

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia
COUNTY: Greenbrier
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Greenbrier County Courthouse and Lewis Spring

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Corner of Court (old Market) and Randolph

CITY OR TOWN:

Lewisburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Second

STATE

West Virginia

CODE

54

COUNTY:

Greenbrier

CODE

025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Greenbrier County Court

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Lewisburg

STATE:

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Office of Clerk of County Court, Greenbrier County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Lewisburg

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Thomas Edgar Survey of 1782, Survey of 310 acres made for
William Wright on May 22, 1751.DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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CITY OR TOWN:

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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lewis Spring is on Lot No. 8, enclosed in a small, well-preserved stone building. A high stone retaining wall was constructed between 1785-1795 to support the steep bank between the two lots. Both the building and wall are believed to have been constructed as one project. They are of similar materials and appear to be of the same workmanship.

Lot No. 7 was unused until 1837 when the present Greenbrier County Courthouse was erected. This building has been added to and has had some slight alteration. It is in excellent condition, has been in constant use since 1837, and is an example of the architecture of that period. It was constructed of locally fired brick by a well-known brick mason, John W. Dunn.

The large, square, massive characteristics are typical of the historic period in which the Courthouse was erected. The structure is two-storied on Court Street but the slope of the lot allows for another floor (basement) on the rear (east) side of the building. Facing west, the "T" shape allows the tail of the "T" to serve as a roof over the large patio type porch for the center section. Four large brick columns, plastered and painted white, raise to and support the roof. The building is constructed of locally fired brick which measures generally 8 3/4 x 3 x 4 1/2 inches. A cupola belfry adorns the building, with the bell, which announced that Court was in session. It still does. There are large double doors in the center section with one door on each side to mark the west entrance on Court Street.

The interior has been modified to handle the need of the changing society, but the building is essentially unchanged.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian;☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1837

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The existence of water is an influencing factor to any settlement, and Lewis Spring was certainly no exception. It was discovered in the early 1750's by Andrew Lewis and his father. Soon after its detection, immigration to the area began; cabins were promptly built; and the now defunct Fort Savannah was erected. (According to Dayton's Lewisburg Landmarks, p. 11, ". . . as a precaution in the event of an Indian attack or seige, the spring may well have been enclosed with the fort stocade.") Along with these additions, the present stone structure was placed above the spring.

For nearly thirty years, the village went unchartered, but in 1782, an act of the Virginia General Assembly incorporated it as Lewisburg in honor of General Andrew Lewis. Soon thereafter, a survey and plat were made of the town dividing its forty square acres into half-acre lots. Lewis Spring was on lot No. 8. Because of the critical influence the spring had had over the formation of Lewisburg, its lot and lot No. 7 were set aside as county lots. This acre was also distinguished from the others so that protection could be better afforded to the spring and a site would be provided for forthcoming county buildings.

In 1837, one such building, the Greenbrier County Courthouse, was erected. One reason for its construction was a decree of the Virginia General Assembly stating that Lewisburg be the annual seat of the state's Supreme Court of Appeals for those living west of the mountains.

Just as Lewis Spring had attracted those seeking water, so did the Greenbrier County Courthouse attract those seeking judicial fairness. This phenomenon is understandable since the Courthouse was one of the first such establishments west of the Appalachians and contained within its hallowed walls such "greats" as William Cabell, Henry St. George Tucker, and Patrick Henry.

The proximity of Lewis Spring to the Courthouse only helps to show the relationship between the two. If it were not for the spring, settlers would probably have chosen elsewhere to reside; if it were not for the increased number of residents, the General Assembly would not have incorporated as readily; if not for the incorporation, survey, and existing spring, lots No. 7 and 8 would have received no specific protection; and if lot No. 7 had not been set aside by the county, the Greenbrier County Courthouse would not have been necessarily placed where it was. Thus, the Courthouse, in a sense, owes its very existence to near-by Lewis Spring.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dayton, Ruth Woods, Lewisburg Landmarks, Charleston, W.Va., Education Foundations, Inc., 1957.

Dayton, Ruth Woods, Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes, Charleston, W.Va., West Virginia Publishing Co., 1952.

Cole, Jr., History of Greenbrier County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: C. Doyle Kester, Research Field Agent	
ORGANIZATION West Virginia Antiquities Commission	DATE May 12, 1972
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University	
CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown	STATE West Virginia
	CODE 54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Maurice G. Brooks

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 29, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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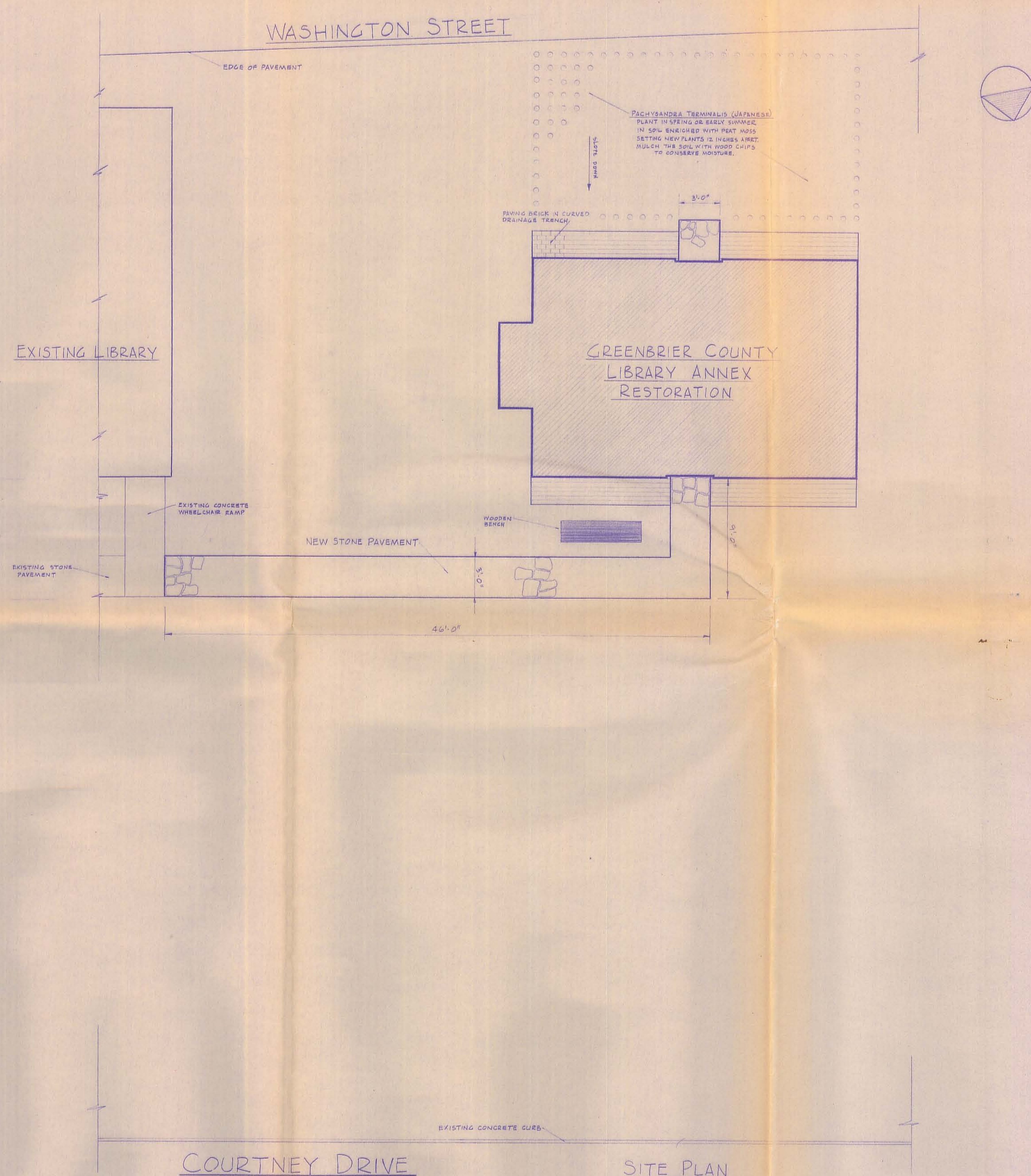
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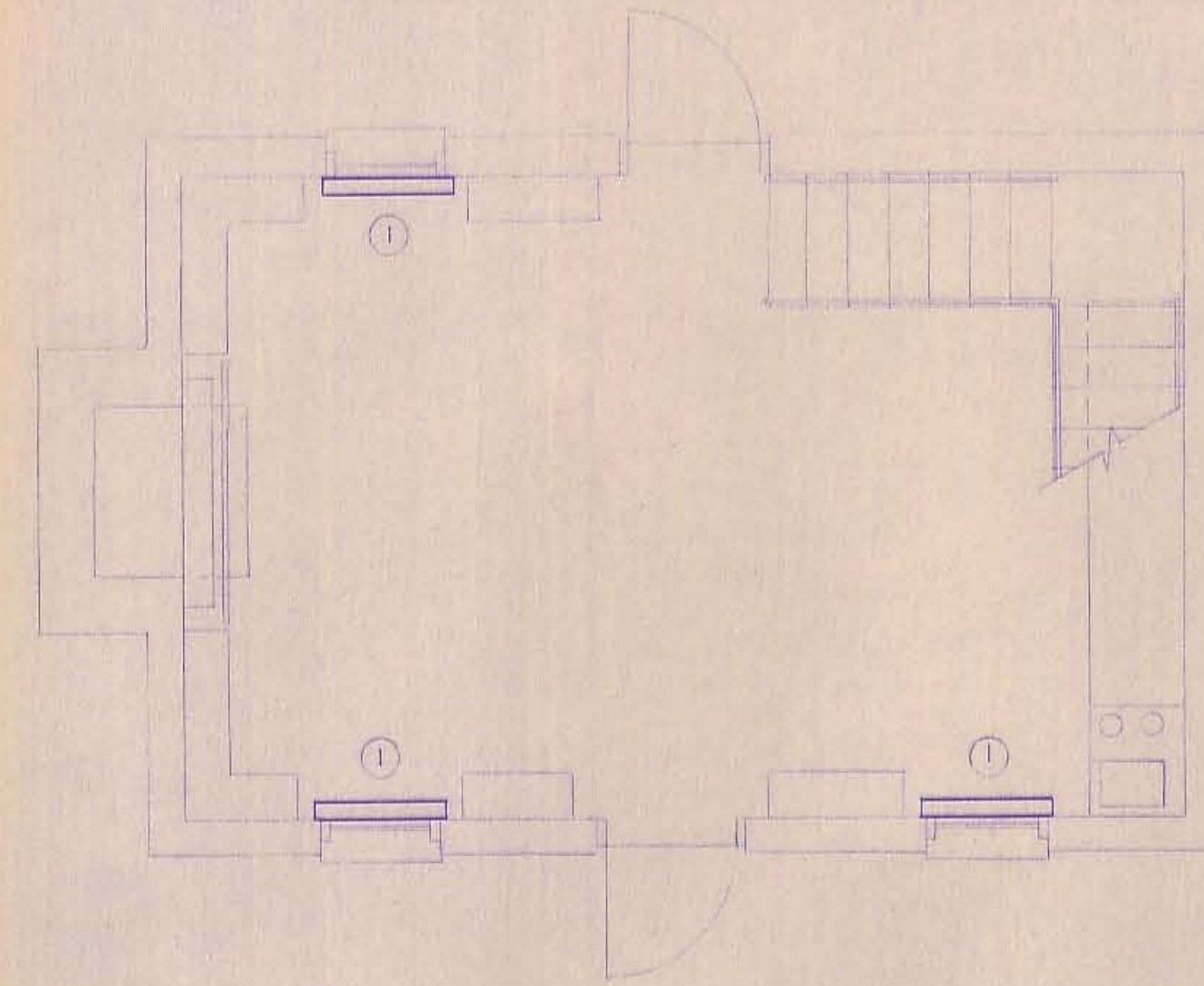
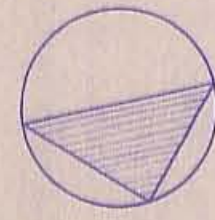
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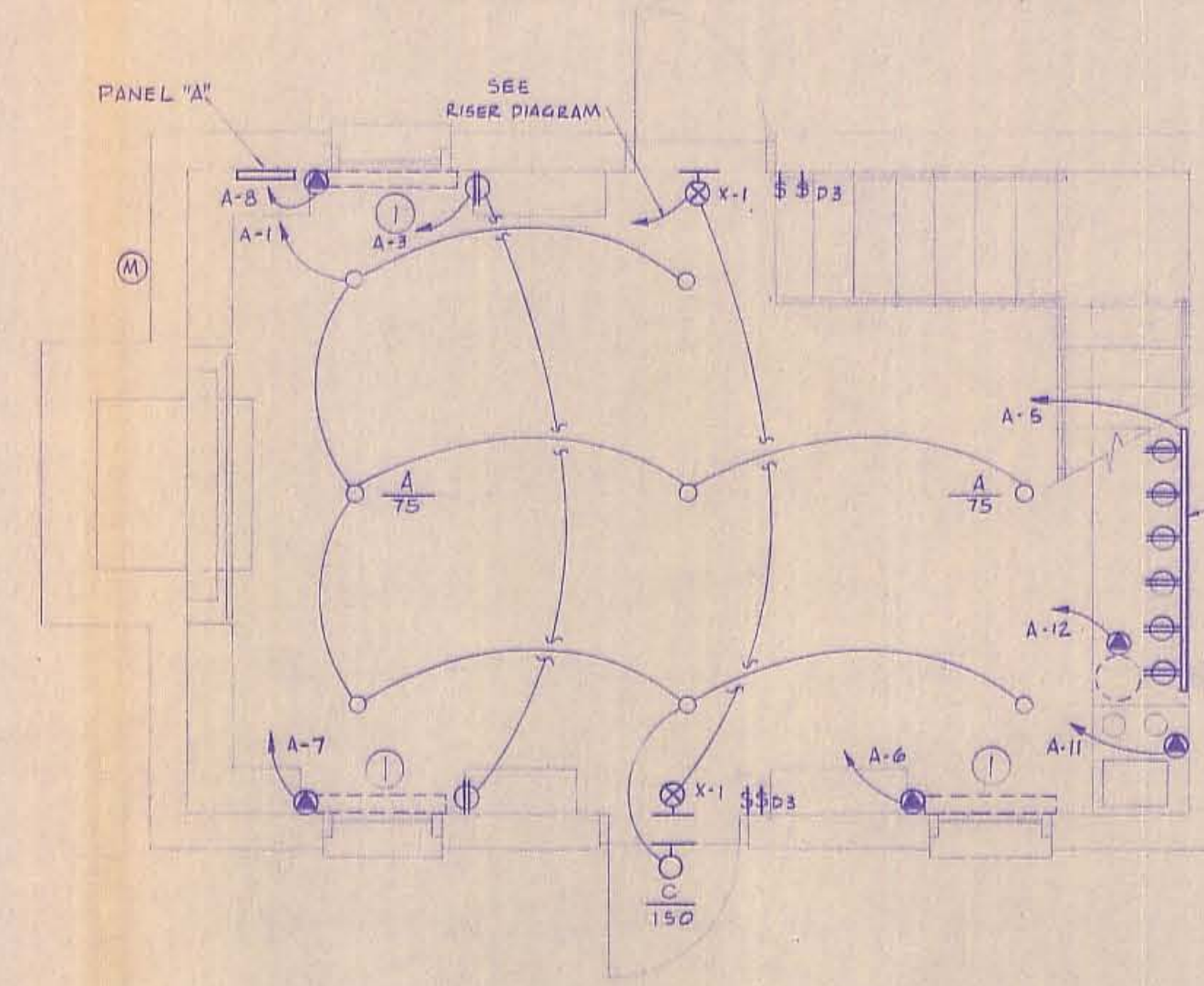
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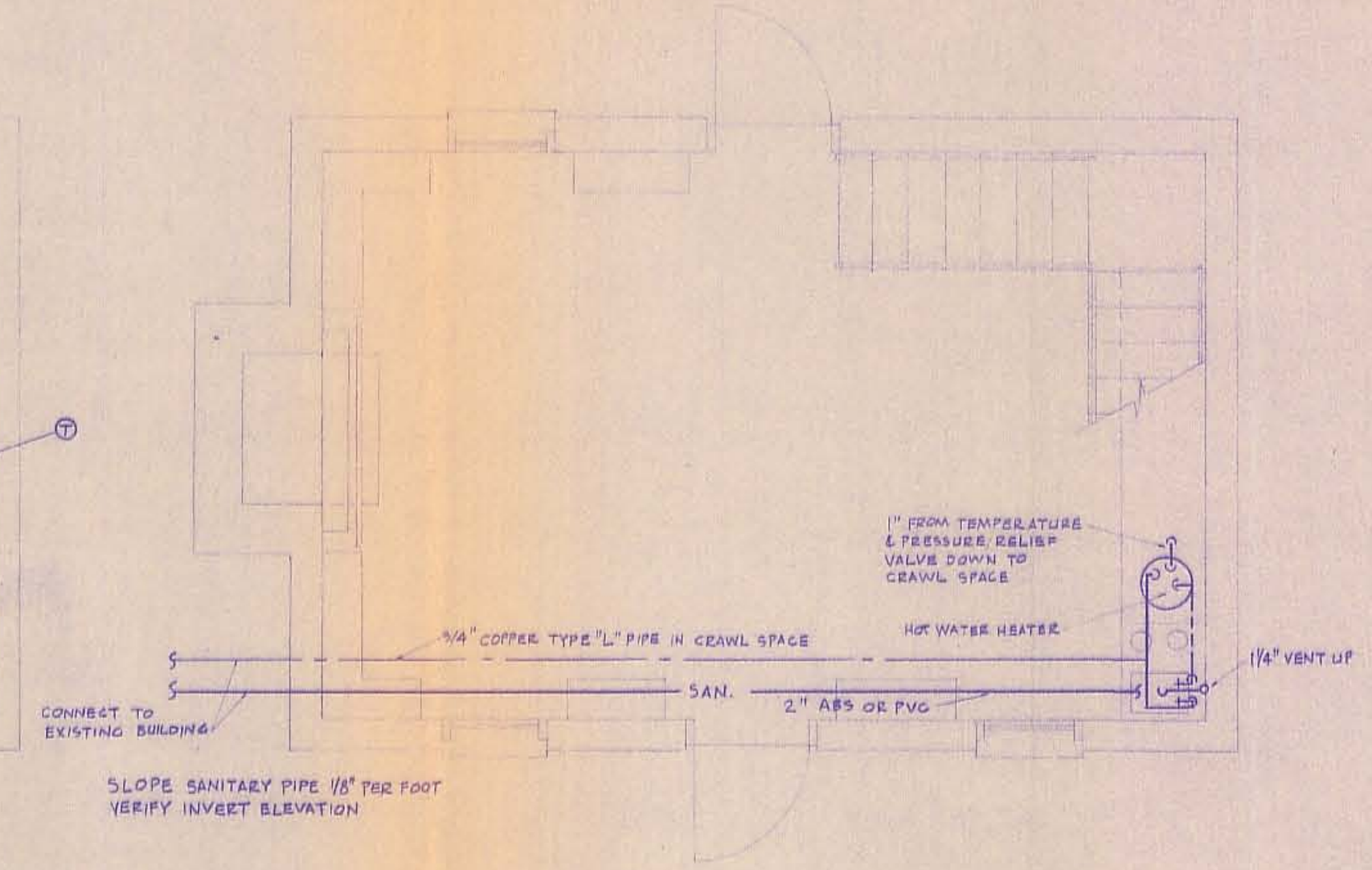
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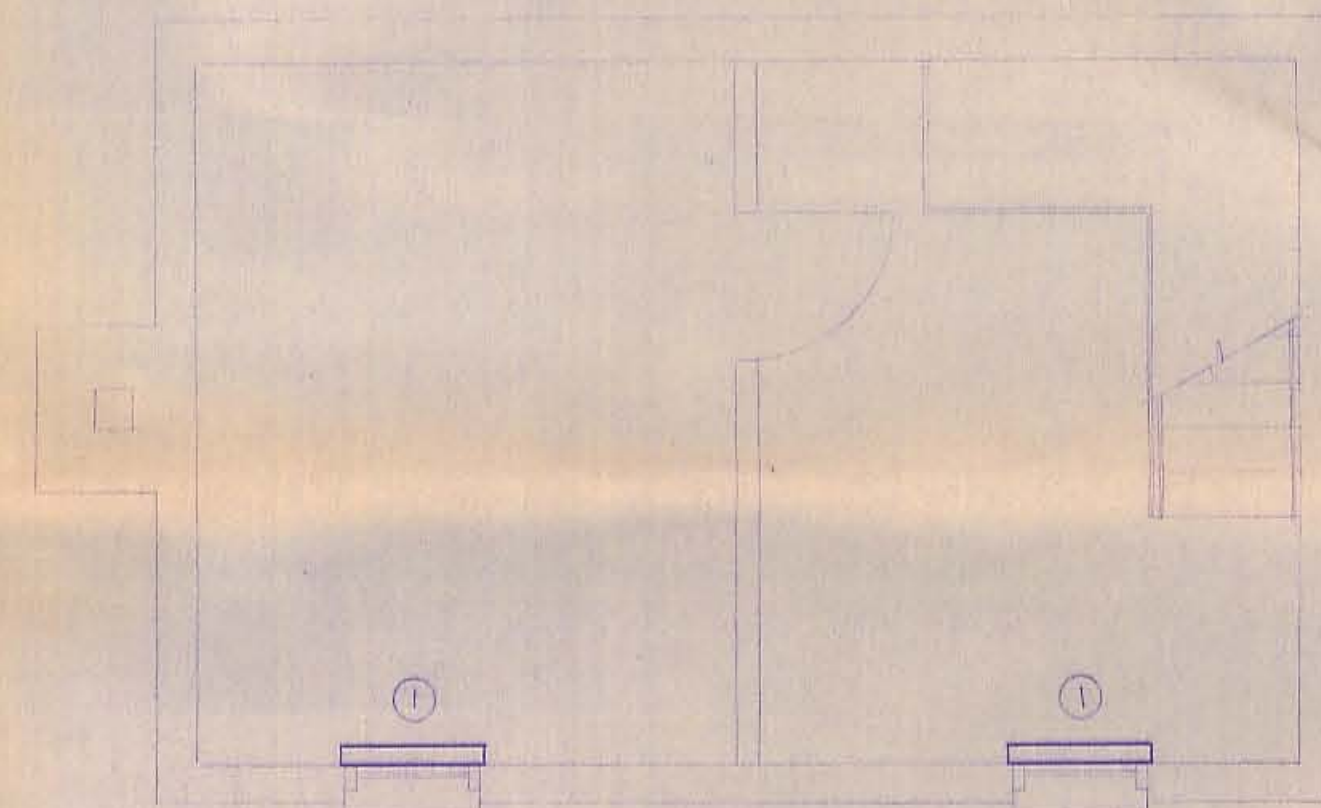
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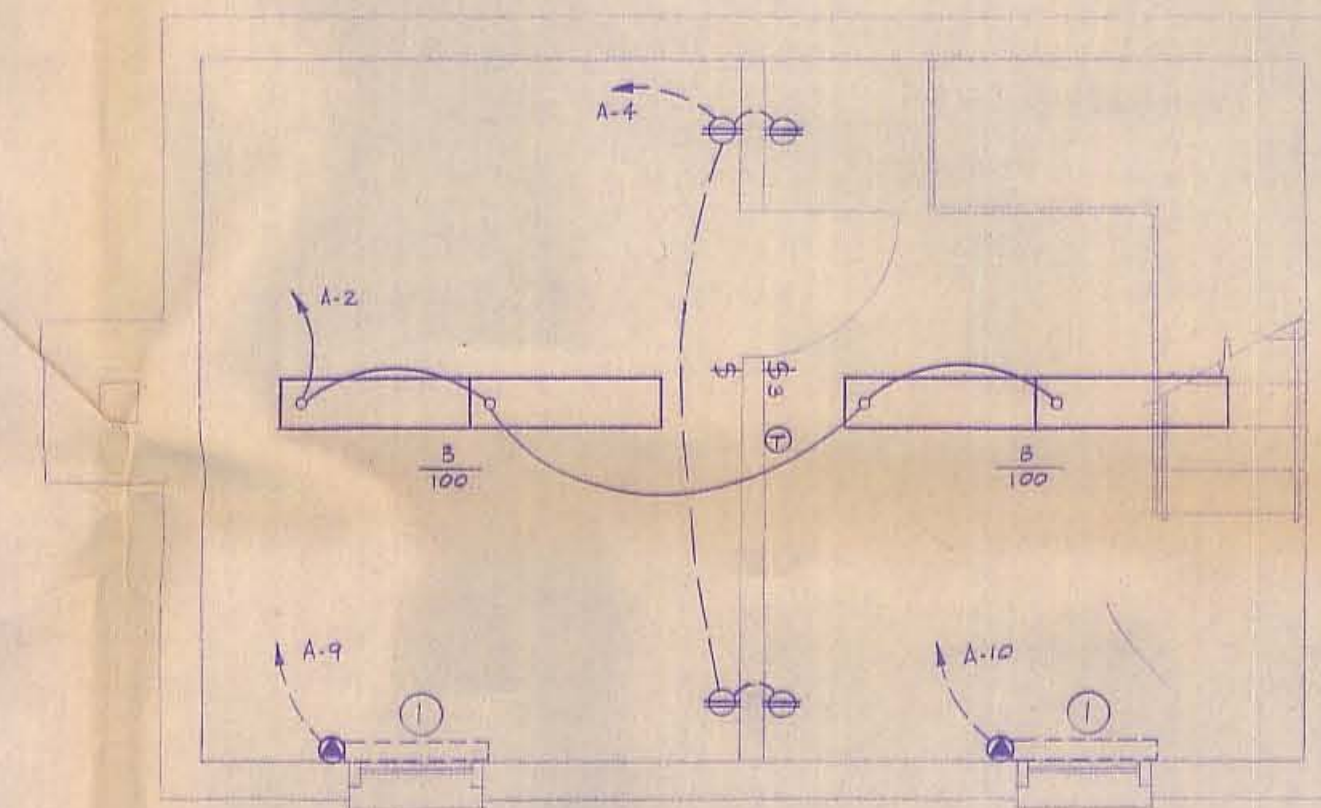
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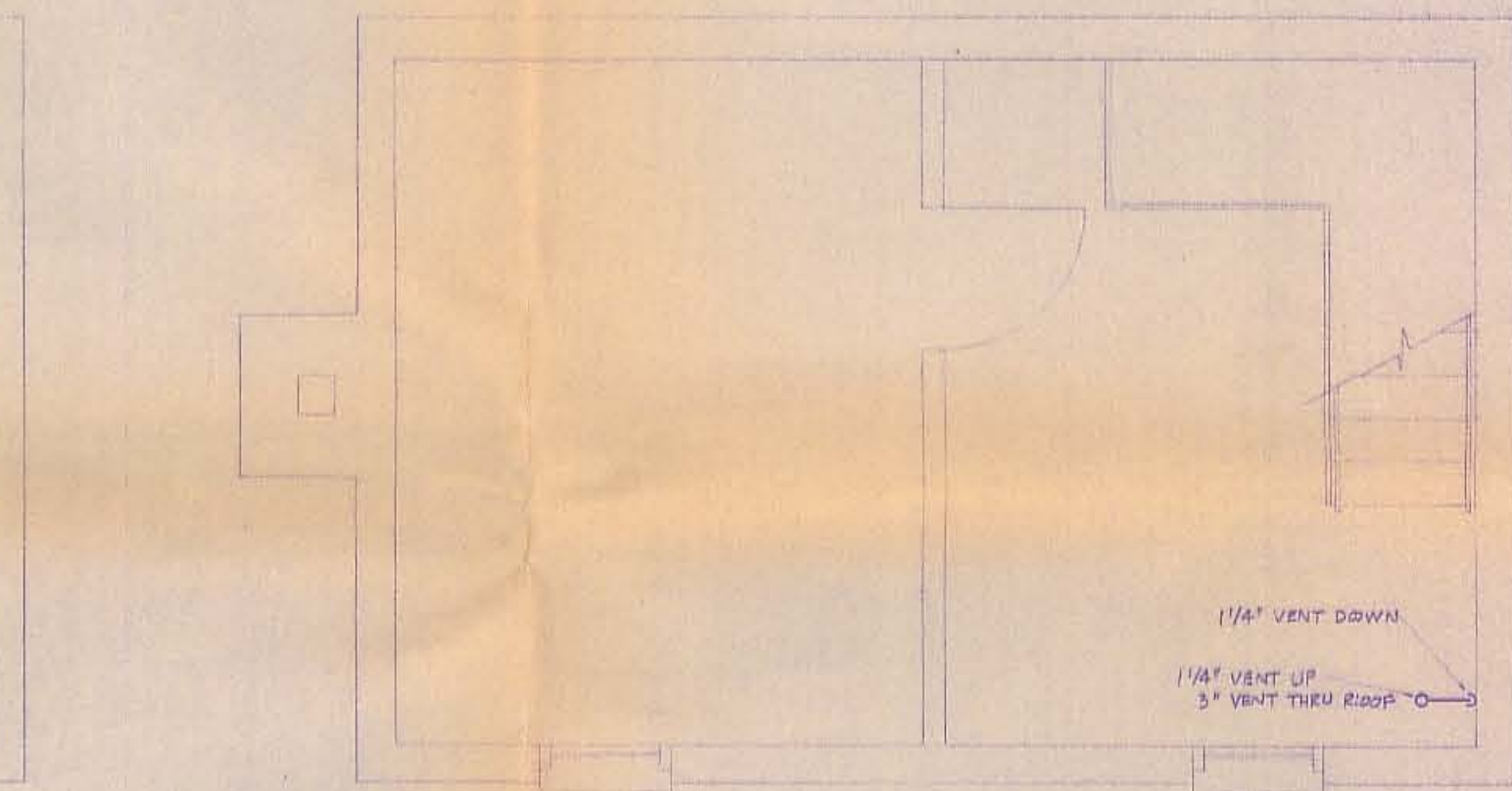
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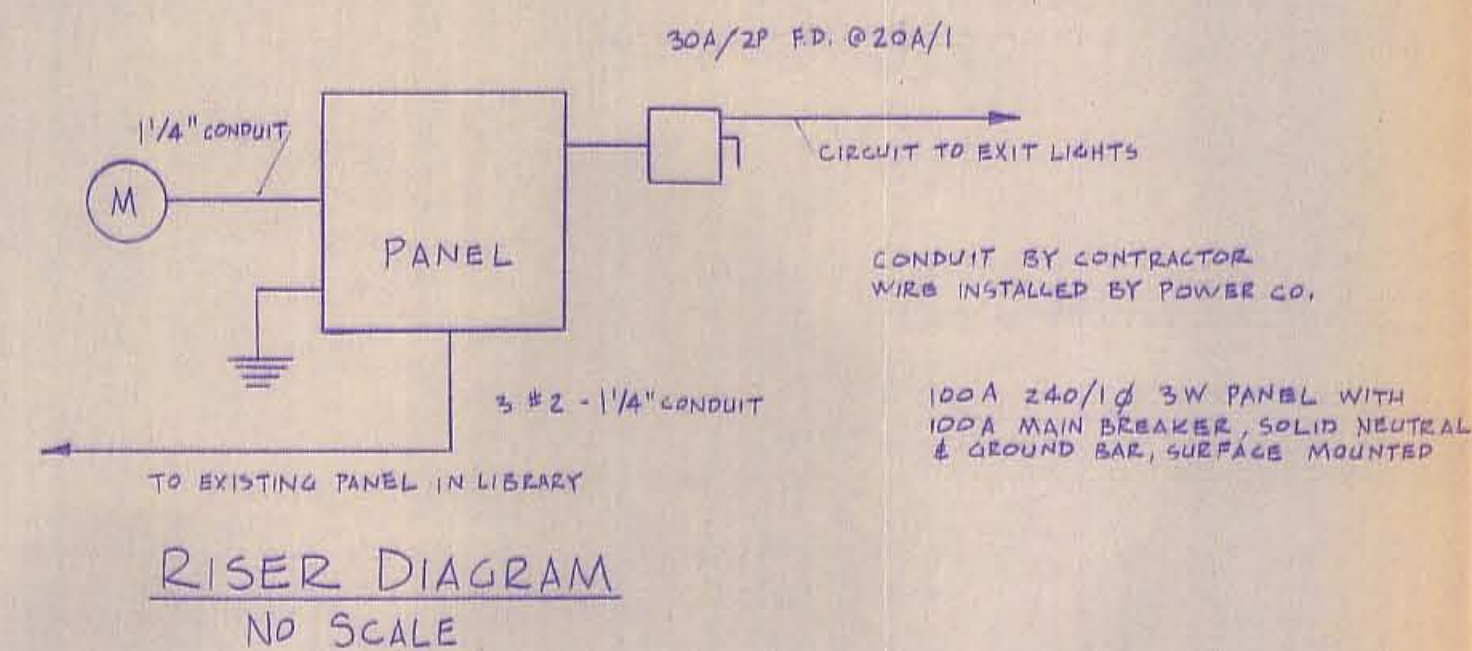
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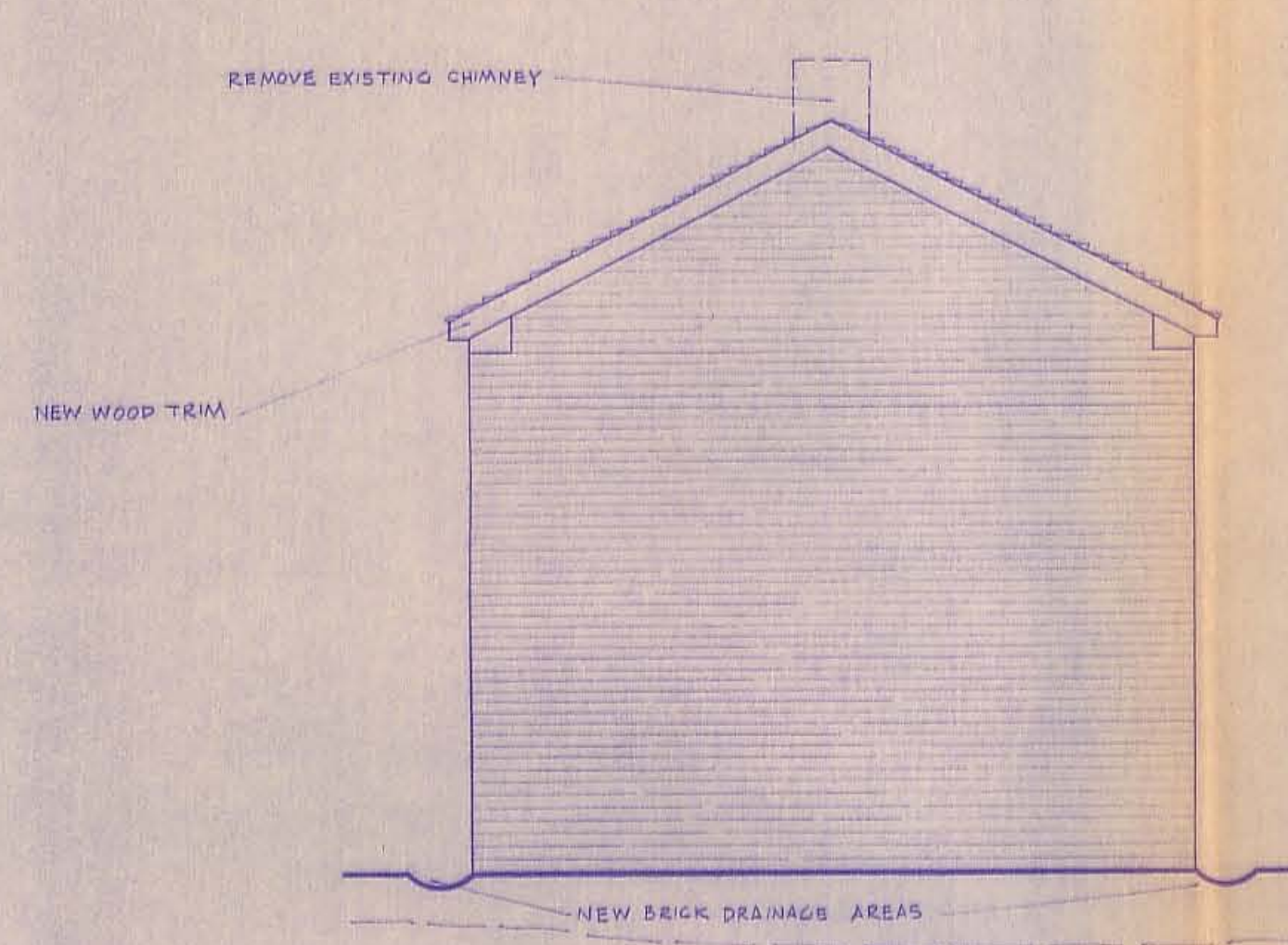
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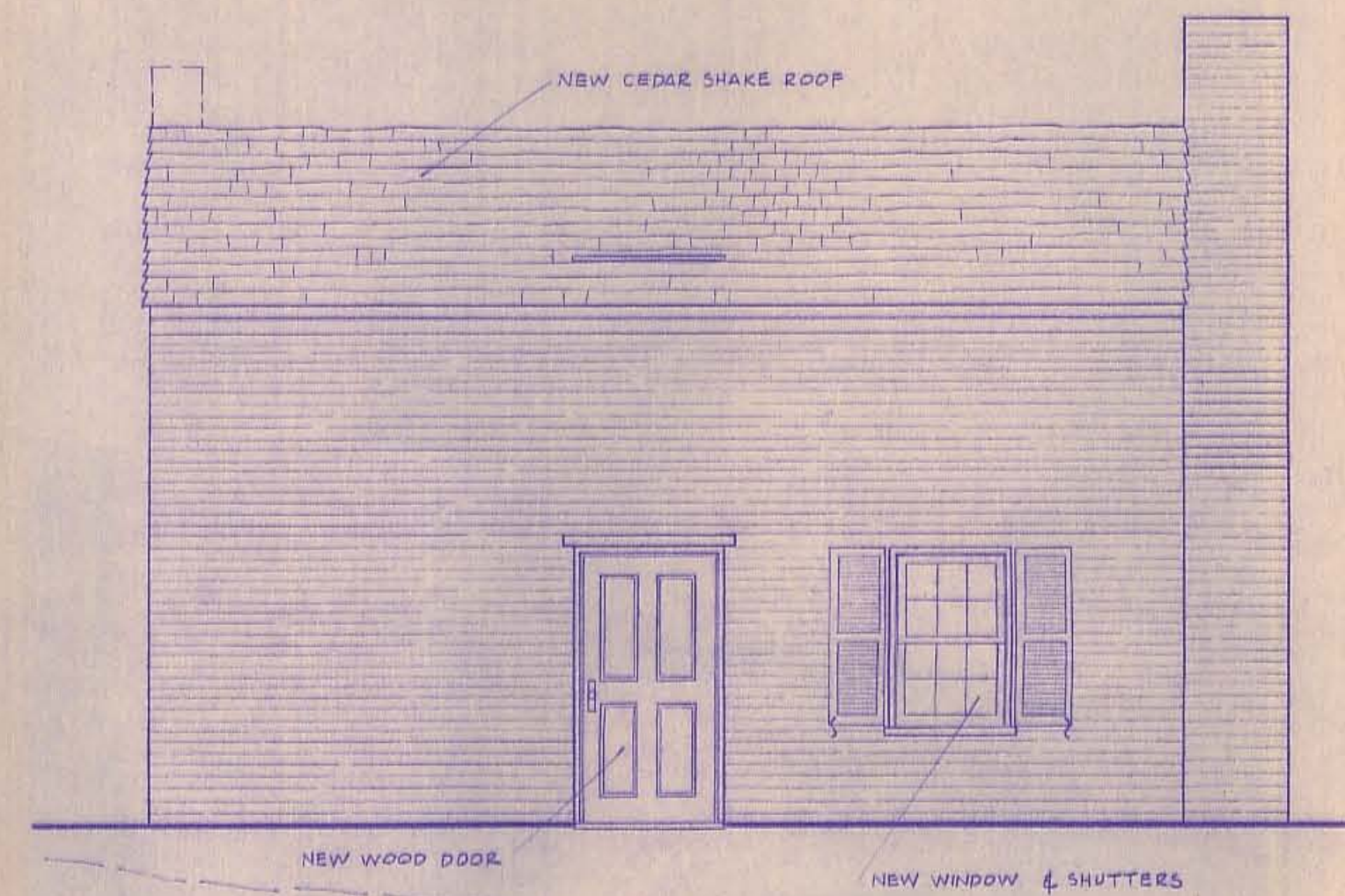
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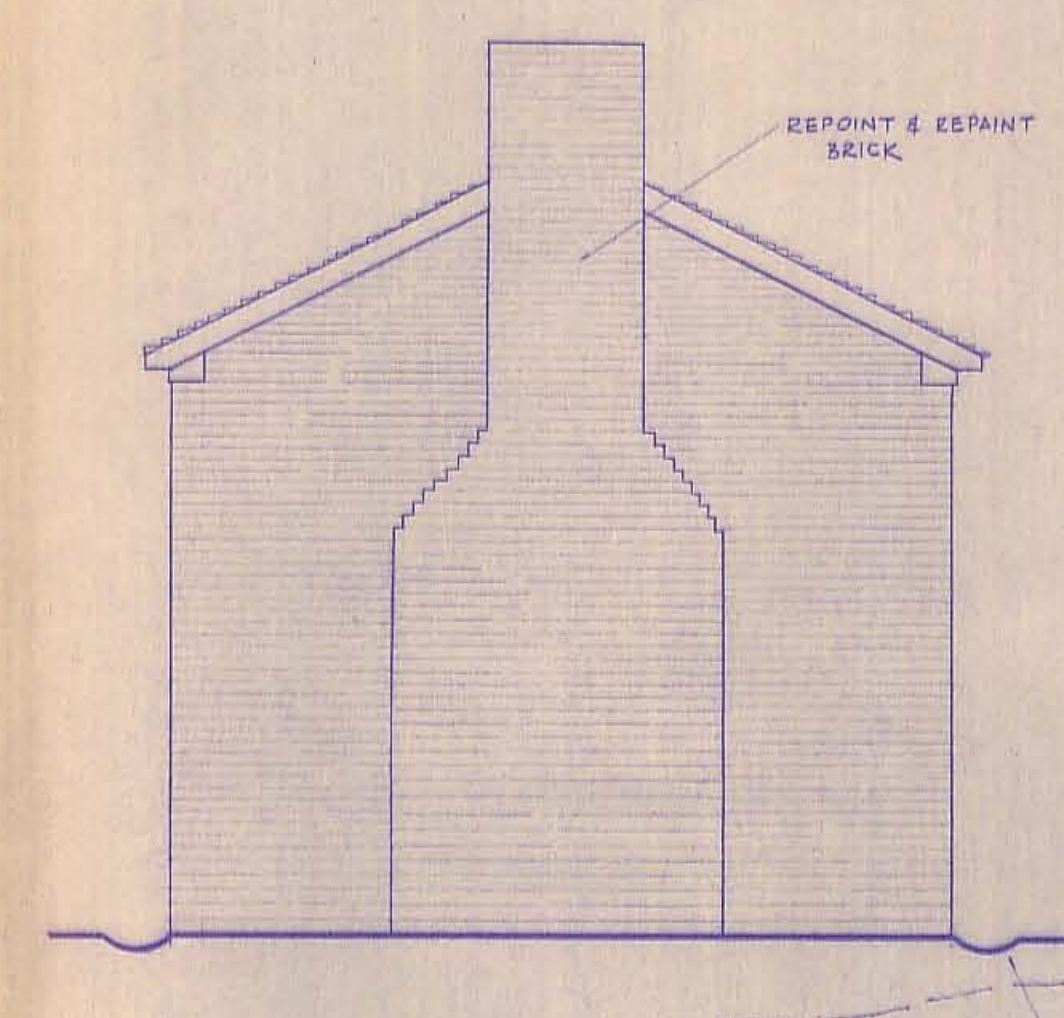
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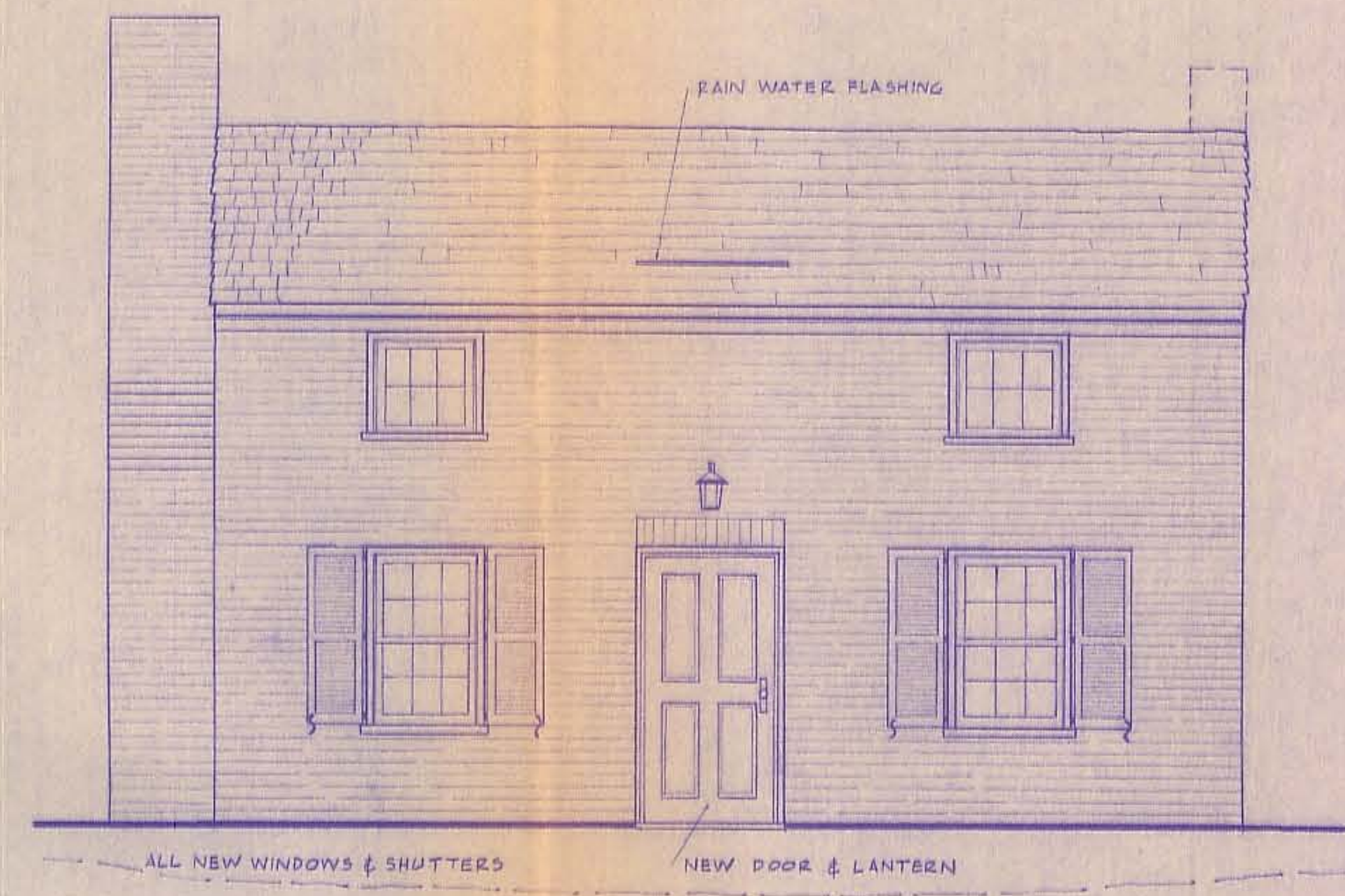
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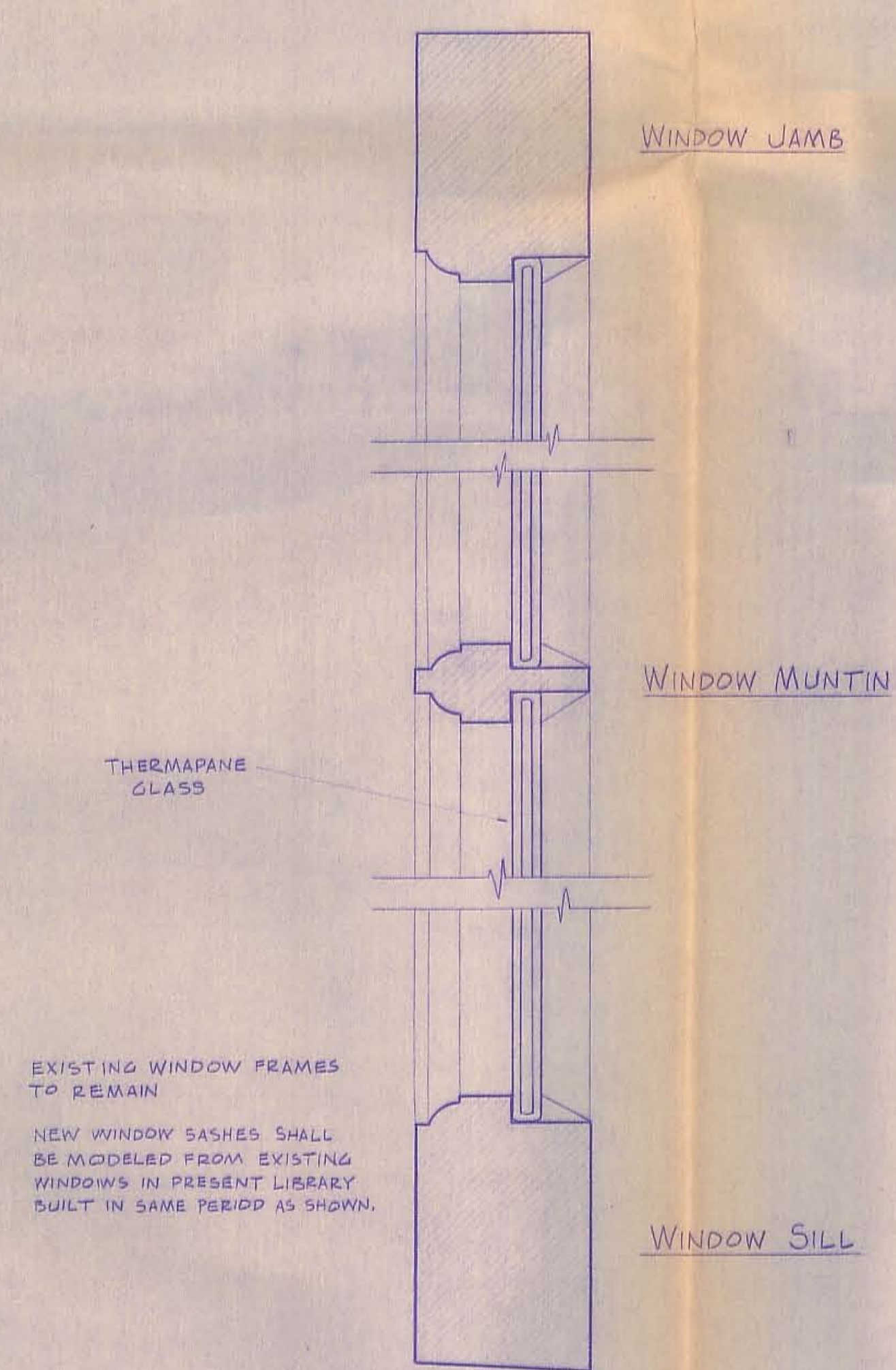
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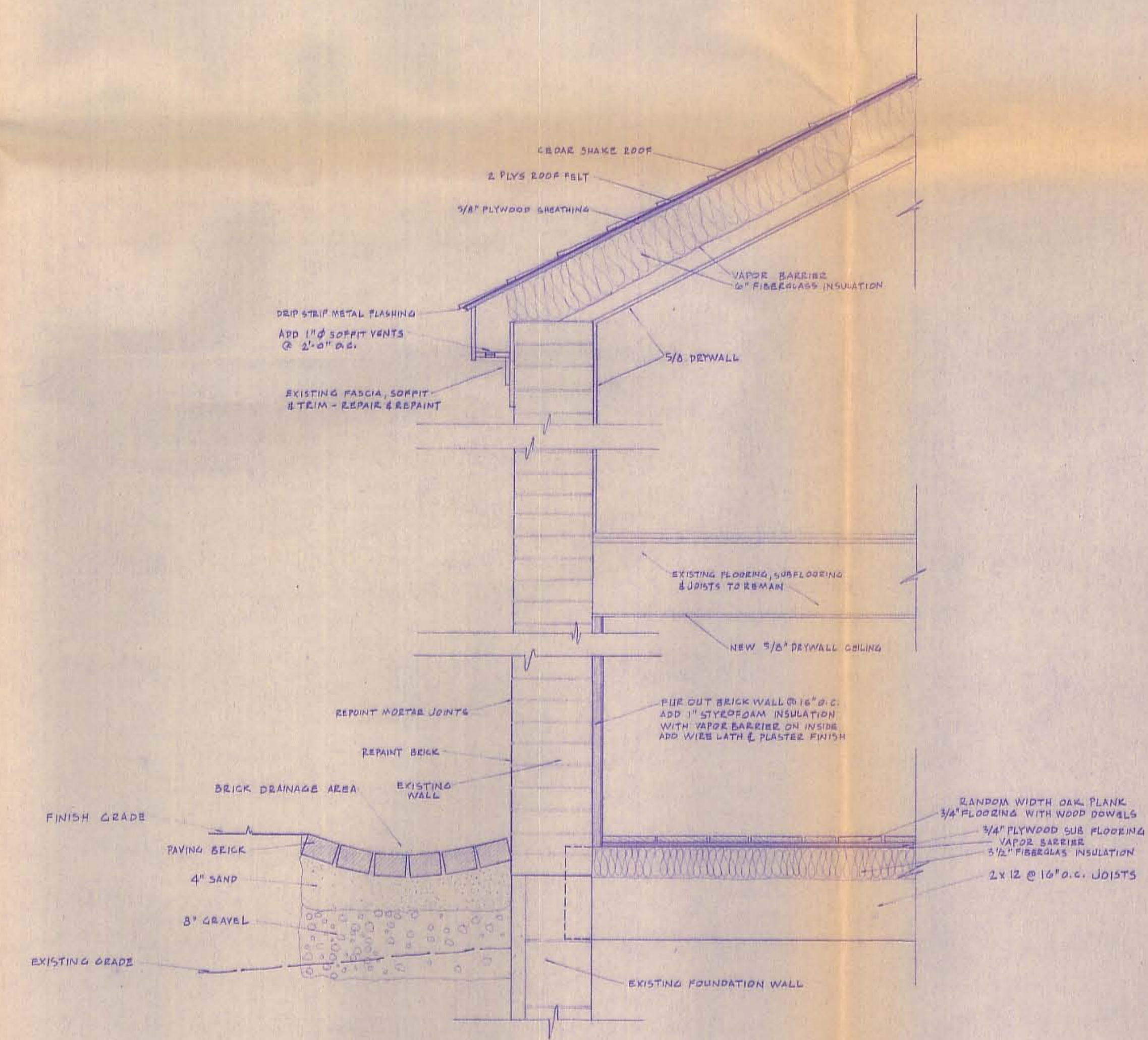
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WINDOW SECTION
FULL SCALE



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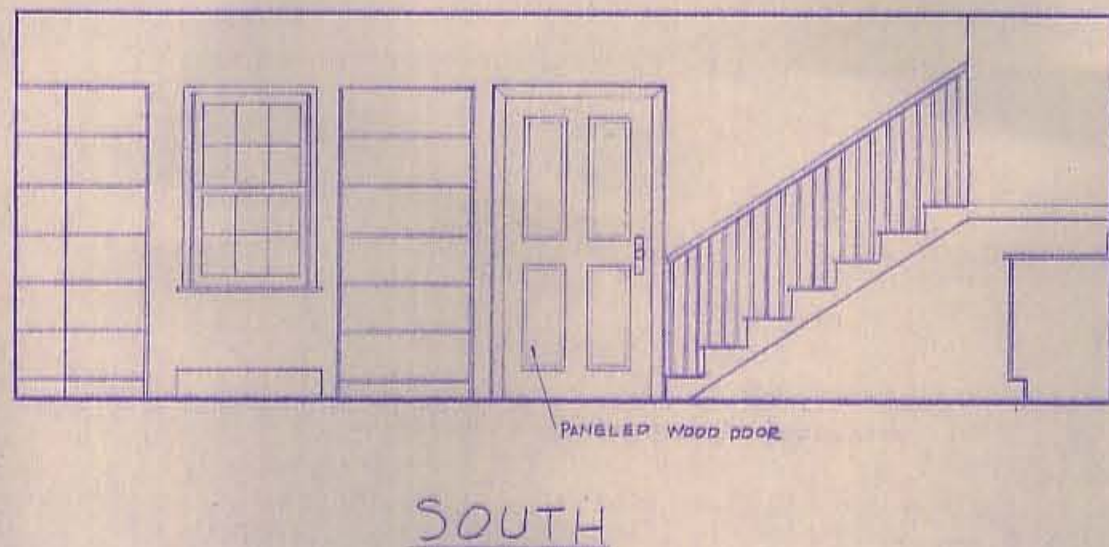
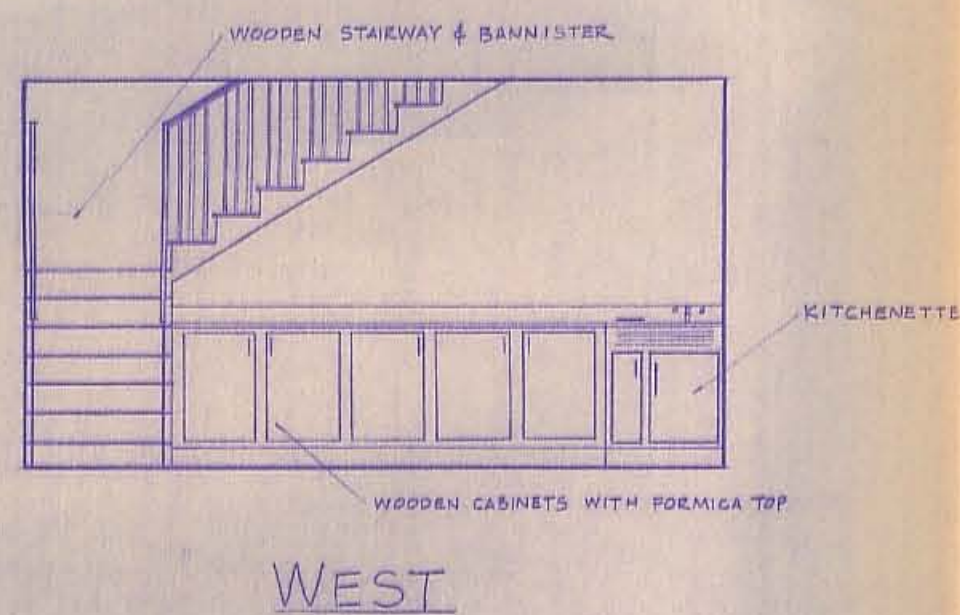
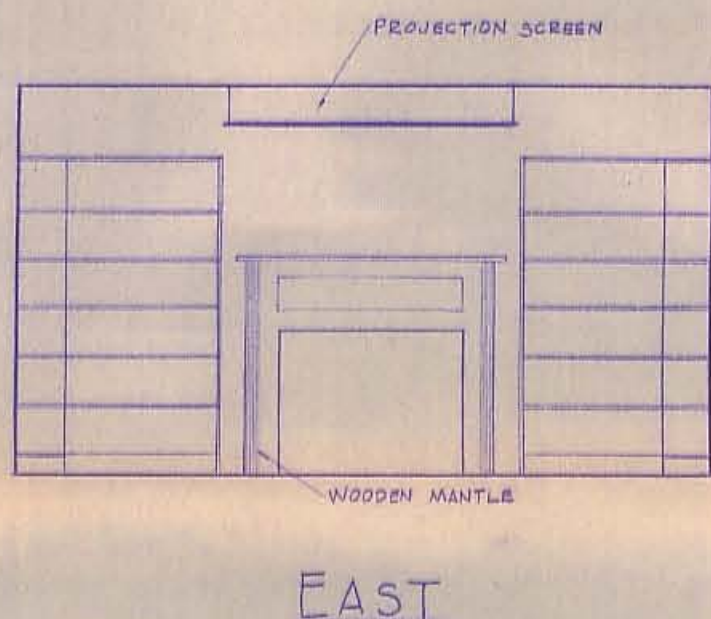
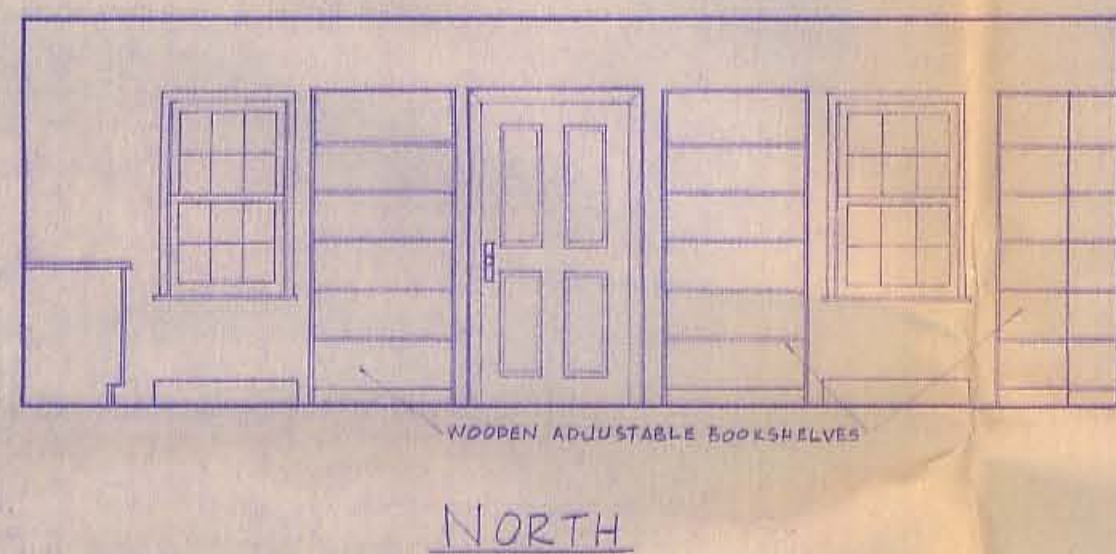
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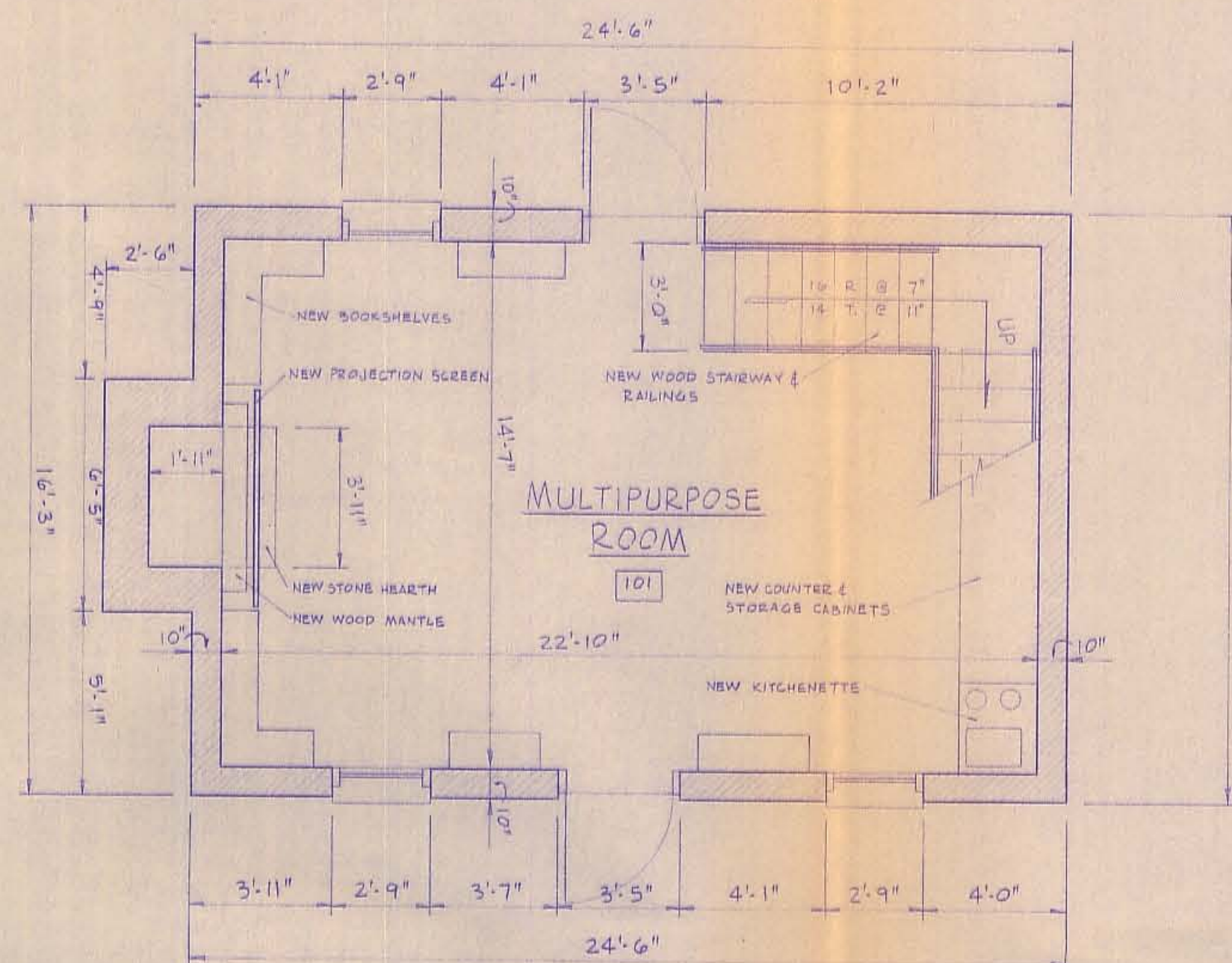
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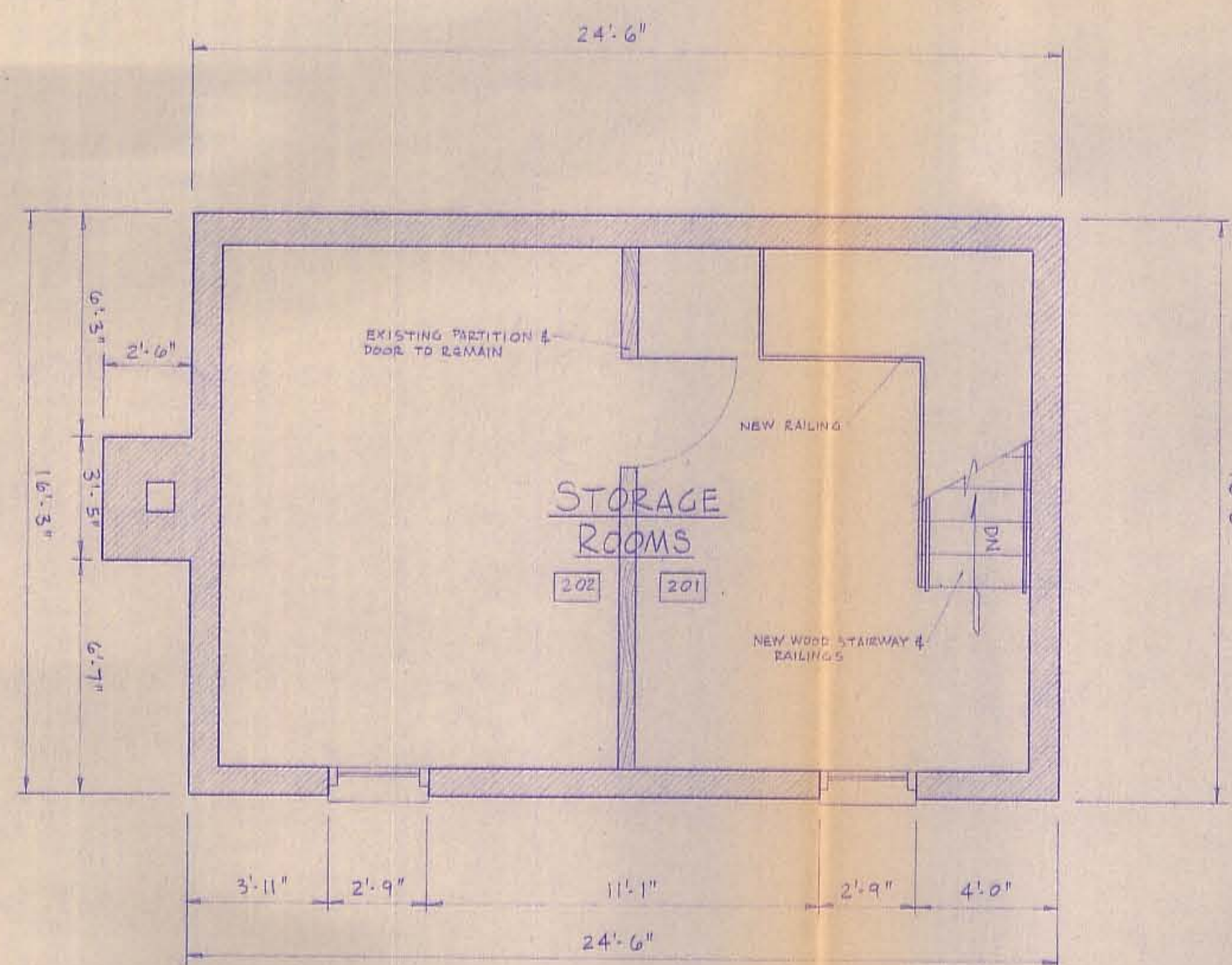
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
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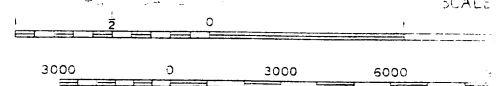
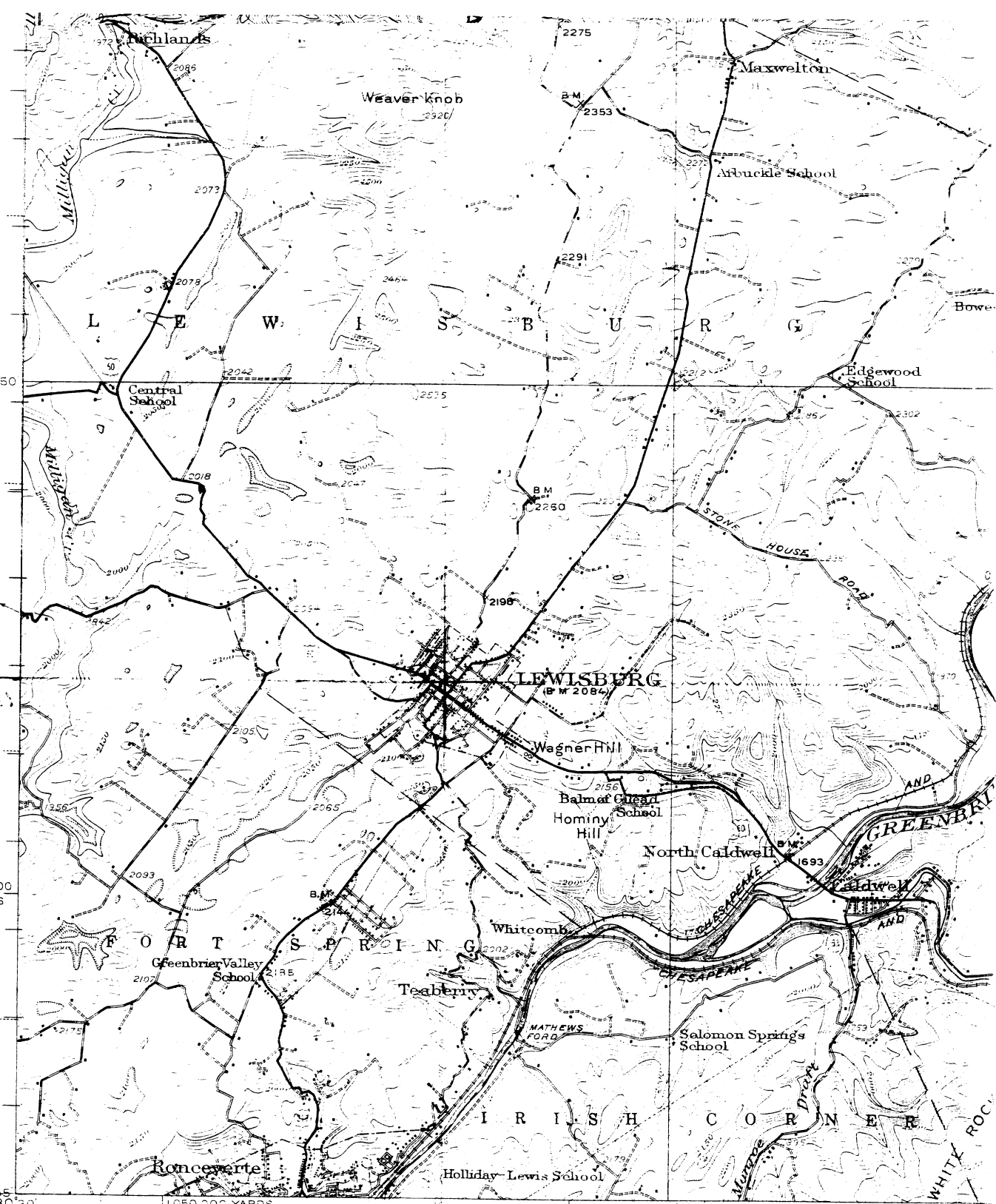
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80° 26' 15" (SPRING)



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