4817 Dorset Avenue (Prelim.) S P (Somerset Historic District)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

4817 Dorset Avenue

Meeting Date:

02/28/01

Applicant:

Rodd & Jodi Macklin

Report Date:

02/21/01

Resource:

Somerset Historic District

(David Jones Architects)

Public Notice:

02/14/01

Review:

Tax Credit:

Partial

Case Number:

35/36-01B

Staff:

Perry Kephart Kapsch

PROPOSAL: New garage, rear/front/side additions, tree removal, new cladding.

RECOMMEND: Approve with conditions.

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CONDITIONS

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front façade.

Document and photograph the existing conditions, particularly the front entrance, before construction commences. The records are to be retained in the HPC files for the Somerset Historic District. + under or

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:

Contributing Resource

STYLE:

Colonial Revival Cottage

DATE:

1939

The residence is a three bay, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ - story cottage with two gabled front dormers, an elaborate central front door, and an offset wing on the left side. The house has a Vermont slate roof. The gable ends and dormers are clad in asbestos shingle; the front façade is faced in stone with brick facing on the side and rear. There is a lower level garage at the rear. The windows are 6/6 with operable shutters.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is shown on the Somerset Historic District designation as a Contributing Resource constructed around 1915. In fact, the construction plans are dated 1939, a date which is consistent with the design and materials of the building. Somerset Historic District consists of contributing resources (those built before 1915) and non-contributing (these are identified as 1916 – 1940 or 1940 – present). (The original survey of the district listed structures

from 1916-1940 as contributing resources. This classification was not included when the Montgomery County Council designated the historic district.) To add to the confusion, this house was included in the district at the time of designation as being built before 1915; later discussions of the guidelines for the historic district identify it as being built after 1915 and before 1931. The plans for the house are dated 1939 – a more logical date given the style and materials used in its construction. When the house was considered as contributing, the architectural details that are specifically identified in the guidelines are the stone facing (this is one of only two stone houses in the historic district, considered an exception to the wood and brick that is prevalent), the elaborate revival doorway, and the slate roof.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes (with changes from the Preliminary Consultation in bold) to:

- 1. Construct a new 2-story, 4 bay wing on the right side of the existing house. The wing is clad in stucco and is set flush with the existing front façade. The roof for all the new structures is to match the existing slate. The windows are to be 6/6 TDL with wood framing and operable shutters. The door to the wing is wood with a 9-light panel and 3-light transom.
- 2. Remove the existing rear shed dormer.
- 3. Construct a new 1 ½-story frame wing with lapped wood cladding at the rear of the existing cottage with a new porch and adjacent terrace, the wing to be connected to the 2-story east addition by means of a 2-story gallery along the rear of the existing structure.
- 4. Construct a new frame two-car garage with lapped wood siding on the west side and extend the existing driveway.
- 5. Remove a large tree (decayed and in decline) at the site of the proposed garage.
- 6. Cover the brick facing on the west side of the cottage with stucco and replace the asbestos shingles in the end gable with lapped wood.
- 7. Construct a shed roof porch on the west end of the cottage with steps leading down to the driveway.
- 8. Replace the front door with a 6/6 window with operable wood shutters.
- 9. Replace the right front window with a wood door with 5 light transom and operable shutters.
- 10. Install a new dormer to match the existing dormers as modified.
- 11. Construct a bracketed shed roof overhang over the proposed new front entrance.
- 12. Cover the existing stone façades with stucco.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The applicants propose to keep the existing roof and shape of the cottage. The front porch proposed at the Preliminary Consultation has been deleted in order to comply with front yard setback requirements. The proposed cladding has also been modified from stone to stucco to be in keeping with the simpler form of the current design.

The design for the new construction is that of a large house to which the existing house is

attached as an ancillary wing. The historic context for this would be *Moneysworth* with a Greek Revival house attached to the side of a Tidewater Cottage, the *Old Chiswell Place* where an early log cottage was attached to an 1823 brick Federal home, or I houses attached to the side of earlier 1 ½-story log houses that are seen throughout the county. In this case, a small revival cottage is being modified to become a grand neo-revival residence. The use of revival styling is generally appropriate in Montgomery County, both staff and the Somerset Local Advisory Panel feel that it is a compatible alteration in the Somerset Historic District.

- 1. Mature deciduous trees should be retained. The applicant has indicated that the only tree scheduled for removal is diseased and dying. An arborist report to that effect will be included in the application. All other trees are to be protected during construction. The guidelines recommend tree replacement when dead trees are removed. It also recommends trees be planted in front of new infill to mitigate the effect of the structures on the streetscape.
- 2. New infill is recommended to be no more than 2 ½ stories high, and this house is within that height restriction. However, the guidelines recommend that additions to contributing resources should maintain a secondary character to the main house, preferably hidden from view, and be less decorative. The applicant has submitted a design in which the existing house is supposed to appear secondary to the larger house at the right, but is clearly differentiated by the siting of the new addition. The rotation to the side of the new addition also minimizes its size relative to that of the existing cottage.
- 3. Additions should be placed entirely to the rear of the house if at all possible. This guideline relates more to changes to structures from the period of significance those built before 1915.
- 4. Guidelines specifically related to infill indicate that new projects should take into account the important structures in the district the Victorian and early 20th century residences. It is recommended that infill should have no gingerbread or ostentatious detailing, and use simply detailed fenestration and entrances. In this case, although grand in scale, the detailing on the house has been kept simple.
- Most of the garages in the district are for one car. The proposed garage is in keeping with the scale of the proposed residence, but is substantially larger than the adjacent garage. The materials and design are in keeping with the simplicity and prevalent materials used in the historic district. The LAP has indicated that the size of the garage is appropriate to the setting.
- 6. The setback along the 4800 Block of Dorset is noted for its uniformity. This project should have no effect.
- 7. Staff is concerned that houses in the historic district have a main façade facing the street. Specifically, the guidelines note that the Victorian-era resources were predominantly vertical in orientation with a main façade facing the street a façade that is taller than it is wide. Staff would recommend that the orientation of the proposed changes not serve as a precedent for future projects in the historic district.
- 8. Staff is also concerned that two of the three identifying features of the house

 the stone facing and the elaborate front doorway are being removed or
 obscured. Staff would concur with the changes to the doorway as the

building is outside the period of significance for the historic district. Staff would recommend that the stone facing be retained, as it is a familiar architectural feature of the streetscape. It also clearly differentiates the existing resource from the new construction. The architect is concerned that using the two surfaces — stucco and stone — is not in keeping with the simple design for the house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with conditions the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter,

and with the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines #9 and #10:

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

with the conditions:

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with the general condition applicable to all Historic Area Work Permits that the applicant shall also present any permit sets of drawings to HPC staff for review and stamping prior to submission for permits and shall arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS), Field Services Office, five days prior to commencement of work. and within two weeks following completion of work.



DPS-#8

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

	Contact Person: DAVID JONES
	Daytime Phone No.: 202 - 332 - 1200
Tax Account No.: 851931 (16 07-00537520)	
Name of Property Owner: RODD & JODI MACKLIN	Daytime Phone No.: 301 - 656 - 09 26
Address: 3615 TAYLOR ST., CHEVY CH	ASE MD 20815
Address: 3615 TAYLOR ST., CHEVY CH	Staet Zip Code
Contractor:	Phone No.:
Contractor Registration No.:	<u></u>
Agent for Owner: DAVID JONES ARCHITECTS	Daytime Phone No.: 202 - 332 - 1200
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE	
House Number: 4817 Street:	DORGET AVELUDE
Town/City: CHEVY CHASE Nearest Cross Street:	
Lot: 20 Block: 2 Subdivision: SomERS	
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PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE	
1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE: CHECK ALL APPLICABLE	PLICABLE:
☑ Construct ☑ Extend ☑ Alter/Renovate ☐ A/C ☐ S	Slab Noom Addition Porch Deck Shed
☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck:Raze ☐ Solar [V	Fireplace 🗇 Woodburning Stove 🕒 Single Family
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐ Fence/Wall	(complete Section 4) 🔲 Other:
18. Construction cost estimate: \$ 600,000	
1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit #	
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2B. Type of water supply: 01 🖫 WSSC 02 🗀 Well	03 🗆 Other:
PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL	
3A. Height feet inches	
38. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the follow	wing locations:
On party line/property line Entirely on land of owner	On public right of way/easement
I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the loregoing application, that the appl	ication is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans
approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a cond	
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Approved:For Chairpers	on, Historic Preservation Commission
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Application/Permit No.: 331575 Oate Filed:	1 30 0 Date Issued:

35/36-01B

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE

REQUIRED	DOCUMENTS	MUST	ACCOMPANY	THIS	APPLICATION

a.	Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance: 1/2 STORY COLONIAL REVIVAL "CAPE" WITH STONE
	FRONT BRICK & ASBESTOS SHINGLE SIDES & BEAR
	\$ NEWYOUT SLATE ROOF, LOCATED IN THE SOMERSHIT
	HISTORIC DISTRICT
b.	General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:
	Add a 2-story wing and 1/2 story wing to existing
	house. Kaing existing and nedge and fright lave adding
	a new thorst poich? Add new 1-can garage.

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include: .

a. the scale, north arrow, and date;

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 3 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.

- a. Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

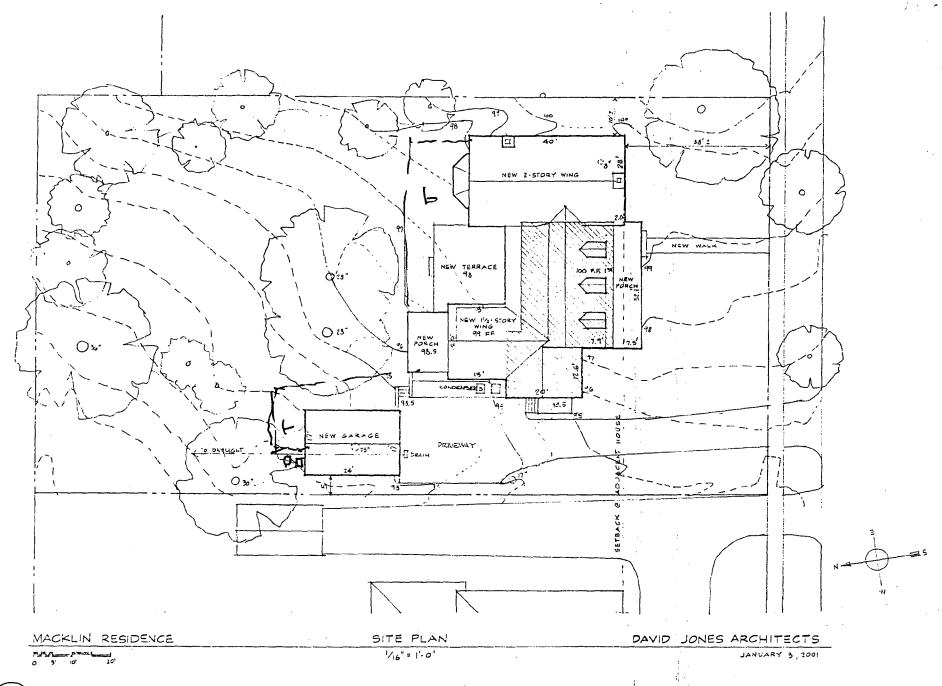
- a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- b. Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

6. TREE SURVEY

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6° or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For ALL projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street highway from the parcel in question. You can obtain this information from the Department of Assessments and Taxation, 51 Monroe Street, Rockville, (301/279-1355).



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DAVID JONES ARCHITECTS

15 February 2001

Ms. Perry Kapsch, Historic Preservation Planner Historic Preservation Commission 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re:

HAWP Application Macklin Residence 4817 Dorset Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Ms. Kapsch,

We have discovered that the proposed design (drawings dated 1/3/01) for the above project does not comply with the Montgomery County front yard set-back requirement. Due to an offset in the alignment of Dorset Avenue, the Established Building Line (average front yard set-back) is greater than we originally calculated. This means that we cannot build forward of the existing face of house (except for a small porch or stoop).

Mr. & Mrs. Macklin are very fond of the house as originally designed, and prefer the idea of adding to and altering the existing house to building a completely new house. Therefore, we ask that the HPC consider the original design with the following changes, thus enabling the project to meet the zoning requirements:

- 1. Re-locate the 2-story wing back 2' to align with the existing house.
- 2. Delete the front porch, substituting a roof overhang and stoop at the front door.
- 3. Apply stucco over the existing stone and brick, with the new additions sheathed in stucco over masonry.

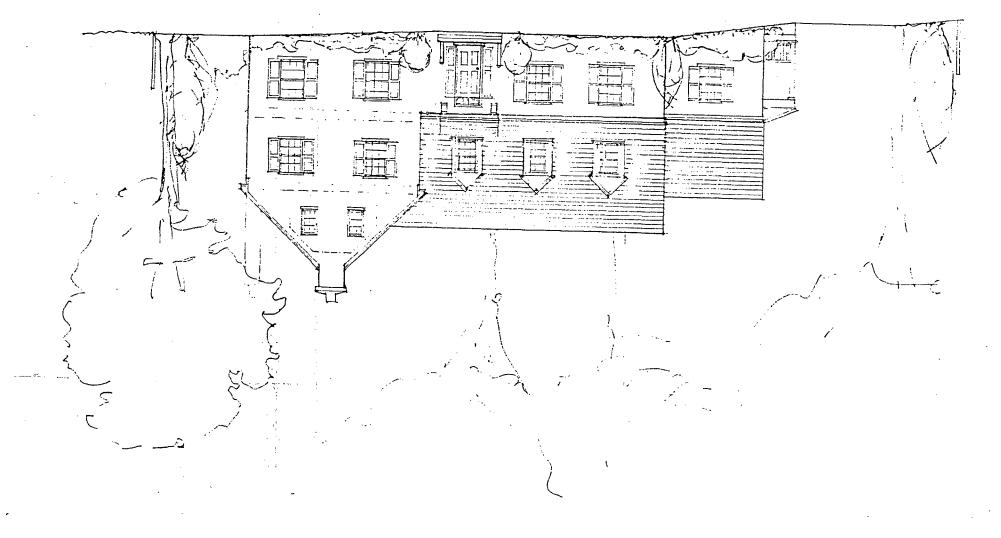
I have attached a drawing of the front elevation illustrating those changes for your consideration.

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Enclosures

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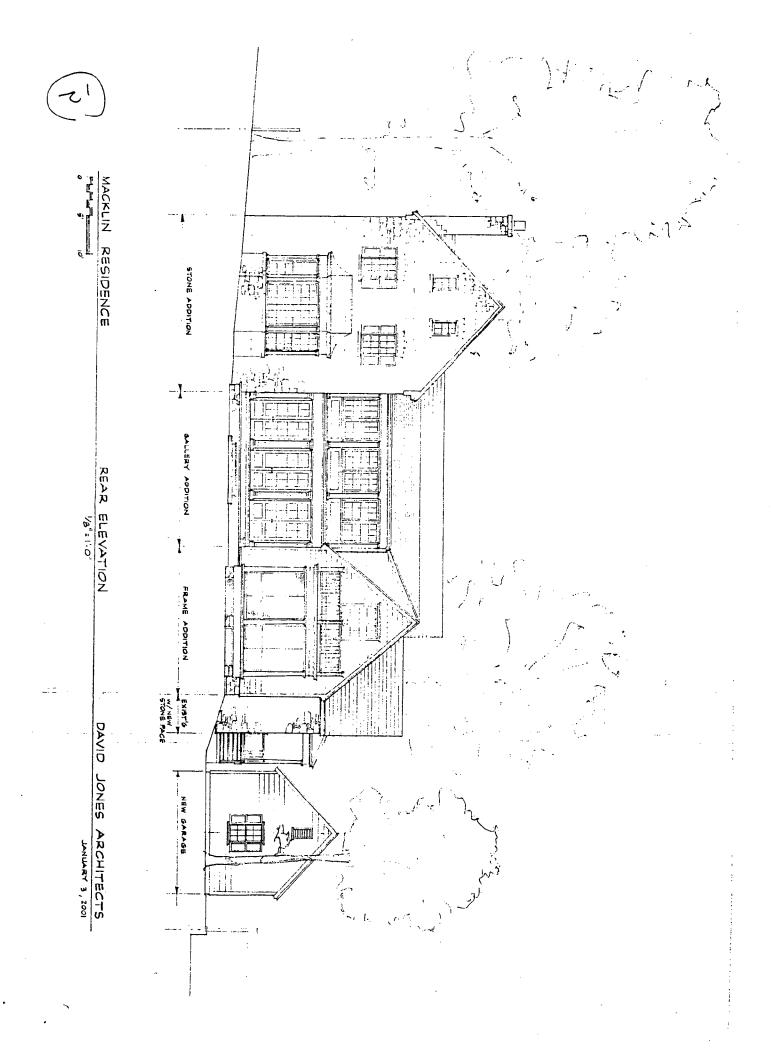
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EAST ELEVATION

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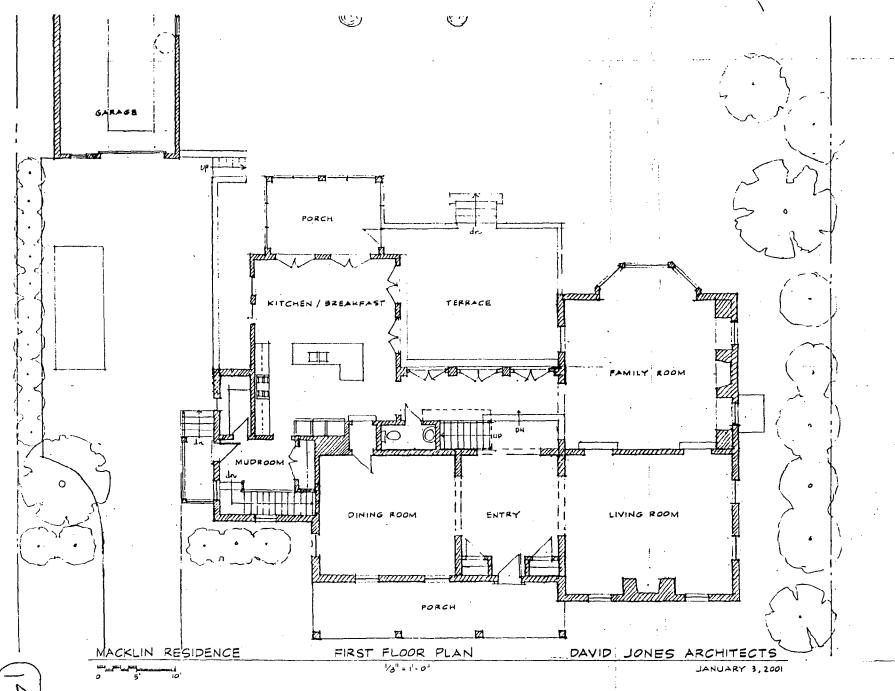
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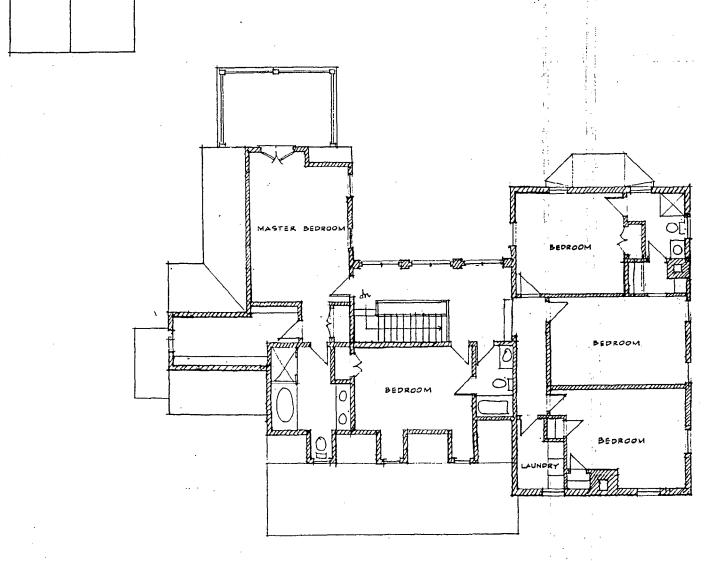
WEST ELEVATION

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1/3'=1'-0"

JANUARY 3,2001





MACKLIN RESIDENCE

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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JANUARY 3, 2001

4817 DORSET AVENUE, CHEVY CHASE, MD

Adjacent & Confronting Properties

4818 Cumberland Avenue James & Peggy Davis

4816 Cumberland Avenue Edward & Lynn Dolnick

4814 Cumberland Avenue Henry & Dorothy Fischer

5712 Surrey Street Floyd & Nancy Galler

4819 Dorset Avenue Lewis & Dale Saul

4807 Dorset Avenue Joe Lipscomb & Laura Will

4805 Dorset Avenue Robert & Pat Gage

4816 Dorset Avenue Herb & Jane Beller

4820 Dorset Avenue Paul Chodoff

Note: All addresses at Chevy Chase, MD 20815



2279 Lewis Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20851 (301) 881-8130 • Fax (301) 881-3695

January 15, 2001

Mr. David Jones
David Jones Architects
1739 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Jones,

As requested, I inspected the trees at the Macklin residence, 4817 Dorset Ave. in Somerset this afternoon. I wish to report my findings.

There are two large tuliptrees in the center rear. The one to the left has a large cavity that significantly impacts the structural integrity of the tree. This tree should be taken down. The adjacent tuliptree has been "topped" and the large cuts have created wounding throughout the crown of the tree. These wounds have opened an avenue for decay to invade the plant and rotted areas presently exist. As the rot expands, sections of the tree will begin to fail. It is now an opportune time to remove this tree.

The third tree you asked for me to examine is within the footprint of the new garage in the left rear. Garage or no garage, this tree is a hazard because of the extensive decay in the trunk and should be taken down.

In addition to these three trees, there is a double-trunked ash tree in the left rear behind the proposed garage that is also decayed. This tree should be taken down while there is good access to the area.

From an historical standpoint, the reason these trees are in such poor condition is because of the damage they initially received as a result of the downburst on June 14, 1989. Somerset was clobbered by this unique storm and the resulting damage is still being felt today.

Please let me know if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Wolfe, II

President

Integrated Plant Care, Inc.



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4817 DORSET AVENUE CHEVY CHASE, MD

Materials Specifications

Exterior stone: New stone veneer and mortar to match existing.

Roof: Existing slate to be removed, saved and re-installed, and new Vermont slate to match existing in color, thickness and dimension.

Gutters and downspouts: Copper half-round and round.

New painted wood clapboard: Painted cedar, 5" exposure.

New windows: Painted wood true divided lite double hung to match existing. Painted metal frame storm and screen windows on all double hung windows. In stone veneer, sills and casing to match existing. In clapboard painted wood sill and 5/4 x 3" casing.

New exterior doors: Painted wood true divided lite, except simulated divided lite insulated at rear of house.

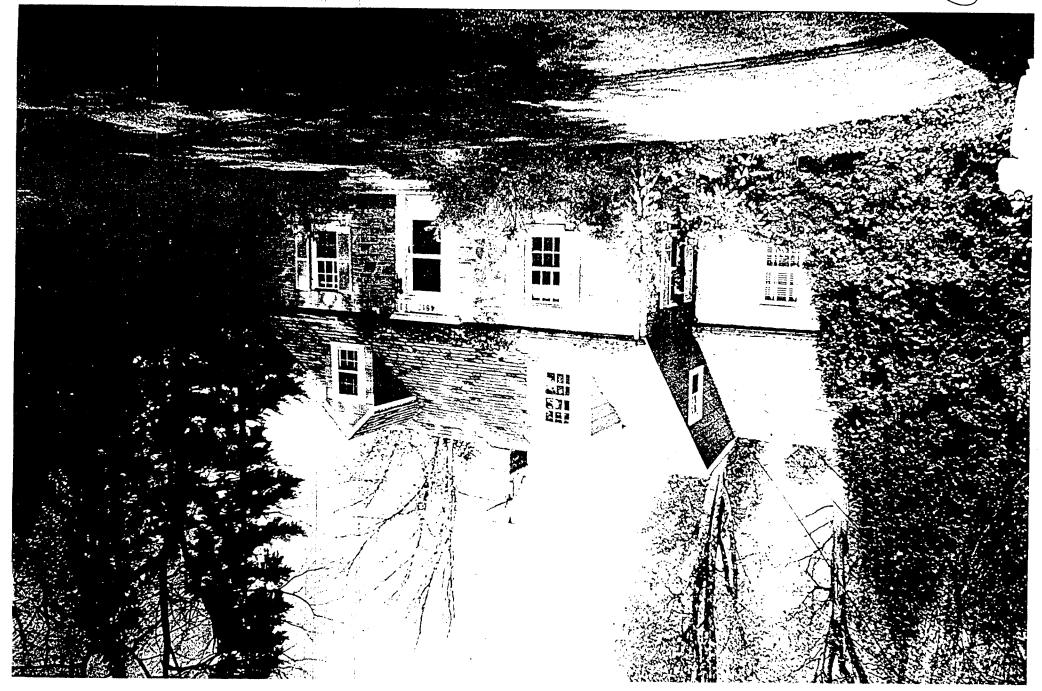
Painted wood columns, cornices, railings, rake boards, etc: painted cedar, redwood or fir.

Porch ceiling: painted beaded fir.

Porch floors, terrace and front walk: random rectangular bluestone.

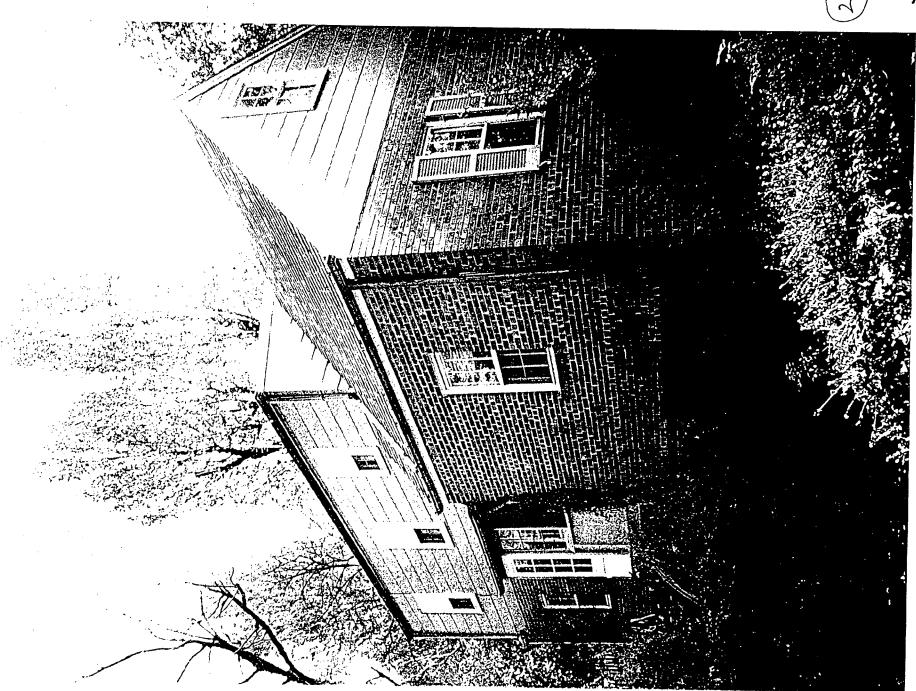
Driveway: asphalt.





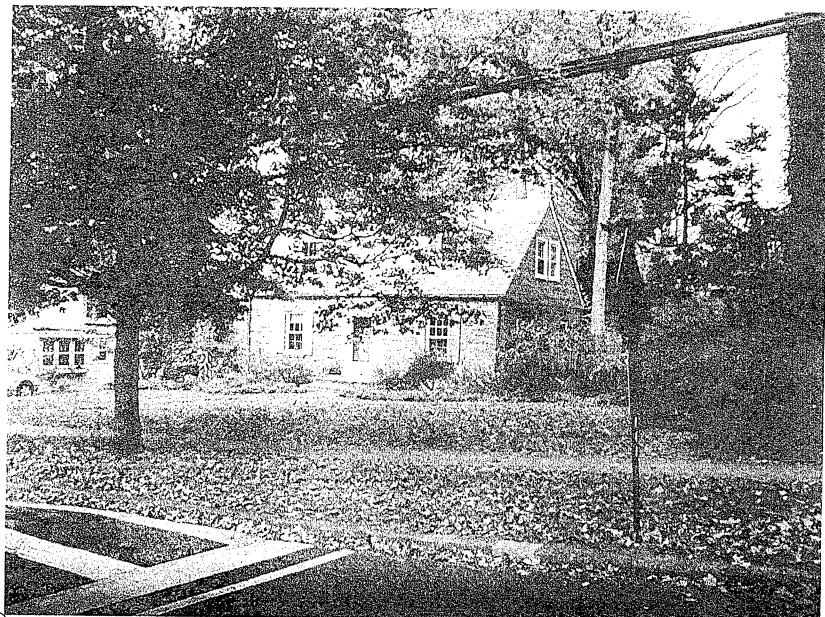
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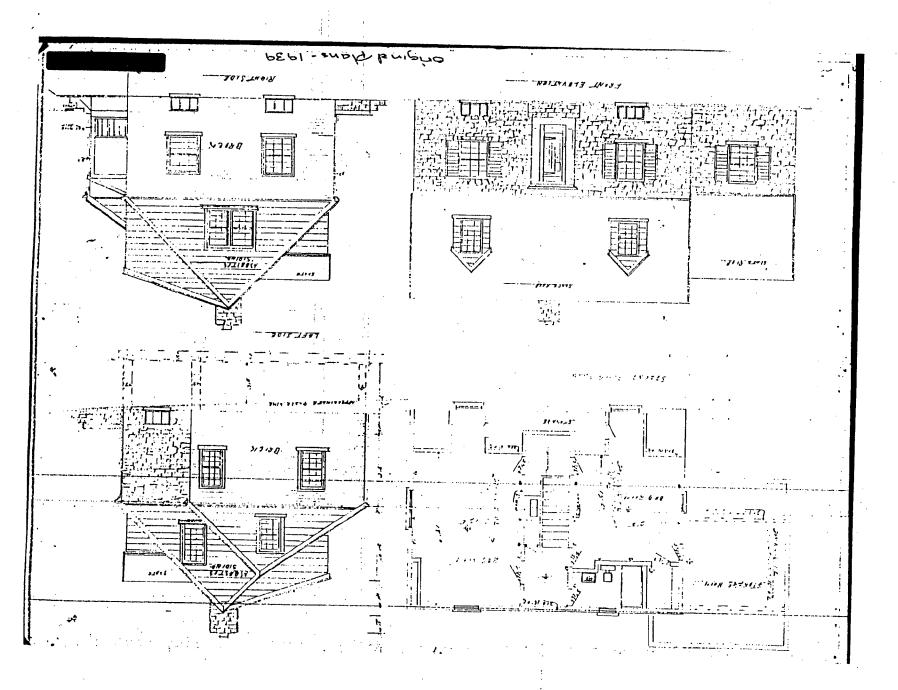


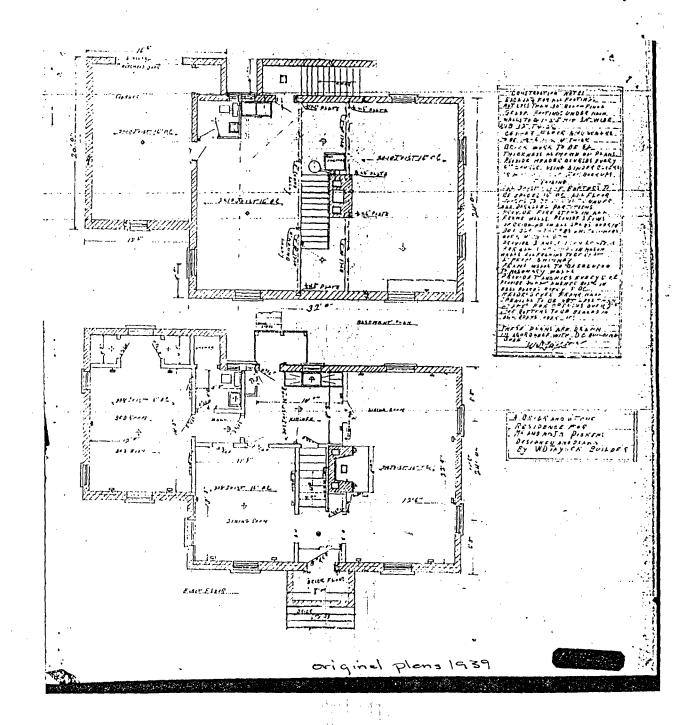


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DAVID T. JONES AIA 1739 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NORTHWEST WASHINGTON, DC 20009 202 332-1200 To Weller Behr







March 1, 2001

MEMORANDUM

This application was:

TO:

Robert Hubbard, Director

2023327044

Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Gwen Wright, Coordinator

Historic Preservation

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit

HPC Case No: 35/36-01B DPS No.: 239575

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit.

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1. Document and photograph the existing conditions, particularly the front entrance and including the interior, before construction commences. The records are to be retained in the HPC files for the Somerset Historic District.

Please note that the building permit for this project will be issued conditional upon adherence to the approved Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) to:

Applicant:

Rodd & Jodi Macklin

Address:

4817 Dorset Avenue, Chevy Chase

and subject to the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County DPS Field Services Office at 240-777-6210 prior to commencement of work and not more than two weeks following completion of work.

* * * HPC Staff must review and stamp the construction drawings prior to application for a building permit with Department of Permitting Services. * * *

DAVID JONES ARCHITECTS

1739 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW. WASHINGTON. DC 20009 FAX: 202-332-7044 TEL: 202-332-1200

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March 1, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM:

Gwen Wright, Coordinator

Historic Preservation Section

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit Application

Approval of Application /Release of Other Required Permits

HPC Case No. 35/36-01B DPS #: 239575

Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a transmittal memorandum stating conditions (if any) for approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit at Department of Permitting Services (DPS) at 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor, Rockville. Before applying, please be sure that any permit sets of construction drawings have been reviewed and stamped by HPC Staff. We are located at 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801, Silver Spring. Our office hours are 8:30 to 5:00.

When you file for your building permit with DPS, you must take with you: 1) the enclosed forms, 2) the stamped sets of construction drawings, and 3) the Historic Area Work Permit if one was mailed directly to you from DPS. These forms are proof that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed your project. For further information about filing procedures or materials for your county building permit review, please call DPS at 240-777-6370.

If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 301-563-3400.

Please note that you must arrange for a field inspection for conformance with your approved HAWP plans. Please inform DPS/Field Services at 240-777-6210 of your anticipated work schedule.

Thank you very much for your patience - and good luck with your project!

FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Historic Preservation Office Department of Park & Planning

Fax Number: (301)-563-3412

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Wright, Gwen

From: Steven L. Spurlock [sspurlock@wnukspurlock.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 10:41 AM

To: Wright, Gwen

Subject: Re: June 26th HPC Meeting

Gwen, Sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting this evening. I would enjoy hearing the presentation by DPS and the more I think about the Myers case, the more mad I am at myself for not requesting a stop work order at the last meeting. I trust you will advise the commission to be as strict as possible with George and I will fully support a stop work order if that is the result of tonight's review. I also am of the belief that George Myers should no longer be given the option of an expedited review on any future cases and any revisions of any approved HAWPs should come before the full commission. Please feel free to share these opinions with the commission and give my best to the board if you make it to Annapolis this afternoon. Cheers from camp, Steven

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Historic Preservation Office Department of Park & Planning

Telephone Number: (301) 563-3400

TO: Molly Scott FAN NUMBER: 301.599.6120
FROM: Zobin Zek
DATE: 6.10.02
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Please call Perry Kapsch with
Please call Perry Kapsch with your guestions - Thanks.
- Waters
Molly - Use The HAWP application for guidance, in terms of Tree removal, etc
We really only need a cover letter o your drawings - and we probably
have The neighbors 1st Royal

Fax Number: (301)-563-3412



RETURN TO: DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES 255 ROCKVILLE PIKE, 2nd FLOOR, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 240/777-6370

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Town/City: CHEVY CHASE Nearest Cross Street:					
Lot: 20 Block: 2 Subdivision: SOMERS					
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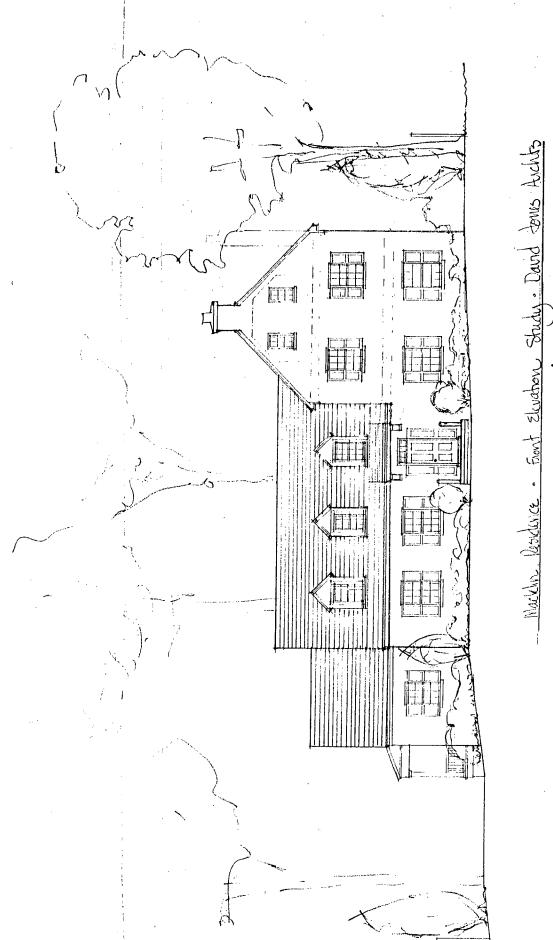
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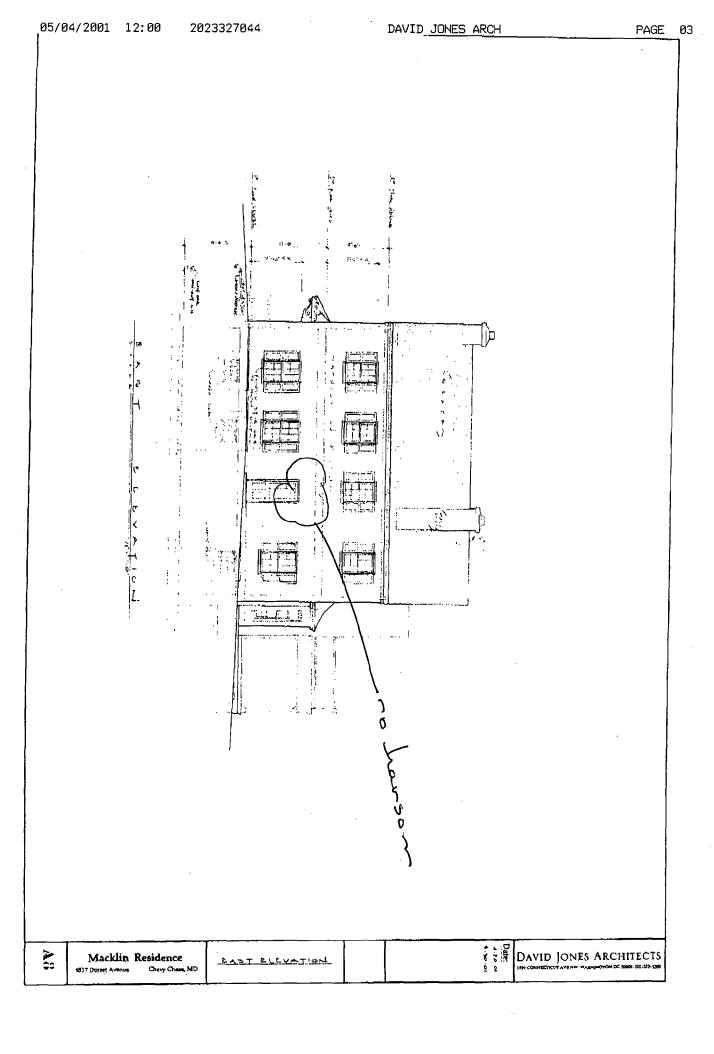


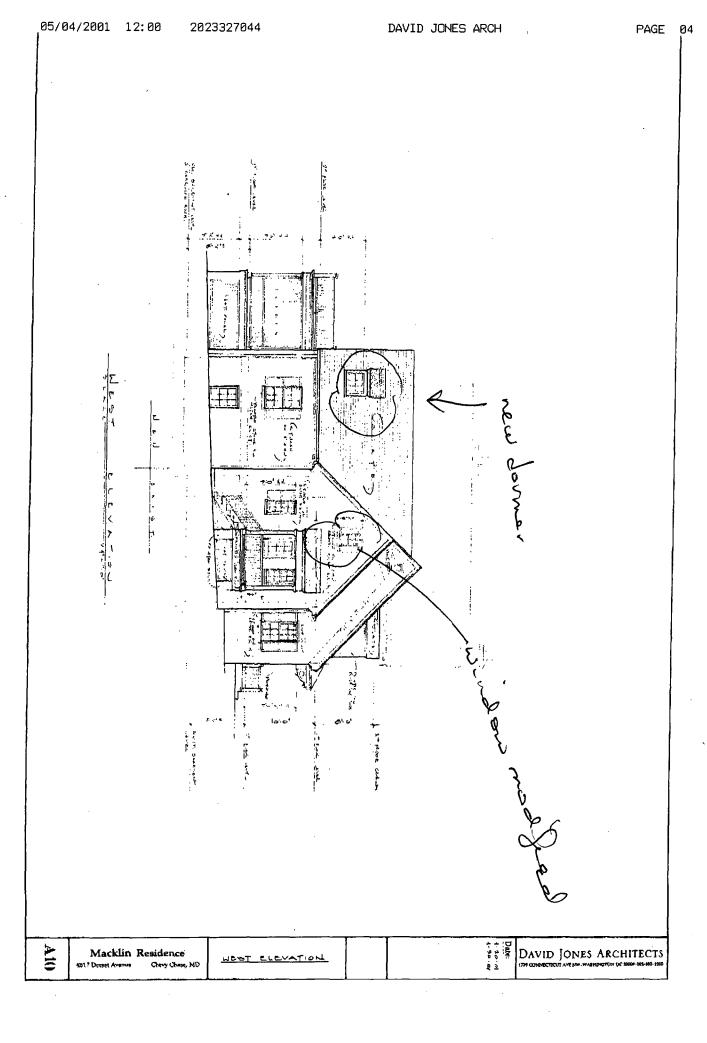
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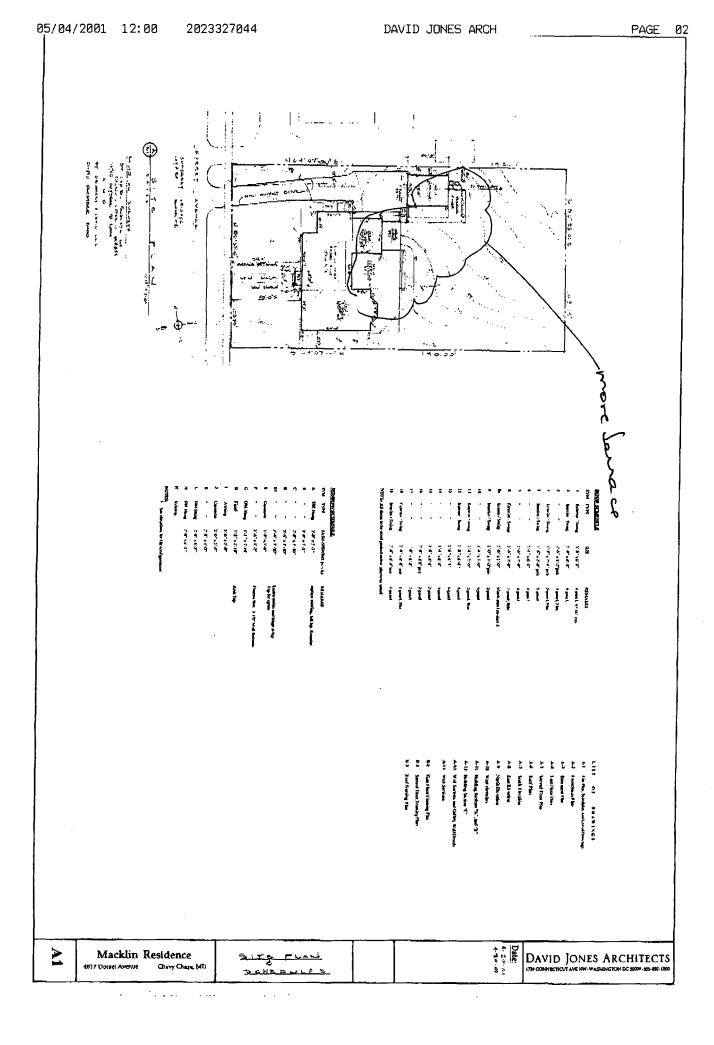
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MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

March 1, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM:

Gwen Wright, Coordinator

Historic Preservation Section

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit Application

Approval of Application /Release of Other Required Permits

HPC Case No. 35/36-01B DPS #: 239575

Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a transmittal memorandum stating conditions (if any) for approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit at Department of Permitting Services (DPS) at 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor, Rockville. Before applying, please be sure that any permit sets of construction drawings have been reviewed and stamped by HPC Staff. We are located at 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801, Silver Spring. Our office hours are 8:30 to 5:00.

When you file for your building permit with DPS, you must take with you: 1) the enclosed forms, 2) the stamped sets of construction drawings, and 3) the Historic Area Work Permit if one was mailed directly to you from DPS. These forms are proof that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed your project. For further information about filing procedures or materials for your county building permit review, please call DPS at 240-777-6370.

If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 301-563-3400.

Please note that you must arrange for a field inspection for conformance with your approved HAWP plans. Please inform DPS/Field Services at 240-777-6210 of your anticipated work schedule.

Thank you very much for your patience – and good luck with your project!



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

03-01-01

TO:

Local Advisory Panel/Town Government

FROM:

Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC Robin D. Ziek, Historic Preservation Planner Perry Kephart, Historic Preservation Planner Michele Naru, Historic Preservation Planner

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit Application - HPC Decision

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this project on 2-28-01

A copy of the HPC decision is enclosed for your information.

Thank you for providing your comments to the HPC. Community involvement is a key component of historic preservation in Montgomery County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call this office at (301) 563-3400.

4817 DORSET AVENUE – NEIGHBORING HOUSES

4818 Cumberland Avenue Jim & Peggy Davis

4816 Cumberland Avenue Ed & Lynn Dolnick

4814 Cumberland Avenue Henry & Dorothy Fischer

5712 Surrey Street Floyd & Nancy Galler

4819 Dorset Avenue Lewis & Dale Saul

4807 Dorset Avenue Joe Lipscomb & Laura Will

4805 Dorset Avenue Bob & Pat Gage

4816 Dorset Avenue Herb & Jane Beller

4820 Dorset Avenue Paul Chodoff



DAVID JONES ARCHITECTS

15 February 2001

Ms. Perry Kapsch, Historic Preservation Planner Historic Preservation Commission 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re:

HAWP Application Macklin Residence 4817 Dorset Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Ms. Kapsch,

We have discovered that the proposed design (drawings dated 1/3/01) for the above project does not comply with the Montgomery County front yard set-back requirement. Due to an offset in the alignment of Dorset Avenue, the Established Building Line (average front yard set-back) is greater than we originally calculated. This means that we cannot build forward of the existing face of house (except for a small porch or stoop).

Mr. & Mrs. Macklin are very fond of the house as originally designed, and prefer the idea of adding to and altering the existing house to building a completely new house. Therefore, we ask that the HPC consider the original design with the following changes, thus enabling the project to meet the zoning requirements:

- 1. Re-locate the 2-story wing back 2' to align with the existing house.
- 2. Delete the front porch, substituting a roof overhang and stoop at the front door.
- 3. Apply stucco over the existing stone and brick, with the new additions sheathed in stucco over masonry.

I have attached a drawing of the front elevation illustrating those changes for your consideration.

David Jones AIA

Enclosures

Cc: Mr. & Mrs. Macklin

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 4817 Dorset Avenue **Meeting Date:**

02/28/01

Applicant:

Rodd & Jodi Macklin

Report Date:

02/21/01

Resource:

Somerset Historic District

(David Jones Architects)

Public Notice:

02/14/01

Review:

HAWP

Tax Credit:

Partial

Case Number:

35/36-01B

Staff:

Perry Kephart Kapsch

PROPOSAL: New garage, rear/front/side additions, tree removal, new cladding.

RECOMMEND: Approve with conditions.

CONDITIONS

1. Delete the stucco covering on the existing stone front facades.

2. Offset the new 2 ½ -story wing back or forward several inches from the existing front facade.

3. Document and photograph the existing conditions, particularly the front entrance, before construction commences. The records are to be retained in the HPC files for the Somerset Historic District.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:

Contributing Resource

STYLE:

Colonial Revival Cottage

DATE:

1939

The residence is a three bay, 1 \(\frac{1}{2}\) - story cottage with two gabled front dormers, an elaborate central front door, and an offset wing on the left side. The house has a Vermont slate roof. The gable ends and dormers are clad in asbestos shingle; the front façade is faced in stone with brick facing on the side and rear. There is a lower level garage at the rear. The windows are 6/6 with operable shutters.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is shown on the Somerset Historic District designation as a Contributing Resource constructed around 1915. In fact, the construction plans are dated 1939, a date which is consistent with the design and materials of the building. Somerset Historic District consists of contributing resources (those built before 1915) and non-contributing (these are identified as 1916 – 1940 or 1940 – present). (The original survey of the district listed structures



from 1916-1940 as contributing resources. This classification was not included when the Montgomery County Council designated the historic district.) To add to the confusion, this house was included in the district at the time of designation as being built before 1915; later discussions of the guidelines for the historic district identify it as being built after 1915 and before 1931. The plans for the house are dated 1939 – a more logical date given the style and materials used in its construction. When the house was considered as contributing, the architectural details that are specifically identified in the guidelines are the stone facing (this is one of only two stone houses in the historic district, considered an exception to the wood and brick that is prevalent), the elaborate revival doorway, and the slate roof.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes (with changes from the Preliminary Consultation in bold) to:

- 1. Construct a new 2-story, 4 bay wing on the right side of the existing house. The wing is clad in stucco and is set flush with the existing front façade. The roof for all the new structures is to match the existing slate. The windows are to be 6/6 TDL with wood framing and operable shutters. The door to the wing is wood with a 9-light panel and 3-light transom.
- 2. Remove the existing rear shed dormer.
- 3. Construct a new 1 ½-story frame wing with lapped wood cladding at the rear of the existing cottage with a new porch and adjacent terrace, the wing to be connected to the 2-story east addition by means of a 2-story gallery along the rear of the existing structure.
- 4. Construct a new frame two-car garage with lapped wood siding on the west side and extend the existing driveway.
- 5. Remove a large tree (decayed and in decline) at the site of the proposed garage.
- 6. Cover the brick facing on the west side of the cottage with stucco and replace the asbestos shingles in the end gable with lapped wood.
- 7. Construct a shed roof porch on the west end of the cottage with steps leading down to the driveway.
- 8. Replace the front door with a 6/6 window with operable wood shutters.
- 9. Replace the right front window with a wood door with 5 light transom and operable shutters.
- 10. Install a new dormer to match the existing dormers as modified.
- 11. Construct a bracketed shed roof overhang over the proposed new front entrance.
- 12. Cover the existing stone façades with stucco.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The applicants propose to keep the existing roof and shape of the cottage. The front porch proposed at the Preliminary Consultation has been deleted in order to comply with front yard setback requirements. The proposed cladding has also been modified from stone to stucco to be in keeping with the simpler form of the current design.

The design for the new construction is that of a large house to which the existing house is

attached as an ancillary wing. The historic context for this would be *Moneysworth* with a Greek Revival house attached to the side of a Tidewater Cottage, the *Old Chiswell Place* where an early log cottage was attached to an 1823 brick Federal home, or I houses attached to the side of earlier 1 ½-story log houses that are seen throughout the county. In this case, a small revival cottage is being modified to become a grand neo-revival residence. The use of revival styling is generally appropriate in Montgomery County, both staff and the Somerset Local Advisory Panel feel that it is a compatible alteration in the Somerset Historic District.

- 1. Mature deciduous trees should be retained. The applicant has indicated that the only tree scheduled for removal is diseased and dying. An arborist report to that effect will be included in the application. All other trees are to be protected during construction. The guidelines recommend tree replacement when dead trees are removed. It also recommends trees be planted in front of new infill to mitigate the effect of the structures on the streetscape.
- 2. New infill is recommended to be no more than 2 ½ stories high, and this house is within that height restriction. However, the guidelines recommend that additions to contributing resources should maintain a secondary character to the main house, preferably hidden from view, and be less decorative. The applicant has submitted a design in which the existing house is supposed to appear secondary to the larger house at the right, but is clearly differentiated by the siting of the new addition. The rotation to the side of the new addition also minimizes its size relative to that of the existing cottage.
- 3. Additions should be placed entirely to the rear of the house if at all possible. This guideline relates more to changes to structures from the period of significance those built before 1915.
- 4. Guidelines specifically related to infill indicate that new projects should take into account the important structures in the district the Victorian and early 20th century residences. It is recommended that infill should have no gingerbread or ostentatious detailing, and use simply detailed fenestration and entrances. In this case, although grand in scale, the detailing on the house has been kept simple.
- 5. Most of the garages in the district are for one car. The proposed garage is in keeping with the scale of the proposed residence, but is substantially larger than the adjacent garage. The materials and design are in keeping with the simplicity and prevalent materials used in the historic district. The LAP has indicated that the size of the garage is appropriate to the setting.
- 6. The setback along the 4800 Block of Dorset is noted for its uniformity. This project should have no effect.
- 7. Staff is concerned that houses in the historic district have a main façade facing the street. Specifically, the guidelines note that the Victorian-era resources were predominantly vertical in orientation with a main façade facing the street a façade that is taller than it is wide. Staff would recommend that the orientation of the proposed changes not serve as a precedent for future projects in the historic district.
- 8. Staff is also concerned that two of the three identifying features of the house

 the stone facing and the elaborate front doorway are being removed or
 obscured. Staff would concur with the changes to the doorway as the

building is outside the period of significance for the historic district. Staff would recommend that the stone facing be retained, as it is a familiar architectural feature of the streetscape. It also clearly differentiates the existing resource from the new construction. The architect is concerned that using the two surfaces – stucco and stone – is not in keeping with the simple design for the house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with conditions the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter,

and with the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines #9 and #10:

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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	Daytime Phone No.: 202 - 332 - 1200
Tax Account No.: 851931 (16 07-00537520	
Name of Property Owner: RODD & JODI MACKL	IN Davrime Phone No.: 301 - 656 - 0926.
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Agent for Dwner: DAVID JONES ARCHITECTS	Daytime Phone No.: 202-332-1200
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE	
House Number: 4817 Str	eet DORSET AVENUE
Town/City: CHEVY CHASE Nearest Cross Str	eet: URREY
Lot: 20 Block: 2 Subdivision: 50M	
Liber: Folio: Parcel:	
PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE	
	ALL APPLICABLE:
	: Slab Noom Addition Porch Deck Shed
	ar LV Fireplace Woodburning Stove Single Family
	nce/Wall (complete Section 4)
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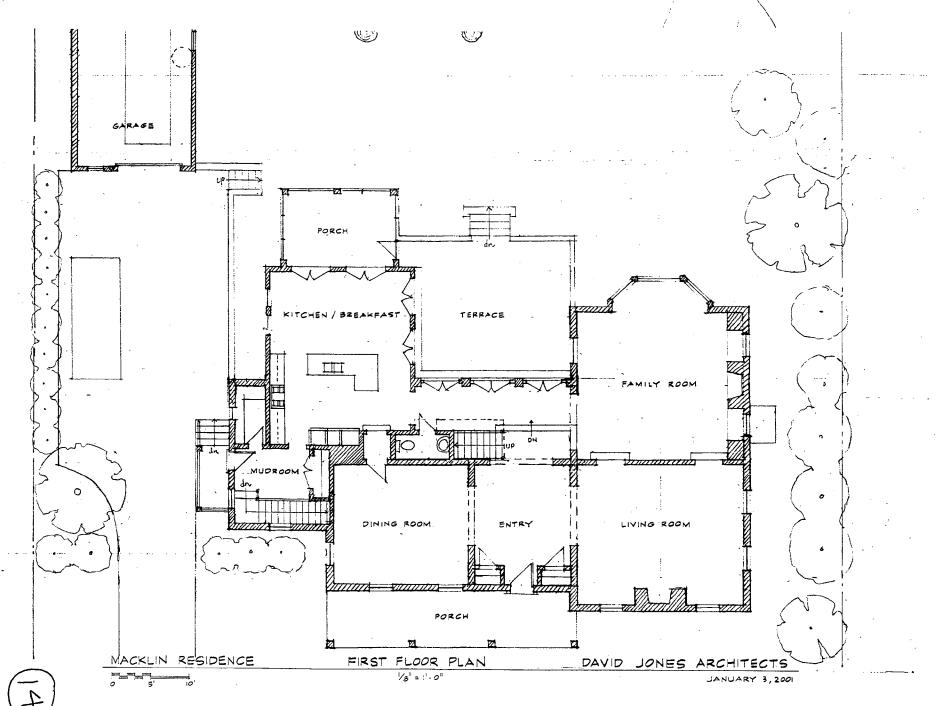
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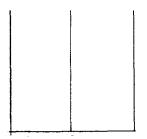
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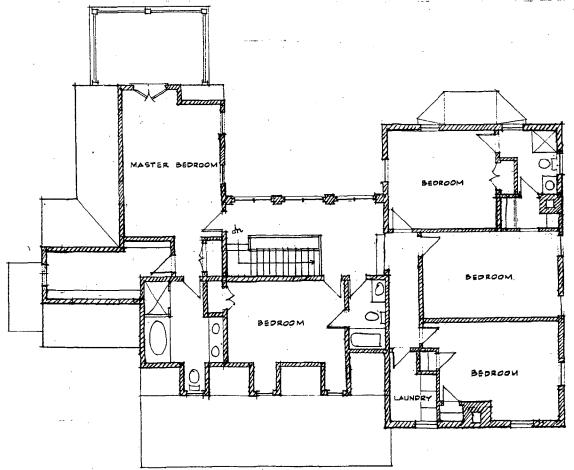
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

DAVID JONES ARCHITECTS

5' 10'

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JANUARY 3,2001



2279 Lewis Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20851 (301) 881-8130 • Fax (301) 881-3695

January 15, 2001

Mr. David Jones
David Jones Architects
1739 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Jones,

As requested, I inspected the trees at the Macklin residence, 4817 Dorset Ave. in Somerset this afternoon. I wish to report my findings.

There are two large tuliptrees in the center rear. The one to the left has a large cavity that significantly impacts the structural integrity of the tree. This tree should be taken down. The adjacent tuliptree has been "topped" and the large cuts have created wounding throughout the crown of the tree. These wounds have opened an avenue for decay to invade the plant and rotted areas presently exist. As the rot expands, sections of the tree will begin to fail. It is now an opportune time to remove this tree.

The third tree you asked for me to examine is within the footprint of the new garage in the left rear. Garage or no garage, this tree is a hazard because of the extensive decay in the trunk and should be taken down.

In addition to these three trees, there is a double-trunked ash tree in the left rear behind the proposed garage that is also decayed. This tree should be taken down while there is good access to the area.

From an historical standpoint, the reason these trees are in such poor condition is because of the damage they initially received as a result of the downburst on June 14, 1989. Somerset was clobbered by this unique storm and the resulting damage is still being felt today.

Please let me know if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Wolfe, II

President

Integrated Plant Care, Inc.

Worker



4817 DORSET AVENUE CHEVY CHASE, MD

Materials Specifications

Exterior stone: New stone veneer and mortar to match existing.

Roof: Existing slate to be removed, saved and re-installed, and new Vermont slate to match existing in color, thickness and dimension.

Gutters and downspouts: Copper half-round and round.

New painted wood clapboard: Painted cedar, 5" exposure.

New windows: Painted wood true divided lite double hung to match existing. Painted metal frame storm and screen windows on all double hung windows. In stone veneer, sills and casing to match existing. In clapboard painted wood sill and $5/4 \times 3$ " casing.

New exterior doors: Painted wood true divided lite, except simulated divided lite insulated at rear of house.

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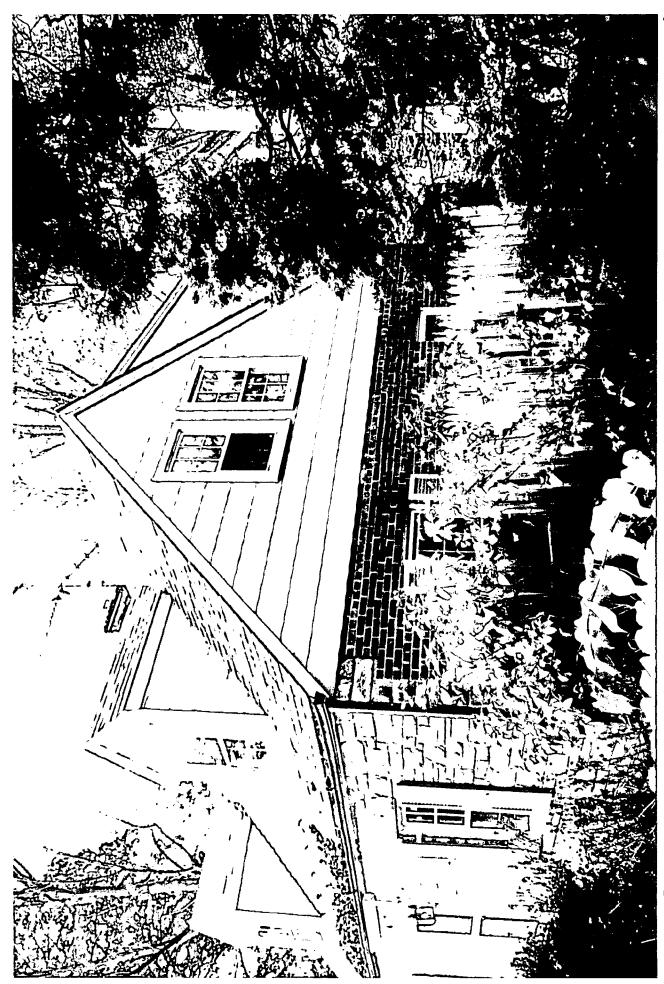
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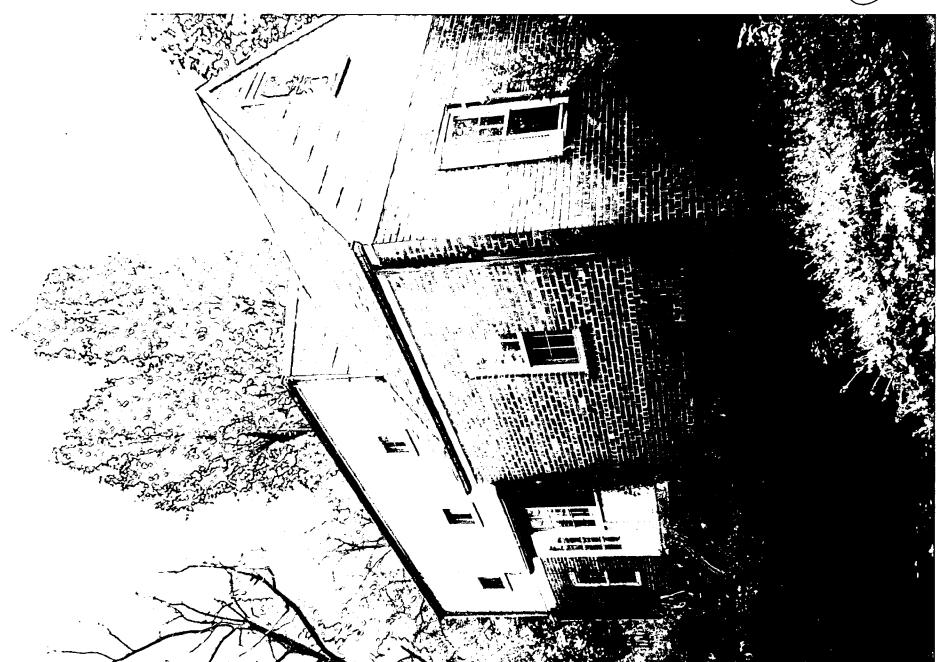
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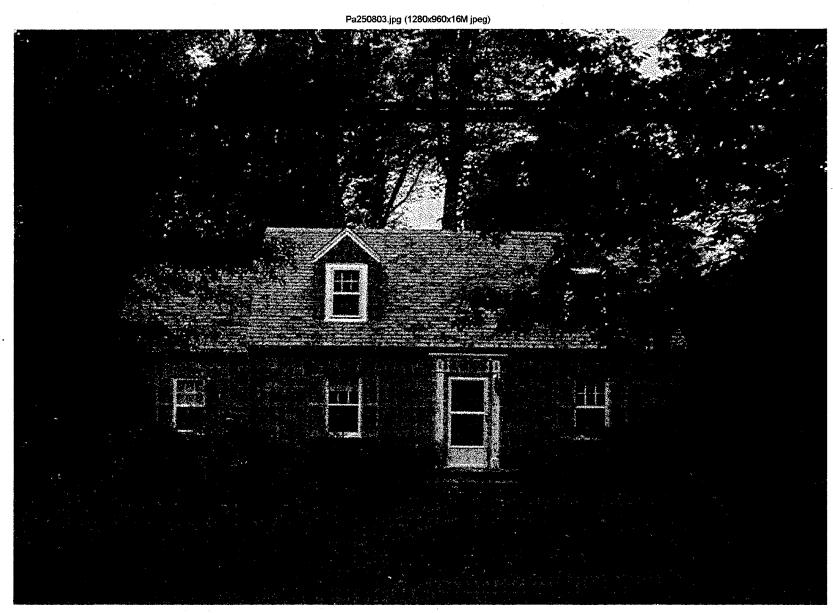
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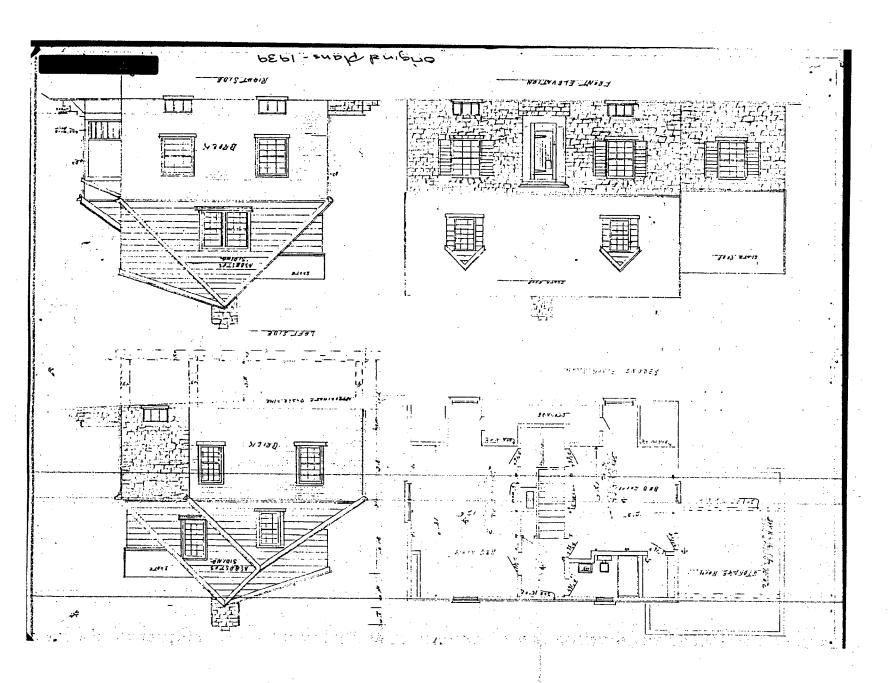




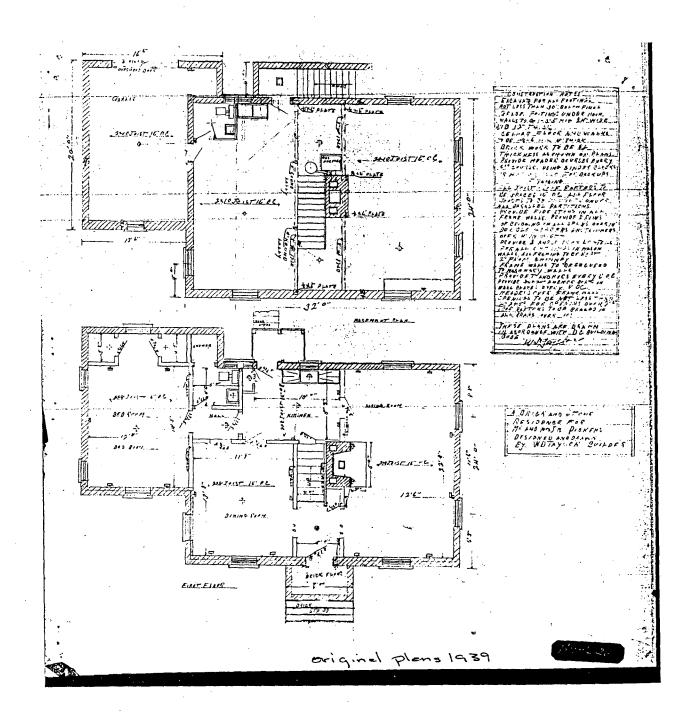
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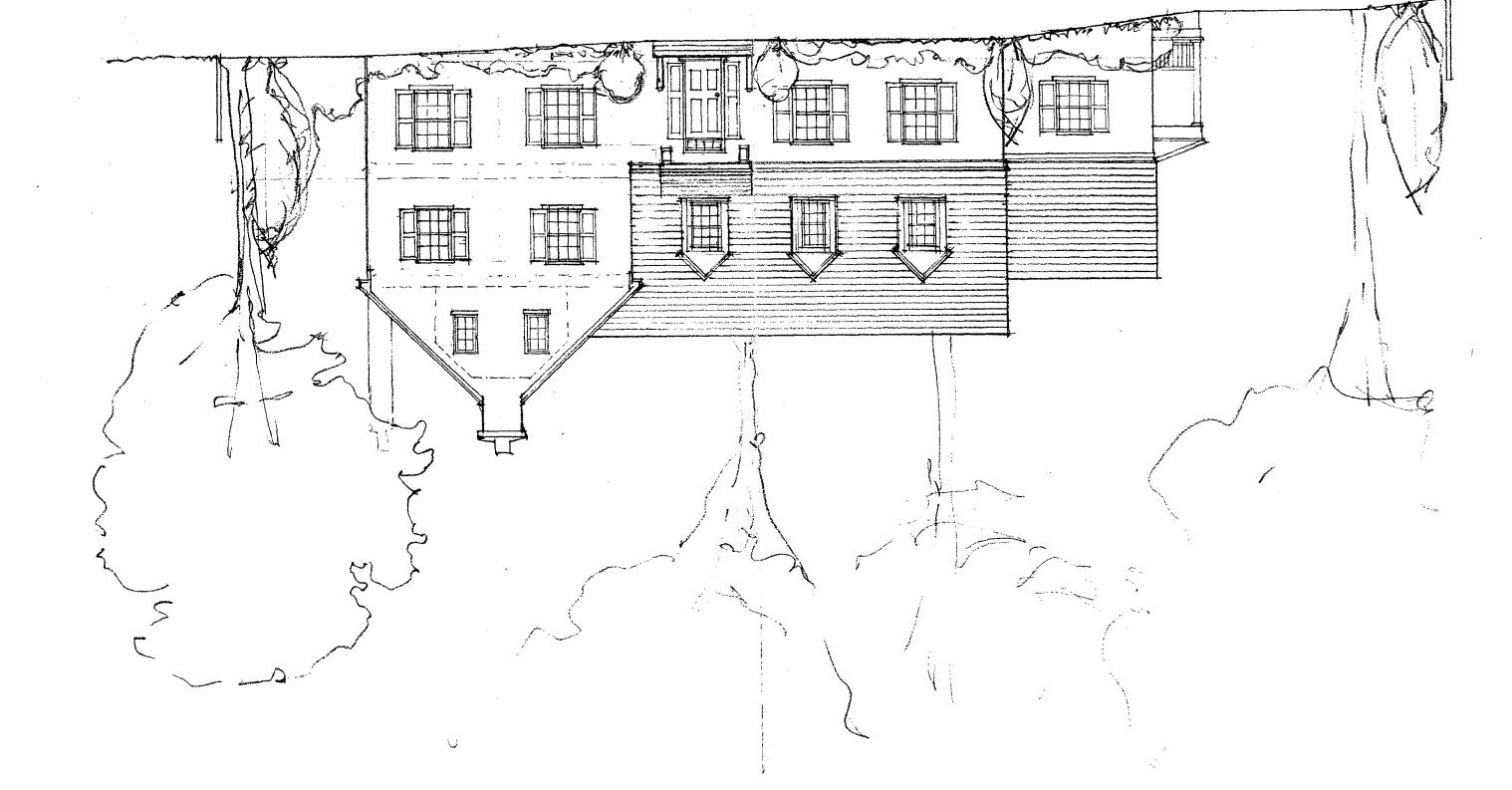








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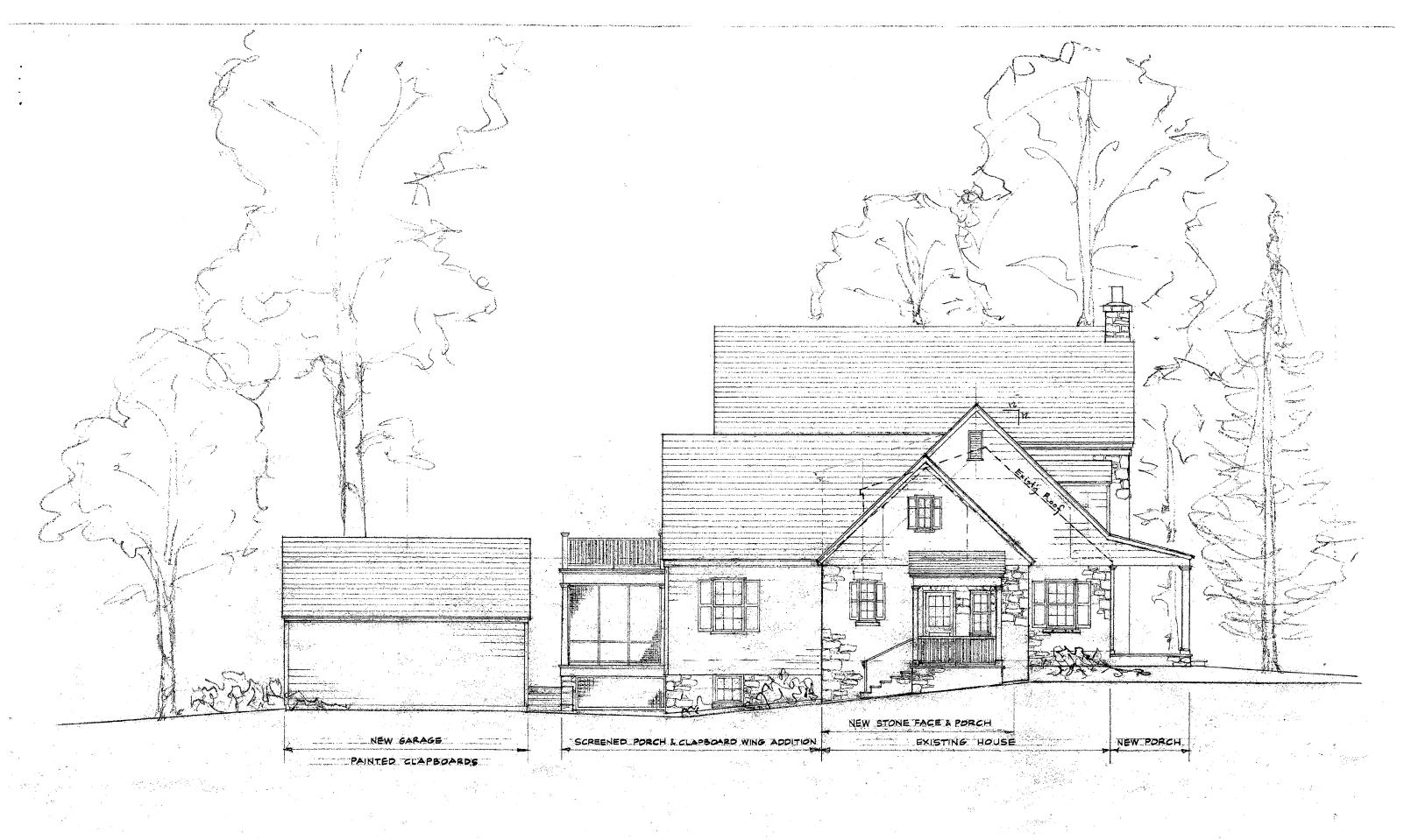
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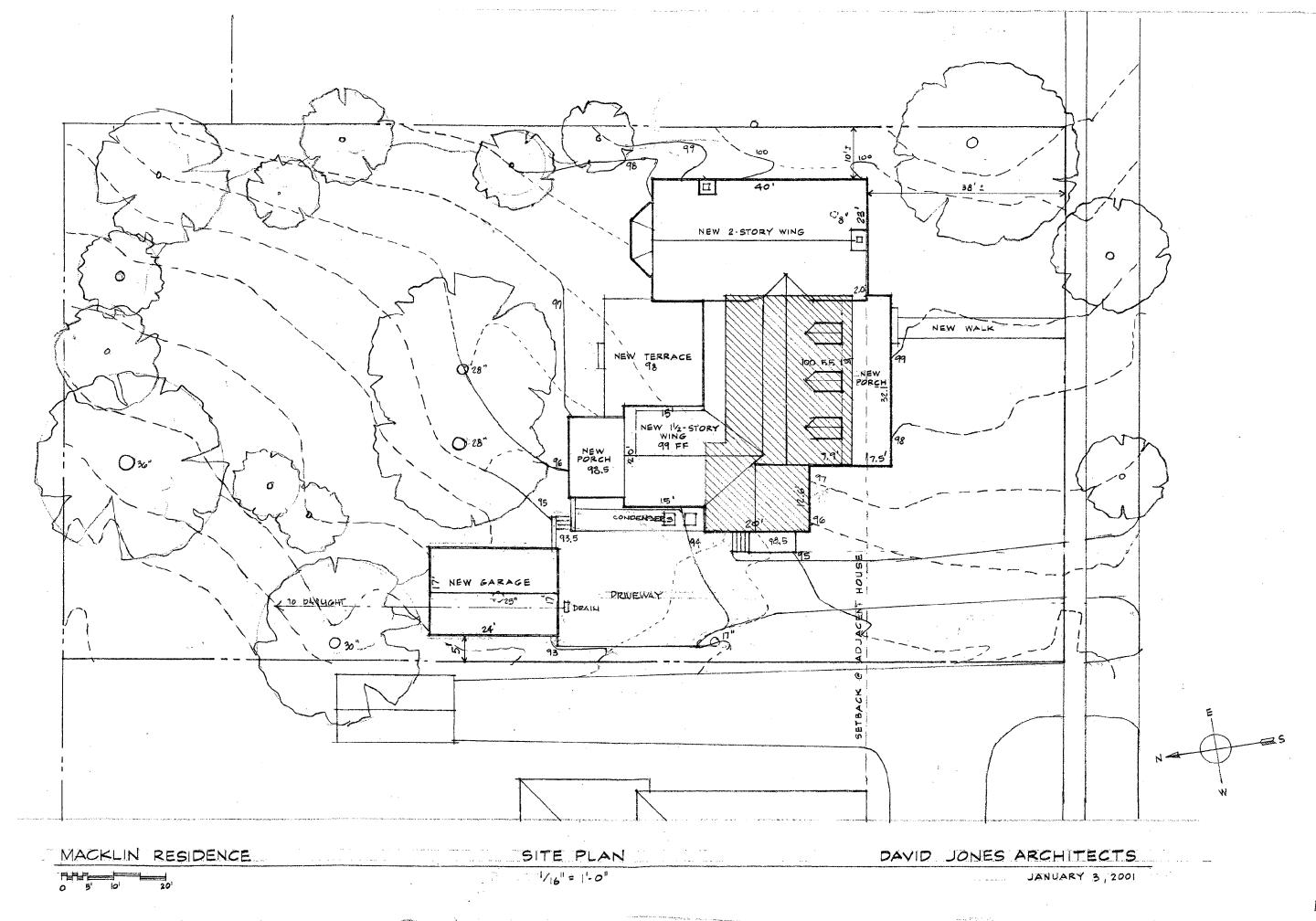


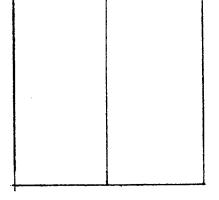
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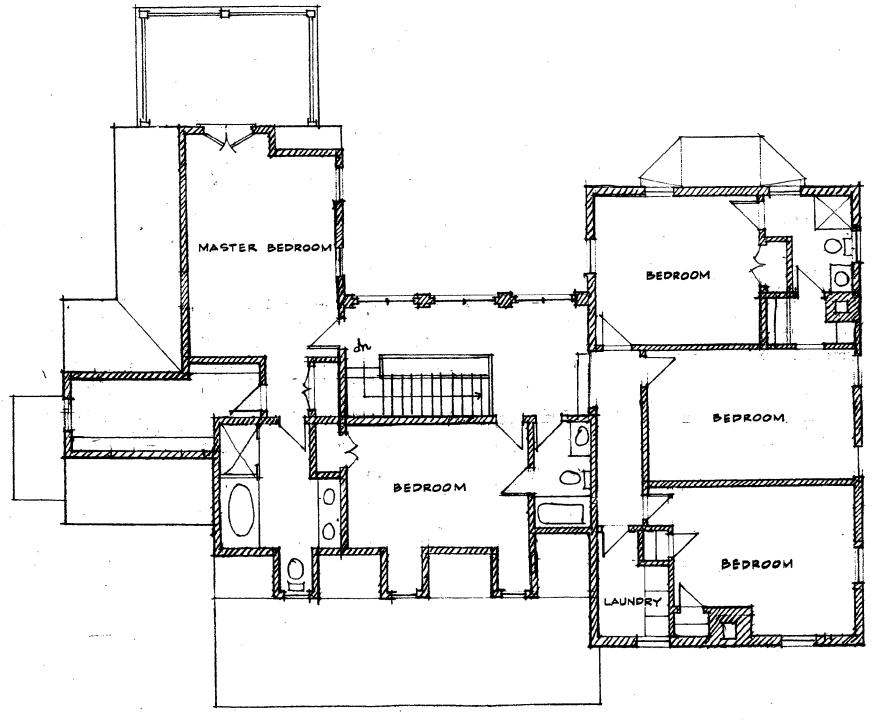
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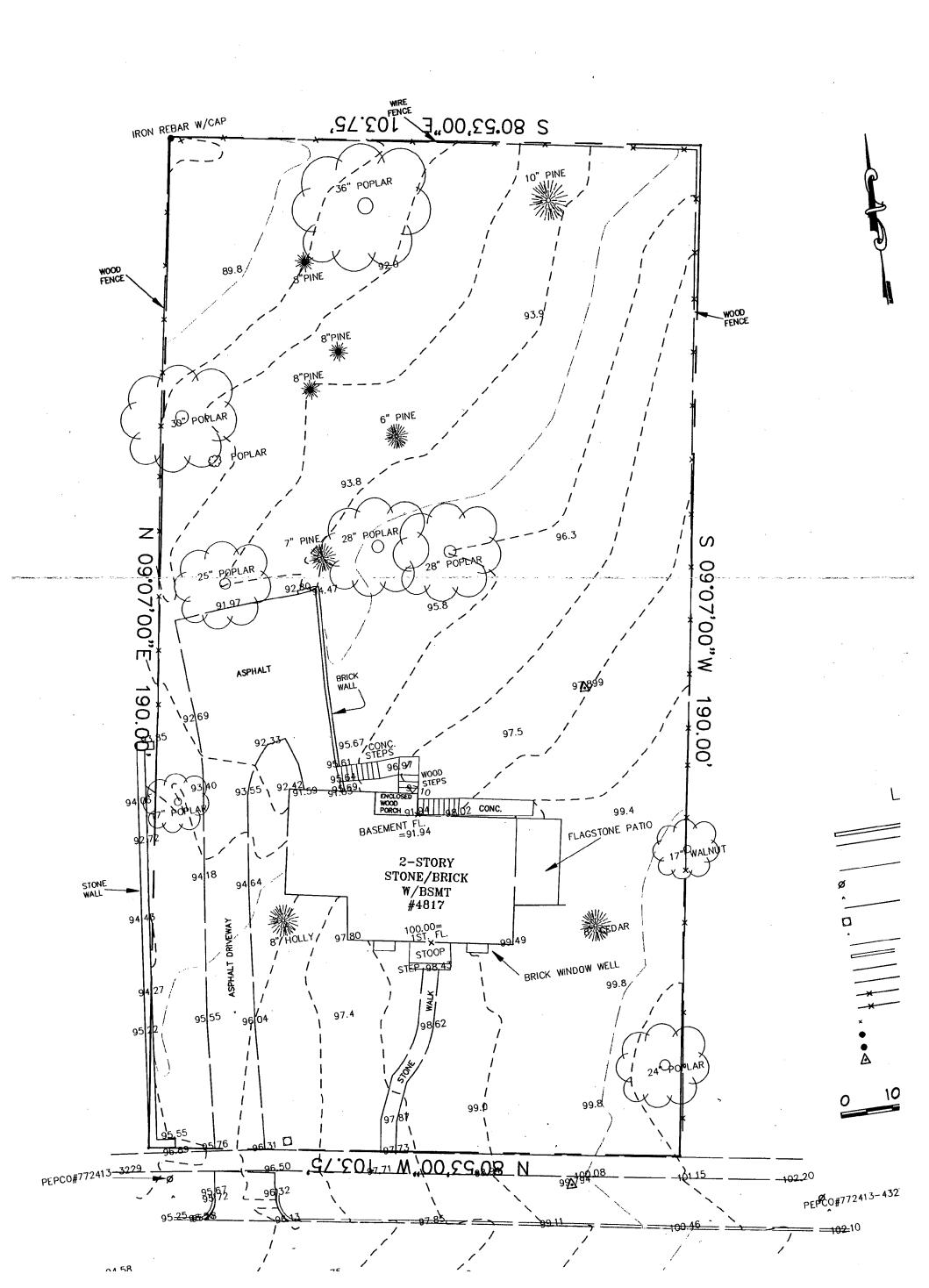


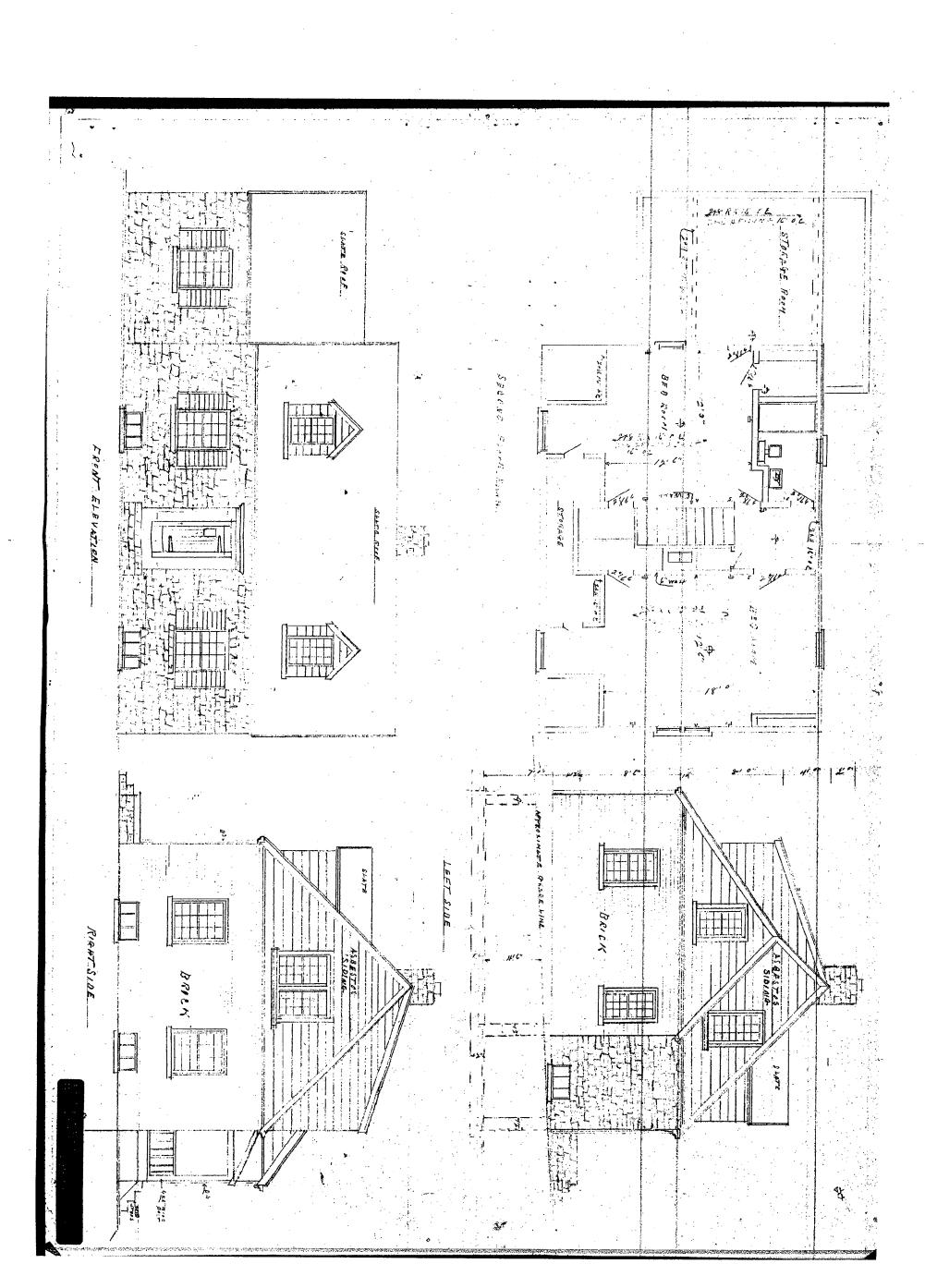


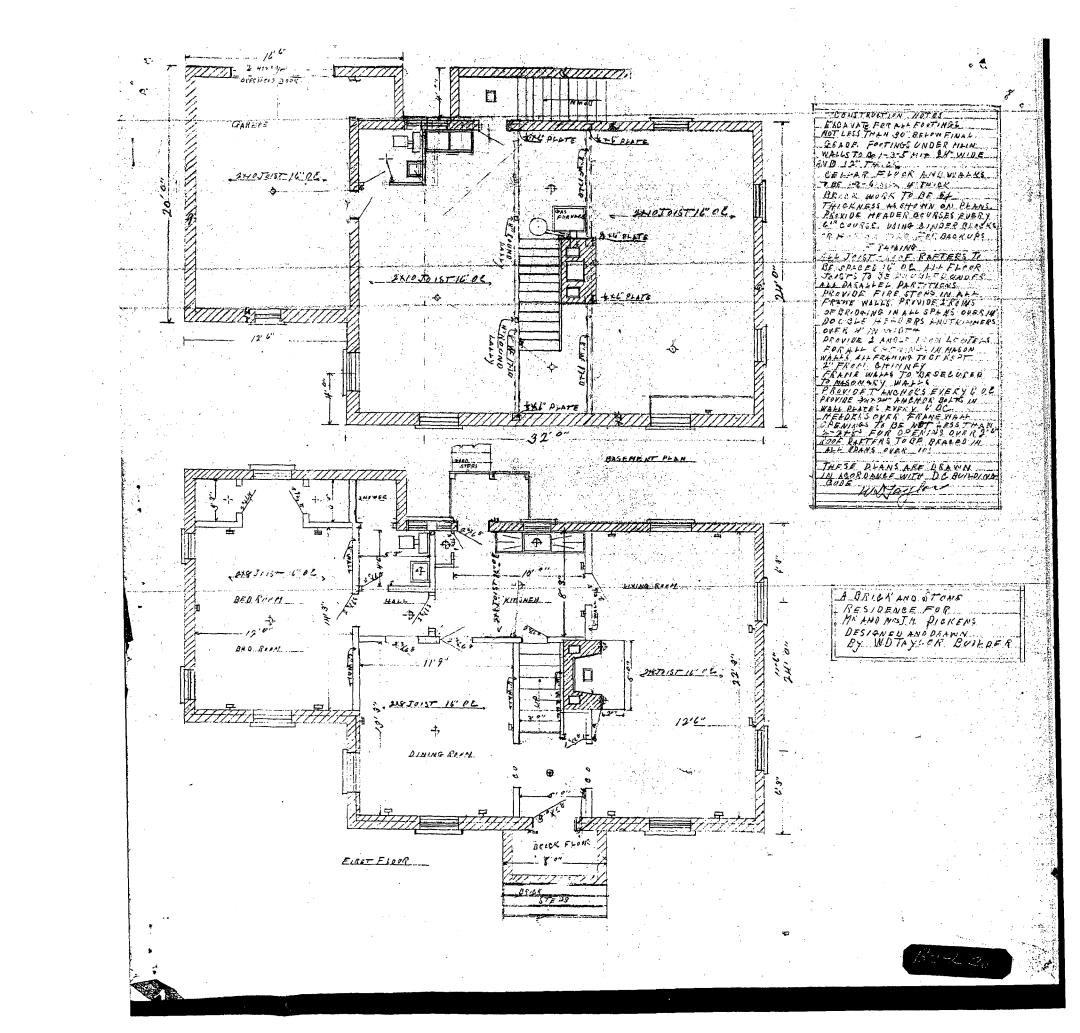
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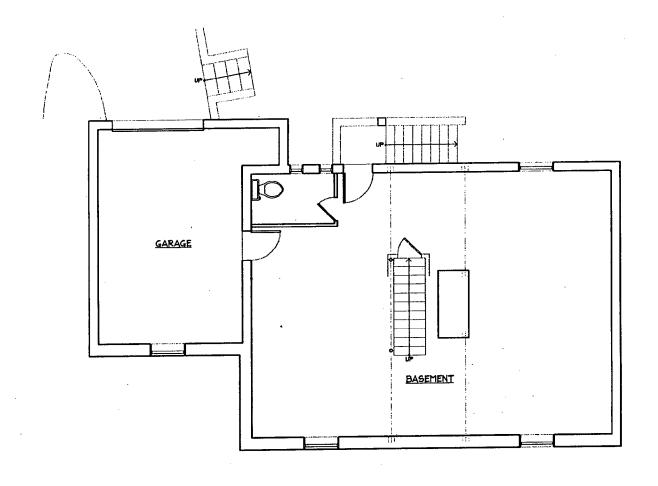
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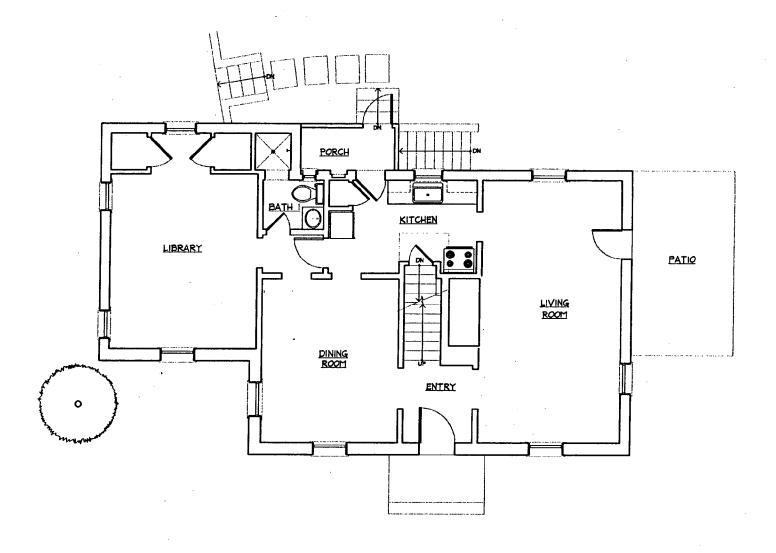
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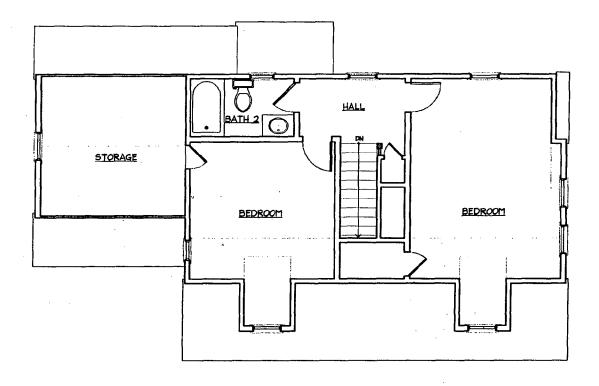


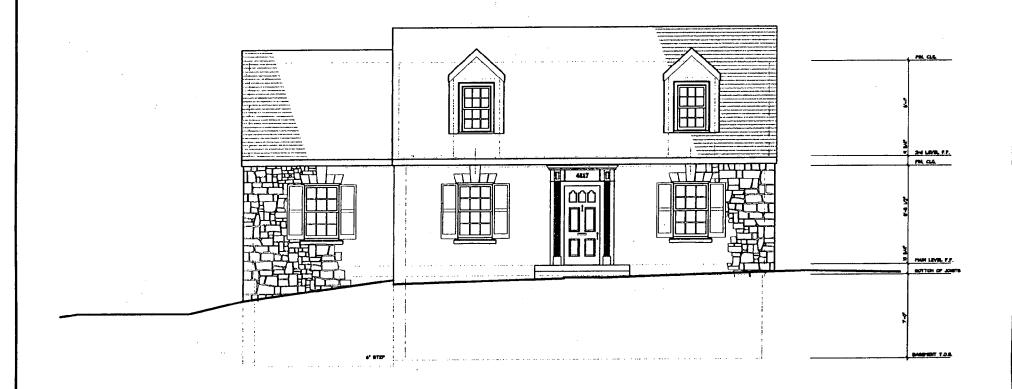


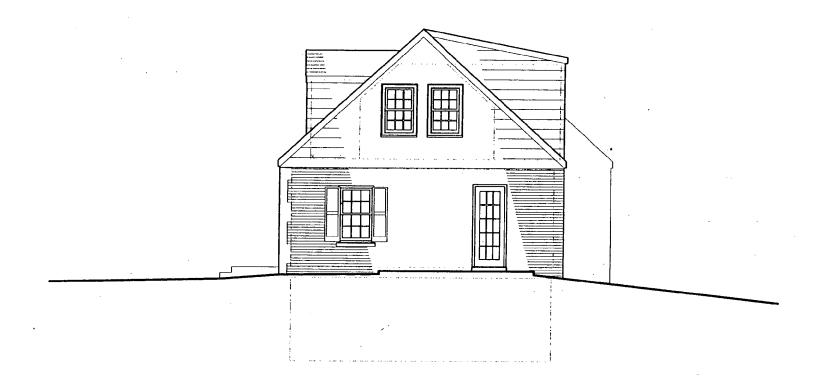


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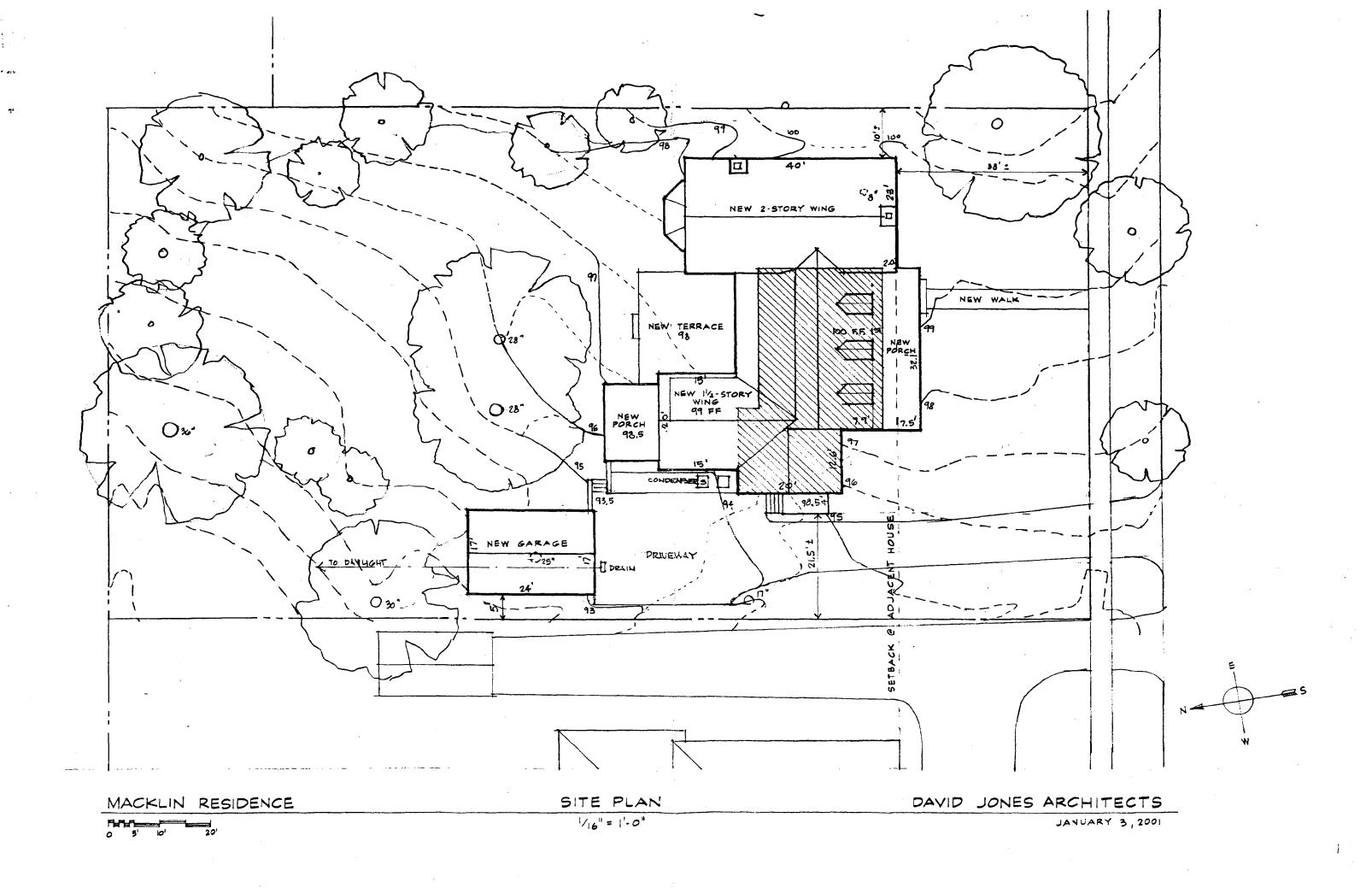
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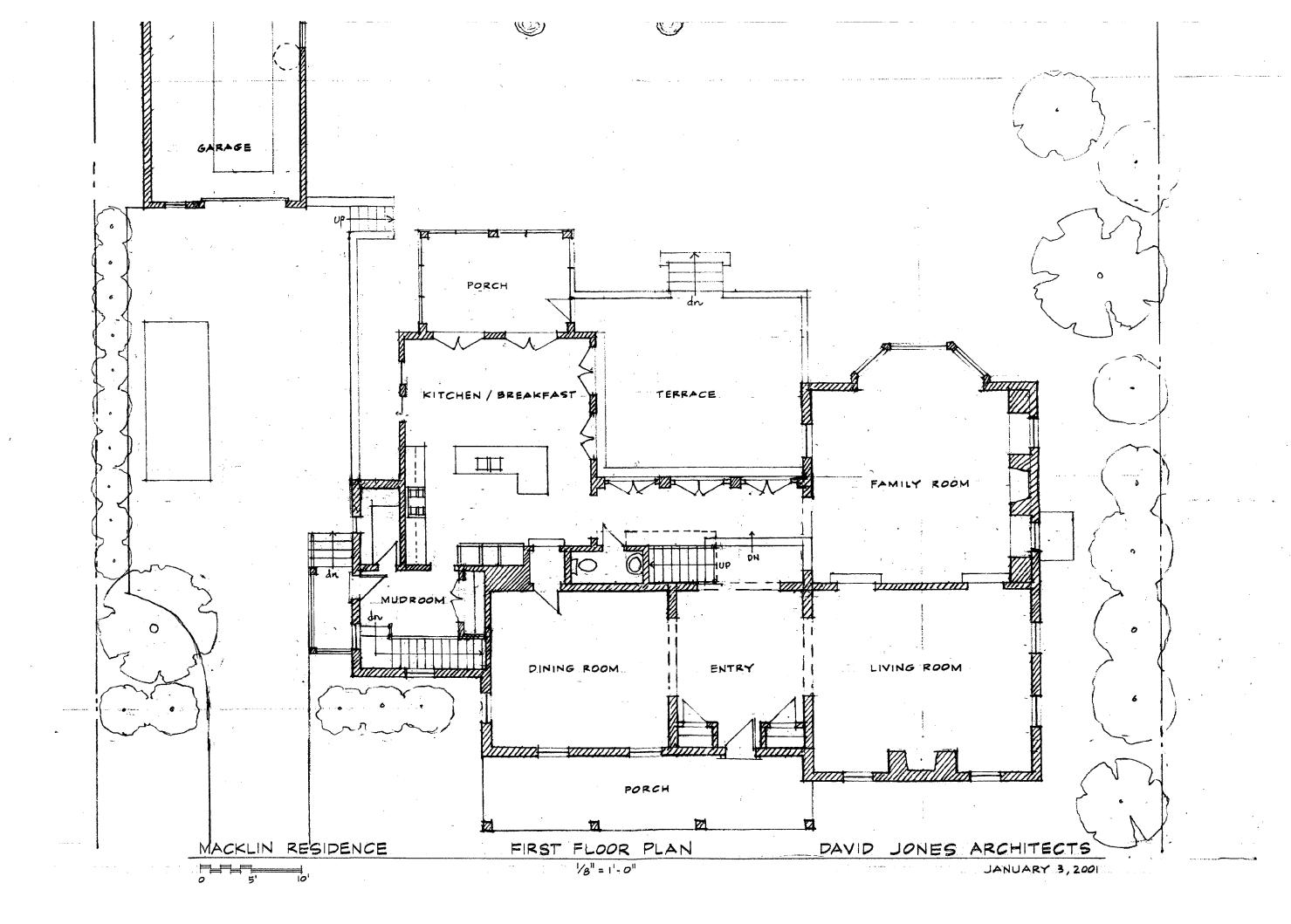














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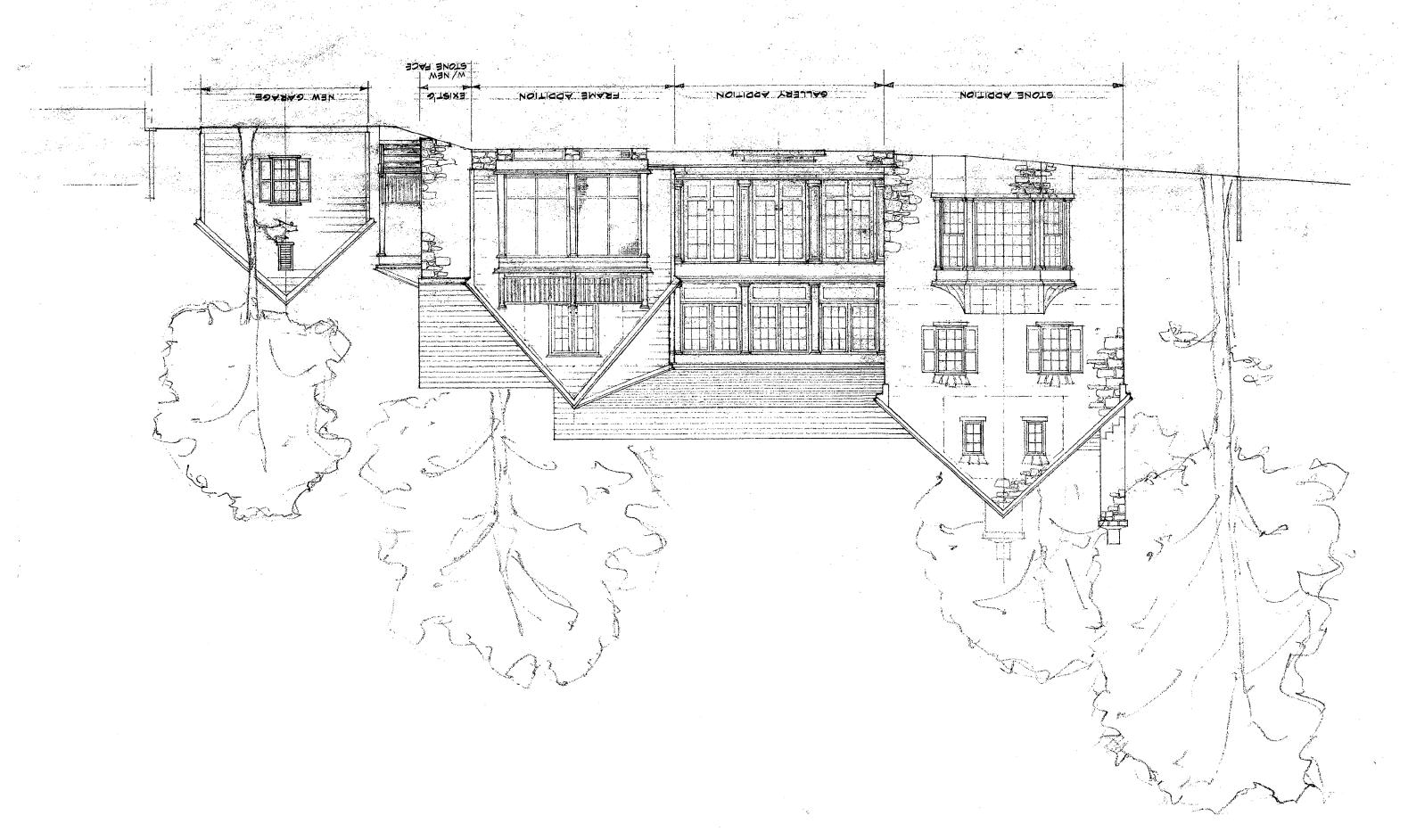
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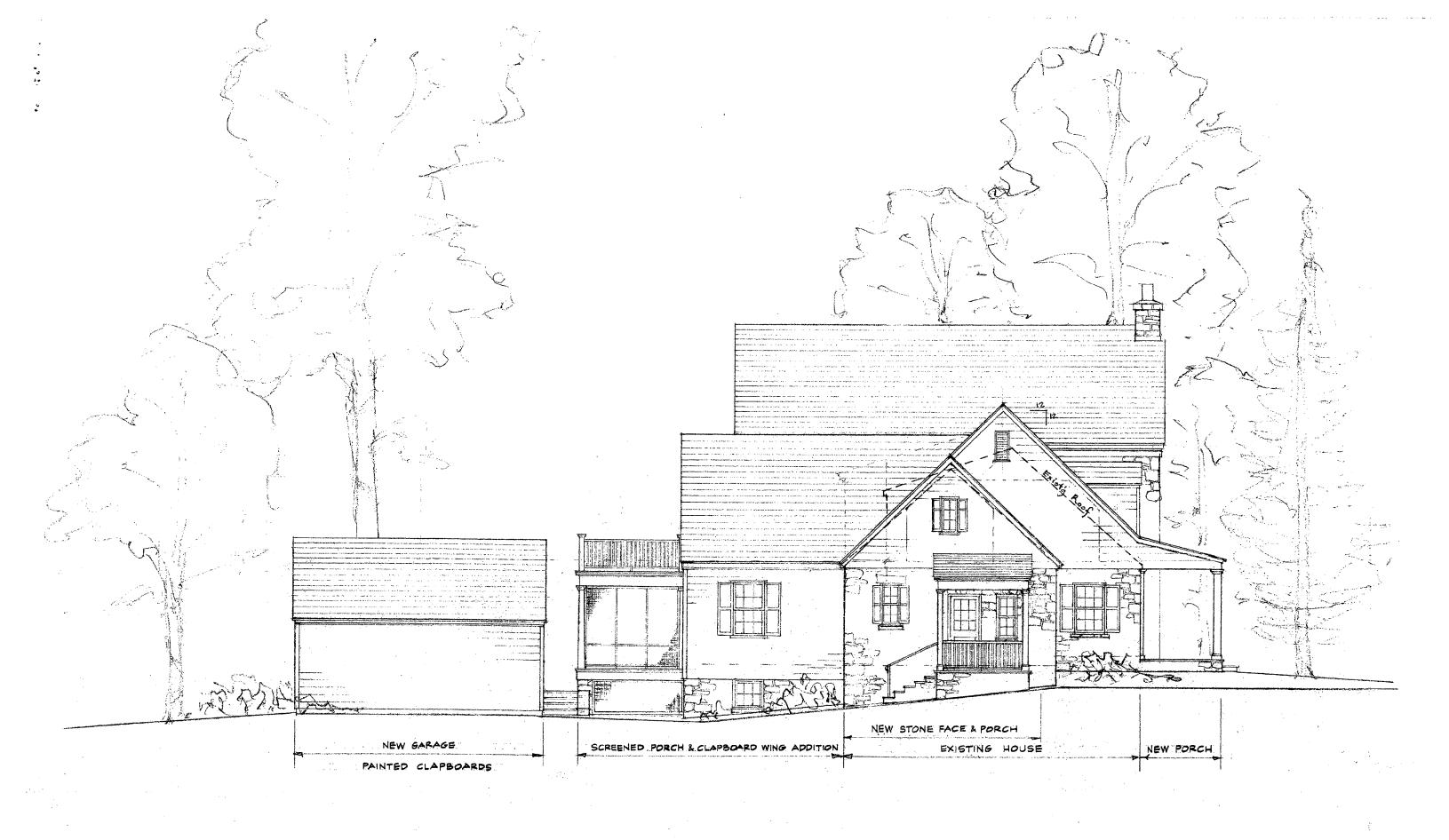
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12/20/00

Applicant: Rodd & Jodi Macklin **Report Date:**

12/13/00

(David Jones AIA)

Resource: Somerset Historic District **Public Notice:**

12/06/00

Review:

Preliminary Consultation

Tax Credit:

Partial

Case Number:

N/A

Staff:

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PROPOSAL: New garage, rear/front/side additions, tree removal, new cladding.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Contributing Resource (?)

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DATE:

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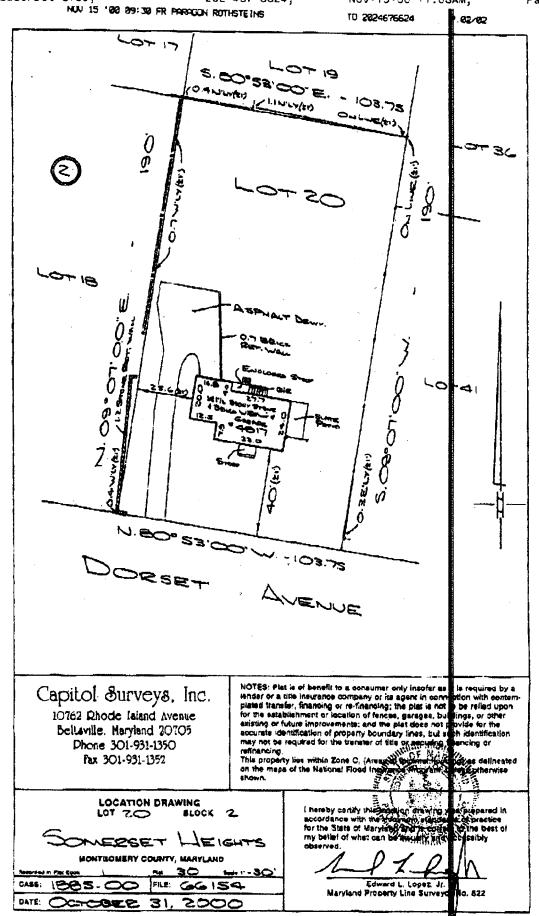
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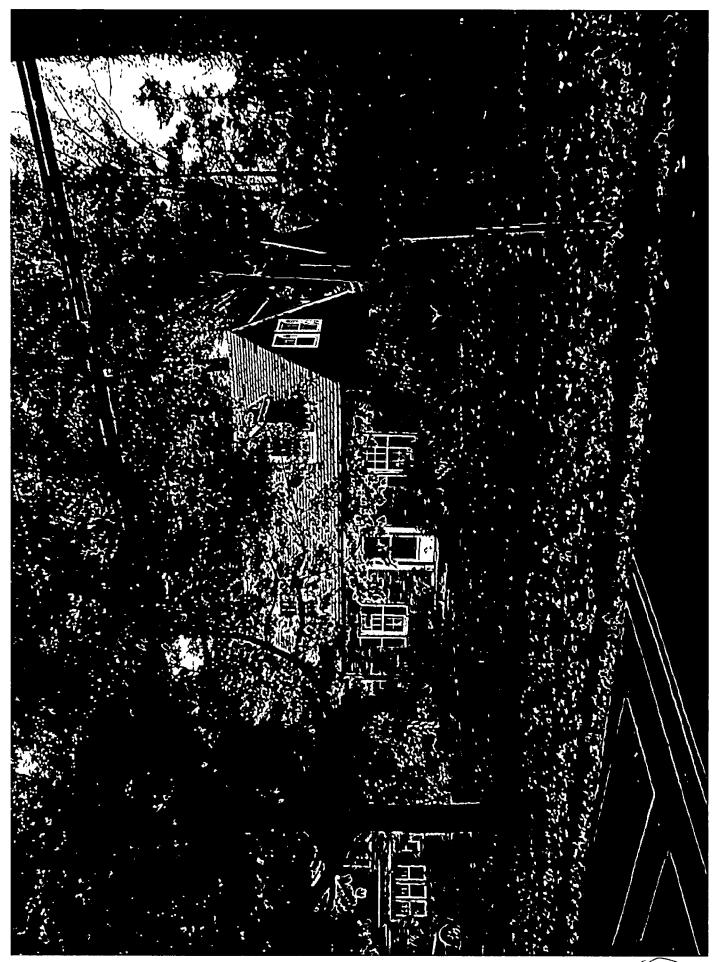
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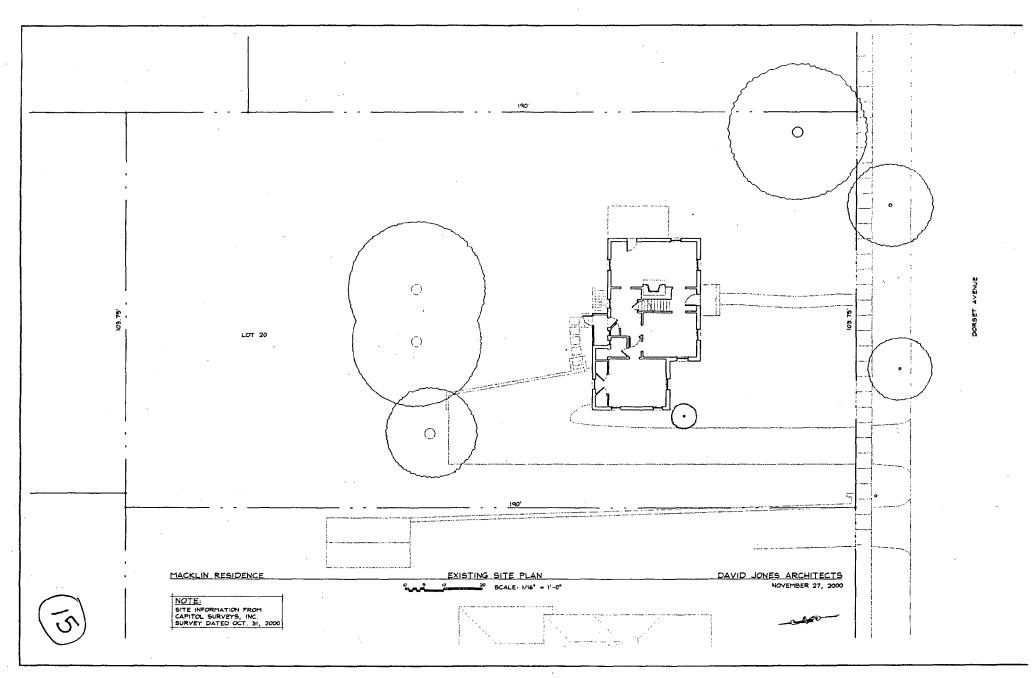




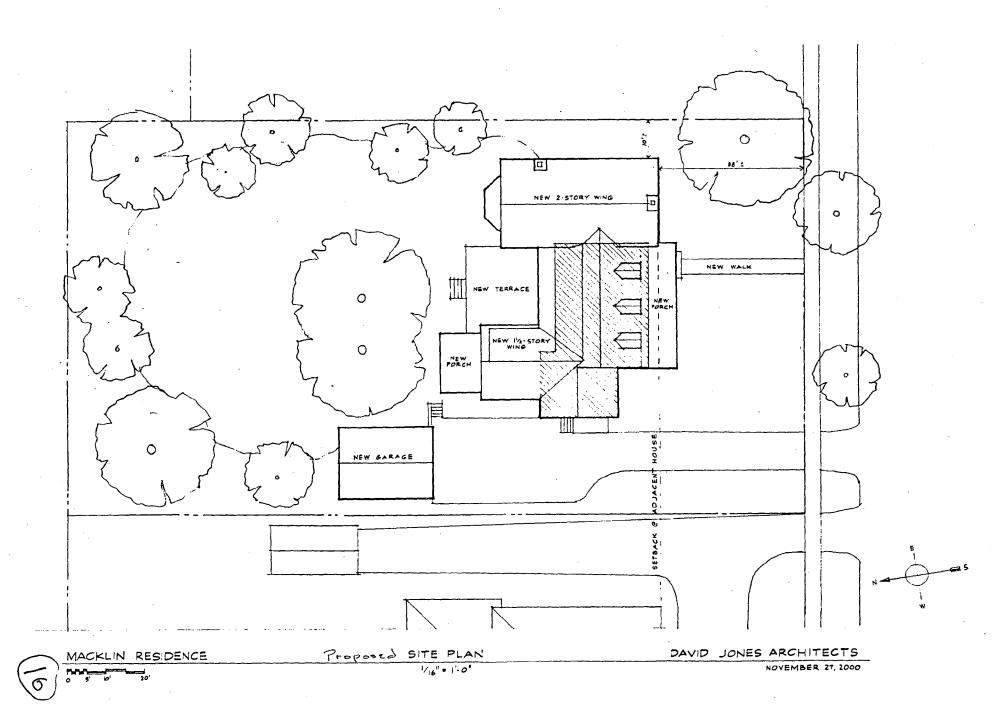


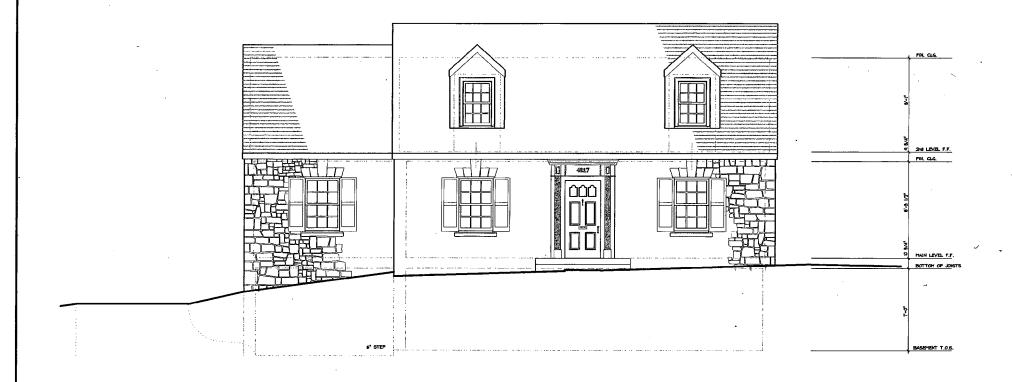






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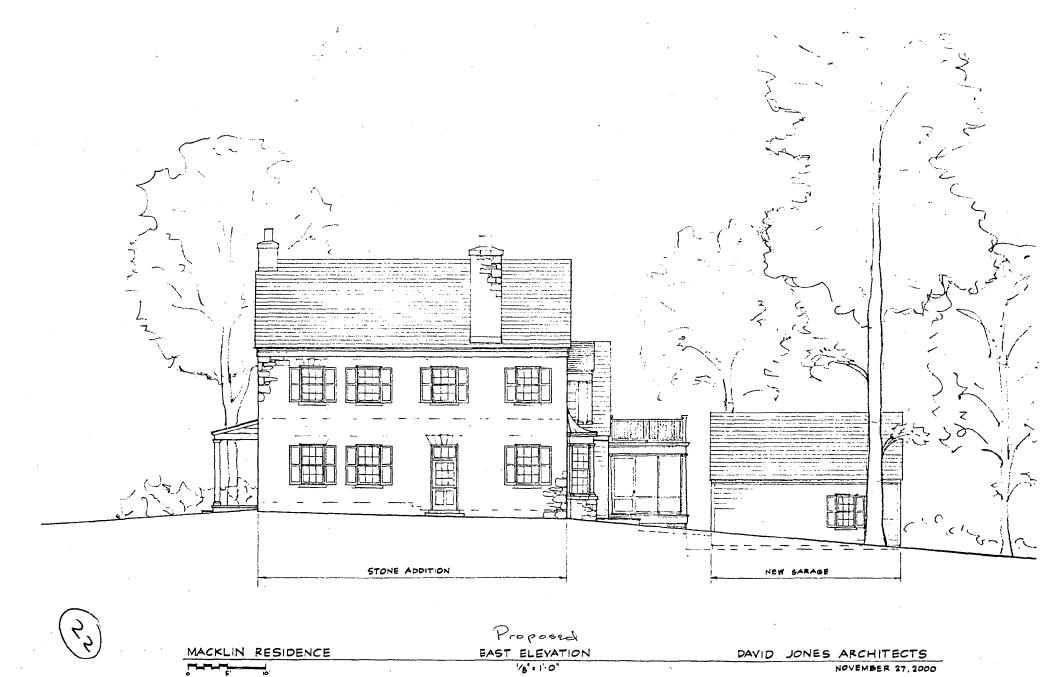












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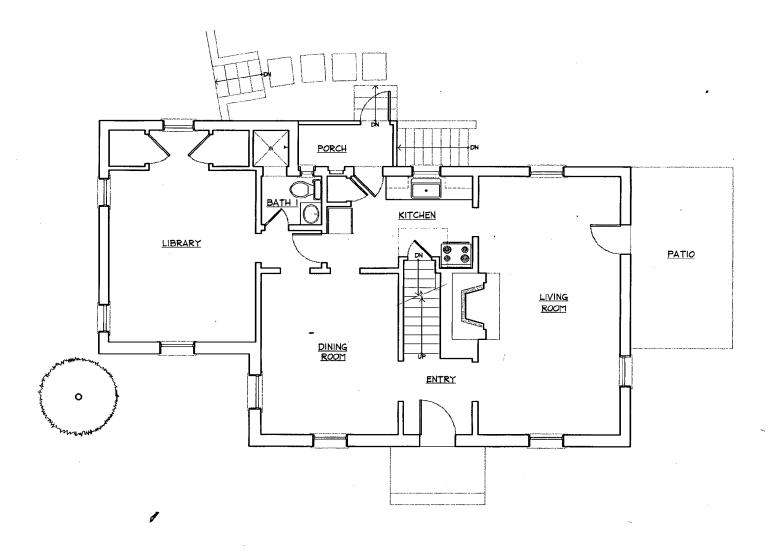
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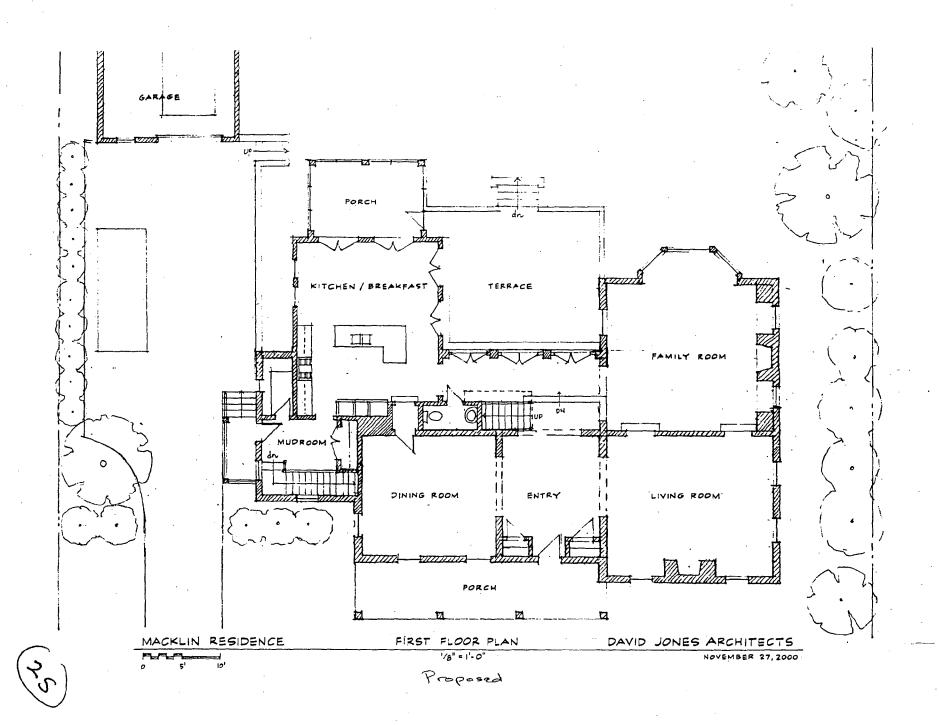


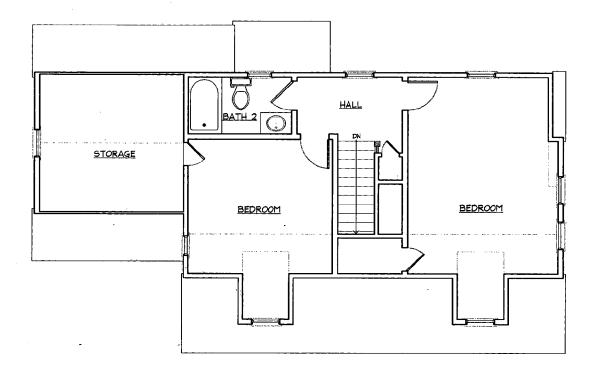
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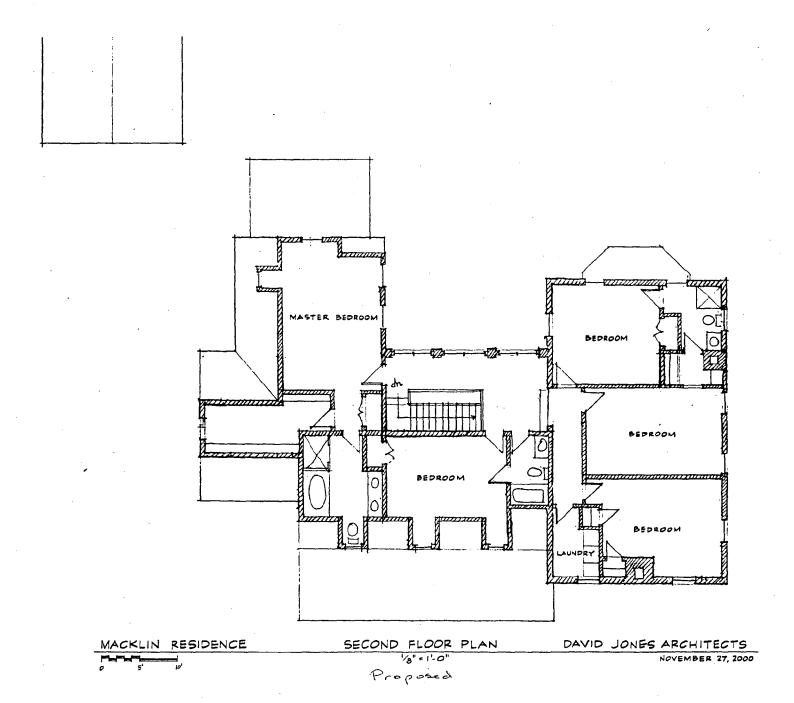
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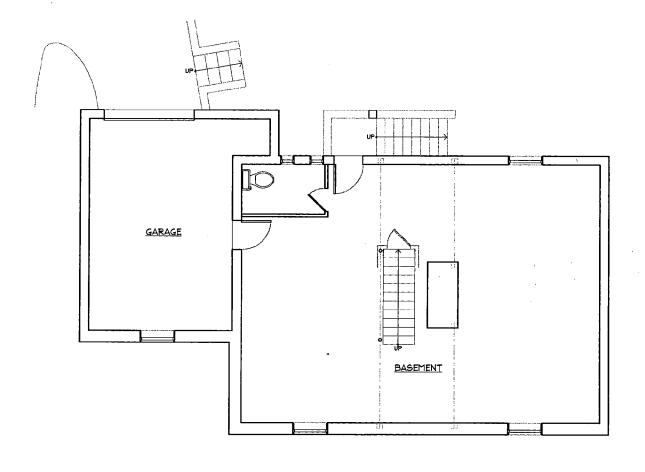








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Report Date:

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Public Notice:

12/06/00

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4817 Dorset

DATE: pre-1931

STYLE: Cape Cod

CATEGORY: post-1915

CAPSULE DESCRIPTION: This a 1 1/2 story stone house with slate roof. Windows are 6/6, set into dormers fronted with wood siding on the 1/2 story, shuttered with louvered shutters on the first story. There is an extension to the west side of the house which may or may not be an addition. This addition echoes the gable form of the larger portion of the house and carries it outward at a reduced scale.

NOTES & COMMENTS: none

H.A.W.P.s APPLIED FOR/RECEIVED: none



5810 Warwick

DATE: 1901

STYLE: Queen Anne/Four-Square

CATEGORY: pre-1915

CAPSULE DESCRIPTION: This house is a three bay, 2 1/2 story house with clapboard siding. The house has a cross-gabled roof with a triangular dormer vent incised into the midpoint of the roof plane of the front gable. The vent is filled with glass. The front porch wraps around and is supported by classical revival columns, rather than turned posts. Windows are 2/2 throughout. There is a substantial addition to the rear of the house which successfully echoes the design of the original house. This addition was reviewed and approved by the HPC in 1991. The rear of the house has been expanded, nearly doubling the building footprint. The addition is matched in materials and fenestration and duplicates on the south elevation the two story bay crowned by a pedimented roof

that was present in the original house.

NOTES & COMMENTS: none

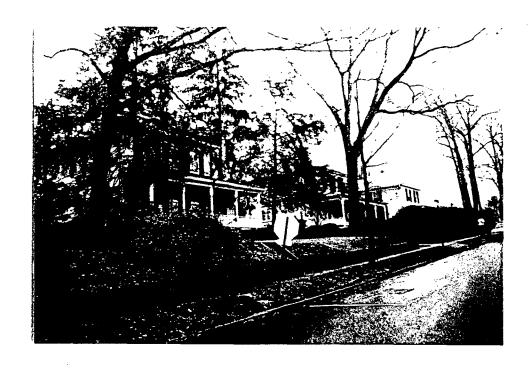
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SA2-89, January 3, 1989: Moving of one window from the side to the rear of the house. Removal of another side window. Patching of siding to match. At this time, the Somerset Historic District was only listed on the <u>Locational Atlas of Historic Resources</u> in Montgomery County. Listing on the <u>Atlas</u> does not provide for design review, only for review as to whether the house will undergo "substantial alterations" or demolition. Staff did not regard these as substantial alterations, so the alterations were approved at a staff level.

35/36, preliminary consultation, June 26, 1991: Applicant proposes significant alterations that will double the existing building footprint. Rear addition would project five feet beyond the existing building line on the side of the house. Entrance will be moved to the side of the house, and the front porch will be filled in to eliminate the original front steps. Staff recommends in favor of the rear addition, but has trouble with the alterations to the front facade and the relocation of the front doorway. Applicant will revise plans.

35/36-91H, September 4, 1991: Submission of modified plans. The original entrance will remain intact on the front facade. The side entry porch has been simplified with single columns. New windows, though 2/2, will be distinguished from the old by the absence of shutters. Approved.

side of Cumberland should be kept to a minimum because of their historic similarity and importance in creating a coherent streetscape.



The west side of Warwick Place is exceptional because of the uniformity which its houses exhibit. Though only 5808, 5810, and 5812 are Ough houses, the remaining two houses at 5800 and 5806 are very similar to them. As with the Ough houses on Cumberland, the importance of the streetscape comes from the high quality of the resources and from their similarity, which is historically related to their creation as speculative builder houses. Future changes to the main facades of the houses on the west side of Warwick should be kept to a minimum because of their historic similarity and importance in creating a coherent streetscape.



The remaining streetscapes are too inconsistent in character or marred by significant amounts of non-historic infill. The 5800 block of Surrey Street has no Victorian-era structures on it and six post-1966 structures. Because of the prevalence of this infill, new buildings on the 5800 block of Surrey should be judged very leniently. Changes to houses on the remaining streets should be judged primarily in the stylistic context of the house itself. Infill structures on the remaining streets should be judged primarily as to how they relate to the adjacent structures, not to the street as a whole. Additions to the houses on the 5800 block of Surrey should be judged primarily in terms of their impact on the historic style, if any, of the individual house; and only secondarily on their effect of the streetscape.

Landscaping Features

The Somerset historic district has several mature trees located both along its streets and within the yards of its houses. The trees are mostly deciduous rather than conifers. These trees

form a distinctive landscaping feature to the district and should be preserved.



Additions and infill to the district should take into consideration their effect on the mature trees of the district and should act to mitigate the removal of existing trees with replacement in kind. New infill structures should have trees planted in their front yards to mitigate their effect on the streetscape.

Street Furniture

There is currently no marker indicating the boundaries of the historic district. Boundary markers are an important way to establish awareness of the nature of the area that qualifies it as a historic district. For this reason it is recommended that a boundary marker be placed on Warwick Place, at its intersection with Dorset Avenue, marking it as an entrance to the historic district. This is the most appropriate place because the eastern

end of the district is its historic entry point, and the resources on the west side of Warwick Place--and on Cumberland, its connecting street--are of exceptional quality.

Individual Structural Elements

The next section will deal with the individual elements of the buildings of the district and make suggestions as to their proper treatment. It will attempt to differentiate between the turn-of-the-century structures and the later historic and infilled structures.

Building Heights

The buildings of Somerset are all in the narrow range of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 stories in height. It is for this reason that the three-story tower (not visible in its photograph, taken from the east) on the house at 4807 Cumberland stands out when the house is viewed from the west. The heights of additions to the houses have all been of lesser or equivalent height as the houses they have added to. Additions to houses in the Somerset historic district should not increase the height of the building they add to. New infill houses should not be of more than 2 1/2 stories.

Orientation of buildings to street

The Victorian-era, pre-1915 structures were all predominantly vertical in orientation. The buildings present a main facade to the street that is taller than it is wide. The vertical orientation of the pre-1915 houses should be echoed and respected in any additions to them. The house at 4805 Dorset has been given a substantial remodeling and a horizontally-oriented addition.

5710 Surrey has been similarly added to. Infill to streetscapes which have a collection of older, vertically-oriented houses should maintain this vertical orientation. The exceptional streetscapes, as enumerated earlier, should especially heed this guideline. As also stated earlier, the less sensitive streetscapes should be given less stringent attention to this detail. The adjacency of vertically and horizontally-oriented structures in the district disrupts the streetscape.



The later period revival structures in the historic district have a predominantly horizontal orientation. As the later structures are less important to the context, design, and history of Somerset, infill structures should be of vertical orientation in order to blend with the more significant structures. A case can be made for horizontal orientation, however, if the existing streetscape has been substantially modified by such structures.

<u>Setbacks</u>

The setbacks of houses from the street are not very consistent There are large inconsistencies in setback where houses are located on mid-block lots. On most streetscapes there is only a rough consistency. Where there are minor variations in the setback from the street--such as on Surrey street, the north side of Cumberland east of 4715, and the south side of Cumberland-there should be leniency granted to the builders of infill in terms of how far to set back their house from the street. considerations such as orientation to the street, height, materials and detailing should be of greater concern. The sensitive streetscapes on the north side of Cumberland, the west side of Warwick and the 4800 block of Dorset have very uniform setbacks. These sensitive streetscapes, especially the Ough houses, should maintain smooth, consistent setbacks that maintain the unbroken line of their streetscape.

Accessory Buildings

Accessory buildings in Somerset are all located to the rear of the main buildings and predominantly consist of garages. These garages are generally a minimal consideration on the streetscape. The older driveways in the district are only wide enough for a single car. The garages they lead to are only big enough for a single car, and tucked partially concealed to the rear of the main house. These garages also match the roof forms and materials of the main house. Any outbuildings, especially garages, should match the roof forms and materials of the main house, and should be

located to the rear of the main house, at most partially visible from the street.



Most of the garages are for only one car. There is only one double garage, located to the rear of 5806, all others are single. There are a few garages in the district which attached to the main house and located on a lower level than the first floor. Due to the sloping nature of the topography in Somerset, this sort of design is often appropriate. On resources categorized as post-1915, where the topography permits such construction, these below grade garages should be permitted.

<u>Additions</u>

Additions to the houses within the historic district should maintain a secondary character to that of the main house. They should be less decorative, and preferably hidden from view from the public right-of-way. The house at 4731 Essex provides a textbook

examples of how not to do an addition. The addition is of a strikingly modern character, with inoperable modern windows. The addition is greater in mass than the original house it abuts and is very visible form Essex Avenue. In contrast, the addition at 5810 Warwick Place, though it nearly matches the original house in size, is hidden to the rear of the house and is articulated with a two-story pedimented bay to match the existing house on the side where the rear half of the house is visible from the street.

Additions to the houses in the historic district should be placed entirely to the rear of the house if at all possible. Additions should further have the same orientation, roof forms and fenestration as the original house. The additions should be less ornate, and smaller in size, never greater, than the houses they add to.

Siding

The pre-1915 structures in the district are entirely of frame construction. Later resources are of either brick or frame siding. The two siding materials are never mixed together on the main mass of a house in the district. Additions and detailing may be of a different material, but this admixture is generally of a very minor nature. Any mixture of materials between the house and an addition should be in the form of a frame addition to a brick house, not in the form of a brick or stone addition to a frame house. The house at 4709 Cumberland presents an example of how the mixture of materials can be disruptive to a building. The house has cedar shingles for siding, a metal roof and a brick addition.

Any new infill in the district should be either of all brick or all frame construction to match the rest of the district. If the house is of a horizontal orientation and Colonial revival, Cape Cod or Dutch Colonial styling, it can be of brick. All other infilled houses should be of wood siding. No materials other than brick or wood should be allowed. While there are two stone-faced houses and one of log construction presently within the district, these should be regarded as the exception and not the rule when judging potential additions and infill. These exceptions can be historically important, however, and should be retained in the future.

Roof Materials and Shape

The roofs of Somerset are of a very limited style: hip, gable, or cross gable. The Dutch Colonial styled houses only have gambrel roofs. There is also one jerkin-head gable, but this should be regarded as the exception, not the rule. These exceptions should be retained on the individual houses, but they should not be regarded as models for future development. The roof forms of additions should echo the roof form of the house they attach to, but on a reduced scale. For example, the house at 5816 Surrey has a very compatible rear ell addition which maintains the gable form roof of the original house. There should be no steeply pitched or flat roofs allowed in the district on infill or on additions.

The roofing materials of the district also have a very limited range within the district. Materials are limited to asphalt,

slate, cedar shake and one standing-seam metal. This metal roof should be retained, but should not be regarded as a model for future changes within the district. Replacement of roof materials should be restricted to slate and asphalt. Infilled structures should also be restricted to slate or asphalt roofs only. The cedar shake roofs within the district are of dubious historical accuracy and their removal should be encouraged when it is time for them to be replaced. If the owners choose to replace an existing shake roof--or any roof--in kind, however, it is their right to do so without the approval of the HPC.

Windows

Windows are one of the easiest things to change in any house. The low insulation value of older windows makes them of prime concern for energy conscious homeowners. The sensitive use of storm windows can allow the retention of the original windows. Whenever possible, the original windows should be retained. Original windows should only be allowed to be removed when they are horribly deteriorated.

Given the comparatively plain nature of the decoration of the houses in Somerset, the windows are often a primary decorative element of the houses within the district. As such, they should be regarded with special attention when they are being replaced or added on the original house or added to an addition. The pre-1915 houses have predominantly 2/2 true-divided light sash. In all replacements and on all additions, the houses should maintain this 2/2 sash. Unfortunately, the most common replacement windows

available today seem to be 1/1 or 6/6 or 6/1 or 8/1 or 9/1 windows. A homeowner may reflexively purchase these windows and use them if they believe there is nothing else available. Unfortunately, an inconsistent sash can seriously disrupt the facade.

Examples of inconsistent fenestration abound in the district. For example, 4811 Cumberland, a pre-1915 four-square, has 6/6 windows on the first floor, 2/2 on 2nd floor, and 8/8 on its first floor addition. 2/2 windows would be appropriate throughout the house and should be suggested when it is time to replace these windows. For now, the house provides an object lesson in what can happen when the fenestration is allowed to become inconsistent. If maintaining consistent sash throughout the house is not feasible, at the very least, fenestration should be consistent on individual floor levels.

The house at 4727 Essex provides another example of the effect of inconsistent windows. The house has 2/2 windows throughout, with the exception of the windows on its enclosed porch, which are 8/8 in Colonial Revival style. While the enclosure of the porch is the main source of design concern on this house, the use of inappropriate windows in the enclosure only compounds the error.

Some of the pre-1915 and 1915-1966 houses have 1/1 sash. This sash is acceptable where it currently exists, but should not be regarded as a model for future development. Houses from this era which currently have 1/1 windows should be allowed to maintain these windows and echo them in future additions. The use of Colonial Revival style 6/1, 6/6, 8/1, 9/1 and other such sash with

more than one muntin should be restricted to only those houses which are of any of the various Colonial Revival styles. 2/2 truedivided light sash should be required of all pre-1915, non-Colonial Revival resources.

As for the windows used on 1915-1966 and later resources, Colonial Revival style windows are certainly appropriate for Colonial style houses. These post-1915 houses should avoid the use of non-true-divided lights such as those with snap-in muntins. Snap-in muntins have the effect of making the window decoration more plain and less effective. As mentioned before, the comparative plainness of many of the houses in Somerset makes their window treatments especially important. Snap-in muntins create a loss of texture and solidity within the facade and should always be discouraged.

Storm windows are often a necessity to keep heating bills down on older houses. The windows also serve the purpose of protecting the existing building fabric from the elements. For this reason, storm windows should be encouraged. The muntins used on the storm windows should be minimal in order to maintain the prominence of the original sash. Storm windows should always be as invisible as possible on the facade.

Shutters should be sized to fit the windows. A good rule of thumb is that if the shutters look like they can't be closed, or that if they were closed they would not completely cover the window opening, they should be replaced or removed.

The placement of the windows on the houses in the historic

district is very symmetrically-oriented. The symmetry can take its cue from either the entire facade or a subset of the facade. For example, the house at 5816 Surrey is divided into a 2 story section and a 1 1/2 story section. Within these sections, the windows are arranged in symmetry, although this produces a slight asymmetry on the facade as a whole. Windows on additions and new houses should be placed symmetrically, either arrayed symmetrically across the entire facade or symmetrical within a subset of the facade. Asymmetrical windows are not appropriate for Somerset.

Many of the pre-1915 houses in the district have gable-end These windows small and often decorative. windows. are Unfortunately they are also more difficult than standard windows to replace and are therefore subject to replacement. For example, the window on 5812 Warwick has been filled in and replaced with a vent. If the filling in of one of these windows is proposed for gable end windows on other pre-1915 Somerset houses, it should not be approved. These windows are part of the distinctive historic design of these houses in the district. If there is a pressing need to replace them, they could be approved so long as the window opening is maintained and the louvers placed in the opening are sized to fit it. There should be no solid boarded up spaces in the openings.

Doorways

The doorways of the historic district need to be treated differently depending on the period of the architecture. The entryways on pre-1915 houses were often hidden behind porches.

These porches provided the main decorative element for the main facade, leaving the doorway was relatively unadorned. The doors often have only simple, Classical Revival influenced frames and solid doors. The door frames on these houses have some sidelights and rectangular fanlights. The doorways of pre-1915 houses should remain secondary to the porches as decorative elements on the main facade.

The doorways on later houses are more decorative as they are more visible under the more rudimentary porticoes of the Colonial Revival styles. These doorways can have more elaborate fanlights and sidelights, as well as scrollwork on the pediments above the door. Elaborate decoration on the doorways of these houses should be allowed, as long as the proposed changes are in keeping with the specific revival style of the resource.

Porches

Porches are the distinctive element which unite the pre-1915 resources within the district. For this reason, they should be treated with special care in design decisions. In an era before air conditioning, the porch provided a comfortable place for activity during hot summer months.

Many of the houses in Somerset retain their original porches or have appropriate copies of original fabric. The porches on pre-1915 houses should always be retained. The porches on pre-1915 resources should likewise never be enclosed. Porches were designed as semi-private space and their distinct ambience is destroyed by enclosure. It is further recommended that the porticoes and

shelters over the doorways of later revival structures be retained or replaced in kind. These later structures should also never be enclosed. The enclosure of the rear or side porch of a property should be considered based on the quality of the design of the enclosure such as its fenestration and materials, but should generally be allowed.

The houses of the post-1915 era do not have the prominent, wide porches of the early houses. The exceptions to this rule are the Victorian revival infill structures at 5804 Surrey, and 4808 and 4812 Cumberland. New houses, unless they maintain the vertical orientation, 2/2 or 1/1 fenestration, projecting bays, shutters, or other design motifs of the pre-1915 construction should not have wide or wraparound porches in the fashion of the pre-1915 houses. The houses of the Victorian Revival do not have the design motifs of the real Victorian era structures. Porches are a wonderful amenity on a house, but in a historic district, they should be judged to a high standard of accuracy before they are permitted.

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It was fairly standard in the Victorian era to use turned posts in the construction of porches. As time passed, these posts fell out of fashion and were succeeded by more Classical Revival inspired posts. Examples of this kind of porch abound in Somerset, including 4728 Dorset, 4701 Cumberland and 4711 Cumberland. Because of this subsequent design development, the use of classically-inspired posts on porches in Somerset should be allowed for replacement porches and appropriate infill. Modernistic columns like those at 4805 Cumberland which feature trapezoidal

capitals should be discouraged. Likewise very ornate gingerbread brackets like those at 4708 and 4712 Cumberland should be discouraged. This level of ornament is not present in the houses of early Somerset and should not be allowed in the historic district.

Finally, porches should not be extended beyond their original length. If a house is given a side addition which is set back toward the rear on the side there is a great temptation to wrap around the porch and extend it to connect to the addition. The house at 4811 Cumberland has had its porch extended to cover the front of a first floor addition. Unfortunately, from the street, the building still reads as the original mass with the addition appearing only tacked on. As a result the porch seems unnecessarily elongated and therefore out of proportion to the house.

Fences

The town of Somerset currently has its own fence ordinance which governs the materials, height and placement of fences within the town, not just the district. The result of the ordinance is a very open streetscape with the yards as semi-public spaces. The overall effect is quite pleasing. The HPC should adhere to the Somerset fence guidelines in reviewing fences for the historic district for as long as the Somerset guidelines continue to encourage low, open fences that do not hide the historic resources of Somerset.

Additional quidelines for infill

Some issues in designing with historic neighborhoods are specifically related to infill and require a separate section to deal with them. For this reason, this last section synthesizes some the previous discussion of design guidelines and attempts to synopsize them as they relate to infill.

With the exception of 4728 Dorset and a few others, the Victorian structures within the district were not the high-style, eclectic and ornate structures that predominated earlier in the They are comparatively stripped, straightforward structures with a minimum of ornamentation and a near total lack of For this reason, the Victorian Revival infill gingerbread. structures at 4808 and 4812 Cumberland and 5804 Surrey, are very jarring in their effect on the streetscape. Infilled structures should have no gingerbread or ostentatious detailing, but should instead have simply detailed fenestration and entrances. The houses at 4801 Cumberland and 4725 Dorset provide good examples of this kind of infill. Though 4801 Cumberland regrettably disrupts the sensitive landscape on the north side of Cumberland, its level of detailing strikes the proper balance between the need to make a building attractive and the need to have it blend into the background.

Pipe-stem lots may be a possibility in the district if there is any more infill. The houses at 4719 and 4807 Dorset, and at 4718 Cumberland are set back at the middle of the block. Houses could be constructed in front of them, leaving them on lots whose bulk was at the middle of the block with only a narrow extension or

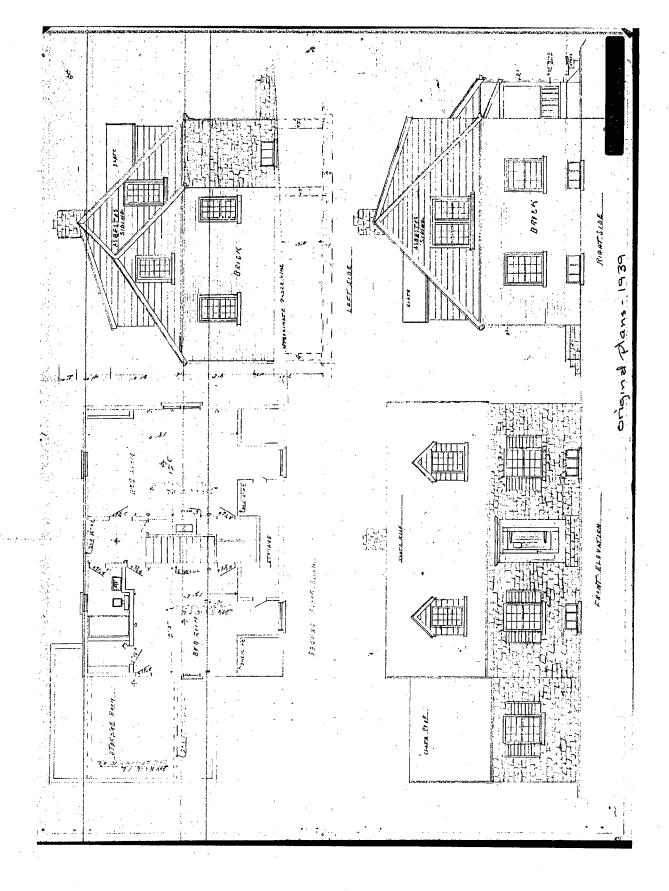
"pipe-stem" connecting the house with the public right of way. The effect of the existing pipe-stem lot at 5812 Surrey has been minimal on the streetscape on Surrey Street. As noted before, however, this is one of the least sensitive streetscapes in the district. The access road to the houses located at mid-block is only just wide enough for one car and screened at its entryway by vegetation.

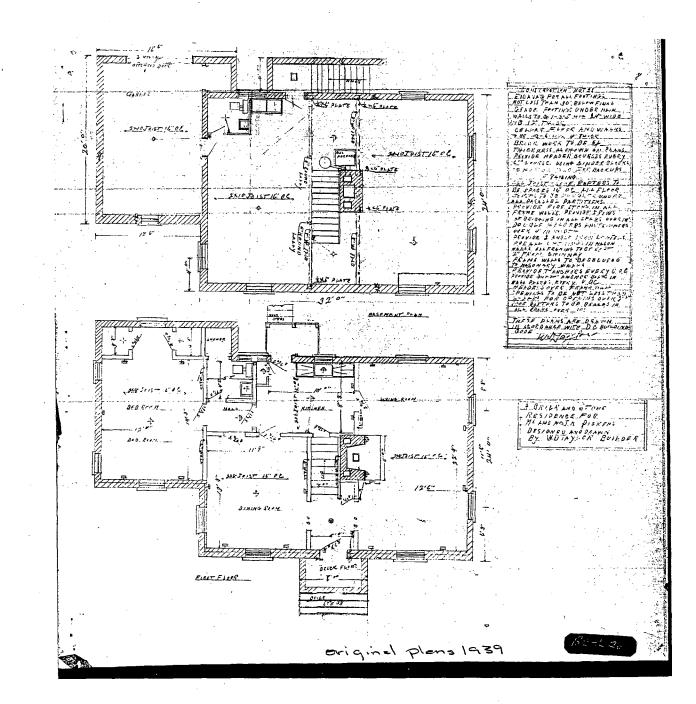


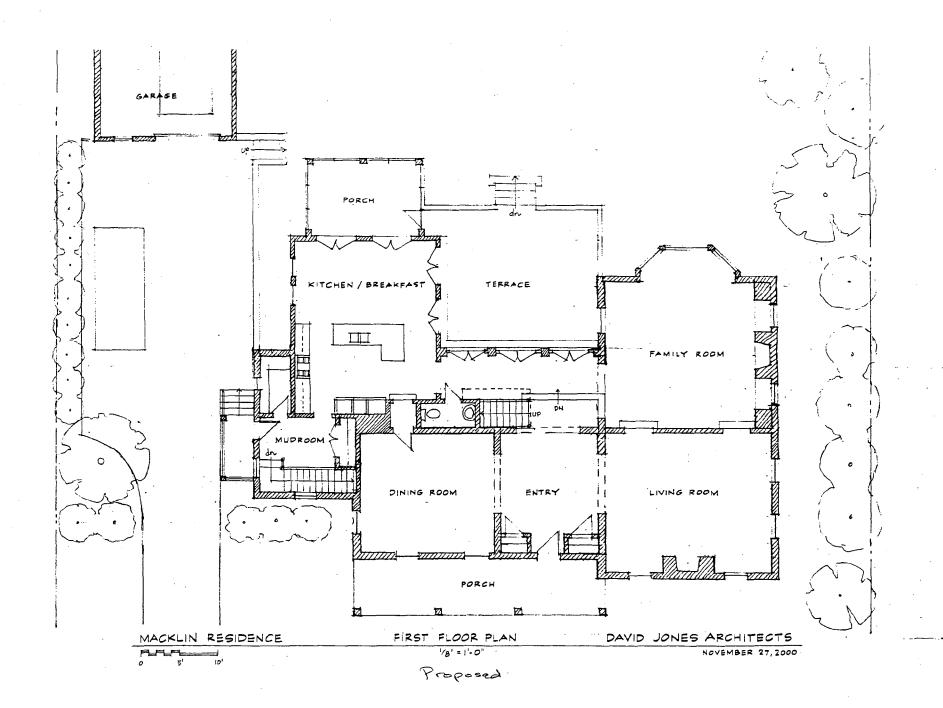
Pipe-stem lots should be allowed within the historic district, if they are permitted by the subdivision regulations of Montgomery County and sensitively designed. If a pre-1915 historic house located on the middle of a block is converted to a pipe-stem, the view of the historic house from the public right of way should be preserved. If an infill house is constructed on a pipe-stem lot it should be screened from view from the public right of way. The infill house at 5812 Surrey, through sensitive use of landscaping

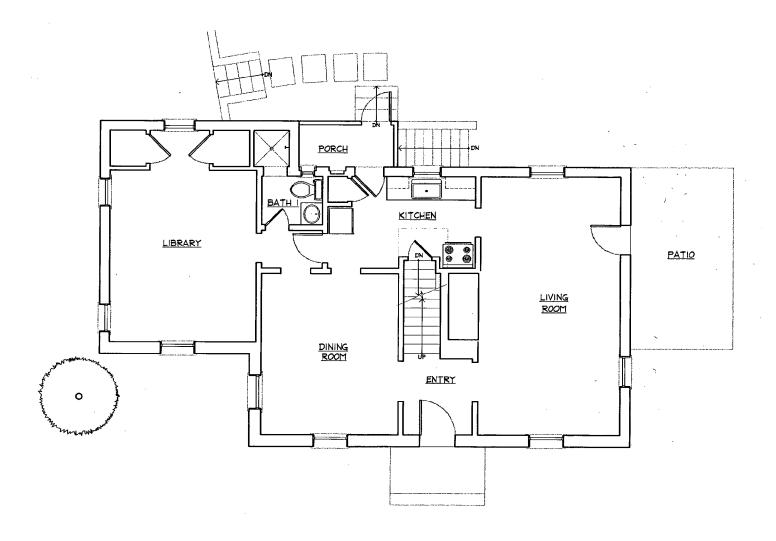
and sensitive siting of the house has minimal impact on the streetscape.

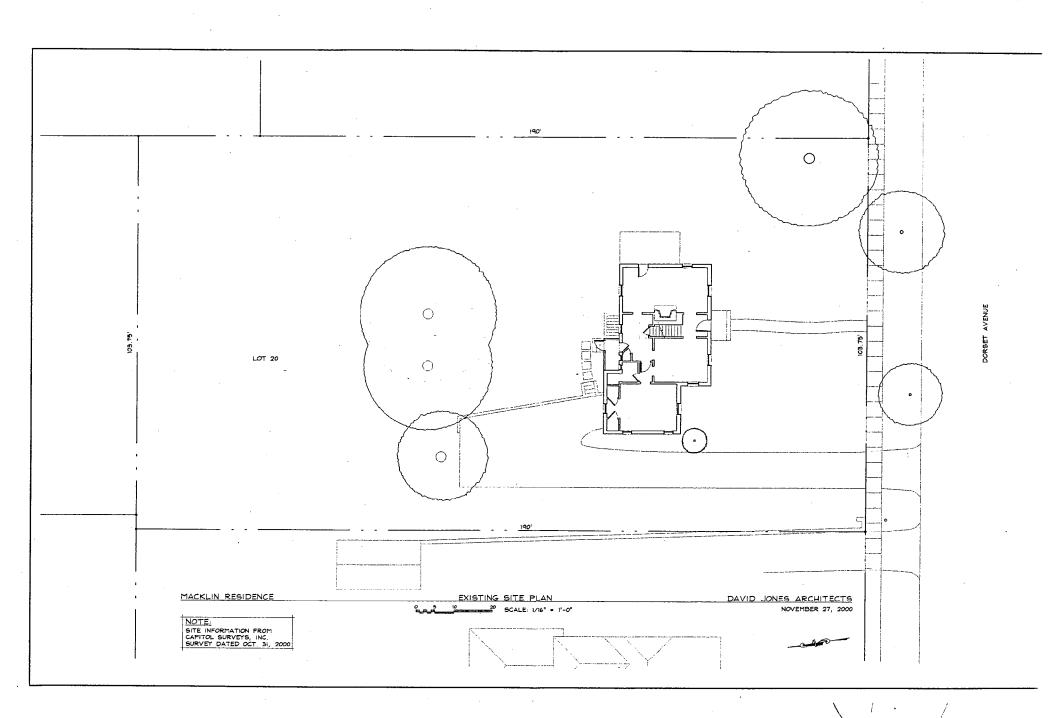
It is hoped that these guidelines will make clear the considerations of history and design which go hand in hand in the creation of a successfully designed historic district. The historic architecture of a district does not preclude change or new construction, but does place a responsibility of those who wish to change it to respect the thought that went into previous design for the district. It is further hoped that these guidelines will provide an appropriate starting point for a discussion of the future direction of design within the Somerset historic district such that the special qualities of the district are preserved.

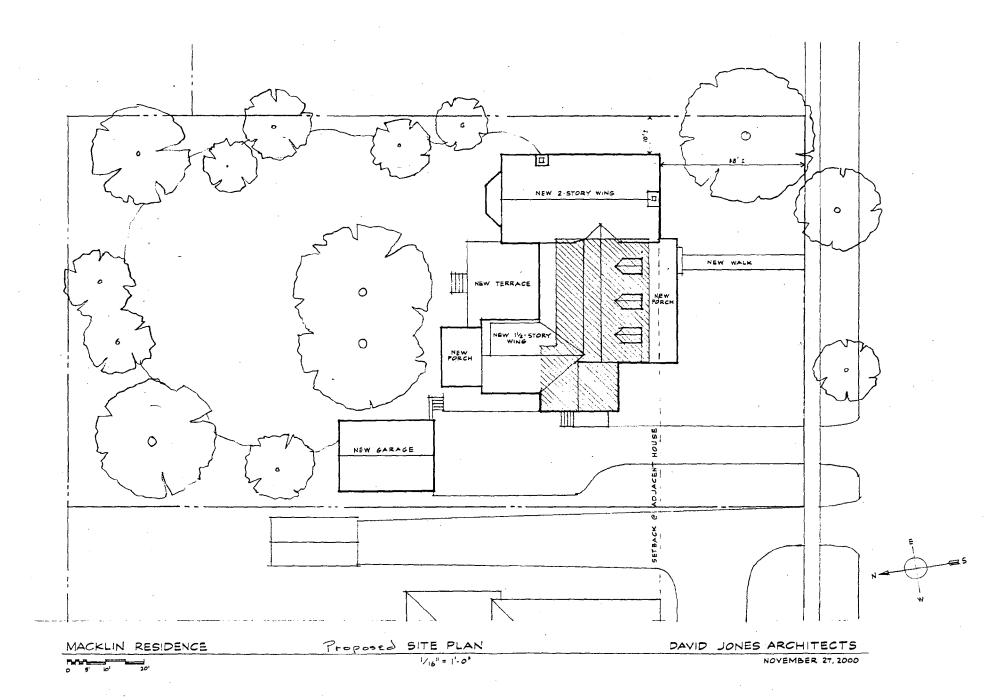












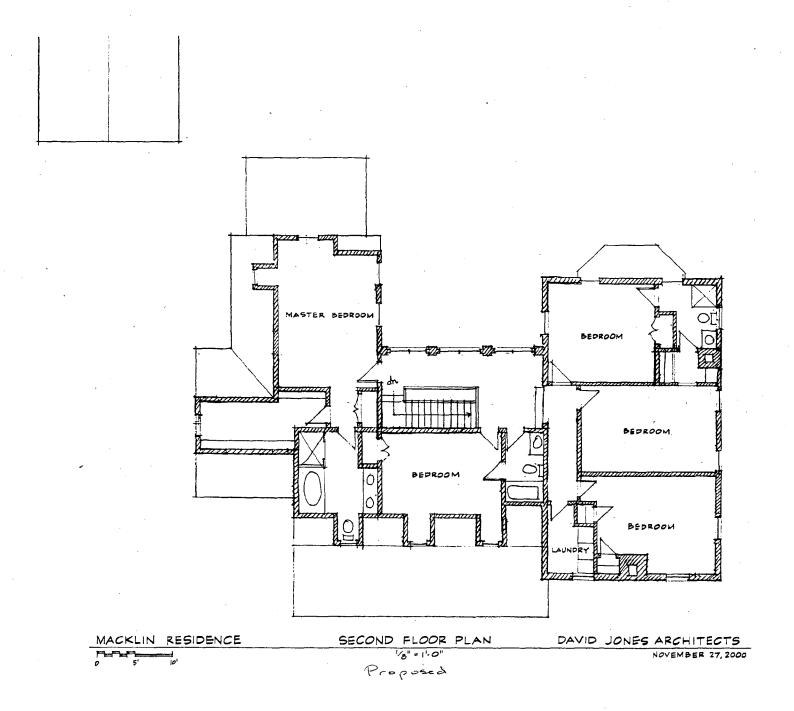


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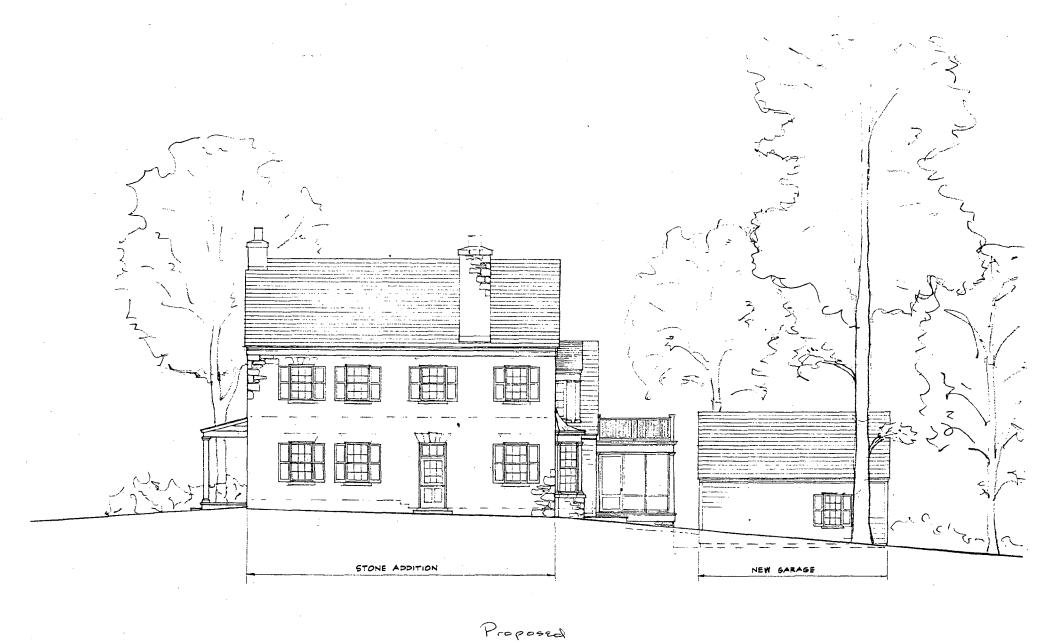
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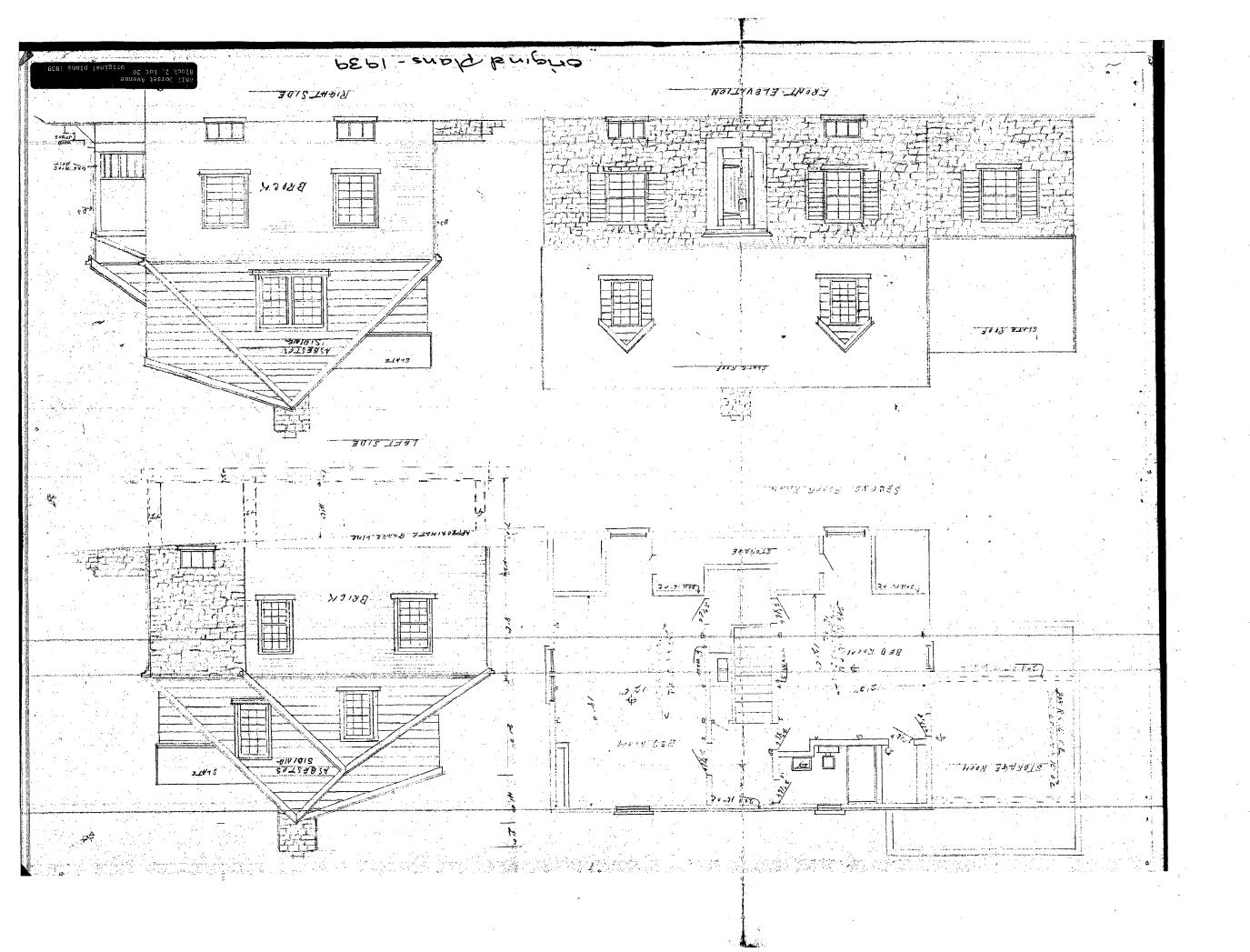
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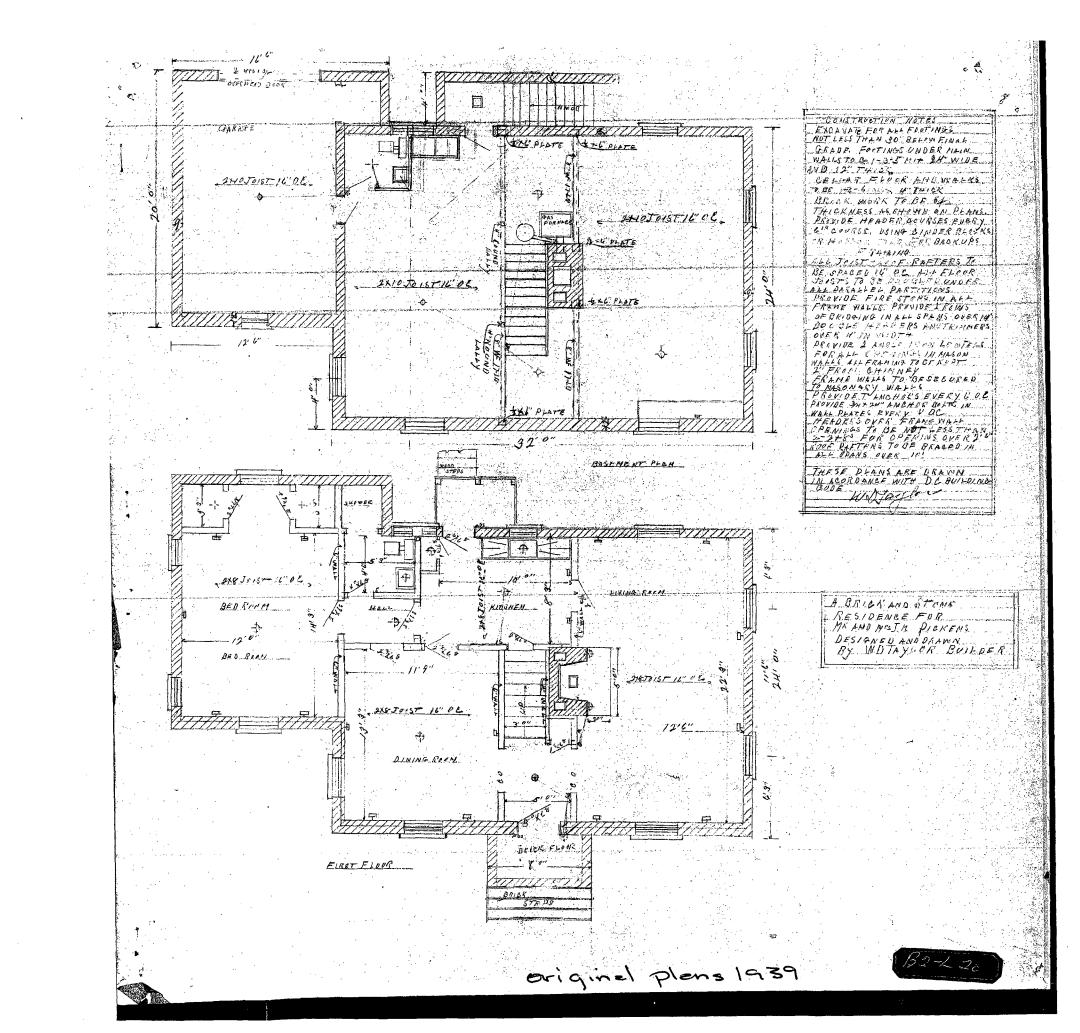
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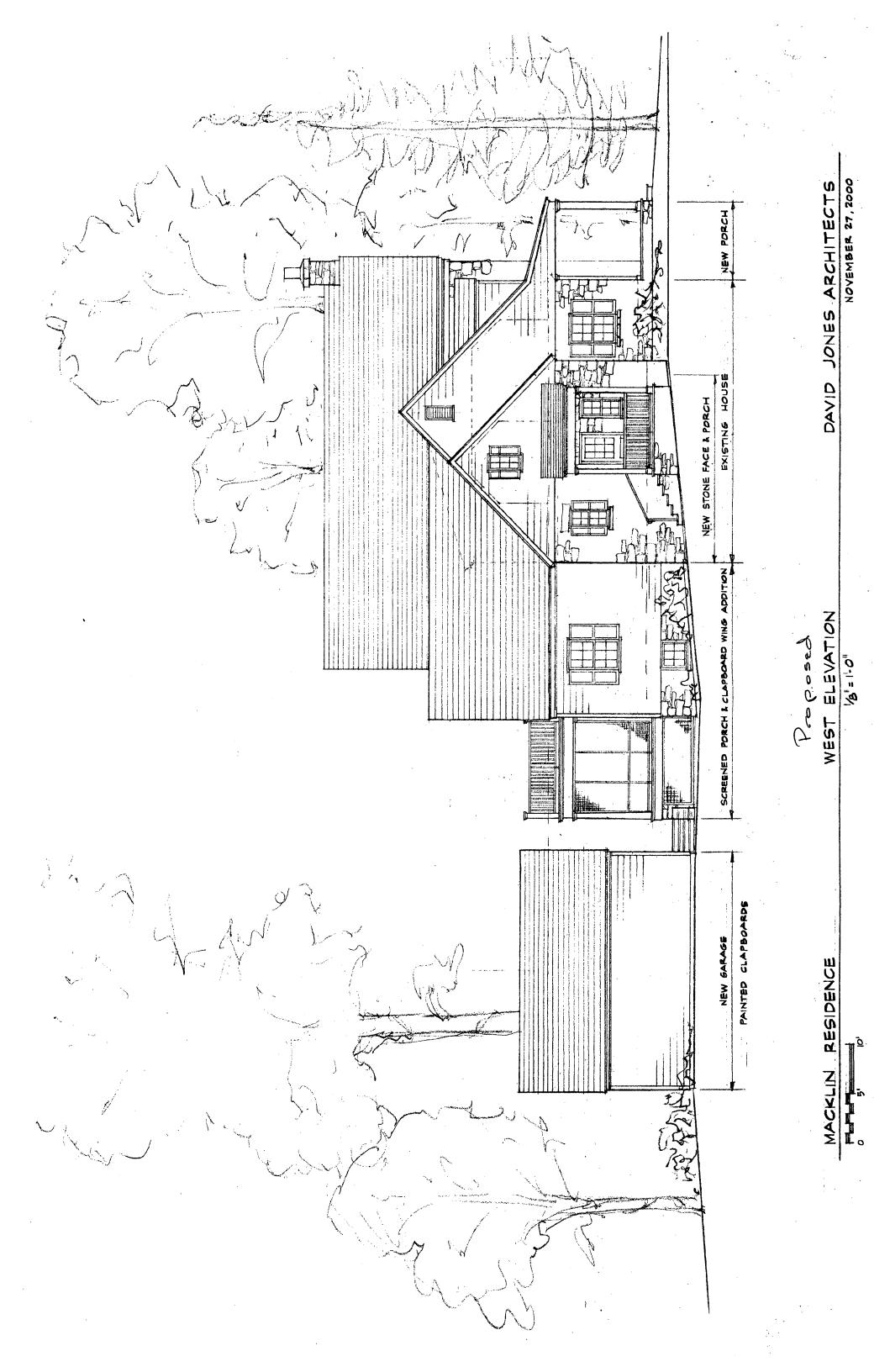
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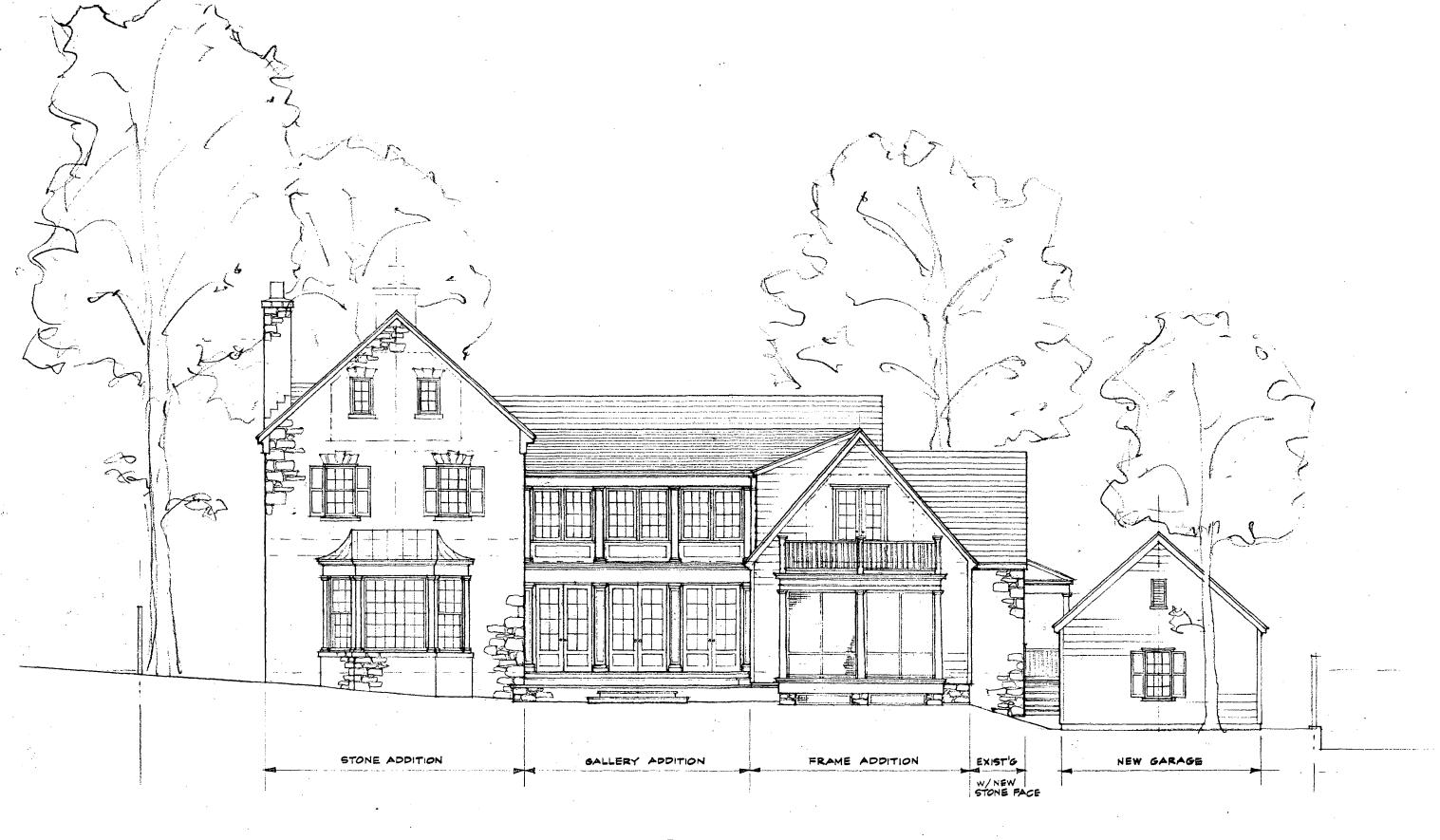
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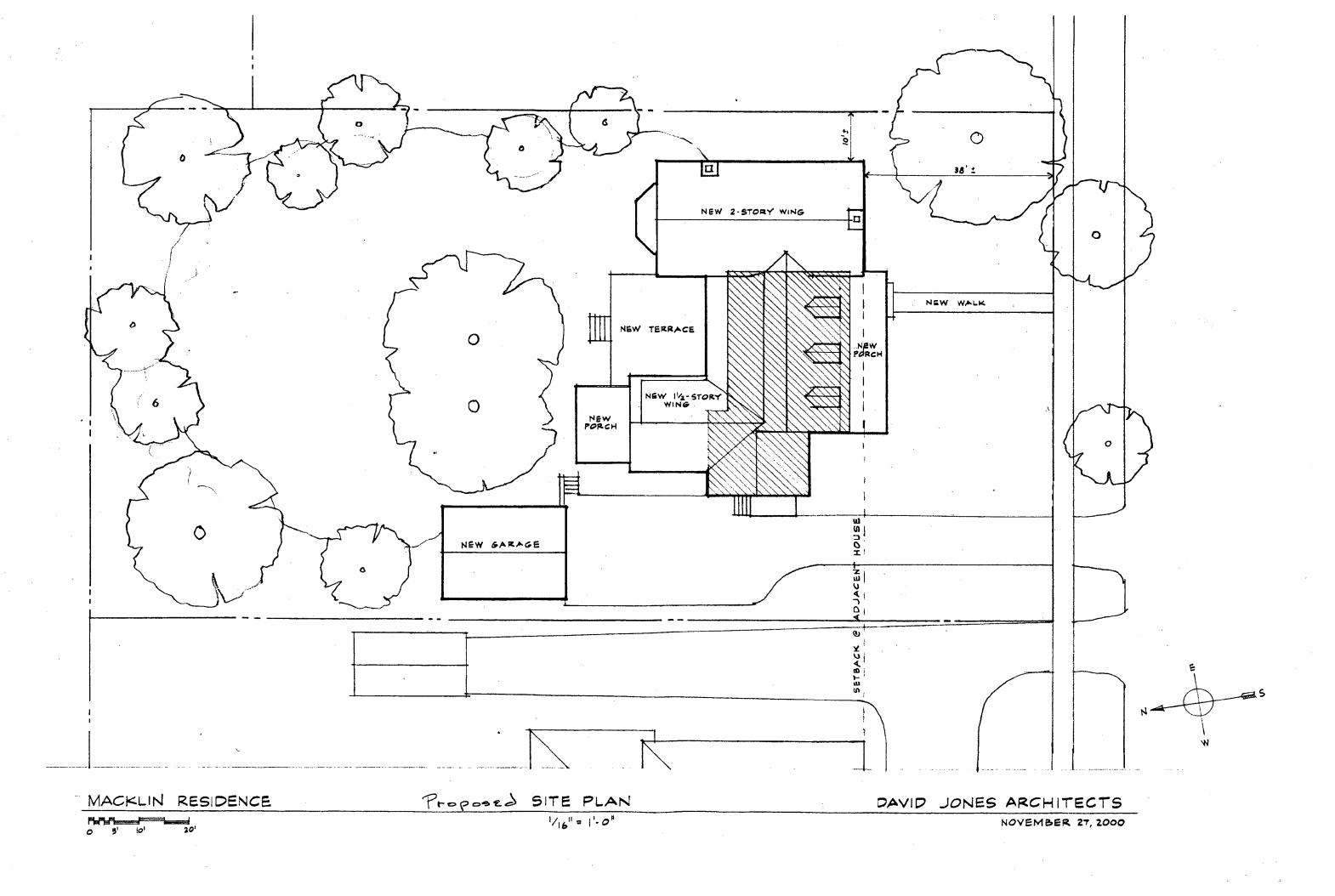


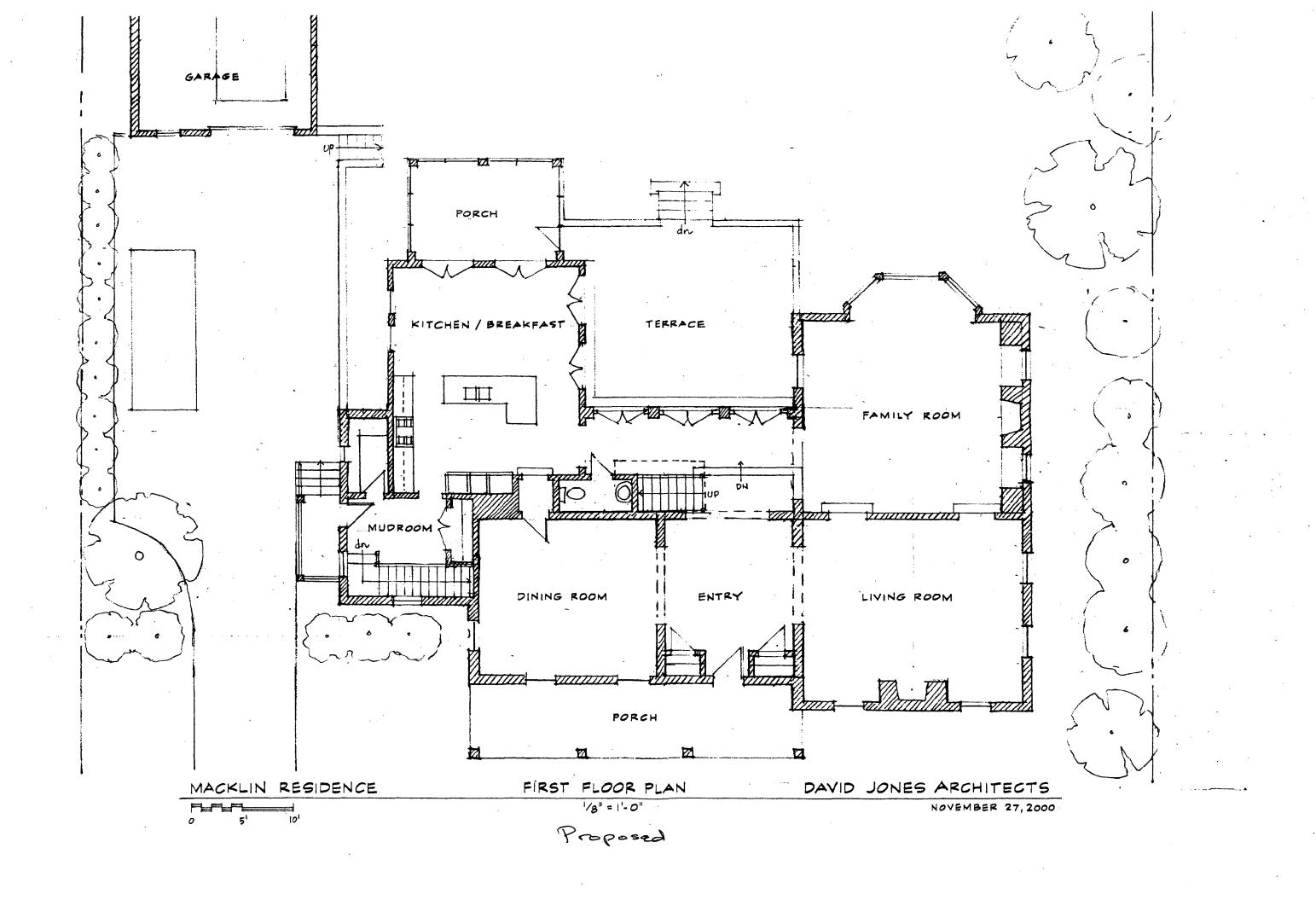


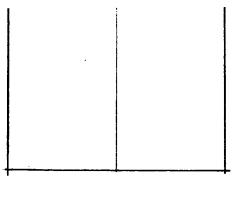
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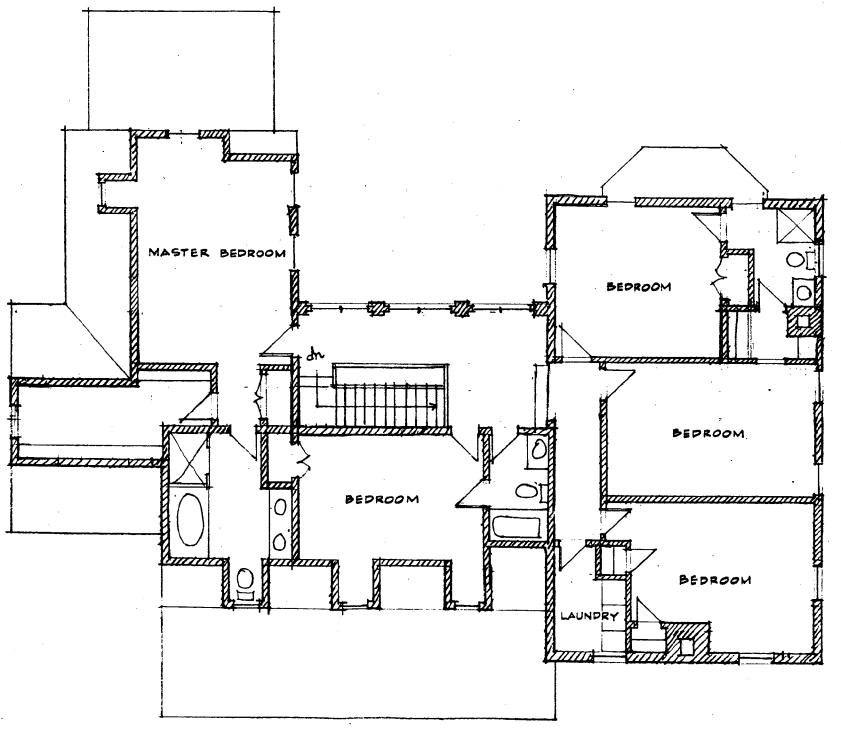
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