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Willow Grove/Redmore's Supply  
Still Pond  
c. 1730

Willow Grove stood on land called Redmore's Supply, patented in 1678 to John Hodgeson. The tract encompassed part of the present village of Still Pond and the old house stood southwest of the crossroads. Two-hundred fifty acres of Redmore's Supply was purchased in 1721 by John Gale, Sr., planter<sup>1</sup> who subsequently first deeded 50 acres to his son John, Jr. in 1724<sup>2</sup> and then the remainder in 1732.<sup>3</sup> The house which John Gale, Jr. built at this juncture was very similar to two other 18th century houses in the general vicinity – Lamb's Meadow and Lamb's Range.

All three dwellings were brick, gambrel roof structures built originally with their kitchens in the basement. Each had Flemish bond brick work with glazed headers and English bond below the water table. Willow Grove differed from the others in the use of English Garden Wall bond (1 course of headers; 2 courses of stretchers) in the second story gable. The upper roof pitch differed also in that it was less steep than those at Lamb's Meadow and Lamb's Range.

Prior to its collapse and disassembly in 1978, measurements and notes were taken. From these conjectural drawings (plans and elevations) were made to illustrate this type period house and its corresponding neighbors.

Willow Grove was a hall-parlor plan house with paneled fireplace walls and vertical board partitions. Fragments of the second floor partitions

found during the disassembly evidenced a featheredge design in that location. There was an exterior door in the parlor adjacent the fireplace which gave outside access to the kitchen, until a ground level kitchen was built later. The outline of an early addition was evident in its east gable. This one story wing might have been the same one which appears in 20th century photographs and which had been raised to two stories by that time.

Access to the basement kitchen was also available from a winder stair in the southwest corner of the hall. The kitchen fireplace was located beneath the parlor and the entire floor was paved with brick. Notes were not taken on the division of the basement, but if it were to follow the usual design in the area, part of the space beneath the hall would have been for storage.

Willow Grove or Redmore's Supply stayed in the Gale family until 1811 when it was sold to John Hepbron, blacksmith.<sup>4</sup> When the house was disassembled a board with the inscription "Lewis Hepbron 1857" was found which documents the major remodeling which consisted of changing the position of the stair to the northeast corner and making the original hall fireplace smaller. The location of the partitions was also changed. The enlargement of the frame kitchen may have taken place at this time as well.

John Hepbron built a blacksmith shop on the north side of the road leading to Still Pond and gave several parcels along the road to his children. Thus, the hamlet of Still Pond developed. In his will, Willow Grove is referred to as the "Home Farm."<sup>5</sup> After 1891 it appears to have ceased being the home farm to its owners and became a tenant house.

1. Land Records, Lib. JS 8, fol. 170.
2. Land Records, Lib. 8, fol. 398.
3. Land Records, Lib. JS 16, fol. 203.
4. Land Records, Lib. BC 6, fol. 404.
5. Wills, Lib. 11, fol. 331.

WILLOW GROVE  
Still Pond, Maryland  
(3rd quarter, 18th century)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

WILLOW GROVE

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

1/2 mile southeast of Still Pond

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER demolished

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Helen Hastings

Telephone #: 301-928-3742

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Crumpton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21628

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 85

Folio #: 72

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968 (?)

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Before its demolition in 1978, Willow Grove stood in an open field ½ mile southeast of Still Pond. It was a brick gambrel roofed building that was three bays long and had a hall and parlour plan. There were fireplaces and chimneys in both end walls and a water table. The brick was laid in English bond below the water table and in Flemish bond with glazed headers above. Window and door openings were headed with segmental arches.

Notes and sketches of the building done in 1978 by Michael Bourne are attached.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Notes and photographs by Michael Bourne, Chestertown

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

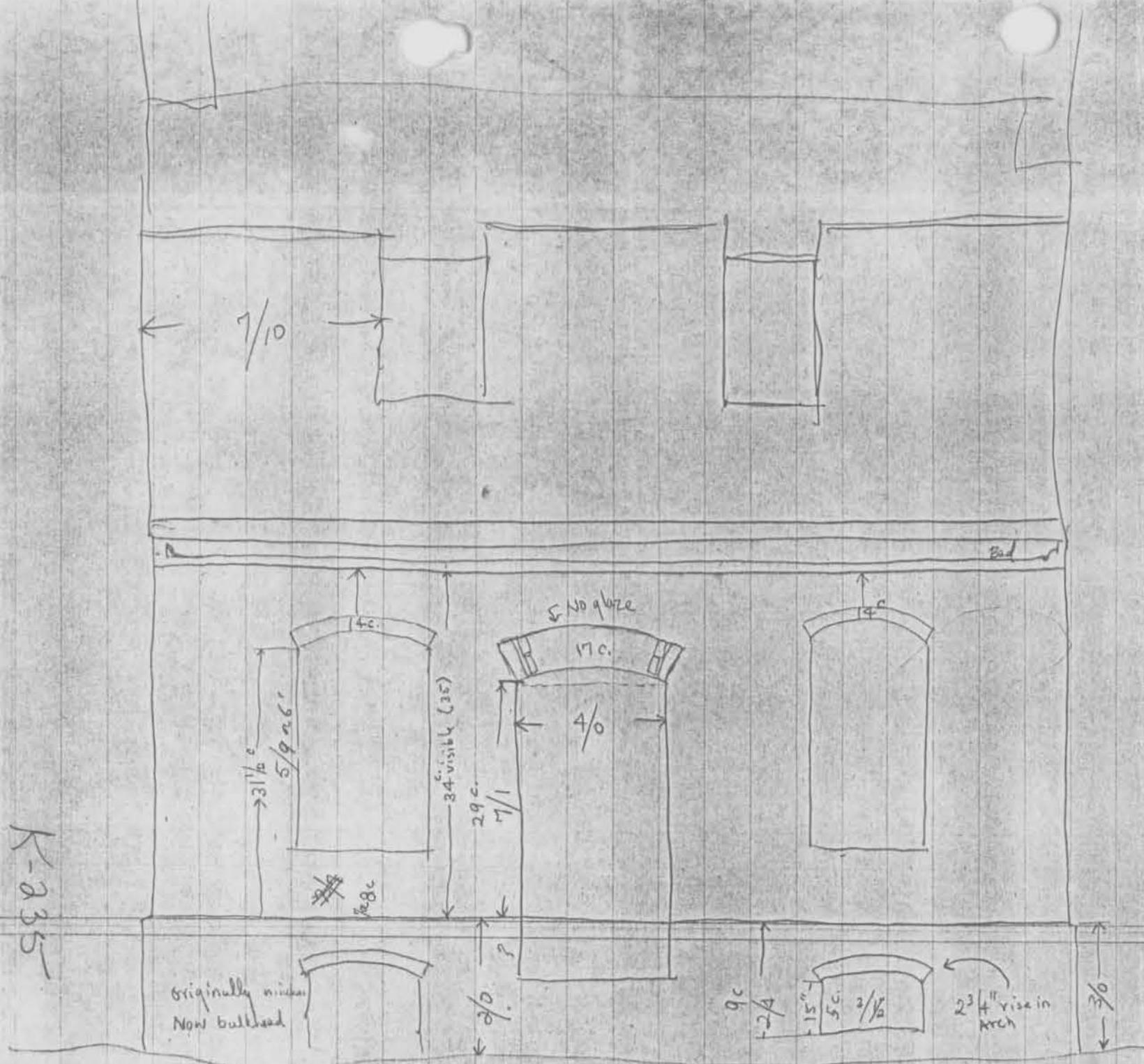
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Willow ce, Kent County  
 North elevation



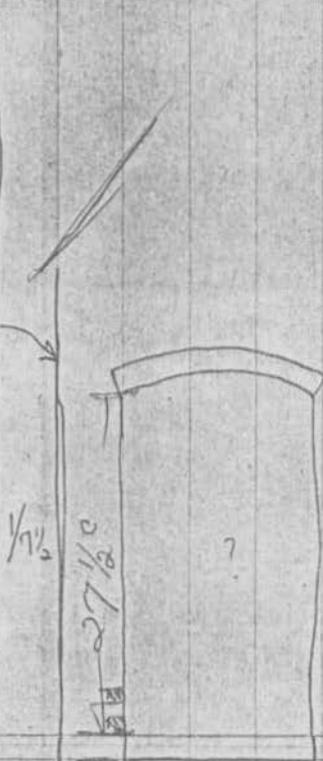
Masonry openings  
 original length windows.

Flemish bond above w.T.

English bond below stretch  
 water table

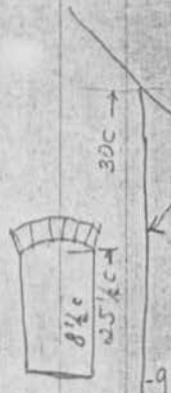
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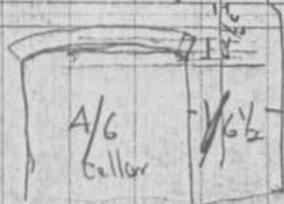


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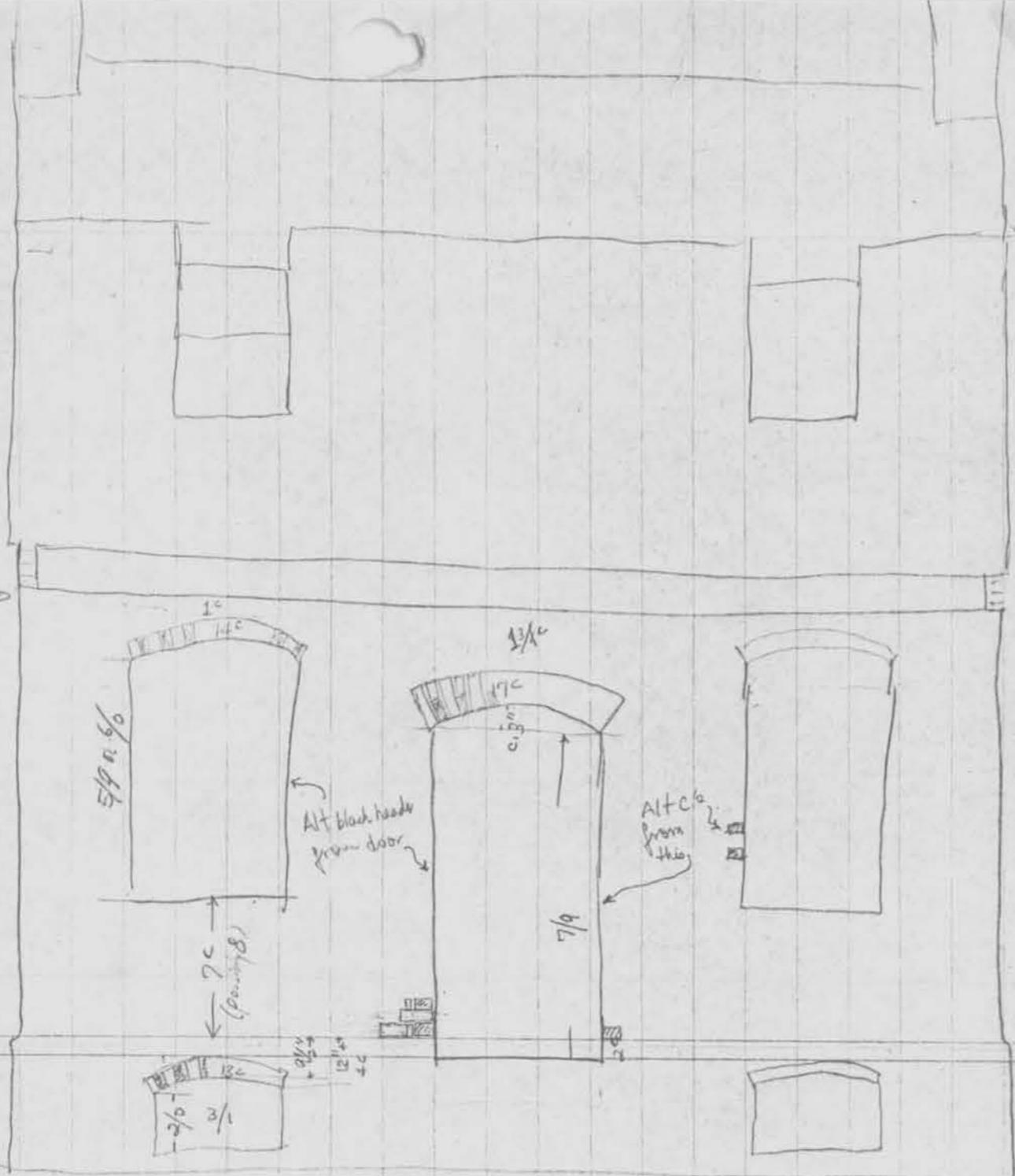
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line of early  
addition



W. O. Grove  
 Kent County  
 South facade



$4c = 12''$   
 $1c = 3''$

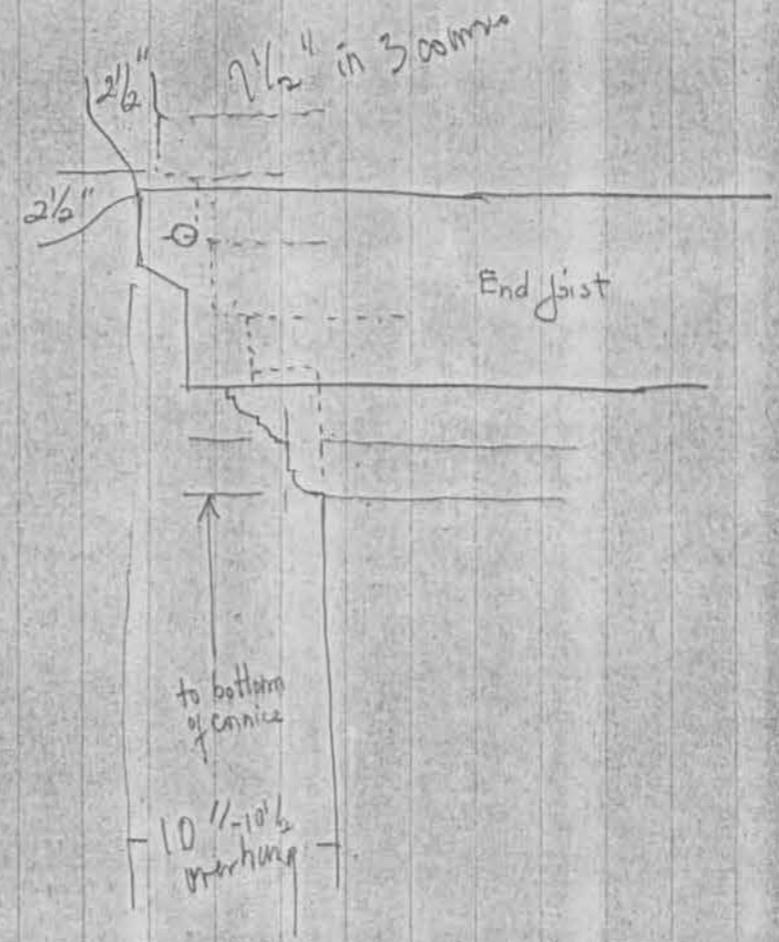
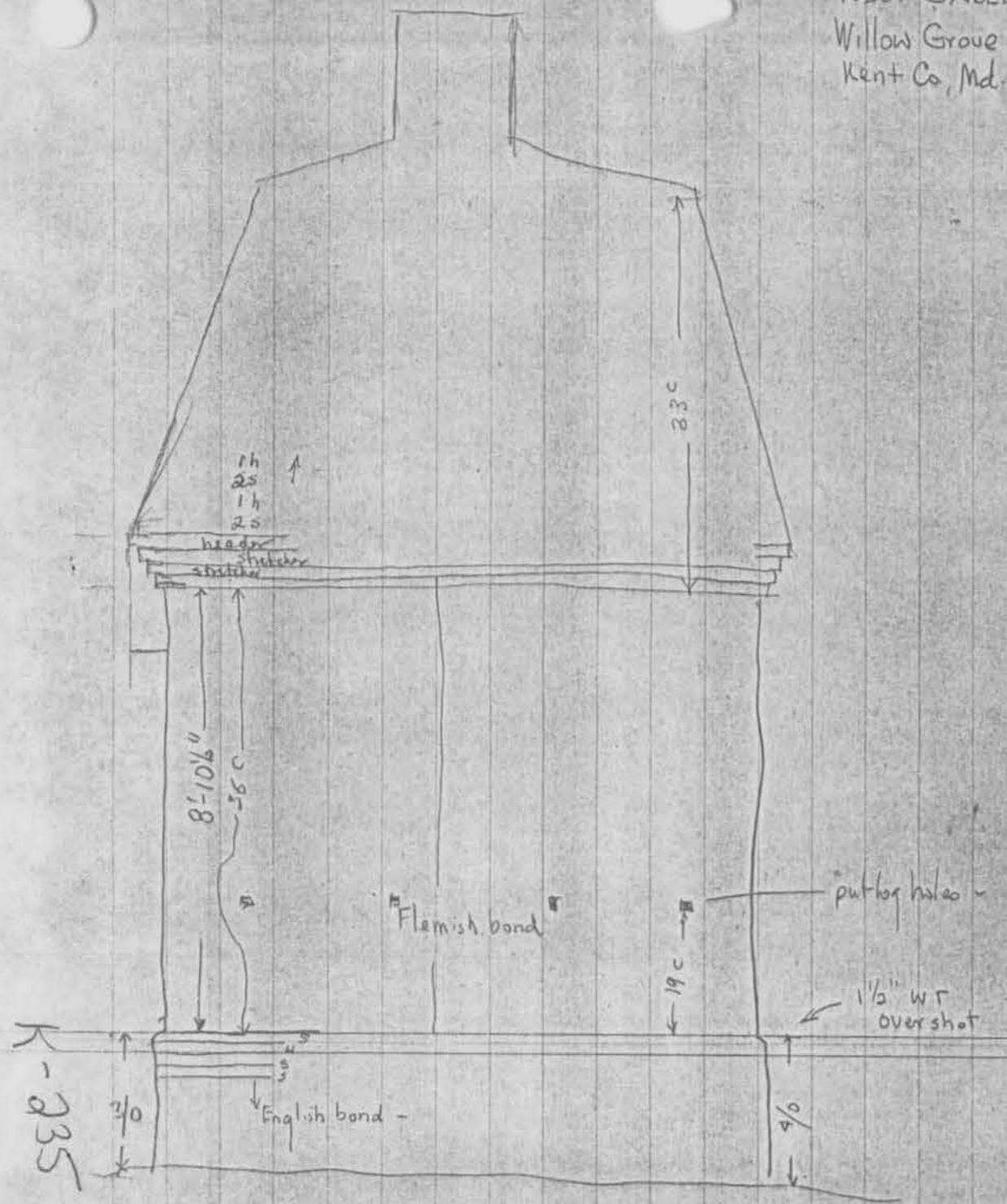
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Flem bond w/ glazed headers

orig door frame  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " wide  
 sill 4" thick w/  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " slant

Eng l-in bond below

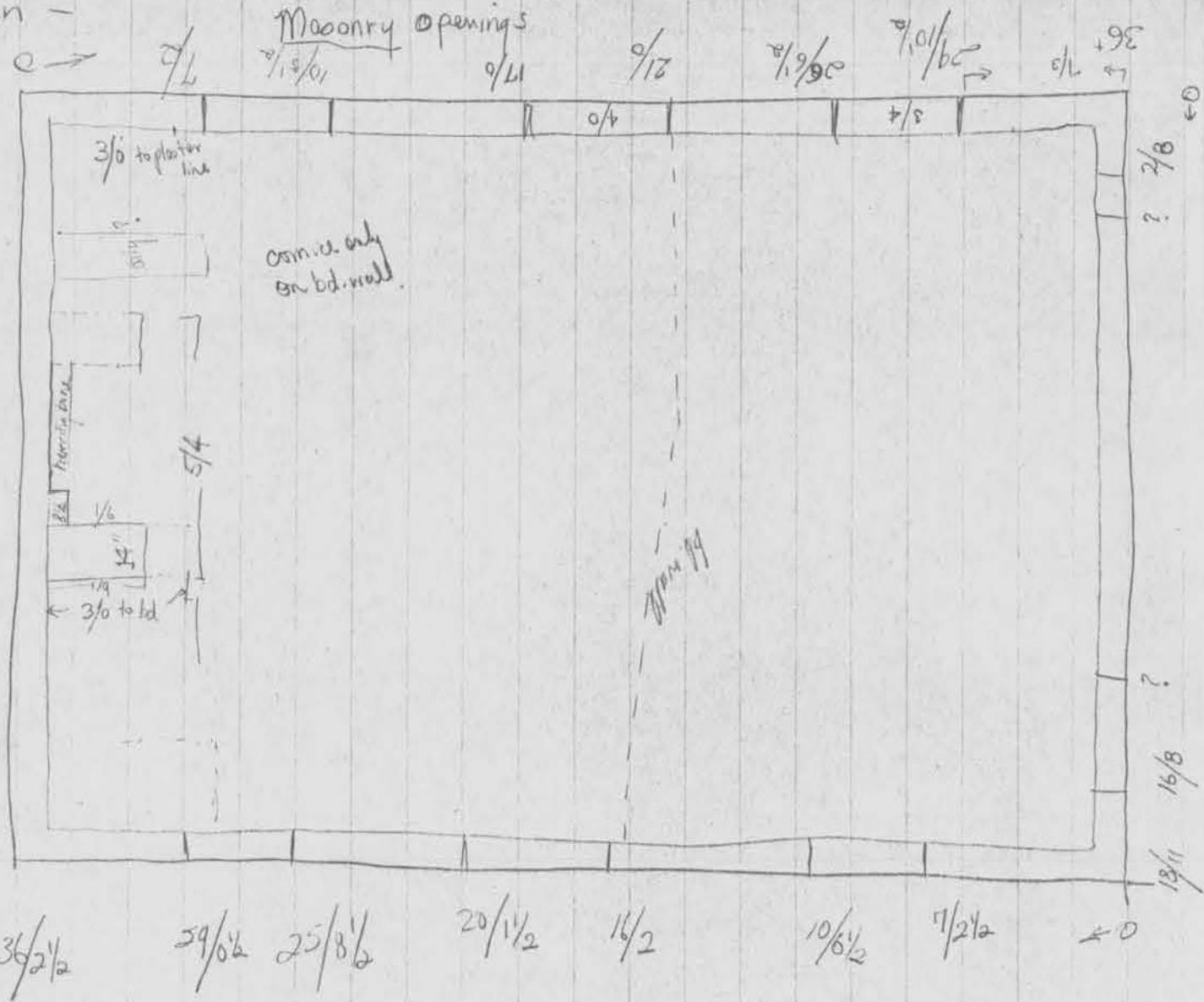
WEST GABLE  
Willow Grove  
Kent Co, Md.



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Willow Grove, Kent Co. -

1st Floor Plan -

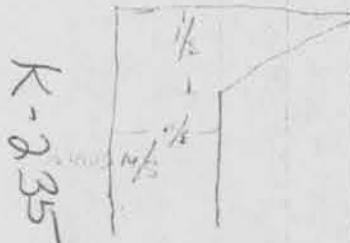


orig FP 3' x 3' tall

18/10 3/4

3/8 to bd

W Room does not appear to have 11' 1/2



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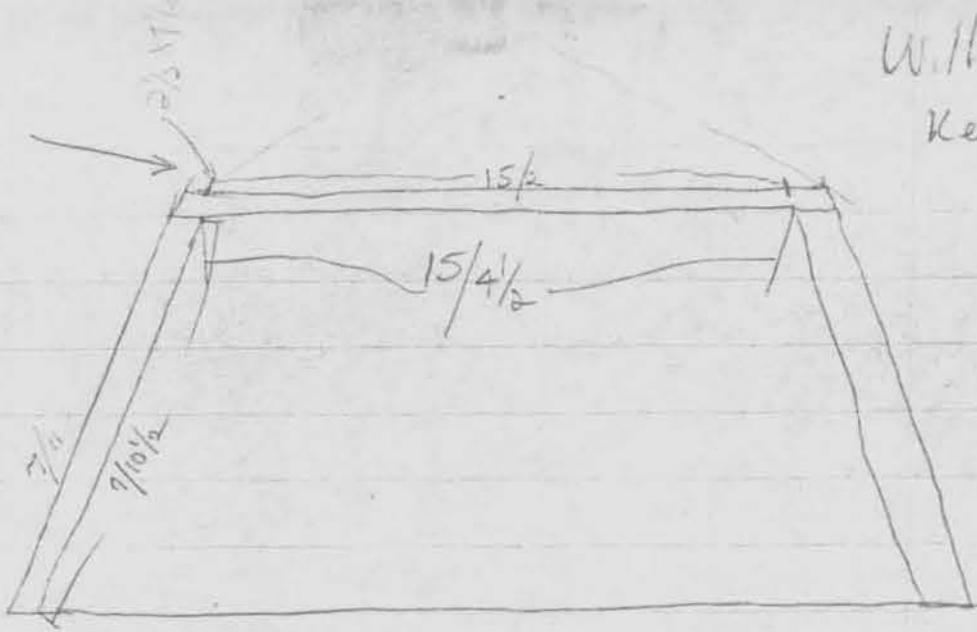


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Willow Grove  
Kent Co.

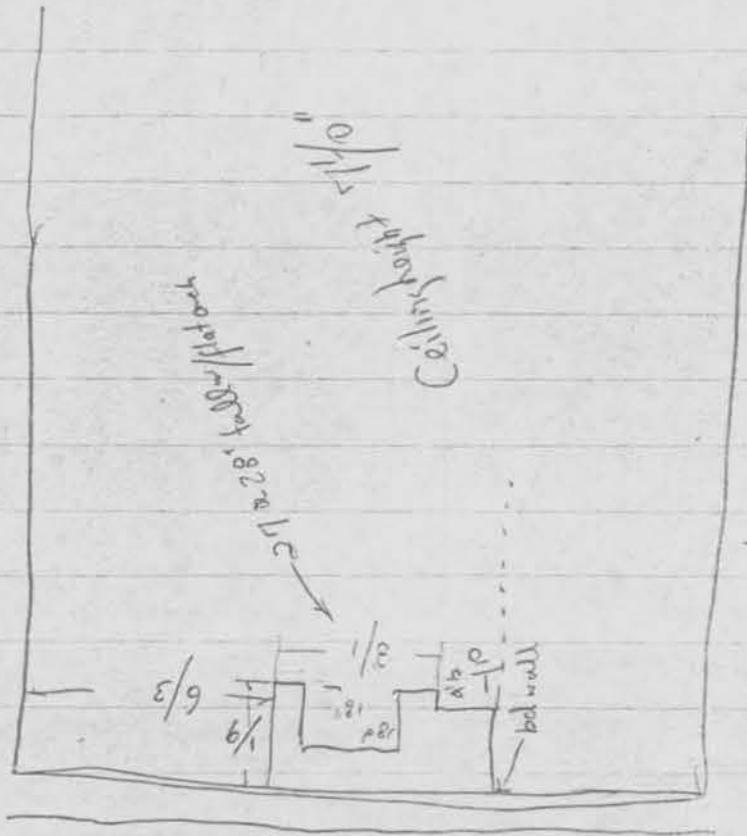
$42\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

$34^\circ$



2nd Floor Wash and

9" wall

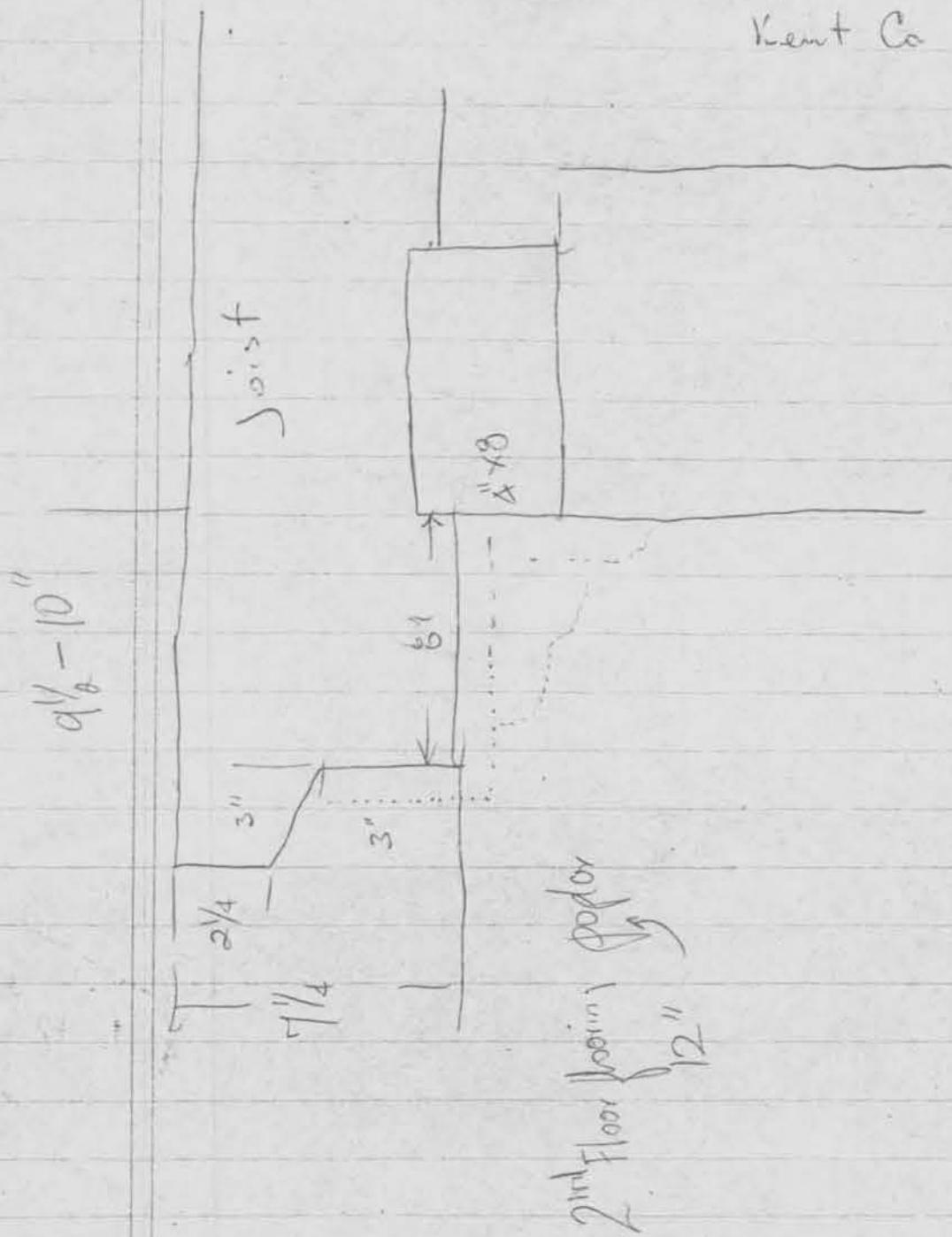


Plank

Window + door trim

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Willow Grove  
Kent Co -



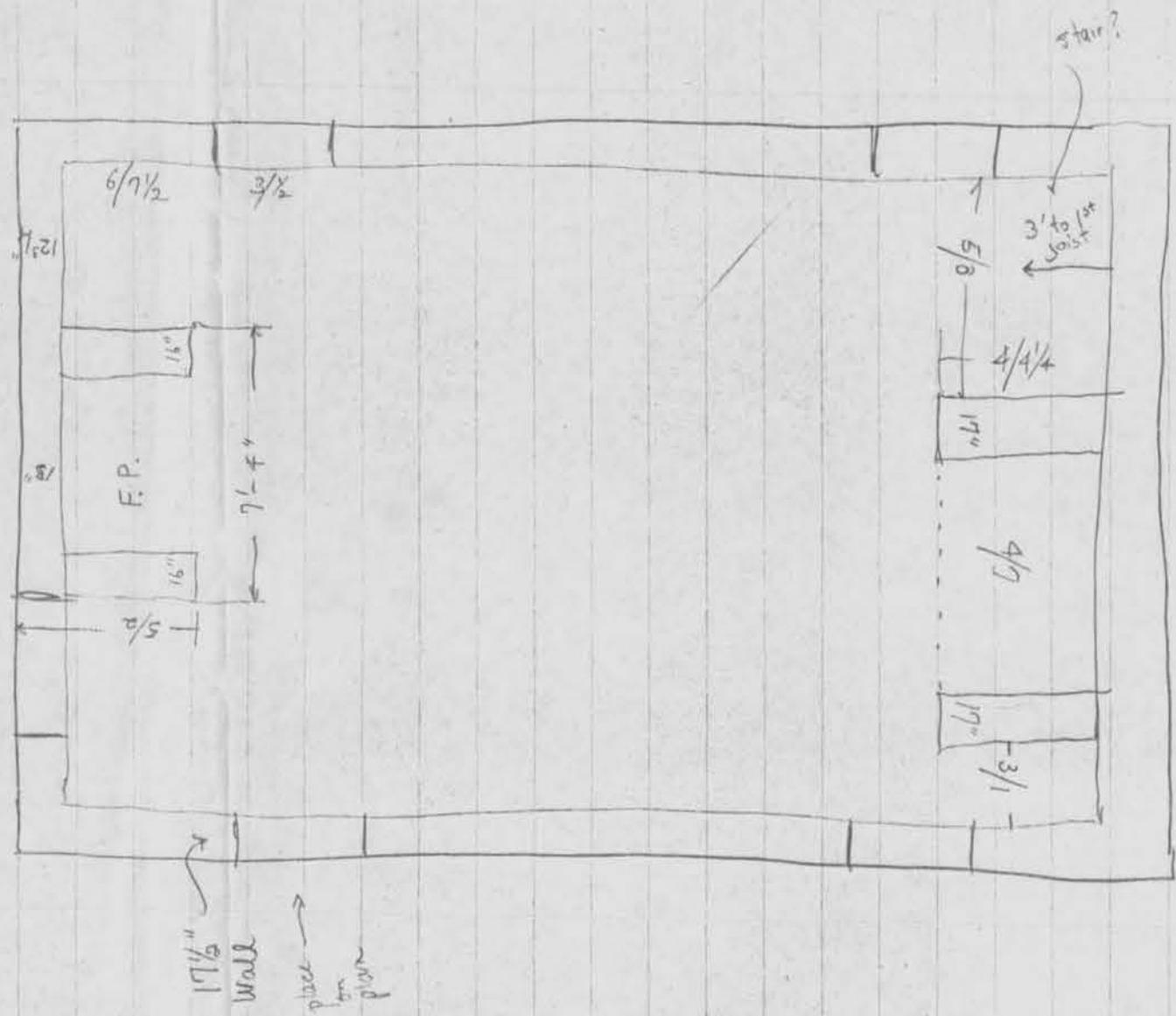
General Brick Size -

$8 \frac{3}{4} \times 4 \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$  + smaller

Willow Grove  
Kent County  
Basement Plan

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M Bourne  
4/9/78



Basement  
Window Grills -  
3 1/2" x 8" w/ 1" strip for each -  
bars 3" o.c. (6 on South?)

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RIVER

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Willow Grove

View to Northeast

Still Pond, Kent County

Michael Bourne

1978

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