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September 21, 2016

Mr. Osborne  
Walter Osborne  
City Clerk  
1401 Walnut St  
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Dear Mr. Osborne:

I am writing to you to appeal the decision made by the Vicksburg Board of Architectural Review on September 13, 2016.

I requested permission to install a porch and ADA compliant ramp on the front of 717 Grove Street. I was denied my ramp plan and granted permission for a different ramp. The ramp the ARB approved will not be ADA compliant.

The height of my entryway is 21 inches from the ground. This necessitates a 21 ft ramp. The distance from the front of the building to the edge of the stoop (which leaves the required amount of room on the sidewalk) is 15ft 8in. There simply is not enough room to make this work.

My proposed ramp, as shown in pictures attached, will span the 30ft across the front of 717 Grove Street and encroach the same 44 inches as the stoop on 718 Grove street. This will not only be complaint with federal guidelines, but also make things much easier for anyone in a wheelchair. It will also negate the need for stairs to the main entrance – alleviating potential risk.

Included are pictures and drawings with measurements. Also, I have attached the ADA rules for compliancy and the Certificate of Appropriateness awarded to me.

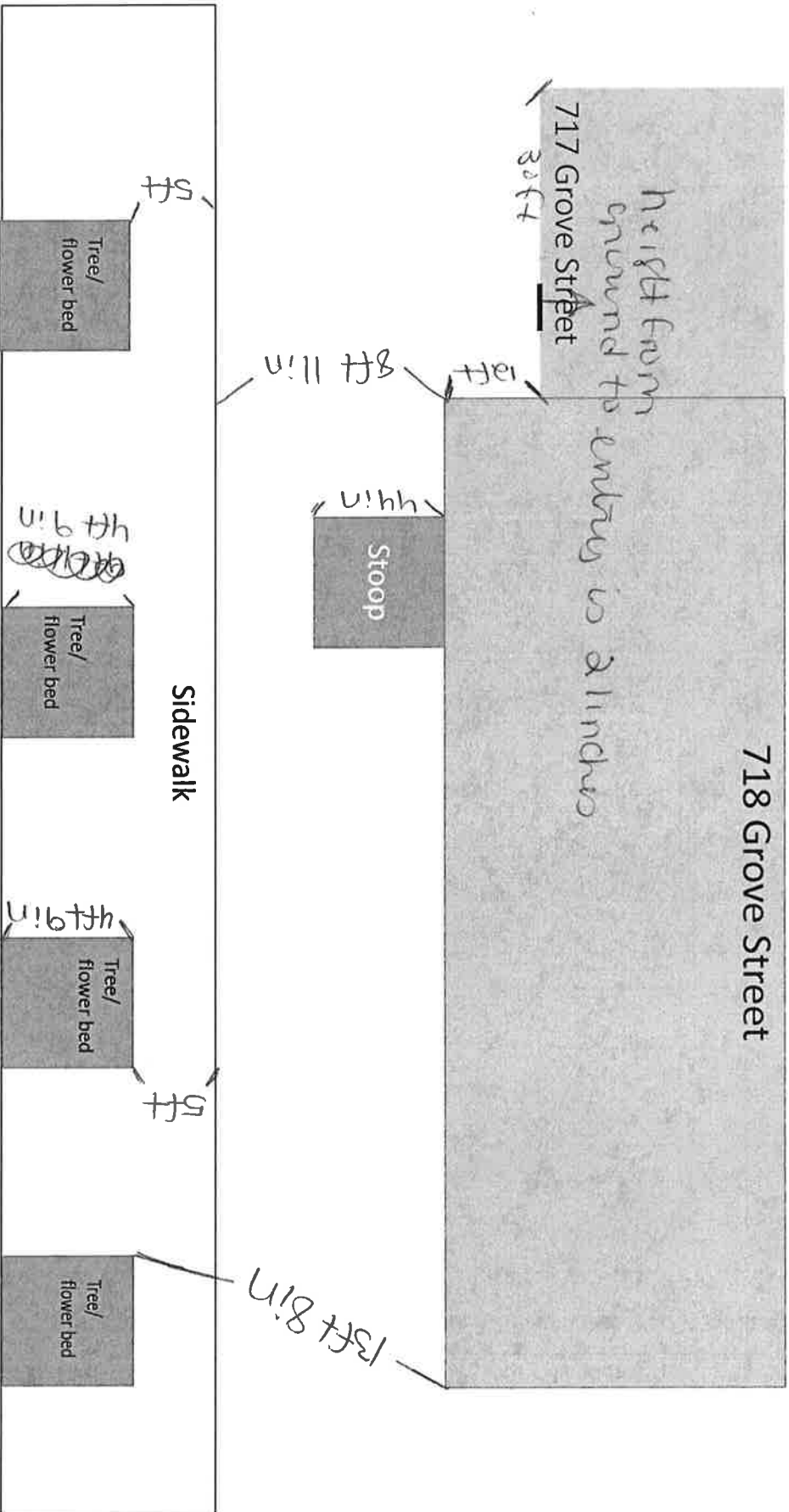
I respectfully request that my original plans be reviewed and granted. Should anyone want to visit the property, I would love to walk you thru and explain my plans in detail.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.

Many Thanks,

  
Michelle Lay  
Manager/Partner

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Deputy CITY CLERK  
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## ADA Wheelchair Ramp Code, ADA Guidelines & ADA Compliant

### The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Guidelines)



ADA Handicapped Approved

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides Wheelchair Ramp Specification, code and handicap access guidelines that most business are required to meet. Most residential applications (please see our residential or light duty commercial **Pathway ADA wheelchair ramps**) do not need to meet ADA code and ADA guidelines, but they are a good reference point for recommended ADA ramp slope and lengths. Most businesses, churches, schools and other organizations must be in compliance with ADA Specifications and ADA guidelines for handicapped wheelchair ramp slope access. Contact your local building inspector for additional ADA code compliance information.

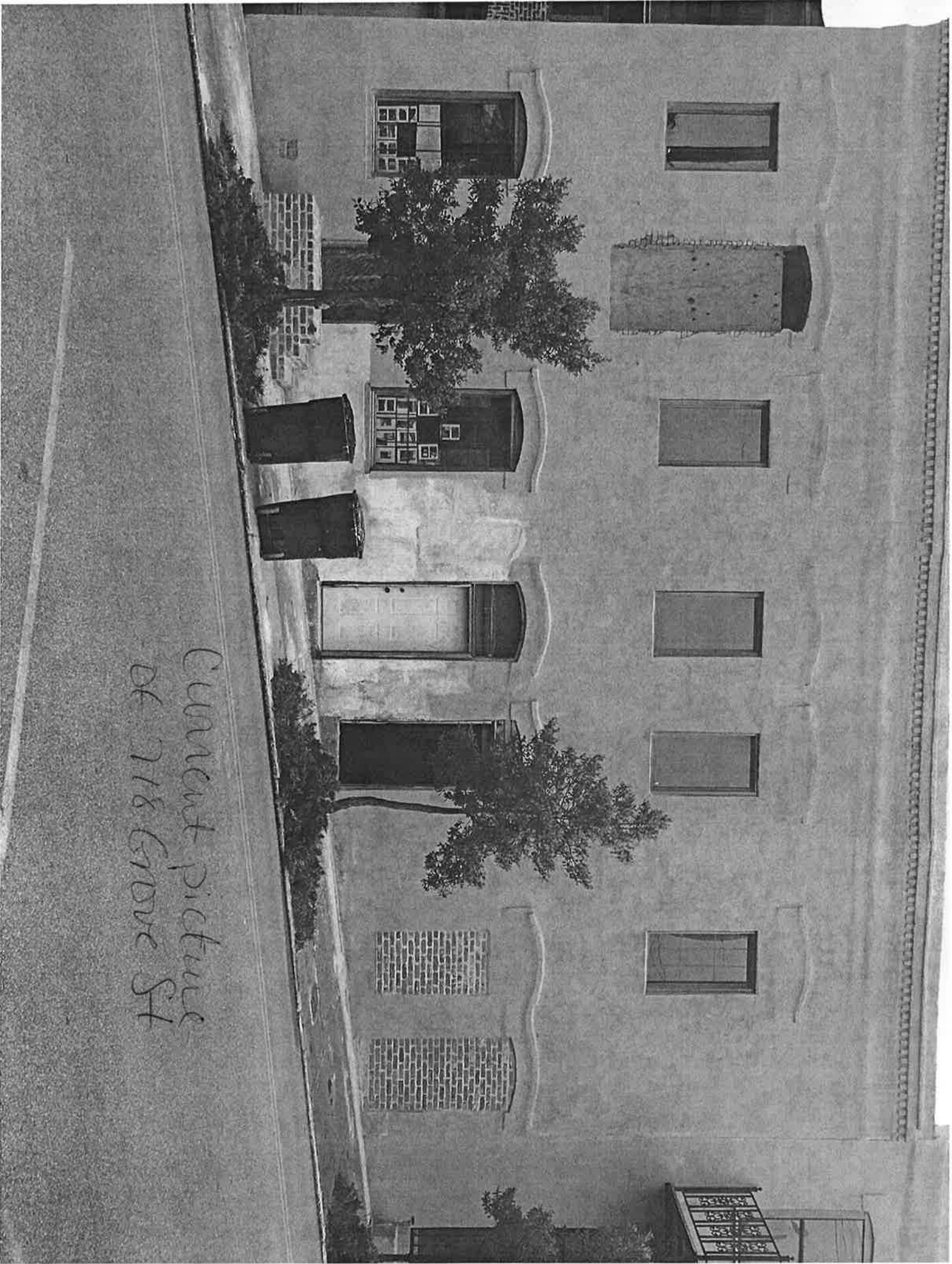
- **ADA Standards Require a 1:12 ramp slope ratio which equals 4.8 degrees slope or one foot of wheelchair ramp for each inch of rise. For instance, a 30 inch rise requires a 30 foot handicap wheelchair ramp.**
- **ADA Guidelines Require a Minimum 5' x 5' Flat, unobstructed area at the top and bottom of the ramp.**
- **ADA Standards Require wheelchair ramps to have a Minimum width of 36 inches of clear space across the wheelchair ramp.**

Massachusetts and California ADA code now require 48 inches ramp width to be ADA compliant.

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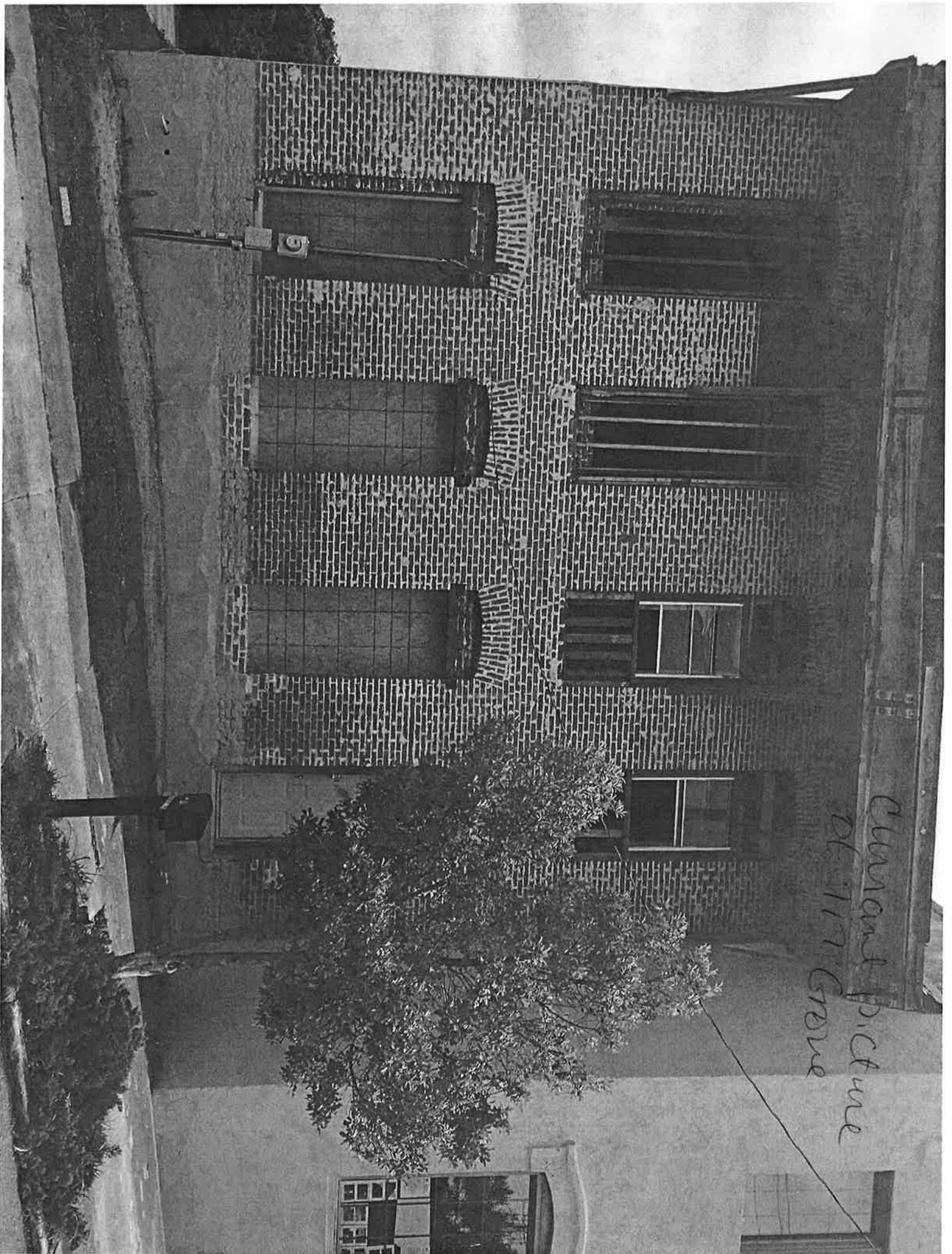


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of 718 Grove St

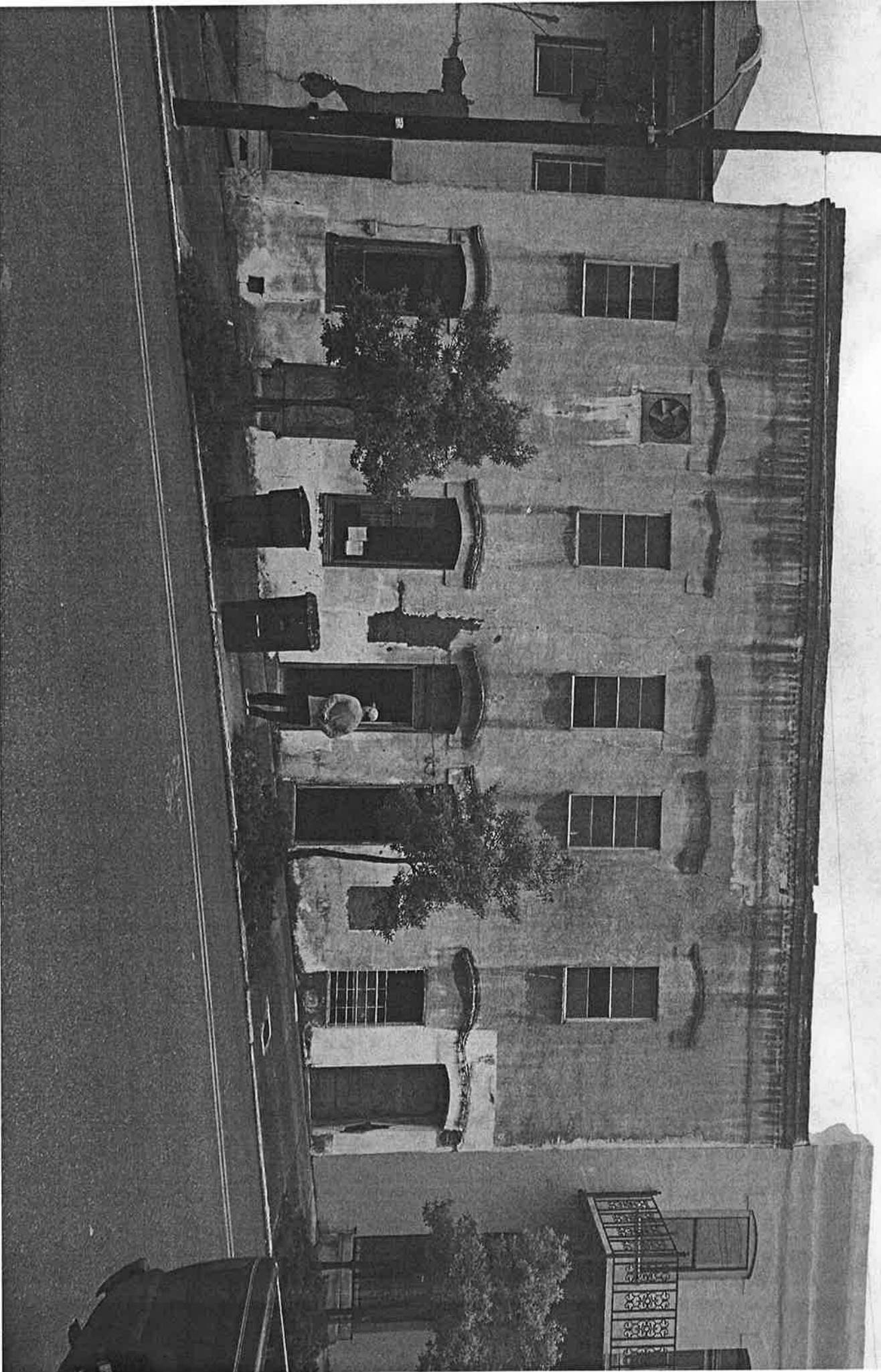




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at 117 Grove



Original picture  
(now we bought)  
718 Grove St.





Original  
(as when we purchased)  
717 Grove St.

