

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Susquehanna (18 St 399)

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number PATuxent River Naval Air Station, Cedar Point Road  not for publication

city, town Lexington Park  vicinity of congressional district first

state Maryland county St. Mary's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: not used

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of the Navy, U.S. Government

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. -- liber

street & number folio

city, town state

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Inventory of historic sites in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, Maryland.

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records 21 State Cir.

city, town Annapolis state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-140

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved date of move <u>1942</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		-House removed to Michigan.

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-140

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 18th c.      **Builder/Architect** --

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-140

Homeowner's Loan Association, Valuation Analysis and Conclusions (1942).  
Ms. on file, Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Center, St. Mary's City, MD.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Dennis J. Pogue		
organization	Patuxent River Naval Air Station	date	5-1-83
street & number		telephone	863-3265
city or town	Patuxent	state	MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

Susquehanna:

### 7.0

The site of Susquehanna (18 St 399) is located less than 500 feet northwest of Cedar Point Road at approximately 40 feet above sea level, in a stand of woods one-quarter mile south of the Patuxent River near Fishing Point. The property on which the site is located had been occupied since the mid-17th century (patented in 1649) and a 17th-century house site may well be located nearby. Susquehanna house was dismantled in 1942 upon establishment of the Naval Air Station and was removed and rebuilt at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. Brick foundation remains, brick cellar walls, and two fireplace bases remain from that house -- apparently late 18th century or early 19th century in date.

Susquehanna house was a 1½-story frame dwelling, with brick foundation and partial brick-walled cellar, that originally consisted of a rectangular three-bay, one-room deep block, with a central chimney. It was later extended at one end by a one-bay addition and cross passage with exterior gable-end chimney. Two adjacent doorways were located in each long facade, at one gable end, and in the cross-passage. In 1942 open porches were located running the length of both long facades. Eight matching dormer windows were located on the roof, four to a side.

### 8.0

Dating evidence for the structure is scarce; officials at Greenfield Village have represented it as a 17th-century dwelling, but it seems much more likely to date much later than that -- probably to the late 18th-mid-19th century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: *Susquehanna site*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: *Patuxent Naval Air Station*

CITY OR TOWN: *Lexington Park*

STATE: *Md!* COUNTY: *St Mary's*

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

Yes:  
 Restricted  
 Unrestricted  
 No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: *U.S. Government*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Susquehanna was dismantled and rebuilt at Dearborn, Michigan.</p>	
<p>ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE</p>	
<p>S M -140            SUSQUEHANNA  <del>Lexington Park</del>            Patuxent <sup>River</sup> Naval Air Station            Lexington Park</p>	
<p>mid-18th century</p>	
<p>This 1 1/2-story frame house began as a rectangular block with a central chimney. It was later extended at one end by a one-story addition with a single exterior chimney. The house was moved and relocated at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan in 1942. The site is now part of the Patuxent <sup>River</sup> Naval Air Station.</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*mid-18th century*

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### SUSQUEHANNA

(Formerly "Susquehanna Point")

About 1654



The approach to this Marine type of house is down a straight lane one and a half miles long.

The two long sides of the dwelling stretch sixty feet, and are nearly identical in appearance. The sheathing boards are random width, the greatest width exposed being eighteen inches. On the inside of the house some clapboards may be seen in the Hall on the North wall, indicating that the Living Room was the first house. Upstairs there are tiny bedrooms.

Christopher Rousby, of "Susquehanna", left by will upon his death in 1684 "Crome", 1100 acres, and "Rousby County", 500 acres.

The tomb of Christopher Rousby states that he was "taken out of this world by a violent Death". This refers to his stabbing by Col. George Talbot.

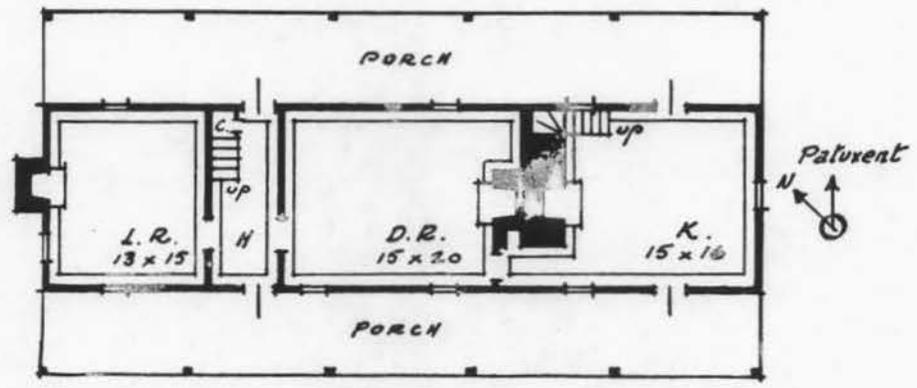
The plantation later came into possession of the Carrolls.



*Views: From Northwest and from Southwest.*

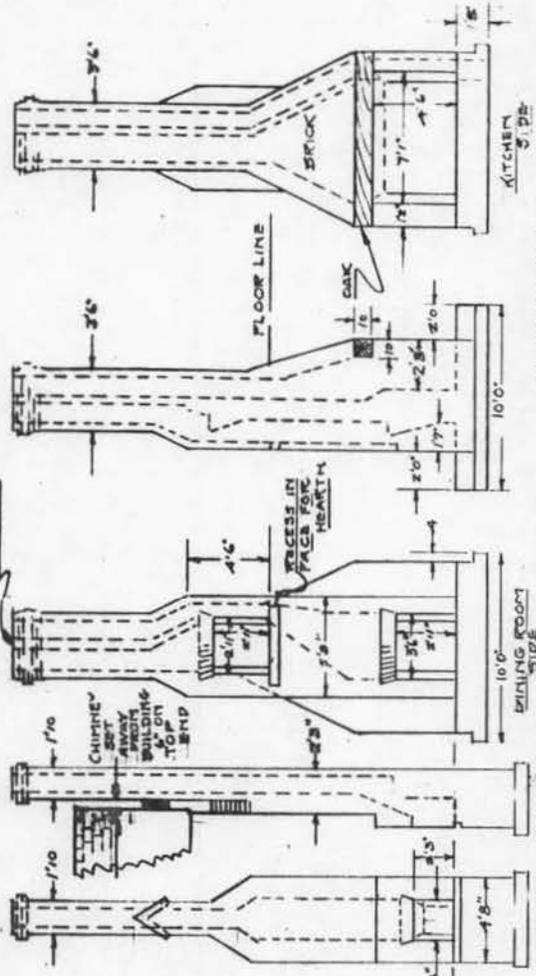
*Dimensions:*

- Overall, 60-5 by 16-2, not including porches, which are later.*
- Porch to eaves, 6-0.*
- Ceiling, 9-1.*
- Sill, 30.*
- Panes, 8 by 10.*
- Wall, 5.*

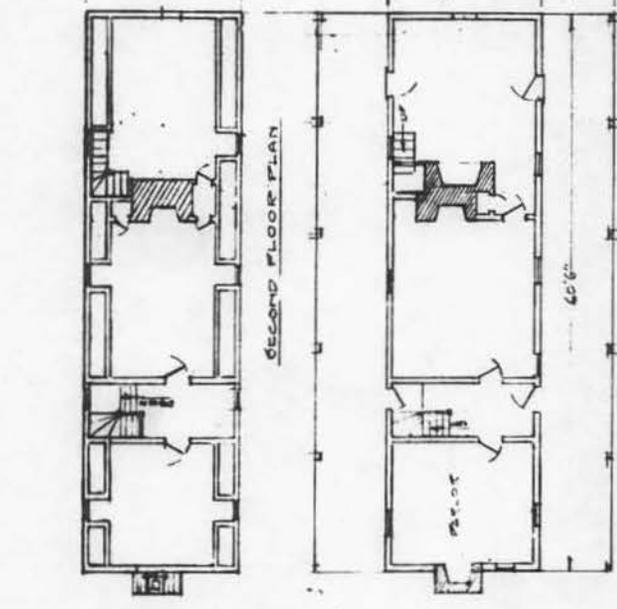
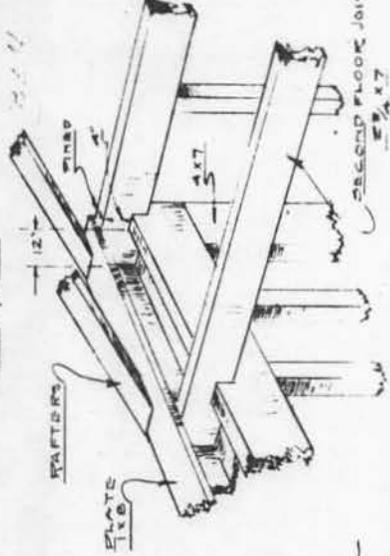




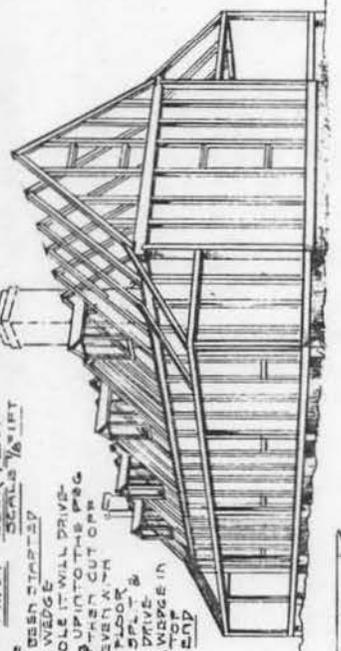
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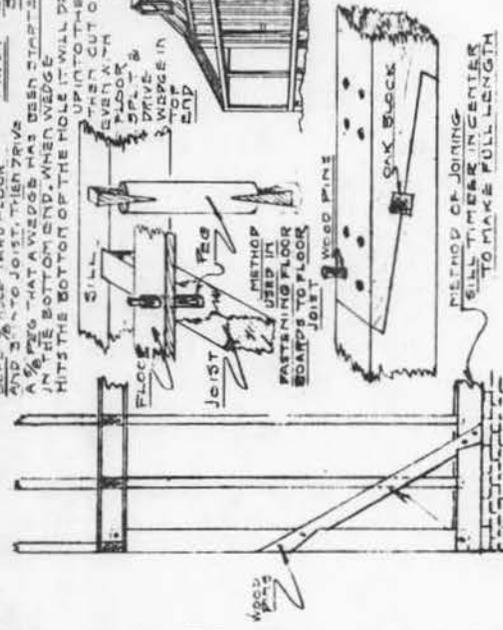
MAIN CHIMNEY SCALE 1/4" = 1 FT



NOTE: 1/2" HOLE THRU FLOOR BEES 3/4" HOLE TO JOIST, THEN DRIVES A 3/8" PEG - THAT WEDGE HAS BEEN STARTED IN THE BOTTOM END. WHEN WEDGE HITS THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE IT WILL DRIVE UP INTO THE PEG. THEN CUT ONE PEG WITH A PLANE TO TOP END. DRIVE 3/8" WEDGE IN TOP END.



SUSQUEHANNA HOUSE TRAMING BROUGHT FROM ST. MARYS COUNTY MD. FEB. - 1942 WAS LOCATED AT THE MOUTH OF POTOMAC RIVER. E. J. CUTLER 1904



CORNER BRACKS

Susquehanna SM-140



"Susquehanna," on the northerly side of St. Mary's County overlooking the Patuxent River is especially noted for having been the home of Christopher Rousby, the King's Collector General, who was fatally stabbed in an altercation with Colonel George Talbot. It was on this plantation that the Council at its meeting on July 1, 1661, determined upon the famous expedition against the Dutch on the Delaware.

Field visit to "Susquehanna" (SM-40), now part of outdoor museum at Greenfield Village, Dearborn Michigan. May 1980

~~Multiple to experience the woodwork (etc)~~  
~~Hand marking - walls (etc)~~  
~~to shop marking~~

"Susquehanna" -

3 room plan w/ hall.

1st room - attached kitchen - lg oak beam.

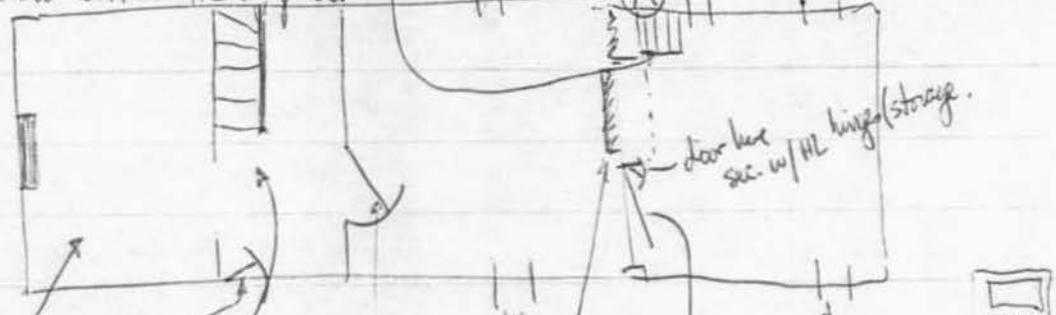
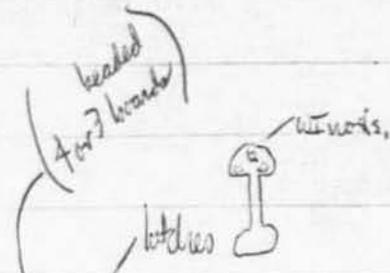
tight minor stair - long boards

attached w/ HL hinges.

2 board door at A - HL hinges.

1 door (etc) + window 4/6 in front/rear walls. overlights -

4 panes glass w/ panes' marks,



front porch marked w/ 1/2 round moldings

(hall square balusters + round posts)

9 1/2" door (6 panel)

later HMC metal (cl 180)

12th door here 6 panel door. HL hinges.

darkie HMC?

5 panel w/ HL hinges

(may be wrong on later hinges w/out HL hinges - ghosts).

(Mark R. Edwards)

1 E R

1 BARREN 17  
5760 IV

Hog Pt

SM 140

Fishing Pt

Pearson  
Creek

Harper  
Creek

Cedar Point

Fresh Pond

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17'30"

4238

4237

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A I R T E S T C E N T E R

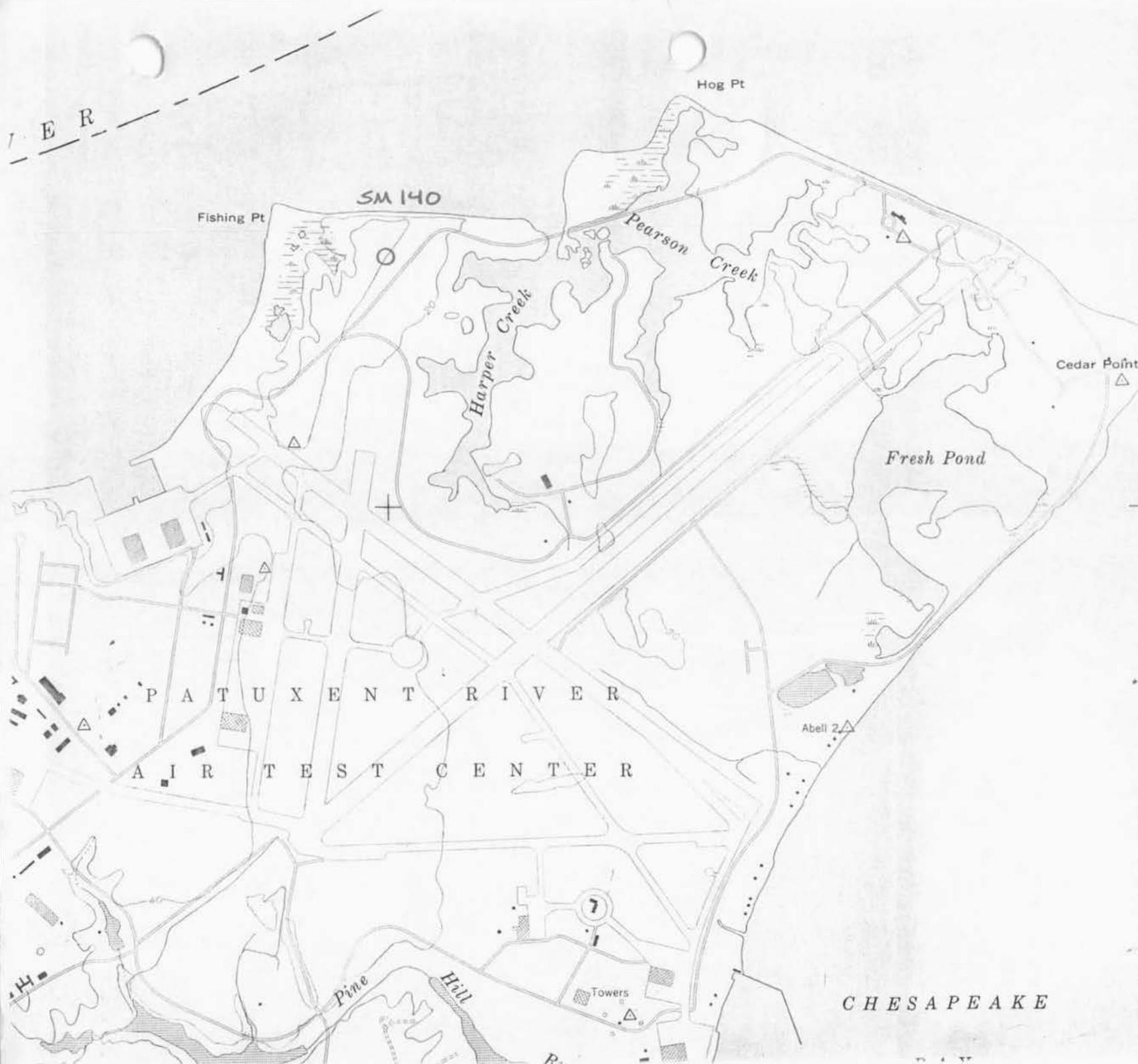
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Towers

Pine Hill

C H E S A P E A K E



(BARREN ISLAND)  
5760 IV SE

4240

4239  
17:30'

4238

4237

Cedar Point

Fresh Pond

Abell 2

Hog Pt

Pearson Creek

Harper Creek

R I V E R  
C E N T E R

Susquehanna  
SM 140

Solomons Island Road

Fishing Pt

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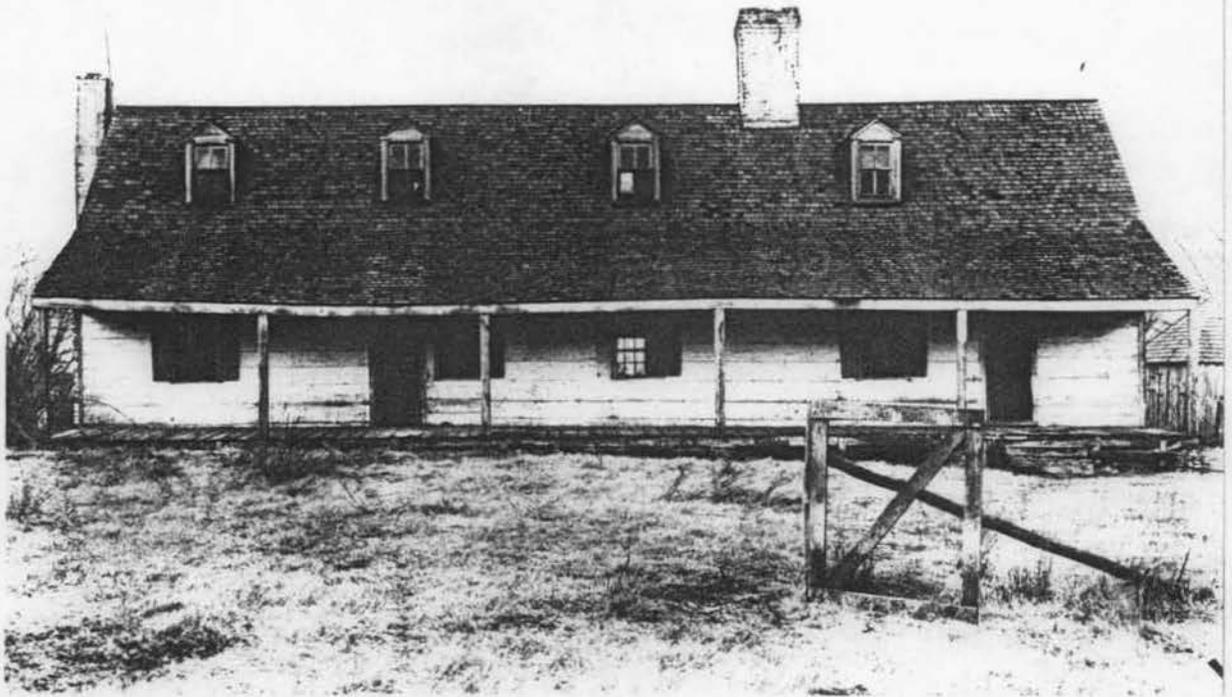


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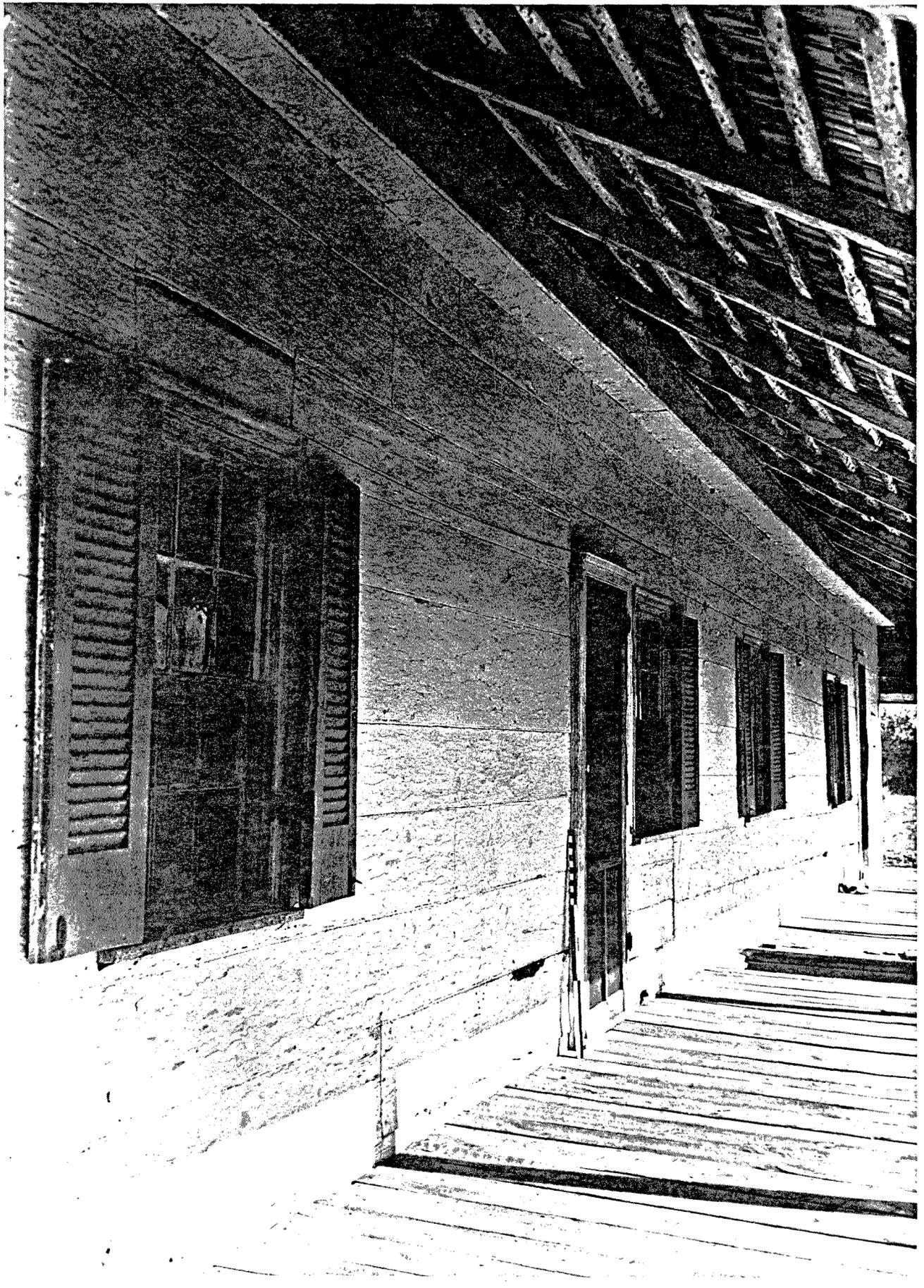


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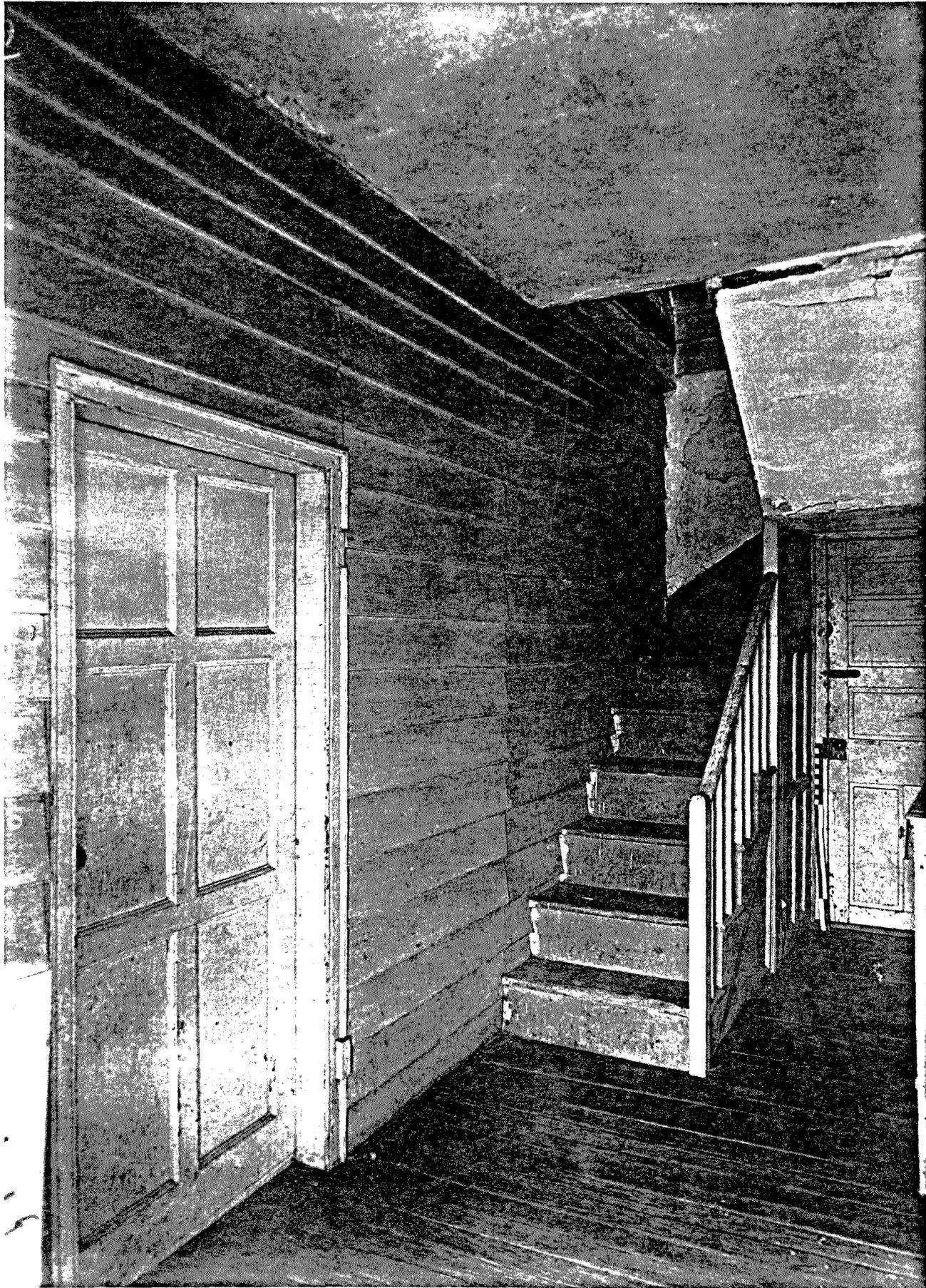


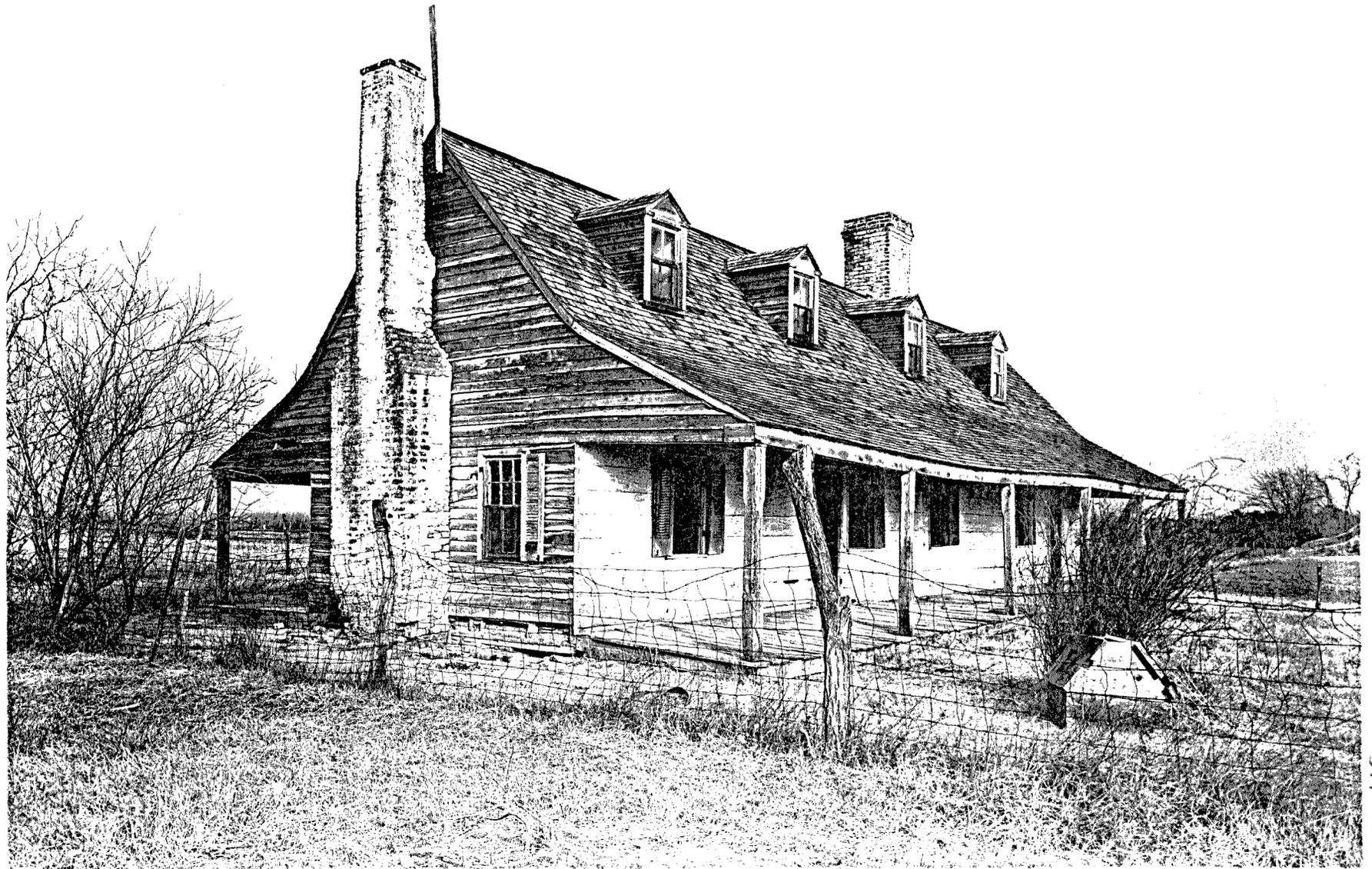
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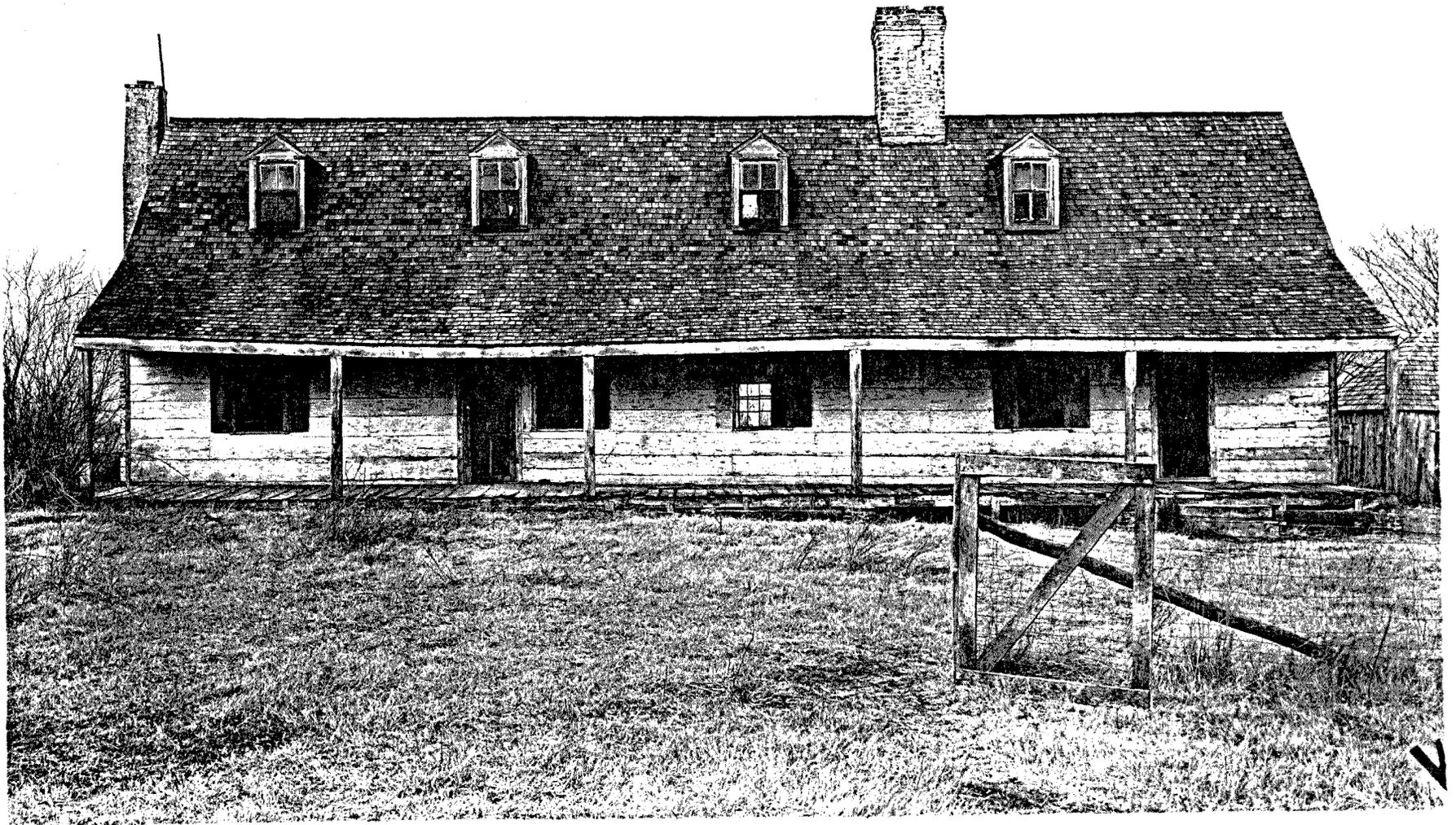
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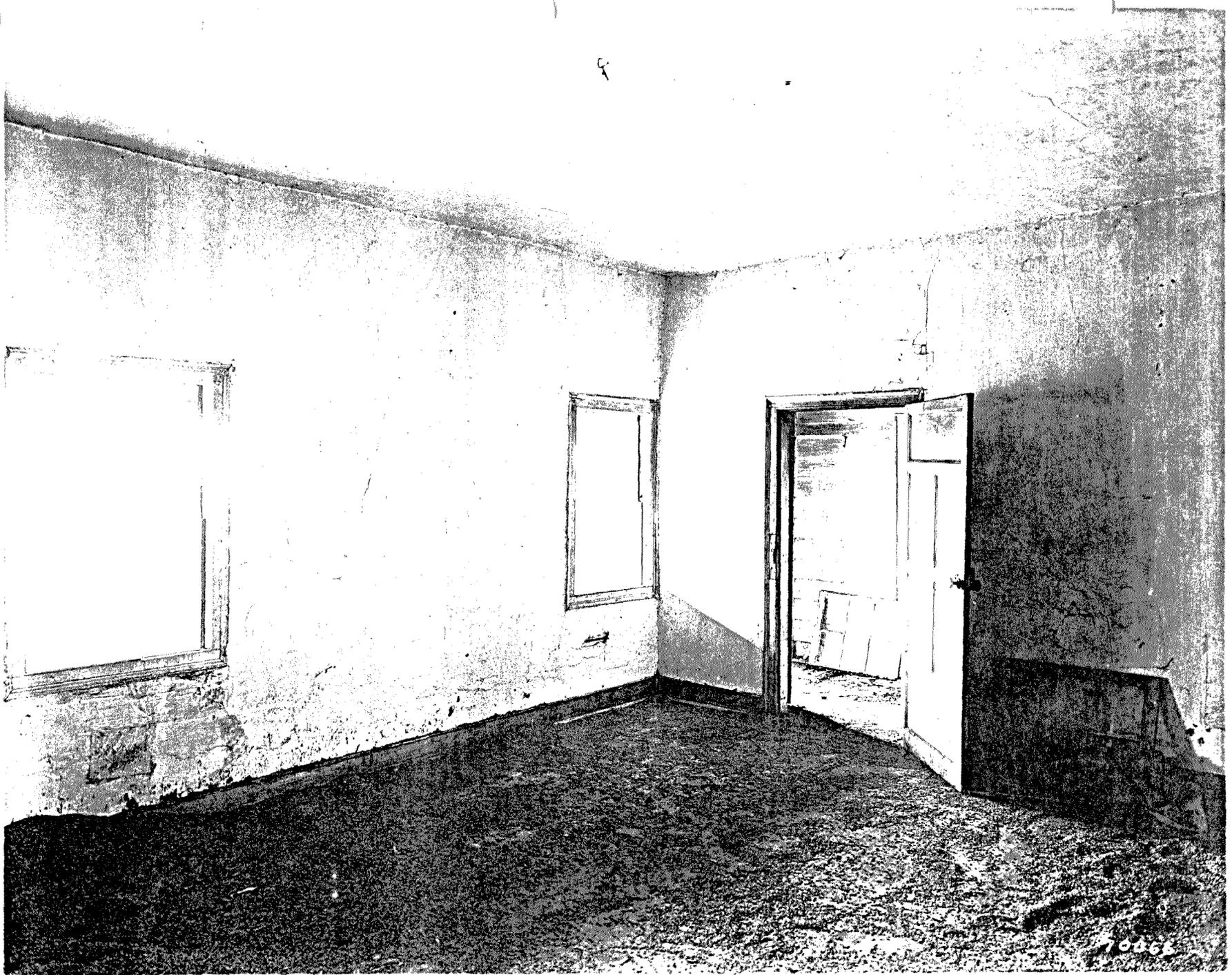
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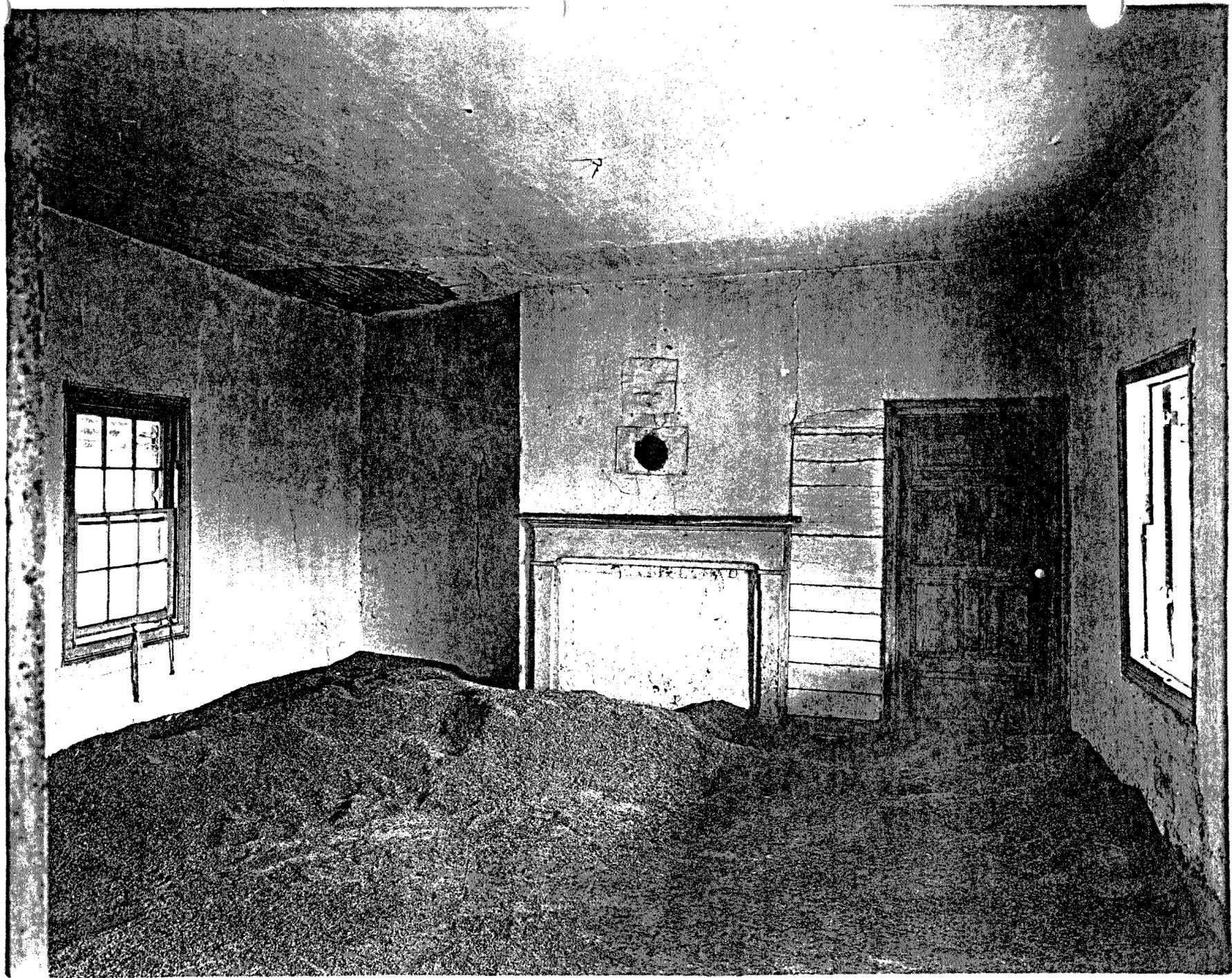
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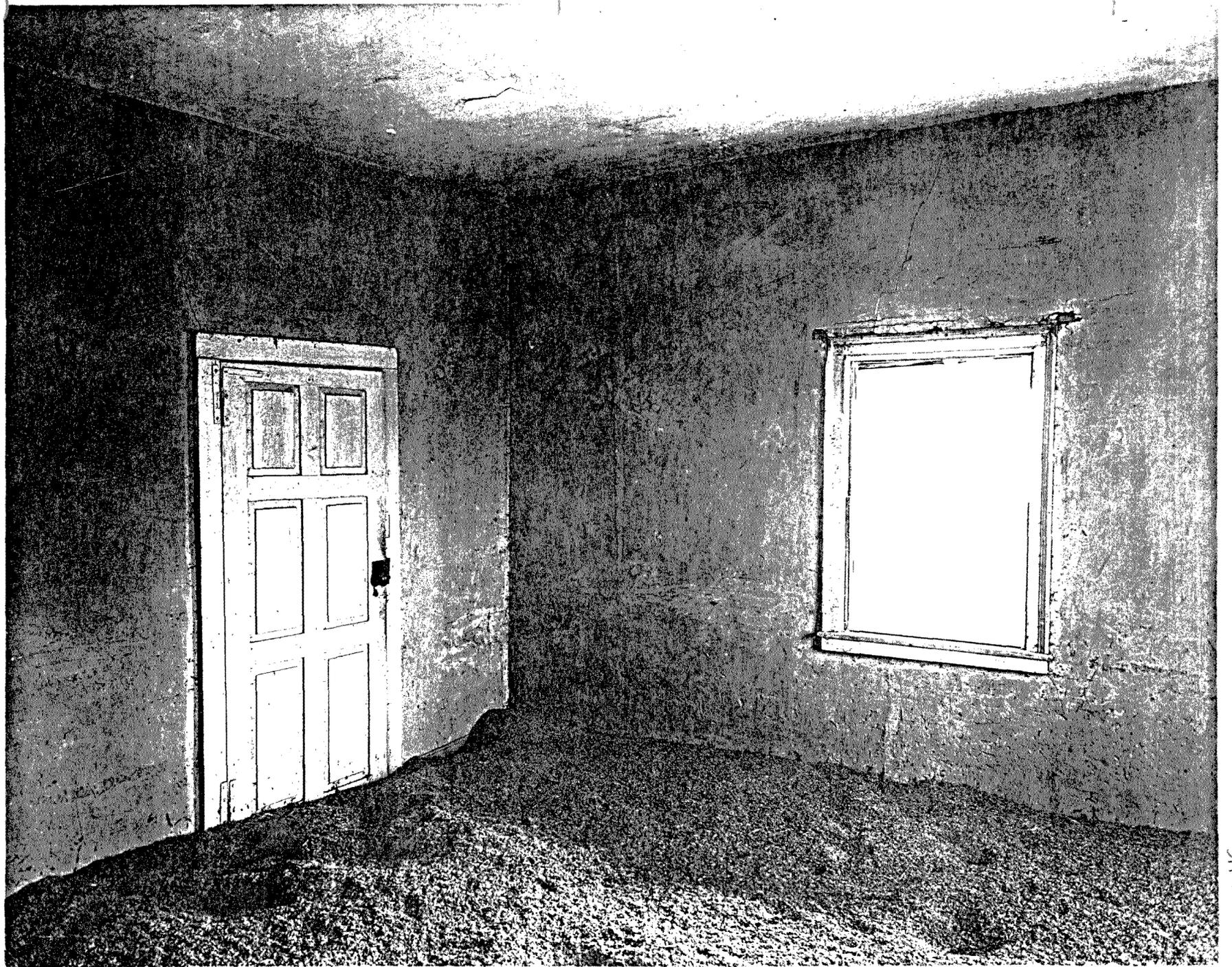
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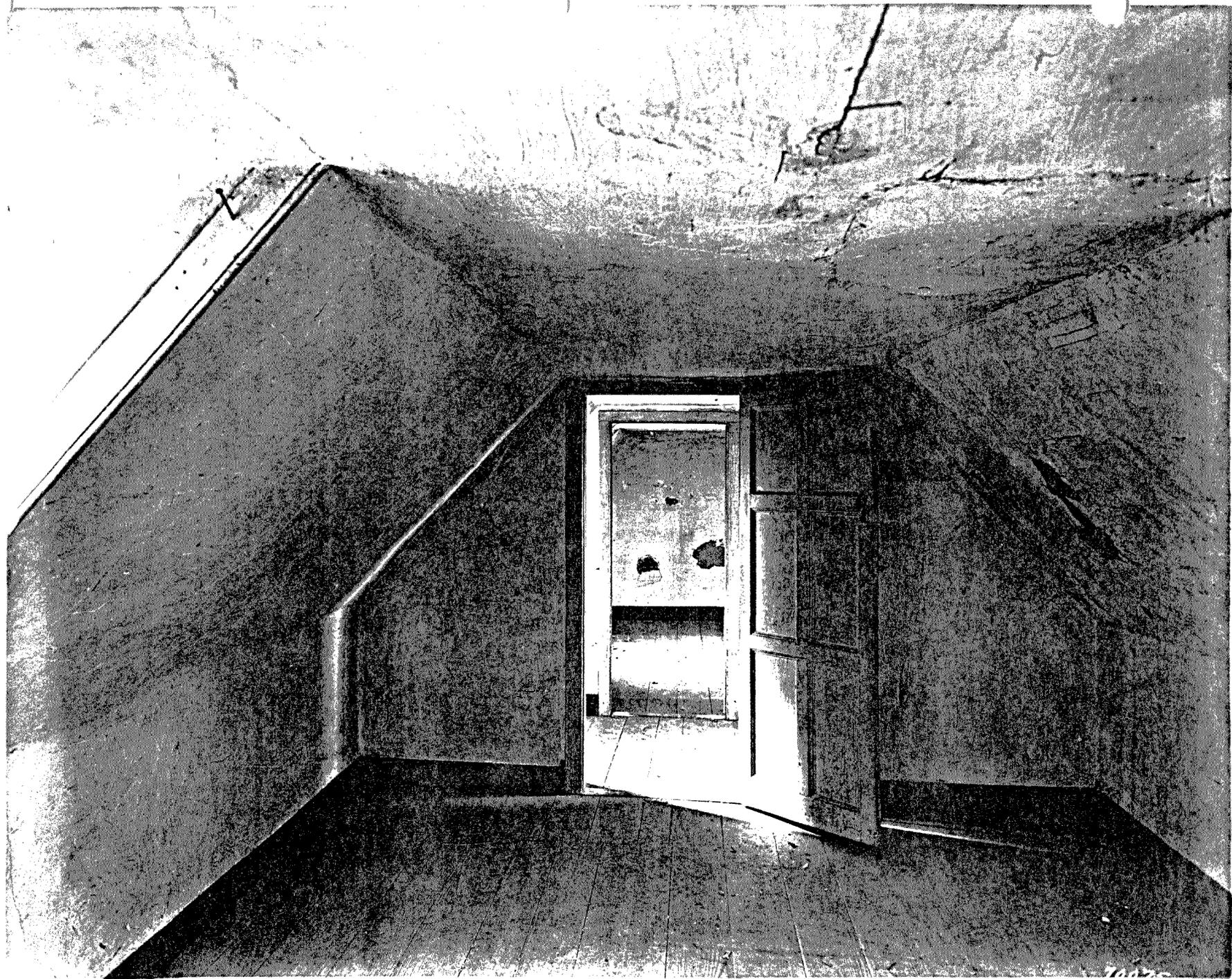


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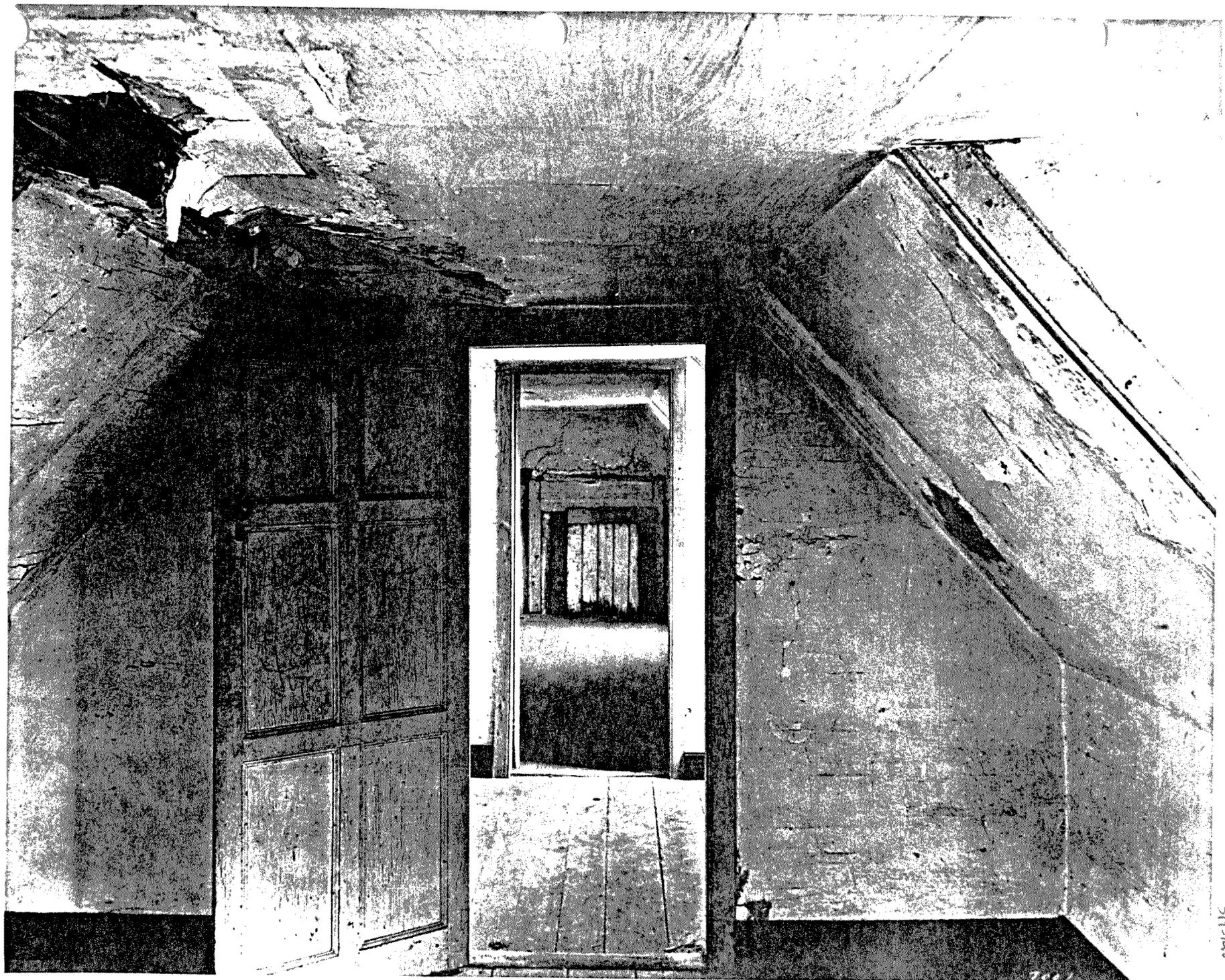
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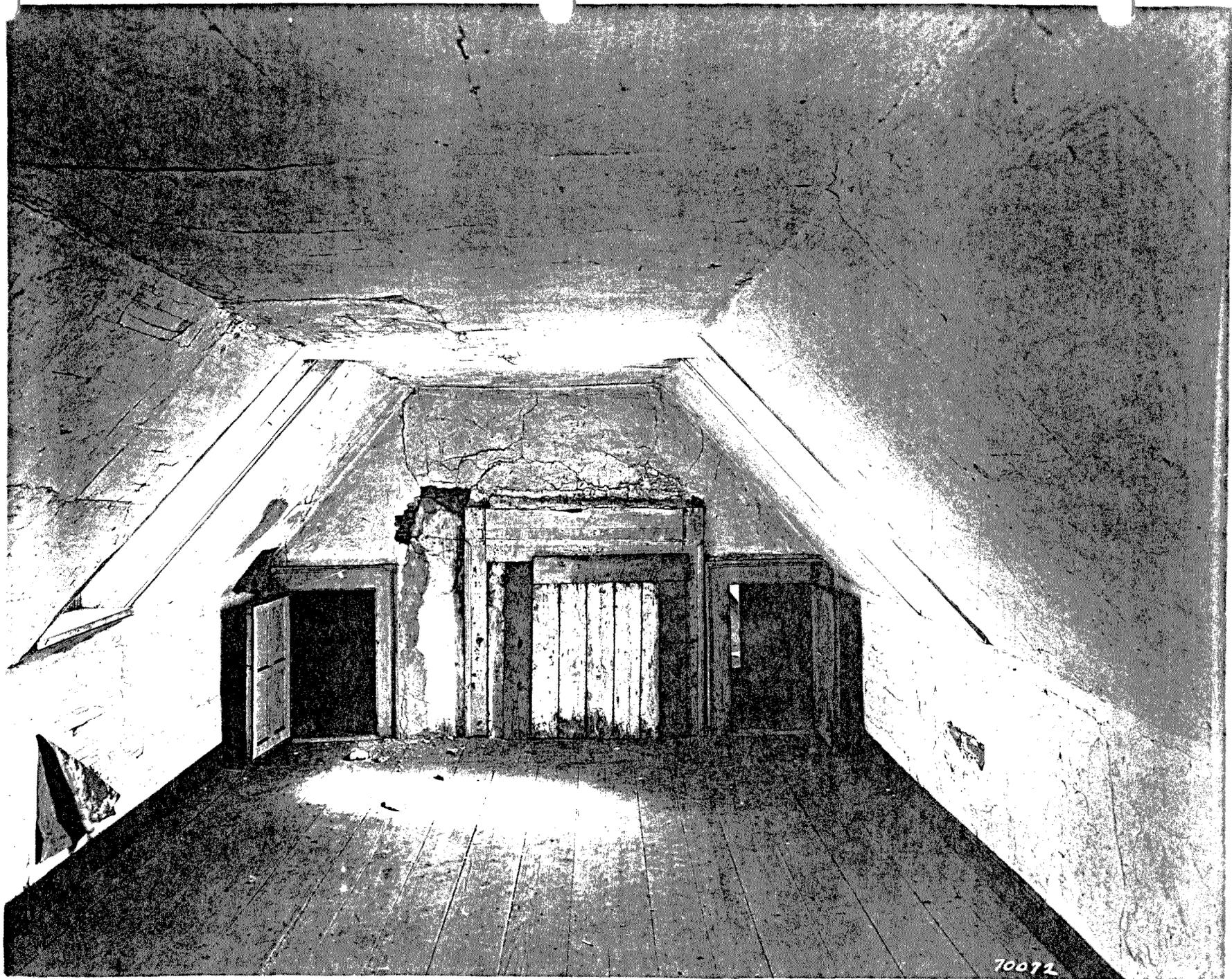
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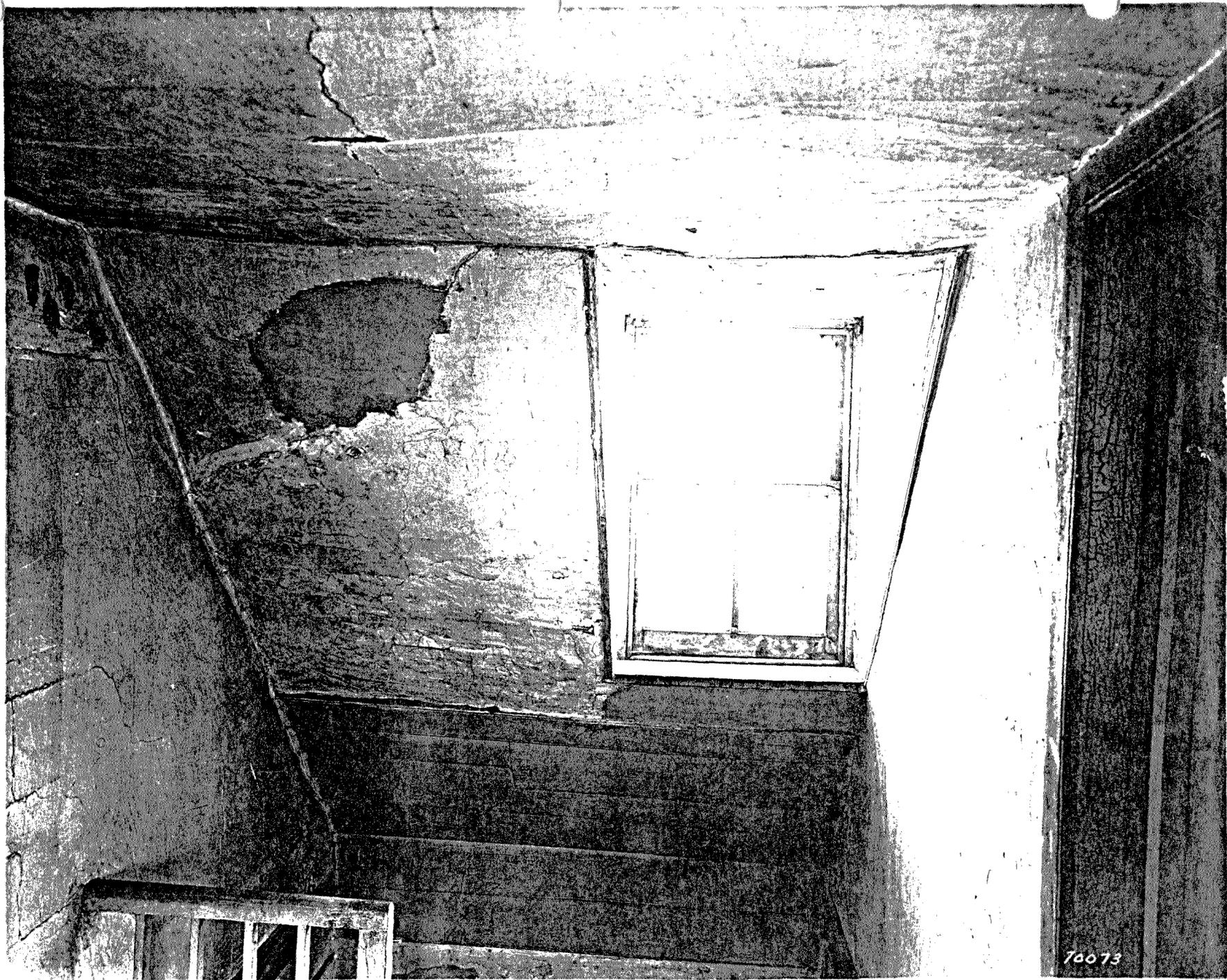
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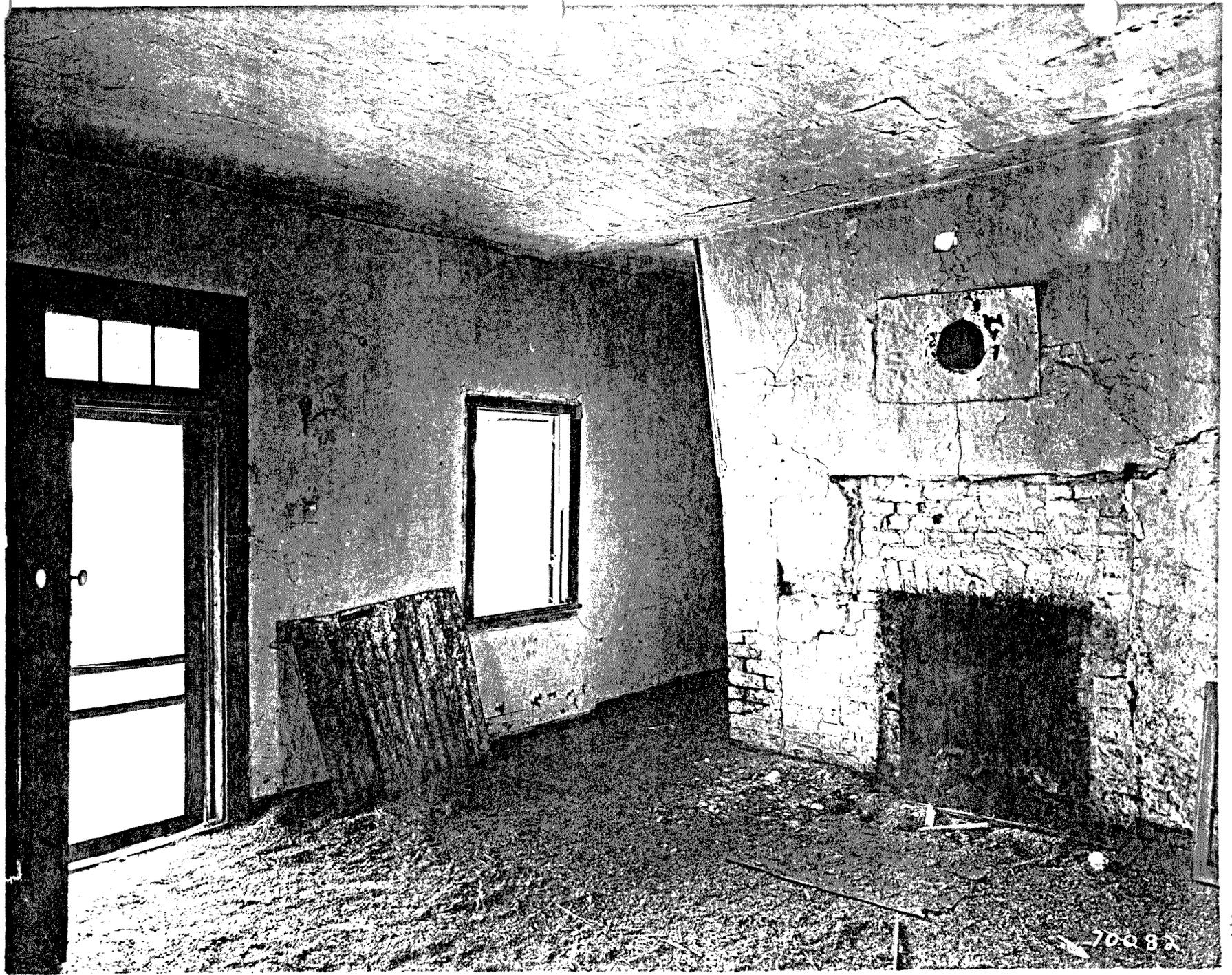
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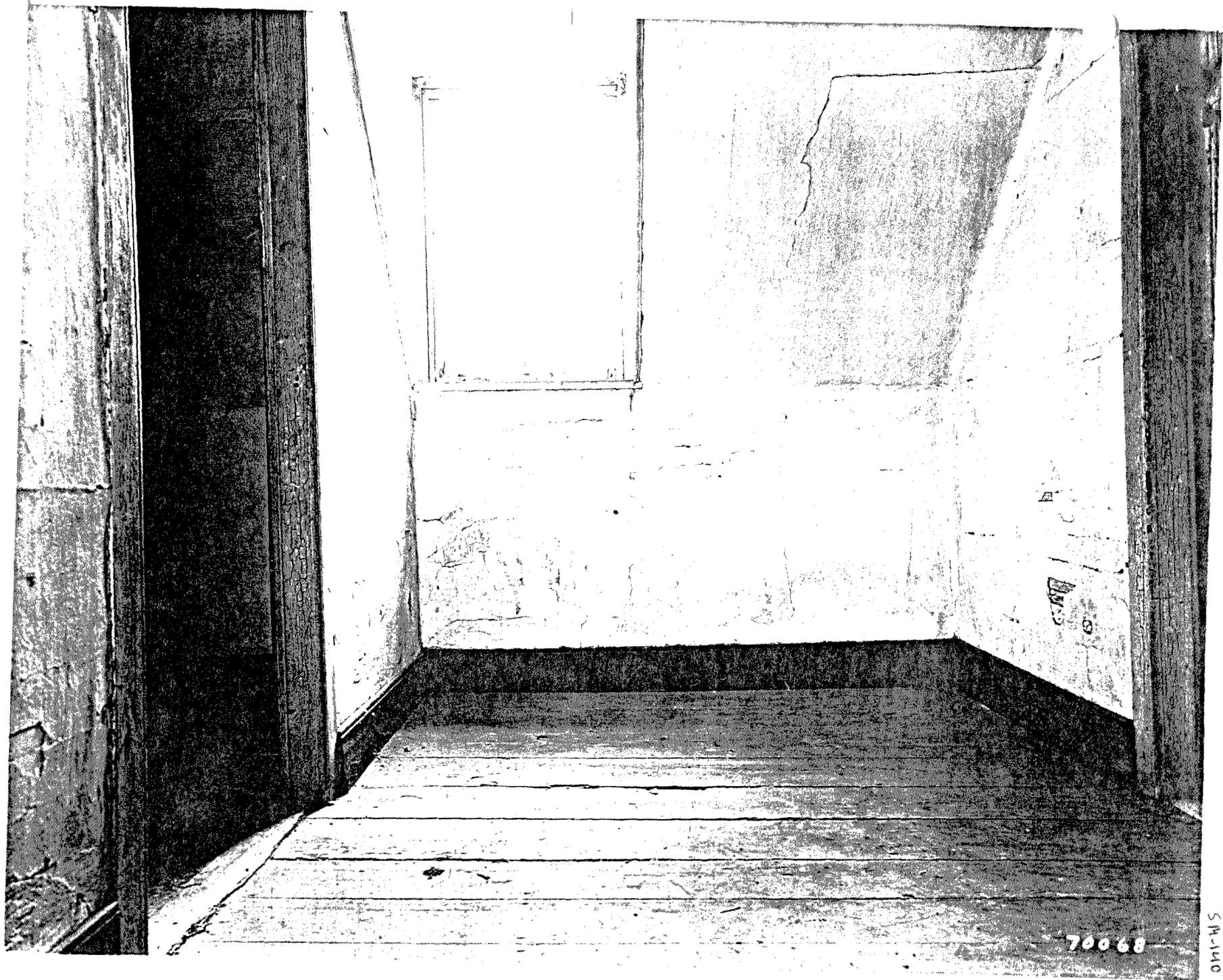
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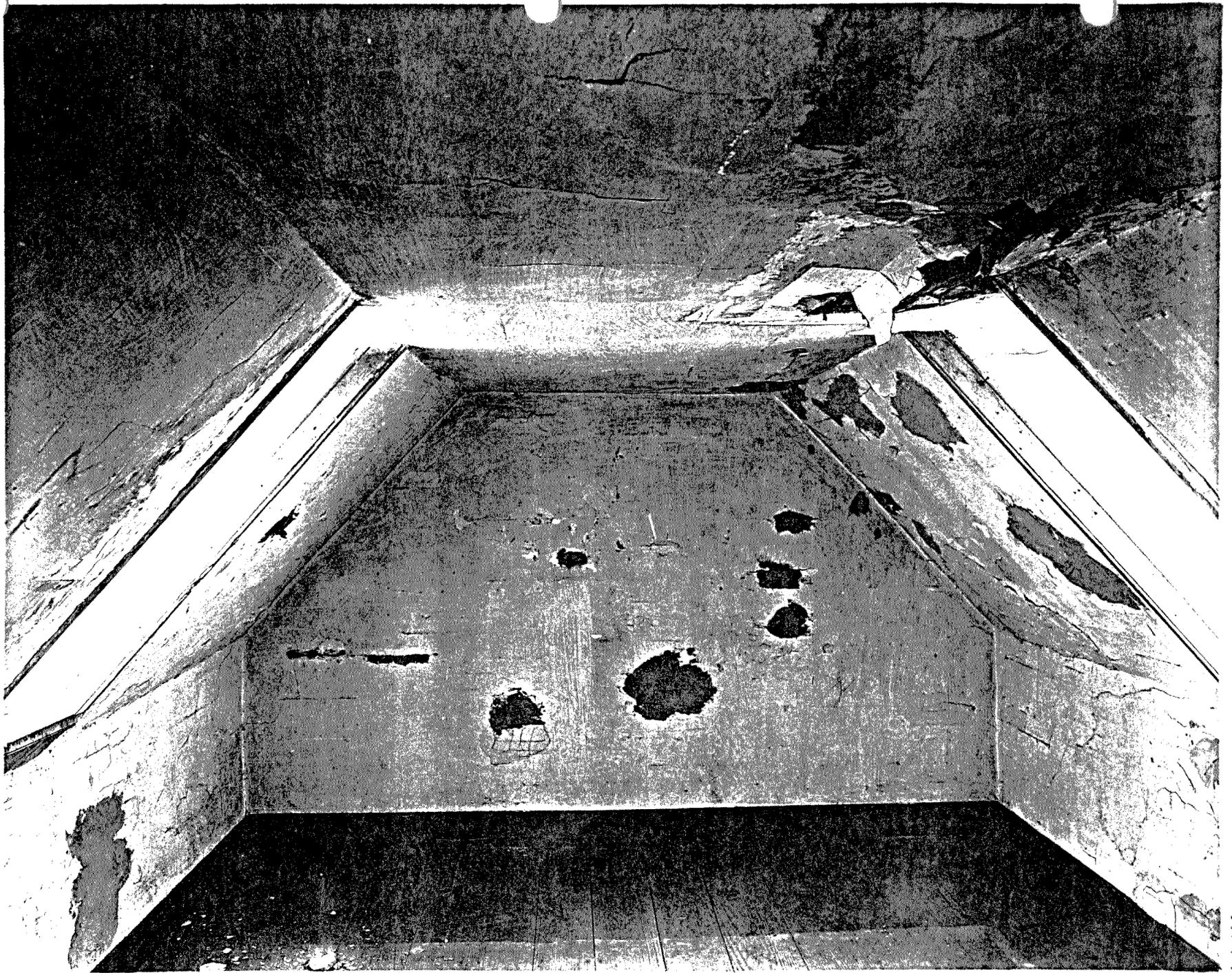


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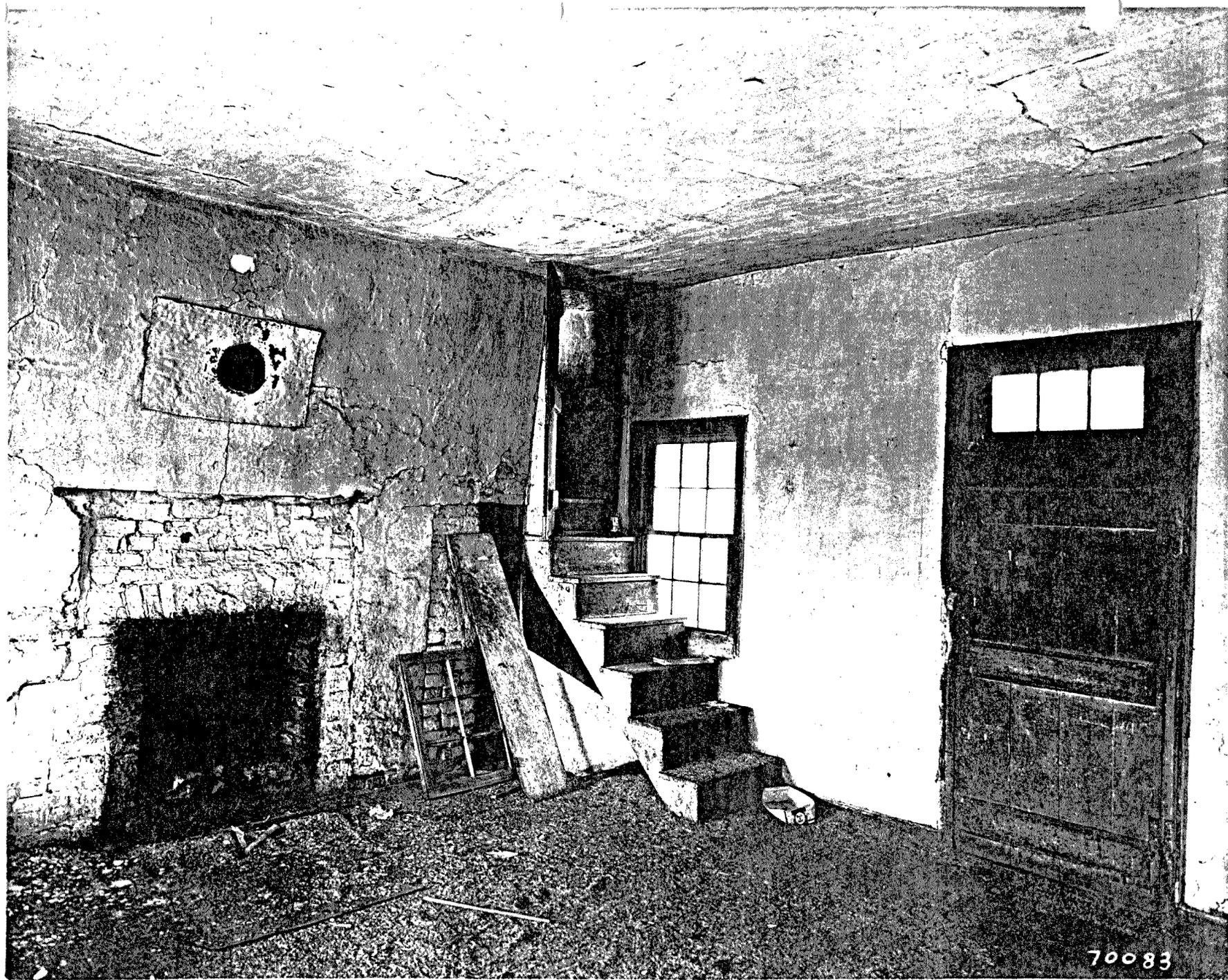


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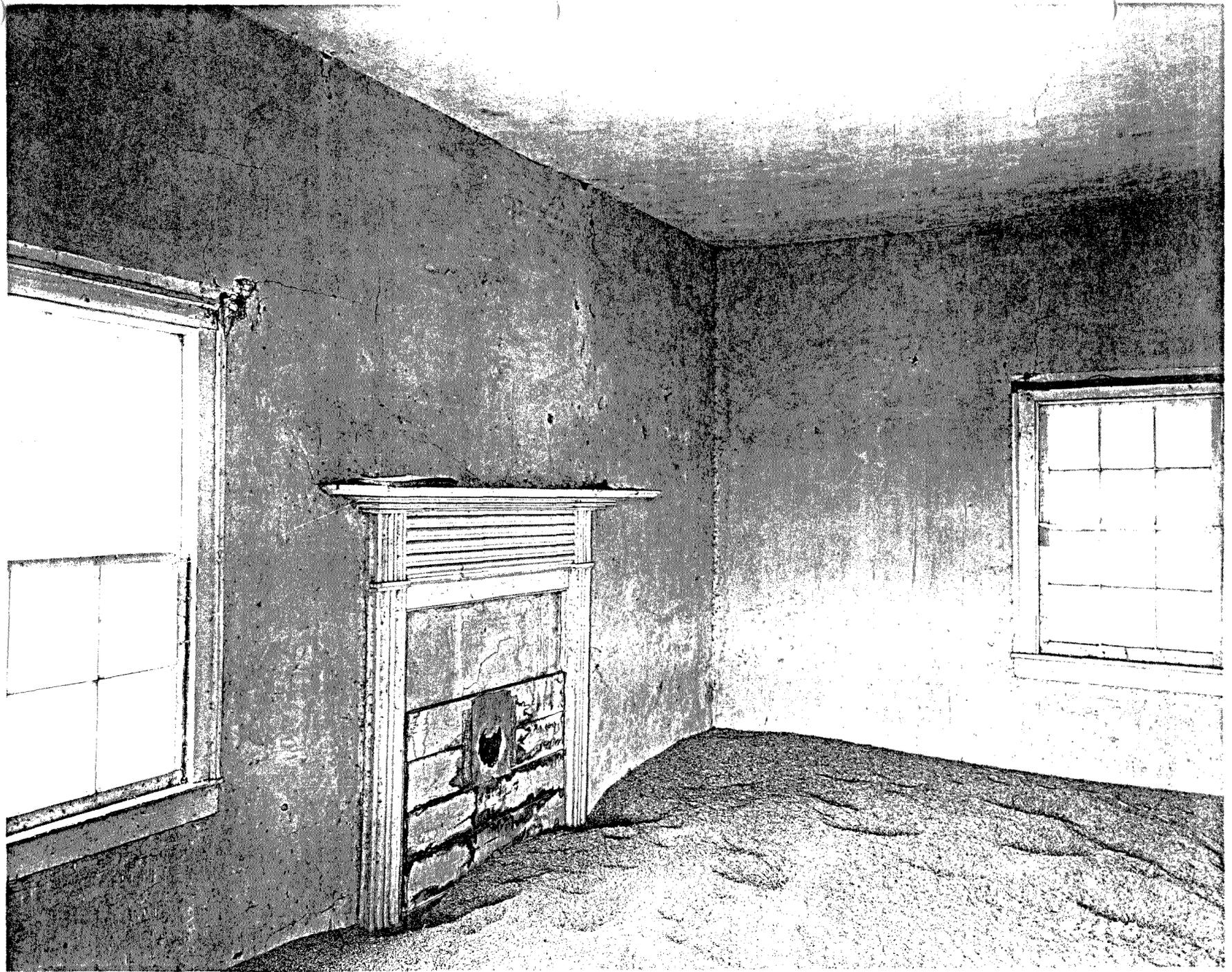
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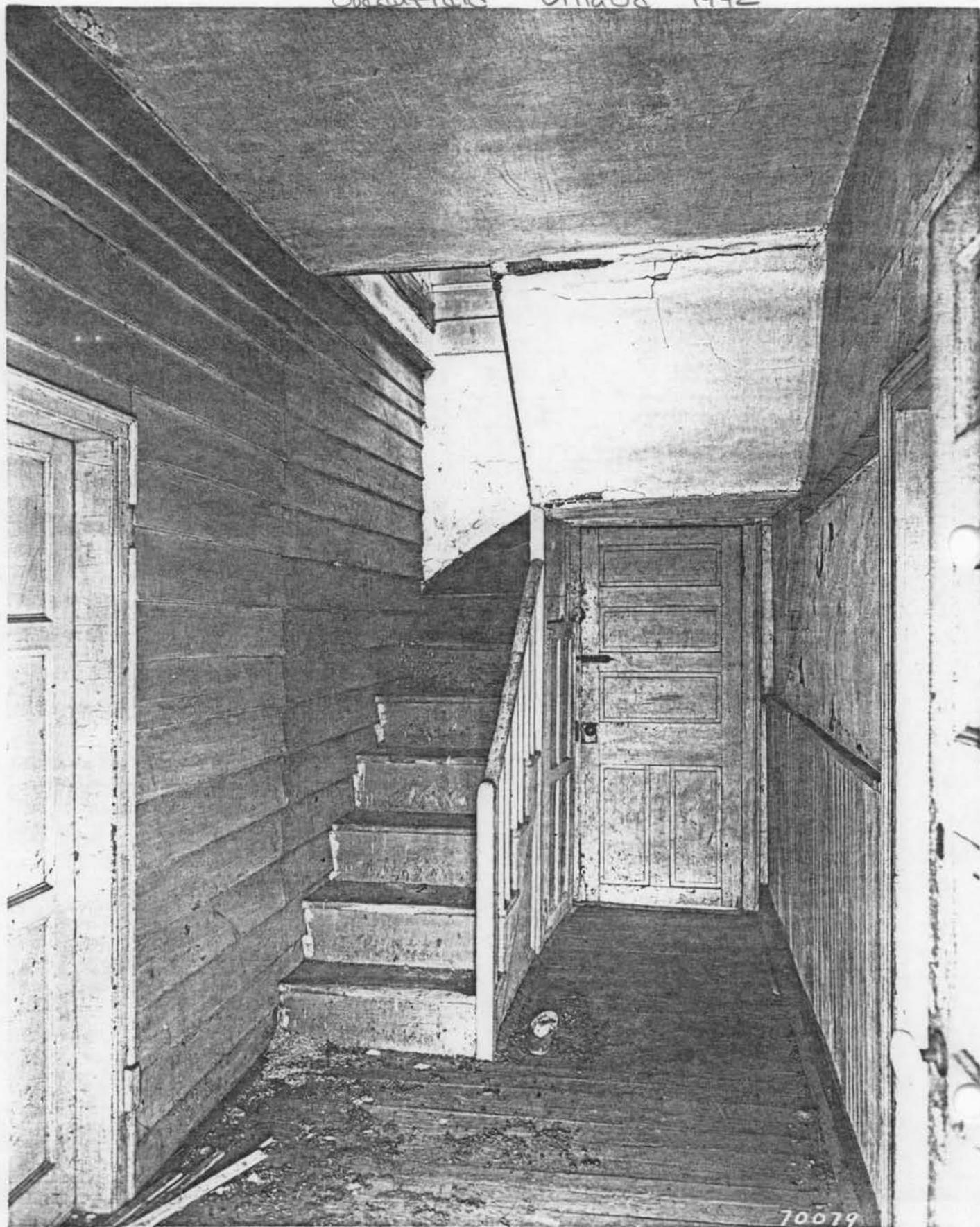
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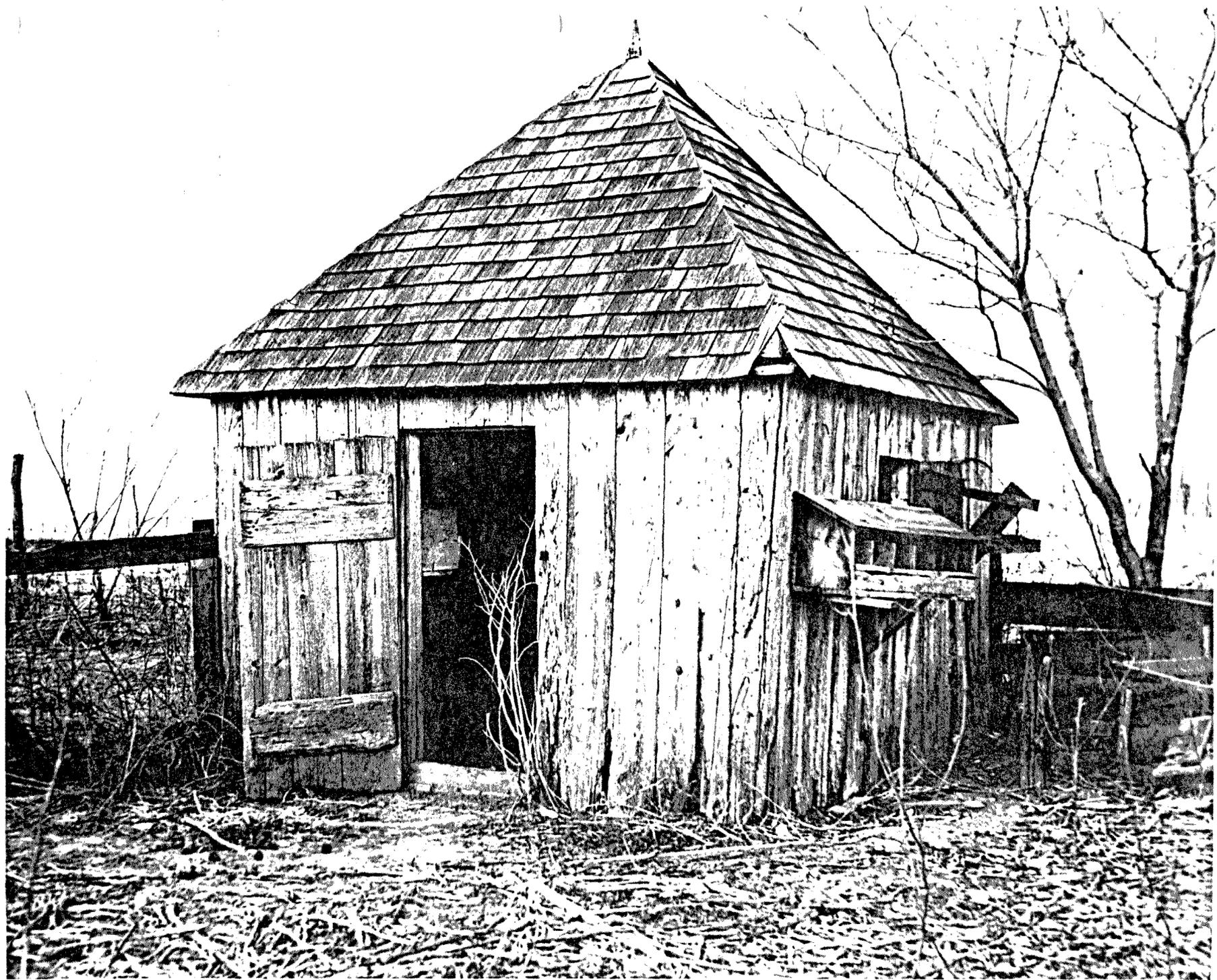
Grantfield Village 1942

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Grantfield Villages 1942



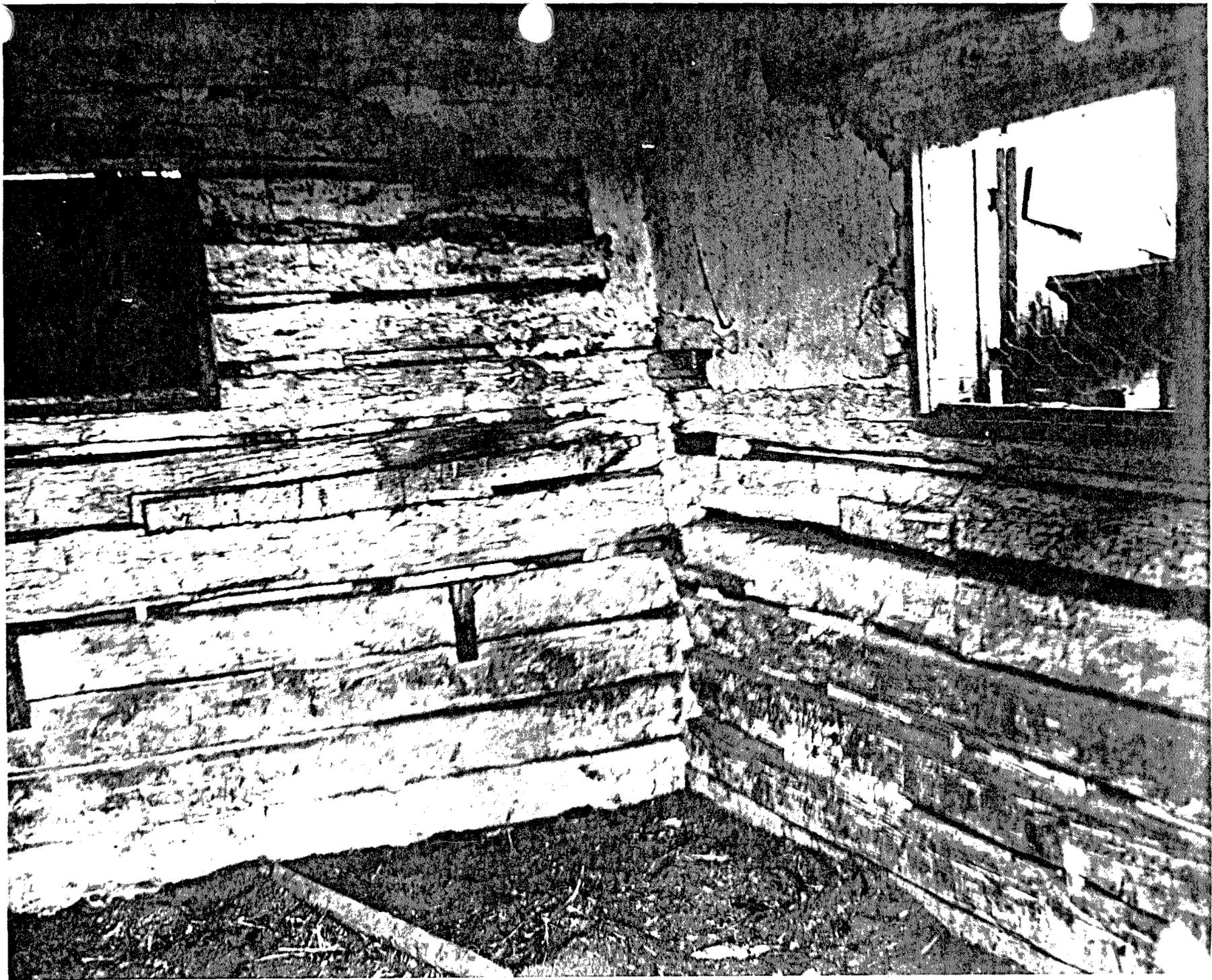
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Original drawing is in the vertical  
file for Susquehanna



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Susquehanna

(Sm 140)



*Plympton & Susquehanna House*

SM-140

International

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HERE

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Post Card

PLYMPTON AND SUSQUEHANNA HOUSES  
Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan

Plympton House, oldest American house in the Village, was built by Thomas Plympton after 1643 in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The dormered Susquehanna House, constructed in Maryland in 1652, was occupied by the King's Collector of Customs.

