

City of Charlottesville - Rugby Rd.-University Corner H.D.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

DHR Identification Number: 104-0067

Other DHR Number: 104-70

Property Date(s) 1900 ca

PROPERTY NAMES

Madison Bowl

EXPLANATION

Historic/Current

Mad Bowl

Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District:

Tax Parcel: 9-144

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE WEST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
-	Rugby Road	Current

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet: Charlottesville

Name of National Register Historic District:

Rugby Road-University Corner Historic District

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Comprised of about two acres, Madison Bowl is a level field below the elevation of the surrounding streets and properties, with sloped sides and edges partially planted with shrubs. It lies between Rugby Road and Madison Lane, behind Madison Hall (VDHR resouce no. 104-103).

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Structure

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Other	Historic

TOTAL: 1
Historic: 1
Non-Historic: 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
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INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Other

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1900 ca

Source of Date: Site Visit/Written

Architectural Style: Other

Description:

Madison Bowl is an athletic playing field about two acres in size, at lower elevation than the adjoining streets to the northwest and southeast (Rugby Road and Madison Lane, respectively), and properties to the northeast. It has sloped sides leading up to the streets to each side and buildings at the northeast end, and is partially edged with shrubs. It may have been created at about the time Fayerweather Hall was finished, in 1894, as the University of Virginia's gymnasium; or it may have been built when Madison Hall was constructed between 1902 and 1907 at the southwest end of Madison Bowl as a Y.M.C.A. (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969; O'Dell, 1983).

Condition: Good

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Madison Bowl contained tennis courts by 1929, and these were removed by 1969.

Number of Stories: 0.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

None.

DHR Historic Context: Recreation/Arts

Significance Statement:

Madison Bowl may have been built in conjunction with the completion of Fayerweather Hall, the University of Virginia's gymnasium, in 1894; or it may have been created when Madison Hall was built as a Y.M.C.A. in 1904-5. It was in use as an athletic field by 1920; by 1929, tennis courts had been constructed in the bowl, and they were present through 1941 but were apparently removed by 1969. Madison Bowl is still in use for informal athletic activities, intramural sports, and occasionally other university-related activities; it was also part of the setting for Easters, until this springtime celebration was banned. Besides serving as an important focus for activities since the early part of the century, Madison Bowl is a distinctive landscape feature, unique in the district, and provides open green space as a setting for the fraternity and sorority houses and

academic buildings ranged around it (Sanborn 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969; O'Dell 1983).

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14646	26 - 27	3/10/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.1 Bibliographic Record Type: Survey, Other

Author: O'Dell, Jeffrey M.

Citation Abbreviation:

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) Survey

Notes:

Sept. 1983. VDHR Archives.

Sequence #: 1.2 Bibliographic Record Type: Map

Author: Sanborn Map Company

Citation Abbreviation:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Charlottesville, VA

Notes:

Published by Sanborn Map Company, 1907, 1913, 1920, 1929, 1941, 1969.

University of Virginia Library Government Documents.

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 3/10/1996

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Organization or Person: Smead, Susan E.

ID # Associated with Event:

CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

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Last :

Suffix :

Title :

Company:

Address:

City :

State:

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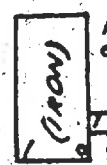
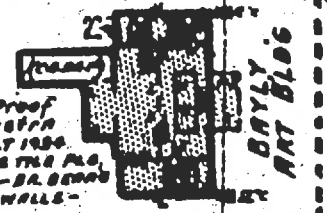
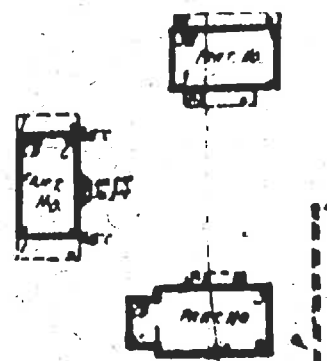
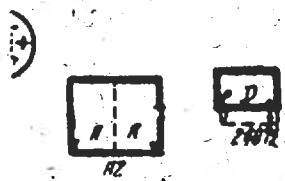
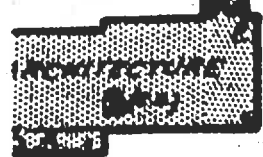
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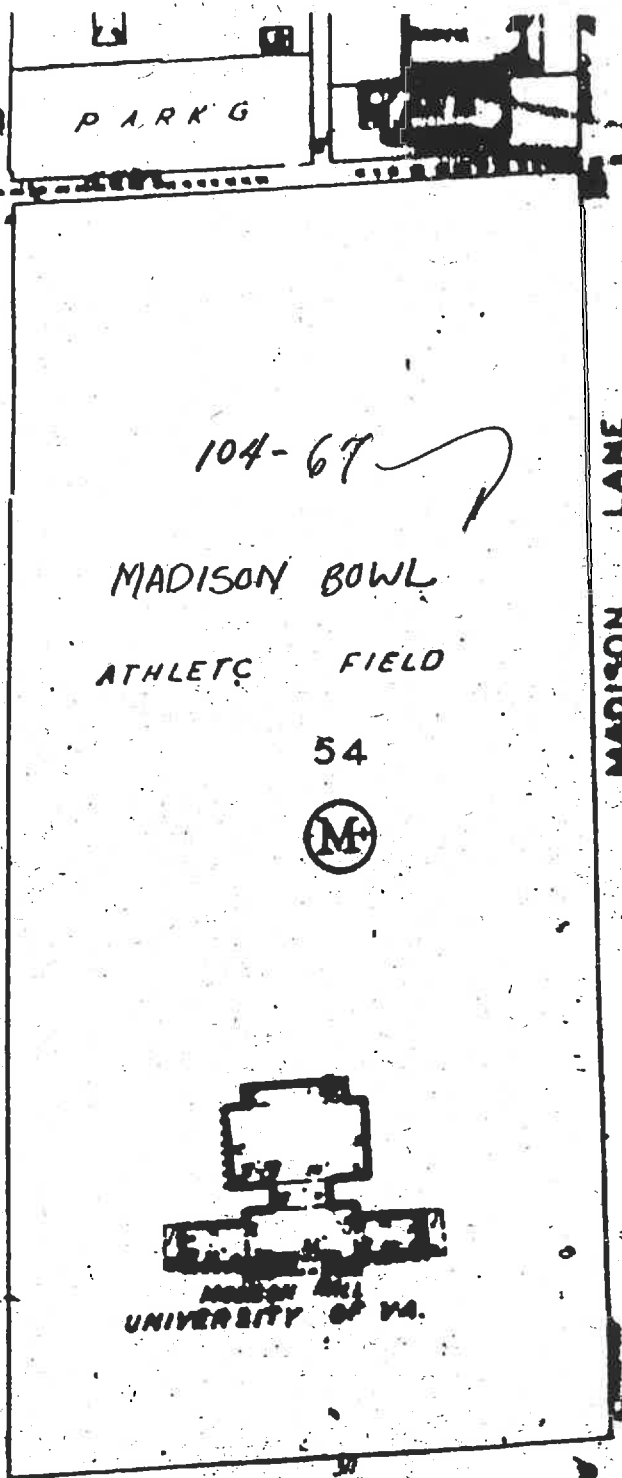
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Surveyor's Notes:

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MADISON BOWL

ATHLETIC FIELD

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MADISON HALL
UNIVERSITY OF VA.

MADISON LANE

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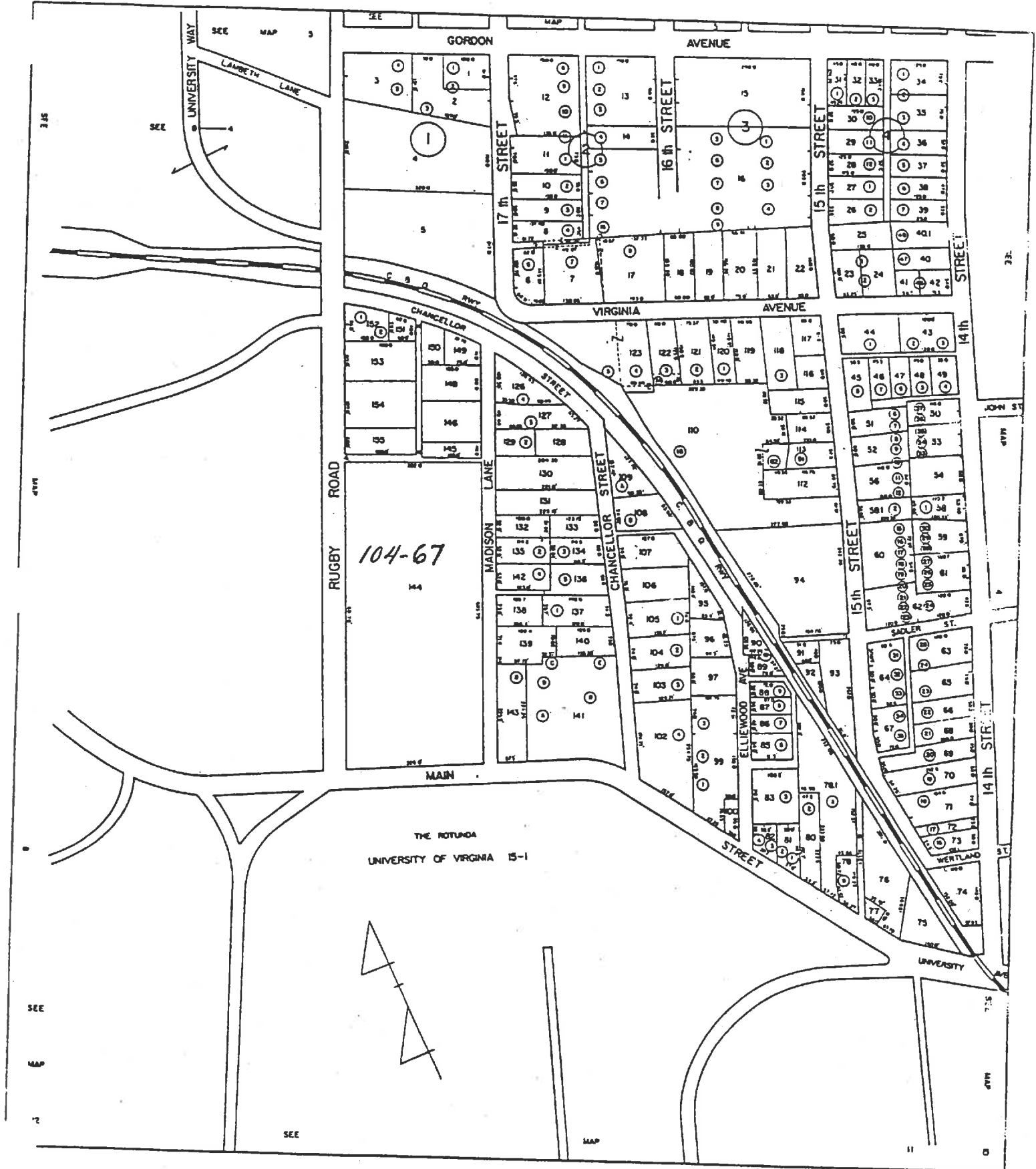
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6/96 S.E. Smead



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CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE 1" = 100'

SECTION 9



VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

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Negative no(s). 7297

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Street address 110-58 Rugby Road
Town/City Charlottesville
Historic name Madison Bowl Common name "Mad Bowl"

Material

wood frame (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 brick (bond: Flemish, stretcher, ____-course American, _____)
 stone (random rubble, random ashlar, coursed ashlar, _____)
 log (siding: weatherboard, shingle, aluminum, bricktex, _____)
 stucco
 concrete block cast iron
 enameled steel terra cotta
 other: _____ glass and metal

Number of Stories	Roof Type	Roof Material
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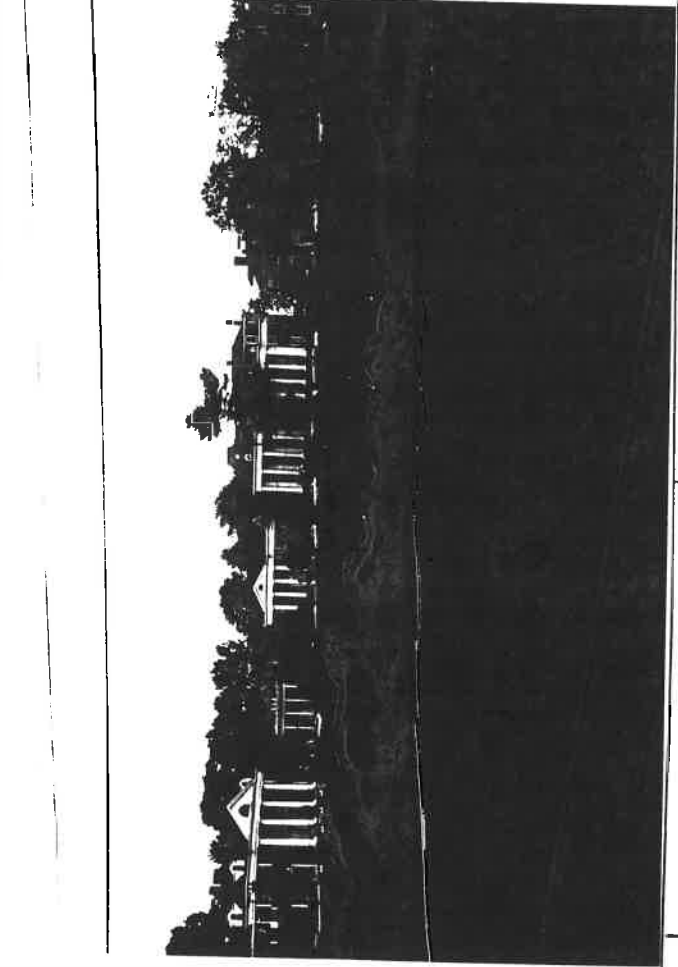
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Style/period NA Date Ca. 1893-1920 Architect/builder

Location and description of entrance NA



Miscellaneous descriptive information (plan, exterior and interior decoration, cornice/eave type, window type and trim, chimneys, additions, alterations)

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Source O'Neal, Pictorial History of UVA.
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SURVEY FORM

Historic name _____ Common name Madison Bowl
County/Town/City Albemarle, Charlottesville
Street address or route number 110-158 Rugby Rd.

USGS Quad Charlottesville West, Va. Date or period _____
Original owner _____ Architect/builder/craftsmen _____

Original use _____
Present owner U. of Va. Source of name _____
Present owner address _____ Source of date _____

Present use athletic field Stories _____
Acreage _____ Foundation and wall const'n _____

Roof type _____

State condition of ~~structure~~ and environs good

State potential threats to structure _____
Note any archaeological interest _____

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes _____ no X

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

large athletic field depressed from roads on east and west. east and west sides landscaped with hedges. south end enclosed by rear of Madison Hall, north end by fraternity house and parking lot.

Interior inspected? no

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

View of Madison Bowl and fraternities in T.P. Watts photo collection - # 5057

land purchased in 1892. by university as site for athletic field. about the time Fayerweather Gym. was built.

picture in Pictorial History of U. of Va.

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Wm. O'Neal, Pictorial History of University of Virginia, Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1968, p. 158.

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

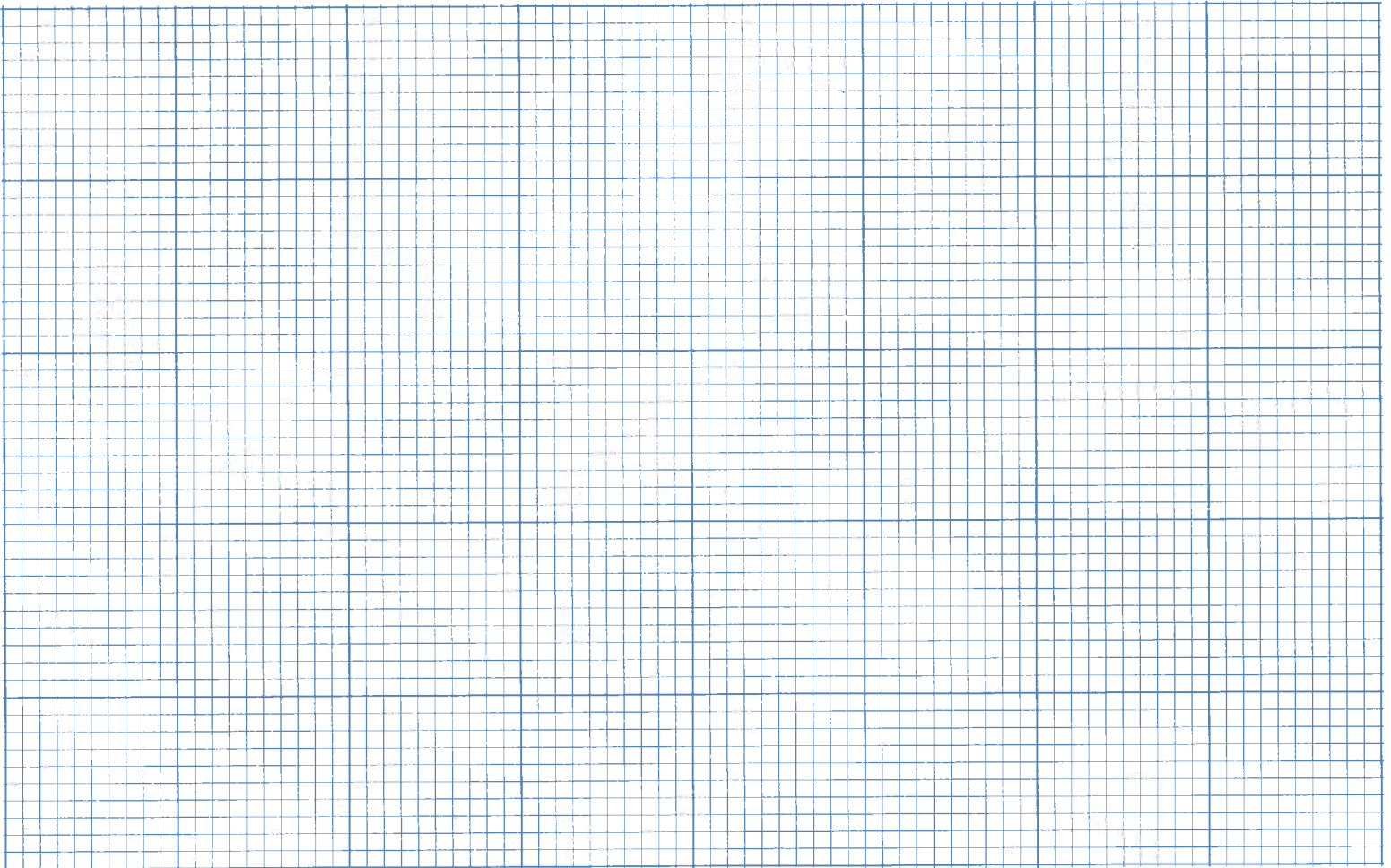
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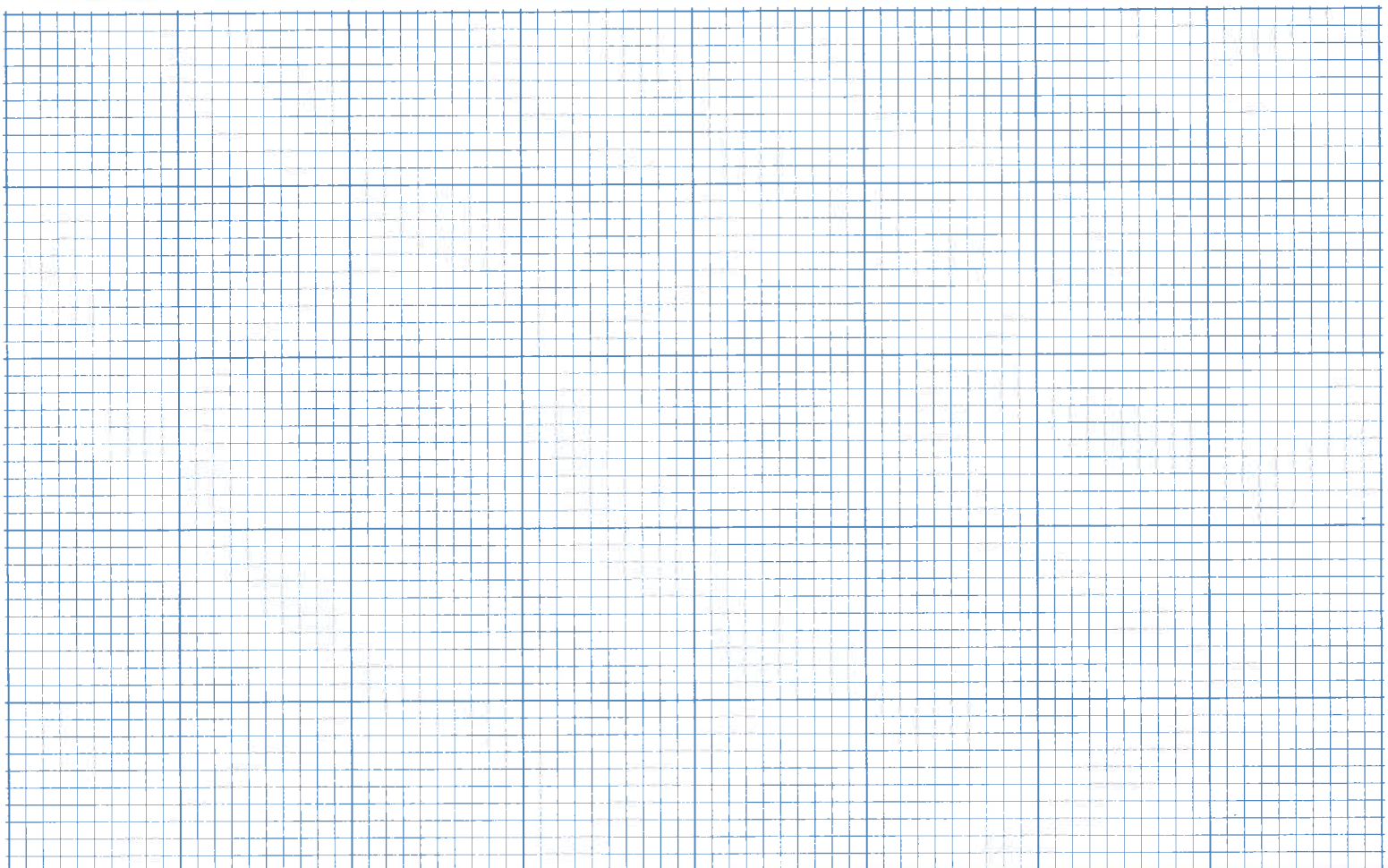
1920 Sandborn Map

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder

Date

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March, 1980



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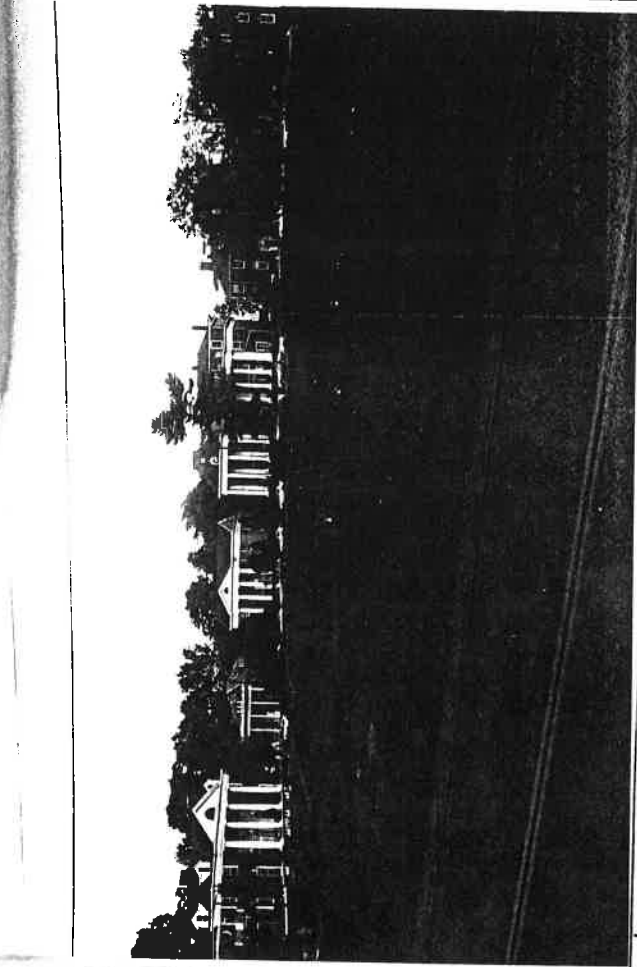
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