservation Commission
DCA Statement on
Ahles House
June 23, 2009

My name is Elliott Socci. I am president of the Douglaston Civic Association. I am here today to support the request for landmark status for the Ahles House.

I have two reasons to support land marking of this house. The first reason has an historical basis. The Bell family played a significant role in the history of Bayside. The recognition given to the Bell family is demonstrated by the naming of Bell Boulevard. However, I do not feel that naming a street truly reflects their contribution. The family name and the house are a reminder of the early days of Bayside when it served as a farming community. Later on, the Bell farm was used as a location by the movie industry to film motion pictures before the industry moved to Hollywood.

In light of the fact that this is the last building of the Bell presence in Bayside and is considered to be the oldest surviving house in Bayside, I believe that the house should be preserved.

My second reason for preserving the house relates to the Second Empire style suburban villas erected during the 1870's and 1880's. I believe that a house of this style will not ever again be built in the Bayside area or any where in New York City.

For these reasons, I support the request that the Ahles House be granted Landmark status.

Thank you.

Elliott Socci,
President,
Douglaston Civic Association