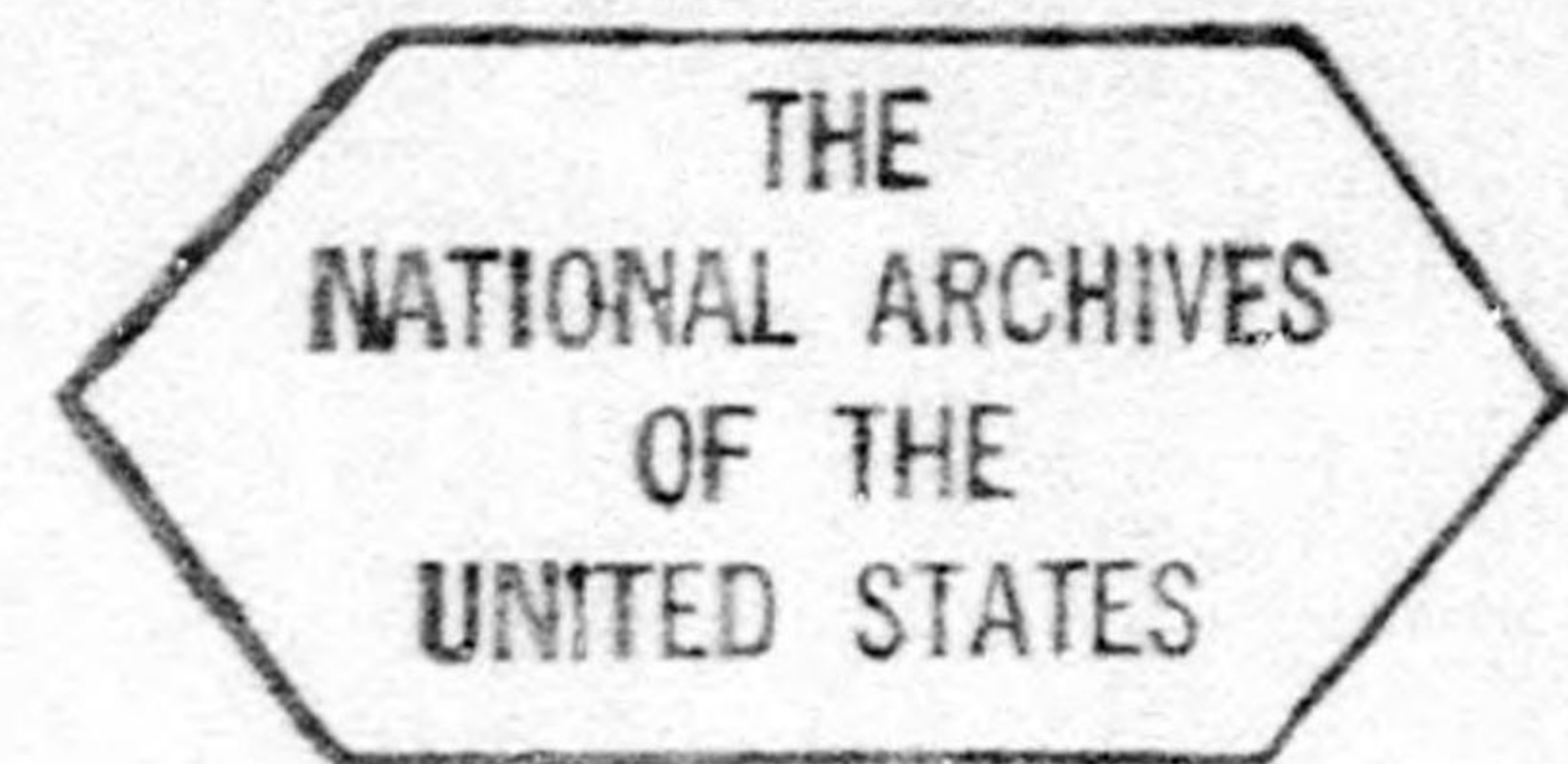


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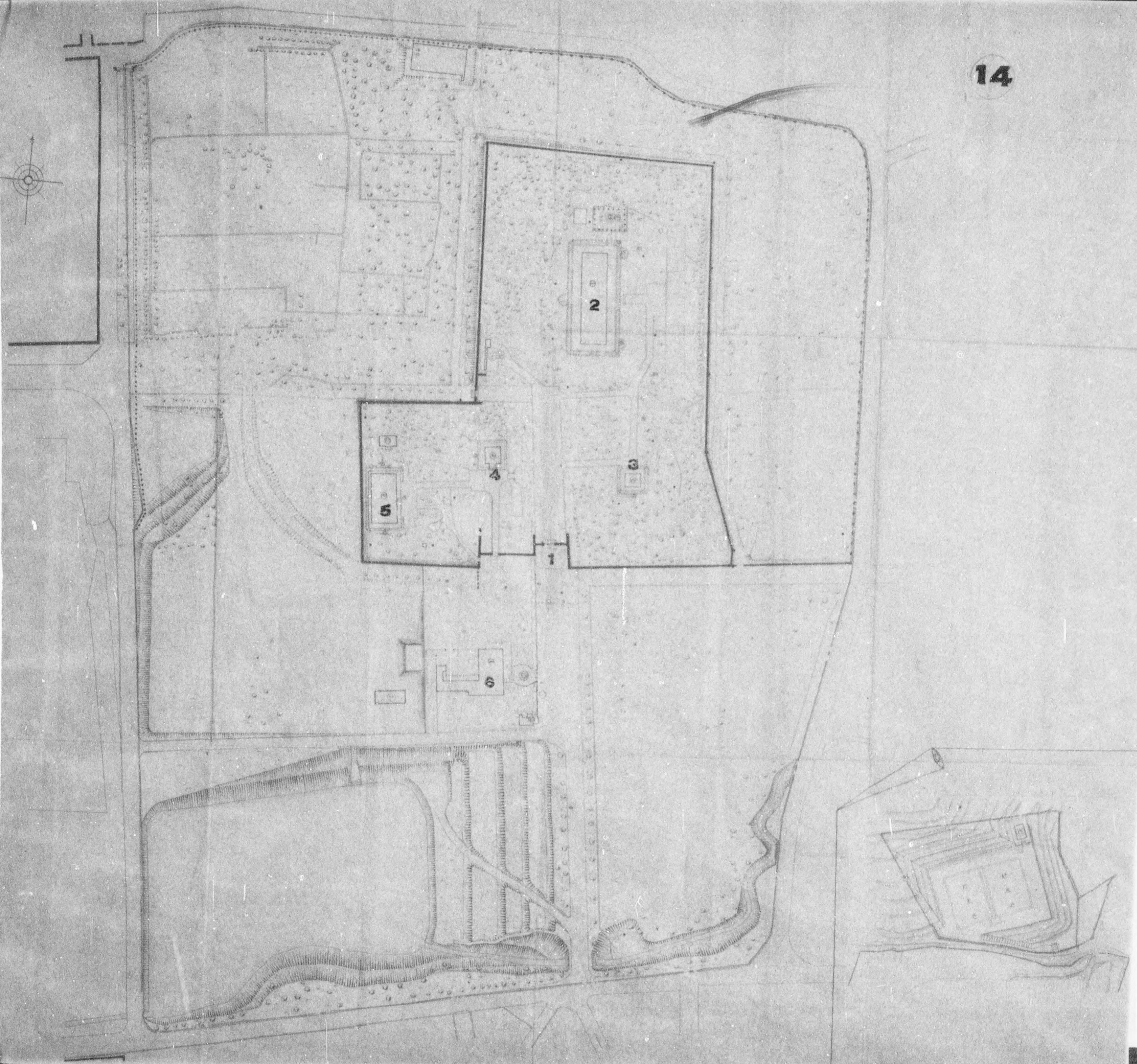
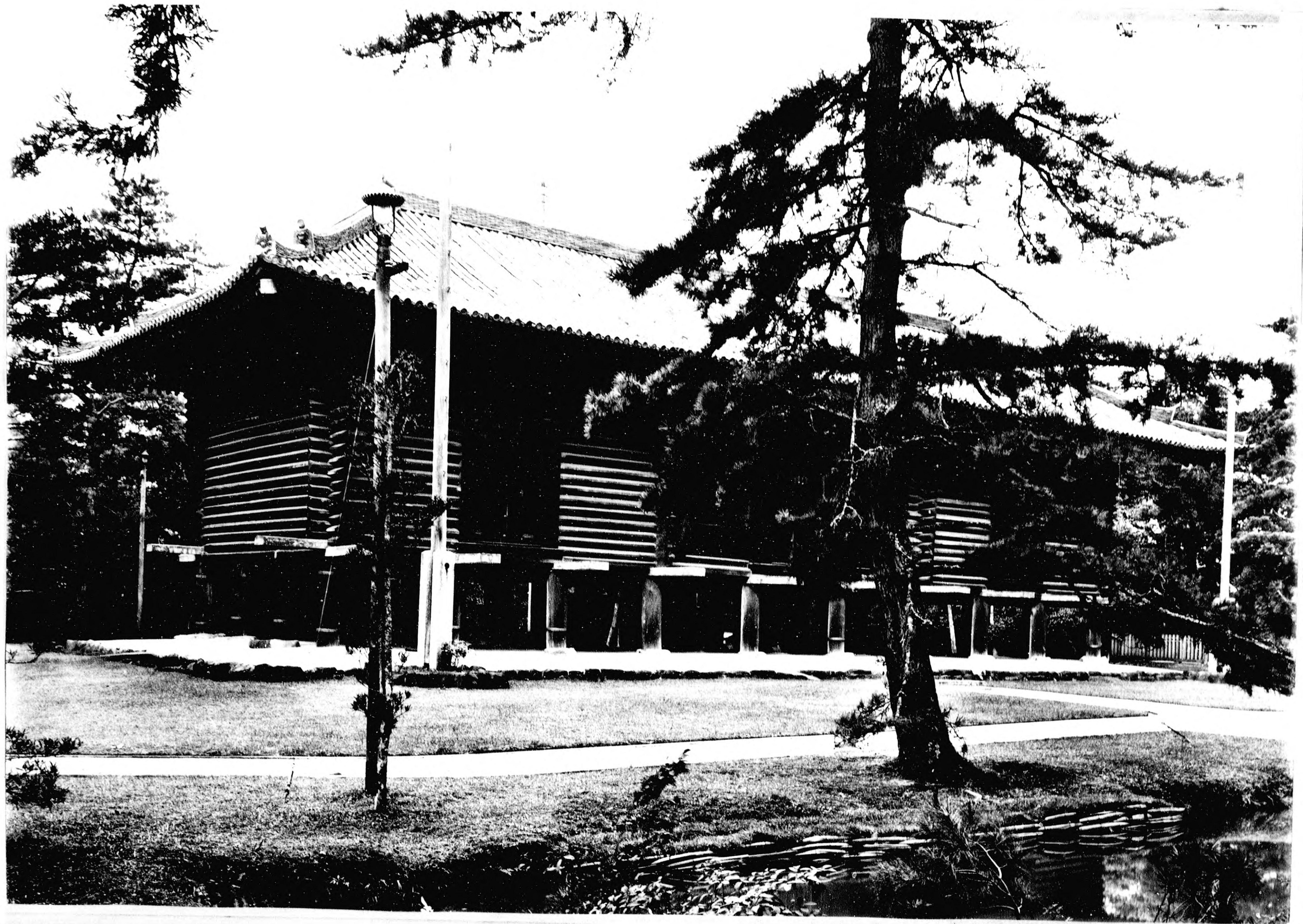


Plate No. 14.

Grounds of Shosoin Treasure-house.

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1. Main gate.
2. Treasure-house.
3. Seigozo.
4. Visitors' room.
5. Temporary Treasure-house.
6. Office Building.



Photograph of the building

## History of the Shosoin Treasure-house.

The Empress Komyo offered to the Great Buddha of the Todaiji Temple the articles beloved by her deceased husband, the Emperor Shomu, in 756 after the latter's death. All these articles were stored in the Shosoin Treasure-house which was specially built for the purpose. Articles offered later and those used for the Opening Ceremony of the Great Buddha and the first Anniversary of the demise of the Emperor Shomu were also stored in the Treasure-house. The Treasure-house and all these articles are the reminiscences of the ancient culture. The Buddhist scriptures called the Seigozo offered by the Todaiji Temple in 1894 and other rare scrolls of Buddhist scriptures made during the Nara and Heian Periods are also stored in it, and all these articles have close relationship with the culture of the Imperial Court. In conformity with the ancient custom, the Shosoin has always been securely sealed and is opened by Imperial order only.

The Shosoin was under the supervision of the Archives Bureau of the Imperial Household Ministry and was transferred to the charge of the Imperial Museum in 1908, but came under the supervision of the Archives Bureau again in 1947.

While great efforts have been made for airing and repair works for the preservation of the house and its contents, consideration was given on the other hand to utilization of them, thus those who viewed them are surveyed, models of some of these treasures are produced and reprints and photographs of them are published for the benefit of fine and industrial arts.

IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY

ESTATE: Shosoin Treasure House

LOCATION: Nara City, Nara Prefecture

<u>ORIGINAL ESTATE:</u>	<u>Land Area</u> <u>tsubo</u>	<u>1946 Value</u>	<u>1949 Value</u>	<u>Bldg Area</u> <u>tsubo</u>	<u>1946 Value</u>	<u>1949 Value</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	27,270.00	¥1,583,934.	¥9,503,604.	418.50	¥474,967.	¥2,375,835.	

(Source: Imperial Household Office)

(5,161.00) - - - -

Source: Japan-Manchukuo Year Book 1940

Present Use:

<u>Imperial House</u> <u>Use Property:</u>	27,270.00	¥1,583,934.	¥9,503,604.	418.50	¥474,967.	¥2,375,835.	
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Official Property:

Ministry of:

TOTAL	27,270.00	¥1,583,934.	¥9,503,604.	418.50	¥474,967.	¥2,375,835.	
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IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY

NAME OF PROPERTY Shosoin Treasure House  
POPULAR DESCRIPTION Nara City, Nara Prefecture  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

IMPERIAL OWNER  
RELATION TO EMPEROR  
PRESENT STATUS OF IMPERIAL OWNER

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>AREA</u> (unit: tsubo)	<u>1946 VALUE</u>	<u>1949 VALUE</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO</u>	<u>CONSIDERATION</u>	<u>PRESENT USE</u>	<u>BY WHOM USED</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF INCOME</u>	<u>TO WHAT FUND</u>
Land	27,270.00	¥1,583,934.	¥9,503,604	Imperial House Use Property					
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