Bx - Samuel D. Babcock House LP-0716
5525 Independence Ave.

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June 10, 1970

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Mr. Alan Burnham, Executive Director
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration
305 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: C.M. 018838

Dear Alan:

Your letter of May 27th was received just prior to our Board Meeting held yesterday. At this meeting, the three buildings proposed were discussed with the following action:

1. The Eli Nadelman House, 4715 Independence Avenue, is approved for landmark designation subject to consent of the owner.

2. The Samuel D. Babcock House, 5525 Independence Avenue, does not qualify in our opinion. Our Board Secretary, Mrs. Carol King, once lived in this house and noted that it was extensively renovated in 1938. The original porch was removed and the tower was substantially altered. In view of these changes, ~~would~~ we do ~~you~~ not feel that it merits designation as a landmark.

3. The W. E. Ball House, 225 West 254th Street, is approved subject to consent of the owner. Dr. Tieck, a member of our Board and author of a history of our area, mentions this house in his book, which was previously known as the Samler House.

The last reference prompted Dr. Tieck to suggest that you consider the Hadley House at 5122 Post Road, which is presently owned by Dr. Milton Eisen. Dr. Tieck believes that this house is prerevolutionary and may predate Van Courtlandt Mansion. I have not personally looked at the Hadley House nor have we asked Dr. Eisen if he would agree to designation as a landmark.

Sincerely yours,

Allen

E. Allen Dennison, Chairman

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CM #018909

Dr. Arnold Drapkin
5525 Independence Avenue
Bronx, N. Y. 10471

Dear Dr. Drapkin:

Your name appears as the owner or the representative of the owner of an interest in the property known as the Samuel D. Babcock House, located at 5525 Independence Avenue,
Borough of The Bronx and appearing in the Tax Maps for said Borough as lot 80 in block 5947.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A (Preservation of Landmarks and Historic Districts) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that on Tuesday, June 23, 1970 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning of that day, a public hearing will be held in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, with respect to the proposed designation of the above described property, or part thereof, as a Landmark and Landmark Site. Public notice of said hearing identifying the Landmark and setting forth its location and the boundaries of the Landmark Site on which it is situated will appear in the City Record of June 9, 1970, and on each day (other than Sundays thereafter) until and including June 23, 1970.

You may appear at such public hearing and present any facts and express any views relating to the proposed designation. If you plan to present any facts, express any views or request leave to offer any testimony, the Commission will appreciate it if you let us know as soon as possible in order that appropriate arrangements may be made for your participation.

Enclosed for your information is a list and a brief description of the Landmarks which were designated by the Commission up to July 1, 1969. We also enclose a one-page statement on the Commission's responsibilities under the City's Landmarks Preservation Law.

We believe that the City's Landmarks Preservation program is proving to be of great benefit to the citizens of New York. We are anxious to have your support and good will in achieving the goals which New Yorkers have set for the Commission.

Very truly yours,

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Alan Burnham, Executive Director

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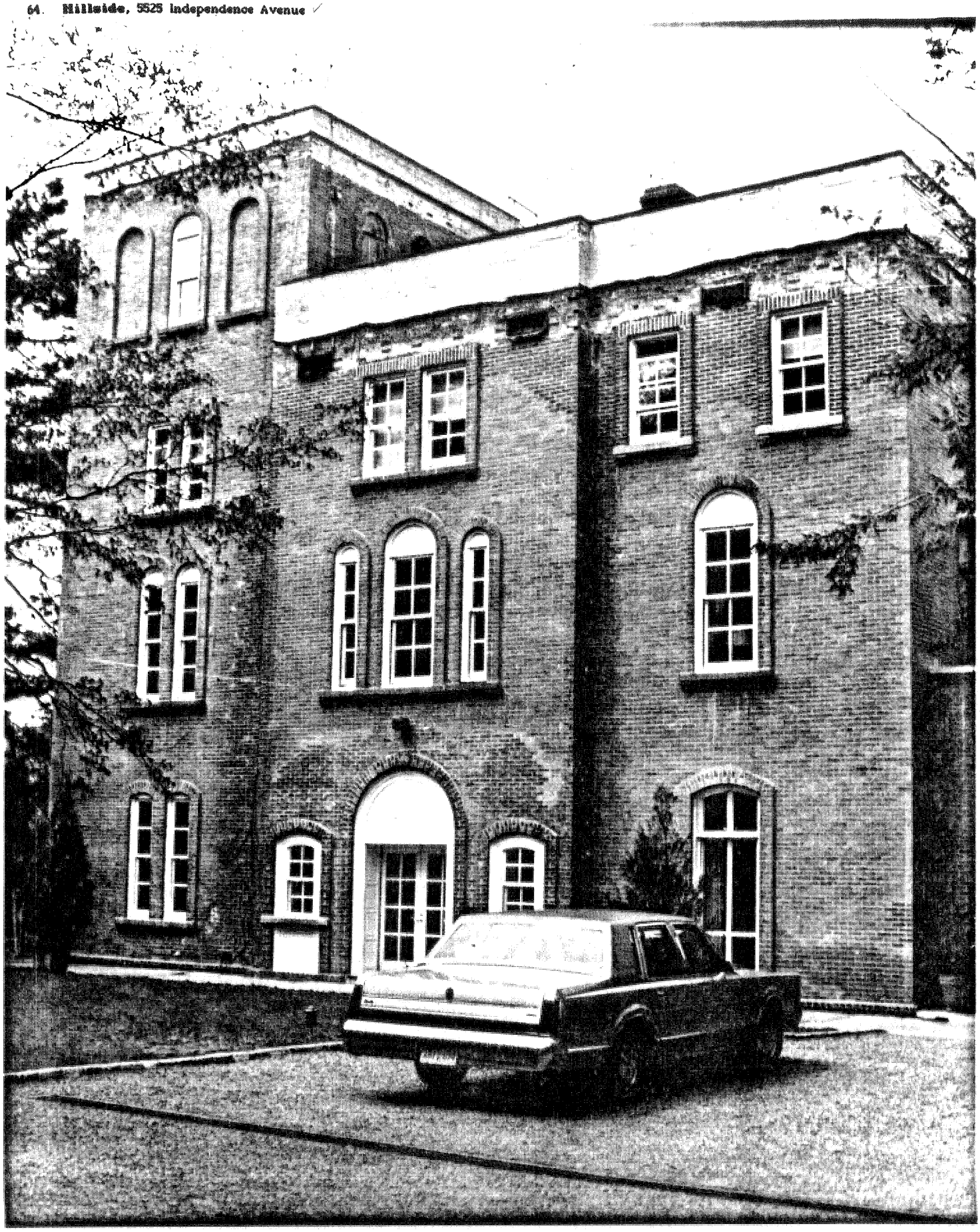

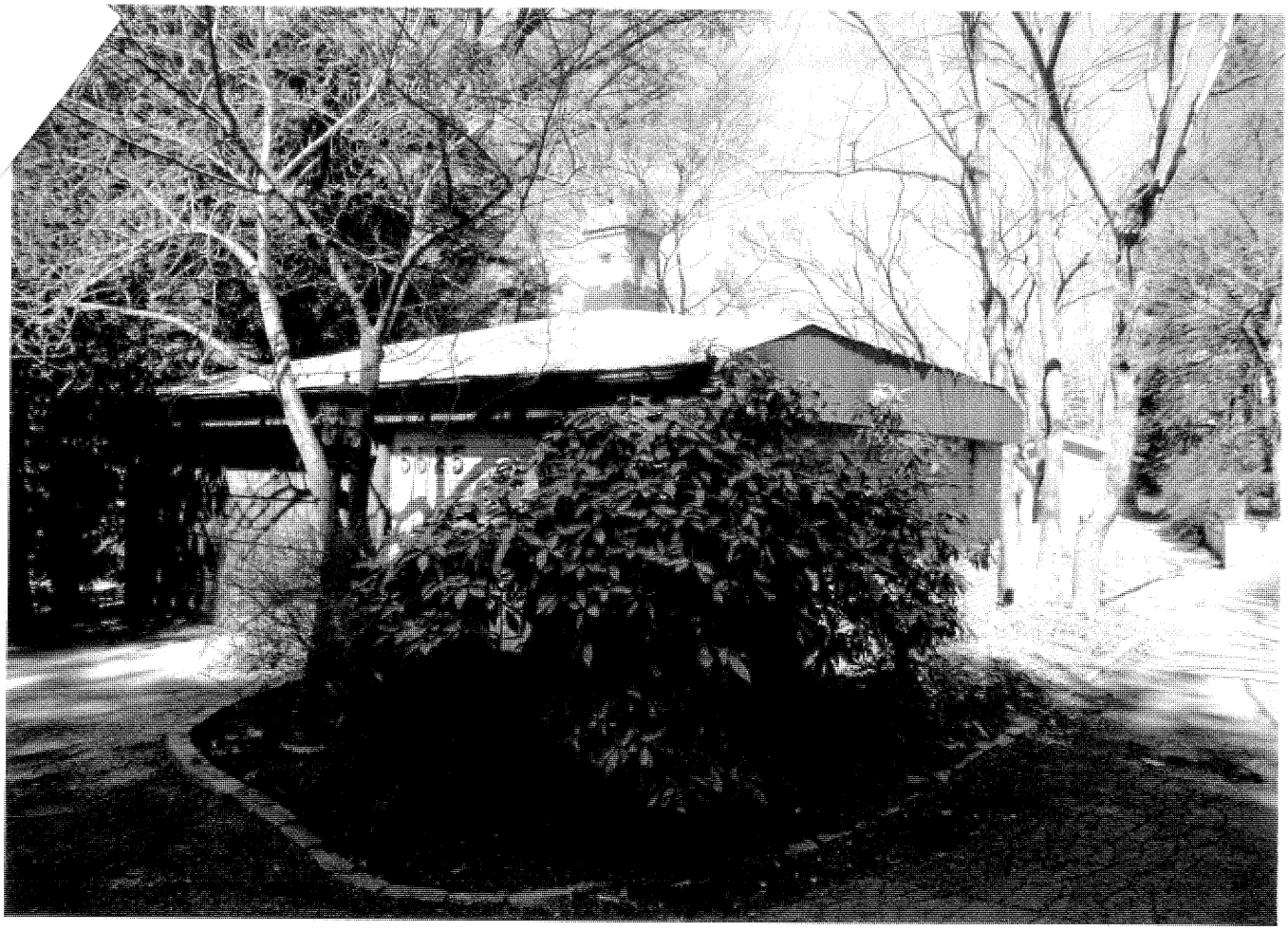

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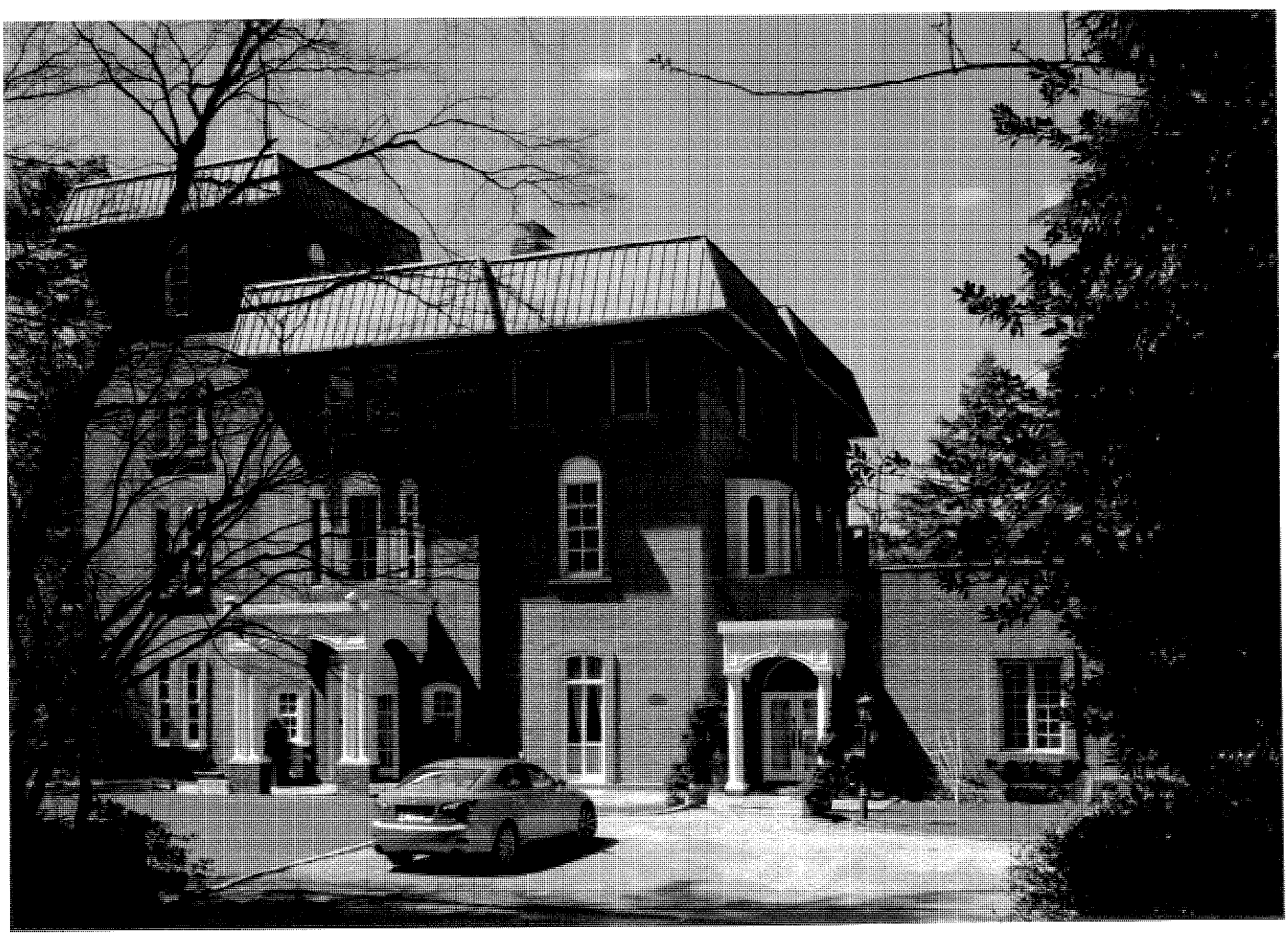

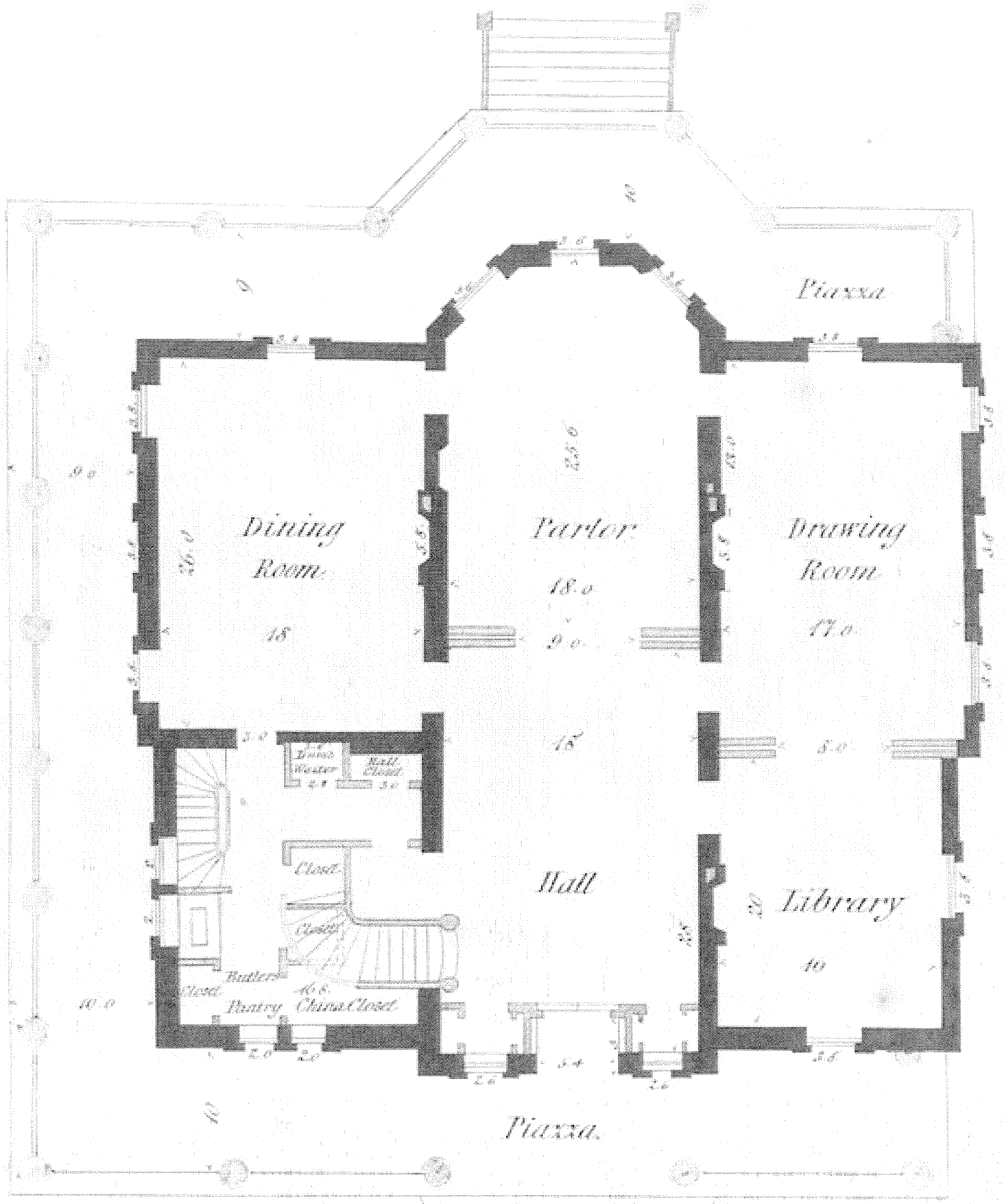

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