

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Bacon-Crosby House BCHS #119				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: South Side Monkton Rd., just west of intersection with Irish Ave.				
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Baltimore		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Dr. and Mrs. R.M.N. Crosby				
STREET AND NUMBER: Monkton Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: TOWSON, Md.		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Book #5119, p. 344				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bacon-Cresby house is a three bay, three storey framed house, with a two bay, three storey framed wing to the south east, having continuous principal (north east) fronts and partly-continuous gabled roof-lines. The house is two rooms deep, and the wing is but one room deep. A shea-roofed one storey addition behind the wing completes the rectangle.

Exterior walls are covered with rather wide plain weatherboarding; weatherboarding of the third storey is slightly narrower. First and second storey windows are 6/6; rear third storey windows are 3/3 but front third storey windows are single casements containing panes arranged as a Chinese inspired fret in imitation of coursed ashlar. All windows have louvree blinds. The front cornice is supported by simple scrolled brackets, but brackets are omitted on the rear. A single chimney rises through the front roof slope of the main house, adjacent to the wing, but the matching rear chimney has been removed. An external chimney rises on the southeast end of the wing, of 20th century construction.

A side hall extends along the northwest end of the main house, with doors front and rear. An open staircase with moderately massive turned walnut newels and round walnut rail to match, rises to the third floor. Balusters at the third storey level are plain rectangular, but these below are tapered, round replacements.

Two rooms are to the left or southeast of the hall, and the wing contains one room. All interior finishes and details are of the 20th century, but some original doors remain with modern boarding applied to each side. Detailed photographs taken before and during a massive 20th century restyling of the interior indicate sawn wood lathe and very simple beaded trim, characteristic of the mid-19th century. The owner recalls hearing of an inscription "redone 1857", discovered behind the finish during this 20th century remodeling.

Ca. 1857 is a date consistent with the three storey form and simple Italianate details of the house in its present form, and as deduced from the pre-modeling photos. Only a slight change in the character of the weatherboarding, not enough to suggest a deliberate variation to delineate the storey, suggests that the third storey might have been added to an earlier house; of course, if it was an addition, it might have closely followed the initial construction. Examination of the corner posts, not possible at this time, should indicate if the complete three storey height is original or not. Roof rafters are mitred at the ridge, a typical detail of the second half of the 19th century.

The stone walled cellar extends beneath the southeast wing, and continues without joints at the same front-to-back width under the north-east or front portion of the main house. The first floor structure does not reflect this partial-cellar scheme; a girder beneath the dividing partition, not above a cellar wall, breaks the joist span. All joist structure of the main house is straight sawn, dimensional material. First floor joists of the wing are legs, hewn flat on their top sides.

The 1793 Federal Direct Tax describes a framed one storey dwelling standing on this property 20 feet square "old, much out of repair." The dimensions of the wing are 20 by 20 and the log joists may suggest, but do not conclusively prove, that this wing contains portions of an earlier structure. The lack of joints in the cellar walls suggests that the (conjectured) earlier structure was moved over a new, enlarged cellar.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bacon-Crosby house is the homestead of the Bacon family who played such an important role in the development of The Manor. It is conjectured that a portion of the house is 18th century origin with additions being made early in the 19th century and in the middle 19th century.

Two lots were leased from Thomas Brerewood in 1742 by Martin Bacon. (-1) He had two surviving children, Elizabeth who married Edward Fugate, who together with their son, Martin Fugate, were issued the patent for lot 51 and resided in the stone house known as Martin Fugate house. The other child, John, married Temperance Hunt, the daughter of William Hunt who is said to have lived on lot 59, Martin and John Bacon died before the 1782 sale and lot 53, the site of the Bacon-Crosby house, was sold to Joshua Gist who then in turn sold it to Temperance Bacon (M) and it was Temperance Bacon to whom the patent was issued. (-3)

John and Temperance Hunt Bacon had three children. Mary Bacon married Gabriel Holmes, the owner of lot 49 and the owner of the Holmes-Lefley house, Elizabeth, married Thomas Pearce, who was the original builder of Clifford on lot 94, and Martin Bacon II.

It was to Martin Bacon II to whom this house was given by Temperance Bacon (-4) and he became rather prosperous. He later bought a piece of Merryman's Inclosure Rectified just north of The Manor (1825), (-5) and built a stone house, still in existence, which he called Mankten View. On his death, Martin Bacon II left his stone house to his son, John Martin Bacon and the house on lot 53 to William Bacon (-6). Apparently there was some discord between William and his father and William refused to have any part of the inheritance or administer the will. The Bacon-Crosby house then passed out of the Bacon family. John Martin Bacon later bought the Bridge House and four generations lived there until the 1950's.

It is conjectured that the additions to the first floor and the entire second floor of this house were built by Martin Bacon II just prior to the time that he built Mankten View. In the reconstruction of this house in the early 1940's by Edward Ortmann, a board was found in the wall of the north hall on which was written in paint, "completely re-done in 1857." This date corresponds with the death of Martin Bacon II.

Unknown at the time of the architectural survey, the roof beams above the third floor are mitered and nailed and are circular sawn, indicating its later origin.

On this property a number of the Basons were buried. Some of the stones were moved to Saint James Church by previous residents, but two remained although in sites other than the burial place. These are the

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3 acres**

Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
R.M.N. Crosby, M.D.

ORGANIZATION: My Lady's Manor Association DATE: January 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rt. 1, Box 42

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature

Perhaps the concept of the addition was enlarged between the digging and walling of the cellar and the framing of the new house above.

The main sills and corner posts of the wing have been seen recently, and are hewn with mortise and tenon joints. No hand wrought nails have been identified as yet, which would indicate that the remains of the structure described on this property in 1798 may remain.

The dimensions of the principal portion of the existing dwelling are approximately 28 by 32 feet.

Behind the kitchen wing stands a stone, one storey square meat house with a pyramidal roof. The door is not original and the roof structure is not accessible for inspection, so no positive determination could be made as to its age; however, there was a meat house noted in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax, which may be the existing one.

James T. Wollen, Jr.

8. Significance (cont.)

stones of Elizabeth Bacon, the wife of the second Martin Bacon, who died in 1821, age 30, and the mother of William, John and Ellen Bacon Stewart. In addition, there is the stone of a son of Martin and Elizabeth Bacon, whose name cannot be identified.

The present owners are Dr. and Mrs. R.M.N. Crosby.

References:

1. Liber HWS#C folio 145
2. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1981-85, pp. 55,56.
Certificate of Survey #3005
Return Book of Reserved Lands, pp. 19-22.
3. Return Book of Reserved Lands, pp. 19-22.
Liber IC#H folio 706
4. Liber WG#58 folio 504
5. Liber WG#176 folio 324
6. Liber JLR#1 folio 383

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1957			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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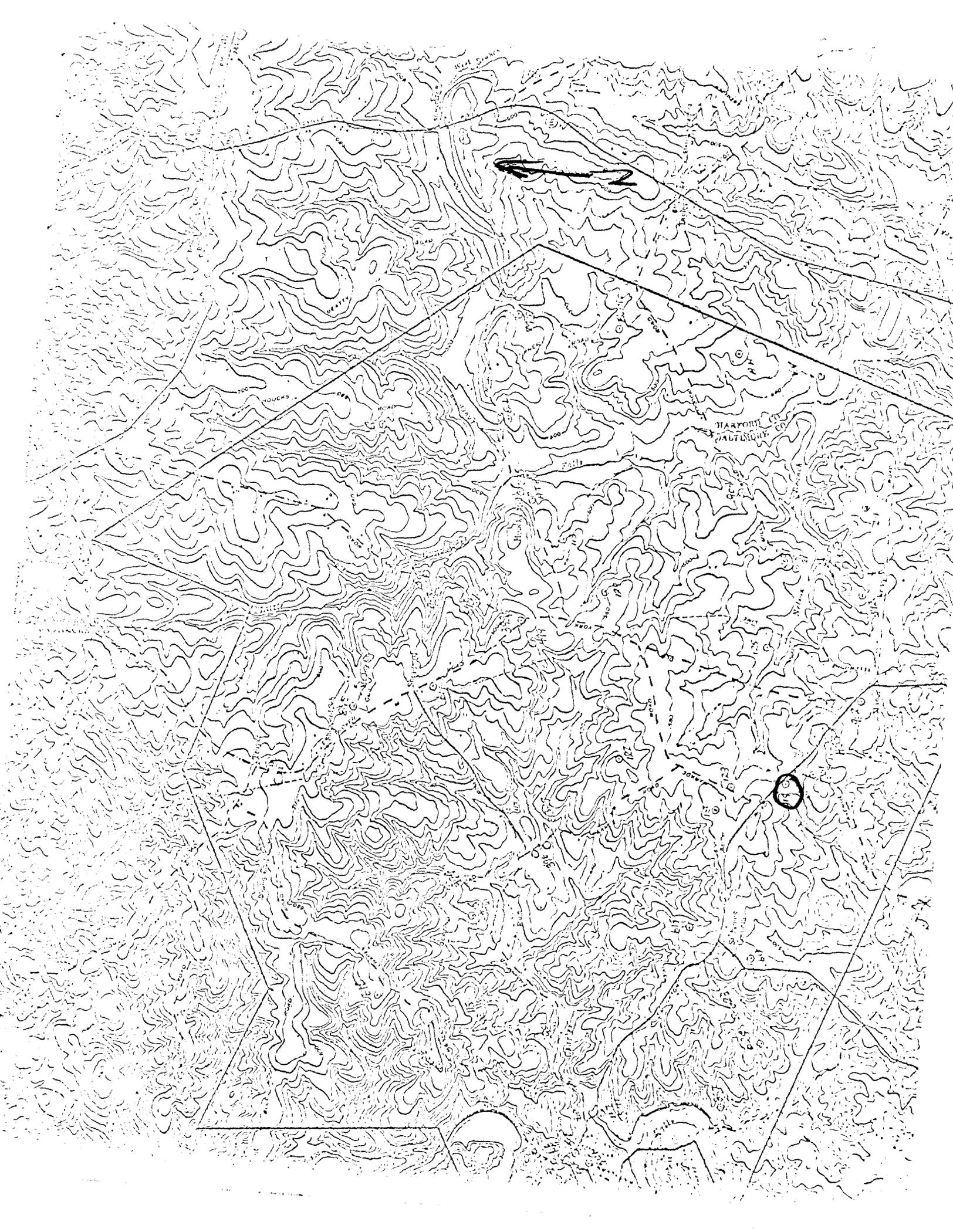
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.			
DATE OF PHOTO: January 1975			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
East (front) facade			





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East (front) facade

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