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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Robert Seely, Chief Department of Environmental Protection T0: Division of Construction Codes Enforcement Jared B. Cooper, Historic Preservation Specialist Department of Housing and Community Development FROM: Division of Community Planning and Development SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit Application The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission at their, meeting of, 1/24/90 reviewed the attached application by J. Henn, 'enn an Historic Area Work Permit. The application was: for Approved Denied With Conditions: Attachments: 1. HAWP Application 2. Applicant's Description of 3. 4. 5. JBC:av 1199E Historic Preservation Commission

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September 30, 1987

Historic Preservation Commission Stella Werner Council Office Building 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland, 20850

Attention: Ms. Bobbi Hahn

Dear Ms. Hahn:

We are writing to you on behalf of our clients, Harry and Patricia McPherson, 10213 Montgomery Avenue, Kensington, Maryland, 20895; N. Raphael and Ilene Shulman, 10221 Montgomery Avenue, Kensington, Maryland, 20895; Alun and Fiona Morris, 10225 Montgomery Avenue, Kensington, Maryland, 20895; and James and Carol Sharp, 10226 Carroll Place, Kensington, Maryland, 20895. It has recently come to the attention of our clients that the property located at 10234 Carroll Place, Kensington, Maryland, 20895, has been sold to a Mr. William Avery, who apparently intends to construct an additional residence on the existing grounds of the historic structure located on this property.

Our clients wish to be heard in connection with any application that may be filed for a historic area work permit for this property and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 24A-7(d) of the Montgomery County Code (1984, as amended), we are hereby notifying you that our clients are interested persons in connection with any such proceeding and request that notification be given to us in connection with any application that may be filed.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerelv VOULS Roger W.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

PREPARED BY: Jared B. Cooper	DATE: January 16, 1990
CASE NUMBER: 31/6 - 90 C	TYPE OF REVIEW: HAWP
SITE/DISTRICT NAME: Kensington	PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10234 Carroll Place

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is proposing three relatively minor work projects at the residence located at 10234 Carroll Place in the Kensington Historic District. The first involves replacement of original trim under the gable peak at the primary (Carroll Place) elevation. The restoration will be based on period photographs (see photo #1, applicant's submittal). Secondly the applicant is proposing an interpretive restoration of porch trim and stair railings. Finally, the applicant is proposing removal of an original chimney in order to accomodate a more desirable floor plan. All elements of the proposal are clearly explained in the application packet.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of all elements of the application based on criteria 24A - 8(b)(1) and (2).

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- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Applicant's Description of Project
- 4. Photographs
- 5. Floor Plans; Partial Elevations

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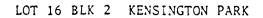
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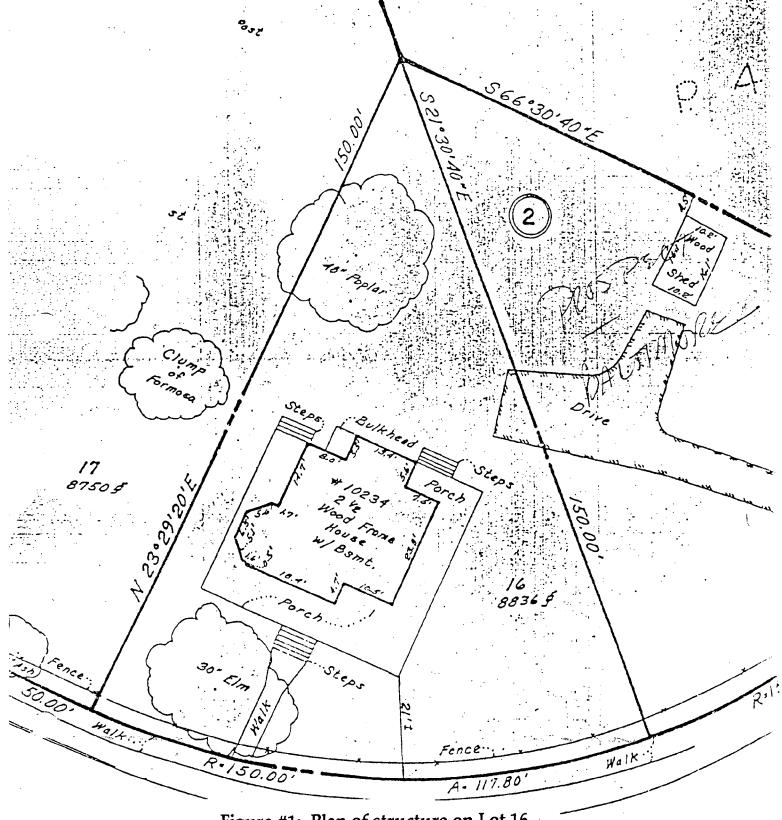


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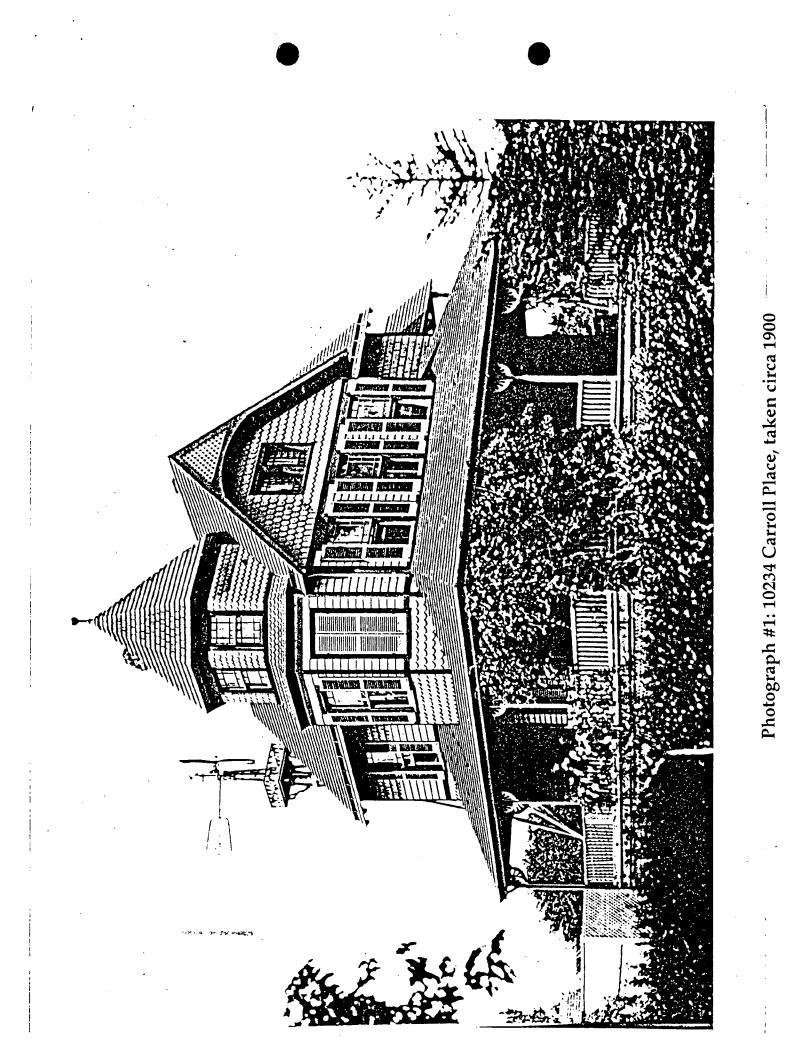
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This flue will also have a considerable impact in the kitchen space when it is renovated. There is not a great quantity of empty wall space in the kitchen. It is filled with three doors, a window, and the flue. The ability to provide countertop space is limited. The elimination of the flue will provide an unbroken wall - the best wall in the kitchen - for some practical and comfortable assembly of appliances and countertops. (see Fig. #2a)

The elimination of the flue in the bedroom will provide an opportunity for better furniture arrangement. The current condition is an 'either-or' dilemma: to block the path to the closet with the twin beds along one wall or to block the access to the windows with the beds along the other two walls. The elimination of the flue will open up a fourth wall for the beds and a satisfactory arrangement (see Fig #2b).

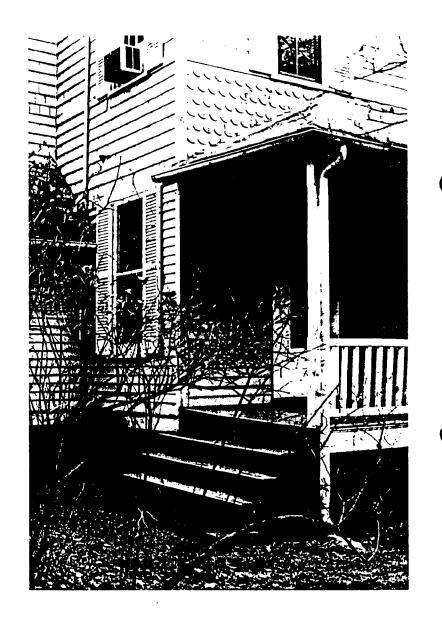
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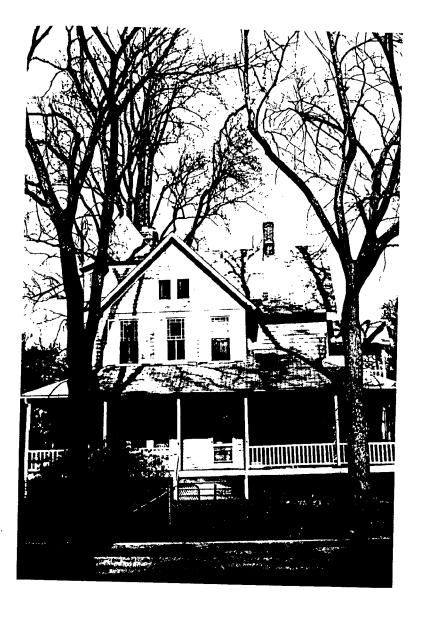
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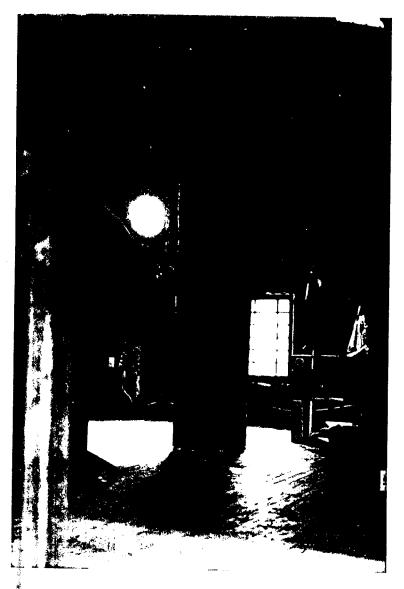
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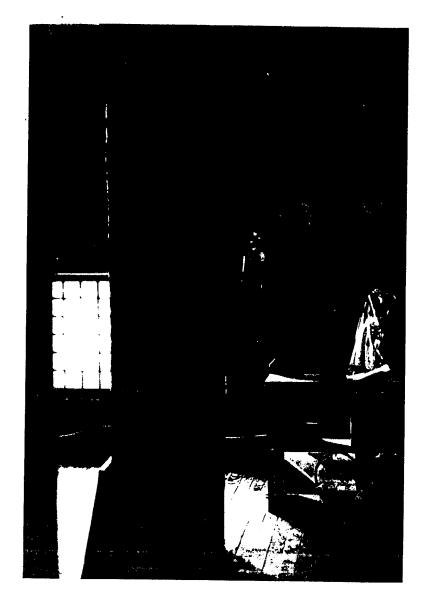




Photographs #4: Existing flue from east and south sides



Photograph 5a



Photograph 5b

Photographs #5: Existing flue from inside attic



Photograph #6: Existing flue's proximity to attic stair

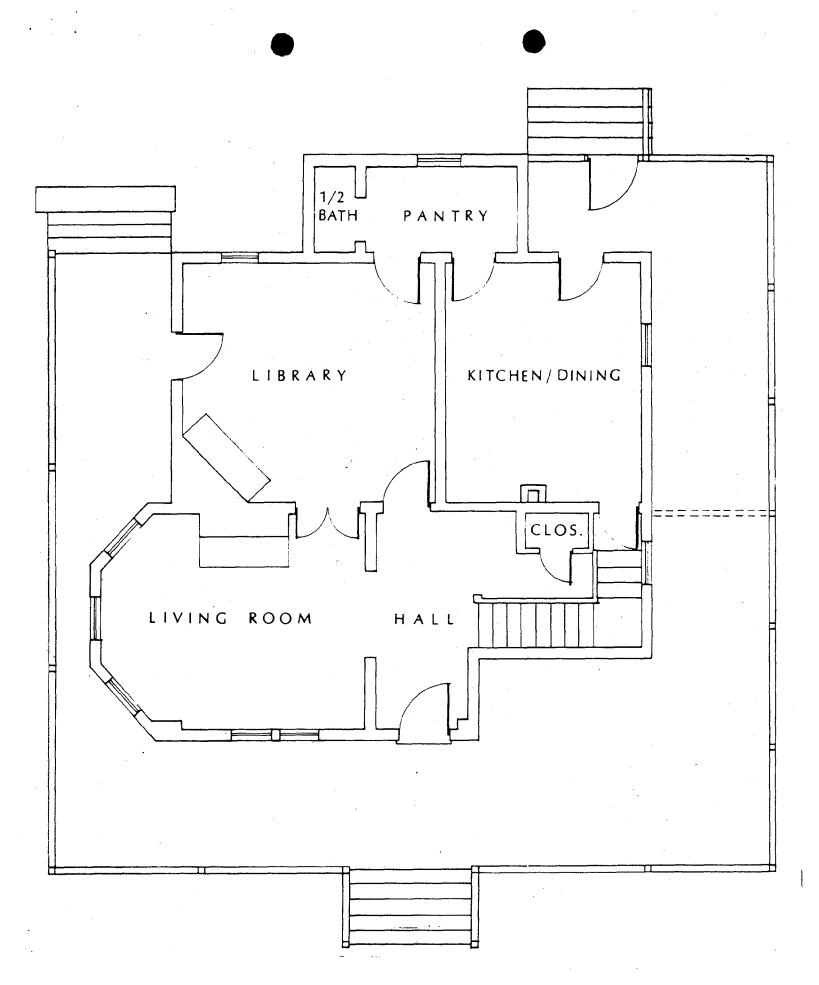


Figure #2a: Plan of first floor and exterior wrap-around porch and stairs

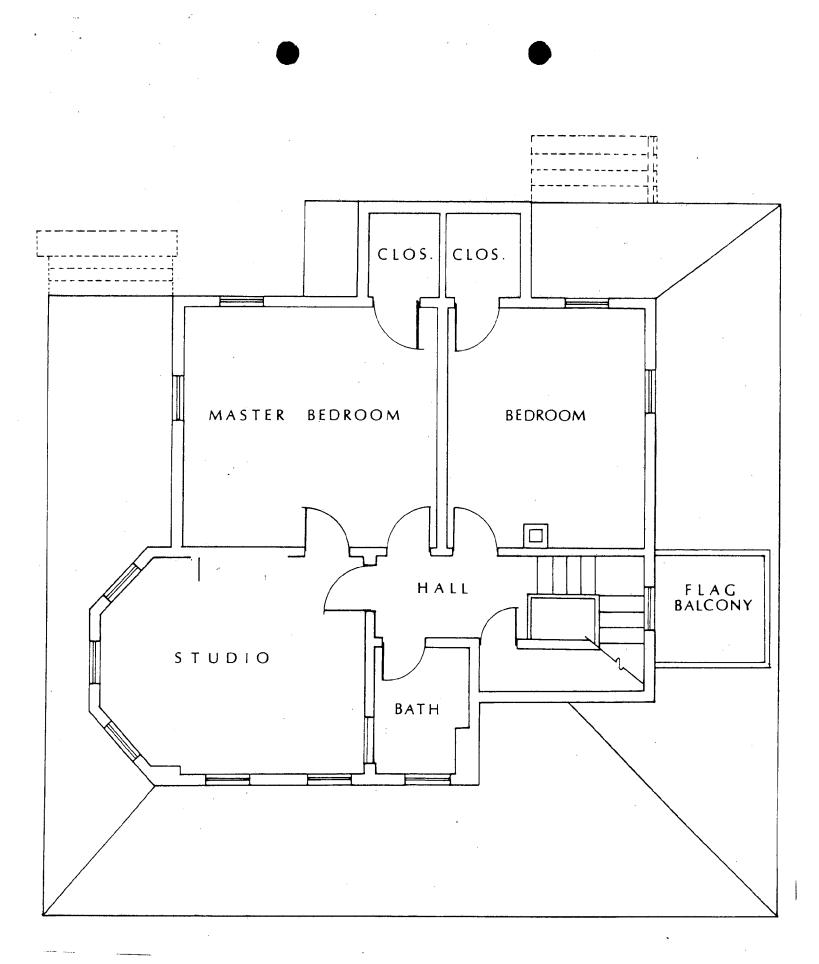


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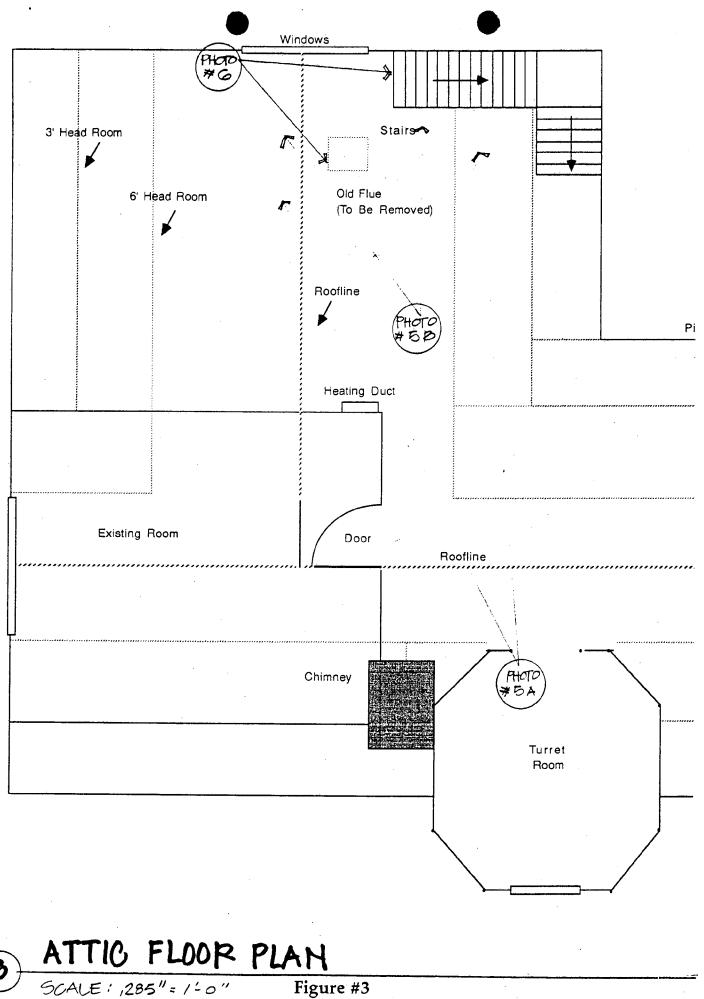
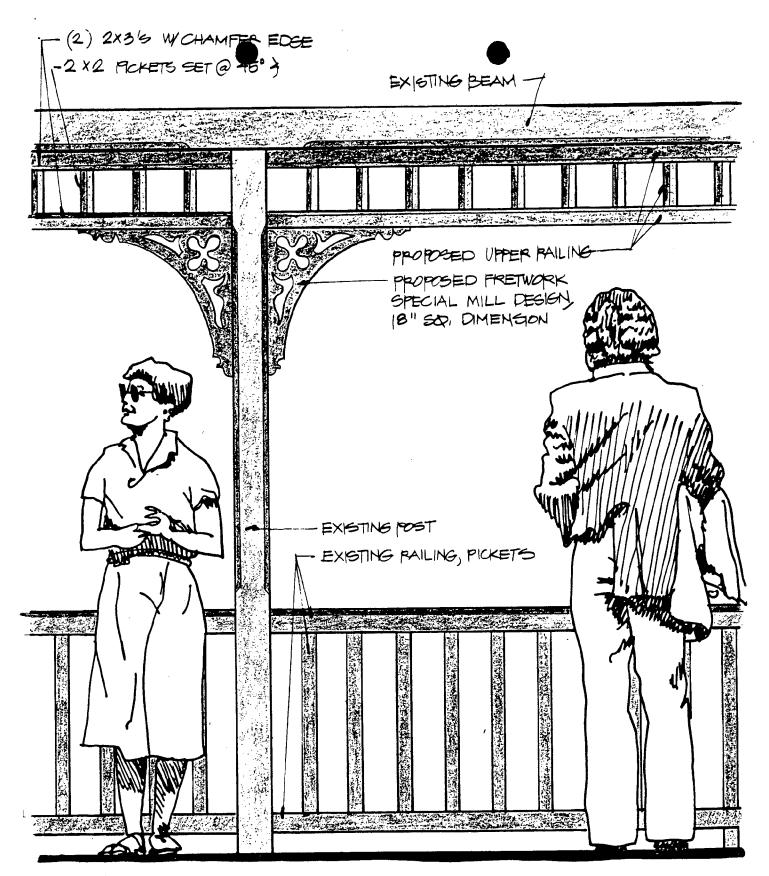


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Figure #4

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It is evident, however, that the structural advantage of the cusp is available only in the case of arches on a comparatively small scale. If the arch becomes very large, the projections under the flanks must become too ponderous to be secure; the suspended weight of stone would be liable to break off, and such arches are therefore never constructed with heavy cusps, but rendered secure by general mass of masonry; and what additional appearance of support may be thought necessary (sometimes a considerable degree of *actual* support) is given by means of tracery.

Tracery began in the use of penetrations through the stonework of windows or walls, cut into forms which looked like stars when seen from within, and like leaves when seen from without; the name foil or feuille being universally applied to the separate lobes of their extremities, and the pleasure received

THE NATURE OF GOTHIC

from them being the same as that which we feel in the triple, quadruple, or other radiated leaves of vegetation, joined with the perception of a severely geometrical order and symmetry. A few of the most common forms are represented, unconfused by exterior mouldings, in Fig. XXII, and the best traceries are nothing more than close clusters of such forms, with mouldings following their outlines.

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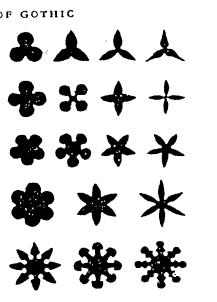
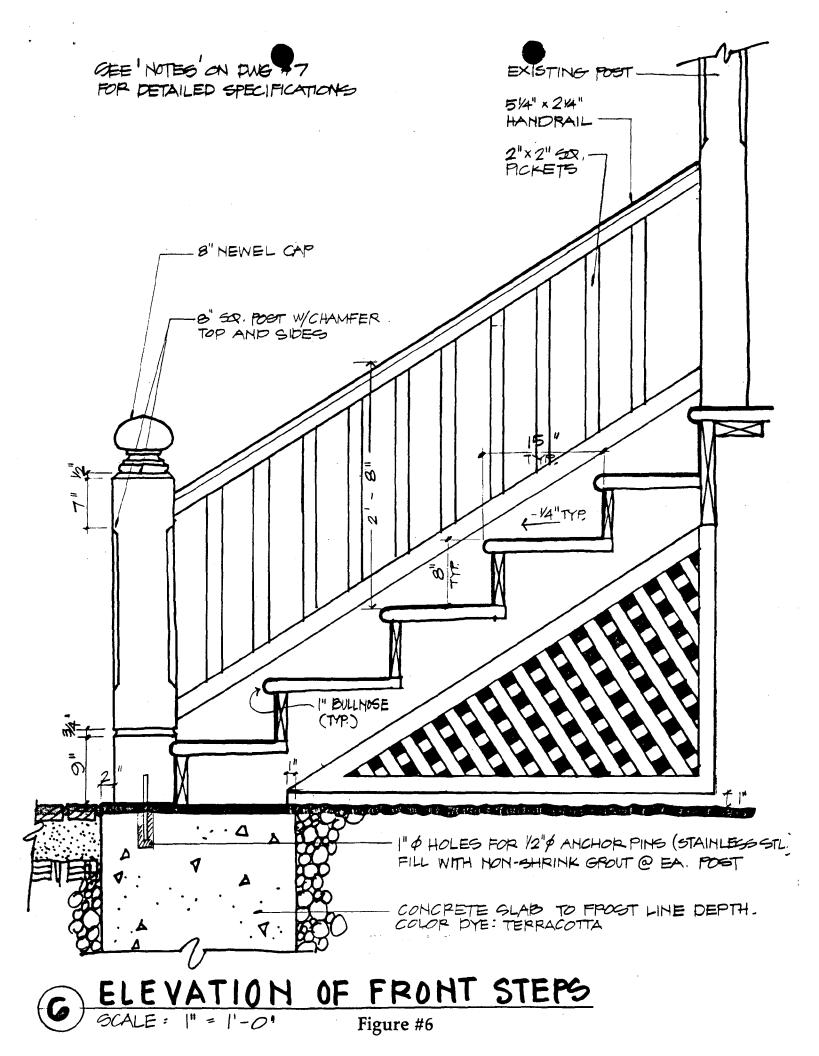


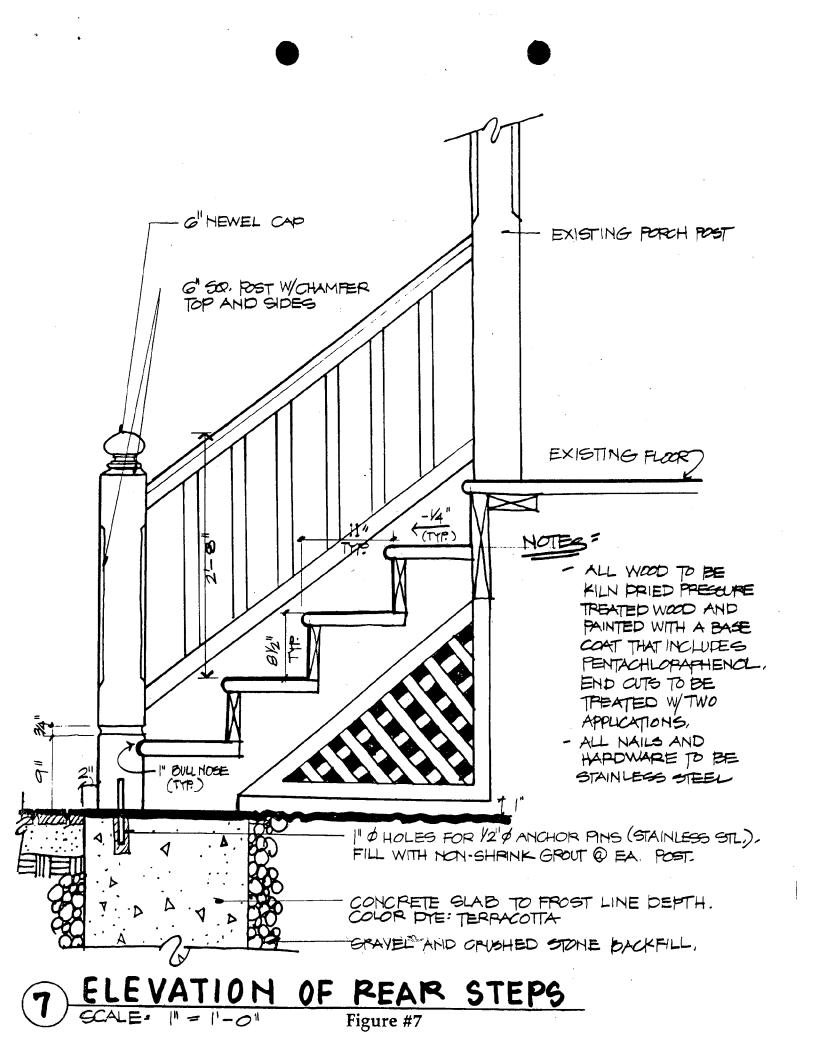
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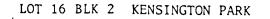
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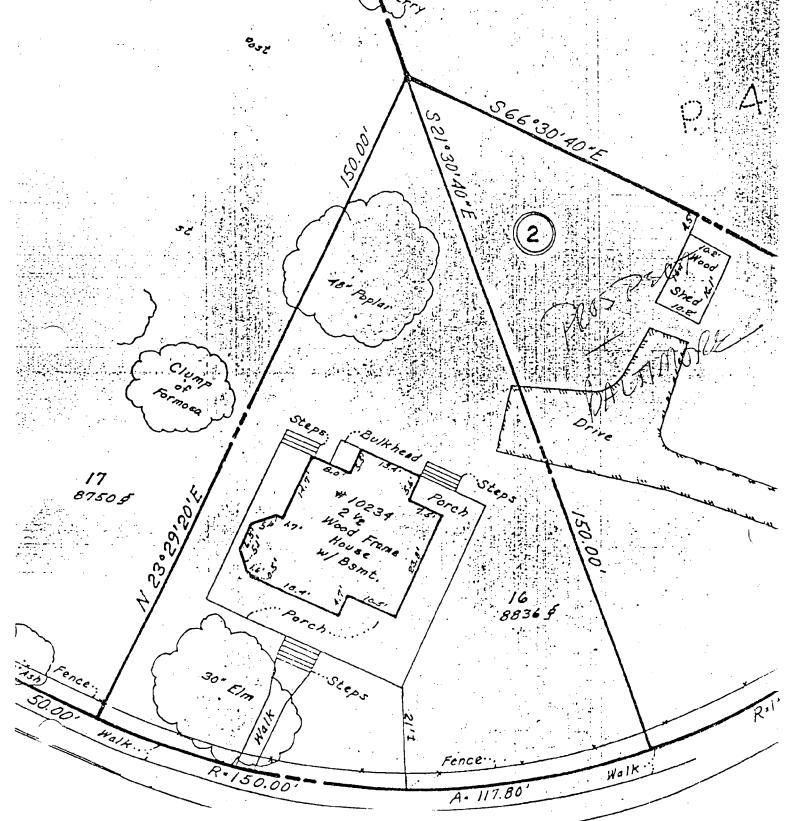
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10234 Carroll Place was built with two brick flues. The larger flue services two fireplaces - one in the living room and one in the dining room. We have recently had this flue relined and restored to working order. The second flue was unlined, so we replaced the oil furnace with a state-of-the-art gas furnace that exhausts directly (via PVC pipe) through an exterior rear wall. We chose the same course of action when replacing the hot water heater. As a result, the second flue is now obsolete.

This second flue, however, takes up strategic, usable space in every room it occupies - particularly in the attic. Most of the attic space is unusable due to the sloping roof. The one main area that can be converted into habitable space is obstructed with this flue. The flue also obstructs the access to the attic stairs. It is unfortunate, but if the attic space were to

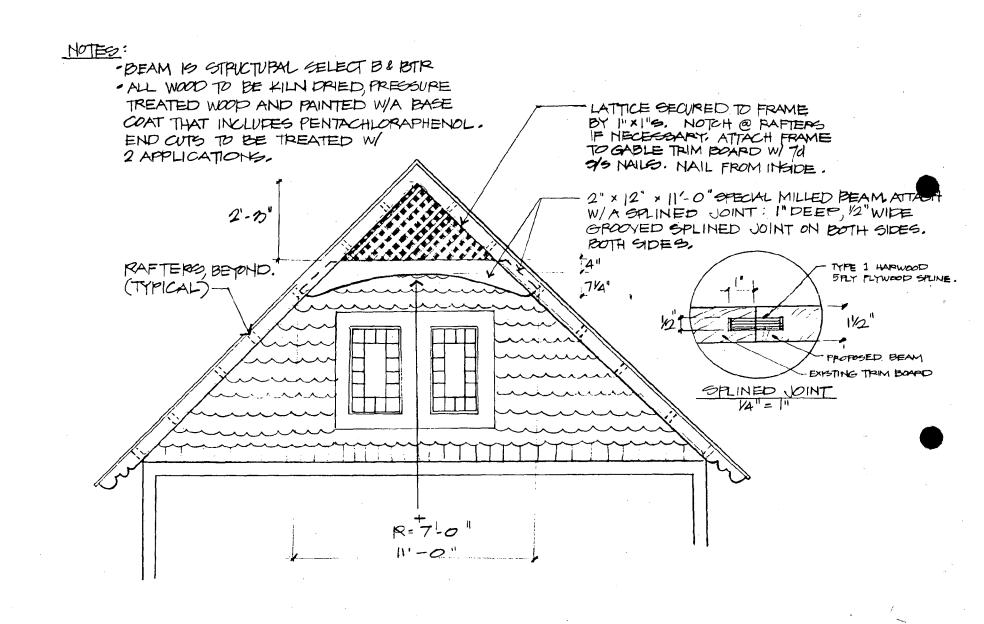
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be renovated with the flue intact, the flue would make that space less useful and feel less comfortable. (see Photos #5a&b, and #6. and Fig.#3).

This flue will also have a considerable impact in the kitchen space when it is renovated. There is not a great quantity of empty wall space in the kitchen. It is filled with three doors, a window, and the flue. The ability to provide countertop space is limited. The elimination of the flue will provide an unbroken wall - the best wall in the kitchen - for some practical and comfortable assembly of appliances and countertops. (see Fig. #2a)

The elimination of the flue in the bedroom will provide an opportunity for better furniture arrangement. The current condition is an 'either-or' dilemma: to block the path to the closet with the twin beds along one wall or to block the access to the windows with the beds along the other two walls. The elimination of the flue will open up a fourth wall for the beds and a satisfactory arrangement (see Fig #2b).

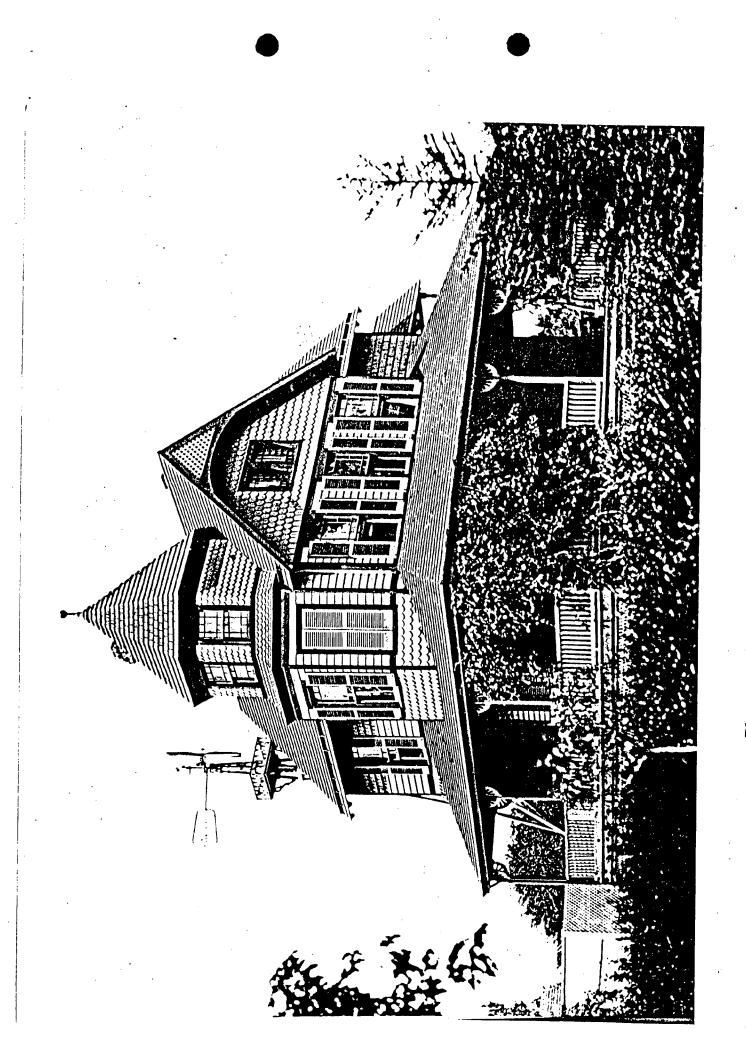
Last of all, the basement will not be impacted. The section of the flue in the basement will remain intact, as it provides support to a beam.



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Photograph #1: 10234 Carroll Place, taken circa 1900



Photograph #2: Existing front (south) stair

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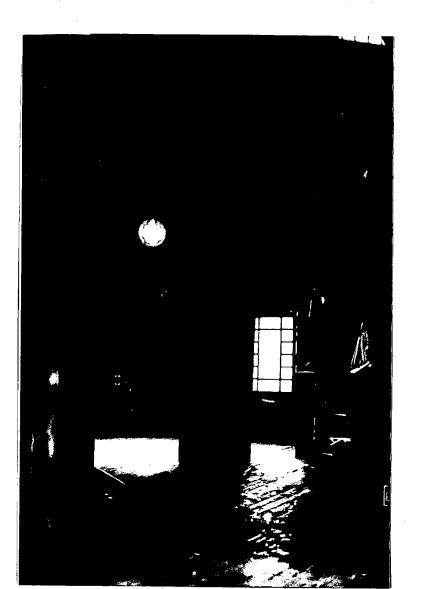
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Photographs #3: Existing rear (north) stairs



Photographs #4: Existing flue from east and south sides



Photograph 5a

Photograph 5b

Photographs #5: Existing flue from inside attic



Photograph #6: Existing flue's proximity to attic stair

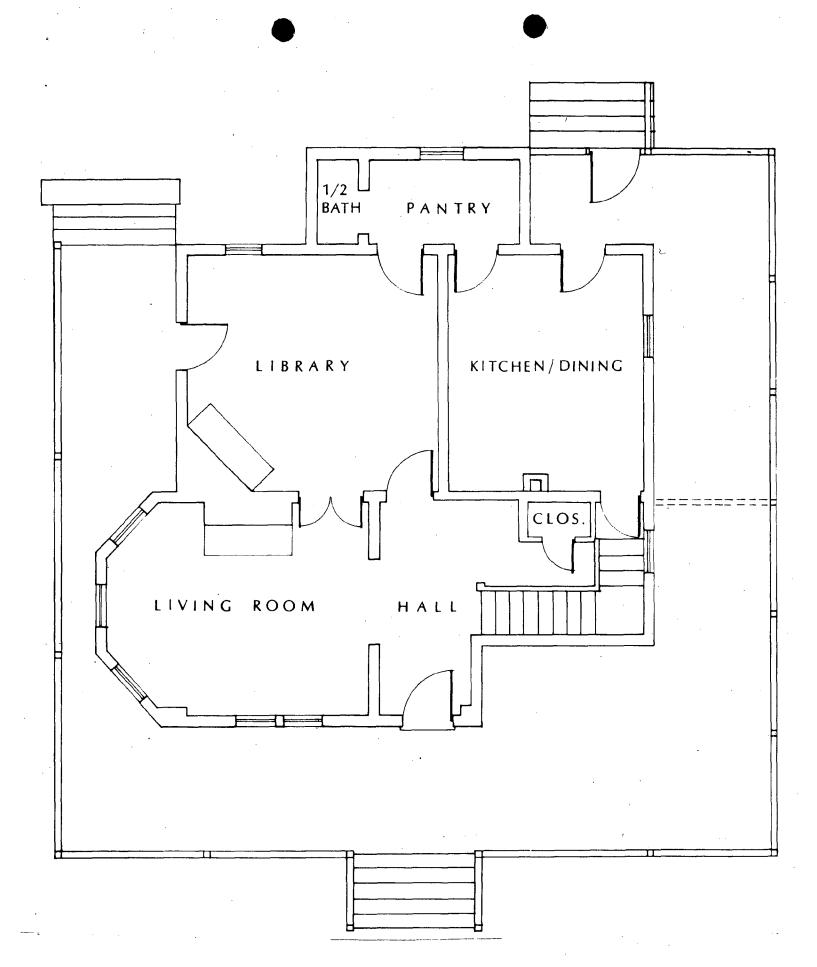


Figure #2a: Plan of first floor and exterior wrap-around porch and stairs

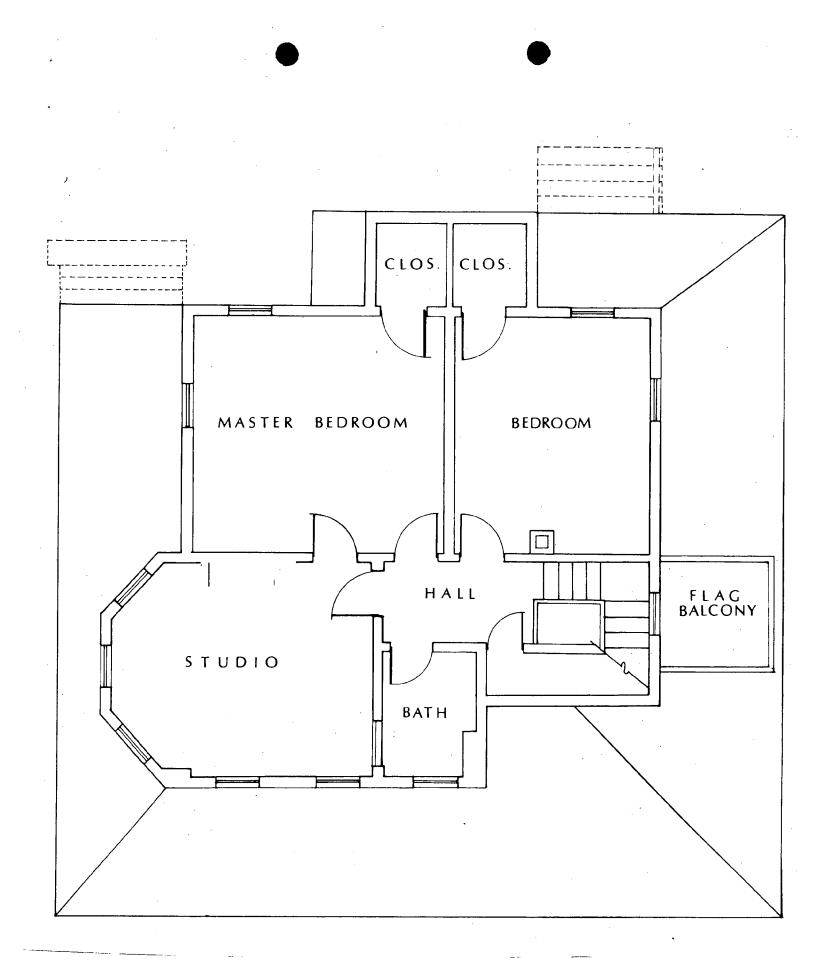
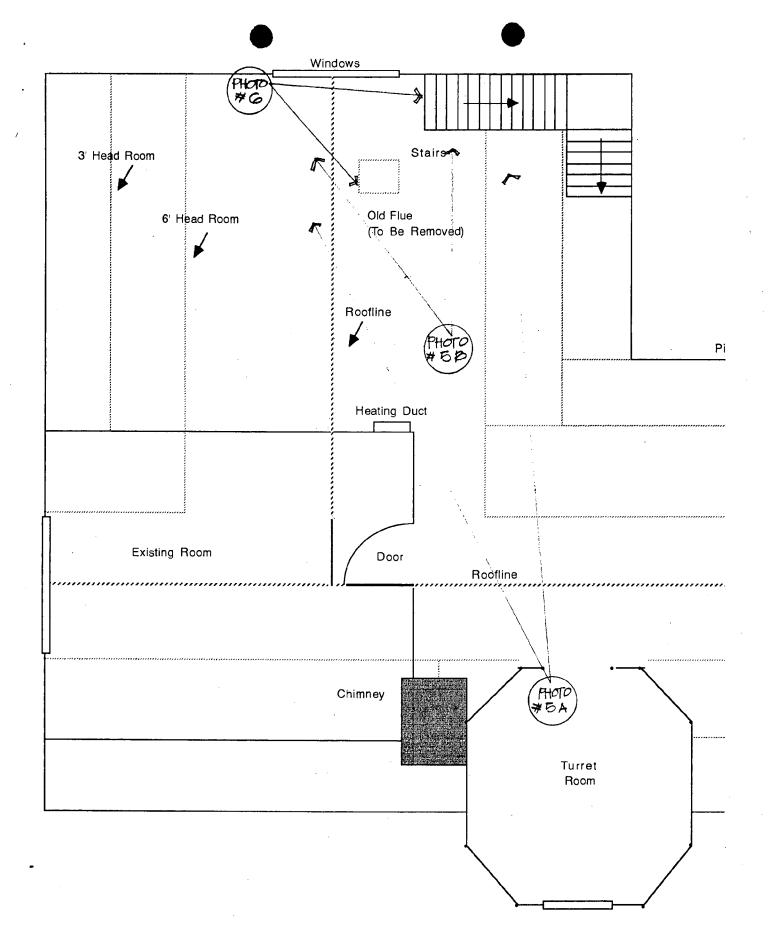
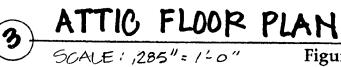


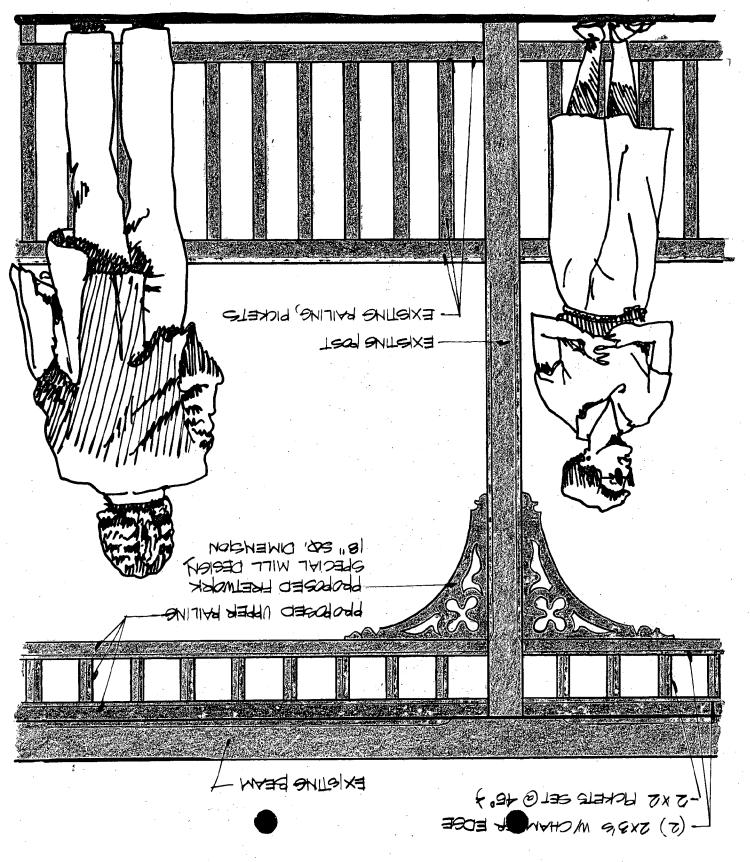
Figure #2b: Plan of second floor

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the Gothic builder perceived that, in the leaves which he copied for his minor decorations, there was a peculiar beauty, arising from certain characters of curvature in outline, and certain methods of subdivision and of radiation in structure. On a small scale, in his sculptures and his missal-painting, he copied the leaf or thorn itself; on a large scale he adopted from it its abstract sources of beauty, and gave the same kind of curvatures and the same species of subdivision to the outline of his arches, so far as was consistent with their strength, never, in any single instance, suggesting the resemblance to leafage by irregularity of outline, but keeping the structure perfectly simple, and, as we have seen, so consistent with the best principles of masonry, that in the finest Gothic designs of arches, which are always single-cusped (the cinquefoiled arch being licentious, though in early work often very lovely), it is literally impossible, without consulting the context of the building, to say whether the cusps have been added for the sake of beauty or of strength; nor, though in mediæval architecture they were, I believe, assuredly first employed in mere love of their picturesque form, am I absolutely certain that their earliest invention was not a structural effort.

It is evident, however, that the structural advantage of the cusp is available only in the case of arches on a comparatively small scale. If the arch becomes very large, the projections under the flanks must become too ponderous to be secure; the suspended weight of stone would be liable to break off, and such arches are therefore never constructed with heavy cusps, but rendered secure by general mass of masonry; and what additional appearance of support may be thought necessary (sometimes a considerable degree of *actual* support) is given by means of tracery.

Tracery began in the use of penetrations through the stonework of windows or walls, cut into forms which looked like stars when seen from within, and like leaves when seen from without; the name foil or feuille being universally applied to the separate lobes of their extremities, and the pleasure received

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from them being the same as that which we feel in the triple, quadruple, or other radiated leaves of vegetation, joined with the perception of a severcly geometrical order and symmetry. A few of the most common forms are represented, unconfused by exterior mouldings, in Fig. XXII, and the best traceries are nothing more than close clusters of such forms, with mouldings following their outlines.

The term "foliated," therefore, is equally descriptive of the most perfect conditions both of the simple arch and of the traceries by which in later Gothic it is filled : and this

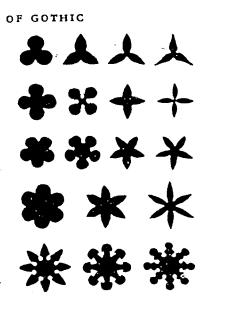


FIG. XXII

foliation is an essential character of the style. No Gothic is either good or characteristic, which is not foliated either in its arches or apertures. Sometimes the bearing arches are foliated, and the ornamentation above composed of figure sculpture; sometimes the bearing arches are plain, and the ornamentation above them is composed of foliated apertures. But the element of foliation *must* enter somewhere, or the style is imperfect. And our final definition of Gothic will, therefore, stand thus :—" Foliated Architecture, which uses the pointed arch for the roof proper, and the gable for the roof-mask."

We have now, I believe, obtained a sufficiently accurate knowledge both of the spirit and form of Gothic architecture; but it may, perhaps, be useful to the general reader, if, in conclusion, I set down a few plain and practical rules for determining, in every instance, whether a given building be good Gothic or

Figure #5

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