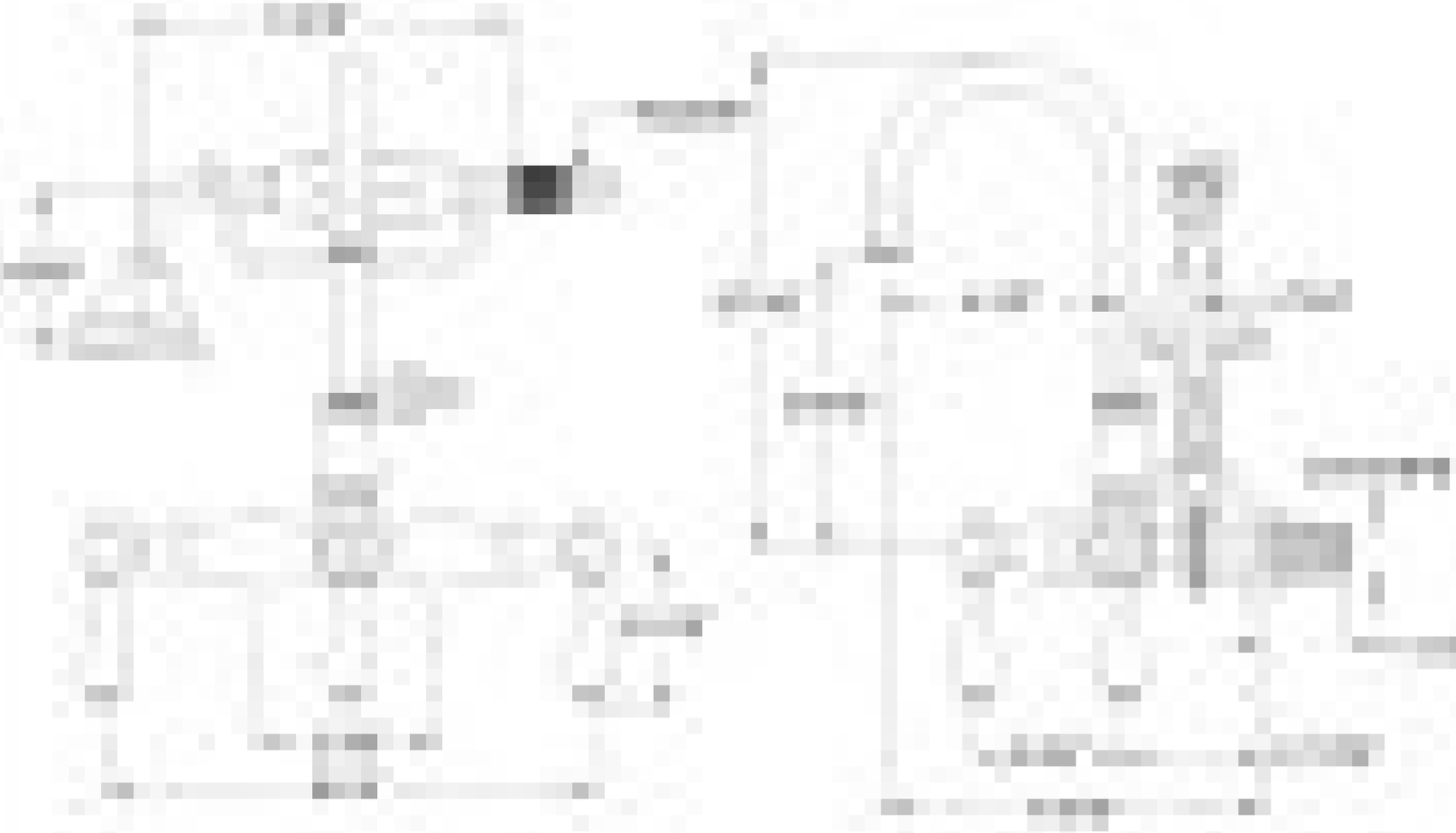ACKNOWLEDGMENTS