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#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: Lot #3, North Street Brookeville Meeting Date: 1/10/96

Resource: Brookeville Historic District (Master Plan Site #23/65)

Case Number: Not applicable

Public Notice: 12/27/95

Review: Preliminary Consultation

Tax Credit: No

Report Date: 1/3/96

Applicant: Doug Horsman, Horsman Homes Inc. Staff: Gwen Marcus

PROPOSAL: New Construction

**RECOMMEND:** Proceed with revisions

#### BACKGROUND

The proposed project involves construction of a new house and detached garage on North Street in the Brookeville Historic District. The Town of Brookeville is identified on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u> and on the National Register of Historic Places.

The HPC has previously reviewed and approved two new houses (one with a detached single-car garage) on North Street and these houses are nearing completion. The current application is for Lot 3, which is between the two new houses and is the last lot of the "Schmidtlein subdivision" to be developed. The lot is approximately 3/4 acre in size, with the entire rear half of the lot (including a central hedgerow) in a conservation easement so as to maintain the rear open meadow.

The applicant is proposing construction of a single-family house which would be two and one half stories at the front (facing North Street) and three and one half stories at the rear (with a walk-out basement). The gross square footage of the house would be 2,303 square feet. The applicant has provided two alternatives for building materials - either all stucco, or stone facing on the front ell and stucco in the rear. The contract purchaser of the lot prefers the stone and stucco combination.

In addition to the house, a one and one half story carriagehouse/garage is proposed. This structure would have room for two cars and usable living space on the upper floor - the dimensions would be 30' wide and 22' deep. The proposed location for the garage is next to and in front of the proposed house. The garage would extend approximately 15' forward of the front facade of the house. The applicant has stated that the intent of this location is:

...to continue the streetscape and to offer a visual connection with the existing oneroom schoolhouse. Both buildings are seen as creating a "gateway" between the village-like portions of North Street and the "rural/wooded" areas just beyond the end of the street.

Other proposed changes include the continuation of a gravel driveway the would be shared access to the Teal property (Lot 4). In addition, a circular turnaround or "courtyard" would be located behind the proposed garage. The plan also show a "future tool shed" (but no elevations for this structure are included). No tree removal is involved; however, substantial grading of the lot will be required.

#### STAFF DISCUSSION

The location, size and massing of the proposed single family house is consistent with other new construction approved on North Street. The height, at approximately 33' (estimated from the drawings, which are not dimensioned), is 2.5' lower than the house approved for Lot 2. The width at the rear (the widest point) is 33.5' which compares to 31.5' for the front of the house on Lot 2. The footprint of this proposed house is 1,200 square feet, while the footprint of the house on Lot 2 is 1,189 square feet.

However, this house design is different from other approved new construction designs that have tended to be relatively replicative of historic building forms. This house is unusual in that the widest section of the house is to the rear with a narrower ell extending forward toward North Street. Most historic houses are widest at the front with narrow rear ells.

Staff feels, therefore, that this house design should be viewed as a contemporary structure and not one that is intended to closely replicate a historic building that might have existed in Brookeville. As a **contemporary** structure, staff feels that the proposed house design is successful. It is compatible with size and massing of nearby structures; it has an asymmetrical form that allows for the creation of an interesting garden space; it utilizes a general historic vocabulary for its forms but does not strictly try to recreate an older design.

Because this structure is successful as a contemporary house in a historic district, staff feels that efforts to overemphasize historic building materials or to use them in a way found typically on historic buildings would detract from the final design. Therefore, staff feels that the use of stone facing on the front portion of the house (which is very effectively utilized with the more replicative building on Lot 2) would be inappropriate for this structure. The option that is proposed for using all stucco as an exterior finish would be preferable. Stucco, while being used on some historic houses in Montgomery County (although not in Brookeville), can add to the clarity of this building as a contemporary structure. The use of stone facing would tend to support the idea that some degree of historic replication is being attempted and would result in a confused design - historic use of building materials on a structure that does not utilize a historic massing form.

Staff does have major concerns about the carriagehouse/garage proposed for this lot including its size and location. First to the issue of size: in reviewing cases in the Brookeville Historic District, staff has recommended the construction of detached garages that are not greater that one-car in size. Historically, Brookeville does not have a history of large ancillary buildings associated with the primary historic structures. There are many small sheds and springhouses, but no large historic barns or formal carriagehouses. The character of outbuildings in Brookeville reflects its rural heritage and they tend to be small and very simple.

There are two garages in Brookeville that have been identified to staff as being designed for two cars: the Jordan House at the corner of North and Market Streets has a two car garage that is attached to the main house with a breezeway structure - staff believes this structure predates the designation of the historic district. In addition, a new two car garage was approved by the HPC for a non-contributing/out of period structure at 1 South Street. Staff has not been able to determine when that garage was approved as the application is not dated and there is not background information in the file; however, it must have been soon after the Brookeville Historic District was designated (1986) as the application form is a very old format that hasn't been used for many years.

Therefore, although the design proposed for the carriagehouse/garage in this project is very attractive, the size (30' X 22') is too large to be compatible with the predominant historic patterns in Brookeville.

Secondly, the proposed location of the carriagehouse/garage is problematic. Historically, it is extremely unusual to find ancillary buildings in front of the main facade of the primary structure. In fact, this is not common in modern construction projects either. Placing the secondary structure forward of the primary structure gives it a precedence that is not appropriate.

Staff is sympathetic to the applicant's desire to relate the new construction on Lot 3 to the historic schoolhouse and to create a "gateway" at the end of North Street. However, placing a similarly-sized carriagehouse/garage in close proximity to the schoolhouse may not be an appropriate way to highlight the historic structure - it may actually serve as visual competition. Additionally, the "gateway" concept may be too formal for North Street - which, even with the new construction, has retained a rural character.

For these reasons, staff strongly recommends that the application be revised to show a one-car detached garage located substantially farther back on the lot - perhaps adjacent to the proposed deck.

In terms of the driveway and "courtyard", staff strongly recommends that the project minimize the area to be paved with gravel. The rural character of Brookeville calls for as much open space and natural vegetation as possible, with as little paved area as possible. The paved turnaround should be deleted or reconfigured as a simple driveway leading to a smaller garage.

Staff would also note that it appears that efforts have failed to utilize a portion of the Lowder property (North Street extended) as vehicular access to Lot 3 and Lot 4. Therefore, this plan shows a private drive on Lot 3 and parallel to the gravel drive on the Lowder property (North Street extended). This drive would need to be utilized by the Lot 4 (the Teals) and would not make it possible for the Teals to meet one of the conditions of approval for their new house.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that this project be found generally consistent with historic preservation goals in the Brookeville Historic District as long as several significant revisions are made:

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Reference: the CHANDLER HOUSE LOT 3, NORTH STREET, BROOKEVILLE, MD

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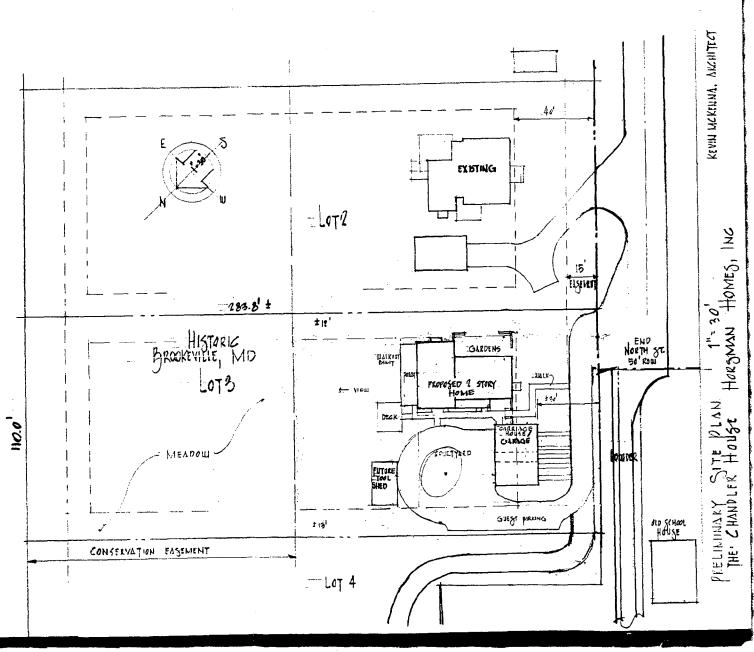
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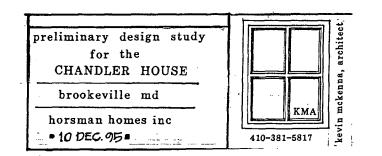


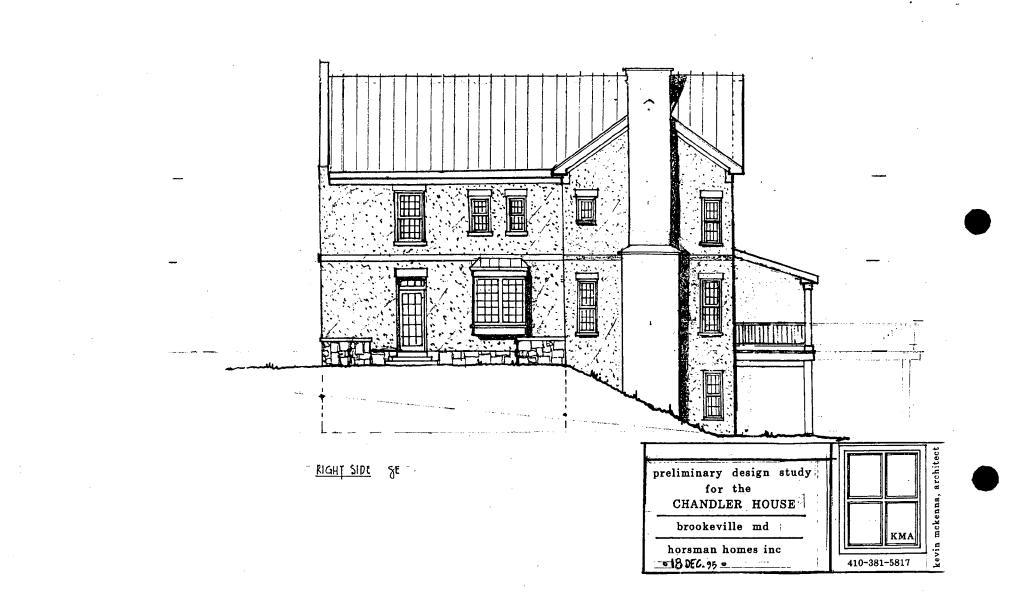


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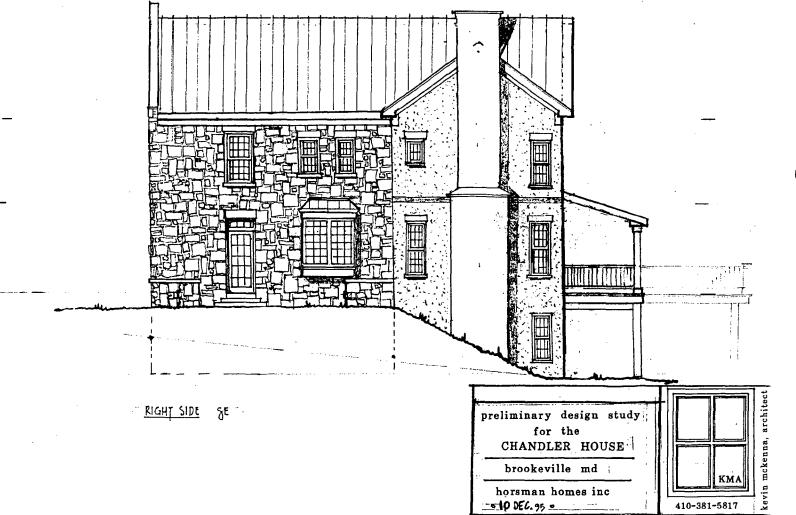
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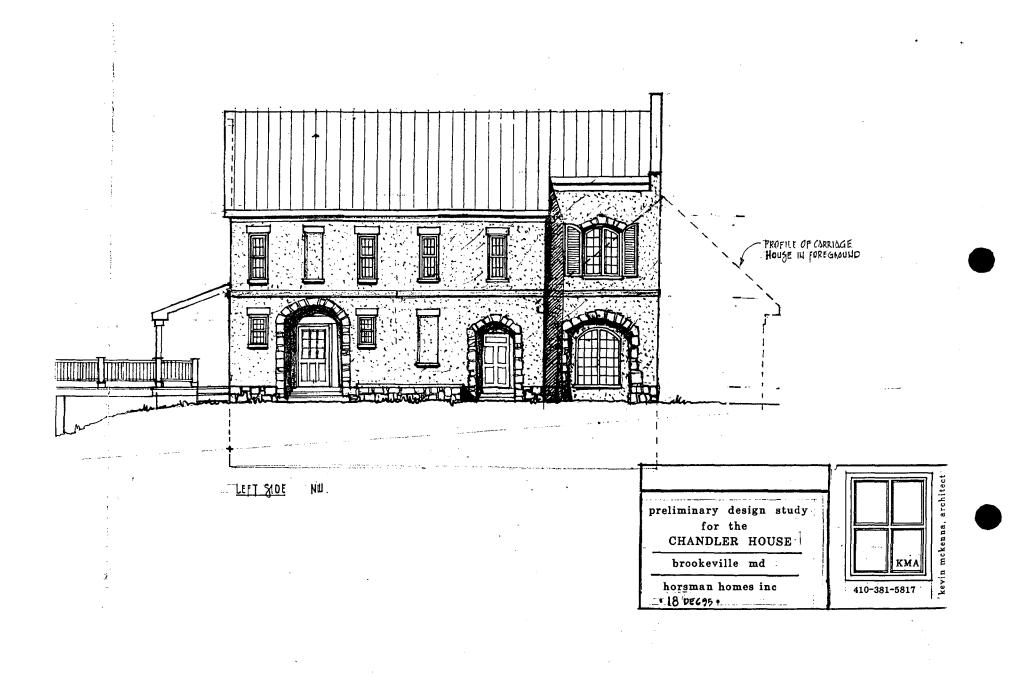






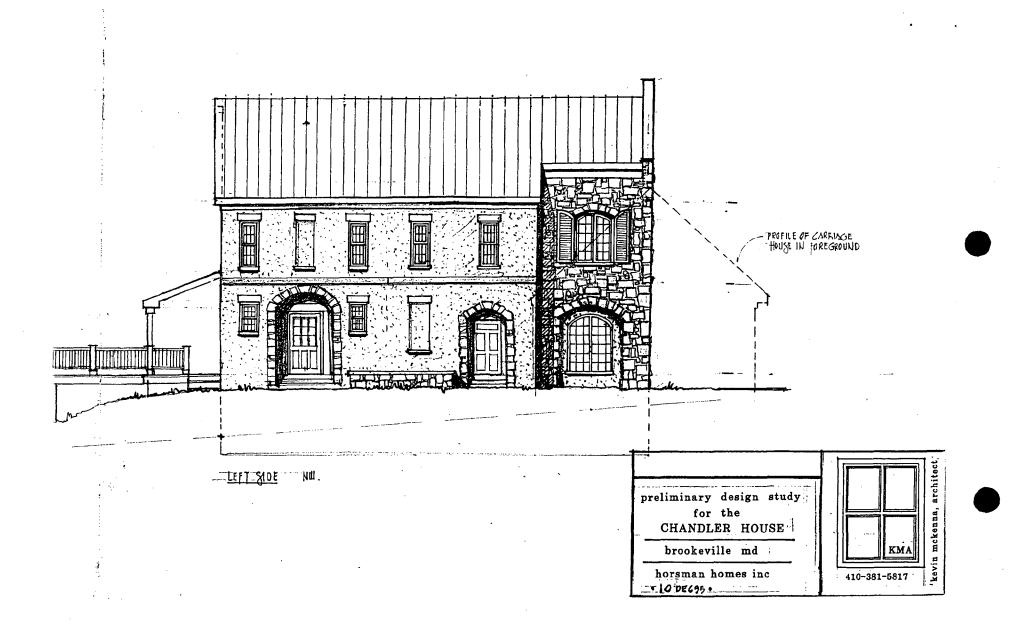
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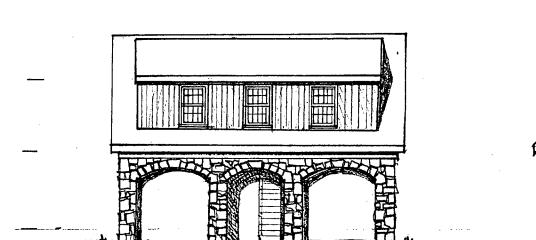
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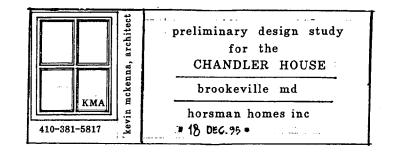
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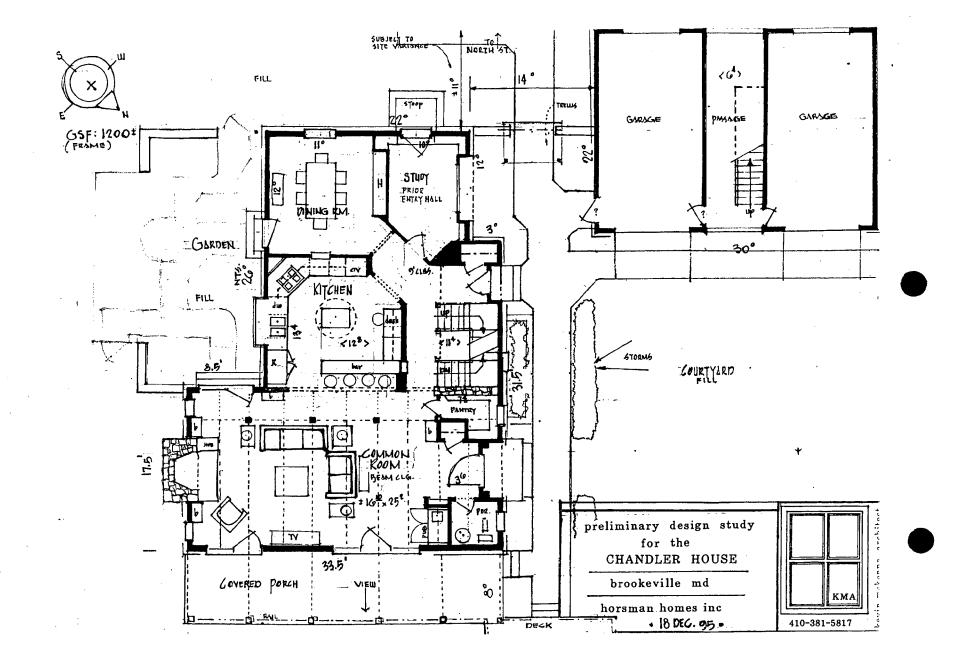
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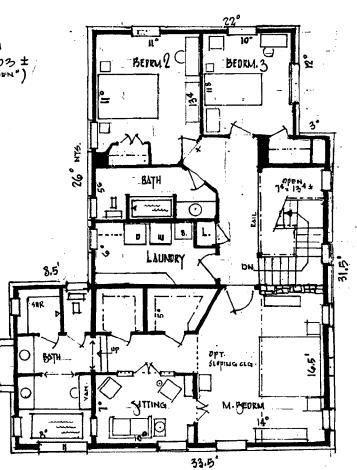
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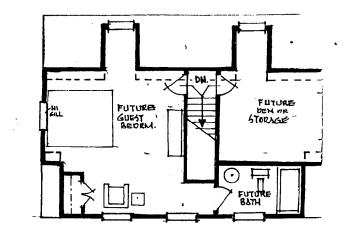


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Ms. Gwen Marcus MNCPPC 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910-3670 January 16, 1996

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LOT #3, NORTH STREET, BROOKEVILLE (ALSO KNOWN AS <u>CHANDLER HOUSE</u>) BY **BROOKEVILLE LOCAL AREA PRESERVATION COMMISSION**. THESE COMMENTS ARE FOR SUBMISSION DURING THE HEARING OF JANUARY 17, 1996 REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION.

1. HEIGHT IN REGARD TO GRADE: We are very concerned about the grading around the proposed structure based on the experience with the Horsman home on lot #2. From the rear view, both homes have four exposed stories giving the appearance of a beach house or walk-up tenement. These designs are inconsistent with any structure in Brookeville.

2. DECK APPENDED TO PORCH: There appears to be a deck appended on to the (rear) porch. This may be a drawn by accident or intended. In either case it is unacceptable. It extends the deck structure to over fifty percent of the length of the house.

3. FRONT PARAPET: The front parapet is an inconsistent addition, which serves no structural purpose. We feel a simple gable end with a roof overhang would far more contextual.

4. CHIMNEY: LAP recommends a stone chimney (as no material is now specified).

5. FACADE STRUCTURE: We recommend the stone and stucco combination. This design would be more consistent with the home on lot #2 and overall area design (eg: The "rural" character mentioned in HPC's recommendations).

6. ARCHES: On both the residence and garage, we suggest stone lintels as opposed to arches on the passageways.

7. GARAGE SIZE: The overall size of the garage should be reduced.

8. GARAGE PLACEMENT: We strongly agree with the HPC in regard to garage placement. The design forward of the house is not in line with surrounding designs and serves no functional purpose.

CONCLUSION: The HPC has many good points in its response to the plans, but the LAP wants to assure that the focus stays on the surrounding historic area, not the recently approved structure next door. In addition, labeling a house "contemporary" in a historic district, does not give license to disregard the surrounding historic properties. Mr. Horsman's previous structure ended up ten feet higher than proposed in the originally drawn plans. This history concerns the LAP. We feel that a clear distinction must be made between what is approved and what is built. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Thank you for your time.

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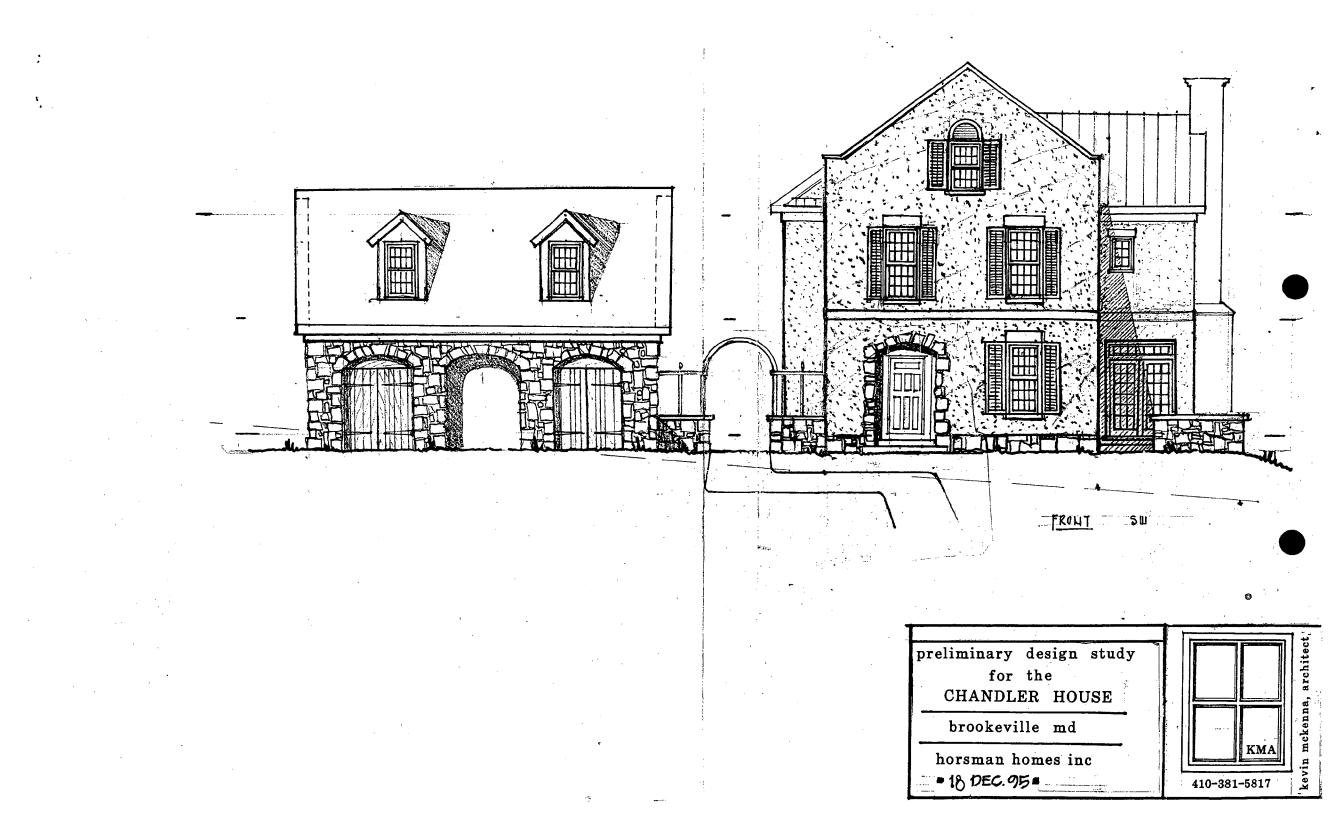
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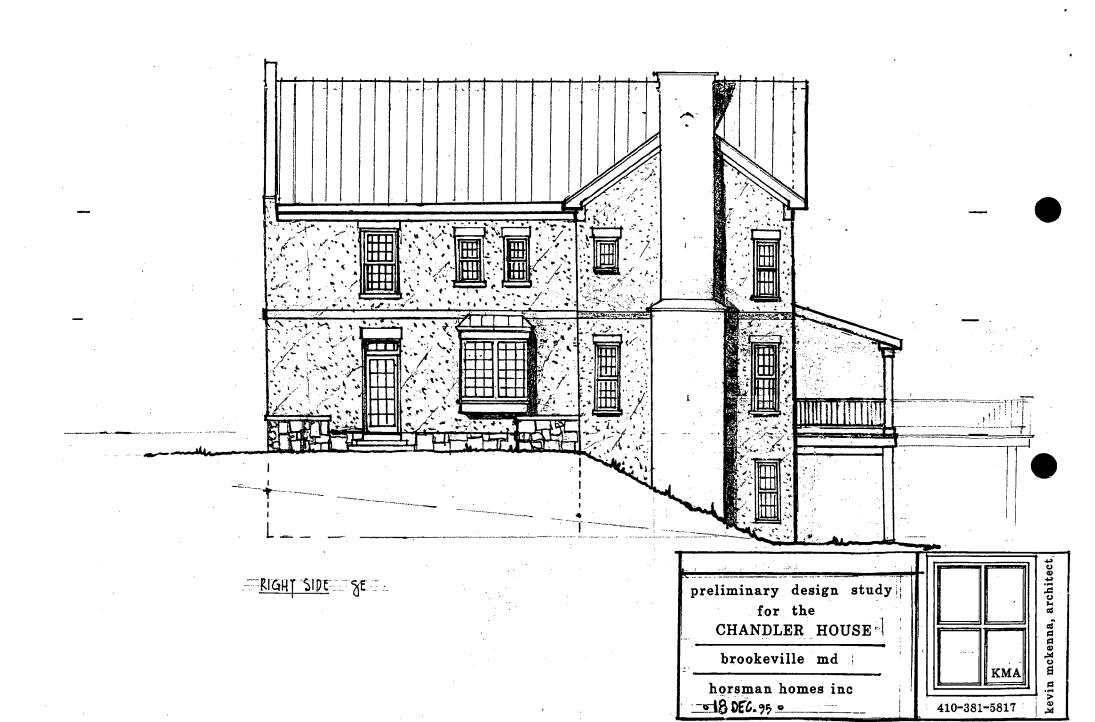
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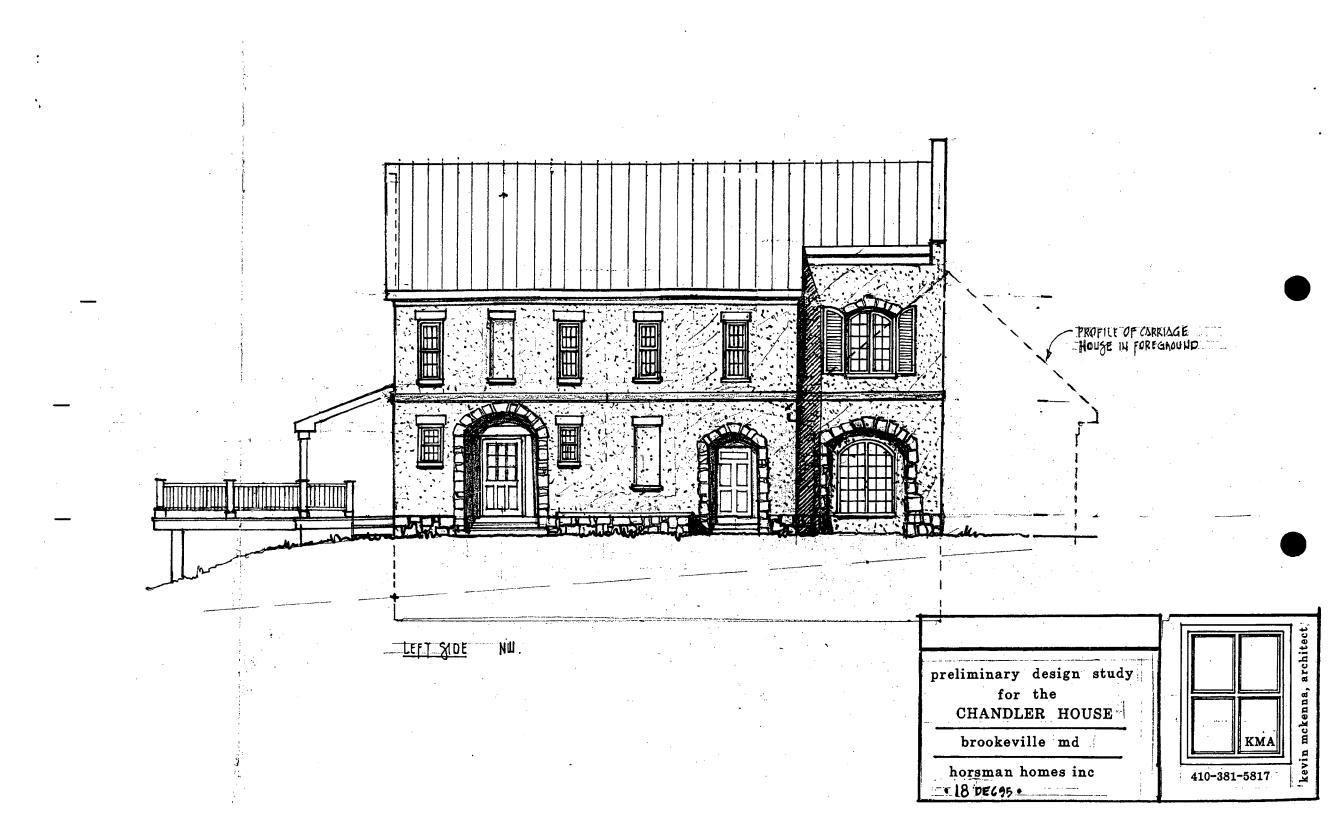
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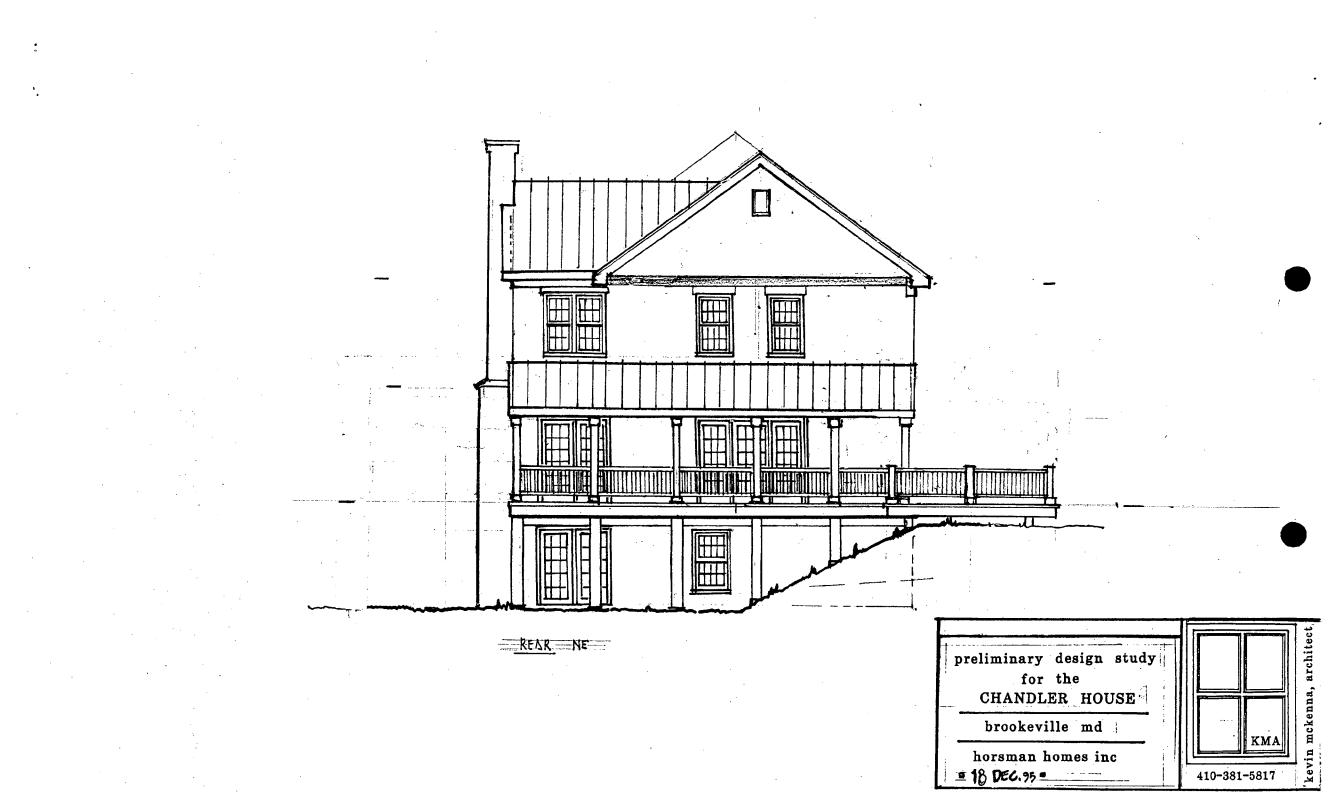
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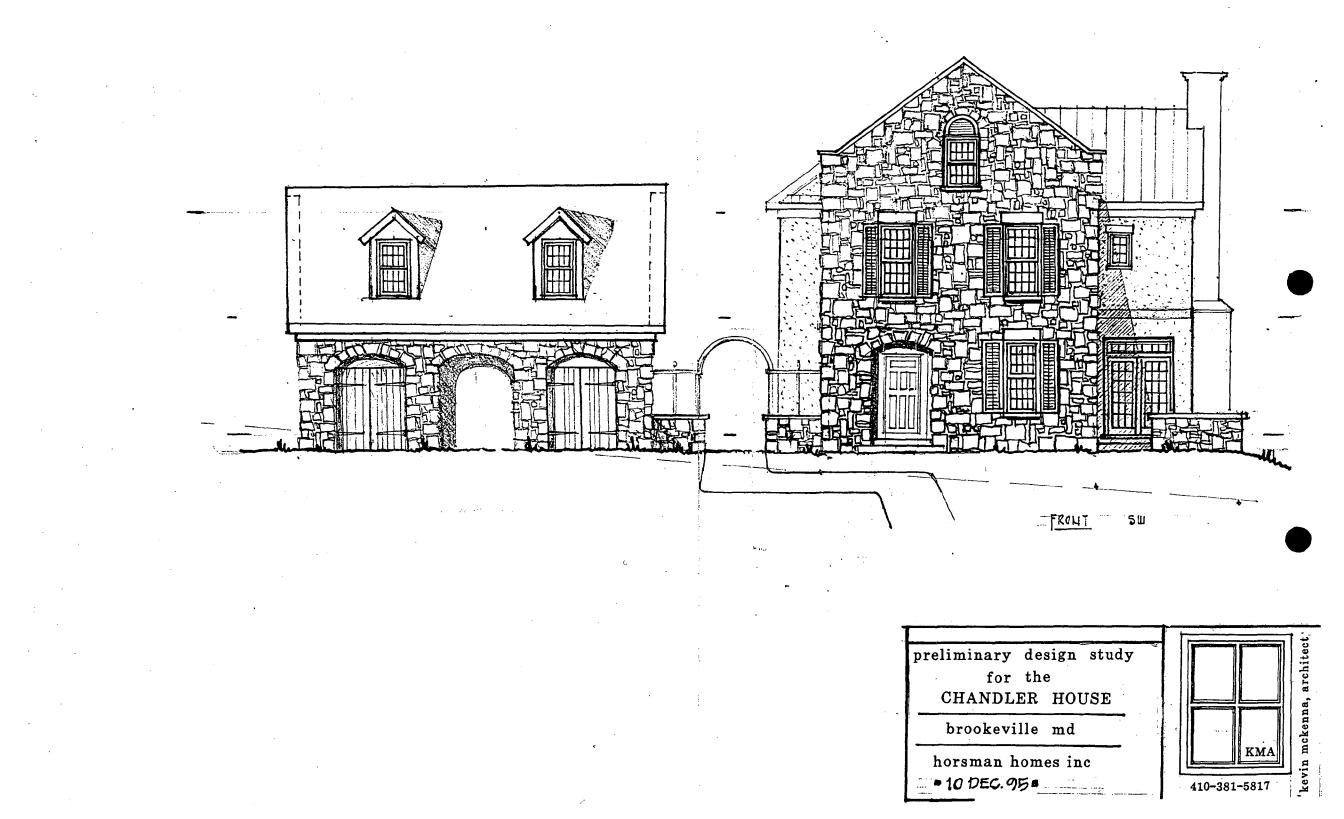


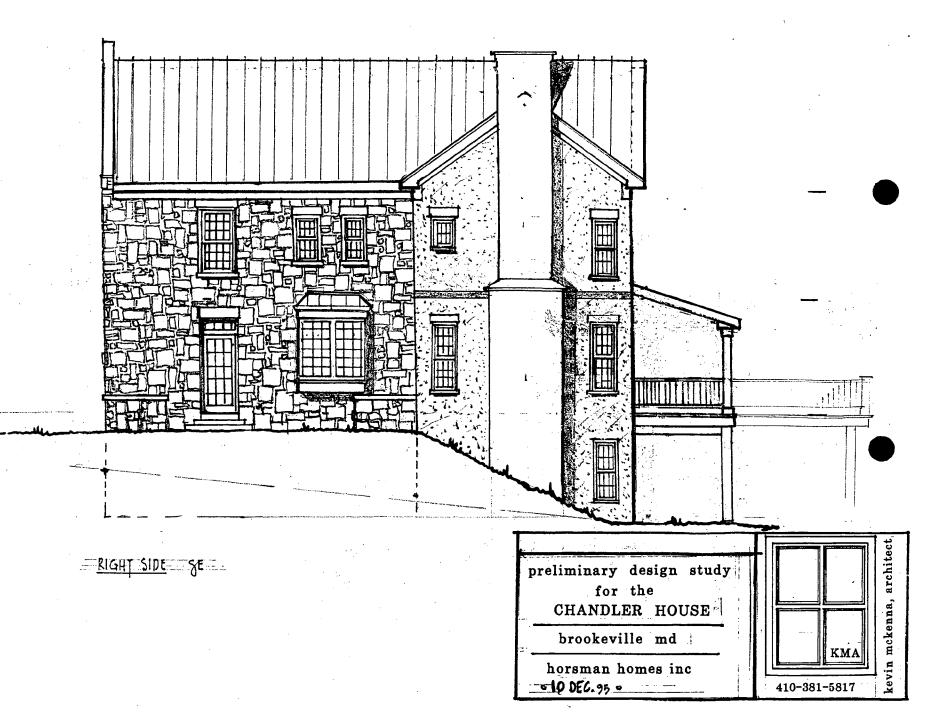


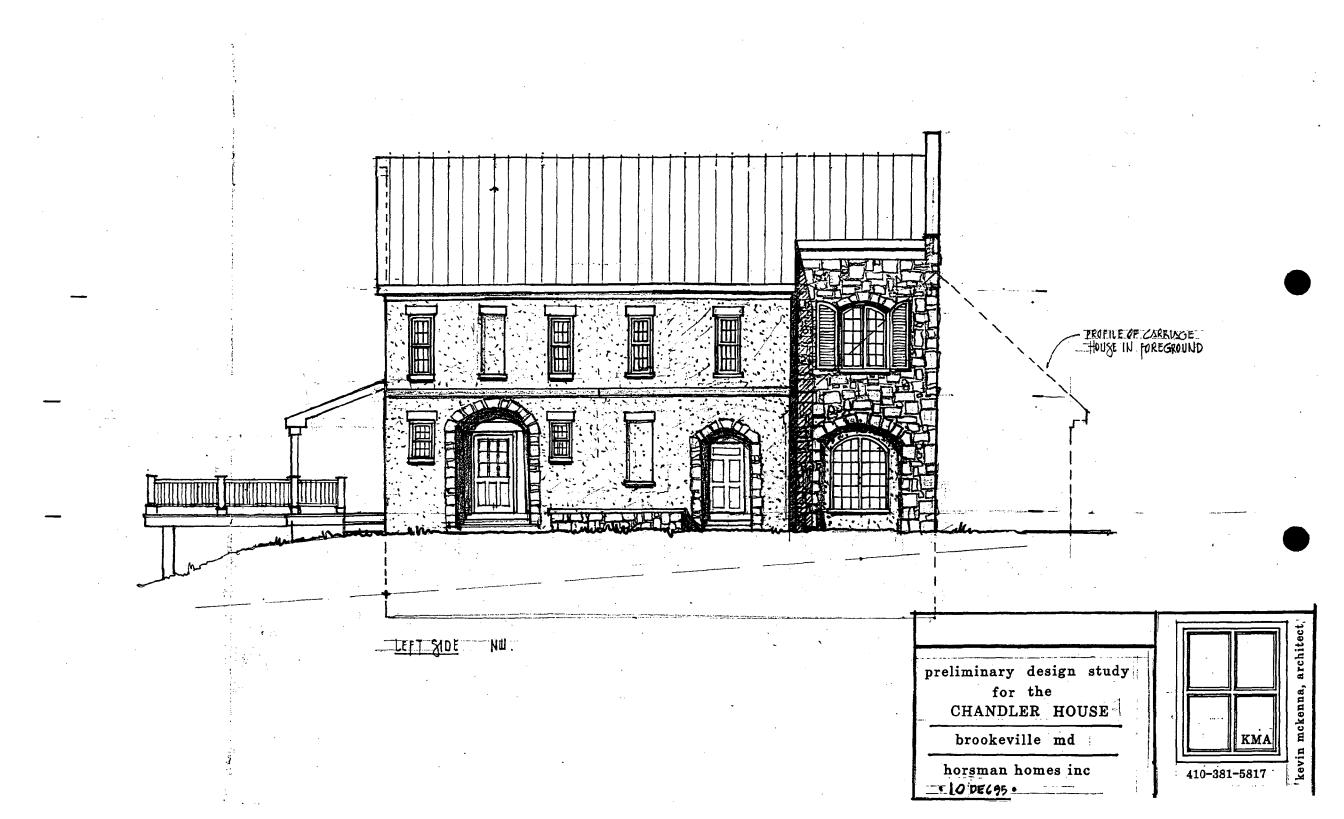
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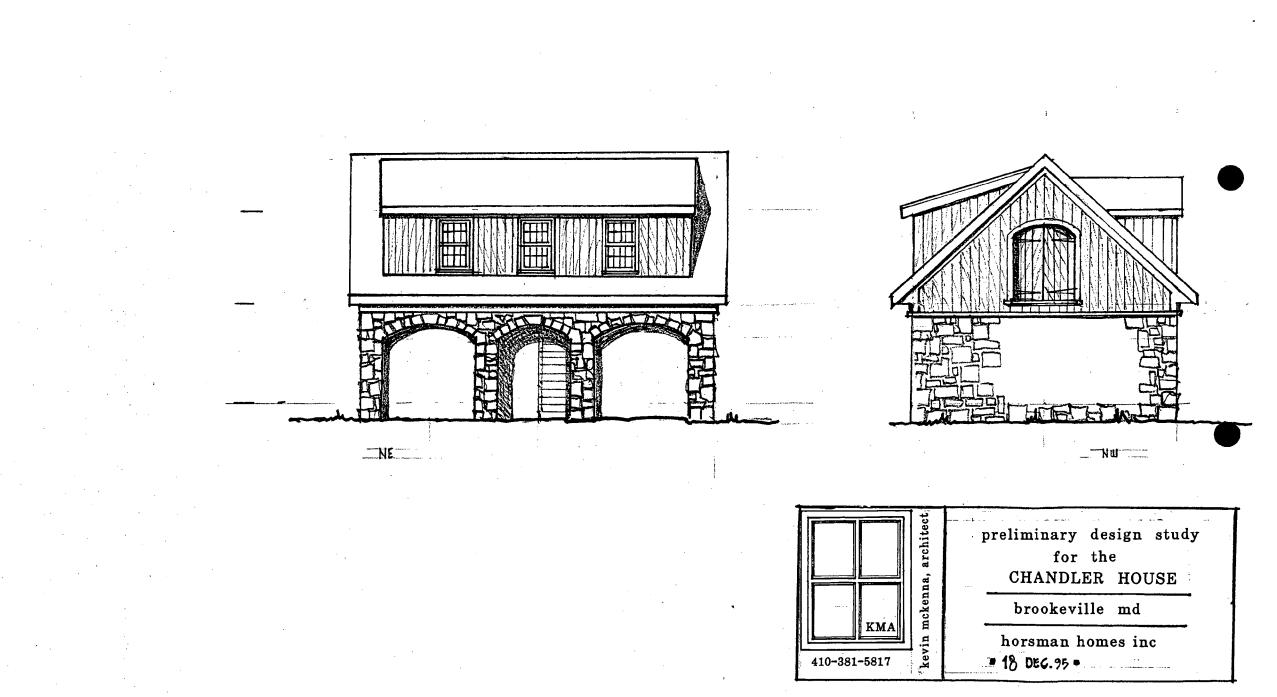


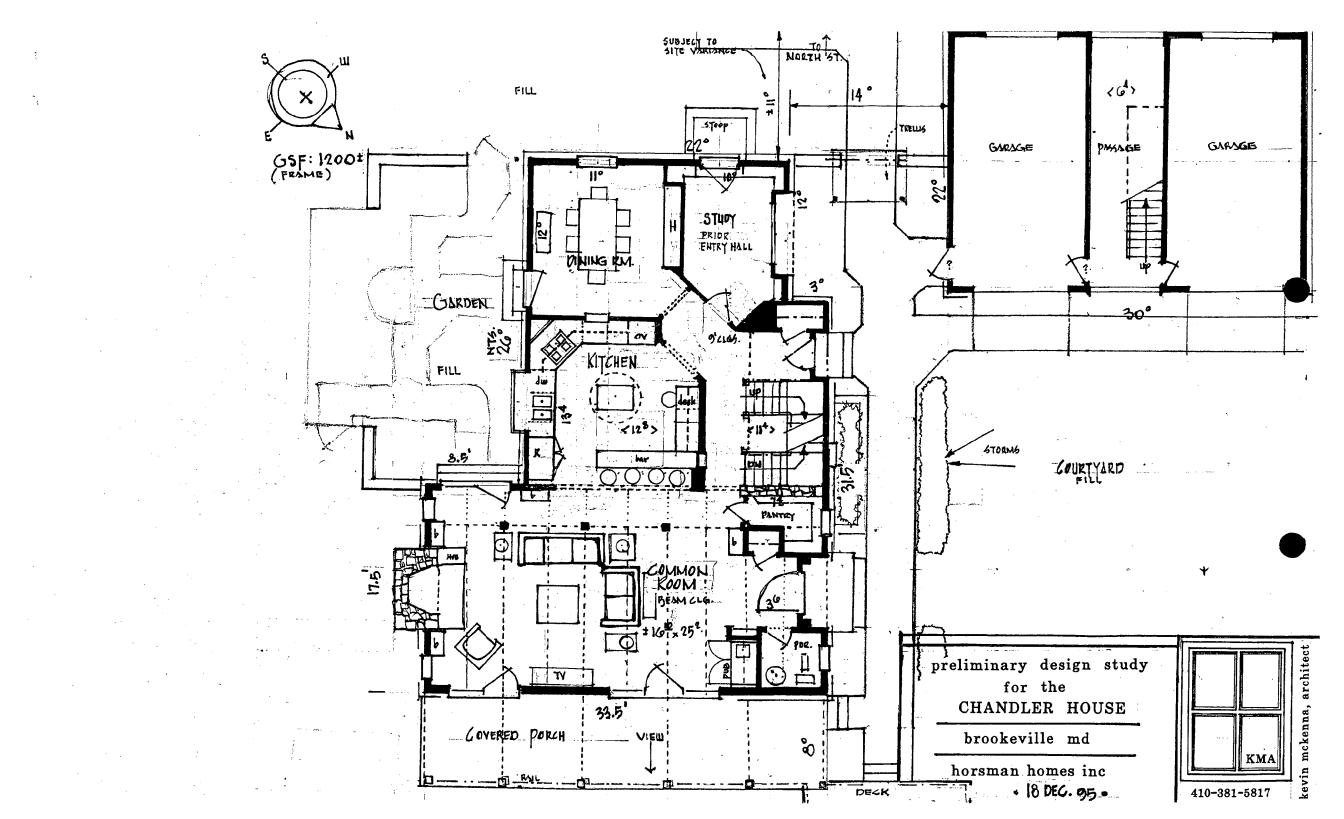


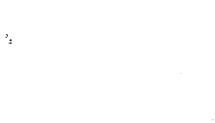








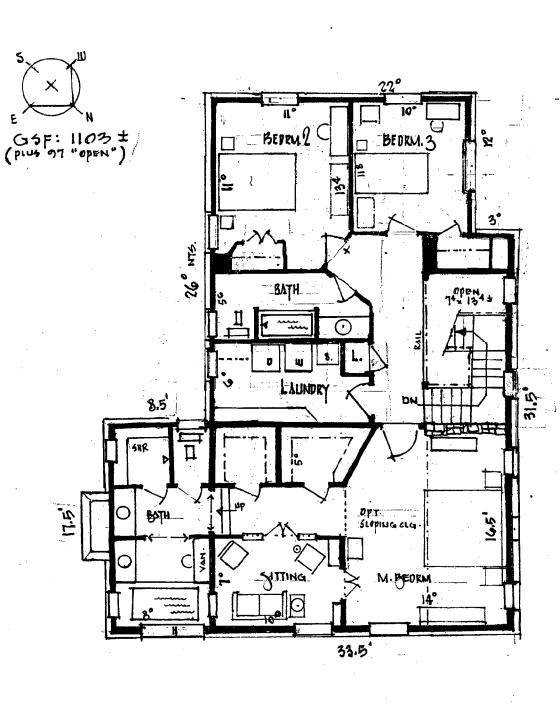


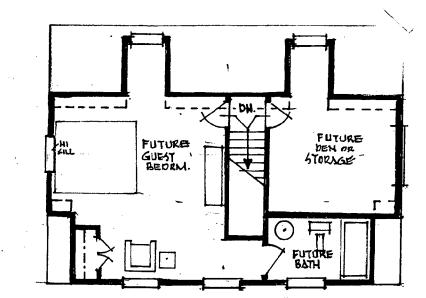






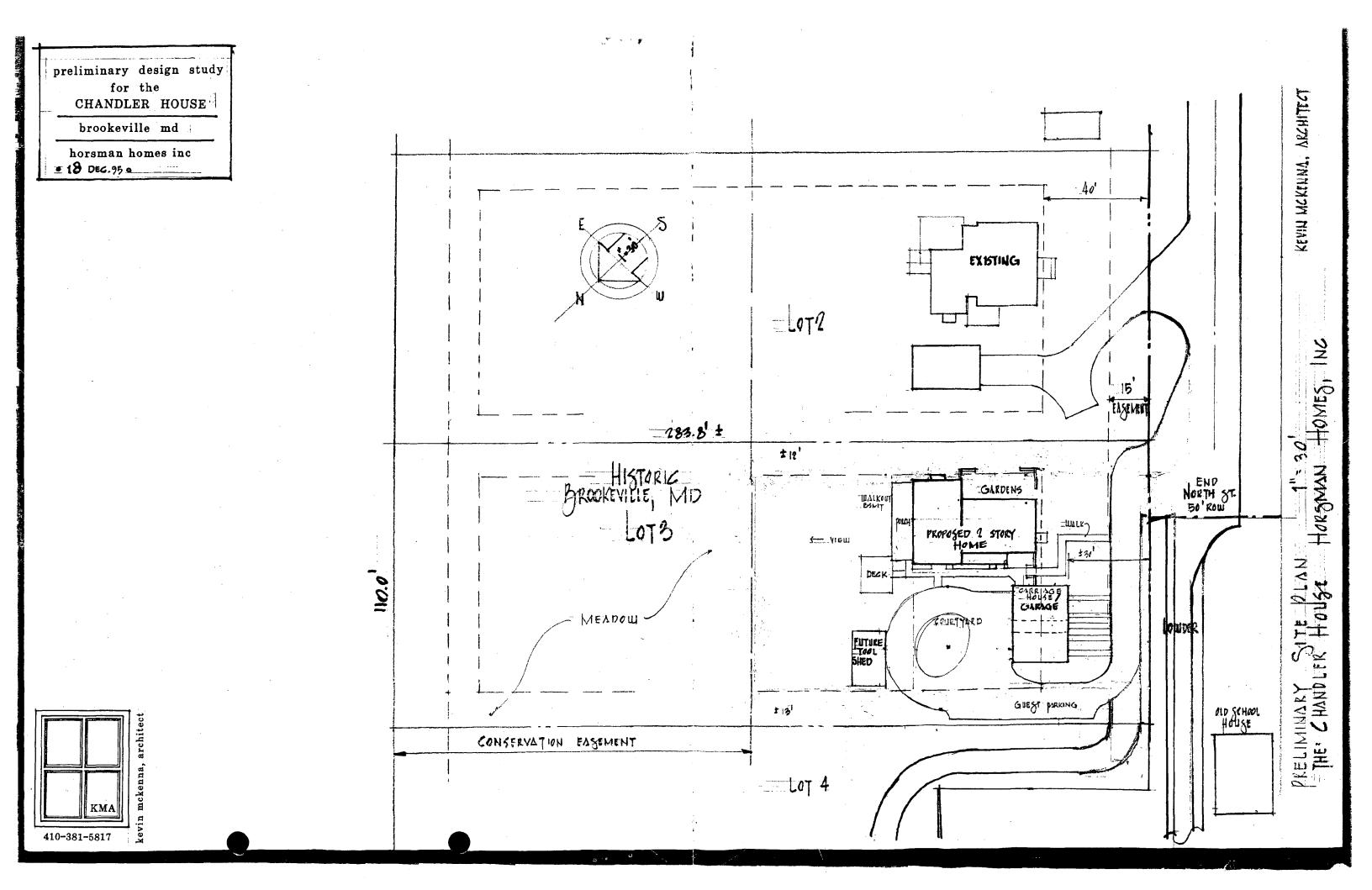
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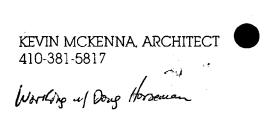




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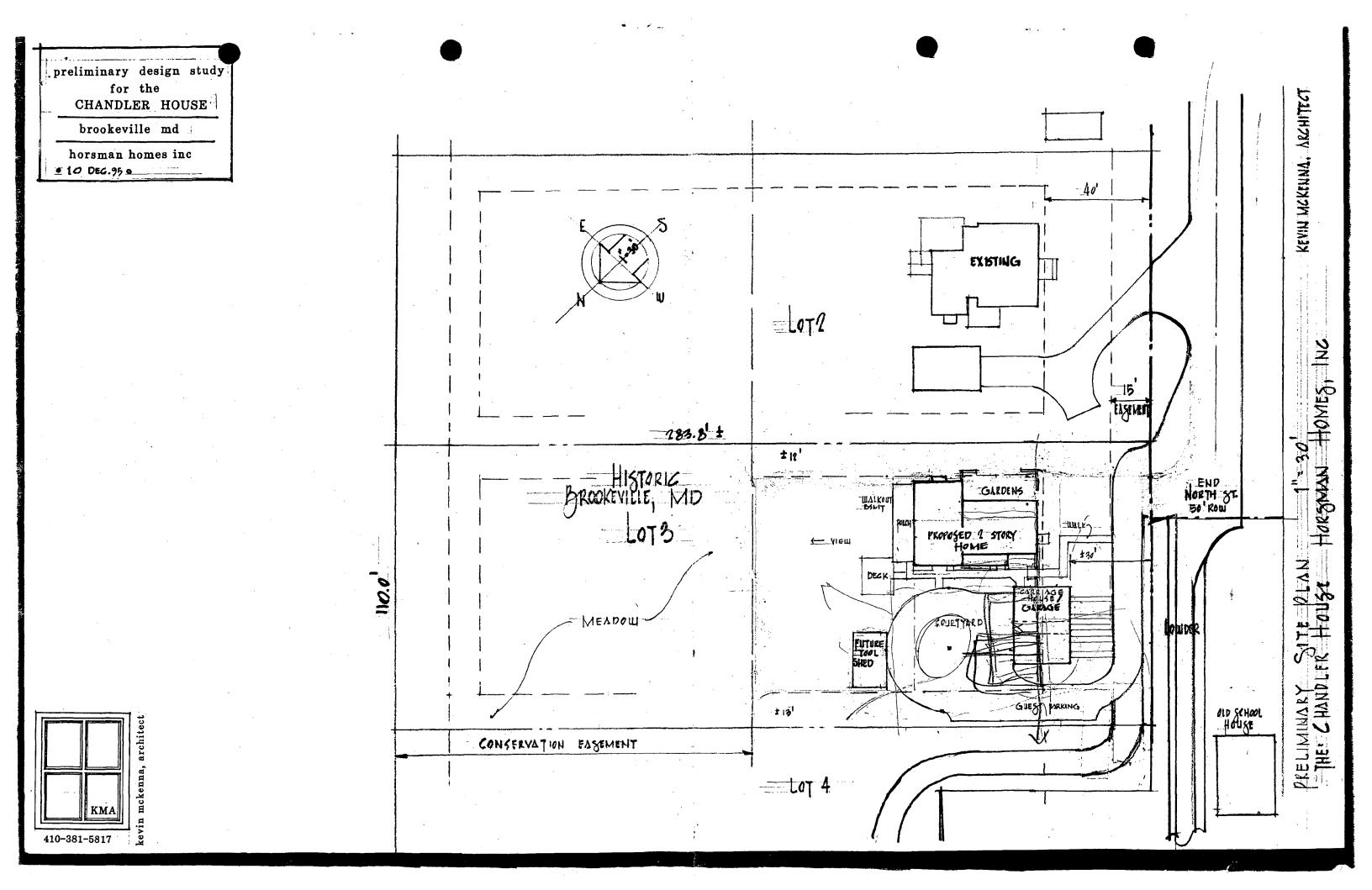
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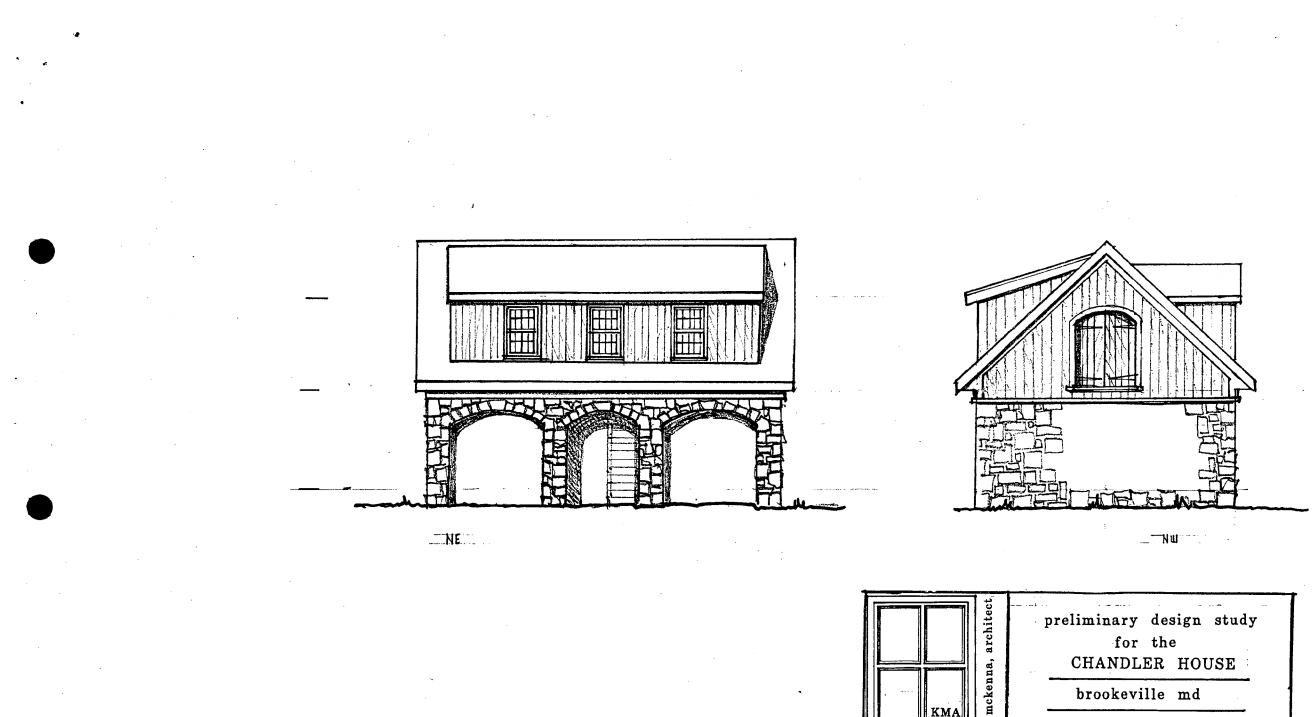




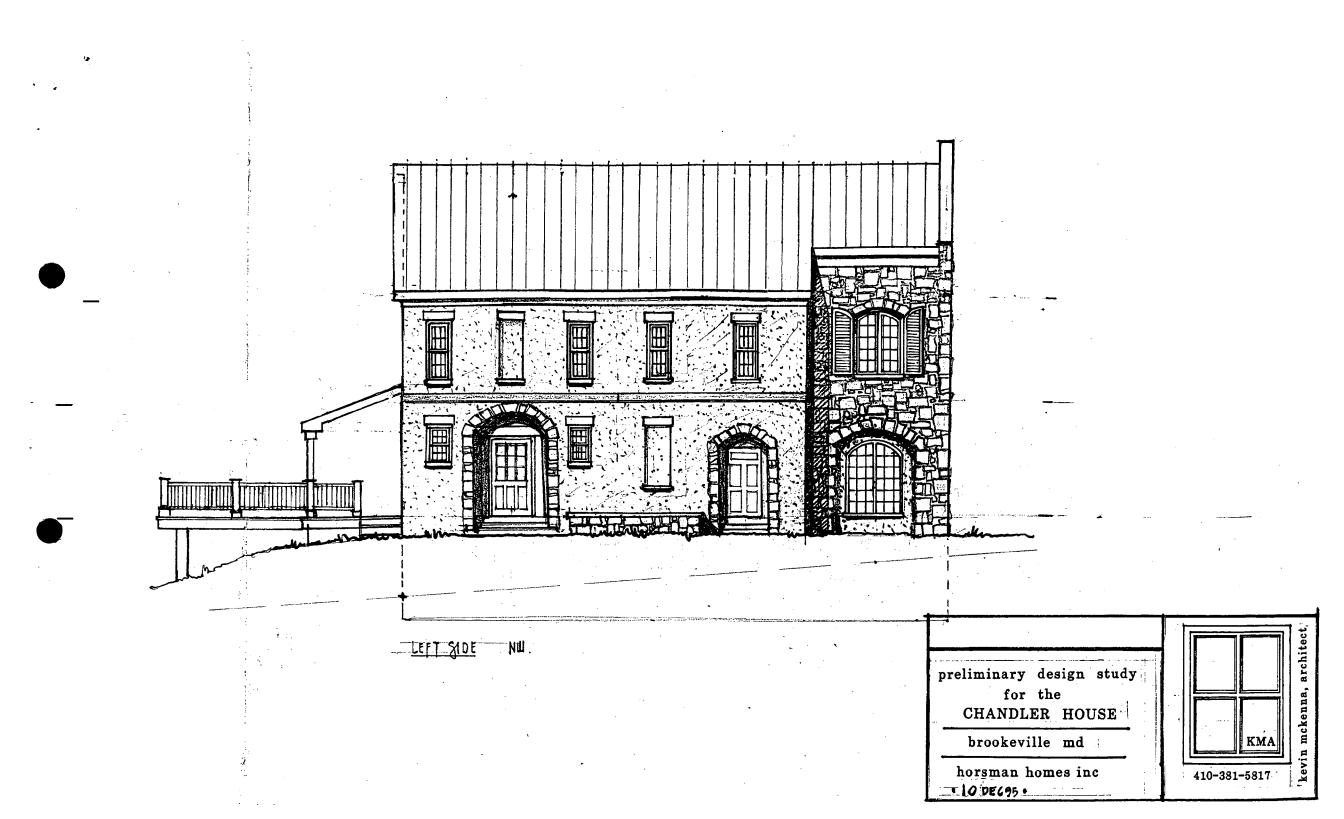
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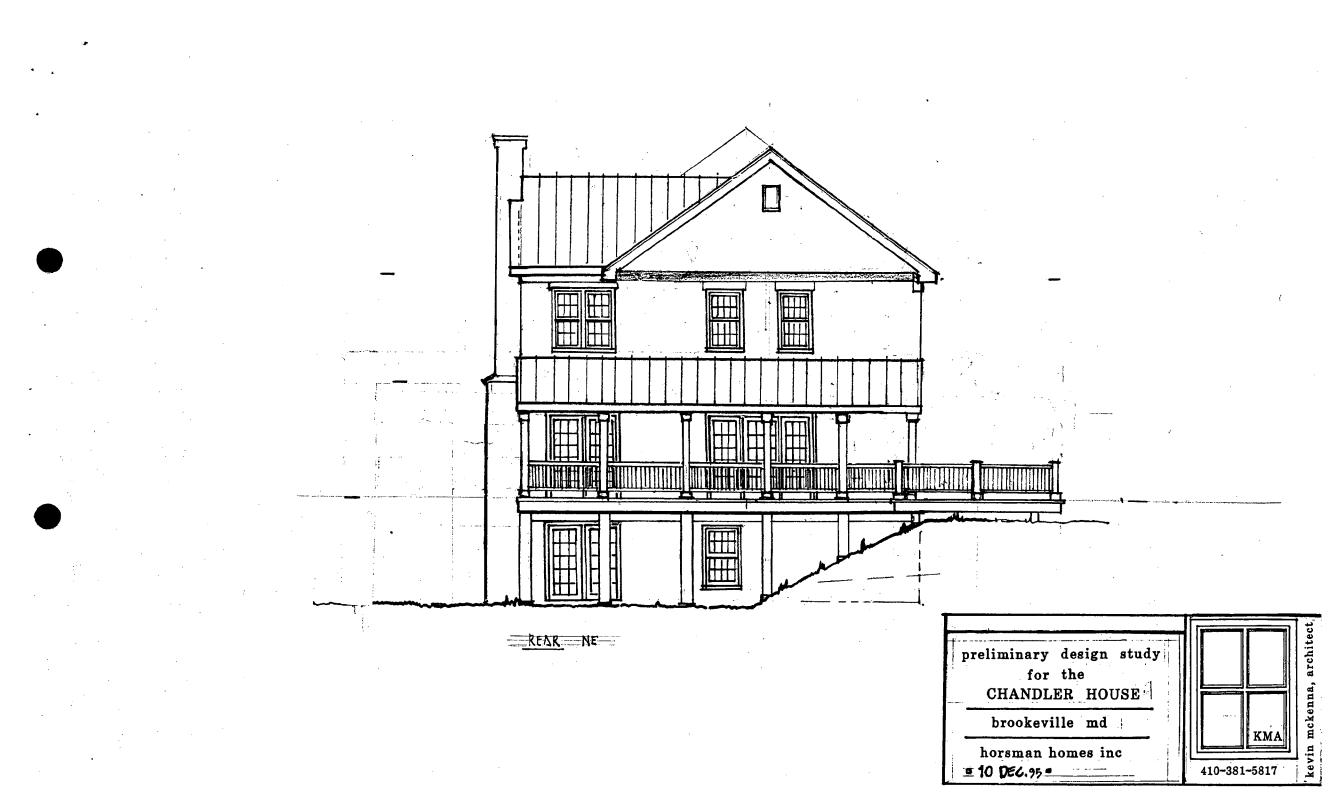
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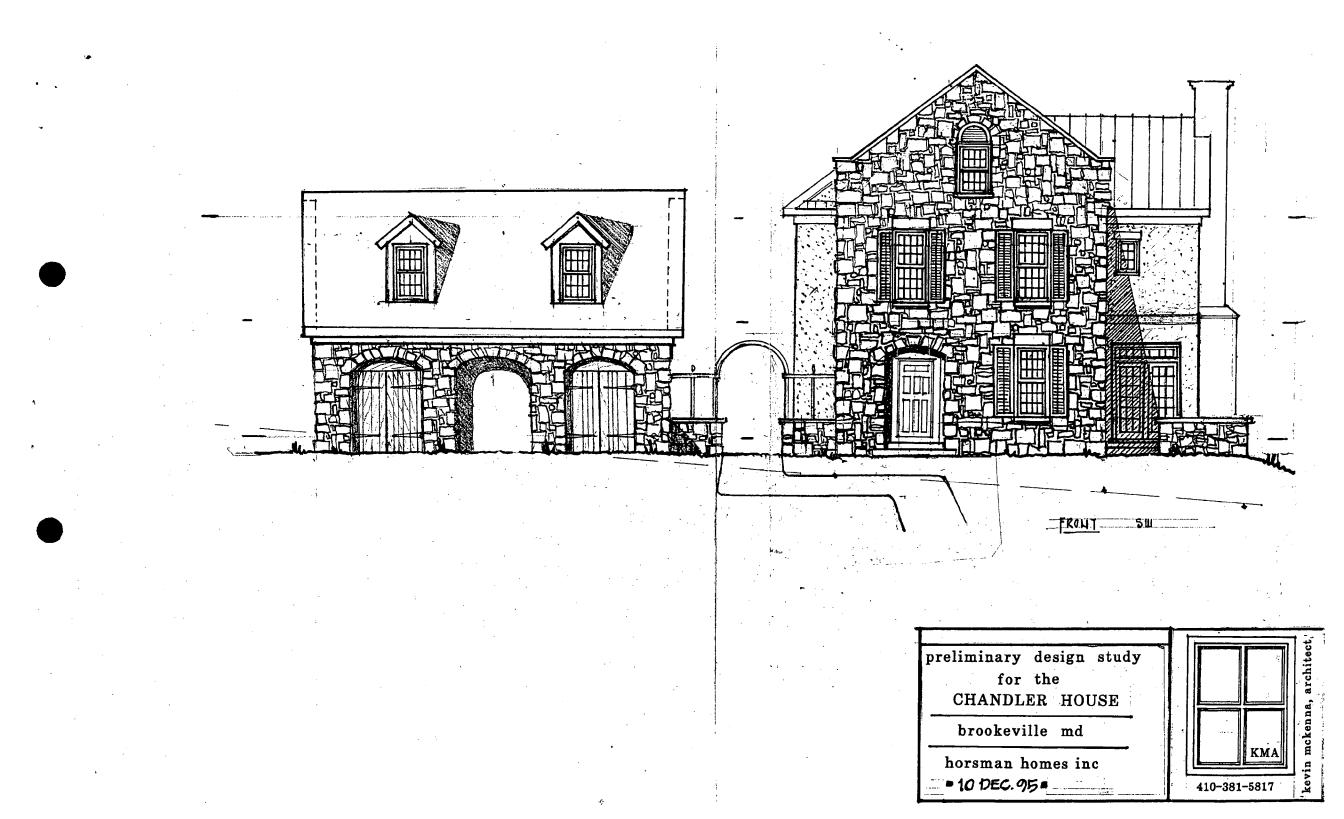


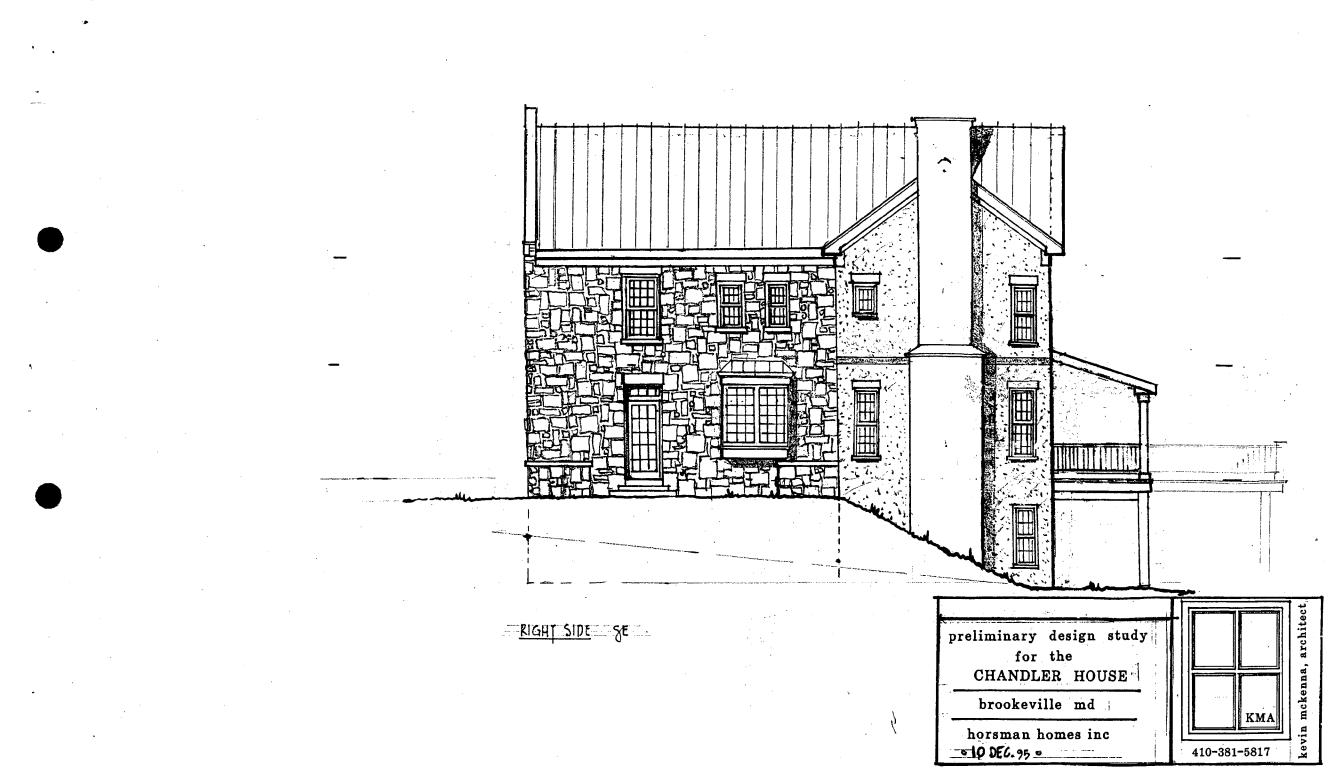


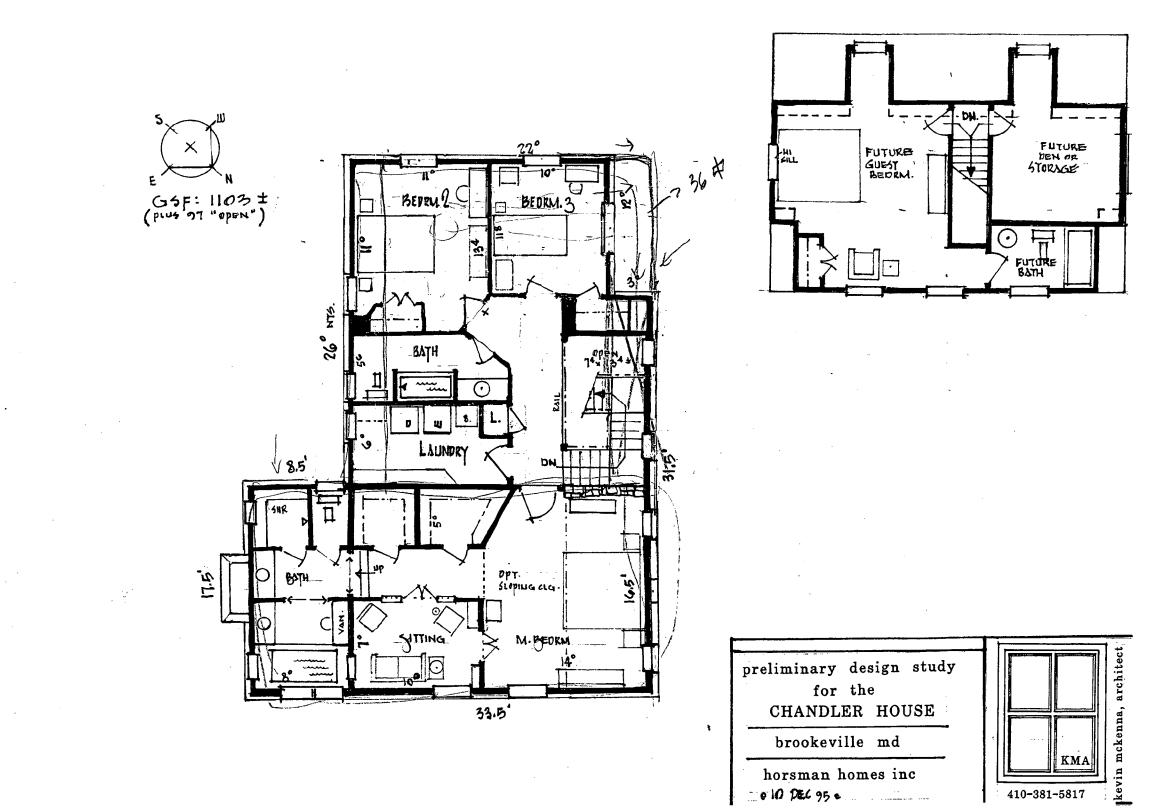
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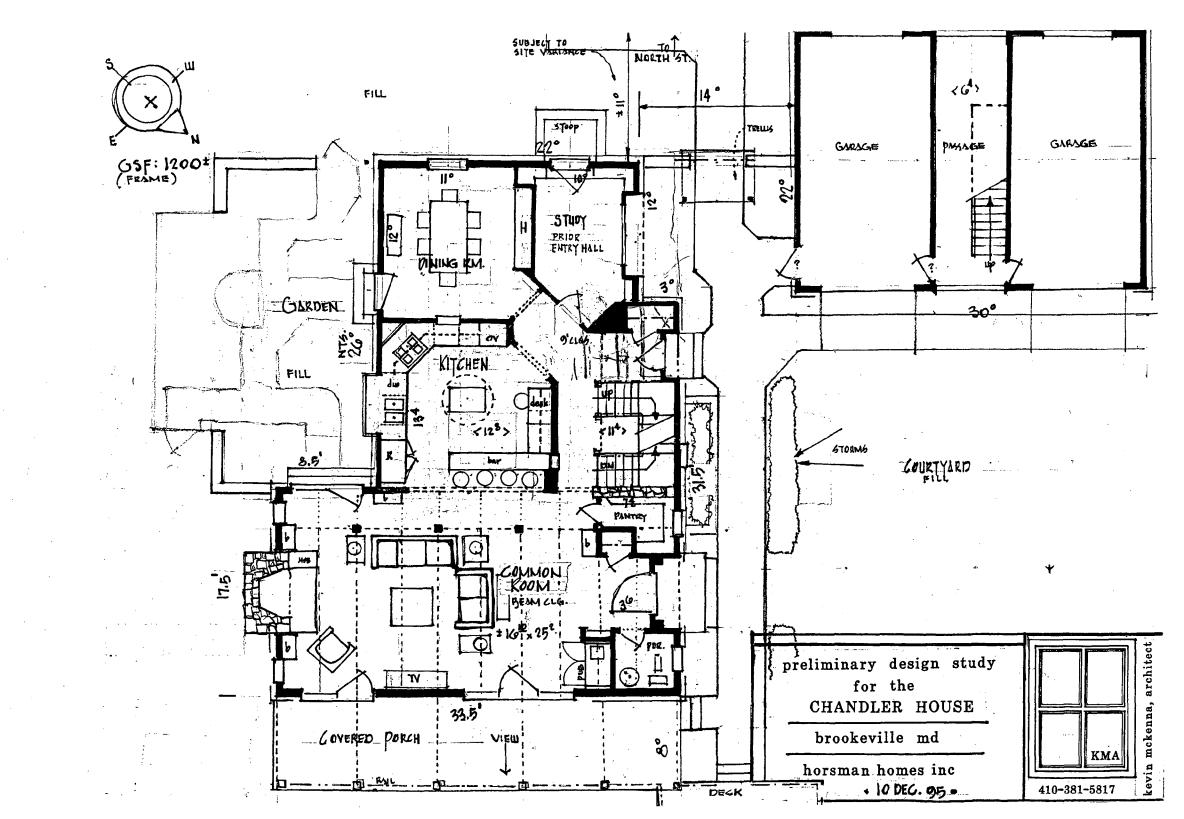


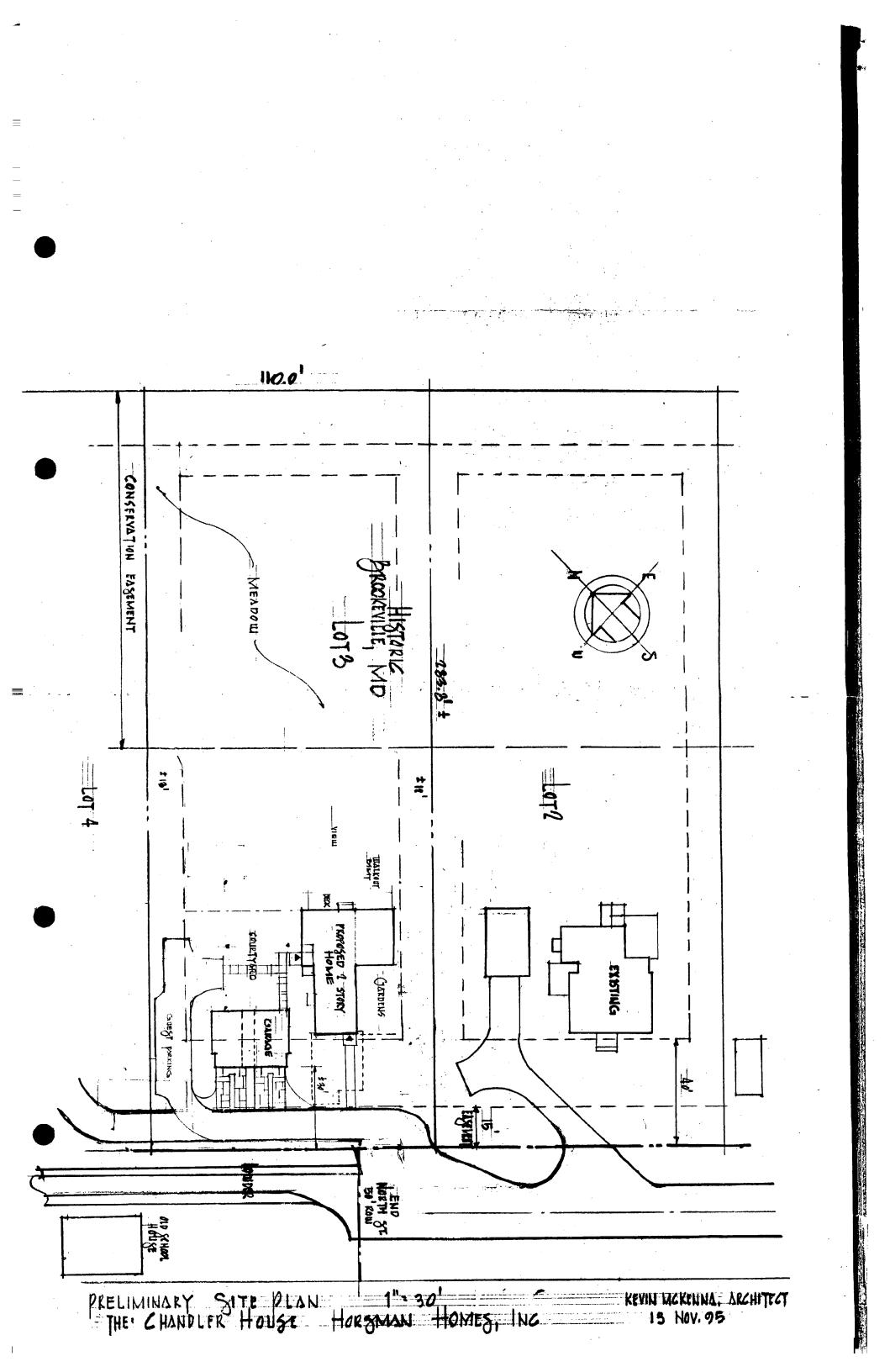


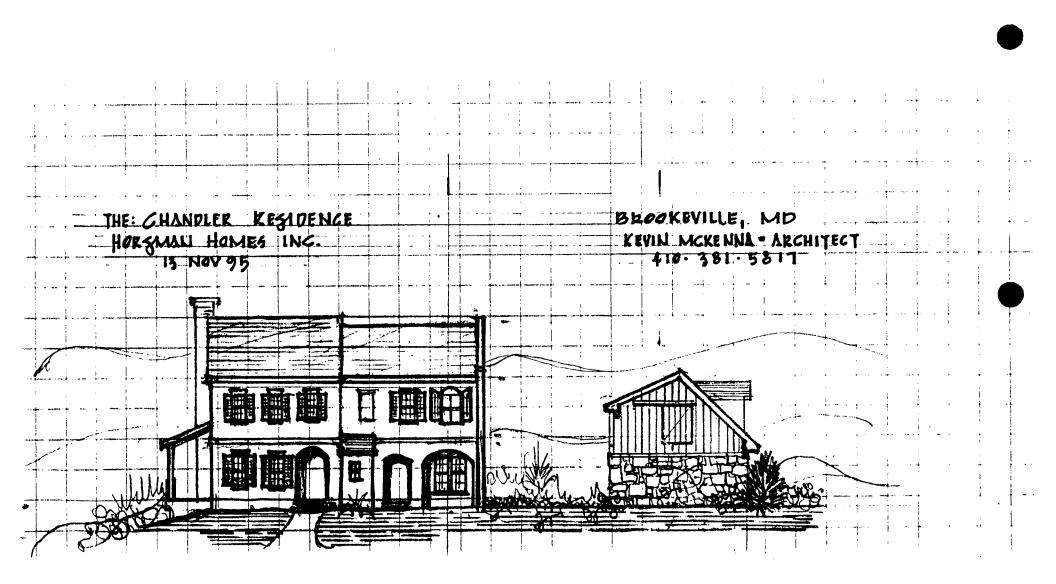


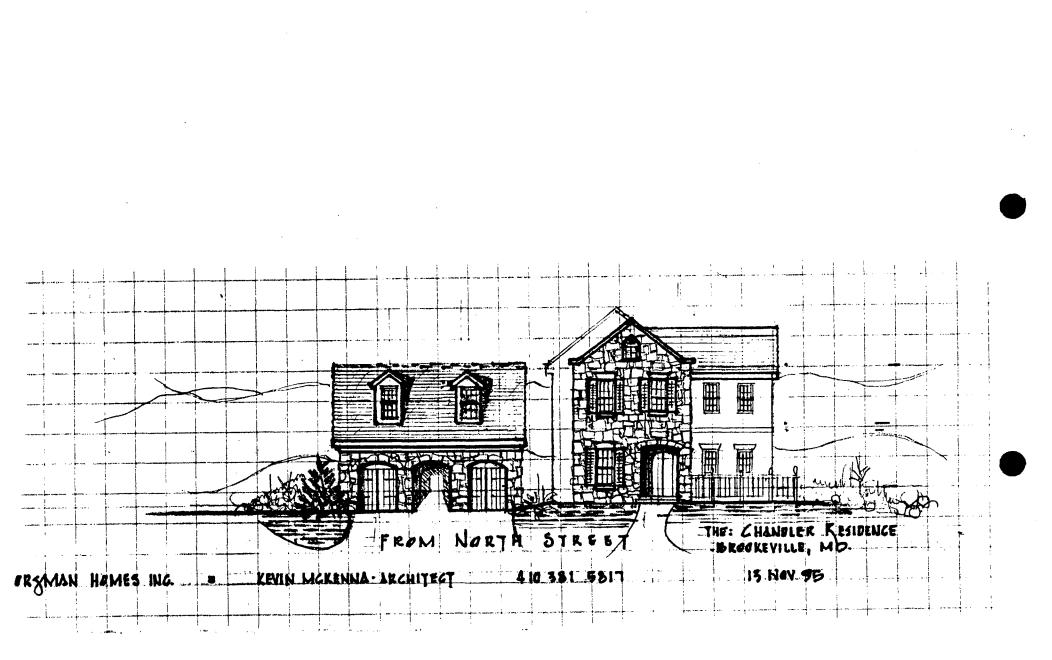












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