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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hagerty House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

505 East Rusk

CITY, TOWN

Marshall

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF

CODE
048

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

COUNTY

Harrison

CODE

203

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Rush C. Harris

STREET & NUMBER

505 East Rusk

CITY, TOWN

Marshall

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harrison County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Marshall

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed in 1889 by Thomas Higgins, the two-story Hagerty House was the first solid brick residence in Marshall, Texas and Pacific Railroad craftsmen built the house for William P. Hagerty, the personal engineer for Texas and Pacific Railroad president, George J. Gould. The symmetrical Victorian house displays characteristics of Italianate architecture, such as the formal balance of the front facade, large brackets supporting the projecting eaves and a low pitch roof.

Situated on a gentle slope, the Hagerty House was in the first residential addition made to the original 64 block townsite of Marshall. A stone fence marks the property line and a curbstone engraved with Hagerty's name symbolizes his prominence within the community. Crowning the second floor of the structure, the cornice terminates the low pitch roof. Large brackets support the wide eaves and are grouped together to complement the numerous second story windows.

The front or south elevation presents a symmetrical five-bay facade. A one-story gallery with ornate wood detailing originally extended across the front, but was removed, exposing the main entrance and first floor windows. Interrupting the cornice, a one-bay central gable serves as a reminder of a two-story portico and pediment which once dominated the central bay. Presently, the central bay consists of first and second floor entrances. The current doors are pierced by a large light with small panes of art glass framing the larger section of glass. Both openings exhibit transom lights and are topped with segmental arches. Flanking each side of the windows double header, segmental arch windows enliven both floors of the five-bay facade. The two-over-two first floor windows extend to ground level and are much taller than the second floor openings.

The remaining facades do not express the balance of the front elevation. A small one-story projecting bay, along with a pair of two-over-two windows directly above this extension dominate the west facade. Linking the two windows, a single segmented arch crowns the openings. The remaining portions of this elevation include four symmetrically placed windows and a one-story solid brick wing (containing the bathroom for the master bedroom) extending to the north.

Set back from the one-story rear wings, the second story of the north facade displays the familiar two-over-two windows with segmental arches. The one-story kitchen wing is pierced with four small windows (shortened to accommodate modern kitchen facilities) and a small entrance. Another rear door opens into the dining room. Because of the gentle slope of the land, brick steps greet the two rear entrances.

Resembling the west elevation, the east facade features a rectangular projecting bay and a pair of second story windows with a segmental arch.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input 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 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Higgins

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built for William Hagerty, personal engineer for Texas and Pacific Railroad president, George J. Gould, the Hagerty House stands as one of the few examples of Victorian Italianate architecture in Marshall. Thomas Higgins constructed the house in 1889 and employed many skilled craftsmen from the Texas and Pacific Railroad. As a result, the quality of the two-story brick structure is outstanding, and it was one of the finest houses in the prosperous 19th century town of Marshall. After years of neglect, the building has been restored (except for the front gallery) and has been one of the most important projects in Marshall's preservation movement.

For many reasons, the house was quite unique for the town. Most homes of Marshall during the late 1800's were of wood framed construction. Lumber was plentiful because of the abundant forest land nearby, and the popular style of that period was the ornate gingerbread detailing. However, the Hagerty house was the first solid brick house in Marshall and the first to display Italianate architecture.

Although the house is significant primarily for its architecture, the history of William P. Hagerty is worthy of note. He was born in Enisthymen, County Clare, Ireland of noble lineage. A zealous member of the Roman Catholic Church, he helped organize a rebellion to free the Irish from England during a period of famine and British oppression. Charged with attempting to overthrow the government, Hagerty fled for his life when the rebellion failed. He successfully evaded British soldiers and boarded a ship bound for New York.

Arriving in the U.S. in 1862, Hagerty eventually settled in Philadelphia where relatives had already established themselves. He became a reporter for the Philadelphia Record in 1864 and developed a close friendship with the publisher, John O'Dwyer, who later published a booklet on Hagerty's life. While working on the Record, Hagerty was intrigued with a Texas and Pacific Railroad employment advertisement. He joined the railroad, trained as an engineer and in 1876 moved to Marshall, the eastern terminus of the T&P Railroad. Hagerty was quite successful in his career and soon became the personal engineer for George J. Gould, the president of the company.

While in Marshall, he met and married Mollie Albright. The parents of five children, William and Mollie Hagerty were devout members of

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Abney, Mrs. James K., unpublished mimeograph, 1977.
 Archival material in the Harrison County Historical Museum.
 Lale, Max S., National Register submission, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre.

QUADRANGLE NAME Marshall, East, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot no. 2 of the Burren addition to the city of Marshall

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joe Williams/Project Director David Moore/Research Asst.

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

February 13, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1511 Colorado

TELEPHONE

(512) 475-3094

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Joe Williams *David Moore*

TITLE

DATE 2-13-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

R. B. Rettig

DATE 9/13/78

ATTEST:

William L. Linn

DATE Sept 11, 1978

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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The interior reinforces the symmetry of the front facade. The centrally located stairwell is flanked by twin parlors. Sliding doors separate the east parlor from the dining room and the west parlor from the master bedroom. Exhibiting walnut woodwork and shutters, the parlors are decorated with stencilled canvas ceilings. Because of the present owners interest in preservation, the house contains antique furnishings, and the exterior has been restored to its original appearance - except for the missing gallery and portico.

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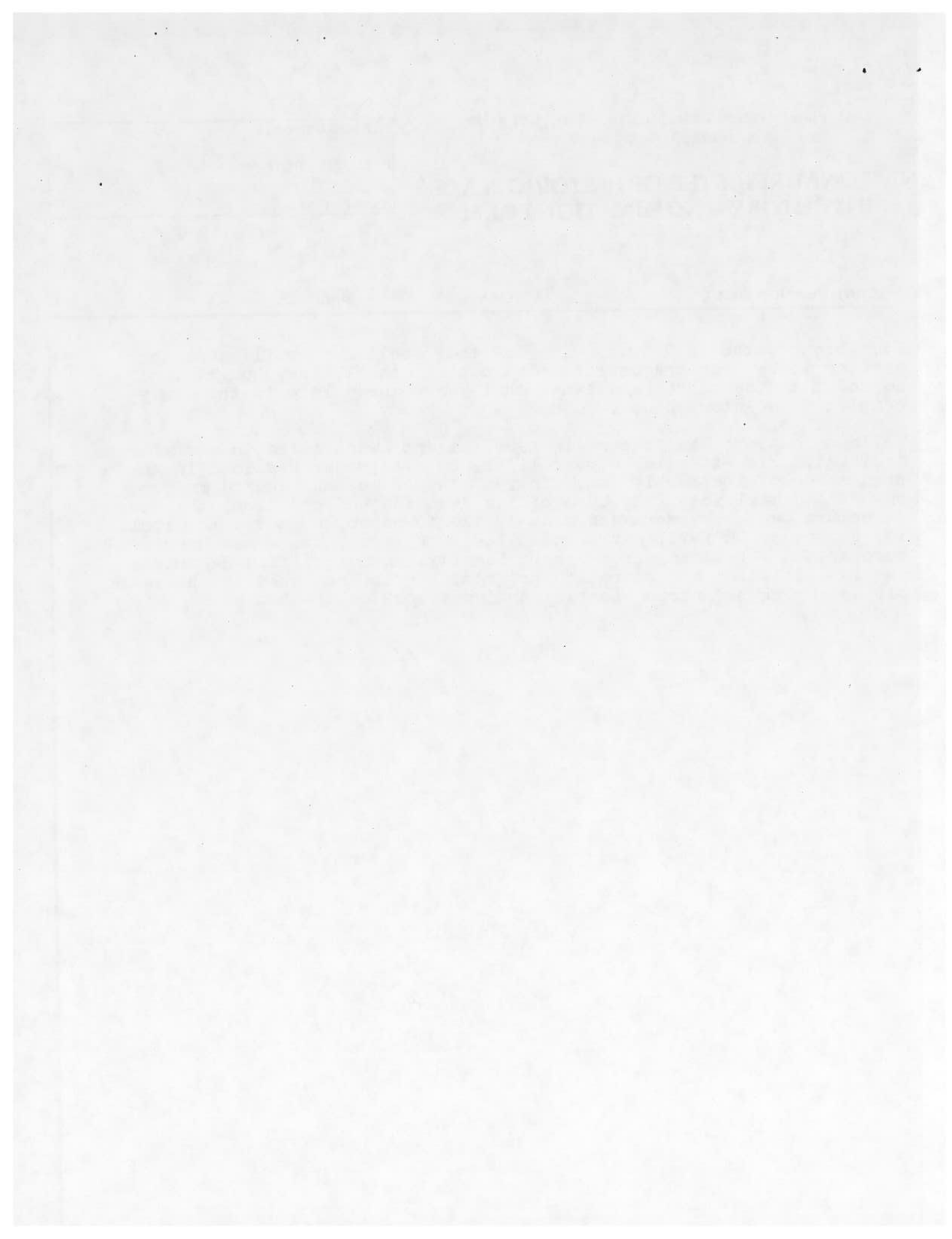
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St. Joseph Catholic Church. In 1889 they decided to build a new home. Wishing to be near the church and parochial school, they bought land adjacent to the school and later that year, moved into to the newly completed two-story house.

While enroute to New Orleans in 1906, Hagerty was killed in a train accident. His wife died a year later, but the house remained in the possession of their children. In 1967 the house was vacated and soon began to deteriorate. Because of its delapidated condition, the old structure was an eyesore and many of the townspeople wanted to demolish it. However, in 1972, a prominent local physican, Dr. James Harris purchased the building from Joseph Hagerty, one of William Hagerty's sons. Initiating a restoration program, Harris soon sold the house to his son Dr. Rush Harris who has continued work on the house.

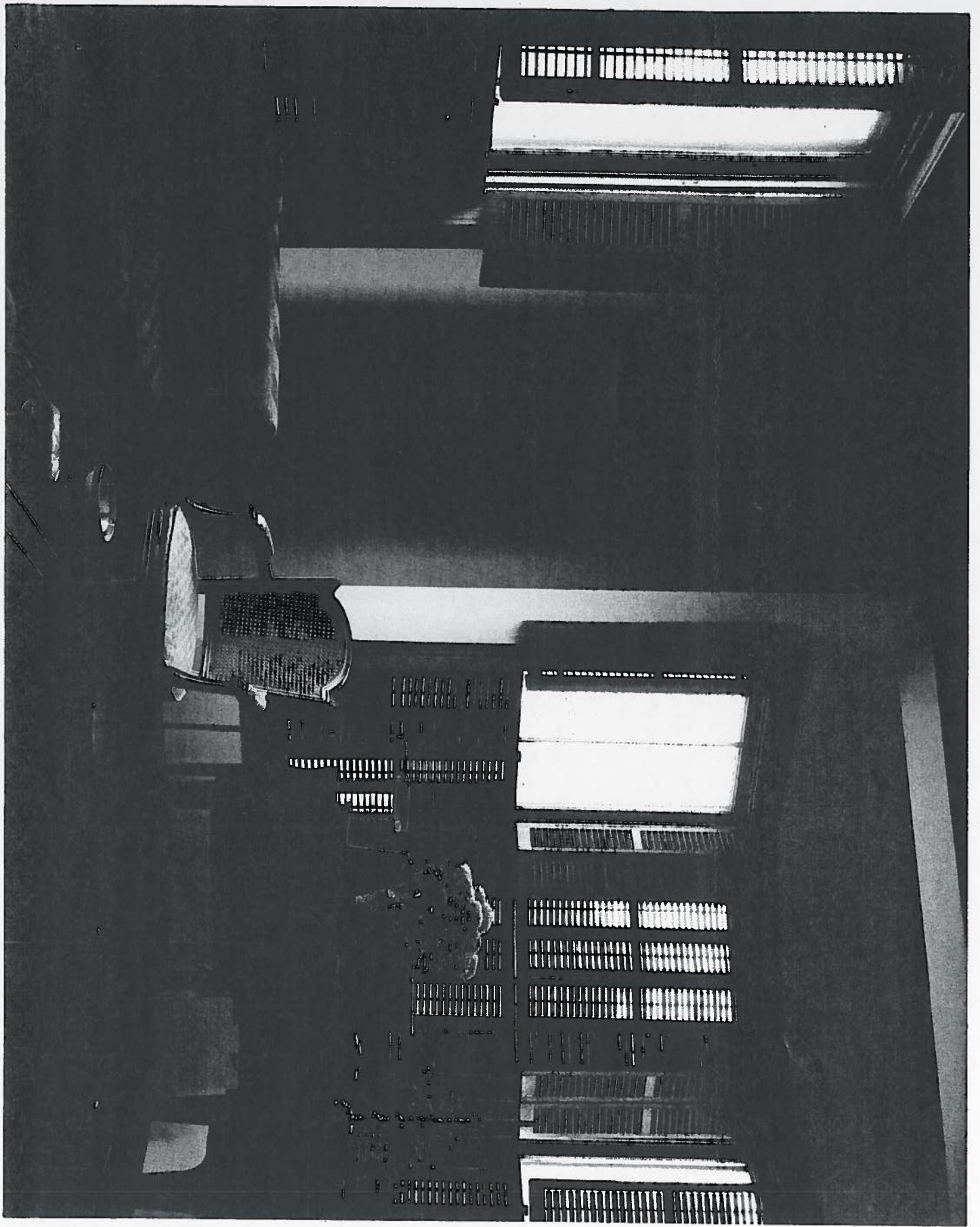




MARSHALL WEST

3230

HAGERTY HOUSE
505 E. RUSK ST.
MARSHALL, HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 15/372120/3598710
3601-680







TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



