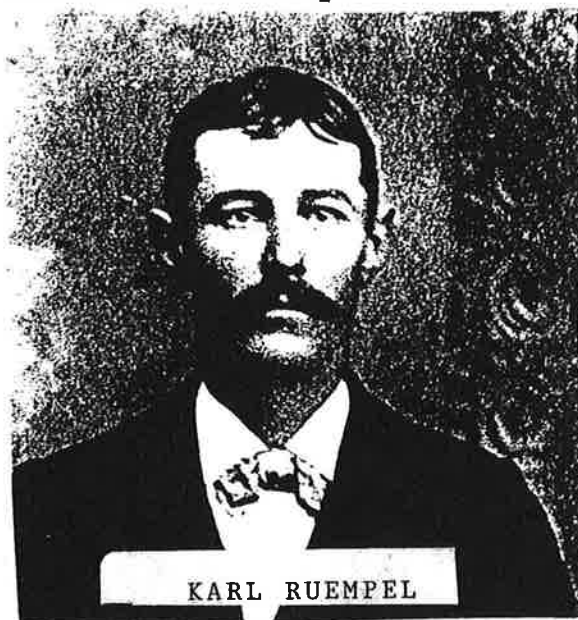


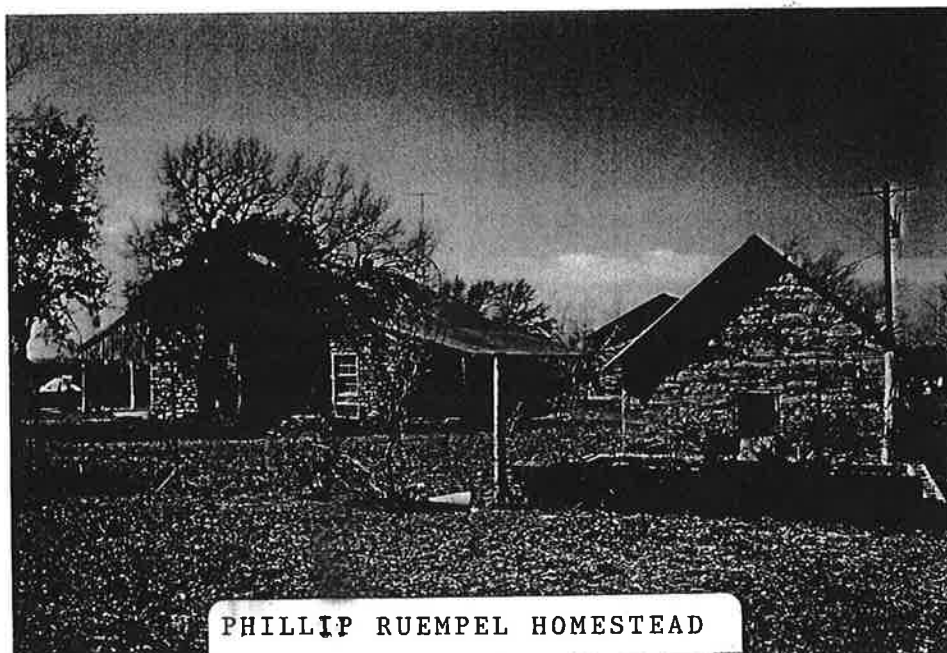
Phillip Ruempel (1837-1909), a mason and farmer, was born in Offenbeck, Germany, the son of Johannes Ruempel (born 1801) and Christina Sinnborn Lex (born 1802). Phillip Ruempel immigrated to Texas, landing in Galveston in 1855, with other families from Offenbergh and Bicken, Germany. Phillip was married to Carolina Braun (1849-1935) and their farm was located just east of Zion Lutheran Church at the corner of Braun Road and Loop 1604. The home still stands. They had 11 children. Their son Willie died of a snake bite at the age of 10. Their son Christian died at the age of 23 of pneumonia during an influenza epidemic. Their son, Karl Joseph (Charles) Ruempel (1870-1955) married Helen Zellenwits (1875-1963). Their farm was located on Hwy 1560 south of Braun Road. Both Phillip Ruempel and his son, Karl Joseph (Charles) Ruempel, were charter members of Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes, and are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.



PHILLIP RUEMPEL



KARL RUEMPEL



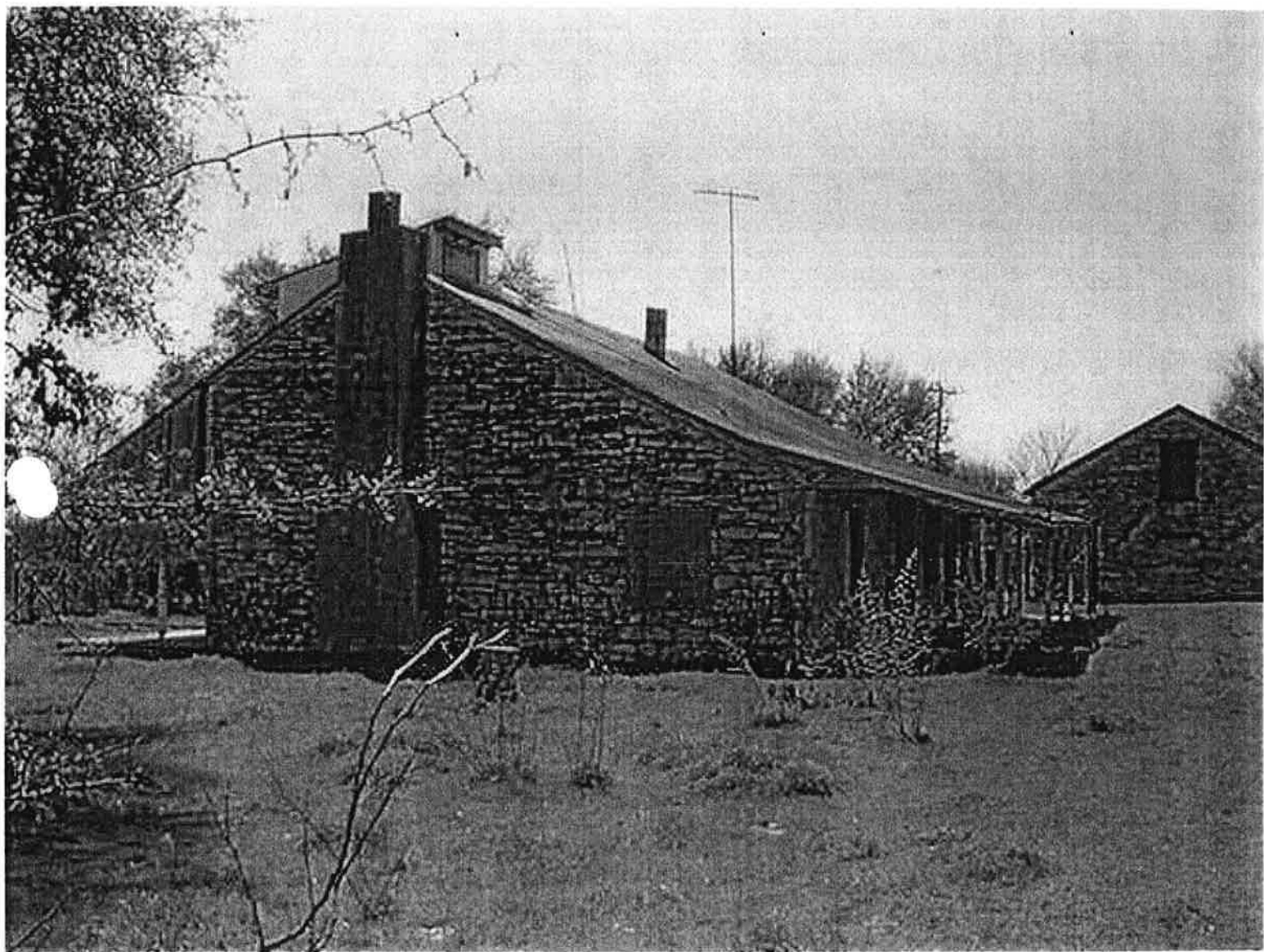
PHILLIP RUEMPEL HOMESTEAD

THIS PICTURE TAKEN ON THE FRONT PORCH OF THE HOME OF PHILIPP & CAROLINE RUEMPER LOCATED ACROSS HWY. 1604 FROM THE CHURCH. THIS IS THE FAMILY OF PHILIPPE & MARA SUSANA BRAUN WHO MIGRATED FROM GERMANY TO TEXAS IN 1855. PHILIPPE BRAUN WAS DECEASED WHEN THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN. ALL OF THE MEN AS LISTED BELOW WERE SIGNERS OF THE ORIGINAL CHARTER FOR ZION.

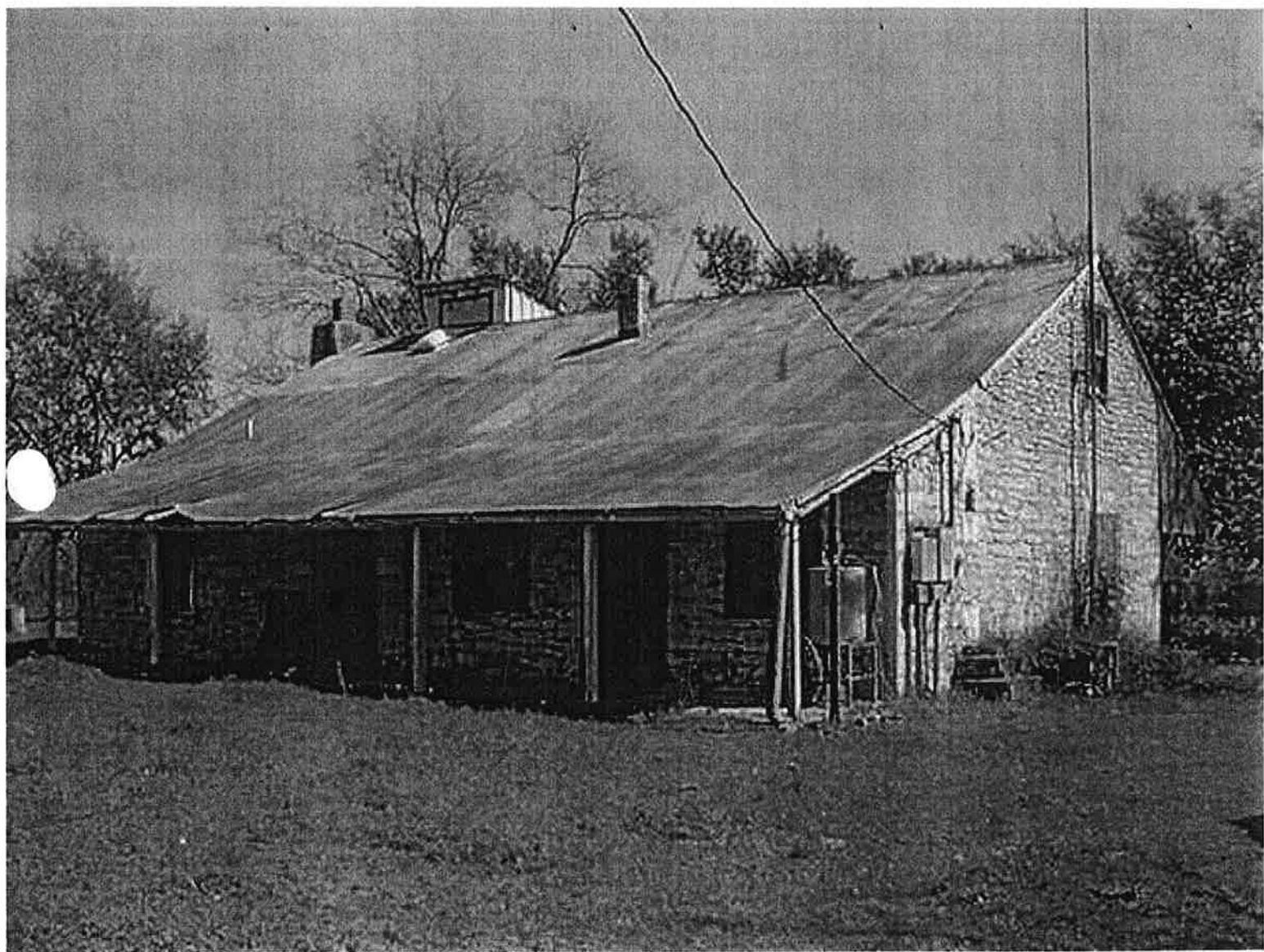


THIS PICTURE OF MARA BRAUN, HER THREE SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS AND THEIR SPOUSES. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT AS FOLLOWS: KARL GASS AND WIFE SUSANA BRAUN GASS, PHILIPPE RUEMPER AND WIFE CAROLINE BRAUN RUEMPER, MRS. MARA BRAUN, KARL BRAUN AND WIFE KATRINA, WILLIAM BRAUN AND WIFE CAROLINE, FRITZ BRAUN AND WIFE OTILLIA.

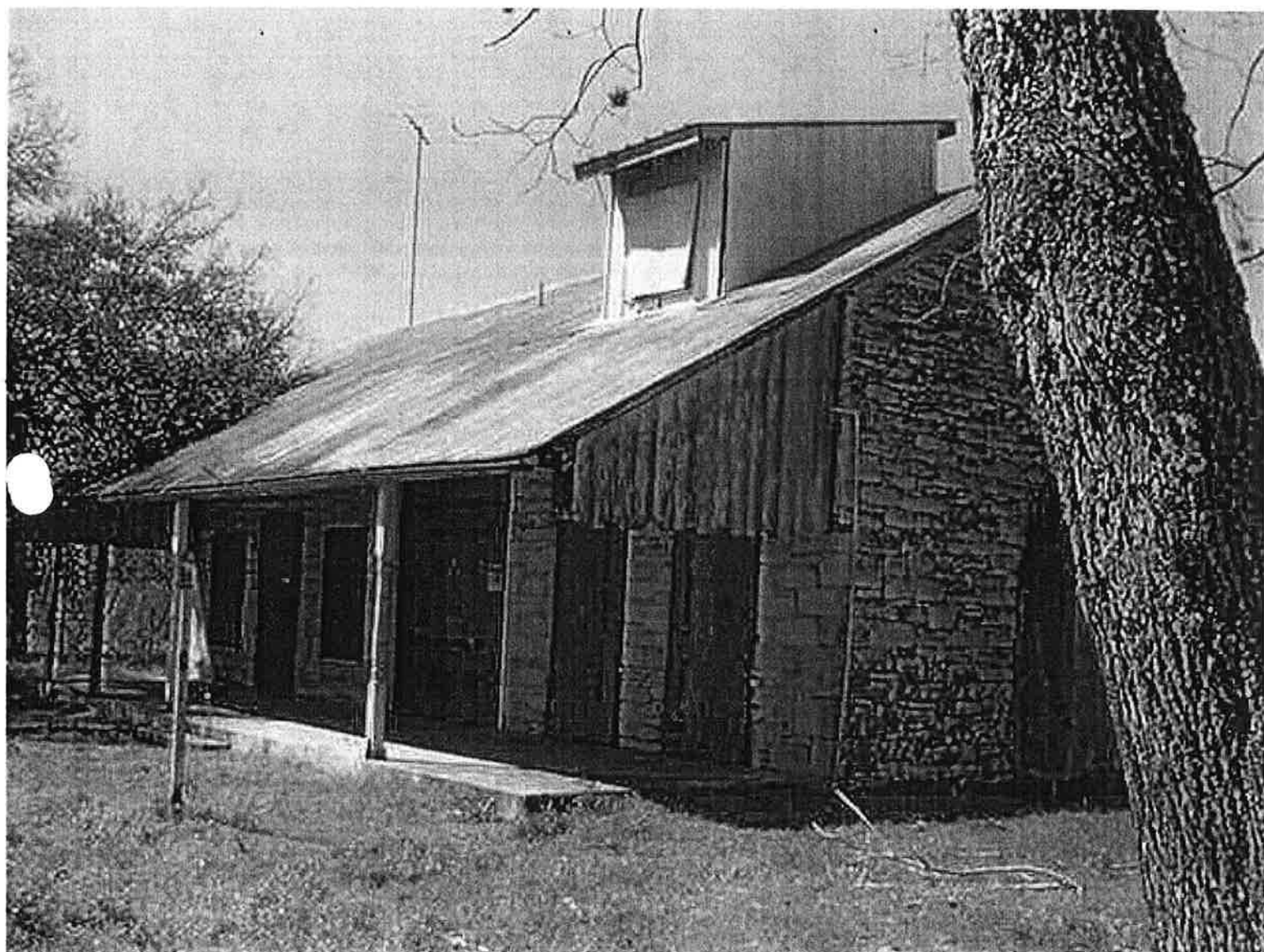






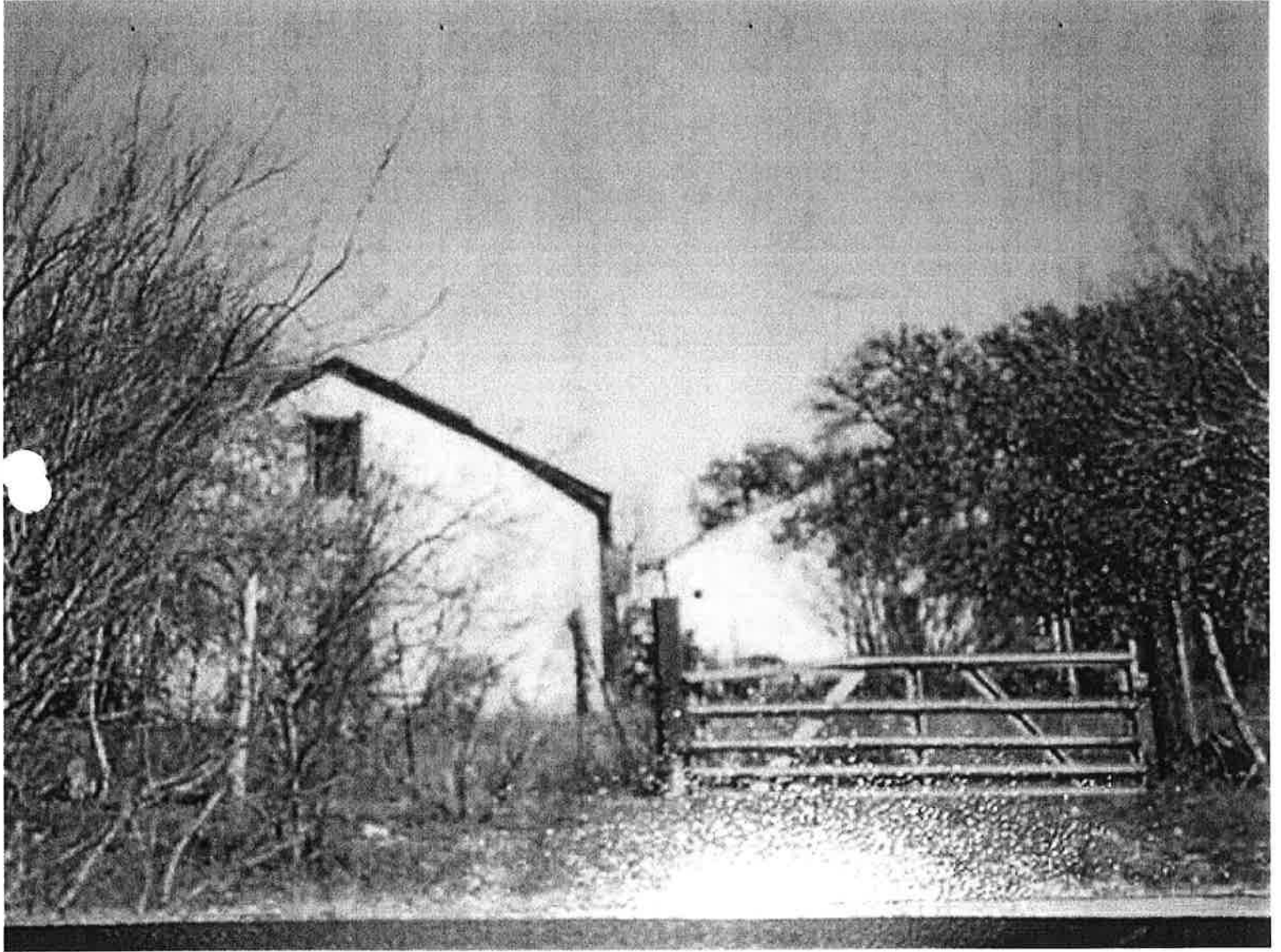












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