

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

<u>PREPARED BY:</u> Jared B. Cooper

DATE: March 21, 1990

CASE NUMBER: 19/19-90A

TYPE OF REVIEW: HAWP

<u>SITE/DISTRICT_NAME:</u> Grusendorf/Dunn Log House <u>PROPERTY ADDRESS:</u> 13315 Clopper Road Germantown, MD

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is proposing relocation of the Grusendorf/Dunn Log House (Master Plan Site # 19/19)from its current location on Clopper Road near Great Seneca Highway to Seneca Creek State Park. The existing structure, which is basically a single 19th century log "pen" without its original roof and chimney, is all that remains of what was a much larger house until the mid-1980's, when it burned. The remaining portion of the house is currently covered by a temporary shed style roof. However, it is exposed to the elements in the sense that much of the original chinking between the logs has disintegrated and many of the logs exhibit serious rot damage, which, if untreated, will be quickly compounded.

The proposal is to carefully document the structure, dismantle it piece by piece, move it to Seneca Creek State Park, and reassemble it. This, of course, is an over-simplification of a very complex project which to date has involved a great deal of research on the part of the applicant, including consultations with restoration experts Douglass Reed and Robert Albiol, Eileen McGuckian of Peerless Rockville, and staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff would not normally recommend approval of removal of a Master Plan site from its original location. However, because the structure, during the course of relocation, may ultimately receive more attention and a better restoration than if it remained indefinitely on its present site in a "boarded-up" state, staff recommends approval based on criteria 24A-8(b)(1), (3), and (6).

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. HAWP Application and Attachments
- 2. Photographs
- 3. Applicant's Drawings
- 4. Maps Showing Location of Proposed Site

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1. <u>Characterization of Resource</u>: The Grusendorf/Dunn log house was designated on the Master Plan in February, 1981, under criteria 1c, 2a, and 2e. It is significant as one of two structures remaining in the mid-19th century settlement known as "Old Germantown", and is an example of the simple but solid log construction of that era. Since designation, the one-room log house has survived a fire (which destroyed its turn-of-thecentury frame addition) and was the subject of a demolition by neglect citation (1985).

2. <u>Statement of Project Intent</u>: The log house, with an uncertain future on its current site, faces considerably brighter prospects with the proposed relocation and new ownership. The house will be documented, its logs labeled and disassembled, then relocated to and reassembled in adjacent Seneca Creek State Park for interpretive use. All salvageable materials, including logs, chinking materials, and foundation stone, will be used to reconstruct the dwelling at its new site. The intent is to reconstruct the building in as close to its original conformation as can be determined from photographs and extant parts.

The majority of work will be done by the Montgomery County Conservation Corps. Some work will be contracted directly through Sandy Spring Builders, Inc., the current owner. Staff of the future owner, Maryland Forest, Park & Wildlife Service (Seneca State Park), will coordinate all parties during the project and be responsible for future maintenance of the dwelling.

The proposed work conforms to the requirements and intent of Chapter 24A. It is compatible in character with the Historic Site, will protect and preserve the building, and will provide a public use compatible with its historic and architectural significance.

3. <u>Project Plan</u>: Drawings indicating the site, orientation, natural features, walks, and relationship to other structures are attached.

4. Tree Survey: N.A.

5/6. Design Features/Facades: Photographs and drawings attached.

7. Materials Specifications:

Foundation: 16" x 4" cinderblock below grade, surmounted by stone wall of original material.

<u>Walls & Floors</u>: Original logs repaired with epoxy; replace any damaged logs; all stacked in proper sequence. <u>Doors & Windows</u>: If unable to obtain replacements from Old House Parts, reconstruct period pieces to fit openings. [continued on next page]

<u>Miscellaneous</u>: We tewash; stone chimney wite approved mortar mix; chinking of stone, held together with wire mesh and plaster compound. <u>Gutters</u>: Request advice from HPC.

8. Names & Addresses of Adjacent & Confronting Property Owners:

Adjacent:

Central Atlantic Conference of United Church of Christ Box 861, Germantown, MD 20874 N287 parcel C Old Germantown, plat 16266, 4.74 acres; Premise: 13421 Clopper Road Accnt # 9-001-02674714

Kenneth Y. Stiles, Trustee % Nvland Inc., 6820 Elm Street, McLean, VA 22101 P185, 87.88 acres, "Fathers Good Will"; Premise: 0000 Mateney Road Accnt # 9-001-00775737

Central Corporation 8901 Edgeworth Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 P435, 16.22 acres, "Fathers Good Will" Premise: 0000 Clopper Road Accnt # 9-001-00769576

Great Seneca Highway

Confronting:

Clopper Realty Joint Venture, % Michael I. Snaders 1250 Connecticut Ave., N.W., #800, Washington, D.C. 20036 "Lot near Germantown", 8.67 acres Accnt # 6-001-00400067

GRUSENDORF LOG HOUSE PROCEDURE FOR RELOCATION & SELECTIVE RESTORATION

As a general rule, follow methodology prescribed by Douglass Reed in videotape made April, 1989 at the site and further specifications prepared by Robert Albiol, December, 1989.

1. Photograph & measure building, including foundation pattern, logs, chinking, notching, beams, etc. Label logs.

2. Move logs (gingerly) and store at new site, which has been prepared.

3. Prepare new foundation; dig 30" deep trench, to hold 8" concrete footers, topped by mortared cinderblock. Depending upon budget restraints, the above-ground foundation will be either cinderblock faced with stone or the actual, original stones.

4. Walkways, ramp: Handicapped ramp (required by State) and brick walkways will match those existing in park.

5. Electrical: There will be no electricity on or in the building. However, an underground cable will service an exterior fixture to throw light on the building.

6. Walls & Floors will be repaired with epoxy when possible and replaced if necessary. Logs will be restacked in proper sequence, and joists will be embedded into logs.

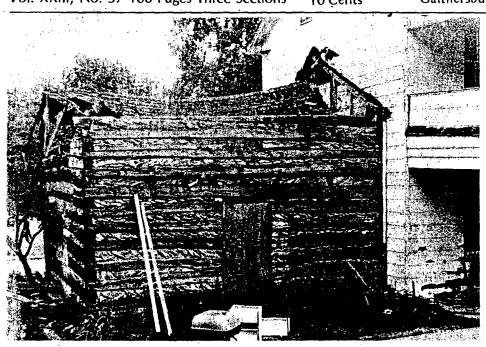
7. Stairs, Doors and Windows will be replaced as close to original specifications as can be determined. If appropriate parts are not available at Old House Parts, they will be custom built.

8. Fireplace and chimney will be reconstructed, using original or similar stones, with a mortar mixture prescribed by the National Park Service.

9. Roof: rebuild gable roof, using pitch indicated on photographs.

10. Whitewash interior.





OLLAPSING LOG CABIN attached to a frame house on Clopper Road, Germancown, 'was the subject of a County Planning Commission meeting last week. Berger Rearman Builders are purchasing the property and could decide the outcome of the 19th contury cabin.

-Photo by Chuck Wisner

County to seek \$9 million for school construction

by Pat Ettl The county will seek about \$9 million in state funding for school construction projects, according to rough estimates of a list now being prepared for presentation to school officials this Friday.

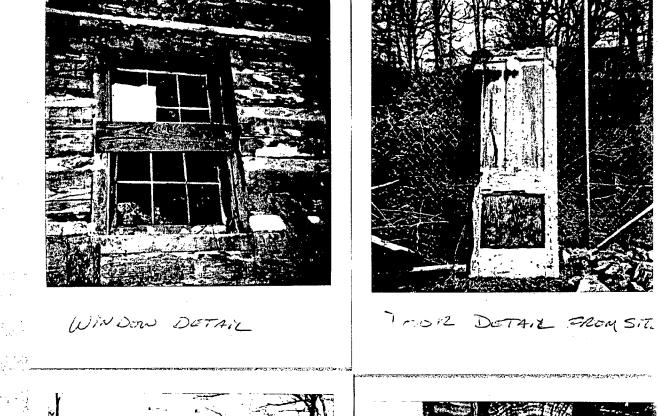
The list under consideration will be those projects taht the county wil forward to the State Inter-Agency for school construction.

The state has moved up its deadline of receiving local requests by three weeks, forcing local agencies also to advance their actions. The Board of Education and the county school superintendent will forward their requests to the Montgomery County Council on Oct. 15. The county council and the school board will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed projects Nov. 18. The state deadline for submission is Dec. 7, instead of Dec. 31, as it had been in previous years.

County Council President Neal Potter told the council on Tuesday to hold open worksession dates in November for discussion of the school capital improvement projects. Potter said he expected considerable discussion will be needed in light of what he feels will be large requests for a limited amount of state money. He said the county is also on fiscal restraints and decisions will have to be may on how much of the costs the county will be able to assume.

Among projects for which the county is certain to seek state funding is reimbursement of the more than \$1 million the county is advancing for the current renovation project at Gaithersburg Elementary School. The county is also expected to (See SCHOOL, page 20)

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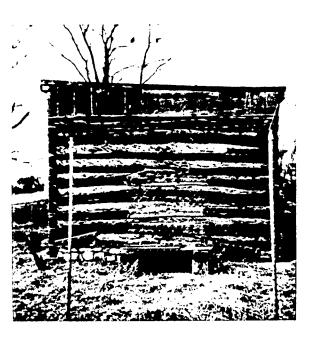


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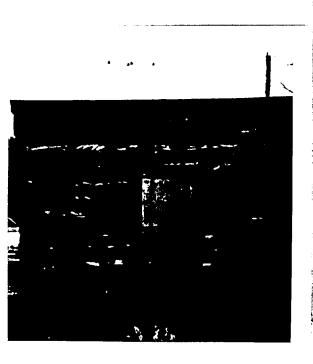


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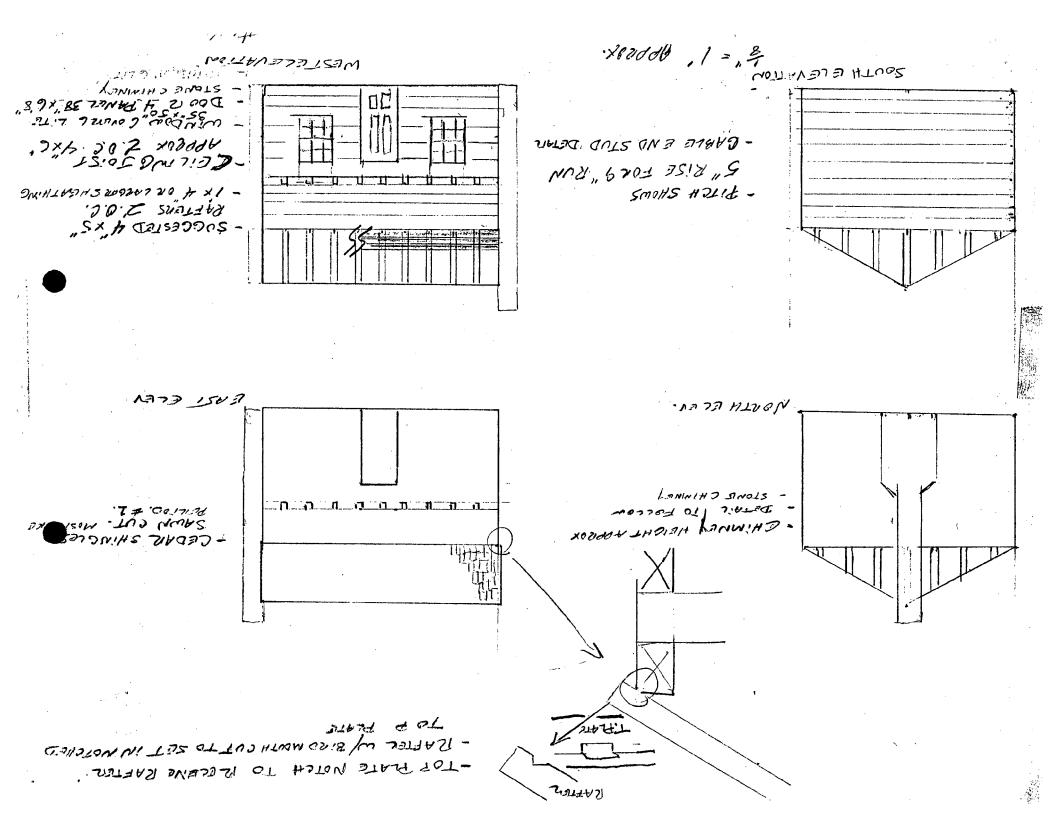


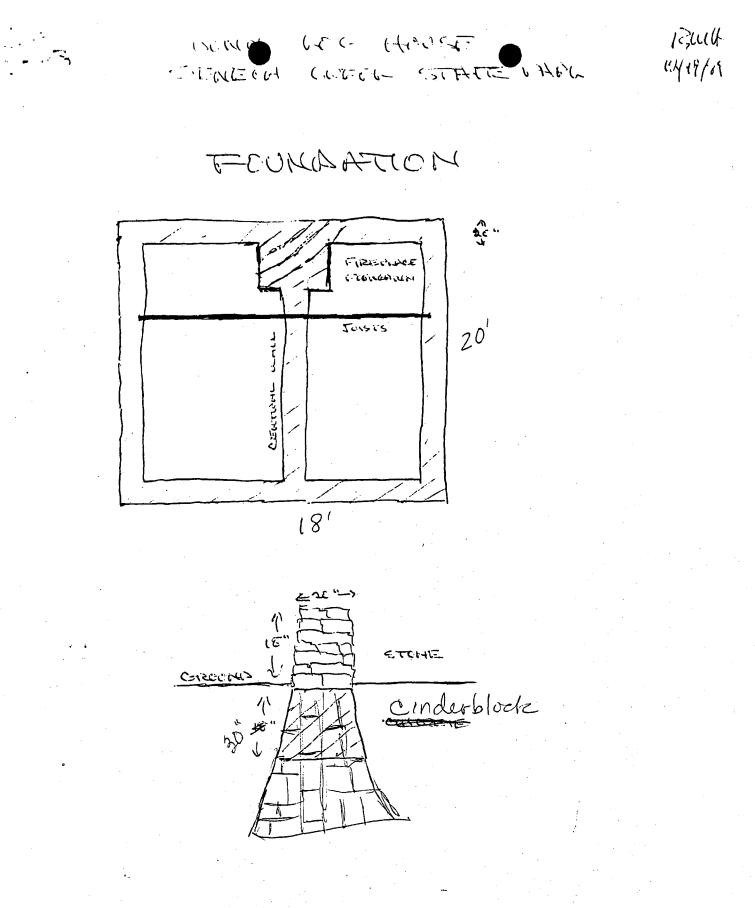
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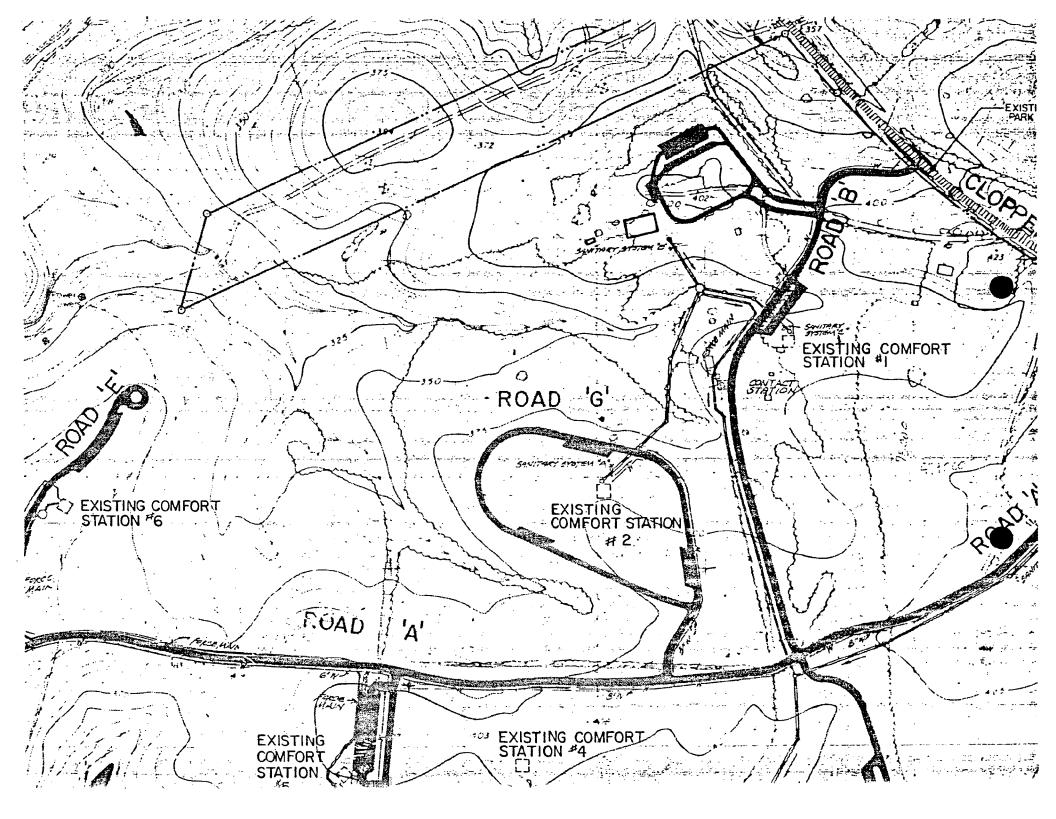


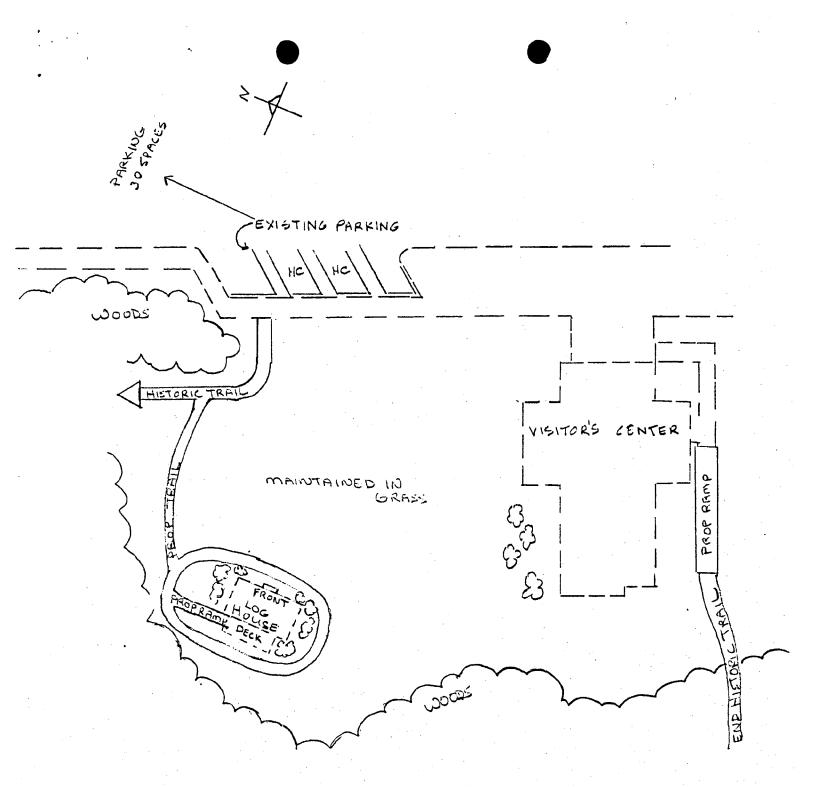
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DUNN LOG HOUSE RECORD AND PLAN Ι Procedure: Photograph and measure building (see reference article). Make drawings of existing and of new building. Label logs. Time: 1 week Supplies: 2) hard hats, 100' measuring tape, camera (or video camera), 10) 35mm film 100 ASA (or 2 video tapes), 50) labels, 20' ladder, flashlight, hammer and drawing paper. Labor: 2 people & consultant move loge + stone Cost: \$1,500 MOVE II Procedure: Clean up around the building. Remove roof and put it with trash. Load logs and chinking on truck. More log ground Time: 1 week. Supplies: 5) hardhats, 4) 20' ladders, sledgehammer 4) crowbars, 5) gloves, 6) 100' 1" ropes, 4) hammmers and truck. rent scaffolding? Labor: 4 people Costs: \$1,500 30" III FOUNDATION, RAMP, DECK AND WALKWAY Procedure: Prepare to make a foundation which will run all around the building, directly under the walls and halfway through the building, perpendicular to floor joists. Dig a trench, 20" wide by 18" deep, directly under where the walls will stand. In addition, prepare footings for the fireplace and the deck. Use Re-bars and concrete TO MATCH foundation, 18" high (central supporting wall can be built out of STATE PK block). Build an 18" X 18" stone wall on top of foundation, embedding joists for 1st floor in such a manner that they are flush, with the topof the wall. Put in handicapped ramp and deck, and (brick walkway) Supplies: 9 yards) concrete, 40) blocks, 3 tons) bank sand, stone, 5) 901bs (14) of white portland cement, trowels, rough lumber for forms, rental of cement mixer and 30) 2" X 8" X 24' process Labor: 3 professionals Walkway, See 4 Up Cost: Foundation and wall, \$8,000. Ramp and deck, \$2,000. \$10,000. ELECTRICAL - exterior Procedure: Plan location and style of lighting. Run underground cable from freue source. Put subpanel and receptacle. Time: 1 week Supplies: Light fixtures, apple subscription in the subscription of the sub Supplies: Light fixtures, cable, subpanel, receptacle, bulbs and misc. % Labor: 2 professionals Costs: \$5,000

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WALLS AND FLOORS v Procedure: Repair logs with epoxy and/or replace damaged logs. Restack logs in proper sequence. Nail in 1st floor. Embed 2nd floor joists into logs. Use rough 2" X 8" as joists. Time: 2 weeks "Supplies: Epoxy, replacement logs, 1200 board feet of flooring, nails and 20) 3" X 8" X 22' rough cut joists. Labor: 4 people Cost: \$7,000 influes labor STAIRS VI Procedure: Build corner stairs with beaded wood siding and plank door (see reference article). reference article, Time: 1 week Supplies: Stringers, Treads, risers, beaded wood siding planks and W e de la constance Labor: 2 people Cost: \$1,000 VII FIREPLACE Procedure: Use similar stones as original, with soft mortar. Time: 3 weeks Supplies: Stone from local quarry, 2) ton bank sand and 5) white portland. Labor: 2 professionals Cost: \$5,000 VIII ROOF ρ Procedure: Build gabled roof with 1" X 10" perpendicular cross members. Time: 2 weeks purchase Turialo Supplies: 8) squares of cedar shakes, 30) 2" X 8" X 20' (rough cut), 800') 1" X 10" (rough cut), nails, circular saw, jig saw. Labor: 4 people Costs: \$2,000 CHINKING IX Procedure: Using bricks or stone to fill the gaps between the logs. Staple 1/4" wire mesh along both sides of the gap. Using a latex chinking compound, coat the wire mesh (see reference materials). Time: 2 weeks Supplies: 500 bricks and/or stone, masons hammer, trowel, 40) 5 gal pails of latex chinking compound. Labor: 2 professionals - Doug or Someone to get them started DOURD AND WINDOWS Procedure: Make plank door out of rough lumber. Purchase like window. Jost Time: 1 week Supplies: Planks, windows, hardware and caulking. Labor: 2 people Costs: \$1,000 WHITTELLOUTE X XI WHITEWASHING Procedure: Spray paint Time: 2 days Supplies: 10 gallons of whitewash, sprayer and brushes. Labor: 2 people Costs: \$1,000

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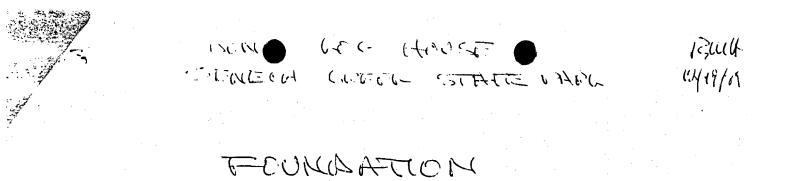
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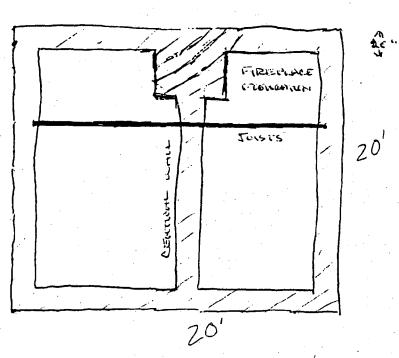
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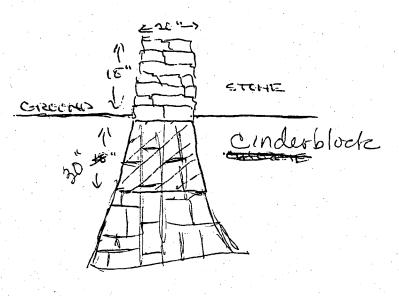
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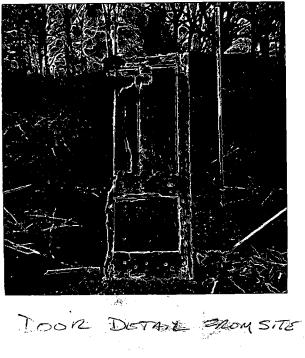
> Private consulting/trouble shooting.@ \$300.00/hr. 1 hour per week Total 10 hours \$3000.00

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