

UNION TRADING CO., FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

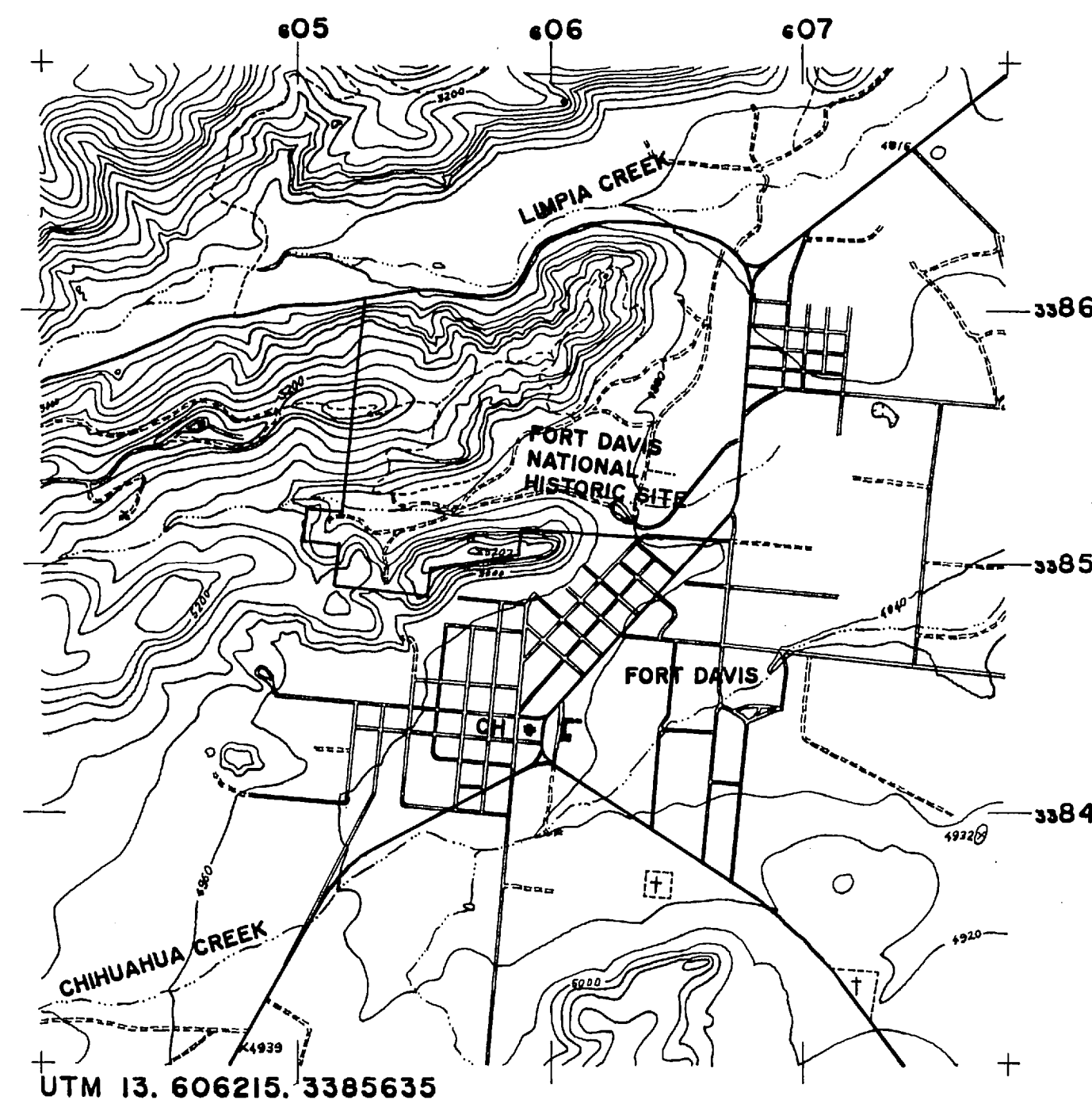
IN 1874 WHITTAKER KEESEY AUTHORIZED HIS BROTHER, OTIS M., TO BUILD A HOUSE AND CORRAL NEAR FORT DAVIS FOR TRADING IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND LIQUOR. IN 1876 LOUIS CARDIS LEASED A 200 FOOT SQUARE PLOT FOR A STAGECOACH STATION. AFTER CARDIS DEATH IN THE 1877 SALT WARS THE KEESEYS OPERATED A MERCANTILE BUSINESS IN THE TOTAL COMPLEX. IN 1906 A.F. PESCHKE WAS HIRED TO REPLACE THE "MAIN PORTION" OF THE ADOBE STRUCTURE WITH A STONE BUILDING "TO HAVE A BASEMENT, HAND-OPERATED FREIGHT ELEVATOR AND A COAL SHUTE." THE BUSINESS BECAME THE UNION TRADING COMPANY IN 1908, AND BY 1913 THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE STORE HAD BEEN CLOSED WITH A VENEER OF MATCHING STONE.

OVER THE YEARS "THE UNION" COMPLEX CONTAINED A GENERAL STORE, STABLES, U.S. POST OFFICE, GENTLEMAN'S CLUB AND BAR, MACHINE SHOP, FEED STORE, LUMBER YARD, THE FIRST ELECTRIC COMPANY AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, MEETING ROOM, AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND SERVED AS A COMMUNITY AND MERCANTILE CENTER FOR THE FORT DAVIS REGION.

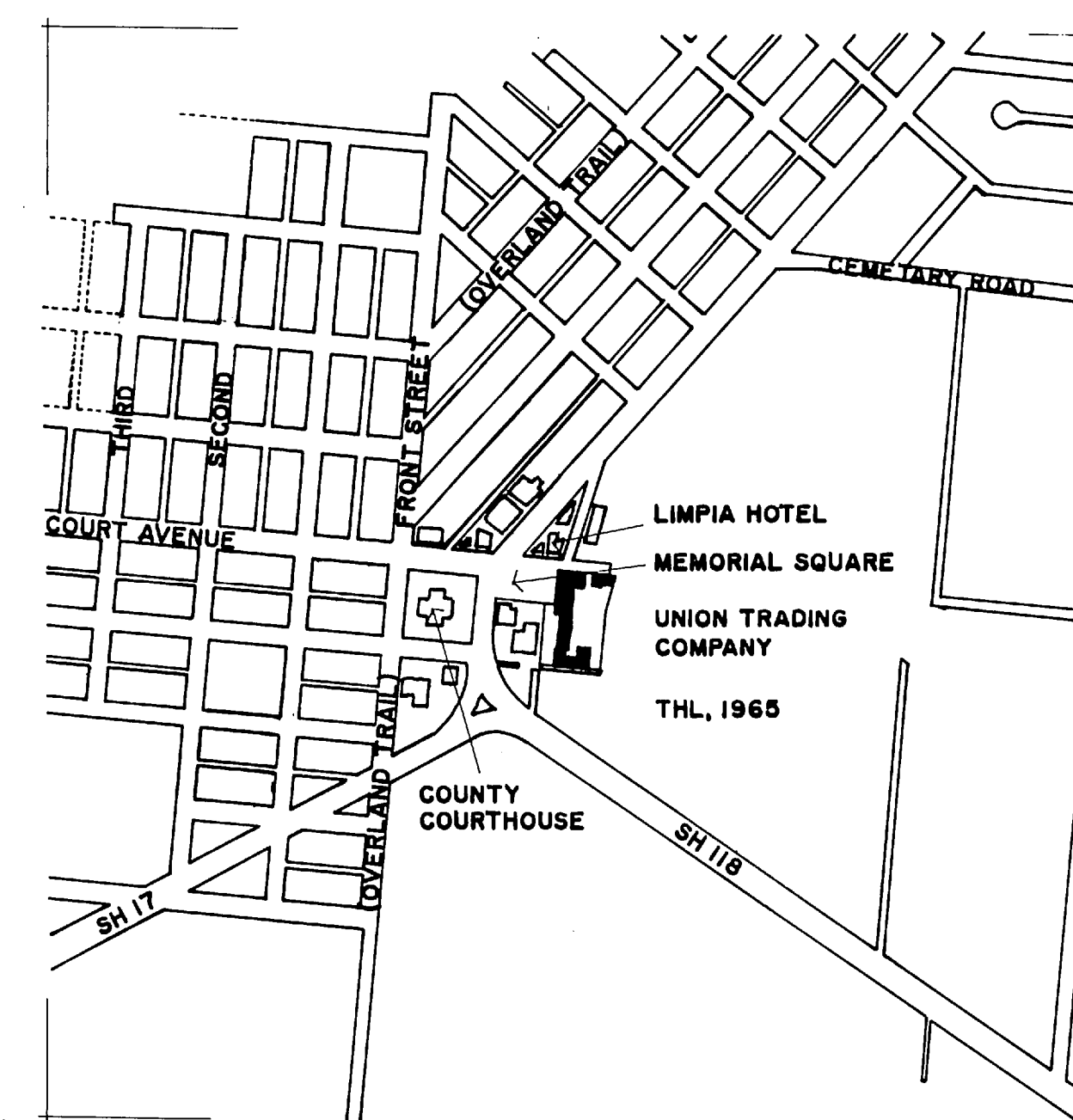
THE 19TH CENTURY BUILDINGS HAVE ADOBE WALLS AND WOOD FRAMED ROOFS, AND SHOW EVIDENCE OF REPEATED MODIFICATION. THE 1874 ADOBE BUILDING HAS LOAD BEARING WALLS, AND WELL-CRAFTED LONG-LEAF PINE WOODWORK.

THE 1906 STONE STRUCTURE HAS CAST STONE DETAILS. THE ROOF TRUSS HAS SINGLE BOARDS SPANNING 30 FEET. THREE STRENGTHENED TRUSSES HELD AN ORIGINAL WOOD BALCONY WITH IRON RODS. THE BALCONY WAS REDUCED AND THE STAIR MOVED FROM THE EAST TO WEST WALL. A WALL SEPARATING THE EAST (POST OFFICE) WING HAS BEEN REMOVED.

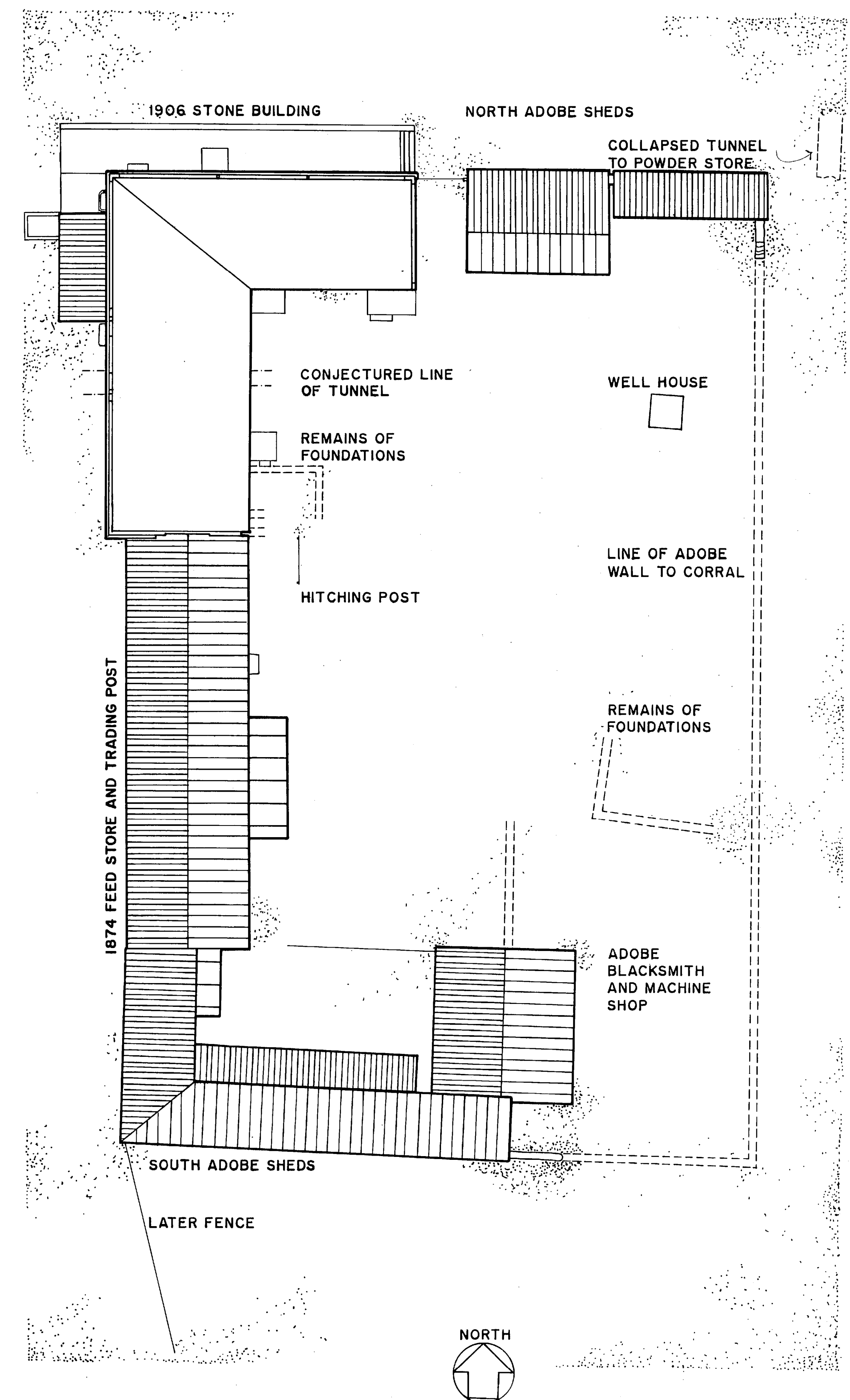
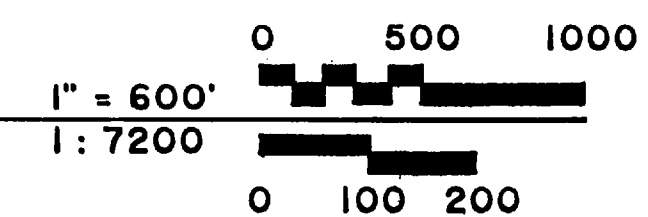
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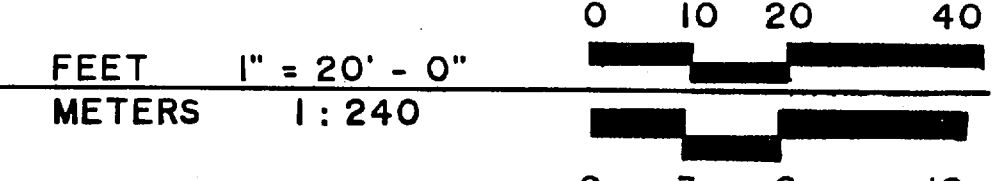
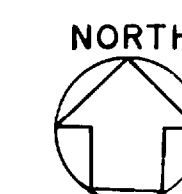
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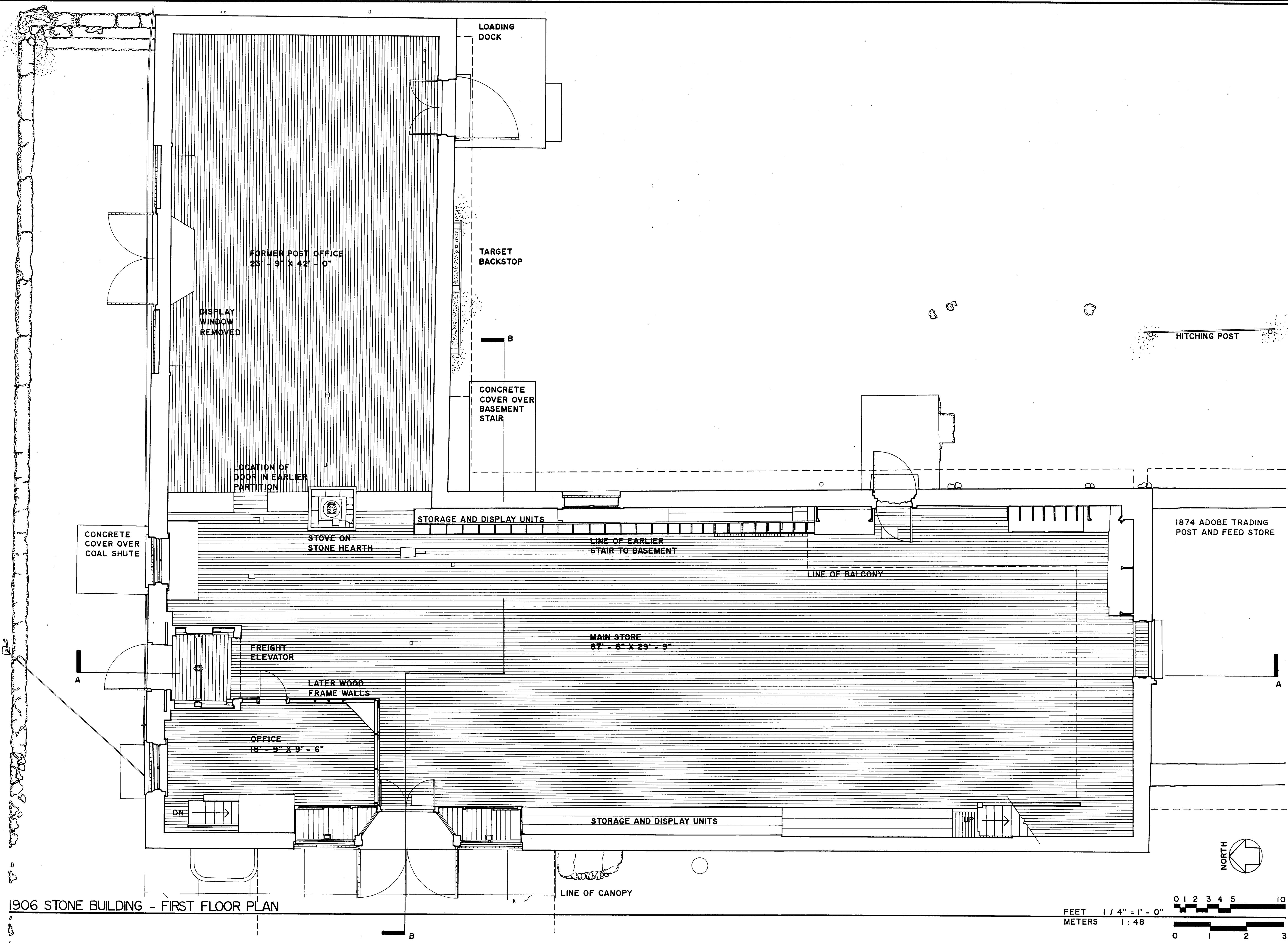


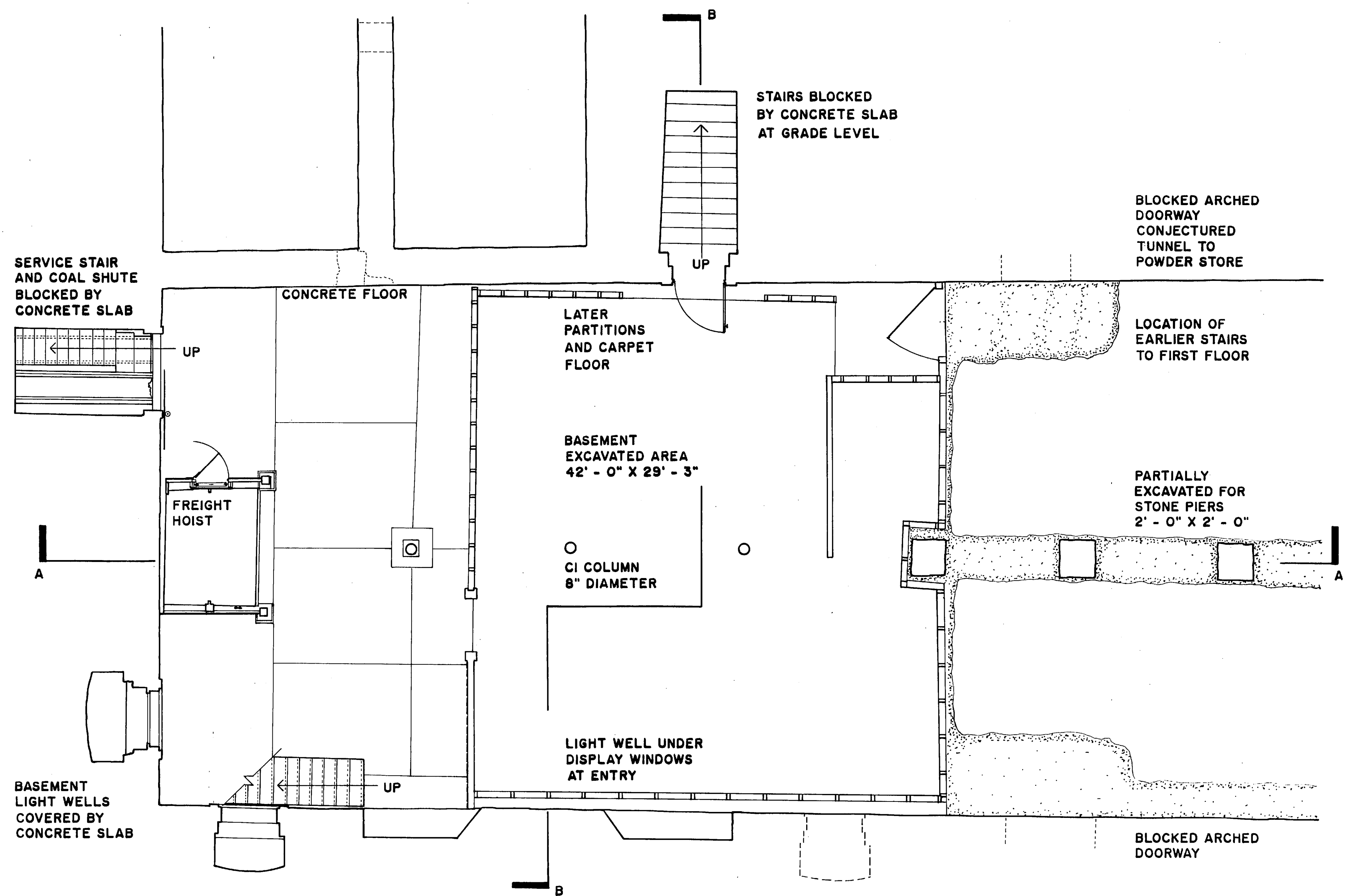
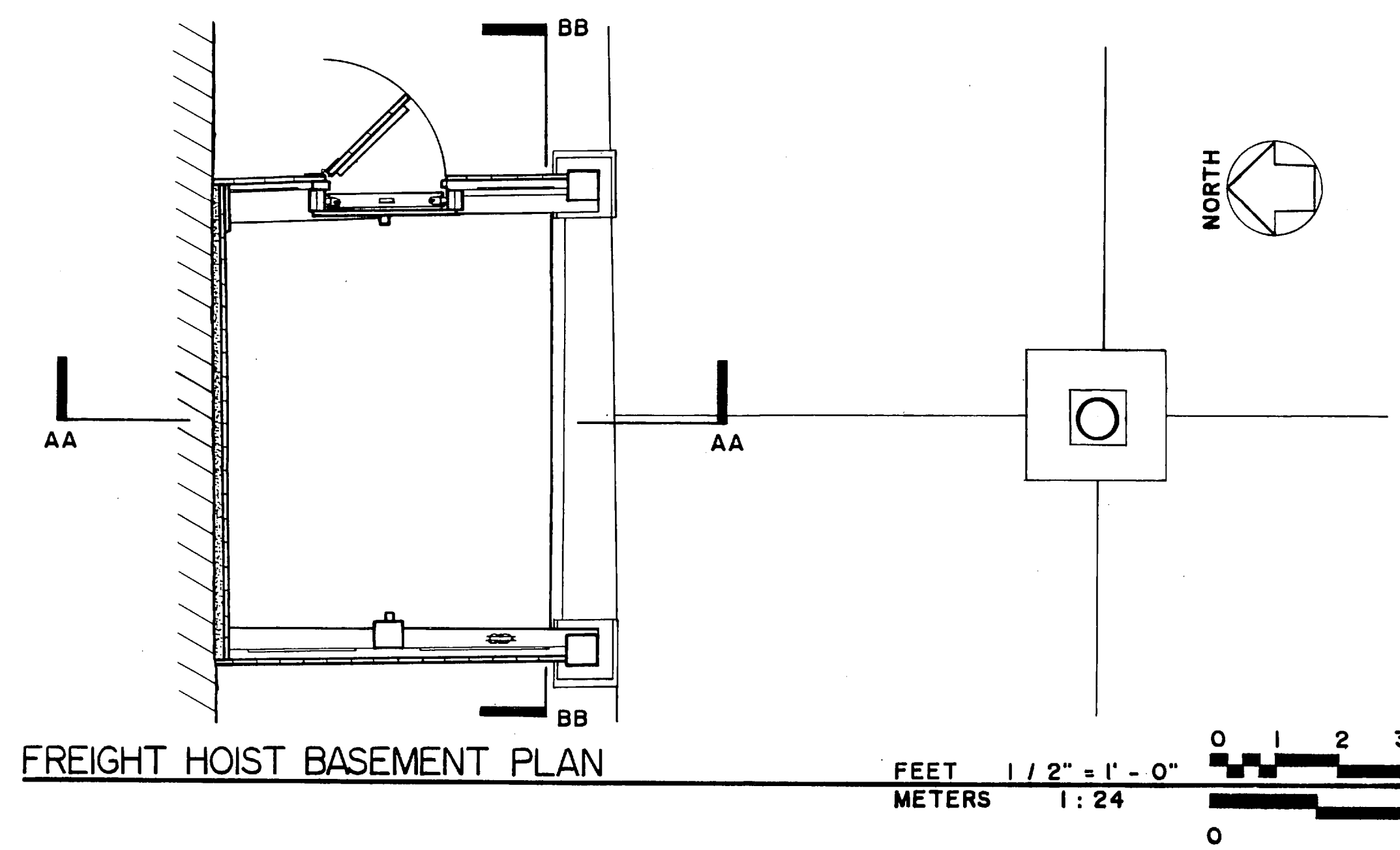
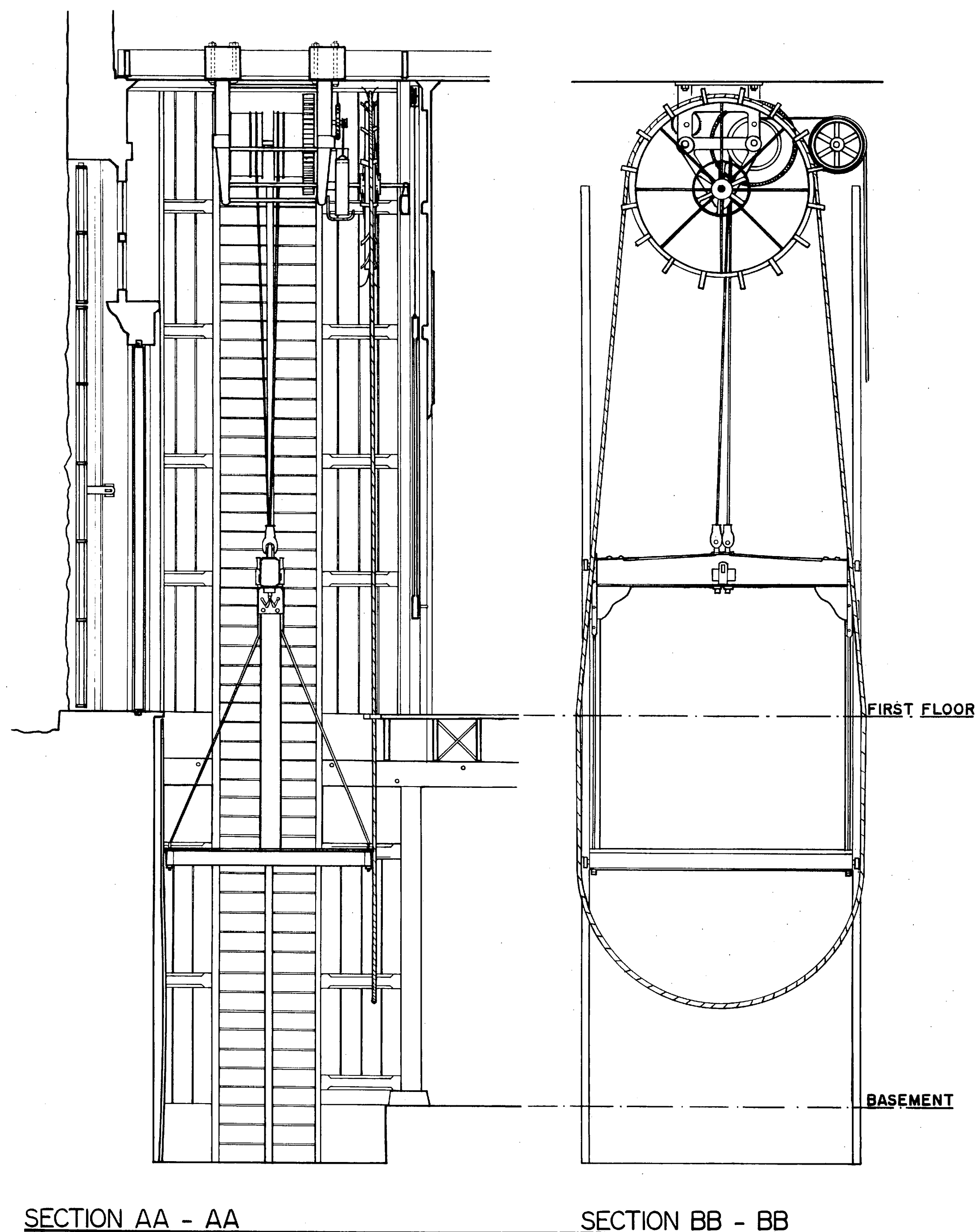
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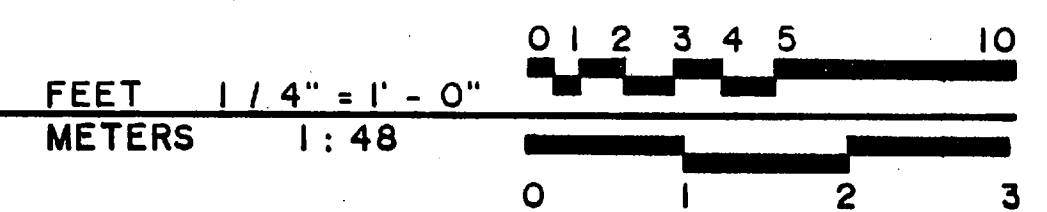
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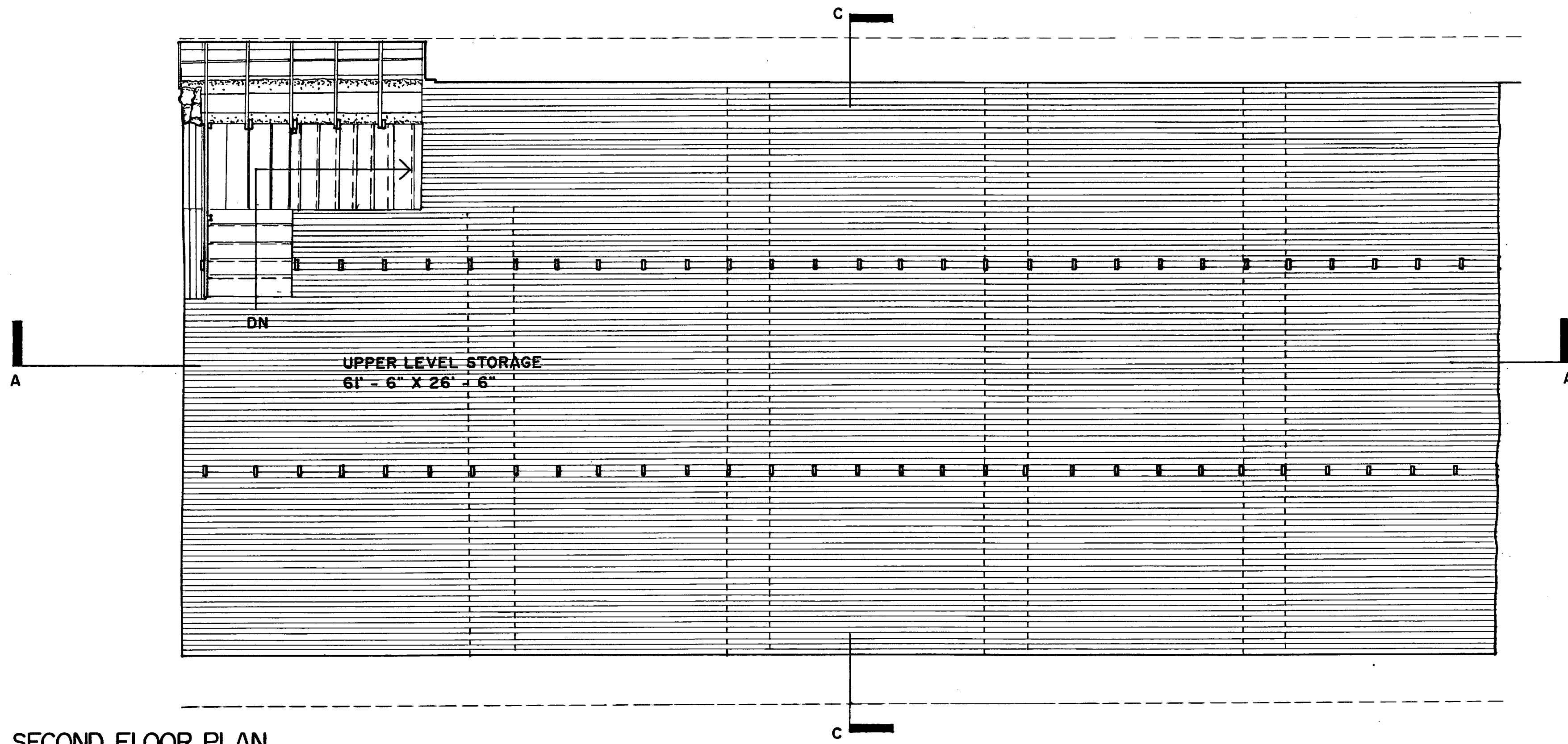




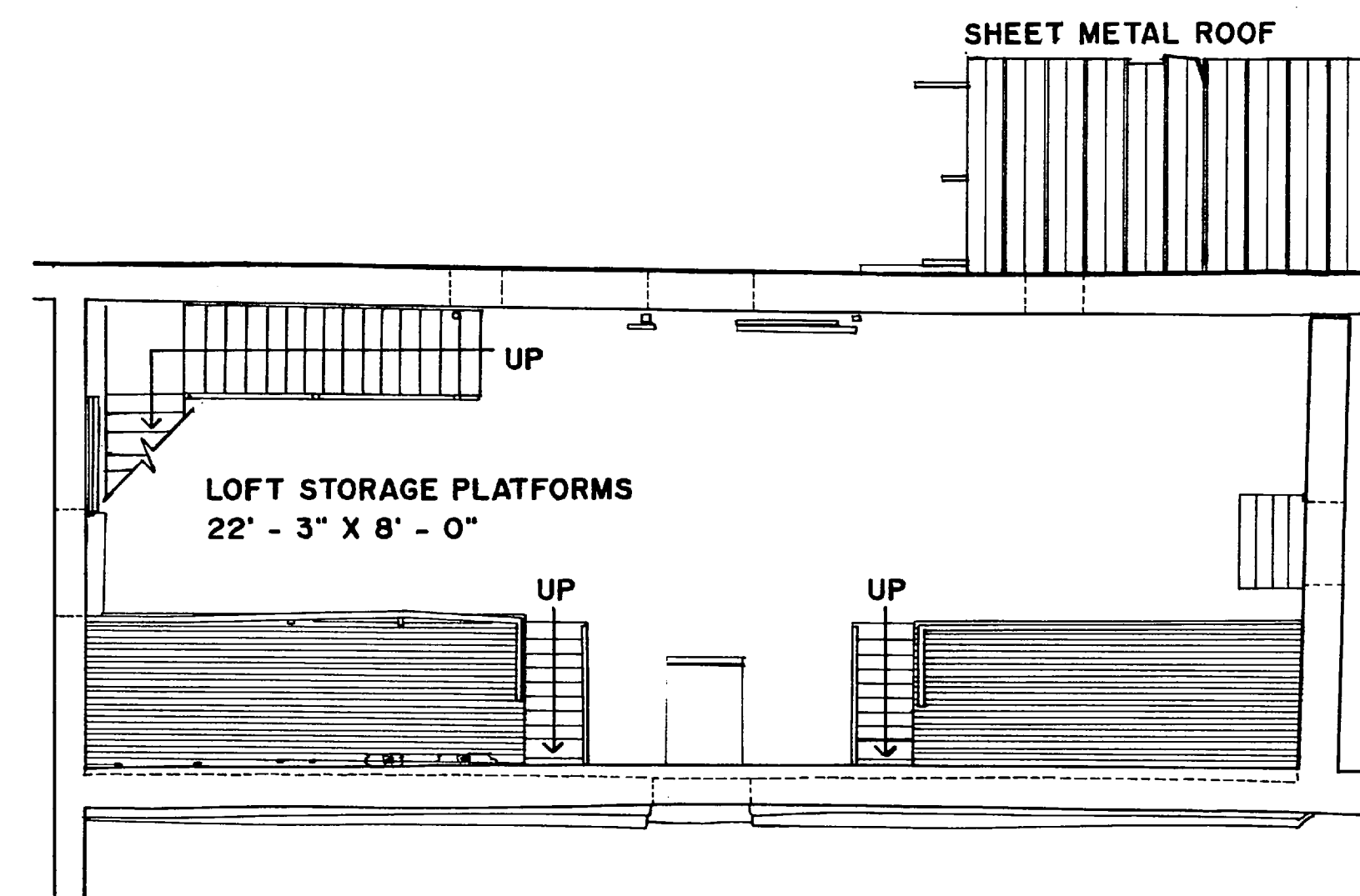


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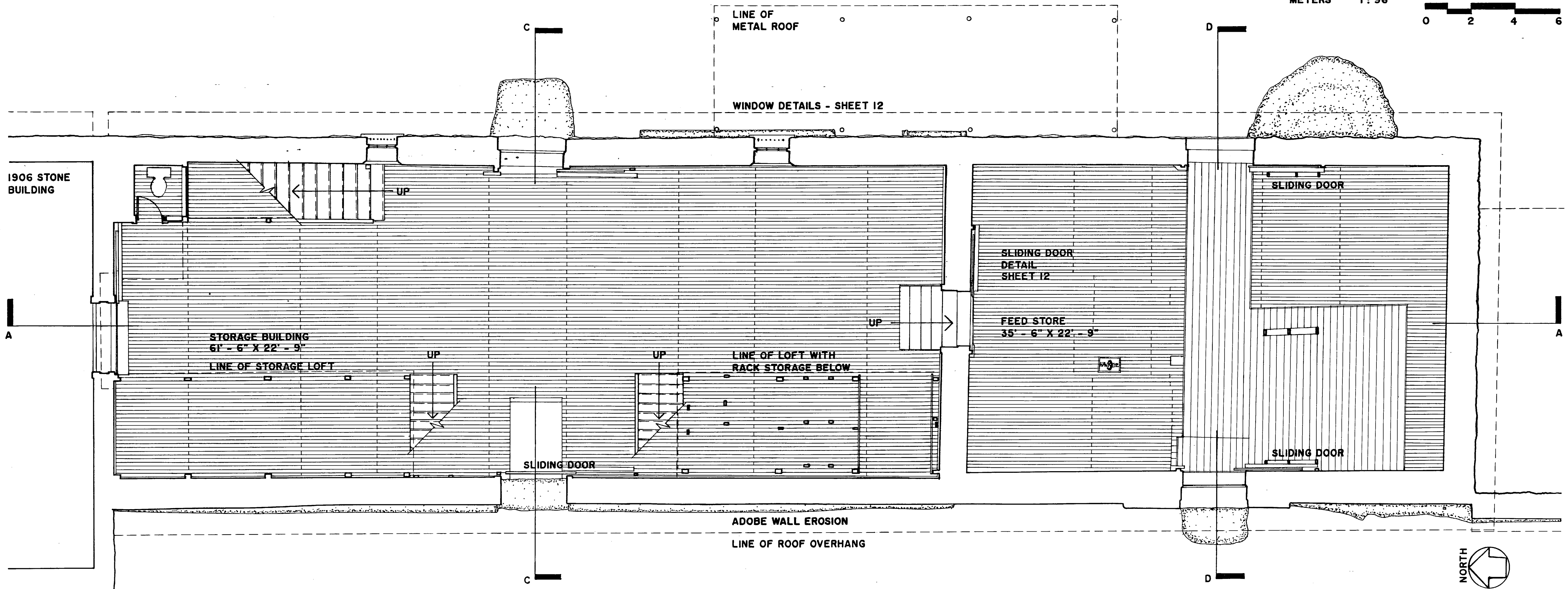
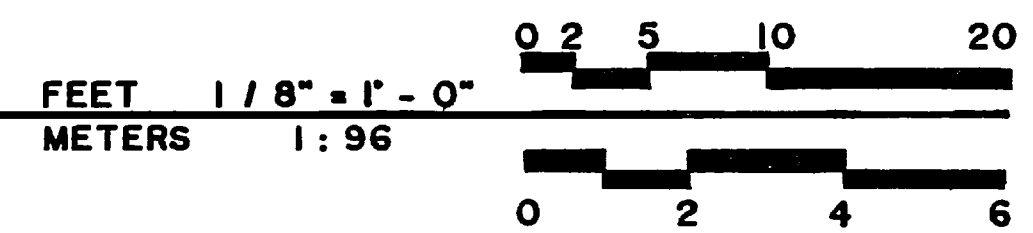




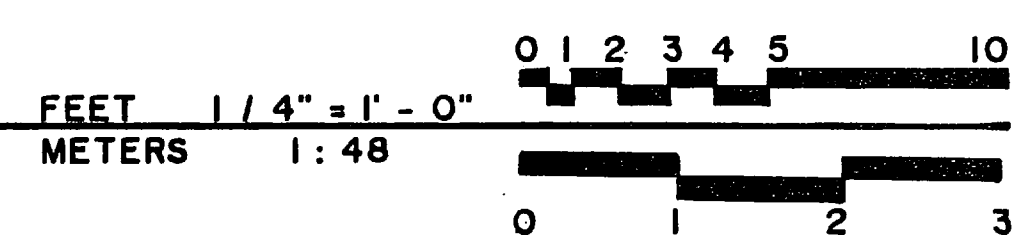
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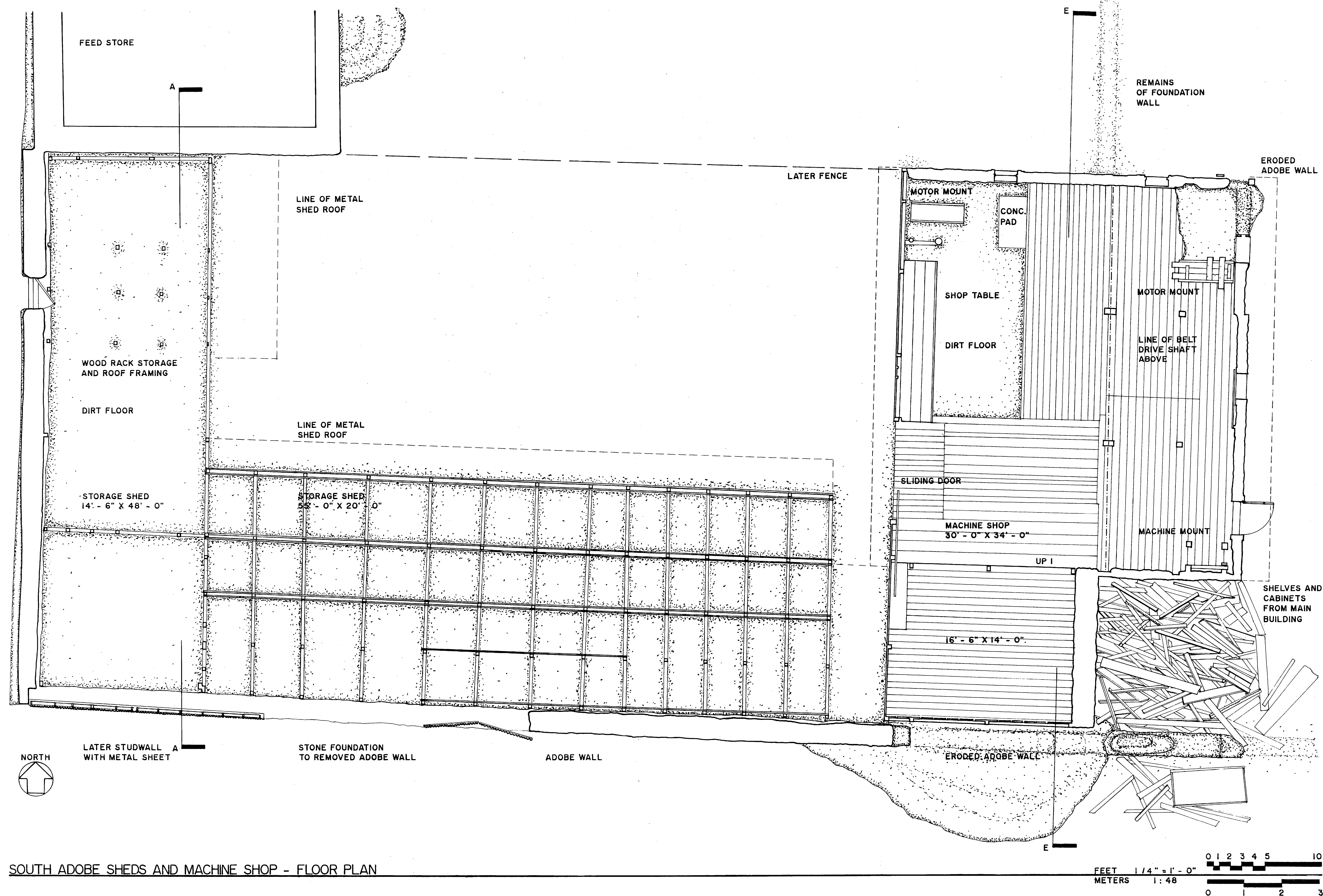


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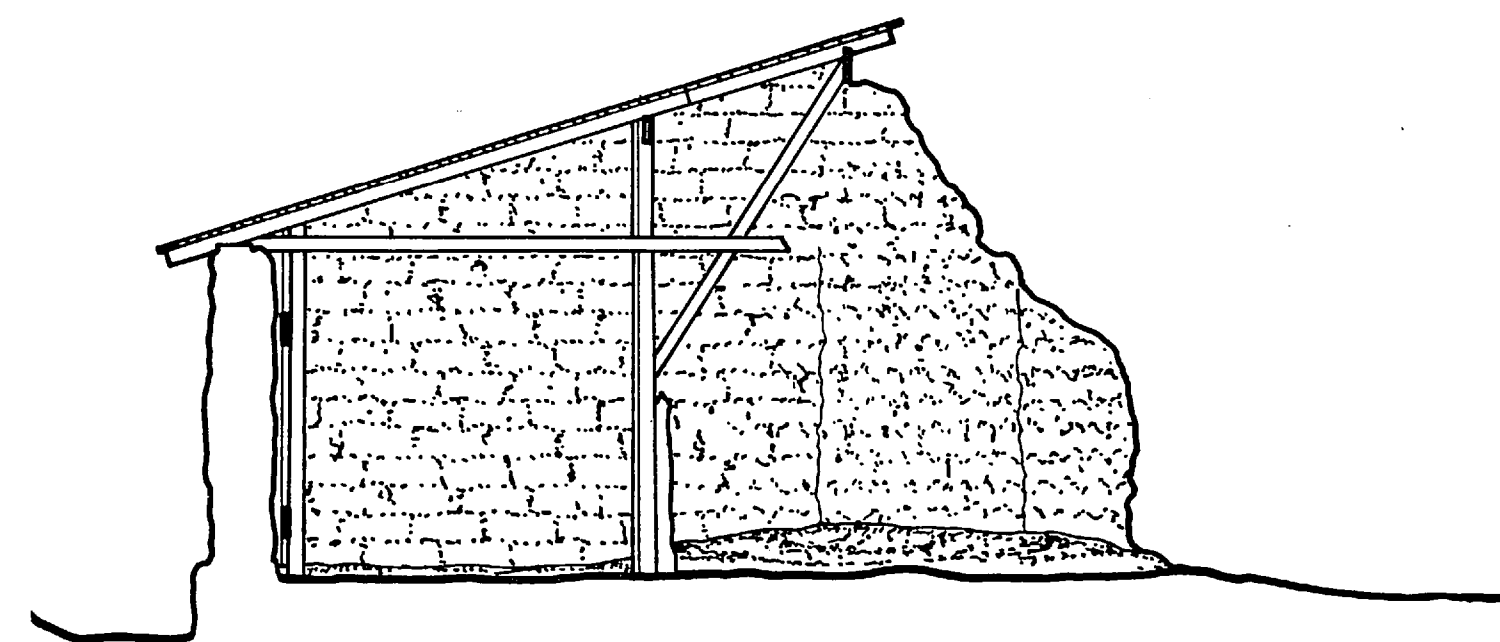


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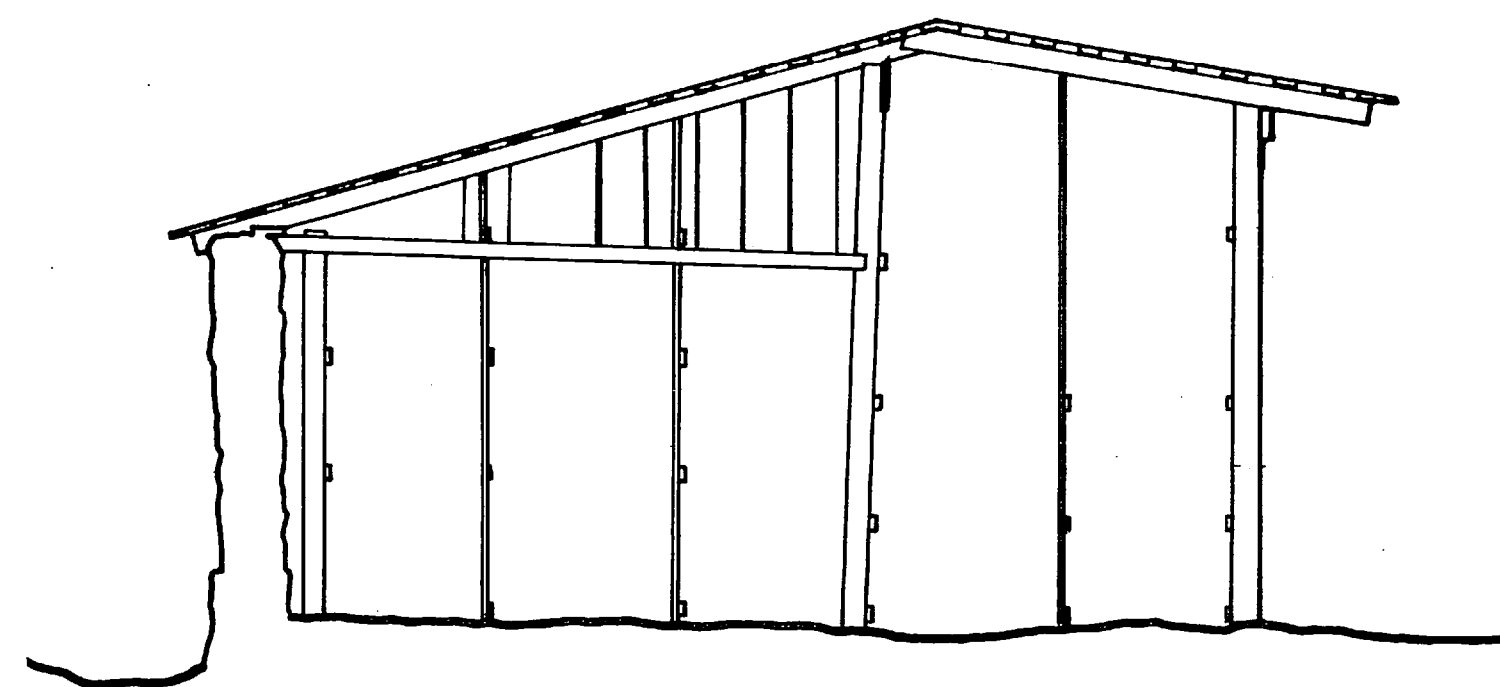




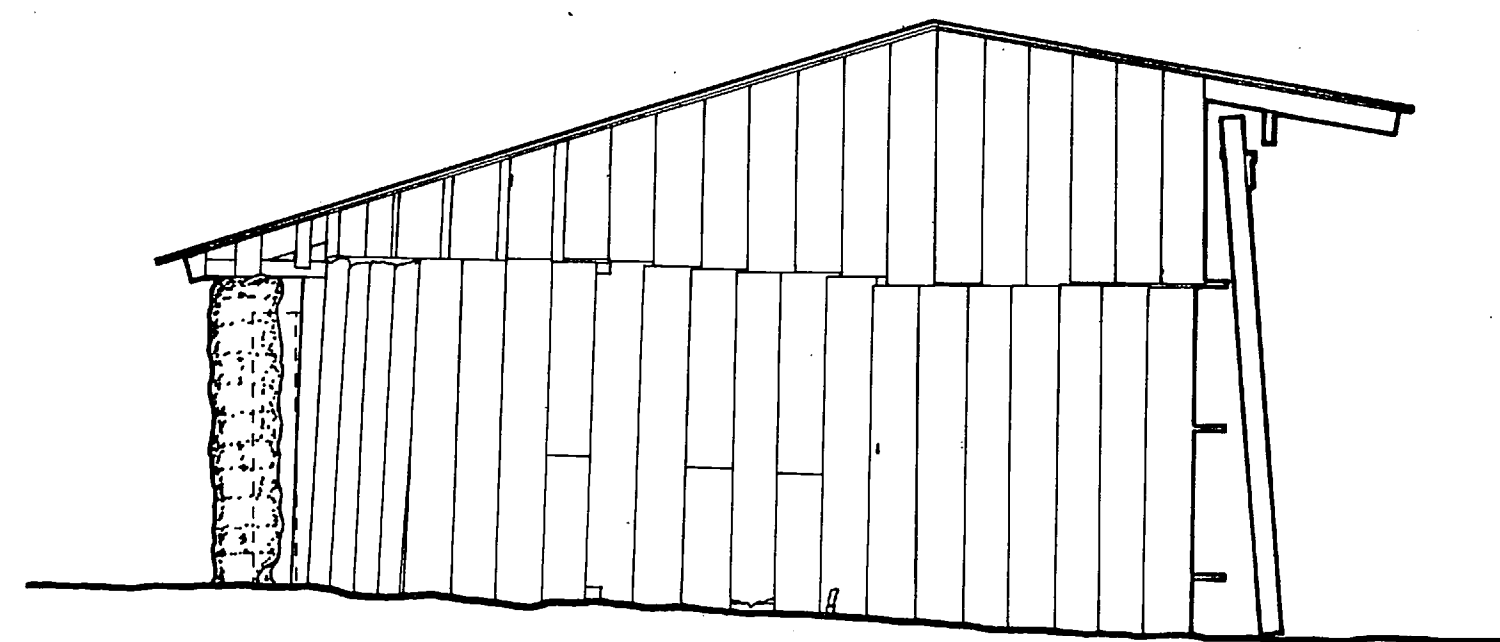
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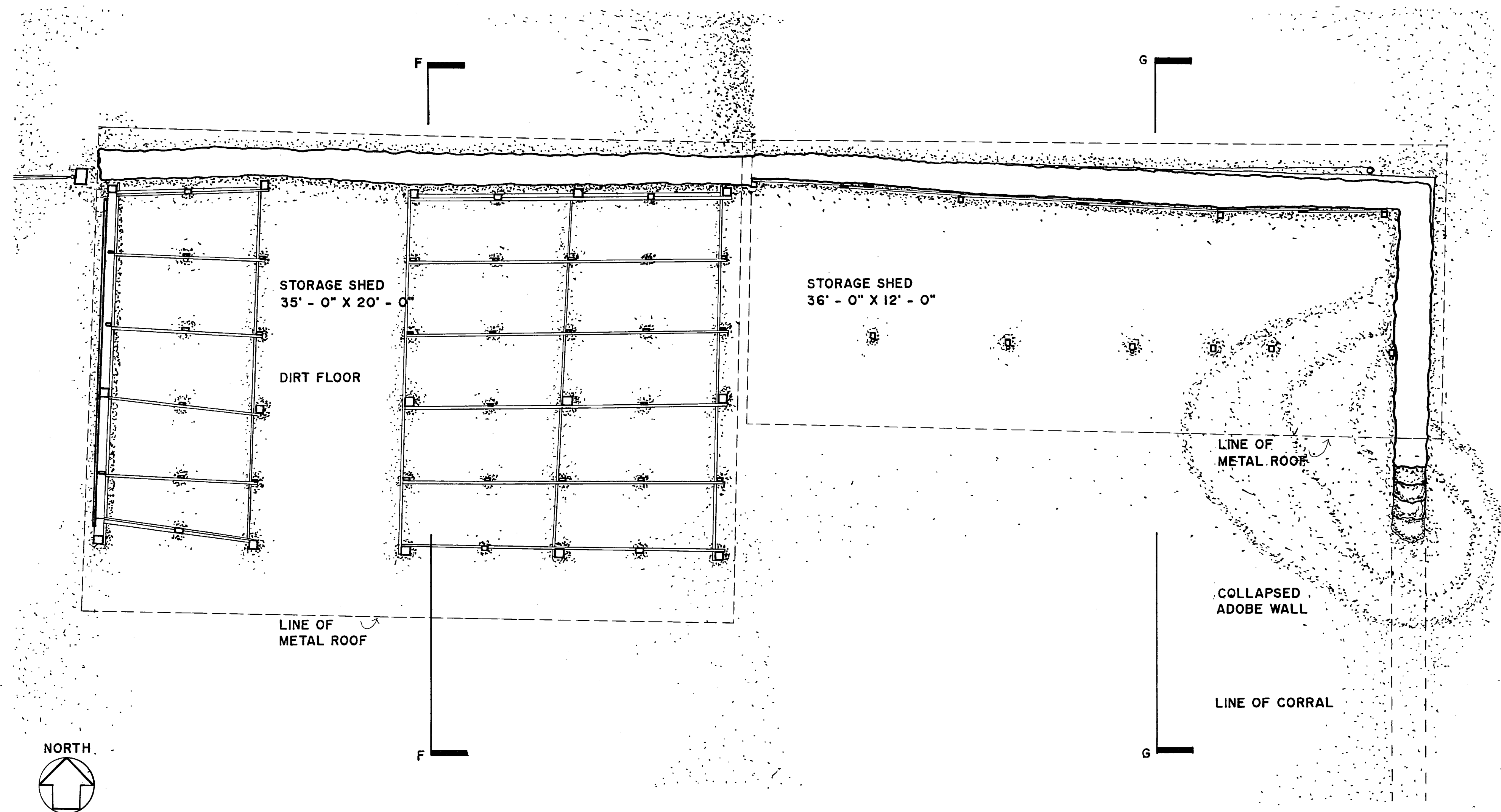
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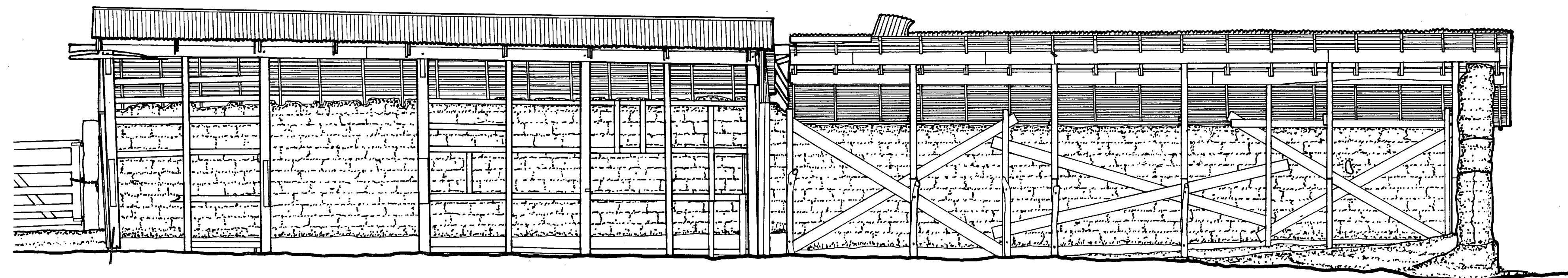
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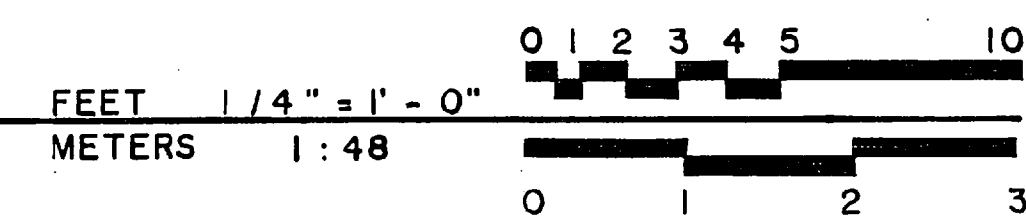
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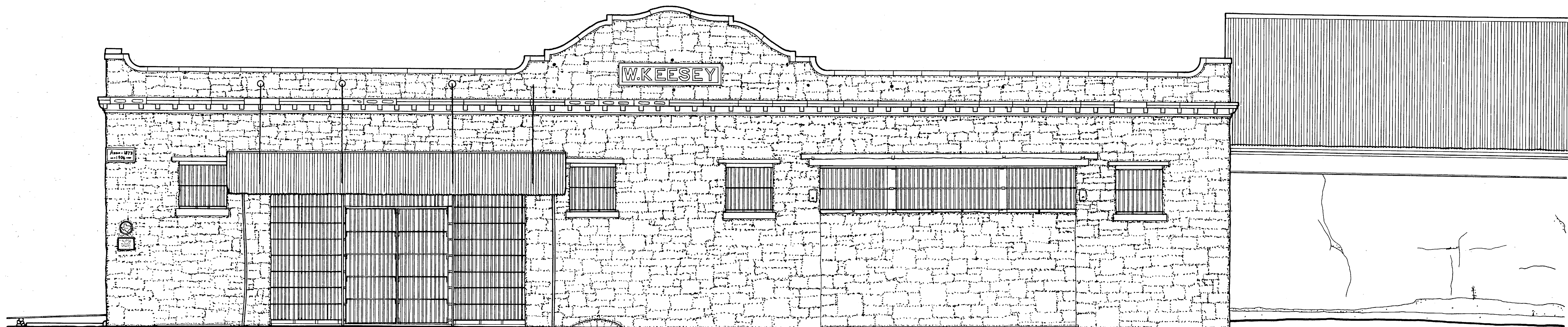


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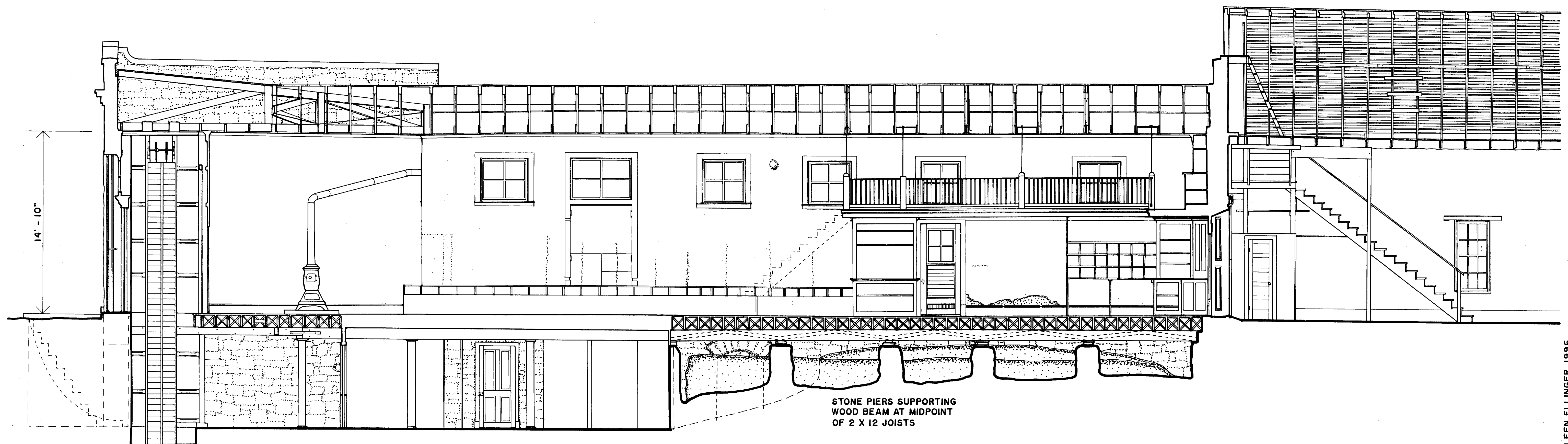
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WEST ELEVATION TO MEMORIAL SQUARE



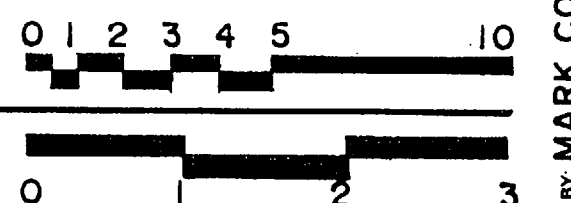
STONE PIERS SUPPORTING
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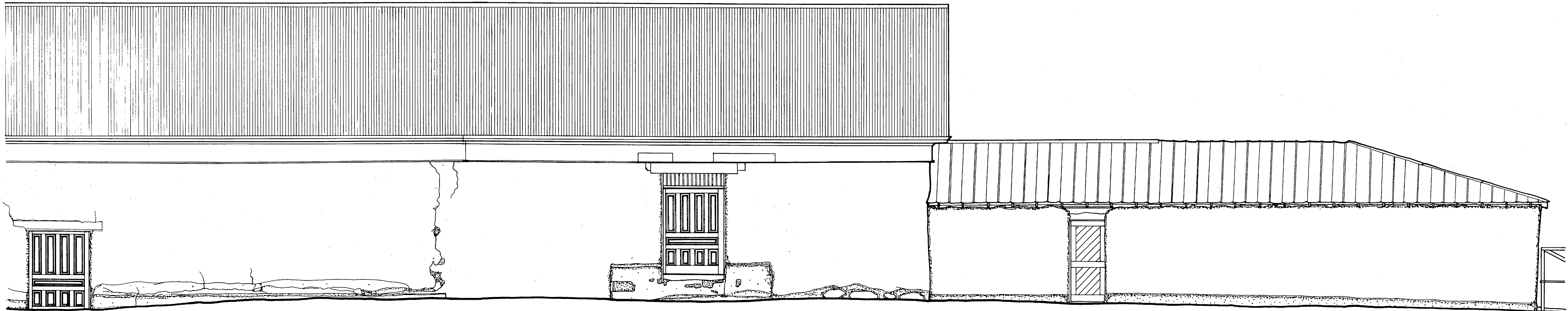
1906 STONE BUILDING

1874 STORAGE BUILDING

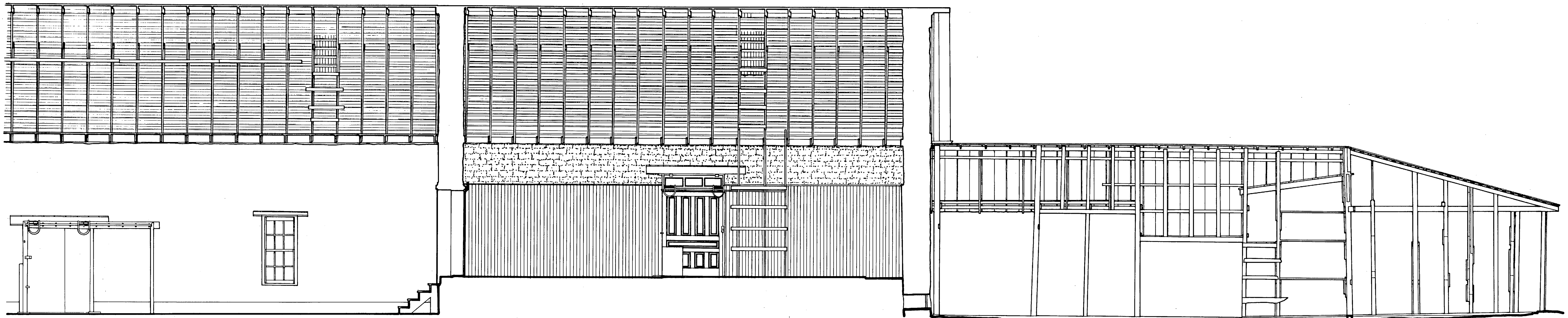
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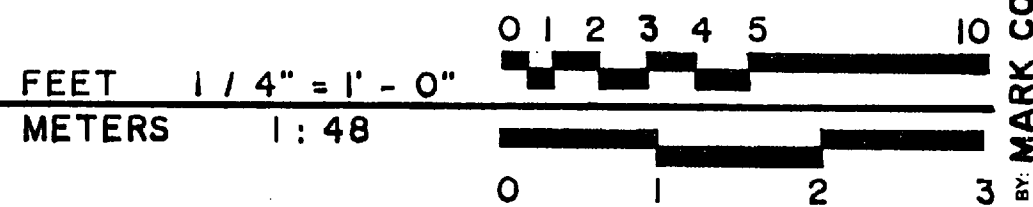


1874 STORAGE BUILDING

FEED STORE

SOUTH ADOBE STORAGE SHEDS

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NAME AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURE
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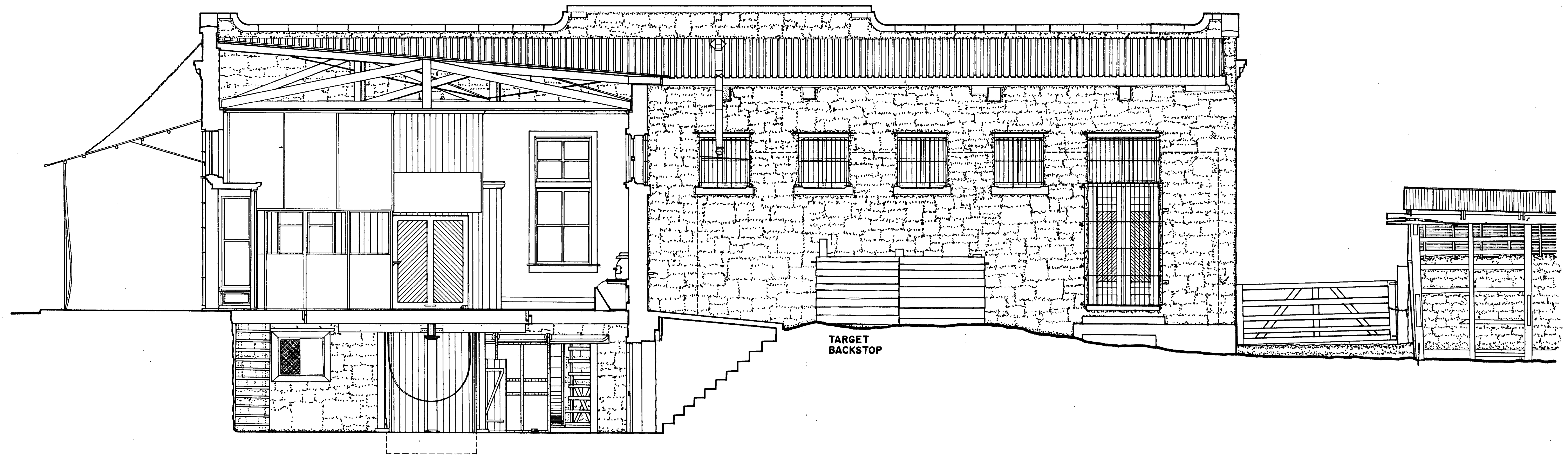
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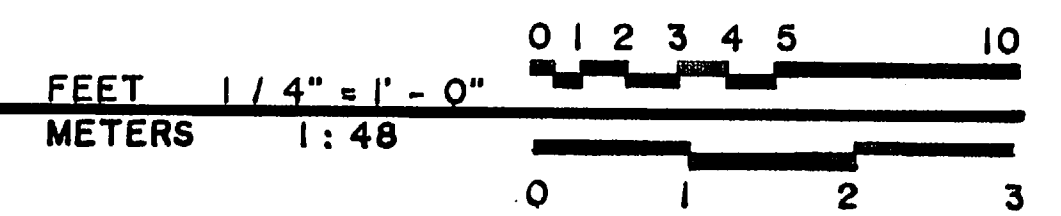
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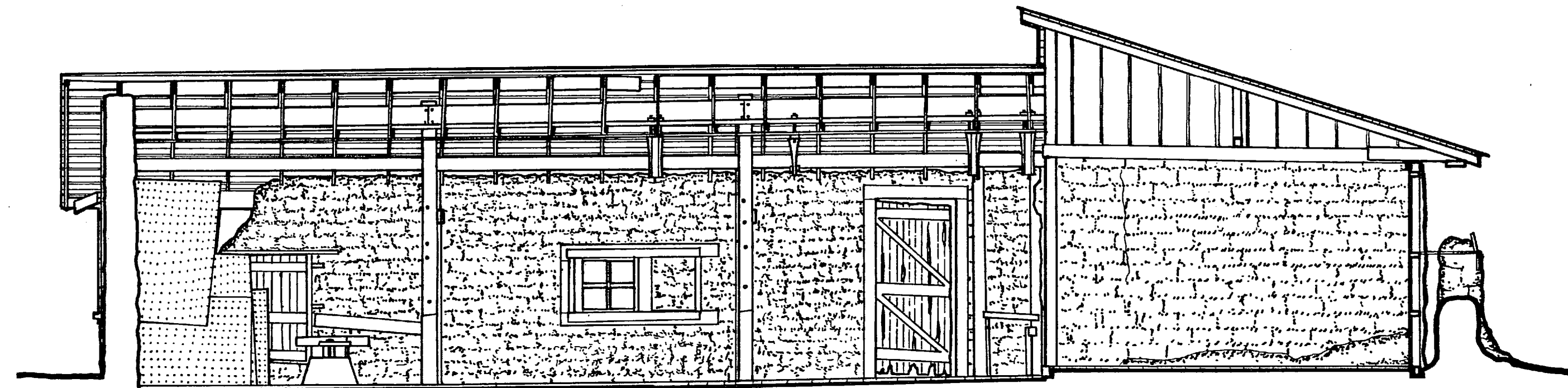
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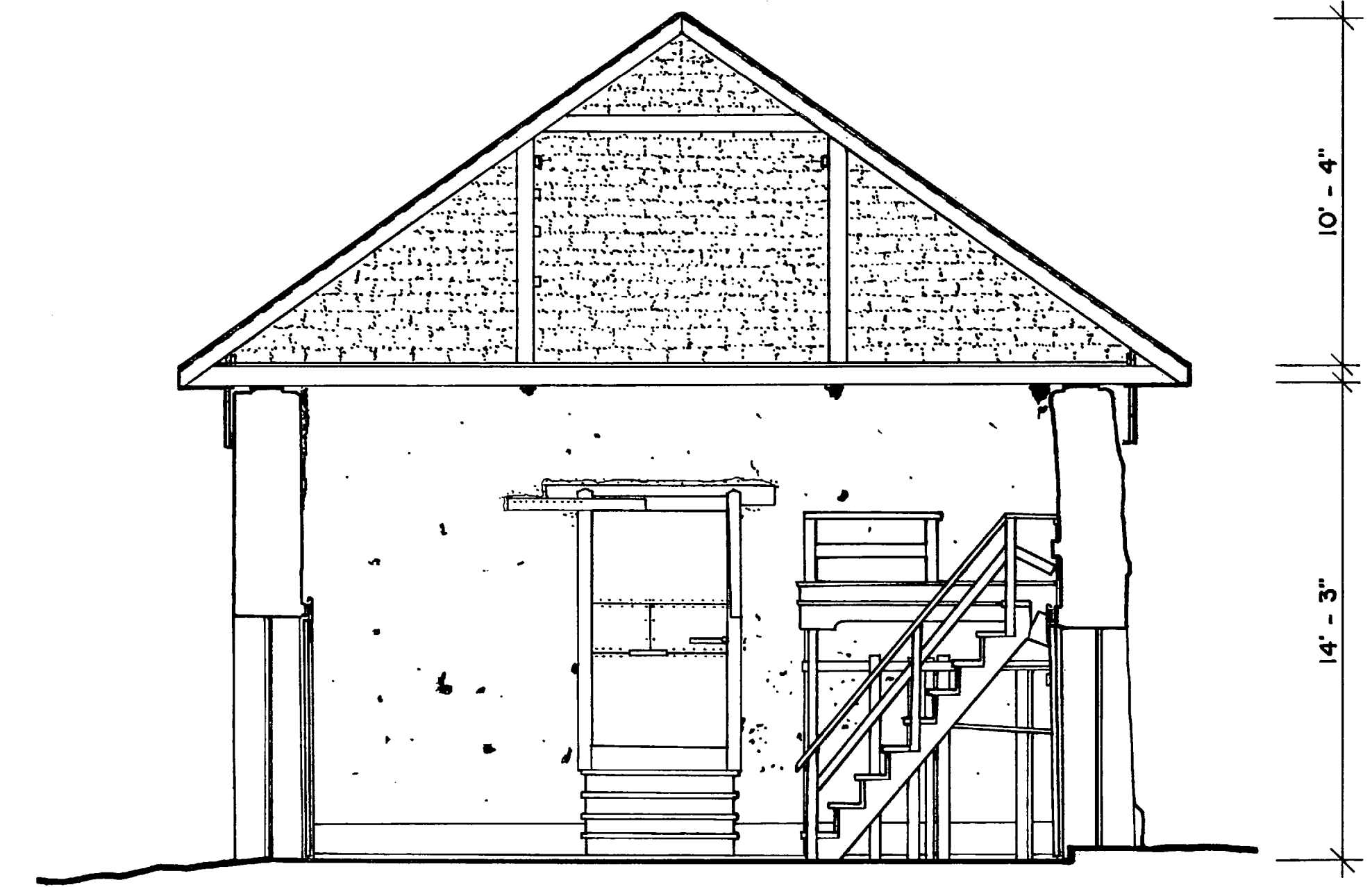


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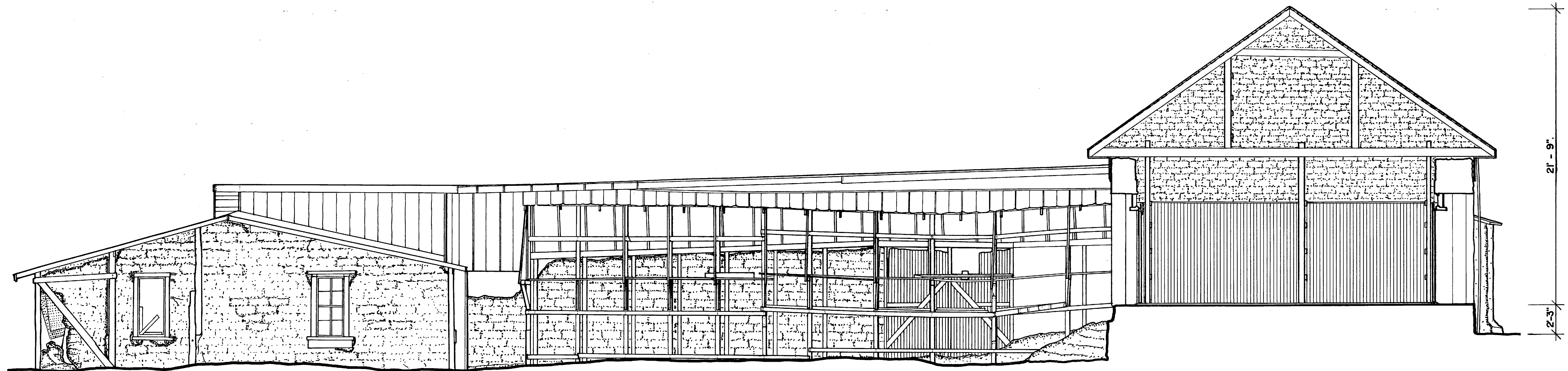




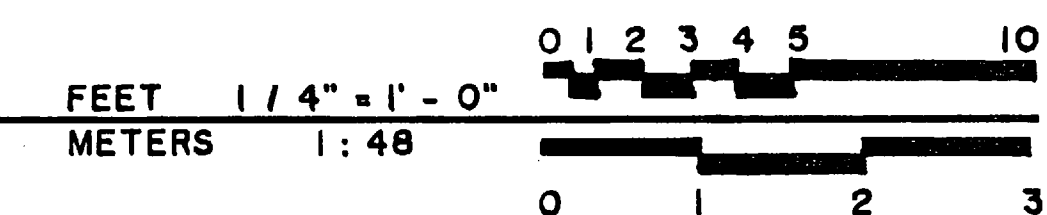
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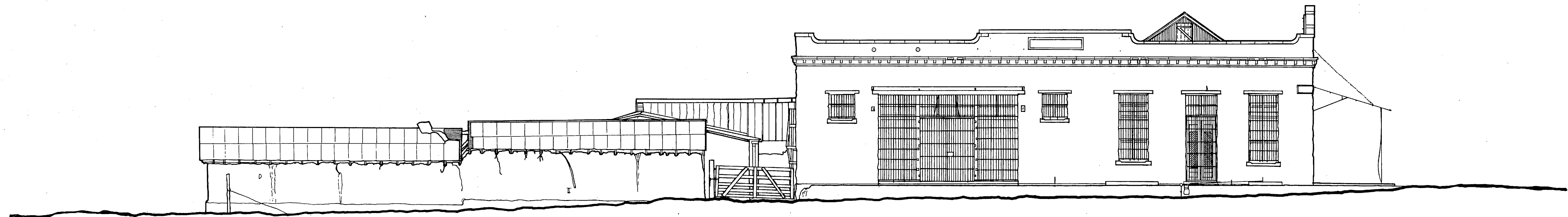


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NORTH ELEVATION OF MACHINE SHOP AND SOUTH STORAGE SHEDS / SECTION D-D OF FEED STORE SEE SHEET 4



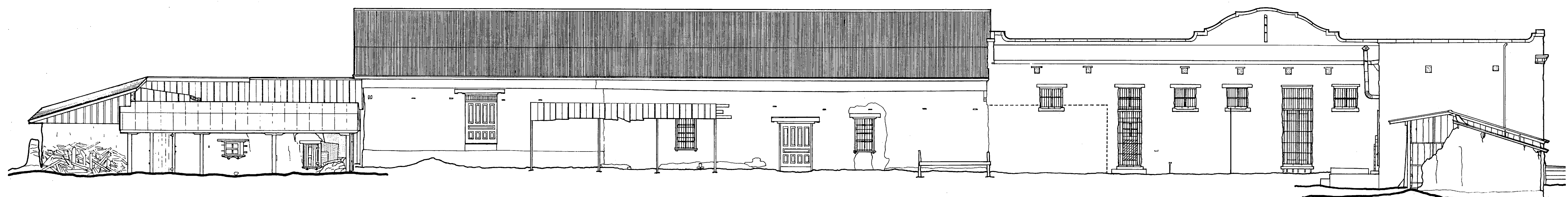


NORTH ADOBE SHEDS

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NORTH ELEVATION



MACHINE SHOP

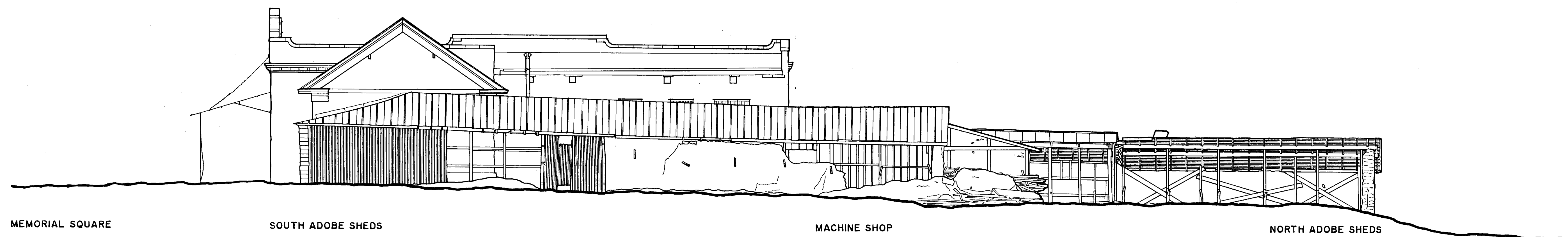
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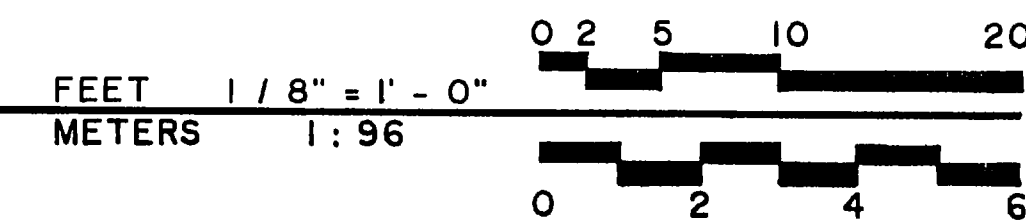
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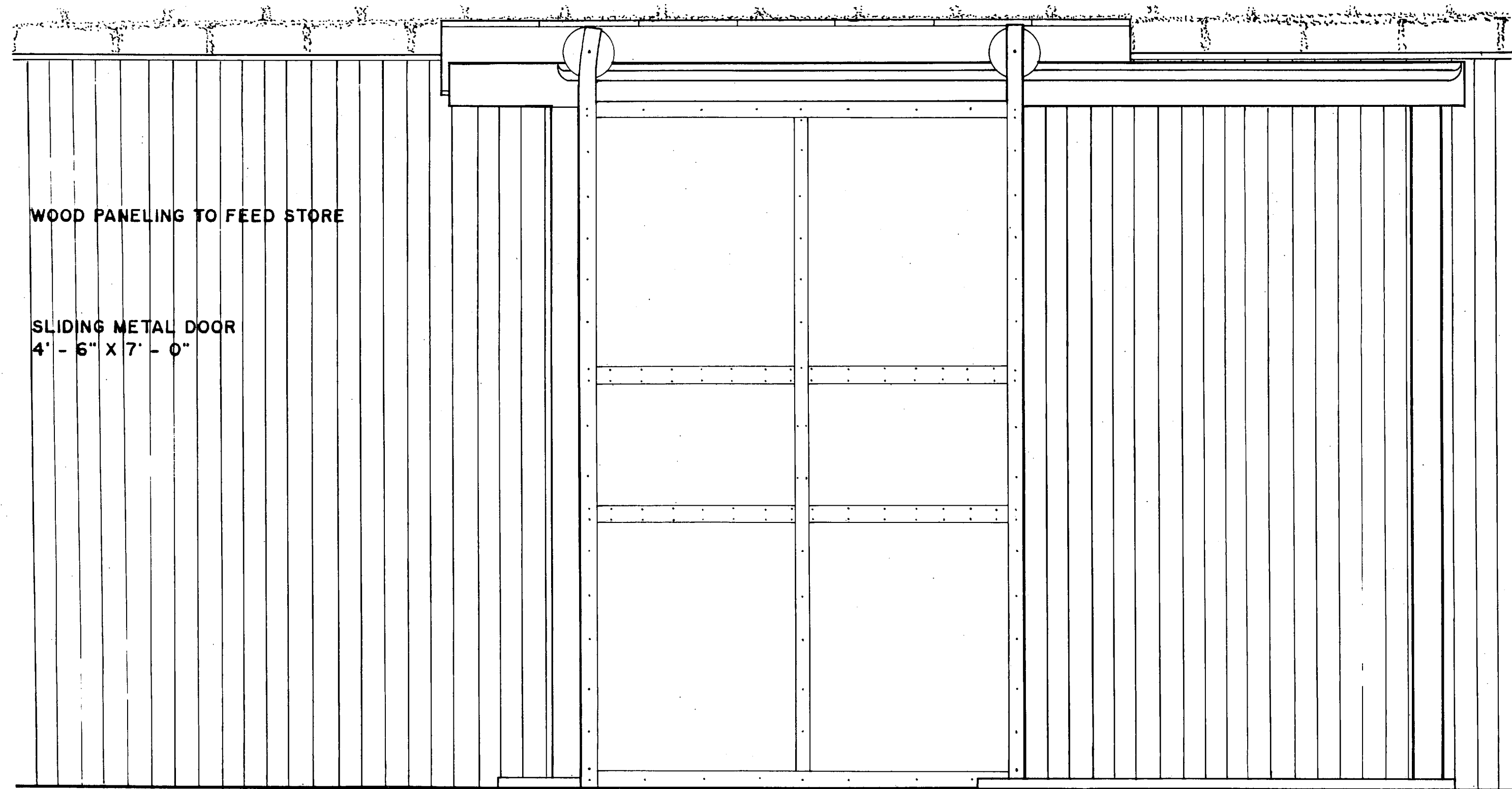
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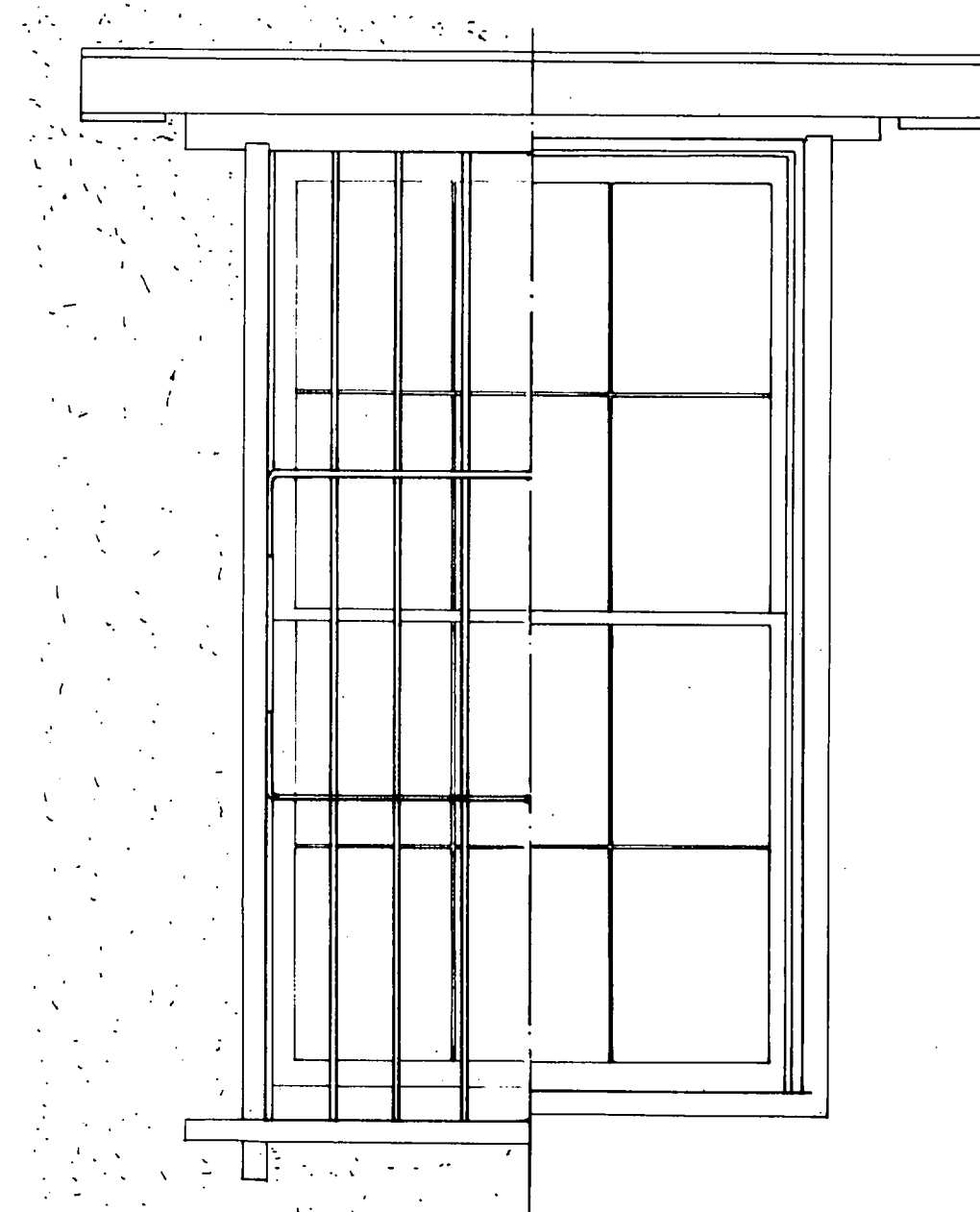




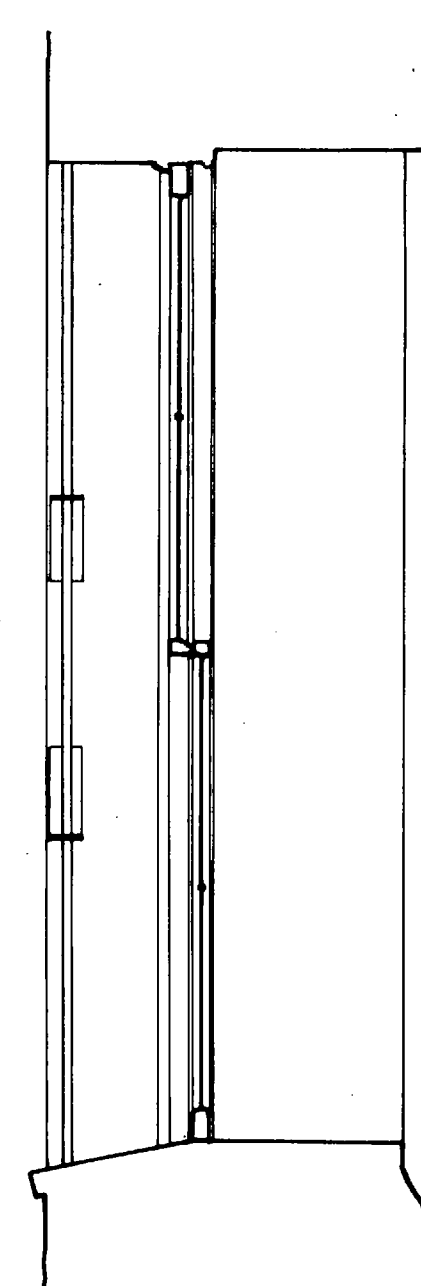
WOOD PANELING TO FEED STORE

SLIDING METAL DOOR
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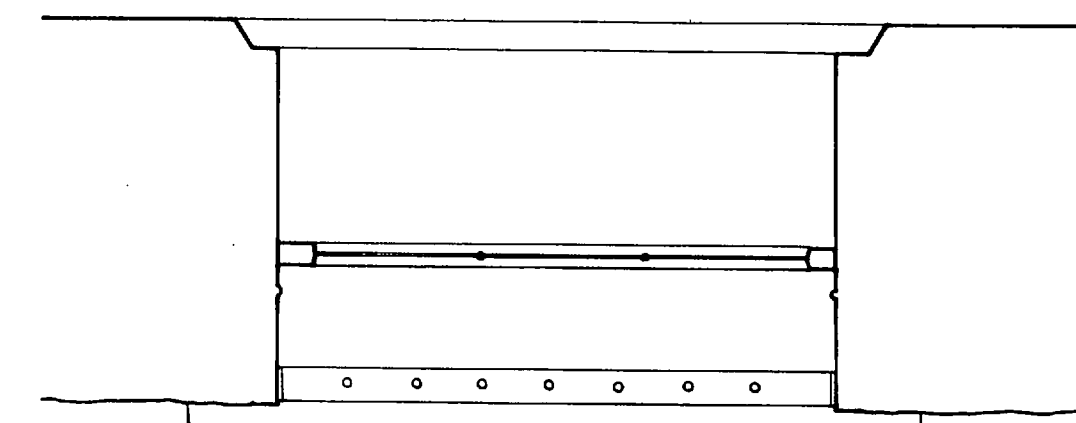
ELEVATION FROM FEED STORE



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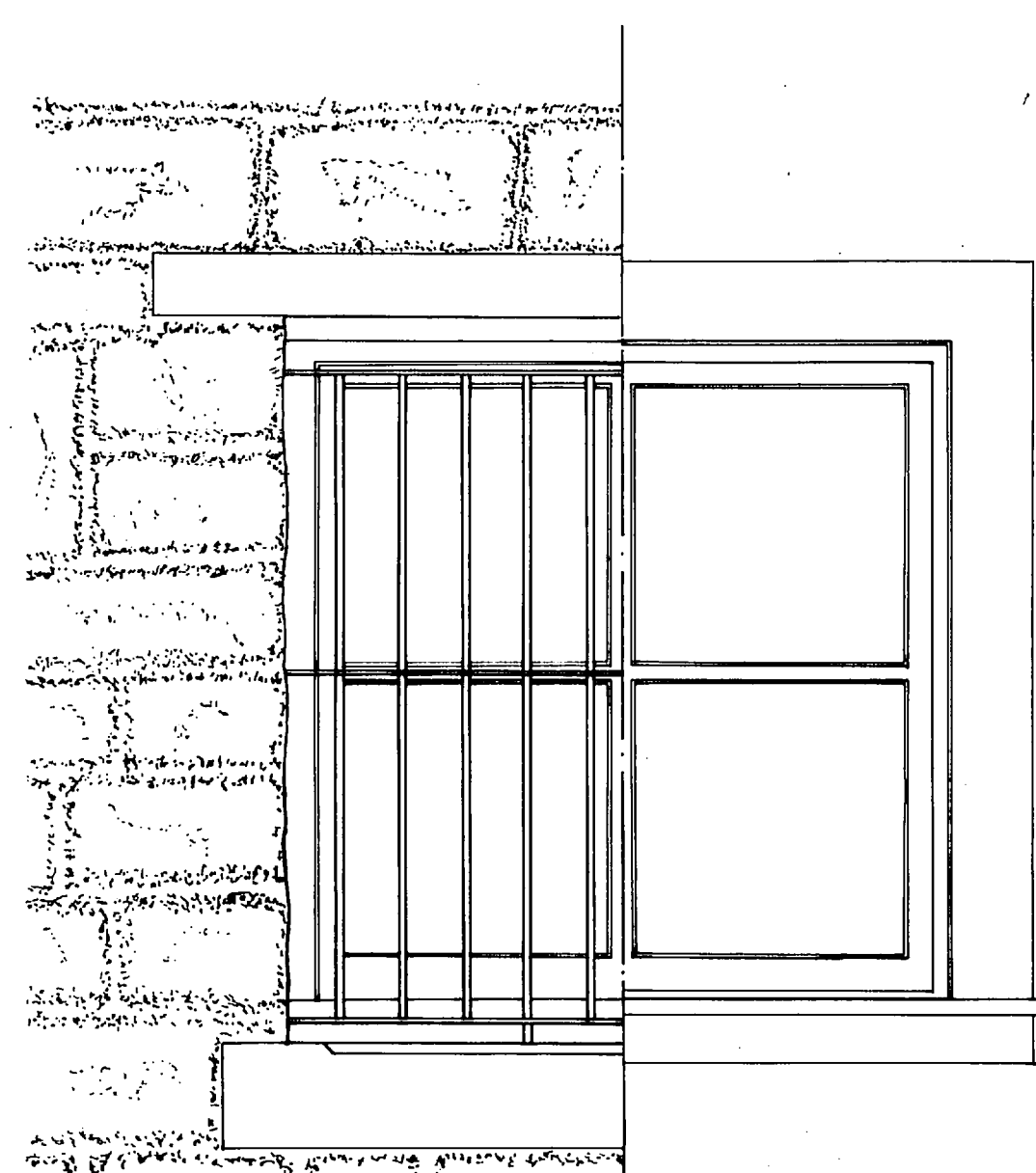


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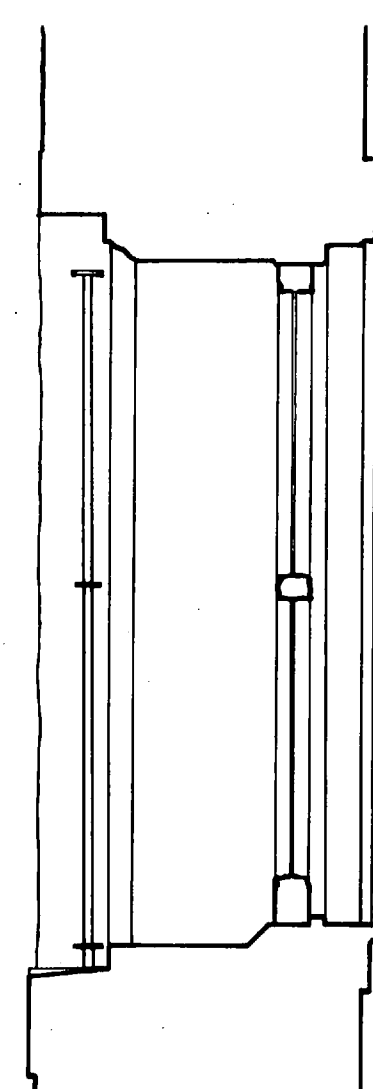


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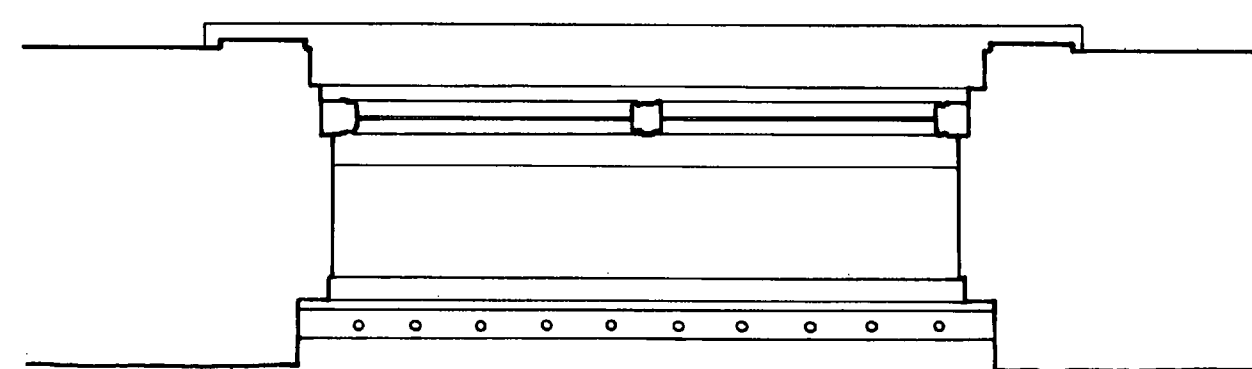
WINDOW 1874 ADOBE STORAGE



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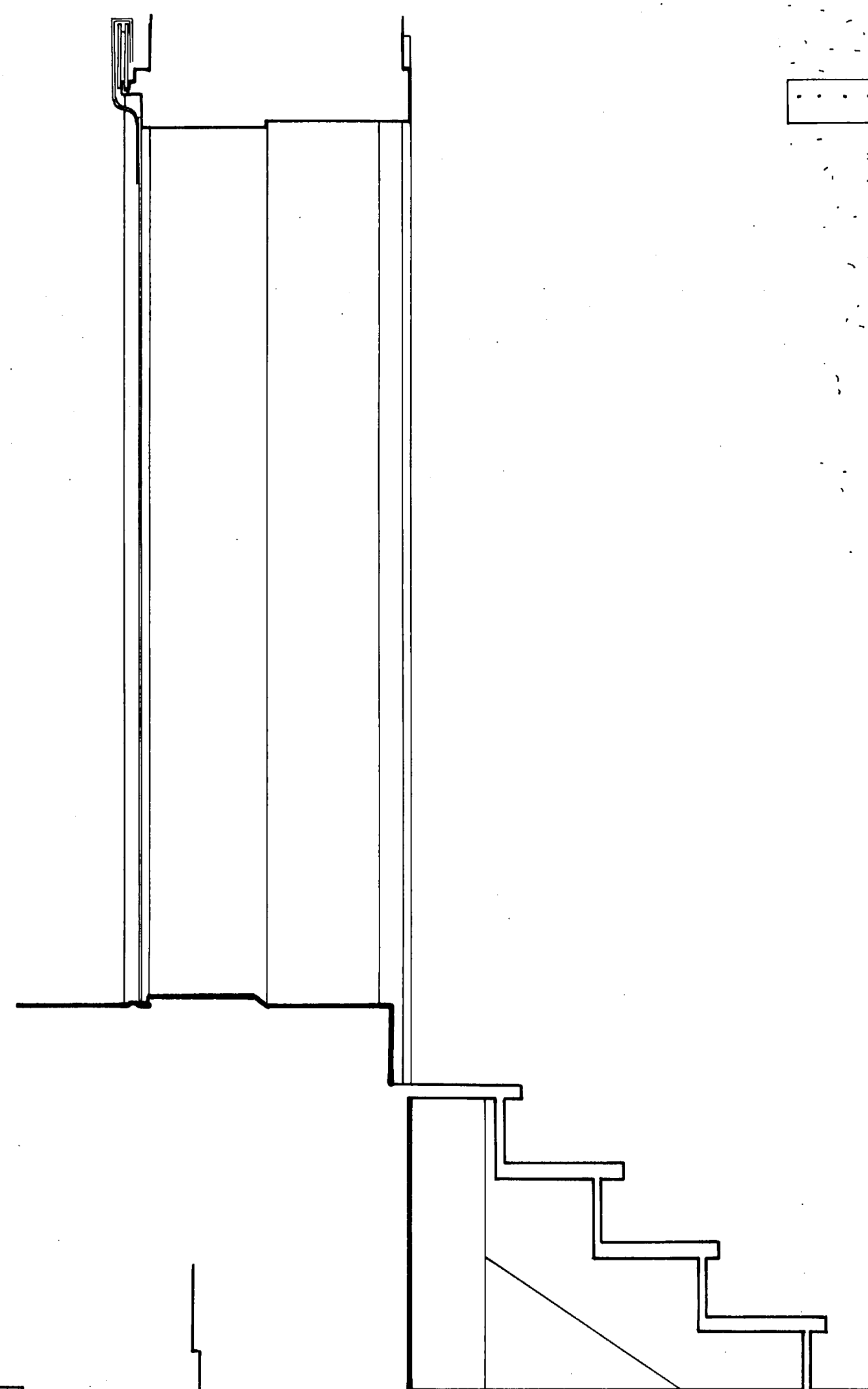


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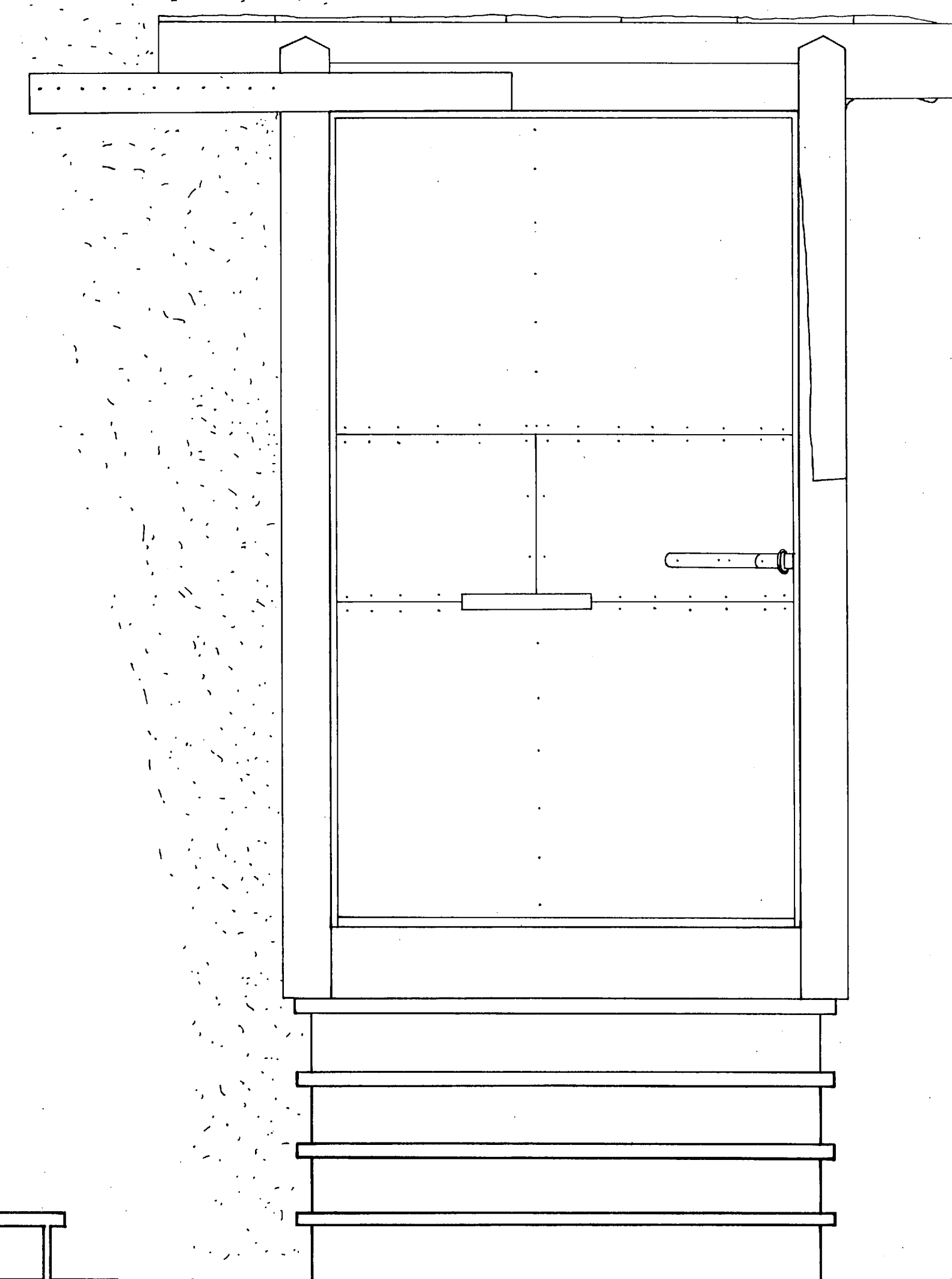


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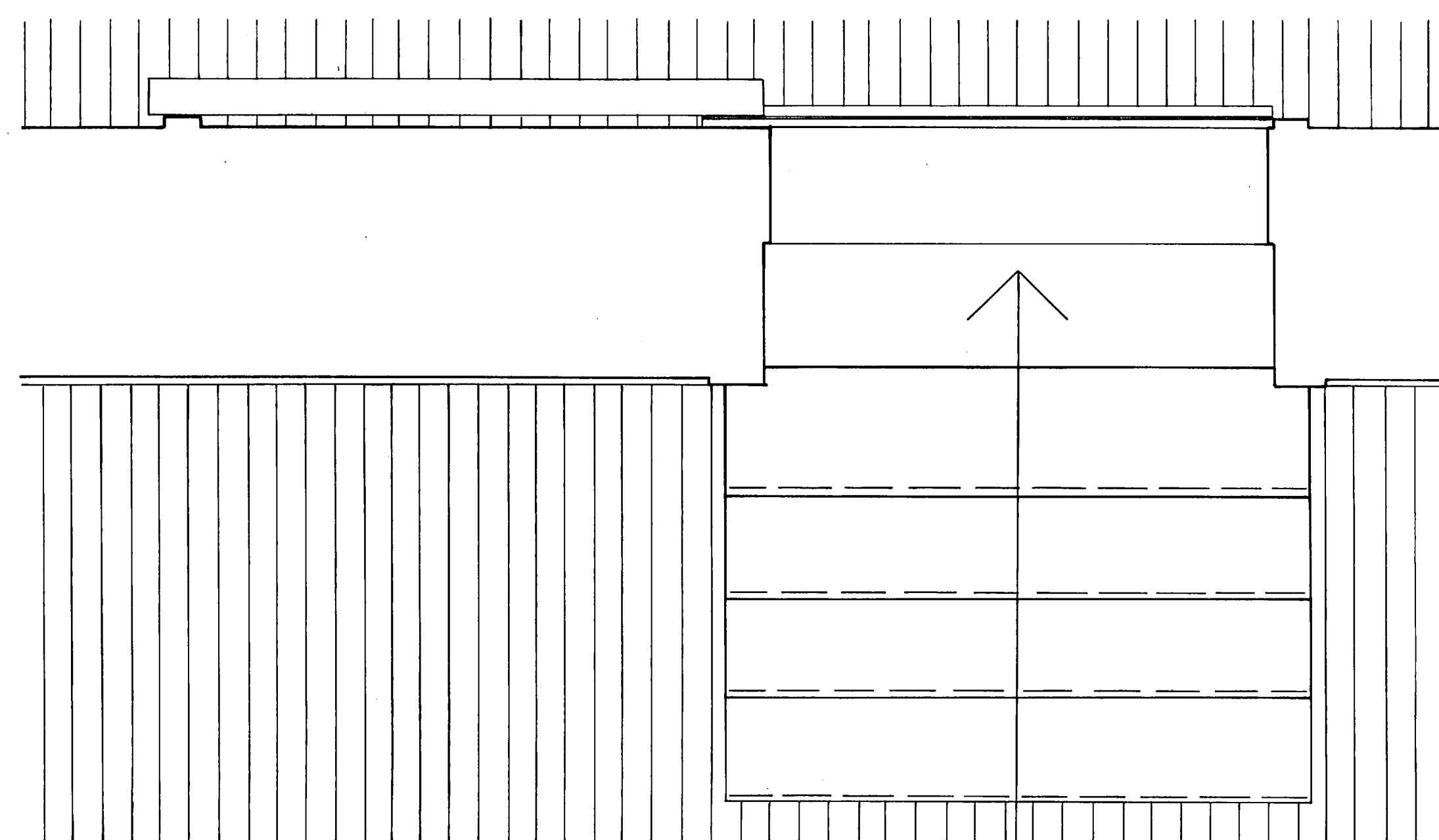
UPPER WINDOW 1906 STONE BUILDING



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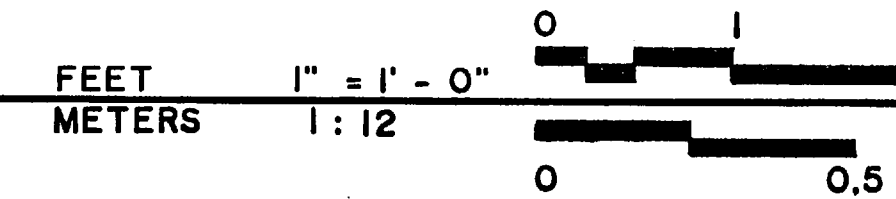


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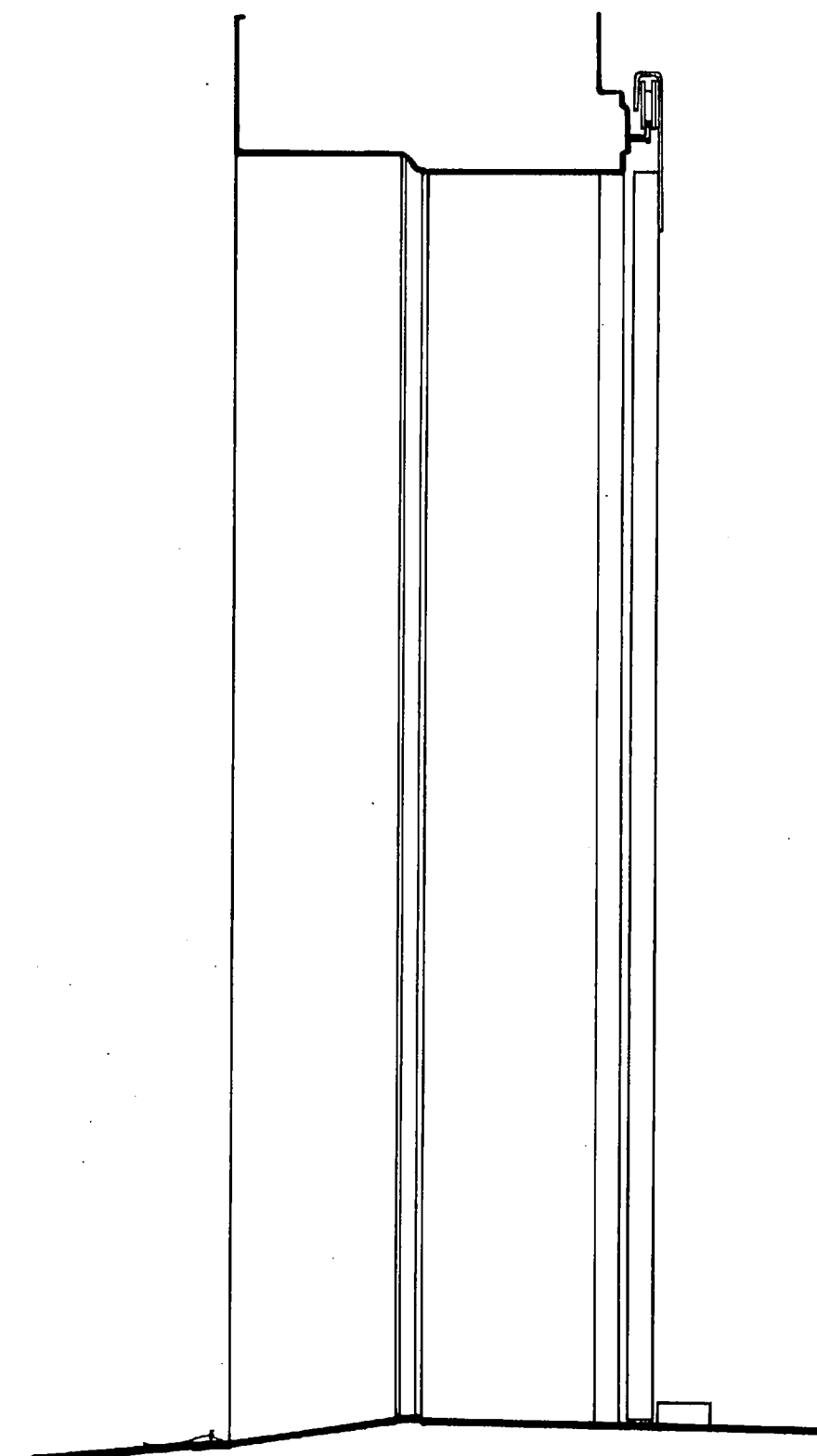
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DOOR TO 1874 FEED STORE

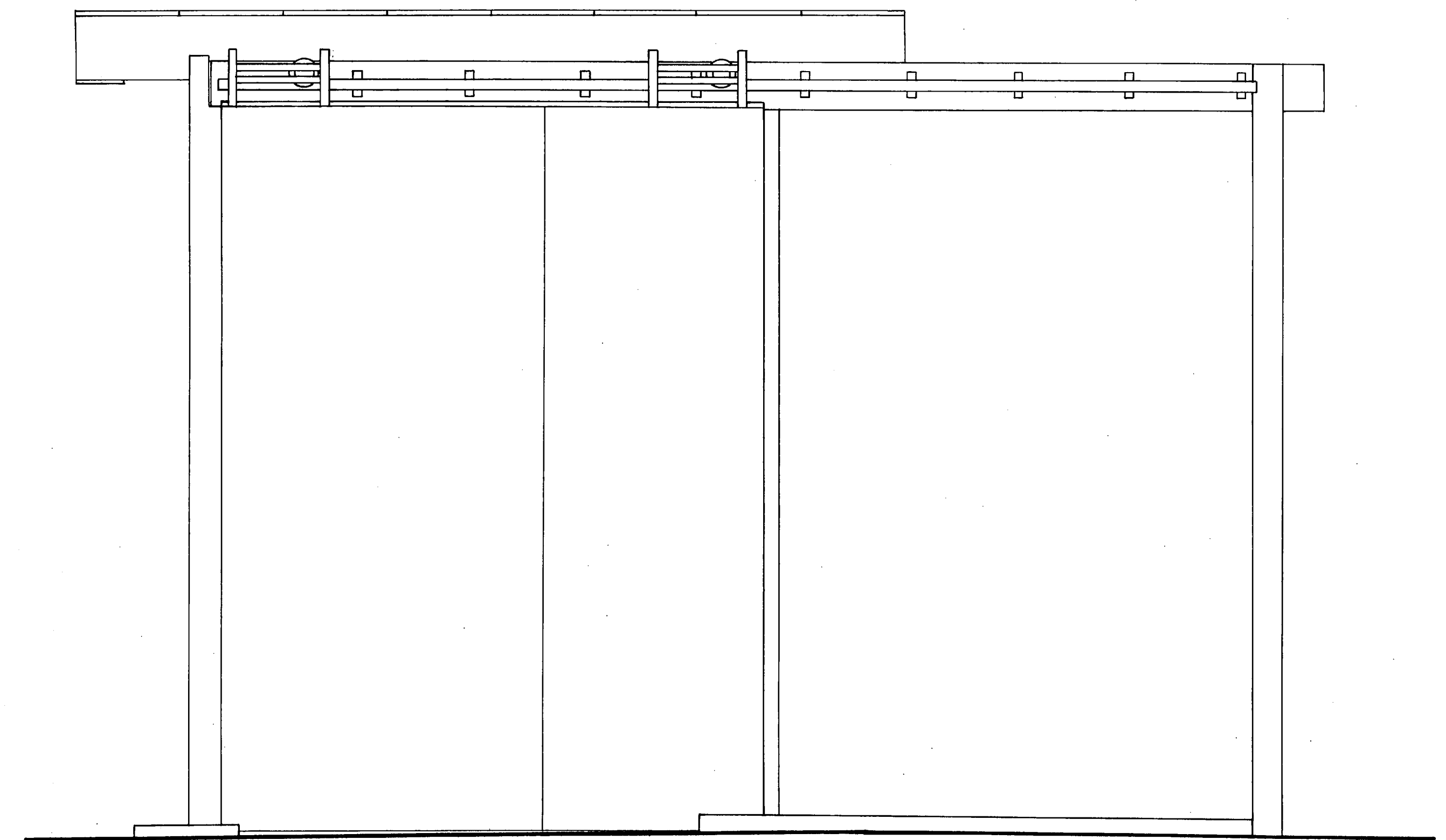




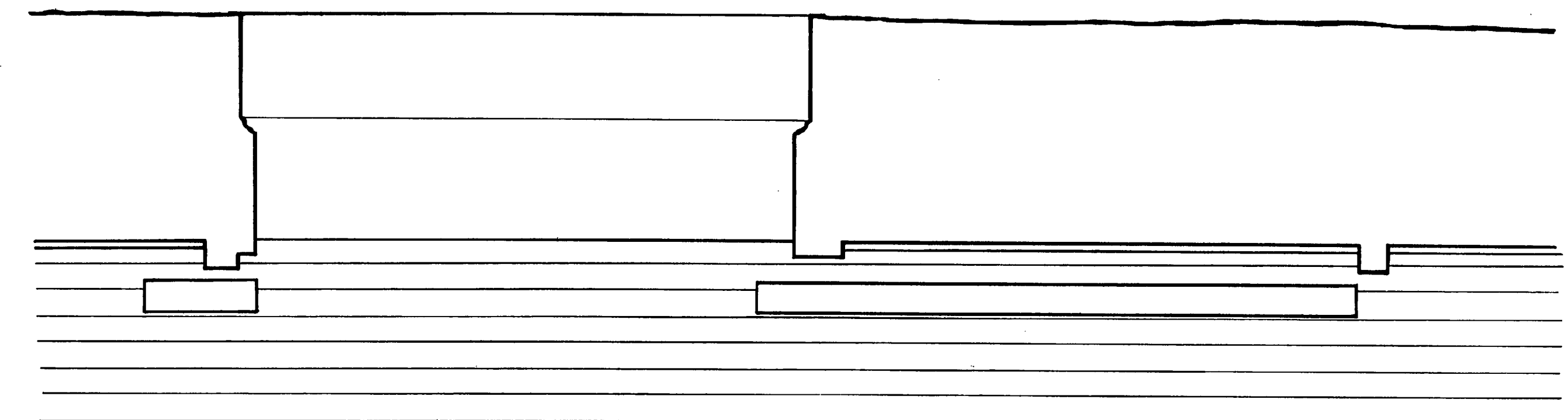
ELEVATION TO TOWN SQUARE



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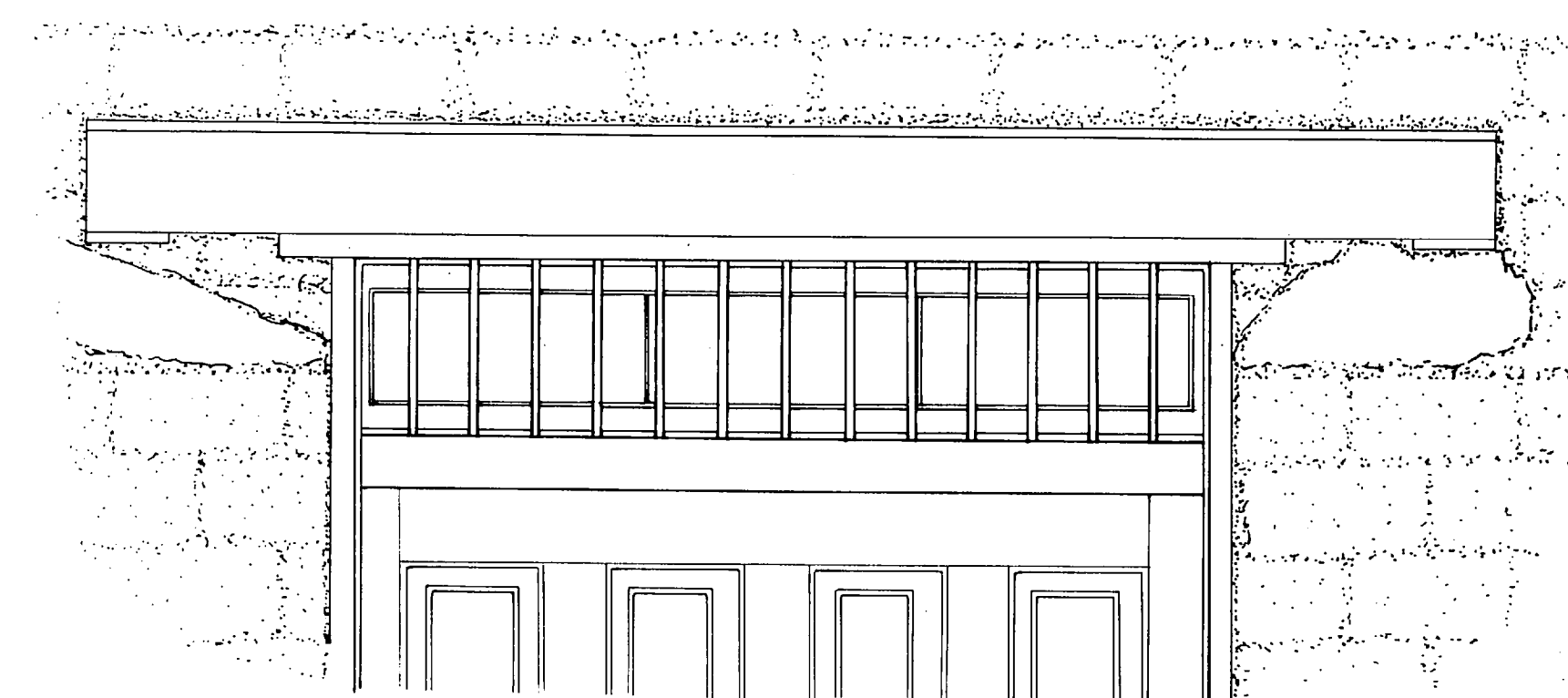


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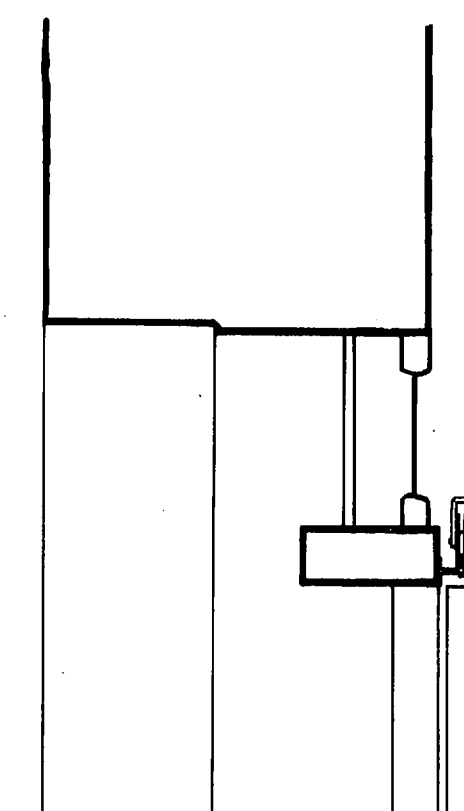


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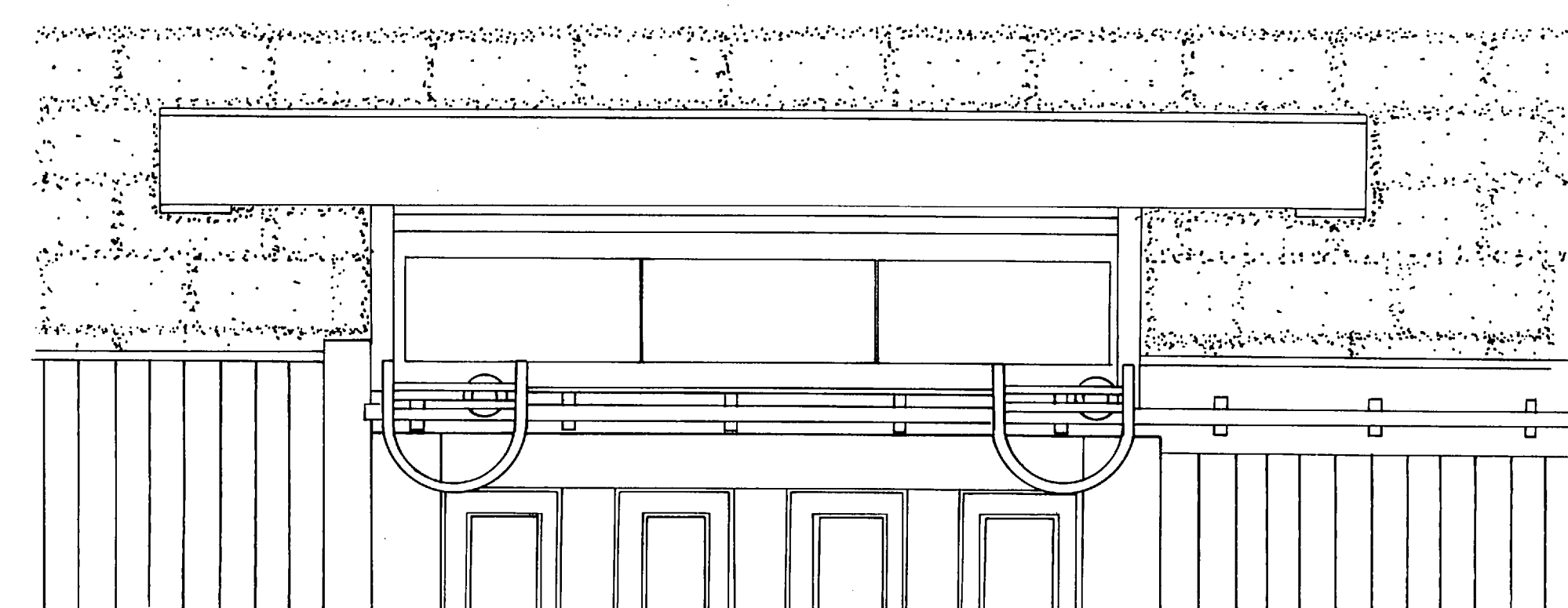
DOOR 1894 ADOBE BUILDING



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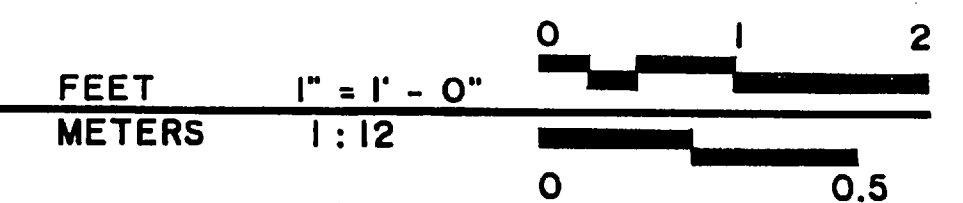


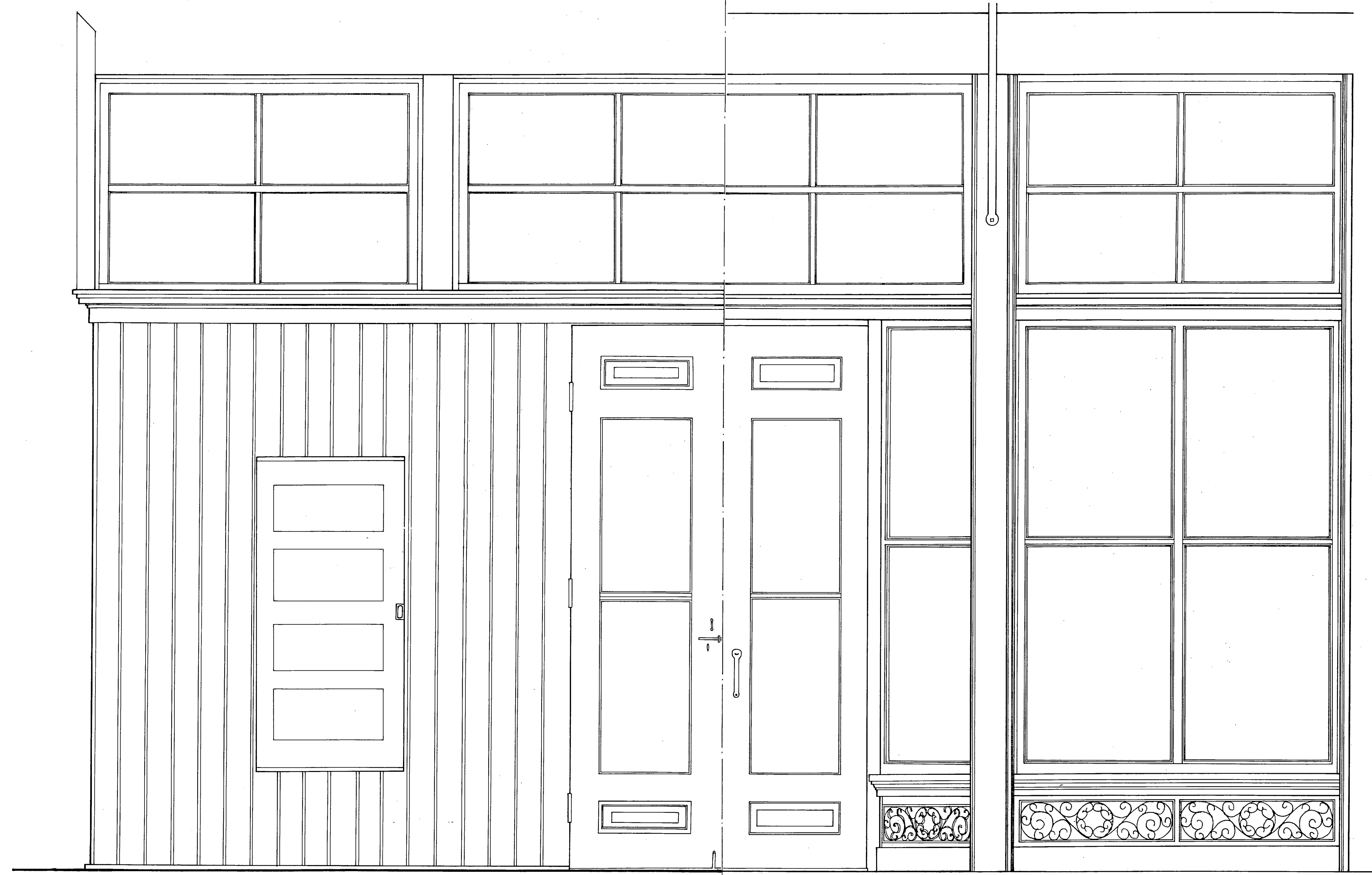
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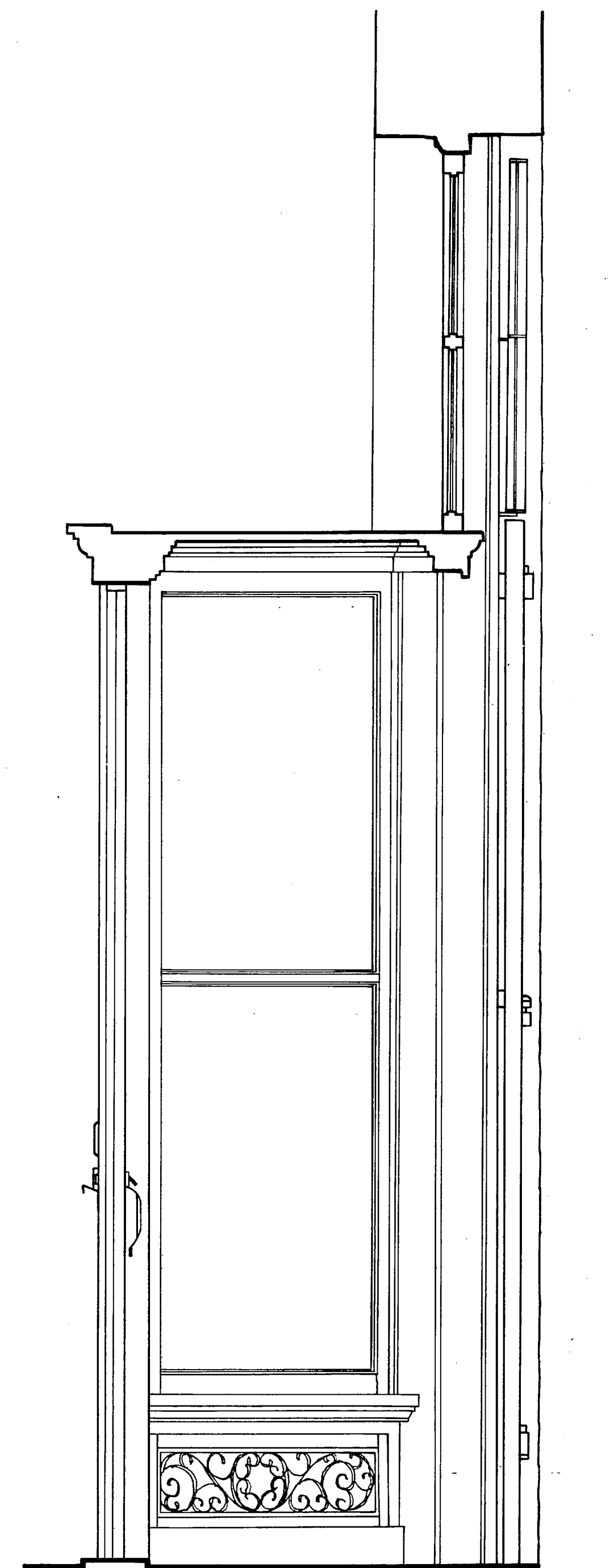
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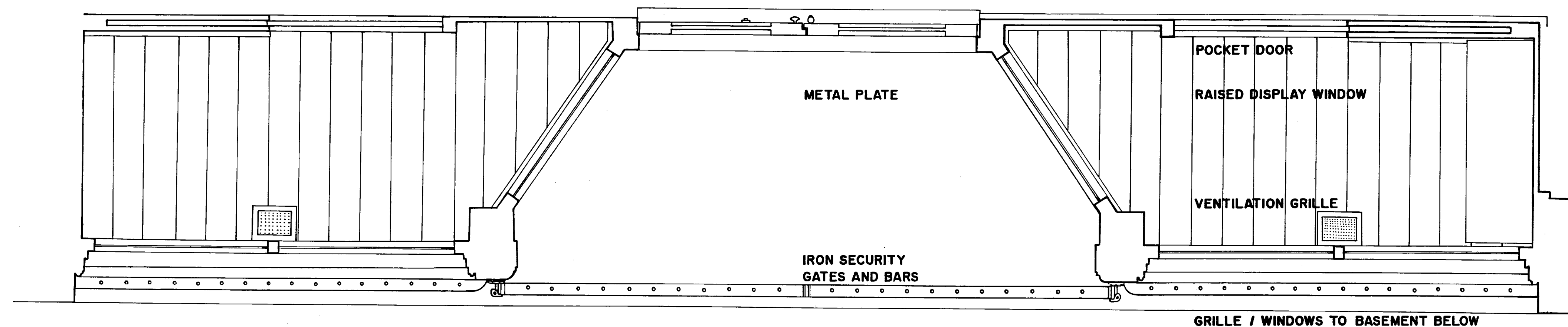


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WOOD FLOOR IN STORE



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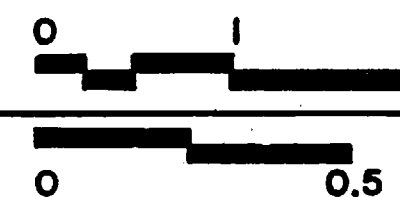


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ENTRY DETAILS TO 1906 STONE BUILDING

FEET
METERS

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