

30/13-prelim 10909 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park Historic District

REINHARDT ARCHITECTS

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July 20, 1993

Ms Nancy Witherell
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The Maryland-National Capital
Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
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Re: Gordon Residence
10909 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Dear Nancy:

My clients, Jim and Mary Gordon, would like to continue the front porch around the turret similar to the original porch which was removed some time before they purchased what is known in town as the 'Abernethy House'.

Construction materials and details are proposed to match or be similar to the existing portion of the porch.

We would appreciate a preliminary consultation with the Historic Preservation Commission on August 18, 1993 if at all possible.

Enclosed are copies of photos of the original porch, the house as it is today, and the proposed scheme.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Reinhardt, AIA

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 10909 Kenilworth Avenue Meeting Date: 8/18/93
Resource: Garrett Park Historic District Preliminary Consultation
Case Number: n/a Tax Credit: Yes
Public Notice: 8/4/93 Report Date: 8/11/93
Applicant: Jim and Mary Gordon Staff: Nancy Witherell
PROPOSAL: Build front porch RECOMMEND: Proceed

The preliminary consultation concerns rebuilding a front porch on the front and side of a Queen Anne-style house in the Garrett Park Historic District. Historic photographs of the house with its former porch are enclosed. The porch was partially removed sometime in the past; a front section is extant. The new configuration would be different than, but reminiscent of, the original porch.

As the present-day photographs make clear, the house no longer enjoys the side yard it once did; as a result, rebuilding the porch exactly as shown in the historic photographs would require a zoning variance and, moreover, would bring the porch very close to the adjacent house.

The applicants propose, instead, a modified version that would include a bowed front that would follow the curve of the corner turret. At the corner and along the side, the porch would follow a straight line and would project, at a minimum, only three feet from the turret.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The staff finds the proposal in keeping with the character of the house. Certainly, the existing truncated porch terminates oddly in the middle of windows on the front facade. While the staff would prefer ideally to see the porch restored to its original appearance and configuration, the proposed scheme would enhance the front of the house and give further expression to the projection and form of the corner turret. The elements of the new porch section would replicate those on the extant section.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff finds the proposal consistent with the ordinance and Secretary's Standards and recommends that the Commission advise the applicants to proceed with a HAWP application.

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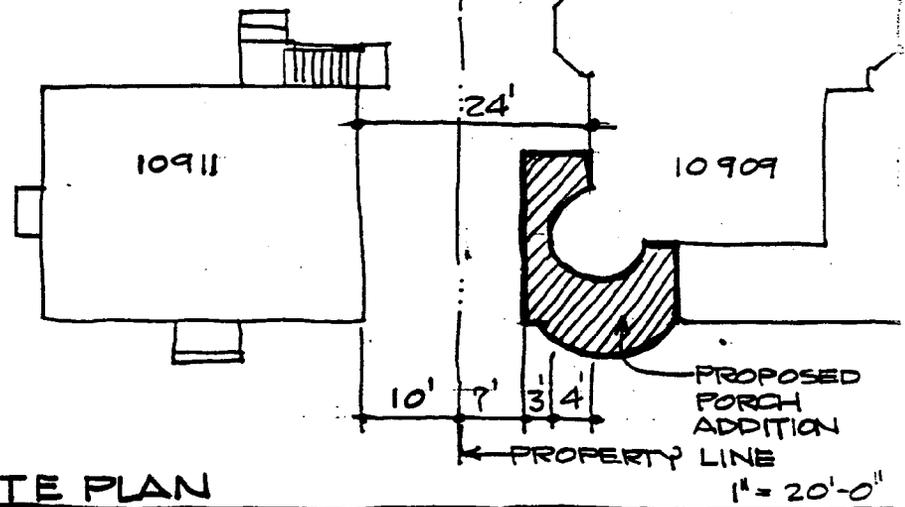
PROPOSED PORCH ADDITION #2
THE GORDON RESIDENCE

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 (NO VARIANCE REQUIRED)

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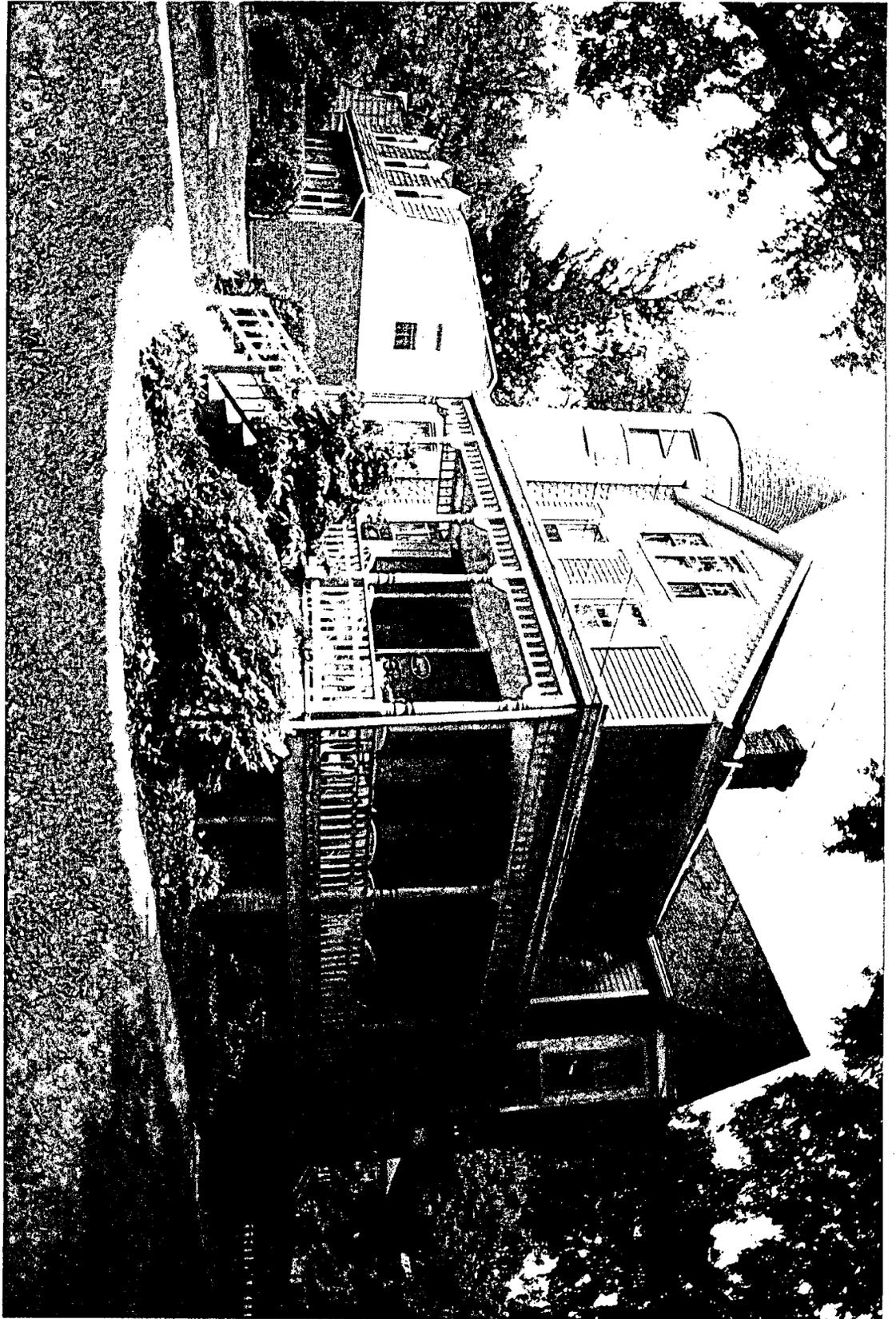


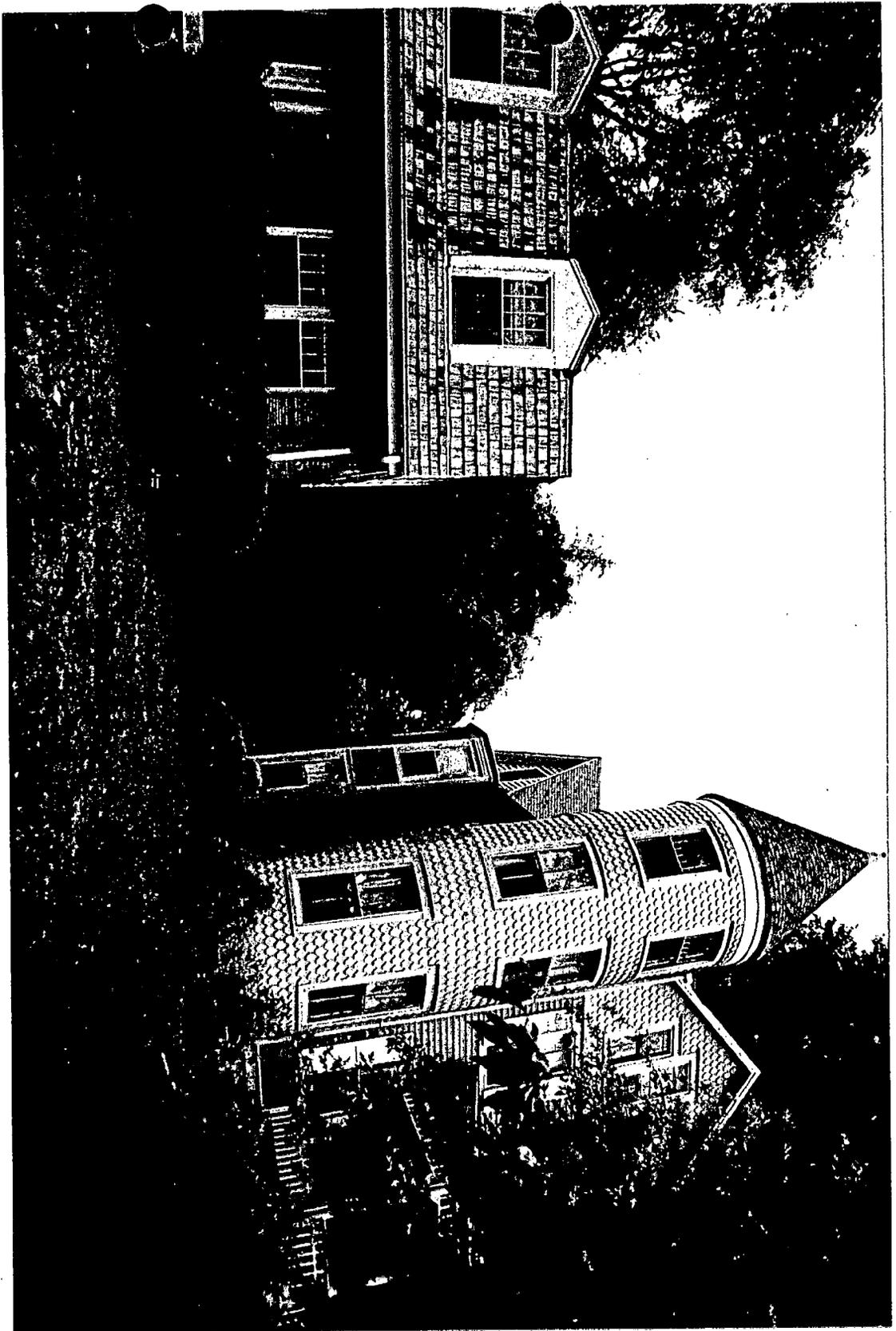


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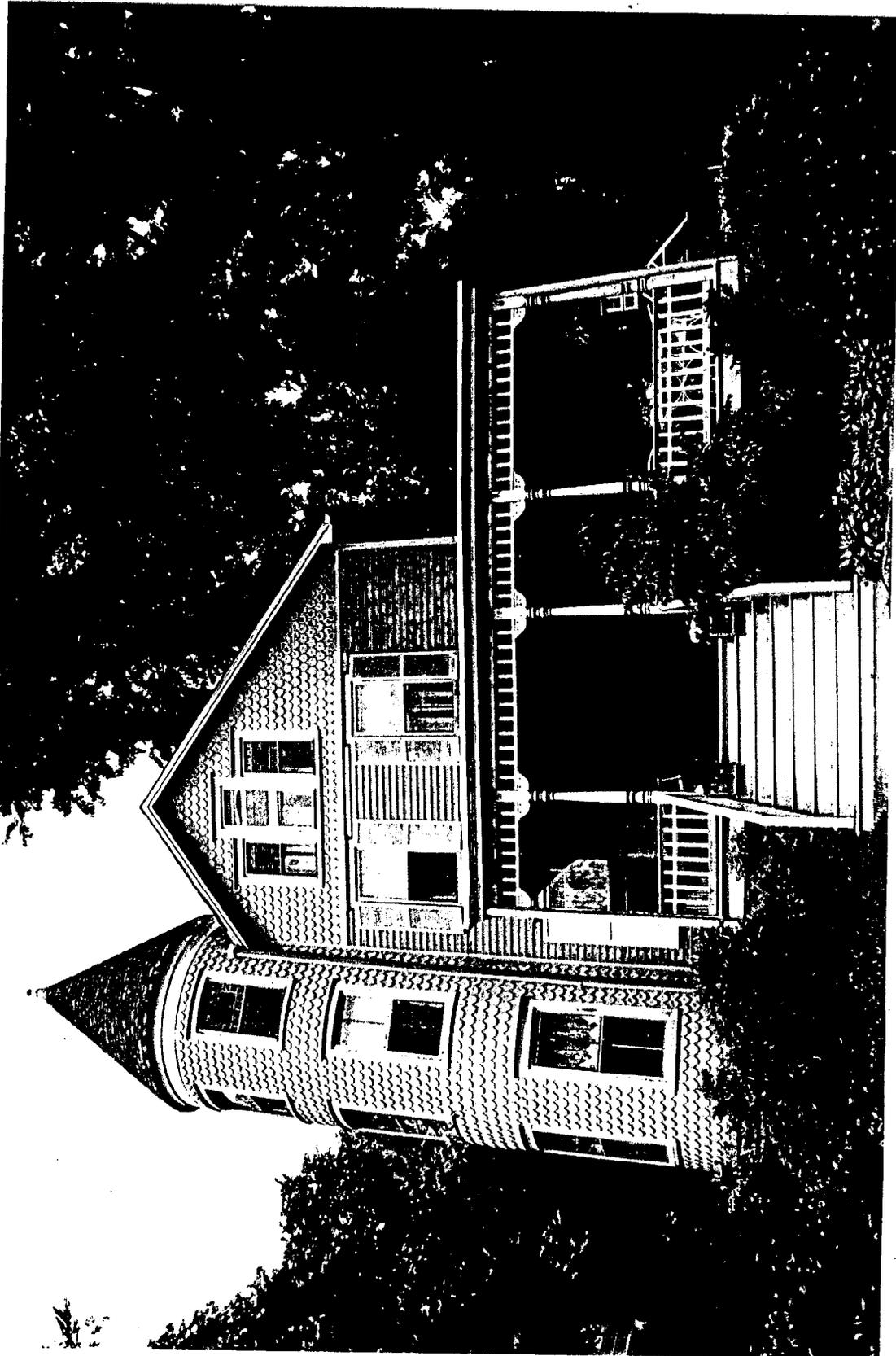








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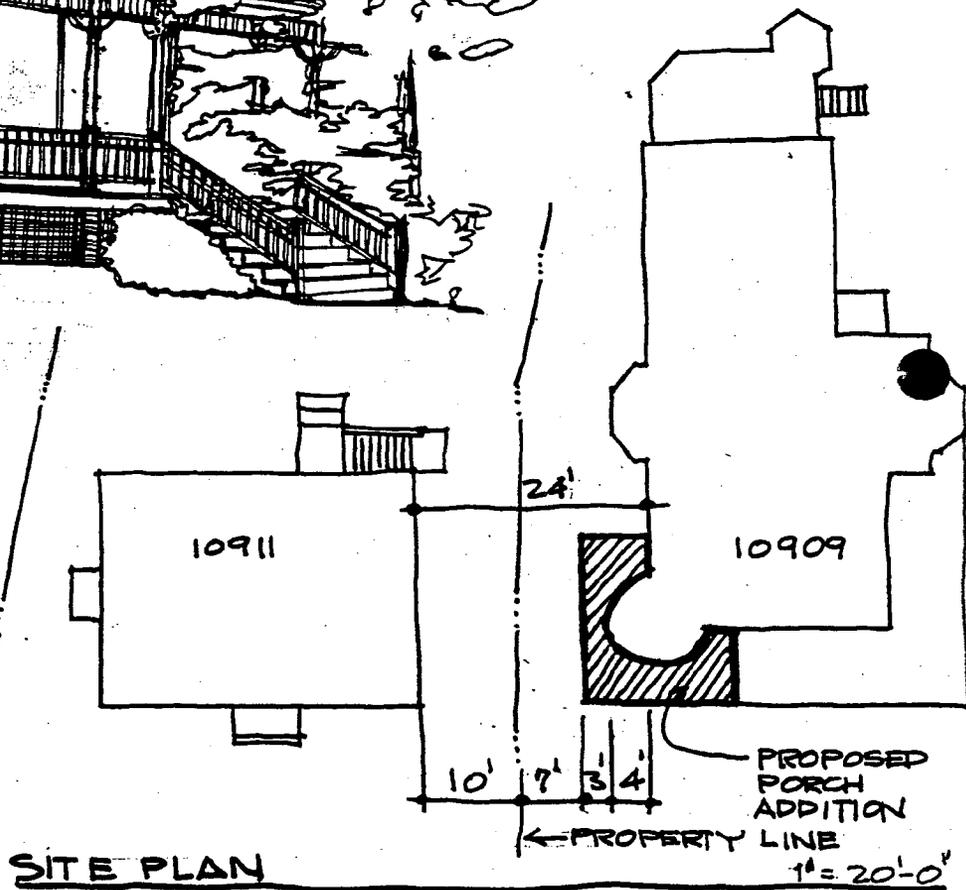




PROPOSED PORCH ADDITION #3
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