

August 5, 1986.

Mrs. Dorothy Nix, Director
DeKalb Historical Society
Old Court House on the Square
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Dear Mrs. Nix:

Enclosed is a copy of the original manuscript of an address made by Roy Grizzel to the DeKalb Historical Society and also a typewritten copy of same.

I have noted one or two minor errors as follows:

(a) In the first paragraph, the location between Decatur and Marthasville. I do not believe Marthasville was established as a community until much later. *(Became Marthasville July 11, 1842. — D.N.)*

(b) Paragraph two refers to the location of the medicine house being on Clairmont Road, but it has since been moved to the Stone Mountain Park and is now located there.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Julius A. McCurdy

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Historic DeKalb

By Percy Plant

In November 1825 Naaman (see II Kings, Chapter 5) Hardman built a crude meeting house just west of the present intersection of Clairmont Avenue and North Decatur Road.

This was known as the Hardman Primitive Baptist Church. Leading members of the church were Naaman Hardman's sister, Elizabeth, and her husband, Dr. Chapman Powell. They lived nearby in Medicine House on the Shallowford Indian Trail (now Clairmont Ave.) where the doctor provided medical care for both the whites and Indians of the area.

During the Civil War the church was used by the Federals to quarter troops and was later destroyed. All that remains today is the neglected cemetery near the Emory Apartments.

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Thus the Hardmans, Powells, Houstons and others helped build the Emory Presbyterian Church to carry forward the Christian worship they started in 1825.

HOUSTON CHAPEL - THEN AND NOW

BY CLARK RINARD

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VI. Emory Presbyterian Church

Few people who live and work in the area of DeKalb County, Georgia near the intersection of Clairmont and North Decatur roads realize that this neighborhood has a rich and long history. Evidence of Indian and early white and black civilization is nearly gone, written documentation is practically non-existent, and only a few old-timers who can remember back a generation or two are still with us. This report is an attempt to discover and tell the story of the early years of this area before it is forgotten. The focus will be on the little Houston Chapel, past and present.

Little is known about the Indians who lived in these woods. The Cherokee Indians were here when the first white settlers came. They made a trail, known as the Shallowford Indian Trail to Roswell, which is now Clairmont Road.

Decatur and Marthasville (later named Atlanta) were just little towns when a settler named Hardman came to this area and built a church called Hardman Meeting House or Hardman Primitive Baptist Church.⁹ It was located on a knoll just north of the Seaboard Railway, west of the Shallowford trail (Clairmont Rd.) in what is today the University Apartment Complex. The church was destroyed in the Civil War, but the cemetery still exists. Buried in that cemetery are some of DeKalb County's earliest white settlers. It has been neglected and vandalized for many years, but finally is being restored as a Boy Scout project of Troop # 55.

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Powell who lived in a log cabin just a little south, along the Shallowford Trail. To the Indians this cabin was known as "Medicine House" because Dr. Powell mixed herbs there to treat their illnesses.² Medicine House was moved to Stone Mountain Park to be a part of the Plantation in the park. There is a car wash where it stood at 1218 Clairmont Road.

The Powells' daughter, Amanda Catherine, was born in 1832. In 1854 she married Washington Jackson Houston, and they lived first in Atlanta, then later in the log cabin of Amanda's birth, Medicine House, near Decatur.¹⁰ W. J. Houston lived to be 79 years old and had a very active and influential life. His main career was with the railroads. During the Civil War he was put in charge of all transportation of southern soldiers, munitions and supplies out of Atlanta. While he was serving in the war, Amanda and his children were protected at home by two slaves and an old white man. Then Sherman came and used their home as a field hospital, while the troops camped out back. W.J. Houston was able to sneak back home on several occasions, but one time he was caught and was sentenced to hang as a spy, but he was freed when it was learned that he was a Mason.¹⁰

After the war W.J. Houston, then called Major Houston, was appointed to travel to the Yuma Indians out West to negotiate a treaty with them that resulted in the land of lower California and Arizona to be purchased from the Indians by the U.S. government. Another official trip was to the Osage Indians fo Oklahoma. Amanda, his wife, went with him. Letters and documents of these trips are preserved in DeKalb Historical Society and show an interesting picture of the times.¹⁰

Washington Jackson Houston owned hundreds of acres around his home in DeKalb County, and three grist mills. Houston Mill Road is named after one of them. Houston Mill was a wonderful swimming hole and picnic area and drew residents from all around in the summertime.¹⁰ The first electric light plant in DeKalb was installed by W.J. Houston. It was located on Peachtree Creek, near Emory University. The first lights in Decatur were turned on in 1906.¹⁰ W.J. Houston was one of the organizers of Agnes Scott College, called then Decatur Female Seminary.

Toward the end of his life (he died in 1911), Washington Jackson Houston, at the request of his wife, Amanda, had a little chapel built for this community, called Houston Chapel, built in 1905. He presided at as many services as his health would allow.¹⁰ The chapel was a modest frame building painted white, wired with electricity, had a pump organ and seated sixty people in cane-bottomed chairs.⁴ The services were non-denominational, though the Houstons were Presbyterian. Mrs. A.C. Burke, long-time resident on North Decatur Road next to the chapel remembers attending afternoon Sunday School in the little building.⁵

The active life of the chapel was relatively short, about 14 years, as far as can be figured. During that time there was one wedding held in the chapel.⁹ During World War I the chapel formed the Patriotic League of Houston Chapel and "adopted" a French war orphan, a little girl, who wrote the League several letters.⁹

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It was not until 1928 that the Houston Chapel was moved to its present location, several hundreds of yards south, along the Seaboard Railroad. ⁶ There is no public road to it; just a rough dirt road leading from North Decatur Road. The present resident, the Rev. Mr. Ernest Moore, has lived in it since 1928. Mr. Moore came to this area in 1915, when he ran away from home to avoid farming. (He grew up in a rural area east of Atlanta.) He is black, and in those days, blacks were hired to help the whites. He worked as a yardman, and a stove man, tending the wood stoves. He married the cook at the Candler Place (now Emory University), Ave. By the twenties Lanier Billups, an heir to the Houston Estate, lived in a big house at 1218 Clairmont Road, and Mr. Moore faithfully tended to him in his last illness. Because of this service, Houston Chapel, in its new location, was given to Ernest Moore to live in as long as he lives.⁷

Mr. Moore is now 87 years old. Fourteen of his eighteen children were raised in the old Houston Chapel. He sent them to Decatur to school, and paid tuition for them to attend. He remembers back when he first arrived in this area. There was a station, a flag stop, where he got off the train, just a few yards from his ^{present} front door. He remembers old names and places, and can describe in detail the gardens of the big houses that

by commercial establishments, a car

wash, a liquor store, a filling station along Clairmont Road. He tells, with pride, that he has, in the flower beds around his old house, more varieties of flowers than anyone in DeKalb County. The Rev. Mr. Moore is an ordained Baptist minister and pastors a little church outside Clarksville, Georgia. He has no car, so he makes the trip by bus.

One winter day he invited a neighbor in to talk about old times.⁶ A fireplace now covers the old chapel entrance, and pictures of his father and mother, (both lived to be over 100 years old), as well as children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren decorate the walls. On the outside, a back stoop has been added, and in front, an enclosed porch. The wood stove uses the original flue. There are out-buildings on his lot, and fenced pens for some chickens. The sound of roosters crowing is not unusual in this neighborhood. In his old bibbed overalls and high-top leather shoes, the tall, lean Mr. Moore is a figure from yesterday carrying his sack of potatoes home from the corner Thrifftown grocery store. He has seen some dramatic changes in his neighborhood during his 70 years here.

The lot on which Houston Chapel originally was sold and the proceeds were eventually used to help start Emory Presbyterian Church, which was built not far from the original site of Houston Chapel. By the early nineteen forties new subdivisions were built in this vicinity with street names such as Princeton Way and Westminster Way. (The backyard of 428 Princeton Way borders Mr. Moore's property.) Families with young children moved into the houses, and the Atlanta Presbytery decided

the time was ripe to form a Presbyterian Church for the new community. The Decatur Presbyterian Church undertook the task of organizing the new church.⁹ In September, 1940 the five lots where the church now stands were purchased for the construction of a large church, of which only the chapel was built. It was to be named "Houston Chapel",⁹ but is not known by that name today, as the chapel constitutes the entire church. "So, Emory Presbyterian Church carries on the tradition of the early settlers of this section, the Hardmans, the Powells, and the Houstons in providing a "meeting house" for the residents of the land they settled as pioneers."³

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One of the Largest of the Area of Churches in Early Form

Mrs. A. C. Burke, 2021 North Decatur Rd., remembers when old Houston Chapel on North Decatur Rd., near the Sea-Board Railway, was the only house of worship in this area.

It is hard to believe that in the early part of this century the small chapel was all that was needed for a section of the city filled with fine churches.

The little chapel still stands and was moved down the railroad track to a site across from the home of Will Porter, local grand man, and, according to Will, is a tenant house owned by Lanier Billups.

Major W. J. Houston was the Sunday school superintendent of the little church. His wife, Amanda Powell Houston, had donated the funds to build the chapel. She was a daughter of Dr. Chapman Powell, famous "White Medicine Man" of Shallowford Trail (which Chairman was,

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So Emory Presbyterian Church carries on the tradition of the early settlers of this section, the Hardmans, the Powells and the Houstons in providing a "meeting house" for the residents of the land they settled as pioneers.

"Our Sunday School," Mrs. Burke recalled, "was held on Sunday afternoons rather than

in the mornings. I remember there was a little pump organ and Lonnie Houston, son of Major Houston, conducted the services. About 30 to 40 people attended."

W. A. Green, 119 Dogwood Way, another old timer in this part of the county, did not attend church there but used to cut through this section as a boy on his way from his home in Decatur to Houston

NORTH DECATUR LIONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The North Decatur Lions Club was pleased to have such a Lion as past District Governor Willard Kinney of Trucon to handle the installation of new officers. They are Bill Allen, president; Ray White, first vice-president; Herman Campbell, second vice-president; Howard Bone, third vice-president; Charles Peck, secretary; Bill Krane, treasurer; Norman Kohl, tall twister; and Wallace Wiercks, Lion tamer. Lion Kinney paid tribute to the North Decatur club for its service record.

Party Shover For New Pastor

Members of Emory Baptist Church welcomed the new pastor, Dr. Charles W. Knott, and his family with an old-fashioned house-warming and party shower.

The Knights live at the Pastorium, 1835 Westmainer Way. They have two sons, Charlie and Rommie.

CUB POW-WOW


Cub Scout leaders will have an opportunity to play over-night at Camp Lord Adams when they participate in the Cub Leaders' Pow-Wow Aug. 26-27. The professional staff leaders will include C. M. Cathorn and Charles Patterson, assisted by a corps of expert volunteers in the fields of tennis, crafts, games, and Cub Scoutling skills. Complete legs and advanced courses in Cub Scoutling will be offered near the school building.

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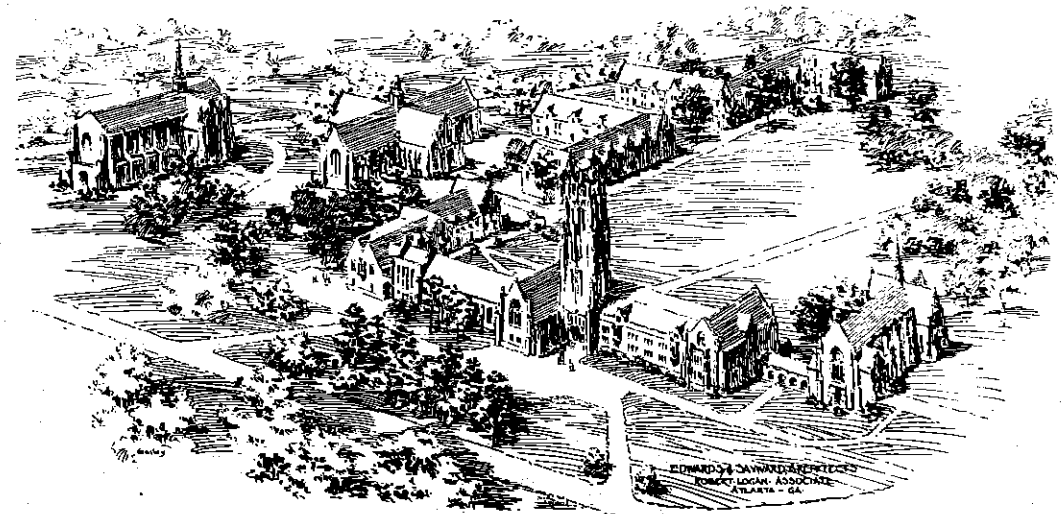
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Historic
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- B. On trips out West to the Indians
- C. Land holdings; local prominence

V. Houston Chapel

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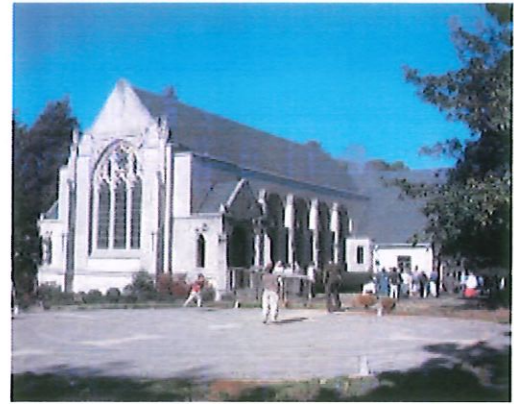


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WELCOME

Emory Presbyterian Church, PC (USA), founded in 1941, is located in Atlanta, Georgia, near the Emory University campus. In a busy city full of transplanted people, Emory Presbyterian offers warm community life. Our worship service is traditional but informal. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we welcome you to travel with us.



Visit next Sunday. Worship is at 11:00 am (childcare provided), preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45.

We host [Taize worship](#) the first Monday of every month at 8:00 pm and [Parent's Night Out](#) for the community one Saturday per month. The outdoor [labyrinth](#) is always open for walking prayer.

The church is on North Decatur Road between Clairmont and the Emory University campus, on your right as you come from Clairmont. It is on a magnolia-bordered lot between Westminster Way and Haygood, next to Druid Hills High School. The parking lot is off Westminster Way. For directions from local highways, see the [directions page](#).



Church Directory

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www.emorypresbyterian.org

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Atlanta, GA

30307-1100

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Howard, Stewart - Clerk of Session

Phelan, Adam - Christian Educator/Youth Director

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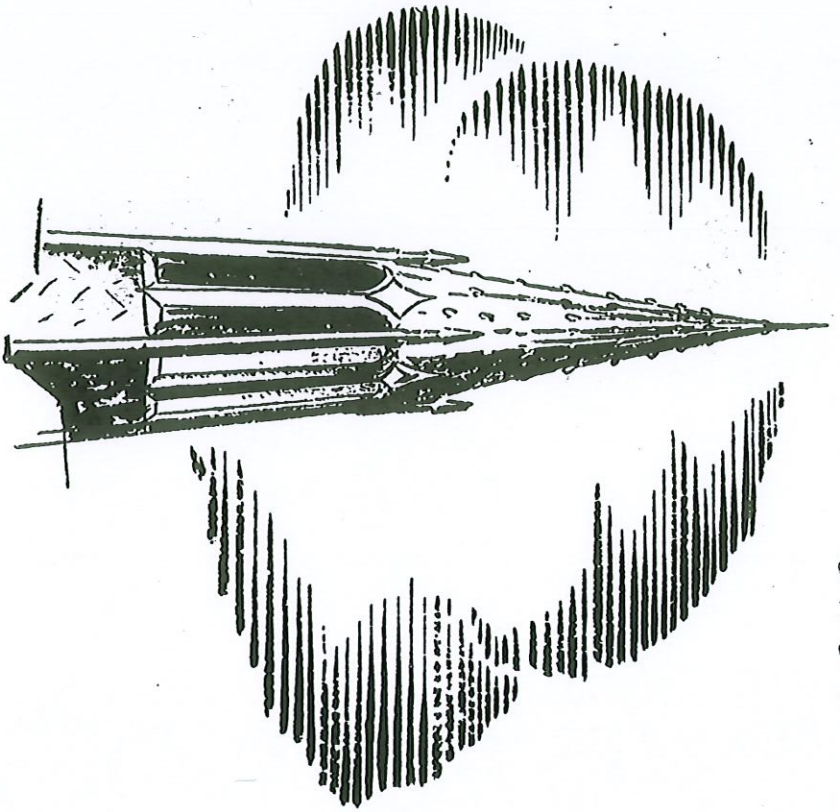
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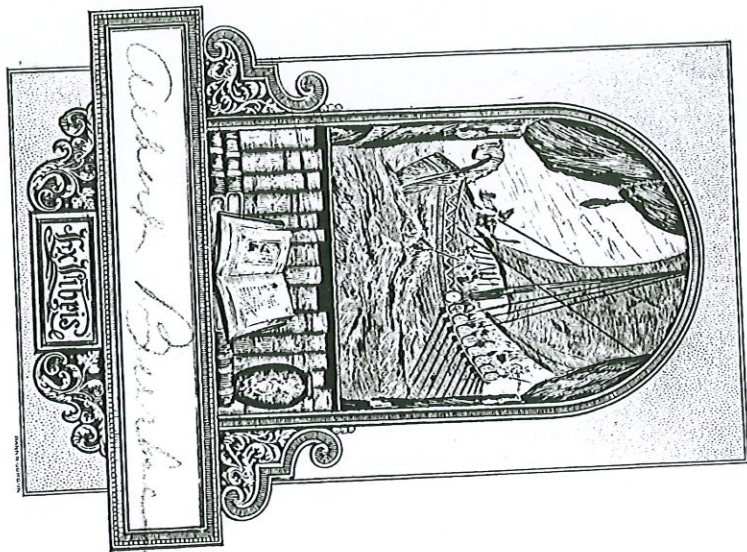
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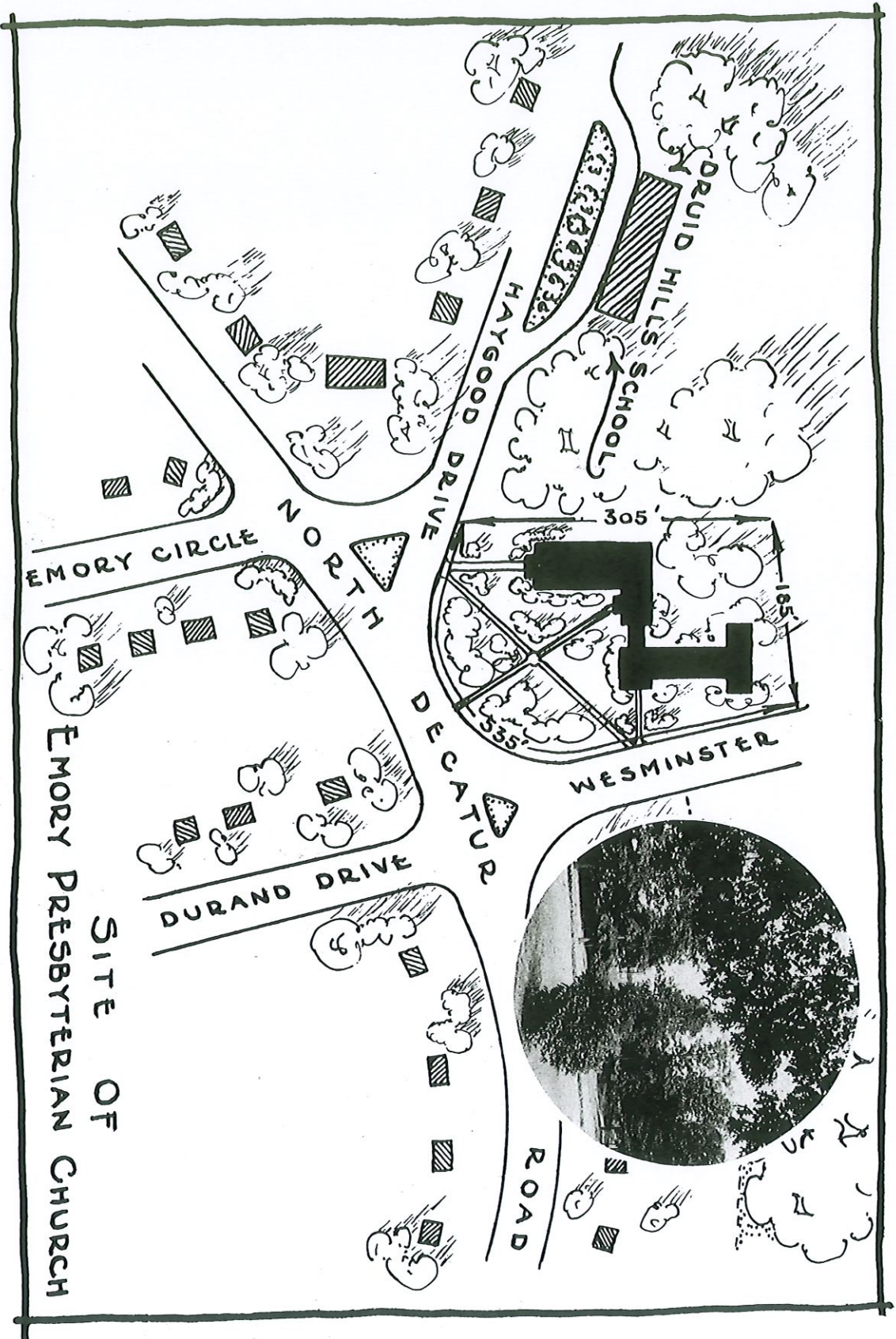


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From Bernard
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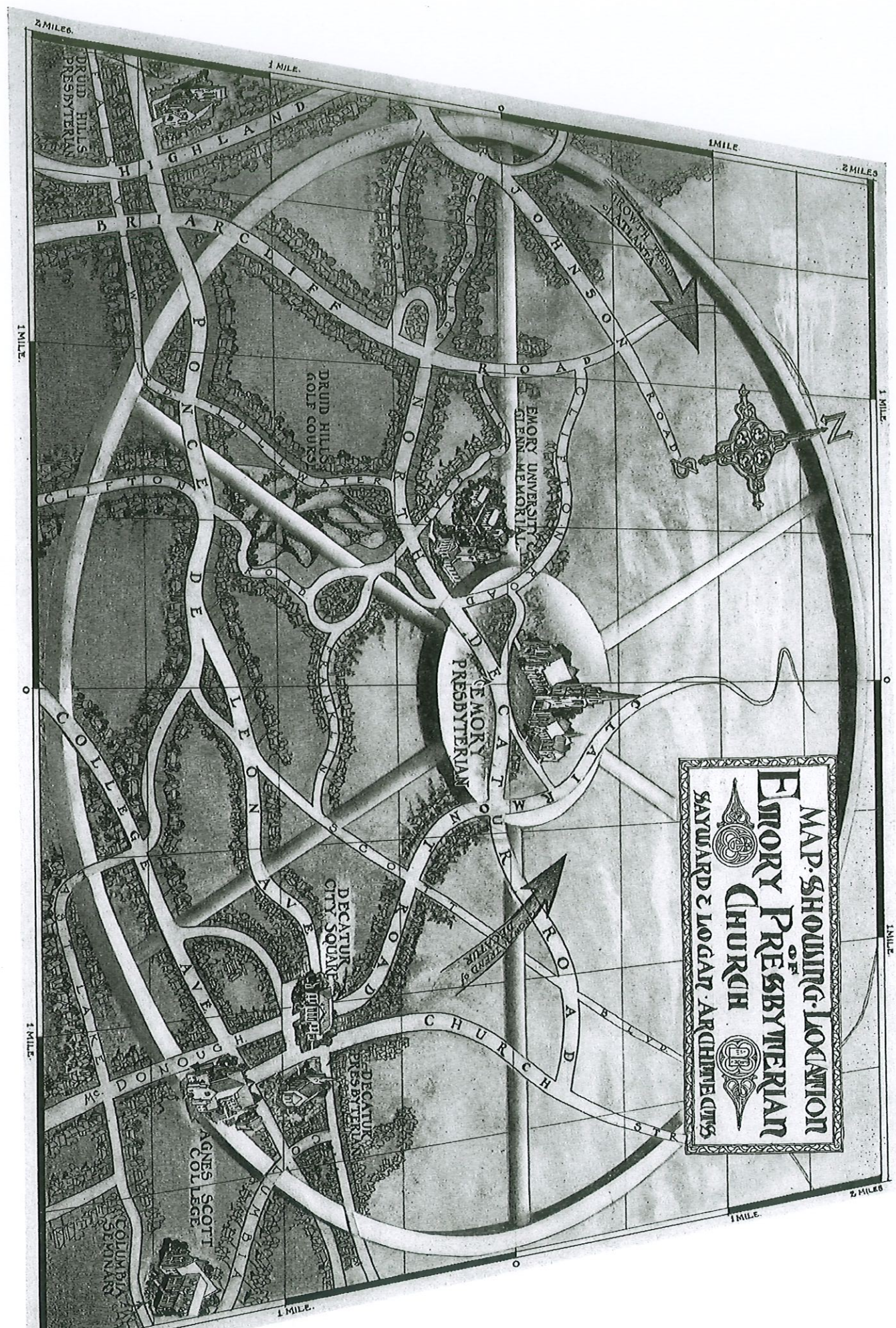


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The location is such that the path of growth of both Atlanta and Decatur sweeps across it.

The lot itself has frontage of 535 feet along three splendid residential streets.

No spot throughout the entire Southland could offer finer opportunities for cultural and spiritual development.



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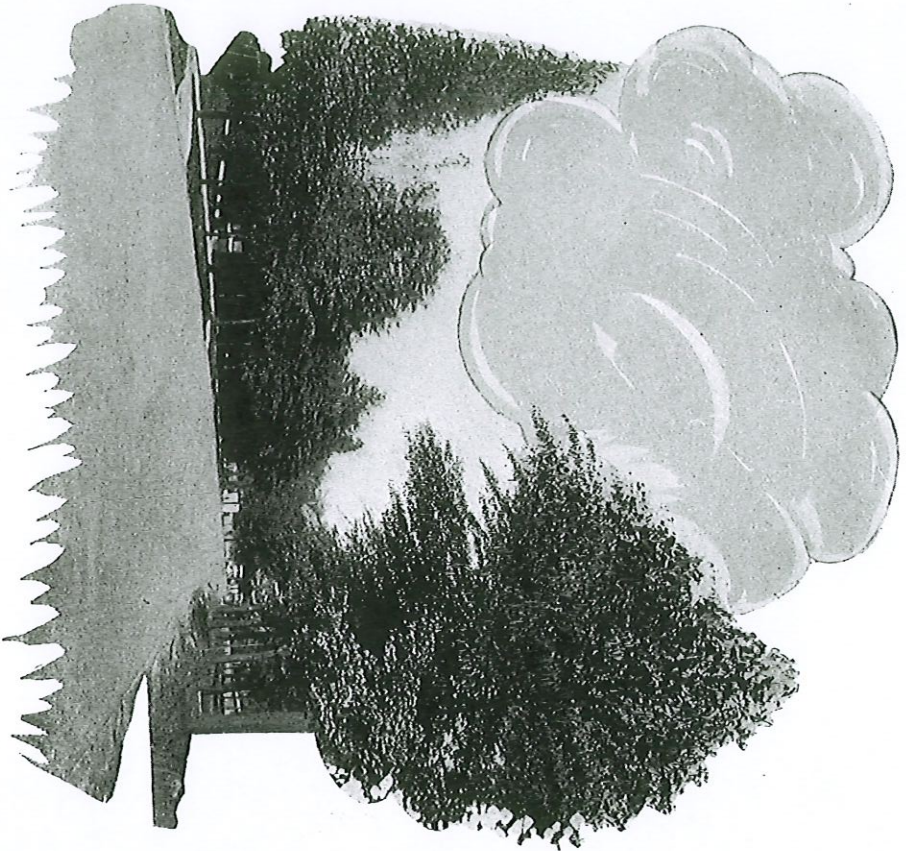
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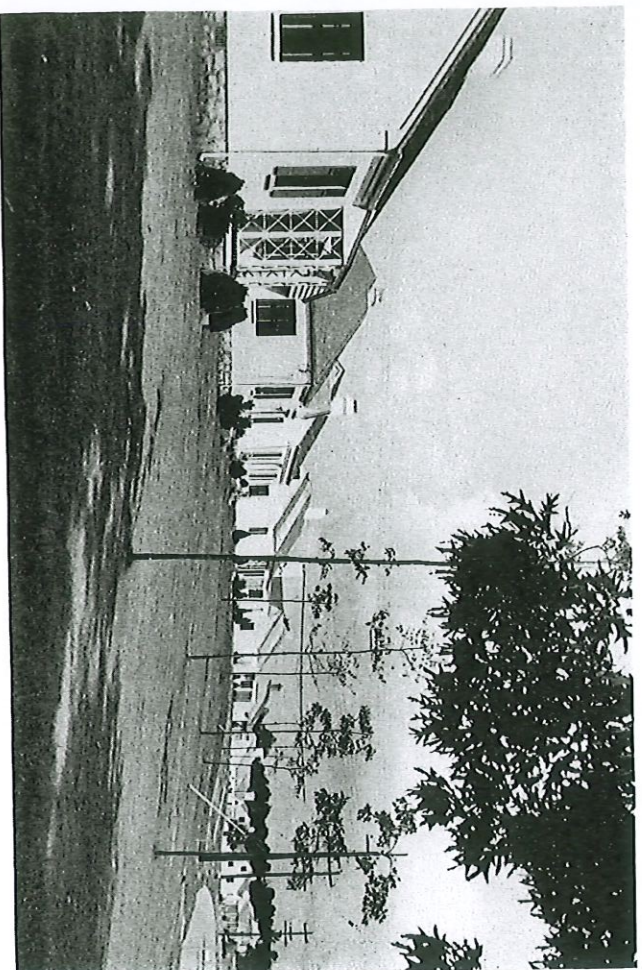
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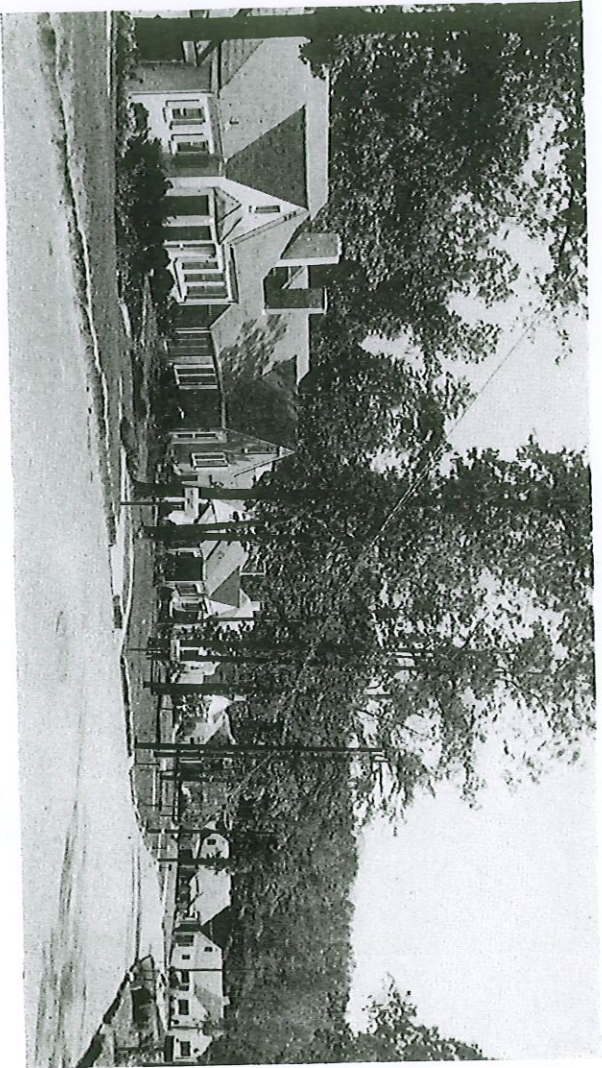


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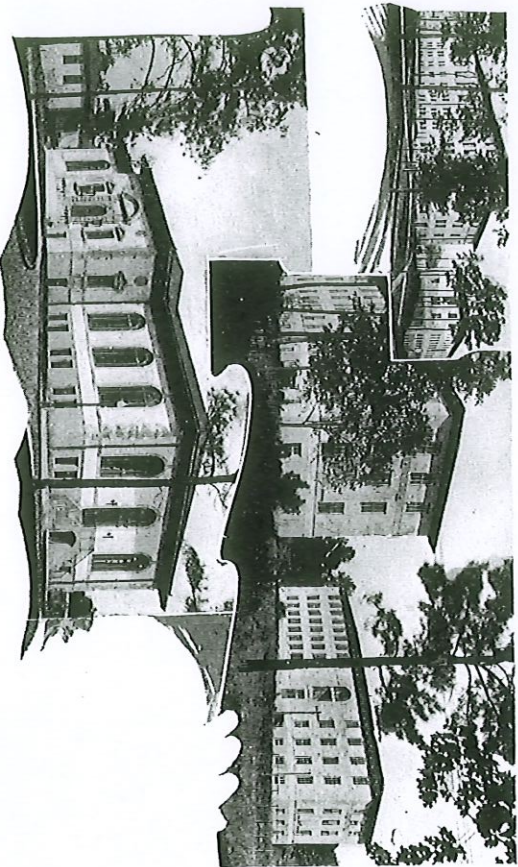
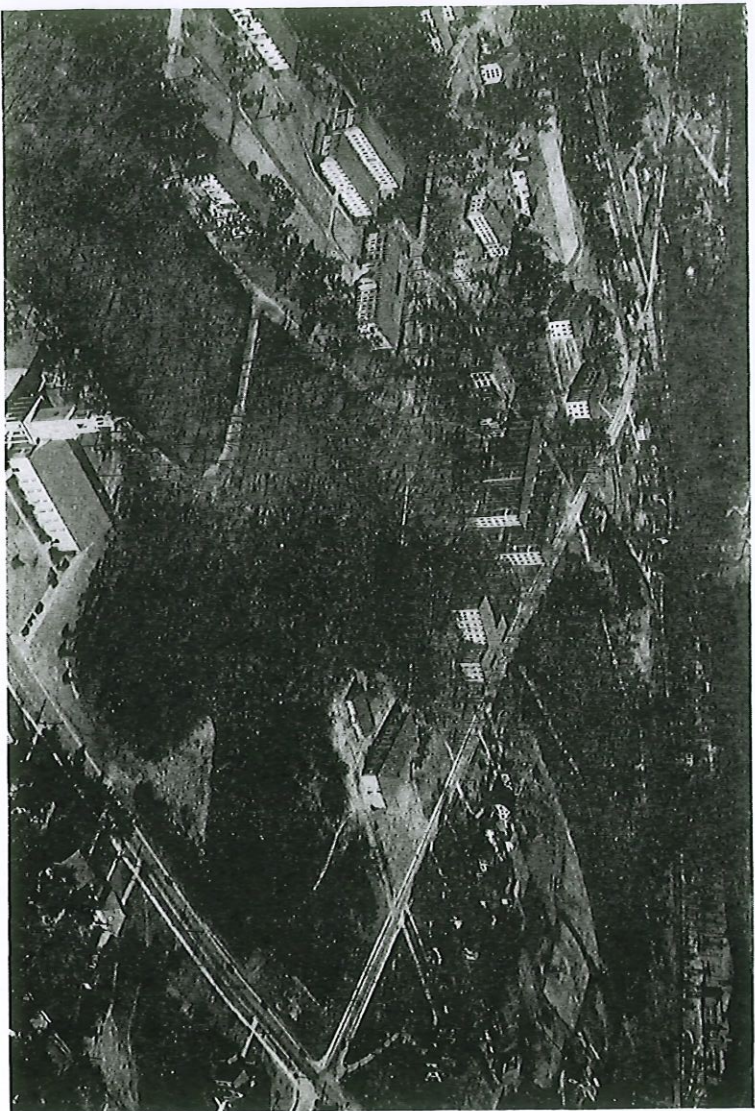
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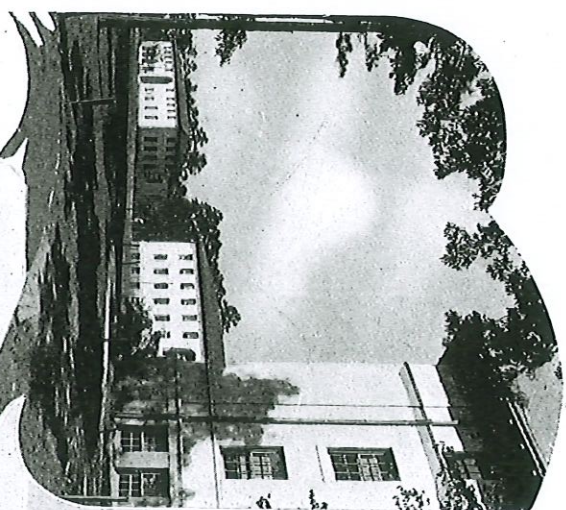
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The Educational Aspects

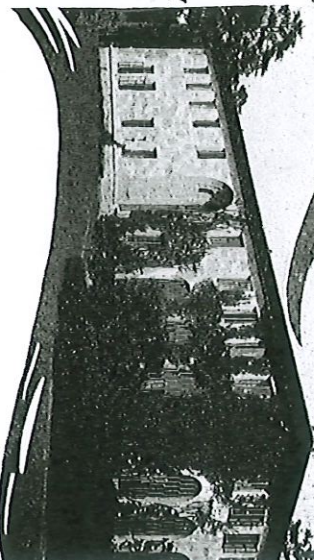
Typical scenes taken around
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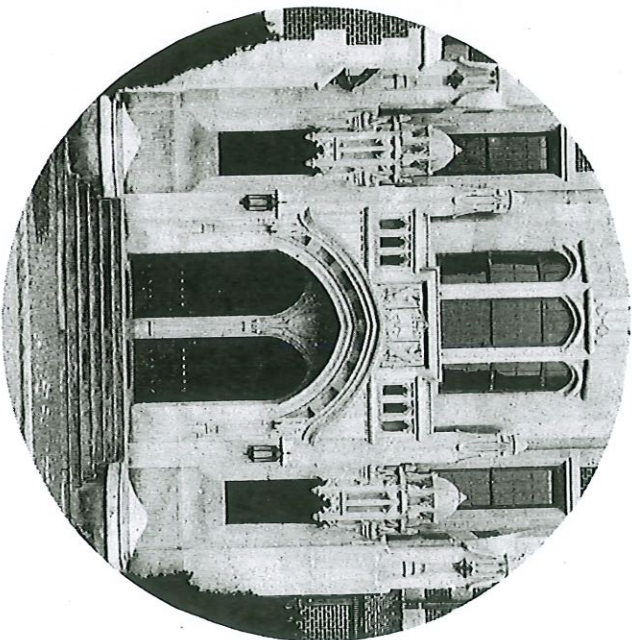
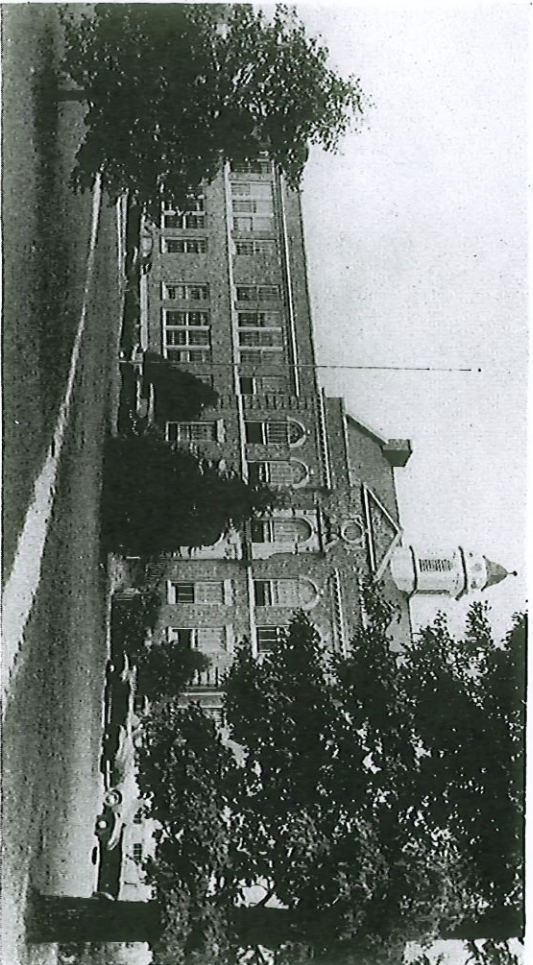
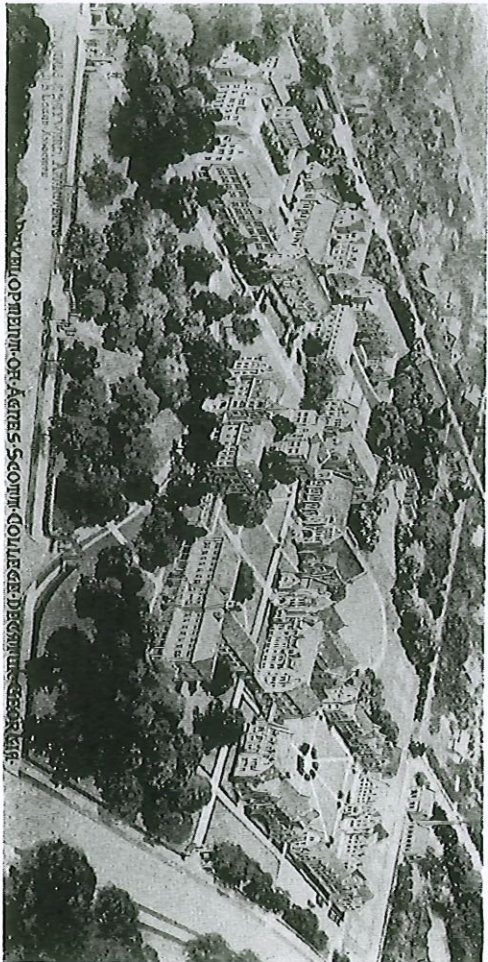
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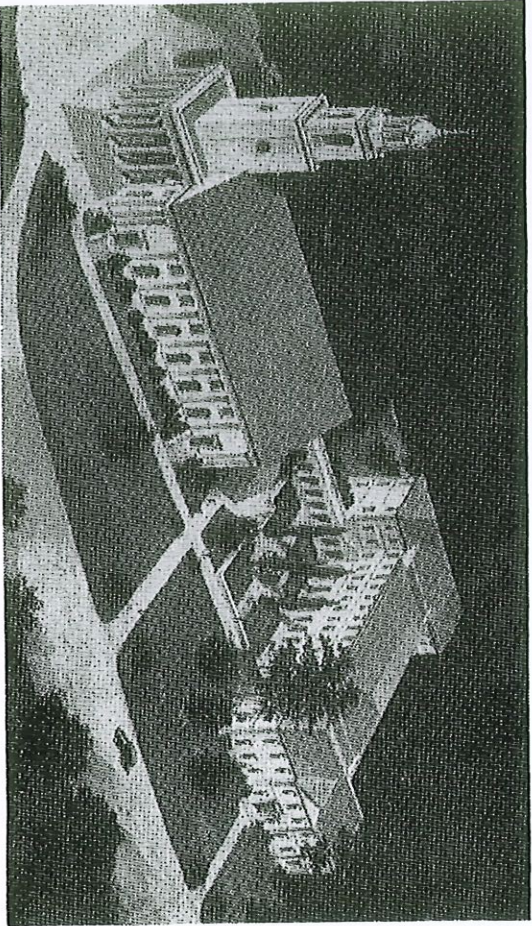


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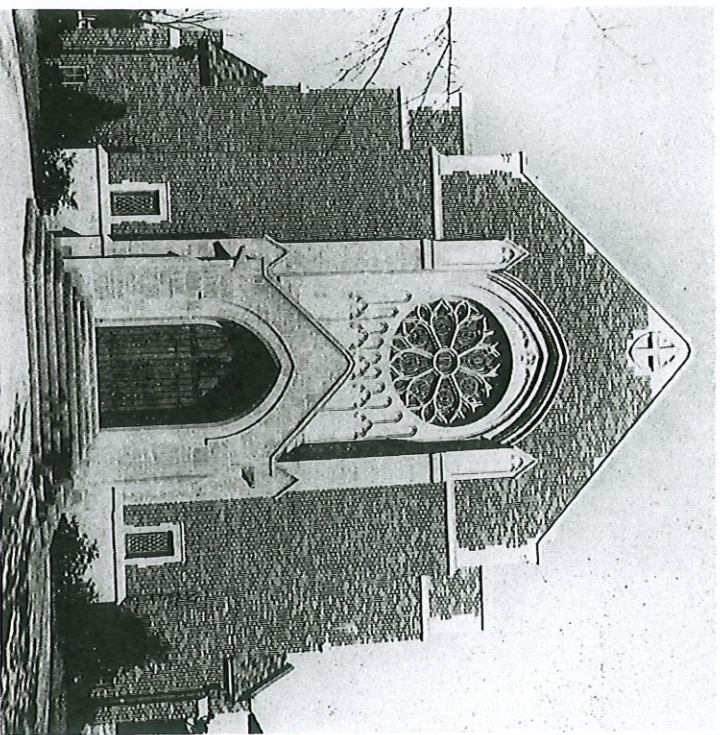
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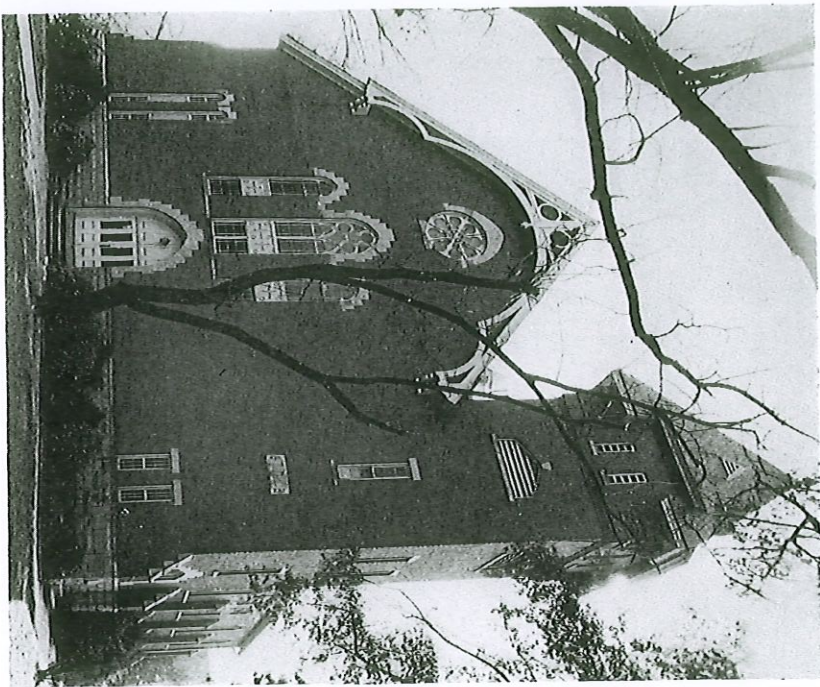


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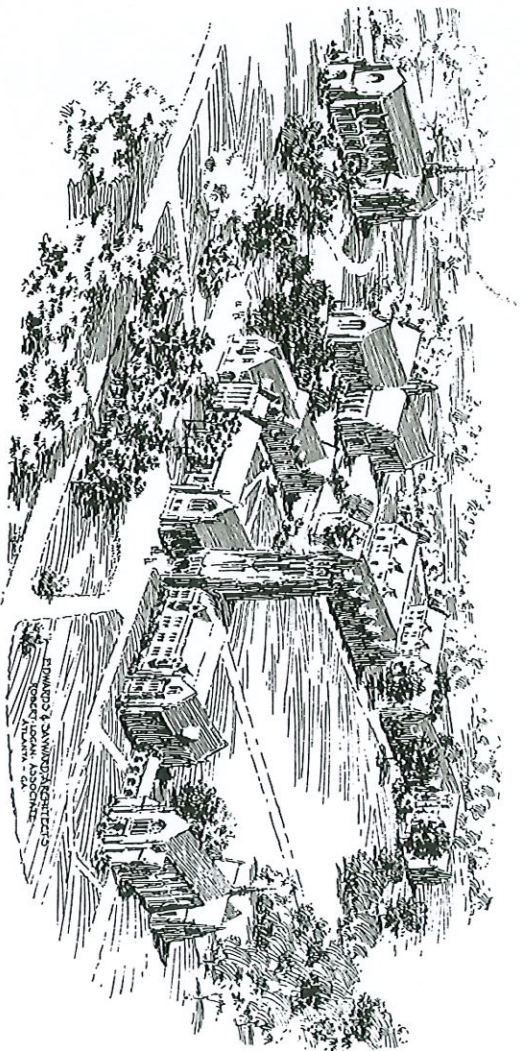
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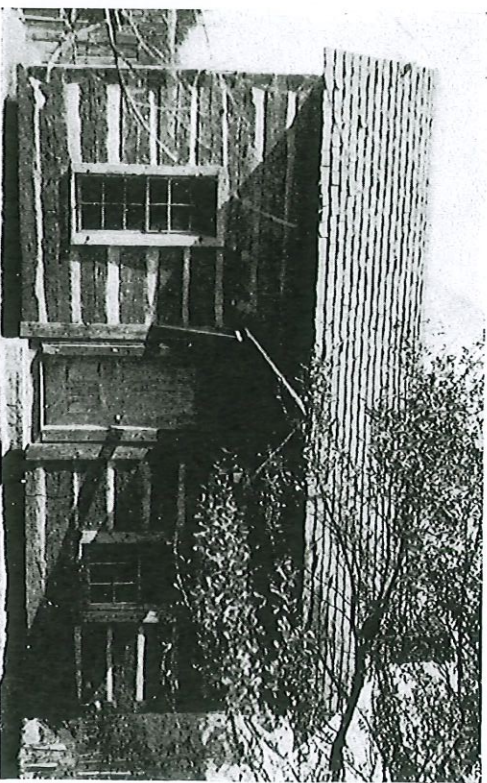
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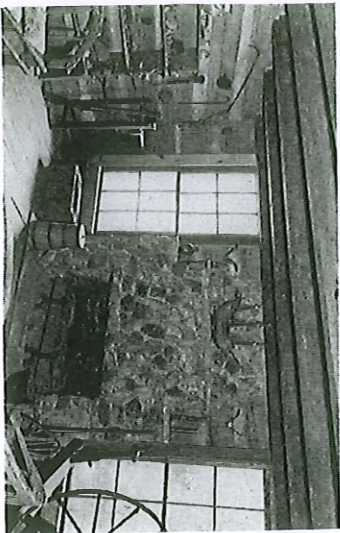
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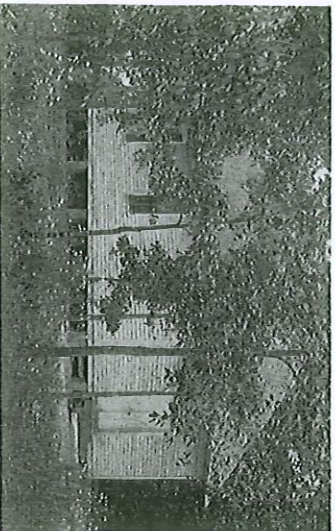
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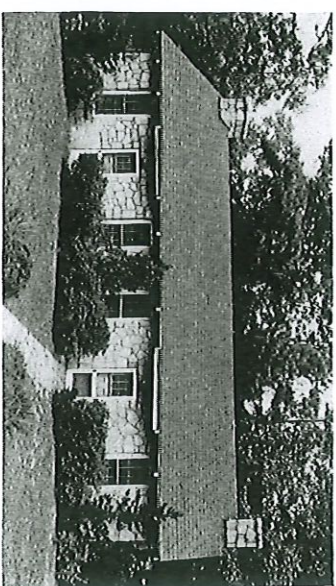
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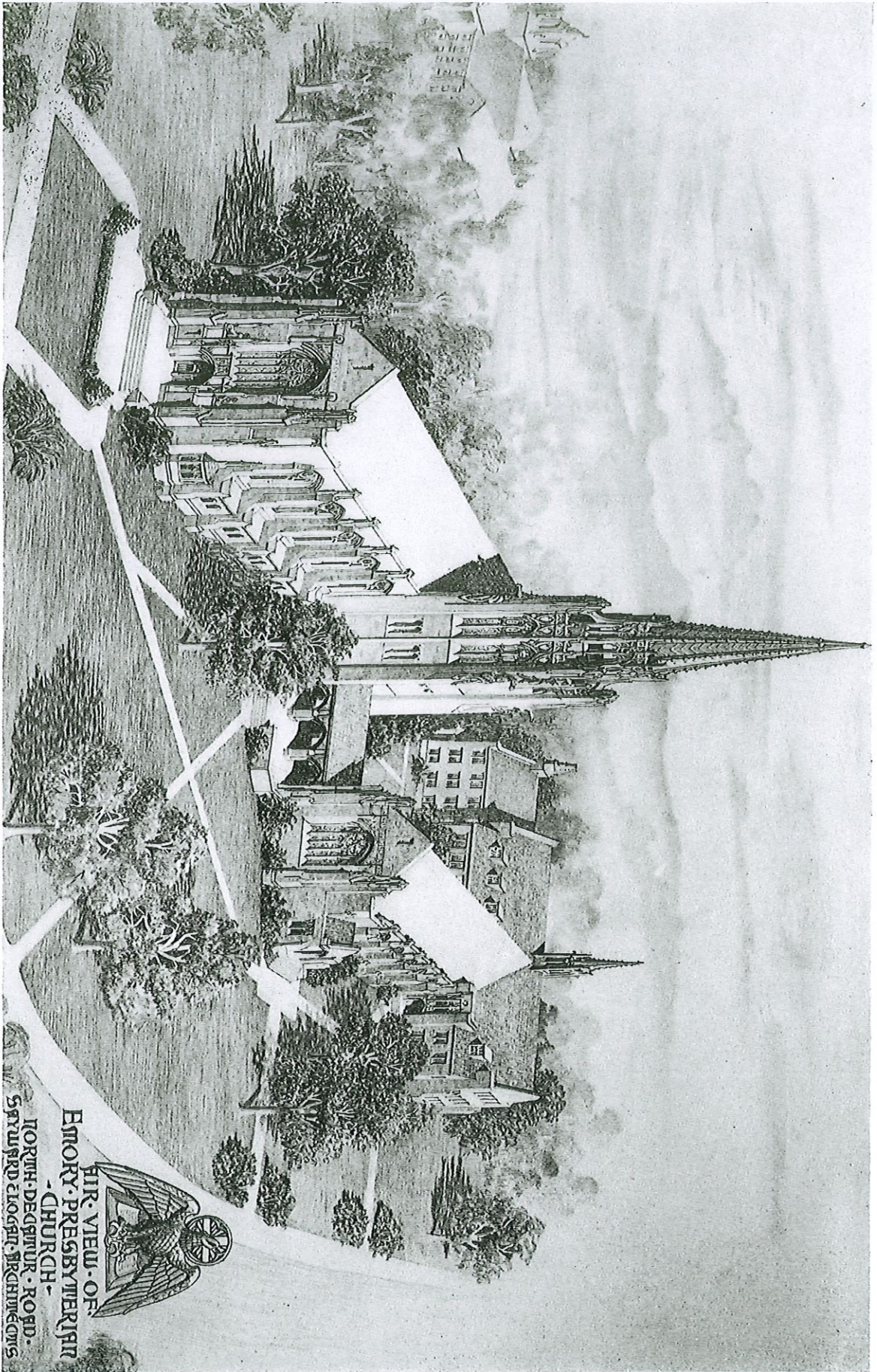
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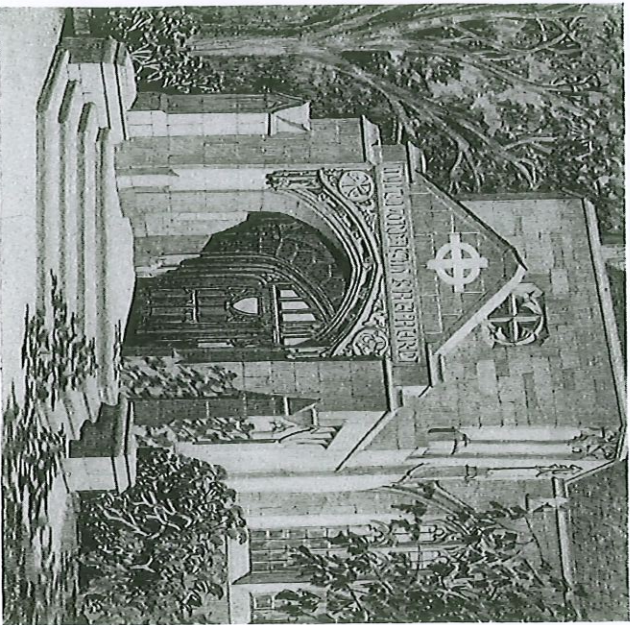
Present Home of Church Worship

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SPRINGFIELD, BRITAIN

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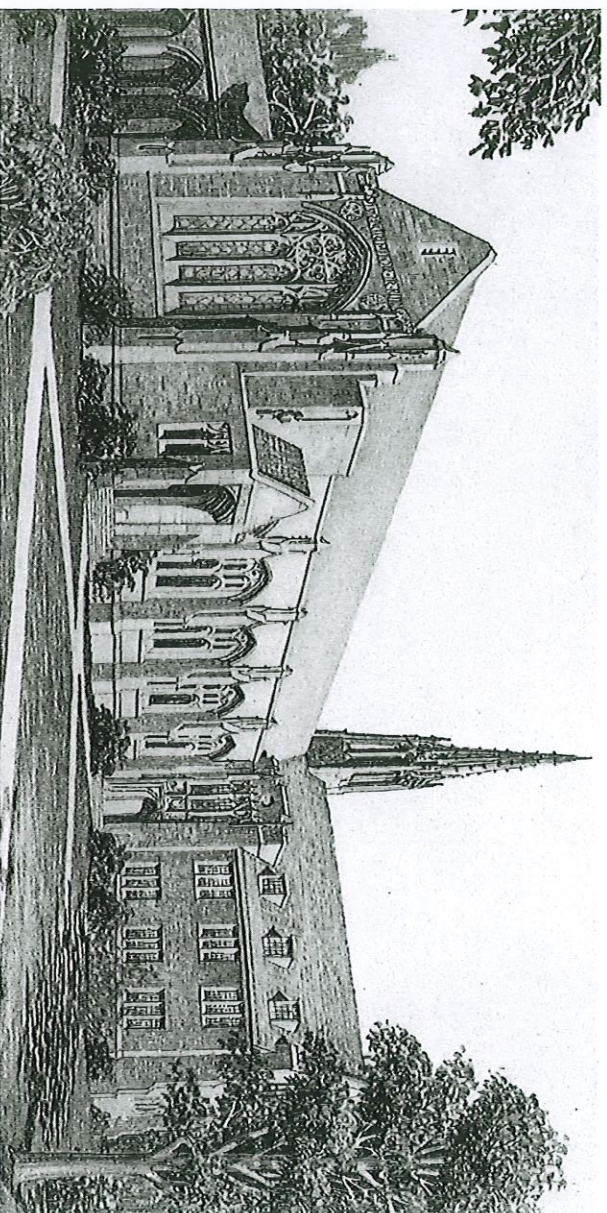


Architectural Drawing of Entrance to Chapel

CHOSSEN for its inherent loveliness and as a style expressive of the deepest religious fervor, the architecture of the Church is to be Gothic, not the Gothic of

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Architectural Drawing of Chapel and Sunday School Building



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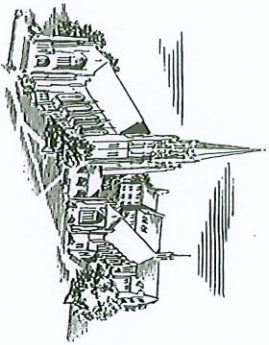
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The Church in the Community

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THE purpose and function of the church is to provide man with a place where he can worship God. The church is an institution for the practice of religion.

But a house of worship could not discharge its obligation to its members unless it also served the community in many collateral ways. Let us consider, for a moment, the broad service of the church in the community.

The church is a citizen.

As a citizen, the church inculcates by precept and example respect for law and obedience to authority. The church is the advocate of freedom and democracy. It inspires men to respect themselves and to respect their fellow man . . . and respect for one's fellow man means respect for his person, his property and his rights. The democratic way of life is implicit in religion.

The church contributes to the social welfare of the community.

As the center of a society organized on the principles of love and brotherhood, the church has long been and will continue to be the enemy of false distinctions between men. It brings relief to the suffering, de-

liverance to the downtrodden, uplift to the degraded. It teaches the strong that service is a duty. It encourages the weak to avoid the shame of dependence. The church sets the ultimate example of service to the community.

The church is a teacher.

Through the centuries, the church has been the mother of popular education. The church bears a double torch . . . bringing man the light of knowledge of this world, and the light of knowledge of the world hereafter. Where the church has not gone, ignorance prevails.

The church is religion.

The church is an institution where man can worship God . . . where man finds the gospel of hope and the promise of life everlasting. The church serves man's deepest need . . . and in doing so, serves the welfare of the human race in every fundamental need.

If a man is interested in the welfare, the education, and the salvation of his fellow man, let him rally, therefore, to the support of God's church—the one house which offers haven and hope in a troubled world.