



Picture of front elevation (east side) of German Free School
circa 1918

Timeline

- 1857-58: Construction of rammed earth building (directly south of project area), wood shingle roof
- 1872: Two-story addition to the north, constructed of limestone, with 1-story wood framed porch and balcony, wood shingle roof
- 1881: School closed, building became a residence
- **1901: Double gallery porch constructed with turned posts, turned balusters, and gingerbread trim; exterior stair, tin roof**
- 1919: Fire destroyed much of the original building, but the limestone addition and porch was spared
- 1921: Second floor porch was screened
- **1948: Victorian-era porch removed and replaced with a Greek Revival porch with no balcony rails until at least 1965**
- 1991: German Texas Heritage Society acquired the building
- **2022: GTHS seeks to remove the 1948 porch and rebuild the 1901 porch, including needed stair for egress.**

Historic Photo c. 1918

Double-gallery porch and staircase

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1872: Northern (limestone) section of school constructed

1900: Single story wood-framed porch still shows on Sanborn Map

1901: Double gallery porch likely constructed as part of stone addition at east end of school

1921: upper level screened as a sleeping porch for tenants

1949: Porch removed and replaced with existing Greek Revival-styled porch

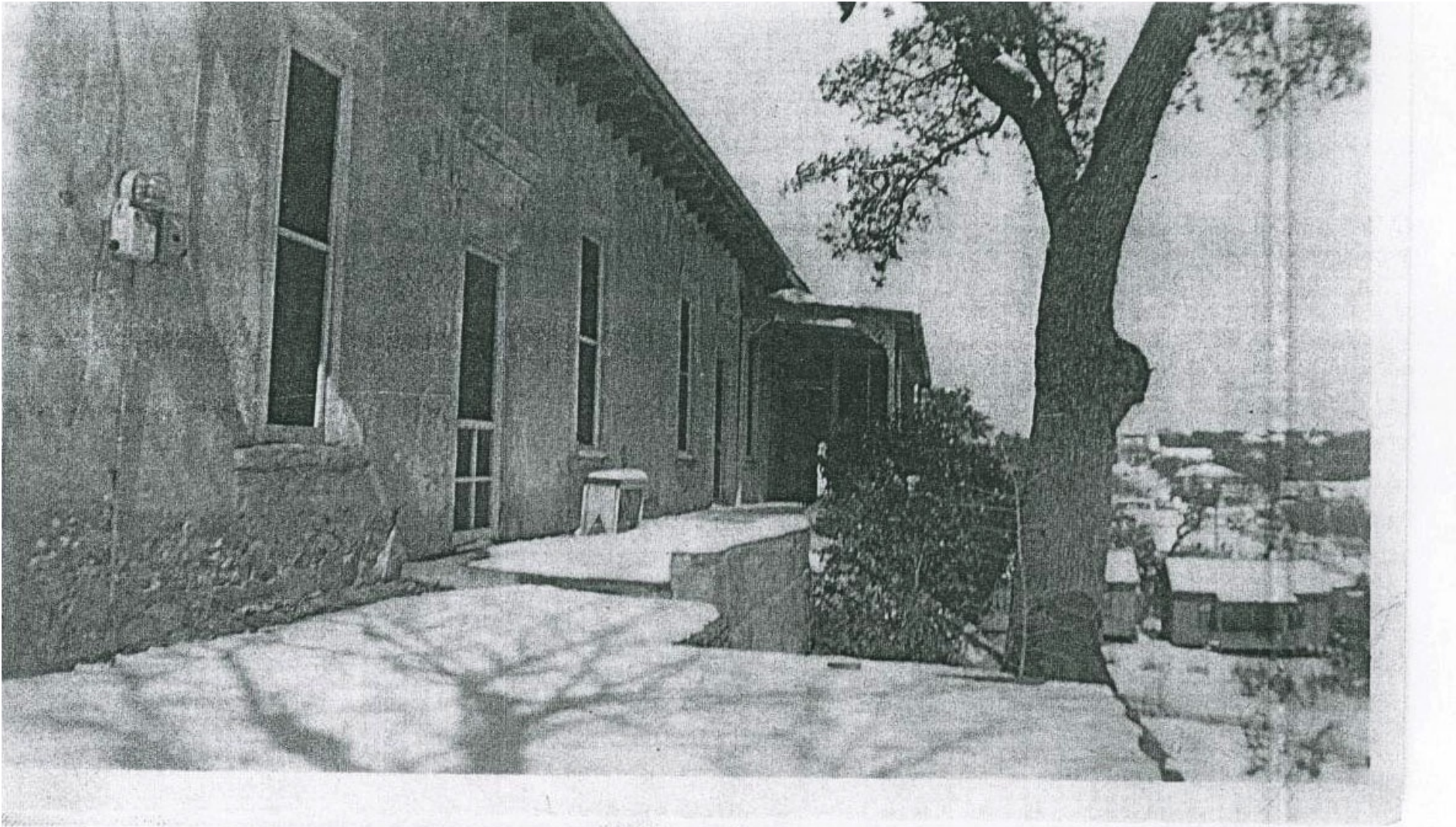


The double gallery porch was constructed circa 1901, and screened-in 1921. It was removed in the 1948 renovation of the property by owner Kelly Stevens.

The photo to the right shows two different patterns of turned balusters: one at the upper gallery, and one at the stair



Historic Photos c. 1940
Double-gallery porch and staircase



This picture was taken in 1948; view of the German Free School second story elevation, east side of structure.

Photo c. 1948

Original building in foreground, original porch still in place at 1872 addition

Photo courtesy of the German Texas Heritage Society



Photo c. 1971

Greek Revival porch
constructed ca. 1948
no railings present

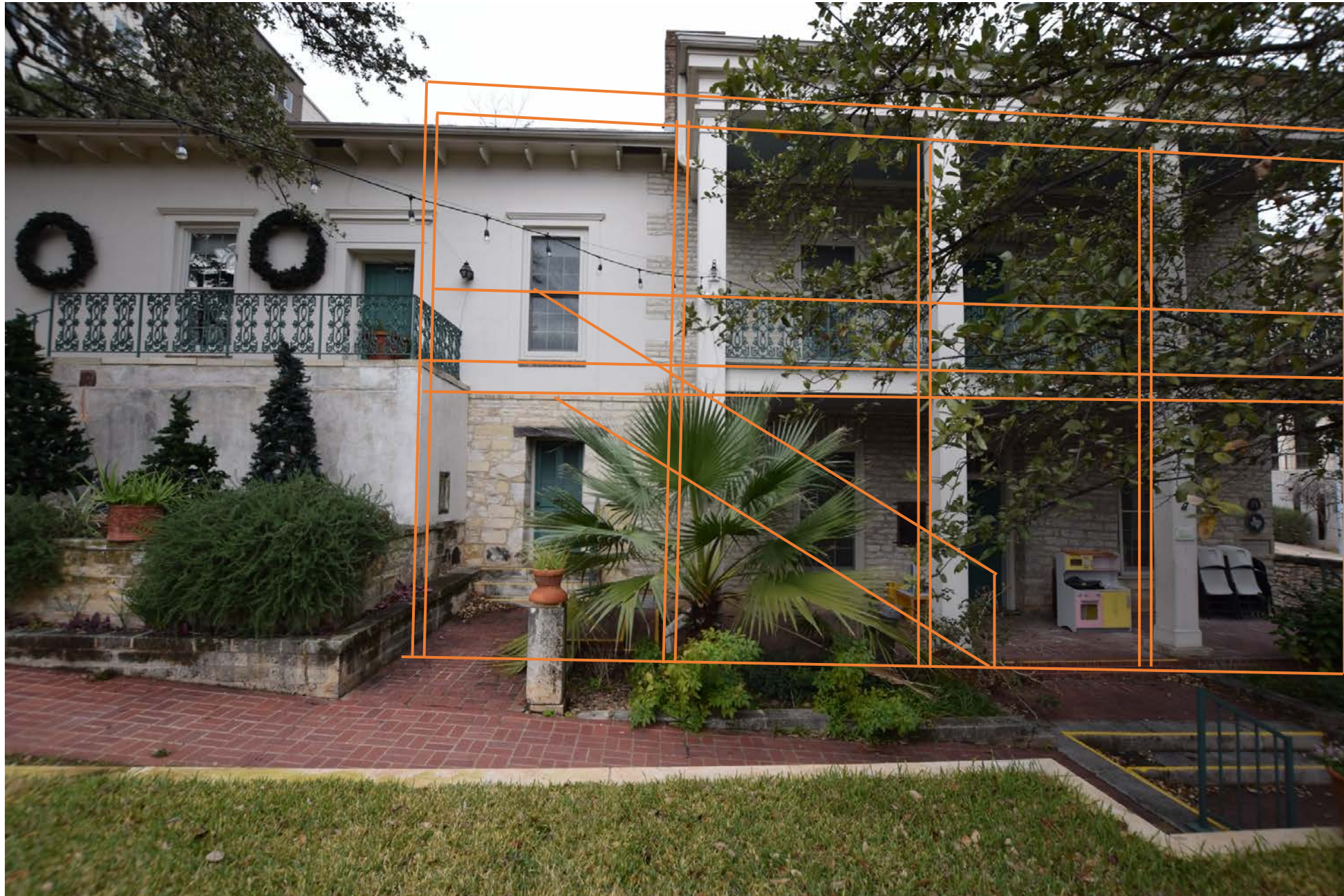
State marker on fence

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EAST ELEVATION, 2022



Rough outline of
proposed reconstructed
porch

EAST ELEVATION, 2022



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WEST ELEVATION, 2022



EAST ELEVATION, 2022



NORTH ELEVATION, 2022 As seen from 10th Street