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April 25, 2016

St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church and Cemetery
3494 Oak Park Road
Deerfield, WI 53531

RE: Requested Meeting to Discuss Concerns About Quarry Blasting Activities

Dear Pastor, Church Council and Cemetery Association:

I am writing to ask that we find a way to work together to resolve concerns related to the church and the quarry activities. I think it is safe to say that we both have frustrations with how things have gone and where they currently are, and I truly hope we can set aside our reservations and meet with open minds to try to find a resolution. The church serves a very important role in the community, as does the quarry, providing needed materials, numerous jobs and economic support. Therefore, I believe that this matter goes beyond the reach of the regulatory agencies including the Town Board and the Dane County ZLR Committee, and that it is imperative that we work together to find a solution and a way to coexist together in peace.

I continue to believe that the best approach to addressing these concerns is to rely on experts in the field of structural engineering and blasting activities. While we have tremendous respect for Professor Ingelstad's credentials, her background is neither structural engineering, nor in blasting impacts. We must rely on sound science and expertise to ensure that discussions and decisions are based on reliable experience and scientific information. This is why I have tried to not get involved in discussions about whether or not the quarry blasting is causing impacts at the church, as I am not an expert in this field. I continue to believe that relying on experts is the best approach and strongly encourage that we provide an opportunity for the experts to view the church and discuss concerns. My offer to pay for these services still stands and I encourage you to consider this option.

My perception (your perception may be different) has been that the blame for conditions at the church has been based on the assumption that all incidents are directly caused by the quarry, whether or not the quarry is in operation. In my own experience at my personal church, we have had similar experiences with the church and graveyard, and the church is not located near a quarry. For example, the steeple had to be removed and rebuilt and headstones in the graveyard have shifted. These issues are similar to those described at your church, but are not in any way

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affected by quarry activities at my church. Therefore, I think it is important that we discuss what is caused by the quarry and what is due to natural conditions affecting the church and graveyard.

In the near future Dane County will be forced to make a decision on whether or not to revoke the permit for the quarry. For years the church's representatives have ascertained that the desired outcome was not to shut the quarry down, but to ensure protection for the church. Recently that stance has changed, with church representatives testifying and registering in support of revoking the permit, essentially shutting the quarry down. Revoking the permit would be devastating for our employees and our business. The church's opposition is happening despite our efforts to secure your agreement on the best method of determining the necessary protective measures for the church. It's quite possible that protective measures agreeable to all parties could have been determined and implemented by now but unfortunately we have not been able to get your agreement to utilize experts for an assessment.

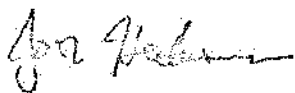
I hope that you will consider meeting with us and agreeing to have these concerns assessed by a professional (or professionals) that have a strong scientific background in structural engineering and blasting activity impacts. We believe that a science based approach is the most reasonable and reliable approach. If we continue down our current path, relying on our non-expertise opinions we will not come to a fact based conclusion, which could be detrimental to both the church and my business and employees. We hope that we can all find a way to let go of past grievances and work together to find a solution that all parties can support.

I was saddened to hear Pastor Holly say at the Town Board meeting that she felt she couldn't meet or talk with us without another person present. To be honest we were starting to feel the same way, especially after Dr. Engelstad recorded one of our meetings. I'm not sure what triggered this perception and I don't want our relationship to be like this. I hope we can learn to trust each other again.

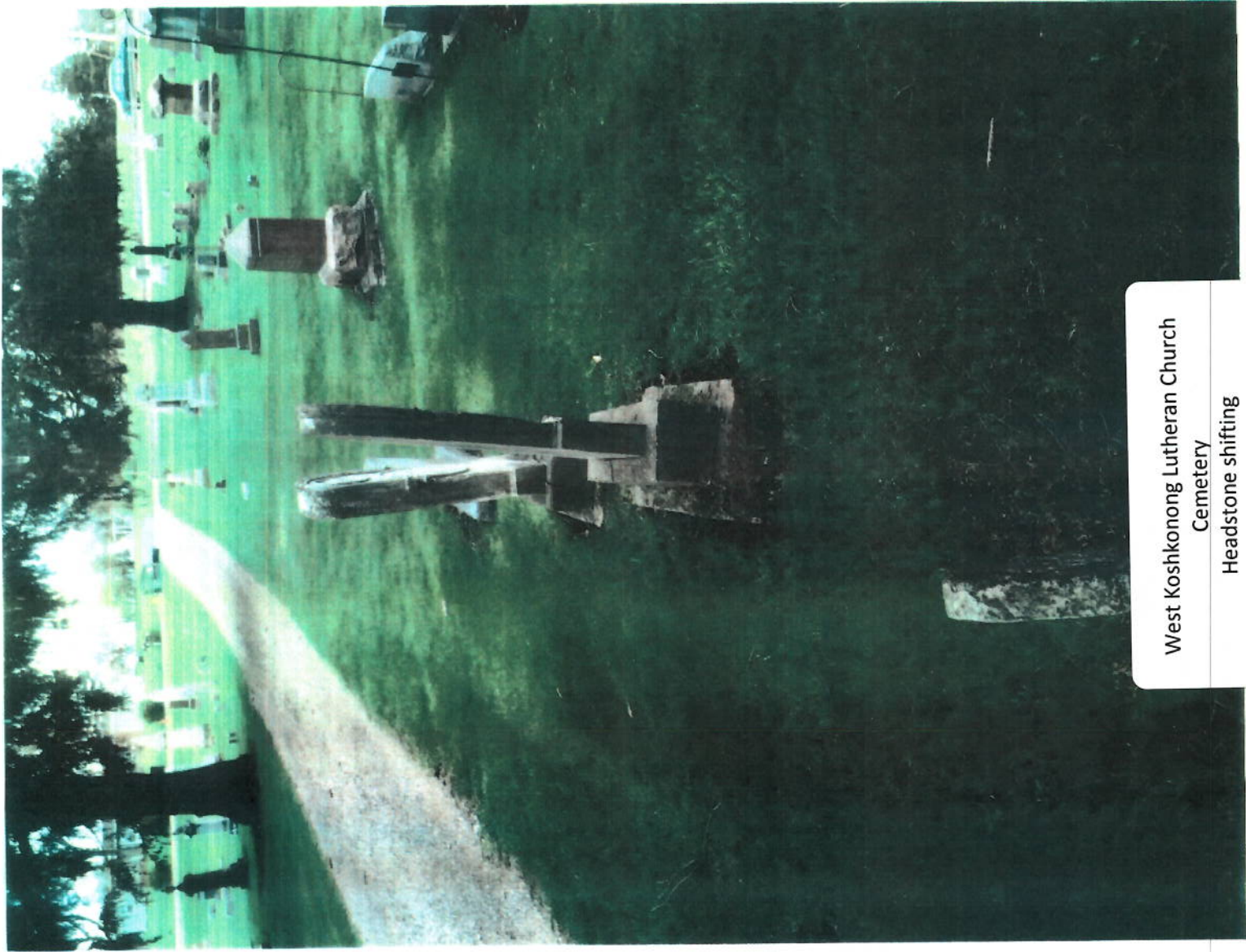
Ultimately we are asking for an hour or two of your time to discuss the concerns at the church and graveyard, as well as what could be caused by the quarry activities versus impacts due to natural impacts from seasonal weather, humidity and other changes. I believe we have agreement on the need to protect the church, which is a good starting point for the conversation.

We hope to hear from you soon, as time is of the essence with this matter. Please feel free to contact either myself at (608) 884-9105 or Mindy Ochs at (262) 305-3321 to discuss this further.

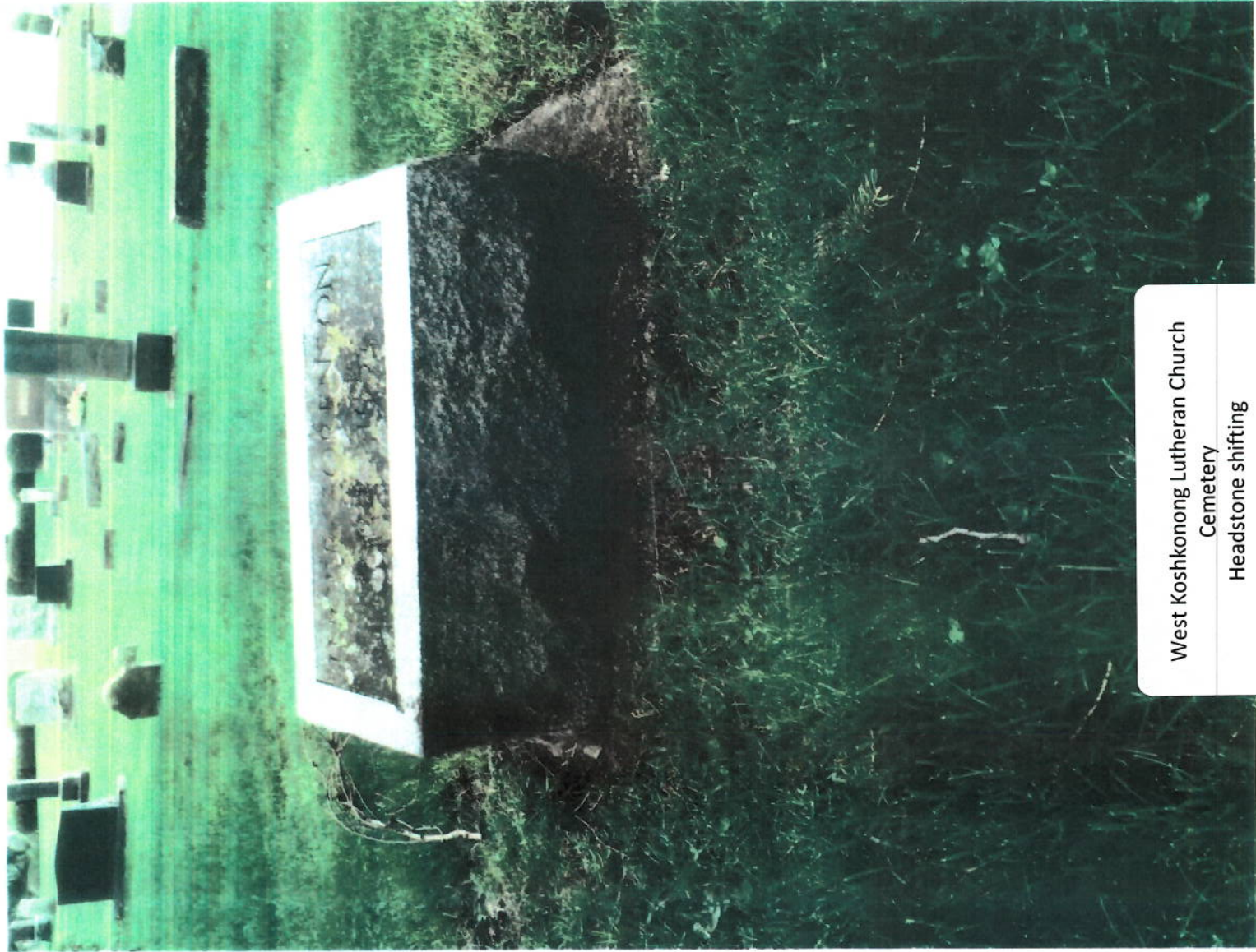
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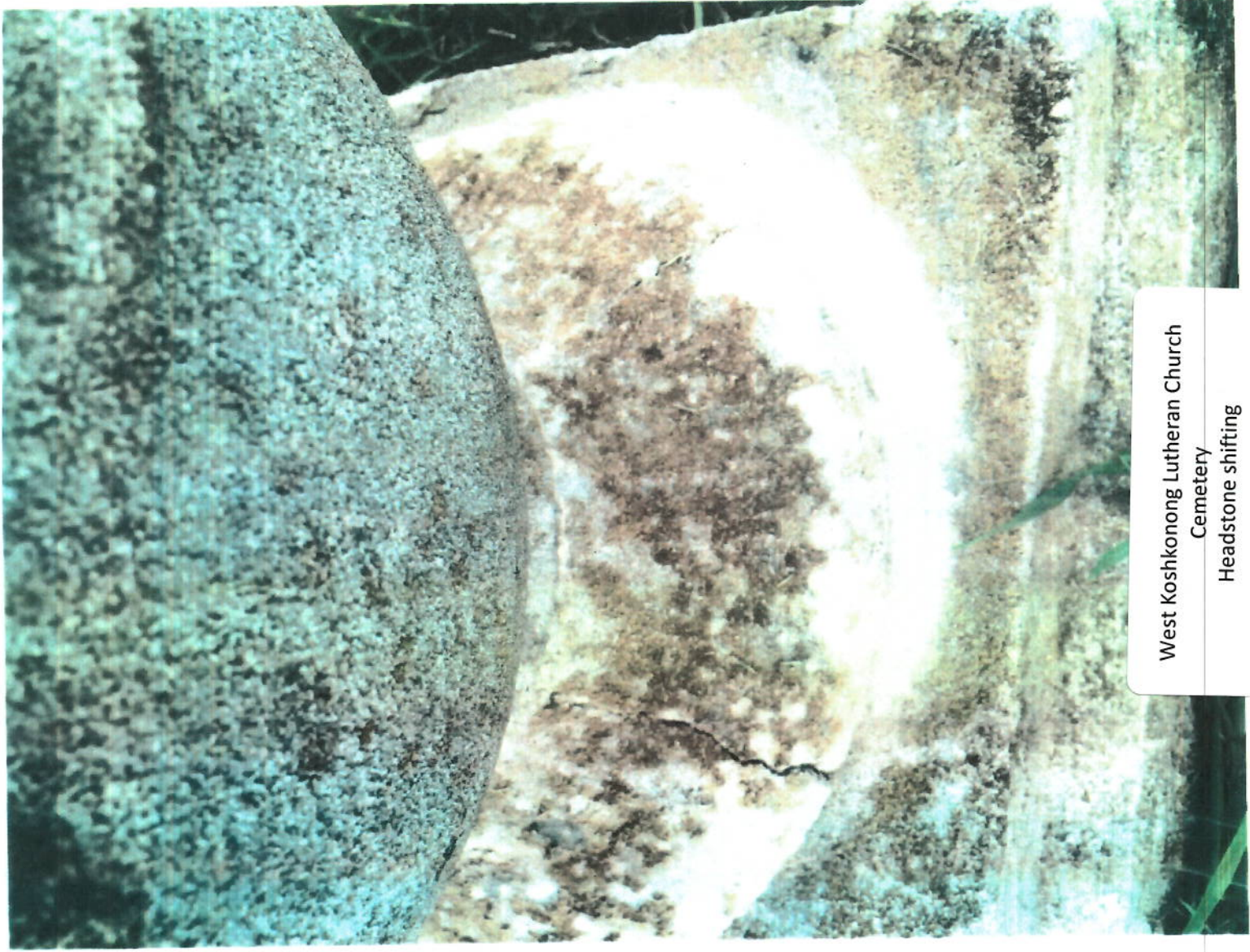
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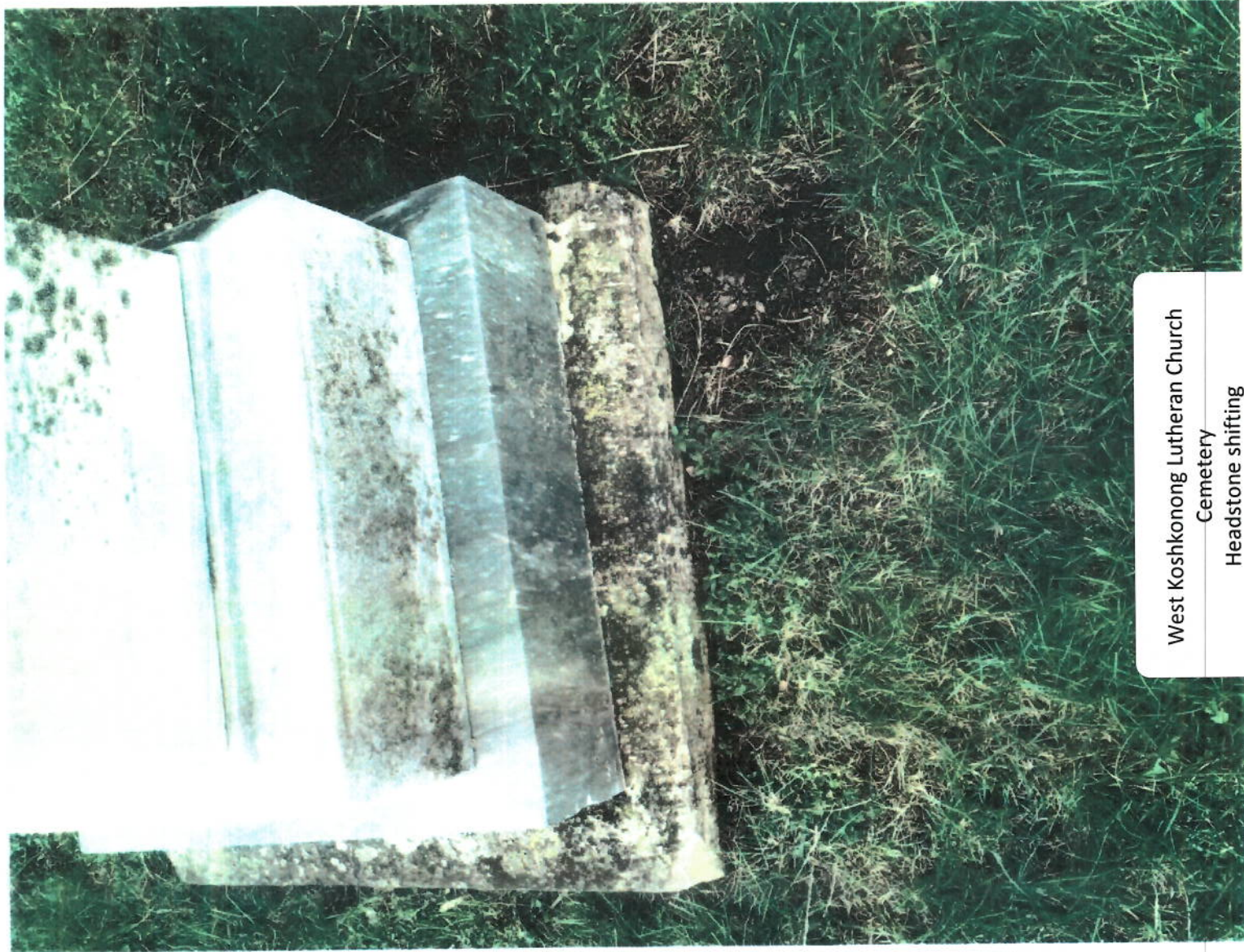
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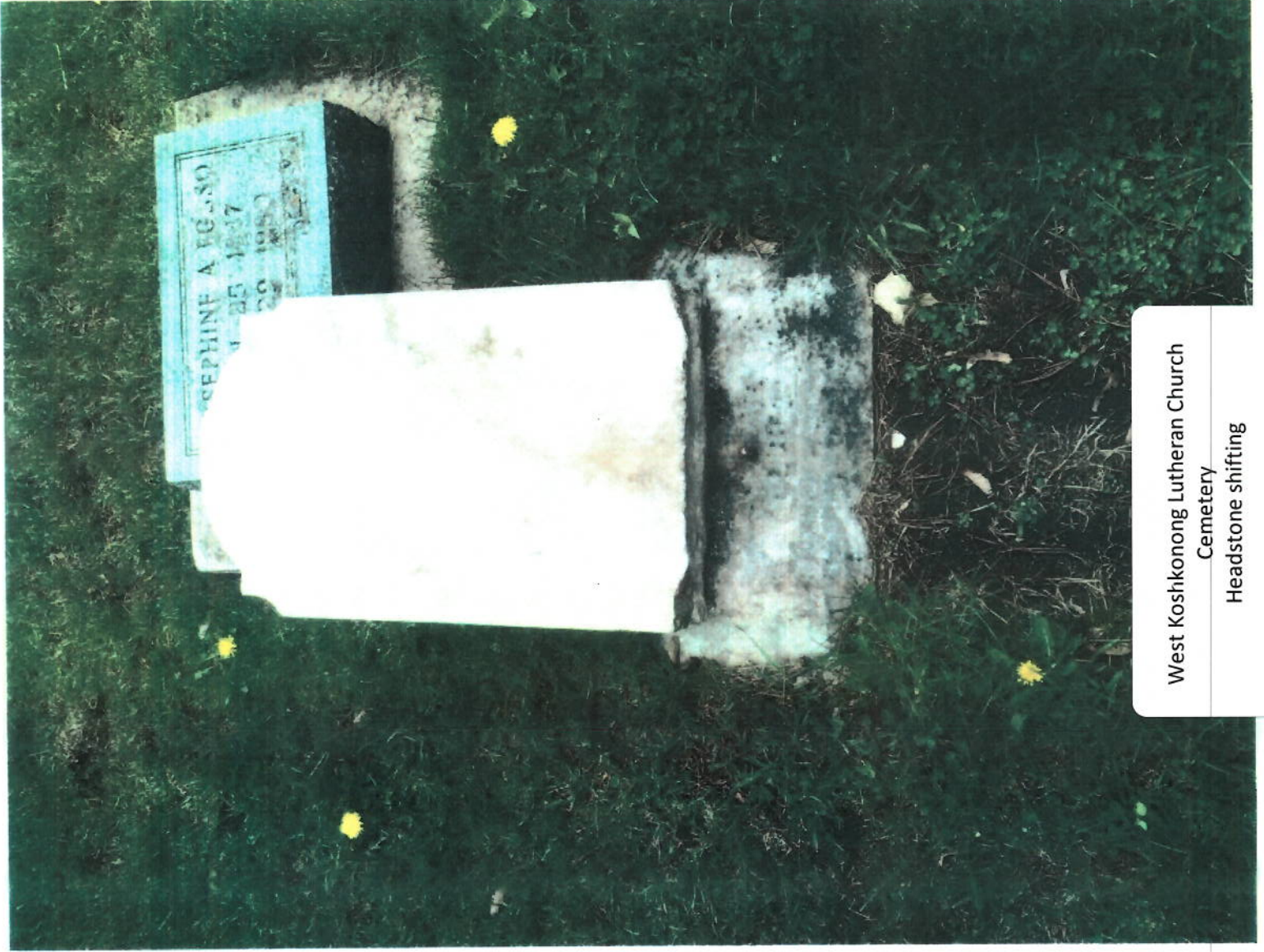
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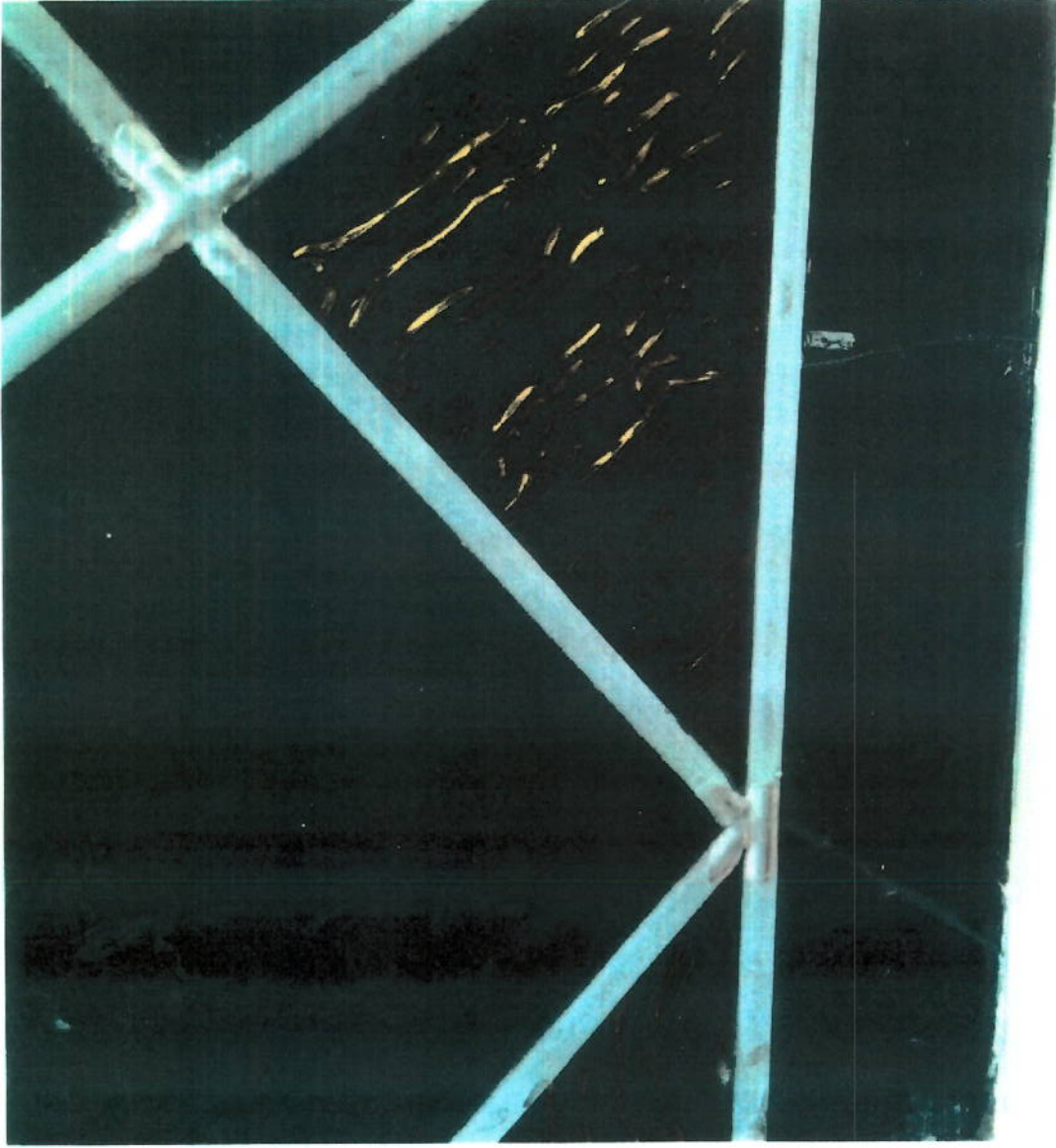
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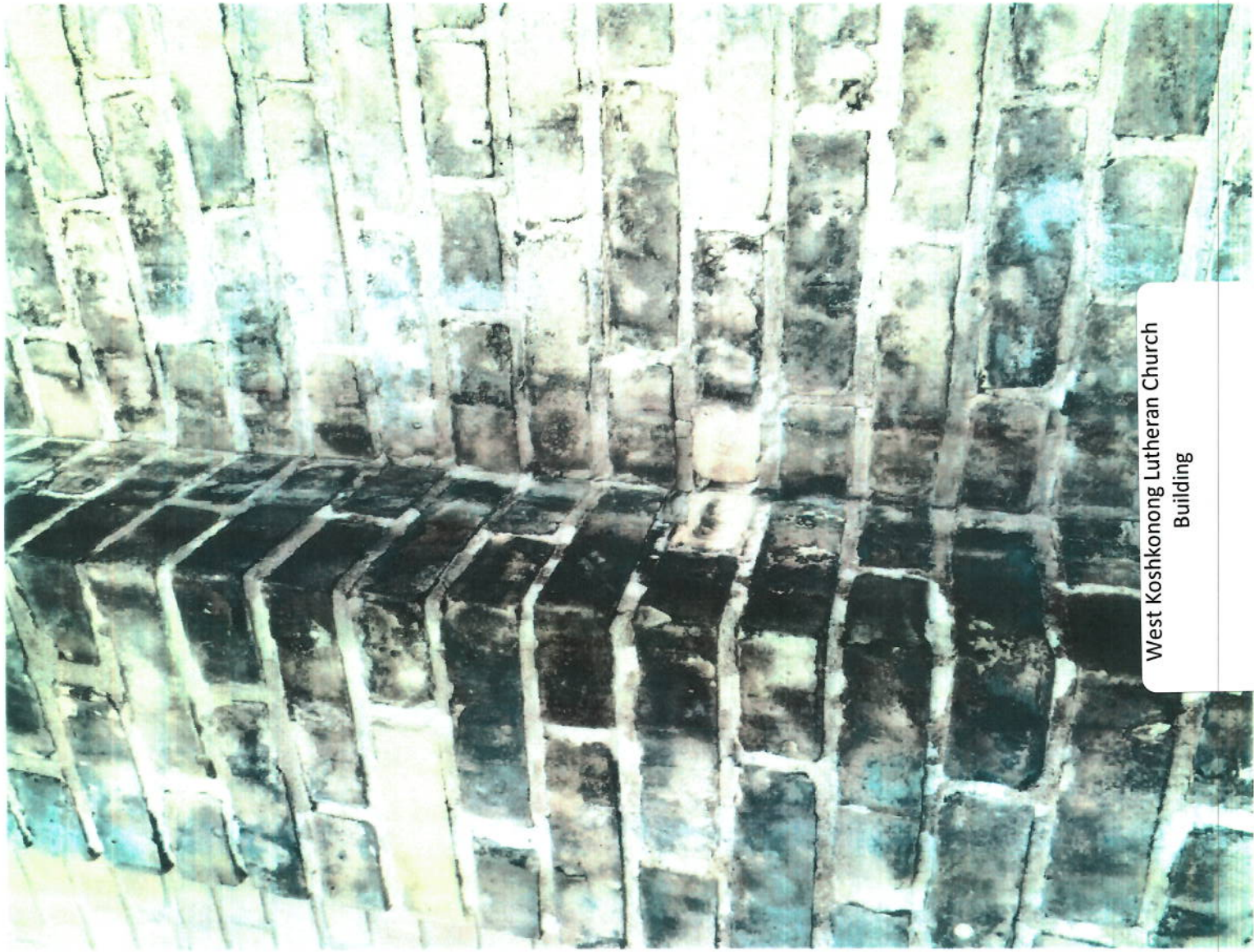
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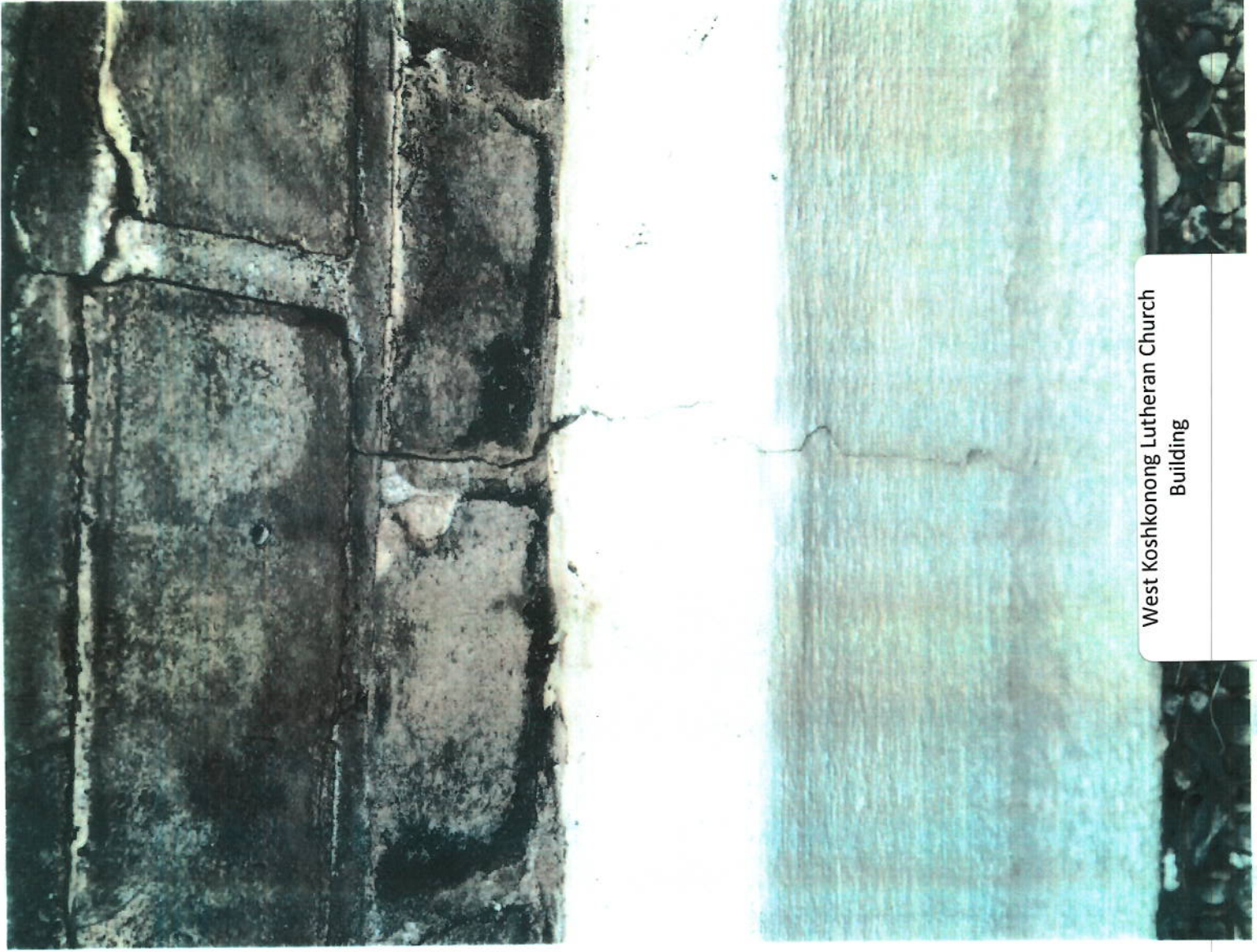
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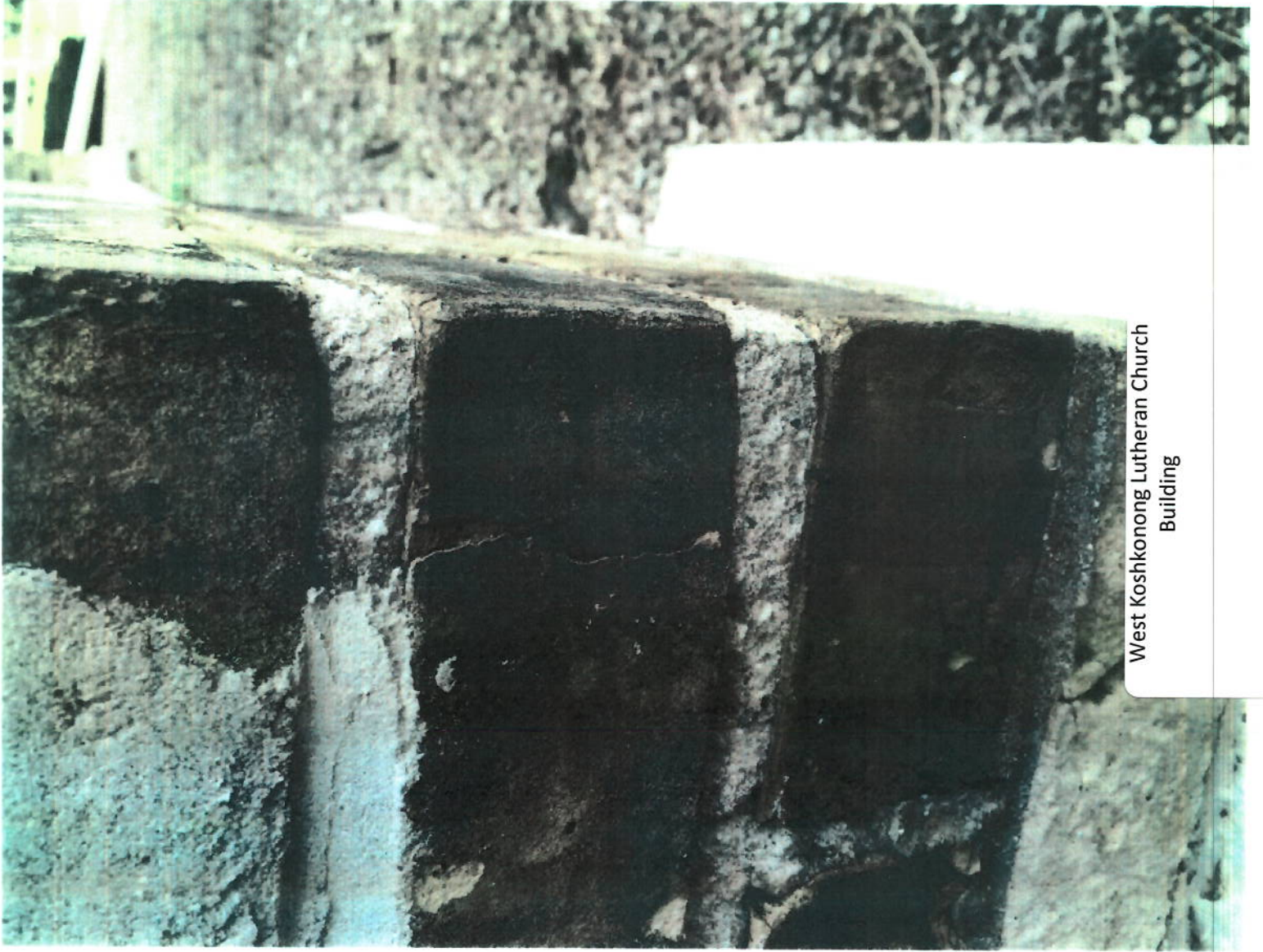
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