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ROBINSON LOG HOUSE AND BARN

Prince Frederick

mid 19th c.

Private

The frame addition to this 1½ story one-room log house suffered a fire, and the entire structure is in near ruins. The log house has a corner stair leading to the loft. It was heated by an exterior brick chimney.

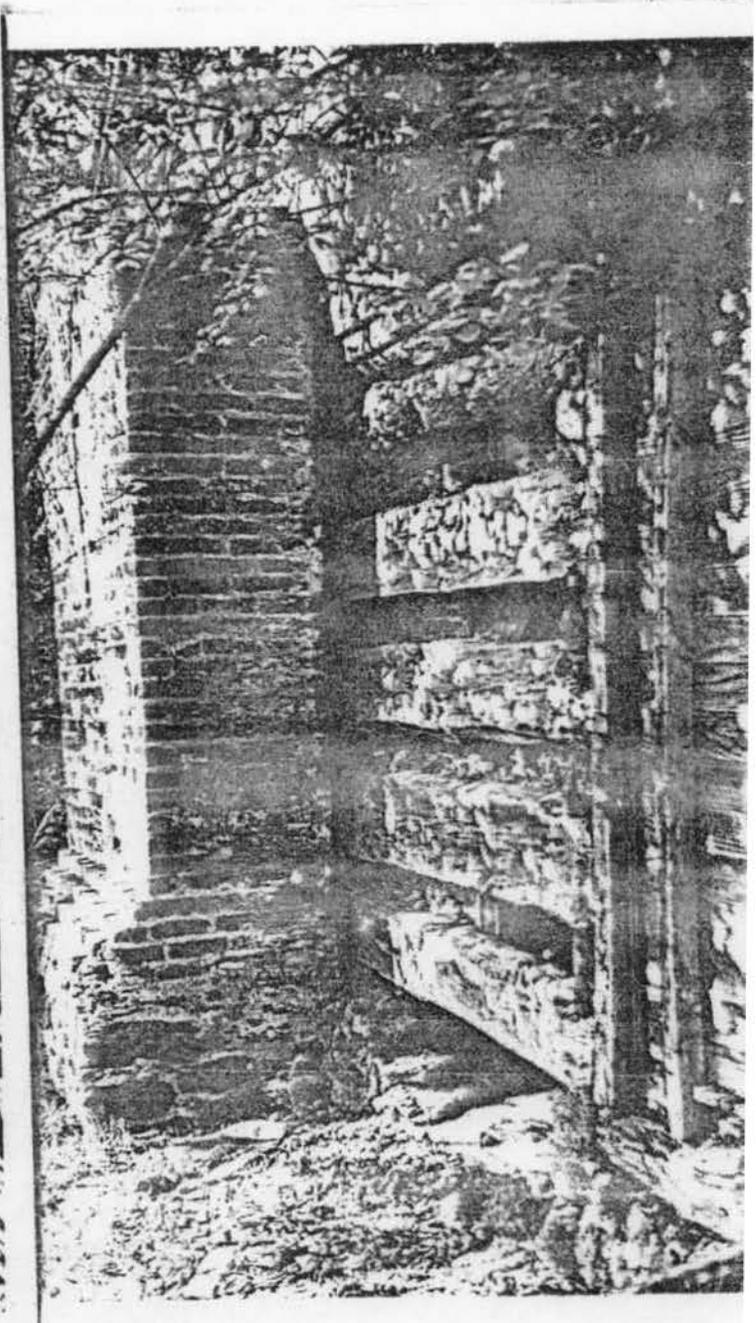
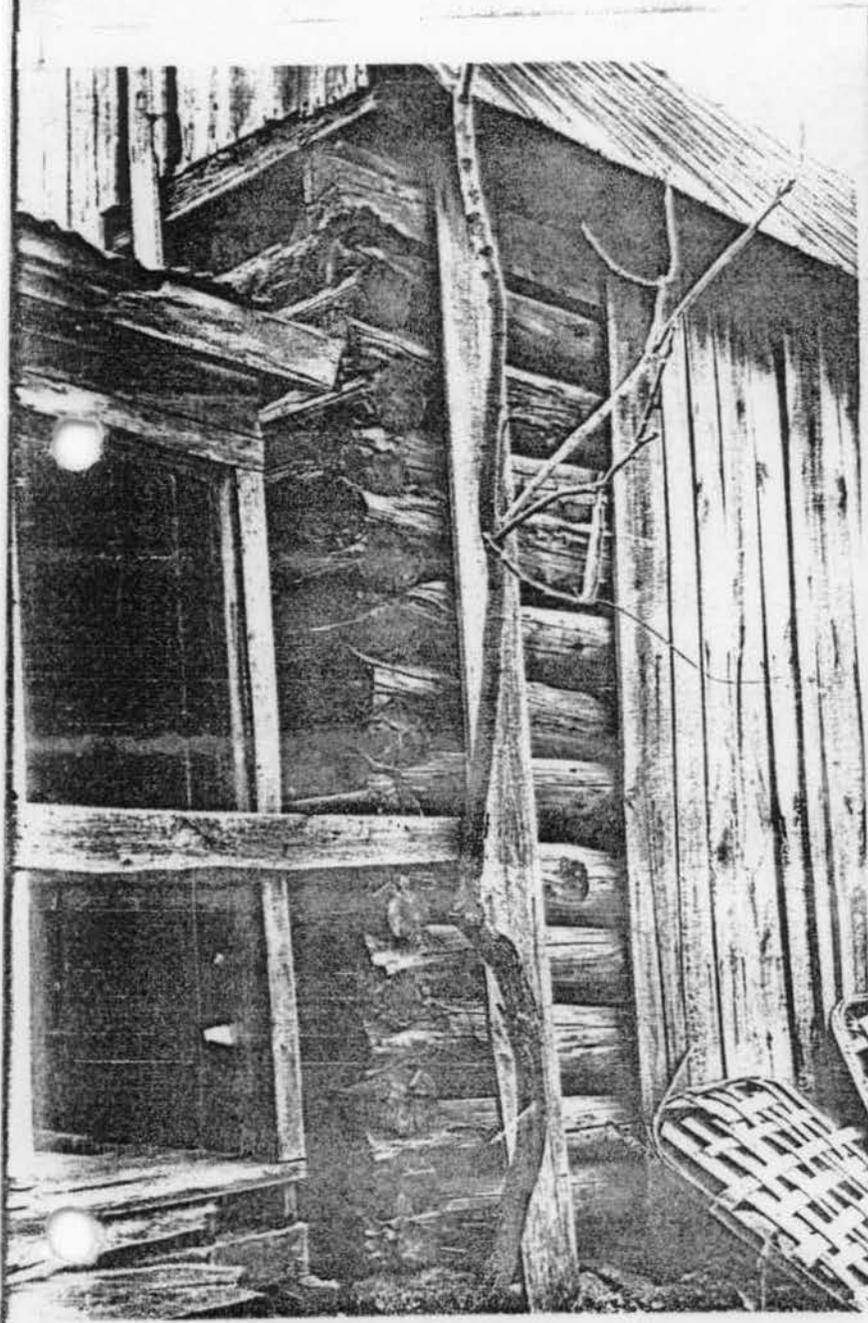
The barn, built of round logs, is in fair condition.

(Capsule)

Log house and barn (Robinson)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Log house and barn (Robinson)

AND/OR COMMON

Post and Beam barn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

J.W. Williams Road, East side of Road, South of Power Lines.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Barstow

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Louis L. Goldstein

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse

Liber #: AWR 18/578

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are two log structures on this property; one is a dwelling and the other is a barn.

Dwelling:

This is one and a half stories made of various width logs (1" x 6") squared and V-notched. The logs are 4"-5" apart with stone chinking. A layer of hair plaster finished the inside and nail holes suggest that clapboards covered the outside.

The plan consisted of one room down measuring 14' x 16' and a "half room" upstairs with knee walls. The main room was heated by a fireplace served by a large, exterior chimney on the south end. The chimney has a fieldstone base and a brick watertable. The house was entered by a door on the east side; there is also a door on the north side which leads into a later addition. Boxed-in stairs occupy the southeast corner. A large 4'6" x 2'10" window vents the west facade; it may be a later feature.

The upper room has windows on the west side and south gable. This gable window has an awkward relationship with the partially destroyed chimney which suggests that ~~either~~ it might not be original.

One can see that this log house grew into a larger structure which has since been destroyed by fire. (See attached sketch.)

A disparity in materials suggests that Sections B and C are separate additions; however, they do share the same sill. (Section B is two stories high (continuous uprights) and has a post-and-beam frame which utilizes mortise-tenon and trunnels. The same section has hewn sills and split-log joists. The upstairs of this section was presumably a bedroom; the downstairs appears to have served as an entrance hall. There are opposite entrance doors on the east and west sides and doors leading into A and C in the north and south walls. Stairs occupying the northeast corner and wire cased in beaded tongue-and-groove panelling. This room measures 16' x 10 1/2'.

There are more sawn materials in Section C; and where it meets B, there are separate uprights. This is the section most heavily damaged by the fire, and analysis is difficult. This section has the same dimensions as the log section on the opposite end. It would appear to have been two stories high, also one up and one down heated by space heaters attached to a flu on the exterior of the north wall.

This addition yields a floor plan, which like a tobacco barn, is tripartite with a central passage way served by opposite doors.

Section D appears to have been a kitchen addition. It is a clean-to or saltbox addition being one story with a shed roof. It is a modern addition, although it does have log joists. Horizontal tongue-and-groove paneling finishes the interior.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Mr. J. Sheldon Bowen, aged 81, remembers that this house was owned in the last century by a family named Robinson.

Log Barn:

Although it does not fit the tripartite pattern mentioned in the 1800 Essay by William Tatham, this is, nevertheless, a log tobacco barn. On the exterior, the building measures 28' in length and 24'9" in depth. All four walls are built of round logs around 9" thick, V-notched on the ends and laid with 3"-5" spaces inbetween (no chinking). Except for where doors have been cut, all logs are continuous. There are 13 logs to the eaves. The top log is squared so that square-notched rafters may be placed on them.

A 4'x6' door has been cut into the center of the facade and a 3' x 5'4" door has been cut into the center of the north side.

The present gable-end roof is of modern construction.

Frame barn:

On the same property, but on the west side of Williams Road, is a large tobacco barn with the frame of a smaller post-and-beam barn inside. Many repairs have been made resulting in a mixture of older and modern materials. Thus, there are hewn sills and sawn uprights. Sills are butt joined and pegged.

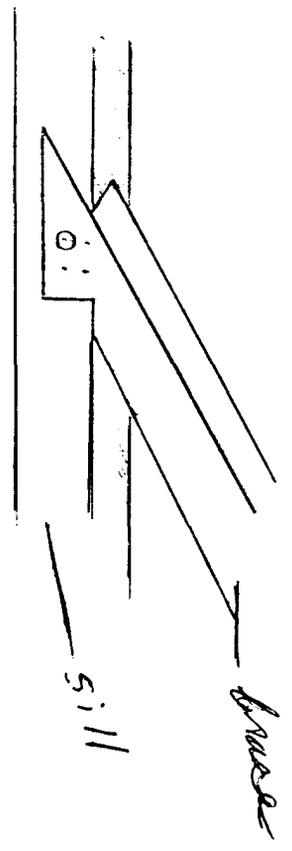
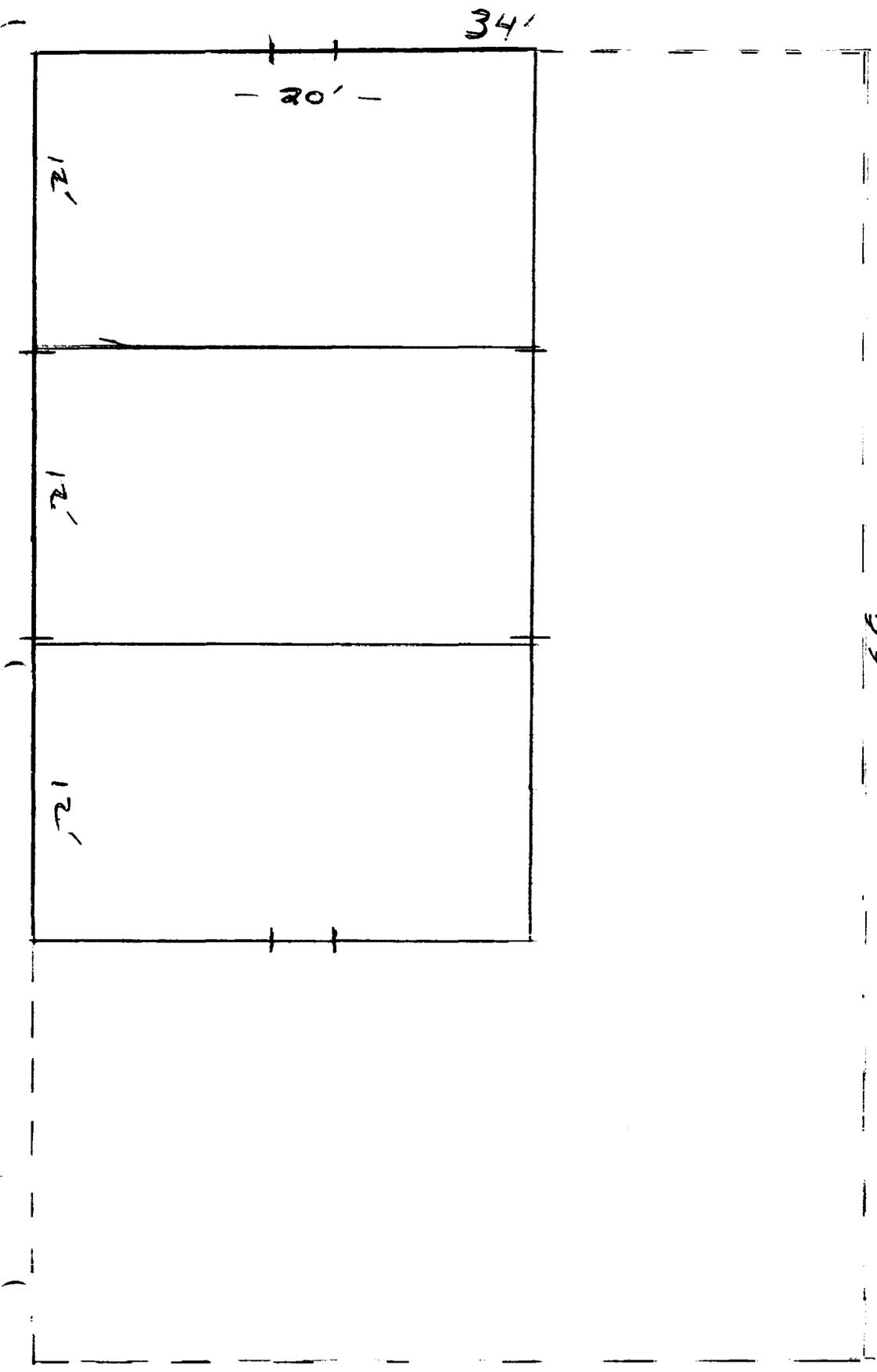
It is an unusual barn for two features. First, although it has a tripartite central passage plan, the three sections are of equal size being 20' x 12'. Where the usual plan has an 8' central passage flanked by two 16' sections, this barn has a 12' central passage flanked by bays of the same dimension.

The second notable feature is the manner in which the angle braces join the sills. The normal mortise-and-tenon fastened with a trunnel is replaced by an open face mortise cut in a dovetail to accommodate a tenon of the same shape. A trunnel is employed as are three cut nails which could be later considerations.

20' x 32' constitutes an eight room barn; 20' is somewhat narrower than the standard 24'.

post-and-beam

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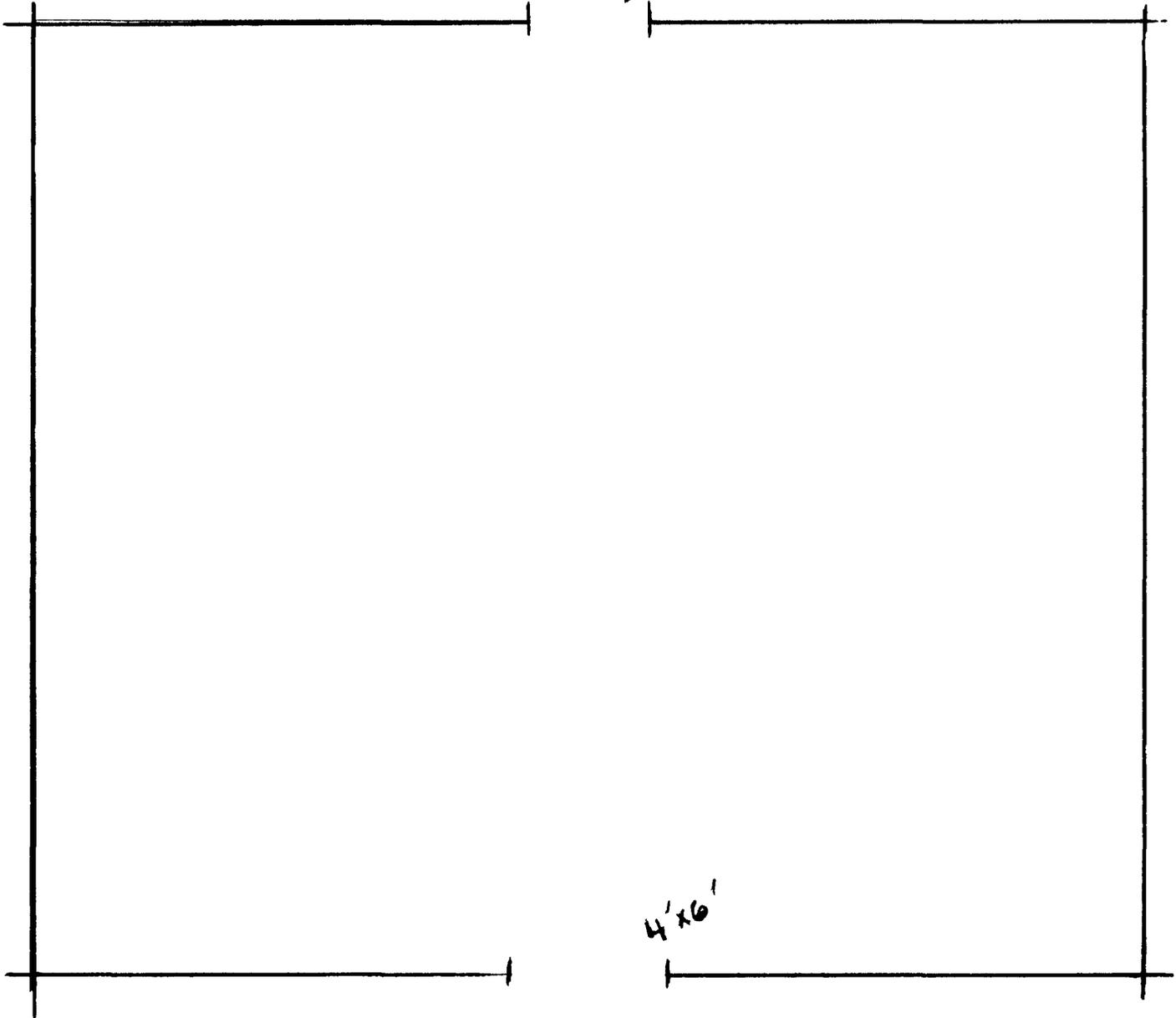


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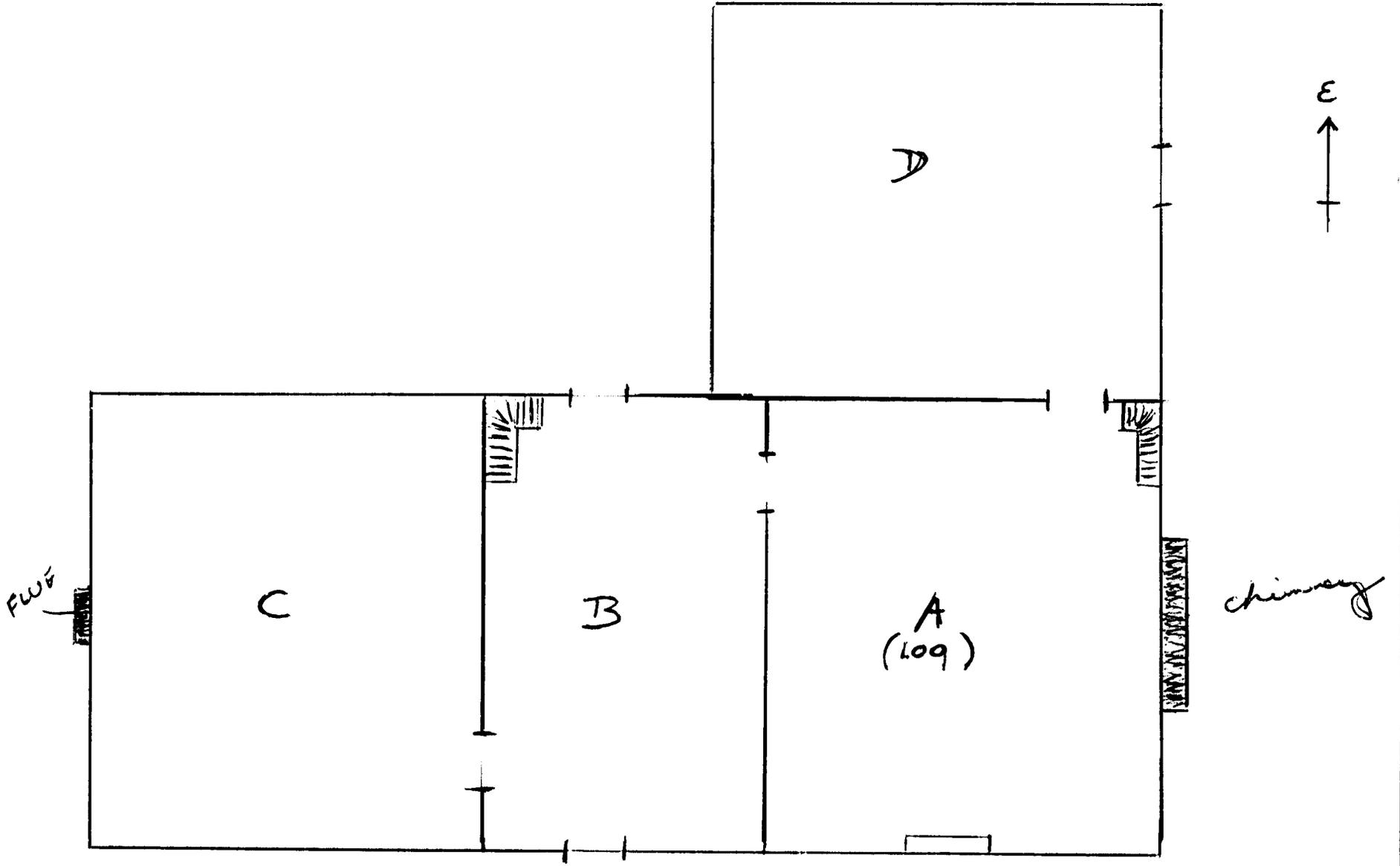
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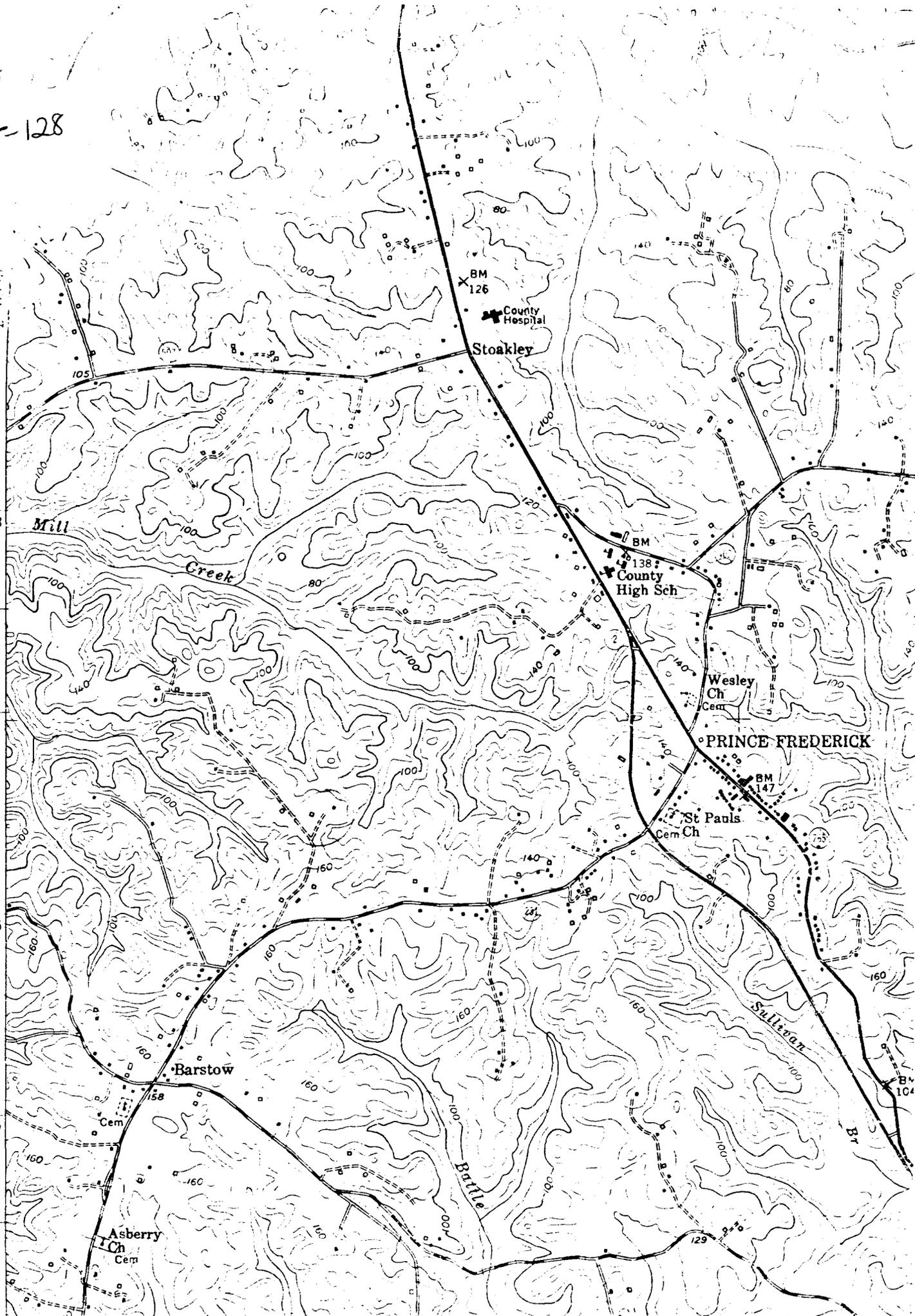
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