

14/41 8410 Brink Road  
Laytonsville (Goshen Mennonite)

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10/24/95

Hello,

This looks much better. I think we will need to move the module a bit to the right because of a tree on the left. We will be in touch.

Thanks - Have a good day.

Lee Munnica

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 8410 Brink Road, Laytonsville

Meeting Date: 11/15/95

Resource: Goshen Mennonite Church  
Master Plan Site #14/41

Review: PRELIMINARY  
CONSULTATION

Case Number: Not applicable

Tax Credit: No

Public Notice: 11/1/95

Report Date: 11/8/95

Applicant: Lee E. Mummau, Pastor

Staff: Robin D. Ziek

**PROPOSAL:** Install new building at rear

**RECOMMEND:** Proceed to  
HAWP

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BACKGROUND

**RESOURCE:** Brick church with hipped-mansard roof, 1871.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The building was built in 1871 by master builder S.G. Henseley, and based on a design by a Washington architect, Walter or Walters West. The site was originally dedicated in 1790 when Ignatius Pigman gave one acre to a Methodist Episcopal congregation for a new church. The original log building was replaced by a brick church in 1830. This building was demolished ca. 1869, and the current structure was built. The Methodist Episcopal congregation moved to Laytonsville in 1936, and this building and land were leased in 1950 by the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities for their use. It continues today in use by an active Mennonite congregation.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The 2+ acre site includes both the Goshen Mennonite Church and a cemetery. The current building has essentially been unmodified since the 19th century, according to the applicant. The congregation is small, but growing, and comes before the HPC with a proposal which will allow them to continue at this site.

The constraints on the project include the limited site possibilities because of the location of the cemetery and the need to protect mature trees adjacent to the church. In addition, the proposed addition would not affect any of the openings in the church (i.e., no new doors or windows).

The proposed site is a thin piece of land directly behind the church. The applicant proposes to buy and install a mobile modular unit at the rear, by the basement steps. The only connection to the original building would be the installation of a roof to provide cover between the basement steps and the entrance to the new module.

This new space will provide restrooms, additional classroom space, and roof for fellowship meals. Access to this area would be from the exterior grounds, either by a pathway along the side of the church, or from the basement steps at the rear.

2 H.C. bathrooms.

14'x60'



### Construction Proposed:

The proposed module, as purchased, is a simple box. However, the applicant has agreed with staff that the module could be modified to be more compatible with the existing building and site. Changes which were discussed with staff include the construction of a pitched roof over the module, use of either an entry porch or front gables at the module entrance, and the use of larger windows. The applicant has agreed that wood siding material could be used on the module. Staff would recommend clapboard, or board and batten.

The applicant has suggested roofing the rear steps which lead from the basement to the module entrance. Staff feels that a roof which would be attached to the rear of the original building would make the subsequent removal of the module more difficult, and recommends against this.

### STAFF DISCUSSION

The building has a strong architectural character, and sits on a tight site. An addition on the existing building would be very difficult. However, the applicant is proposing to install a module unit behind the existing building which they would own and which they could easily remove if and when their lease is up. The proposal is essentially reversible in terms of its effect on the original building and site.

Staff is encouraged by the rear location of the proposed construction, as well as the willingness of the applicant to modify the module to be more compatible with the existing church and site. Staff notes that the new facility would be handicapped accessible.

Staff feels that with modifications to the roof, windows, the use of wood exterior siding materials, and plantings for screening, a compatible installation can be achieved. The applicant has been a good caretaker for this historic site, and would continue here into the next century.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission allow this to proceed to HAWP, instructing the applicant on the level of detail necessary for their review and approval. Concerns which should be reflected in the HAWP proposal include:

1. Module to be constructed to accept field changes to roof, windows, and exterior materials;
2. Minimize or have no attachments to original structure.
3. Use plantings to screen the module from the public right-of-way.

*Goshen Mennonite Church*

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Historic Preservation Commission  
8787 Georgia Ave.  
Silver Spring, Md.

Dear Friends,

I have been pastor of the Goshen Mennonite Church since 1976. We have used "out-houses" ever since I am here. It is our desire to have restrooms for our use. The handicap and some elderly cannot use the "out-houses". Since they are down the hill, the ice and snow makes it bad for anyone.

We have to consider the building we are using, which is historical, the area we have for septic system, the cost for a small congregation, and the fact that whatever we do, will be on someone else's property. Enclosed you will find the letter of authority for this work from the property owners.

If we put the restrooms inside the church, it takes away valuable space. If we build permanently on the back, the cost is high. And there is only about 30-35 feet to the graves in the back.

While we are putting on restrooms, we would like to take care of some other needs. We need more classroom space for Summer Bible School. We need a place for our fellowship meals where there is more electric and handicap accessible. One man that is on a wheelchair has to stay upstairs now and his meal is brought up. A stove and sink would be nice if possible.

If we put a detached building on the side, it takes away valuable septic area.

Our congregation decided that we would seek permission to put a 14x60 module on back. This could have on it the kind of exterior that would not run competition with the church building and yet accommodate it. This would take the least expense to set up. The concrete footings that

the pillars set on to block it up could be below ground level, so if it is ever removed, the footings could be completely covered. It could set about 5 feet away from the back of the church building so we could go from the back door to the module under a roof that would keep us dry. The congregation would own the module. The septic system and well we would put in and of course would belong to the owners of the land. It would not be too close to the grave stones. It would be about ground level, so no dirt, or very little, would need to be dug.

As a congregation, we decided that we would approach this in 4 steps. #1. Get the approval of the congregation.

#2. Get the approval of the Cemetery Committee.

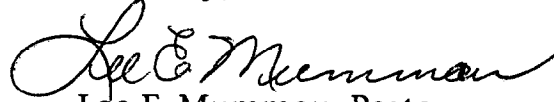
#3. Get the approval of the necessary county agencies.

#4. Have the money before we spend it.

We are on #3 right now.

Please look at our plans and give us advice. We want to proceed with this as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Lee E. Mummau, Pastor

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6001 Griffith Road  
Laytonsville, Md. 20882

October 3, 1995

Goshen Mennonite Church  
Lee Mummau, Pastor  
P.O. Box 5072  
Laytonsville, Md. 20882

Dear Pastor Mummau,

The Goshen Cemetery Company, Inc. is happy to extend our Lease Agreement between us and the Goshen Mennonite Church congregation for ten (10) years, from October 12, 1995 to October 12, 2005.

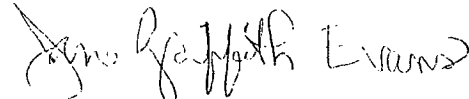
We do this with the understanding that the Mennonite congregation plans to install a free standing modular unit at the rear of the current church building. And that the congregation will also drill a well on the property and install a septic system on the property. The modular unit will have the water and septic hooked up to it.

It has been agreed that the exterior color and type of exterior materials used will be compatible with the existing structure. It has also been agreed that the installation of the well and the septic and the pipes connecting them to the building will be done so that trees, tree roots, cemetery plots, drive way, etc. will not be disturbed.

Finally, we want to thank the congregation for the continued good care of the grounds and church building.

Please stay in contact with Mr. Wiley Griffith at 926-0499 as work on this project continues.

Sincerely,



Jane Griffith Evans  
Secretary,  
Goshen Cemetery Company, Inc.

cc: members of the Goshen  
Cemetery Company, Inc.

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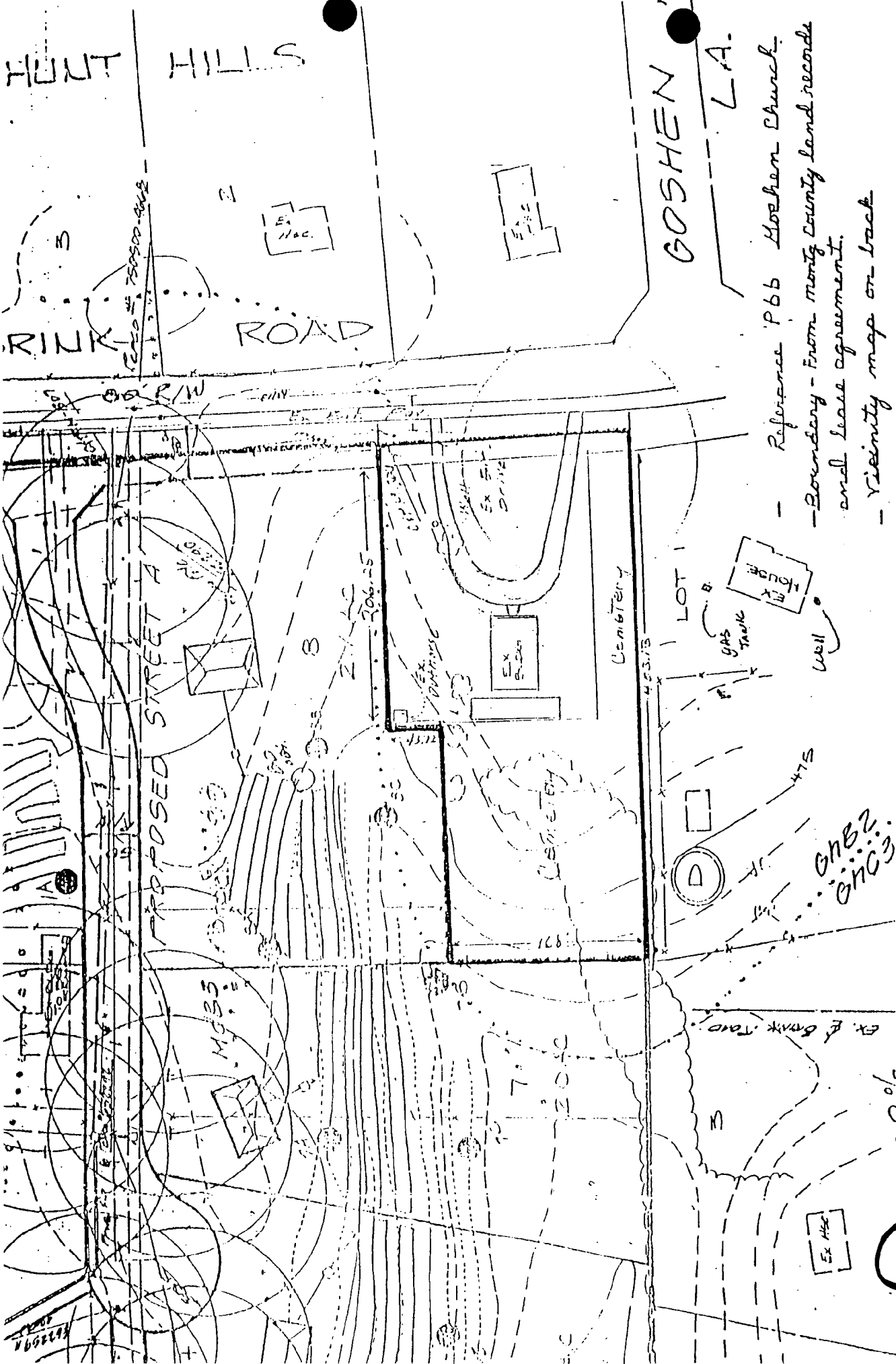
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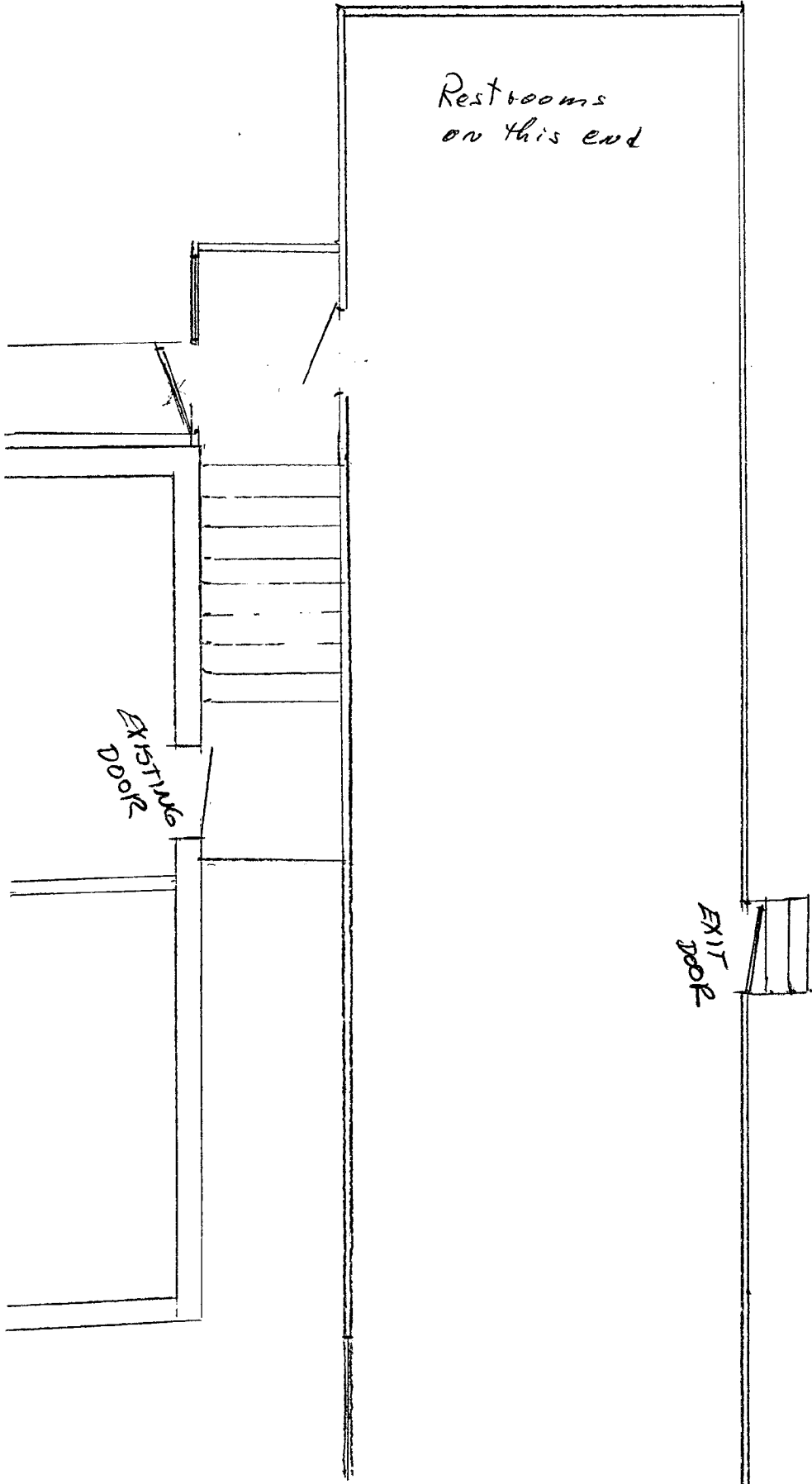


- Reference P66 Goshen Church
- Boundary - From Monty County land records and lease agreement.
- Vicinity map on back

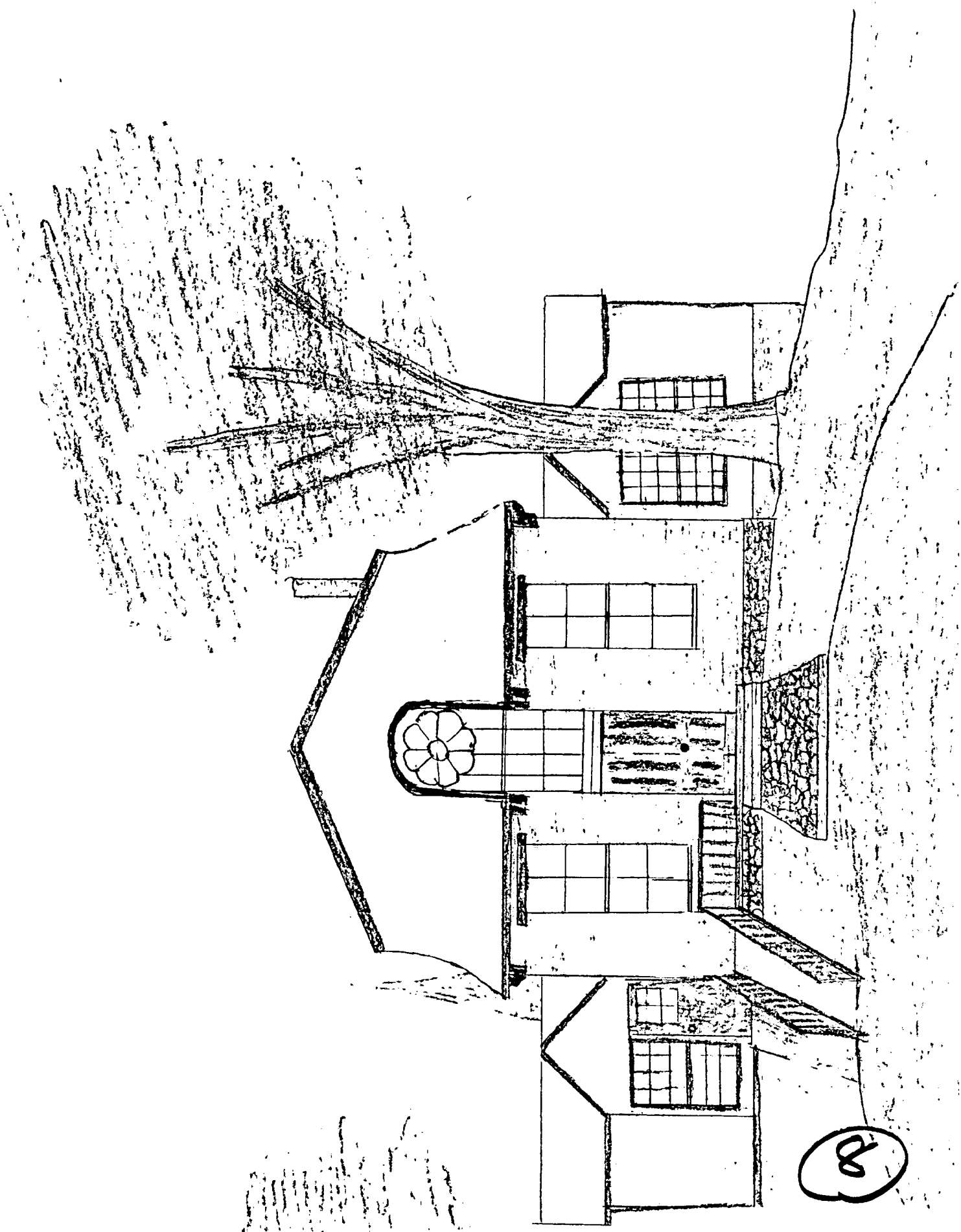
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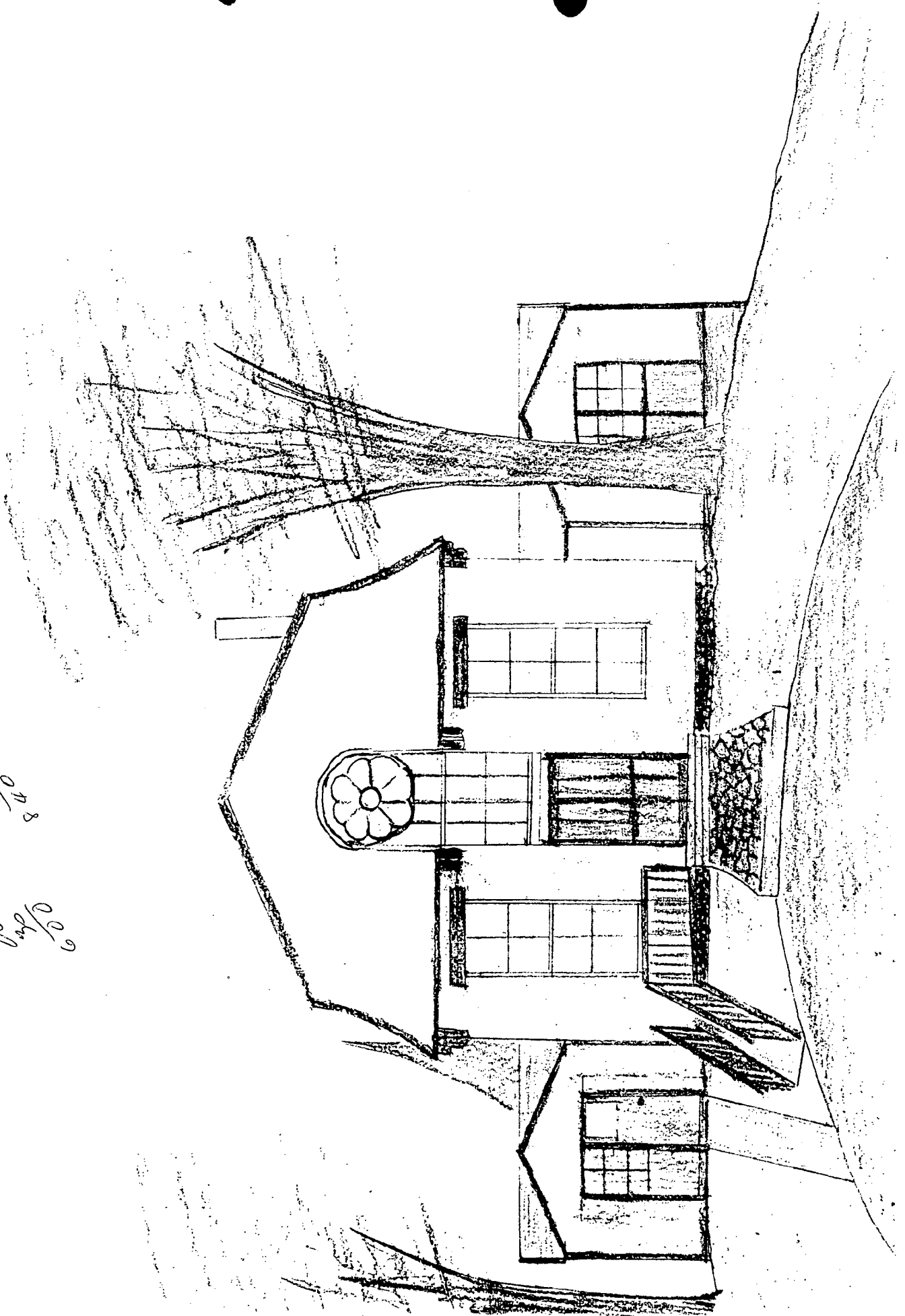


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Comments:

make shorter & wider

Camouflage

make smaller

Holt Gordon volunteers has L.A. firm for landscaping  
design pro bona

11/20/95 - Talked w/ Lee Mammann & he'll call Holt  
about NBS.