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The primary object in compiling this work was not to accumulate historical data, but rather to present in a form convenient for use and reference by architects and those interested in architecture, some typical examples of the better class of domestic edifices, which were erected mainly during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

In presenting here examples of domestic buildings exclusively, we hope we have produced a work of more practical value, to the profession in general, than if we had included public buildings and churches. An attempt to represent this latter material would necessarily render a work of this volume less useful, in that it would fail to cover the ground satisfactorily on any one subject, especially as our researches have been confined to New England.

Professionally, the term Colonial Architecture is generally understood to include all the architectural efforts of the original colonial districts prior to the period of Greek affection, which manifested itself during the first quarter of the present century.

The buildings erected in the seventeenth century, by the English colonists, were necessarily crude, and, owing to the limited facilities, lacked any attempt at refinement in the way of elaborate detail. This might be called the Colonial Period.

The second period, which was ushered in about the beginning of the eighteenth century, the commencement of an era of provincial prosperity, and terminated with the Revolution, could consistently be called the Provincial Period. The buildings of this era were more elaborate and refined than their predecessors. The growing wealth of the seaboard towns, together with the increased facilities for obtaining implements and materials, gave their builders the opportunity of applying the Free Classic details and motives of the Queen Anne and Georgian reigns in England to their own local efforts. The gambrel-roofed house attained its highest point of development about the middle of this period, when the so-called hip-roofed style began to supersede it.

The Federal Period would date from the birth of the nation to the commencement of the mania for Greek art in the early part of the nineteenth century. The dwellings of this era, erected not later than 1800, together with those of the latter part of the preceding period, comprised the best types of domestic architecture. Those grand old mansions, flanked with

great pilasters or quoins, crowned with cornices of well-proportioned members, often richly carved, and elaborated with magnificent frontices opening into hospitable halls, with broad staircases of carved balusters and twisted newels, raised panelled dadoes, and delicate cornices enriched with dentils and modillions, were products of these periods. Several of these specimens are still occupied by the descendants of the original families in Portsmouth, Kittery, Newburyport, Salem, and Marblehead.

The growing appreciation of the aesthetic principles employed in the erection of these buildings leads us to hope that the publication of these plates may be the means of stimulating closer study in their adaptation to modern domestic work.

The authors take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks for the many valuable suggestions they have received from the profession, and the numerous courtesies and kind assistance tendered them while selecting these examples.

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Entrance Porch, Pitman House, Salem, Mass.

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Plate 6.

Entrance Porch, Tucker House, Salem, Mass.

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House built for Count Rumford, Woburn, Mass.

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Portico, "King" Hooper House, Danvers, Mass.



Portico, Rumford House, Woburn, Mass.

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Dalton House, Newburyport, Mass.

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Entrance Door, Dalton House, Newburyport, Mass

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Arnold House, Weymouth, Mass. Built 1790

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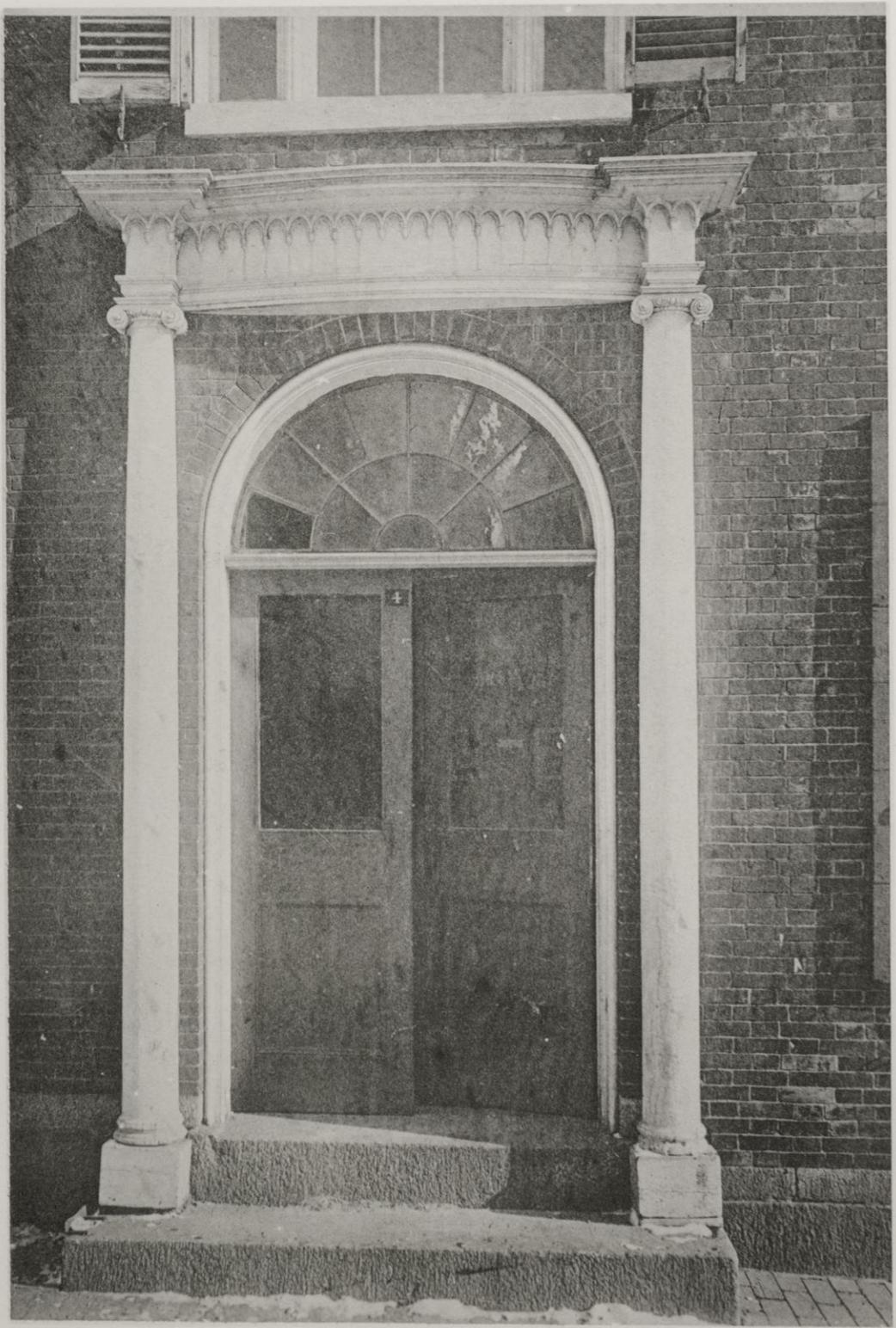


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Entrance porch, Tufts House, Charlestown, Mass.

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Exterior door, Portsmouth, N. H.



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Hurd House, Charlestown, Mass. Built about 1795.

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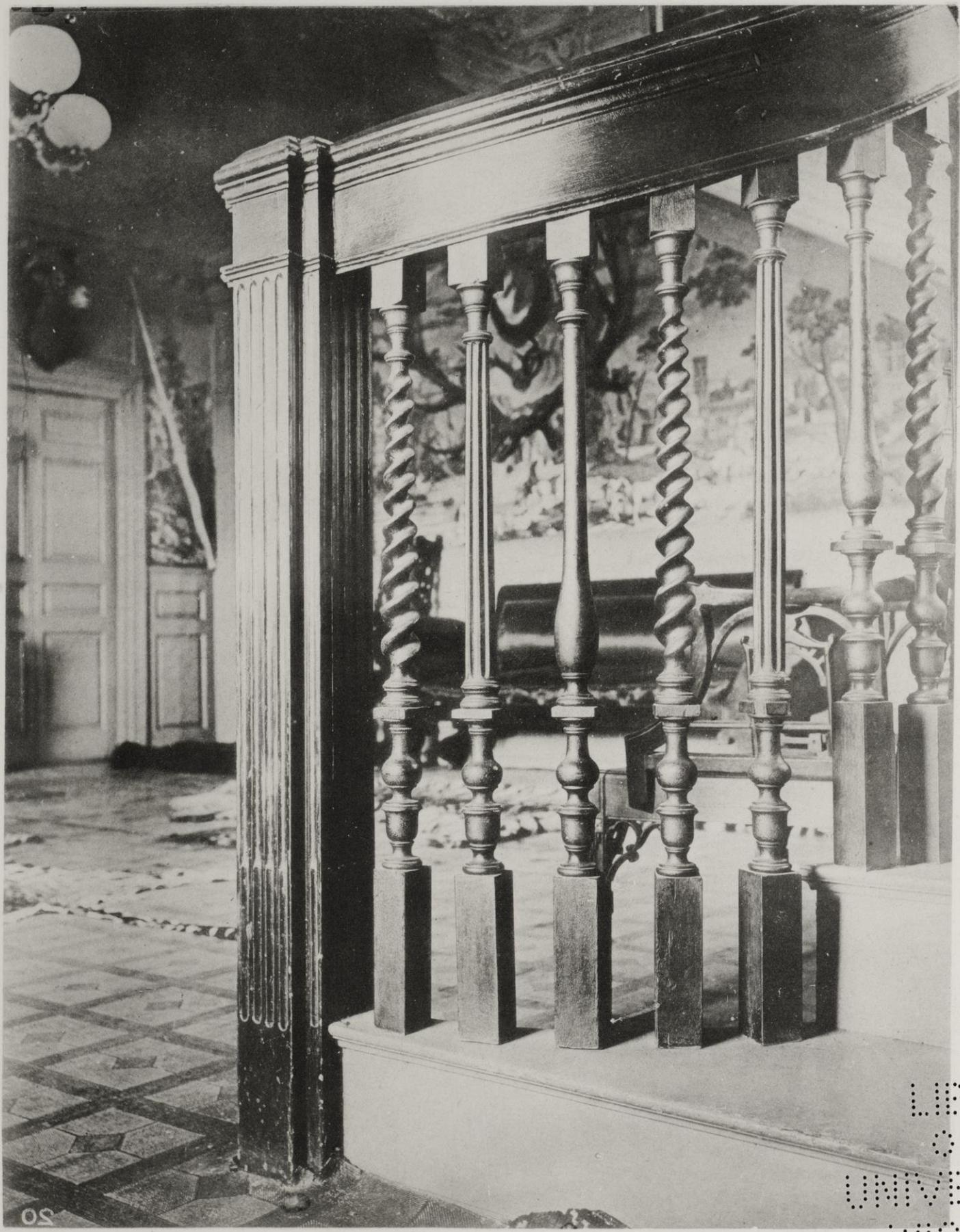


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Hall, Ladd House, Portsmouth, N. H. Built about 1765.

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Plate 20.

Detail of newel, Ladd House, Portsmouth, N. H.

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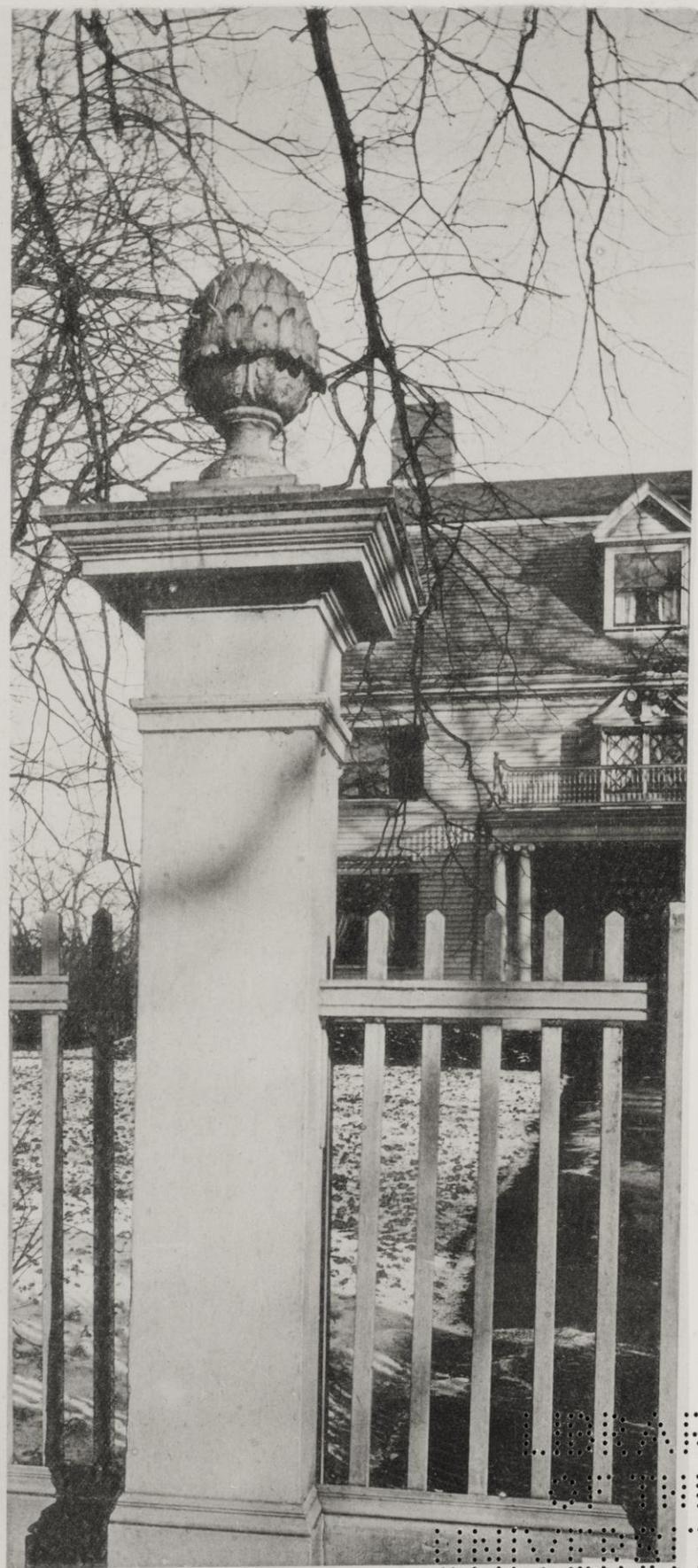
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Gate-Post, Cambridge, Mass.

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Plate 24.

"King" Hooper House, Danvers, Mass. Built 1754.

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Babson House, Newburyport, Mass. Built 1781.

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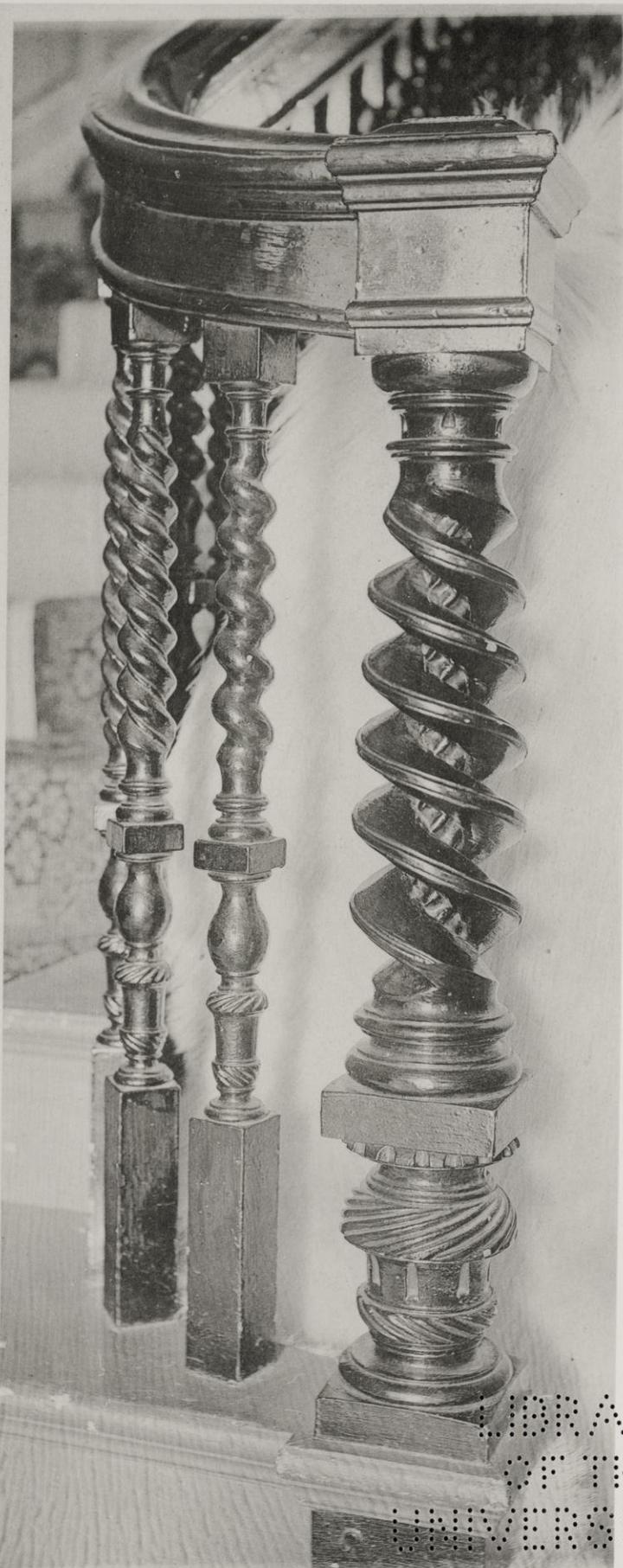
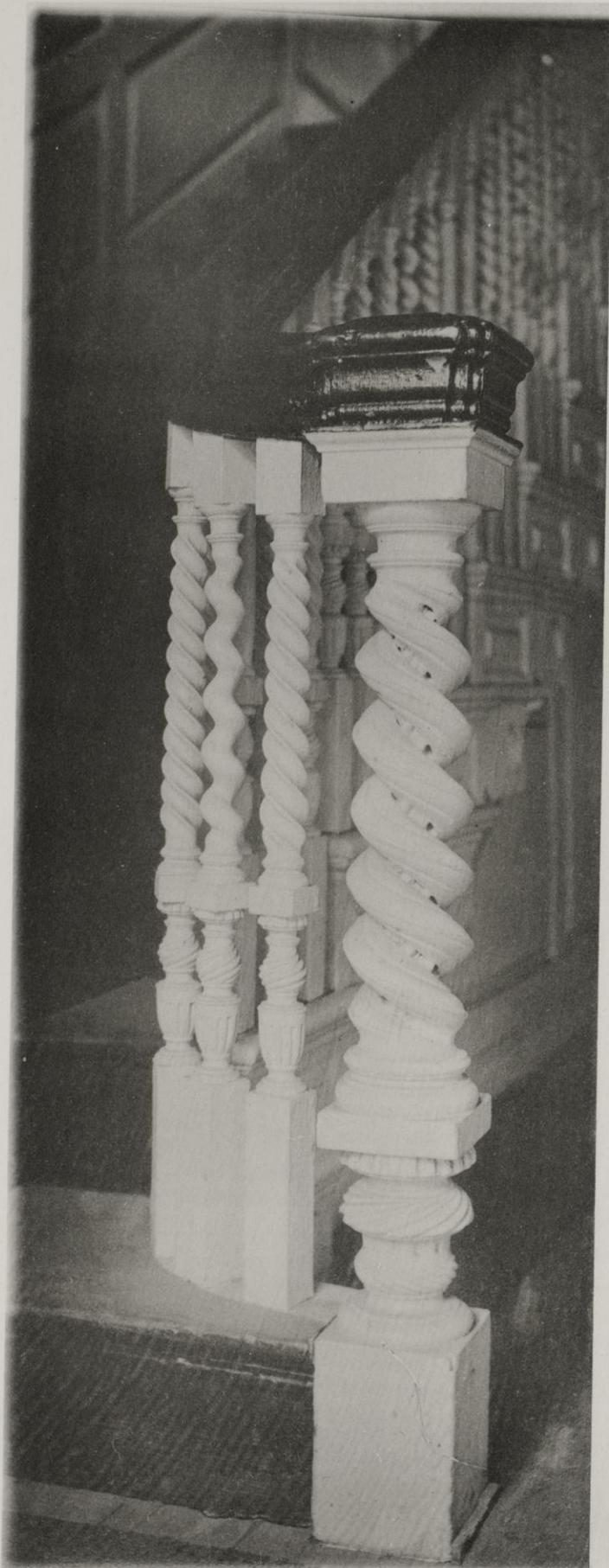


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Entrance door, Bartlett House, Newburyport, Mass. Built 1812.

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Hooper House, Marblehead, Mass.

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Hodges House, Salem, Mass. Built 1800.

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Mantel. Lee Mansion, Marblehead, Mass. Built 1768.

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Hall, Lee Mansion, Marblehead, Mass.

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Plate 32.

Detail of newel, Lee Mansion, Marblehead, Mass.

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Plate 33.

Detail of balusters, Lee Mansion, Marblehead, Mass.

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Hall, Gov. Gardner House, Portsmouth, N. H. Built about 1780.

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Gov. Langdon House, Portsmouth, N. H. Built 1784.

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Mantel, Haven House, Portsmouth, N. H. Built about 1800.

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Johonnot House, Salem, Mass. Built 1780.

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Entrance porch, Johnnot House, Salem, Mass.

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Gate-post, Johnnot House, Salem, Mass.

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Mantel, Johonnot House, Salem, Mass. Added in 1801.

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Carrington House, Providence, R. I. Built about the close of the 18th Century.

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Old entrance door, Deerfield, Mass. Built 1750.

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Hall House, Medford, Mass. Built 1785.

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Coleman House, Greenfield Mass. 1789. Entrance halls. Hooper House, Marblehead, Mass. 1765.

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Baldwin House, Salem, Mass. Built 1800.

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Plate 49.

Mantel, Forrester House, Salem, Mass. Built about 1780.

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Plate 50.

Otis House, Boston. Built about the beginning of the 19th Century.

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