

D-673
Abdell House
East New Market
private

1903

The Abdell house, a two-and-a-half story center hall dwelling, is a prominent frame structure that defines the south side of School Street near the main intersection of East New Market. The large ell-shaped house is distinguished by a modillioned cornice that trims the house main roof as well as the front porch and the rooftop dormer. The modillion blocks curiously extend around the projecting northwest corner of the service wing. The date of construction, 1903, is painted on the interior face of one of the four chimneys within the attic.

Survey No. D-673

Magi No. 1006732704

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ABDELL HOUSE

and/or common ISENBERG HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 14 School Street not for publication

city, town East New Market vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

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

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

name Mrs. Mildred Isenberg

street & number 14 School Street telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code MD 21631

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of County Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21631

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1985 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Abdell house, also known as the Isenberg house, stands at 14 School Street in the center of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1903, the two-and-a-half story center hall frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story ell service wing.

The north (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center glazed door entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The windows are distinguished by louvered shutters. Stretching across the first floor is a single-story turned post, hip roof porch. Decorative corner brackets mark each post, and the porch cornice is trimmed with modillion blocks. The porch has been screened in. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. Highlighting the base of the roof is a modillioned cornice that stretches around to each gable end. Centered on the roof is a gabled dormer that is also distinguished by a modillioned cornice. A small pointed arch single-pane sash window pierces the front gable.

The east and west gable ends are essentially alike with pairs of two-over-two sash windows lighting each floor. Small single-pane sash windows light the attic to either side of the internal end brick stove stacks. The chimney stacks are finished with corbelled caps.

The south side of the main block is largely covered by the two-story service wing that extends slightly beyond the west gable end of the main block. The service wing, three bays deep, is extended on the east side with a partially enclosed single-story porch and a shed roofed section to the rear. Fixed in the southeast corner of the ell is a two-story flat roofed addition. Rising through the roof are two narrow brick stove stacks.

The west side of the service wing is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Located on the second floor between the second and third bay from the north corner is a colored glass diamond shaped window.

The interior was not seen, but early twentieth-century woodwork and plastered walls were described by the owner. The owner, Mrs. Mildred Isenberg, also indicated that the date, 1903, was painted on the interior face of one of the chimneys within the attic.

8. Significance

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1903 **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.

The Abdell house, located in the center of East New Market, is an important early twentieth-century dwelling. Aside from the relocated "Trading Post" building and the small town office structure, the Abdell house is the first dwelling that defines the south side of School Street nearest the main intersection of town. The large ell-shaped frame house, erected in 1903, is distinguished by a modillioned cornice that not only trims the main house but the porch and gabled dormer as well. The modillion blocks were curiously extended around the projecting northwest corner of the service wing. From the description of the interior by owner, few major changes have been made inside the house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: D-673

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE:

ORIGINAL USE:

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
 Excellent (X) Good ()
 Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT:
C. 1880 / C. 1920

COUNTY: Dorchester

TOWN: East New Market

LOCATION: School Street
Route 14
East New Market

COMMON NAME:
The Abdel House / Isenberg Property

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: dwelling/residential

OWNER: Mrs. Mildred N. Isenberg

ADDRESS:
same as above

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
 Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 Local (X) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum (X) Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
 Bonding Pattern: _____ Other: _____
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
 Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
 Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 3 X 2 BAYS

Entrance Location: 2ND

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
 No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
 Development () Deterioration ()
 Alteration (X) Other:

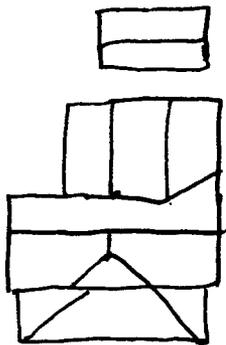
LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 Positive (X) Negative ()
 Mixed () Other:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
- Moderately Built Up(x) Densely Built Up()
- Residential() Commercial()
- Agricultural() Industrial()
- Roadside Strip Development()
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:

Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

THE ISENBERG PROPERTY

2½ story, balloon frame. Gabled asphalt tile roof with 2 inside chimneys at both gables with corbells. Front facade has 3 bays; entrance in center bay. There is a veranda with turned columns and decorative ornate scroll work. Original louvered shutters. Original door--large lite on top half; 3 recessed beaded panels, chamfered edges*. Plain surround; transom over door. 2 over 2 windows. Dentil cornice across veranda and main house, extending to gables on both sides. From the main block there is a L or projected rear block. 5 bays--2 in main block, 3 in rear. Two windows 1 over 1 in ½ story. In rear block there are 2 chimneys with corbells on ridge of roof. Decorative, diamond-shaped window, between 4th and 5th bay, on second level, with colored/glass and at top and bottom and on both sides are small colored frosted panes. plain

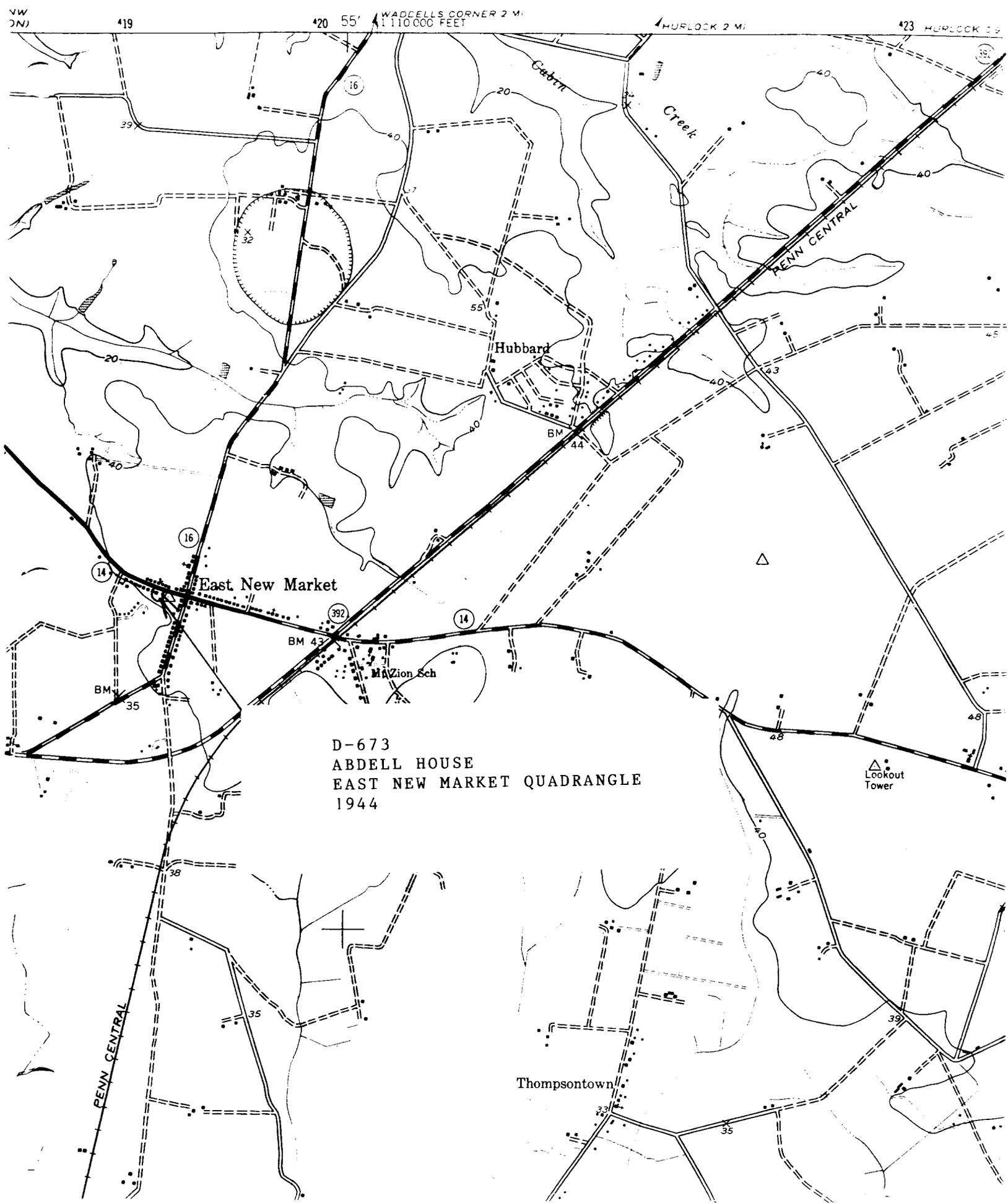
There is a kitchen addition built in 1920**. 1 story side porch partially enclosed. Chamfered edges on porch columns. Brick foundation. A total of 36 windows in the house.

Outbuilding has gabled tin roof framed with very wide vertical boards. Shed roof addition.

* lower half

** The enclosed kitchen addition was originally an open porch.

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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE
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ABDELL HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Northwest elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

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ABDELL HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

East elevation

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The Isenberg Property

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School Street

East New Market, MD

C. Widell

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Northwest elevation



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School Street

EAST New Market, MD

C. Widell

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EAST ELEVATION



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School Street

EAST New Market, MD

C. Widdell

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Detail - Roof, Cornice



The Isenberg Property

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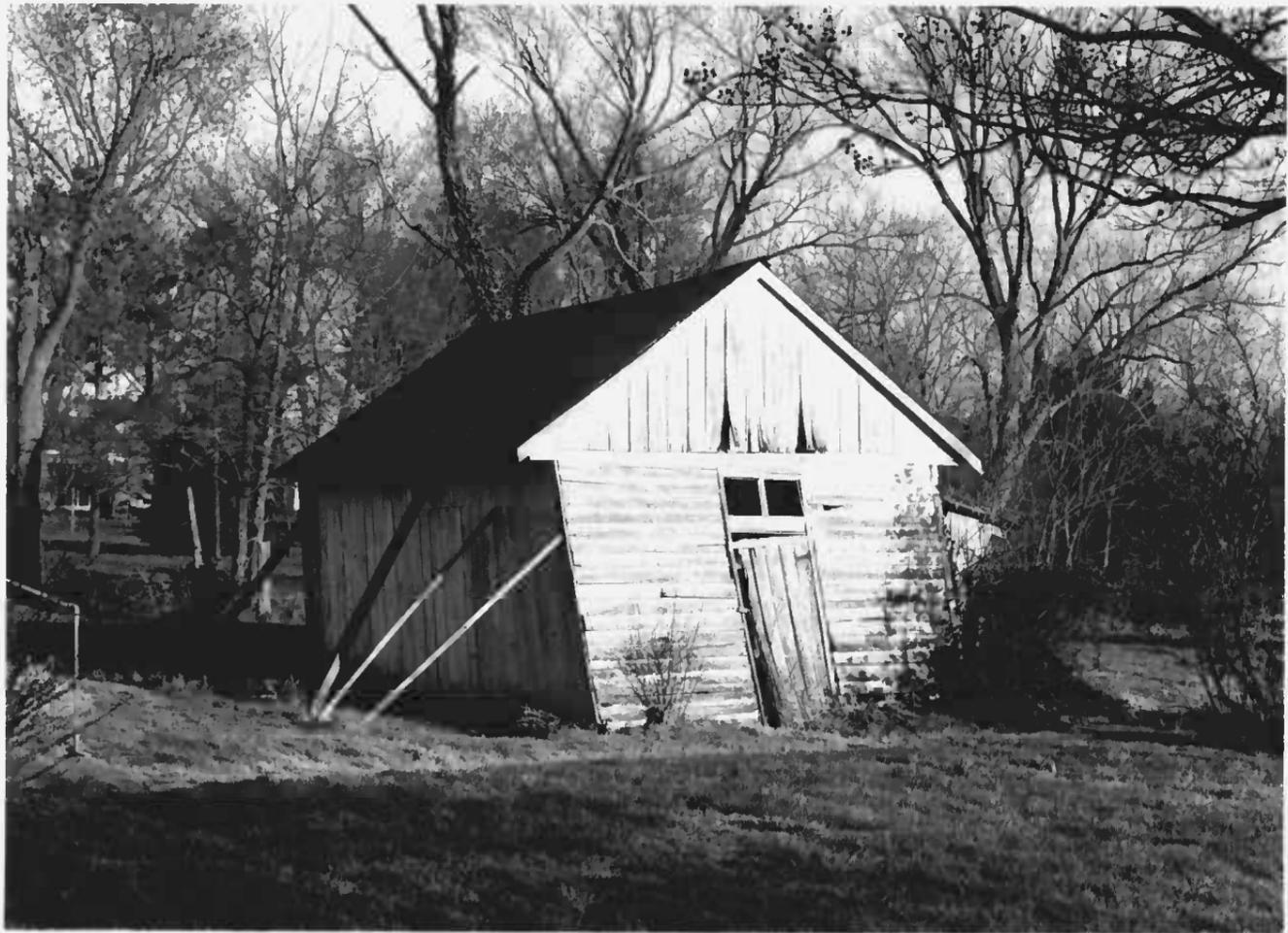
School Street

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West elevation



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OUT BUILDING