HONORABLE MENTION AWARDED
2015 LEICESTER B. HOLLAND PRIZE ENTRY

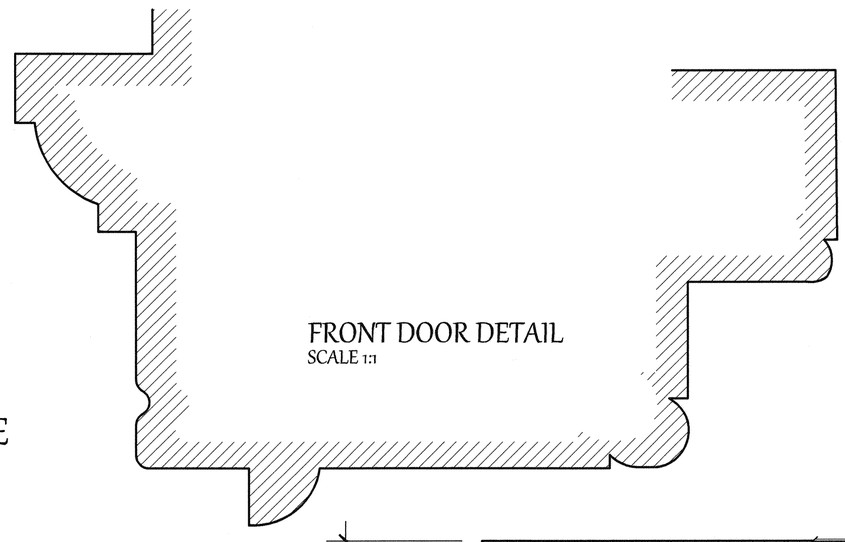
ST. JAMES' HOUSE

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

EAST ELEVATION
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" 1:48

THE ST. JAMES' HOUSE WAS BUILT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA AROUND 1768-69. EARLY RECORDS ASSOCIATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING WITH JAMES MERCER, A LOCAL LAWYER, WHO PURCHASED THE PROPERTY FROM FIELDING LEWIS AND GEORGE WASHINGTON.

A MUTUAL ASSURANCE POLICY FROM 1808 PROVIDES THE FIRST KNOWN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING DESCRIBING IT AS A "20'X26' WOOD FRAMED DWELLING COVERED IN WOOD." ALSO NOTED ON THE POLICY ARE A NUMBER OF AUXILIARY STRUCTURES ALIGNED IN A LINEAR FASHION ALONG CHARLES STREET, INCLUDING A NEARBY WOOD FRAMED KITCHEN TO THE NORTH. IN 1847, A FIRE DESTROYED THE ORIGINAL KITCHEN WHICH WAS REPLACED THREE YEARS LATER BY THE CURRENT BRICK KITCHEN, NOW ENCAPSULATED BY A NUMBER OF LATER ADDITIONS. FIRE AGAIN RAVAGED THE BUILDING IN 1870 DESTROYING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL DWELLING HOUSE AND THE BRICK KITCHEN. THIS CONNECTOR WAS RECONSTRUCTED IN THE LATER-19TH CENTURY AND REMAINS TODAY, ALTHOUGH LATE-20TH CENTURY MODIFICATIONS, PARTICULARLY TO THE KITCHEN HAVE ALTERED ITS INTERIOR APPEARANCE. DESPITE THESE CHANGES THE ORIGINAL DWELLING HOUSE STILL RETAINS MUCH OF ITS' INTEGRITY FROM THE MID-18TH CENTURY MAKING IT UNIQUE AMONG FREDERICKSBURG DWELLINGS. TODAY THE BUILDING IS MAINTAINED BY THE WASHINGTON HERITAGE MUSEUMS.



FRONT DOOR DETAIL
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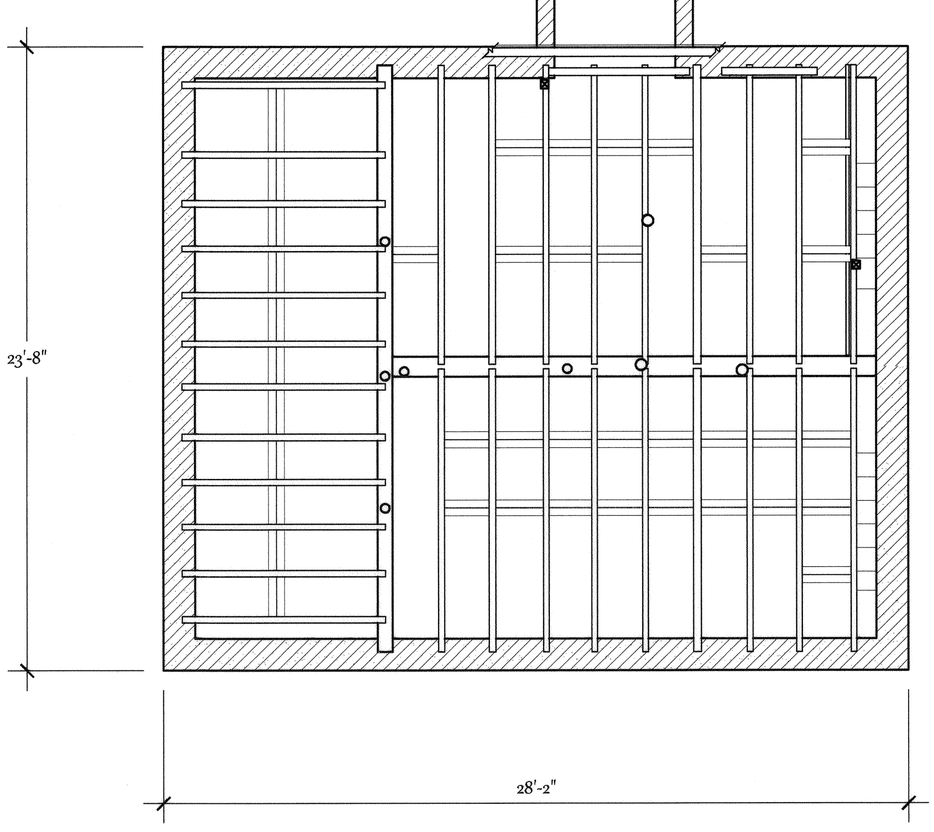

CELLAR REFLECTED CEILING PLAN
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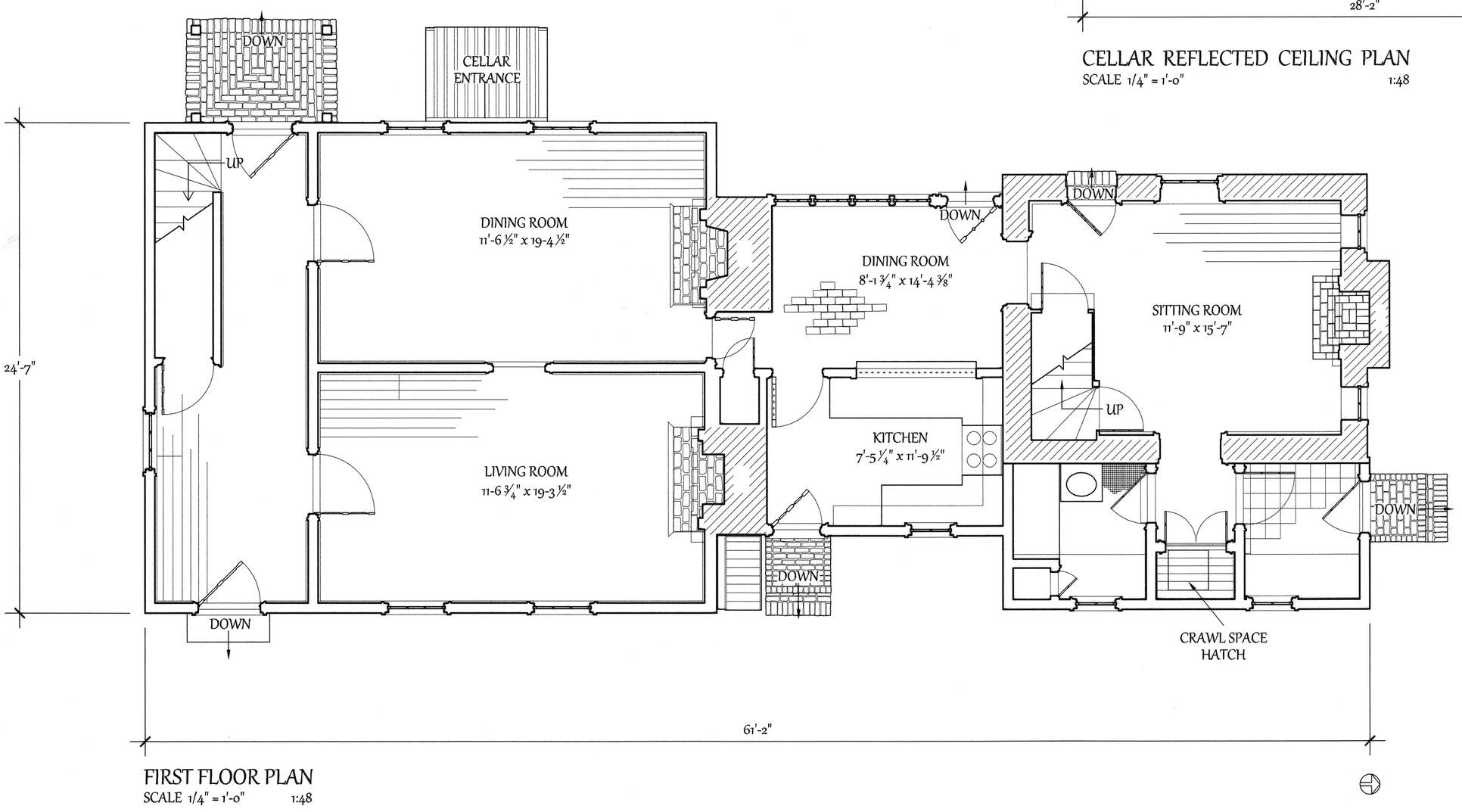

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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0 1/2" 1" 2"
SCALE FULL SIZE

0 1' 2' 4' 8'
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

0 12 24 48 96
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