

There were 4 cols/level originally (paint traces)

dbl.-tier portico derived from Palladian designs (see Andrea Palladio's 16th c. book, "The Four Books of Architecture")

There was a balustrade at the 1st fl. (rail-cut on pilasters)

CA. 1825-28 EWING-TADORNTON HSE. "CEDARHURST" (FEDERAL PERIOD) 2809 WHITESBURG DR., HUNTSVILLE PHOTOS JULY 1982 H.P. JONES, FAIA

1825-28 CEDARHURST (TADORNTON)



WEST, FRONT

note modifications



box is a poor repair. See above for proper capital

note sq. corner blocks at entry

bead, not a



ONE DOOR

↳ masonry posts are ca. 1920's "bungalow" modif. Cols originally went to porch fl. as at 2nd fl. Porch fl. was wood

gutters probably added. Fed. houses usually
had "blind" gutters



WEST WALL, S. END
1ST FL.



WEST WALL, S. END, 2ND FL.

blinds = probably original (mortised, exposed tenon-ends)



WEST WALL, N. END, 1ST FL.

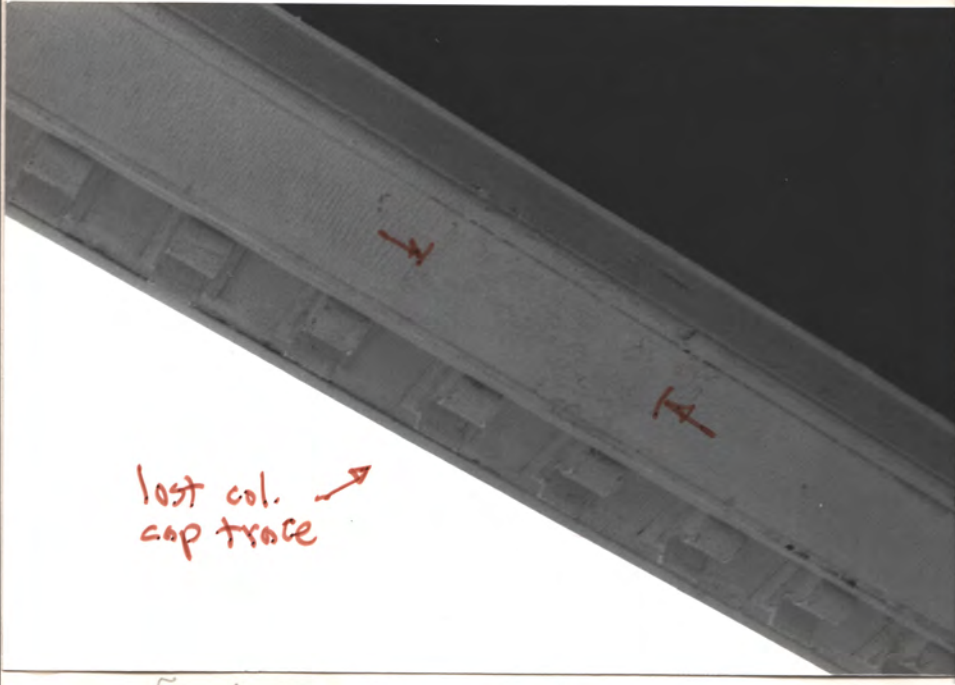


WEST WALL, N. END, 1ST FL



SHUTTER
-DOG

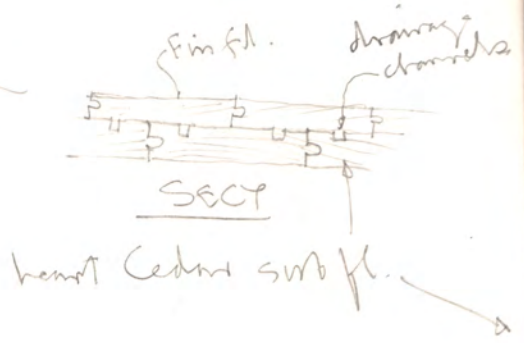
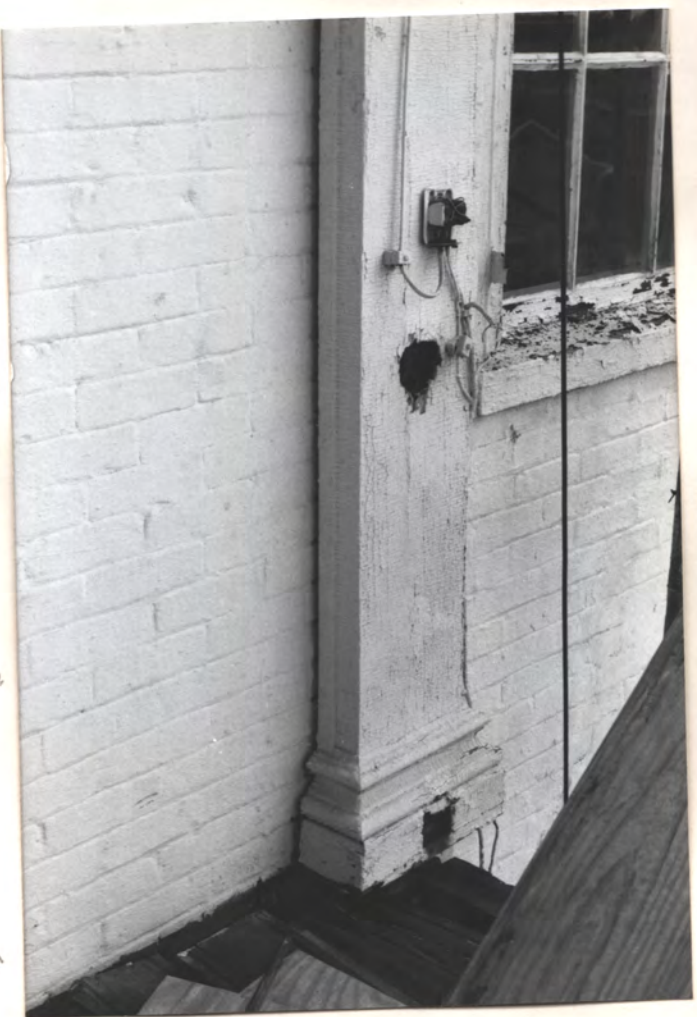
(appear blacksmith-made,
are probably original)



lost col. →
cap trace



front of portico roof. → N
Portico originally had
4 cols per level.



15 Dec 84

2A



Portico, lower level

c. 1825
pil.
X
20th
cent.
conc.
post
& fl.



± Dec 15, '84 HJ


2B

BRICK (USUAL FOR FED. PERIOD)


FRONT - ALL RUNNING BOND,
NO. 1 QUALITY BRICK

SIDES + REAR - COMMON BOND,
NO. 2 BRICK

FRONT WINDOWS

= 20TH. CENT. 
6/6

MOST REAR WINDOWS

= FED. 
12/12



← WEST, FRONT

S. WALL

NOTE NO TAPER ON
RAKING FASCIA →
(MAY NOT BE ORIG. - ?
SEE SH. 5)

NOTE "FANCY" RETURN AT
FRONT CORNICE &
"PLAIN BOX" RETURN
AT REAR CORNICE.



← WEST, FRONT

↓ S.E. COR.

EAST, REAR →



W. WALL, S. WINDOW, SHUTTER-DOLG



NOTE DROPPED
WINDOW AT STAIR
LANDING
↓ (UNUSUAL)

THIS CHIM. HAS 3 FLUES
(WINTER KIT. IS IN
BASEMENT UNDER
N.E. WING)
↓

ORIG. SERV.
BLDG.
MUCH-MODIFIED
↙

↑
VICTORIAN
PORCH

20TH CENT. RM,
UNDER PORCH

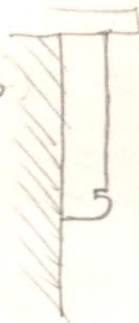
LOOKING N.W. IN REAR S.E. YARD

ADDED KIT, LATE 19TH
OR 20TH. CENT.



S. WALL E. WALL
N. E. WING

← NOTE TAPERED RAKING FASCIA
 = PROBABLY ORIGINAL.
 SEE SH. 3
 APPEARS TO BE BEADED ALSO
 = TYPICAL FED.



NOTE BARELY PATTERNED
 BRICKS AT "FLAT ARCH"
 (COMPARE W/ SH. 2 FLAT ARCH = NORMAL)



20TH. CENT. RM INSERTED
 UNDER VICTORIAN PORCH
 AT REAR S.E. YARD

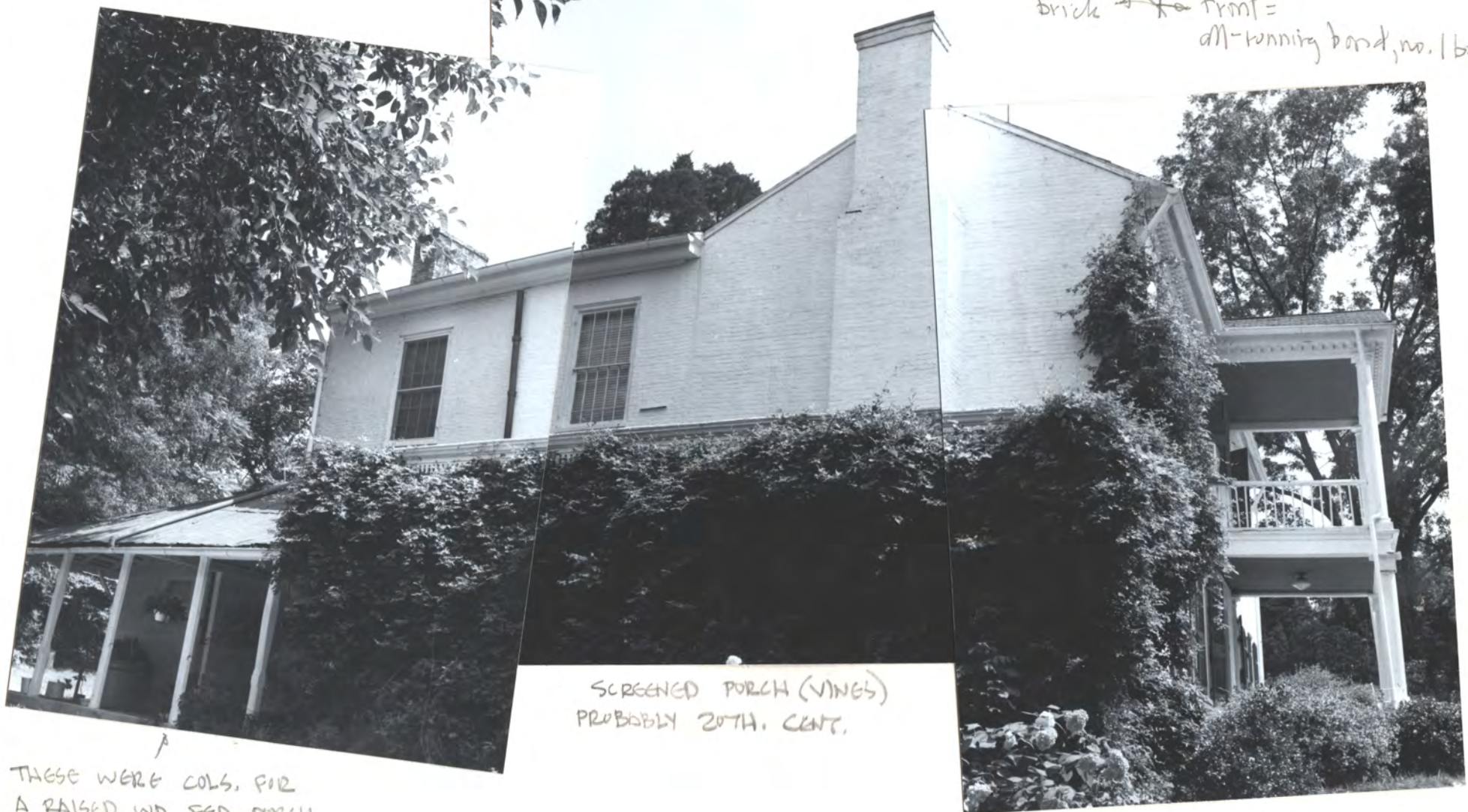
S. WALL OF
 N.E. WING



N.E. WING IS
FED. ADDN ←

BRICK JT.
IN WALL ↓

sidetread
= common
bond,
no. 2
brick → front =
all-running bond, no. 1 brick



SCREENED PORCH (VINGS)
PROBABLY 20TH. CENT.

↑
THESE WERE COLS. FIR
A RAISED WD. FED. PORCH
- SEE SH. 21

N. WALL

60720



↑
PARTLY ORIG., MUCH-MODIFIED SERV. BLDG

REUSED COL. (SOLID WD.) FROM VIC. RAISED-FL. WOOD PORCH. NOTE HANDRAIL MORTISE.

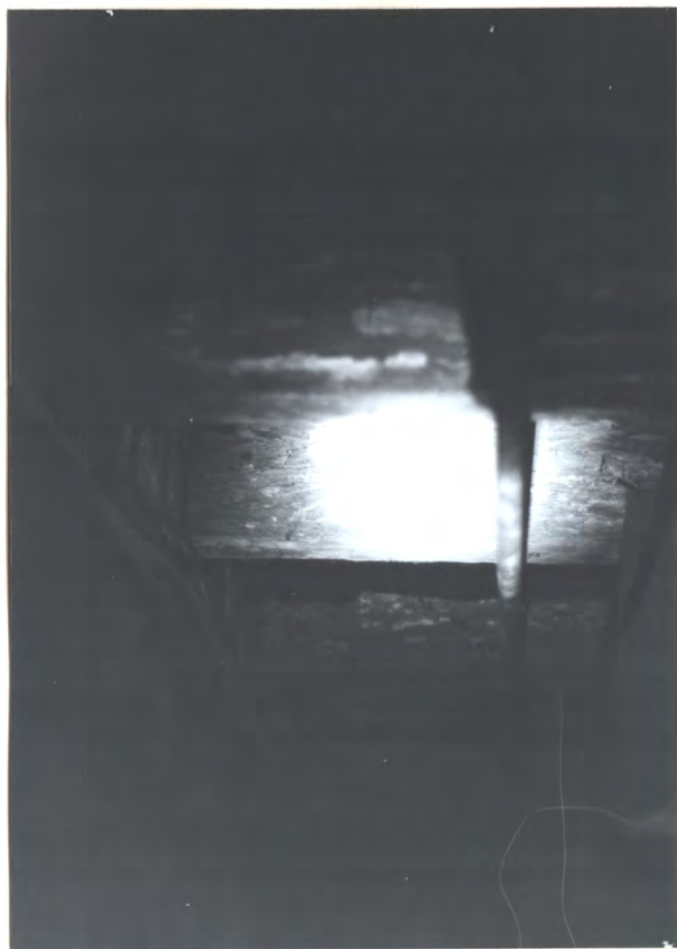
LOWERED IN EARLY 20TH. C. TO REST ON HERRINGBONE BRICK PAV.



LAMB'S TONGUE CHAMFERS (FED.)

COL. CAP

1925-28
"CEDARHURST"
7 of 20



CELL JOISTS IN BASEMENT KITCHEN ± 3" X 12", WHITEWASHED, ± 2' O.C., HEWN + SAWN (COULDN'T DISCERN IF PIT-SAWN OR SASH-SAWN)



COOKING FIREPLACE IN BASEMENT = ± 4' WIDE (NOW BRICKED-UP)



BRICK

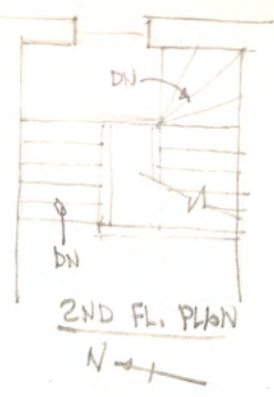
4" BRICK HEADERS

LIMESTONE

4'±



ADAMESQUE PENDIL & SCROLLS
AT LANDING



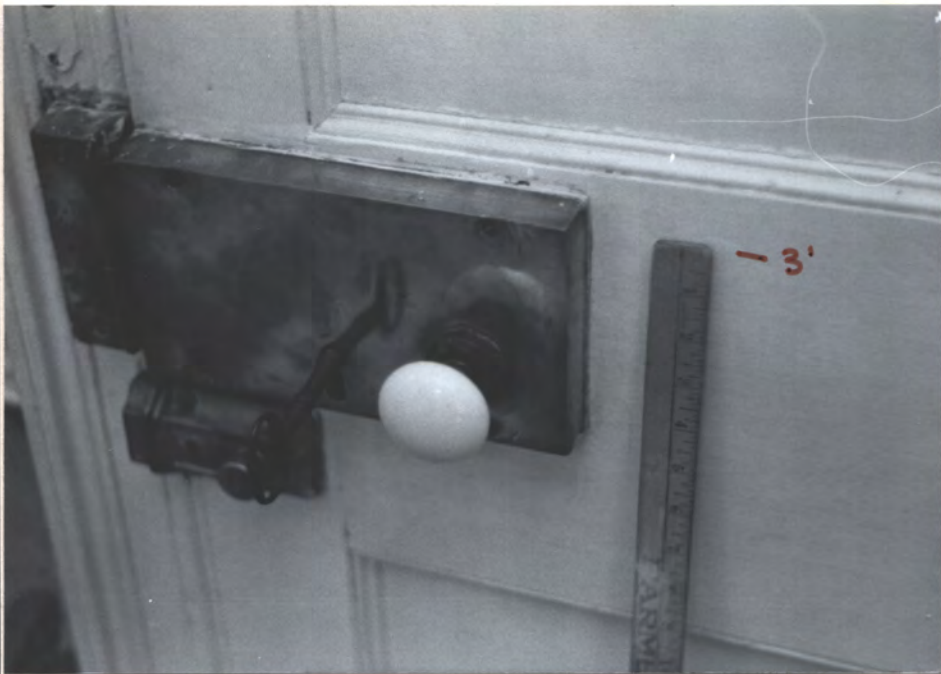
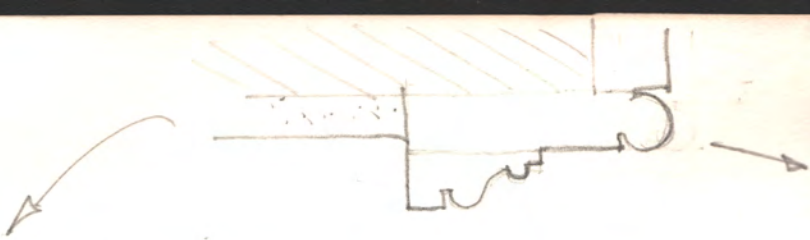
ORIGINAL ENTRY STAIR



FED. DOOR

MODERN DOORS (BATH & CLUS.)

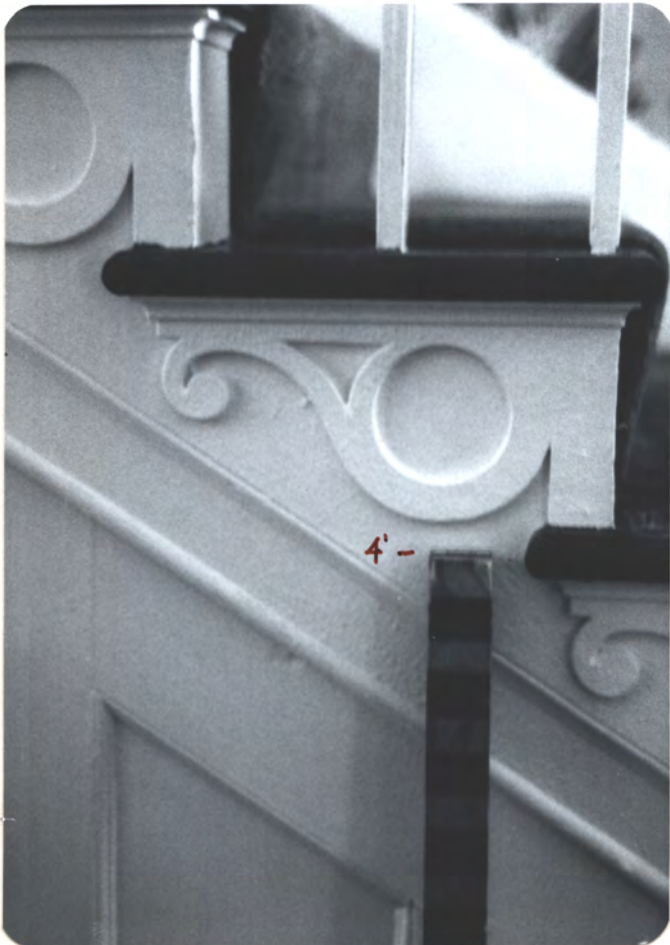
FED. DOOR (CLOS. UNDER STAIR)



ENTRY DOOR (INSIDE) - BRASS RIMLOCK W/ CERAMIC KNOB
 LOCK MAY BE ORIG. (?), KNOB LATER Not orig. Had
 pointed - and slender screws = 20th cent - (SNW. 8414)

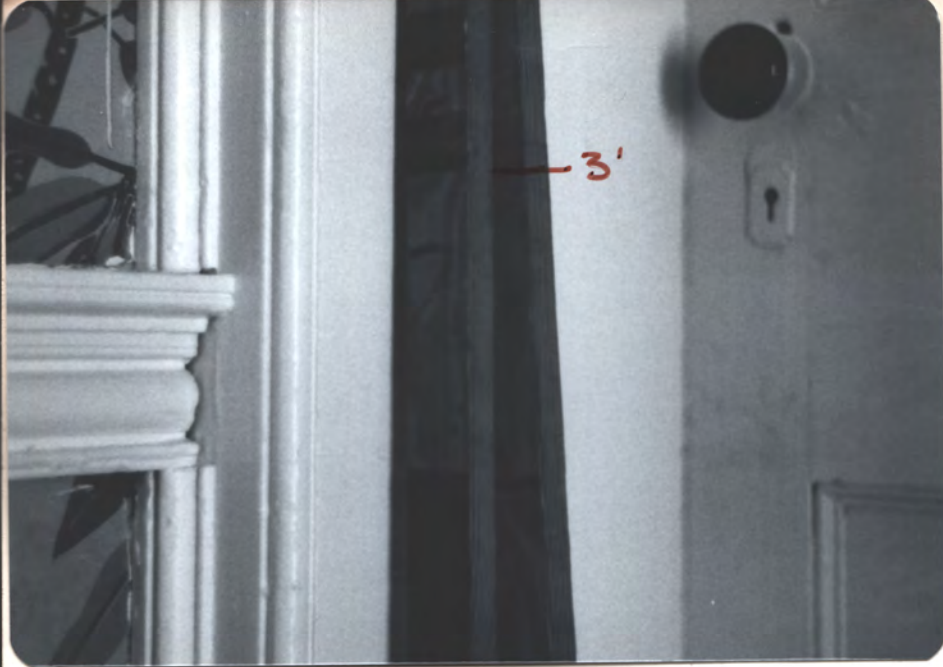
FROM ENTRY TO N.W. 1ST FL. RM.

Took lock off - is original (3 Dec '84)



MAIN STAIR

MAIN STAIR



2ND FL, FROM
STAIR HALL TO
N.W. RM.

$\pm 3\frac{1}{2}"$
CHAIR
RAIL



$\pm 1\frac{1}{2}"$
BACKBAND

DOOR
FRAME



MAIN
STAIR

BASE
 $\pm 6" H$

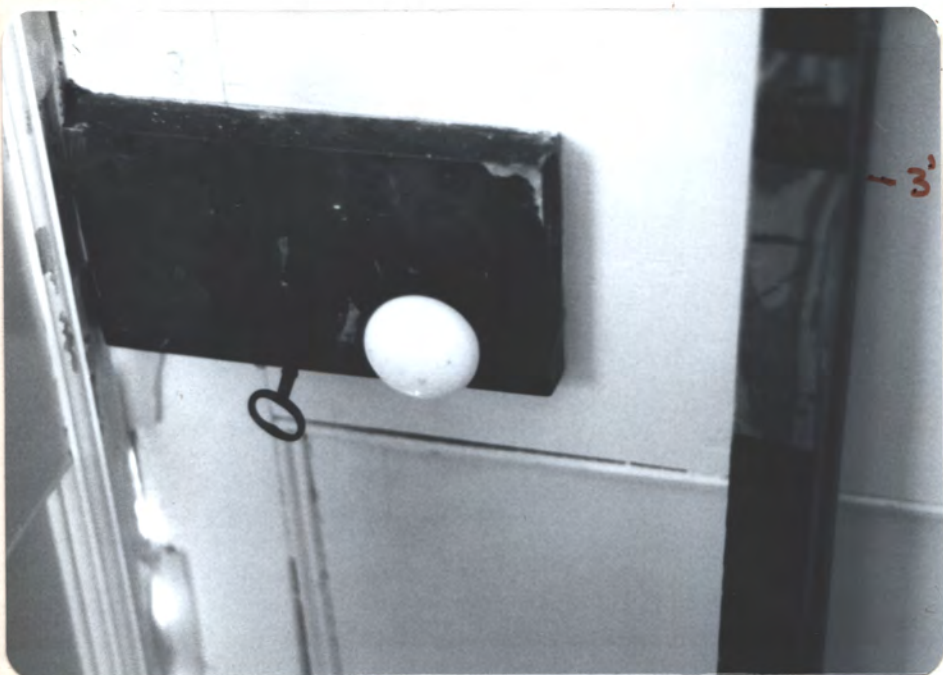


FL.



MAIN
STAIR
LANDING

MAIN STAIR
HALL, 2ND FL.

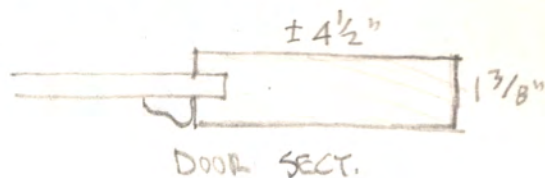


2ND FL., STAIRHALL DOOR TO
FRONT BALCONY (HAS BEEN
RE-SWUNG TO SWING OUT
& MISS MODERN CLOSET
PROTRUDING PARTLY OVER DOOR)

UNUSUALLY LARGE, IRON RIMLOCK. $\pm 5" \times 10\frac{1}{2}"$
CER. KNOBS PROBABLY LATER
NOTE PEGS AT DOOR TENONS.



STAIRHALL TO 2ND FL. S.W. RM.
CAST IRON HINGES (TOP FED.)
EXPOSED TENON-ENDS (")
DOOR IS $1\frac{3}{8}"$ FED. 6 PANEL
SEE PG. 17 FOR OPP. SIDE.



3' YARDSTICK →



1st. Fl. N.W. RM.

CAST IRON GRATE = VICTORIAN

YARDSTICK ON SHLF



← MANTEL WAS ORIGINALLY BLACK (TYPICAL OF FED.)
- NOTE SCRAPED CORNER



2ND FL. LANDING
(DOOR IS ON A WARDROBE)



LOOKING DN. FROM 2ND FL.



N.W. RM. BEYOND ↗



BACK STAIR
(FEDERAL)



3' YARDSTICK



YARDSTICK
ON MANTEL
SHELF

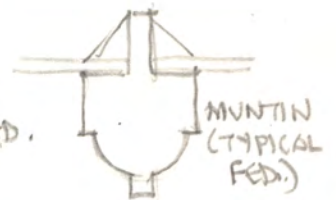
FED. CLOS., WD, SHLVS

NOTE ONLY 2 HINGES / LEAF
SEE ALSO SH. 20

1ST FL. N.E. RM

S. SASH, EAST-MOST

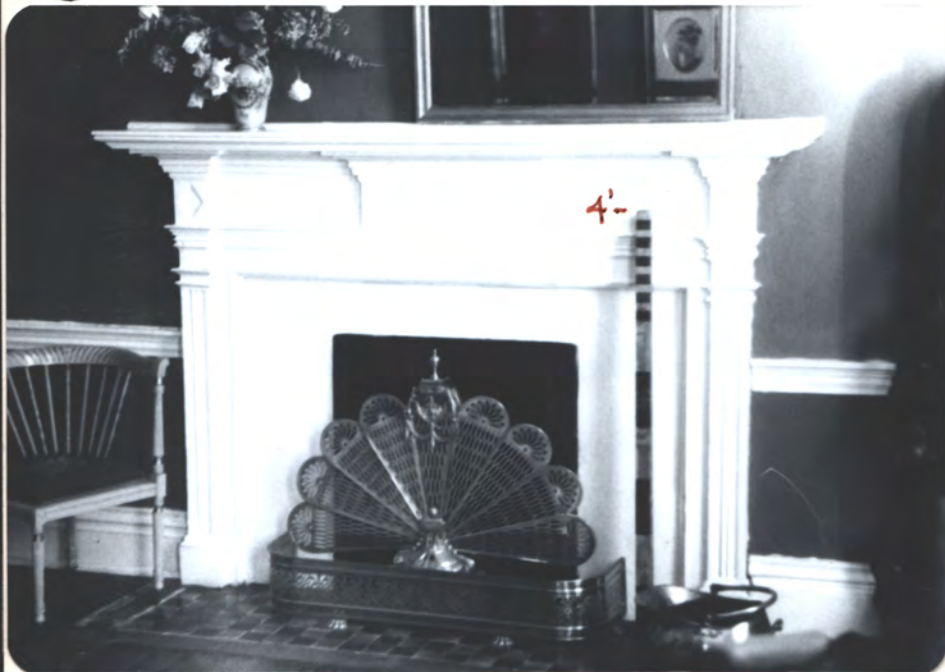
ALL SASHES = FED.
10" x 12" GL
12/12 LTH.



← NOTE SQ. PEG AT SASH CONNECTION



WALLPAPER
BORDER
(MODERN)



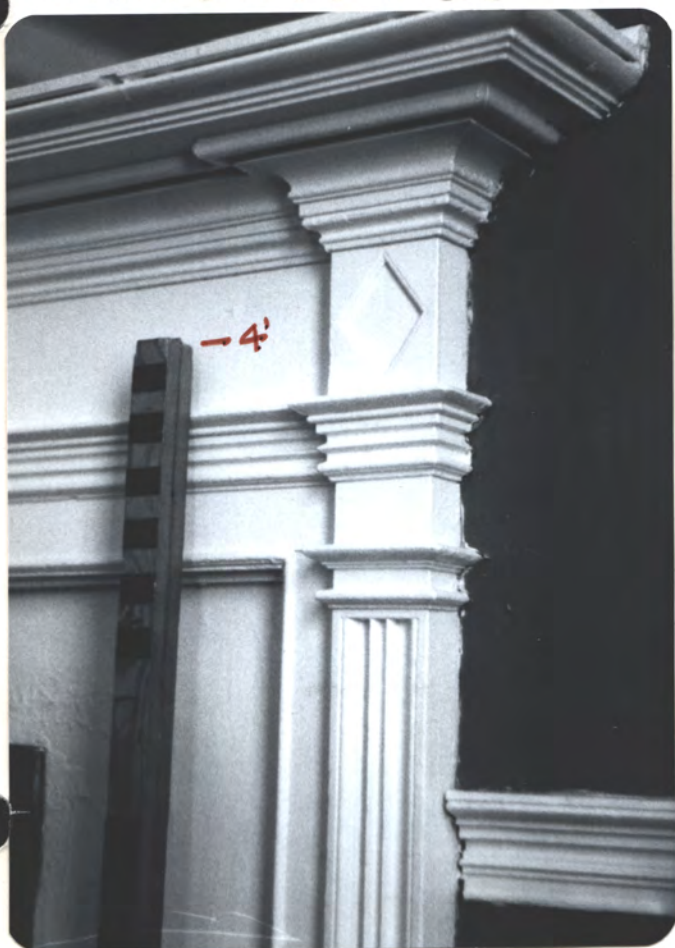
TILE HEARTH = VIC. OR LATER
(ORIG. = BRICK LIKE SH. 16)
CAP MOULD AT BASE IS ADDED

1ST FL. S.W. RM

- CELL



3'-4", 6-PNL., 1 1/2" FED. DOOR
VIC. LOCK



MANTEL PILASTER + CHAIR RAIL

SEE SH. 18 FOR CHAIR RAIL DETAIL
SEE SH. 10 + 17 FOR DOOR + SASH FRAMES DETAIL

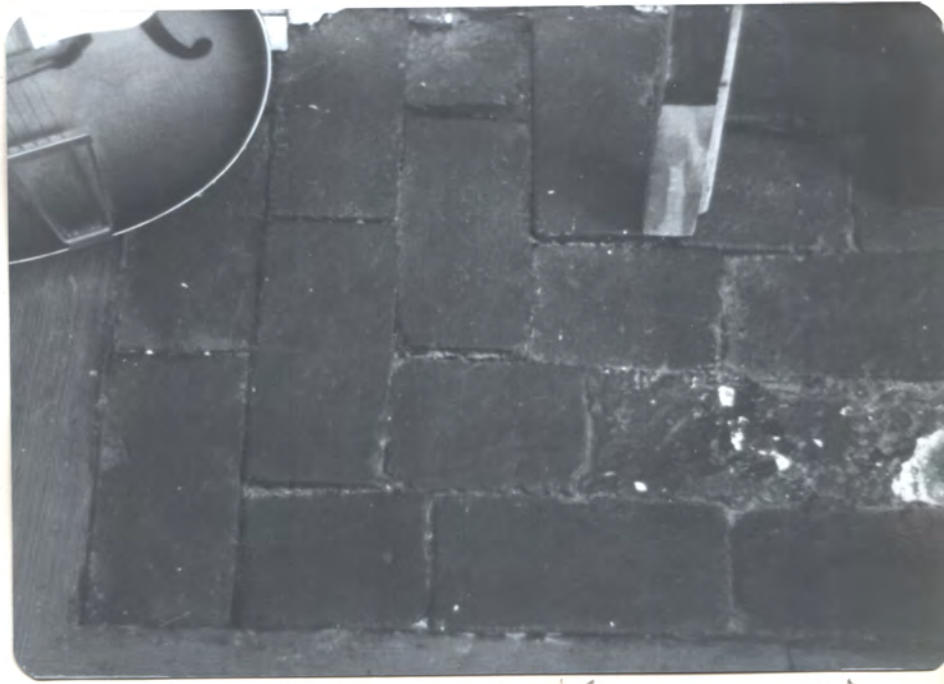
20TH CENT.
CLOSET. ↗



20TH C. ↗
CLOSET W/
RELOCATED
CHAIR RAIL

SEE SH. 18 FOR
CHAIR RAIL DET.

2ND FL. S.W.



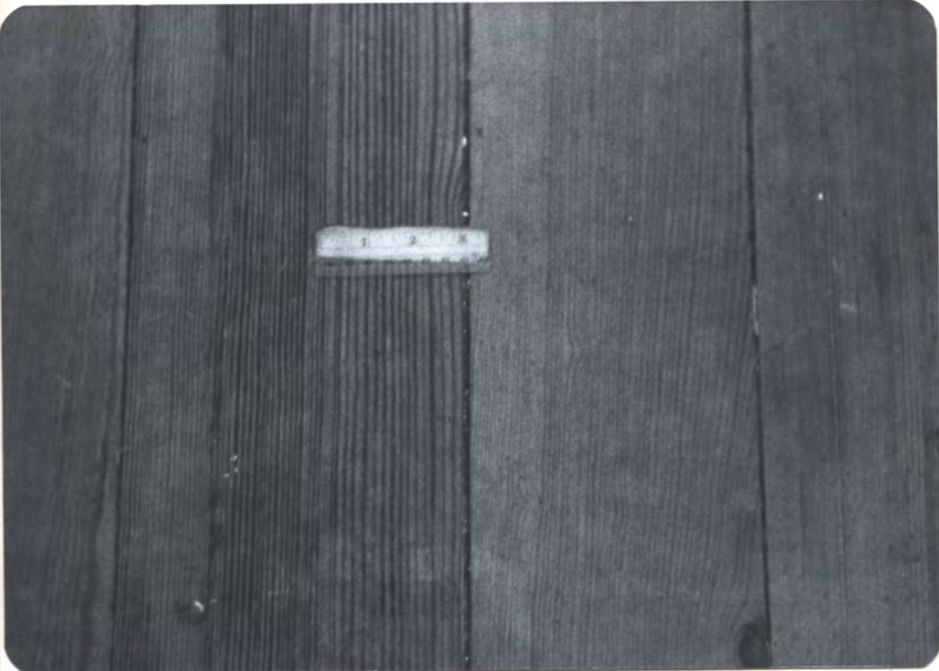
ORIG. BRICK HEARTH (ONLY TWO IN USE)
NOTE TYPICAL FED. PATTERN
& TIGHT JTS., NO WD. TRIM
AT FL. JUNCTION

BEADED
BASE ↗



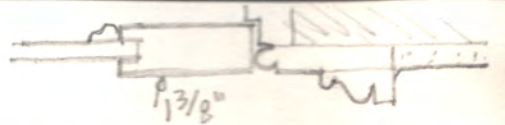
MANTEL PILASTER

LEL.

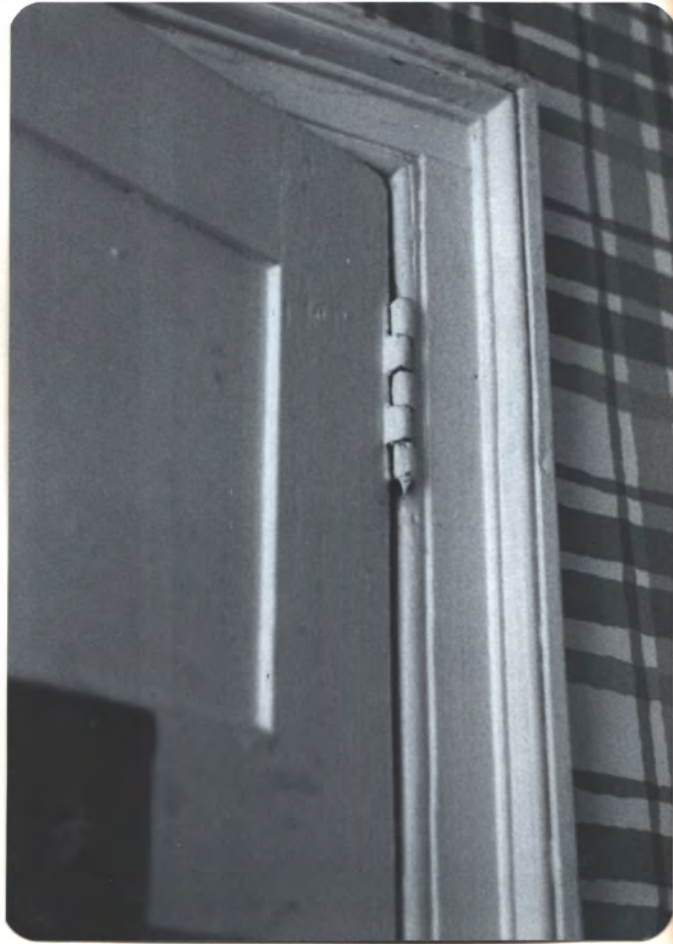


PINE FL., 5/4", DENSE, RANDOM WIDTH
±5" TO 7 1/2"

2ND. FL. S.W.

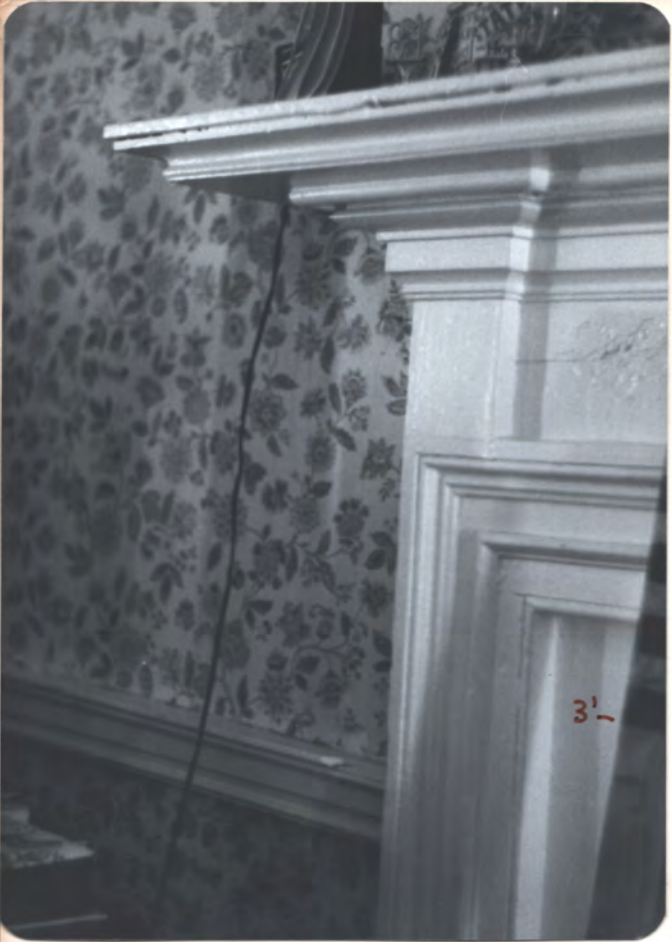


NOTE 2
TYPES OF
WALLPAPER
IN THIS RM.
(ALL MOD.)

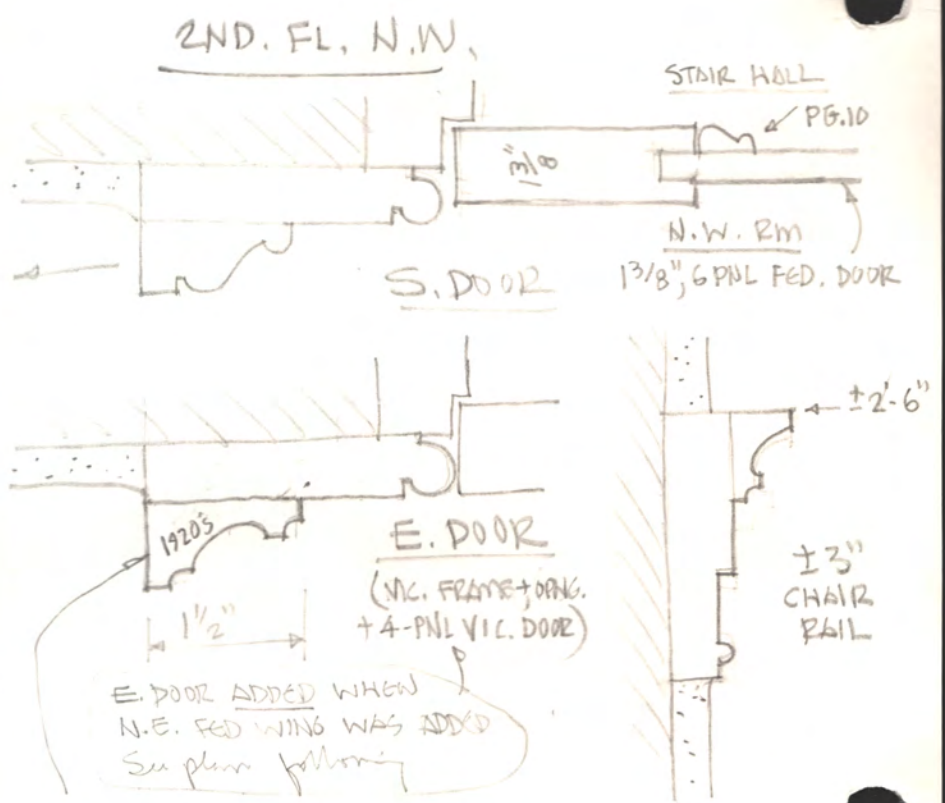


CAST-IRON HINGE (TYP. FED.)

C.1825-28 "CEDARHURST"



S. DOOR



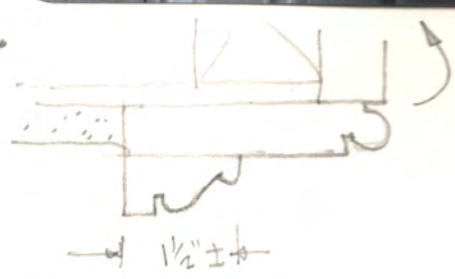
This same mould is in
c. 1929 remodeling of "Clay" house on
Ennis Ave & therefore must be
a 1920's mould

6'-6"

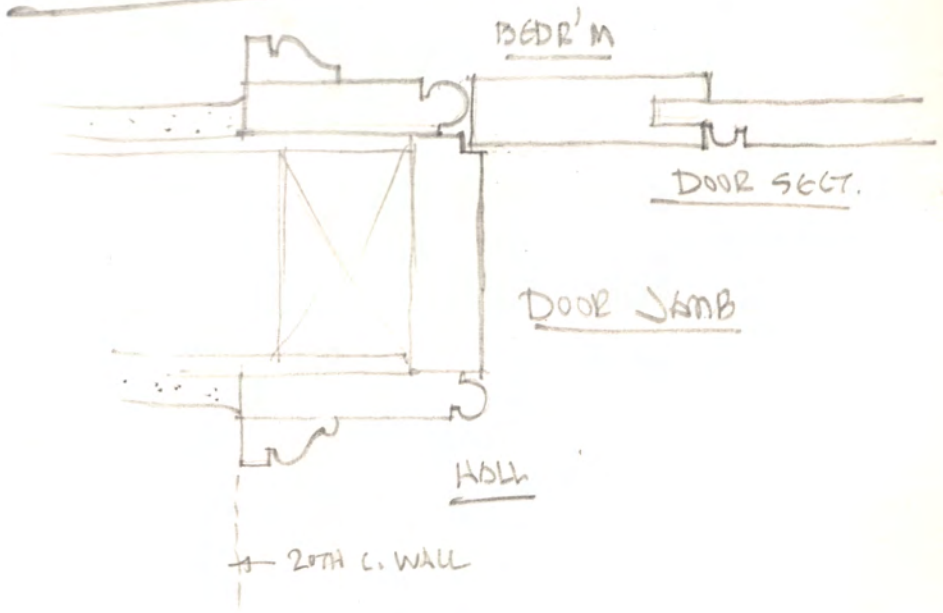


4
VIC. DOOR
TO ADDED
BATH

3-PNL. FED DOOR FROM
BACK HALL TO 2ND FL.
N.-E. BEDR'M



BACK HALL, 2ND FL.



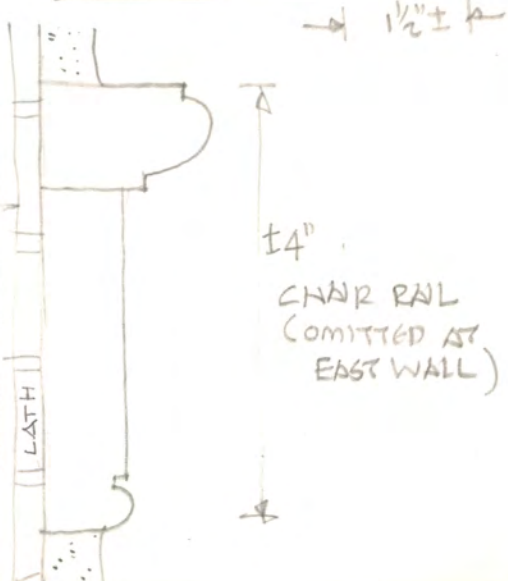
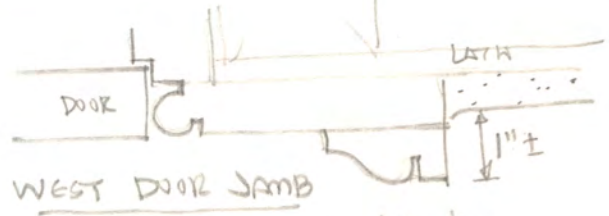
-CELL-



FED. (ORIG.) CLOS., WD. SHLVS
SEE ALSO SH. 14

photos 1983 during construction of subdivision approval work

2ND FL N.E.
(BACK B.R.)



posts originally had 4 cols / level
 (paint traces still there)
 Masonry lower level is 20th c. (porch)

[6/6 Sashes = 20th cent.
 Originals = 12/12, some still on rear]



West front N+ ↗

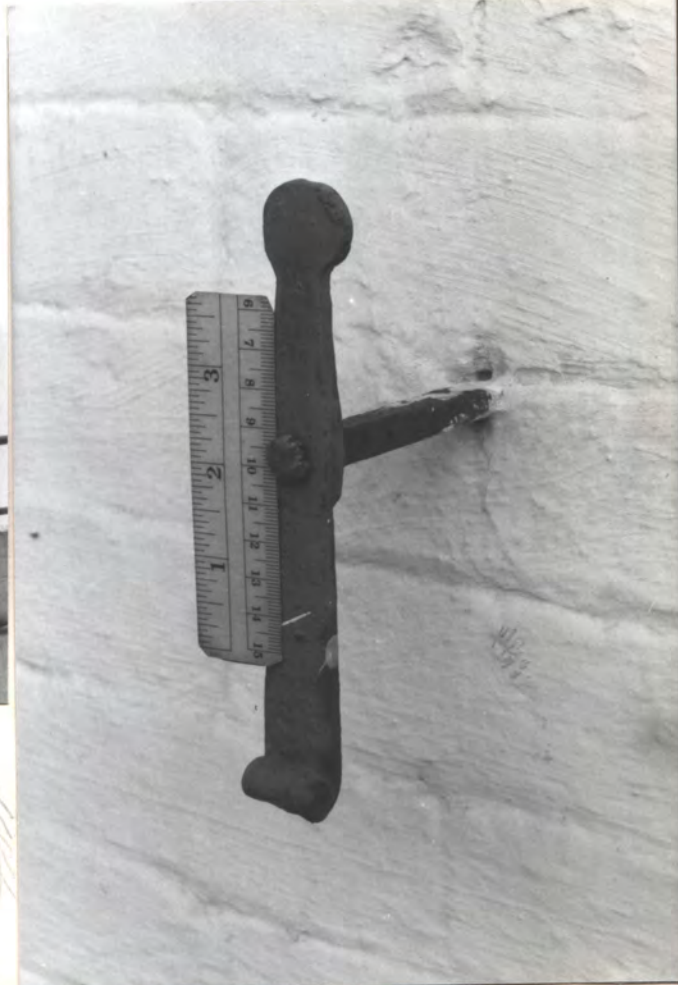


N+ ↗



N+ ↗

c. 1825 Cedarhurst
 Whitesburg Dr., H'ville
 photos Nov '84 H. Jones FAIA
 during renovation by Glenn Corstin

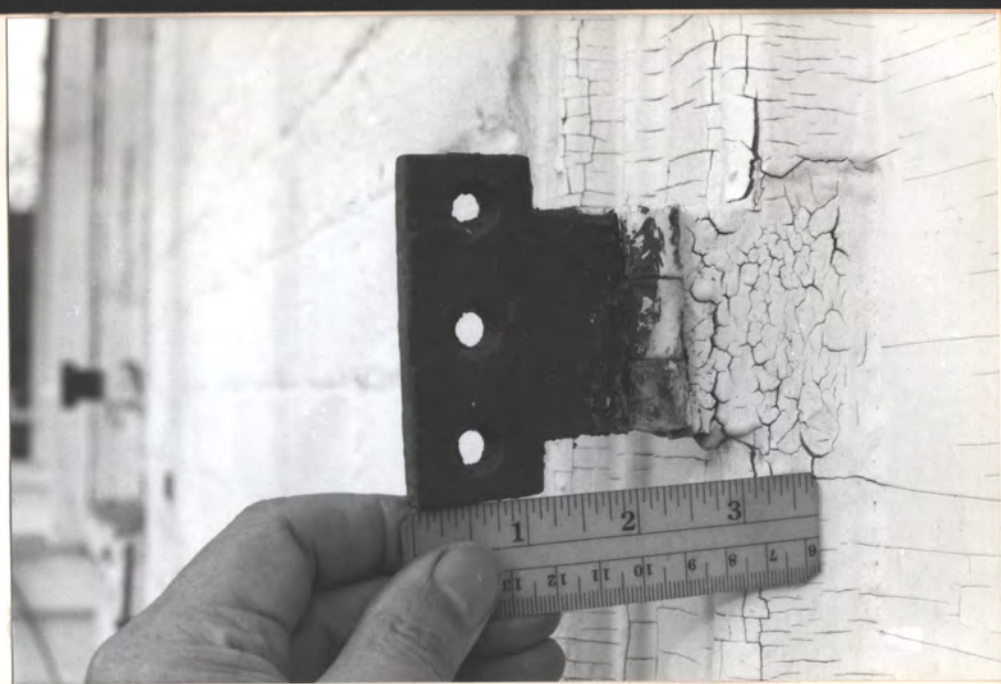


blind holdback N+ ↗ 1 of 11





Added Vic. finish vent - front wall
Originally were more at front, per brick evidence
broken brick jambs
N →



Cast iron blind-hinge
N →



Front door outer face, + entry fl.
Door is ± 4' wide & designed to look
like a pair of 2' doors. Note false ft.
N →



2nd fl. portico fl. - heart cedar, original (was covered
by later fl.) - jack plane marks.
Grooves to channel water to edge
N →

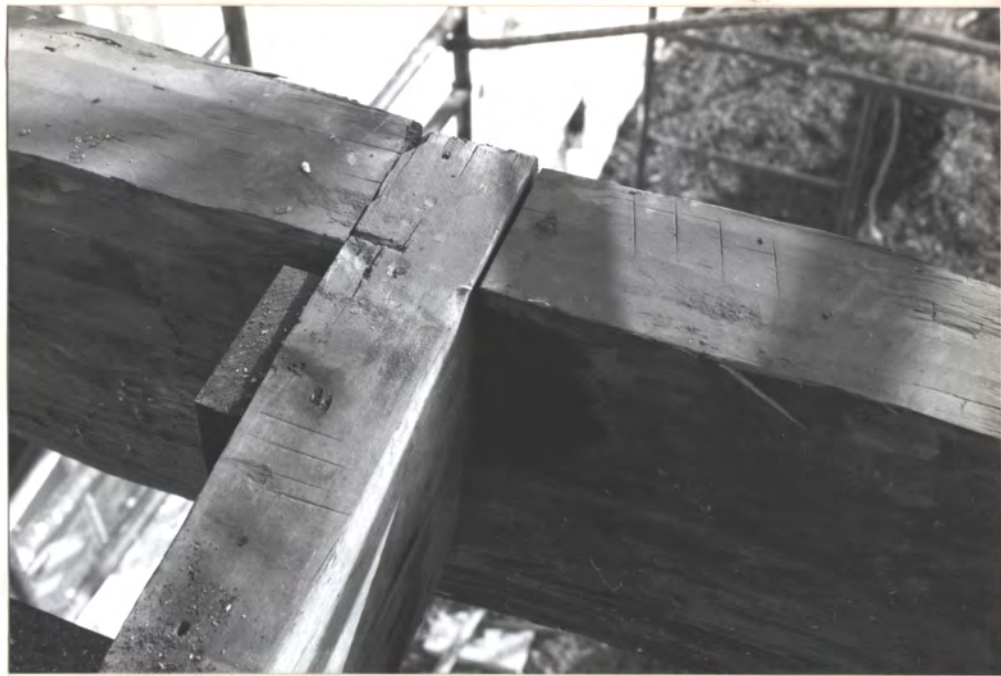
S.E. pilaster



Part cut

Original cedar fl. Note sash saw marks on joint
N →

new
ply.
(temp.)



2x4

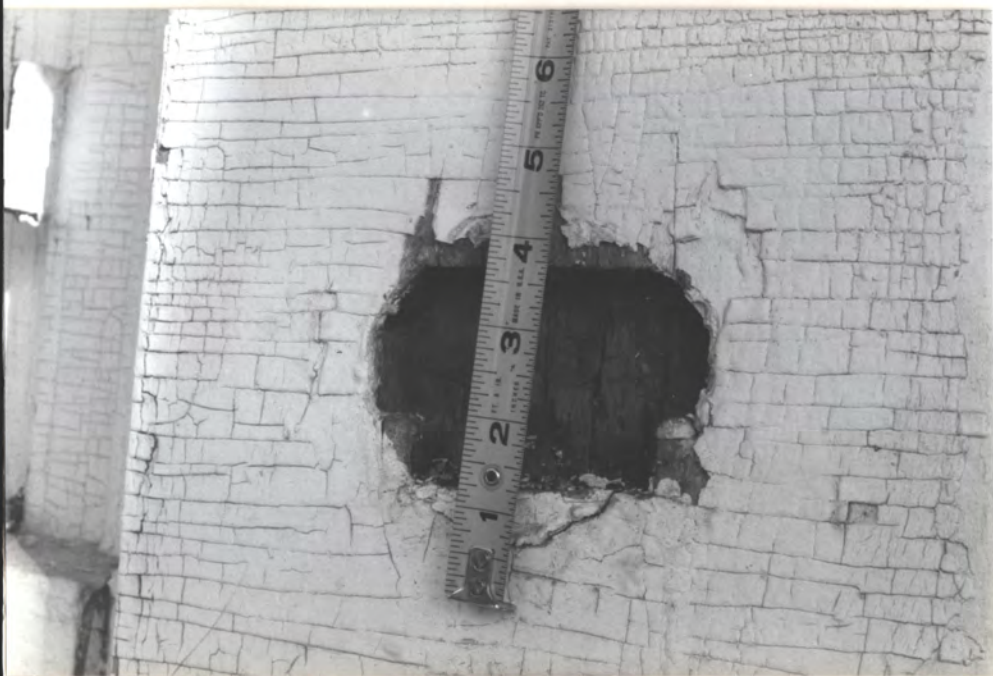
Framing at portico
2x4 fl. = ± 3" to 4" thick

NOTE numbered jo
(hatchet marks IIII)

More typical is Roman
numeral (IV)

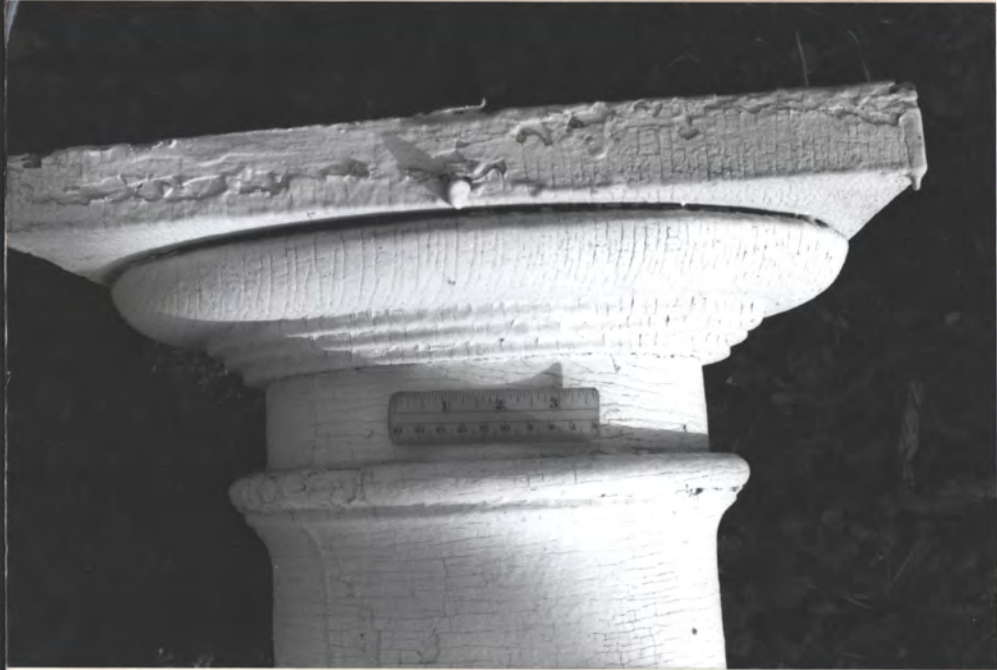
Portico 2nd fl.

← N.E. 2nd fl. pilaster,
orig. handrail cutout



W

N →



Cap

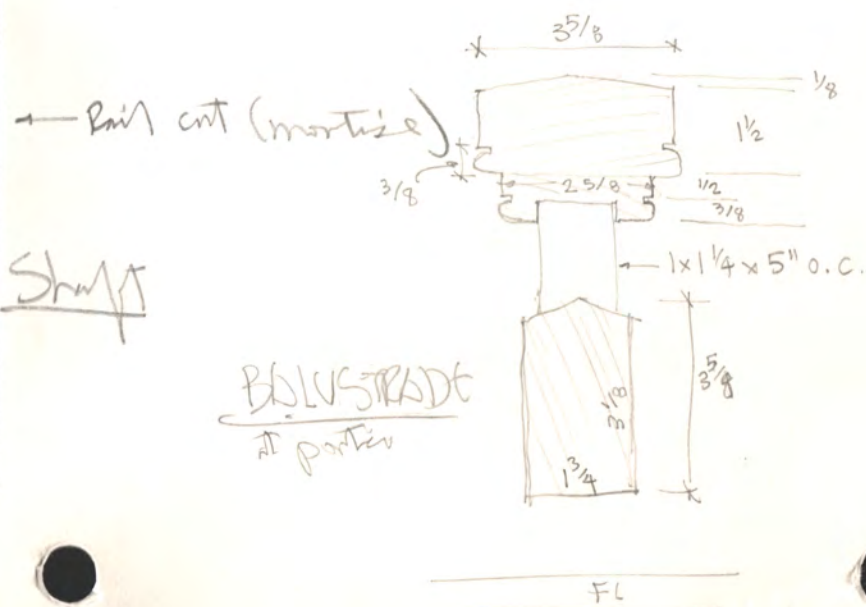


top of cap, note architrave "print"



Shaft

Col. from portico 2nd fl., NW corner





↙
Base

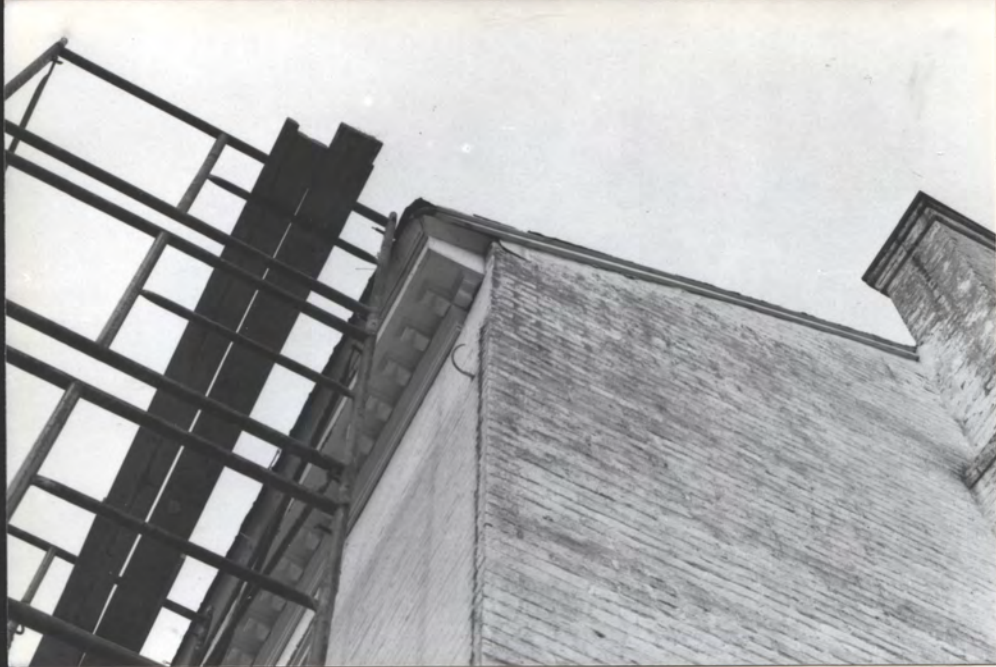
Col. from porch 2nd fl.



Base bottom. Solid wood. Note little holes



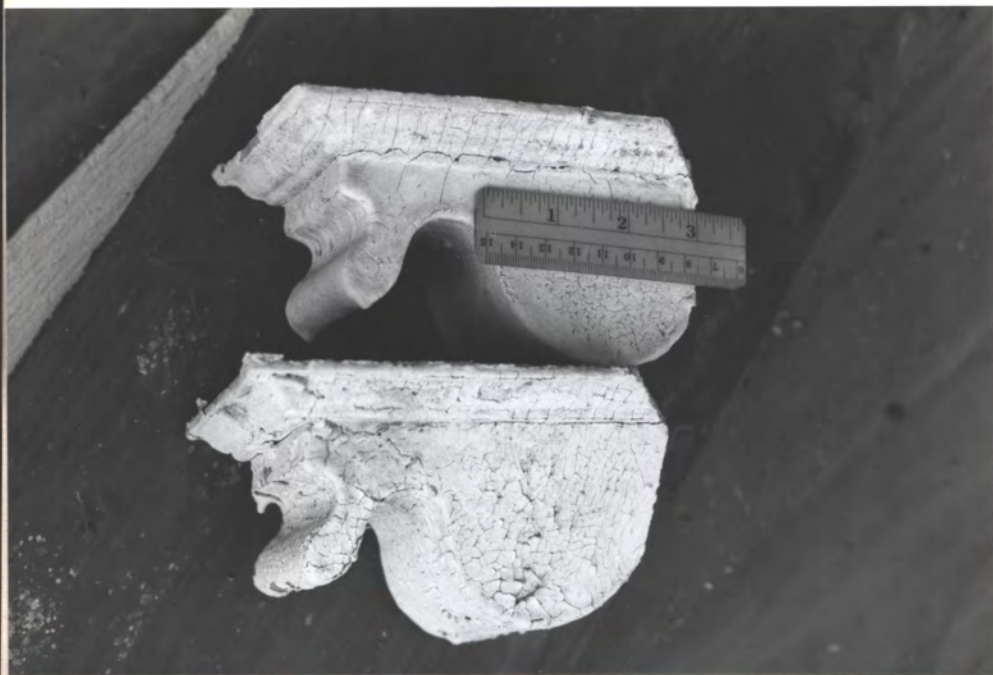
Base under 2nd fl. cols (2 here), heart cedar



← same "mould" is 20th.
c. makeshift (1x board)
Original was like at: portico
See 1953 photos herein

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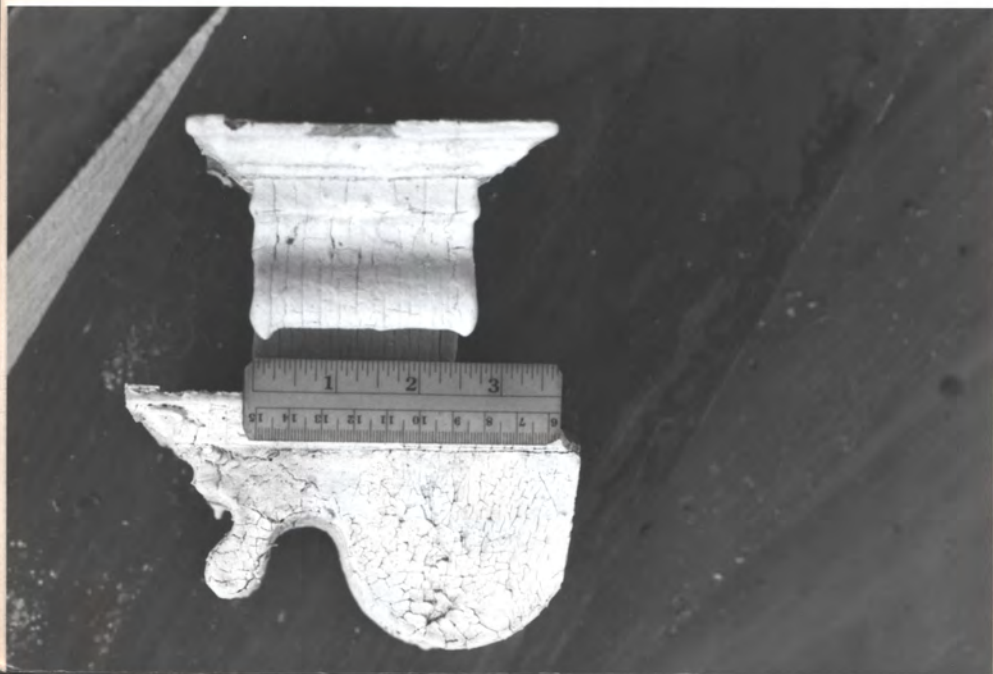
S.W. corner



← Raking moulding
from portico rake

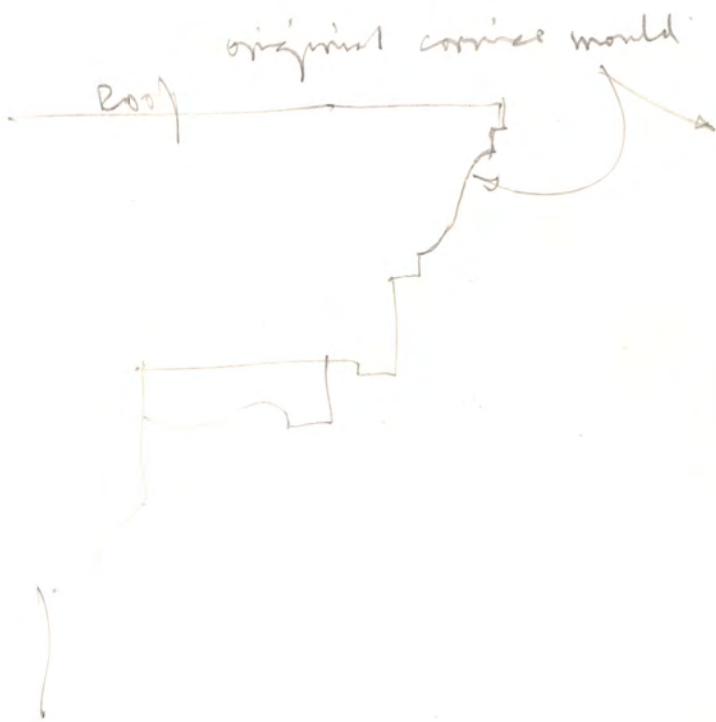


← Flat moulding

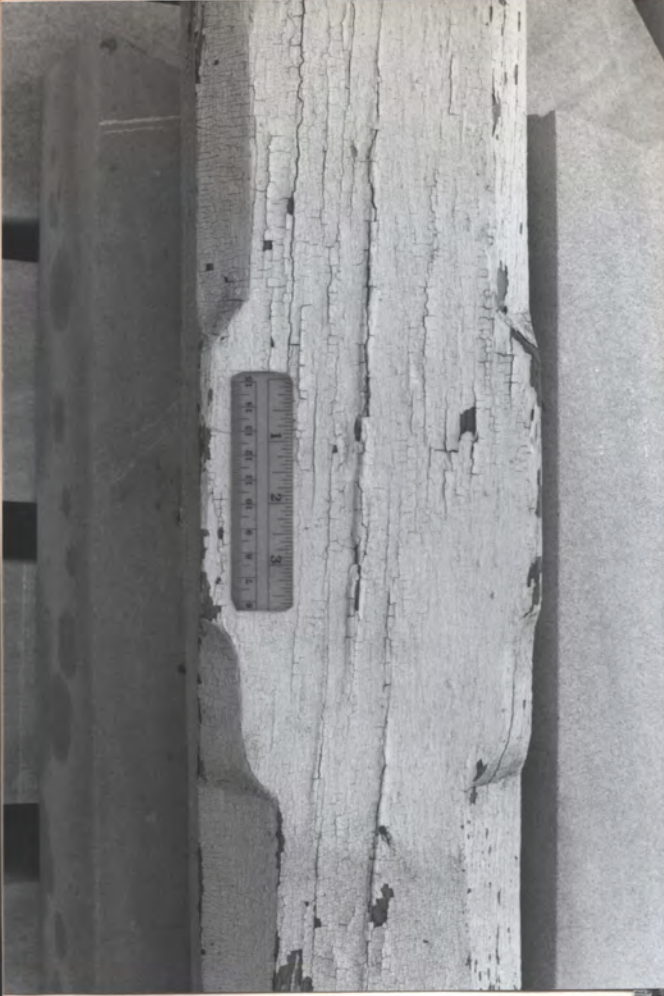


Mouldings

back of modification
(at scale)



← this col. similar to
 c. 1830 Houston Hts, Garrison Hts
 ↓ c. 1840 Borders - Sherman Hts, Ammerton
 - is probably Fed., reversed



Vic. porch col.
(looks like reversed Fed. col.)

SE, Vic. porch



Vic. porch col. Note wire nails =
 latter 19th cent. Heart pine
 "humb's tongue" mould



E. side of N.E. wing (Fed. Admin) → N



→ N



→ N
Door is V&Z, but opening is original (see brick jambs)

↑
Note typical Fed. type finish, vent (most bars gone)



bottom sash later.
top sash = Fed.
↓
↓ Vitz porch



SE corner of N. Vitz porch
note rotary saw marks on joints → N

Removed later N. porch. Broken brick
edges at roof joint holes indicate "added" → N



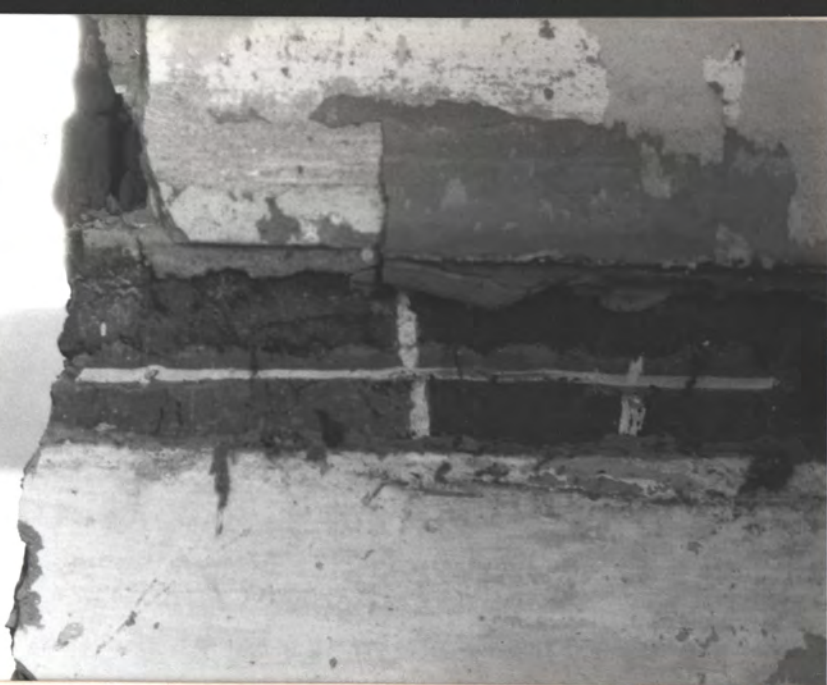
Typical Fed. style Foundations vent
& brick herringbone par. at N. side
of NE wing, by cellar steps

N st

Cellar steps
= solid wood
(cedar, I think)



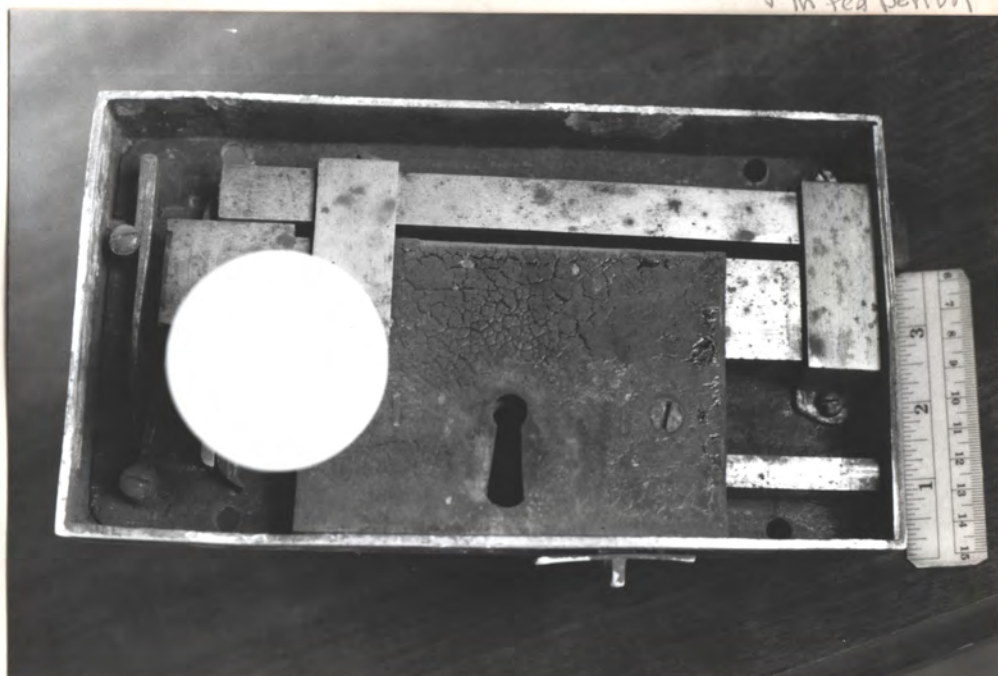
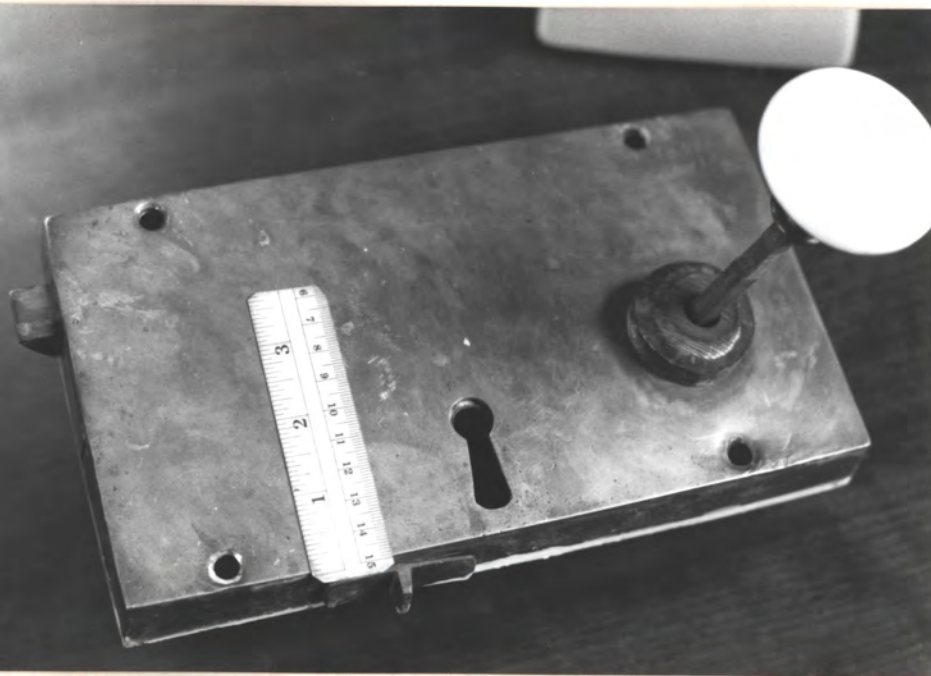
N
From vent (typical Fed. type)
at S. wall of N.E. wing
Cellar fireplace,
brick work lintel.
Filled-in later



N
N



West wall of back stairs hall. "Pericilled" brick to face brick prove that this was an exposed wall, w/ N.E. wing added later in Fed period



Original brass rimlock (cer. knob letter) from 1st fl entry. Is original because door is Fed., graining was behind lock, no evidence of previous lock (holes in door)
 Only brass Fed. rimlocks seen by H. Jones to date (1964)

Screws have blunt ends = Fed. evidence.

12



W 4

c. 1825 Cedarhurst - Whitesburg Drive
Photos May 1985 W.P. Jones
after restoration in 1985
J & H, Arch. - A. Jones, restor. arch.



N →
two upper outer cols = original.
Others are accurate replications



REPLICATION }
ORIGINAL (SOLID) }



12/12 sashes
are accurate
replications
from several
surviving orig.
sashes in
rear walls.
And 20th.
cent. sashes
in front

N →

Rails = accurate
repl. from
surviving sections





cedar subfl. is original N44

N44



N44



Cedar shunt N44 Vict. back porch 3 of 6





→ N

← 1985 Clubhouse (not by JJA)



~~N~~

Victorian porch
on N. side



~~N~~

4 - Cedarhurst



FRONT STAIR



1st fl. SW. Rm



5 - Celschmest



N ←

1st fl. N.E. (Din.) Rm



1825 Calhoun St, Anniston, AL
photo Sept. 93 HR Jones

Restor. c. 1986 Jones & Herring, Anniston
HR Jones F&G

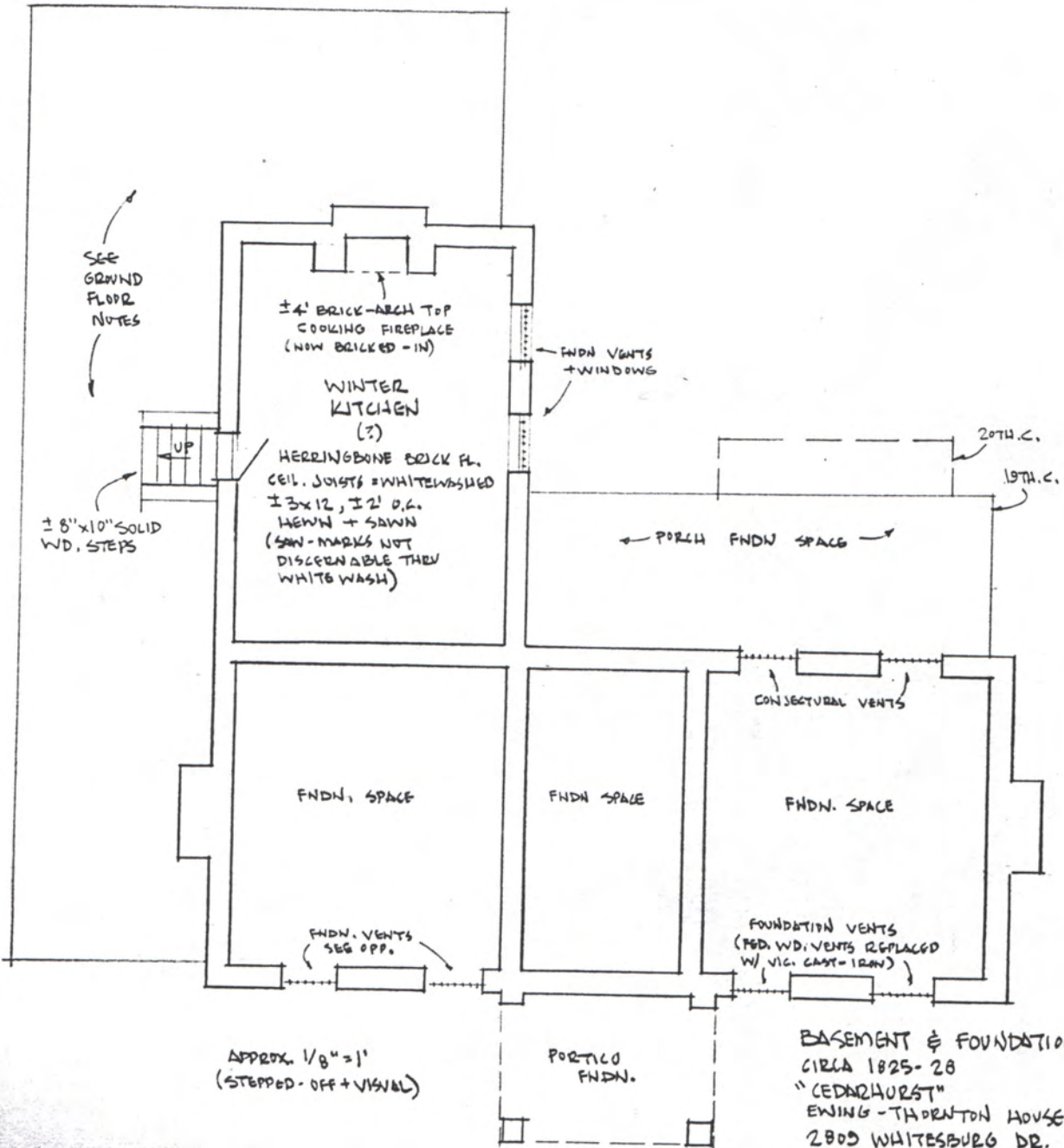
Paint rails at steps
NOT by JH

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2062 - 1905 Calhoun St., Lima, Al. Sept 23 photo WRL:ms

← SERVICE BLDGS,
MUCH-MODIFIED,
PARTLY ORIGINAL
SEE BACK-YARD
PHOTO



SEE
GROUND
FLOOR
NOTES

± 8" x 10" SOLID
WD. STEPS

± 4' BRICK-ARCH TOP
COOKING FIREPLACE
(NOW BRICKED-IN)

WINTER
KITCHEN
(?)

HERRINGBONE BRICK FL.
CEIL. JOISTS = WHITEWASHED
± 3x12, ± 2' O.C.
HEWN + SAWN
(Saw-MARKS NOT
DISCERNABLE THEN
WHITE WASH)

FNDN VENTS
+ WINDOWS

20TH. C.

19TH. C.

← PORCH FNDN. SPACE →

FNDN. SPACE

FNDN. SPACE

FNDN. SPACE

CONJECTURAL VENTS

FNDN. VENTS
SEG. OPP.

FOUNDATION VENTS
(FND. WD. VENTS REPLACED
W/ VIC. CAST-IRON)

APPROX. 1/8" = 1'
(STEPPED-OFF + VISUAL)

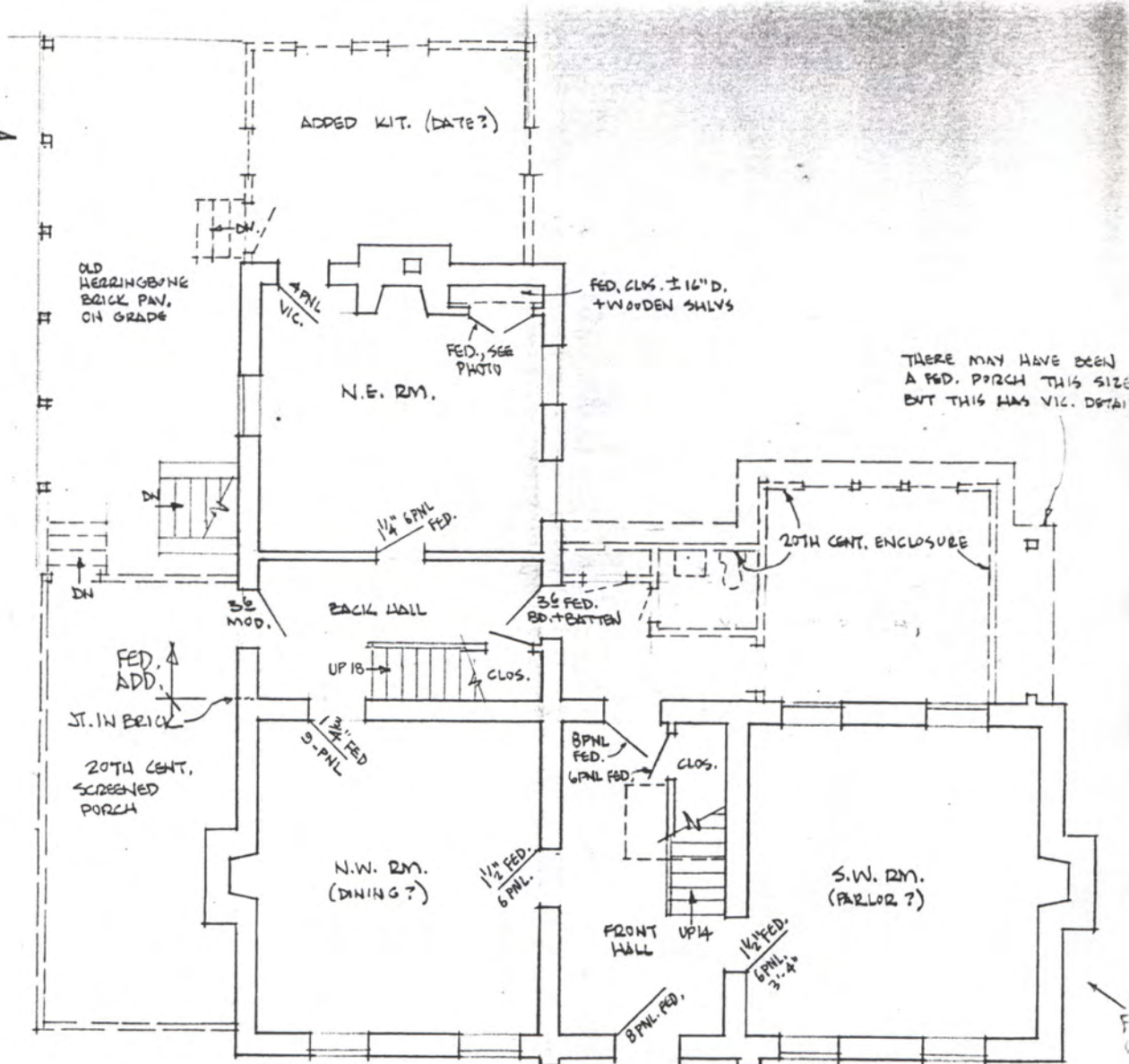
PORCH FNDN.

BASEMENT & FOUNDATION
CIRCA 1825-28
"CEDARHURST"
EWING-THORNTON HOUSE
2809 WHITESBURG DR.
HUNTSVILLE, AL.
31 JULY 1982
HARVIE P. JONES, F.A.I.A.

N. ↗

KATHLEEN THORNTON WALLACE RECALLS THERE WAS A RAISED WOODEN PORCH HERE IN EARLY 20TH. C. THESE COLS. ARE FROM A FED. PORCH (LAMP'S TONGUE CHAMFER- ENDS + RAIL IMPRINT) - APPARENTLY REMED FROM FED. PORCH

SERVICE BLDGS, MUCH-MODIFIED, PARTLY ORIGINAL. SEE BACK-YARD PHOTO

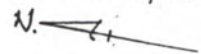


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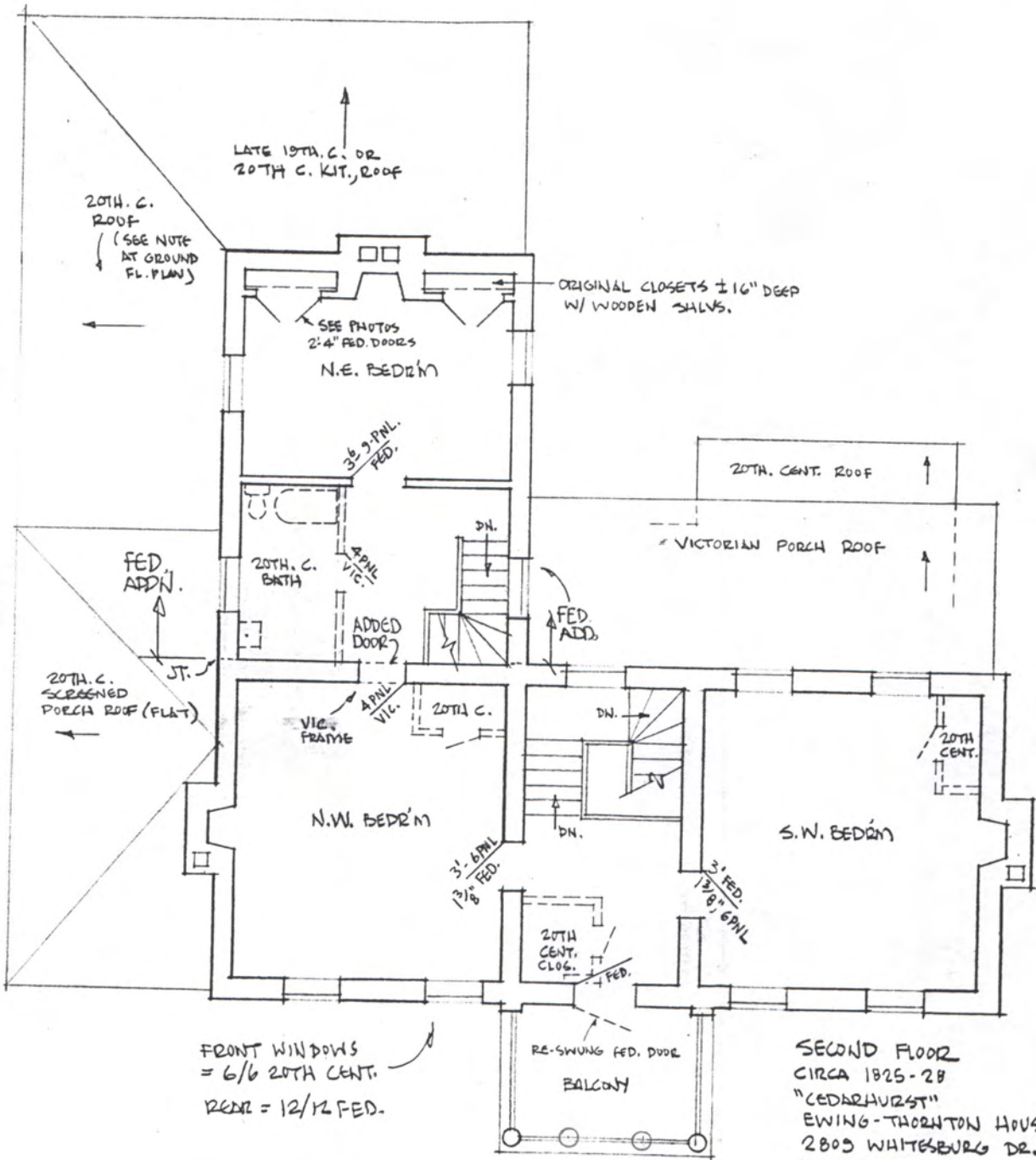
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SERV. BLDG. ↑

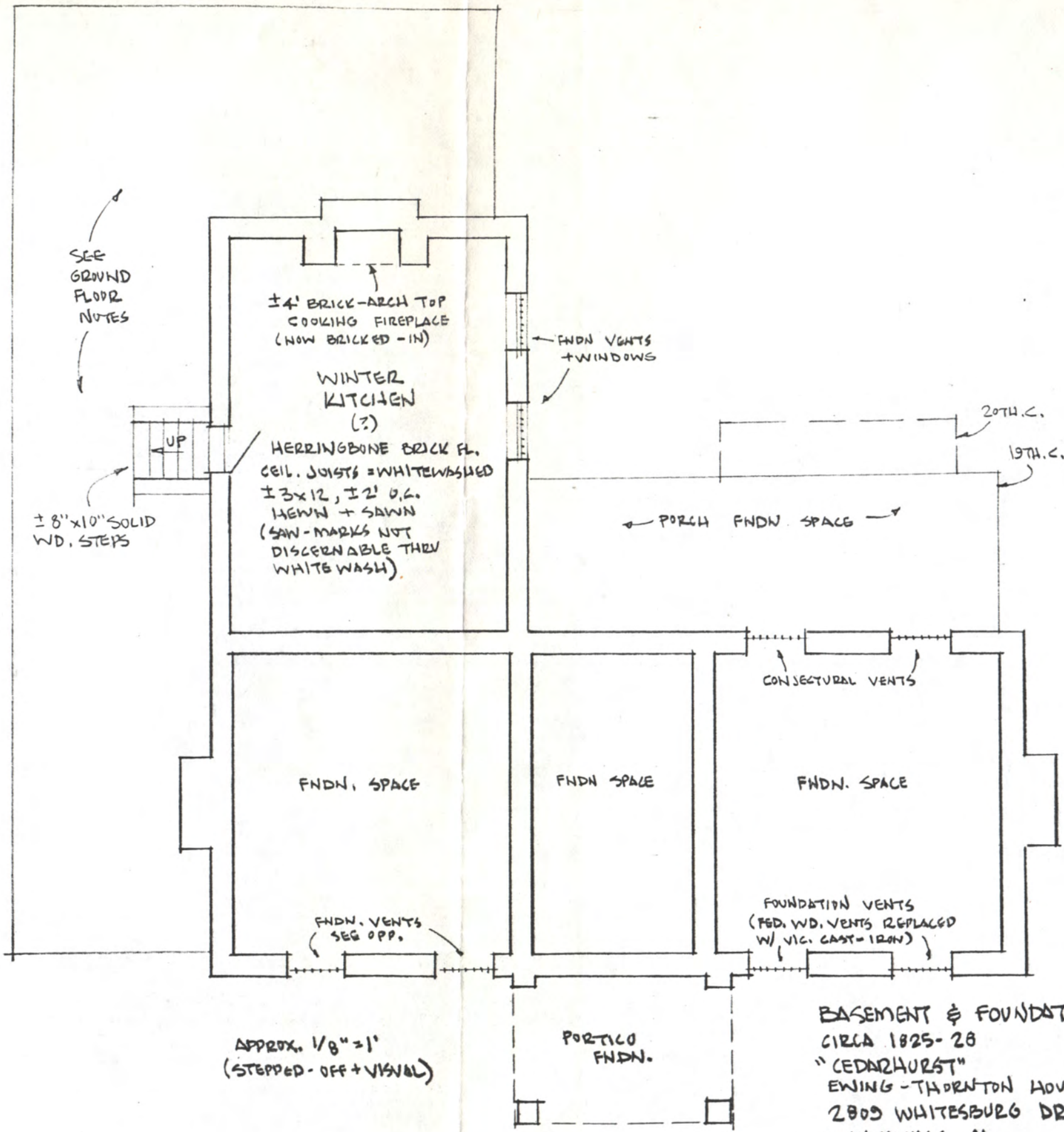


FRONT WINDOWS = 6/6 20TH CENT.
 REAR = 12/12 FED.

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SERVICE BLDGS,
MUCH-MODIFIED,
PARTLY ORIGINAL
SEE BACK-YARD
PHOTO



SEE
GROUND
FLOOR
NOTES

± 8" x 10" SOLID
WD. STEPS

± 4' BRICK-ARCH TOP
COOKING FIREPLACE
(NOW BRICKED-IN)

WINTER
KITCHEN
(?)

HERRINGBONE BRICK FL.
CEIL. JOISTS = WHITEWASHED
± 3x12, ± 2' O.L.
HEWN + SAWN
(SAW-MARKS NOT
DISCERNABLE THEN
WHITE WASH)

FNDN VENTS
+ WINDOWS

20TH.C.

19TH.C.

PORCH FNDN. SPACE

FNDN. SPACE

FNDN SPACE

FNDN. SPACE

CONJECTURAL VENTS

FNDN. VENTS
SEG OPP.

FOUNDATION VENTS
(FED. WD. VENTS REPLACED
W/ VIC. CAST-IRON)

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PORTICO
FNDN.

BASEMENT & FOUNDATION
CIRCA 1825-28

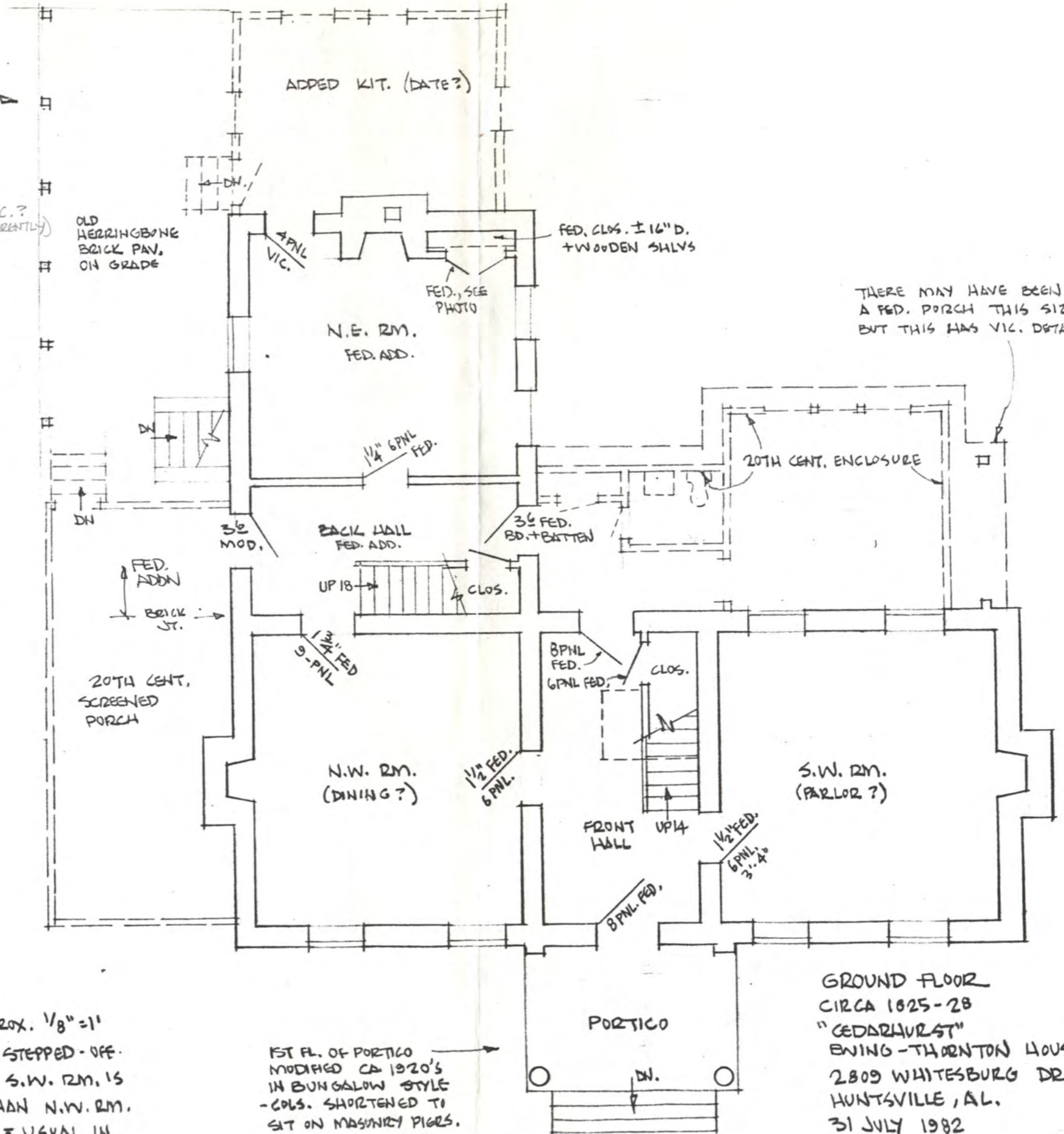
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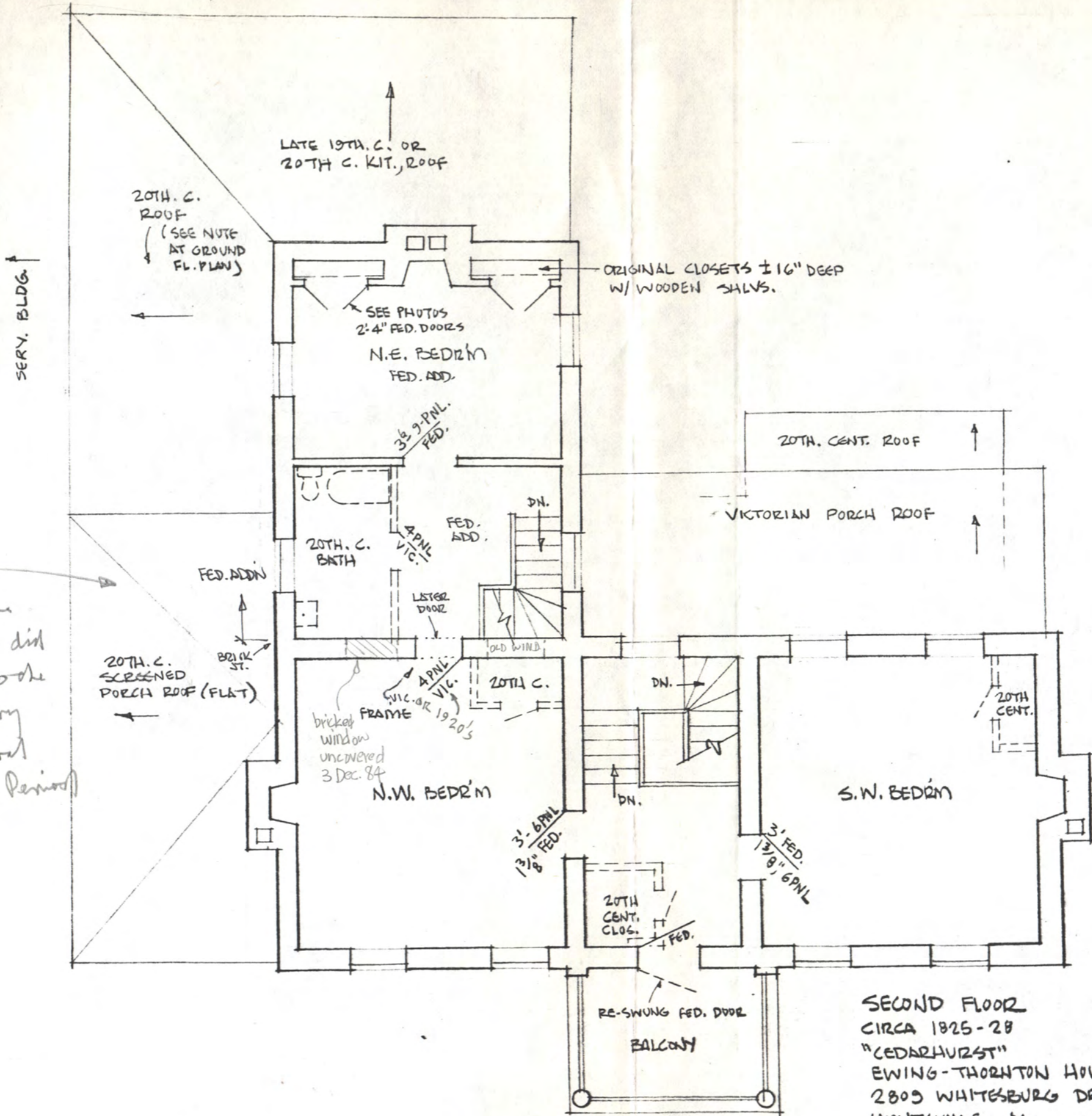
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Originally the back BR hall did not connect to the front rms = very common in rural houses of Fed. Period

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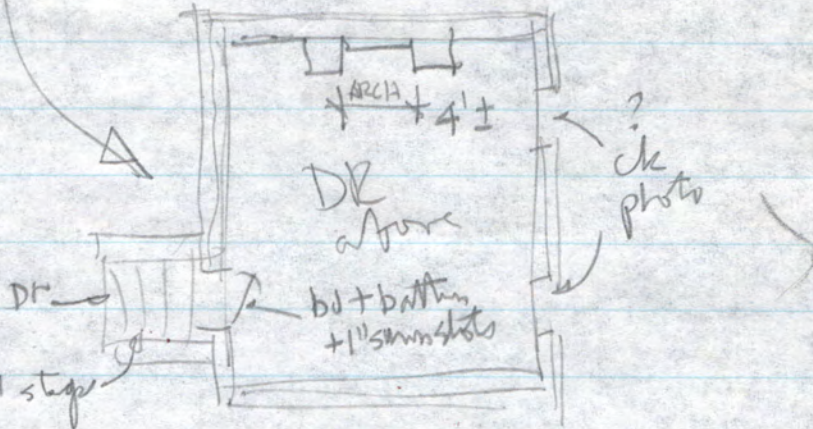
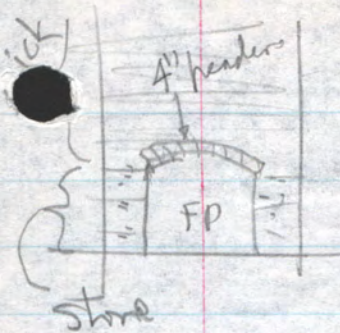
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Thornton 24 July 1982
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Basement - harr. brick fl.

4" brick arch fp. - big (look)

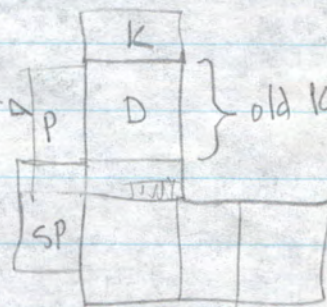
jets ± 3x12 beam + post same, whitewashed
bd + batt down, beaded
walls = (limestone (N, E, S)
brick (W))



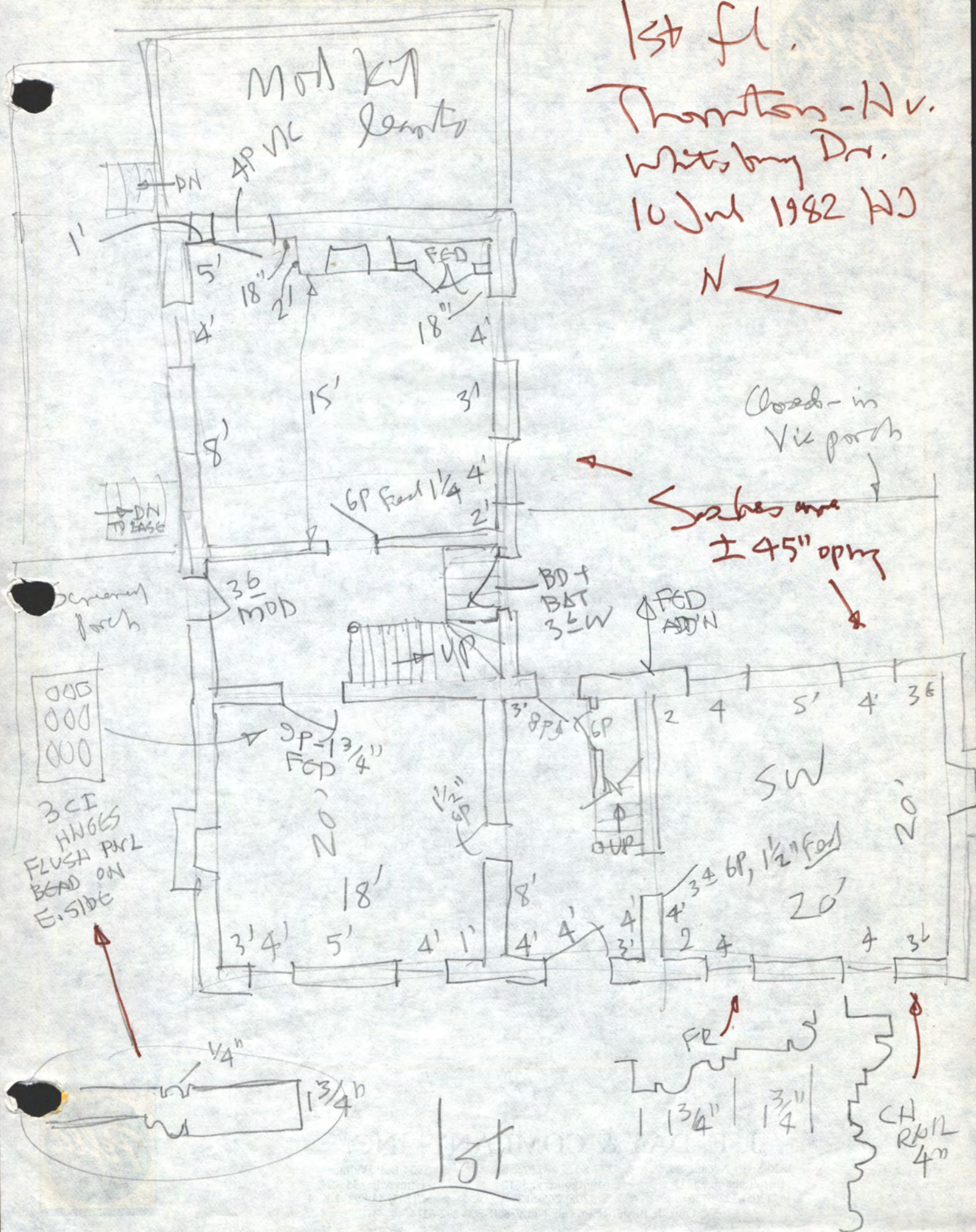
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hee front - all run board, gr 1 brk
" sides of rear - comm. board, gr 2 brk

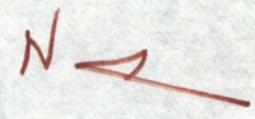
N.E. porch posts (see photo) - were over
on a ruined w.d. porch (Katherine Walker)



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1st fl.
 Thornton - Nv.
 Whitby Dr.
 10 Jul 1982 HJ

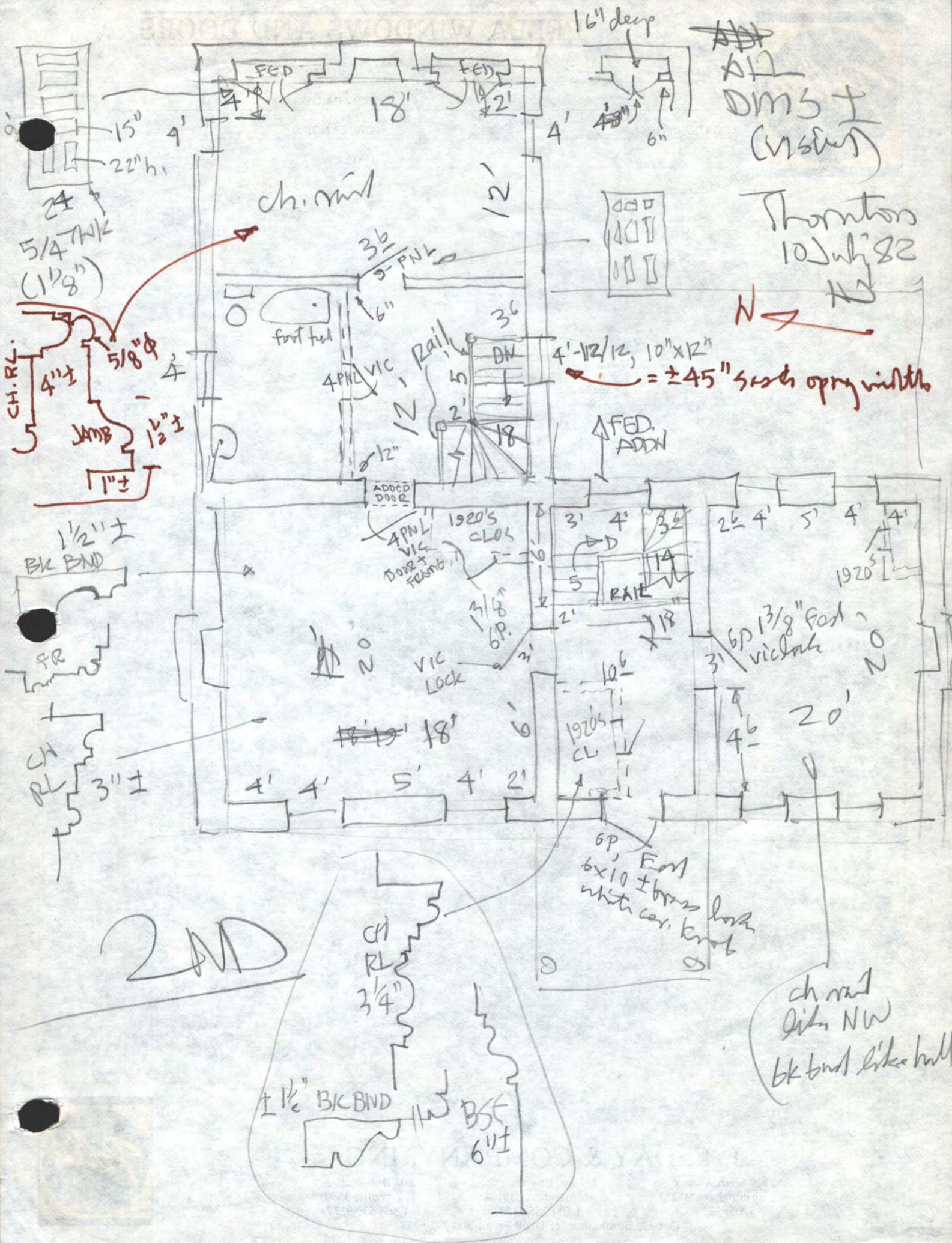


Close-in
 Vic path

Seches are
 ± 45" ophg

1st

CH
 R612
 4m



Ca 1825-28

Ewing-Thornton House

"Cedarhurst"

2809 Whitesburg Drive

Restored views of portico

14 July '84 H.P. Jones, FAIA

8 Nov '84 HJ

All paint traces on
architrave
bottom

original
sashes
were
12/12
these are
20th c.

per nail-mortise
in pilaster

brick
walk -
butt together
no mortar jts

ventilate
col. base
& cap

5/4 x 12 T & G FL.

1 x 12 SKIRT

FINISHED WOOD STEPS, 5/4"
w/ RADIUS NOSINGS
ON FRONT + ENDS,
MITERED RISER ENDS (3/4")
NO HANDRAILS FOR
HIST. CORRECTNESS

LATTICE

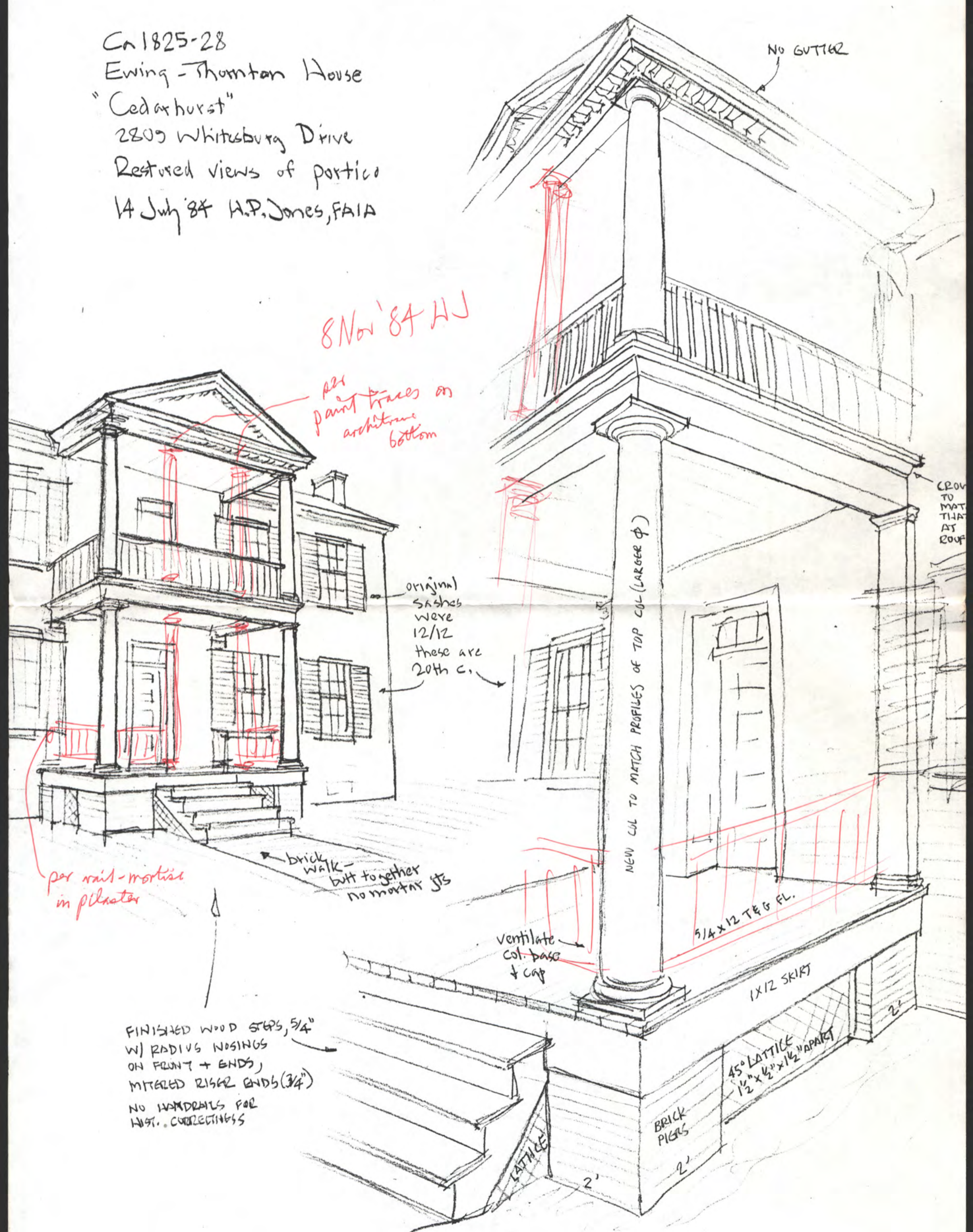
BRICK
PIERS

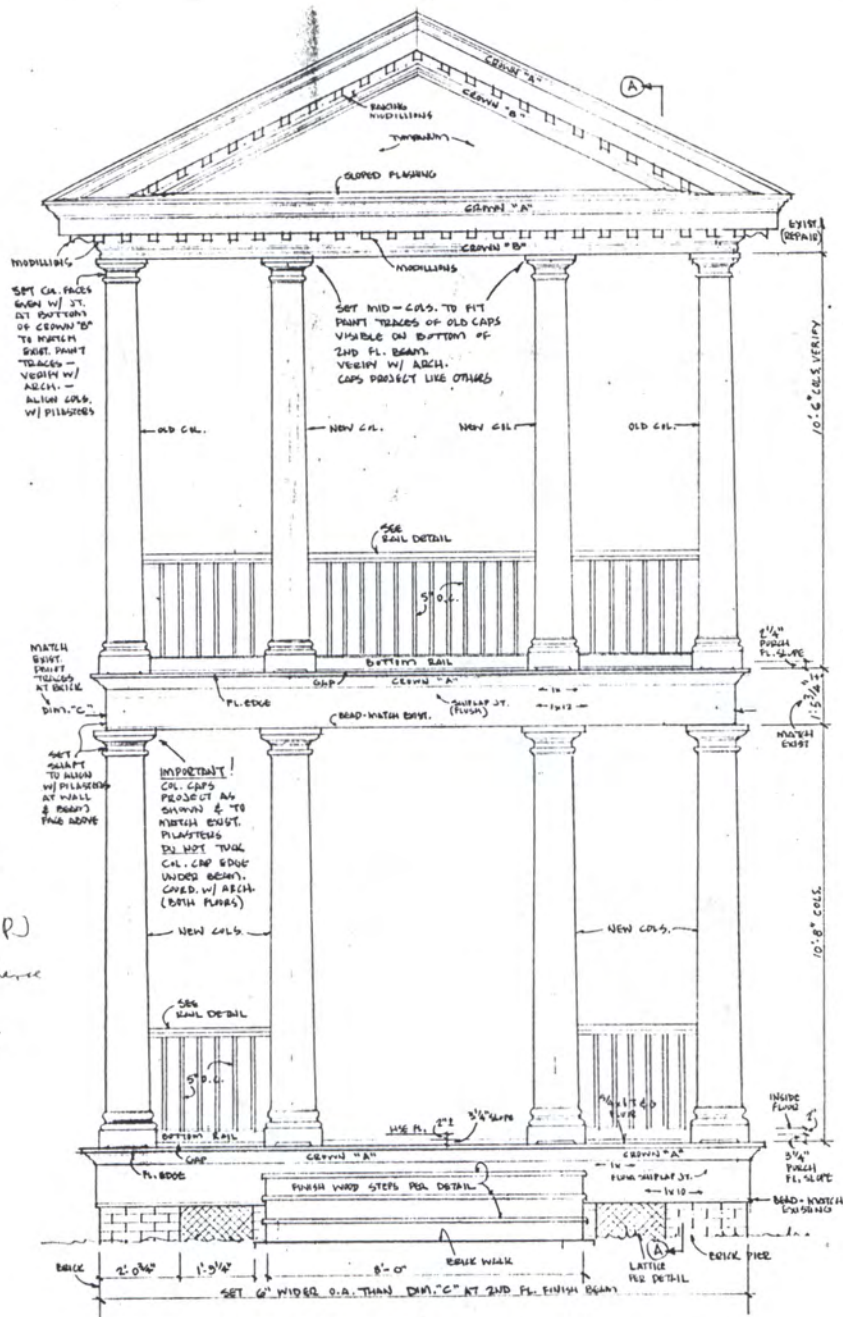
45° LATTICE
1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" APART

NEW COL TO MATCH PROFILES OF TOP COL (LARGER Ø)

NO GUTTER

CROWN
TO MATCH
THAT
AT ROOF





part of
 c. 1825 Colonnade
 portico restoration
 Arngs - Feb. 1985 (LP)
 All based on site evidence
 Whitesburg Drive &
 Drake Ave

PORTICO WEST (FRONT) ELEVATION 1/2" = 1'-0"

VERIFY ALL EXISTING DIMENSIONS & CONDITIONS.



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June 17, 1985



TELEPHONE NUMBER
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Mr. Glenn Cope
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Huntsville, AL 35805

Dear Mr. Cope:

Harvie Jones has recently called to our attention your sensitive and beautiful refurbishing of Cedarhurst in Huntsville. Rarely do we have the pleasure of seeing such an exceptional achievement in the adaptive use of a historic structure. From the restoration of the portico's original Federal-period delicacy to the reinstallation of twelve-over-twelve sashing, you seem to have done an outstanding job of recapturing the original dignity of Cedarhurst. Our heartiest congratulations on a job superbly done.

You are perhaps already aware of the tax credit available for those historic-building renovations which meet the Secretary of the Interior's rehabilitation standards. Your project would certainly appear to qualify. If you are interested in investigating this matter, Bob Goodsell, the tax specialist in our office, would be happy to speak with you about it.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Gamble
Architectural Historian

cc: Harvie Jones

RSG/pr

Oct. 14
1996
H.P. JOHNS

CIRCA 1825 CEDARHURST, WHITESBURG DRIVE AND DRAKE AVENUE (FEDERAL PERIOD)

Cedarhurst originally had a refined double-tier, eight-columned Tuscan-order Palladian style portico as did many country houses of the early 19th century. In the early 20th century, half of the columns were removed (leaving two columns per floor instead of four) and the first floor columns were cut short and mounted on heavy brick piers in an apparent attempt to give the portico a modern bungalow appearance. However, the original interior features were mostly retained.

In 1982 the house and its once-rural surrounding acres were purchased for a townhouse development. The developer wisely chose to retain this fine Federal Period house and restore it for use as a guesthouse and for social functions for the townhouse residents.

Many developers would have bulldozed such a house without a second thought and Huntsville is fortunate that we still have this excellent early house, now carefully restored, with its original and beautiful Palladian double-tier Tuscan portico brought back.