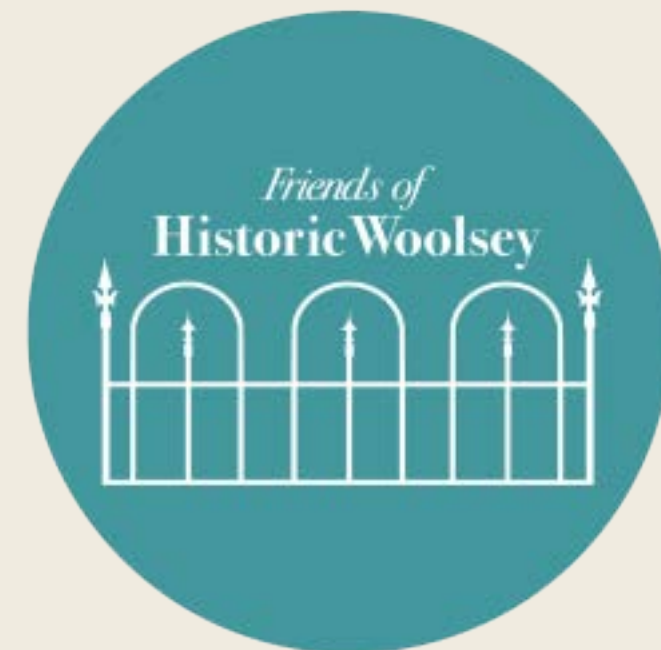


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# Historic Woolsey Church

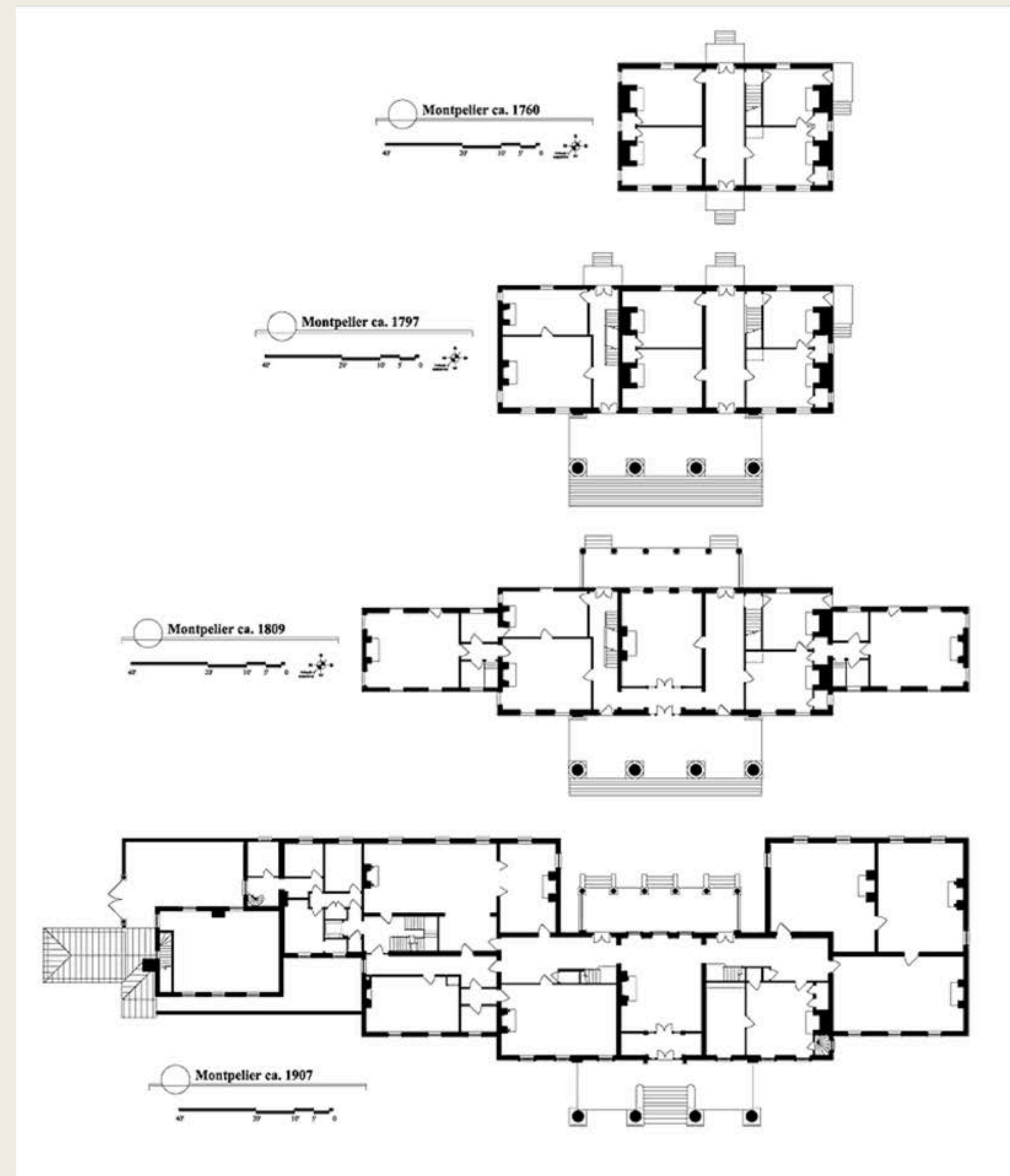
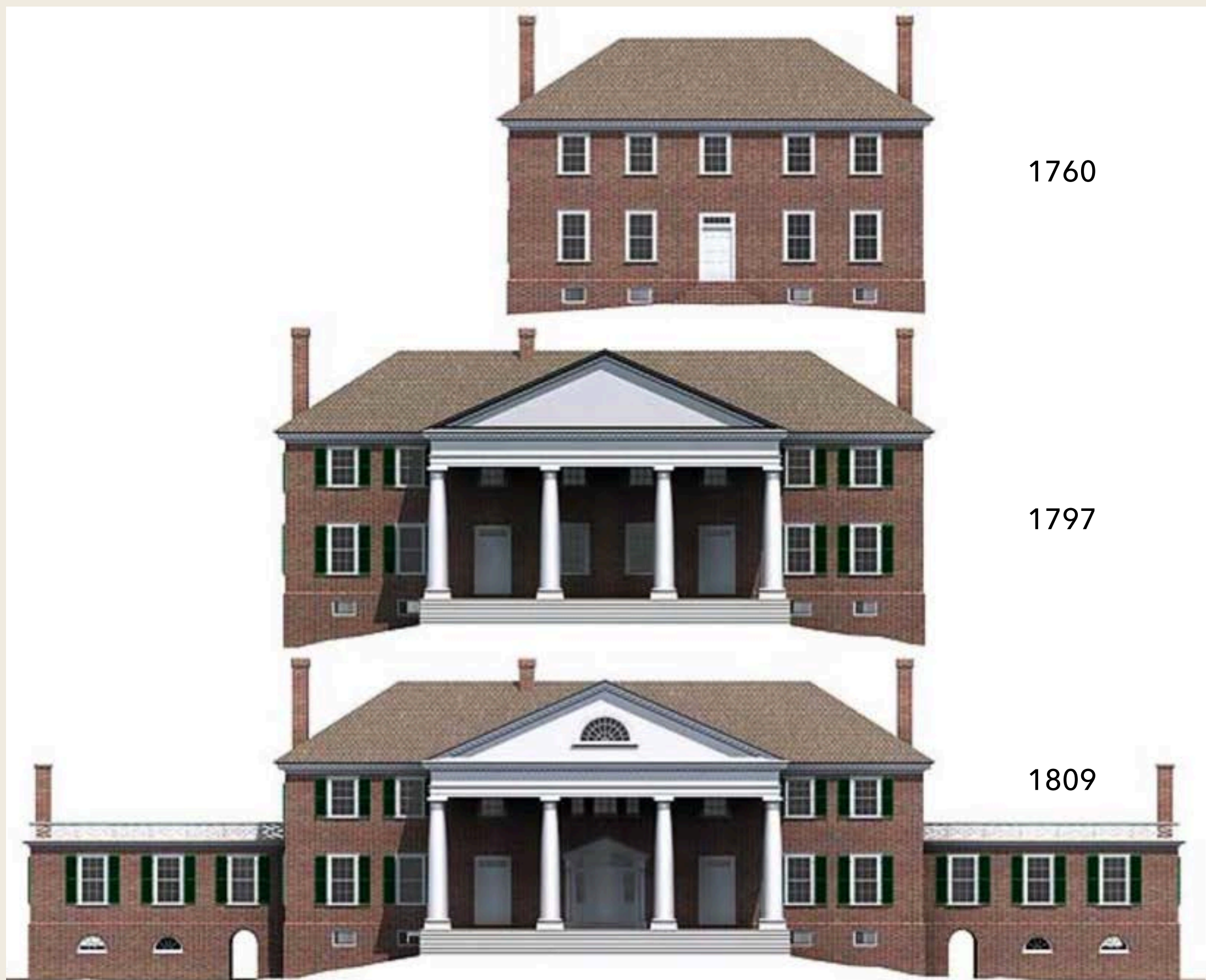
Resurrecting a local landmark



**Buildings evolve over time....**



Montpelier, VT



The evolution of James Madison's Montpelier



Montpelier, VT

Montpelier Foundation

(Above) In 2002, Preservationists restored Montpelier to the “period of significance,” the era in which it served as the residence of James Madison, fourth President of the United States.

This meant removing later additions from the 19th and 20th century and reconstructing lost elements.

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*Period of significance:* the span of time when a building achieves its historic significance - be it architecturally, or related to a person and/or events. This is often the date of construction.

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# 1889

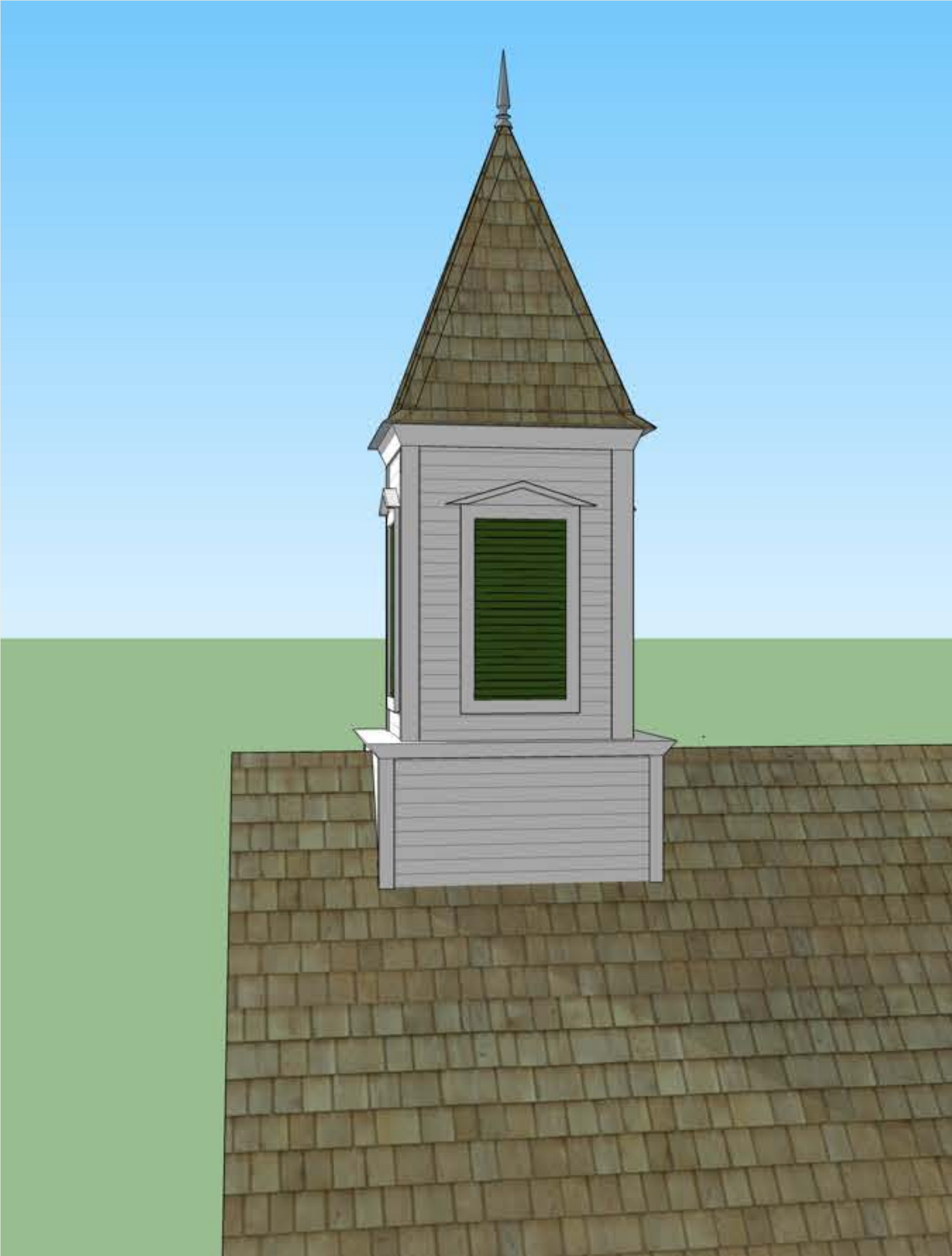
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- This is likely how the building would have appeared when it was completed and dedicated (based on research to date)
  - Steeple
  - Porch
  - Two front doors (front and back)
  - Cedar shake roof
  - Chimney
  - Shutters





Original steeple







Porch on historic church at Powellton, GA



Proposed porch reconstruction

Exploratory demolition has revealed the two original front doors from 1889



Exploratory demolition has revealed the two original front doors from 1889



Exploratory demolition has revealed the two original back doors, with a window between them



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Ghost lines of an original window between the two back doors



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This is likely how the rear of the church would have appeared in 1889 (based on research to date)



Original diamond-shaped attic vent



The original cedar shake roof is still intact under the existing roof



An original cedar shake shingle



Current iridescent windows, likely from c.1963



The large size of the original windows is evident after removal of the drywall



The original 9/9 windows are still extent in this mid-century image



Shutters are proposed for reinstallation on the building



Original shutters are evident in this historic photo. They are in the closed position

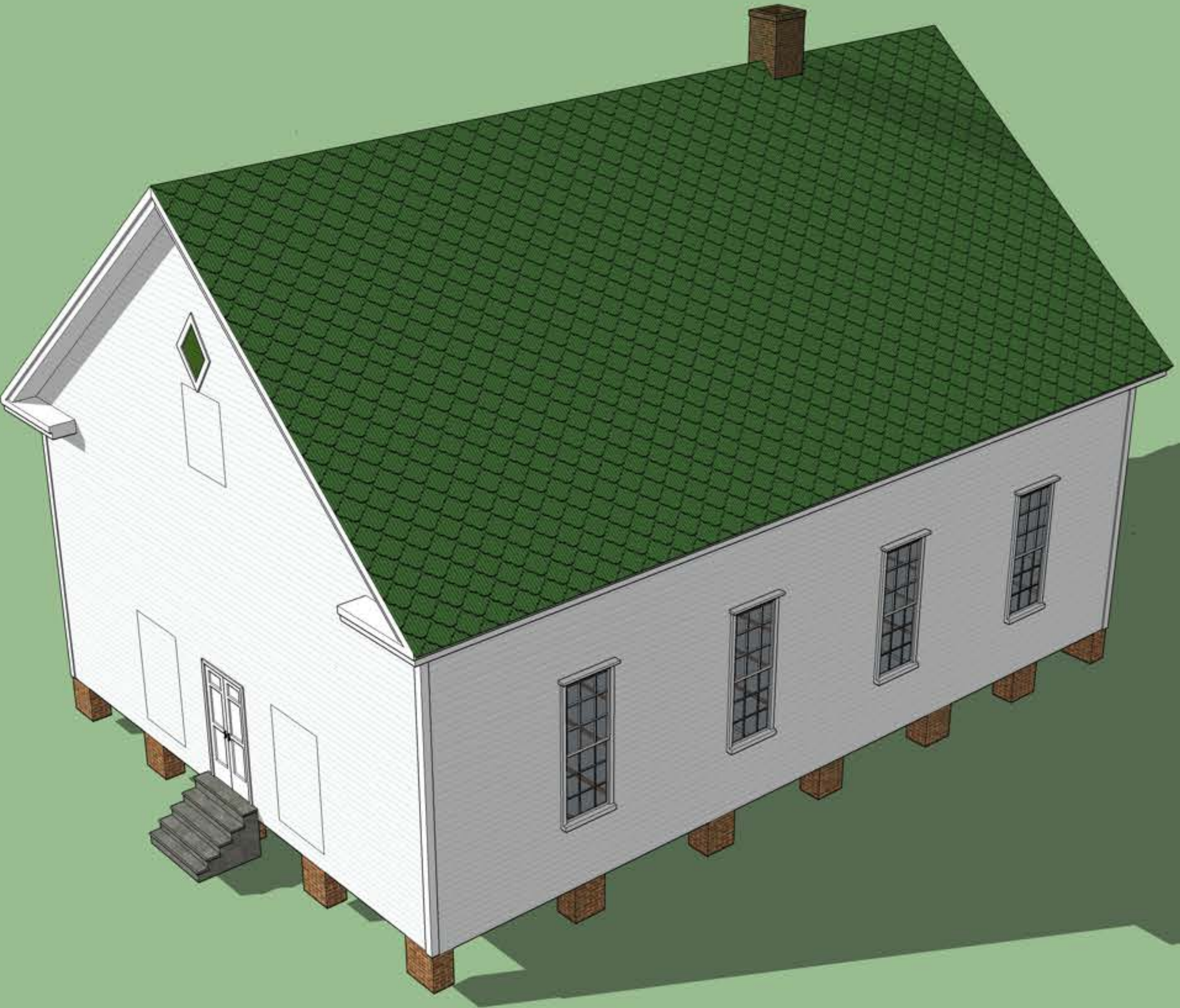


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# 1947

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- Research indicates a strong storm seriously damaged the steeple and it was removed.



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# 1950

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- Porch was removed
- Two original entrances were remodeled to a single entrance
- New cinder block steps were installed
- Possibly a new roof installed



The Church Ground, 1950.





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# 1952

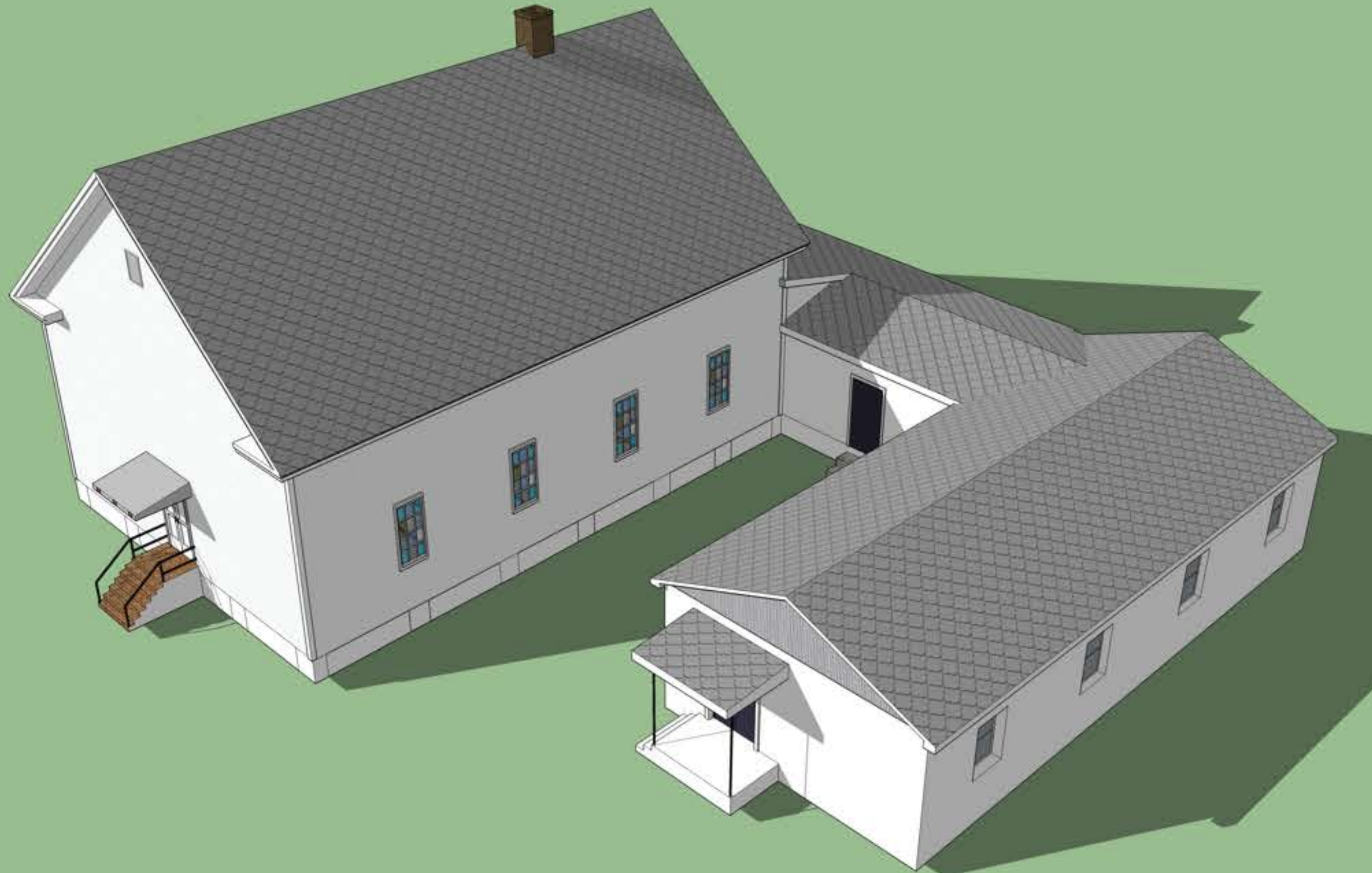
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- Sunday School classrooms added to the rear of the building
- Cinderblock skirting added to the crawl space in between piers









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# 1963

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- Cultural hall attached to main building
- Original windows removed and replaced with much smaller sashes
- Installation of aluminum siding
- New front steps added
- New roof possibly









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# 1976

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- Brick foyer and classrooms added to the front
- New Steeple installed
- New roof possibly



Current appearance, image taken November 2019

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# Guiding principles...

- *Authenticity* - avoid “false-historicism” (adding conjectural elements that were never part of the building)
- *Historical accuracy* - use research (photos, written accounts, and physical evidence) to ensure accuracy
- *Character defining features* - Preserve, repair, restore, and reconstruct these elements from the period of significance. The building will reveal these to us by telling us what it once was - trust the building
- *Best standards & practices* - Preservation is an academic field with professional standards that should be adhered to

*\*By following all of the above points we increase our chances of eligibility for valuable grants; maintain professional integrity; and attract support from like-minded people and organizations, both financially and professionally*

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*Facade:* the “face” of the building. From the Latin, fascia.

The front of the building is the “principal facade” or the most important, and should be treated as such.

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Proposed restoration of the front facade



Proposed restoration of the building to its 1889 appearance in accordance with the period of significance.  
The existing classrooms on the rear of the building can remain to accommodate amenities such as ADA bathrooms, storage, and a dressing room.  
As an addition, it is subservient to the historic building and on a secondary facade.

