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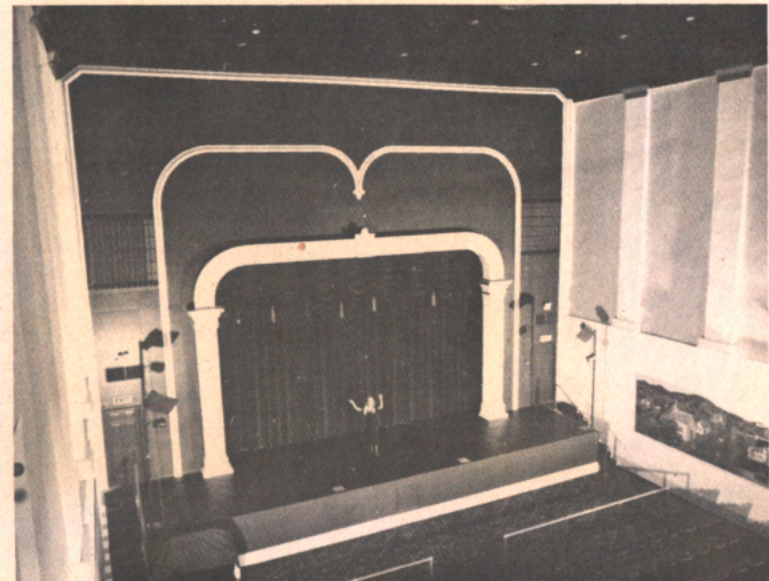
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Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.

**1995
Theatre Season**



Fort Payne Opera House

The City of Fort Payne, Alabama

Incorporated 1889

*proudly encourages the
support of the new
Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.
Theatre Season*

The character of a city is always tempered by its history. With this sense of values gained from its years, our city moves toward the future with great expectations. The quality of life here is exceptional, and made more so through projects to present the arts. The city encourages the support of these and similar activities and values of the community lifestyle that is enhanced by these efforts.

- David Stout Mayor
 Mary Anne Cole Councilwoman
 Charles Burt Councilman
 Herschel Lankford Councilman
 Joe Dell Baker Councilman
 David Hawkins Councilman

FRONT COVER: Photograph of stage renovation by Steven Stiefel of MasterWorks Photography.

Presidents of Landmarks



Landmarks presidents 1969-1980. Seated: Dr. Ellann McCrory and Mrs. Burmah McCray. Standing: James R. Kuykendall, James Wright, Dr. G. I. Weatherly, Jr., Dr. Stephen Brewer, Charles Mack Scott, and Walter Sumner.



Dr. Jewell McCracken



Joseph F. Malloy



Willard A. Israel



Hoyt H. Durham



Randall Cole



Paul Thomas



Dr. William Hotalen



Roberta Dobbs



Ruby Jo Mitchell



Lee Clyde Traylor



Walter J. Weatherly

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 1971-72 Dr. G.I. Weatherly, Jr.
 1972-73 - 1973-74 Dr. Stephen Brewer
 1974-75 Mrs. Burmah McCray
 1975-76 James M. Wright*
 1976-77 Charles M. Scott
 1977-78 James R. Kuykendall
 1978-79 Dr. Ellann McCrory
 1979-80 Walter T. Sumner
 1980-81 Dr. Jewell McCracken

1981-82 Joseph F. Malloy*
 1982-83 Willard A. Israel
 1983-84 - 1984-85 Hoyt H. Durham
 1985-86 Judge Randall Cole
 1986-87 Judge Paul Thomas
 1987-88 Dr. William Hotalen
 1988-89 - 1989-90 Roberta Dobbs
 1990-91 Ruby Jo Mitchell
 1991-92 - 1992-93 Judge Lee Clyde Traylor
 1993-94 - 1994-95 Walter J. Weatherly
 *Deceased

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Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.

26th annual meeting
 October 26, 1995 at 5:00 p.m.
 with an open house at the Opera House
 to view our accomplishments in the theatre interior
 piano selections
 Michael Johnson, minister of music of First Baptist Church
 Welcome: Walter J. Weatherly, president of Landmarks, 1994-95
 Invocation: Ruby Jo Mitchell, past trustee of Landmarks
 Solo: Dr. Chuck Isbell
 "Ol' Man River" by Jerome Kern from *Showboat*
 accompaniment: Michael Johnson
 Remarks and presentation of the 1995 Landmarks Service Award:
 Walter Weatherly
 Announcements: Jim Jordan, president-elect of Landmarks

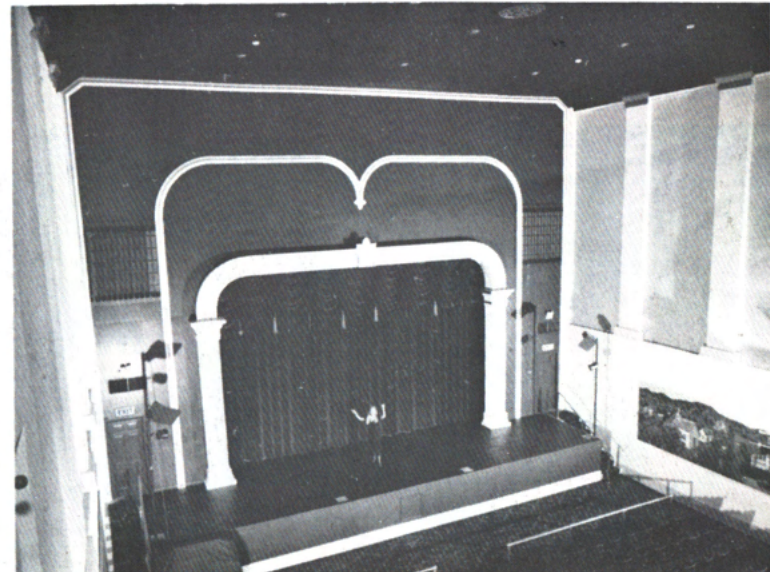
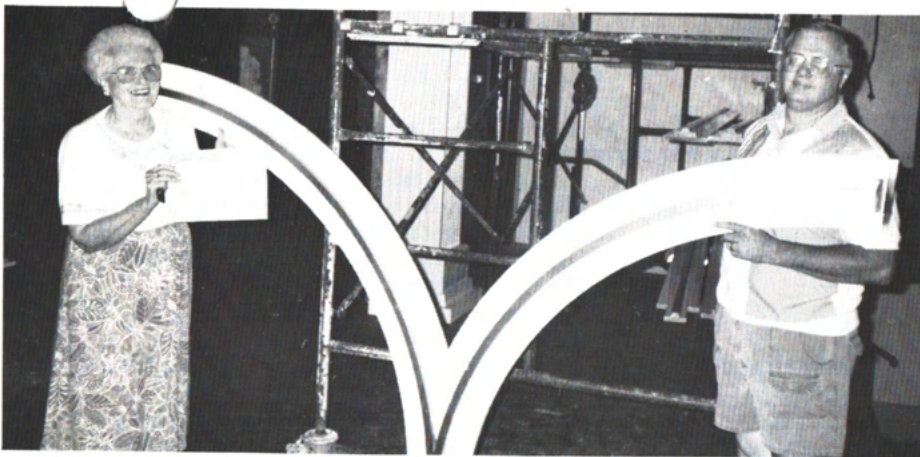


Photo by Steven Stiefel

Refreshments:
 Compass Bank
 Judy Brown, Martin Ables, and Barbara Isbell
 Landmarks received a grant in 1976 from the Alabama State Council on
 the Arts for a restoration project to decorate the proscenium arch of the
 theatre.
 The design was drawn by Jones and Herrin
 Architecture/Interior Design
 Huntsville
 Harvie P. Jones, FAIA and Ralph Allen, AIA
 The construction and completion of the stage design was financed by
 contributions from donors listed on the facing page.
 Today's lobby hosts
 Mildred Cochran, Imogene Guest, Mamie Rains, and Louise Van Allen
 Reception photographer: Steven Stiefel



Ruby Jo Mitchell, one of the original Landmarks trustees, who has served as treasurer and as president of the organization, examined some of the molding last month for the Opera House stage with her son Mike of Mitchell Oil.



Painter Gene Killian (with white cap) and two jail inmates gave assistance to Landmarks by painting the stage in preparation for our open house event today.

Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.
1995-96 Officers

President.....	Jim Jordan
Vice President.....	James R. Kuykendall
2nd Vice President.....	Barbara Isbell
Secretary	Judy Brown

Trustees

Martin Ables
Robert Baxter
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Roberta Dobbs

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Jerry Whittle



Monroe Hegwood (at lower level of scaffold) and his son John Hegwood spent several weeks decorating the presceniium arch.



Jonathan Harris (top) climbed the scaffold in preparation to anchor one of the heavy columns with the help of two workers on the stage floor.



John Hegwood climbed forty-five feet in order to install gold caps to wall panels in the theatre.



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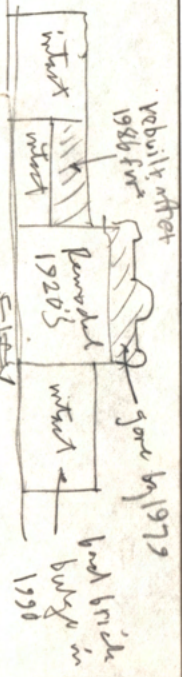
Ft. Payne Al
Opera Hse. c. 1920's-30's photo (after facade remodel to 1979 appearance)

Ft. Payne
Opera Hse.



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 photo
 c. 1900?

Ft. Payne AZ
 "Opera House"



Depot Park.

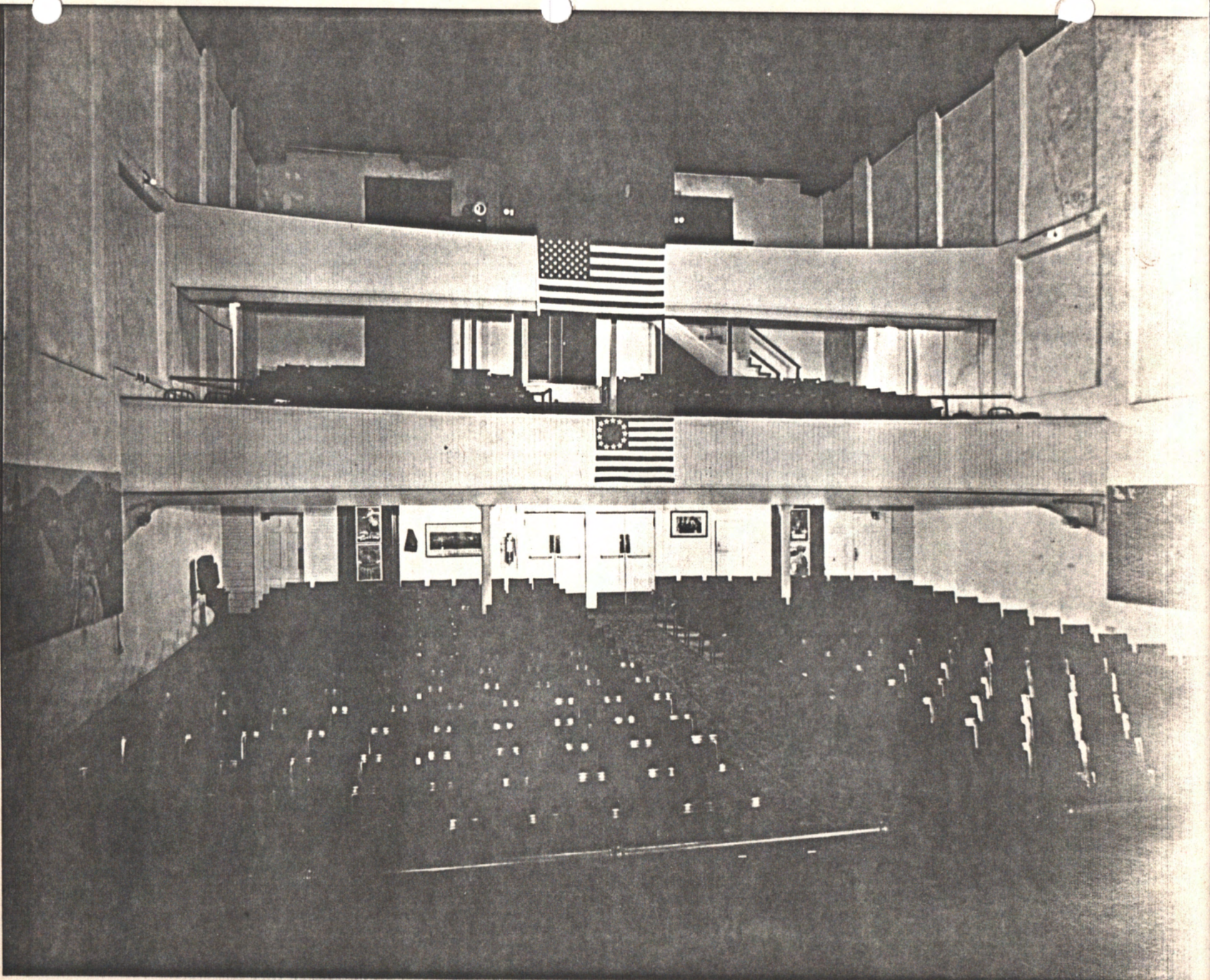
St. Pym's Open House - photo c. 1930's - 40's?



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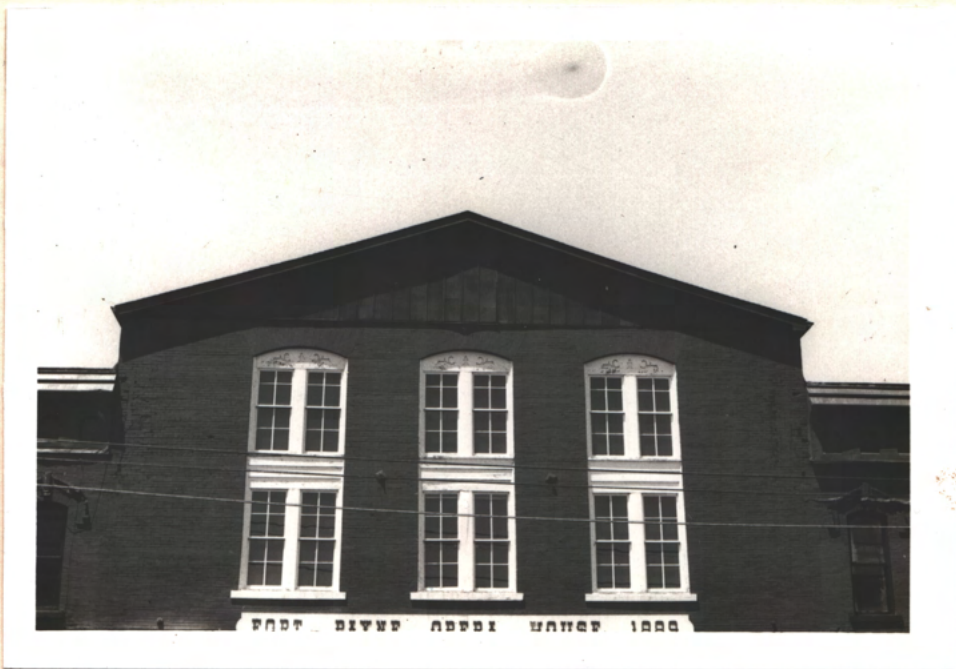
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Ft. Rucker Al. Officer Mrs
photo 1970's

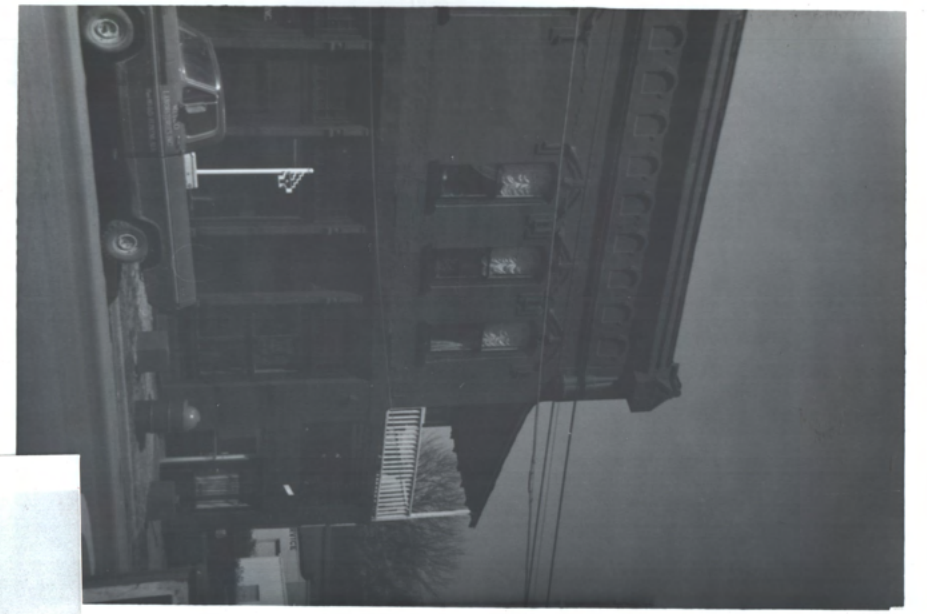


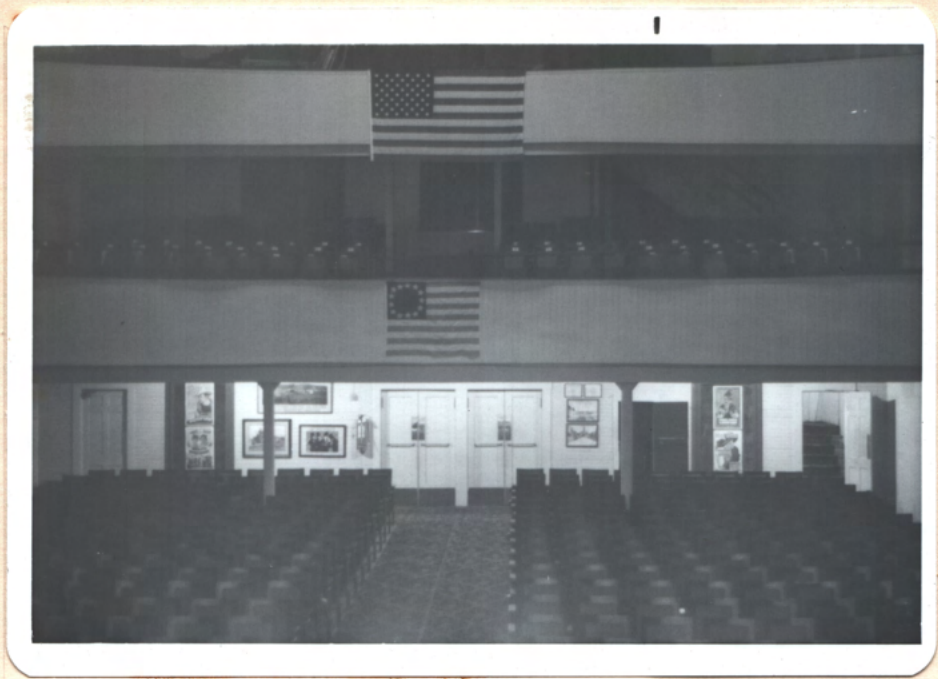
Photos 1979 by
 H.P. Jones for
 partial renovation
 (small budget)
 by Jones & Herrin
 Architects of
 Huntsville.
Never executed.

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In c. 1992 HJ did a several-hr. several pg. renov. outline & budget study for local owner
 (hunting organization) at their request. They did not pay: thought it should be free,
 Did no more work in Ft. Payne, after several previous similar experiences (slow pay, partial pay, no pay)
 H.H.M.





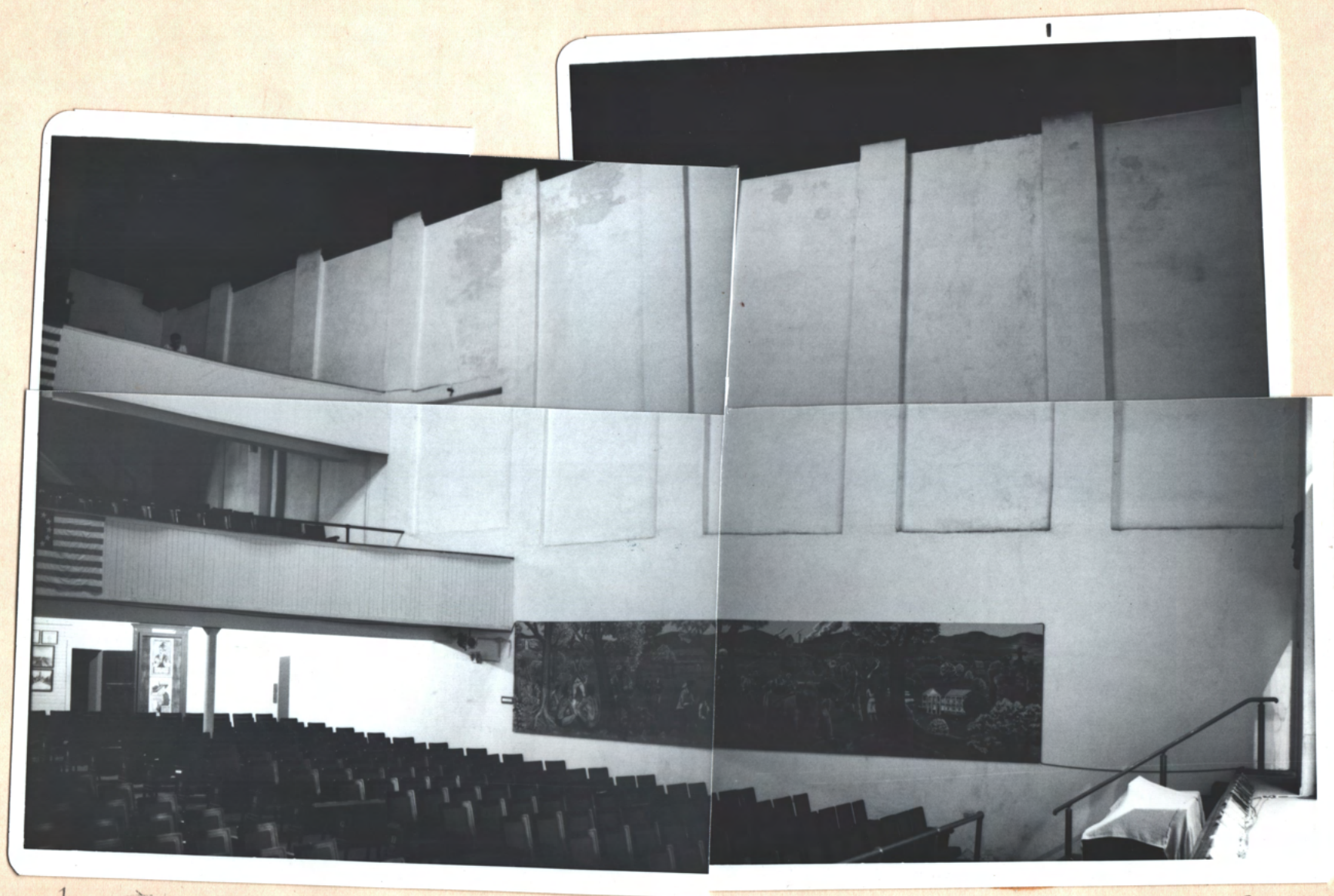
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Ft Payne (Al)
Opera Hse
ca. 1885 + direct
20th C. remodel
photos 1979 - AJ + R. Allen

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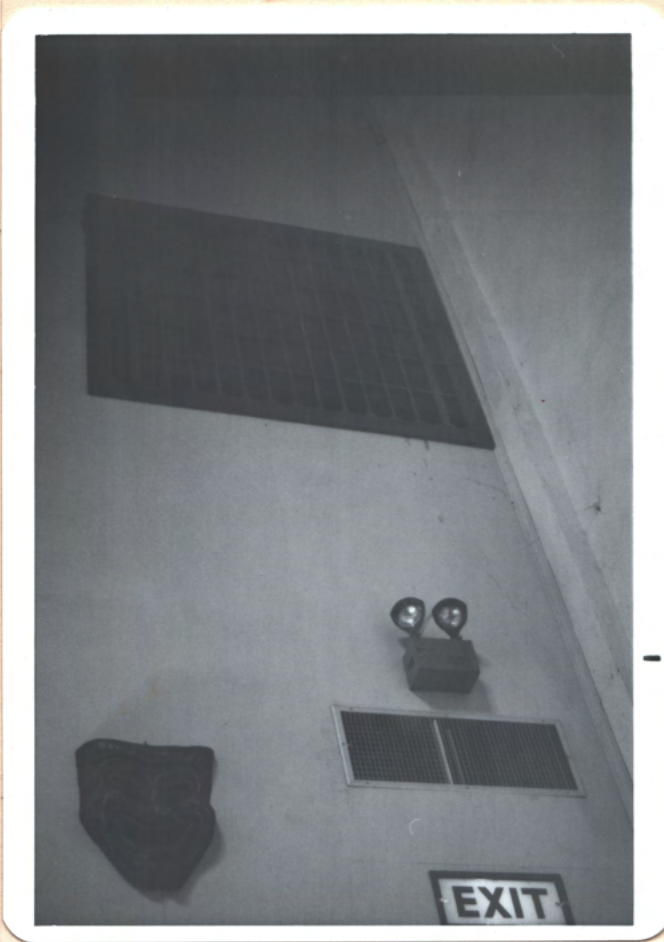


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W. Jones →

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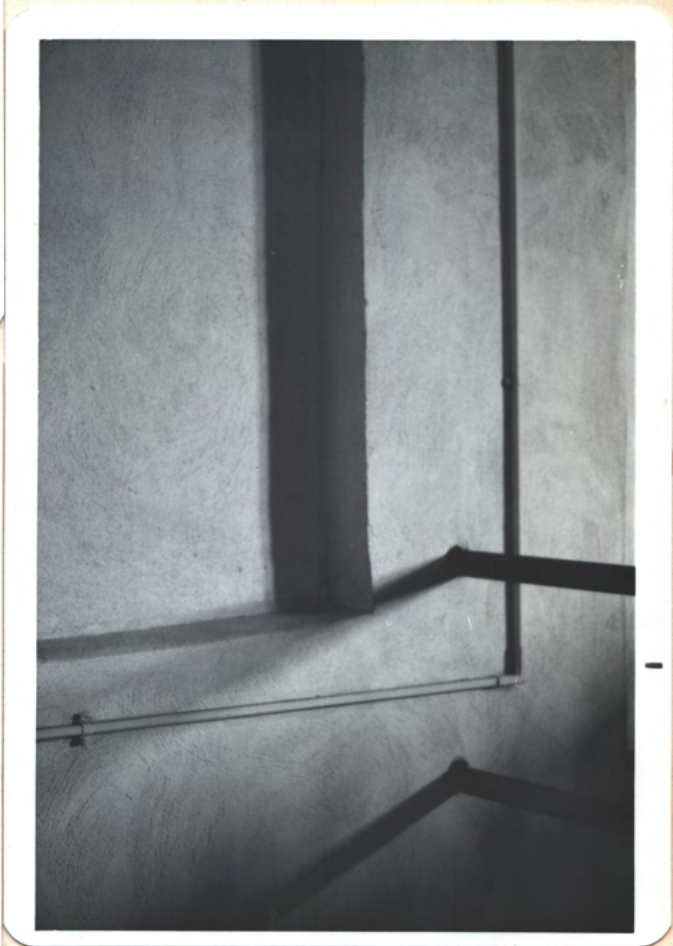
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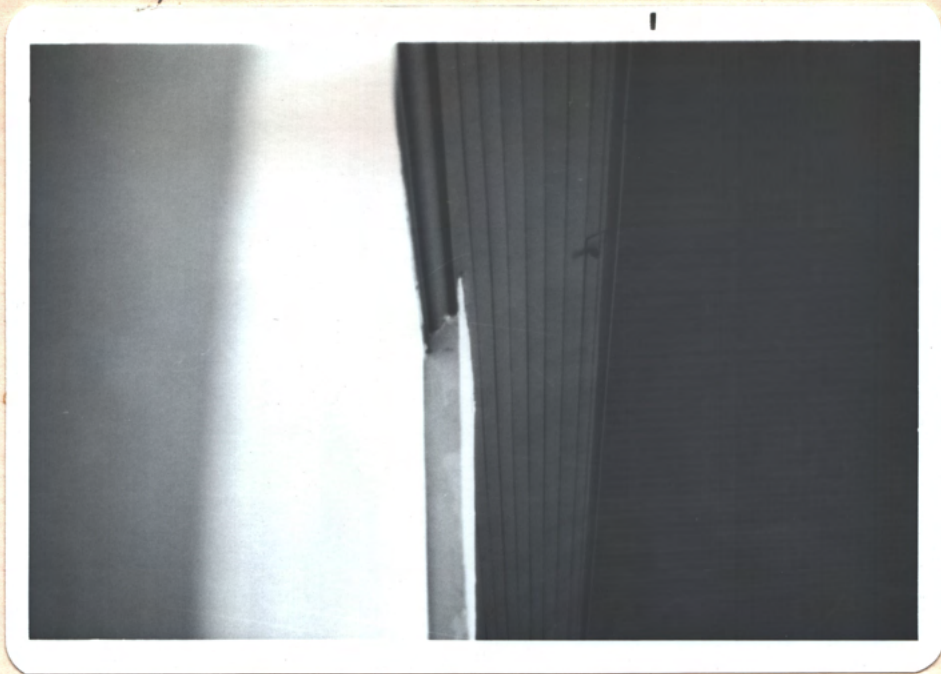
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S. wall

"corner"



ceil

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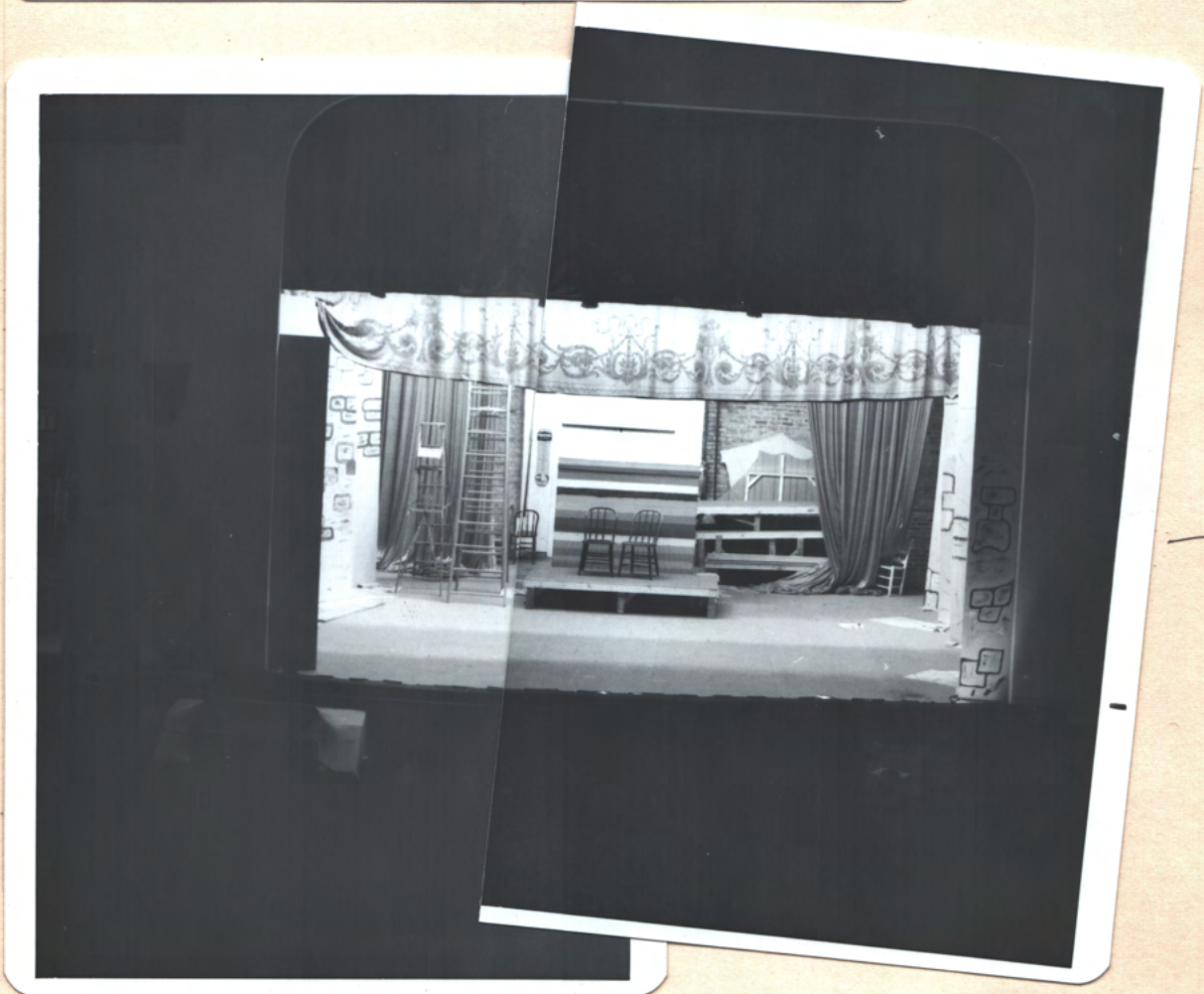


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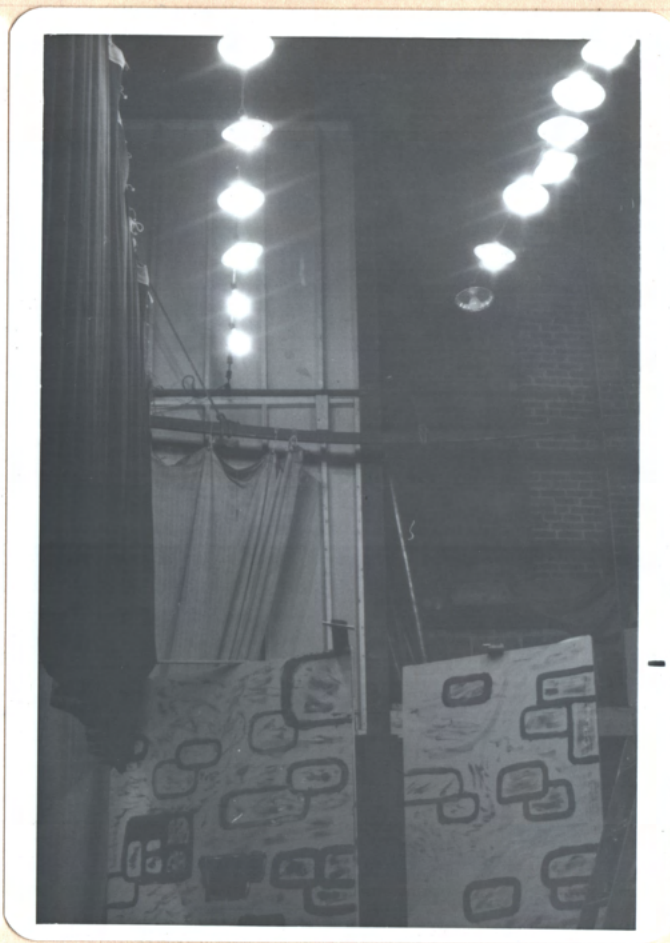
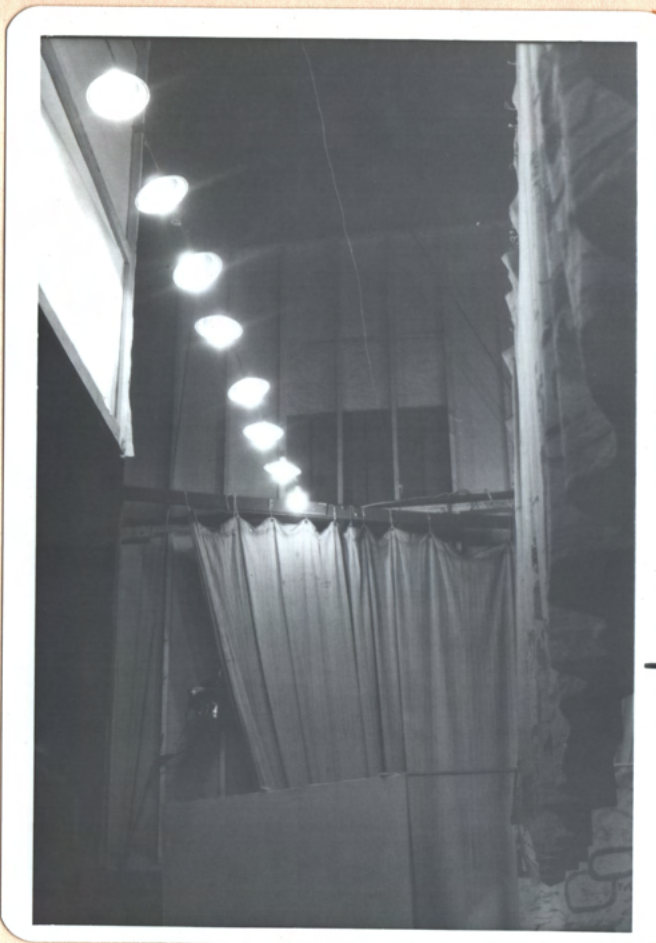


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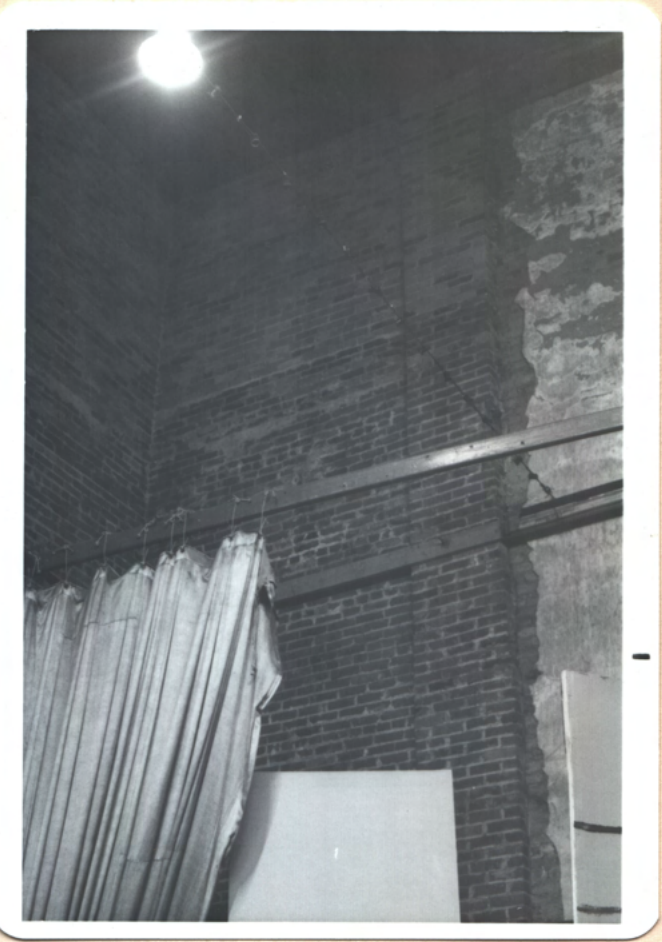
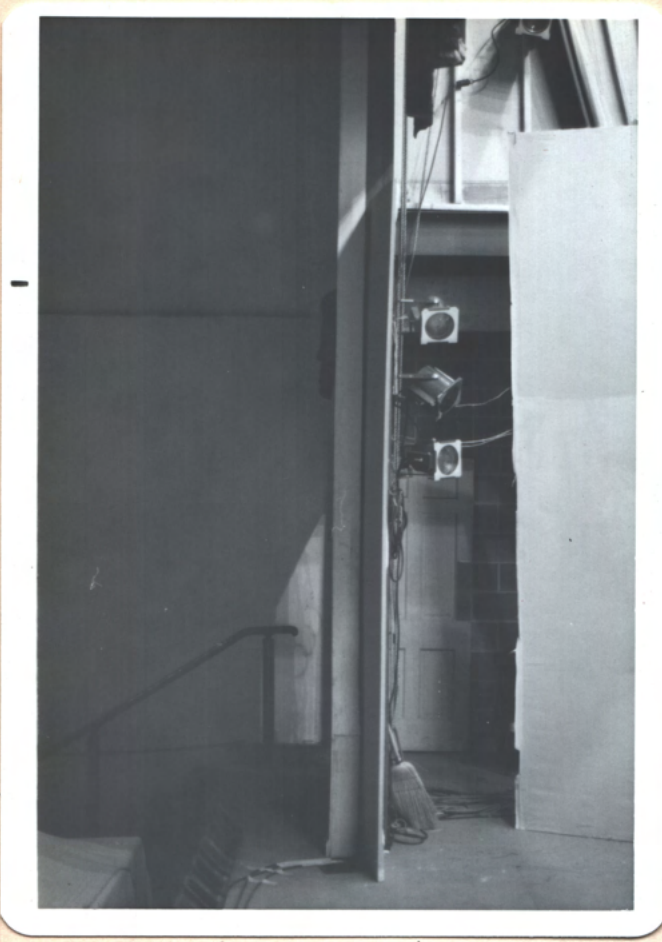
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Stage



Stage 125 (fly loft)



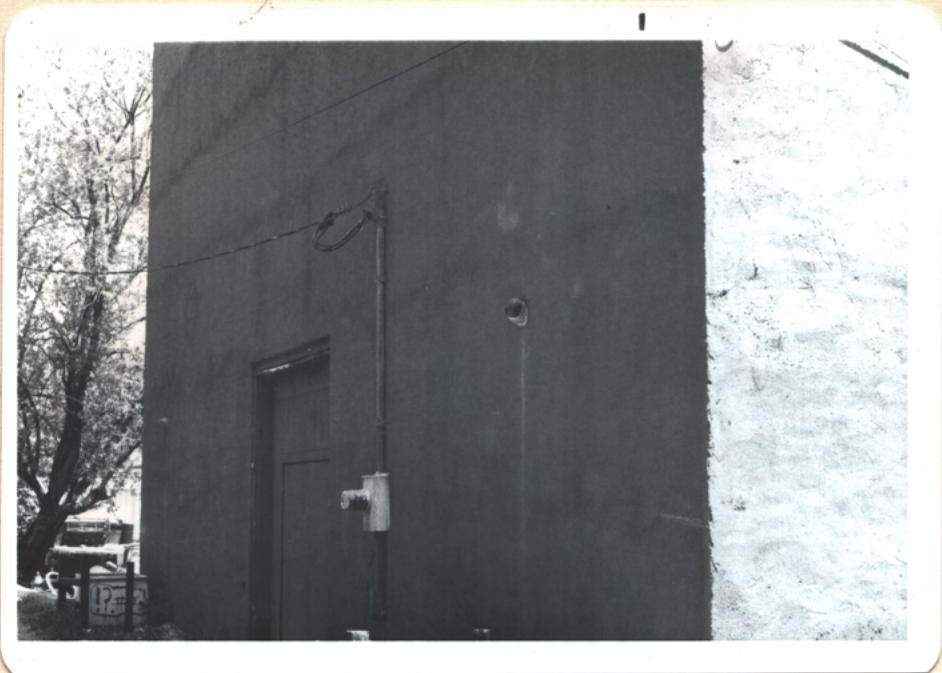
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Stage



a proscenium arch

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West
Rear



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