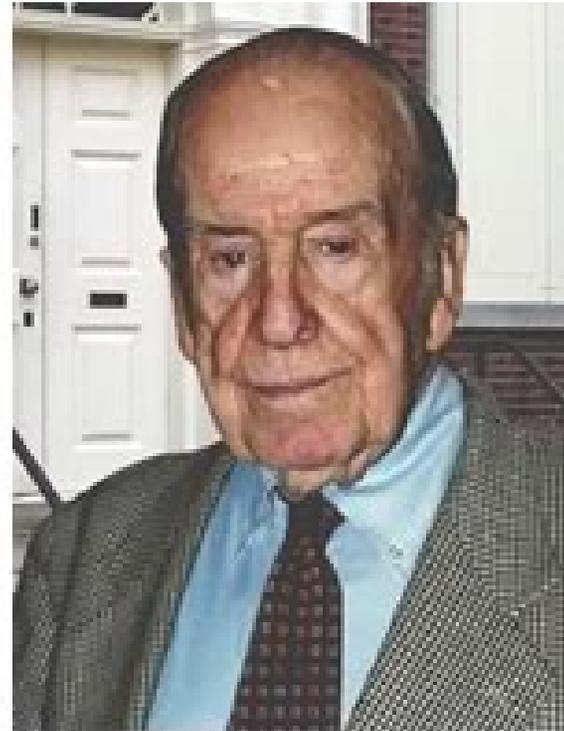


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- Charles E. Peterson, Former Supervising Architect for Historic Structures, EODC, NPS (1988)



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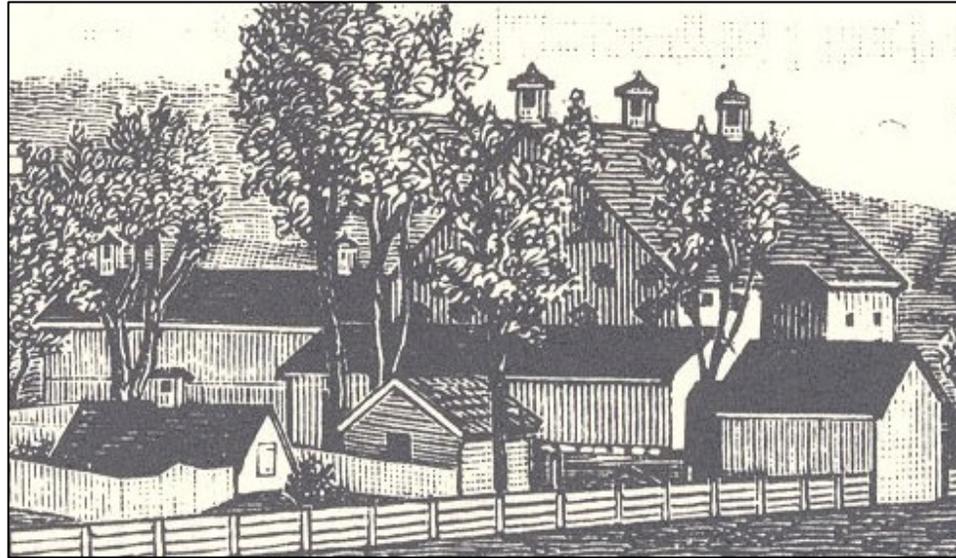
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Beauregard House, Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery, St. Bernard Parish, New Orleans, LA.



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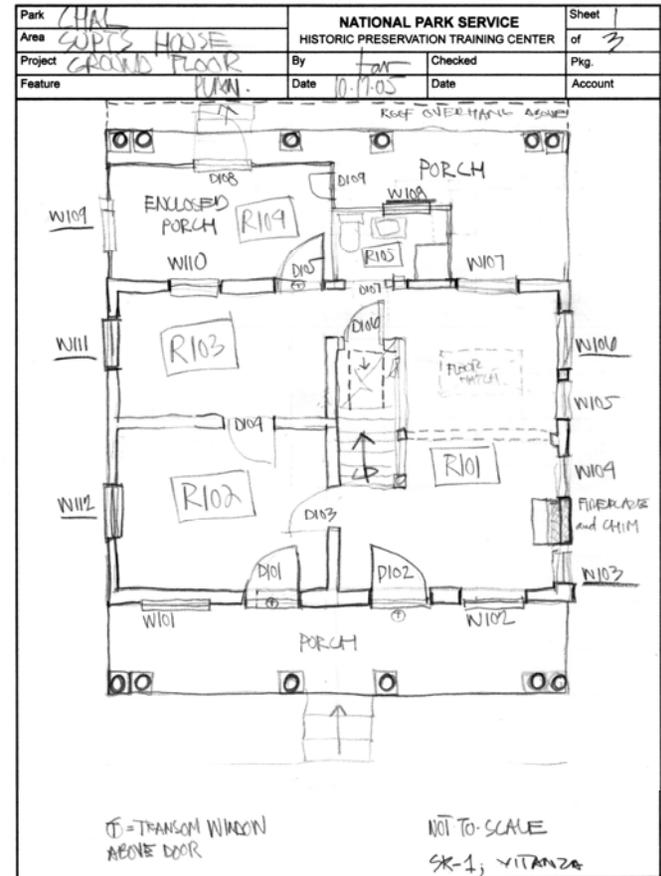
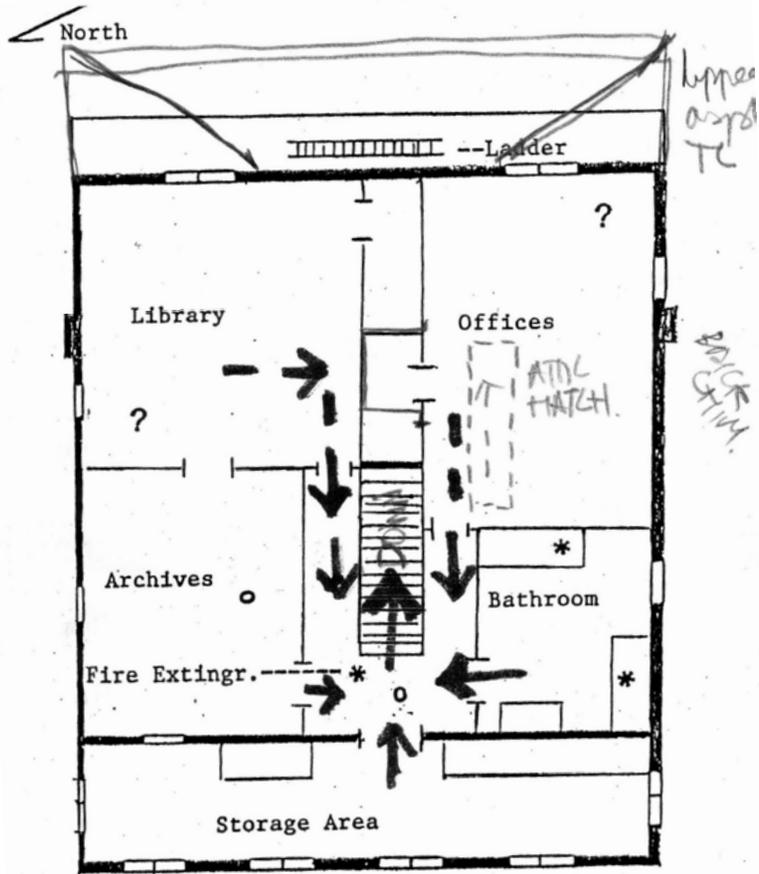


Superintendent's Lodge  
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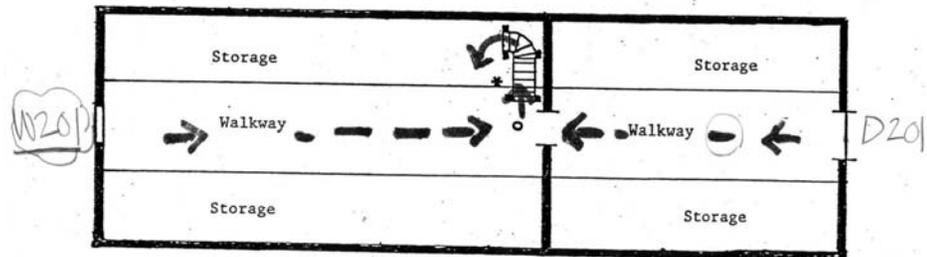
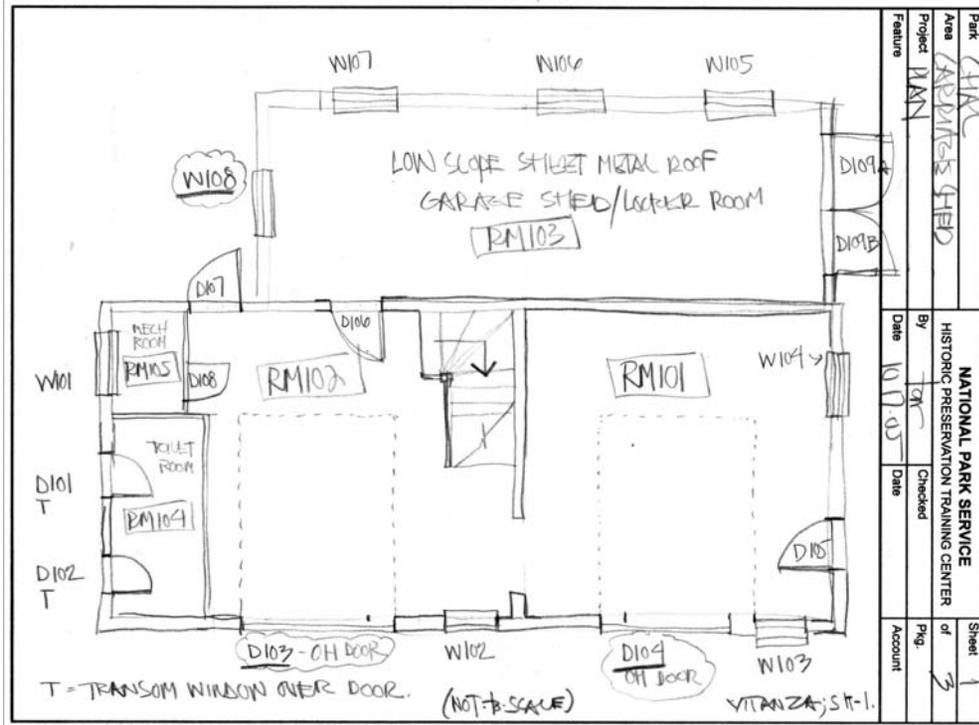
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Carriage House (Maintenance Shed)  
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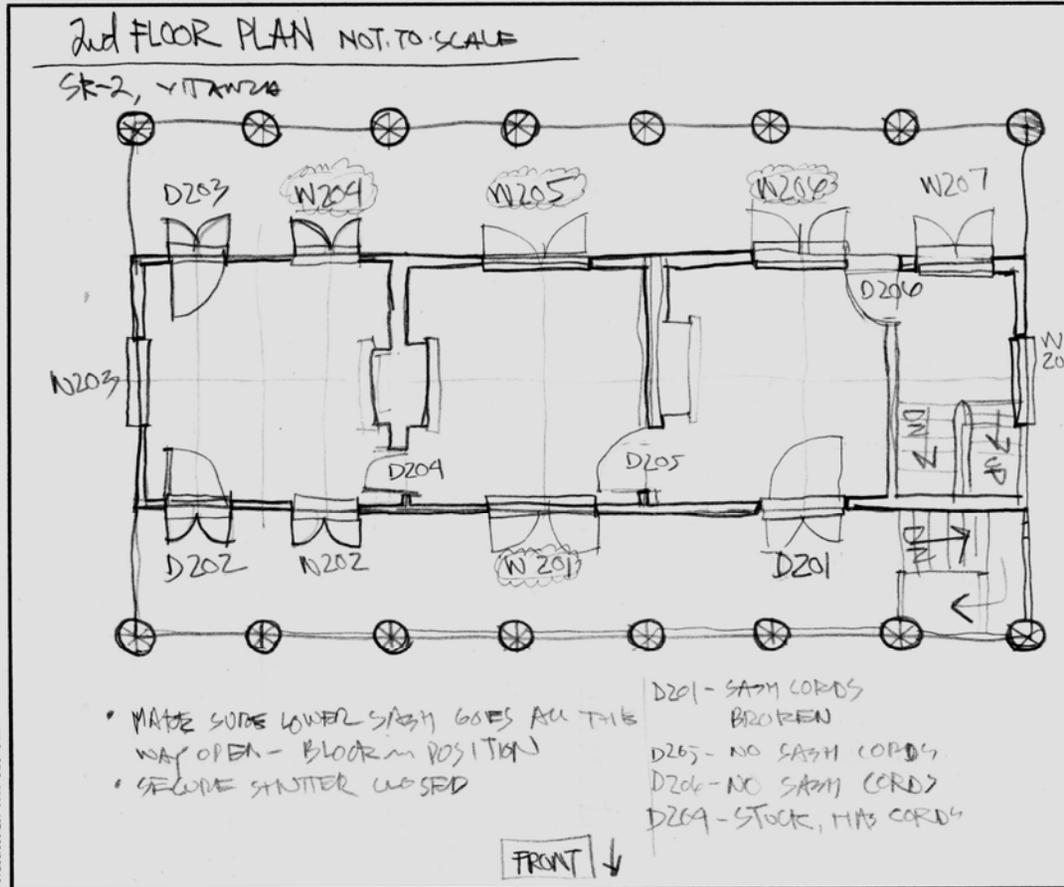
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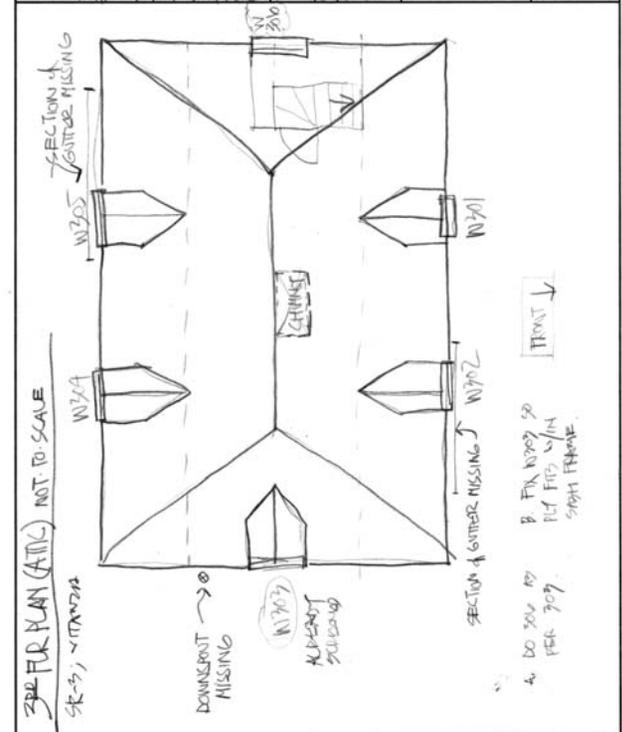
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# Brawner Farmhouse

Brawner Farmhouse, also known as Bachelor's or Douglas Hall during the Civil War, figured prominently in the initiating confrontation of the Second Battle of Manassas. Commencing on August 28, 1862, troops aligned near the house, Confederates on the north and west sides, Union on the south and east. By 9 PM of the 28<sup>th</sup>, there were 2,400 casualties as a result of the ferocious firing (Greene, A. Wilson, "The Second Battle of Manassas", Eastern National: Civil War Series, 2002, p. 23). While stalemated here by darkness, the ultimate victory of General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army was claimed several days later. John Brawner, who, with his family, exited the house as it was "shelled and balls passed through the house" (Brawner deposition 1871), returned to a standing dwelling and continued to live here until after the war.

A two story "L" shaped vernacular frame house with modest Victorian finishes stands on a ridge north of the Lee Highway, formerly Warrenton Turnpike. Historical research suggests that the antebellum house known as Bachelor's Hall was built ca. 1820 by George Tennille, when the house first appears on the tax records. Tennille had been residing on the property since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. The ownership of the farm passed to Tennille's grandson George A. Douglas ca. 1846 and subsequently to Mrs. Augusta Douglas during the war. The footprint of a three or four bay wide, two pile deep frame house with paired exterior chimneys on the gable ends was uncovered



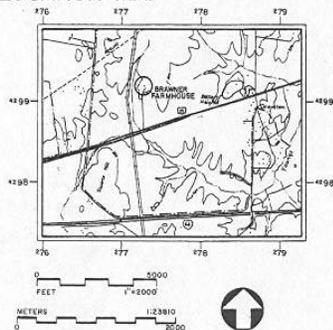
(kitchen) was reversed from an earlier entrance from the east parlor near the original south entrance door.

The actual appearance of the Douglas Hall is still speculative. It may have been the full 2 1/2 story, two pile house that was being built in the area c1820 (Pater, Stephen, "No Maneuvering and Very Little Tactics, Archaeology and the Battle of Brawner Farm" NPS, 2001). It could also be a 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 story, one pile house with a full one story shed lean-to across the north rear. There is an outside possibility that a 1 1/2 story 18<sup>th</sup> century house was enlarged ca. 1820 to a 2 1/2 story house and then diminished after the Civil War to the extant 1 1/2 story framing. War damage may have been enhanced by neglect and/or natural disaster to contribute to the smaller rebuild. There was no evidence of a fire comprehensive enough to cause Douglas Hall to burn to the ground, although some blackened scarring on second floor joists suggests a small fire was extinguished.

The Davis family undertook the 1904 remodeling and enlarging of the earlier house adding formal spaces to the house and changing the orientation of the entrance door. All 1904 construction is circular sawn balloon framing, except for heavy sill plates. Full two story diagonal braces are used on the south gable and two story studs carry a ledger or ribbon board to support the second floor joists. A small basement was dug under the entrance hall, entered from a bulkhead on the west side. The concrete walls have "E. P. D. 1916" etched in the east wall.

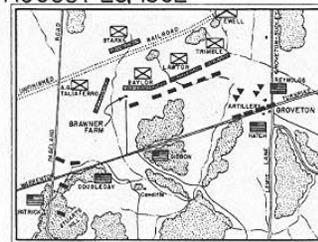
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### LOCATION MAP



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TAKEN FROM USGS GAINESVILLE, VIRGINIA QUADRANGLE, 1954

### MAP OF MILITARY POSITIONS AROUND THE BRAWNER FARM AUGUST 28, 1862



TAKEN FROM SECOND MANASSAS 1862, LANDELLIER & ADAMS, 2002

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
 PART 1 OF 12 SHEETS  
 BRAWNER FARMHOUSE (DOUGLAS HALL - DAVIS HOUSE)  
 LEE HIGHWAY - GROVETON VICINITY - MNB - PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - VIRGINIA  
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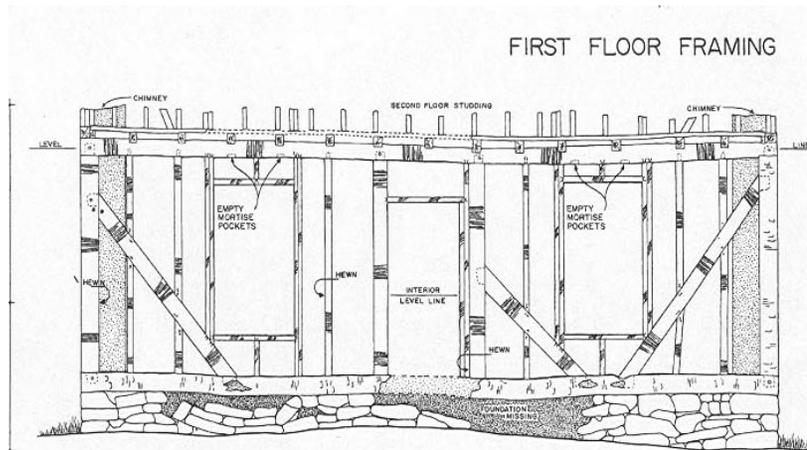


Brawner Farmhouse, Manassas  
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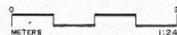
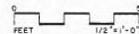
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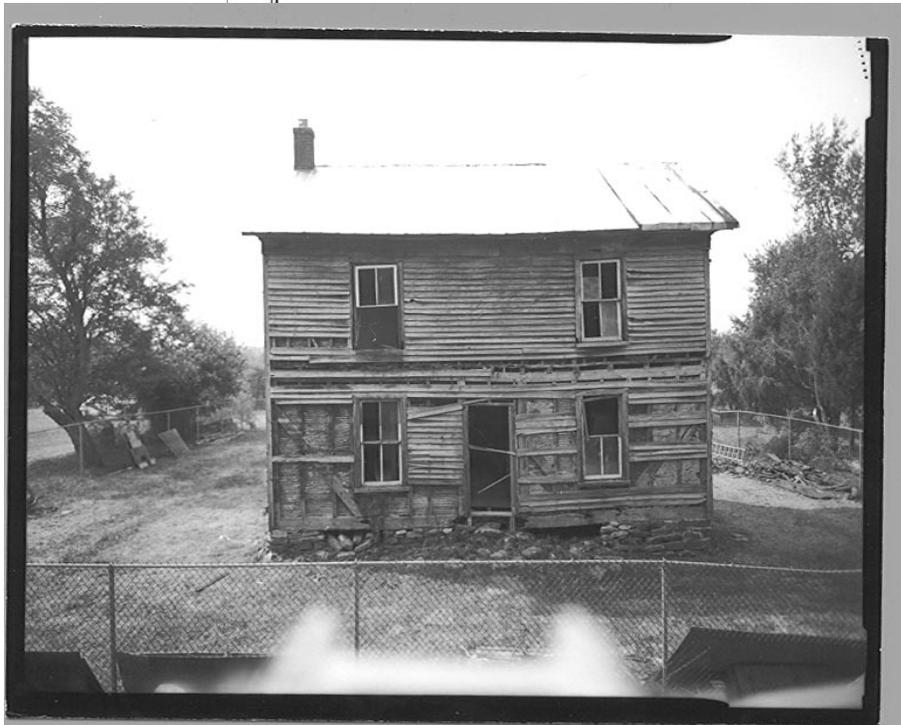
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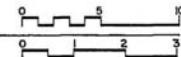
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NORTH

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NAME AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURE  
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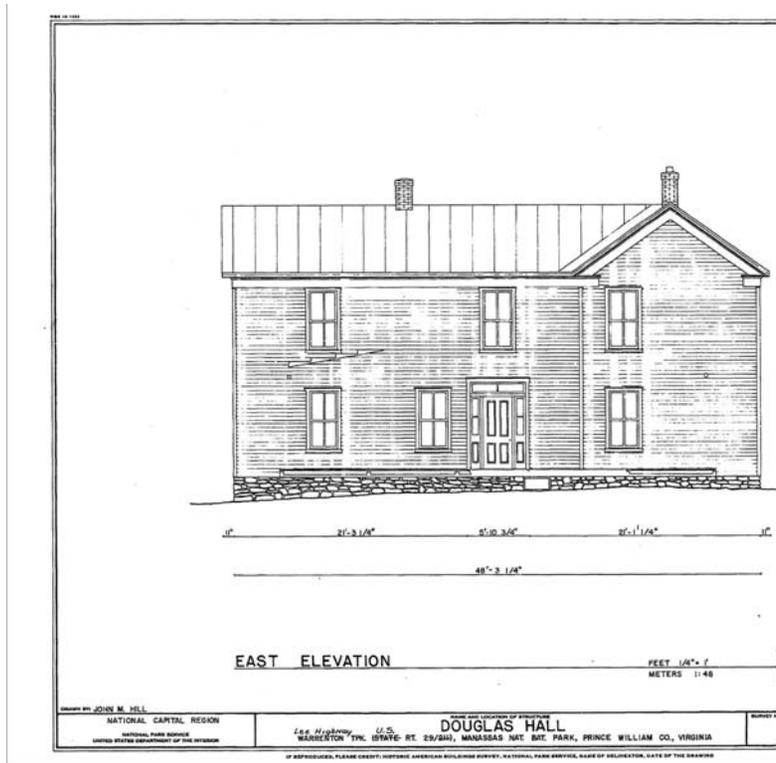
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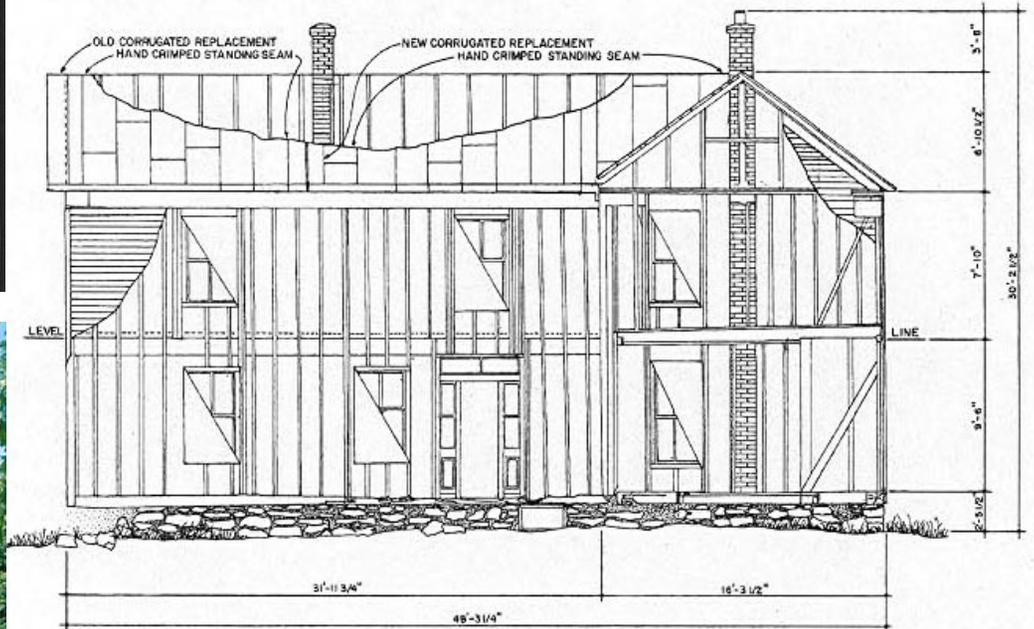


Douglas Hall (aka Brawner Farmhouse)  
HABS drawings, 1985



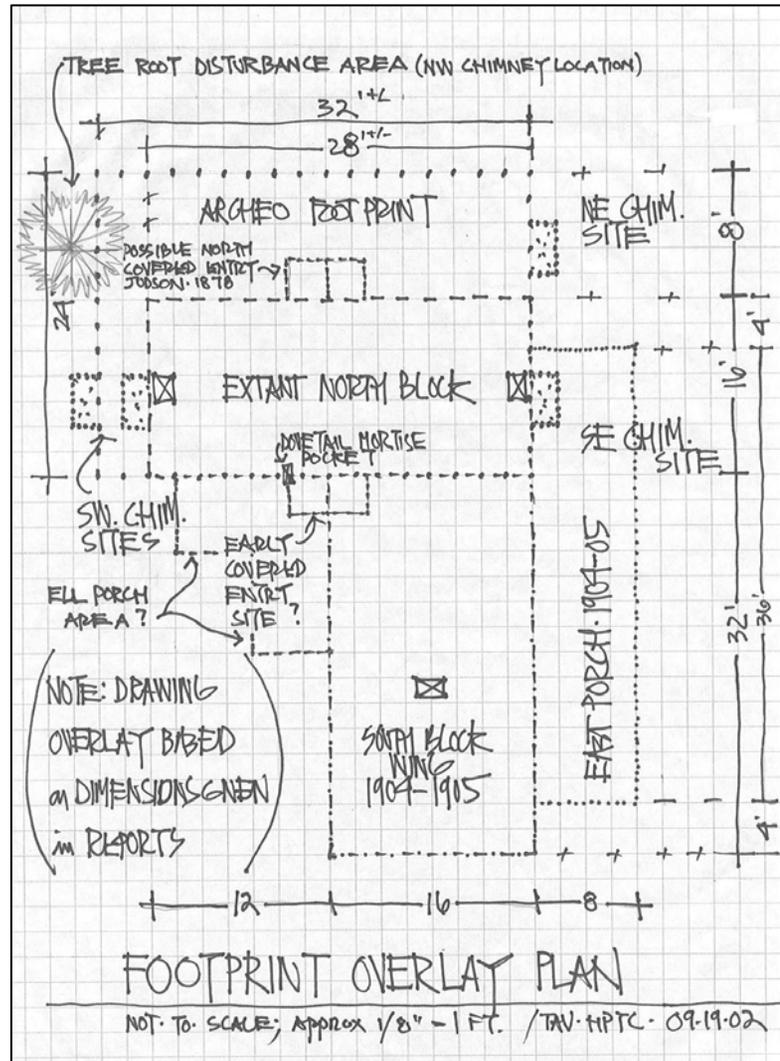
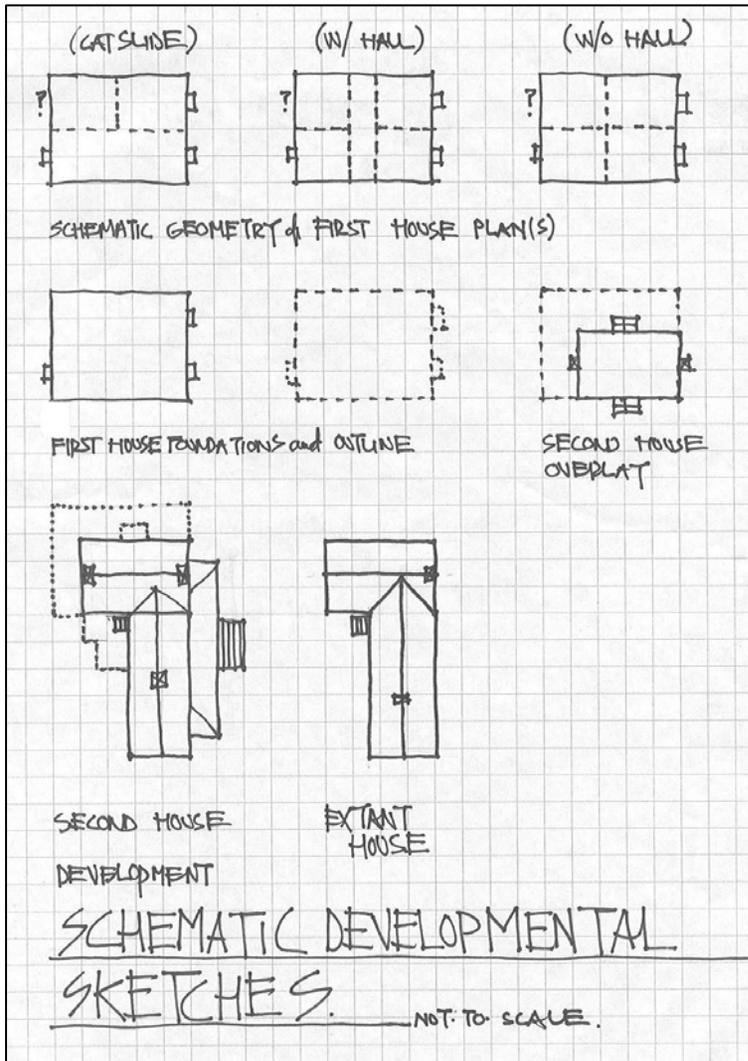
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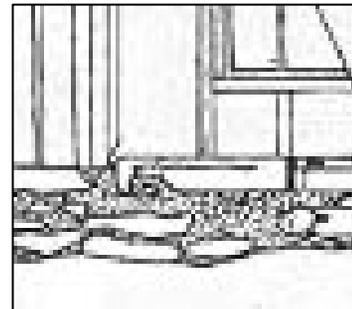
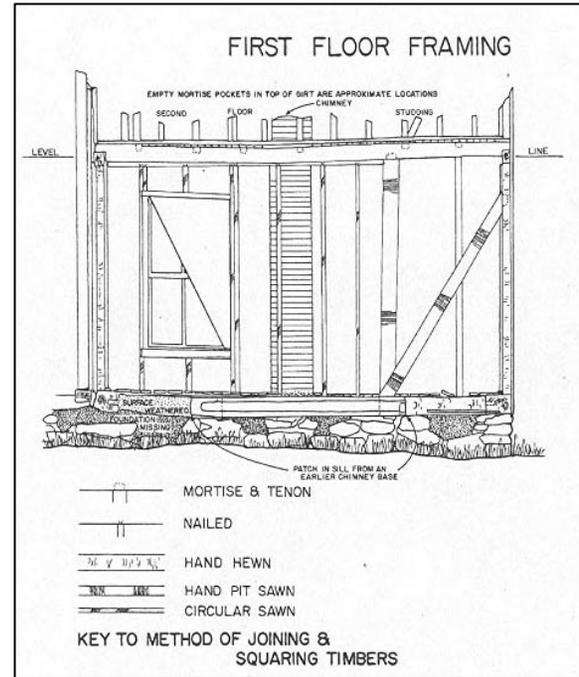
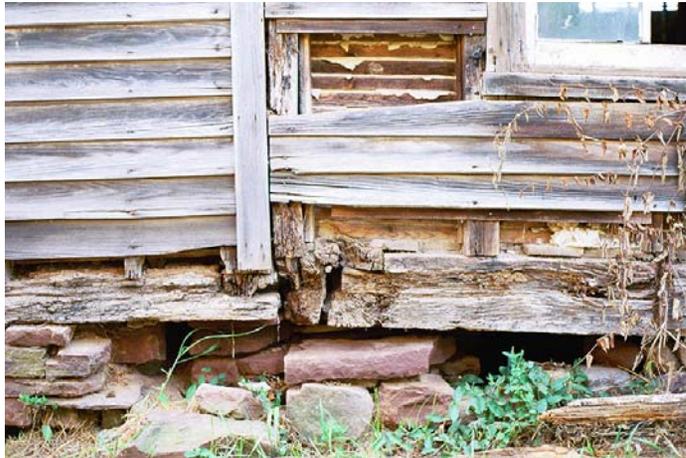
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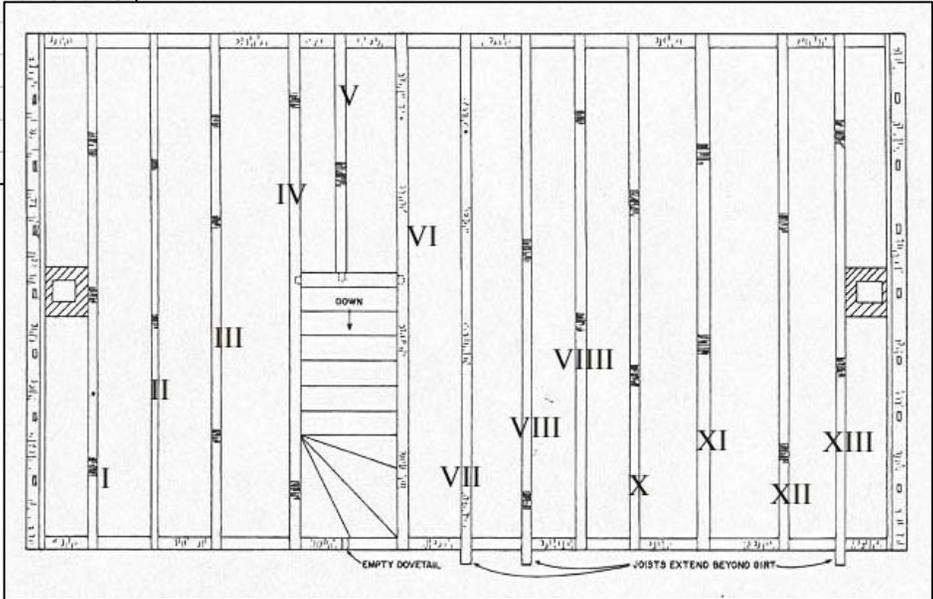
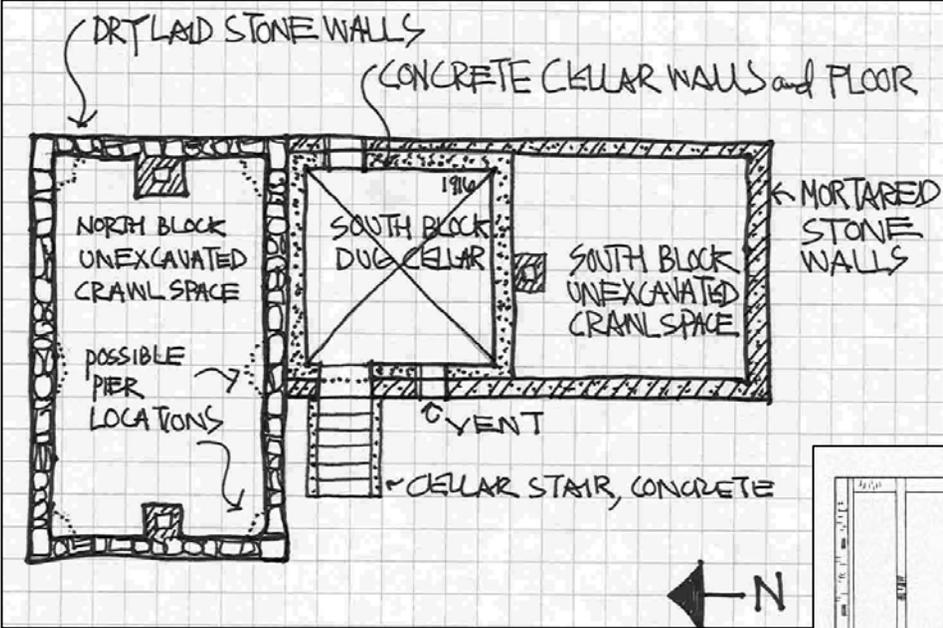
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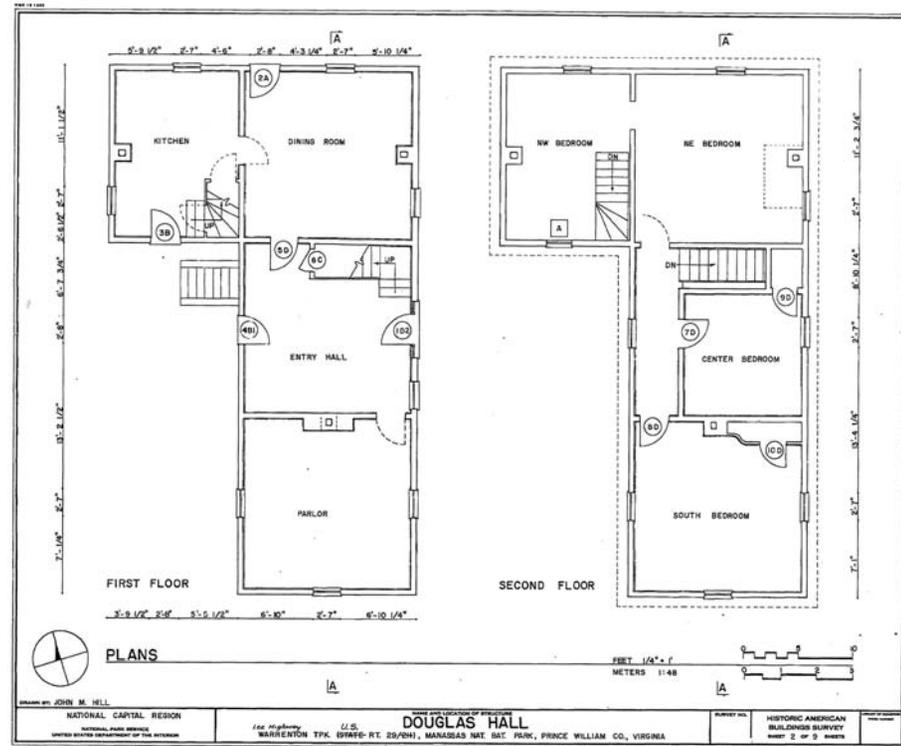
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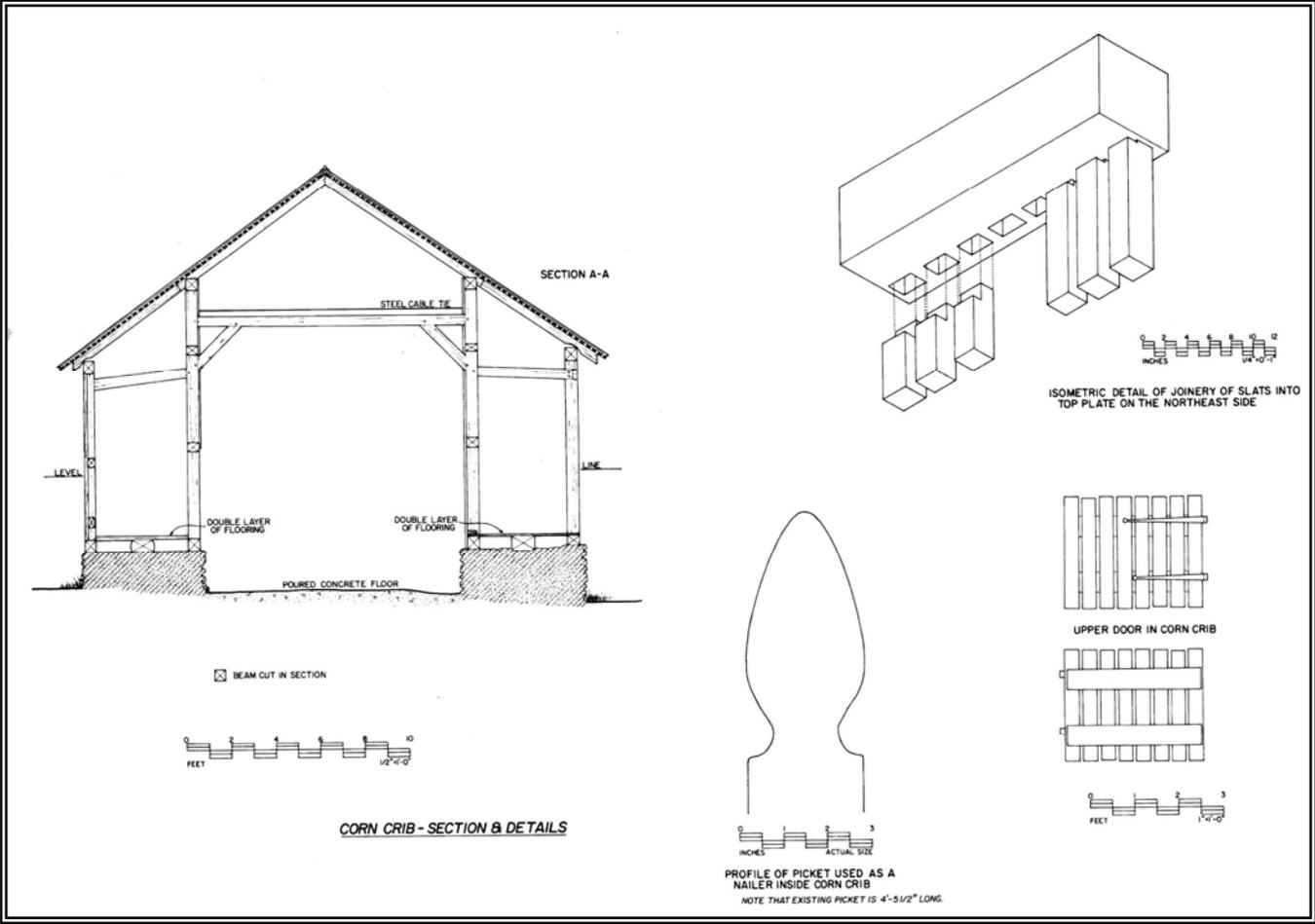
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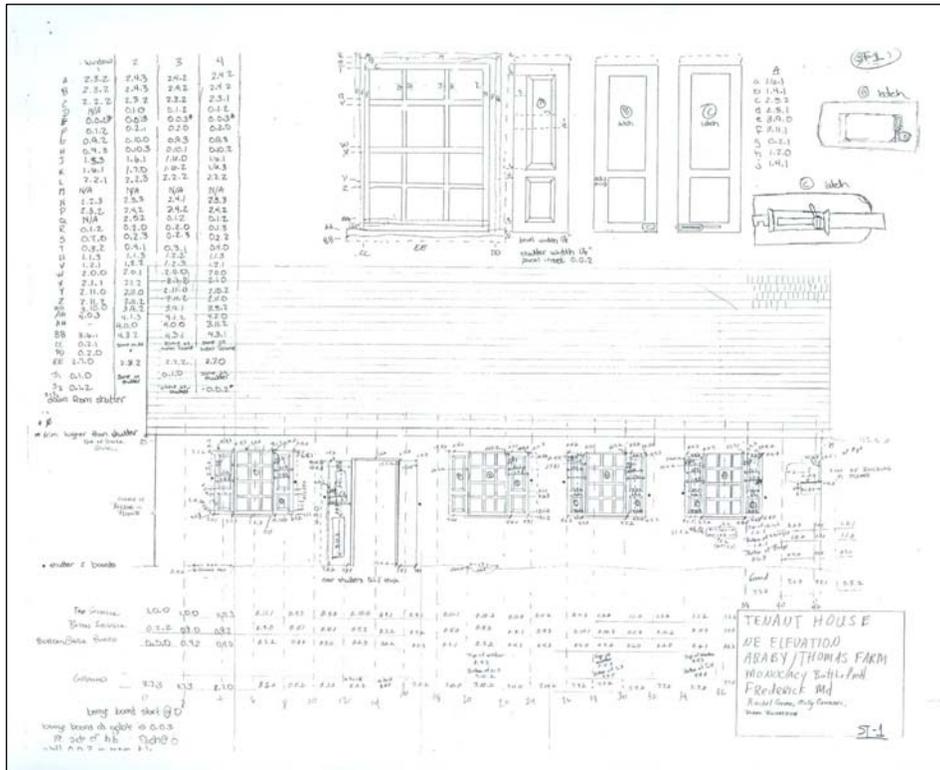


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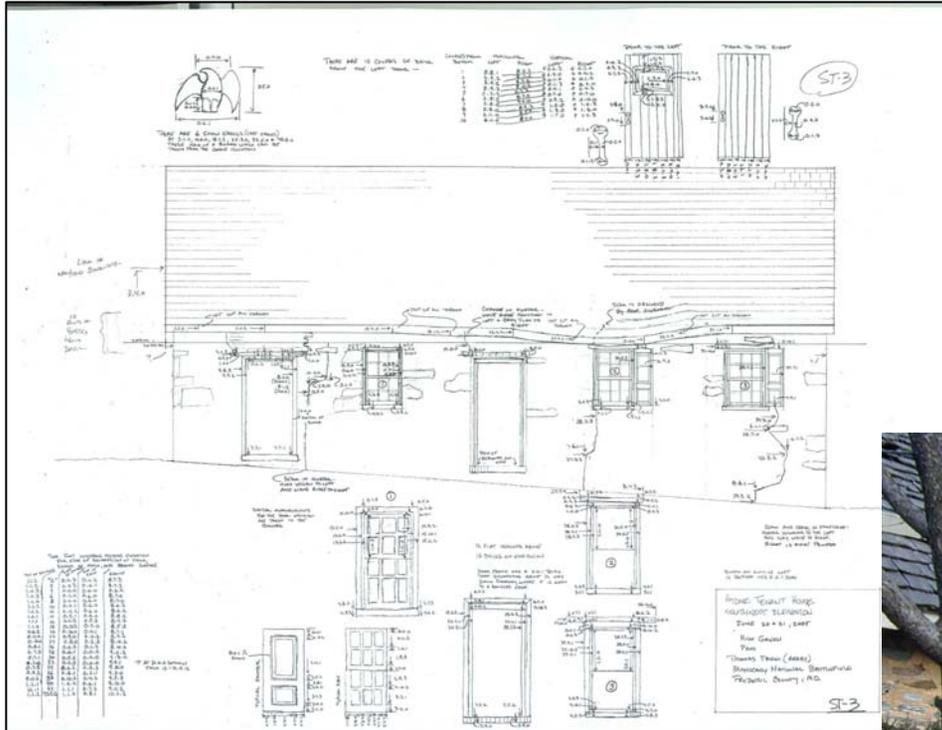


Stone Tenant House  
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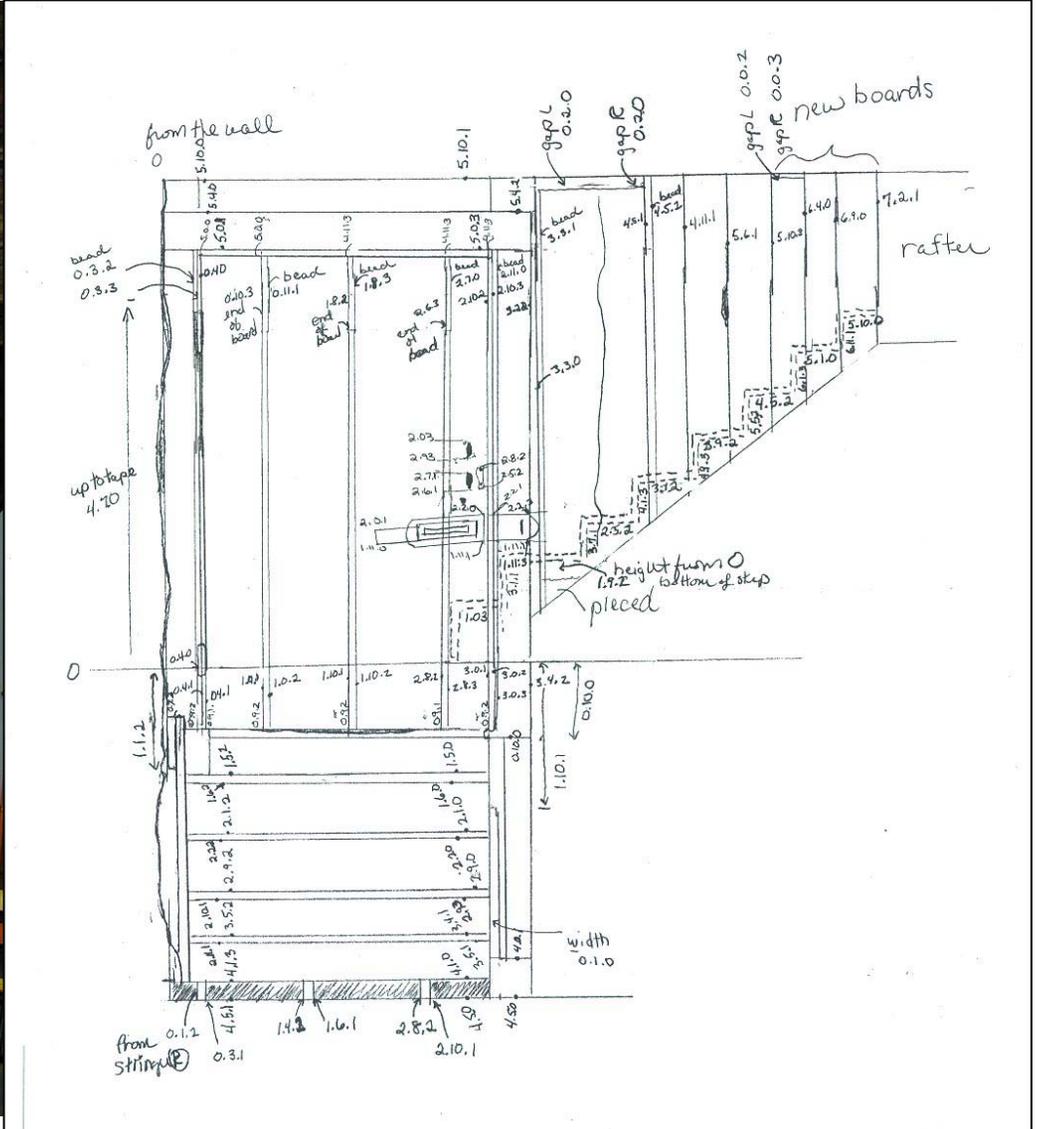
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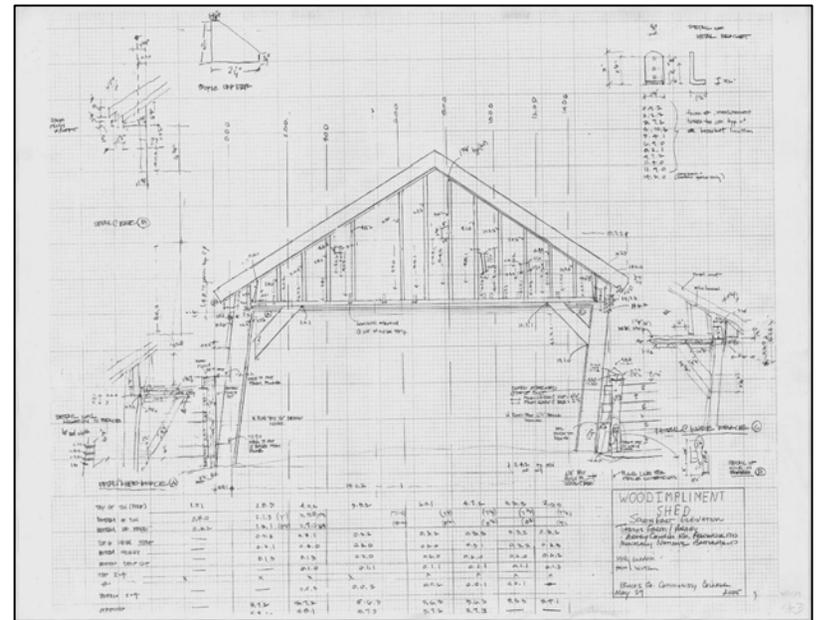


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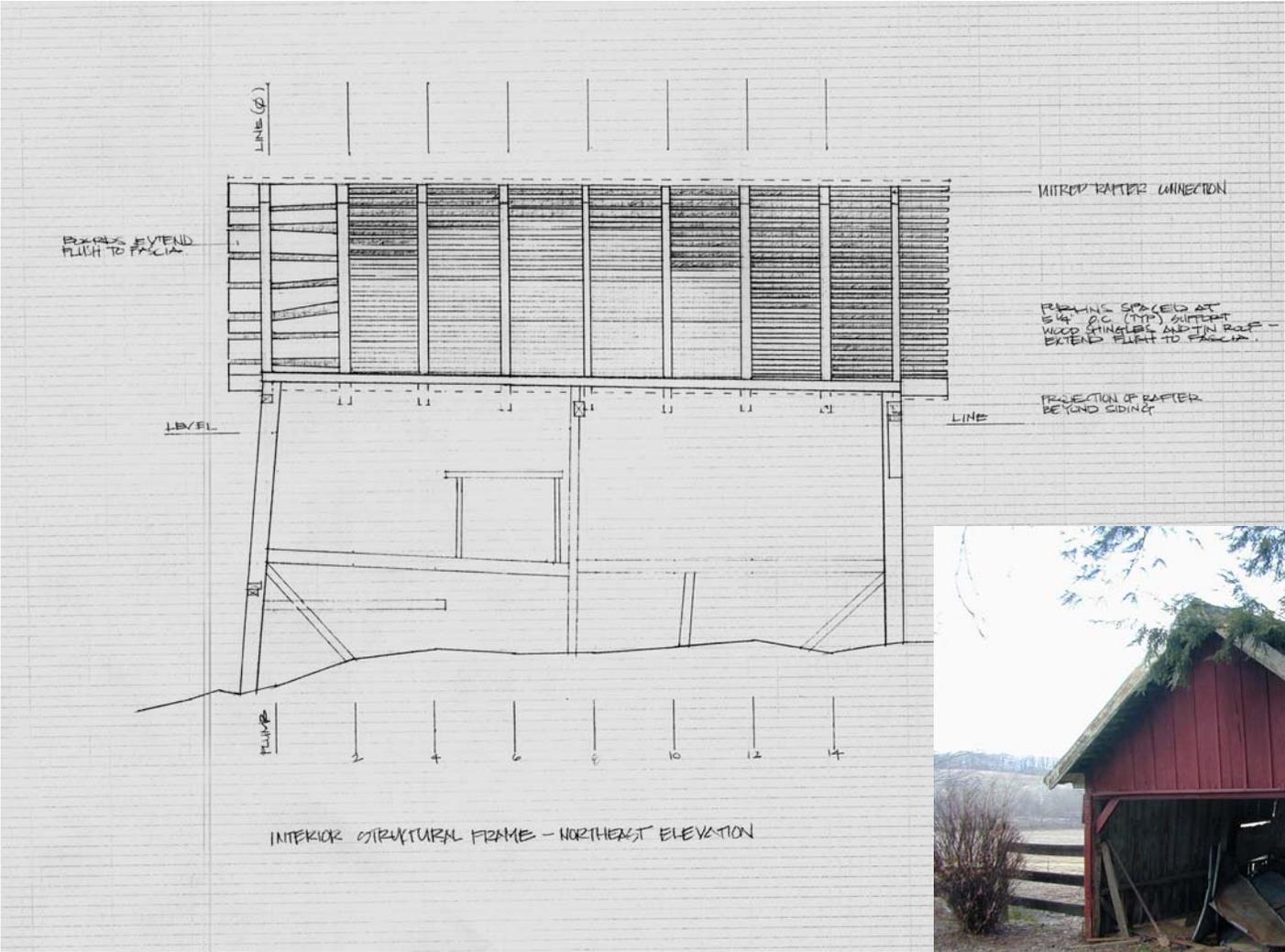
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