

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name** Eureka College Administration Building and Chapel

historic Eureka College: The Original College Building and the Chapel

and/or common Eureka College: The Administration Building and the Chapel

**2. Location**

street & number 300 College Avenue not for publication

city, town Eureka vicinity of congressional district 15

state Illinois code 012 county Woodford code 203

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name The Trustees of Eureka College

street & number 300 College Avenue

city, town Eureka vicinity of state Illinois 61530

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Woodford County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Eureka state Illinois

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title 1. Illinois Historic Structures Survey property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
2. Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey  
 date 1. October, 1973 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local  
2. November, 1973

depository for survey records Both: 405 East Washington Street

city, town Both: Springfield state Both: Illinois

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Administration Building, built in 1858, is a three story masonry bearing wall structure with an attic and a small cellar. The masonry bearing walls are approximately 18" to 2' thick at the base and taper up to about 12" or 13" thick in the attic.

The roof is framed with wood trusses built up out of solid timbers. Two modified Howe wood trusses run from the front to the back of the building. Between the trusses, running crosswise through the middle of the building are additional simple King trusses with steel tension rods and solid timbers. These are supported at the exterior bearing walls and at the Howe trusses in the center.

The ceiling joists for the third floor bear on the exterior walls and on the King trusses. In addition to that, tension rods go down through the third floor and take some of the load of the third floor joists.

The building has the conventional central hall plan that runs from the front to the back and has a series of straight-run staircases that take you up to the top of the building. On either side of the central hall were classrooms and offices in the original plan when this was the only building in the College. Now the areas are divided into administrative offices for the College.

The building is Italianate with Federal and Georgian influences. The design of the front elevation and the back elevation is the same because at the time the building was being constructed, they were not sure in which direction the town of Eureka would develop in future years. The elevations of the building appear to have a strong Federal Style influence in the windows. The windows are tall with very slender mullions. The lintel is cast iron with small dentils in relief. The only detail on the sides is the brick return and a small brick mold adjoining the window frame. The sills are also cast iron and again have a small mold in relief.

The exterior of the building is light red brick. The front entrance doors and sidelights are Georgian Colonial influence. A palladian window is at each end of the second floor Hall. The entrance portico is more robust in detail and again is Georgian Colonial. A nonconforming detail is the portico column capitals which are similar to those found in the Tower of the Wind, Athens. These are done in cast iron. This same motif is found in the cast iron pilasters in the palladian window.

The windows in the front and back elevations are in pairs and arched at the top. They still retain the cast iron exposed lintel.

The Administration Building is in a fine state of preservation, but the cupola was removed at some time in the past; however, the stairway up through the attic to the cupola still remains.

The Italianate style is stated in the roof overhang and brick frieze. The overhang for the roof is almost 30 inches wide. The outlookers that support the overhang extend back into the attic about 26 to 28 inches and bear on the exterior masonry wall as well as being secured to the rafters.

The entire building is brick except for the field stone facing around the foundation. Running bond is used except at every sixth course, which is a row of headers. Brick pilasters are at the corners and on either side of the entrances. They project about eight inches from the face of the wall.

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Approximately two feet below the eave line and between the brick pilasters a series of brick dentils (enlarged) form the architrave for the brick frieze above. The dentils are deep set and effect a strong shadow line in addition to the roof overhang.

The stairway handrail, newel post and balusters are still in use; however, the stairway has had to be enclosed to satisfy fire regulations. The enclosure, however, did not interfere with any of the original detailing of the stairs.

The Chapel Building is Italian Villa style or Italianate with deep overhangs supported by decorative wood brackets approximately 2½ feet on center. These brackets are not as ornamental as those found in the Frederick Hall House of Ionia, Michigan, or Camden Caroline County, Virginia, House but more like the brackets in the Morse-Libby House of Portland, Maine. Also the center gable mentioned earlier is very similar in design to the gable found on the Morse-Libby House.

The tall slender windows have a simple mullion design and brick hood mold often found in earlier Italianate buildings. All the windows have a segmented arch. Only in the protruding portion of the front elevation are the windows grouped. Both the first and second floors have a group of three windows with the center window being taller, thus, recalling the palladian window motif.

The two entrance porticos on the front of the building have simple bracket forms springing from the columns. The double columns of each portico appear to be a more simple version of the columns found in the main entrance portico of the Frederick Hall House mentioned earlier.

The Chapel Building is finished in a soft hued red brick. Pilasters of brick divide the front elevation into five bays and the side elevations into three bays. Across the top of each bay and just under the cornice are projecting ornamental brick scallops.

Inside each entrance a handsome staircase with a midway landing takes you to the second floor. The balusters and rail are simple wood turned posts.

The door and window trim consists of wide moldings, all still in good condition and being used.

The second floor room is now used for classes and occasional Chapel services. The pews have been removed and the chancel platform altered a small amount. Some of the first floor rooms have drop acoustical tile ceilings but in every case, the window and door moldings have been left untouched and still very much in evidence.

The Chapel Building has very simple lines and its wood brackets and columns reflect the more simple efforts of rural carpenters. The architect is not known but the building expresses a well proportioned Italianate style structure.

Leslie H. Kenyon, A.I.A.

## 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
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	1858 (Admin. Bldg.)		
<b>Specific dates</b>	1869 (Chapel)	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Eureka College was chartered by the State of Illinois on February 6, 1855. In 1857-58 the original College Building (now the Administration Building) was built, and was the only classroom building on the campus until the construction of the Chapel in 1869.

Together, these two buildings housed the academic, administrative and social needs of Eureka College for nearly twenty-five years. Even though many new buildings and dormitories have been added since then, the Administration Building and Chapel are still in use and the focal point of the 112 acre campus. They are, in the minds of all who are familiar with the campus, symbols of Eureka College.

Neither building has been altered on the exterior in any way except for the required fire escapes. However, a fire damaged the cupola on the Administration Building and it has been removed. The interiors have been cared for and where remodeling has taken place, the integrity of the structure has been retained, such as the keeping of all the interior molding and trim.

The buildings are in constant use and serve the student body as well as being a constant reminder of the history of their college.

The campus has supportive buildings that are not as strong architecturally or are much later in their period of construction. These buildings do not impinge on these two structures but certainly add security to their well being. The entire campus of Eureka College is endowed with large trees and generous landscape; each structure has its own setting; thus, the Administration Building and the Chapel Building have a promising future.

Historically, Eureka College is significant on the local, state and national levels. Locally, Eureka College provided opportunities for liberal arts education to the citizens of Eureka and Woodford County in days when travel was limited and education was viewed as a privilege. The Chapel has always added to the cultural life of the community. Until more modern facilities were built, the Chapel served as a concert and recital center for campus and community. Many nationally known artists presented concerts here, including Percy Grainger, pianist and composer.

Eureka College is tied to the origins of Woodford County and the City of Eureka. Many of the founders of both the county and city were also instrumental in the founding of the college, as stated by Roy L. Moore in his 1910 History of Woodford County. The buildings themselves are among the oldest to still stand in Eureka and Woodford County.

Eureka College grew out of Walnut Grove Academy, which was founded in 1850. The founders of this educational institution were members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a religious movement which stressed the need of cultural and moral education. Many of the founders were originally from Kentucky and had left that state because of their objection to slavery. In late 1854, when plans to charter Eureka College were being finalized, the Board of Trustees set up a Committee to oversee the construction of a classroom building for the college.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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 Dickinson, Elmira, et al. A History of Eureka College with Biographical Sketches and Reminiscences. St. Louis: Christian Publishing Company, 1894 (continued)

# 10. Geographical Data UTM NOT VERIFIED

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**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

For boundary description of Administration Building and Chapel, see accompanying campus map; boundaries marked in red.

**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/title Jana Knapp, Assistant Director of Public Relations  
 organization Eureka College date October 3, 1979  
 street & number 300 College Avenue telephone (309) 467-3705  
 city or town Eureka state Illinois

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *David Kennedy*  
 title Director, Ill. Dept. of Com. date 3/31/80

For HCRS use only  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
 for *Sally G. Oldham* date 5/31/80  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Attest: *Kristin J. O'Connell* date 5/27/80  
 Chief of Registration

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The college history indicates the original building facilities became inadequate in 1867, so the trustees resolved to build a second structure. E. B. Myers, who was the wealthiest citizen of Eureka, again donated the land. The Chapel was completed in 1869 or 1870.

Of American colleges still existing today, Eureka was the third nationally and the first in the State of Illinois to admit men and women on an equal basis. In fact, Eureka College was on the leading edge of other movements in its history. Debating societies held their debates in the Chapel Building, and during the era immediately following World War I, many debates were held here regarding the Prohibition movement. National leader for Prohibition, Norma Brown came from Eureka College and these debating societies. Other nationally known speakers that have met with students and spoken with them are Governor Harold Stassen, Senator Everett Dirksen, Senator Paul Douglas and Governor Ronald Reagan. Governor Reagan was also a student of Eureka College and as a student, attended classes in the Chapel and Administration Building.

Poet Vachel Lindsay read his poetry in the Chapel. Mayor Joseph Barr of Pittsburgh and later a member of President Lyndon Johnson's cabinet spoke on careers to the student body in the Chapel. Durwood Sandifer, aide to Eleanor Roosevelt in the writing of the Human Rights Bill for the United Nations, spoke to the student body in the Chapel Building as well as Roy Ross, Chief Executive of the National Council of Churches when it was first formed.

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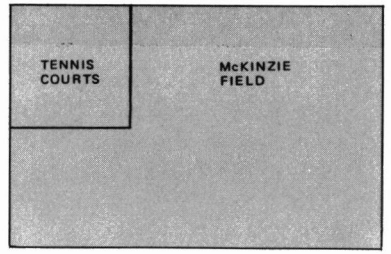
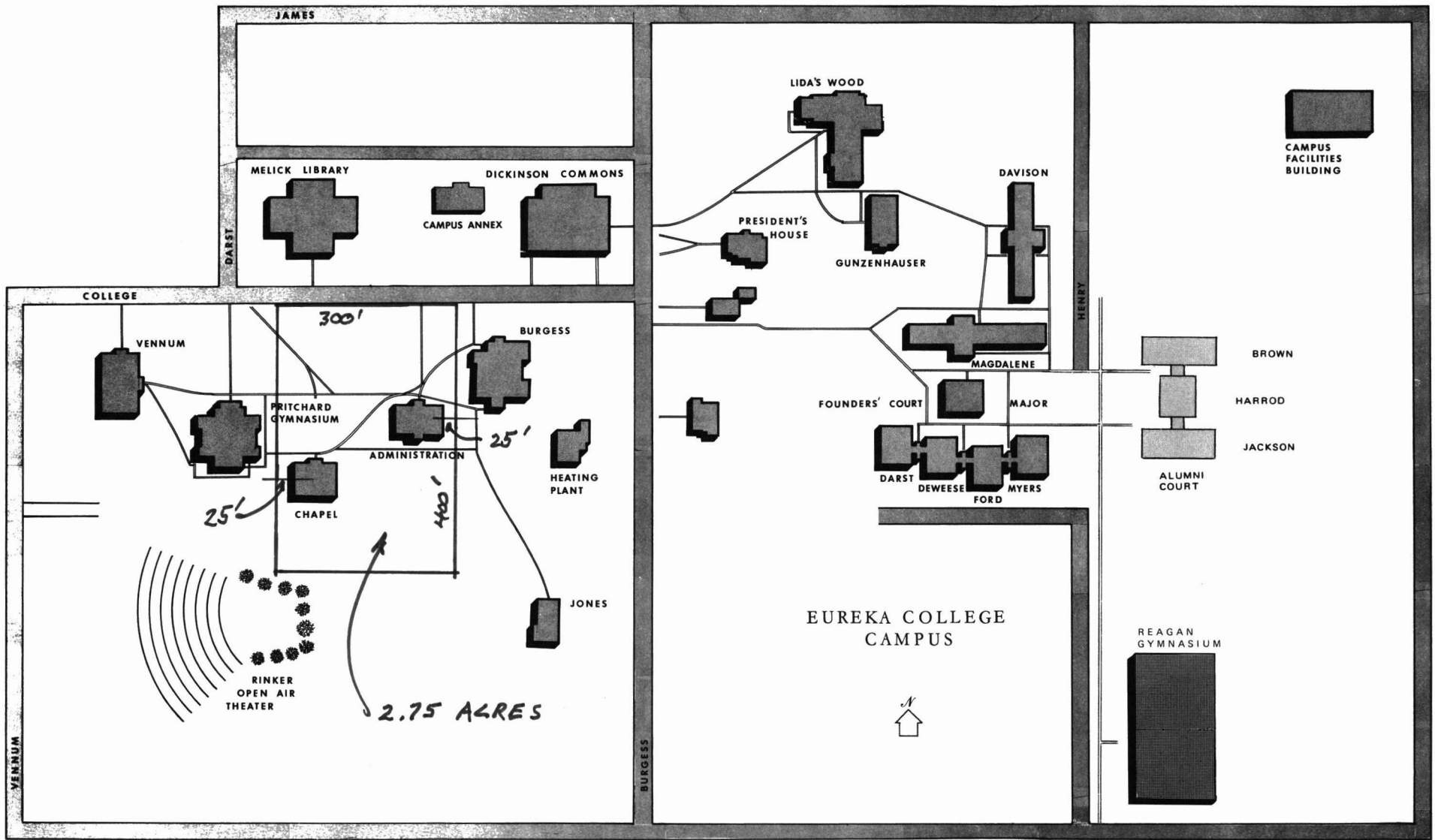
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<sup>2</sup>David B. Potts, "American Colleges in the 19th Century; From Localism to Denominationalism," in Education in American History, Readings on the Social Issues, Michael B. Katz, Ed., (New York: Praeger Publishers, 1973), pp. 106-107.

<sup>3</sup>Minutes of the Eureka College Board of Trustees, November 15, 1854. (Unpublished, located in the Eureka College Melick Library.)

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Property

Eureka College Administration Building and Chapel

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1858 Administration Bldg. and 1869 Chapel Bldg. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**  
 all the academic, social, and administrative activities for the first 25 years of Eureka College's history. They continue to be the campus's focal point. One of Illinois's early private liberal arts colleges, it was first in IL and one of earliest in Nation to accept women and men on an equal basis. Buildings are usually linked by common red brick fabric, and woodwork details, and an amalgamated Italianate vocabulary. **ARCHEOLOGIST**  
 The Administration Bldg. especially striking for its eclectic variety of Georgian, Federal and HK Revival details. Both buildings maintain high degree of integrity, although Admin. Bldg. has lost its cupola.

Accept LJ Flint

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**OTHER**

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**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Concur with  
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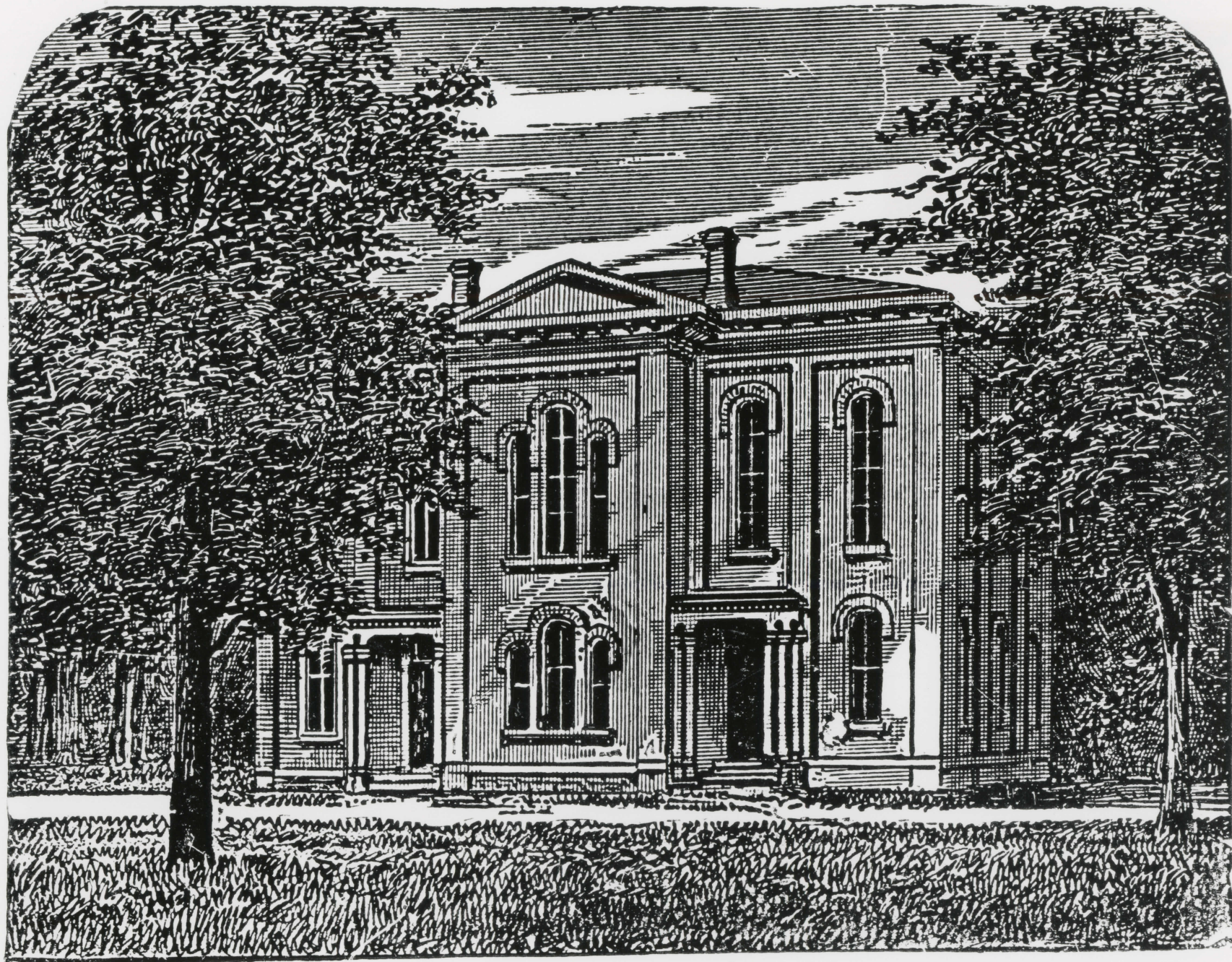
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THE CHAPEL.

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Eureka, IL 61530  
c. 1887  
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Eureka College Administration  
Bldg and Chapel Woodford Co.

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Front view

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THE CHAPEL



Chapel, Eureka College  
Eureka, IL 61530  
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Eureka College Office of  
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Bldg. and Chapel*

*woodford co.*

Front view of Chapel, photo-  
grapher facing towards  
south. MAY 31 1980

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Chapel, Eureka College  
Eureka, IL 61530  
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Rear view of Chapel, facing  
northwest.

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The Chapel, Eureka College  
Eureka, IL 61530  
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West elevation of Chapel.

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Left portico of Chapel

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East staircase, Chapel.

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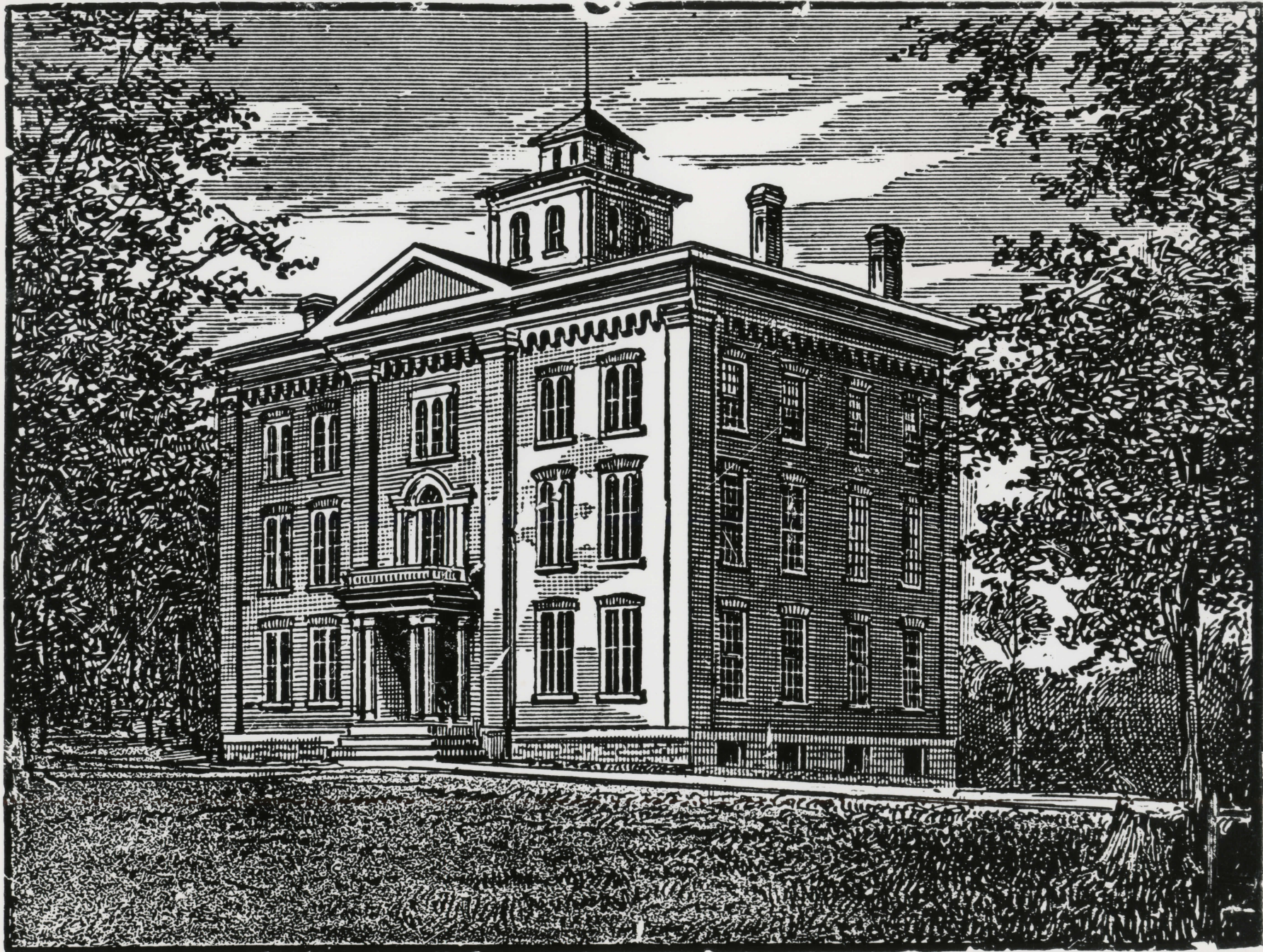


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Second floor of Chapel,  
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THE ORIGINAL COLLEGE BUILDING.

The Administration Building,  
Eureka College  
Eureka, IL 61530  
c. 1887

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Front View

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THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



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Eureka College  
Eureka, IL 61530

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South east view of building

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Window details on north facade  
of building.

(Camera direction--south)

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Eureka College  
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View of rear of building  
(camera direction--northeast)

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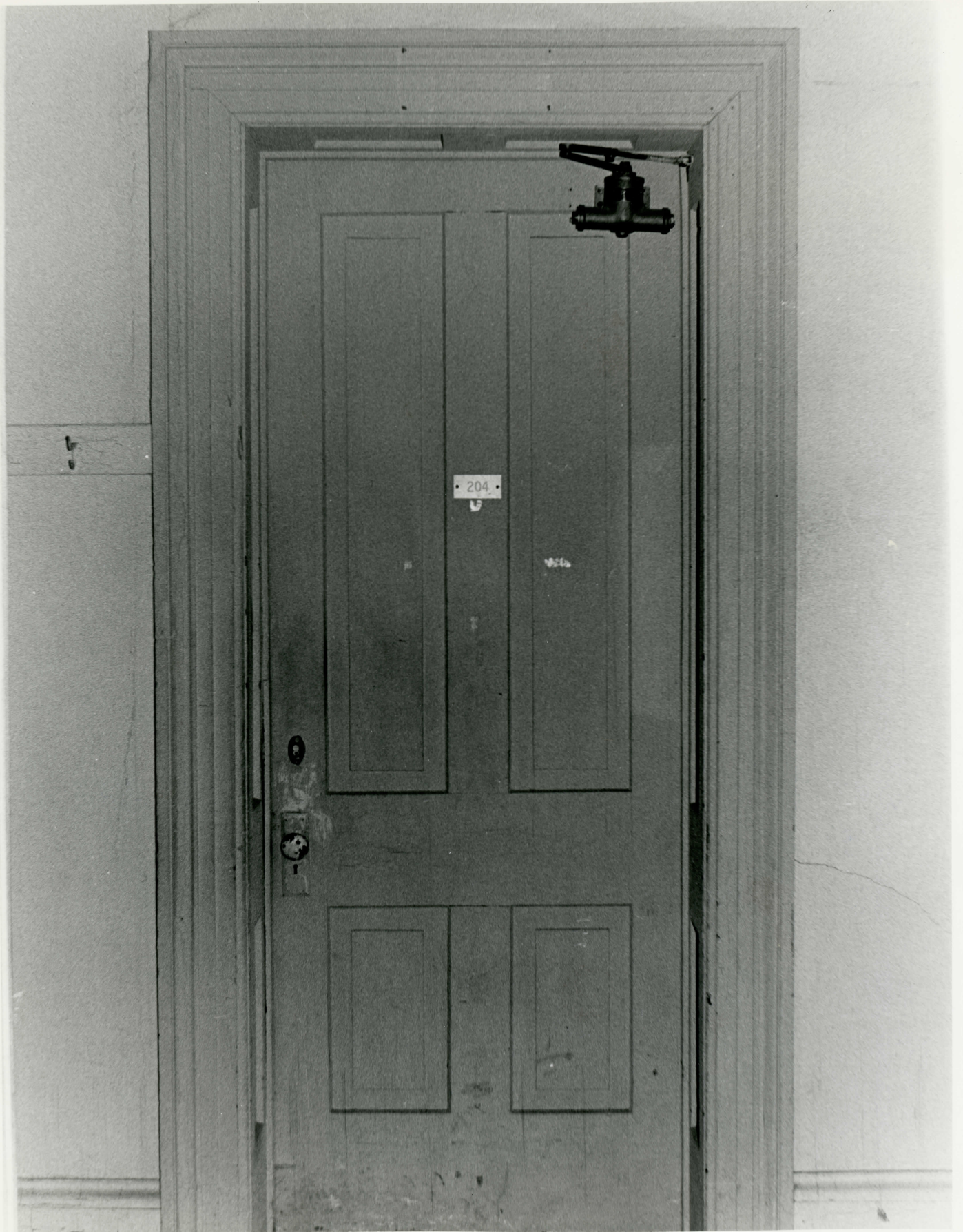
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North Palladian window on  
second floor.

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Eureka, IL 61530 APR 21 1980  
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Eureka College, Office of  
Development.  
Door on second floor showing  
original woodwork.  
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Administration Building,  
Eureka College.  
Eureka, IL 61530  
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Office of Development,  
Eureka College.  
Woodwork on windows, north  
third floor, right side.

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East elevation, Ad Building

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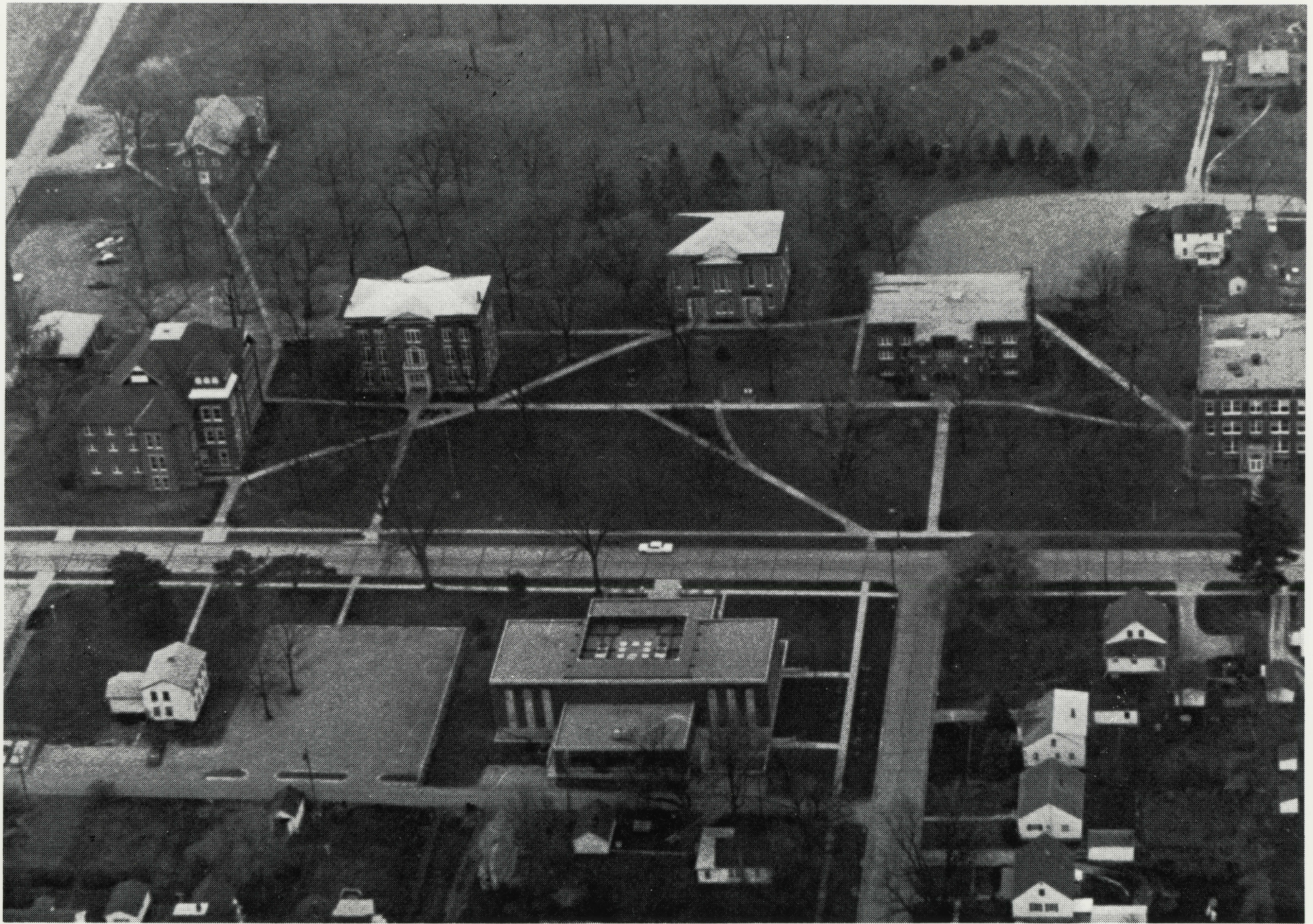
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Paver brick found in the cellar  
floor, Administration  
Building.

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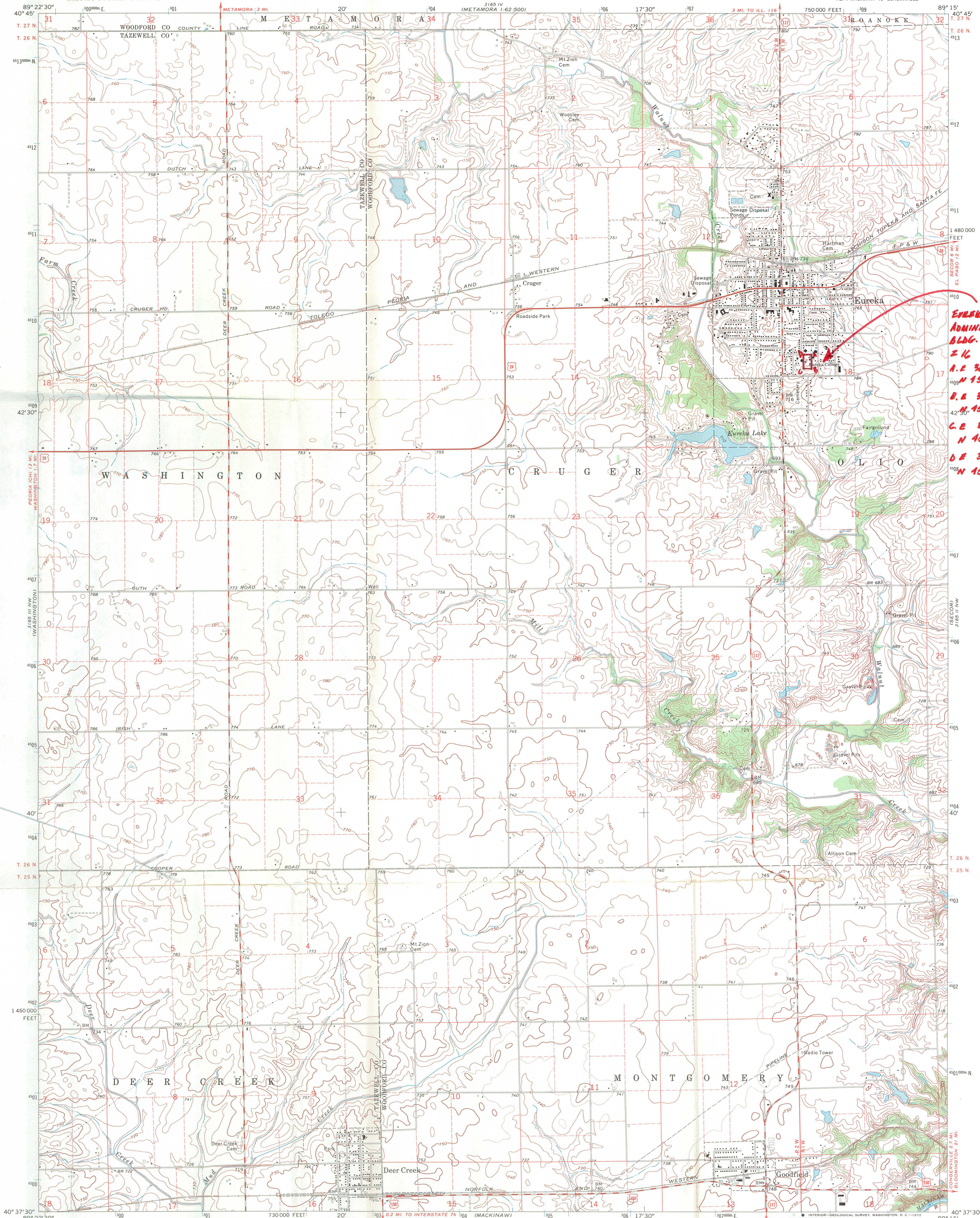
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Aerial view of college campus.

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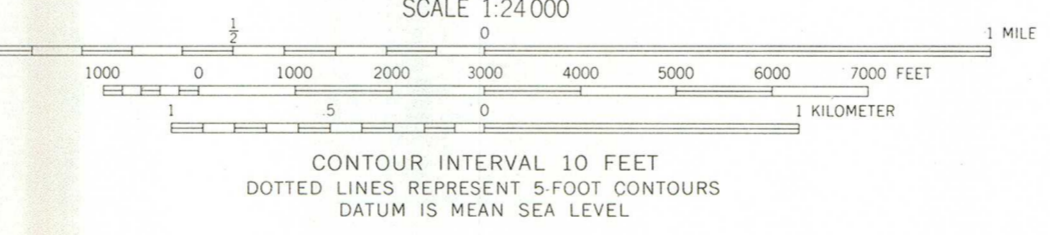
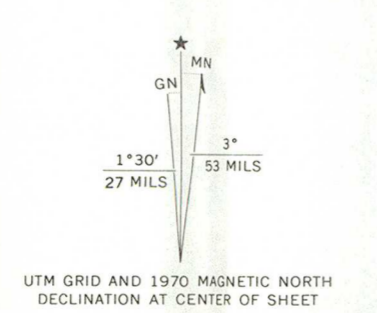
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**EUREKA COLLEGE  
ADMINISTRATION  
BLDG. + CHAPEL  
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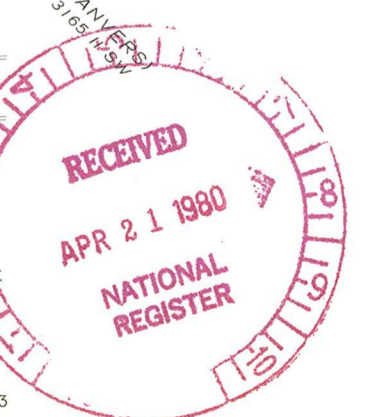
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May 12, 1980

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of The National Register  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and  
Recreation Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

The Illinois Council of Historic Sites has nominated the Eureka College Administration Building and Chapel for listing on The National Register. I understand that you will be reviewing these applications shortly, and I would like to add my strong endorsement to the listing of these two buildings.

The Administration Building (1858) and the Chapel (1869) are among the oldest buildings in Woodford County, Illinois, and both have played an important part in the educational and cultural history of this region of Central Illinois. The College itself is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, and getting these structures listed on the National Register will highlight this celebration. I have visited the campus and can vouch for the integrity of appearance the buildings present.

Please give Eureka College's applications every consideration for National Register status. If you find you need additional information in the course of your review, please let me know and I will see that it is provided.

Sincerely,



Tom Corcoran  
Representative in Congress  
15th District, Illinois

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Date Entered MAY 31 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Eureka College Administration Building and Chapel	Eureka Woodford County
Mundelein College Skyscraper Building	Chicago Cook County
Stephenson, Benjamin, House	Edwardsville Madison County
Madison County Sheriff's House and Jail	Edwardsville Madison County
Gifford-Davidson House	Elgin Kane County

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Honorable Tom Corcoran  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 1980, endorsing the nomination of the Eureka College Administration Building and Chapel, Woodford County, Illinois, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to inform you that the Eureka College Administration Building and Chapel was entered in the National Register on May 31, 1980. Enclosed is information on the National Register program.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know. We appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Sincerely,

CHRIS T. DELAPORTE

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Director

**Enclosure**

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