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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 6809 Westmoreland Avenue

Resource: Takoma Park Historic District

Case Number: N/A

Public Notice: 1/27/99

Applicant: Dave & Jackie Wachter

PROPOSAL: Rear Addition

Meeting Date: 2/10/99

Review: Preliminary Consultation

Tax Credit: N/A

Report Date: 2/3/99

Staff: Robin D. Ziek

RECOMMENDATIONS: Proceed to HAWP

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

RESOURCE: Contributing Resource in the Takoma Park Historic District STYLE: Bungalow DATE: c1910s-1920s

The subject property is an odd shaped lot, with 42' street frontage. The 1-1/2 story bungalow (c780 sf. footprint) has a greater sideyard setbacks $(12'\pm)$ on the driveway side than on the opposite side $(5'\pm)$. It has an asymmetrical front porch and a concrete block chimney, cast with the appearance of stone. The house is currently sided with painted shingles (non-wood) but the owner has indicated that the original siding may have been stucco. There is a small rear glassed-in porch which is supported by block piers. The windows include paired 1/1 double-hung wood windows, single 1/1 double-hung, and smaller multi-light casement windows as well.

This house has suffered from deferred maintenance for a lengthy period of time during which it was a rental property. The current owners (and the applicant) are the current occupants. They are undertaking numerous repairs to the interior, the roof, porch, etc., while also proposing to increase the size of the living space by the amount of the proposed addition (240 sf footprint).

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to add a two-story addition to the rear of their 1-1/2 story bungalow (see Circle ς_{16}). The addition would measure 12' x 20', and would replace the existing rear porch and rear vestibule. In order to accommodate required setbacks, the applicant proposes to set the new addition to the driveway-side of the house.

The addition will provide room for a family room on the first floor, and a master bedroom with bath on the second floor. The applicant proposes to use vinyl siding and vinyl-clad wood windows with thermal glazing on the addition. They also propose to install storm windows on the original windows, preserving them in place.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The proposal involves adding a small, but taller, addition to the back of this small bungalow. Staff has discussed other options with the applicant. This includes raising the roof on the original structure, adding dormers to the original roof, building a larger 1-story addition at the rear. The applicants have indicated problems with these alternatives, but have responded by lowering the roof of the proposed addition by approximately 4'. They have accomplished this by reducing the wall height of the rear addition (and reducing the height of the interior rooms), and by reducing the pitch of the roof of the addition. Staff feels that this change is substantial and goes a long way to bringing the scale of the addition in line with the scale of the original structure.

Westmoreland Avenue is a showcase for rear additions to bungalows, with every house using somewhat of a different approach. This particular bungalow offers a challenge because of the low height of the original building. Perhaps the closest parallel to the proposal is the rear addition which was proposed and constructed at 7214 Spruce Avenue in Takoma Park. That project was quite controversial, but was an attempt to more than double the size of the existing living space. In that proposal, the rear addition was wider, taller and much longer than the original bungalow, and had the effect of overpowering the original structure.

In contrast to that proposal, Staff feels that the proposed new addition for 6809 Westmoreland Avenue is a modest one, albeit 2-story. Staff feels that the addition on this house will be less noticeable at this site because of the close proximity of the adjacent neighbors and the narrow cross-section of the street. Westmoreland narrows down in width as it comes into this block, in contrast to the block between Elm and Carroll Avenues. In conjunction with this reduction in width, the street has smaller houses that sit closer to the sidewalk than the standard 25' setback (see Circle (φ)).

Staff notes that the addition is proposed as a continuation of the west (driveway side) elevation, with no setback at this corner. Setbacks have been used successfully by other applicants to accentuate the distinct building periods at a site, helping also to differentiate the old and new construction and to make the addition less obtrusive. Staff feels that the addition could be shifted to accommodate setbacks on both sides of the original house, perhaps centering the ridgelines of the addition with that of the original house (see Circle 10). This would provide setbacks without affecting interior space. The applicant has indicated that code requirements for setbacks from side property lines may not permit the relocation of the addition; it depends on whether or not the lot was recorded prior to 1930 (at which case 5' setbacks are minimum).

The proposed use of vinyl siding is generally considered an incompatible material in the historic district and, as noted in the Takoma Park Guidelines, is discouraged where visible from the public right-of-way. The HPC has approved vinyl siding on a case-by-case basis, such as when the house already had artificial siding, or when the addition was totally out of view from the public right-of-way. In this particular case, staff feels that a material which is more compatible with the historic district should be used. This would include wood clapboard siding, wood shingles, stucco, or even board-and-batten.

The proposed use of new vinyl-clad wood windows in the rear addition would have no adverse effect on the historic district. Staff notes that there are no proposed windows facing the street, and that the remaining windows in the proposed rear addition will be hardly visible (if at all) from the public right-of-way.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the project proceed to HAWP with some modifications. This would include shifting the location of the proposed addition to the midpoint of the rear to provide setbacks on both sides. Staff notes that the applicant should apply for tax credits from both the county and the state for much of this project, including the new roof and the new storm windows (see Circle 22-26).



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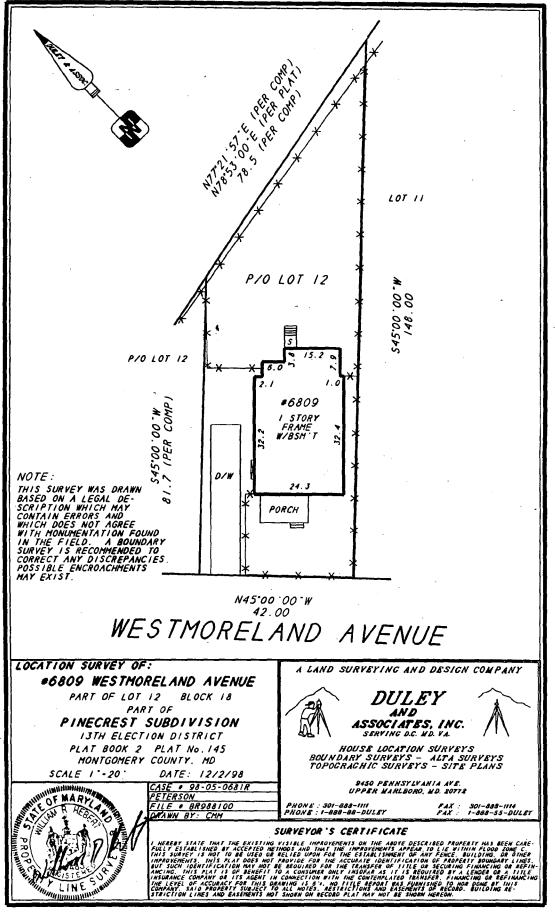
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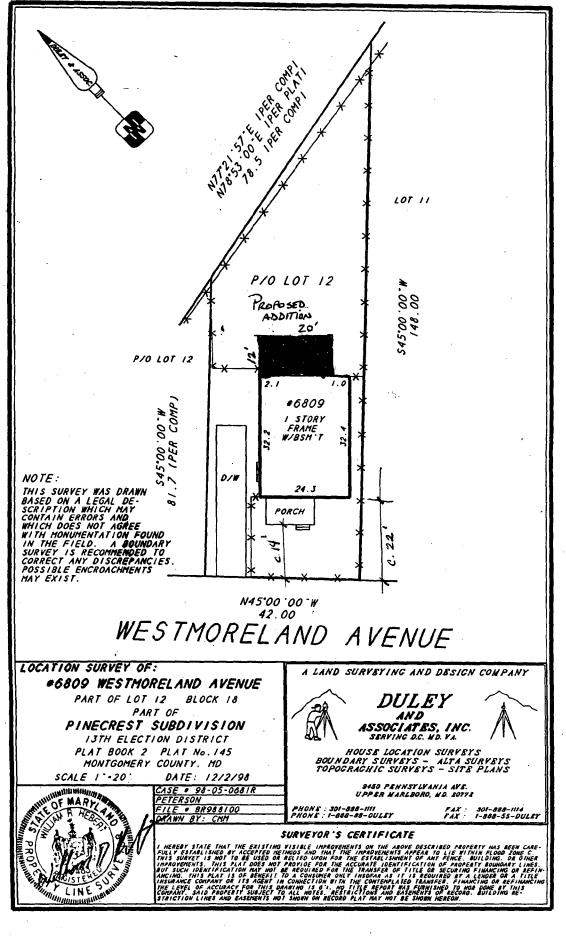
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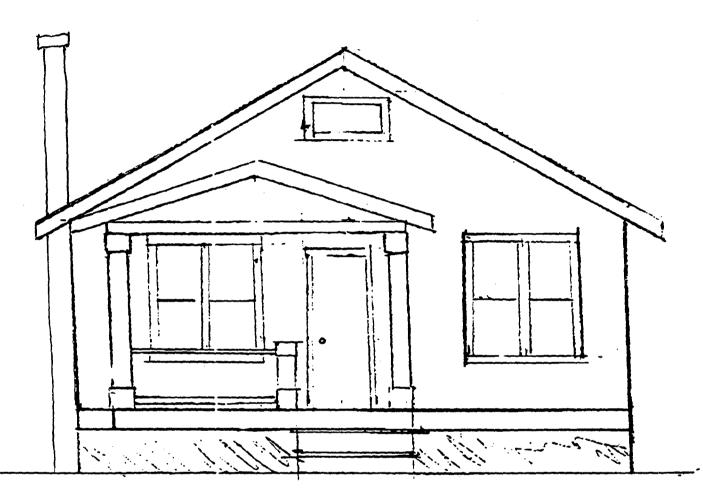


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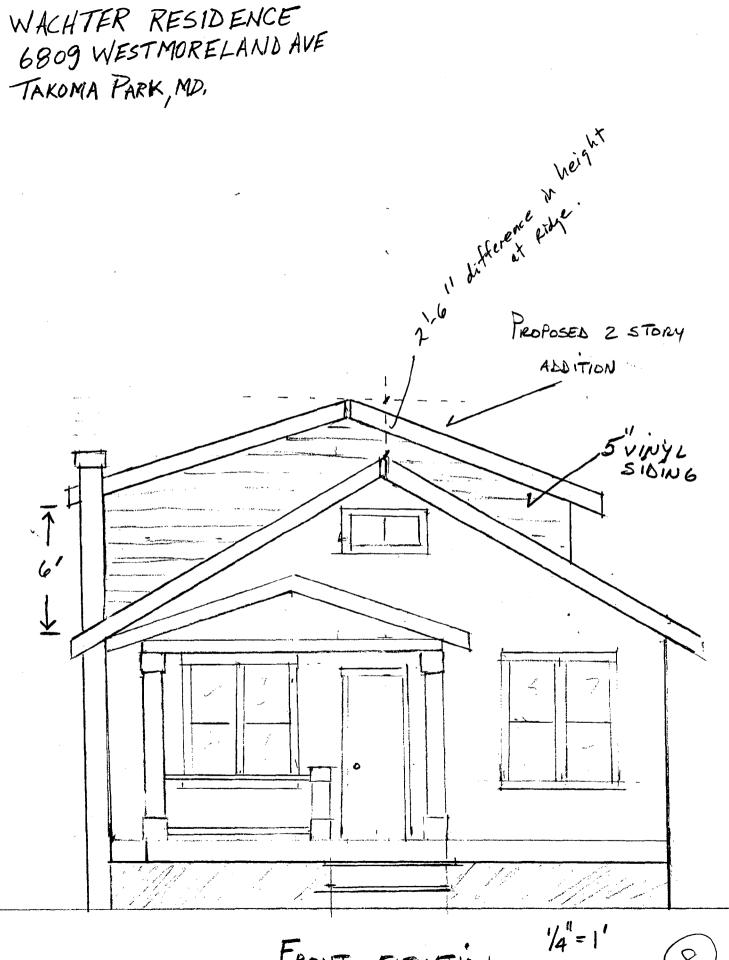






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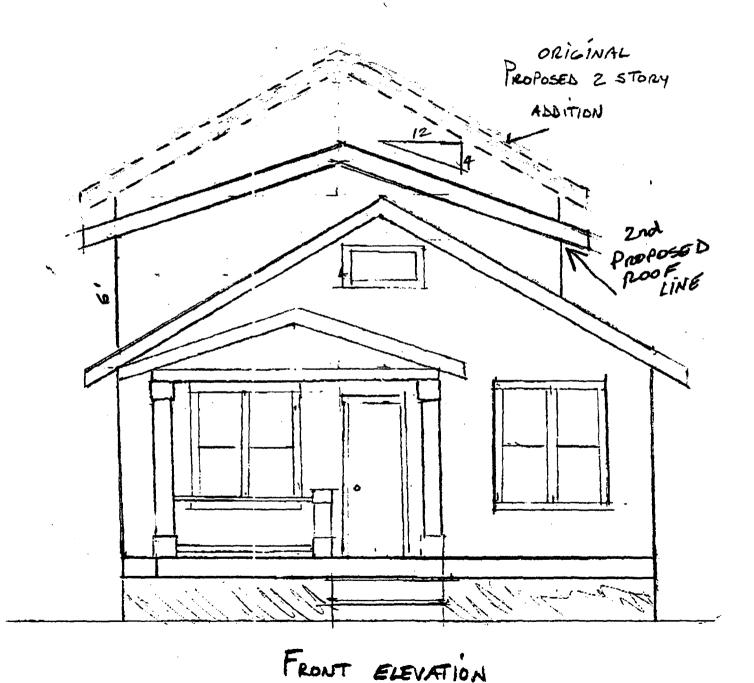




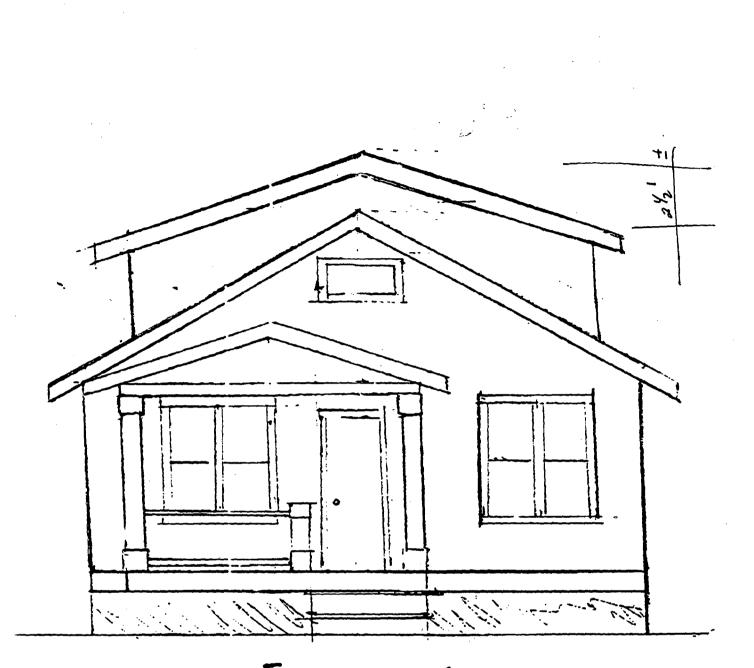
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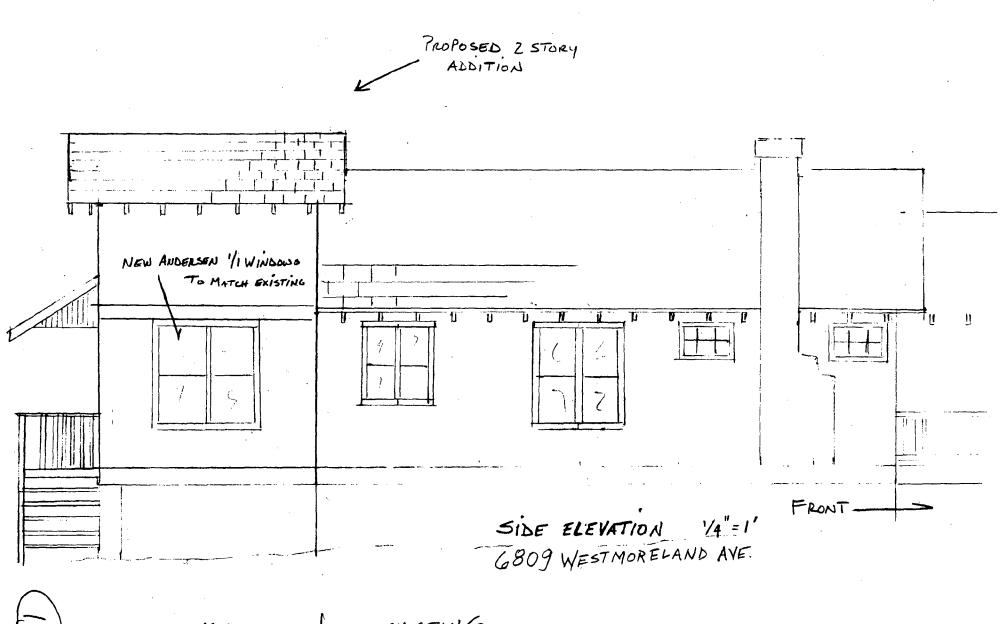
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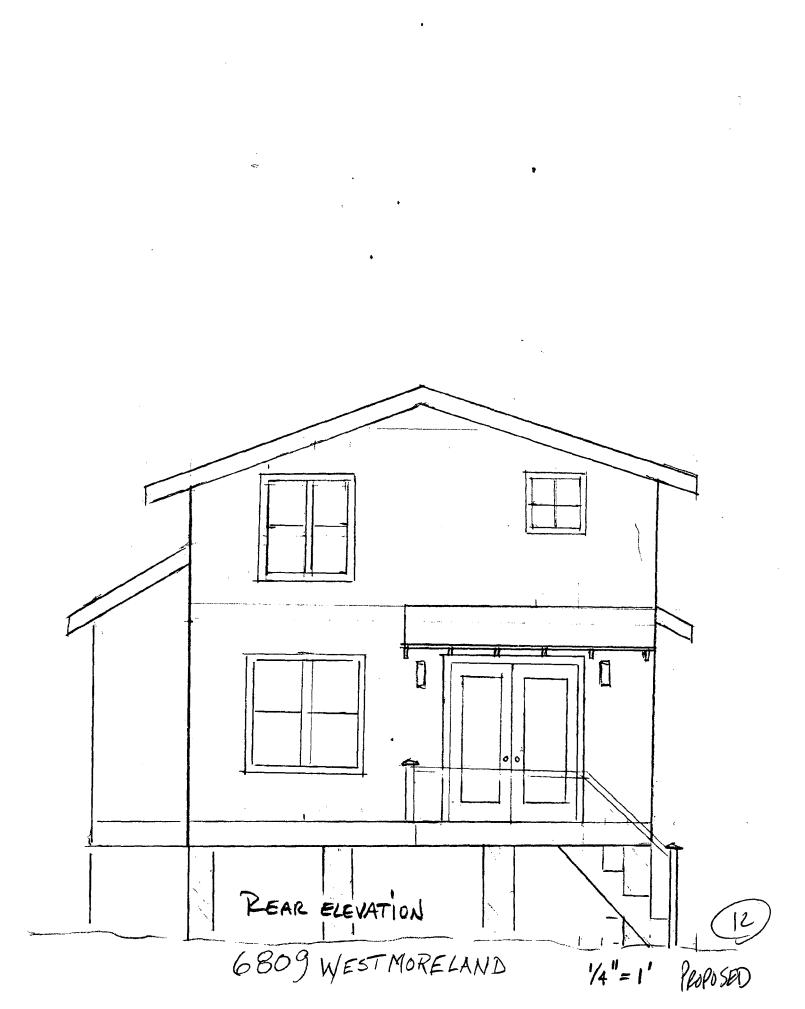
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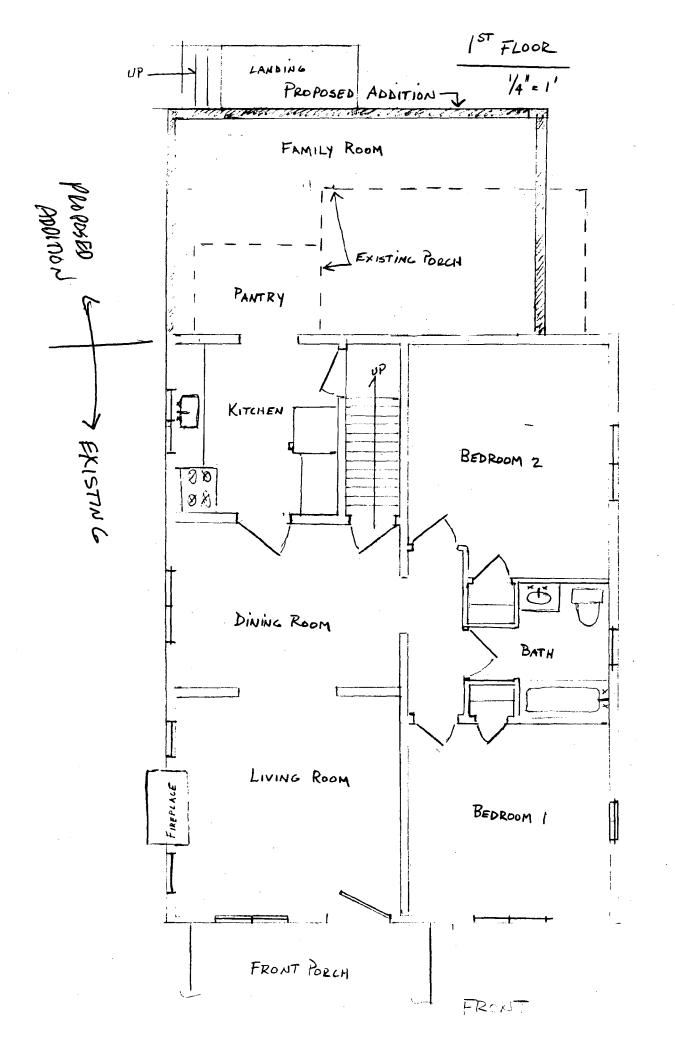




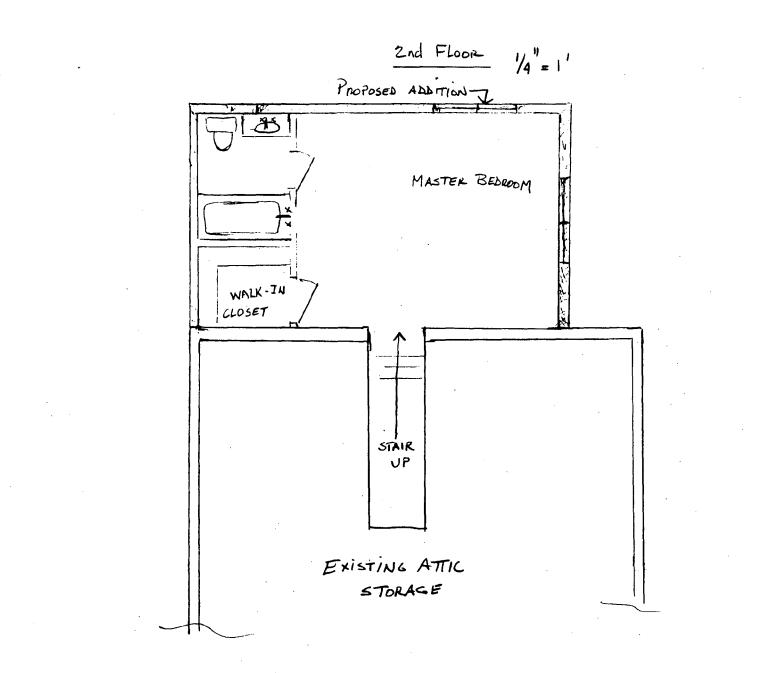
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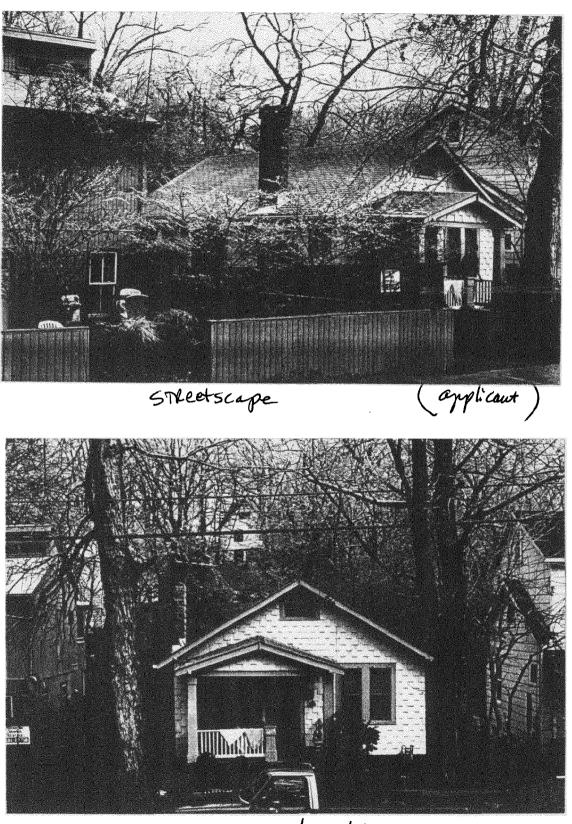


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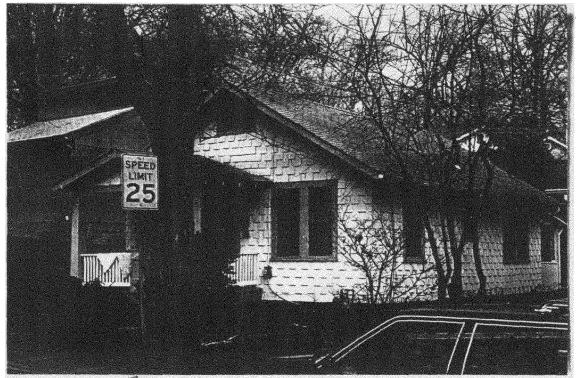


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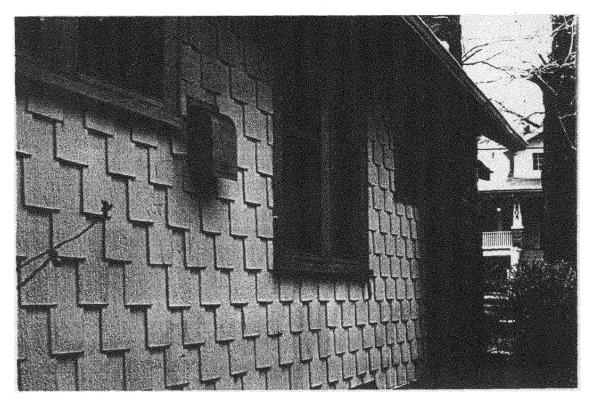




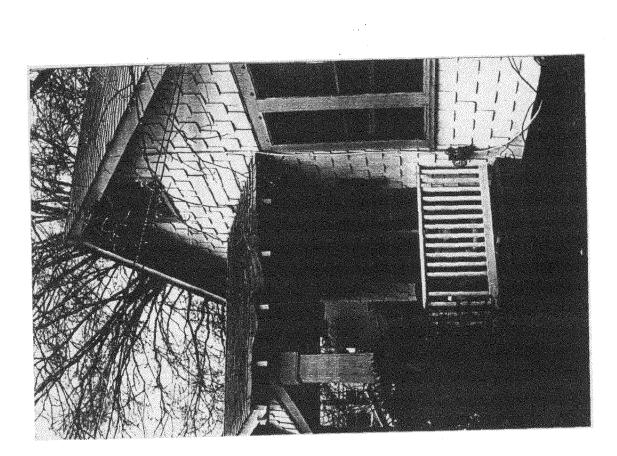
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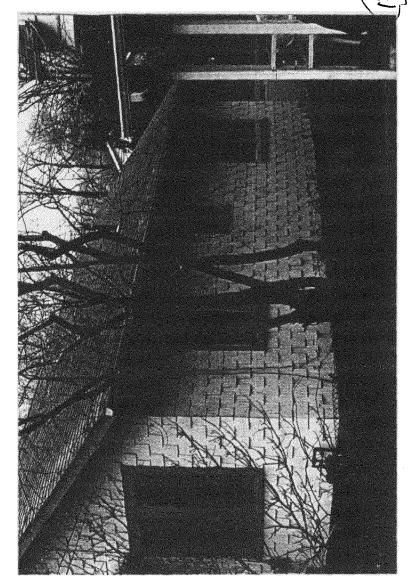
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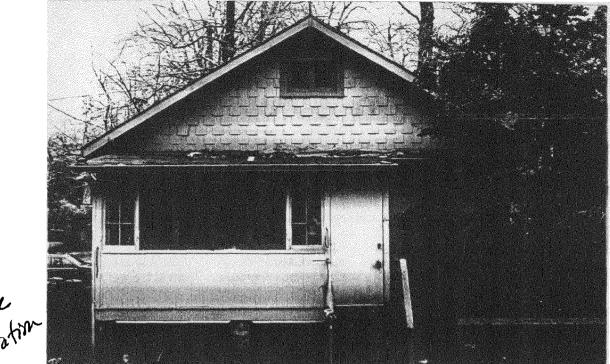


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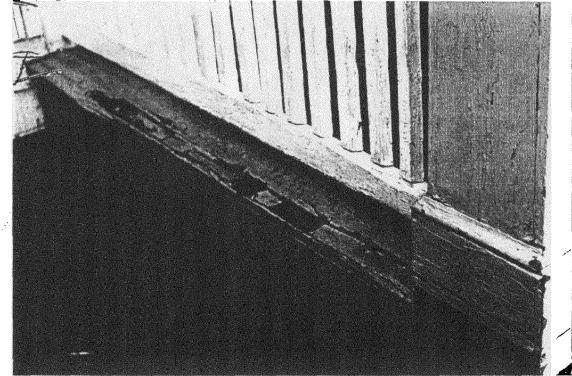


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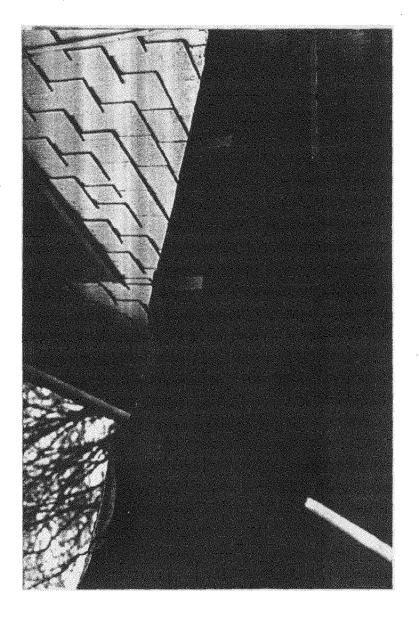


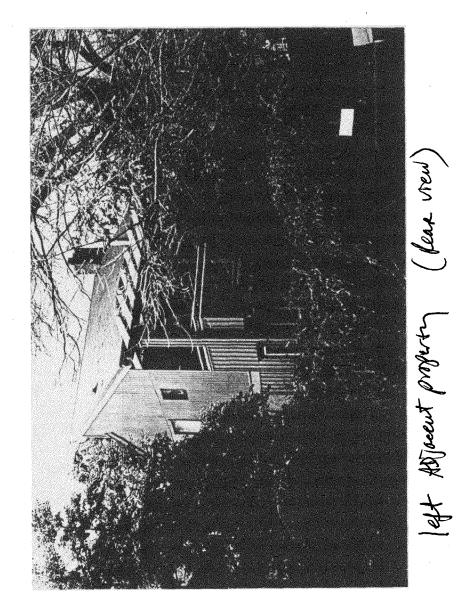


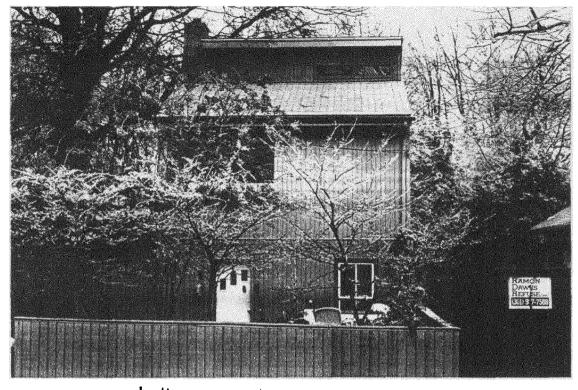






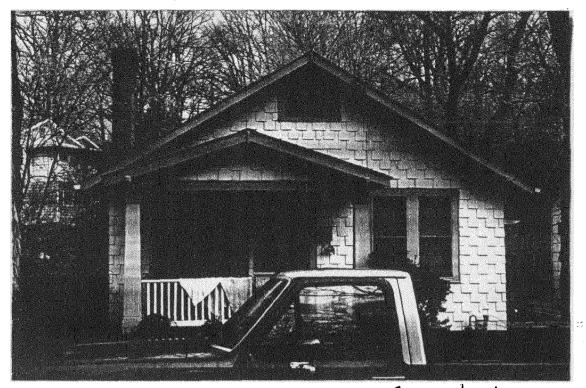




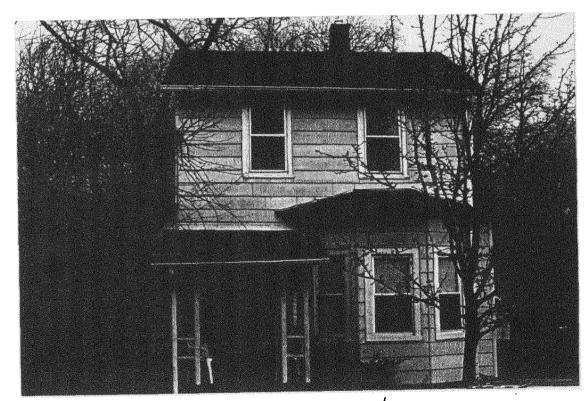


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HERITAGE PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTY

A significant income tax incentive for the revitalization and rehabilitation of historic buildings became effective January 1, 1997. The Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program, administered by the Maryland Historical Trust, a unit of the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, provides Maryland income tax credits equal to 10% (calendar year 1997), 15% (calendar year 1998), and 25% as of January 1, 1999, of the qualified capital costs expended in the rehabilitation of a "certified heritage structure." A certified heritage structure can include structures:

- 1. listed in the National Register of Historic Places;
- 2. designated as a historic property under local law;
- 3. located in a historic district listed in the National Register or in a local historic district and certified as contributing to the district's significance; or
- 4. located in a certified heritage area and certified as contributing to the area's significance.

It is estimated that more than 49,000 structures in Maryland are currently eligible, with several hundred thousand structures potentially eligible. The credit is available for owner-occupied residential property as well as income-producing property. The rehabilitation expenditure in a 24-month period must be substantial, exceeding \$5,000 for owner-occupied residential property, and the greater of the adjusted basis of the structure or \$5,000 for all other property. The rehabilitation must conform with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* and must be certified by the Maryland Historical Trust.

If the amount of the tax credit exceeds the tax liability of the taxpayer for the year in which the credit is first claimed, the excess credit may be applied for a period of up to 10 years. Additionally, if a rehabilitated structure is sold, the amount of any unused credit may be transferred to the new purchaser. The credit may also be combined with local and federal incentives for the rehabilitation of historic property.

For more information or to request a Heritage Preservation Certification Application, contact the Maryland Historical Trust's Office of Preservation Services at 410.514.7627 or 410.514.7628.

Most Frequently asked Questions about the Maryland Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program

How do I find out if my property is eligible for the credit?

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) maintains a list of National Register properties, both individually listed and district properties. Contact Jan Gowing (410-514-7644 or gowing@dhcd.state.md.us) to see if your property is on the list. Local planning offices maintain lists of locally designated historic properties. Call your local planning office for details. If you don't know how to get in touch with your planning office, contact Nicole Diehlmann at MHT (410-514-7625 or diehlmann@dhcd.state.md.us) for that information.

How do I know if my property contributes to the significance of a National Register or local historic district?

Nomination forms for both National Register and local historic districts will list contributing properties within the district boundaries. Contact Jan Gowing or your local planning office (see contact information above) to see if your property is contributing. If these lists are not comprehensive, then reviewers at the Maryland Historical Trust will make that evaluation.

Are plumbing, HVAC and electrical system upgrade costs eligible?

Yes, as long as the work does not negatively impact historic elements of the interior or exterior.

Are kitchen and bathroom rehabilitation costs eligible?

Yes. The cost for new appliances is also eligible when part of an overall rehabilitation scheme.

Are architectural fees eligible?

Yes. Architectural, engineering and consultant fees are eligible.

What about financing charges and building permit fees?

These costs are not eligible.

Are landscaping costs eligible?

The costs associated with the restoration of significant historic landscape features, such as a parterre garden, walls or garden walks, etc. are eligible when there is adequate documentation as to the feature's historic significance. All other landscaping costs are not eligible.

Are patios, back decks, roof decks, etc. eligible?

No. New construction does not qualify.

Are rehabilitation costs for outbuildings, barns, garages, etc., eligible?

If these structures are historically associated with the building and contribute to the significance of the site, then the rehabilitation costs are eligible. Non-historic structures are not eligible.

Can I put in skylights to light interior rooms?

Skylights are usually discouraged, however, they are reviewed on a case-by-case basis,

Are interior finishes eligible?

Capital expenditures are eligible for the credit. For the interior, this usually means finishes that become part of the structure. Eligible costs may include repair or restoration of wainscoting, mantles, interior shutters, molding, and plaster. Consult MHT staff for a final determination of eligibility.

I am rehabilitating my 1885 Queen Anne structure that has a 1960s addition. Is work done on the non-historic addition eligible?

Yes. MHT recognizes that buildings change over time. Reviewers will judge all changes to the building against the appearance of the building at the time the application is made. Work done within the existing walls of the structure, both historic and non-historic, is eligible.

My historic house had vinyl siding installed in the 1970s. If I am not planning to remove it as part of my rehabilitation project, will I still be eligible for tax credits on other work that meets the Secretary "Standards"?

Yes. MHT will not require owners to replace vinyl or aluminum siding with a more appropriate historic treatment if there is no work planned for this feature as part of the overall project.

Can I use historic materials obtained from an architectural salvage shop?

Yes, if the architectural feature used replaces a missing original feature of the same architectural style and period.

I plan to rehabilitate my house over a period of years, but the regulations say the rehabilitation must occur within a 24-month period. What should I do?

In this case, MHT recommends that the project be "phased." This means breaking the project into smaller, more manageable units. Remember, each phase must meet the cost threshold --\$5,000 for owner-occupied residential projects or the greater of the adjusted basis of the structure or \$5,000 for all other projects. In phased projects, MHT would prefer the first application to describe all projected phases of work. Later applications may amend the initial application.

If I am completing both the Federal and State tax credit application forms, do I have to completely fill out both forms?

No. You must fully complete the federal form, but only have to complete the first sheet of each part of the state form. All the other pages are identical.

Last year, I completed a rehabilitation project but only recently heard about the tax credit program. Am I still eligible for the credit?

Possibly. MHT prefers that no work begin on a project until the plans have been approved. Without this approval, there is a chance that the project will not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation" and therefore not qualify for the credit. To receive credit after completion, the project must not only meet all of the "Standards", but also be sufficiently documented through before and after rehabilitation photographs so that adherence to the "Standards" can be adequately assessed by MHT.

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT

To encourage the restoration and preservation of privately-owned structures designated on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u>, either individually or within a historic district, the Montgomery County Council in 1984 passed legislation providing for a tax credit against County real property taxes (Chapter 52, Article VI). The tax credit is 10% of documented expenses for exterior maintenance, restoration or preservation work. The work must be certified eligible by the HPC.

In summary, eligible work includes repairs, restoration, or preservation of exterior features of designated structures. Examples of eligible projects would include (but not be limited to) painting, repairing roofs or windows or replacing them in-kind, repairing architectural trim or ornament, uncovering and repairing original siding, repointing brick or stone foundations or chimneys, restoring a documented feature such as a dormer or porch that was previously altered or removed, and repairing and maintaining outbuildings such as barns and garages.

New construction and interior work are expenditures that are not eligible. Other ineligible work includes (for example) repaying driveways, replacing features (such as windows) with new features that are not identical in size and material, and repairing mechanical equipment.

WORK ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 1. be certified by the HPC as contributing to the restoration or preservation of sites listed on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u> in Montgomery County either individually or within a historic district;
- 2. be exterior work only;
- 3. be undertaken with a <u>previously</u> approved Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) if alterations that require a HAWP are proposed; <u>OR</u>
- 4. be ordinary maintenance exceeding \$1,000 in expense; the work must be subsequently certified (at the time the tax credit application is reviewed by the HPC) as being consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A, the County's historic preservation ordinance;
- 5. be performed by a licensed contractor.

THE TAX CREDIT IS NOT ALLOWABLE FOR:

- 1. new construction of a structure, or a new addition to a historic building;
- 2. interior work;
- 3. work requiring an approved HAWP that is completed without the approval of the HPC;
- 4. the value of labor unless performed by a licensed contractor.

The tax credit is allowed for the tax year immediately following the year in which the work or any distinct portion thereof is completed. The tax year is July 1 - June 30 and the application deadline is always April 1. In other words, tax credit applications are reviewed by the HPC in the spring of every year and the approved tax credit is applied to tax bills received by property owners that summer. Any unused portion of this tax credit may be carried forward for as many as five years. If the property is subsequently removed from the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u>, any unused portion of the tax credit would immediately lapse. A property not listed on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u> at the time the work is undertaken is not eligible for the preservation tax credit.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT:

- 1. For projects completed and paid for during the previous year, file the tax credit application form and attachments with the HPC. The address is printed on the application form. <u>APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1.</u>
- 2. Complete both the <u>Application Form</u> and the <u>Receipts Transmittal Form</u> and return them with photocopies of documented receipts and clear, print photographs thoroughly showing the completed work. Please attach photographs to single sides of 8 1/2" x 11" paper, labeling the photographs on the front. Proof of payment must be shown by receipts marked "paid" or by copies of canceled checks.

The receipts must be itemized so that eligible exterior expenses are clearly marked and separated from any non-eligible expenses. If your receipt shows one price for a project that also included interior work or new construction, have your contractor break down the eligible expenditures. Expenditures must be clearly listed on the Receipts Transmittal Form and keyed to the copies of the receipts.

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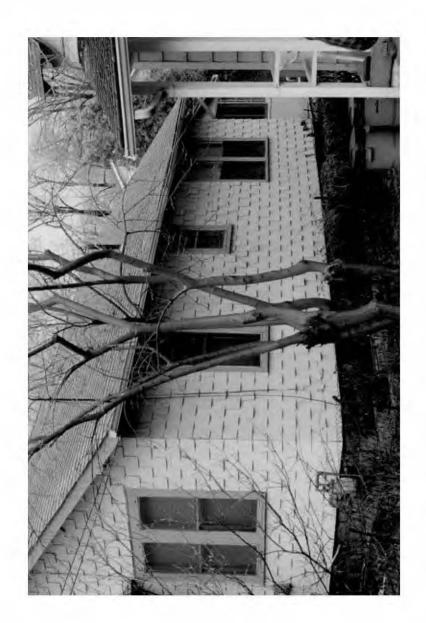
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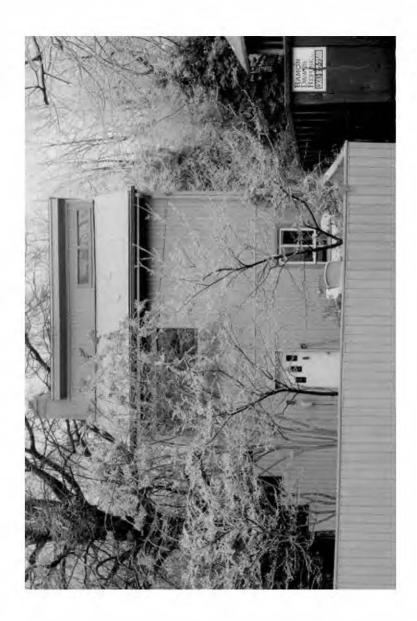












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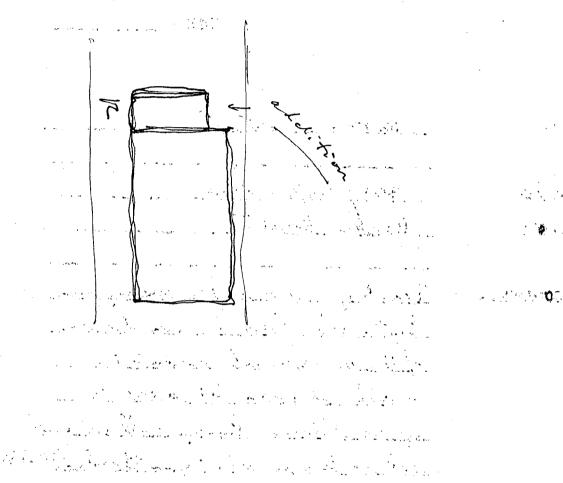
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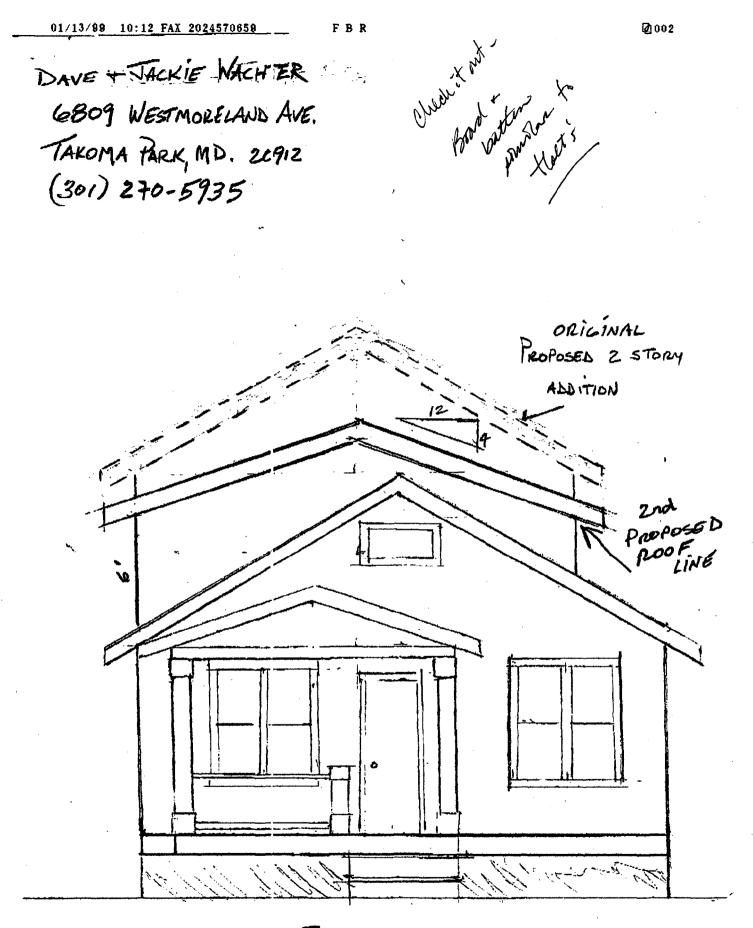
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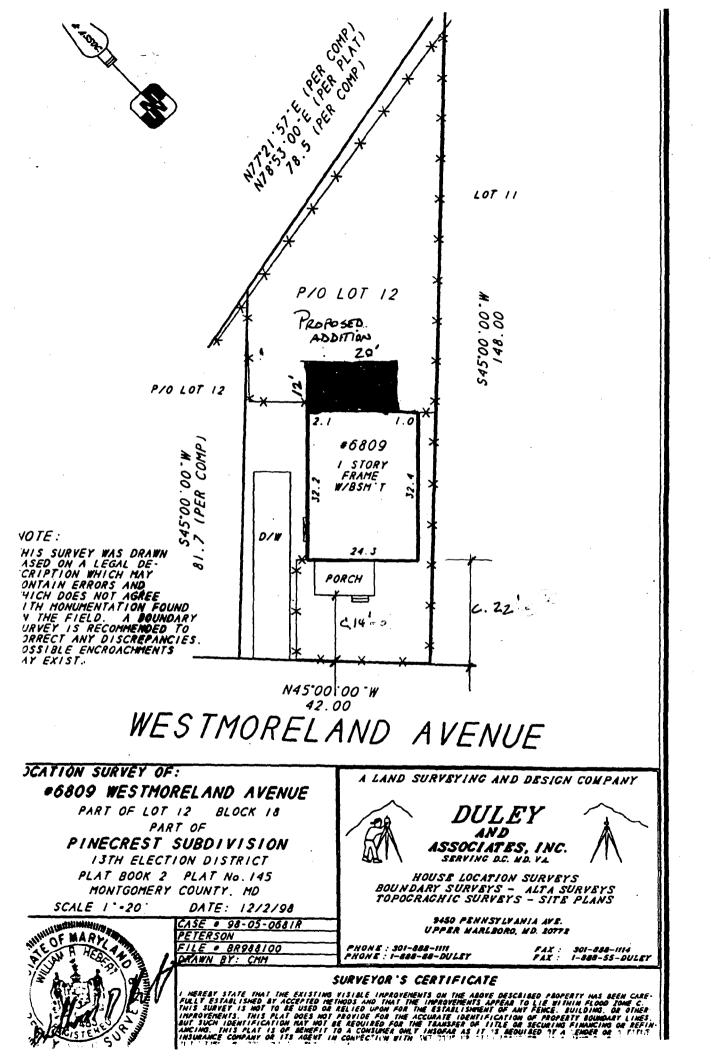
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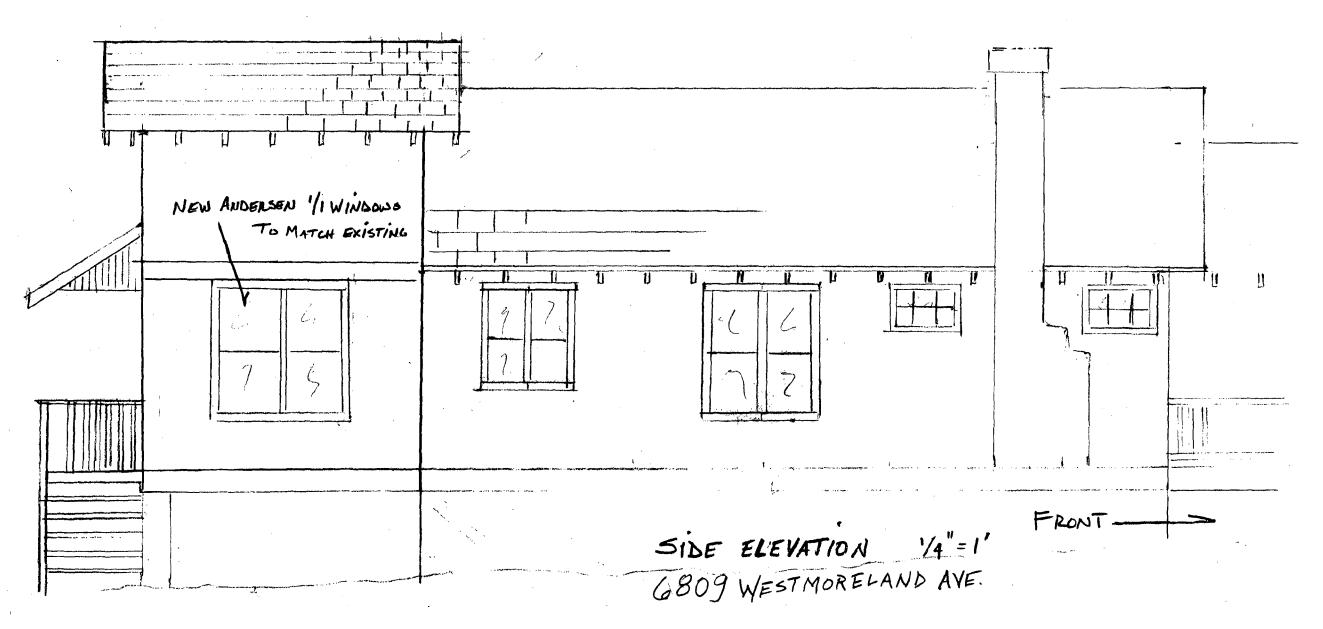
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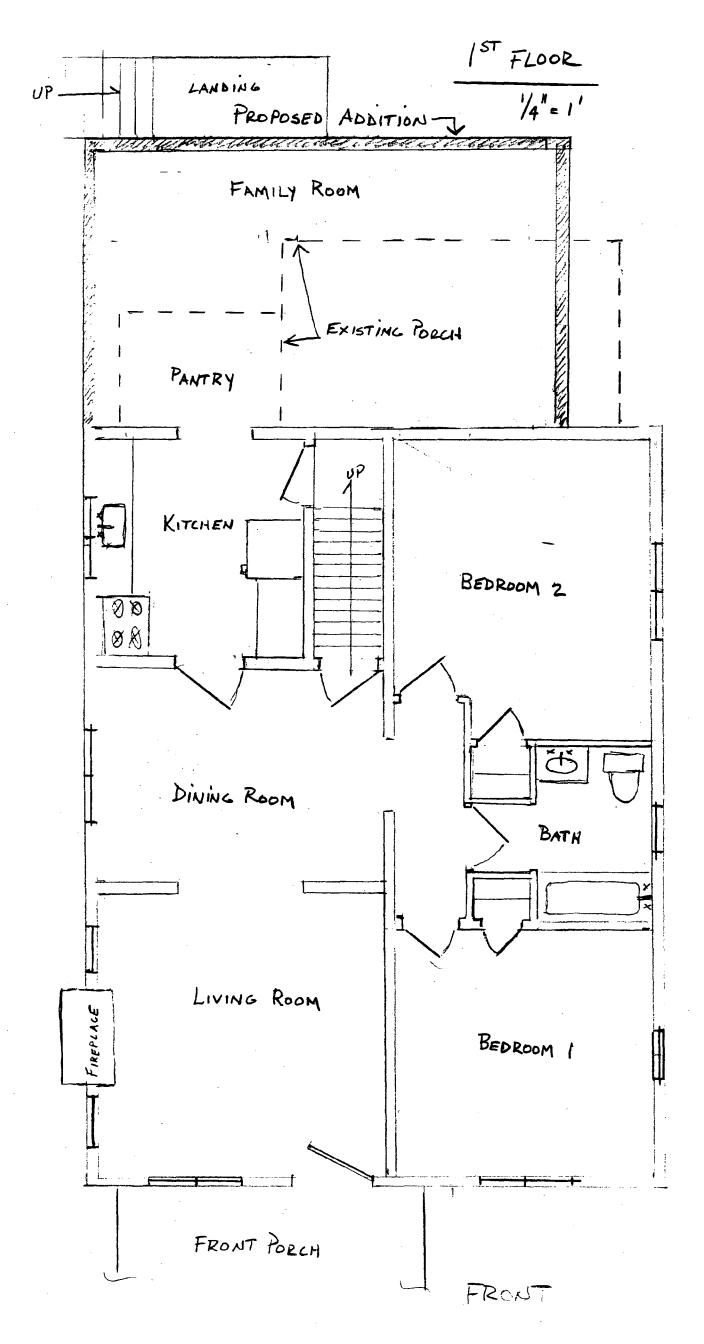
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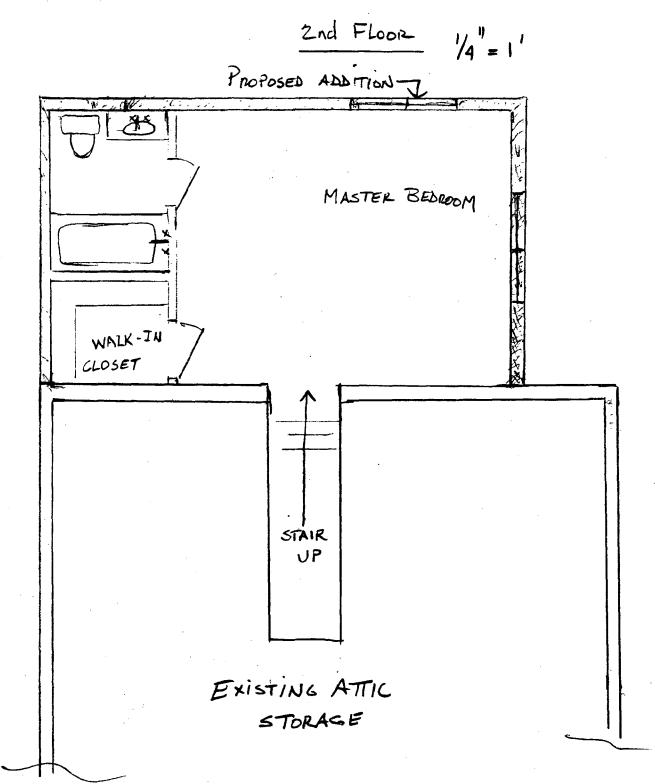
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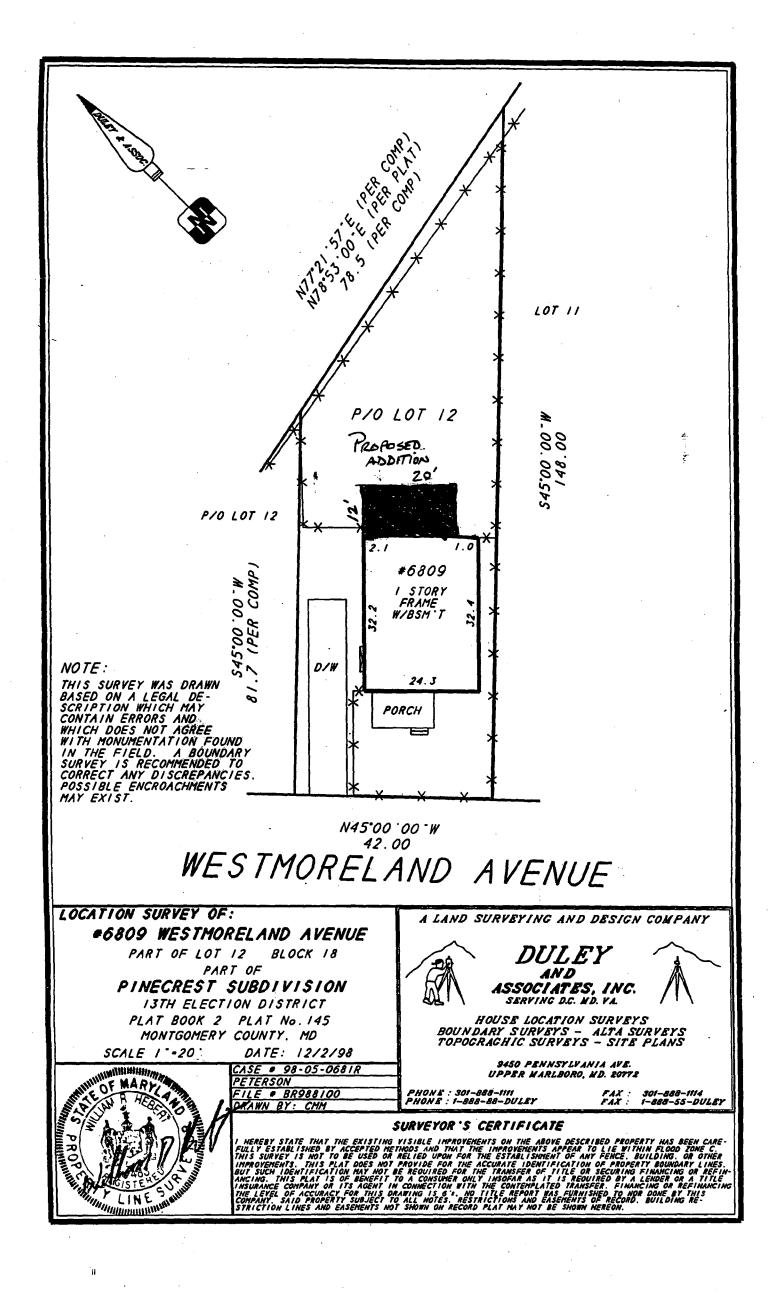


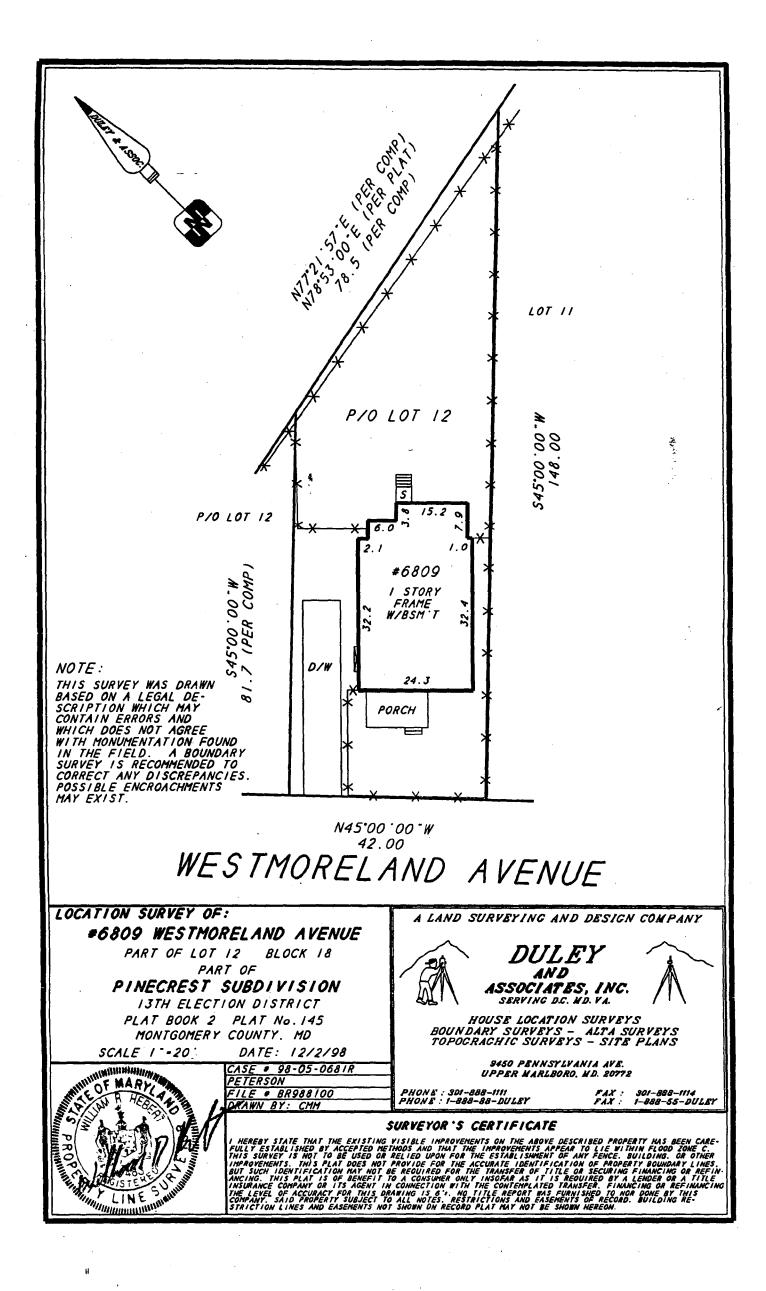


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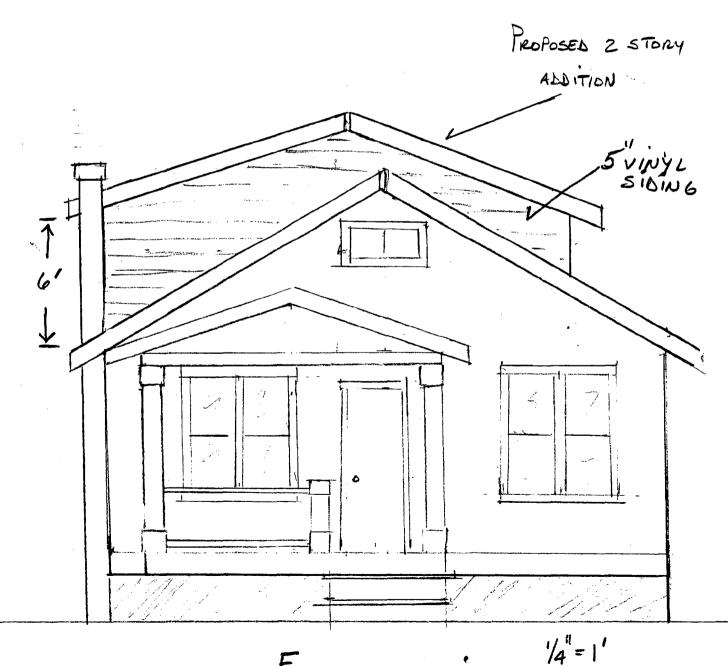




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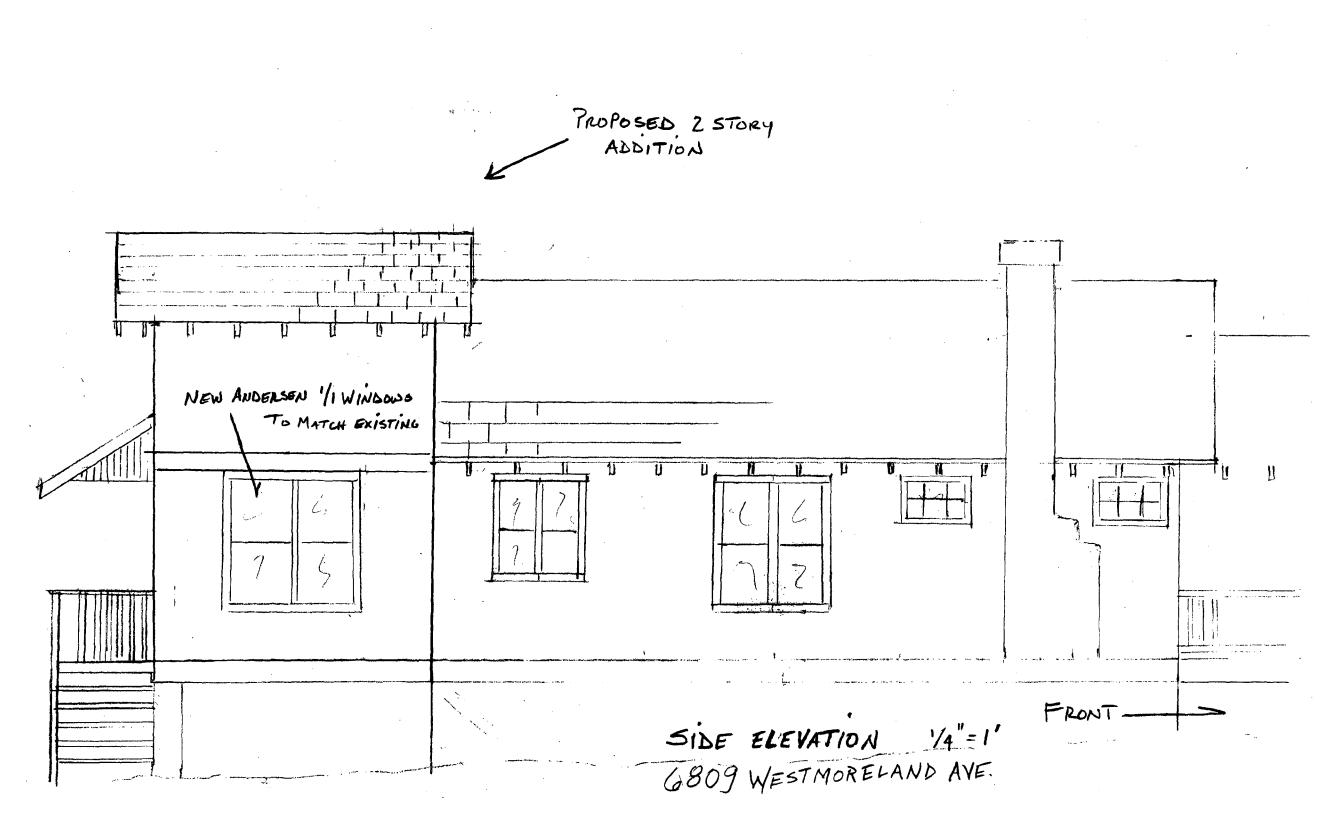
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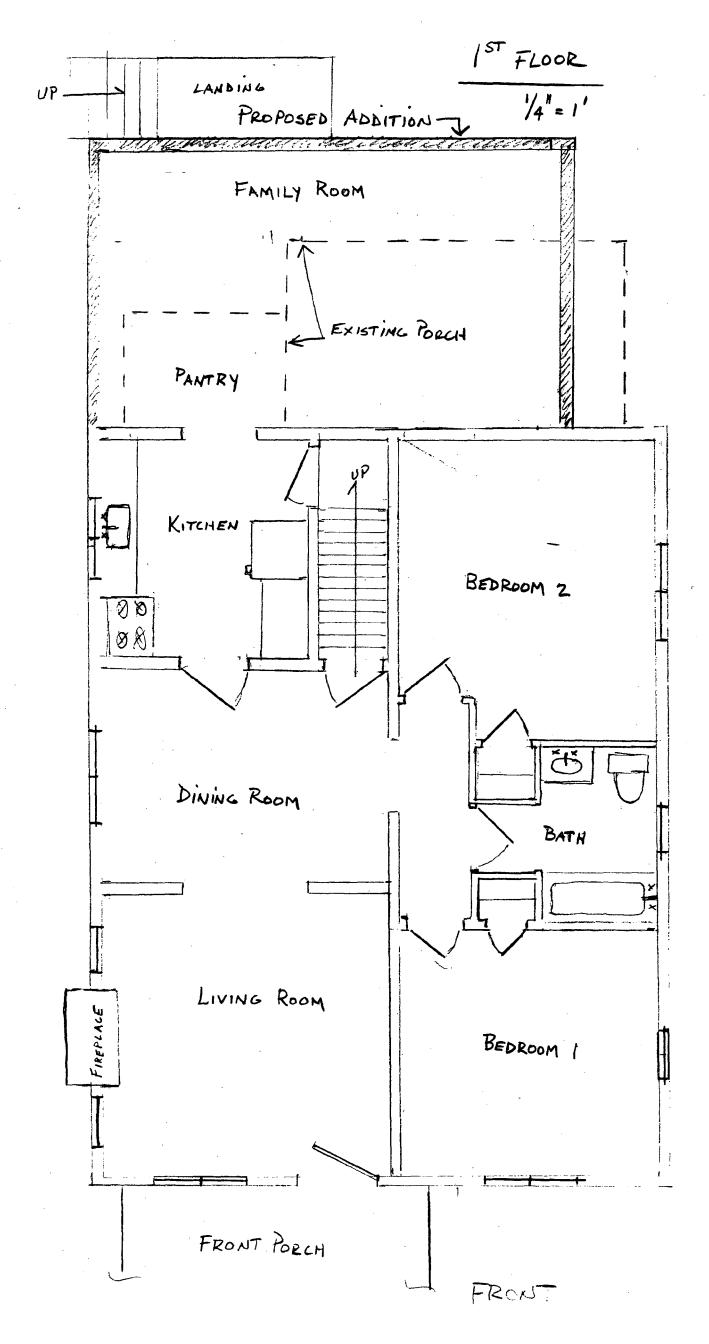
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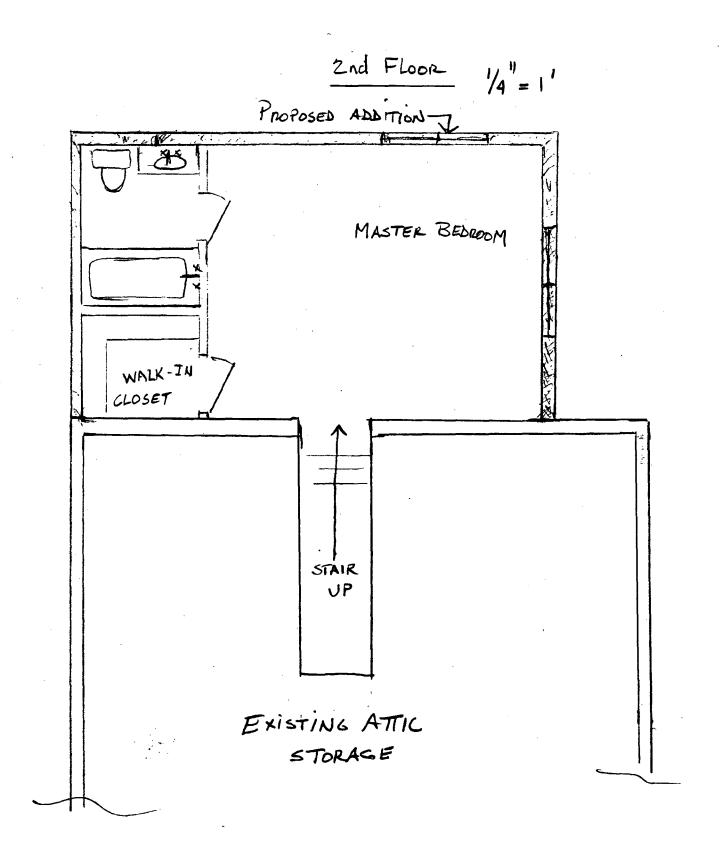


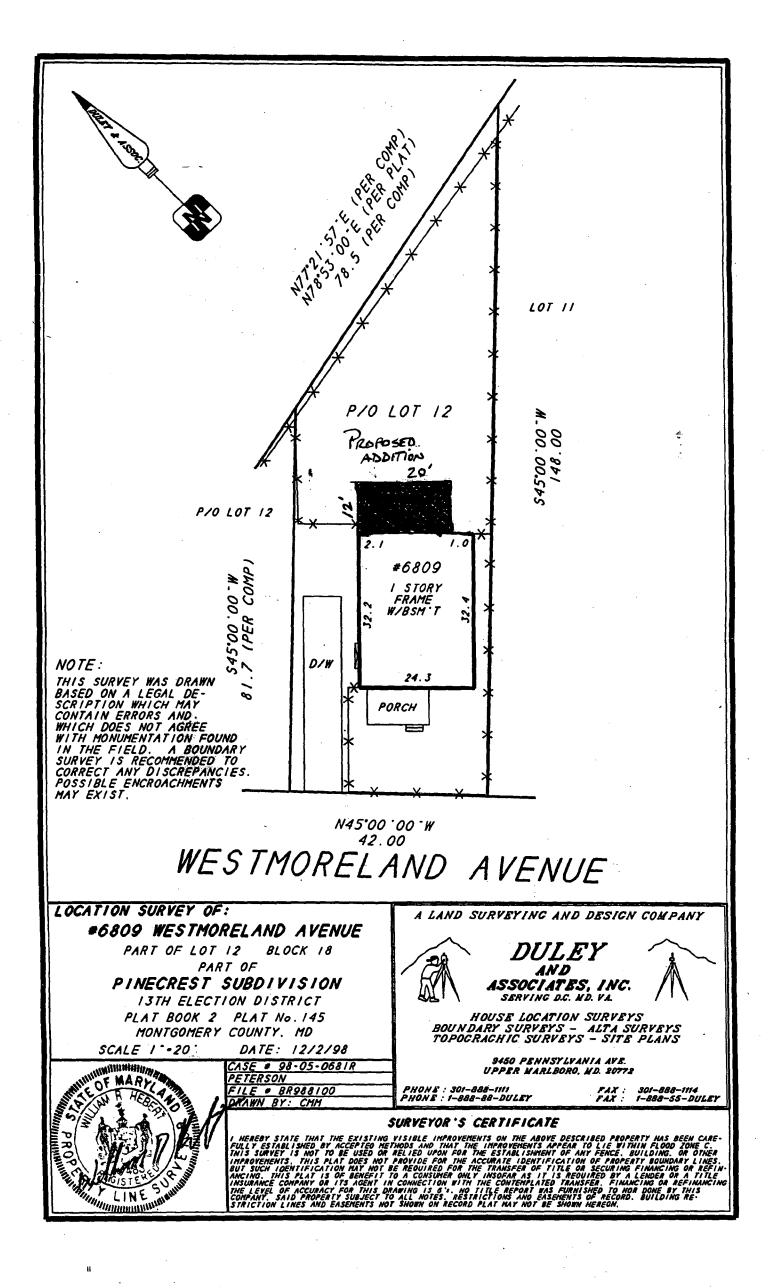
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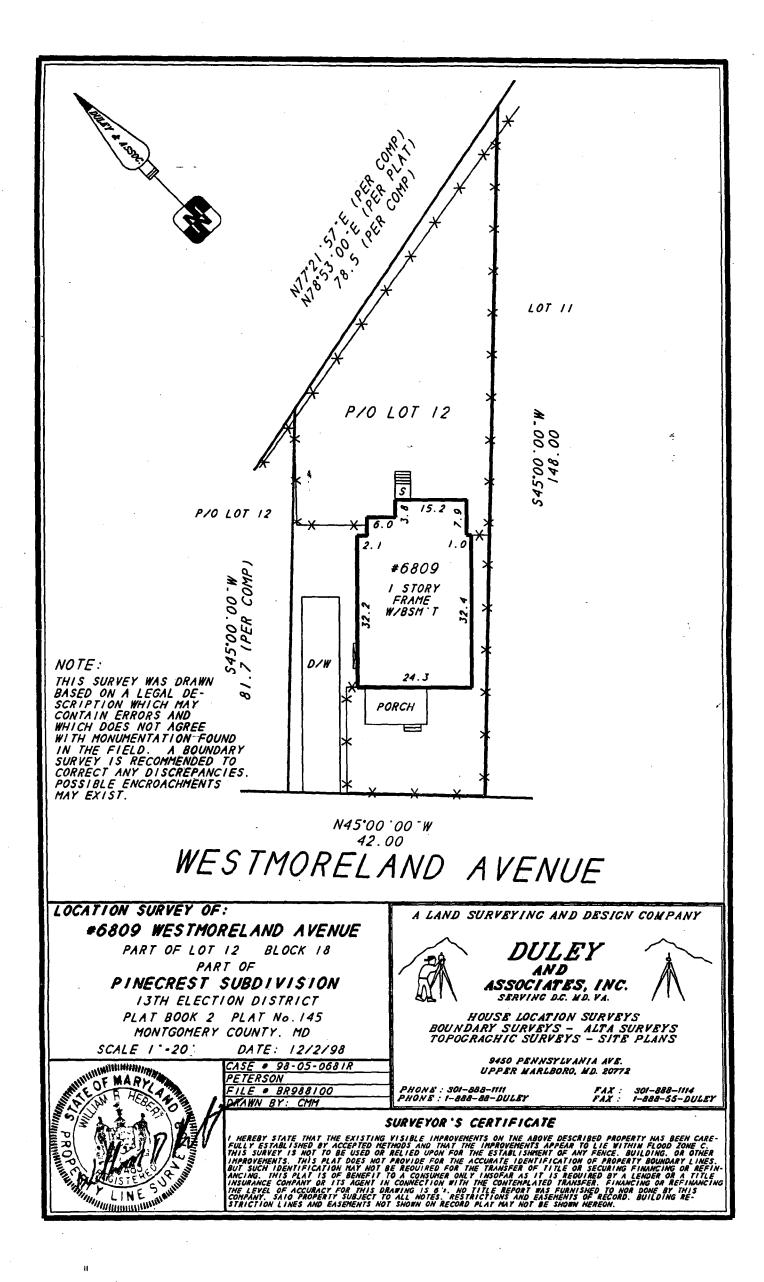






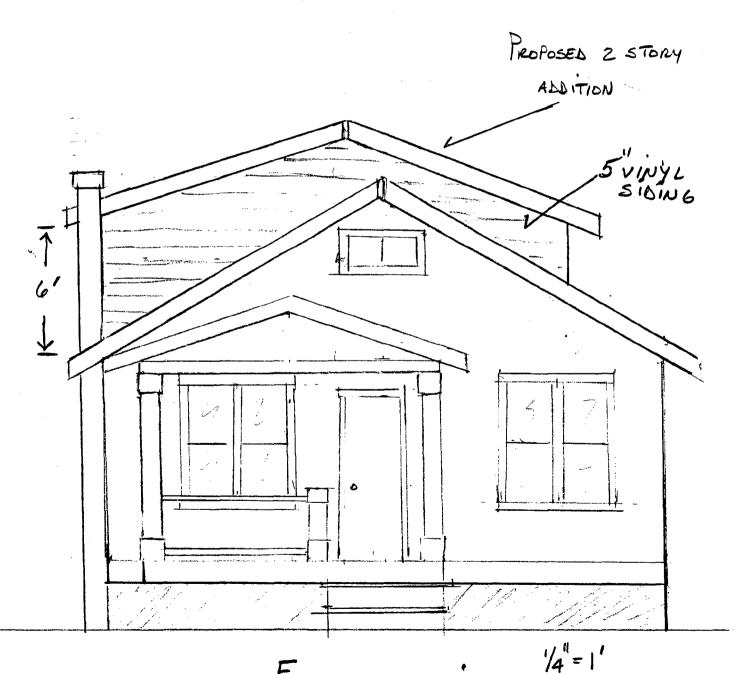






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