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·DESCRIPTIVE·

Mississippi's New Capitol is, architecturally speaking, the most important and the most prominent public building in the South. It is erected on the site formerly occupied by the State Penitentiary, a rectangle about 750ft. square, on an eminence overlooking the country for a considerable distance. The main facade is to the south, the main entrance centering with Congress Street.

The length of the building is 402 feet from east to west, the width thrcugh center pavilion is 225 feet, and the central dome rises 180 feet above the grade line established at the main entrance.

The style adapted is renaissance. The building is illuminated with 4750 incandescent lights and heated by steam, both steam and electricity being generated in the basement. It is fireproof. The foundations are of concrete and walls of Indiana lime stone with a base of Georgia granite. The dome is of terra cotta. Twelve different kinds of real marble and a large quantity of Scagliola and enameled tiles are used on the interior walls and floors.

Actual work was begun in March 1901 and in July 1903 the building was accepted from the General Contractors.

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Yours truly
W. E. Link
Archt.

Karl E. Link
Asst. Supervising Archt.

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STATE HOUSE COMMISSION

Gov. A. H. Longino
Chairman

Monroe McClure
1900-1902
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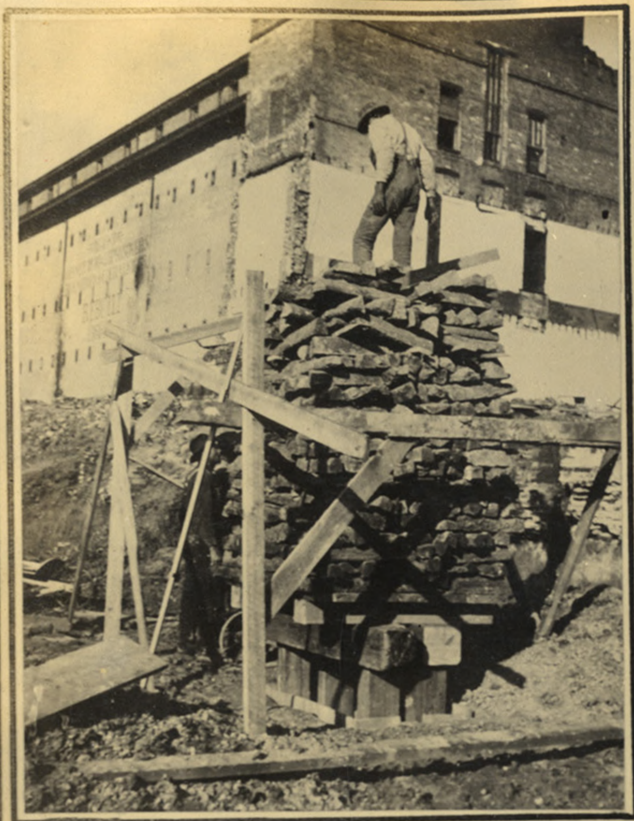

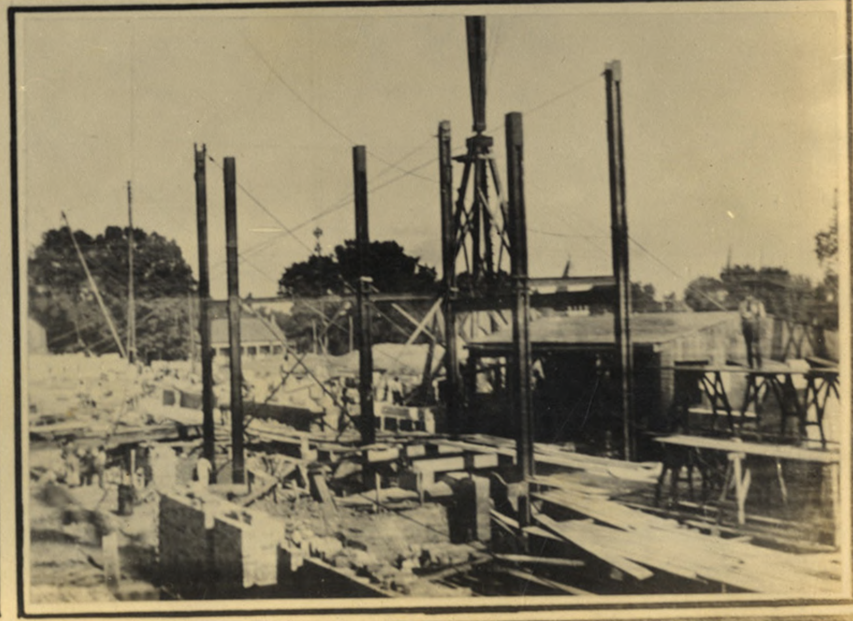

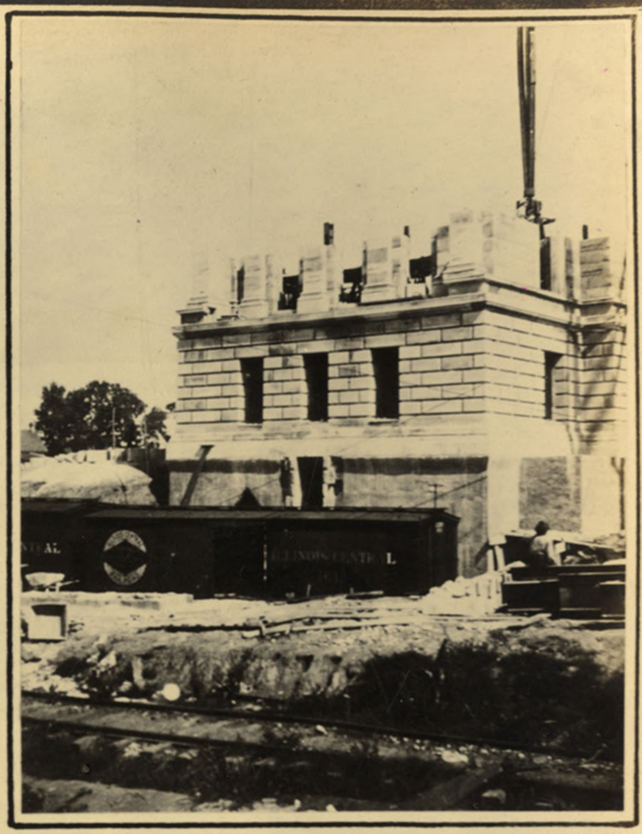

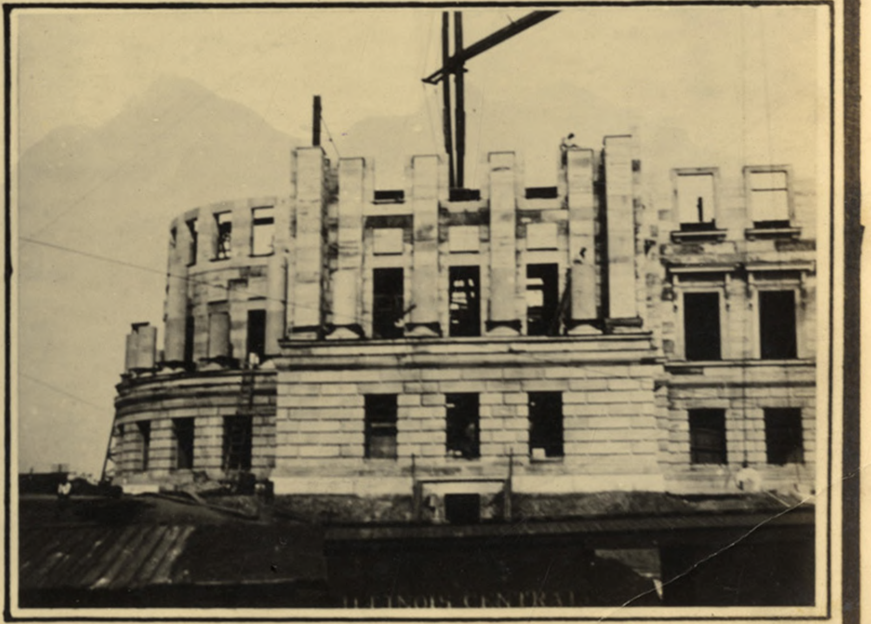

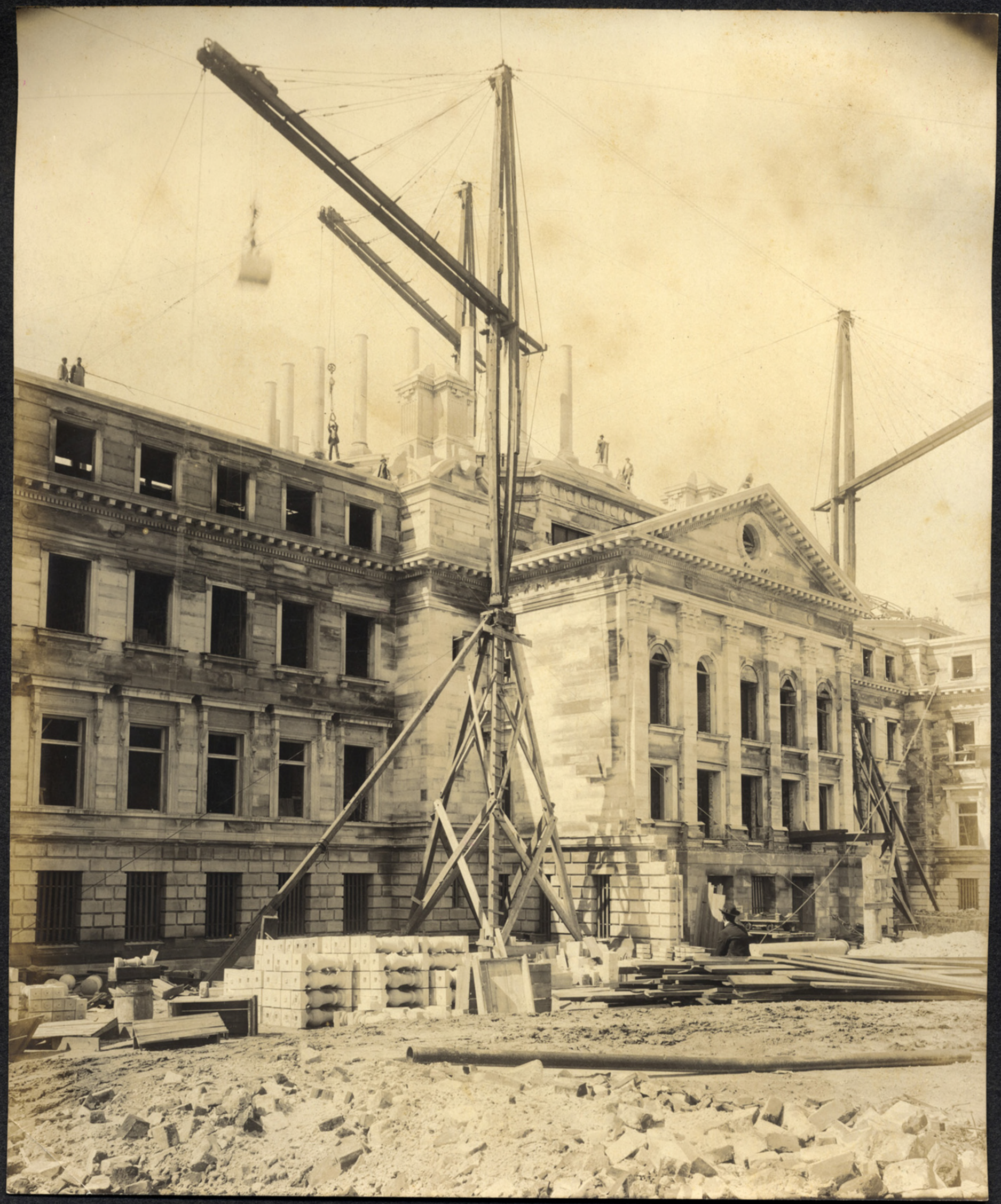

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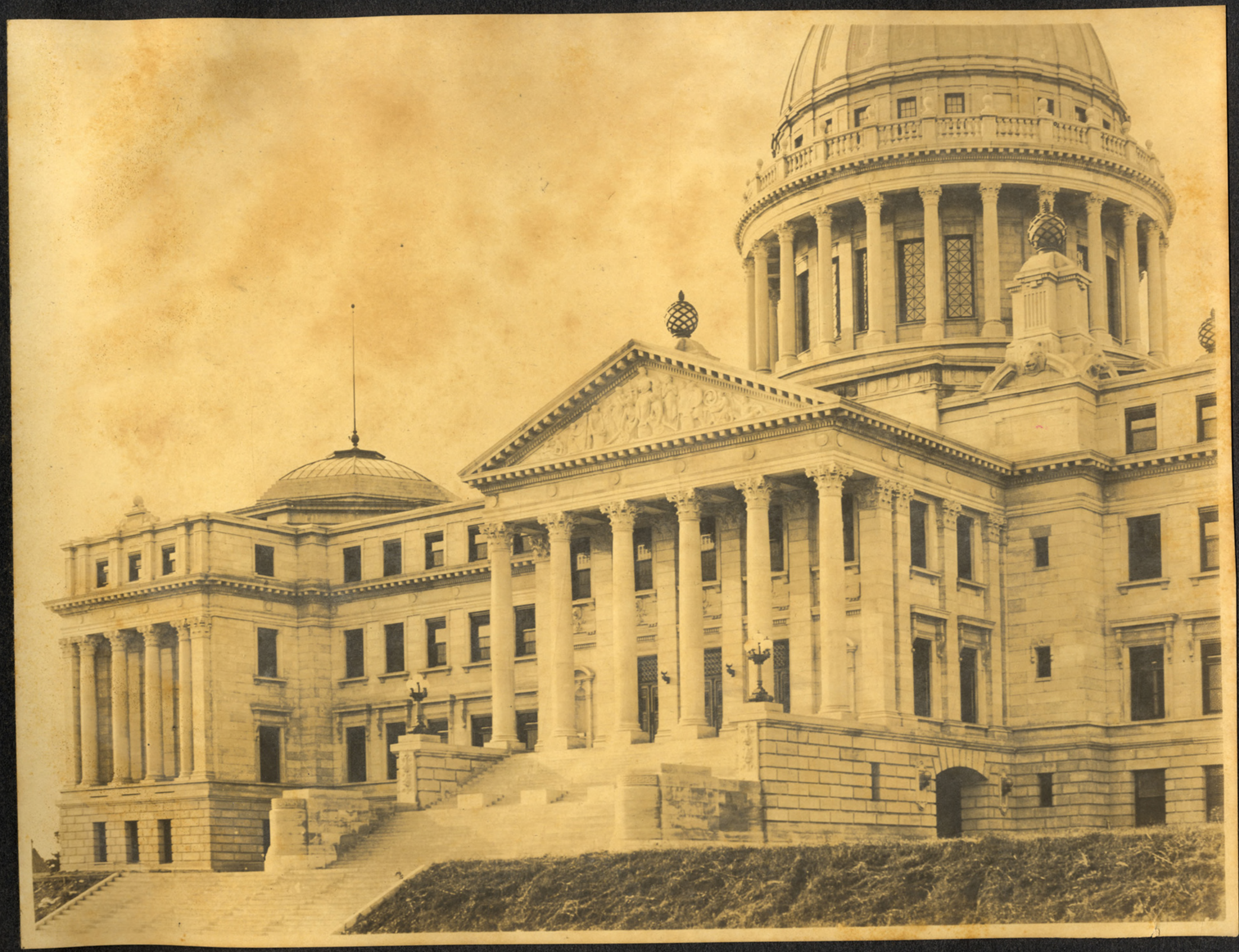

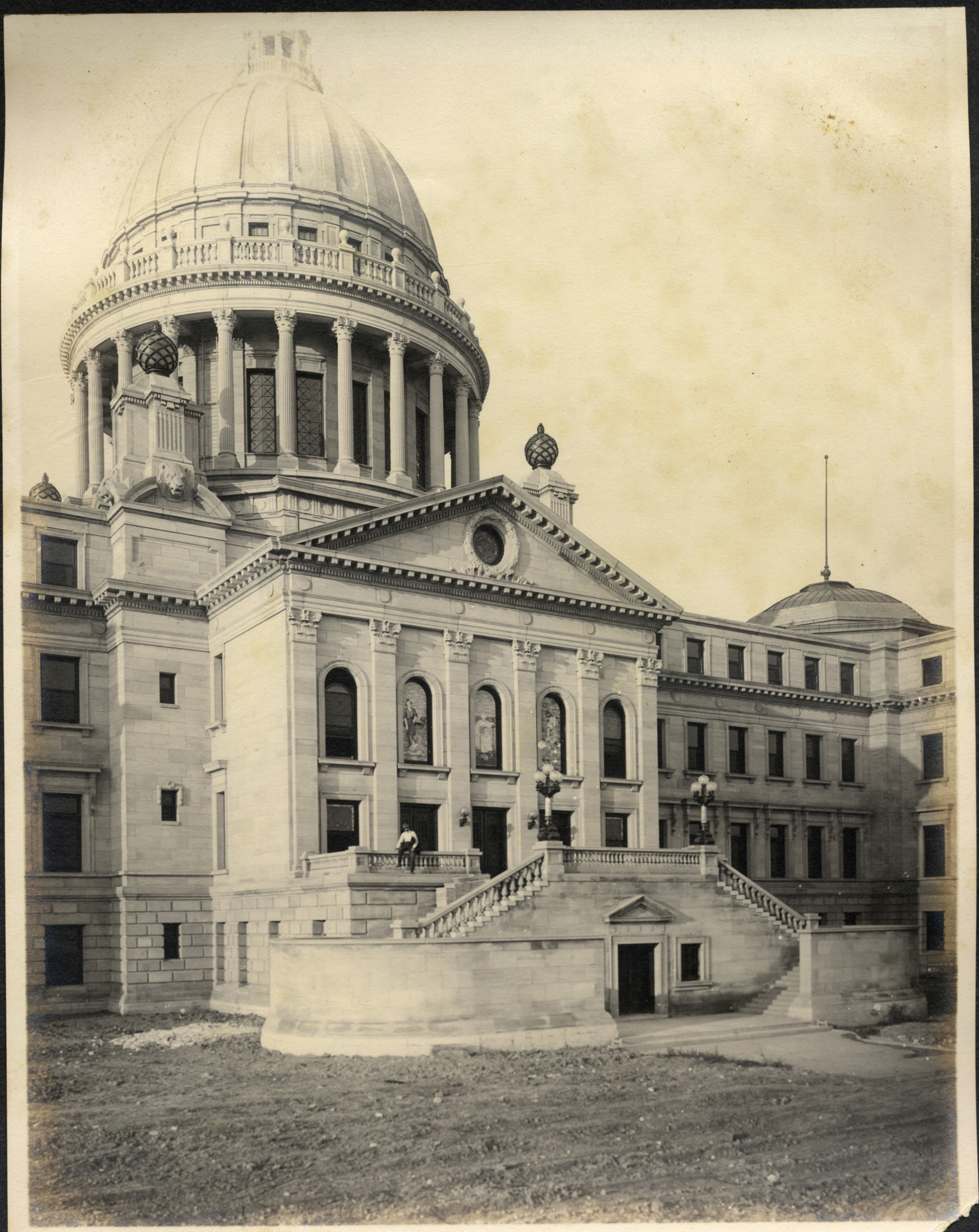

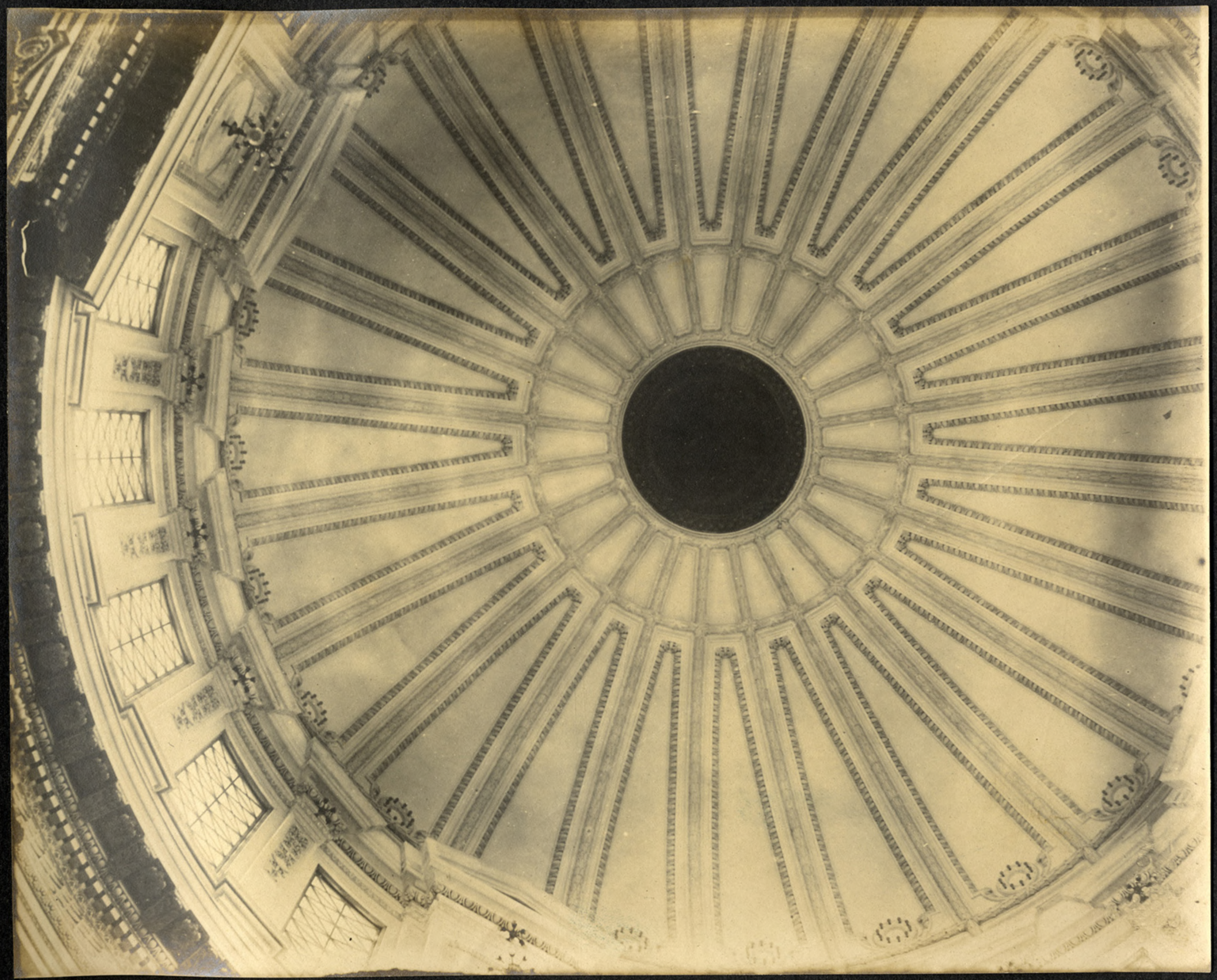

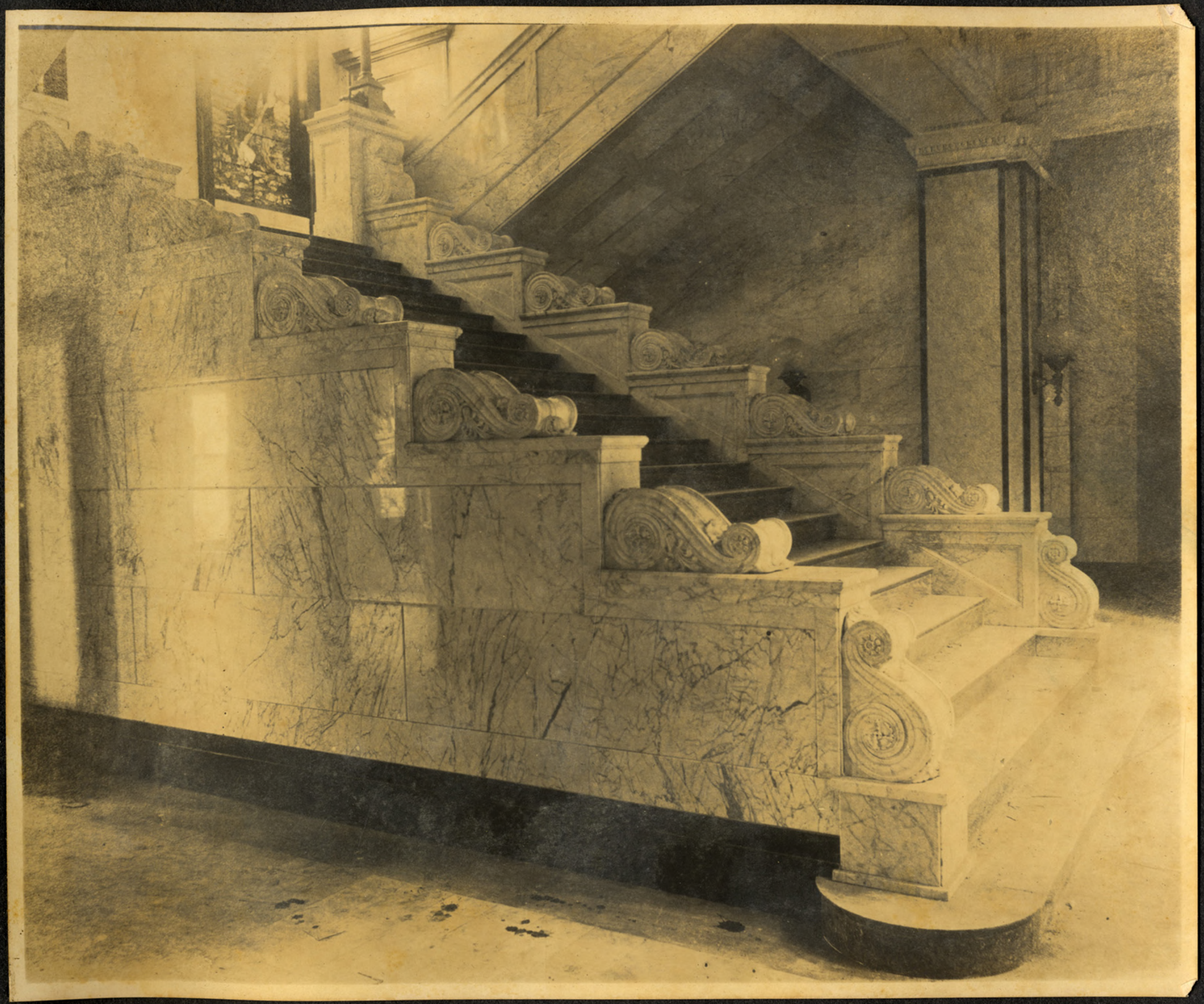

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OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Pediment is designed to typify all the arts, resources and industries of the State. The central figure, stately, majestic, seated upon a throne, her feet upon a bale of cotton and holding in her right hand the sword of empire and in her left the palm branch, is a personification of the great commonwealth of Mississippi. At her feet, close to the bale of cotton, is the figure that represents the manufacturing industries of the State, displaying a roll of the finished fabric.

The next figure, erect and intent, is Science, near whom, in low relief, is the child, suggesting the future student of science. The succeeding figure is the sturdy blacksmith, with the wheel of the mechanic at his back. Seated on a low Greek settee, a sketch block in her hand, is Art, while the extended figure at the end portrays Fertility.

At the left of the central figure stands Productiveness, the Horn of Plenty inverted as if to pour her abundance upon the State. The erect figure just beyond is History, behind whom, in low relief, is the Indian, vanishing from the scene of action and yet forever linked with the history of Mississippi.

Next in order stands the laborer, with his basket of newly-picked cotton. Bending over her revolving wheel is Poetry, her back turned upon the figures of two huntsmen, creeping cautiously upon their game.

There are in all fourteen figures, twelve of which are in high relief, the other two in low relief, the one of the child to suggest that which is to be and the one of the Indian to suggest that which has been.

The Pediment was designed and modeled by Robert P. Bringhurst of St. Louis.

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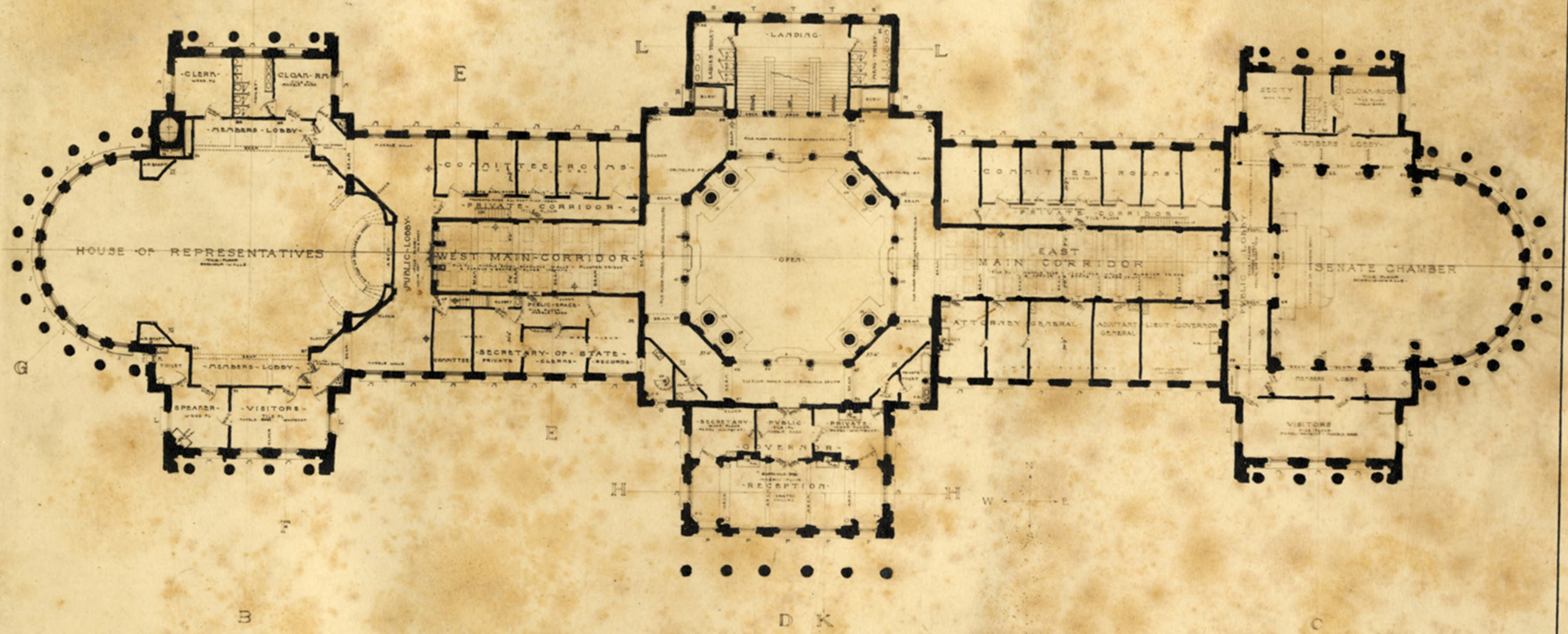

SECOND · FLOOR · PLAN ·

SCALE · $\frac{1}{8}$ · INCH = 1 · FOOT

SHEET · No 5

CONTENTS OF CORNER STONE.

1. A list of all State Officers, Judges and Chancellors, including members and officers of the Legislature.

2. A list of the Capitol Commissioners, officers thereof, Architect and his assistants.

3. Report of Capitol Commission to Legislature.

4. Copy of the laws under which the Capitol was built.

5. Copies of daily Jackson newspapers of June 2nd.

6. Copies of the addresses delivered.

7. Copy of Mississippi Constitution, 1890.

8. Copies of Governor Longino's messages to the Legislature.

9. Pictures of Old and New Capitols.

10. Bible, furnished by the Masons.

11. A list of Masonic officers.

12. Catalogues of State Educational Institutions.

ERECTED A·D·1901
THIS CORNER STONE
JUNE 3D 1900

THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOUSE

JACKSON MISS.

1901 1903

The Mississippi State House Commission

extends to you a cordial invitation

to be present at

The Laying of the Corner Stone

of the

New State House

in the City of Jackson, Mississippi

Wednesday, June 3rd 1903.

A. H. Longino, Governor, Chairman.
Wm Williams, Attorney General.
R. H. Thompson,
W. G. Stovall,
R. A. Dean, *Commissioners.*

L. T. Fitzhugh, Jr. *Secretary.*

From a personal letter:

House of Representatives
State of Mississippi

Dated: Thursday Feb. 21, 1884

Signed: J. B. Waldrip

Please send me
Major Lamar's Civil Rights