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ROTUNDA: WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation is currently a mirror image of the east elevation, but the post-fire (1895) photograph taken by Wampler [*Figure 58*] reveals some features that were unique to this elevation. In the photograph, the south buttress wall surface includes four small circular openings, one above the other. The very top opening is in the attic story. Fire debris obscures the wall surface at ground floor level, where a fifth opening may have existed. These openings may have been vents for the shaft that housed the bell rope. The origin of the openings is unknown, and they do not appear in the 1892 photograph of the Rotunda from the southwest. The Wampler image also records a small rectangular opening at the bottom of the west buttress, just above the stone water table.

As in the east elevation, a doorway in the north “buttress” was inserted in the mid-1970s, for access to a new stair.

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