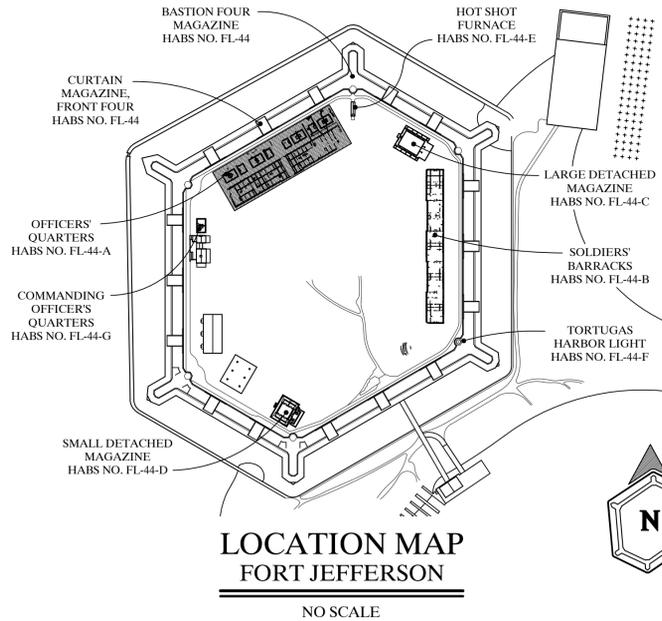


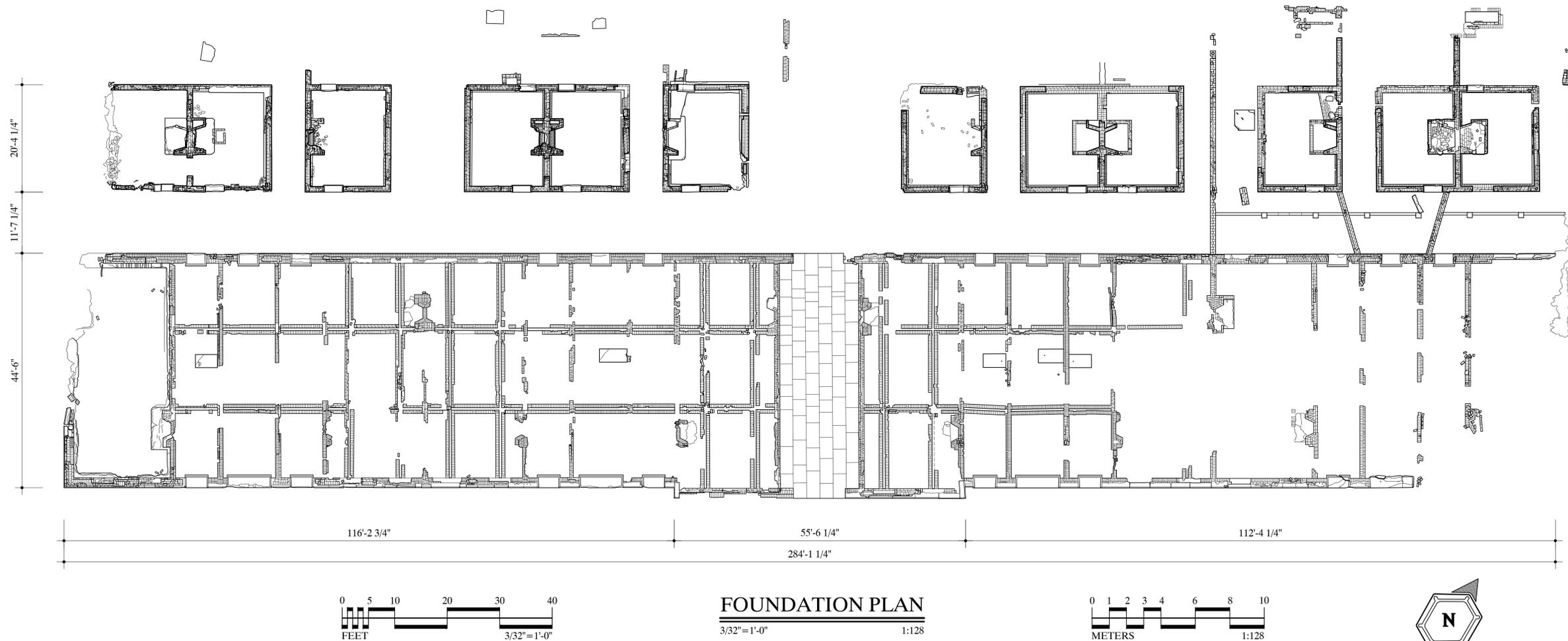
OFFICERS' QUARTERS

When Fort Jefferson was established in 1846, priority was given to the construction of permanent officers' quarters, enlisted men's (soldiers) barracks, and associated kitchens. While the Officers' Quarters was to measure 286' x 44' a smaller section was built first. According to the specifications, there was to be erected a "length of about 68 feet, which being the full allowance of quarters for two companies, will afford ample accommodation for all the persons engaged in supervising and overseeing." The design was undertaken by Chief Engineer of the U.S. Army General Totten and drawings prepared by Lieutenant Montgomery C. Meigs. The Quarters were built of brick with concrete foundations, three stories in height. They included refinements such as a full-height piazza to the rear, front entries with half-round lights, cut stone water tables, sills and lintels, and venetian blinds. Construction began in October 1847 and was undertaken by contractors, who were also responsible for supplying all the necessary building materials and component parts. Work was supplemented over the years by slave and prison labor. The first section was completed in 1850 for use by the engineer or officer in charge, his assistant, clerk, physician, and an overseer.



Due to delays caused by the fort's isolated location, extreme weather conditions, epidemics, lack of funding and an able workforce, it was 1874 before the structure was considered finished; even then only thirty-six of the planned sixty-eight rooms were usable. The Officers' Quarters burned in 1927 and the above grade remains demolished in 1962.

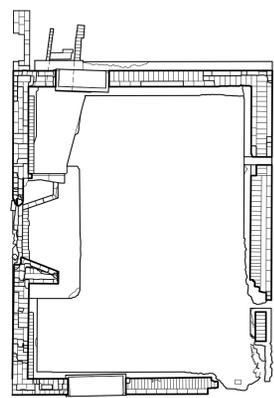
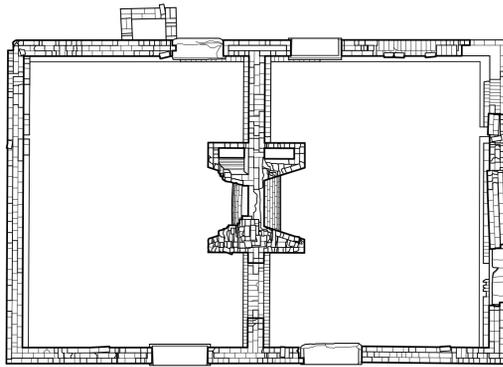
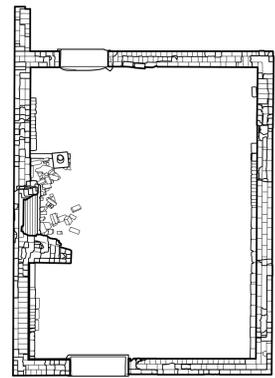
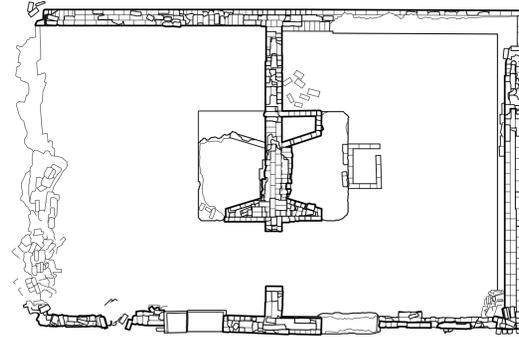
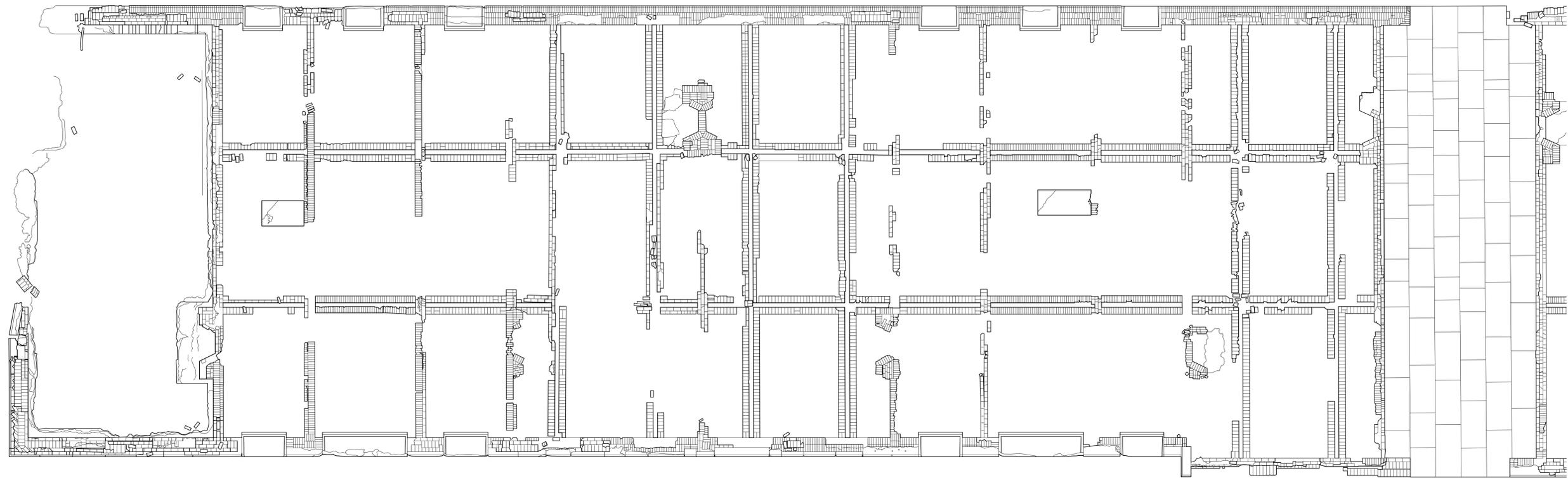
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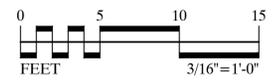
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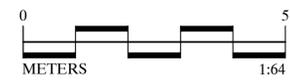
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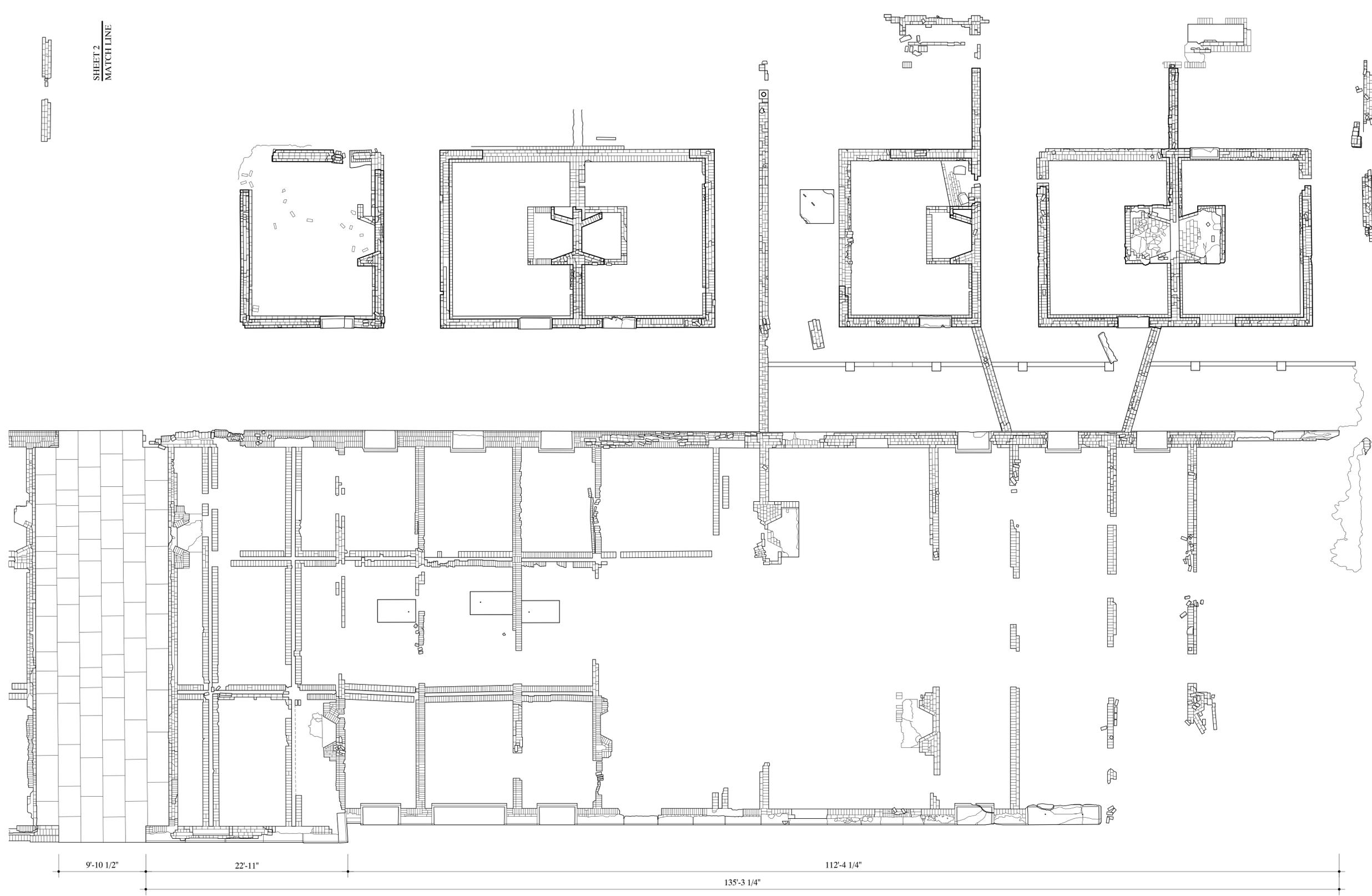
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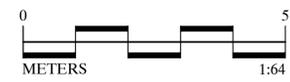
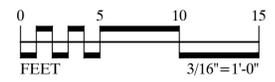
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