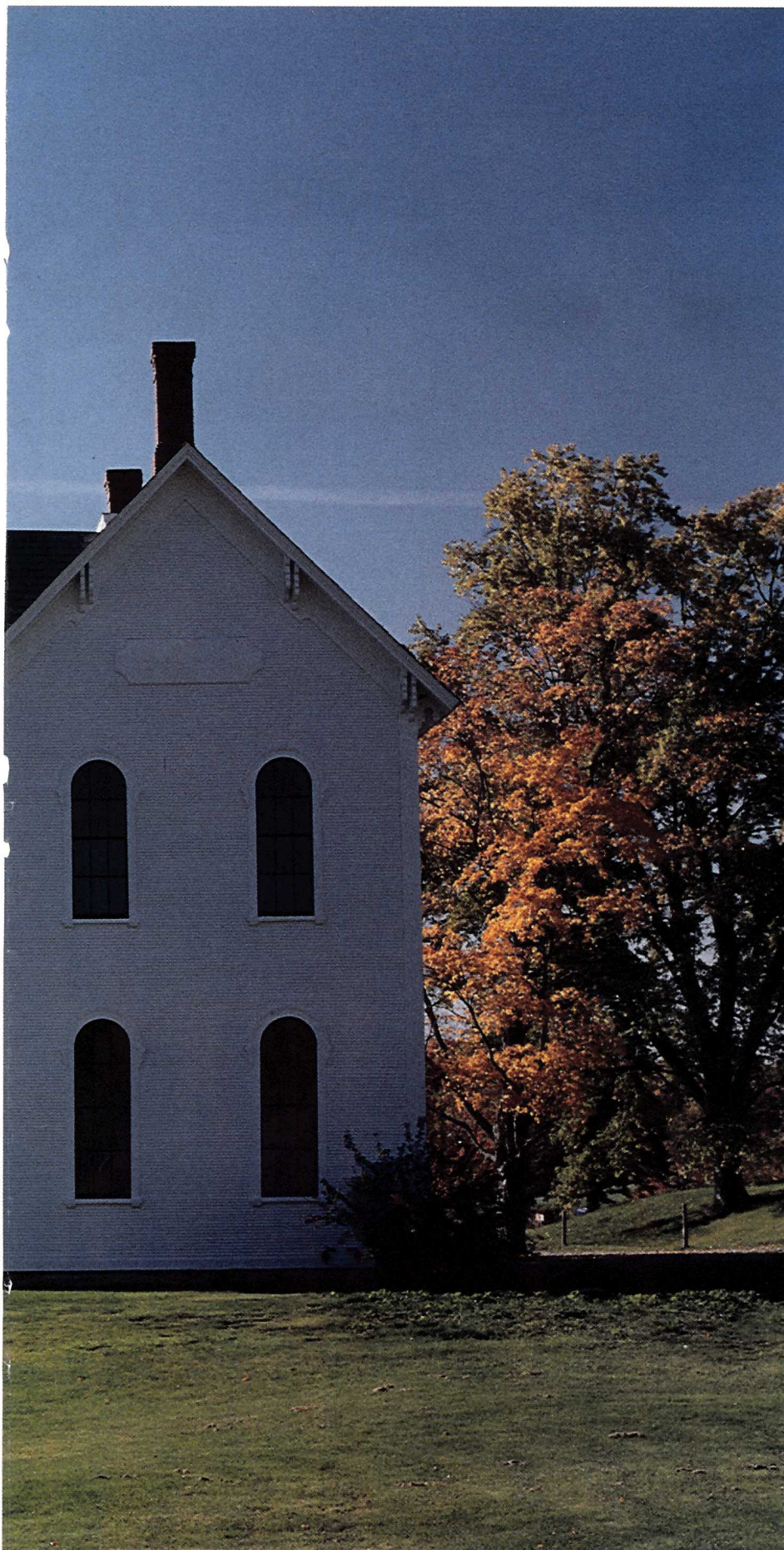


# Renovating an old schoolhouse in New Haven

*Restored Lampson School exterior, north exposure. Above right: the schoolhouse forms a starkly imposing backdrop for a turn-of-the-century class of pupils.*



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# Sir Curtis and His School

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ANDREW FURTSCH, a young builder from the mountain town of Lincoln, didn't know much about the tall structure perched on a hill above the New Haven River in nearby New Haven Mills. He knew that it was an old school and an extraordinary building, but that was about it. When he heard that the two families who owned and lived in it had put it up for sale, he knew he had to have it. He told his wife-to-be, architect Joan Heaton, that he was buying "a duplex," and drove her out the river road – a back way between Middlebury and Bristol – to see the Lampson School. "Wow!" she said. "Some duplex."

