

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Adams	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Dorm Gettysburg College

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Pennsylvania Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Gettysburg College Campus

CITY OR TOWN:
Gettysburg

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Adams	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Gettysburg College Administrative Offices</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Gettysburg College

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Gettysburg

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Adams County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner of Baltimore and West Middle Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Gettysburg,

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: Dist. of Columbia	CODE 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Early Appearance (ca. 1840) - Brick exterior; center building with two wings; octagonal cupola; four stories high; portico (south side) supported by four fluted Doric columns; portico and columns rest on abutments brought up to a level with the floor of the second story; steps project across entire front of the central building; entire exterior painted white.

Early Appearance - Interior (The interior appearance and allocation of space remained the same until 1860). There were about fifty rooms for student use, most of them being nearly ten feet by fourteen feet in size and located on the second, third, and fourth floors; six "recitation rooms" also used as professor's offices were located on the second and third floors; on the third floor the center section was divided into two large rooms; each forty-two feet by twenty feet, separated by a hallway running east and west; the northern room was a library and the southern room was the chapel; fourth floor space was reserved for two literary societies.

Renovations and Additions occurred on more than one occasion to the interior to replace wooden portico steps and floors; doors and windows replaced; interior walls relocated; exterior walls and interior hallways whitewashed and woodwork painted; the original shingle roof was replaced with tin; In June, 1889, building was divided into three units, east middle and west; extensions were added to enclose stairways at both ends of building's concrete halls and iron and brick stairways were added as a precaution against fire; and cast iron steps replaced the wooden steps of the south portico.

Another major interior renovation was undertaken during the summer of 1925. The interior was entirely remodeled as the floors, stairs, and doors were replaced; the building painted and rooms papered; the three distinct areas of the building ceased to be mentioned in the catalogue. The exterior was considerably changed by the construction of a north portico in 1937.

Restoration of Old Dorm - 1969-1970 - a complete restoration of Pennsylvania Hall began in January, 1969, after several years of deliberation and planning. The entire interior of 1836-38 which was renovated in 1859-60 and again in 1889 was carefully removed by a complicated engineering operation designed to maintain the stability of the exterior walls, roof, and cupola; steel columns and girders were installed to support five concrete reinforced slabs, one on each floor and one for the ceiling of the fourth floor.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1837

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architectural style of Old Dorm is American Greek Revival. This type of building design, very popular from the 1820s to the 1850s is epitomized in the dignified, yet gracious structure of Old Dorm. The building is an expression of a unique facet of American architectural development and of American culture itself.

Pennsylvania Hall, or Old Dorm, as it is now frequently referred to, is not only significant structurally but historically as the initial building of Gettysburg College. Old Dorm was first occupied for the November Term in 1837, and quickly became the center of all campus activities.

The "College Edifice" as it was originally titled, remained the focal point of college affairs until 1890. Up until this time, Old Dorm had dominated the campus both as a physical structure and as an academic center, but the construction of the imposing Recitation Hall (renamed Glatfelter Hall in 1912) and Brua Chapel transformed this prominence to a sharing of prominence. The term College Edifice was no longer applicable. Old Dorm ceased to be a center of instruction, and for 75 years was employed principally as a dormitory facility. It was also a few years later, in 1898, that Old Dorm was formally renamed Pennsylvania Hall in the official college catalogue.

The history of Old Dorm is highlighted by the role it played during and after the Battle of Gettysburg. From its cupola a college chemistry and mathematics professor pointed out to a Union signal officer the strategic advantage of Cemetery Ridge to the Northern Army. As the conflict progressed, the Northern troops were forced through town to positions on Cemetery Ridge by Confederate troops advancing from the North. The Rebels promptly occupied the College and converted Pennsylvania Hall into a field hospital. It has even been speculated the General Lee might have used the cupola to observe the field and the progress of the battle. During the holocaust, fortunately, the building was not seriously damaged though struck several times by projectiles. As the Confederate forces withdrew from the

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7. Description (continued)

On the exterior, all extensions that were added in 1889 were retained; wood rafters and the roof were left intact; the exterior wall brick work was replaced where necessary; all new windowed sashes were set; and an air conditioning unit and elevator were installed. The exterior was then repainted white.

Special care was taken to preserve Greek Revival reminders in three areas: the small rotunda on the second floor, a large room in the central part of the third floor which was formerly the old college chapel, and a ground-floor entrance west of the north portico. The structure now serves as the administrative offices of the college with considerable unassigned space available for future use.

8. Significance (continued)

field on July 4, the Union troops reoccupied the campus and continued to use Old Dorm as a hospital. Nearly five hundred wounded men were cared for here until the last survivors were removed to a general hospital east of Gettysburg.

The importance of the role that Pennsylvania Hall has played in history cannot be underestimated. Rather, the significance of the part it has played is increased when one learns that the American flag that is displayed from the cupola is flown both day and night. There are only twenty-one places in the United States where such display of the flag is sanctioned, and this fact further distinguished the proud past of Old Dorm. As a "College Edifice", a building among many other campus buildings, and, now, as a completely remodeled administrative and historical complex, Pennsylvania Hall has continued as a symbol of a well-respected, private liberal arts college as well as the oldest Lutheran college structure in America.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Glatfelter, Charles H., Yonder Beautiful and Stately College Edifice: A History of Pennsylvania Hall (Old Dorm). Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1970.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission files concerning the Old Dorm project at Gettysburg College.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission official correspondence file concerning the Old Dorm Project at Gettysburg College.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES	
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	39° 50' 06"	77° 14' 06"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		
SW	° ' "	° ' "		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY:

NAME AND TITLE:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION:
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE:
July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____
 State Liaison Officer
 Title Executive Director, Pa.
Historical and Museum Comm.

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

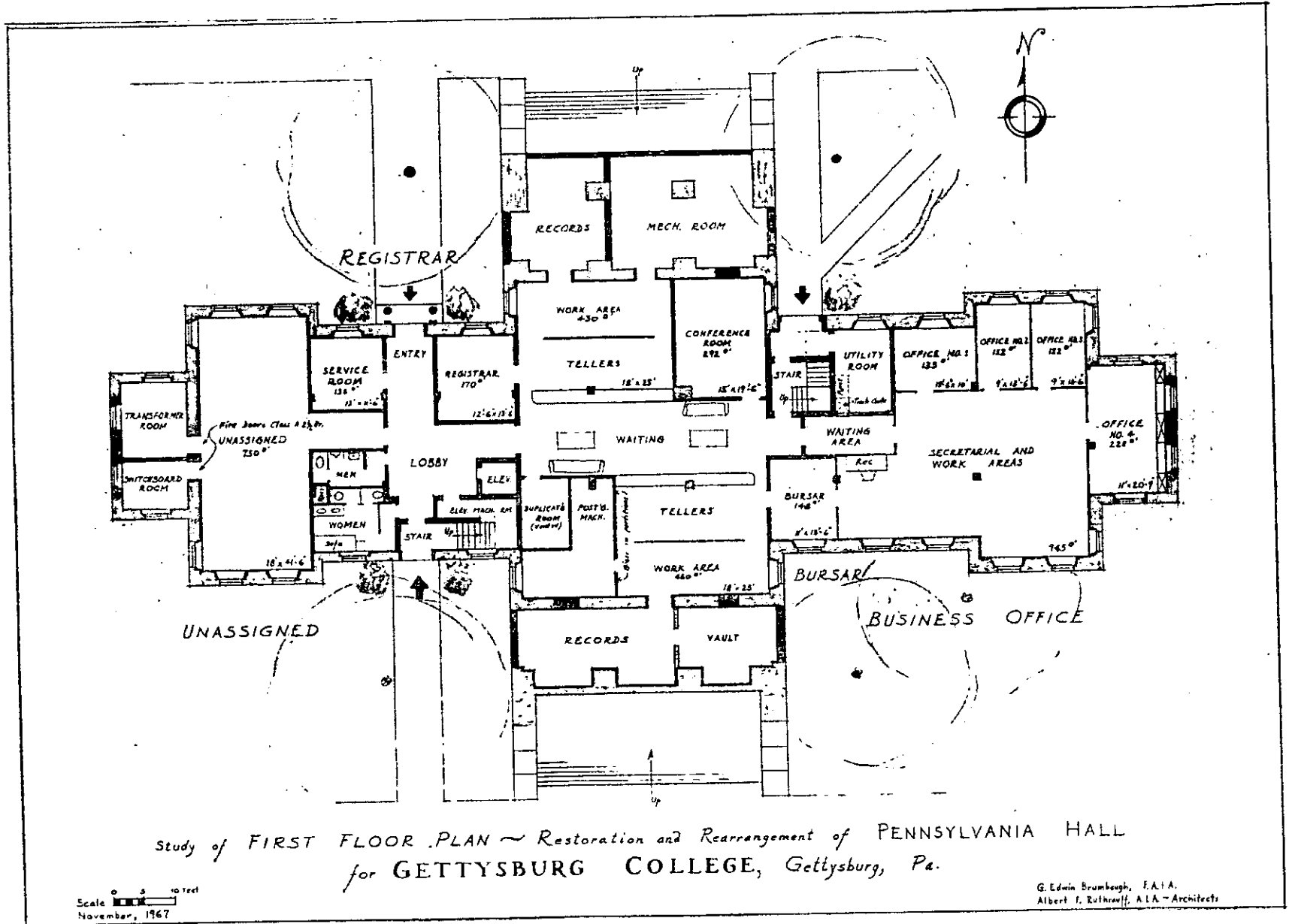
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ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

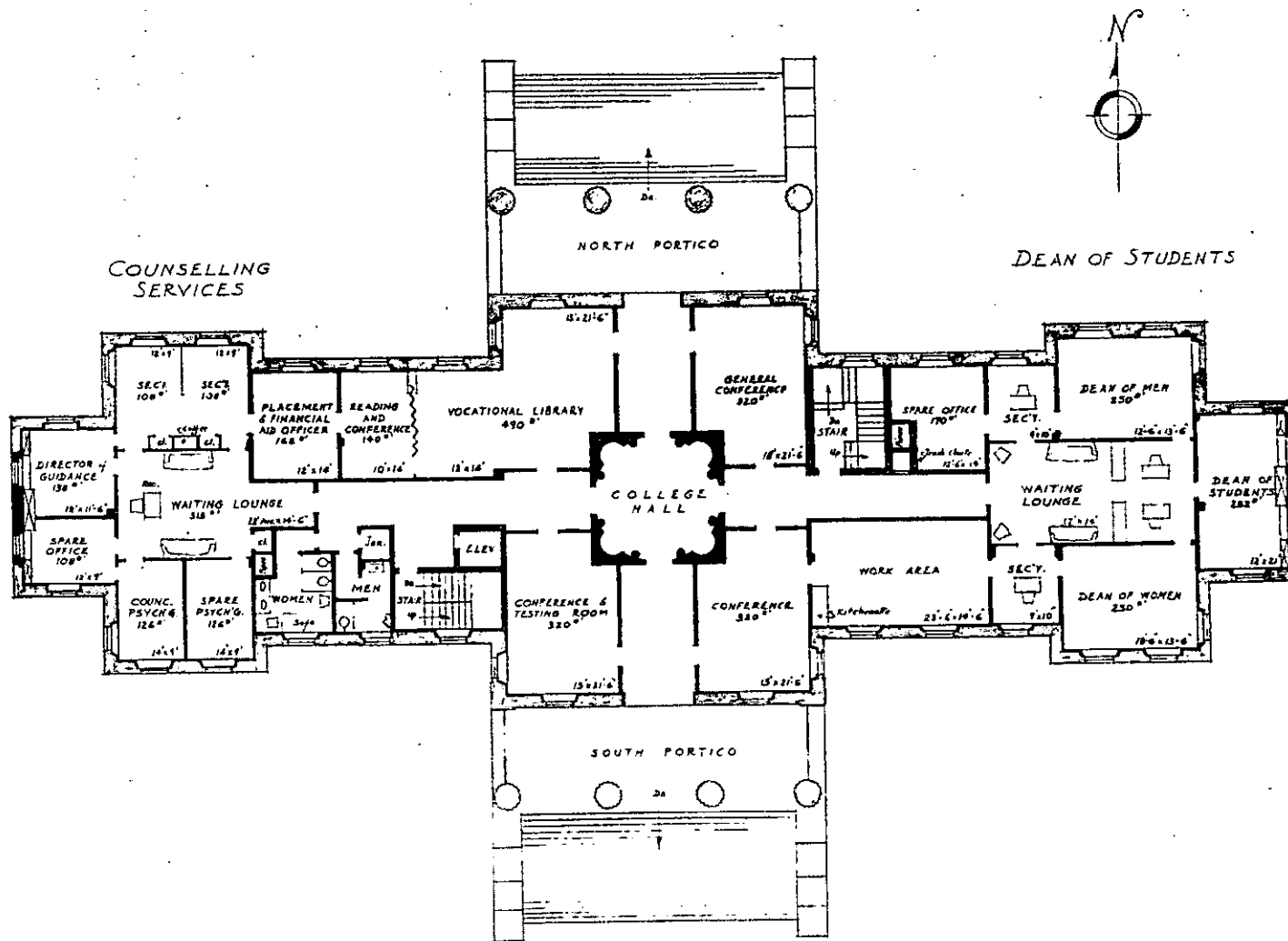
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Study of FIRST FLOOR PLAN ~ Restoration and Rearrangement of PENNSYLVANIA HALL
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November, 1967

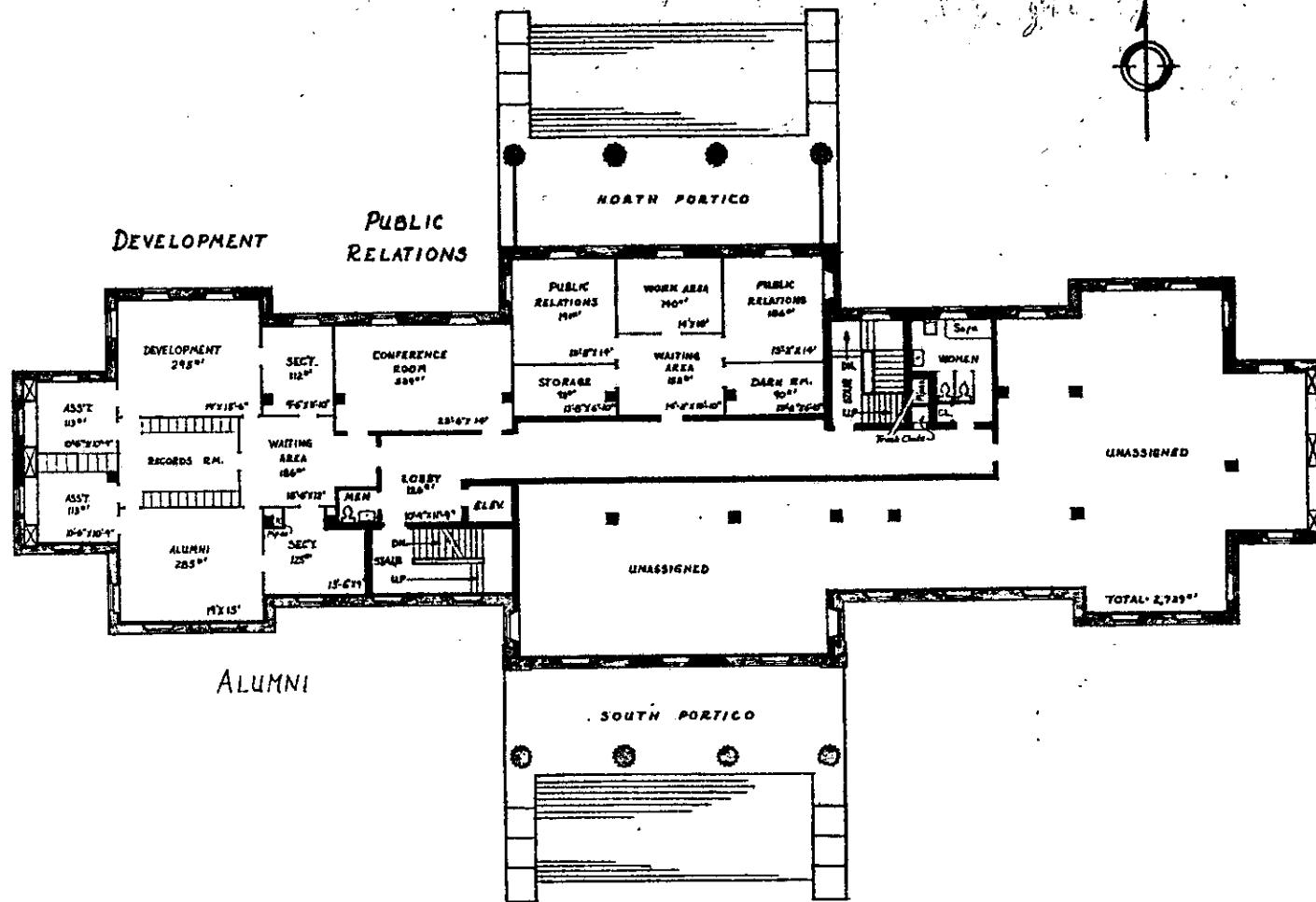
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Albert J. Rothloff, A.I.A. - Architects



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Scale 0 5 10 feet
November, 1967

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Albert F. Ruppel, A.A. - Architects



Study of FOURTH FLOOR PLAN ~ Restoration and Rearrangement of PENNSYLVANIA HALL
for GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.

Scale 0 5 10 Feet
March, 1968

G. Edwin Dransburgh, E.A.I.A.
Albert F. Rothkopf, A.I.A. - Architects