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Mt. Pleasant, site (Chiles House)  
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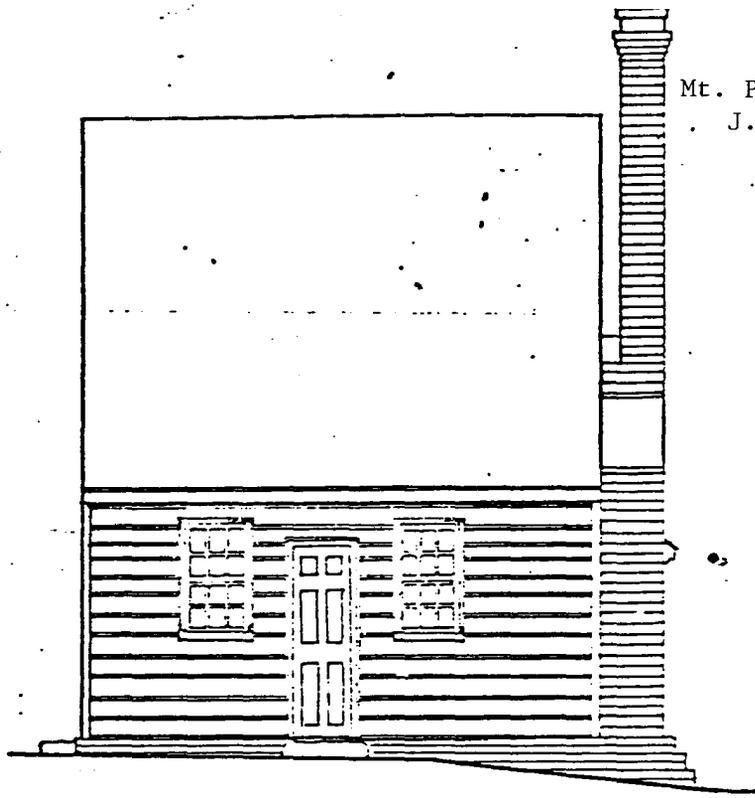
c. 1790

Believed to have been built by Francis Shepard and later owned by his son-in-law, William I. Chiles, who for many years served as pastor of nearby Nanjemoy Baptist Church (CH-355), Mt. Pleasant was one of the better examples of a regionally popular house type. Surviving examples of this form include the oldest part of Linden (CH-48), Trinity Lake House (CH-294), The Exchange (CH-299), and the Wright House (CH-336), among others.

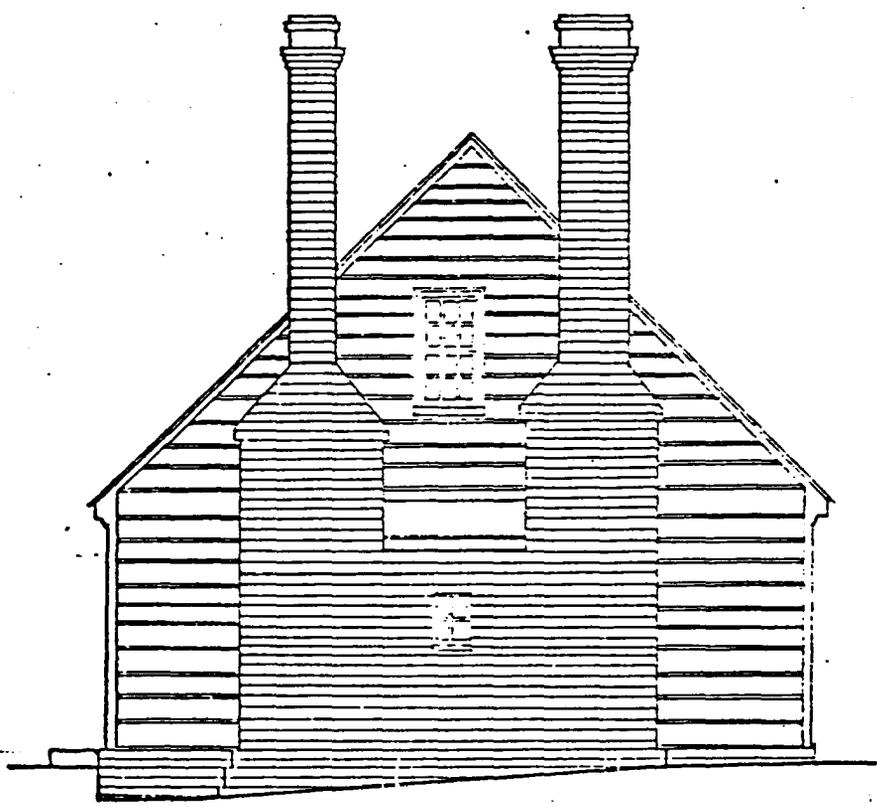
Although a total ruin before it was recorded and the site cleared, Mt. Pleasant was among the least altered of its type and possessed many interesting details. While having the characteristic steep roof, three-bay facade, and double end chimney with pent, its interior was distinguished by woodwork representing a somewhat naive attempt at classical styling. A corner cupboard in the larger front room, a transomed door between the two first floor rooms, and a door opening onto a narrow corner stair, were all surmounted by molded arches with keystones and short pilasters. Both first floor rooms had three-piece chairrails and a tall paneled mantel, the latter decorated with fretwork below the cornice shelves. The hall had walls completely sheathed with horizontal beaded boards, with vertical boards enclosing the stair. The ceilings of both rooms were formed by exposed beaded joists and the painted underside of the attic flooring above. The attic contained two bedchambers and a small hall. In the mid-19th century the house was enlarged by a two-story addition containing a full cellar

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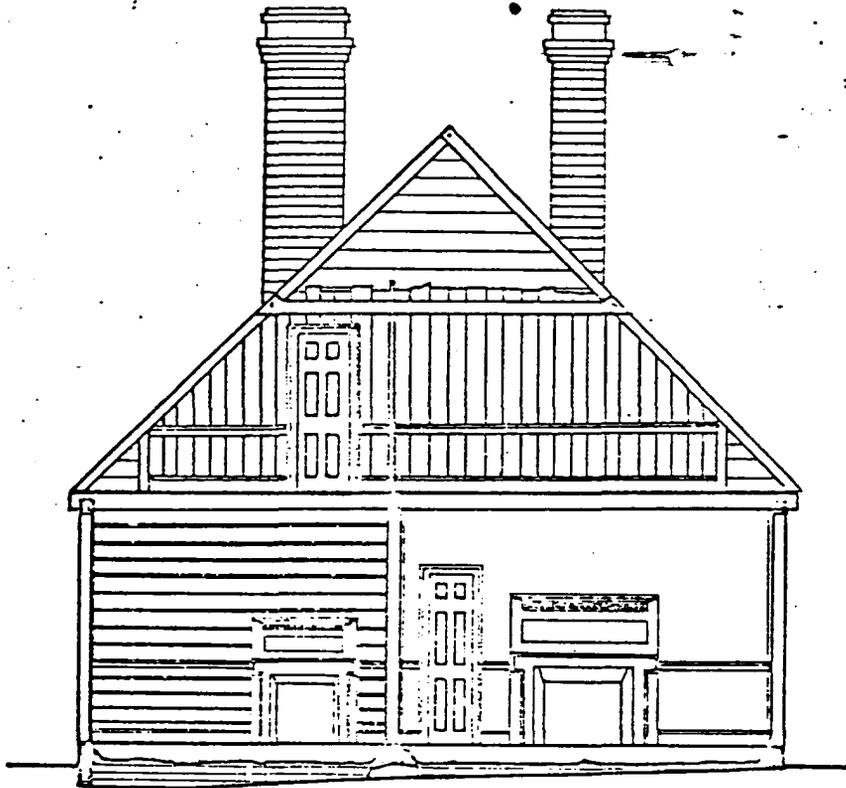
and one room on each floor. Porches were added to the older part of the house in the early 19th century. A detached kitchen stood about 20 feet from the south end of the house, but was torn down when the larger south wing was built.



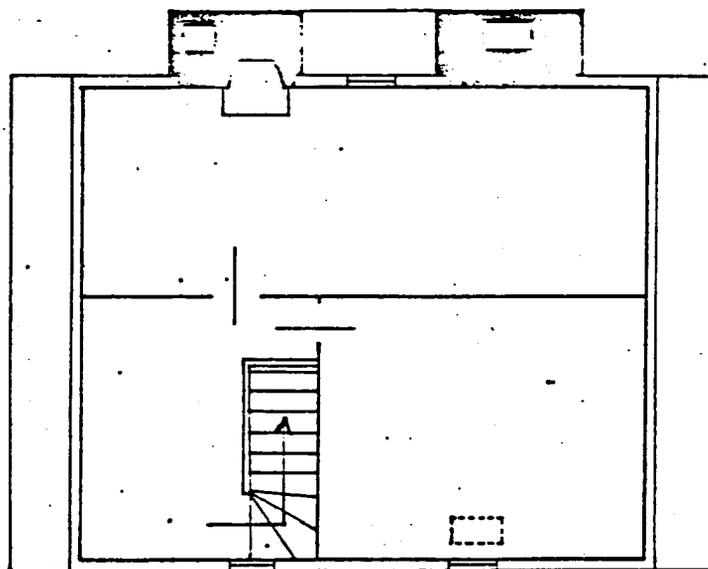
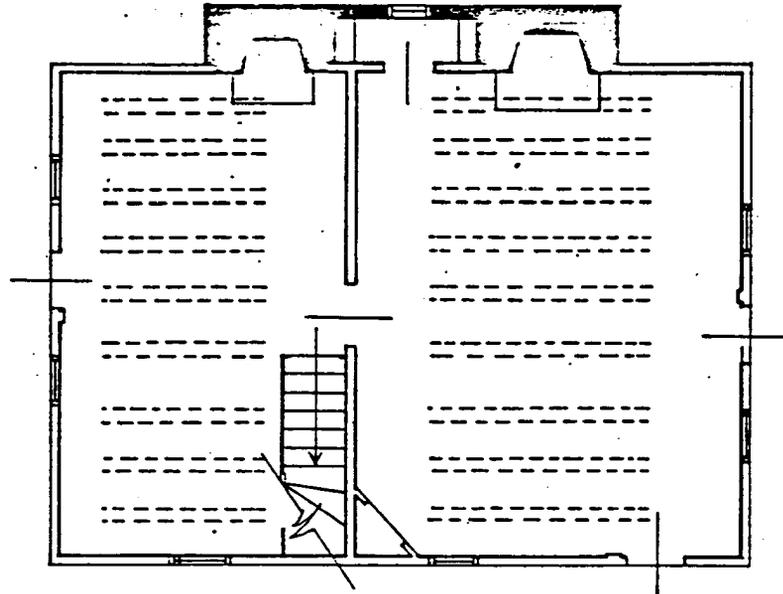
*Fig. 1. East facade, circa 1790. (Scale: 1/8 inch to 1 foot.)*

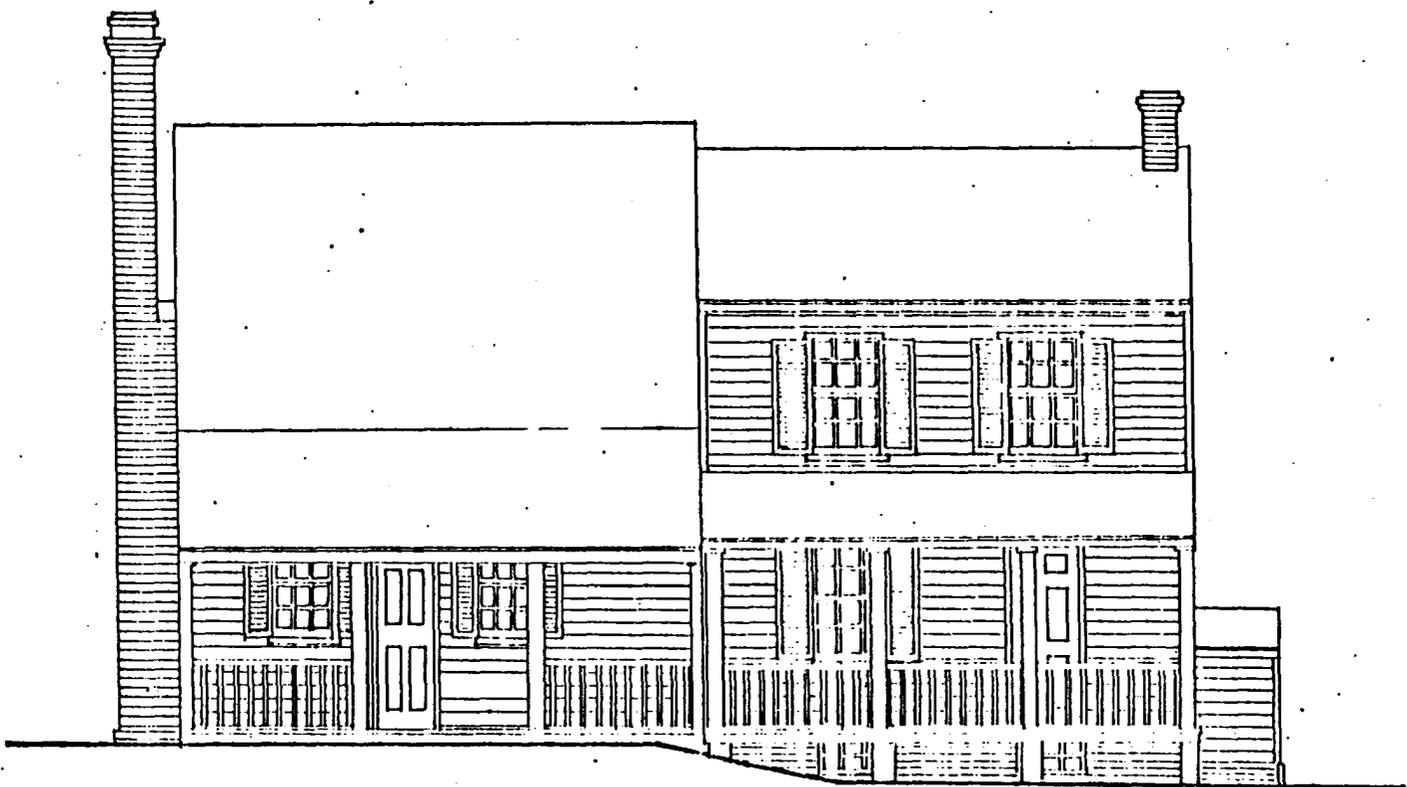


*Fig. 2. North end, circa 1790. (Scale: 1/8 inch to 1 foot.)*



*Fig. 5. Cross section, facing north, showing fireplace walls of ground floor rooms and attic partition wall, the last conjectured. Circa 1790. (Scale 1/8 inch to 1 foot.)*





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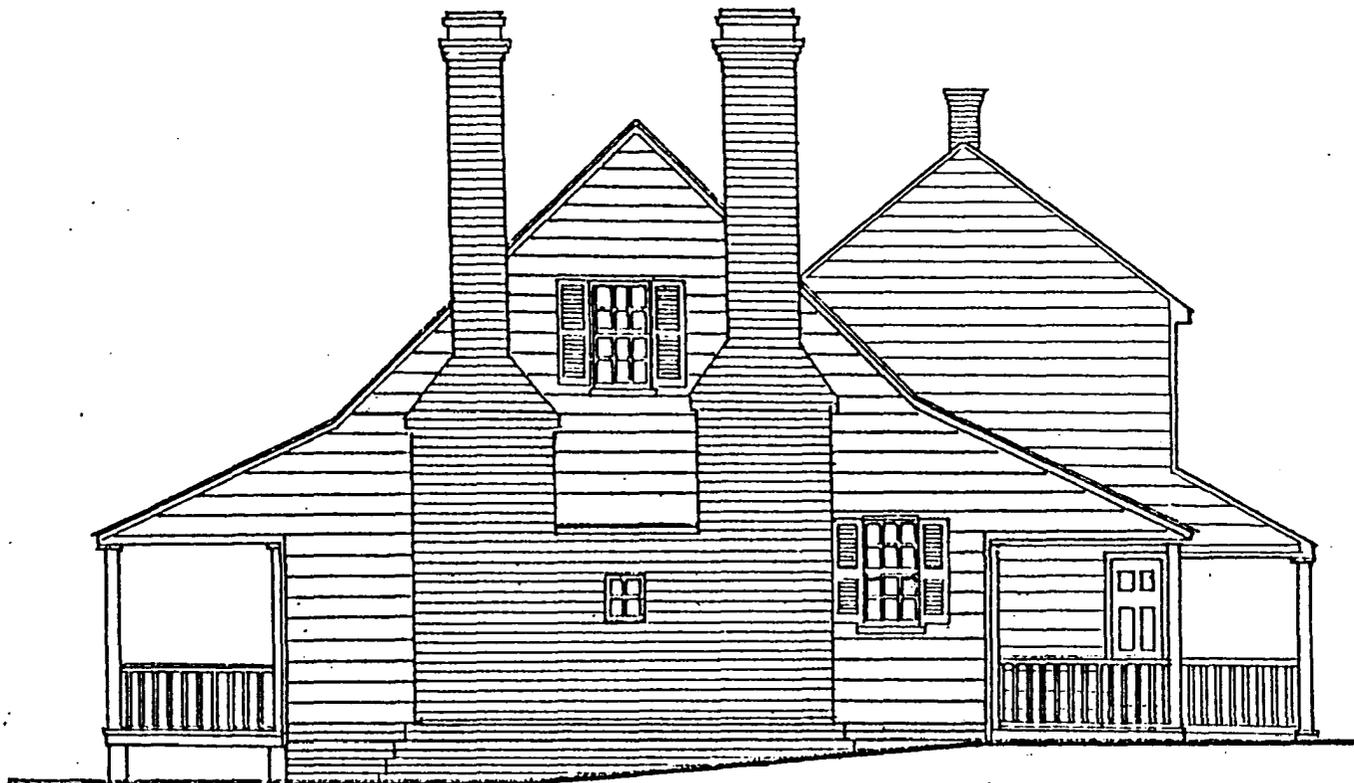


Fig. 9. North End, Circa 1855.  
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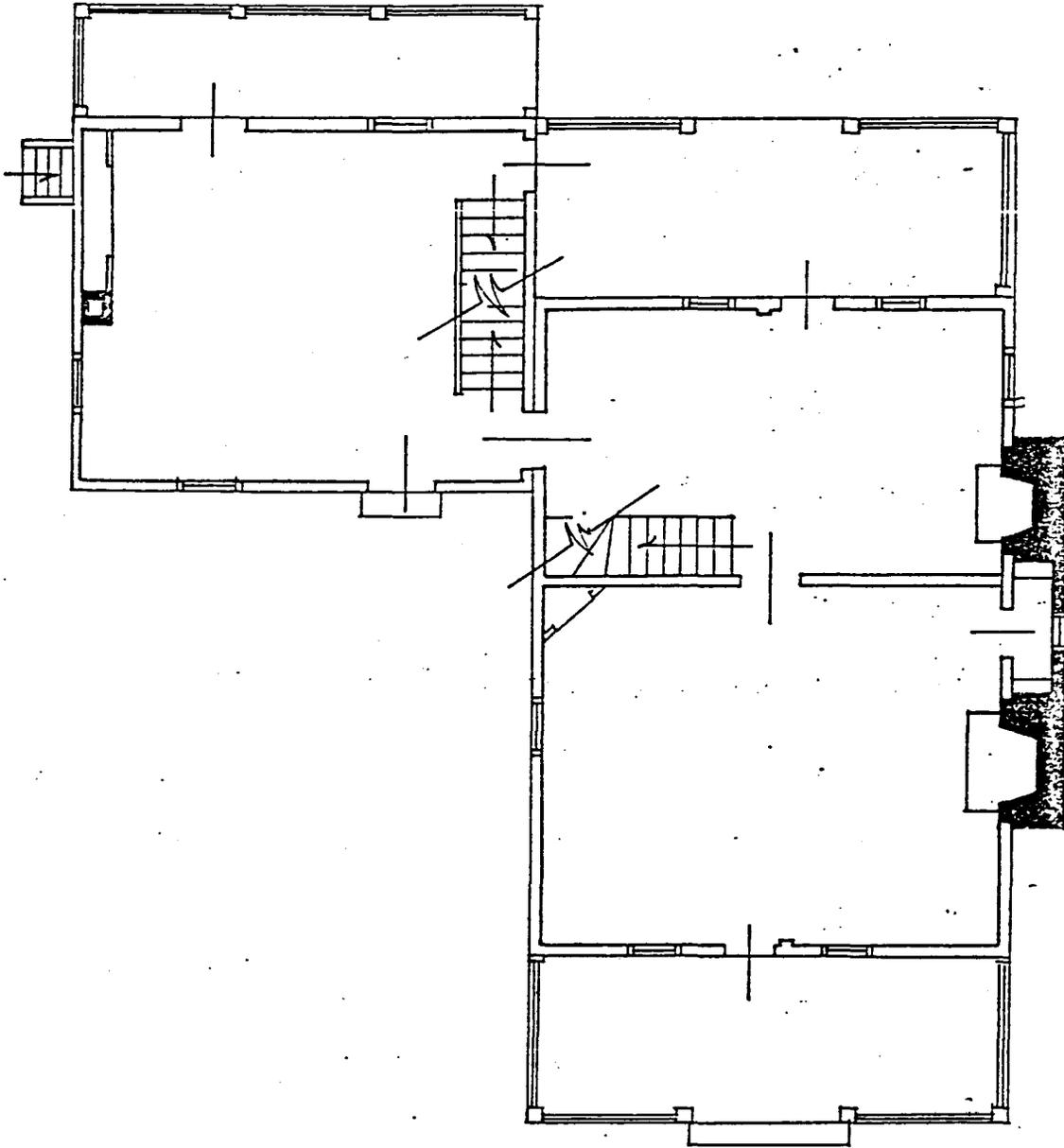
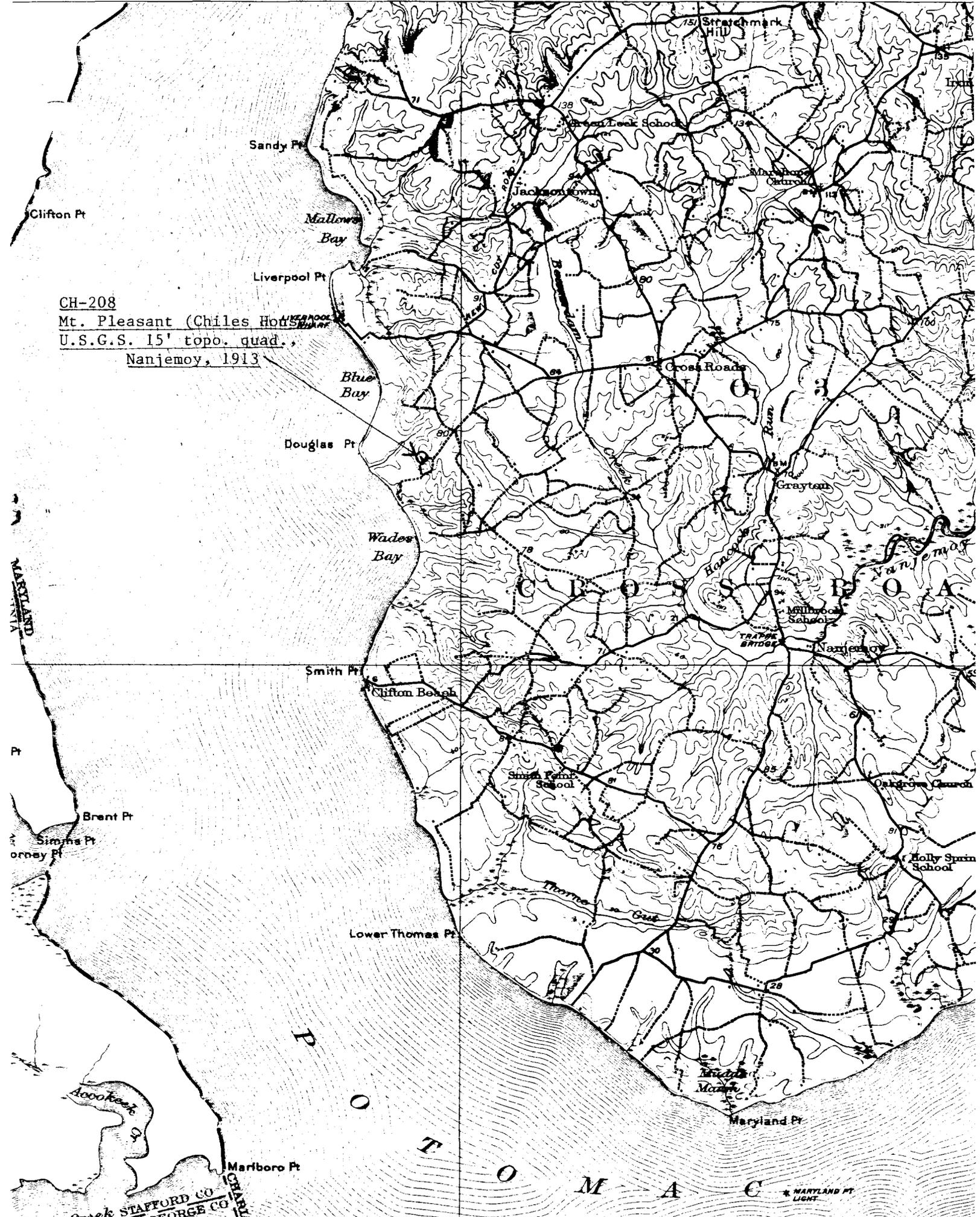


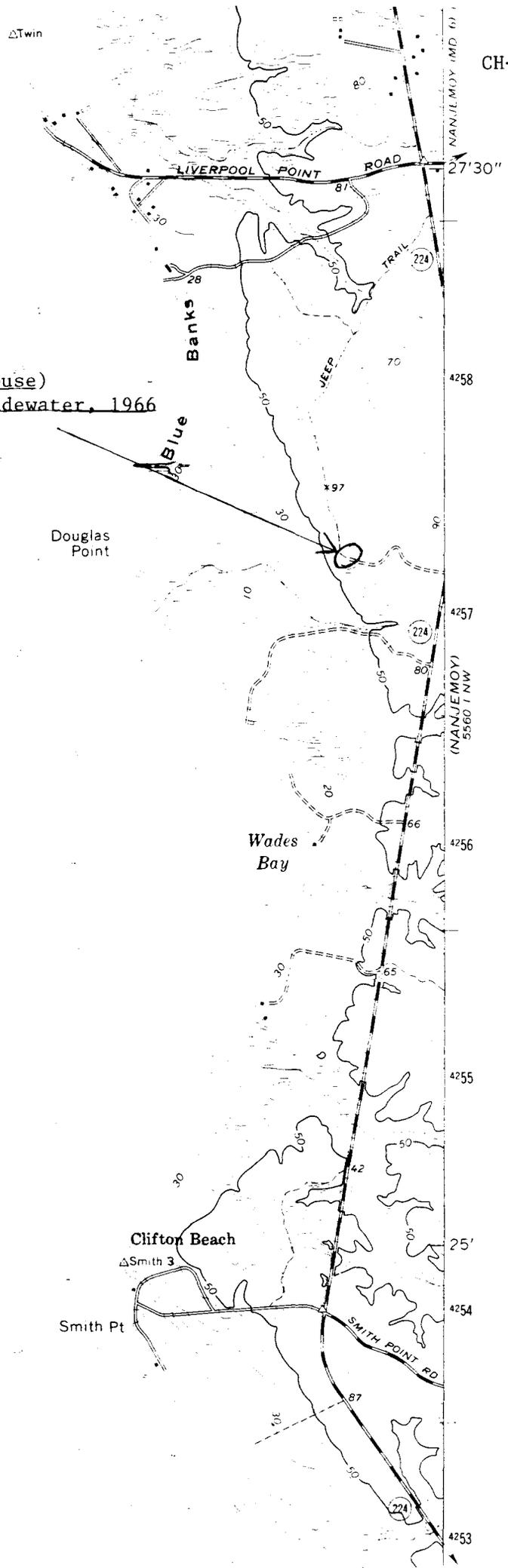
Fig. 8. Ground Floor Plan, Circa 1855.  
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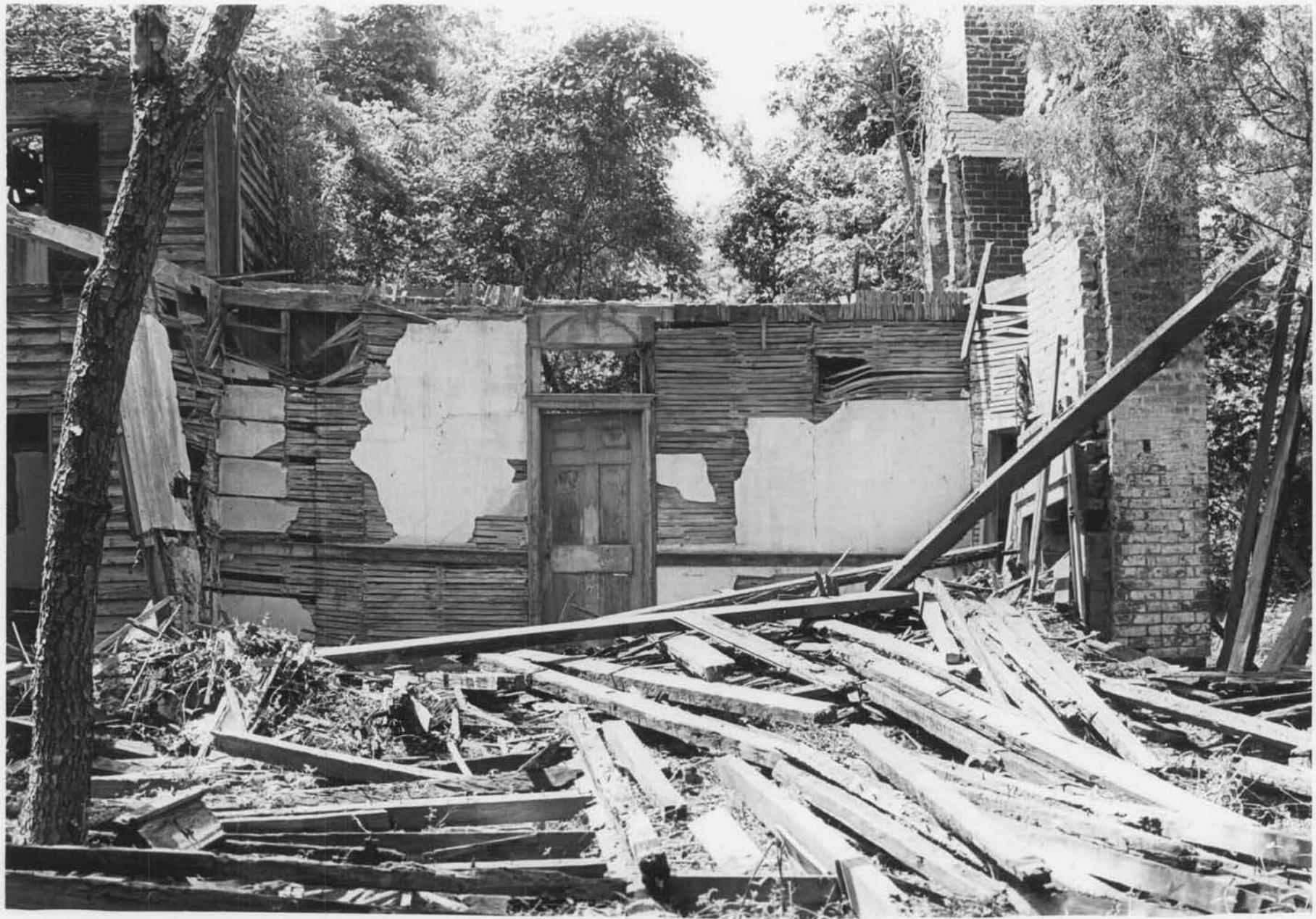
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