





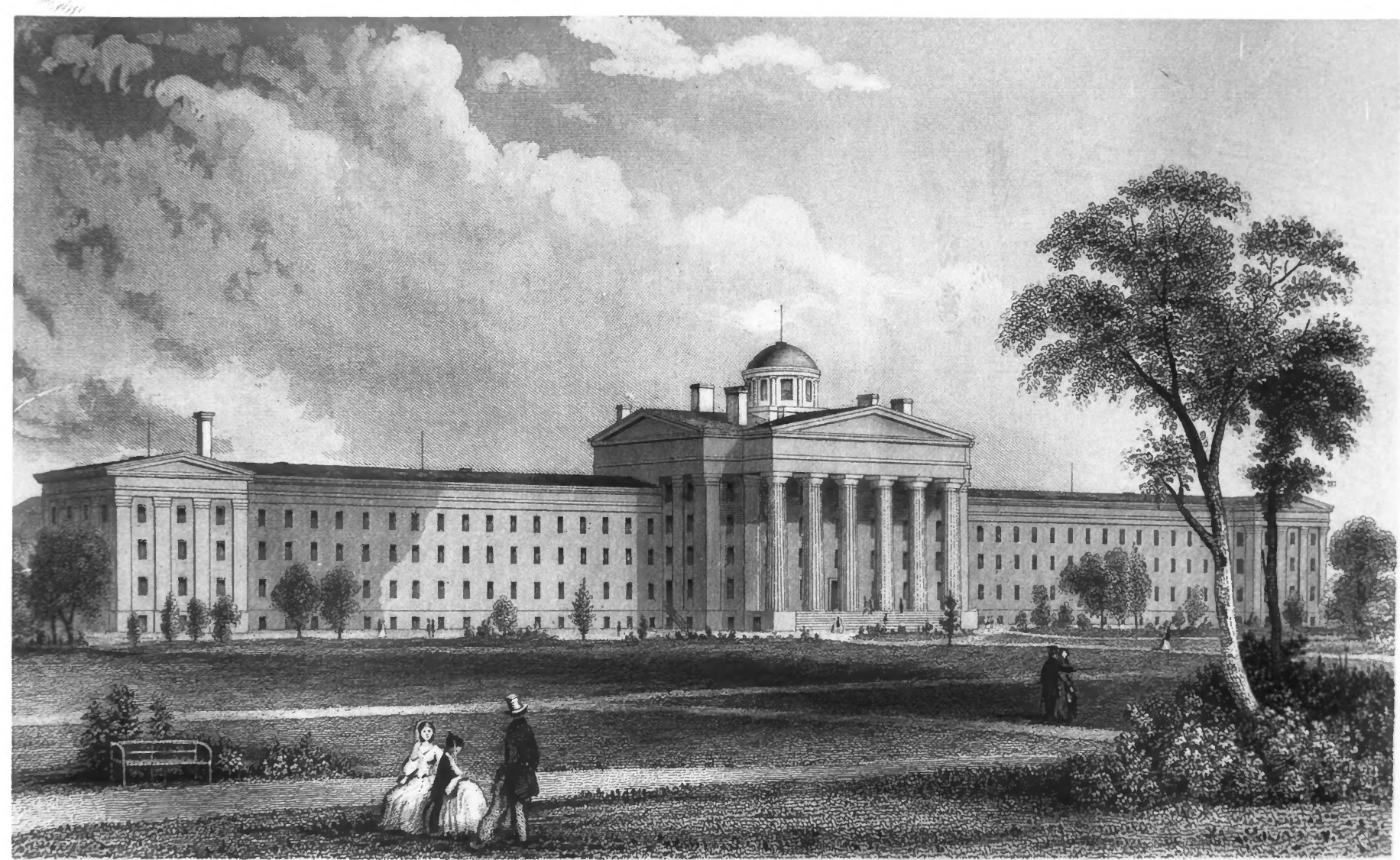
NEW YORK STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM

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This rendering by engineer L. M. Taylor and artist Lewis Bradley, both of Utica, appears to depict the original, four-building plan for the Utica asylum. Written descriptions of this proposal mention "verandahs" or "latticework" to connect the four buildings, but no such connections appear in this illustration. Note that the building at left is shown without free-standing columns on its facade. Note also the absence of a dome from the main building and the rectilinear formal gardens in front of the main building.

Courtesy, Toms E. Smith  
Librarian, U/MPC

The original rendering is a magnificent, ink and wash drawing nearly three feet wide. This photo doesn't begin to do it justice. Toms Smith is still librarian at Mohawk Valley Psych. Center (as it is now called) and this hangs in the library.



Engraved by H.B. Hall from a Photograph.

NEW YORK STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, UTICA.

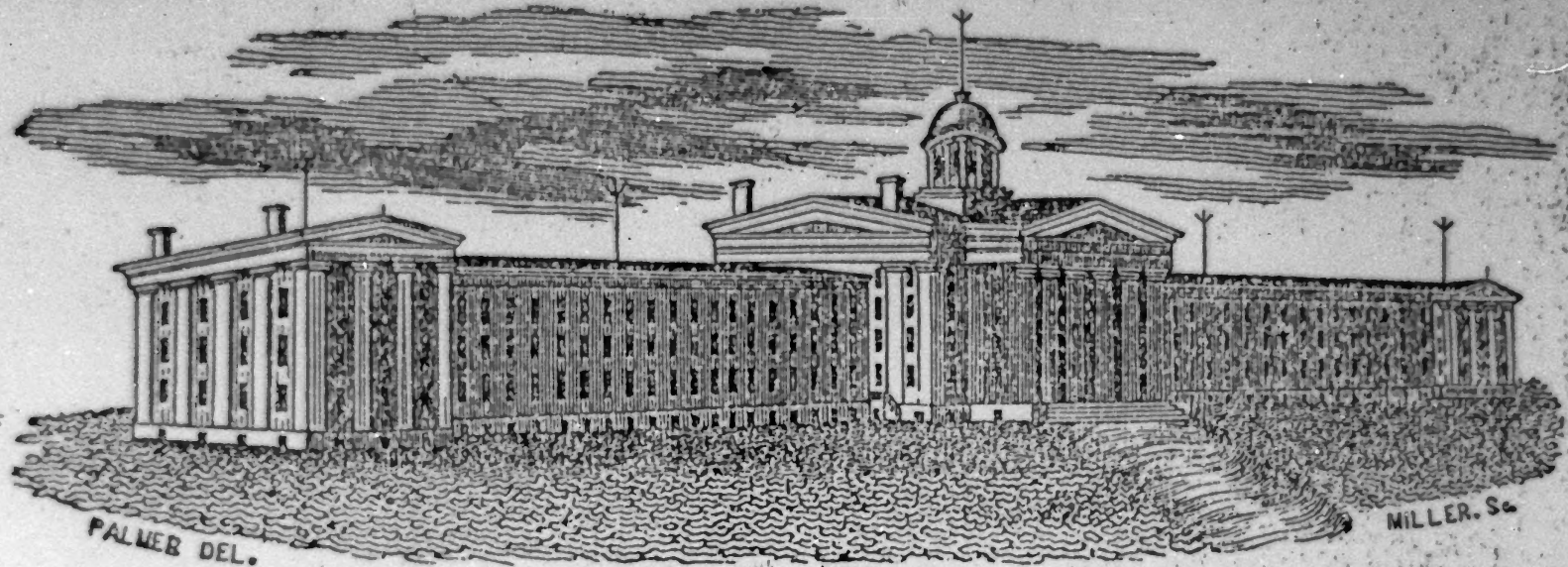
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One of many popular prints, this view gives  
the appearance of the Chryseum prior to the  
1857 fire which destroyed the dome.

Note that it was "Engraved --- from a  
Photograph!"

UTICA STATE HOSPITAL, Utica, New York  
Engraving of the Hospital before 1857 fire  
Photo credit: Oneida County Historical Society



## STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM AT UTICA.

This Institution was founded by an act of the Legislature, passed March 30 1836. The work was commenced in the spring of 1838, when the foundations were laid according to a plan contemplating the erection of four buildings, each five hundred and fifty feet front, placed at right angles to each other and facing outwards.

One of the above buildings was finished, according to the above plan, in 1842. It is of the Grecian Doric order of architecture, and is constructed of a dark grey limestone. This edifice was ready for the reception of patients in January, 1843. It will accommodate about 300 of them.

The establishment is supplied with water from a large well dug for the purpose on the premises, and fitted with a forcing pump, worked by horse-power, which raises the water to a spacious reservoir in the attic of the centre segment of the edifice, from which it is distributed by pipes whithersoever it is required. The pump can also be worked by hand. The well is 35 feet by 16 in diameter, for 23 feet, and 8 from that point to the bottom.

Woodcut illustration, photocopied and  
enlarged from The New York Pictorial Almanac  
(1846).

Courtesy, Utica Public Library

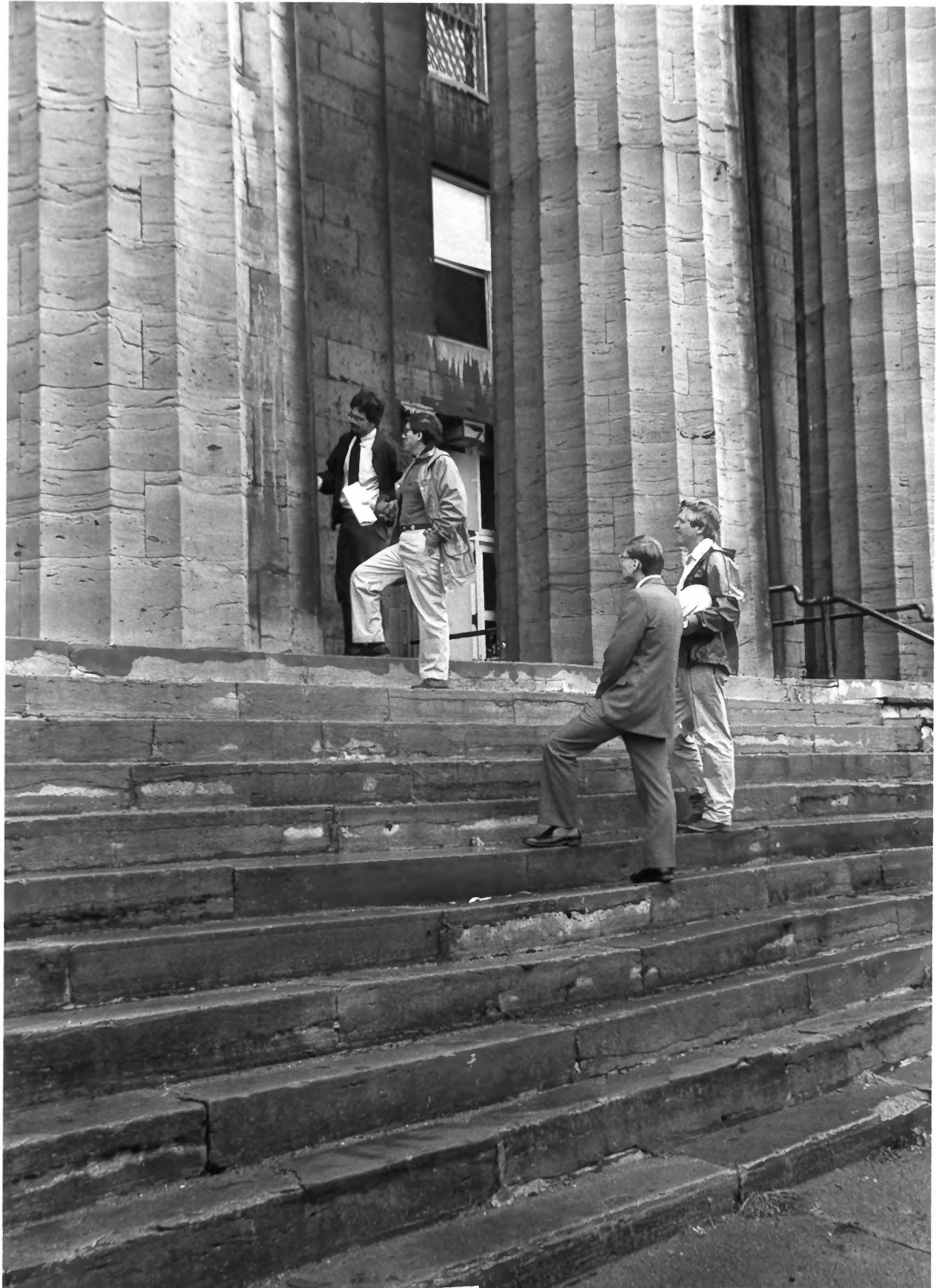


Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
Facade from Northeast, 1988  
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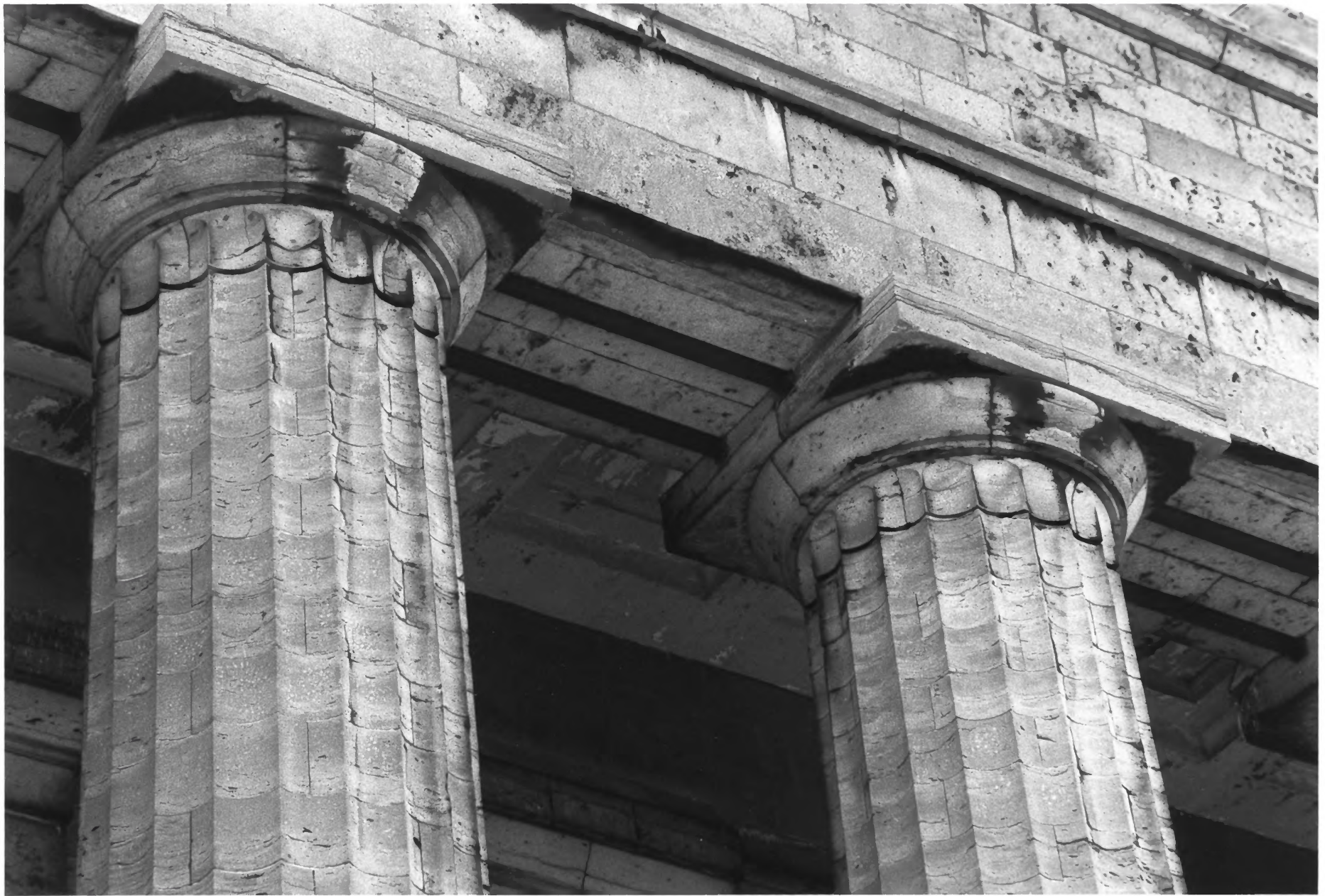
Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
Side Entrance. 1988  
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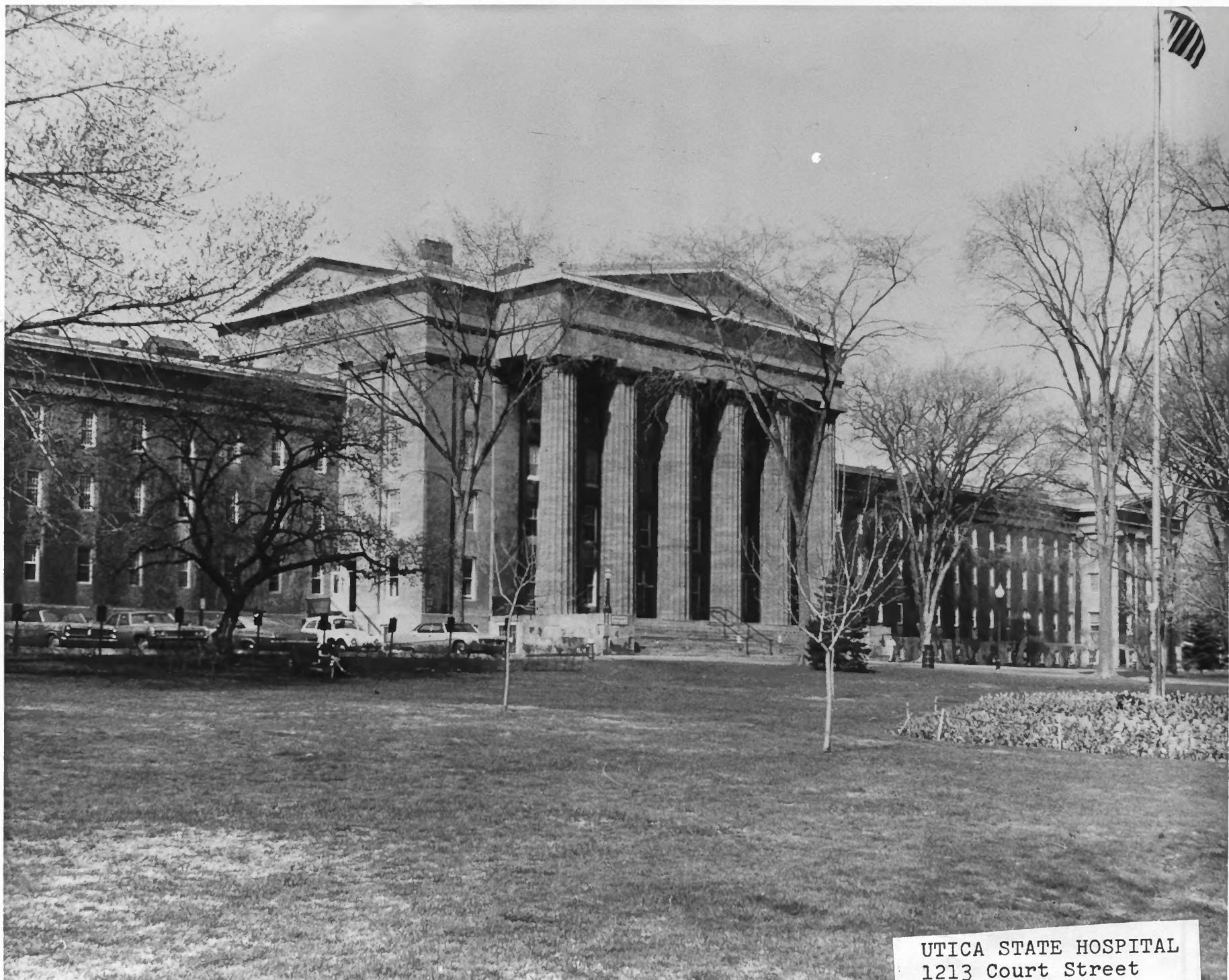
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Detail Facade steps, 1988  
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Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
Facade from West. 1988  
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Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
Detail Facade, Doric Caps, 1988  
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UTICA STATE HOSPITAL  
1213 Court Street  
Utica, New York



Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
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Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
Interior corridor, Main wing. 1988  
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Utica State Hospital, Utica, New York  
Interior, Main Wing. Solarium. 1988  
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