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Catslide Roof House (Burch House)
Port Tobacco
Private

early 18th century
with 19th century alterations

The Burch House began as a one-story structure with a hall and parlor floor plan and a single exterior chimney at each end. Early in the 19th century the front slope of the roof was raised to provide for the full second-floor rooms. At a slightly later date, the rear slope was extended to provide for two rear additions. The long slope of this roof gives it the name catslide. The Burch House is one of the earliest examples of an original two-room plan in Charles County and is one of four surviving 18th century buildings in the former county seat of Port Tobacco. It is now owned by the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, Inc.

Easement

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: "BURGH HOUSE" OR "HOUSE WITH THE CAT SLIDE ROOF"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Chapel Point Road

CITY OR TOWN: Port Tobacco

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Charles CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: The Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Port Tobacco STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Charles County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: La Plata STATE: Maryland CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building has the type of sloping roof known as a "salt box" or "cat slide". The house is in ruinous condition however ^{due to this} it is easier to see the various stages of construction.

The original house was probably only of one room depth and two in length. There was no center hall-access was from a door in the largest of the two rooms. This portion appears to be of very great date. The one mantle that remains intact was removed and is stored in another building owned by the Society. The doors are beaded battens with large H and HL hinges fastened with rose headed nails and leather rivets. The floors are randomwidth and the wall treatment is plaster.

It appears that sometime in the late 18th. or early 19th. century the second floor was added and then much later the rear cells and ^{new} stair added and the rear roof extended to give it the cat slide appearance.

The house sits on brick foundations with a cellar beneath with the exception of the rear additions which rests on brick and concrete pillars.

The chimneys have hips at the second floor level and appear to be of single flues. The chimney base on the W gable is arched while the other is solid.

ca. 1720-30

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This house is very probably the oldest house standing in Port Tobacco and would merit restoration if for that fact only. There are hopes expressed by the Society to eventually restore at least portions of the town (reconstruction). At the present time the Charles County courthouse of the 1821 to 1892 period is to be reconstructed and coupled with the private restorations of the few remaining dwellings restoration of the Burch House would add greatly to the overall environment.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for 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 ONE ACRE				
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	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Form 10-445
(9/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Charles TOWN Port Tobacco VICINITY STREET NO.	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
ORIGINAL OWNER Unknown ORIGINAL USE Residence Tobacco PRESENT OWNER Soc. for Rest. of Port / PRESENT USE Vacant WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2	2. NAME Salt Box House DATE OR PERIOD 18th Century (early) STYLE Salt Box or Cat slide ARCHITECT Unknown BUILDER Unknown
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

This structure in its existing state measures approximately 28' 6" wide and 28' 6" deep. It has remarkable and unique outside chimneys at each end, the west chimney having an arched opening at the bottom by which entry can be made from the outside to the shallow cellar below the house. These chimneys, the mortise and tenon construction and other features indicate that the ~~structure was built~~ building started as a one story, two room, A-roof house, with the existing chimneys, but that early in its existence, a lean-to was added to the back, and the rear roof slope extended in a straight line from the existing ridge pole to the rear of the lean-to. At a much later time, probably latter 19th Century, it is apparent that the front of the original A-roof was raised to provide additional attic or 2nd floor space at which time the three existing upstairs windows were added in the front. The building probably originated about the time that Port Tobacco (officially named Charlestown by the Md. Assembly 1727) was designated to be the County Seat. It is possible however that the house was built prior to 1727, since there was a village known as Chandlerstown at this location which was absorbed into the County Seat.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

The physical condition of the building is extremely endangered, but much of the original material remains and could be preserved into the restored structure if immediate steps are taken to save it.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOS MAY BE ADDED ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF SAME SIZE

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COUNTY *Chas.*
TOWN *Port Tobacco* VICINITY
STREET NO.

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY

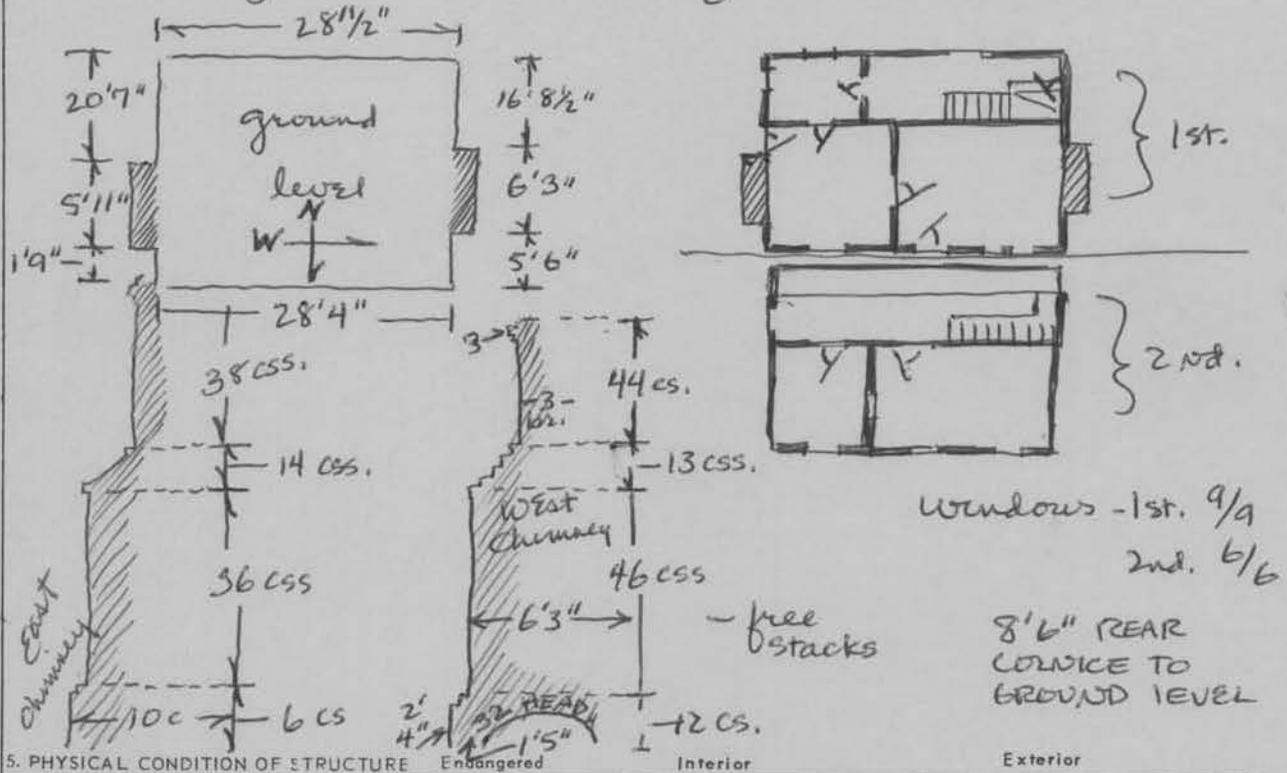
2. NAME *Burch House*
DATE OR PERIOD *18th. to 19th.*
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE *Dwelling*
PRESENT OWNER *Society for Rest. of Port Tobacco*
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION *frame*
NO. OF STORIES *2*

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Impossible to get accurate meas. due to deteriorated condition of structure and dangerous condition of the interior.



5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

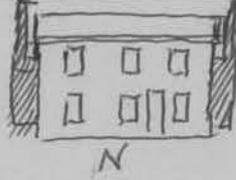
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Interior

Exterior



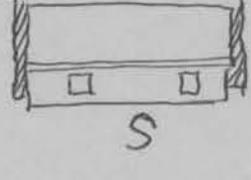
E.



N.



W.



S.



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Riviera

DATE OF RECORD

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THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P. O. Box #1704

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404



Ms. Barber
Stag, Hall
Post Tobacco
Maryland

My Tobacco
Maryland

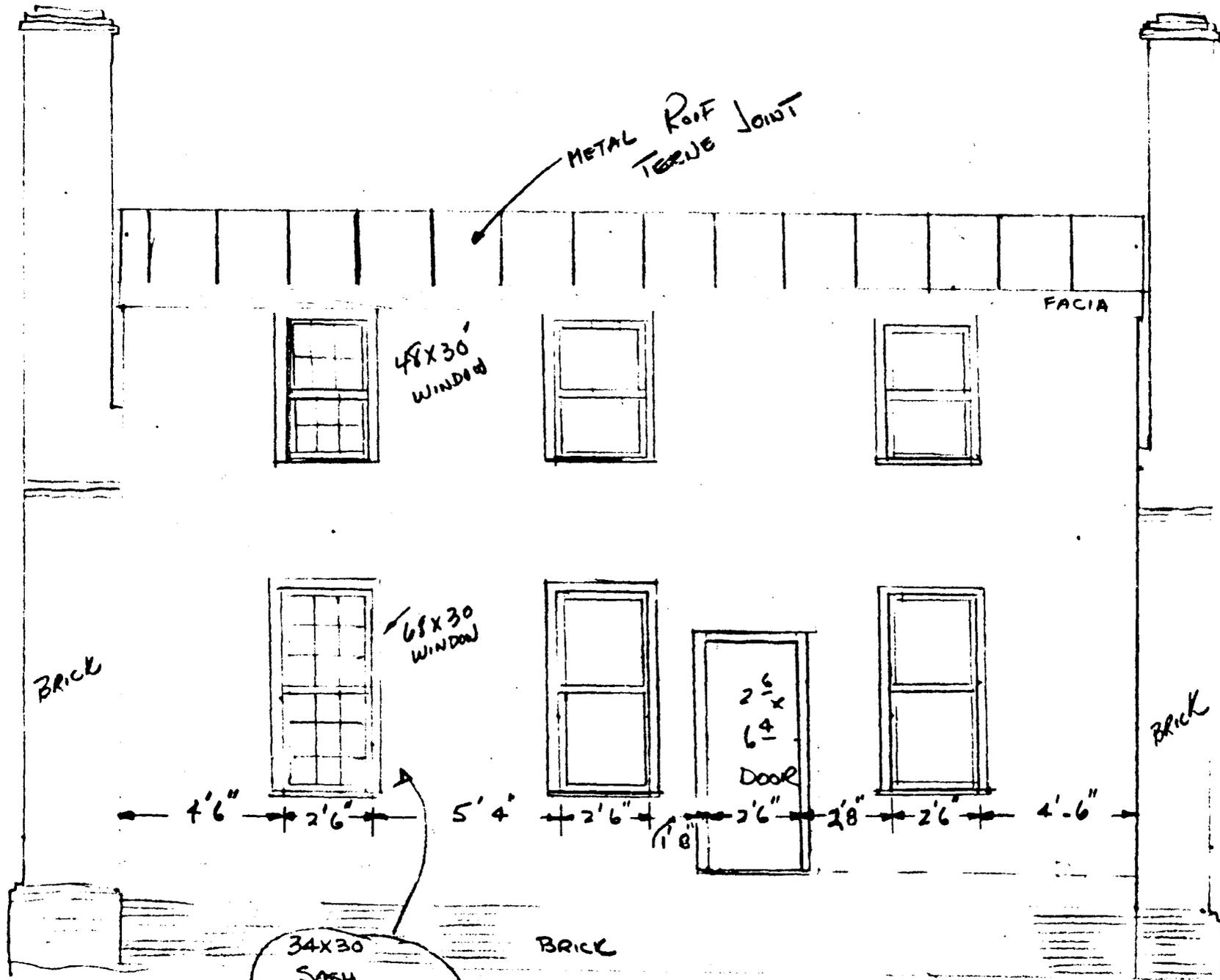
→ hope you realize that if ~~the~~
house is restored to its origi
design it will be only one
story (or 1 1/2) with only 2 rooms
down stairs.



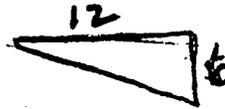
Of course I may be wrong. We shall
see what the architect says.
Hope the Oct. tour goes well!

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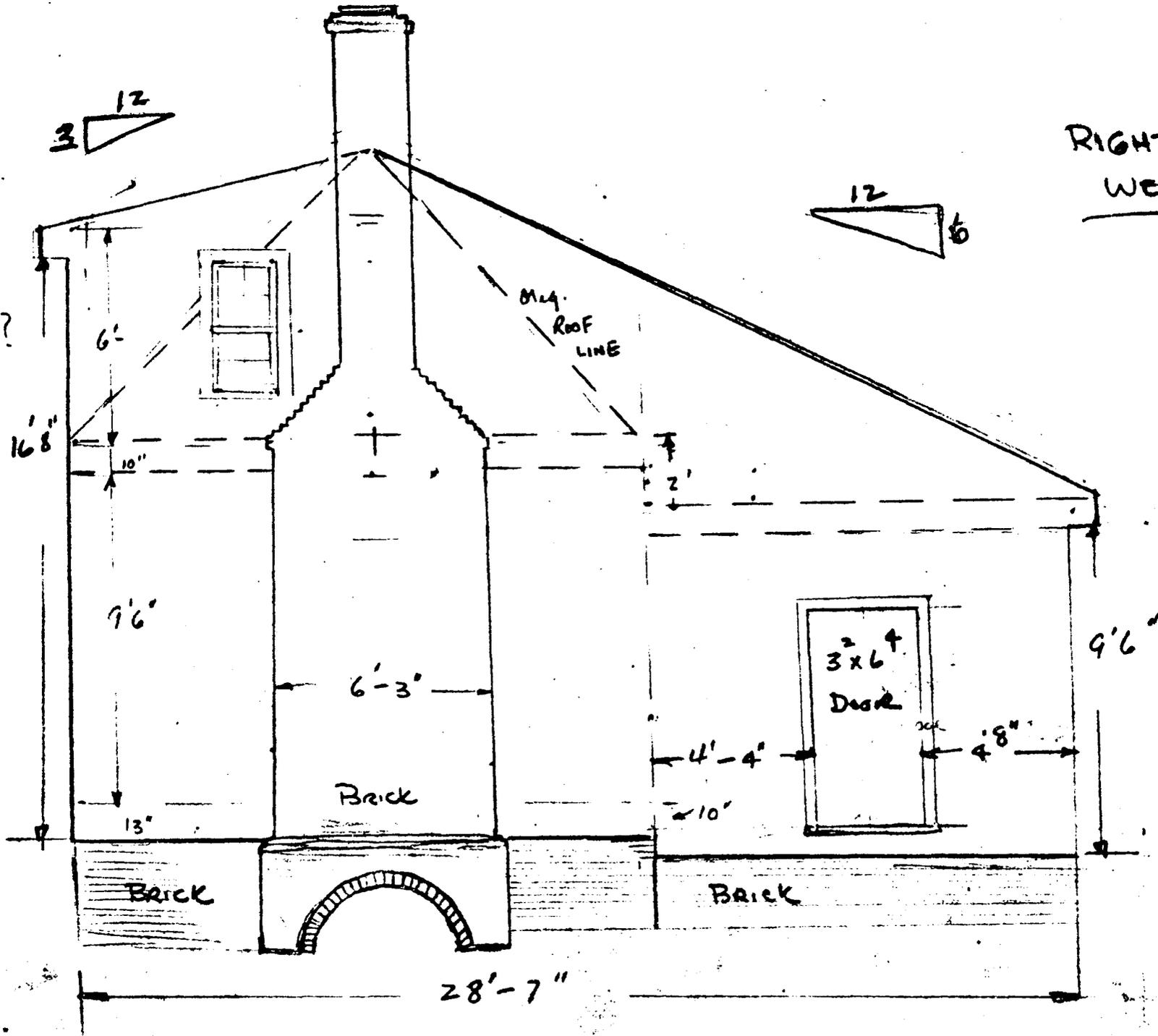


FRONT ELEV

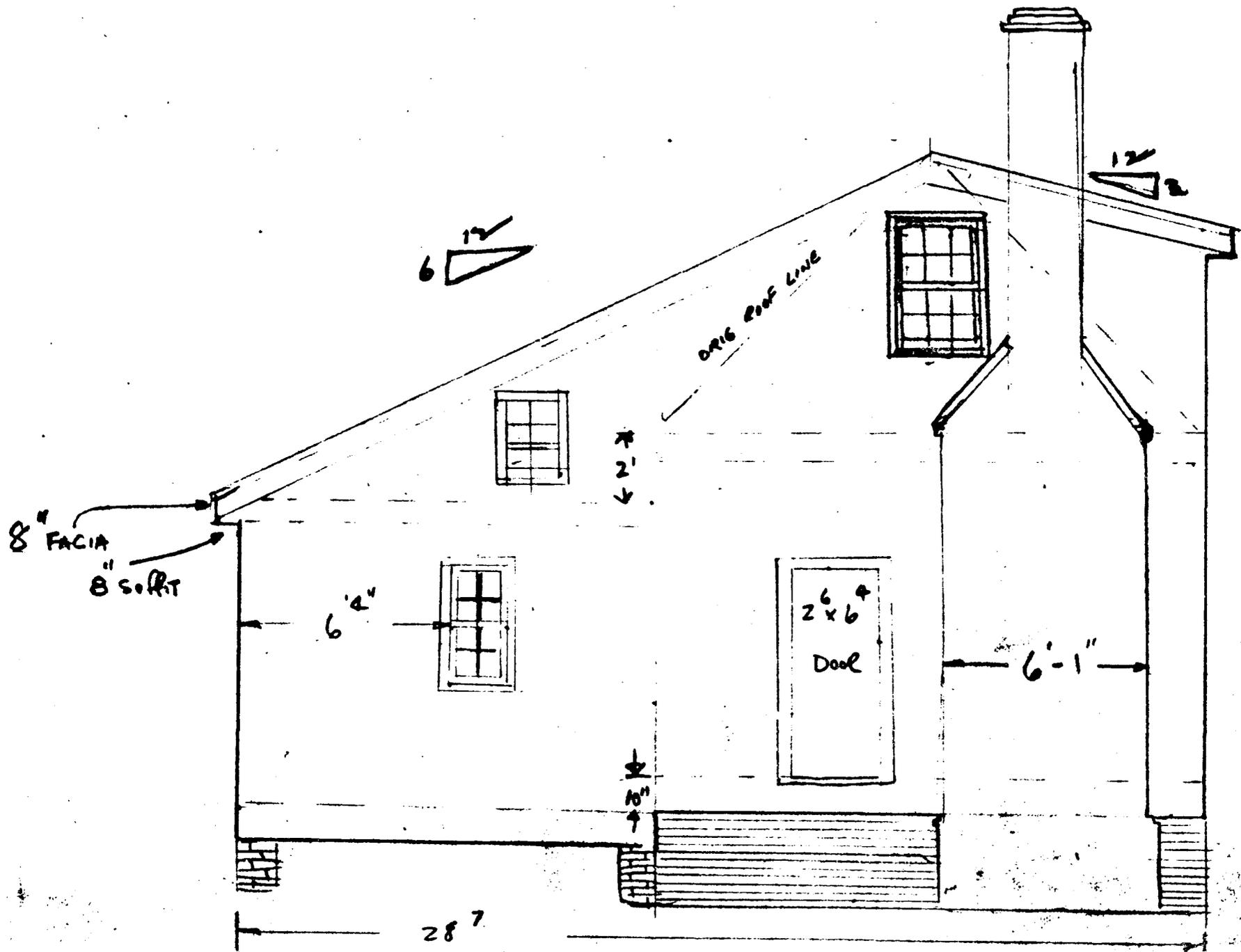


RIGHT OR WEST ELEV

Soff. + width?

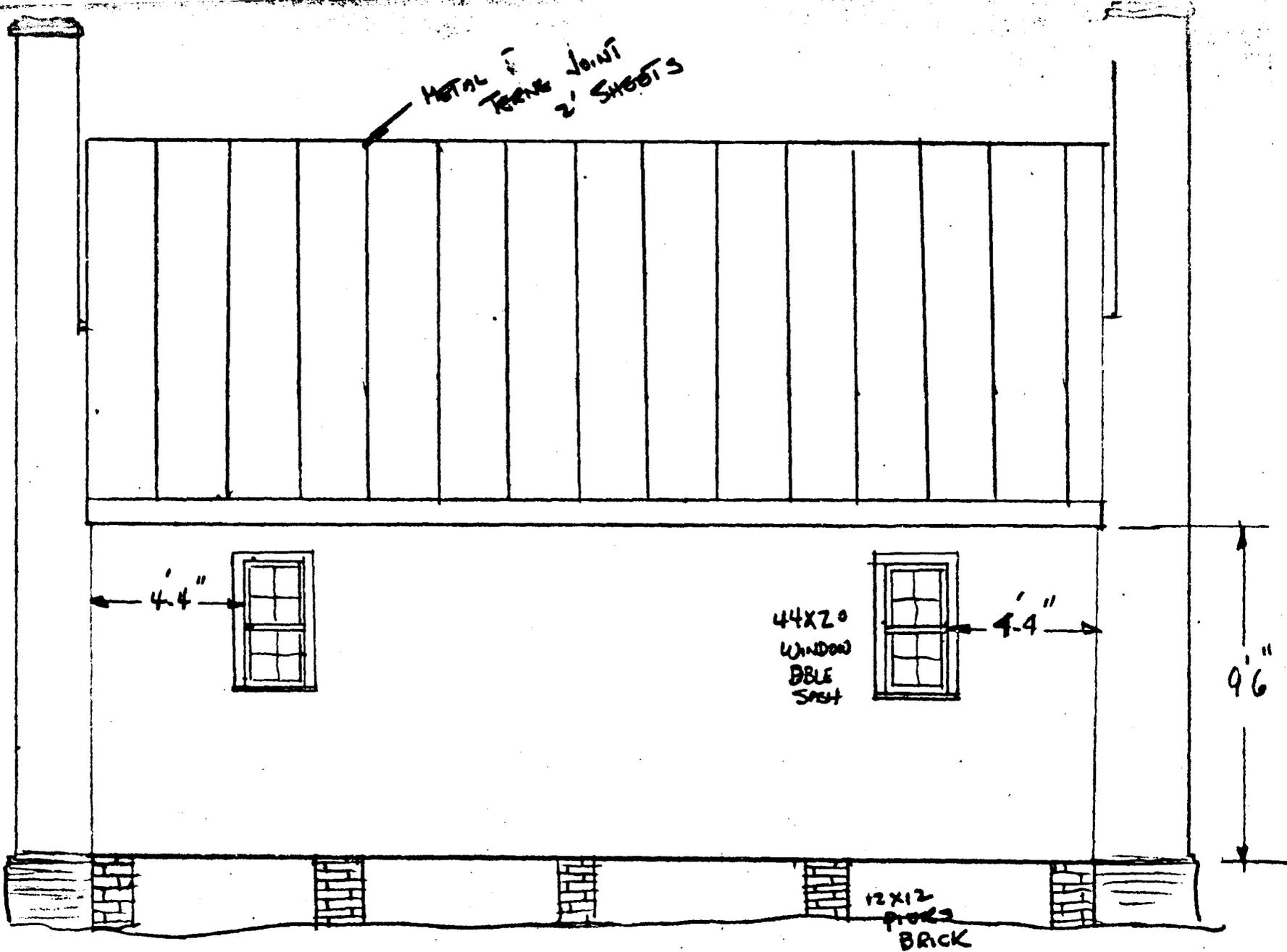


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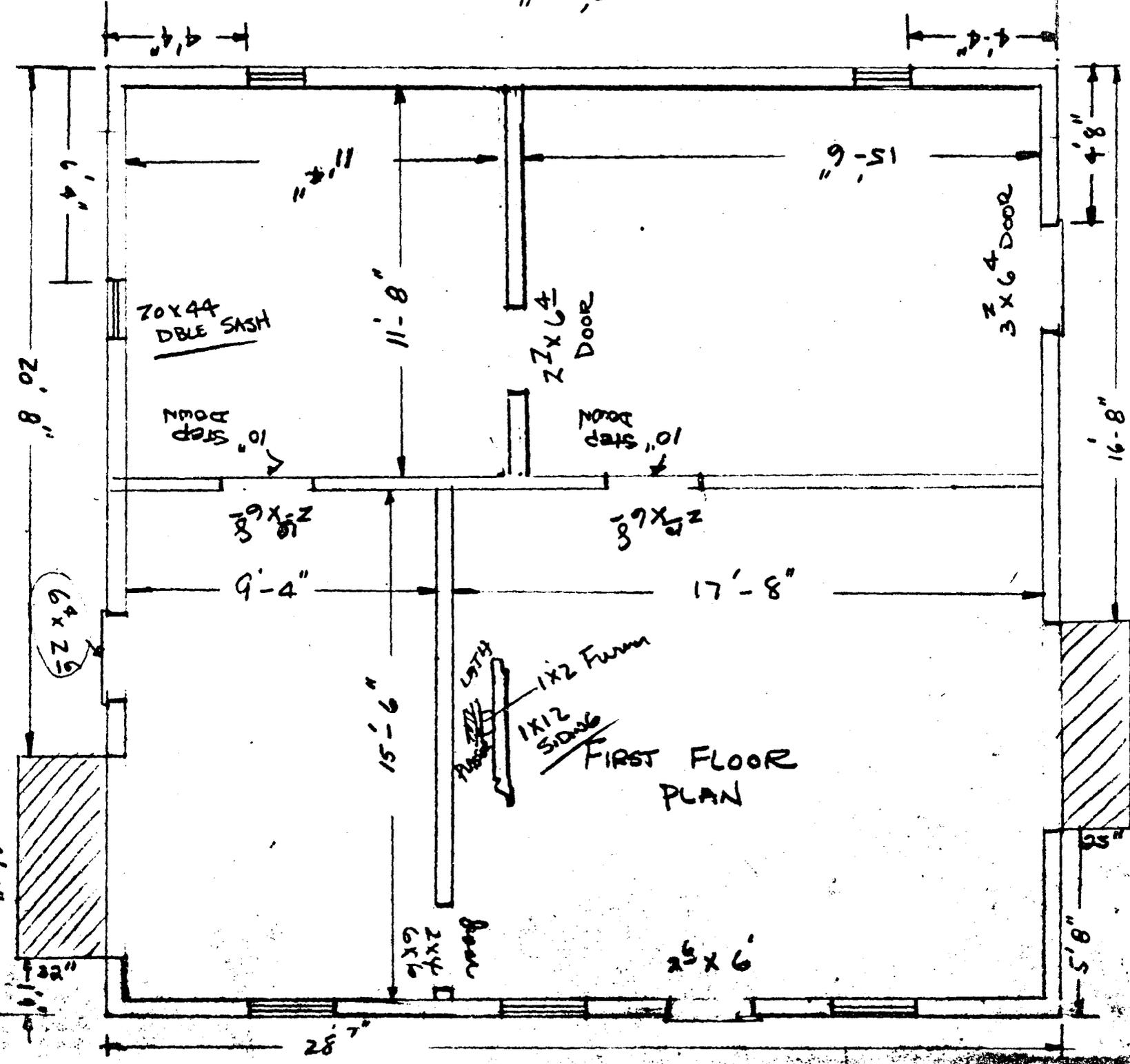
LEFT
OR
EAST
ELEV

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REAR ELEV.

11'-3 1/2"



STUDS
 3 5/8" x 3 5/8"
 SPACING
 WOOD LAT
 + PLASTER
 1" THIC
 1" WOOD
 SIDING
 5 3/4"
 TOTAL

SCALE
 1/4" = 1'

1x2 FURN
 1x12 SIDING
 FIRST FLOOR
 PLAN

STAIRS

FIRST FLOOR

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6'-1"

8'-0"

20x44
 DBLE SASH

10"
 STEP
 DOWN

11'-8"

2 1/2 x 6 1/4
 DOOR

10"
 STEP
 DOWN

3 x 6 1/4 DOOR

4'-8"

16'-8"

6'-8"

5'-8"

6' x 2 1/2'

8' x 2 1/2'

8' x 2 1/2'

9'-4"

17'-8"

15'-6"

1x2
 LATH

1x2 FURN
 1x12
 SIDING

FIRST FLOOR
 PLAN

2x4
 6x6

2 1/2 x 6"

28'-7"

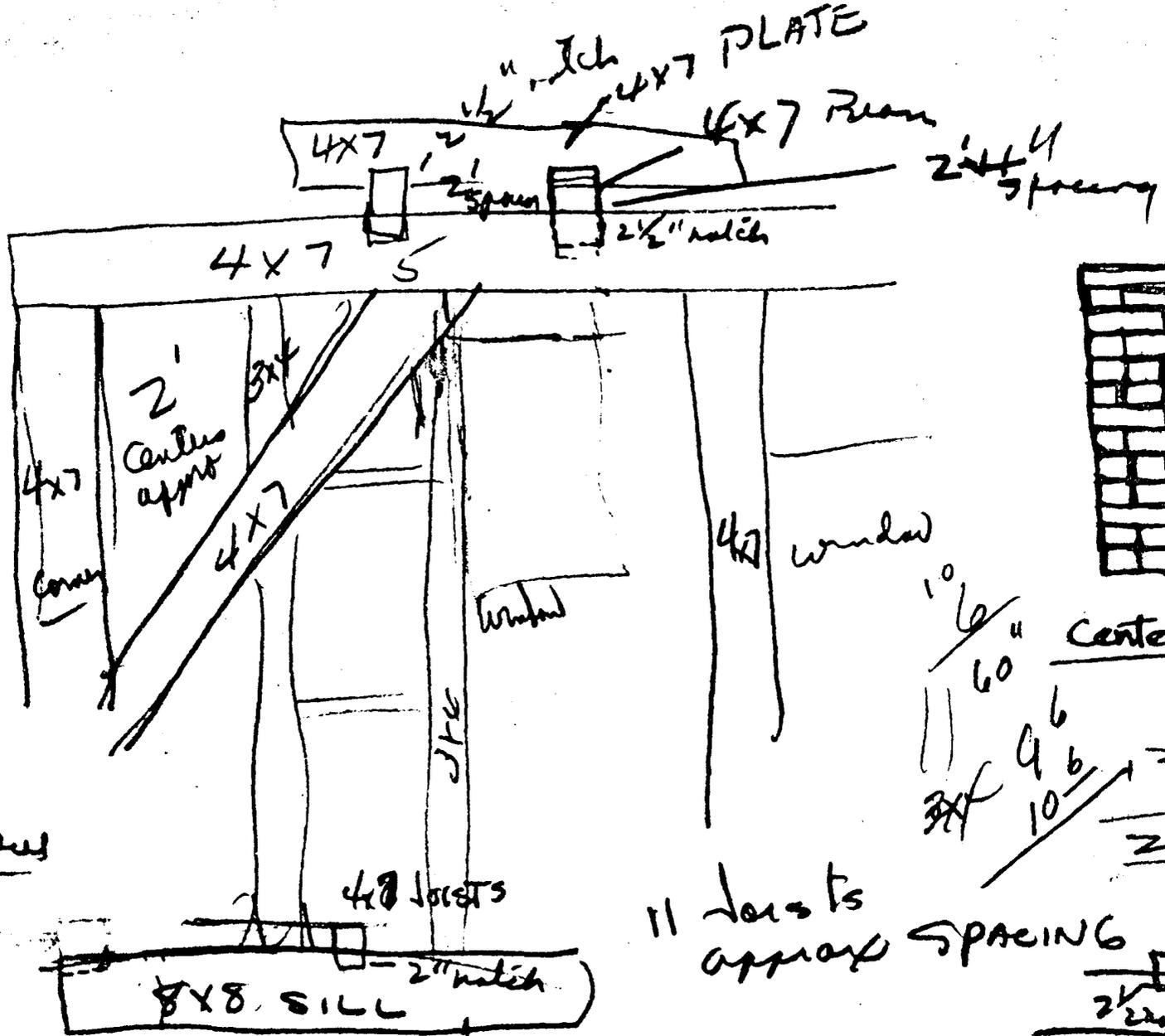
Check upper window

to there a hollow
scrap plate
on top
of sill

13 Joist
10 2 1/2 x 3 1/2
2 5/8 x 1 1/4
1 7/8 x 1 1/4
1 1/2 x 1 1/4

4x7 run out

8x10 sill



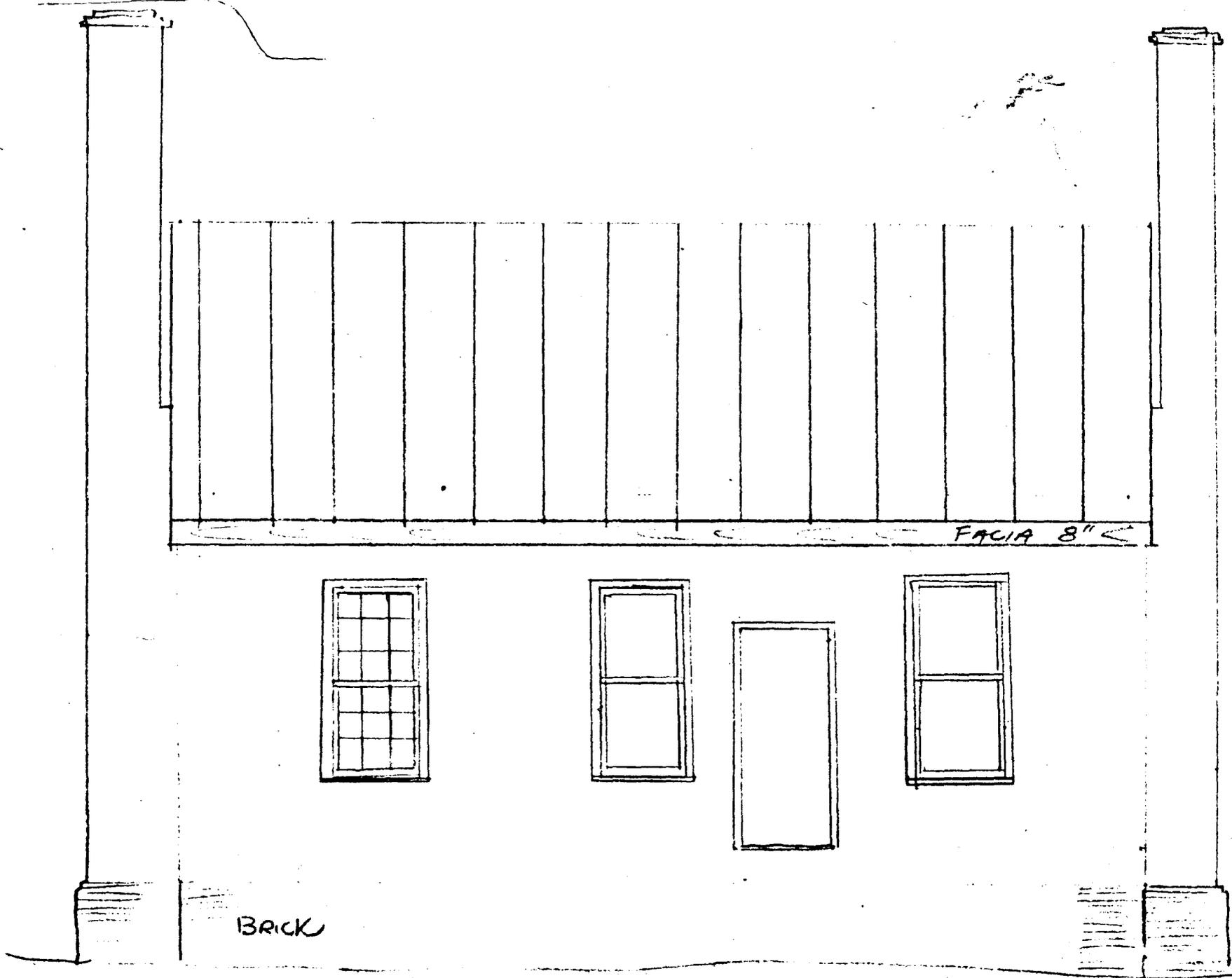
10
6
60" Center Foundation

9 6
10 6
3
2
26

11 Joists approx spacing 2'-5"
2x6 6x6

EC-3

11-8 4x7 3x4 3x4 window 3/4 3/4 4x7 window 3/4 1/2 Run 4x7 4x7 3/4 window 3/4 1/2 4x7
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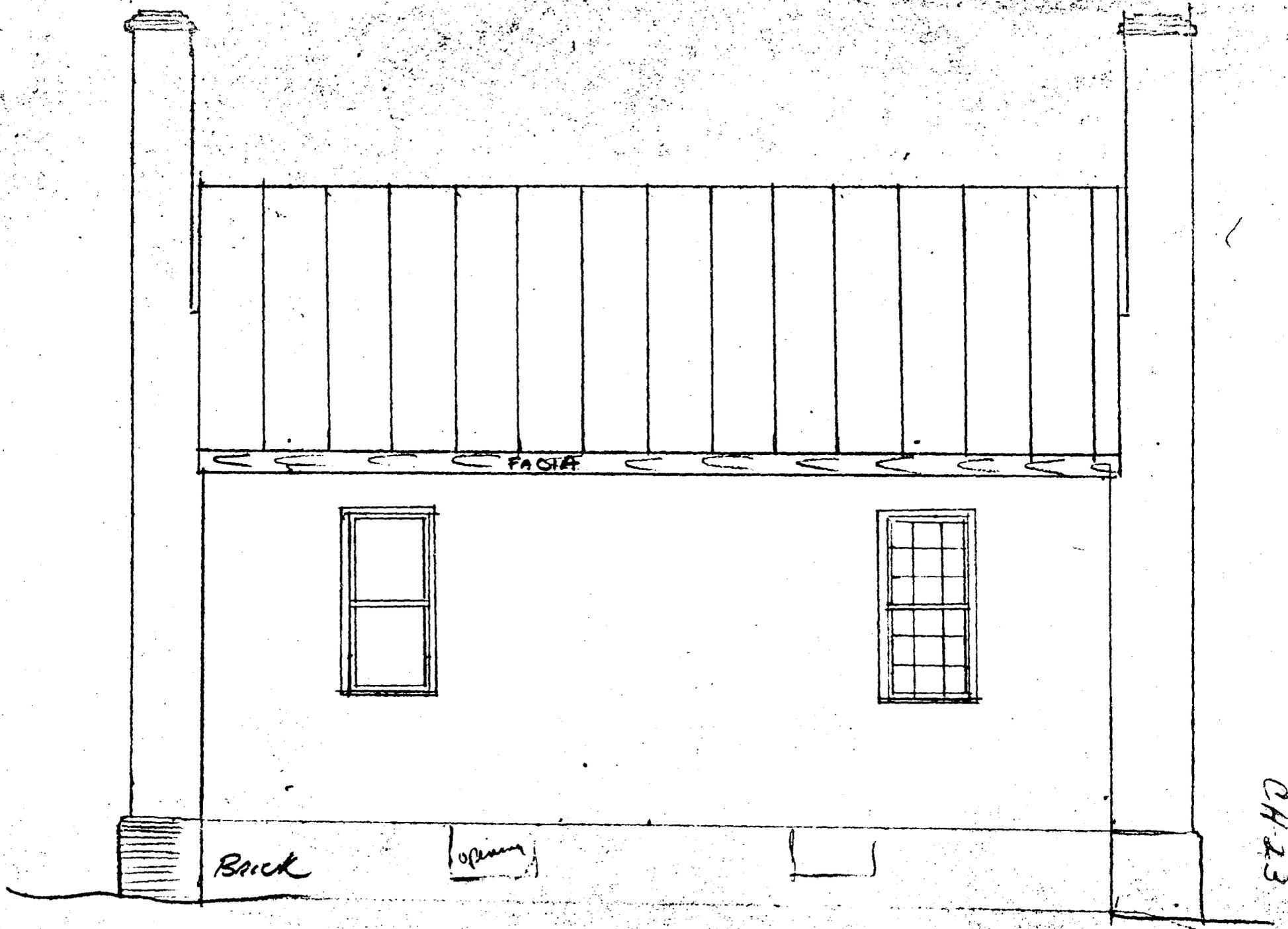


BRICK

FACIA 8" ←

FRONT ELEV. ORIG HOUSE

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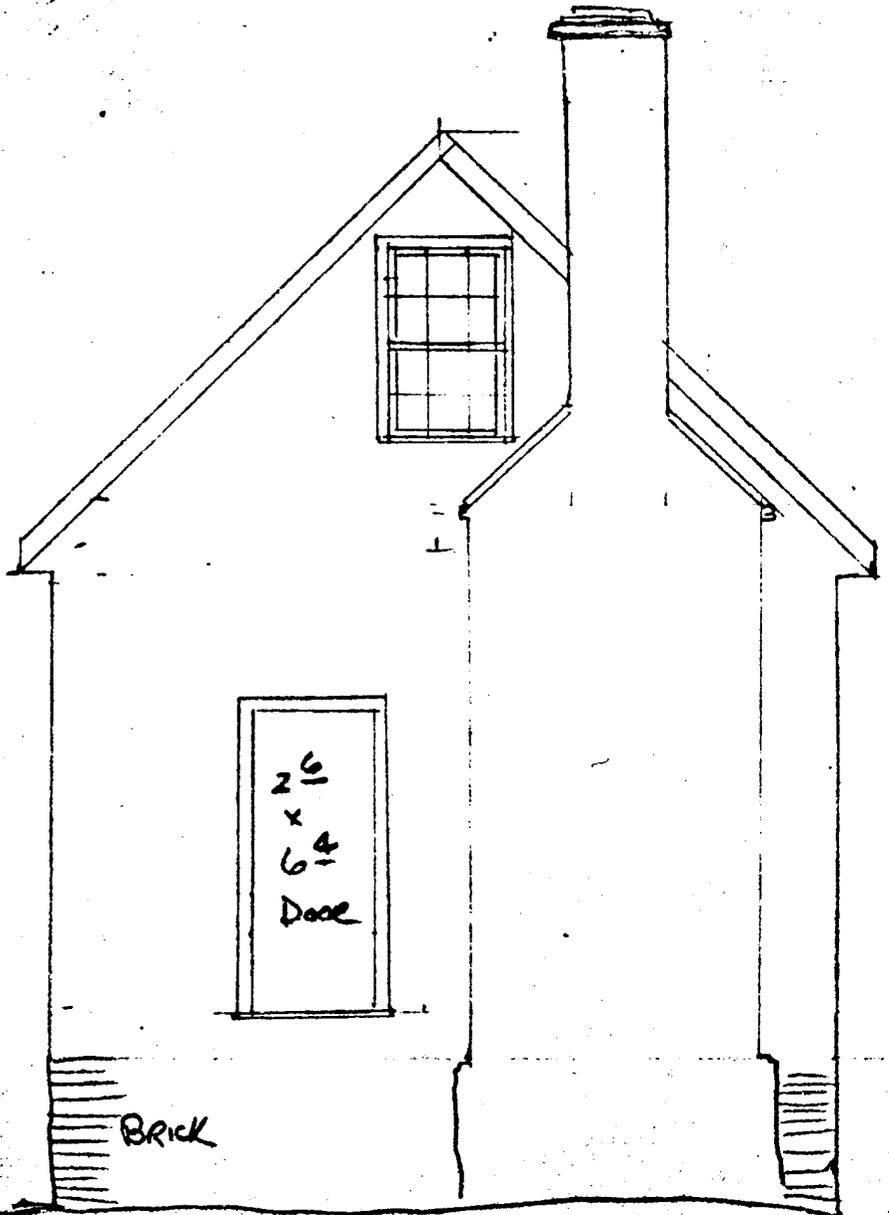
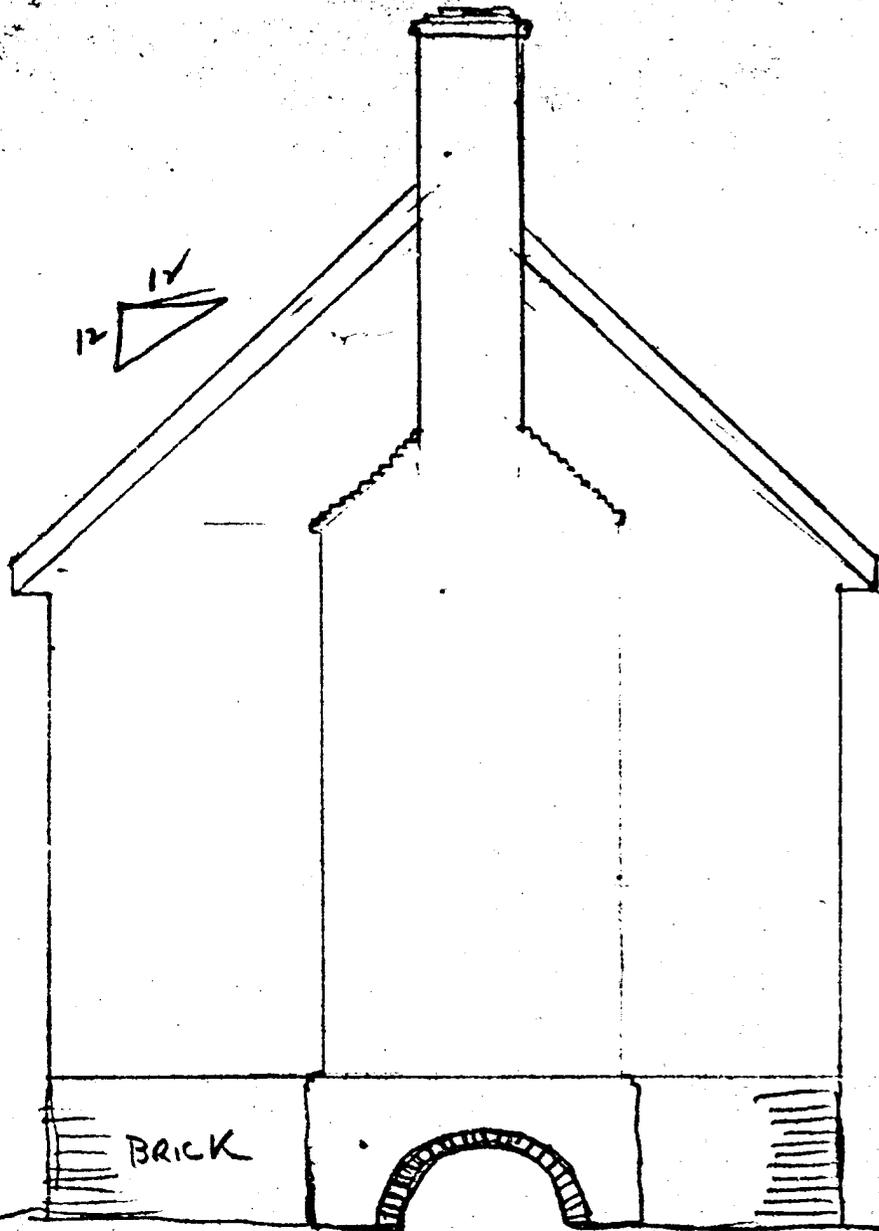
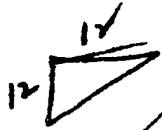
FACIA

Back

opening

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REAR ELEV - ORIG HOUSE

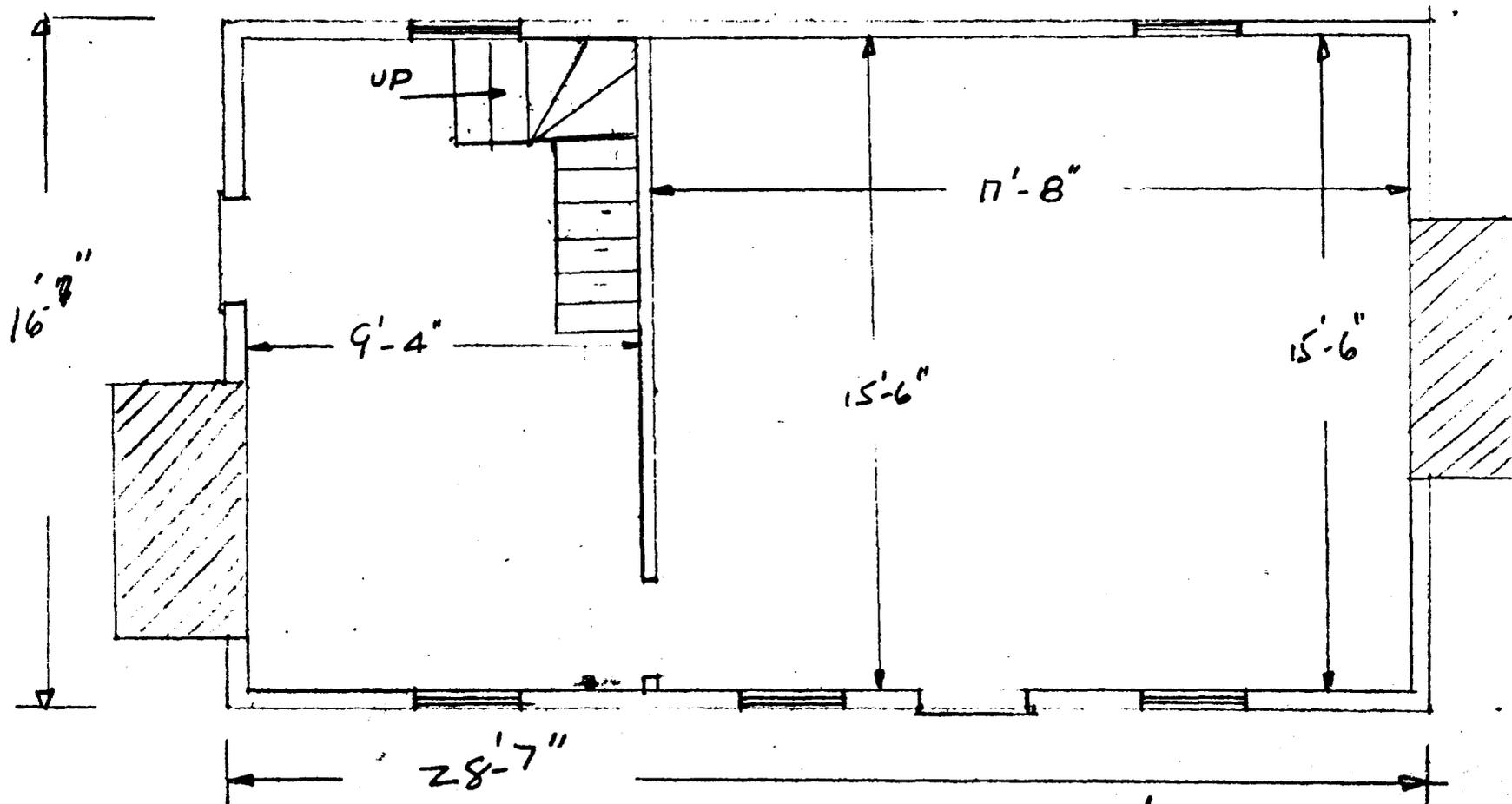


16'-4"

WEST ELEV - ORIG HOUSE

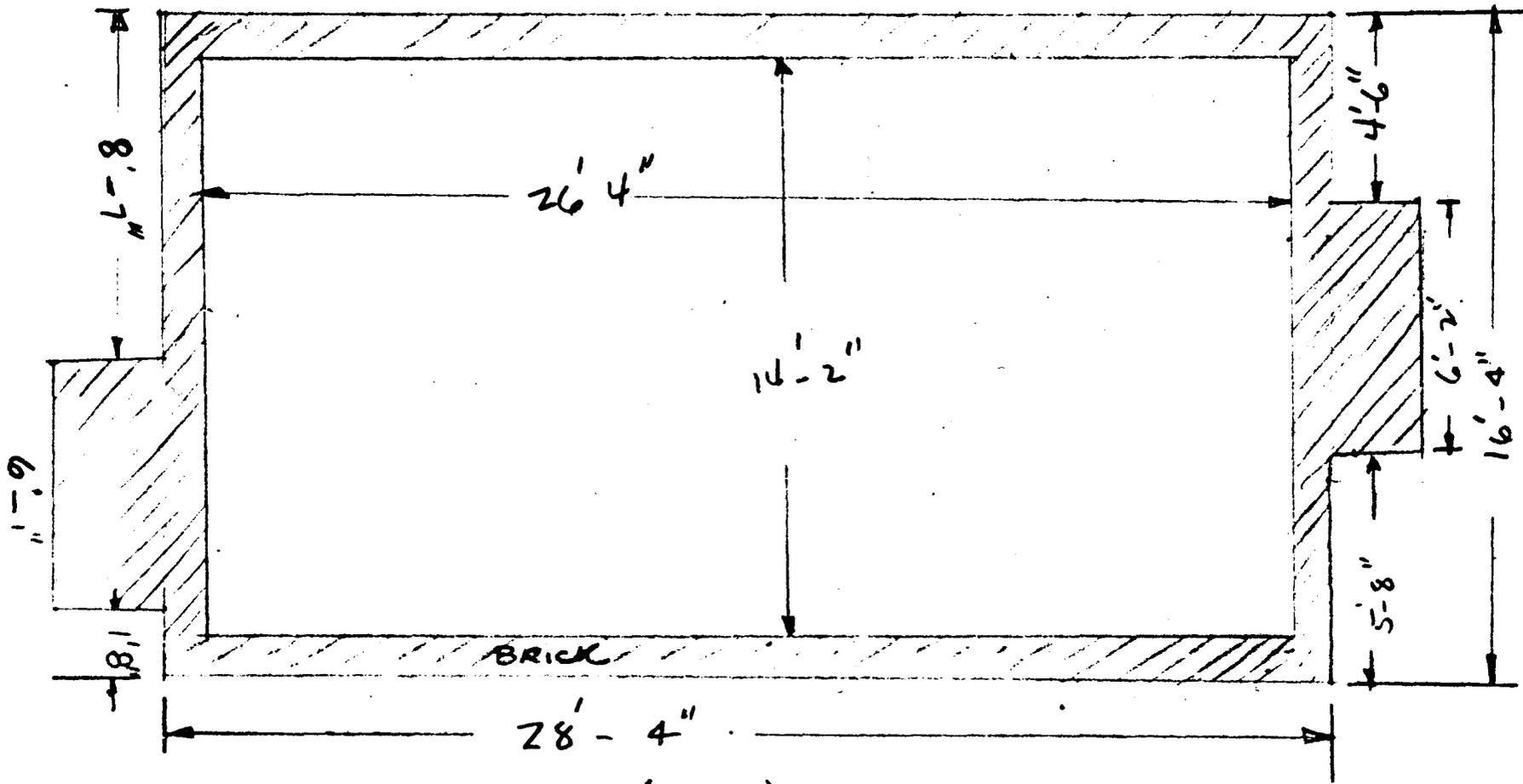
EAST ELEV - ORIG HOUSE

1/24/40



FLOOR PLAN ORIG HOUSE

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(FRONT)

ORIGINAL FOUNDATION PLAN

1-1
14-2 8
16-0

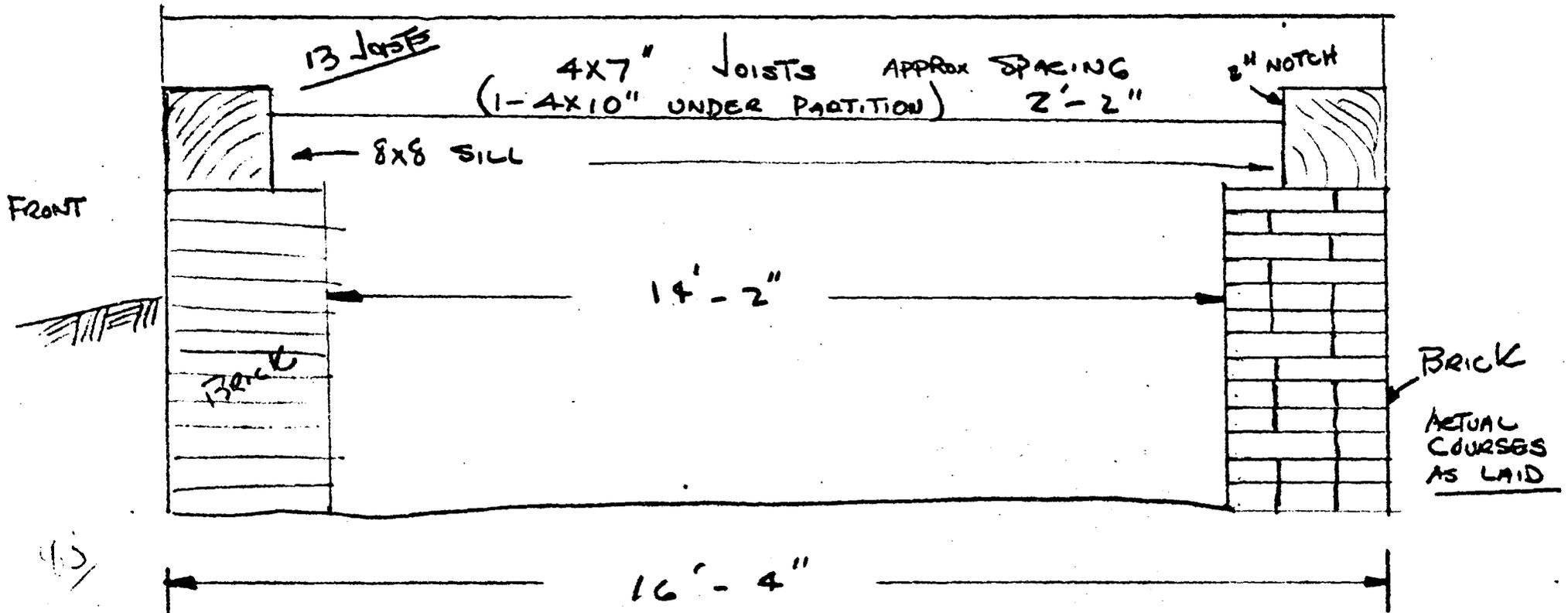
11-8
6 6
156 6
28-8

1-1

NOTE: FRONT WALL COLLAPSED (FOUNDATION)
 HAS BEEN REPAIRED + REPLACED WITH SAME BRICK BUT ONLY
 2 ROWS OF BRICK WIDE

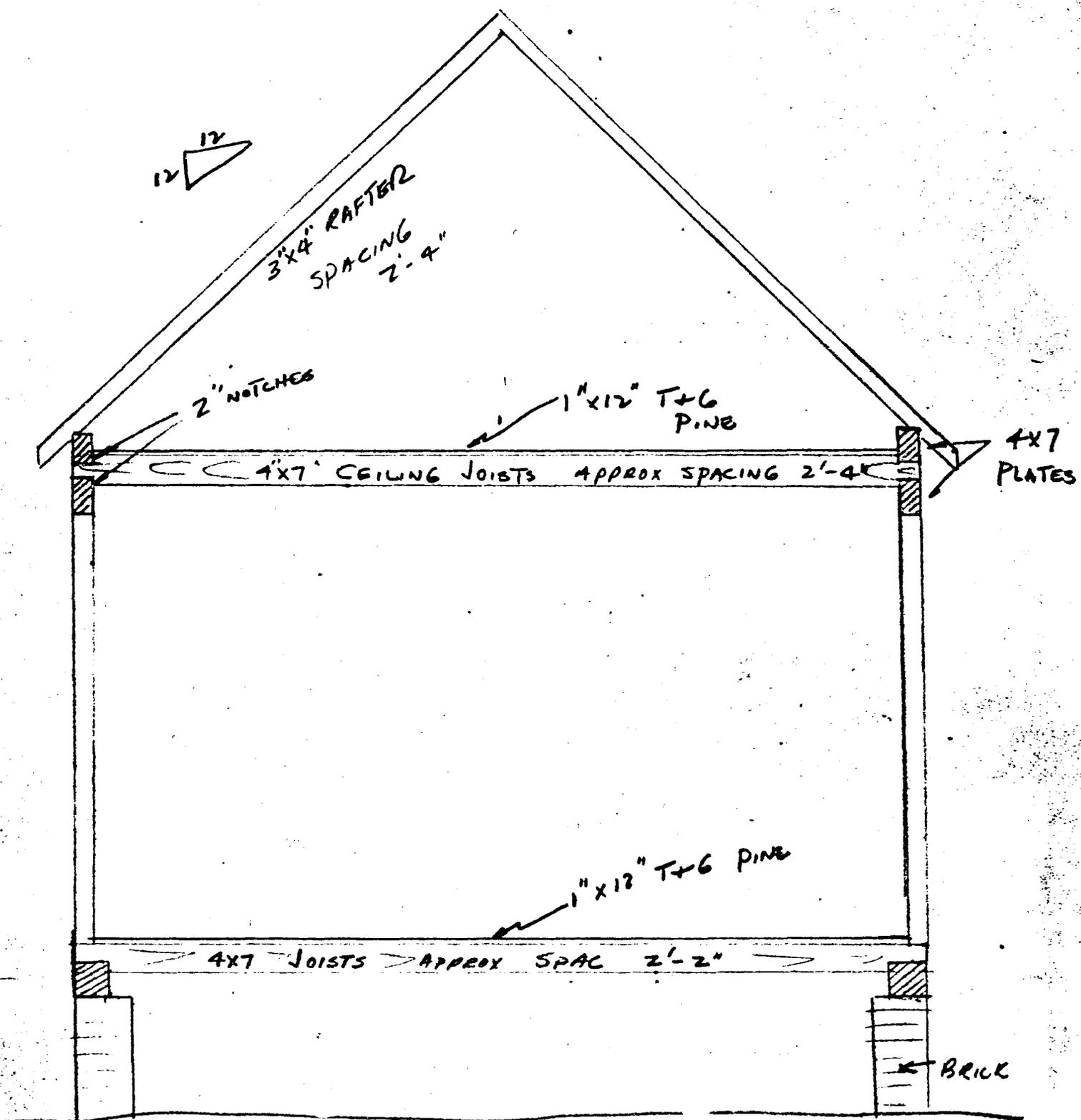
SILL IS TENON + MORTISED AT CORNERS

FOUNDATION - TRIPLE ROW HAND MADE BRICK 8"X4"X2" LAID IN INTERLOCKING
 BOND - SEE REAR FOUNDATION WALL



FOUNDATION SECTION (ORIGINAL HOUSE)

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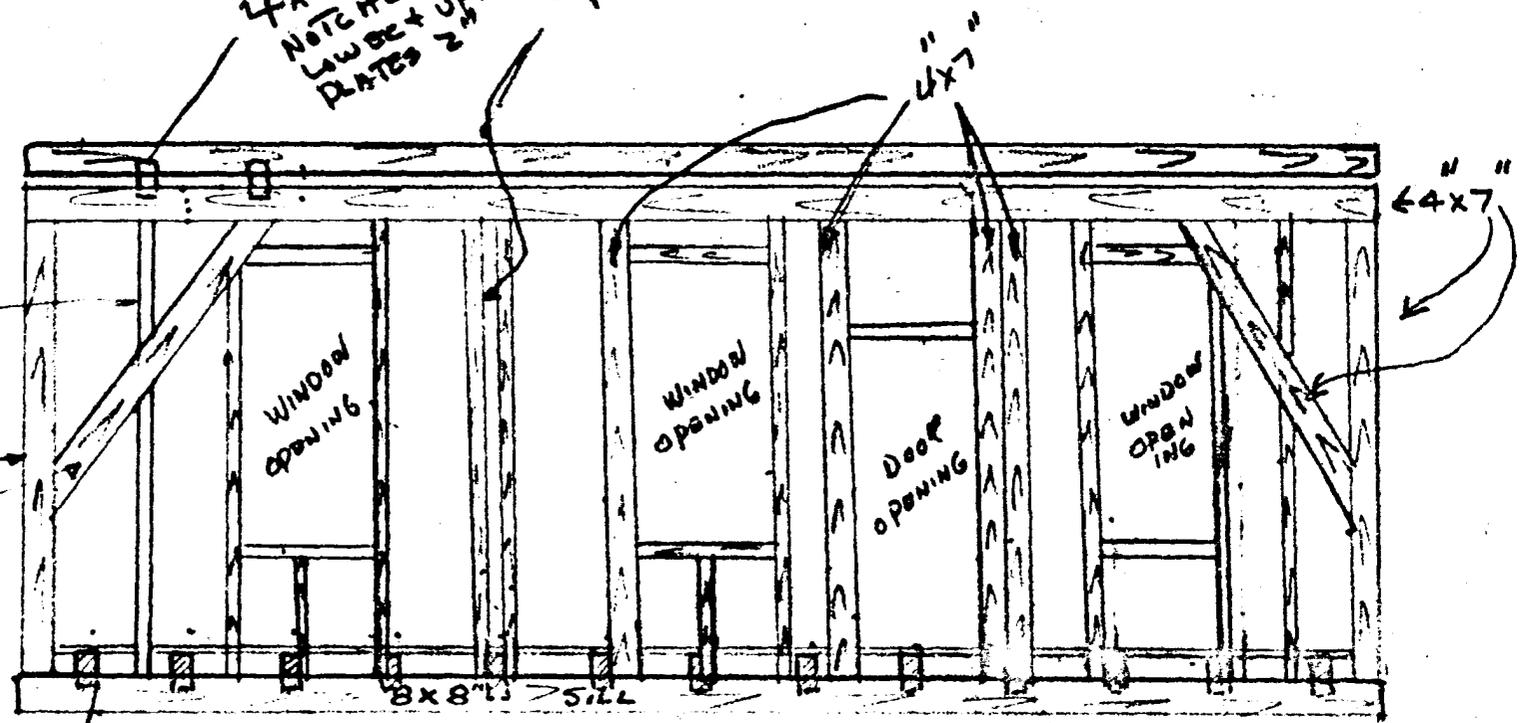
SECTION - ORIG HOUSE

SCALE 3/8" = 1'

Joists floored with 1x12 T+G
 For LOFT FLOOR.

SPACED 2'-4"
 APPROX.
 4x7 Joists
 NOTCHED INTO
 LOWER + UPPER
 PLATES 2"
 DOUBLER
 FOR PARTITION
 BLOCKING

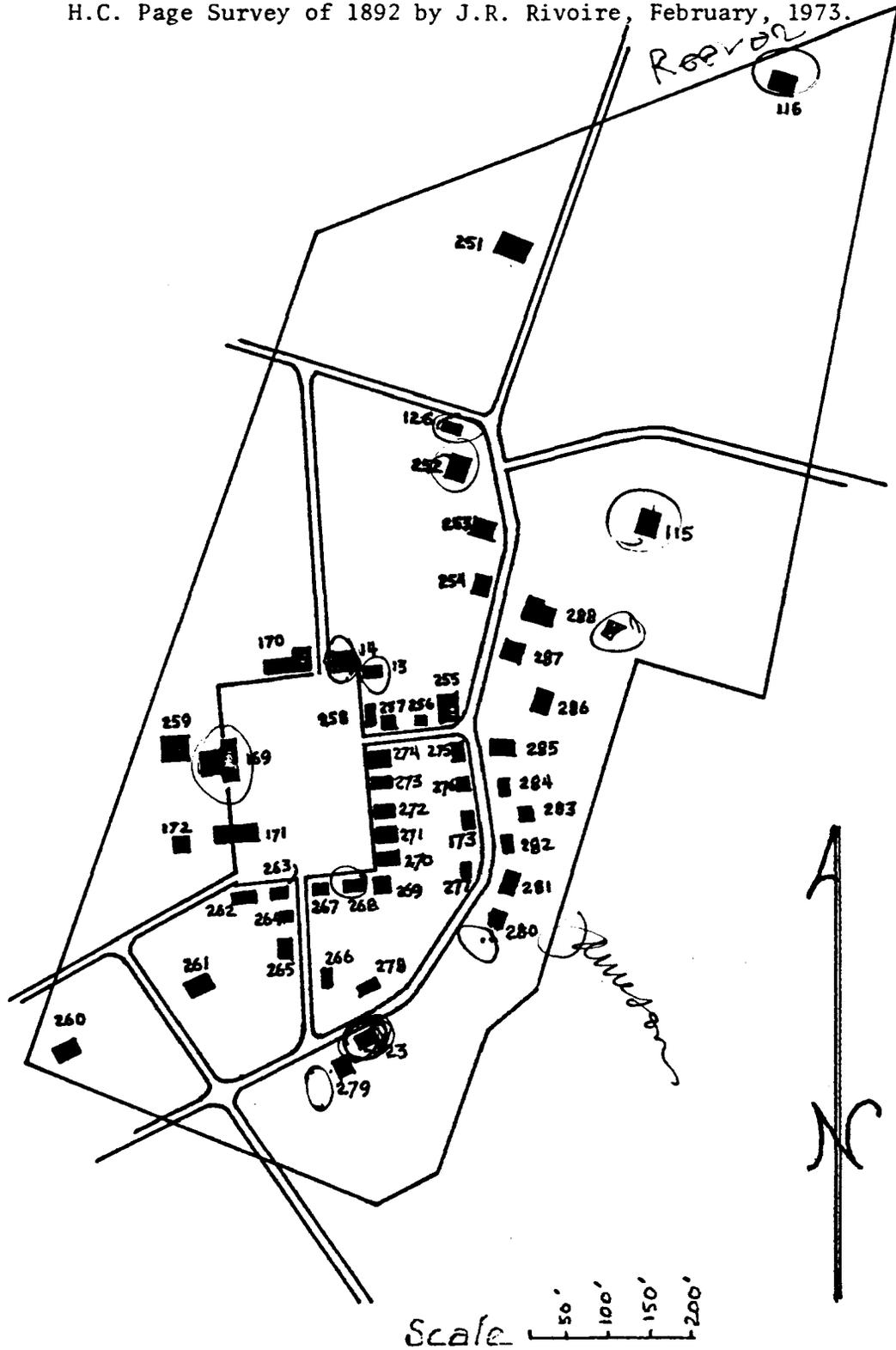
4x7"
 Top
 Plate
 3x4
 STUDS
 APPROX 2' centers
 4x7"
 CORNER
 POST
 +
 BRACE

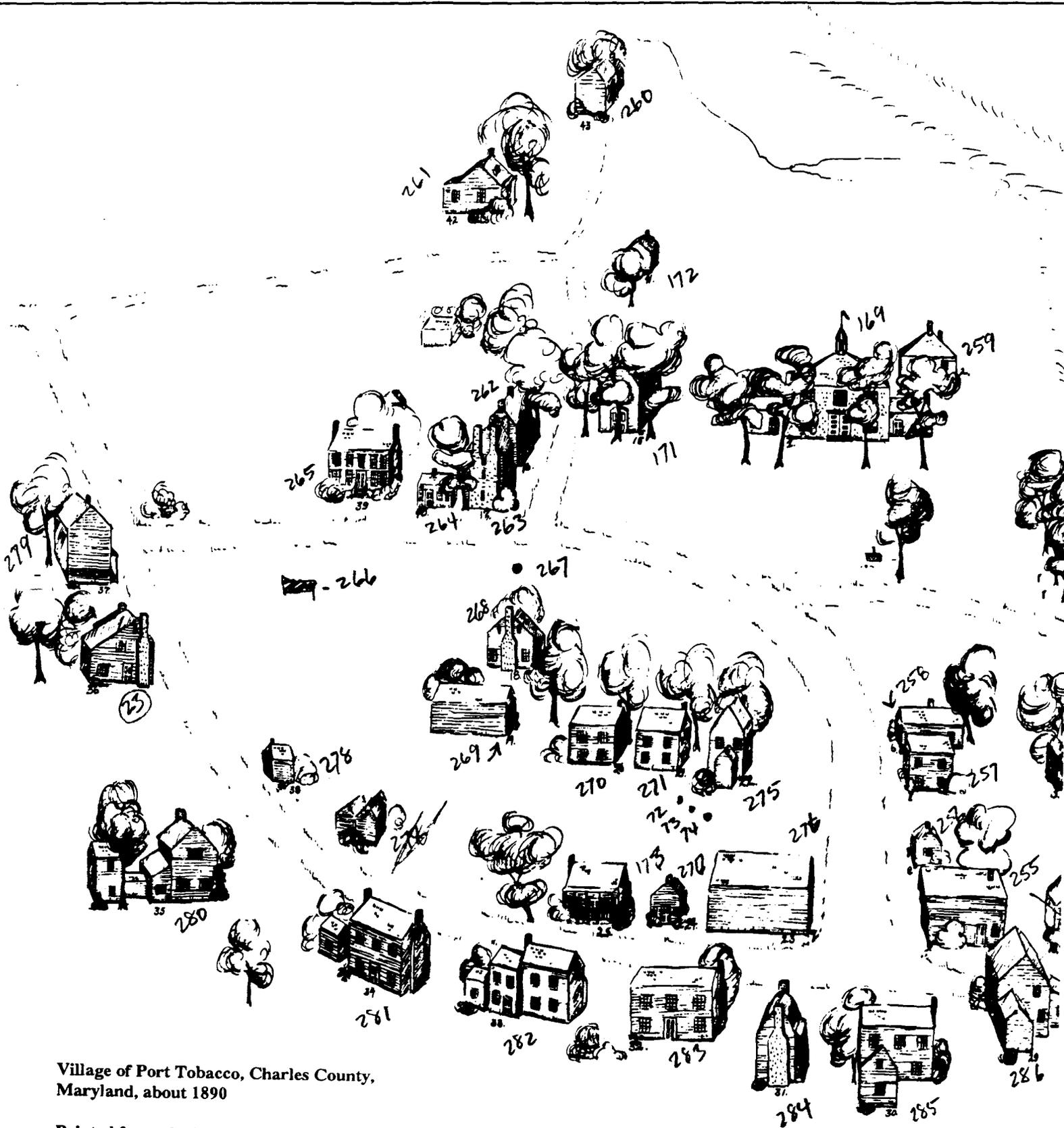


4x7" Joists
 NOTCHED 2"
 SPACED 2'-2"

FRAMING PLAN
 FRONT WALL - ORIG. HOUSE

1892 Boundaries of the Village of Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland, Showing the Locations of Buildings, Sites, and Areas (Aboriginal and Colonial) of Archaeological Significance, that Exist Within the Settlement. Reduced and Drawn from the Original H.C. Page Survey of 1892 by J.R. Rivoire, February, 1973.





Village of Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland, about 1890

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By Rosemary Coyle Warner, April, 1970 (?)



PORT TOBACCO
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
J.R. RIVOIRE
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MARYLAND SHPD
BURCH HOUSE. CAMERA FACING SW.
15/18

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PORT TOBACCO
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
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MARYLAND SHPD
FIELD WITH BUILDING SITES ON W. SIDE
CHAPOL POINT ROAD. BURCH HOUSE
IN BACKGROUND. CAMERA FACING
S-SW

16/18

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BURCH HOUSE - CHARLES COUNTY

1780-1810 - UNIQUE CHIMNEY CONSTRUCTION

NOT VISIBLE IN PHOTOGRAPH. PART

OF HISTORIC PORT TOWNSHIP ~~PART~~ HISTORIC
DISTRICT.



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