IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

NE/S Halethorpe Avenue, 749.5' SE of

Washington Boulevard

(1921 Halethorpe Avenue)

13th Election District

1st Council District

Waskey Investments, Inc., Owners; John Butcher, Contract Purchaser

- * BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 03-008-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Waskey Investments, Inc., by Larry Porter, General Partner, and the Contract Purchaser, John Butcher, through their attorney, Michael Gisriel, Esquire. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a proposed dwelling with side yard setbacks of as close as 8 feet in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet, and a sum of the side yards of 28 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet, and to approve the subject property as an undersized lot. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Larry Porter on behalf of Waskey Investments, Inc., property owner, John Heinrichs, the Professional Engineer who prepared the site plan for this property, and Michael Gisriel, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were Barbara Howard and Edward Smith, who reside to the rear of the subject property.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a rectangular shaped parcel located on the northwest side of Halethorpe Avenue, not far from Washington Boulevard in western Baltimore County. The property contains a gross area of 8,812 sq.ft., more or less, approximately 53 feet wide by 170 feet in dimension, and is located within an older subdivision known as Halethorpe Terrace. The property was originally zoned D.R.5.5; however,

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was downzoned to D.R.2 in 1996. Testimony indicated that Waskey Investments, Inc. recently acquired the subject property through bankruptcy/foreclosure proceedings. Apparently, the prior owner had attempted to subdivide the subject property and an adjacent parcel and develop the overall tract with several single-family dwellings. He was apparently unsuccessful and the subject lot is all that remains from his original holdings.

The current owners/Petitioners now come before me seeking approval to develop the subject lot with a single-family dwelling. As shown on the site plan, the proposed structure will be a two-story, cottage type dwelling, a maximum 24 feet wide and 39.5 feet deep. The dwelling will be setback 42 feet from the front property line, which is consistent with neighboring dwellings on either side of the subject lot. Variance relief is requested, however, from the side yard setback requirements. Although a 20-foot setback will be maintained on the south side of the property, only an 8-foot side yard setback can be maintained on the north side, with a side yard setback sum of 28 feet. Relief is also requested because the lot is undersized. Under the D.R.2 zoning classification, a minimum lot area of 20,000 sq.ft. is required and as noted above, the subject lot is only 8,812 sq.ft. in area. Testimony and evidence offered in support of the request was that without variance relief, the lot could not be developed. Obviously, strict compliance with the regulations would require a house no greater than 12 feet in width, which is impractical.

The residents of the community who appeared raised a number of issues. The primary area of concern relates to ongoing flooding in the area. As noted above, this is an older community with insufficient storm water management infrastructure (i.e., storm drains, curb and gutter, etc.). The neighbors are concerned that the proposed development will further exacerbate the problem.

Similar comments were expressed in the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment submitted by the Office of Planning. That comment noted that the entire Halethorpe Terrace subdivision, which encompasses approximately 167 acres, was downzoned from D.R.5.5 to D.R.2 in 1996. The comment also noted that a flooding problem has existed in this community for nearly 100 years due to the lack of infrastructure. The Office of Planning recommends a denial of the request, but noted that the Department of Public Works, the Office of Community Conservation,

 the Office of Planning, and the Community Association had worked together to develop a plan of action to control storm water runoff in the area. Apparently, these controls have been implemented and construction has commenced; however won't be completed until fiscal year 2003-2004.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, this is a classic variance case. To deny relief would result in a practical difficulty upon the Petitioner in that there would be no reasonable use of the property for a permitted purpose. Thus, I find that the Petitioner has met the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. and <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995) for variance relief to be granted. However, although I am persuaded that the proposed single-family dwelling should be permitted, I am appreciative of the concerns expressed by the neighbors and the Office of Planning. In this regard, the location of the house on the lot and the topography of the site are to be noted.

As stated above, the house will be setback 42 feet from the front property line, a distance consistent with other houses on this street. Apparently, due to the prior owner's plans, the residents who reside to the rear of the lot had feared that the house might be constructed towards the rear of the subject property, further exacerbating drainage problems on their properties. The neighbors were relieved that the proposed house would be located on the front portion of the site, further away from their homes.

It is also to be noted that the plan shows the elevations for the subject and adjacent properties. Apparently, these elevations were obtained from County GIS records. The elevations and site plan show that the proposed dwelling will be built on the lot in a location approximately 98 feet above sea level. The rear of the lot rises to an elevation of 102 feet. Thus, the lot is higher towards the rear than where the house is to be constructed. Thus, storm water runoff from the house and driveway will flow downhill towards Halethorpe Avenue and away from the residences to the rear of the site.

Finally, however, in order to assure that the construction will not aggravate existing storm water conditions, I shall impose two restrictions. First, the proposed driveway shall be constructed of a pervious/porous material and not of an impervious nature. A crushed stone or

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similar driveway would be appropriate so as to minimize runoff from the property. Secondly, testimony and evidence offered indicated that there were no plans for construction before next year. Thus, I will prohibit the Petitioner from obtaining a building permit before May 1, 2003. This restriction is being imposed in the hope that construction after May 1, 2003 will be consistent with the timing of planned County infrastructure improvements to the area and more importantly, avoid construction on the subject property during the typically wet spring season.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of September, 2002, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a proposed dwelling with side yard setbacks of as close as 8 feet in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet, and a sum of the side yards of 28 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet, and to approve the subject property as an undersized lot, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit; however, no permit shall be issued before May 1, 2003.
- 2) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 3) The proposed driveway shall be constructed of a pervious/porous material such as crushed stone, so as to minimize storm water runoff from the property.

4) The proposed dwelling will be constructed substantially in accordance with the building elevation drawings submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 5.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

September 20, 2002

Fax: 410-887-3468

Michael Gisriel, Esquire 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 302 Towson, Maryland 21204

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13th Election District – 1st Council District

Waskey Investments, Inc., Owners; John Butcher, Contract Purchaser - Petitioners

Case No. 03-008-A

Dear Mr. Gisriel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Mr. Larry Porter, 10717 Stevenson Road, Stevenson, Md. 21153 cc:

Mr. John Heinrichs, 1420 Joh Avenue, Suite A, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Ms. Barbara Howard, 1924 Woodside Avenue, Halethorpe, Md. 21227

Mr. Edward Smith, 4501 Spring Avenue, Halethorpe, Md. 21227

Office of Planning; People's Counsel; Case File



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1921 HALETHORPE AVE which is presently zoned DR 2

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1 B 0 2, 3, C, 1 BCZR TO PERMIT APPEADSED DWELLING WITH SIDE SETBACKS ASCLOSE AS BFT. AND A SUM OF SIDE YARDS OF 28 FT. IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 15 FT. AND 40 FT. RESPECTIVELY, AND TO APPROVE AN UNDERSIZED LOT.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

ATHEARING

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): JUHN BUKHER. Name - Type or Prin Name - Type or Frint COEN Reton Signature Signature Address Name - Type or Print Telephone No. City State Zip Code Signature <u> Attorney For Petitioner:</u> Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Brint City State Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signature 0 Company Name Madress Address Telephone No. 2170 Zip Code City State OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING 124R Case No. UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING Reviewed By Date



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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 1921 HALETHORPE AVENUE

BEGINNING for the same at an iron pipe found being on the northeasterly right-of-way line of Halethorpe Ave., being 30' wide, 749.5 feet southeast of its intersection with the east side of Washington Boulevard, U.S. Route 1; thence running with and binding on said right-of-way line of Halethorpe Ave.

- South 29° 29' 03" East 52.25 feet to a point; thence leaving said right-of-way of Halethorpe Ave. and running
- 2) North 52° 54' 37" East 170.15 feet to an iron pin set; thence 52,25 Jack
- 3) North 29° 29' 03" West 50.25 feet to an iron pin set, thence
- 4) South 52° 54' 37" West 170.15 feet to the place of beginning

CONTAINING 8,812 Sq. Ft. or 0.202 acres of land more or less.

BEING known as 1921 Halethorpe Avenue, located in the 13th Election District and the 1st Councilmanic District.



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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Case: #03-008-A

1921 Halethorpe Avenue

NE/S of Halethorpe Avenue, 749.5' SE of Washington Blvd.

13th Election District – 1st Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Waske Investments, Inc., Larry Porter
Contract Purchaser: John Butcher

Variance: to permit a proposed dwelling with side set-backs as close as 8 feet and a sum of side yards of 28 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet and 40 feet respectively, and to approve an undersized lot

Hearing: Monday, September 9, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

822,2002
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
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once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing
on 822,20 <u>02</u>
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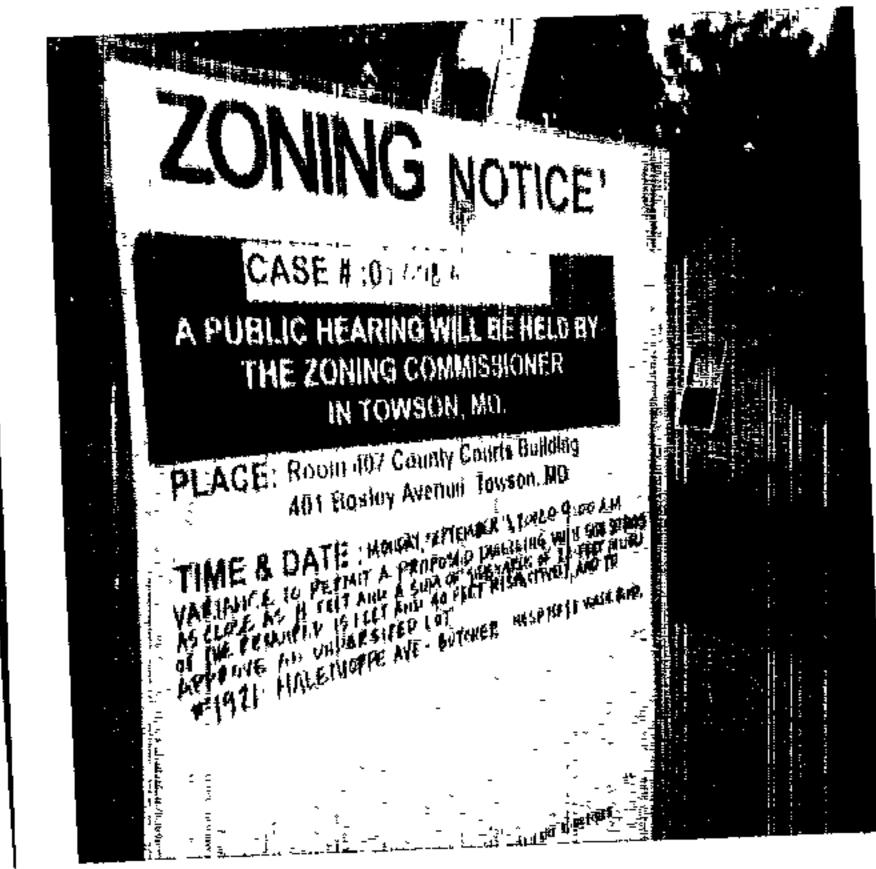
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RE: Case No.: 03-008-A
Petitioner/Developer: BUTCHER ETAL
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Date of Hearing/Closing: 99/02

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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1921 - HALETHORPE AVE 9/9/02

Sincerely,

(Signature of Sign Poster and Daty)

PATRICK M. O'KEEFE

(Printed Name)

523 PENNY LANE

(Address)

HUNT VALLEY, MD. 21030

(City, State, Zip Code)

410-666:5366; CELL-410-905-8571

(Telephone Number)

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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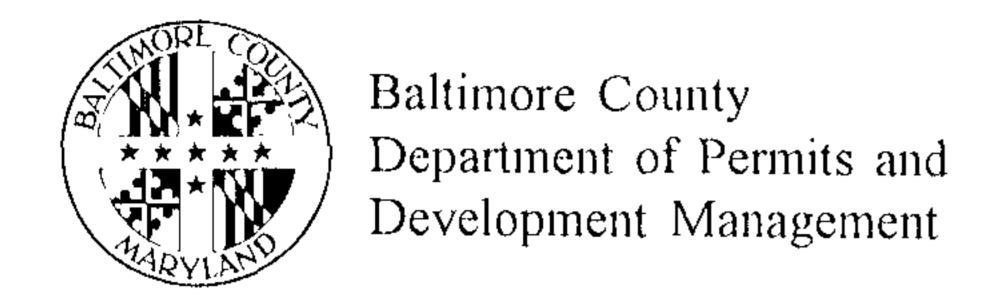
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HEARING: Friday, August 23, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 407

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT GDZ ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.

(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353

Fax: 410-887-5708

July 17, 2002

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Director

C: John Butcher, c/o Michael Gisriel, 29 W Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 302, Towson 21204

Waskey Investments Inc, Larry Porter, c/o Michael Gisriel, 29 W Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 302, Towson 21204

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2002.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Thursday, August 22, 2002 Issue - Jeffersonian

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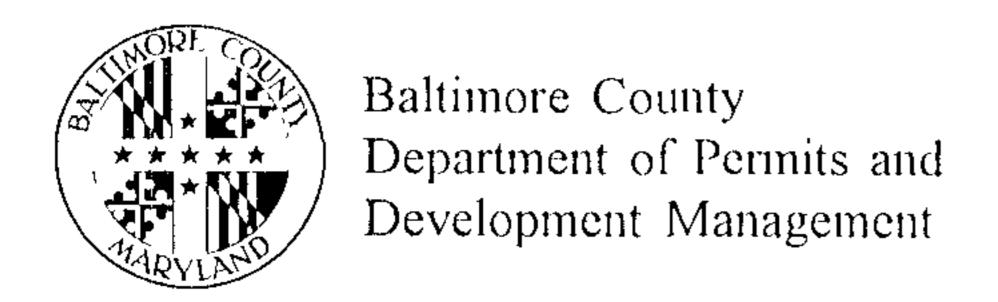
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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July 24, 2002

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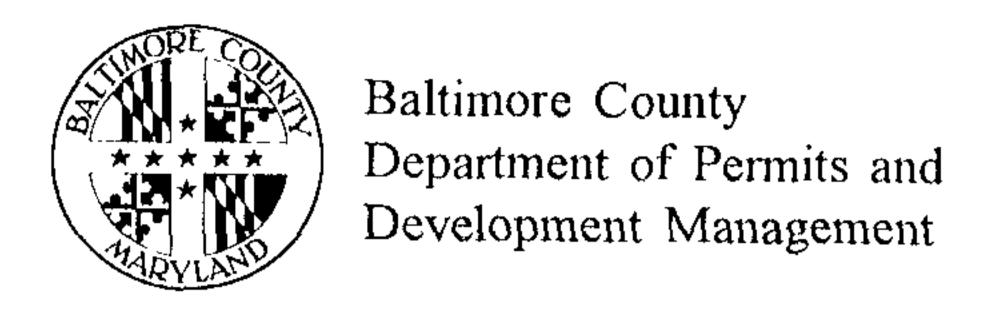
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NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2002.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

September 6, 2002

Michael Gisriel 29 W Susquehanna Avenue Suite 302 Towson MD 21204

Dear Mr. Gisriel:

RE: Case Number: 03-008-A, 1921 Halethorpe Avenue

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on July 02, 2002.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. もうて

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Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel



700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4500

Department of Permits and
Development Management (PDM)
County Office Building, Room 111
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

July 18,2002

ATTENTION: George Zahner

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF July 15, 2002

Item No.: See Below

Dear Mr. Zahner:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 583; 001-005; 007 (008;) 010-013; 015

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK, Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: August 5, 2002

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

Rolling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 22, 2002

Item Nos. 583, 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 015,

and 016

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

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DATE:

July 22, 2002

Zoning Petitions

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of July 15, 2002

SUBJECT: NO COMMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING ZONING ITEMS:

583, 001 (008) 011, 014, 016

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 26, 2002

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

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SUBJECT:

1921 Halethorpe Avenue

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

03-008

Petitioner:

John Butcher

Zoning:

DR 2

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The subject property was part of CZMP issue 1-006 (1996) in which 167± acres of the Halethorpe Terrace subdivision were rezoned from DR 5.5 to DR-2. The Office of Planning submitted the rezoning petition in an attempt to have the zoning be more reflective of the actual land usage and to slow the creation of additional impervious surfaces.

The subject site is the location of a Historical African American Settlement that has endured tremendous flooding for nearly 100 years due to a lack of modern intervention. Due to the fact that this settlement is located at lower elevations than the adjoining communities, when newer subdivisions are developed (in a number of instances without adequate storm water or sediment controls) water run-off from them would flood the settlement.

In an effort to improve the flooding problem, the Department of Public Works, the Office of Community Conservation, the Office of Planning and the Halethorpe Terrace Community Association (Halethorpe Civic League) worked together to develop and implement a plan of action. The storm water controls developed by the plan are still under construction and will in all probability not be completed for at least another year. The additional impervious surfaces associated with the undersized lot will further exacerbate current problems with flooding.

Furthermore, it was the intent of the County Council's rezoning to allow new in-fill development to occur in the Halethorpe Terrace subdivision at the DR-2 density. The Variances requested are not in keeping with the DR-2 zoning.

Considering the aforementioned, the Office of Planning recommends the that the petitioner's request be DENIED.

Prepared by:

Section Chief:

AFK/LL:MAC:



Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 7.14.02

Mr. George Zahner
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimo

Baltimore County

Item No. 008

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Dear, Mr. Zahner:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

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Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

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	N/east side of Halethorpe Ave.
	749.5 ft SE of Washington Blvd
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Legal Owner: Waske Investments, Inc.

Larry Porter, Gen Prtnr

Petitioner

* BEFORE THE

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Old Courthouse, Room 47
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of July, 2002, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Michael Gisriel, 29 West Susquehanna Ave., Suite 302, Towson, Maryland 21204 Attorney for Petitioner(s).

ETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Permit or Case No

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Director, Office of Planning & Community Conservation TO:

Attention: Jeffrey Long

County Courts Building, Room 406

401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

FROM: Arnold Jabion, Director

Department of Permits & Development Management

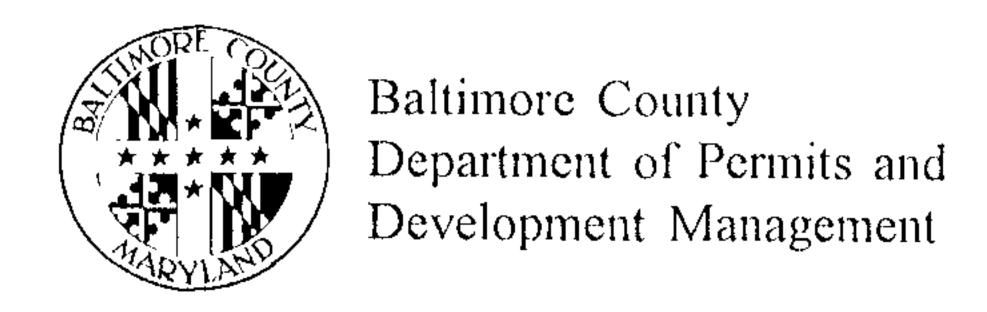
RE: Undersized Lots

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Accepted by Date

Pursuant to Section 304 2 (Baltimore County Zoning Regulations) effective June 25, 1992, this office is requesting recommendations and comments from the Office of Planning and Community Conservation prior to this office's approval of a dwelling permit.

MINIMUM APPLICANT SUPPLIED INFORMATION:					
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Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353

Fax: 410-887-5708

July 24, 2002

Michael Gisriel 29 W Susquehanna Avenue Suite 302 Towson MD 21204

Dear Mr. Gisriel:

RE: Case Number: 03-008-A, 1921 Halethorpe Avenue

The above matter, previously scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., has been postponed at your request. Once the hearing has been rescheduled you will be notified by mail.

Please be advised that, as the individual requesting and receiving the postponement, the responsibility and costs associated with the appropriate posting of the property now lies with you. The petitioner or his/her agent may not personally post or change a zoning sign. One of the currently approved vendors/posters must be contacted to do so. If the property has been posted with notice of the original hearing date, as quickly as possible a notice of the new hearing date should be affixed to the sign(s).

Very truly yours,

Arnold Japlon GOZ

Director

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29 West Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 302 Towson, Maryland 21204

Michael Gisriel, P.A. mgisriel@fgow.com

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W. Thomas Gisriel Of Counsel

July 22, 2002

The Honorable Arnold Jablon, Director Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 03-008-A

1921 Halethorpe Avenue

NE/S of Halethorpe Avenue, 749.5' SE of Washington Blvd.

13th Election District – 1st Councilmanic District Legal Owner: Waskey Investments, Inc., Larry Port

Contract Purchaser: John Butcher

Dear Mr. Jablon:

I received a Notice of Zoning Hearing today scheduling the above-captioned matter for a hearing on Friday, August 23, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. I will be out of town at that time. Please reschedule this hearing on September 9th or any convenient date after September 9th and advise me know the new hearing date.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Michael Gisriel

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Andre' T. Brown 1922 Woodside Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227 (401) 242-9159

September 9, 2002

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office Attn: Mr. Lawrence Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner 401 Bosley Avenue, Room 407 Towson, Maryland 21204 Fax (410) 887-3468

Re: Residential Opposition to Appeal #03-008-A, Zoning Review for 1921 Halethorpe Ave., Halethorpe, Maryland 21227

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I am writing you to state my Steadfast Opposition to the possible rezoning or set back reconfiguration to the property referenced above. I am a home owner immediately to the right rear of the above referenced property and well below their normal grade elevation to which I now received considerable water run off during medium to heavy rain falls. This water situation has been documented in the Planning Office Files for several years and a resolution to abate the water problem was made but not initiated due to the county not being able to obtain easement rights. The water problem still exist and the building a new home on the above referenced property would only increase the storm water problem. I built my home in 1977 and have been there every since. The storm water problem has created several problems of erosion, heavy vegetation growth and as well has constance vigilance when ever rain is forecasted.

I apologize for not attending the hearing scheduled for this day (September 9, 2002) but I was unaware of the scheduled time, as well as I had to attend a funeral this morning. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. As stated previously, I Oppose this Appeal for the construction of any type of residential dwelling which will impact my residence. Thanking you in advance and I remain,

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Andre' T. Brown

cc: Halethorpe Civic Association

Mr. Lynwood Johnson

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PROTESTANT'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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Edward Schill	4501 Spring AVA		2.227
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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

S/S Catanna Avenue, 136' E of

Jeanne Avenue

(Lots 32 & 33 Catanna Avenue)

13th Election District
1st Councilmanic District,

Alex Kundrick Petitioner BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 99-64-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Alex Kundrick. The Petitioner seeks relief from Sections 1802.3.C.1, 303.1, and 304 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.2.R.) to permit side setbacks of 8.5 feet and 10 feet, in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet, and a sum of the side yards of 18.5 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; to permit a rear yard setback of 31.6 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; and to approve the subject property as an undersized lot, and any other variances deemed necessary, in order to develop the property with a single family dwelling. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Alex Kundrick, property owner, and his son, Robert Kundrick. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of two lots, identified as Lots 32 and 33 of the subdivision known as Halethorpe Perrace, which contain a combined area of 4,400 sq.ft. (0.10 acres), zoned D.R.2. The Petitioner has owned the subject property since 1992 and is desirous of developing same with a single family dwell-

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ber 1996 at which time it was rezoned to D.R.2. In addition, the Petitioner does not own additional property which abuts the two lots in question. Therefore, he cannot meet the required lot width or area regulations in order to develop the property as proposed. The Petitioner testified that he intends to build a house that will be compatible with other houses in the neighborhood. In fact, the Petitioner submitted elevation drawings of the proposed house to the Office of Planning who has reviewed and approved same as being compatible with other homes in the surrounding community. However, due to the site constraints associated with the subject property, the requested variances are necessary in order to proceed as proposed.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result

if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the subject property and that strict compliance with the zoning regulations will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

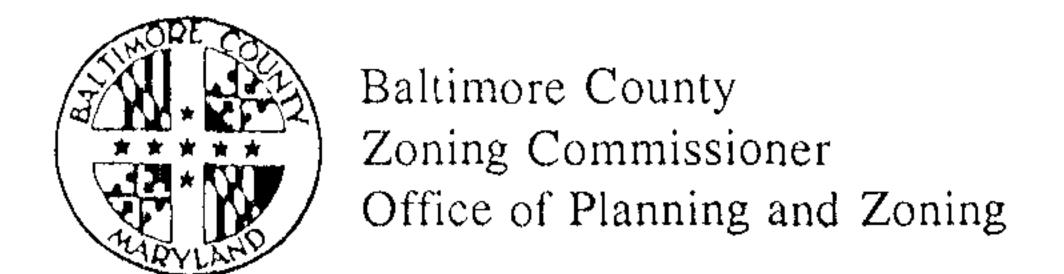
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Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

October 14, 1998

Mr. Alex Kundrick 1108 Raven Drive Arbutus, Maryland 21227

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

S/S Catanna Avenue, 136' E of Jeanne Avenue

(Lots 32 & 33 Catanna Avenue)

13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic District

Alex Kundrick - Petitioner

Case No. 99-64-A

Dear Mr. Kundrick:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

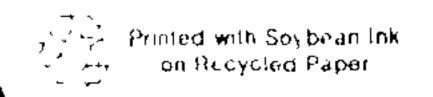
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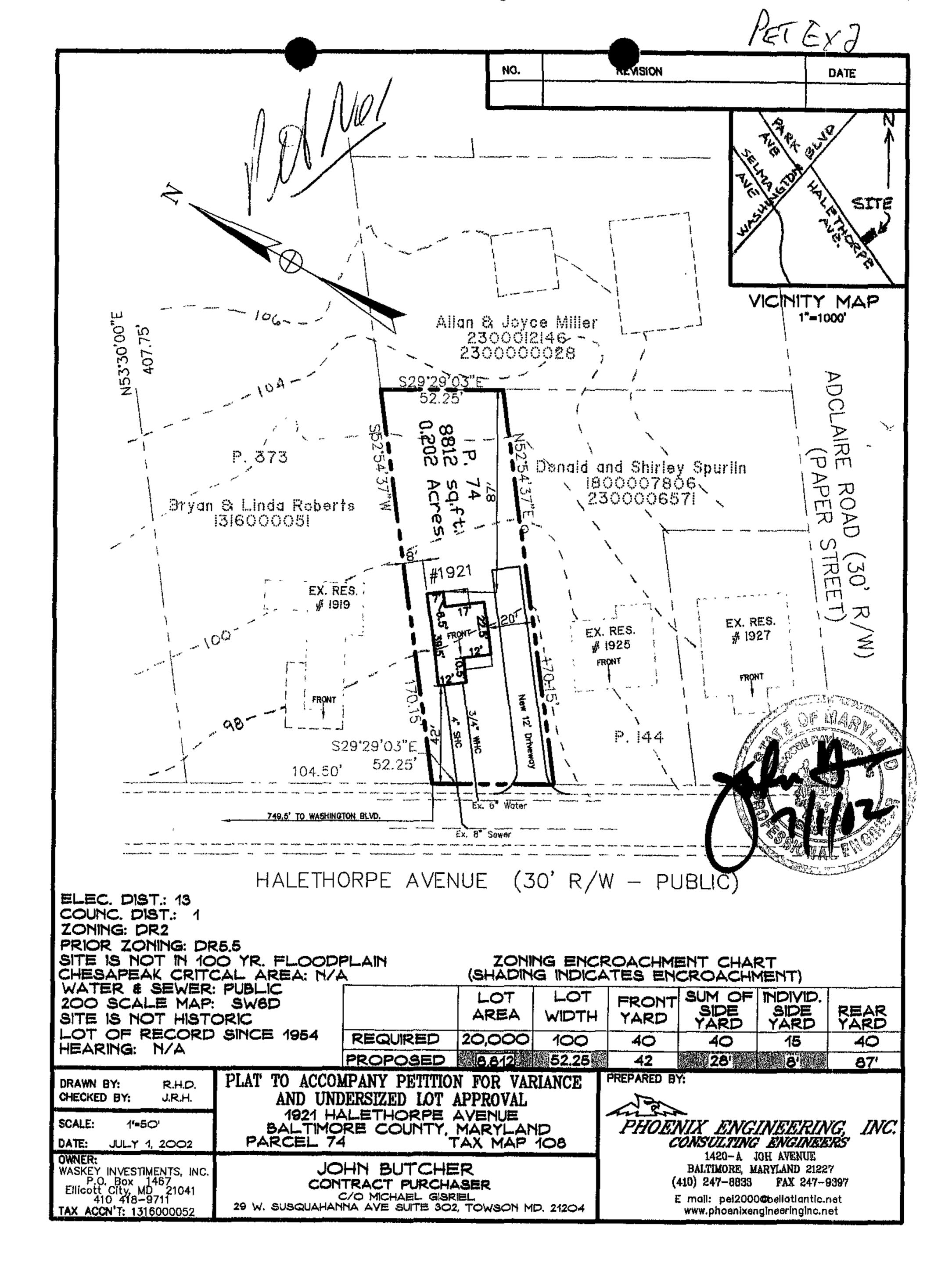
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cc: People's Counsel; Case Files



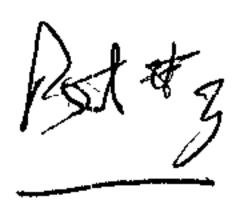


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LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW BUILDING LOT LOCATED AT 1921 HALETHORPE AVENUE

BEING a part of a parcel of land described in a deed from Melvin H. and Dorothy R. Hovermill to Leonard J. and Marguerite L. Pasky dated December 27, 1956 and recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 3083 at Folio 453

BEGINNING for the same at an iron pipe found at the end of the third or South 53° 30' West 407.75 feet line of said parcel, said iron pin being on the easterly right-of-way line of Halethorpe Ave.; thence running with and binding on said right-of-way

- 1) North 29° 29' 03" West 52.25 feet to a point passing over an iron pin 0.30 feet from the end; thence leaving said right-of-way and running with and binding on part of the first line of said parcel, as now surveyed
- 2) North 52° 54' 37" East 170.15 feet to an iron pin set; thence for a new line of division in, over, across, and through said parcel
- 3) South 29° 29' 03" East 50.25 feet to an iron pin found on said third line of said parcel; thence running with said third line as now surveyed
- 4) South 52° 54' 37" West 170.15 feet to the place of beginning

CONTAINING 8,812 Sq. Ft. or 0.202 acres of land more or less.

SEE plat entitled "NEW BUILDING LOCATION" prepared by Phoenix Engineering, Inc. attached hereto and intended to be recorded herewith.

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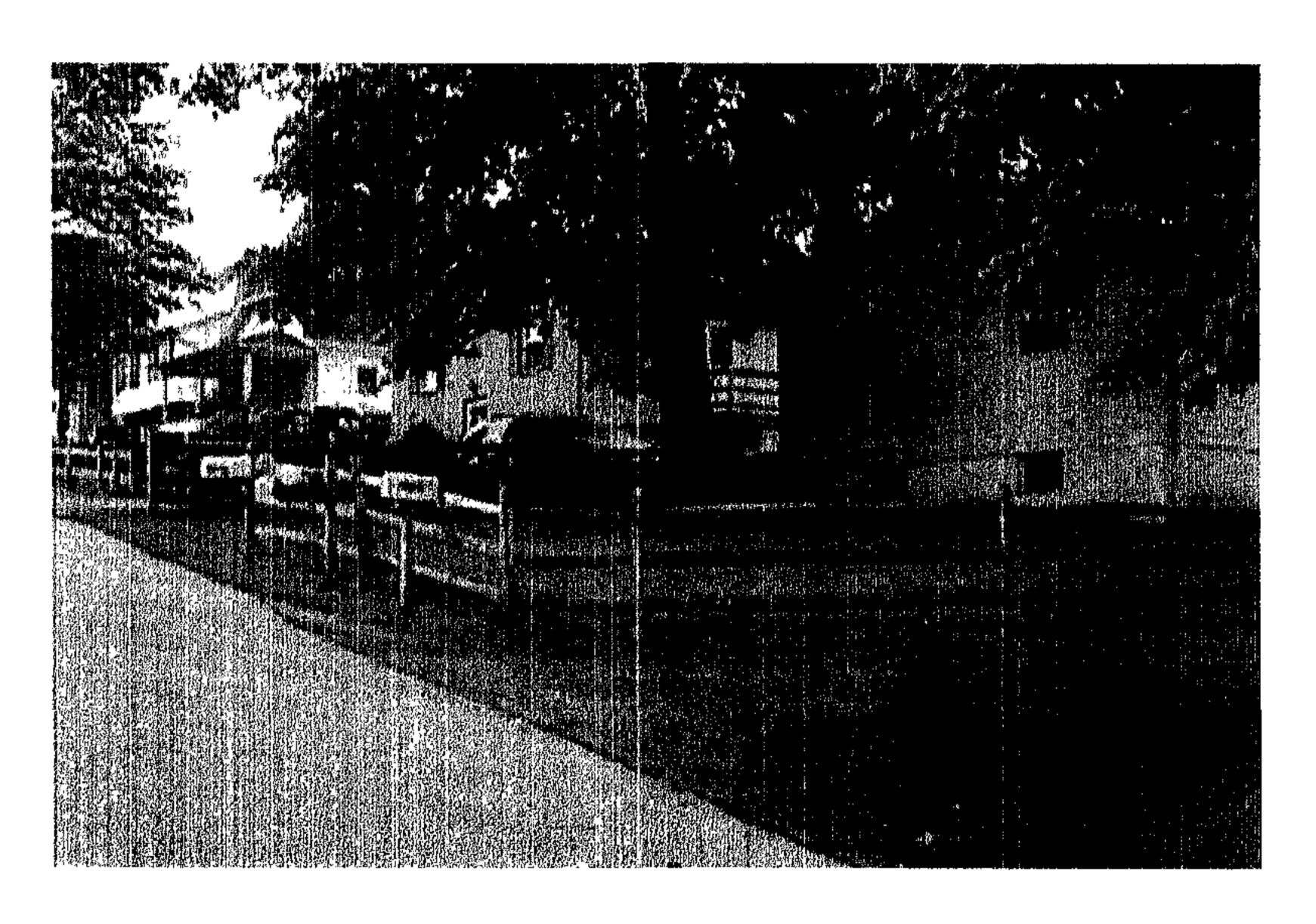
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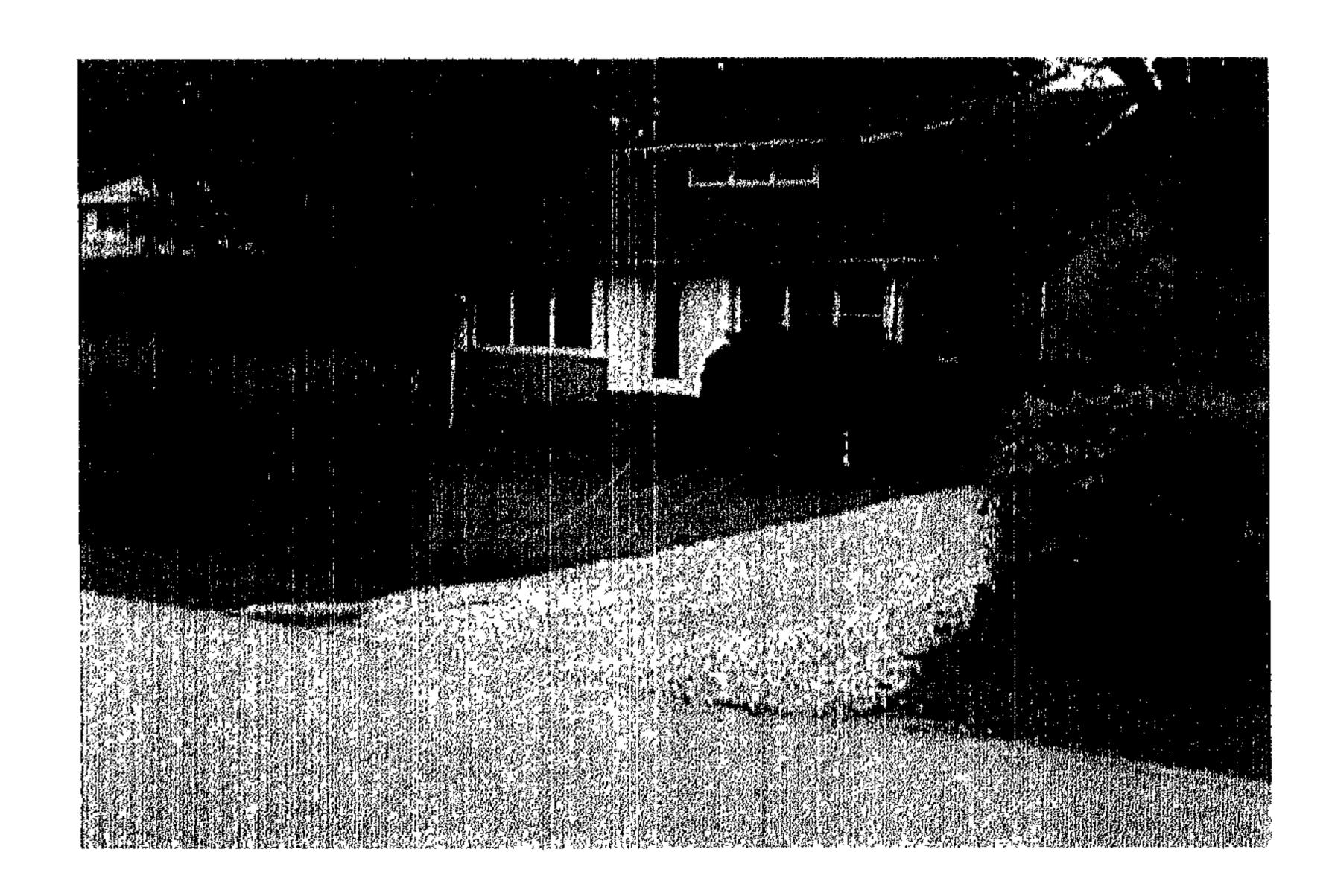
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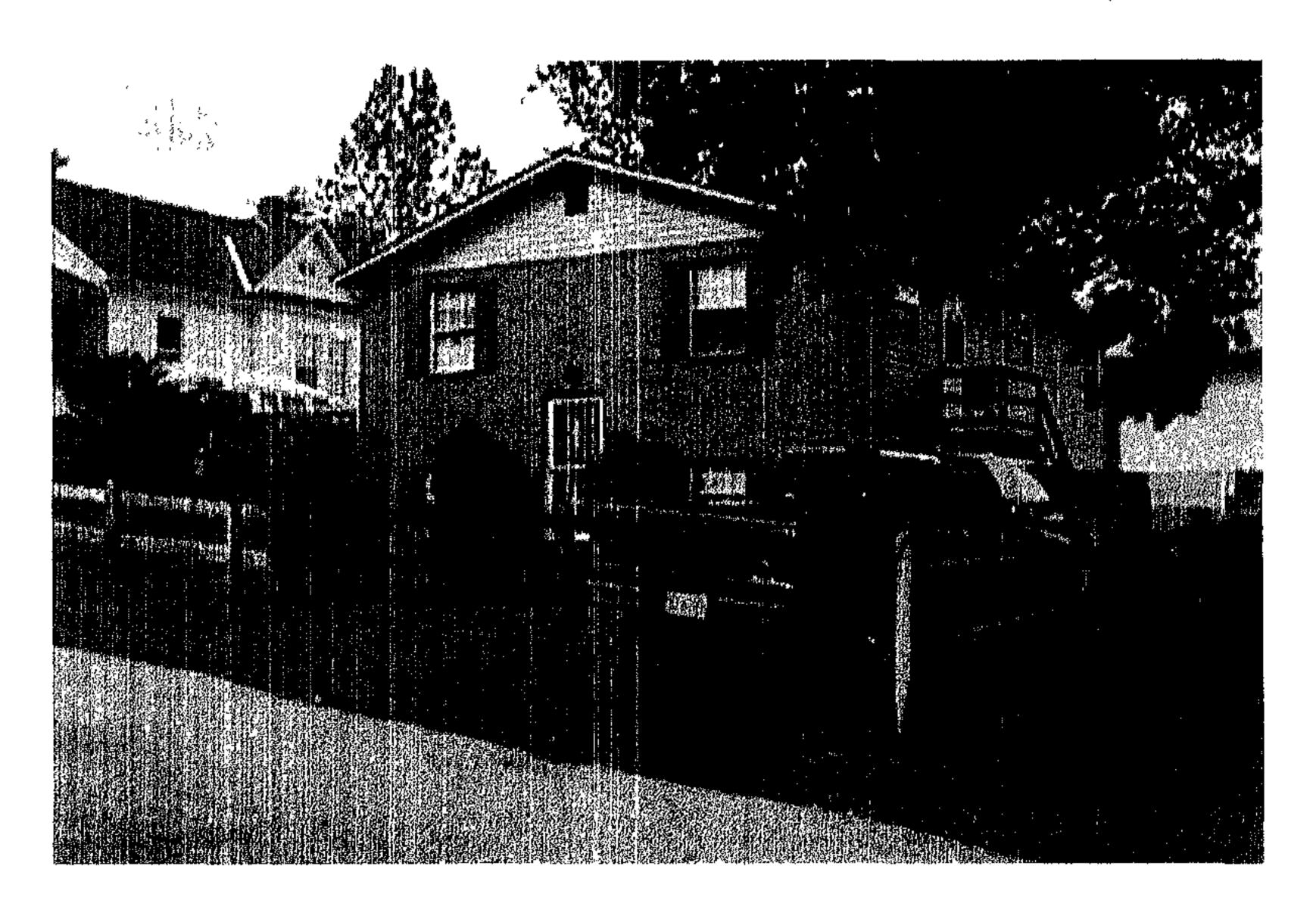


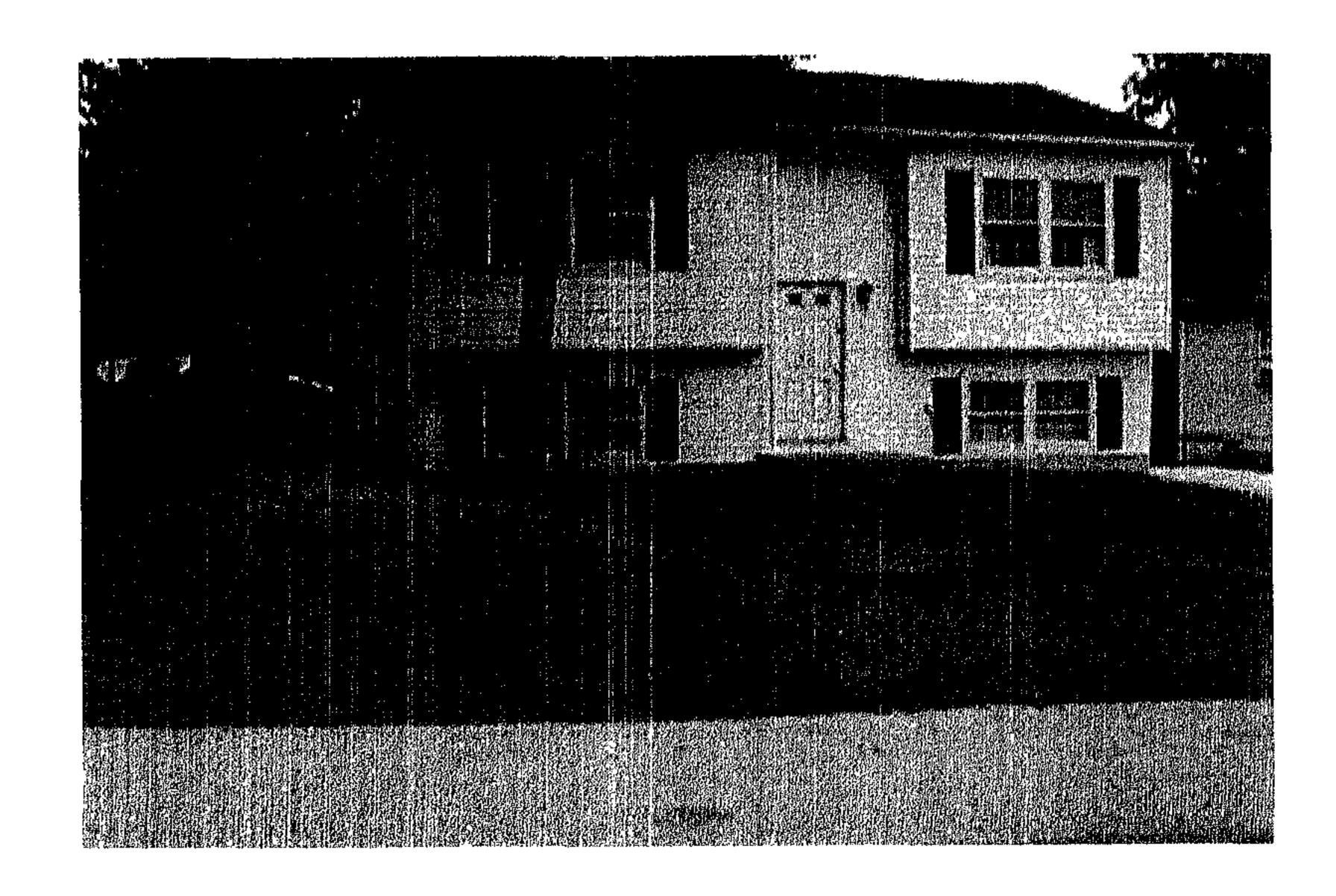
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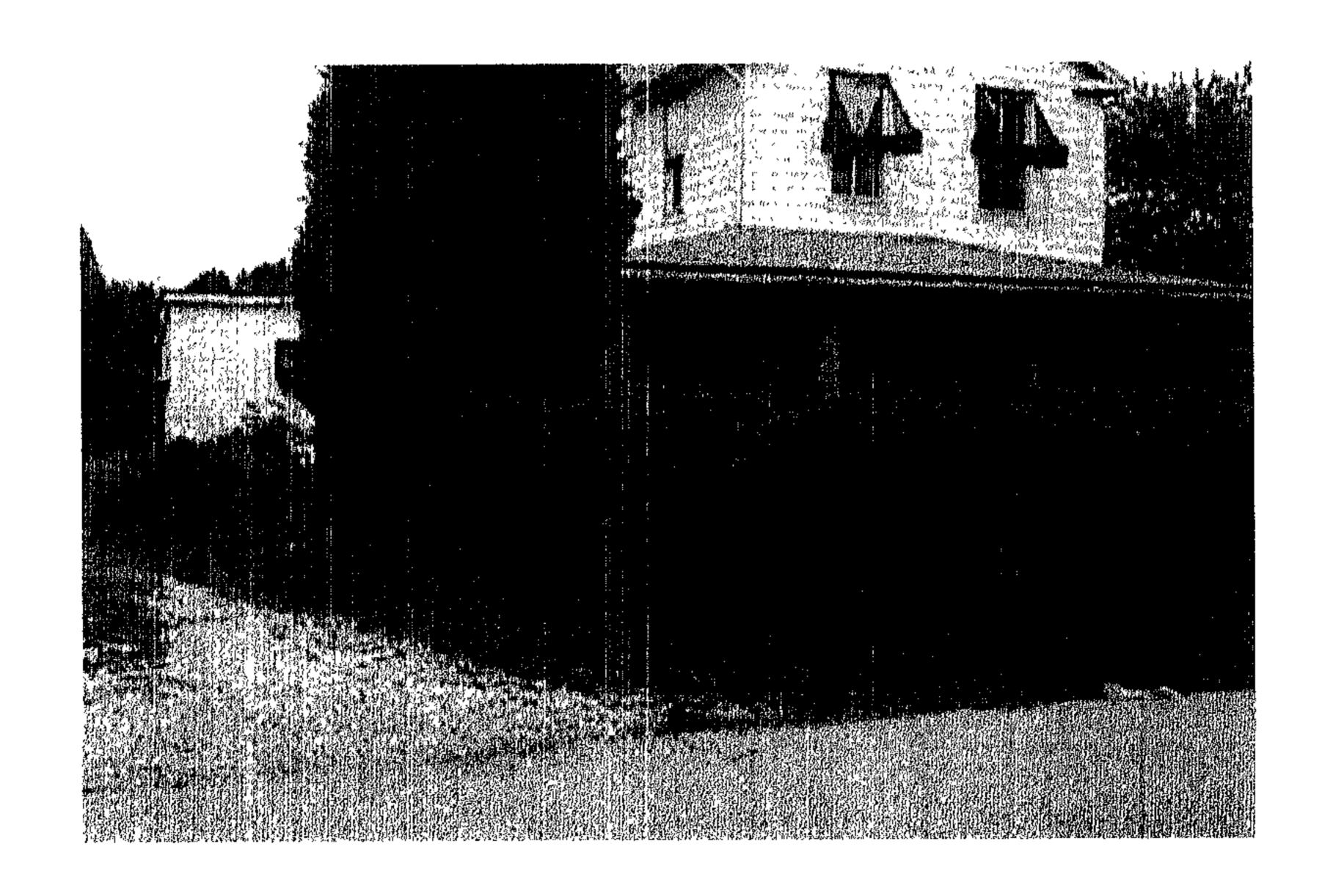
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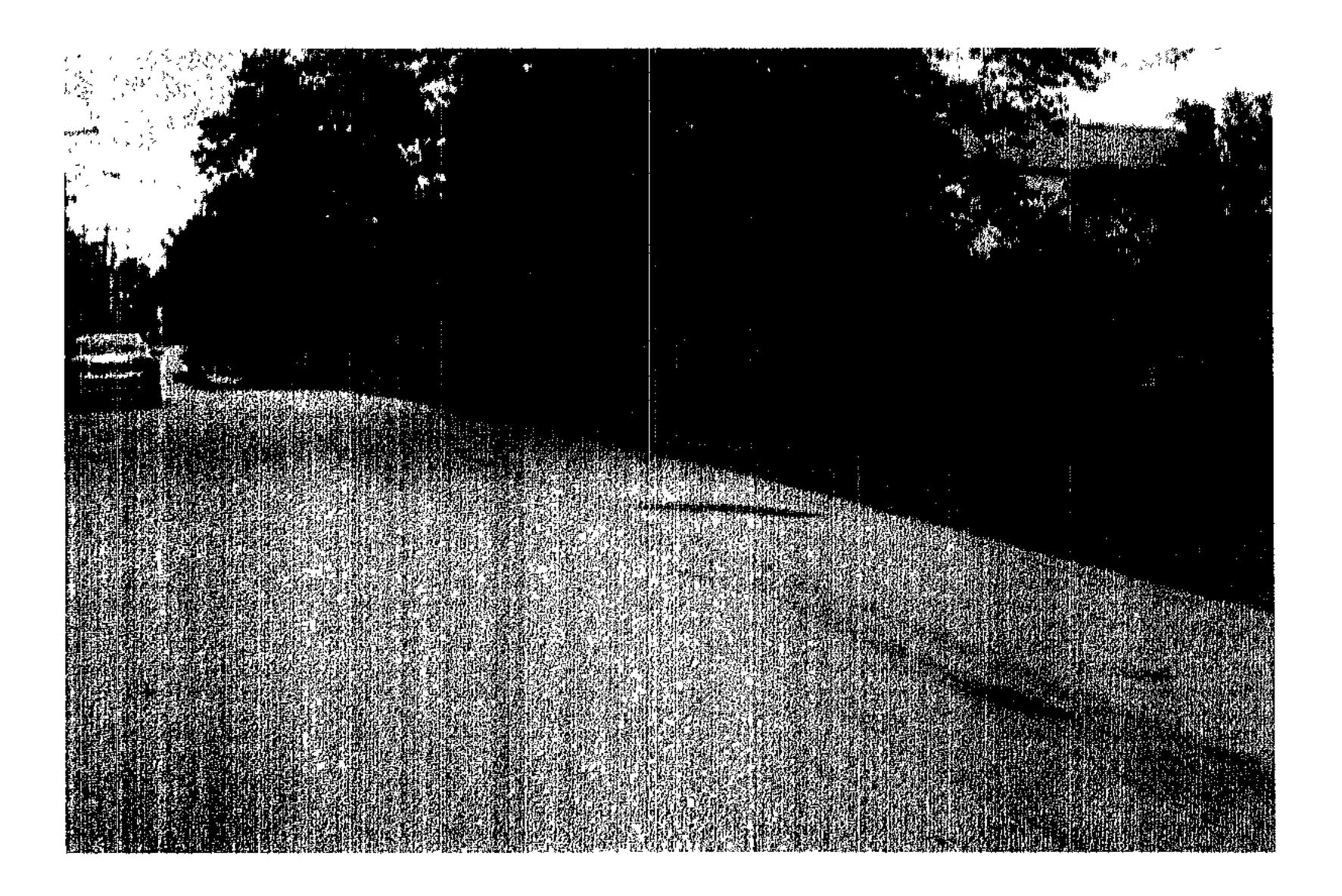


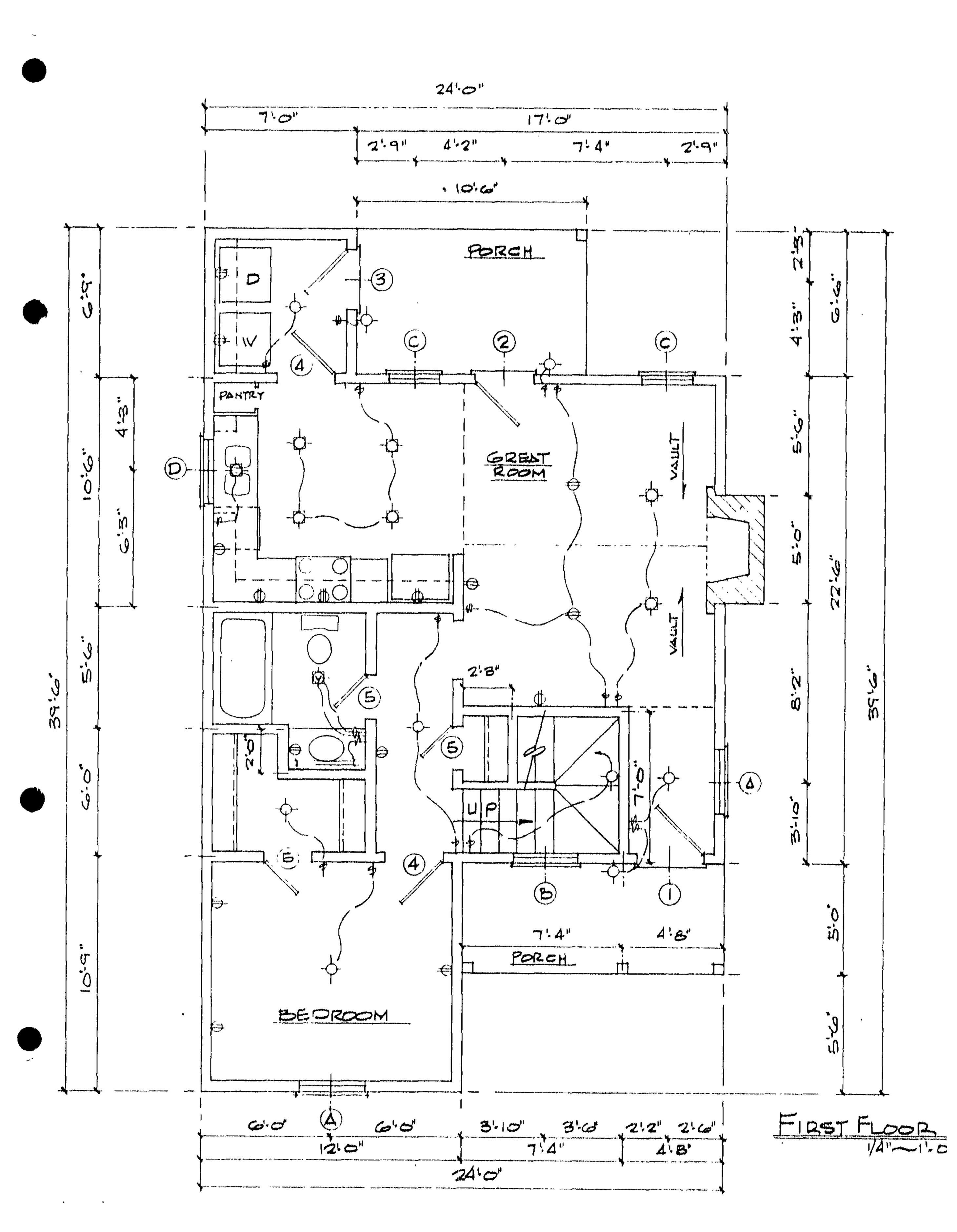


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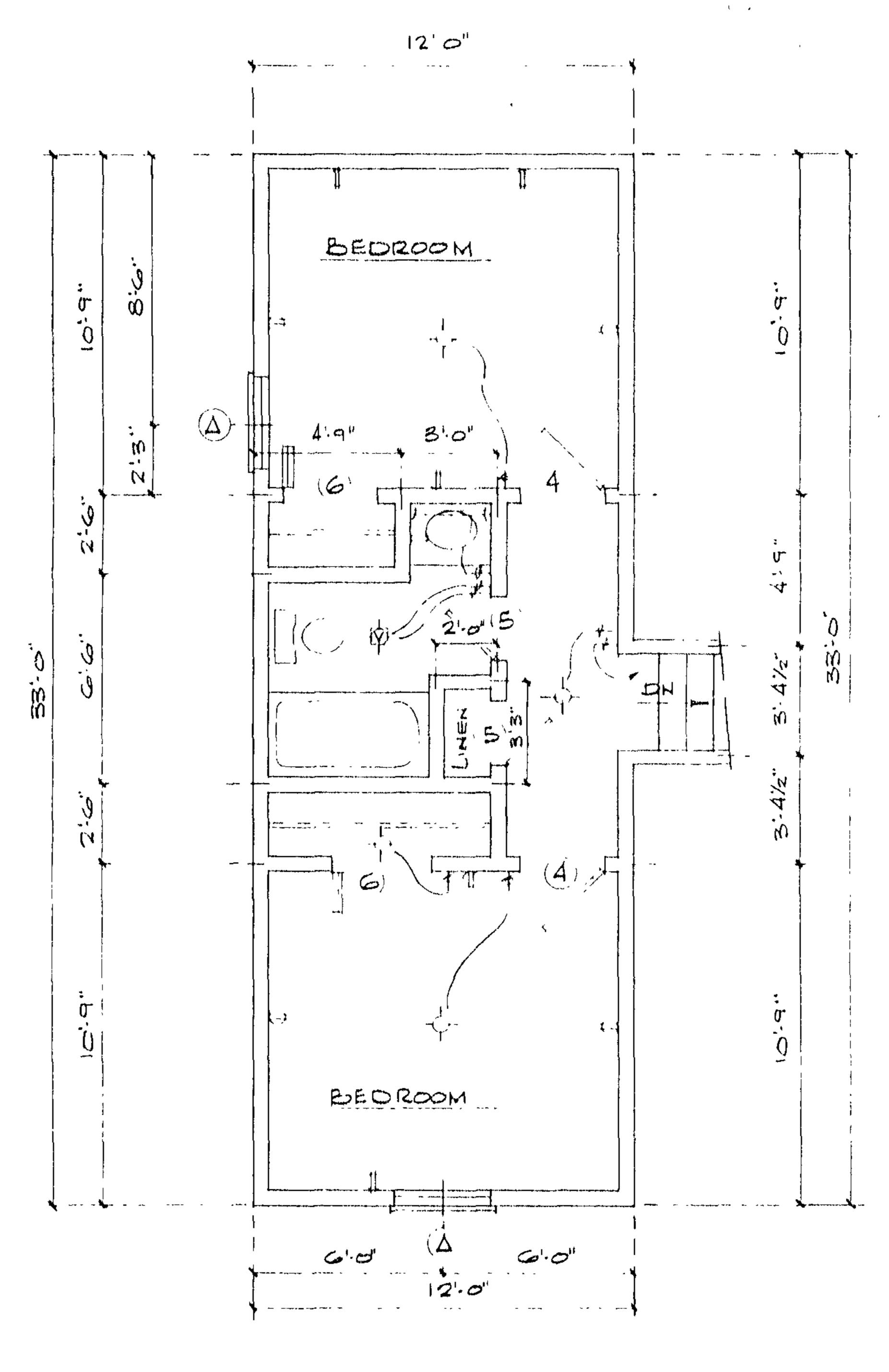




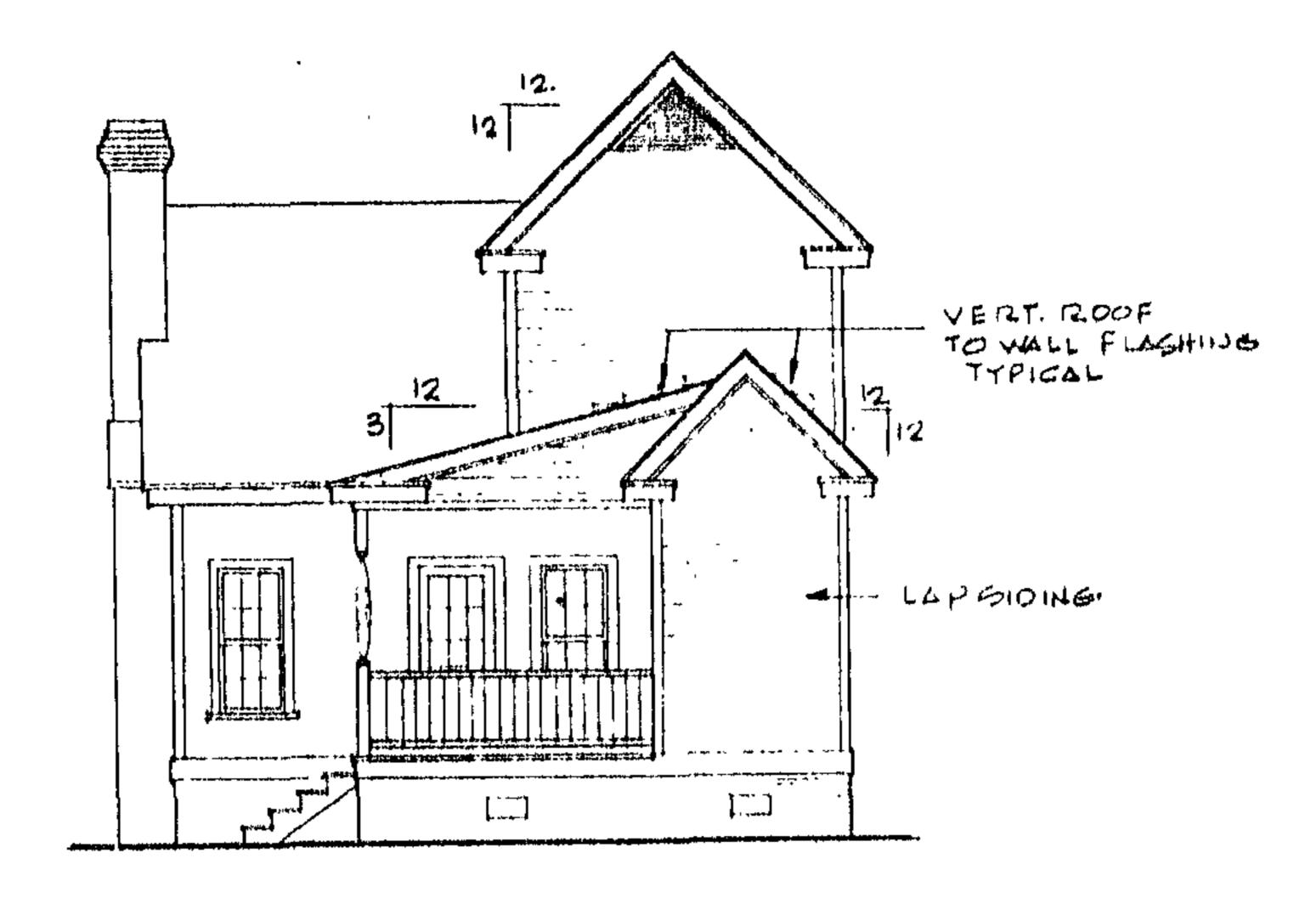


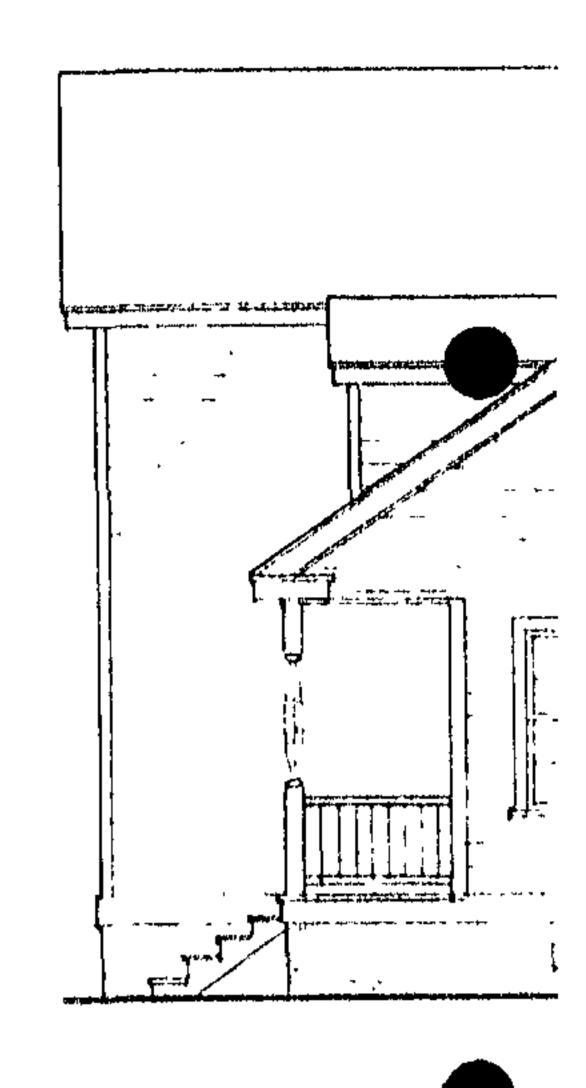


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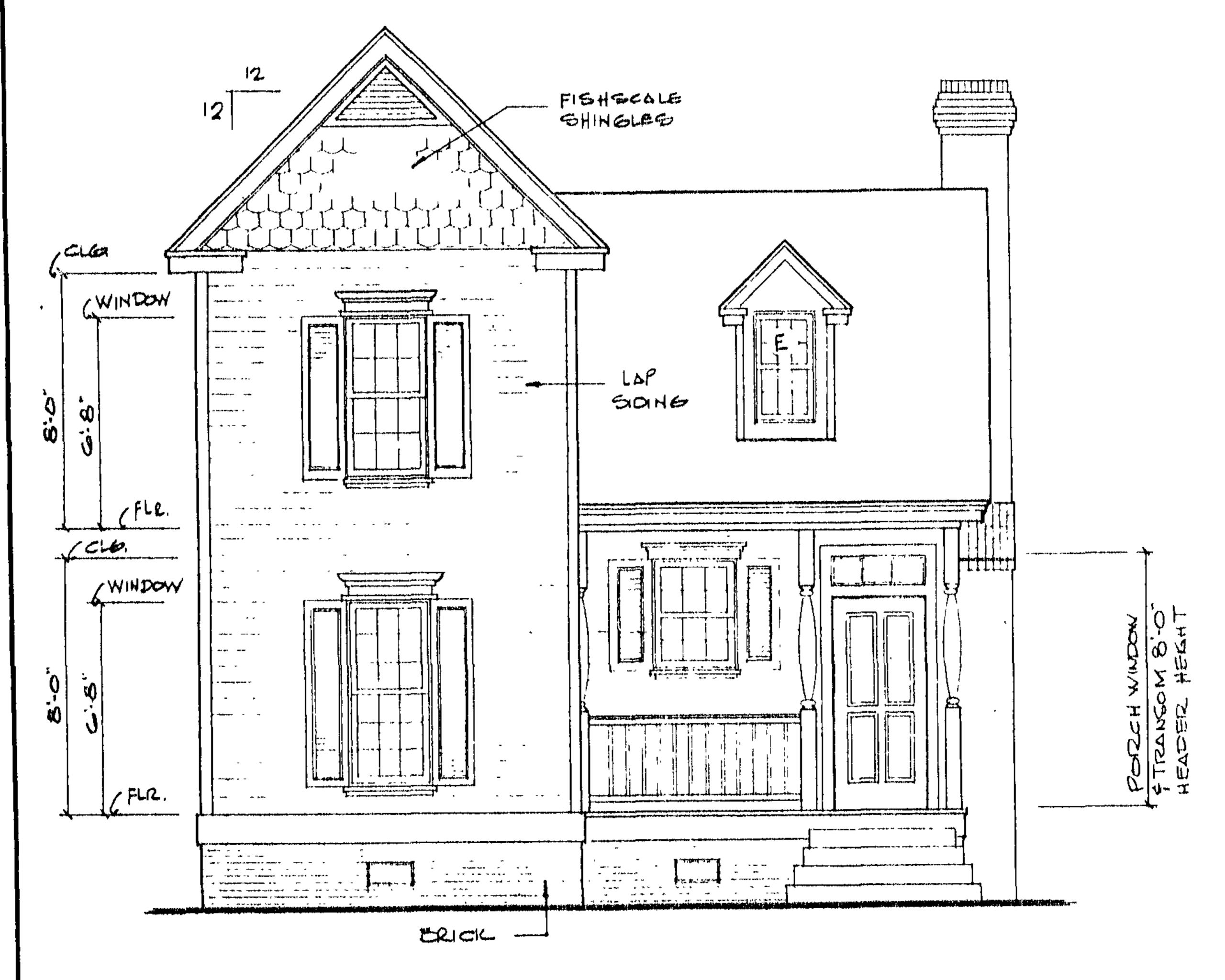
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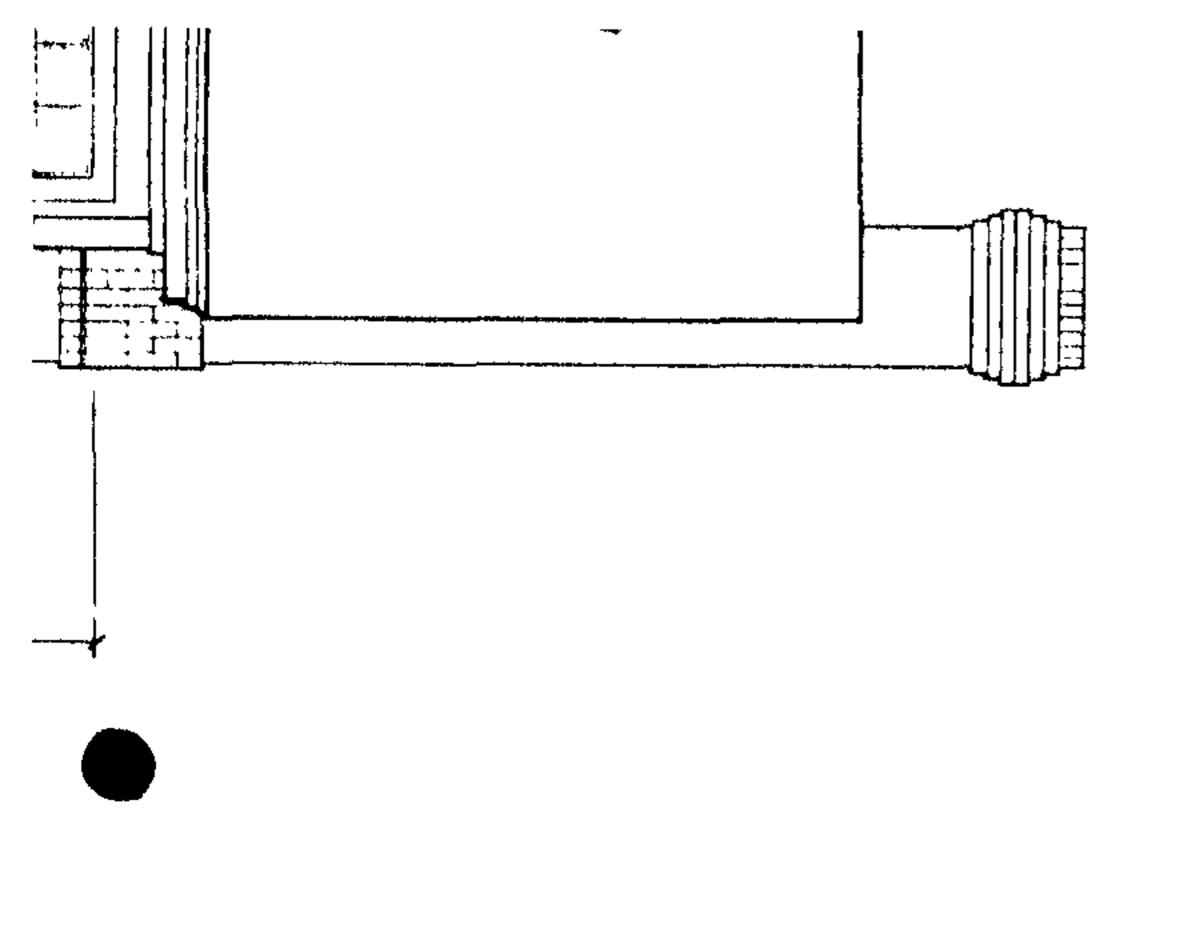
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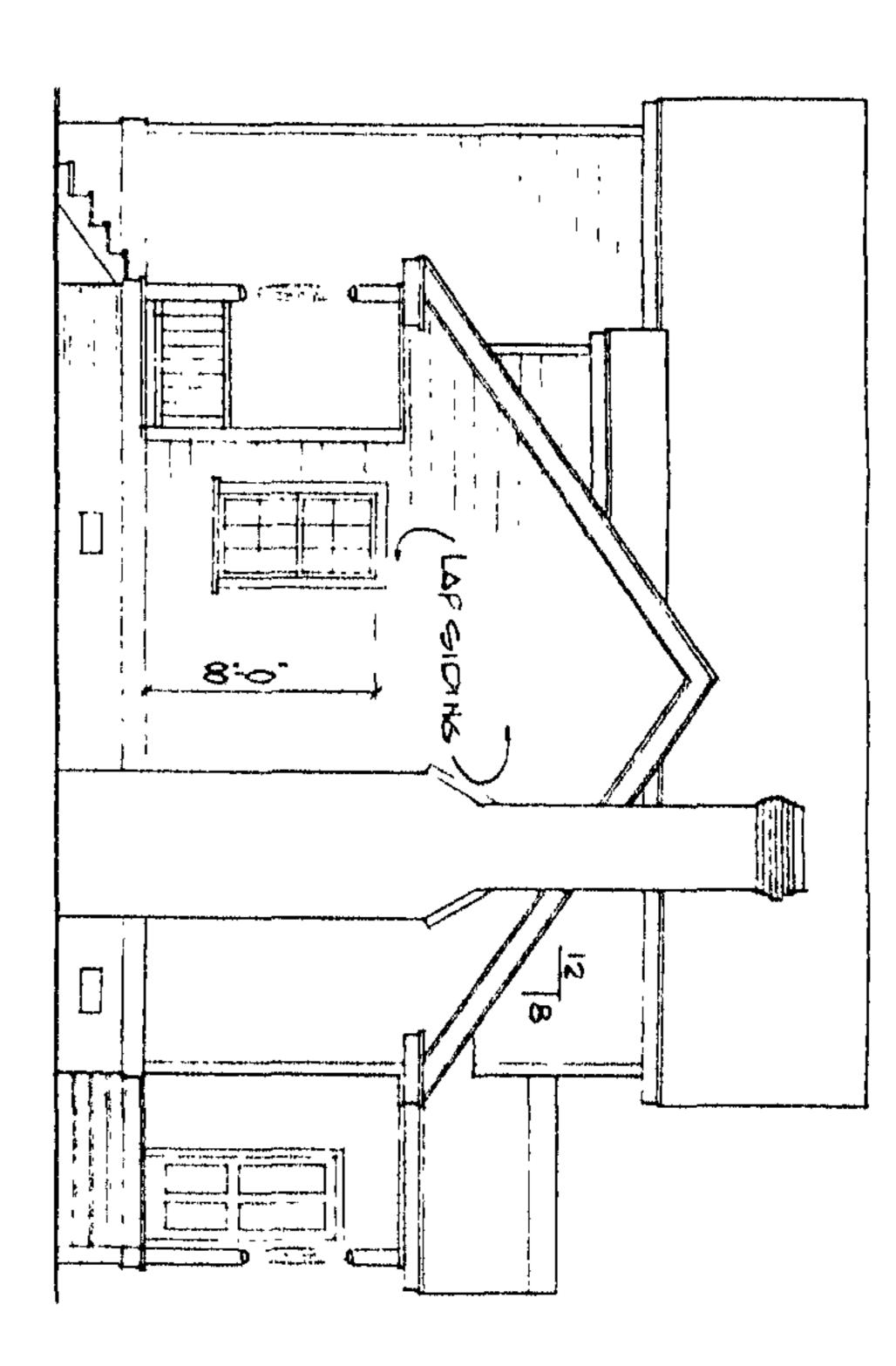


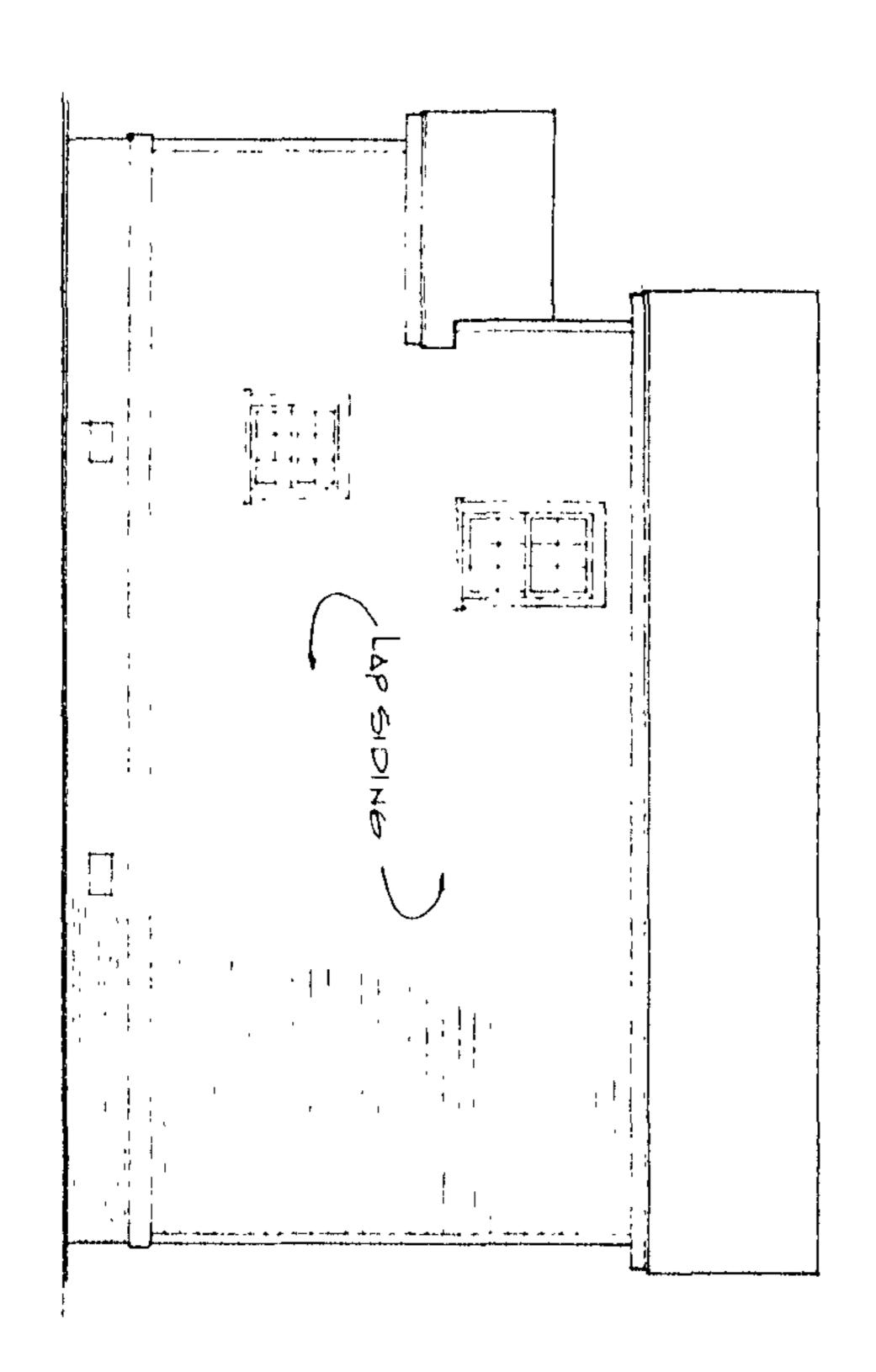
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EPLICATIONS, INC.
JACKSON, MS 39236

Drawings and Specifications (Plans) are the property of Historical Replications, Inc. Purchaser's right is conditional and limited to a o time use to construct a single project on one lot and such use is limited specifically to such property. To use and/or reproduce these placencerning any other construction is strictly prohibited.

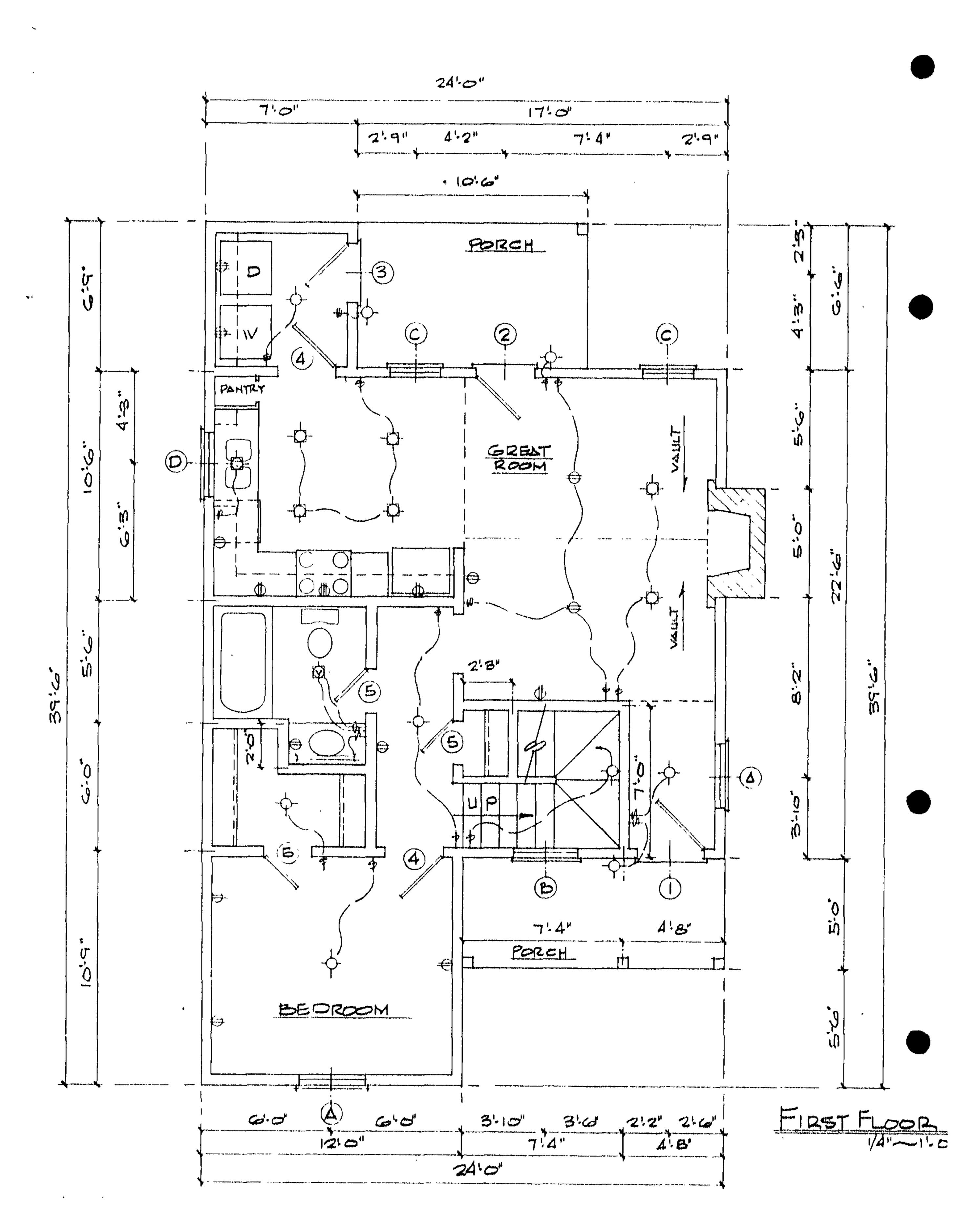
To the best of our knowledge these plans are drawn to comply with owner's specifications. Every attempt has been made in the preparation of drawings and specifications to avoid mistakes. Any discrepancy, error and/or ommission, if found, is to be broughtened to the attention of Historical Replications, Inc., before any construction, work or purchases made. Historical Replications, in will not be liable for human error after construction has started.

All codes, ordinances and requirements - federal, state and local - take precedence over any part of these drawings which may confl with these agencies, rules and/or regulations.

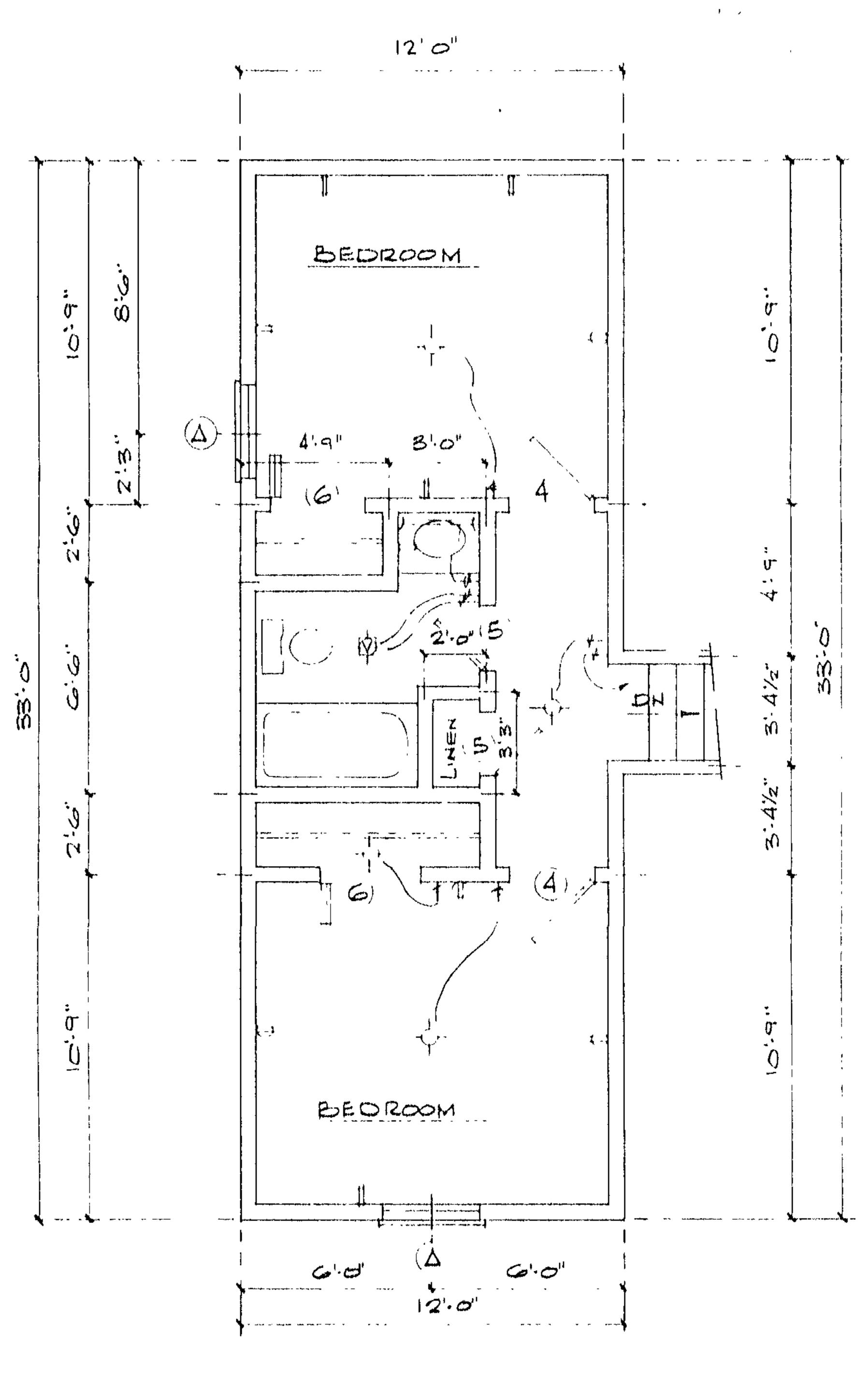
Foundations are designed for optimum-conditions and may have to be modified according to lot and soil testing. Historical Replication Inc., will not be responsible for any modifications.

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In states where an Architect's Seal of Approval is required, it is the owner's responsibility to obtain this seal.



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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

