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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lindamood Building of Palmer Home for Children

other names/site number Palmer Home

2. Location

street & number 912 11th Avenue South N/A [ ] not for publication

city, town Columbus N/A [ ] vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Lowndes code 087 zip code 39701

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[X] private	[X] building(s)	1	0 buildings
[ ] public-local	[ ] district		sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site		structures
[ ] public-Federal	[ ] structure		objects
	[ ] object		
		1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Pool — May 25, 1993

Signature of certifying official — Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official — Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

[✓] entered in the National Register. [ ] See continuation sheet.

[ ] determined eligible for the National Register. [ ] See continuation sheet.

[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[ ] removed from the National Register.

[ ] other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register

Melansa Byers — 6/24/93

for Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic: institutional housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Other: Administration & Dining facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival
Second Empire
Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls brick
roof asphalt composition shingles
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Erected in 1898, the Lindamood Building is a three story, Colonial Revival Victorian building with Queen Anne and Second Empire features facing north with a six bay central block, and a two bay wing on each end. The asphalt shingled mansard roof on the main wings is pierced on the north and south by five hipped dormers, and on the east and west by two hipped dormers, each with a pair of single-paned, double-hung windows. The windows on the first and second floors of the central block are paired, single-paned double-hung windows and there is a glass transom over the double door in the center. The windows on the end wings are solitary single-paned, double-hung windows. All windows have flat arches with radiating voussoirs and projecting, horizontal brick beltcourses that occur at both the window sills and heads. The red brick facade is complemented by a full width front porch with a flat roof supported by fourteen square brick columns.

This porch now extends beyond the east wing, where a two story gabled-roof wing following construction styles similar to those of the main building has been added. The porch extends to the east side of the building in front of an enclosed glass dining area. There is a single story hipped-roof wing that extends south from the eastern wing. It has a small "L" shaped porch that serves as a rear entrance. The pattern of double-hung windows from the north elevation is repeated again on this south side.

The interior is characterized by fourteen foot high plaster ceilings at the first floor and typical doors of five, evenly spaced, horizontal panels. Door and window moldings are typically reeded jambs and heads with bulls-eye corner blocks. Most of the interior walls have been covered by plywood panels, and the floors are carpeted.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1898	1898

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect: A. J. Bryan & Company

Builder: Stansel Brothers and Atkinson

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Lindamood Building of the Palmer Home for Children is locally significant as a rare surviving example of the architecture of a late Victorian charitable institution. Around the turn of the century eleemosynary organizations such as orphanages, schools for the deaf and the blind, sanatoriums, and homes for the aged were erecting buildings to provide institutional housing in many Mississippi communities, but few early buildings of this type survive today. The Lindamood Building is a well-preserved example of the type. (Additional research may later indicate significance in the area of social history, but this nomination is limited to architectural considerations.) It is also the oldest surviving orphanage building in the State of Mississippi.

Prior to the Civil War, there were three orphanages in the state of Mississippi, all of which were located in Natchez. Then within a fifteen year period, four new orphanages were founded around the state. The first was in Jackson in 1893, and it was followed five years later by another also in Jackson, and by the Palmer Home for Children in 1898. Then in 1908, the Masonic Orphans' Home was founded in Meridian. (Harris, 117) In 1921, the Masonic home opened a branch located in Columbus, which closed thirty-six years later in 1957. (Cabaniss, 68) Today there are five orphanages still operating within the state of Mississippi. (Hungerford)

The Lindamood building, erected in 1898, was the first building erected for the Palmer Home for Children and served as the girls' dormitory. It now serves as administrative offices. A dining hall and kitchen were added to this building in 1983. By 1902 a second dormitory had been built, called the Christian Endeavor Building, which served as a boys' dormitory. It no longer stands but its cornerstone remains in the field west of the Lindamood building.

There was a small school operating also, and its foundation remains on the northeast part of the property. In 1905, the little boys' dormitory was constructed. The original building no longer exists, though it is likely that one of the new buildings was constructed on its foundation. The small laundry building behind the Lindamood building was constructed in 1906, and it now serves as a thrift shop for the children of Palmer Home.

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By 1907, the McKowen building was erected as a home for the Superintendent and his family. Across Ninth Street from the McKowen building, there remains the William J. Love cottage, a residence that at one time served as a cottage for small children. (Penny, 9-20) Presently, there are also six dormitories, a gymnasium, and a storage facility.

The architect of the Lindamood Building, Andrew J. Bryan, from Jackson, Mississippi, has contributed his talent in Government structures in the South, mainly courthouses, extending from Florida through Texas. (Bryan)

The Contractor for the Lindamood Building, Stansel Brothers and Atkinson were prominent builders in the Columbus area and were responsible for several important buildings including the First State Bank building (now Bank of Mississippi) and the Princess Theater.

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[X] See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- [ ] previously listed in the National Register
- [ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register
- [ ] designated a National Historic Landmark
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- [ ] State historic preservation office
- [ ] Other State agency
- [ ] Federal agency
- [ ] Local government
- [ ] University
- [X] Other

Specify repository: Palmer Home for Children

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 (one) acre.

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	367940	3705710
B			
C			
D			

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the South East corner of Ninth Street and Eleventh Avenue South, go 110' East along the South Right of way of Eleventh Avenue South to the point of beginning, thence East along the said Right of Way 160', thence South 270', thence West 90' thence North West 99', thence North 200' to the point of beginning, containing 0.94 acres more or less. Part of NW 1/4 SE 1/4 S 21 T18 R18W

Boundary Justification

The listed boundary includes the Lindamood Building and its immediate surroundings. The property owned by the Palmer Home for Children is much more extensive, but contains other newer buildings, which are not included in the nominated property.

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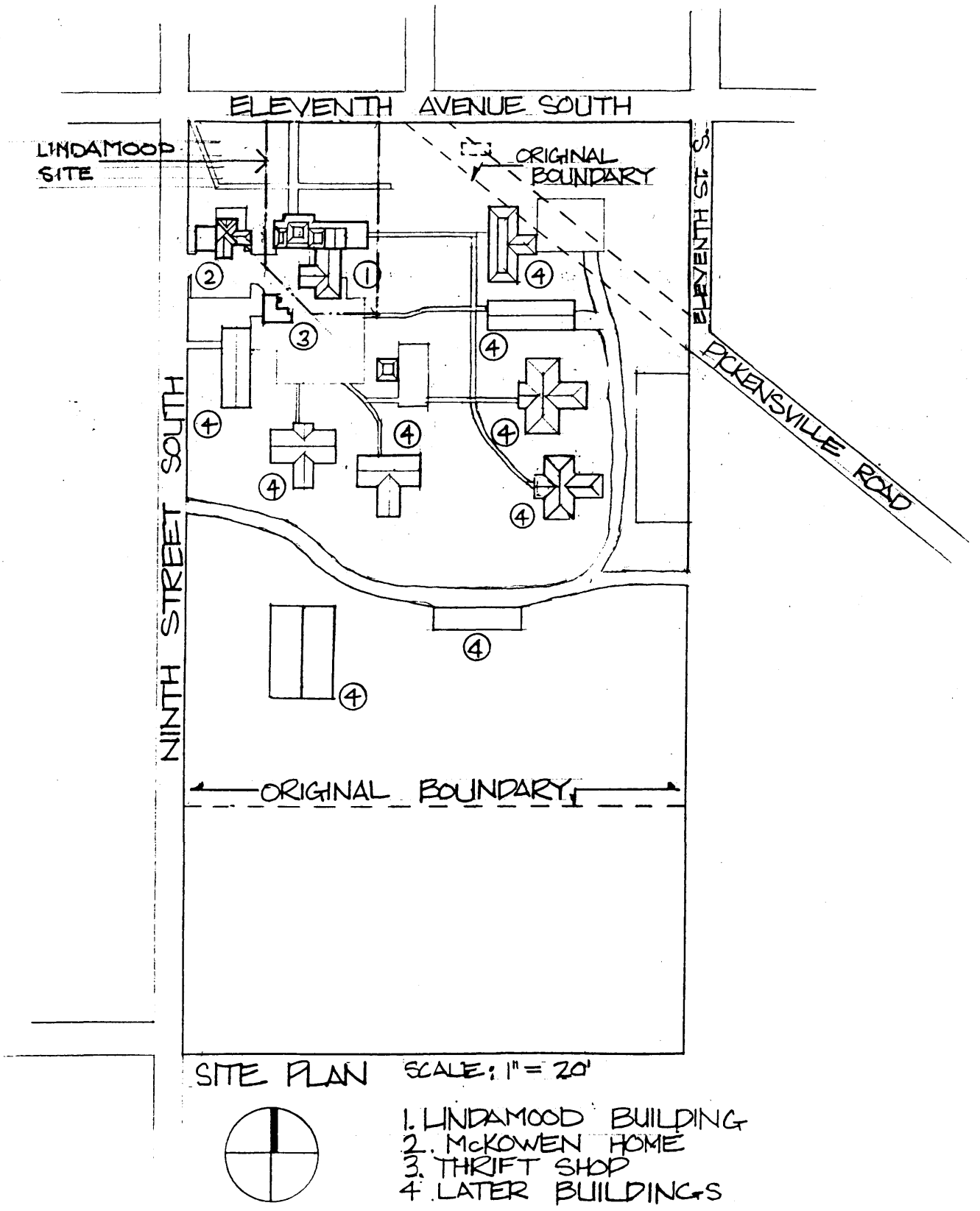

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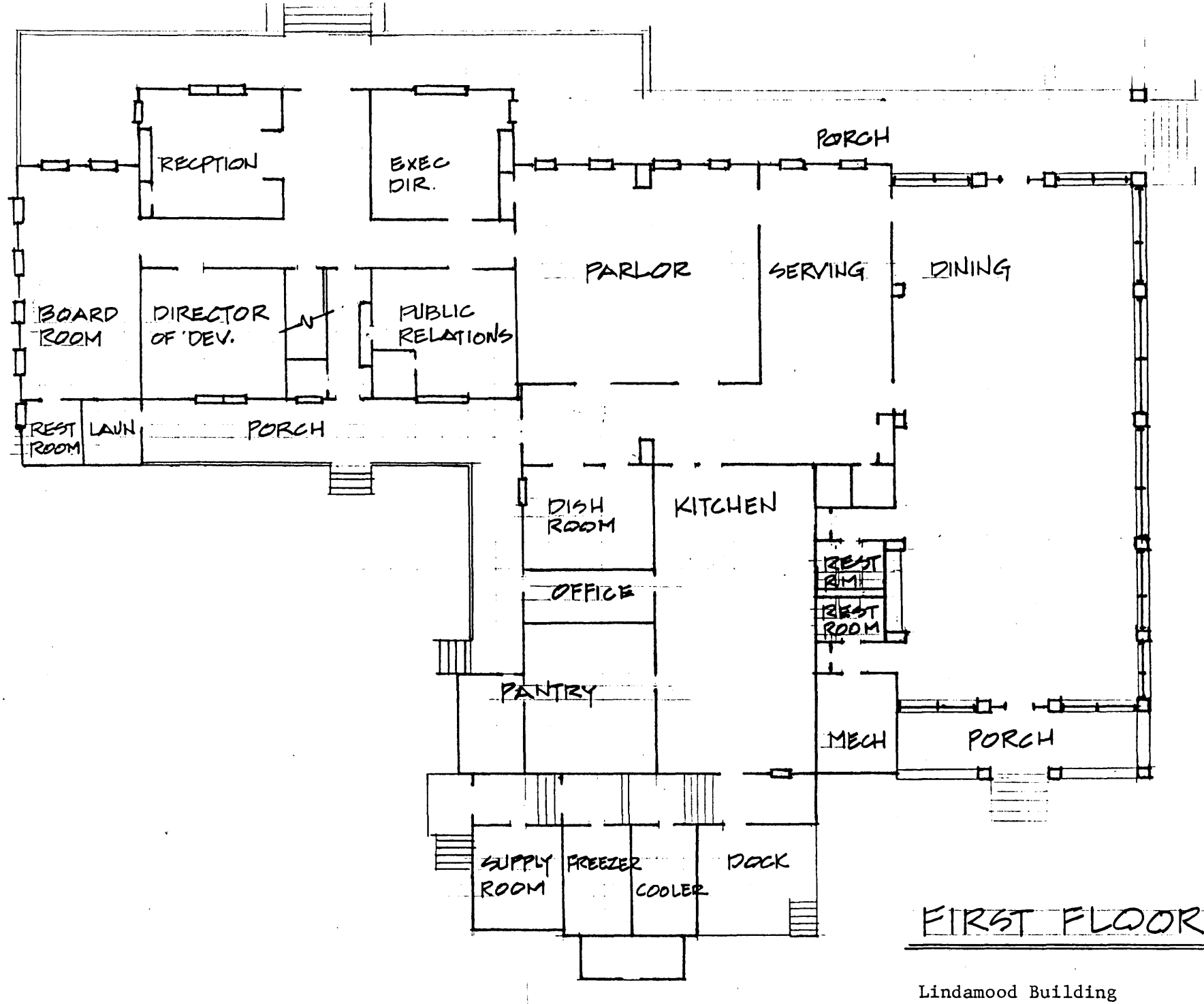
Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS



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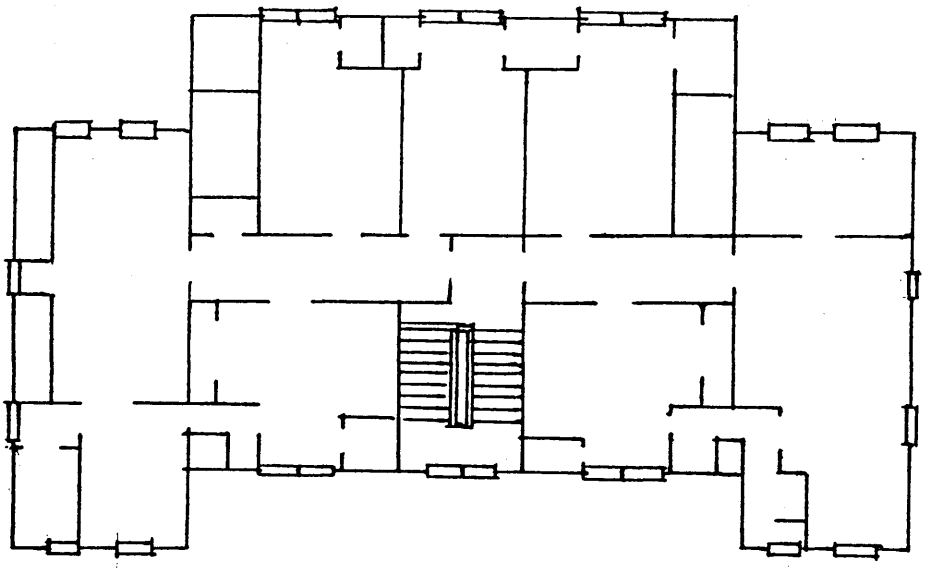

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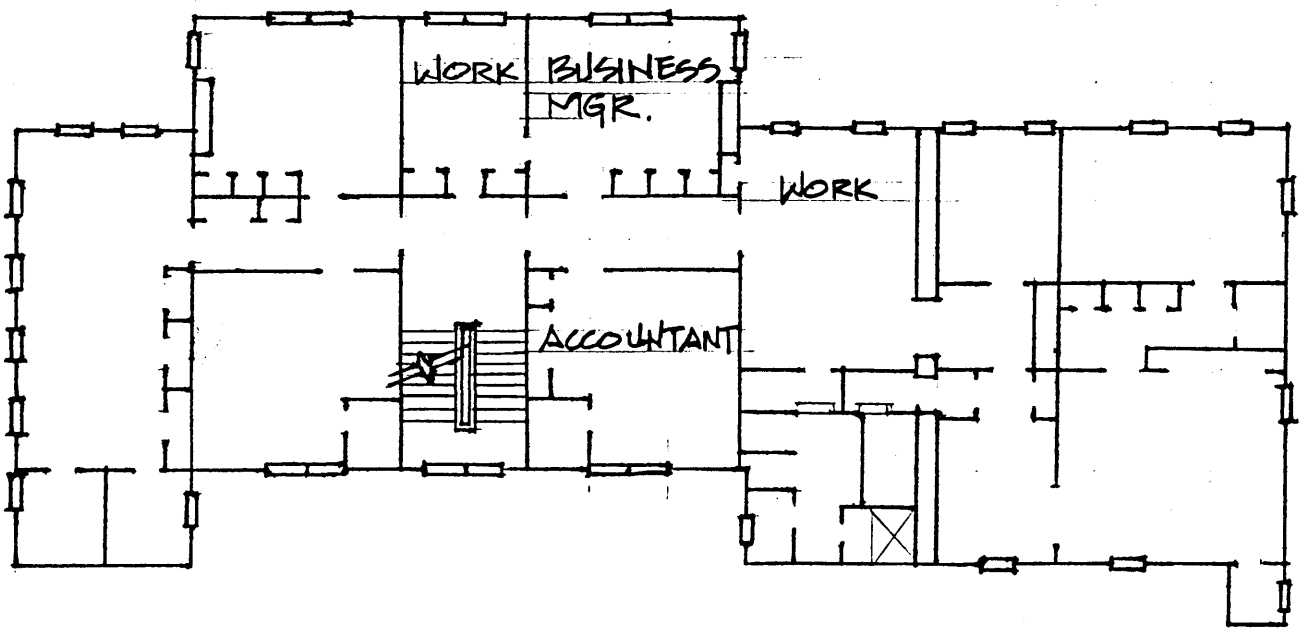

SECOND FLOOR - LINDAMOOD

Lindamood Building
Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS

Lindamood Building
Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS
Circa 1900

The following information is the same for all photographs:

(1) Lindamood Building of Palmer Home for Children
(2) Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
(3) Samuel H. Kaye
(4) October 1992
(5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(6) Exterior Lindamood Building from North
Photo 2--(6) Exterior Lindamood Building from North East
Photo 3--(6) Exterior Lindamood Building from Southwest
Photo 4--(6) Exterior Lindamood Building from South
Photo 5--(6) Interior Lindamood Building Stairwell looking Southwest
Photo 6--(6) Interior Lindamood Building Entrance Hall looking North
Photo 7--(6) Interior Lindamood Building Parlor looking Northeast
Photo 8--(6) Interior Lindamood Building Board Room looking North

Lindamood Building, Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS
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