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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: St. Louis	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Hawken House	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Hawken House	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 9112 Big Bend Boulevard (see continuation sheet for future address)			
CITY OR TOWN: Webster Groves			
STATE Missouri	CODE 63119	COUNTY: St. Louis County	CODE 159

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Not in use
Comments			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Church of the Open Door (see continuation sheet for proposed future owner)			
STREET AND NUMBER: 9110 Big Bend Boulevard			
CITY OR TOWN: Webster Groves	STATE: Missouri	CODE 63119	CODE 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Recorder of Deeds, St. Louis County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: 7900 Forsyth Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Clayton	STATE: Missouri	CODE 63105	CODE 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: St. Louis County Historic Building Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1968			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 115 North Meramec Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Clayton	STATE: Missouri	CODE 63105	CODE 24

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HAWKEN HOUSE

Proposed future address of Hawken House:

Northeast Corner of Southwest Park (City Park)

Rock Hill Road

Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

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Proposed future owner of Hawken House:

Webster Groves Historical Society

4 East Lockwood

Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

Through the City Government of Webster Groves, Missouri, the Webster Groves Historical Society has applied to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for matching funds to re-locate and restore the Hawken House. The house has been chosen by HUD as one of twenty in the St. Louis County area to receive federal funds for preservation. As yet, no funds have been granted to this project.

The present owner of the building plans to construct a parking lot on the site of the house and has given the City of Webster Groves first option on its purchase.

The building's use, when re-located, will be as an historic house museum and office of the Webster Groves Historical Society.

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"Old St. Louis Homes: The Stories They Tell" (local)

1964

Elinor Coyle

Folkstone Press

St. Louis, Missouri

Code: 24

Missouri State Historical Survey

(state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 24

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

General Description

The Hawken House in Webster Groves, Missouri, is a transitional architectural structure exhibiting the central hall symmetrical plan and general format of a Federal style residence and also includes details and proportions characteristic of the mid nineteenth century Greek Revival and "Victorian" styles. Constructed of red brick, the house faces north with a full basement in two sections, and has a two-story "L" shaped plan. This residence was constructed in 1857 and is a conservative example of the more substantial country and suburban homes built in the St. Louis area in the 1850's and 60's.

The main block of the house has a symmetrical floor plan with a central stair hall. A two-story ell to the rear (south) is lined by a two-story wooden gallery along its east side.

Exterior

The exterior walls rest on a white limestone foundation of coursed rubble masonry, set in lime cement mortar and extending about two feet above ground. The first story of an originally one-bay wide, two-story front entry porch and pediment was enlarged to three bays sometime before 1913 (drawing of 1913 photograph is attached). This portico has since been removed entirely and will be restored in the preservation plan.

Gallery

The rear two-story gallery extends along the entire east side of the back wing with its roof supported by four square columns, 7' on center. The gallery roof continues the slope of the shed roof over the ell. Some parts of the present wood railing may be original.

Cornice

An elaborate bracketed cornice with concealed, metal lined gutters on the north facade is original, but has been pieced together to close a space caused by the removal of the central porch. The rear cornices are plain with attached metal gutters.

Roof

The roofing material is now composition shingles and was originally saved wood shingles. The front portion of the house has a simple ridge roof with east gable end and west parapet gable end. The west parapet extends south at a high level to receive the shed roof of the rear wing with a sloping parapet at its south end.

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Chimneys

There are four chimneys, included within and flush with the exterior walls. Both chimneys contain double flues. One is centered on the east gable wall and another, opposite it, on the west gable wall. These accommodate the four original fireplaces. The other two chimneys are on the west wall of the back wing and were built for stove flues.

Brick

All of the exterior walls are of hand made red brick, fired on the site and laid in common bond. They are unpainted on the exterior and plastered and papered on the interior of the house.

Doors and Windows

Door and window openings are exaggerated vertically in their proportional relationship to the wall surfaces as expressed in mid-nineteenth century structures but not characteristic of the early Federal style.

None of the first or second floor exterior doors are original, with the possible exception of the south rear gallery door. All of the exterior doors exhibit hardware of recent date. The north facade is 5 bays wide with eight symmetrically placed double-hung windows which have 6 over 6 light sash. The exterior louvered shutters have also been removed. The basement windows are single light sash. All of the exterior windows have heavy wooden sills and lintels painted white. The front doorway has a 6 light transom and 5 lights on each side. General configuration and materials in this doorway are original with the exception of the door itself.

Interior

First Floor

The main block of the house is divided symmetrically into an east parlor, 15' x 15', and a west parlor, 15' x 16' flanking a central stair hall. The ell to the rear is divided into a dining room 15' x 13' and a kitchen 15' x 10'. The interior has not been greatly changed. Sliding doors between the west

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parlor and dining room were removed ca. 1945 and this door wall was moved about two feet south to enlarge the west parlor. The passage and doorway between the dining room and kitchen has been moved from the west side of the south dining room wall to the east side. A modern sink and cabinets have been installed on the west wall of the kitchen and a small window above the sink has been added. The area between the kitchen and dining room originally contained a stair from the lower east gallery to the two second floor bedrooms in the rear wing, has been altered and now encloses a stair to the basement.

All first floor ceilings are ten feet high. The typical windows in the east and west parlors and dining room are 6 over 6 light sash, have wooden frames, and exhibit a simple raised panel between sill and floor. The kitchen windows are framed above the sill only. The interior doors show four flat panels trimmed with a typical simple molding of the period. Almost all the interior doors have rim locks. Half of them are original and the other half appear to have been added after the construction of the house. All have porcelain knobs. The four original woodburning fireplaces are still operational, although the fireboxes show some alteration. The original wooden mantel in the west parlor was replaced in 1945 by a later (1880) marble one.

The central entry "U" stairwell is original.

Second Floor

The second floor consisted originally of four bedrooms, almost equal in size. The two in the main block were on either side of the second floor front stair hall and had heating fireplaces; the other two were to the rear of the west front bedroom above the kitchen and dining room of the "L". These two rooms were heated by interaccess stoves, provided by a doorway, and, in turn, a doorway provided access to the west front bedroom. The rear bedrooms also each had a door which opened onto the second floor of the east gallery. The back stair access to these bedrooms has been previously mentioned. Many changes have been made to these rear "L" bedrooms as regards their access and the addition of a modern bath. The east wall of the main block west front bedroom was removed and a partition wall built 3' to the west. A

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partition wall was also built 3' west of the east wall of the north "L" bedroom. These partitions met and formed a hallway along the east side of these rooms. The north "L" bedroom was converted into a modern bath and closet space for the adjoining bedrooms. (Refer to floor plan).

The second floor ceilings are 10' in the main block and 8' 10" in the "L" wing. The windows are 6 over 6 light double-hung sash. The second floor interior doors have four flat panels. Each door panel, doorway, and window display trim moulding with slightly peaked lintel.

Floors

Floor joists throughout the house are 2" x 10" rough sawed, 16" on center, supporting 6" wide pine flooring. Later hardwood flooring, installed ca. 1945, covers all the original flooring.

Alterations

Most of the alterations to the house occurred about 1945. The transoms over the two remaining first floor rear gallery doors were removed, and a third first floor gallery door was clodded with brick. The rear gallery first floor of wood was replaced by a concrete slab; a trap door entry to the west basement through the gallery floor was thereby eliminated. A rear outside entry to the east cellar, under the entry hall and east parlor, was also removed. The two cellars were connected by an opening in the stone foundation dividing them.

The house is presently in sound condition with a sufficient portion of the original structure surviving to make possible an accurate restoration to the period of its construction.

This summary description of the physical appearance of the building is based on data included in the field report by architectural consultant, William B. Lane, A.I.A. June 1969. The report was contracted by the Missouri State Park Board and is filed at its central office, P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.



8. 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
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) <u>built 1857</u>			
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Hawken House is primarily significant as a well-preserved, relatively rare example of a mid-nineteenth century transitional Federal to "Victorian" style residence. The preservation of the building will make possible a much better understanding and appreciation of this architectural style in St. Louis County and the surrounding metropolitan area.</p> <p>The house has additional significance as the last surviving building associated with the Hawken family, prominent during the early nineteenth century in St. Louis. It was constructed in 1857 by Christopher Hawken. Christopher was the son of Jacob Hawken who manufactured, with his brother Samuel, the famous "Hawken rifle" in the city of St. Louis from 1822 to 1849. This rifle played an important role in the opening of the American West. William Ashley, Jim Bridger, Kit Carson and other famous fur trappers were known to have carried this rifle because it was shorter, had a heavier barrel and caliber, and was more accurate than its predecessors.</p> <p>While living in the city of St. Louis, Christopher Hawken was engaged in the cabinet-making and livery trade. After his move to the above described house in the country, he began farming which he continued until his death in 1905.</p>			

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38° 34' 24"	90° 22' 34"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		(See continuation sheet for proposed location)		
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten						
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES						
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE			
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Martha L. Kusiak, Research Historian	
ORGANIZATION Missouri State Park Board State Historical Survey and Planning Office	DATE November 12, 1969
STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building	
CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City	STATE Missouri 65101 CODE 24

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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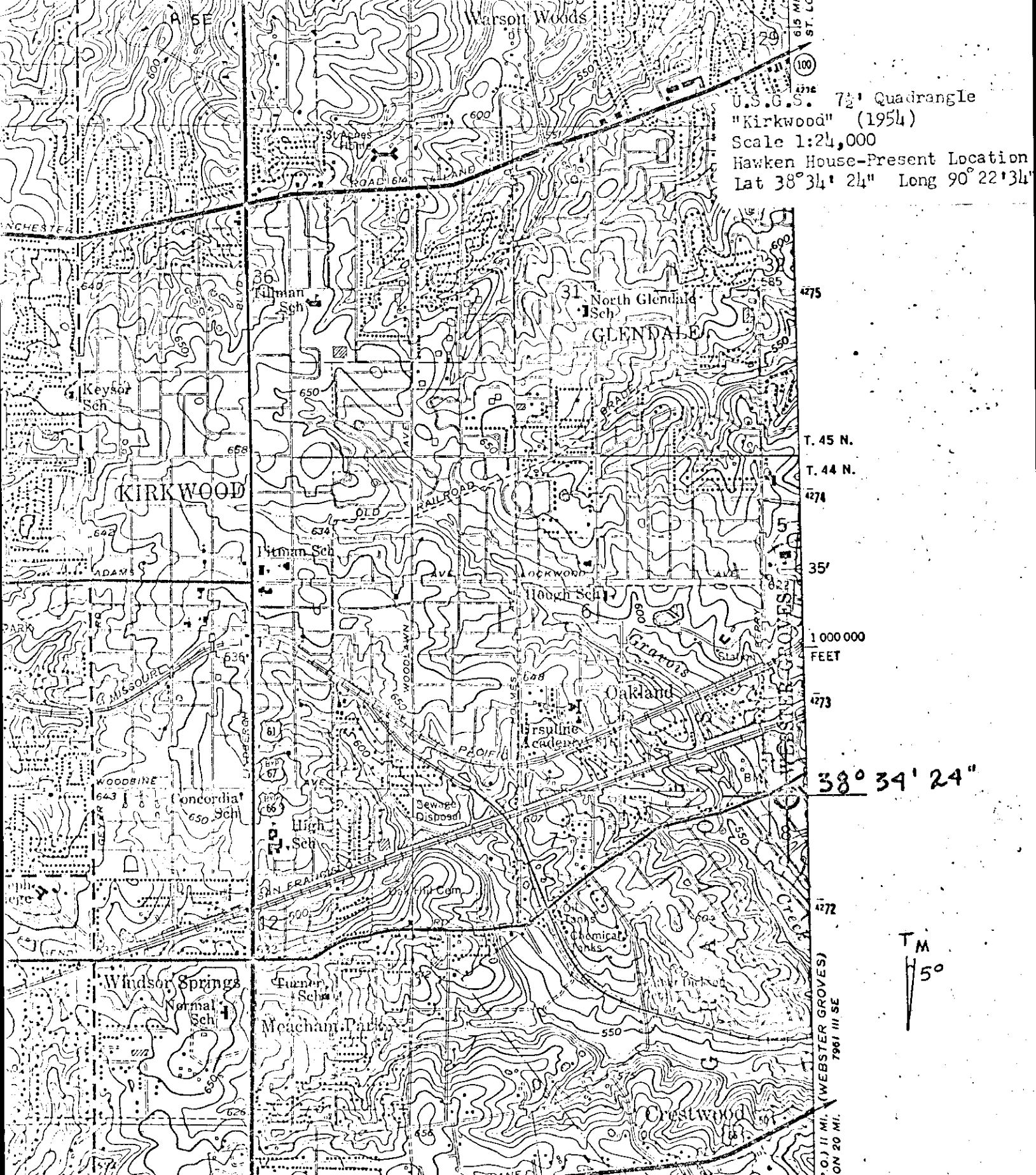
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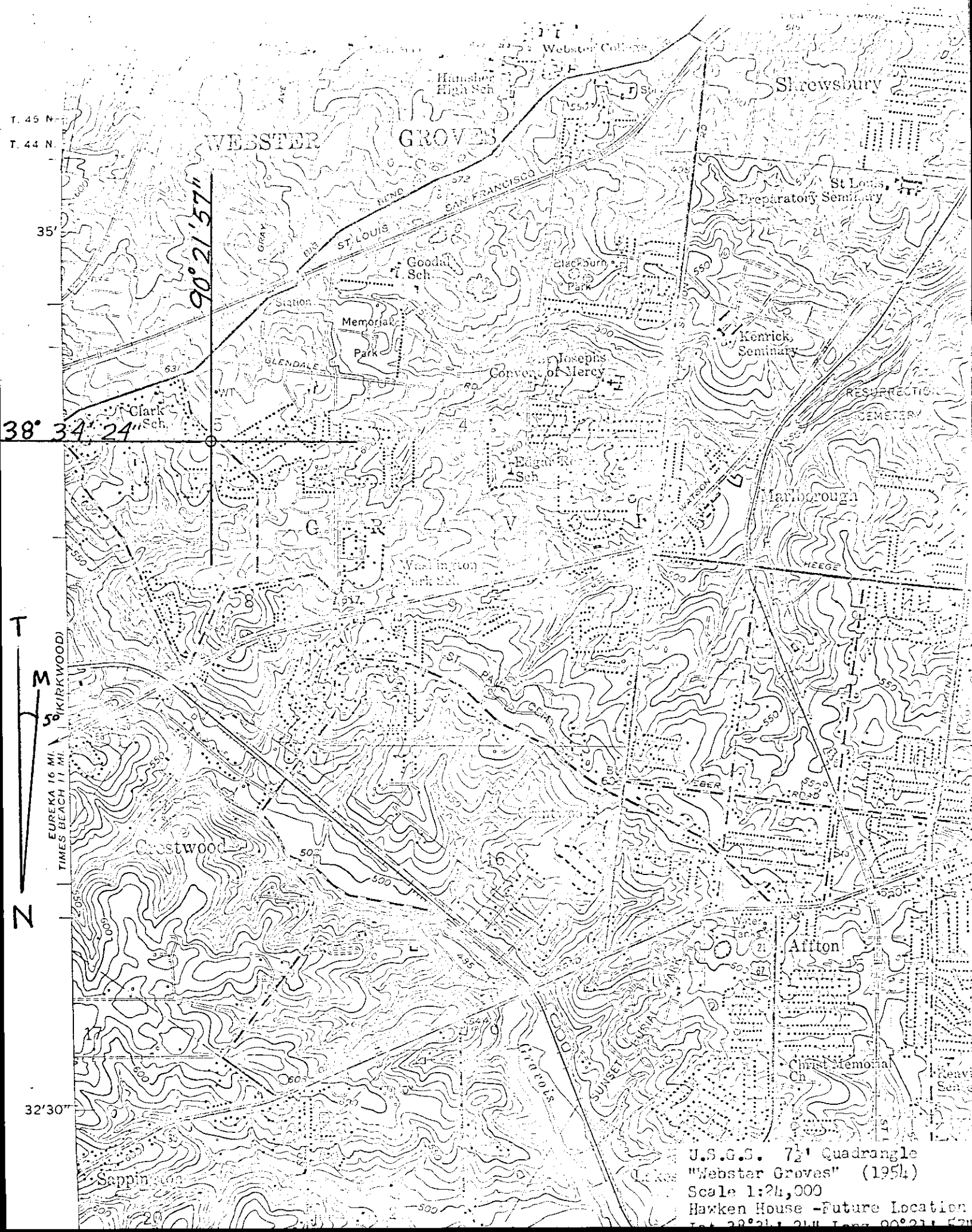
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Latitude and Longitude Coordinates for proposed future  
location of Hawken House:

Latitude 38° 34' 24"

Longitude 90° 21' 57"





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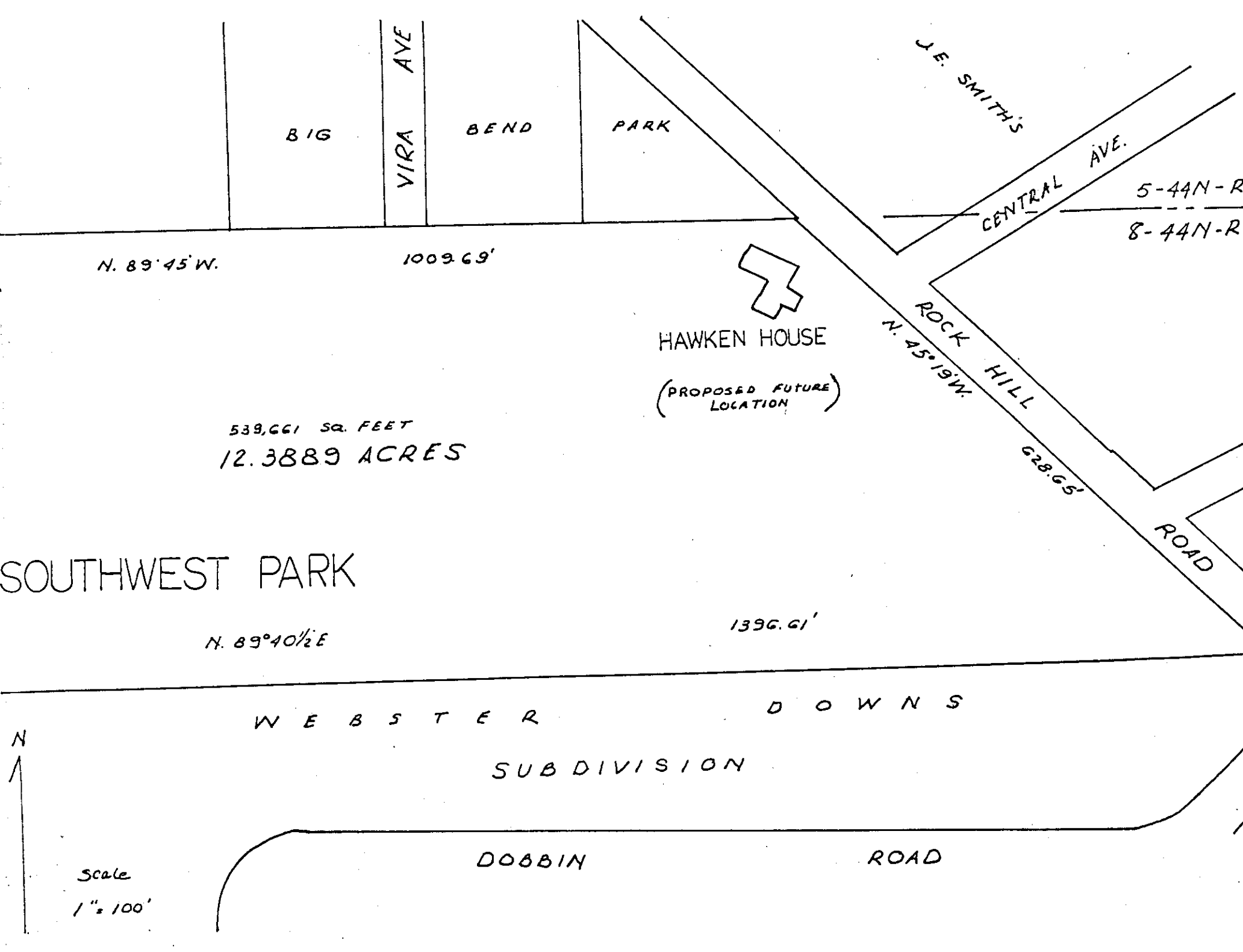
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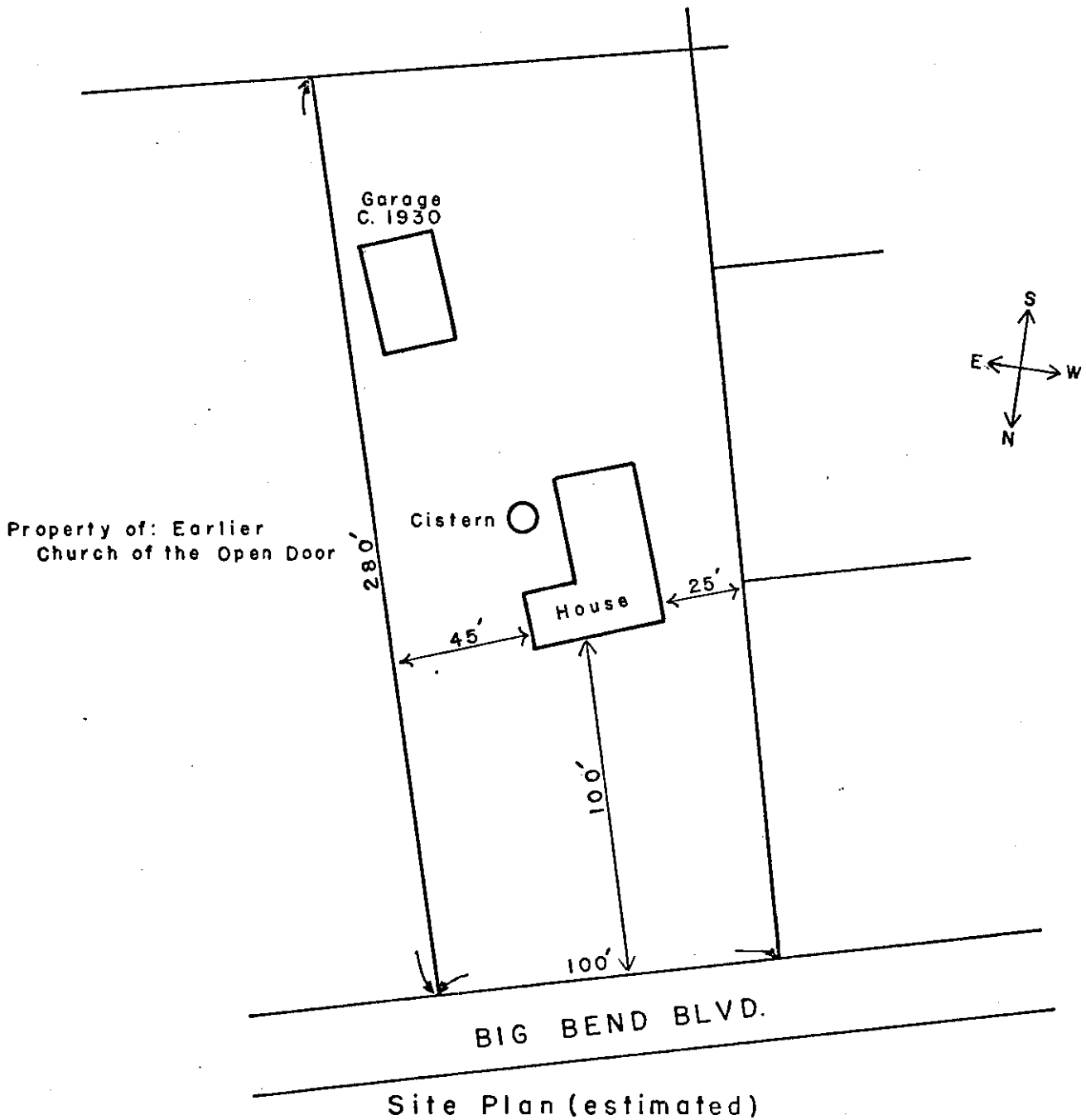
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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle  
"Webster Groves" (1954)  
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Hawken House - Future Location  
Lat 38° 21' 24" Long 90° 21' 57"



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Webster Groves, Mo.



Site Plan: Scale 1" = 50'

NOTE: No early site  
characteristics remain  
except cistern and trees.

W.B. Lone, Architectural Consultant Field Report,  
June, 1969

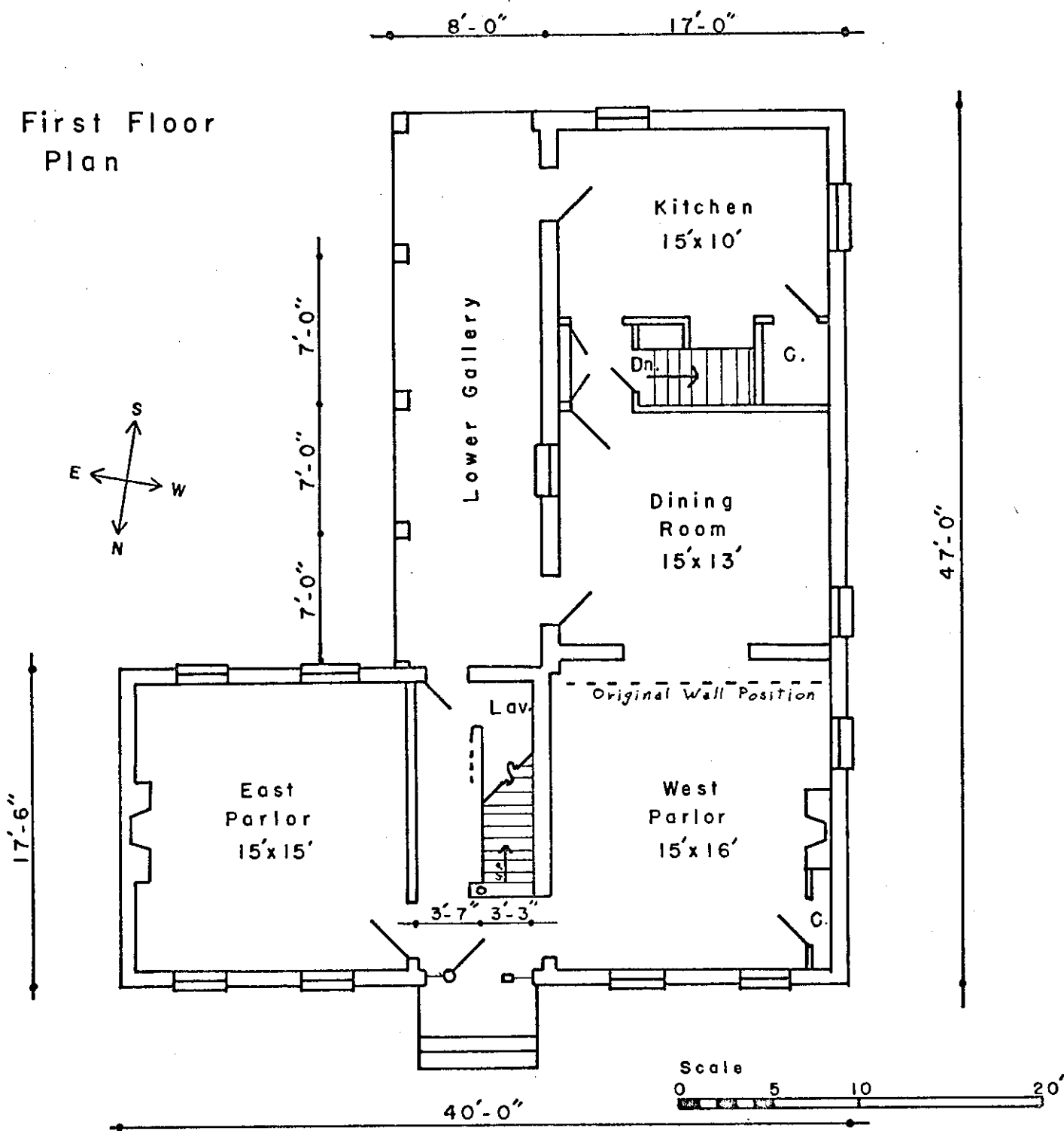
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Webster Groves, Mo.

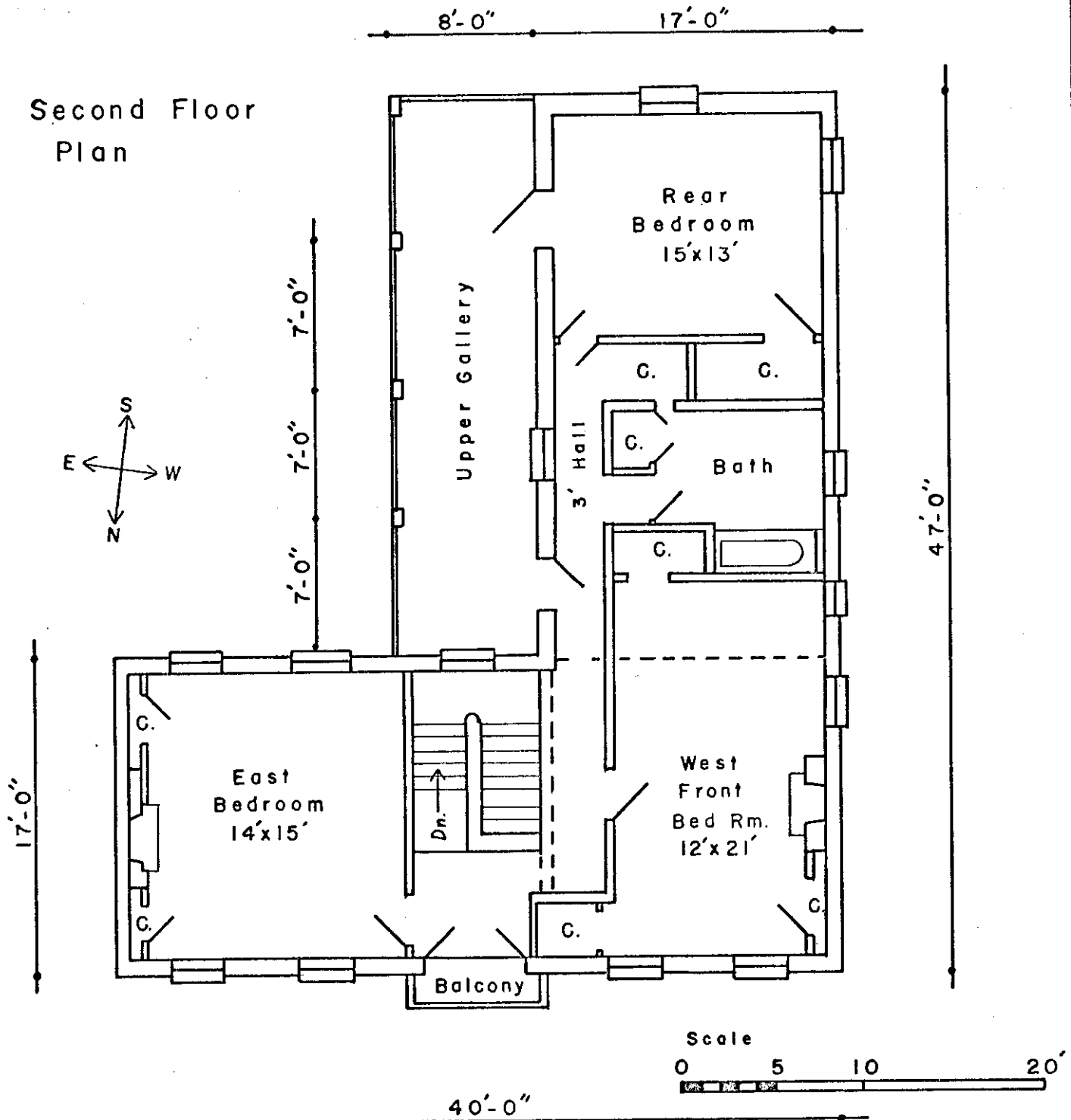
First Floor  
Plan



# HAWKEN HOUSE

Webster Groves, Mo.

Second Floor  
Plan



W.B. Lane, Architectural Consultant  
Field Report, June, 1969

R.R. Morse, del. August, 1969

## Photo Log:

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City or Vicinity: **Webster Groves**  
County: **St. Louis County** State: **MO**  
Photographer: **W.B. Lane**  
Date  
Photographed: **1969**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 13. From NW looking SE. Photocopy of a drawing showing N (front) wall of the house as it appeared in 1913. The original front porch was only one bay wide and two stories high, centered on the N façade. Before 1913 it was enlarged to three bays on the first floor.

2 of 13. Looking S, view of the N façade. Note bracketed cornice and vertical proportions of doors and windows.

3 of 13. S elevation from S looking N. View partially screened by summer vegetation. S wall of rear ell at left, two story wooden gallery at center, and main block visible at right. Ell has a shed roof.

4 of 13. From SW looking NE. View of W wall with parapet continuing from ridge of main block to S end of rear (S) ell. Fenestration is irregular on this wall as a result of 1945 renovation.

5 of 13. From SE looking NW. Two story wooden gallery lines the E side of the rear (S) ell. Windows of main block visible at right.

6 of 13. N (primary) façade from N looking S. Detail of Federal style front door with 6 light transom and 5 lights on either side. The door originally opened onto a two story entry porch, one bay wide.

7 of 13. From near SW looking NE. View from first floor of two story wooden rear gallery looking toward S wall of E half of the main block.

8 of 13. Detail of second floor door on rear gallery, from near SE looking NW. Door is appropriate for the period of the house and may be original. Nine light window in upper half, paired recessed panels below.

9 of 13. East parlor, first floor, main block. From SW looking NE. Typical interior aspect of the windows, wall cornice and fireplace mantle.

10 of 13. W parlor, first floor, main block. From E looking W toward fireplace wall. Typical trim on window and close. Marble mantle dating from 1880 was installed in 1945 replacing the original wood mantle.

11 of 13. From NW to SE. Second floor, E bedroom in main block. View of typical original finish in closet doors, fireplace mantle and window trim. Second floor windows lack the paneling from floor to sill found on the first floor original windows. Closets are comparable to those of the first floor.

12 of 13. From S, looking N. View of central hallway, first floor. Federal style doorway has a 6 light transom and 5 flanking lights on each side. Original stairway is in excellent condition.

13 of 13. Interior detail of original rim lock with porcelain knob. Recessed panels on door are framed with wood molding.





























