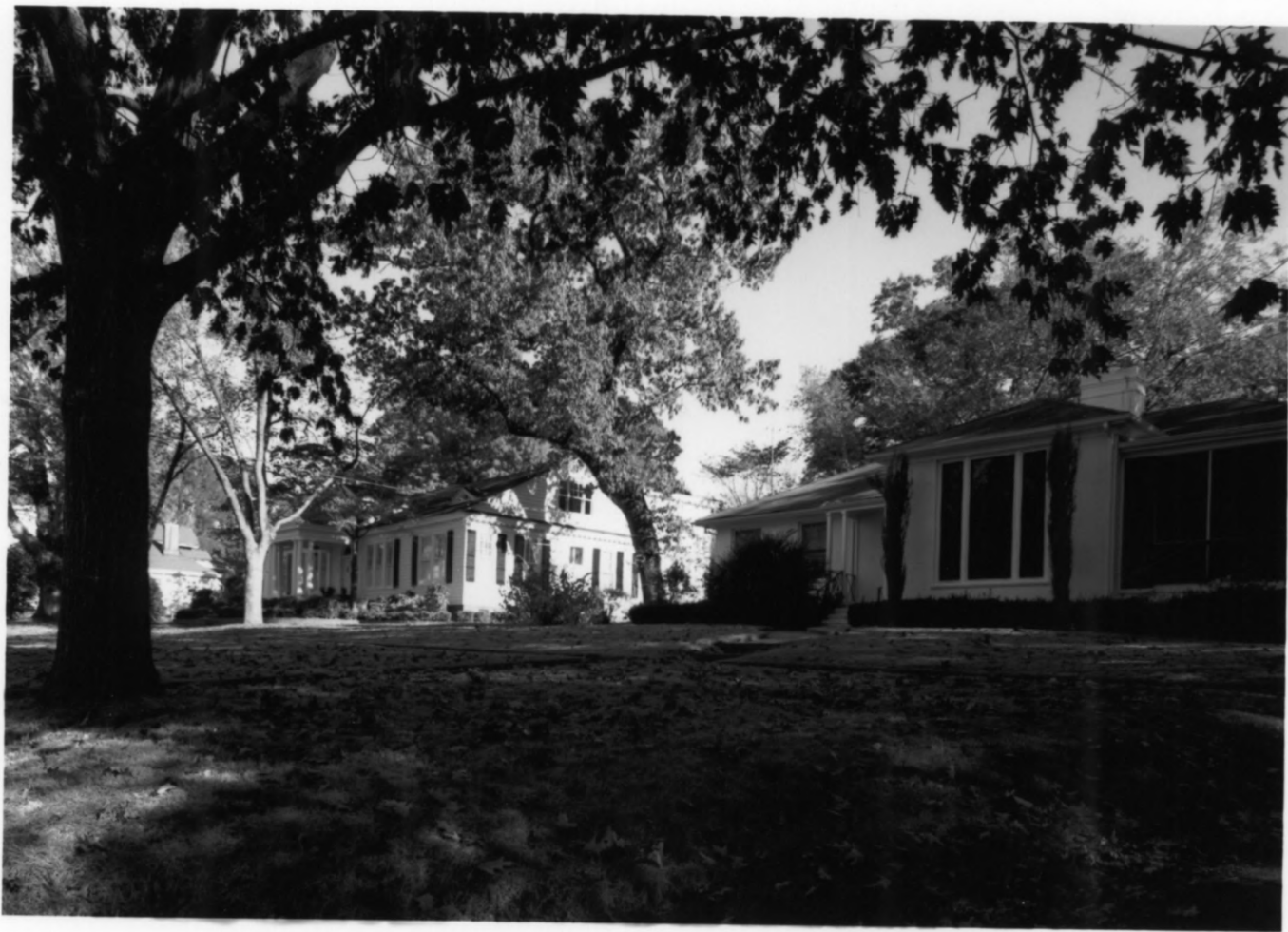




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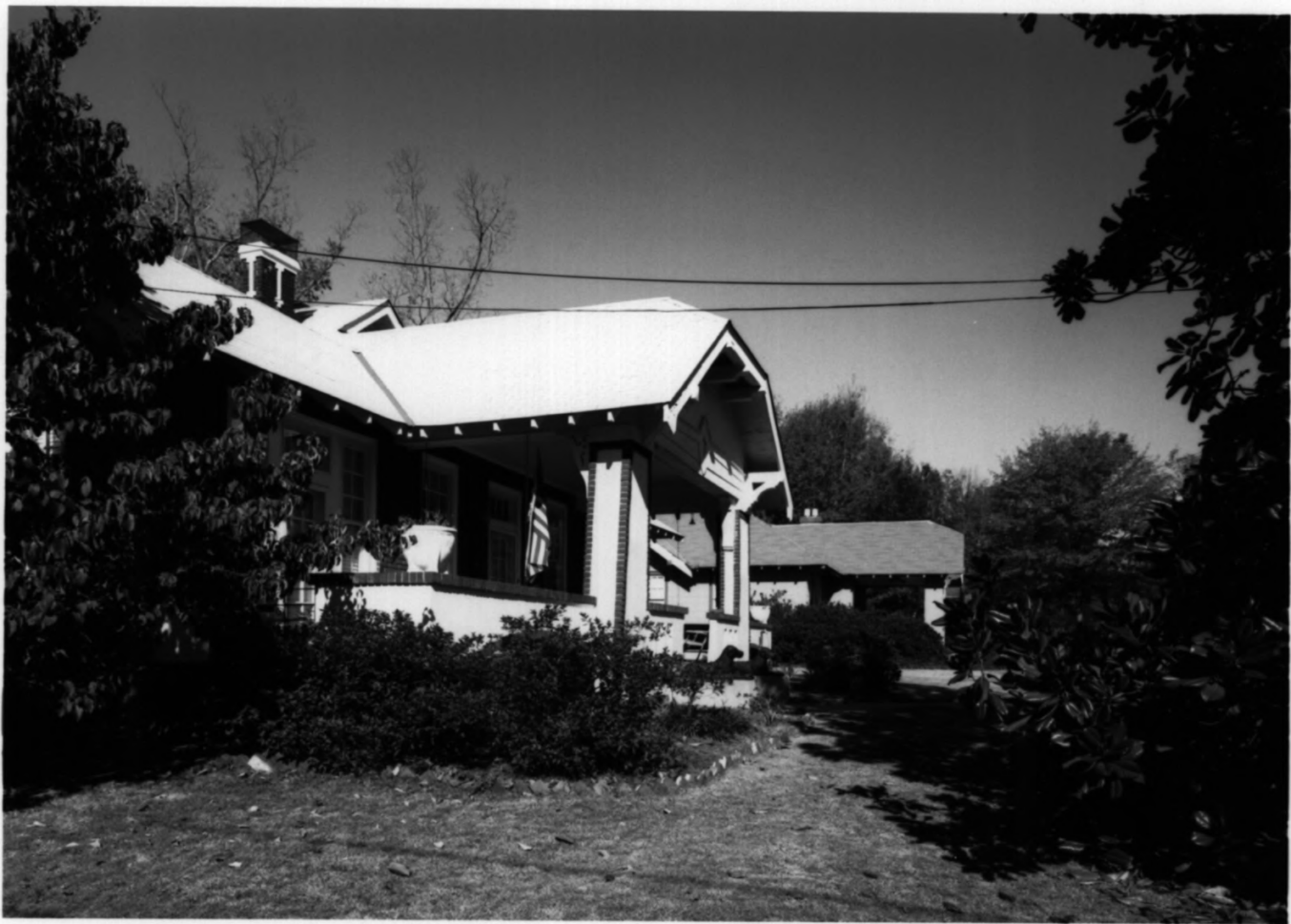
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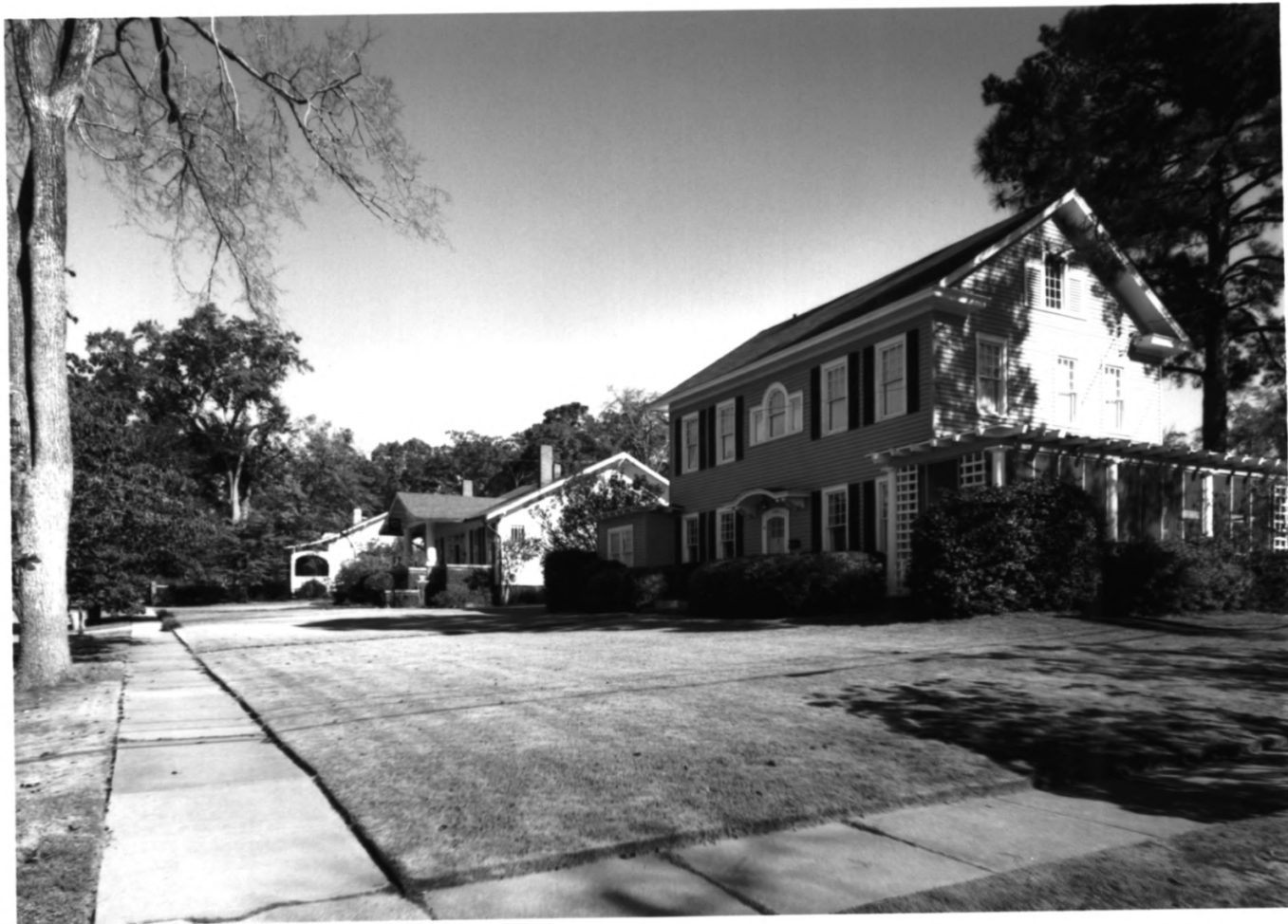
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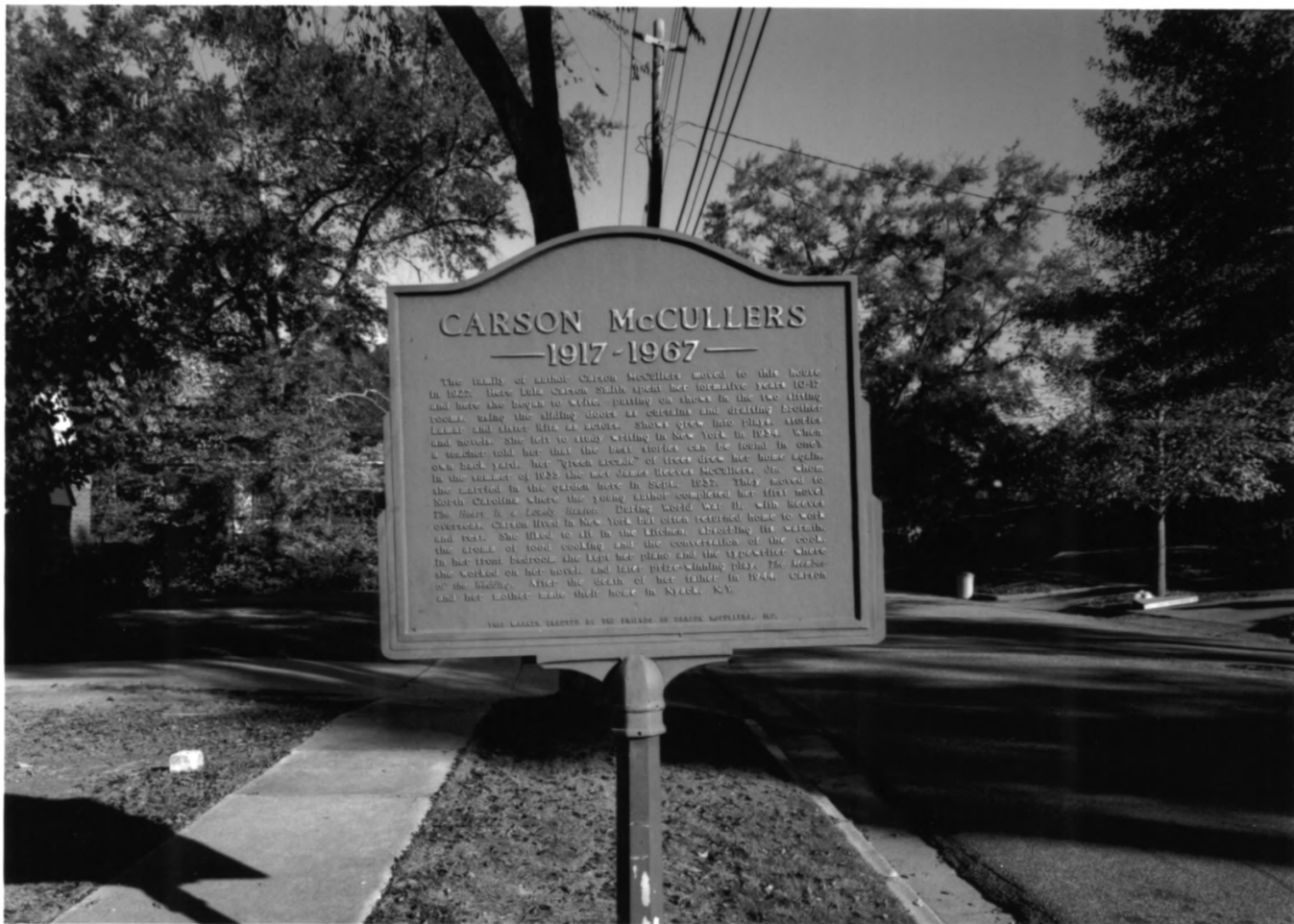
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CARSON McCULLERS
—1917-1967—

The family of author Carson McCullers moved to this house in 1922. Here, like Carson Smith, most of her formative years 19-47 and here she began to write, putting on shows in the ice-cream parlor, using the sliding doors as curtains and directing brother Lowell and sister Rita as actors. Shows grew into plays, stories, essays and novels. She left to attend college in New York in 1934 when a teacher told her that the best stories can be found in each other's back yard. Her "Tales from the South" were her first stories. In the fall of 1935 she met James Reeves McCullers, Jr. whom she married in the garden here in Sept. 1937. They moved to North Carolina where the young author completed her first novel *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*. During World War II, with Reeves overseas, Carson lived in New York but often returned home to work and rest. She liked to sit in the kitchen, chattering in Spanish, the front of the house, the left-hand porch and the 13 steps after which she worked on her novels and later, after studying play, *The Member of the Wedding*. After the death of her father in 1944, Carson and her mother lived their lives in New York, N.Y.

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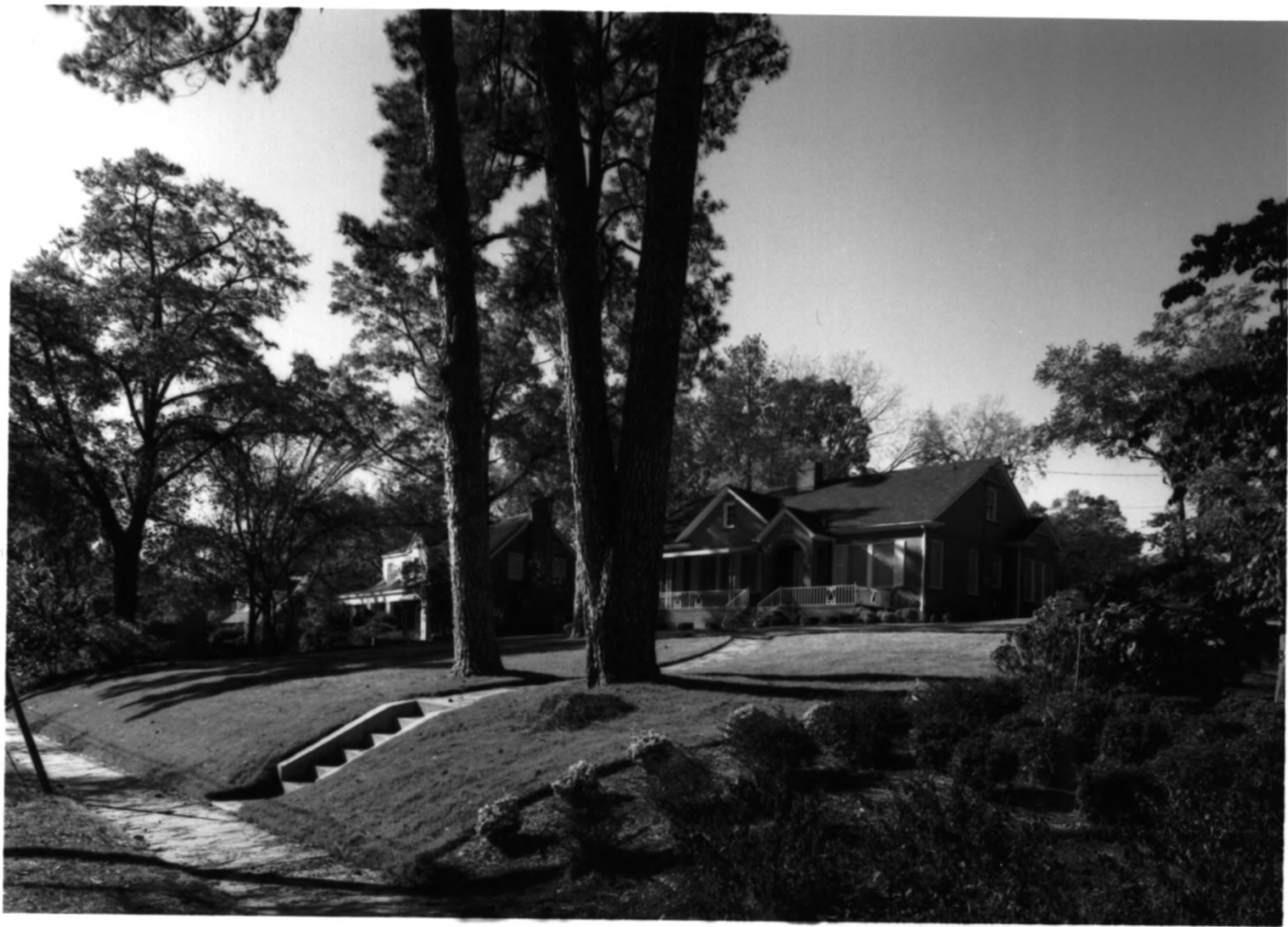
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