



Floral wreath. Hancock, 1853. Ink and water color; size: height,  $12\frac{1}{16}$ " ; width,  $11\frac{15}{16}$ ". (Shaker Community, Inc.)



*A gift from Mother Ann to the Elders at the North Family. Hancock, 1854. Ink and water color;  
size: height, 19"; width, 12". (Shaker Community, Inc.)*



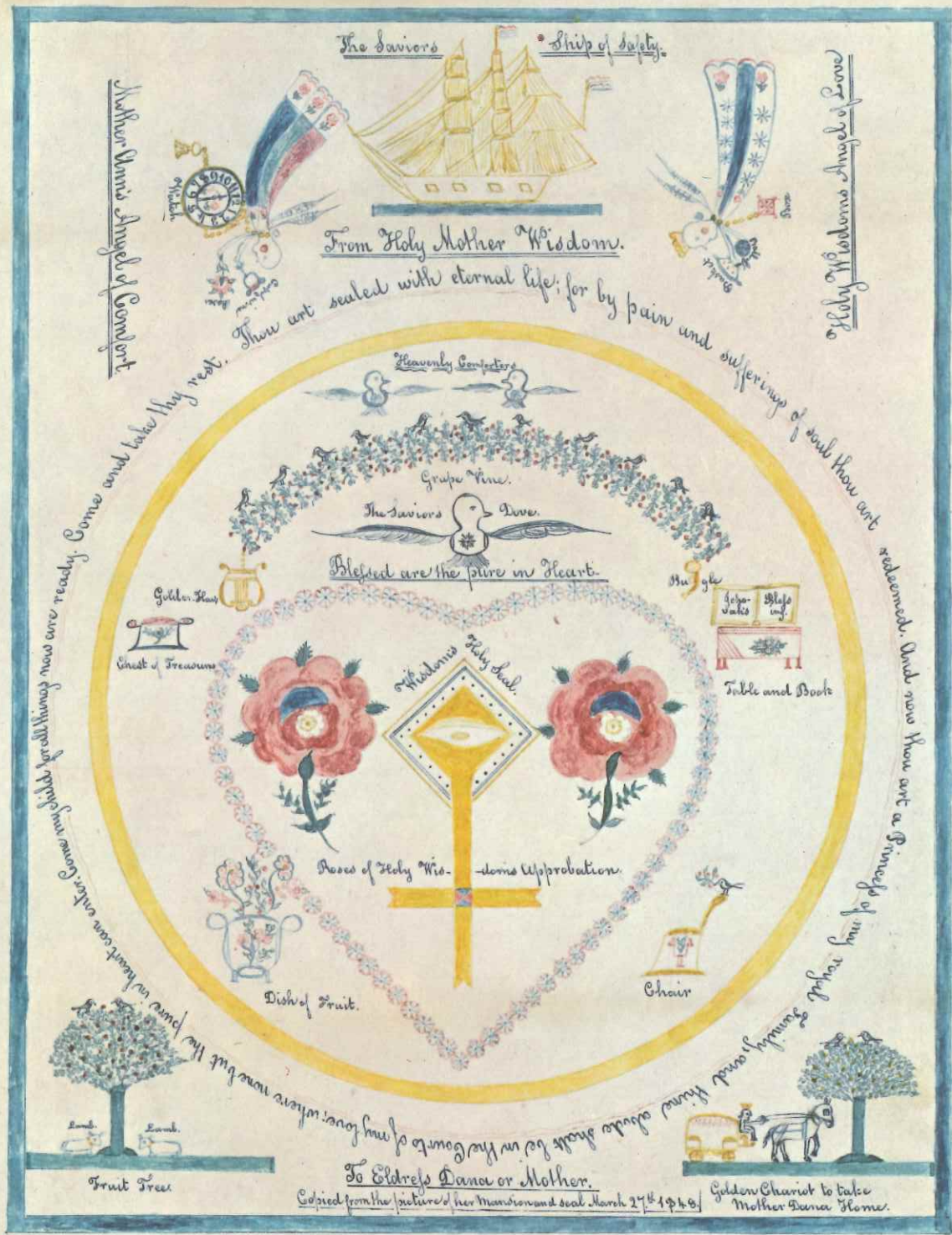
A Type of Mother Hannah's Pocket Handkerchief. New Lebanon, 1851. Ink and water color; size: height, 14 $\frac{3}{32}$ " ; width, 17 $\frac{1}{16}$ " .  
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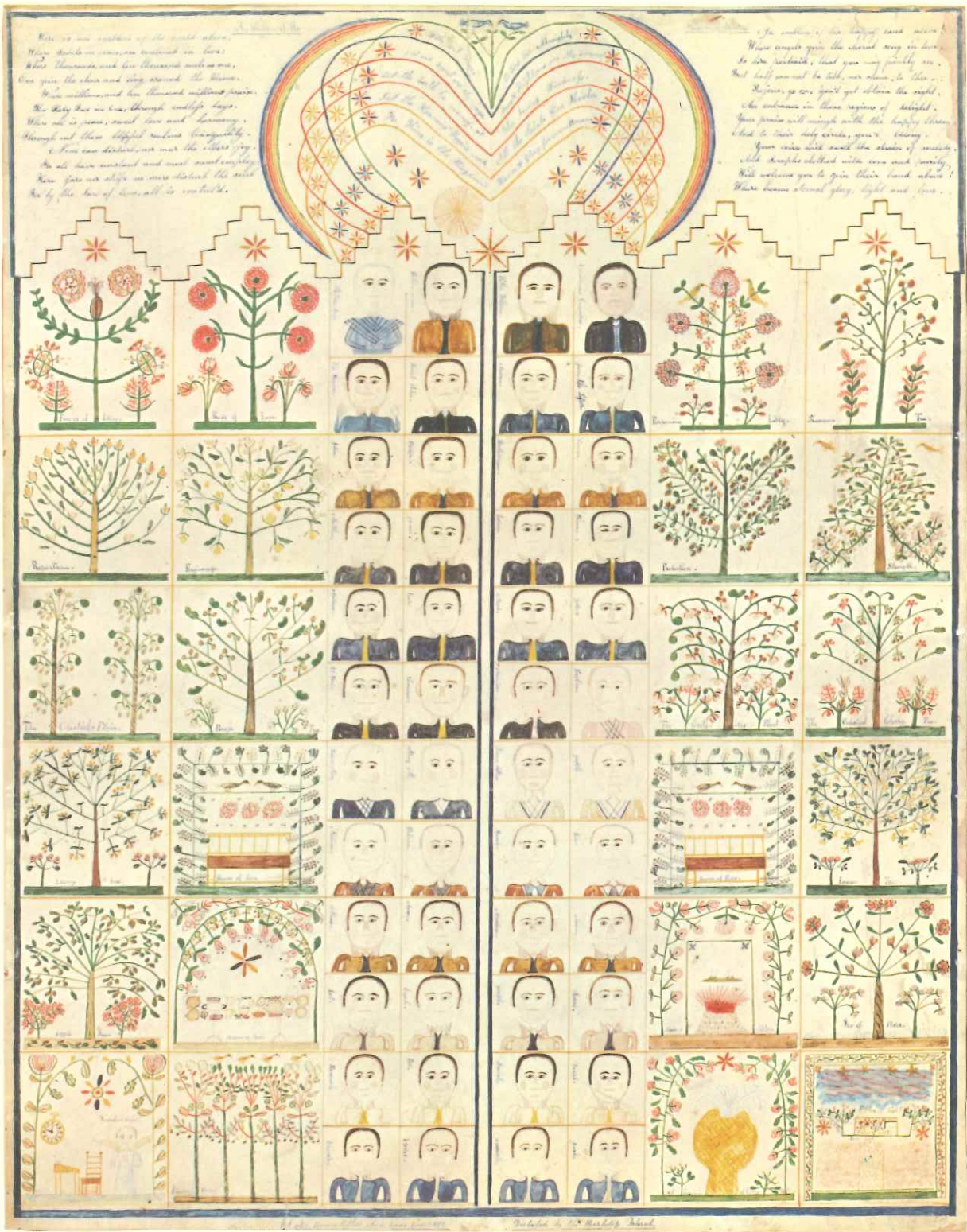
The Tree of Light or Blazing Tree. Hancock, 1845.

The tree was made by drawing from the idea of a tree with branches of green  
leaves. At the end of each branch is a small flame of light. The tree is  
said to be a symbol of the Holy Spirit and is said to be the only  
tree in the world.  
It was first seen by the Shakers in the city of New York in 1787.  
A. A. Hancock was the first to paint it in the same style.

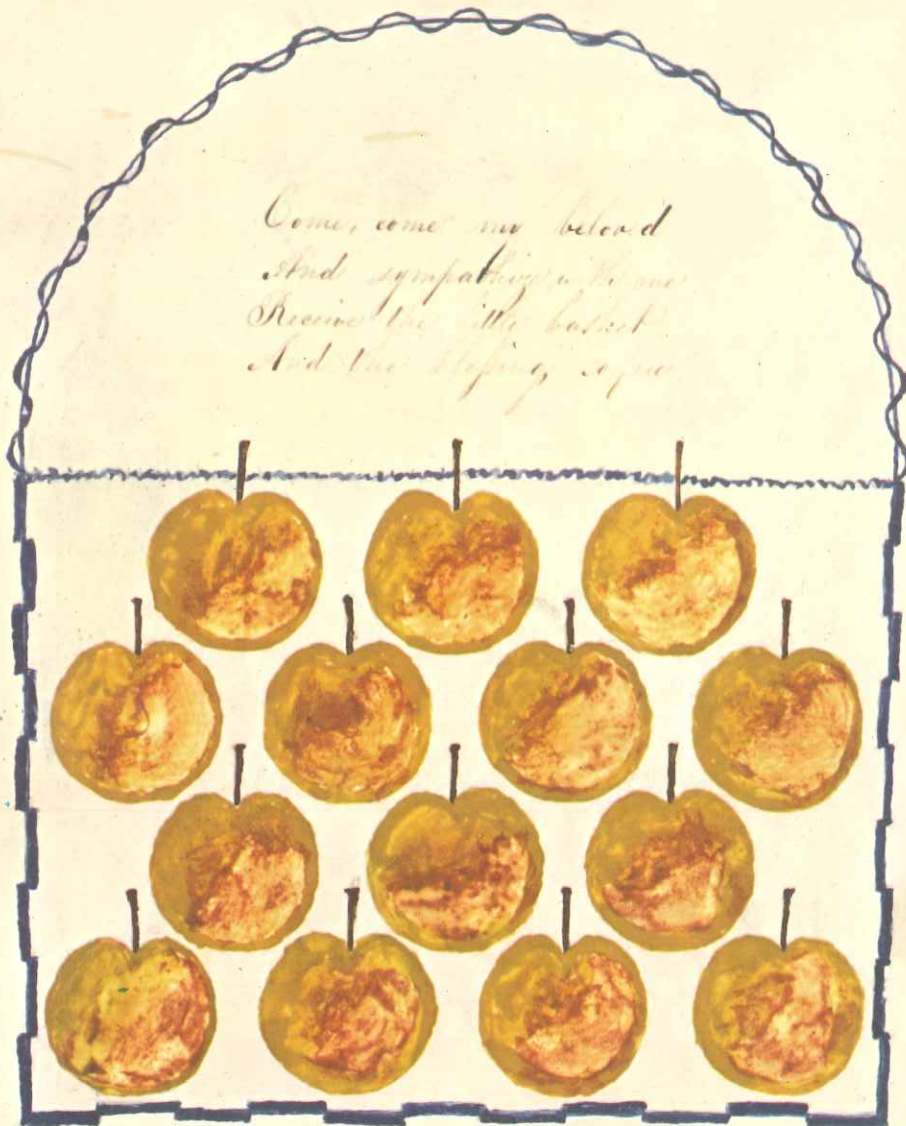
*The Tree of Light or Blazing Tree.* Hancock, 1845. Ink and water color; size: height, 18 $\frac{1}{8}$ " ; width, 22 $\frac{9}{32}$ ". (Shaker Community, Inc.)



From Holy Mother Wisdom. To Eldress Dana or Mother. Hancock, 1848. Ink and water color; size: height, 9<sup>25</sup>/<sub>32</sub>" ; width, 7<sup>23</sup>/<sub>32</sub>". (Shaker Community, Inc.)



An Emblem of the Heavenly Sphere. Hancock, 1854. Ink and water color; size: height, 23<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" ; width, 18<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>".  
 (Shaker Community, Inc.)



Sabbath, P. M. June 2, 1856.  
 I saw Judith Colby bringing a little basket full of beautiful apples  
 for the Ministry, from Bethel, Calumet, Vero and Melrose, Maine.  
 It is their blessing and the chain around the basket represents  
 the combination of their blessing. I noticed in particular of  
 she brought them to me that ends of the stems were pierced  
 as though they were just fitted by the stems and set into  
 the basket one by one. — Drawn and painted in the City of New York.  
 by Hannah Benson.

Basket of apples. Hancock, 1856. Ink and water color; size: height,  $10\frac{1}{8}$ " ; width,  $8\frac{3}{16}$ ".  
 (Shaker Community, Inc.)



Heavenly tree. Hancock, 1855. Ink and water color; size: height,  $23\frac{5}{16}$ " ; width,  $18\frac{1}{8}$ ". (Shaker Community, Inc.)



A Tree of  
Love, a Tree of life,  
By holy spirits given.

August, 1857.

To help you  
I am this world of strife,  
I had cheer your path to heaven.



My love is increasing,  
Tho' tempests should beat, and floods  
may descend,

My love is increasing.  
I'll stand by your side, be your  
Mother, & friend.

From Mother Ann,

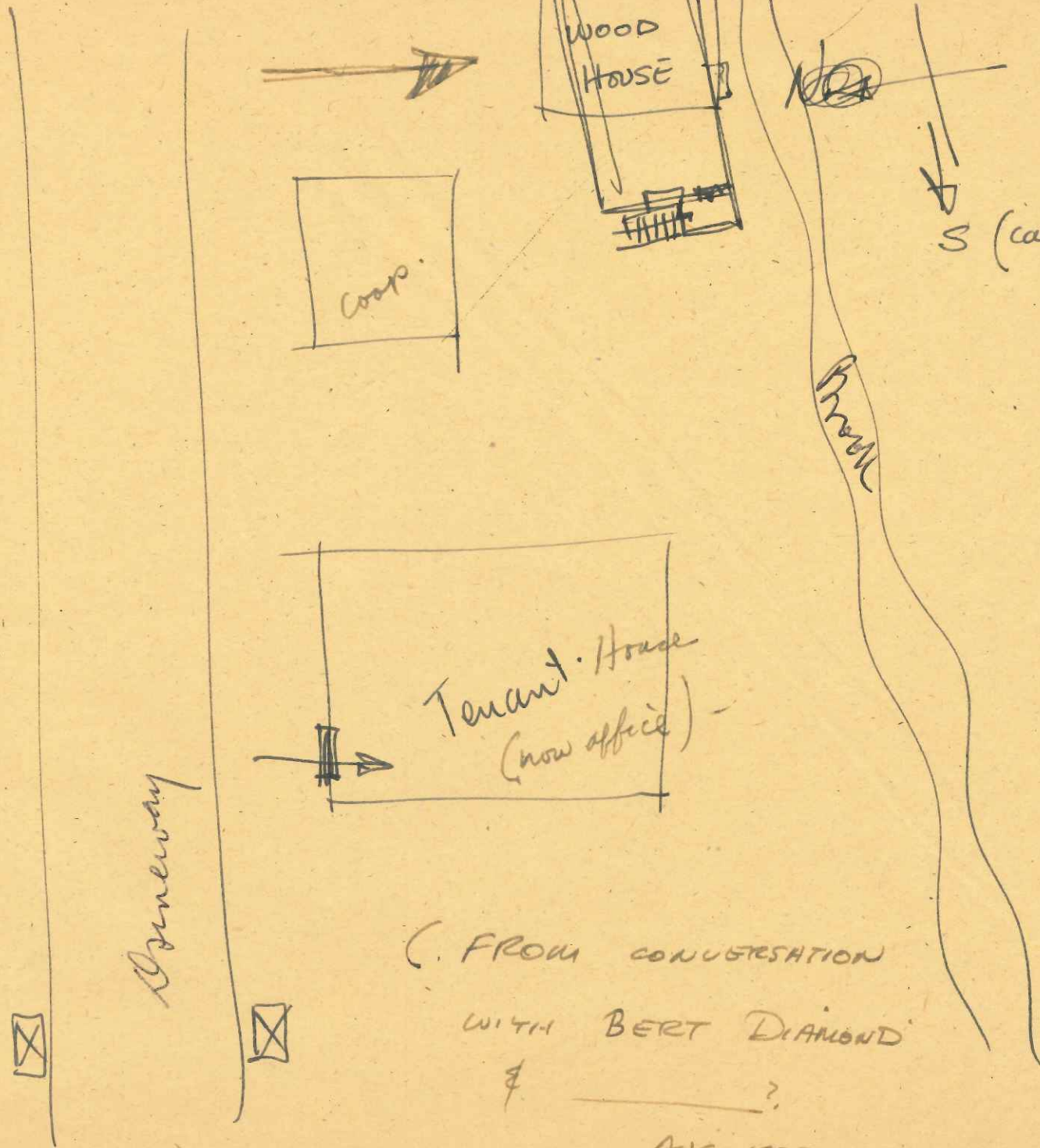
To Nancy Lakes.

Dictated by

Polly Lawrence.

Chair  
shop?

Staff House  
formerly occupied  
by Mr. Bert  
Diamonds brother.  
Mr. Diamond



Brewery

WOOD  
HOUSE

Coop.

Tenant House  
(now office)

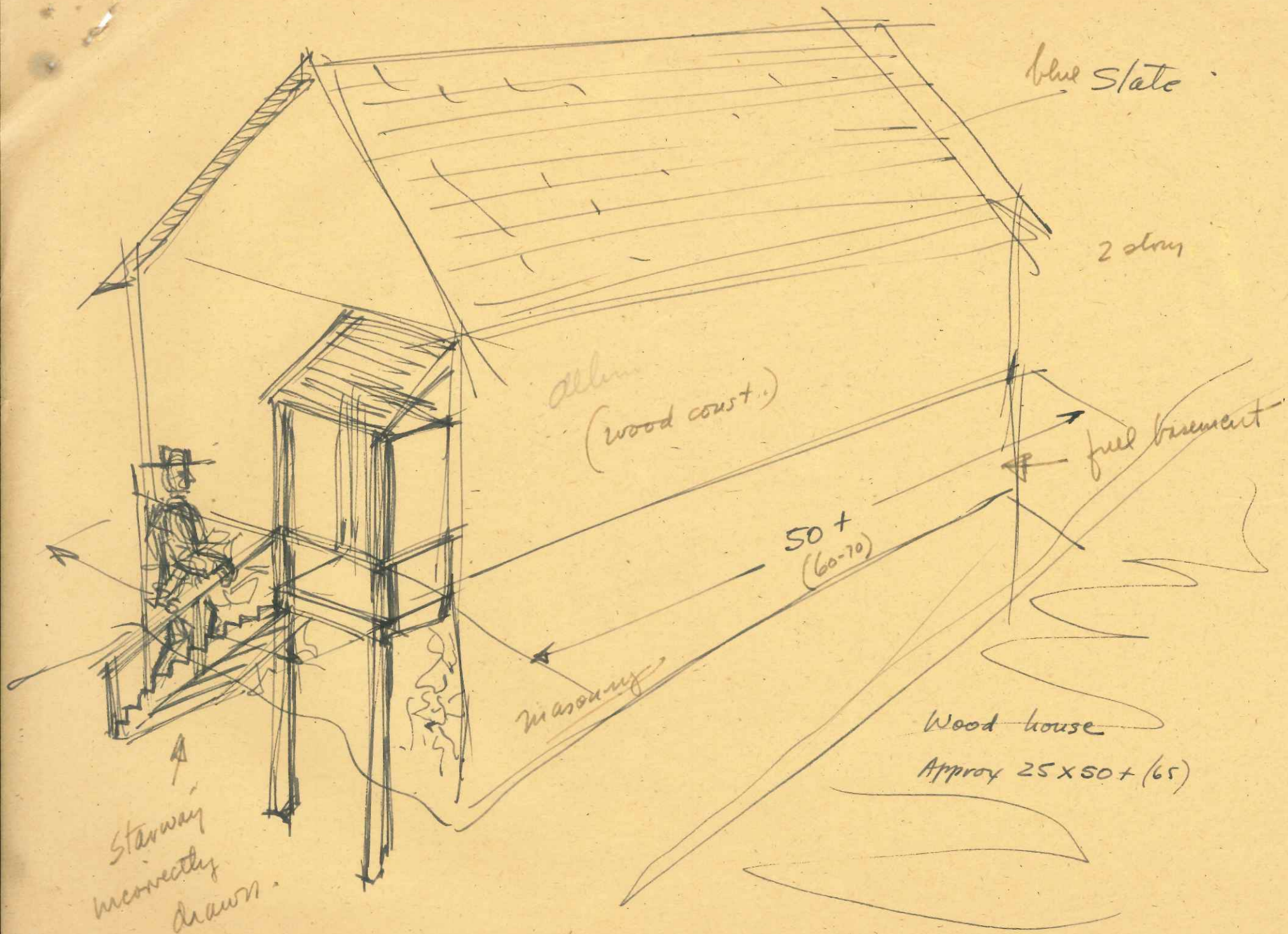
Brewery

S (called)

(FROM CONVERSATION  
WITH BERT DIAMOND  
& \_\_\_\_\_?)

AUG. 1952

Ross-



blue slate

2 story

allum  
(wood const.)

full basement

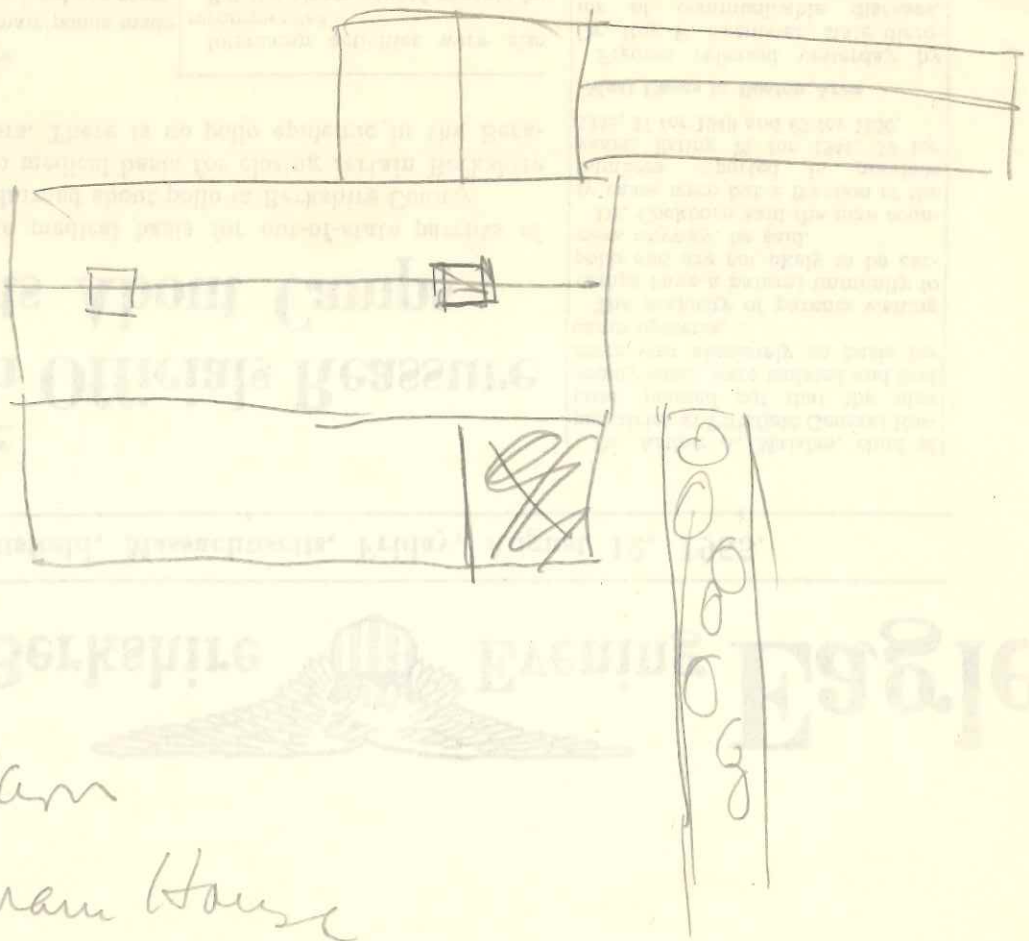
50 +  
(60-70)

masonry

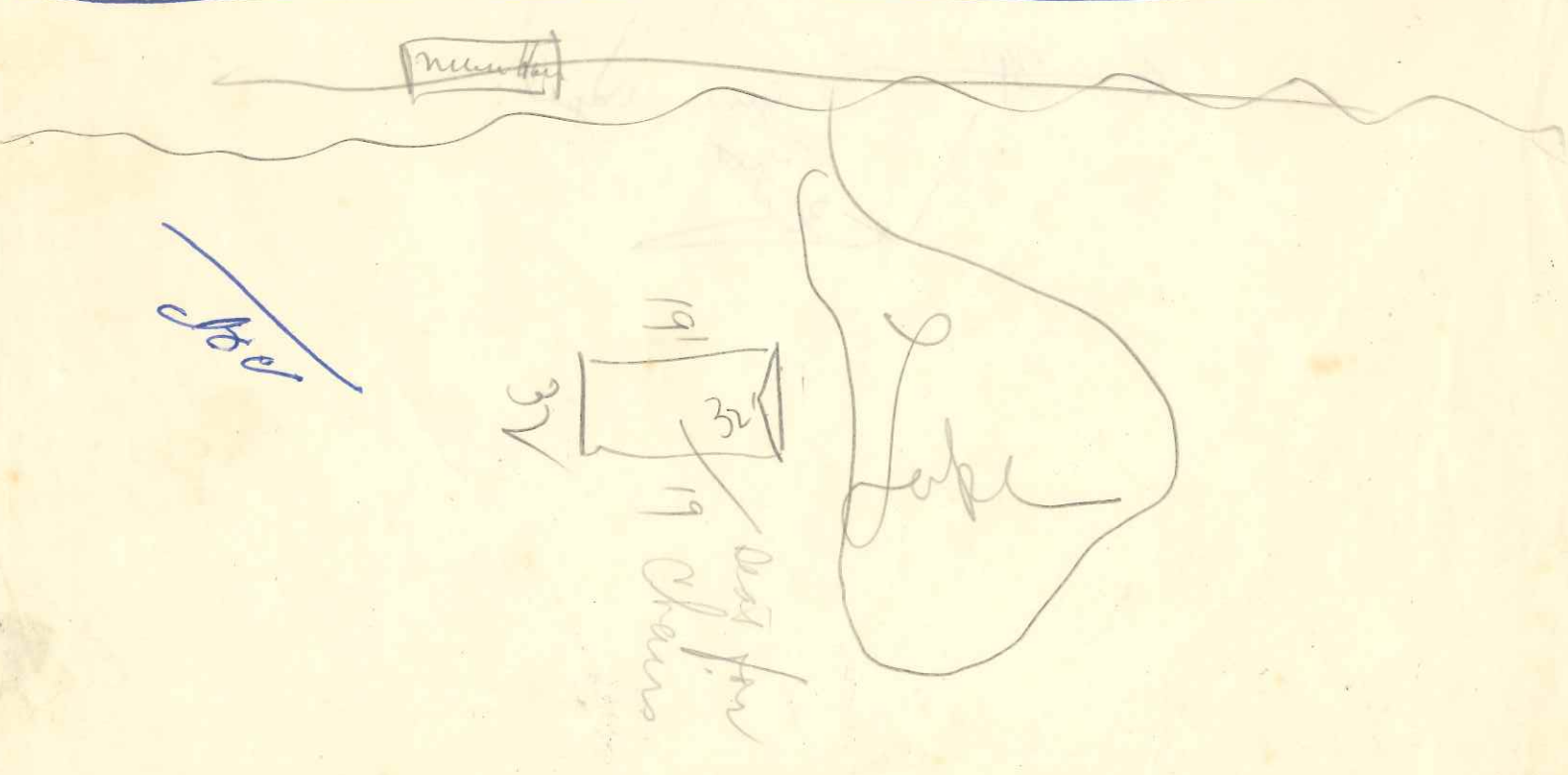
Wood house  
Approx 25 x 50 + (65)

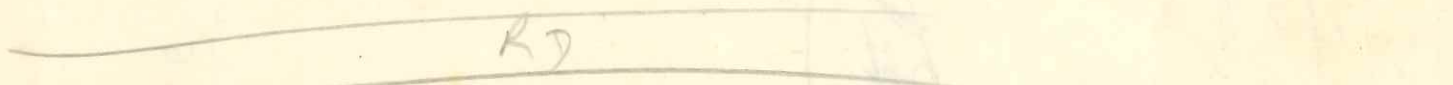
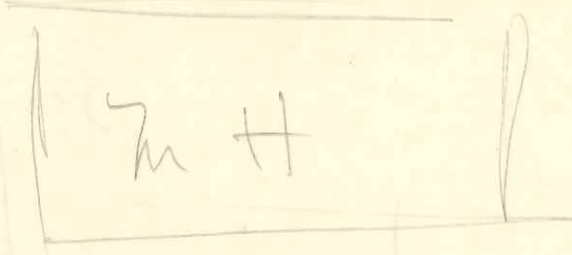
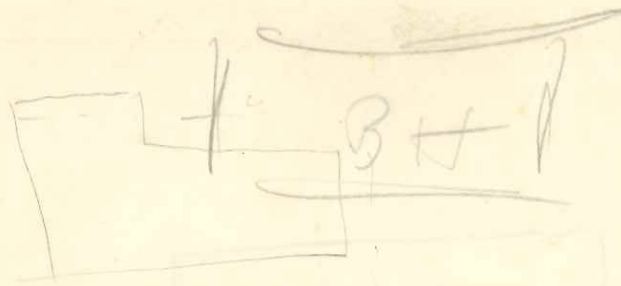
Stairway  
incorrectly  
drawn.

bdy - probably seen in one of the  
small photos,



Cow Barn  
Opp. Main House





(unidentified)

Rock wall

41'

← 39'

found box and  
a gear shaped  
object

36'

↑

100'

100'

15

13K

Tree house

church

1 1/2 story  
~~1 story~~

Ice house

18



Ok to Dry Com - 1 1/2 story

South Family Bldg as  
designed by Adelbert Meachen  
1949

ROBERT  
SHELDON

(spec  
5810

ATTN

100 1000

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side facing the house

Stables - stable  
near Summer  
house. Clear Fact. Rd  
Torn down  
Summer 19 -



51 Boards  
↓

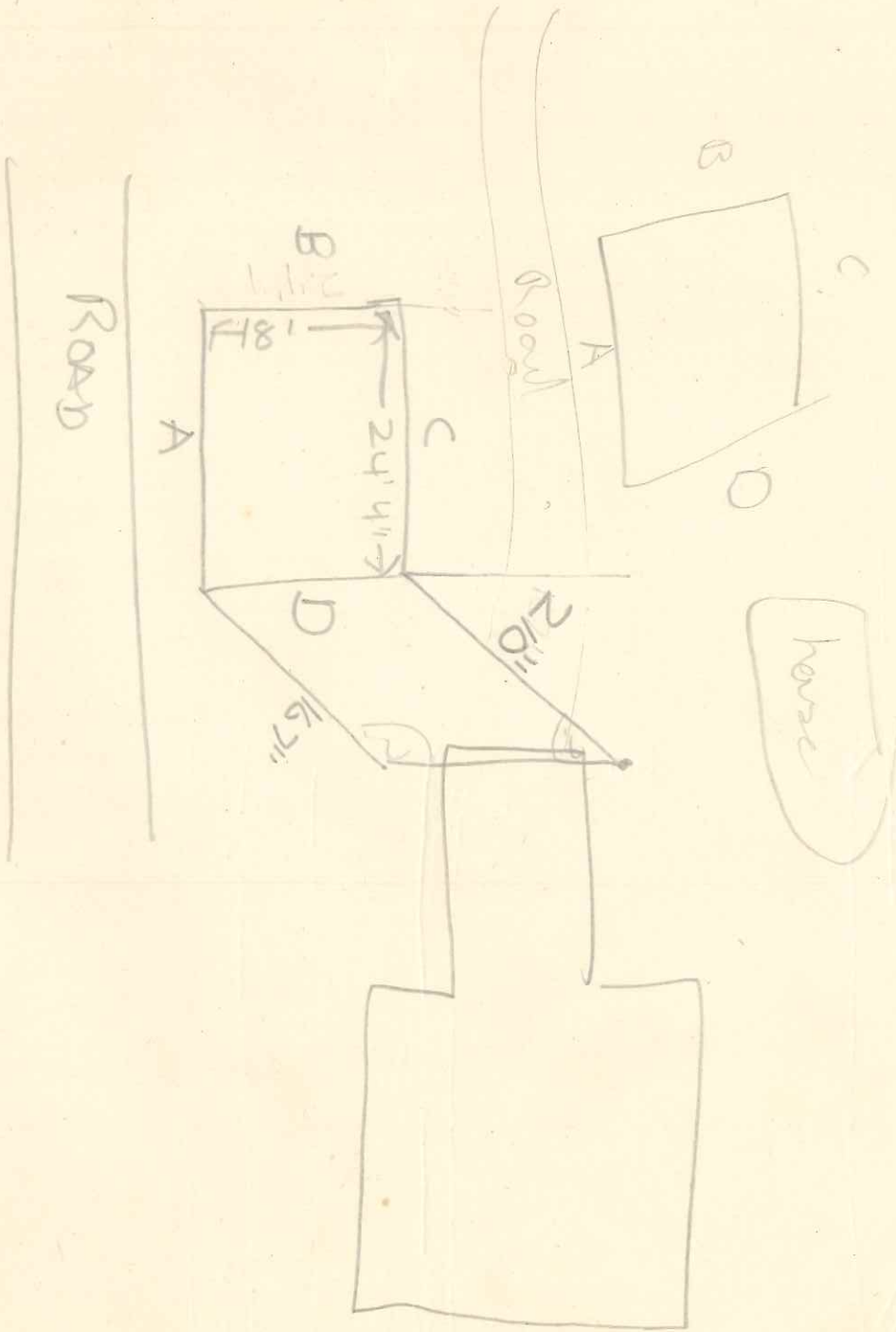
210 3/8"

8' 4"

July

← foundation






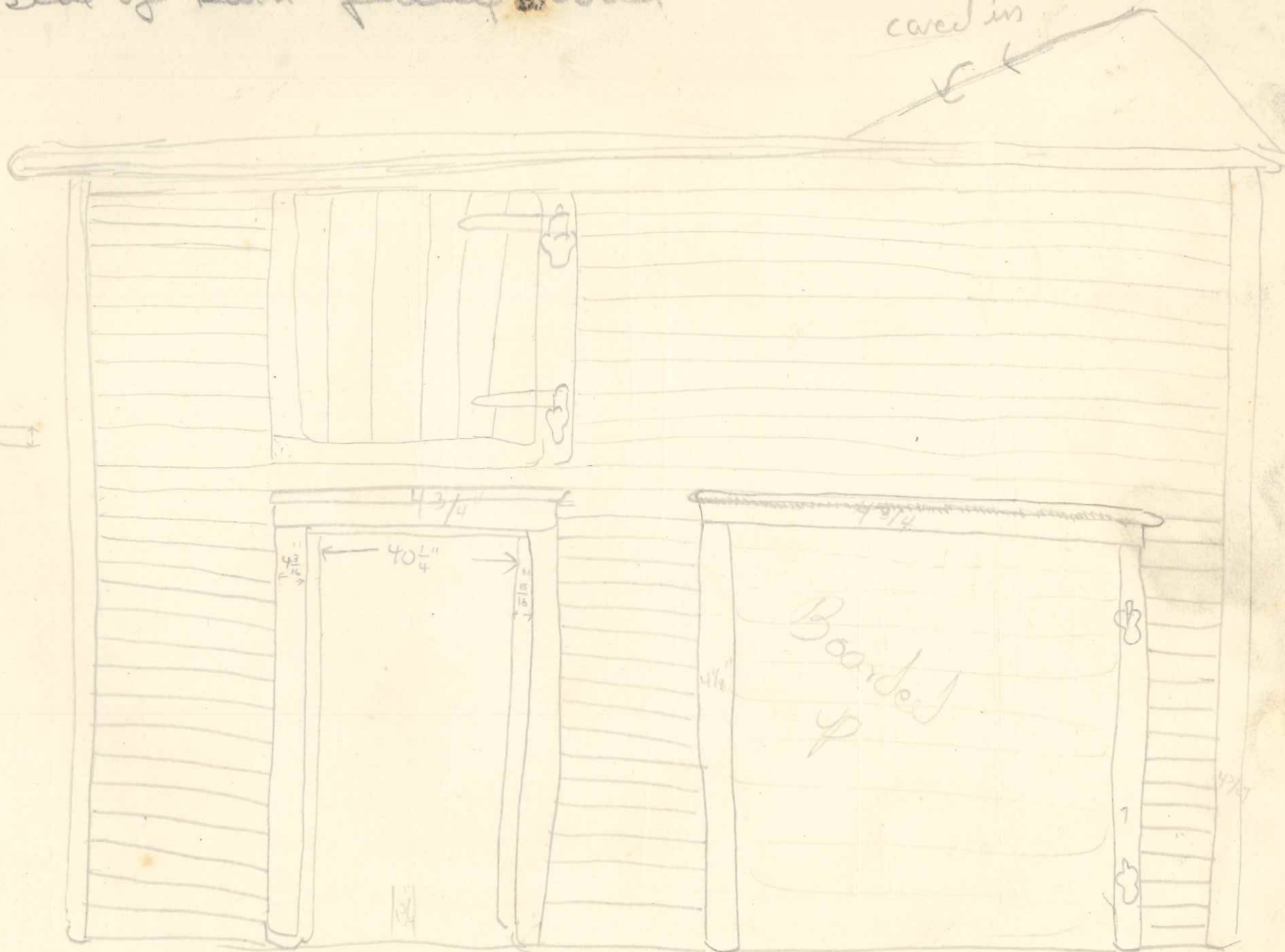
$$\begin{array}{r} 57 \\ 4 \overline{) 204} \\ \underline{204} \\ 0 \end{array}$$
 8/19  
 6/18

A

side of barn facing road

caved in

$\frac{1}{8}$ " =   
38 boards  
↓

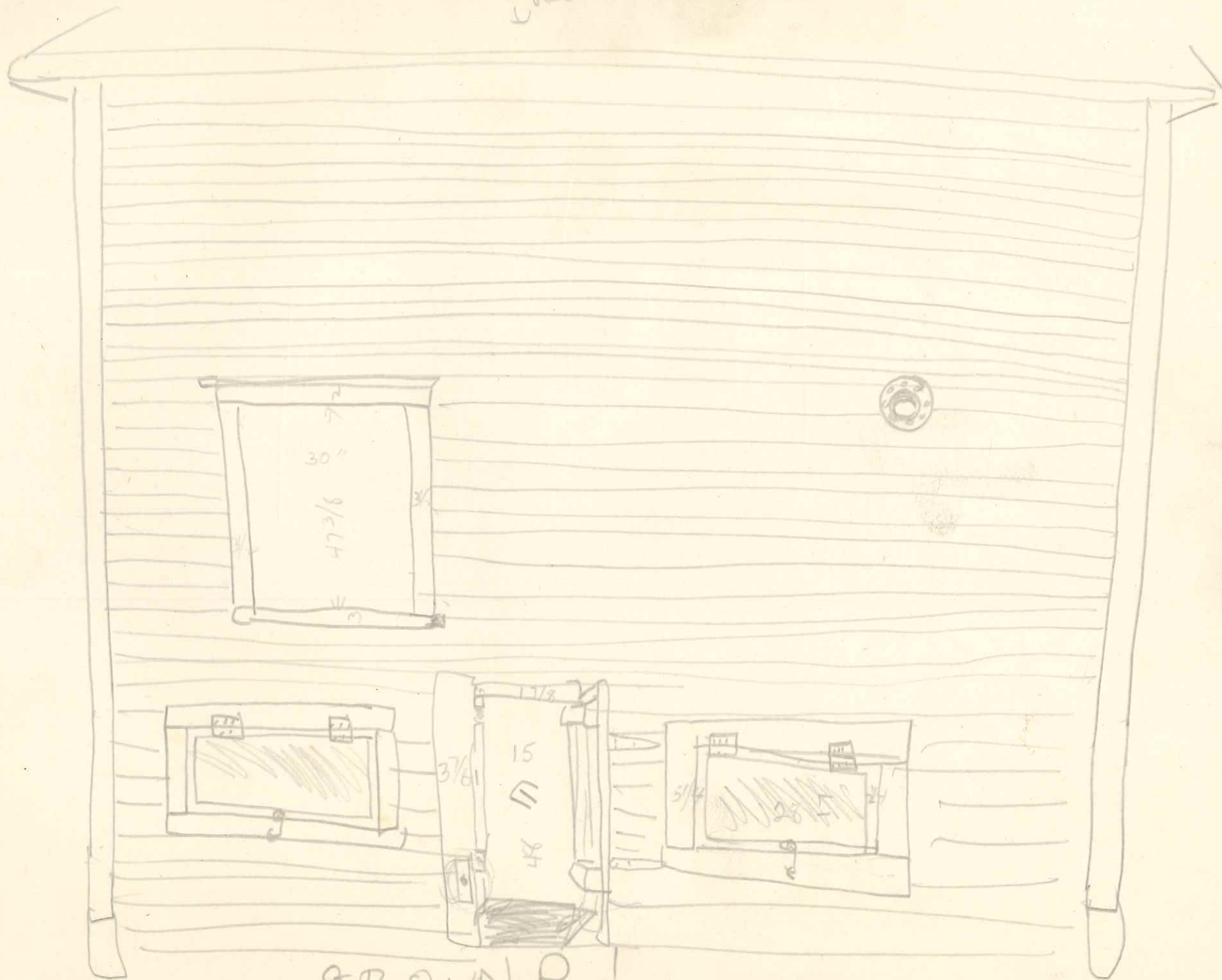


Drawings made 8/27/49 before tearing down stable on Chair Factory Road  
West of "farm house" - by Judy Livent

(C)

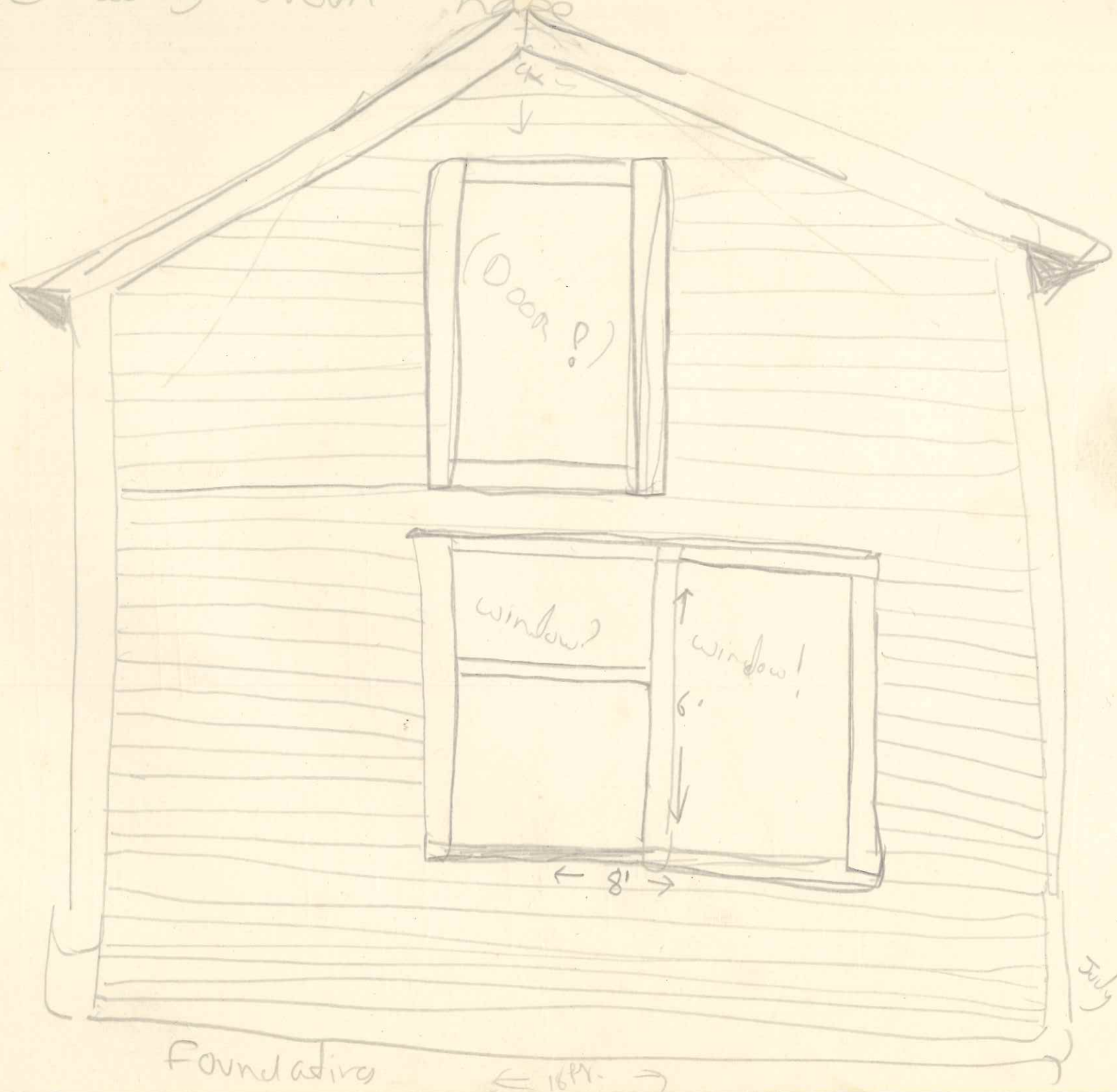
away from road

↓ ROOF CAVED IN ↓



GROUND

(B) Side away from haps



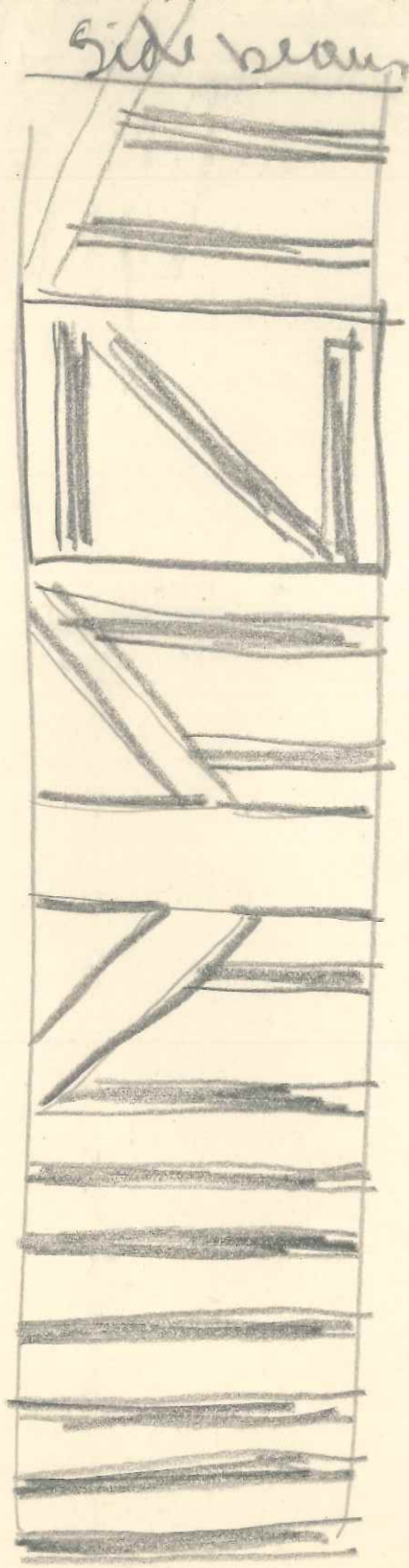
Foundations ← 16' →

July

left side interior

12 studs

Window



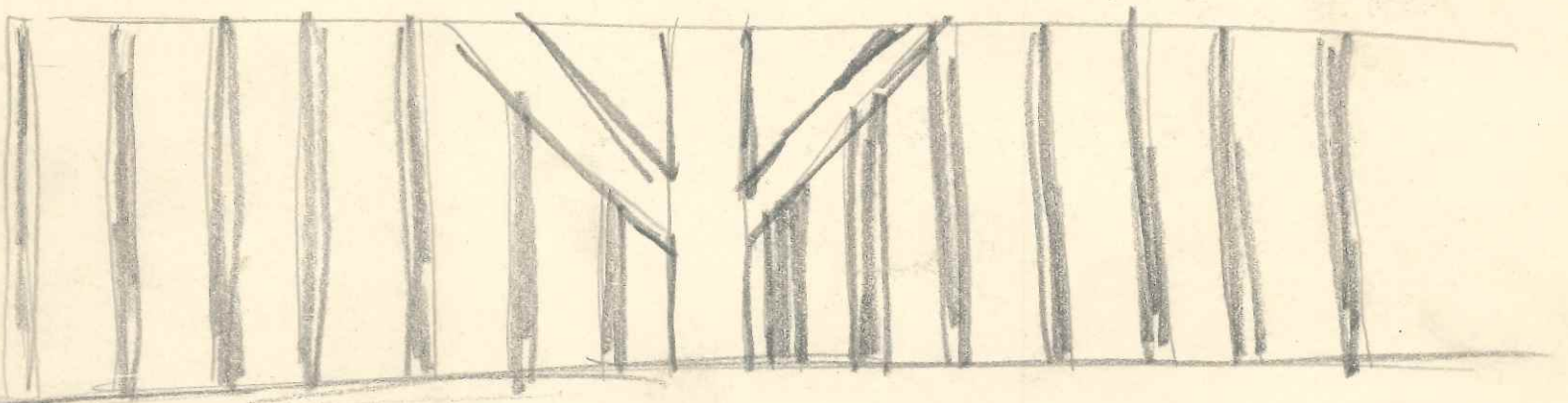
Roof (interior) (upper half)

11 Rafters 1 main supporting beam.

Side side of barn (interior) (upper half)

14 studs

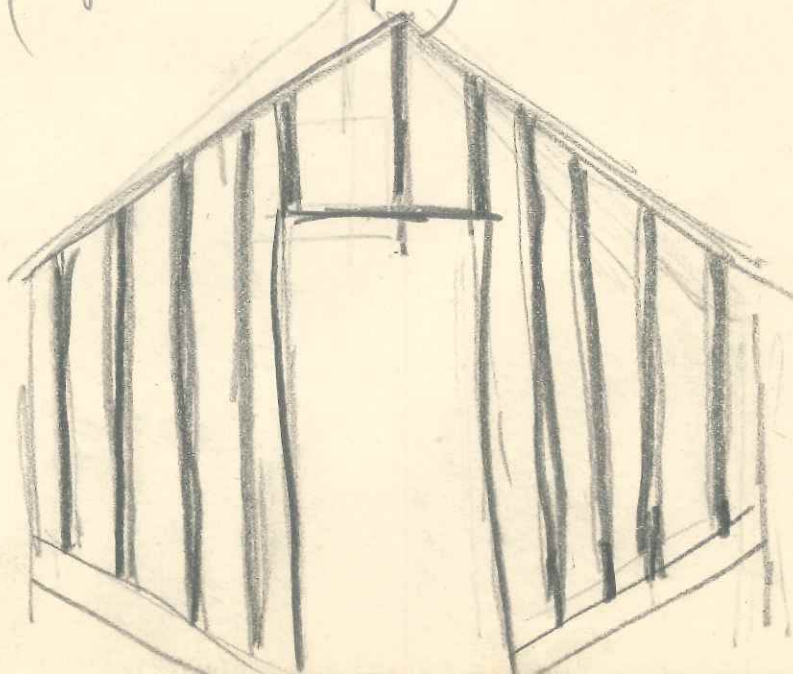
1 big Center support



Back interior (upper half)

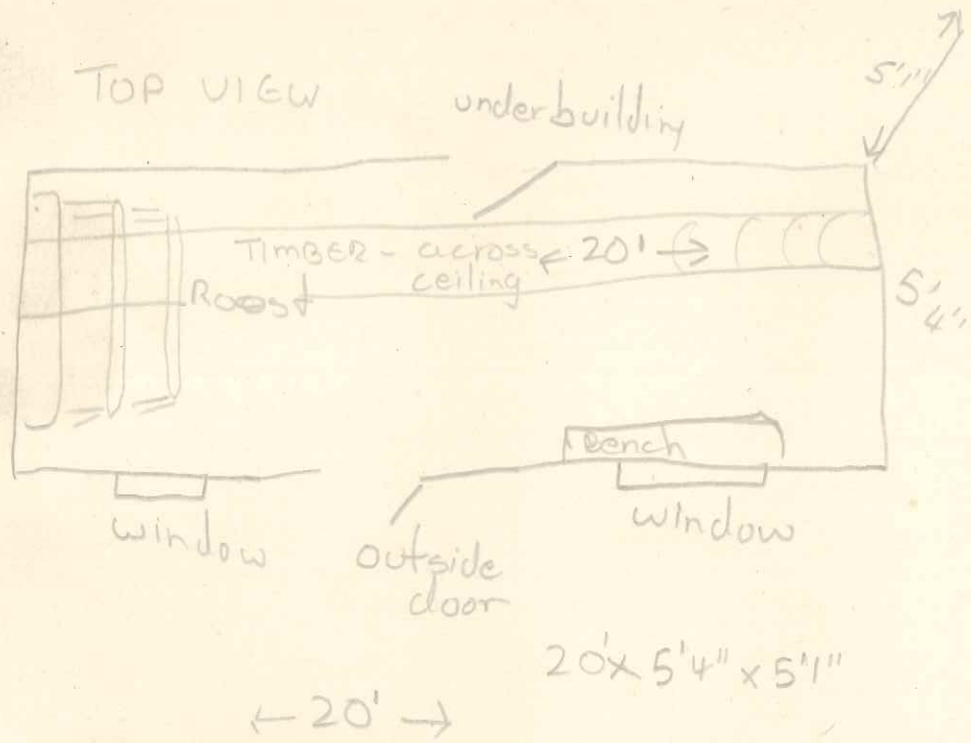
8 studs

+ window



(E)

Inside of chicken coop - side opposite road



(E) Room in "Basement" - side opposite Road

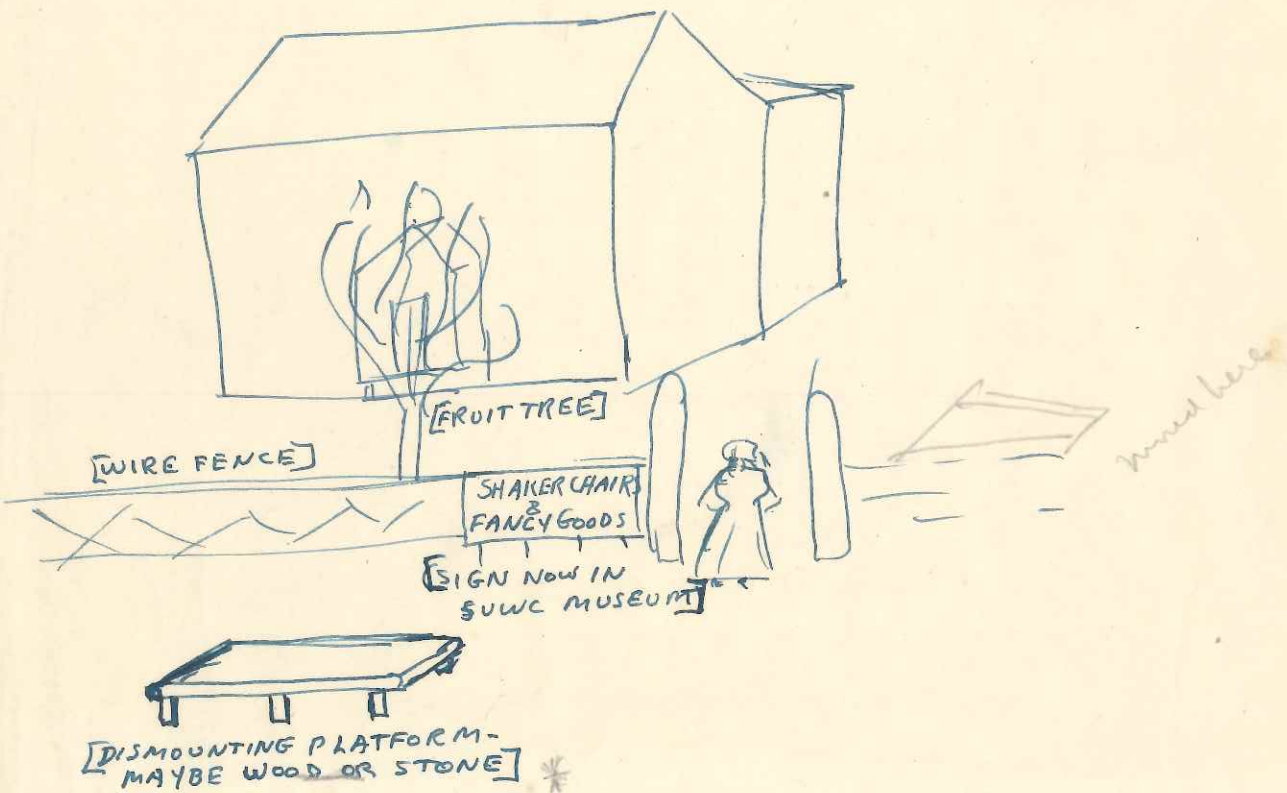




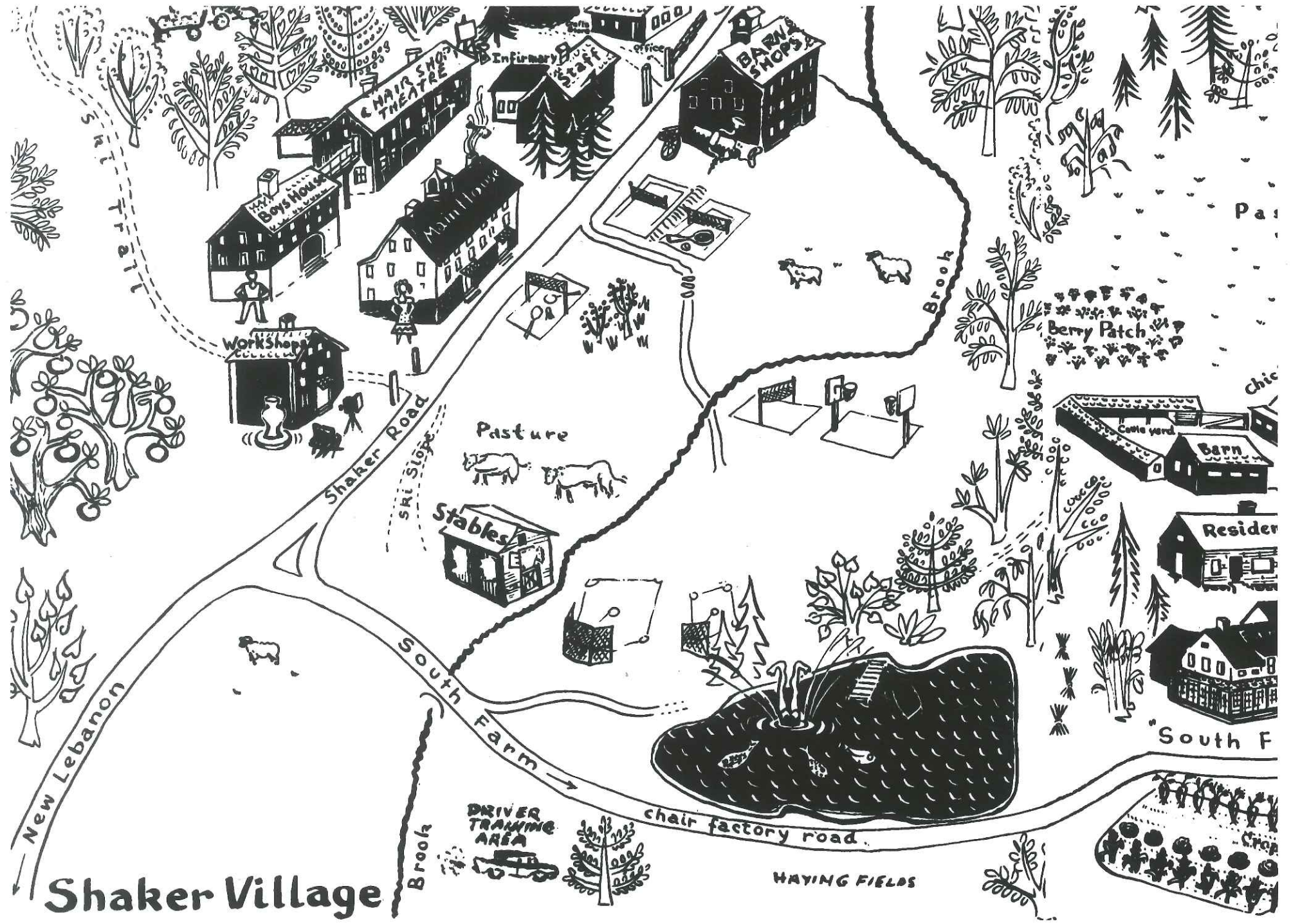
Shaker Research  
South Family

9/4/51

Picture Postcard displayed at Schmectady Museum  
Shows South Family administration Building  
(now SUWC staff house) + labelled "Shaker  
Char Stone, Mt. Lebanon."



(\* Stone with iron rail, according to  
former caretaker, Osburn Diamond  
who worked here from about 1930 to 1940)



# Shaker Village

New Lebanon

Shaker Road

South Farm

chair factory road

Stables

Pasture

Workshops

MAIR SHOP THEATRE

MAY BOYS HOUSE

Infirmary

BARN SHOPS

Cattle yard  
Barn

Residence

South F

DRIVER TRAINING AREA

HAYING FIELDS

CROP

Berry Patch

Brook

Brook

Ski Trail

Pa

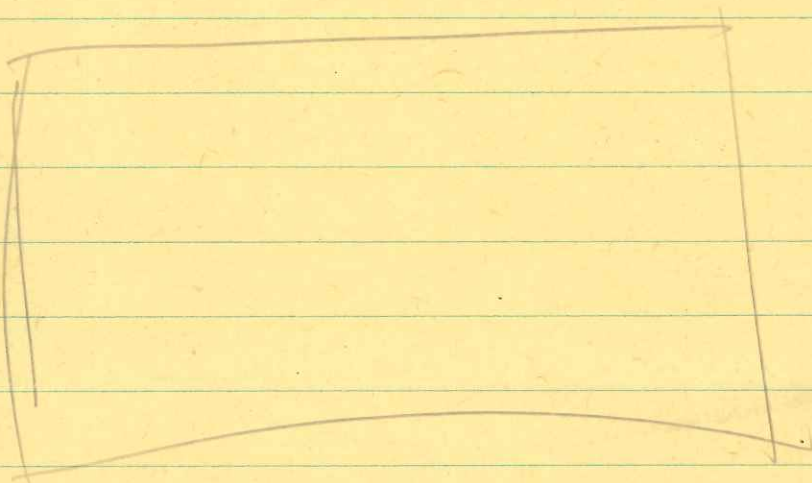
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f  
Shaker Research  
South Family

Cham Factory near lake  
on Cham Factory Rd

Walden Rd - Hancock

Renewed by August H. Baron about 1920  
& moved to

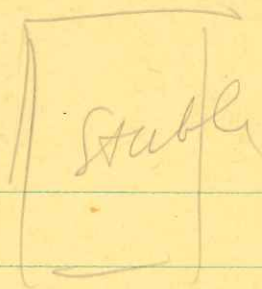


See postcard for South  
elevation - North elevation  
Same except double door  
in center -

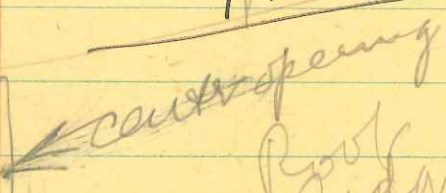
Color faded red -  
Siding - clapboard -

Shaker Rd

Barn to new SV stable



Brook



Roof Ridge

Hay mow about 8ft above ground

LONG SHED

OPEN IN REAR (on this end)

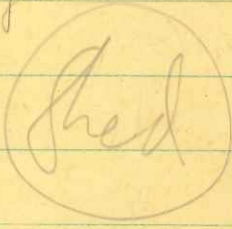
Entrance double-Door

Entrance double-Door

50'

120' Inside Partition up to hay mow

open underneath (Hay mow above) about 8ft

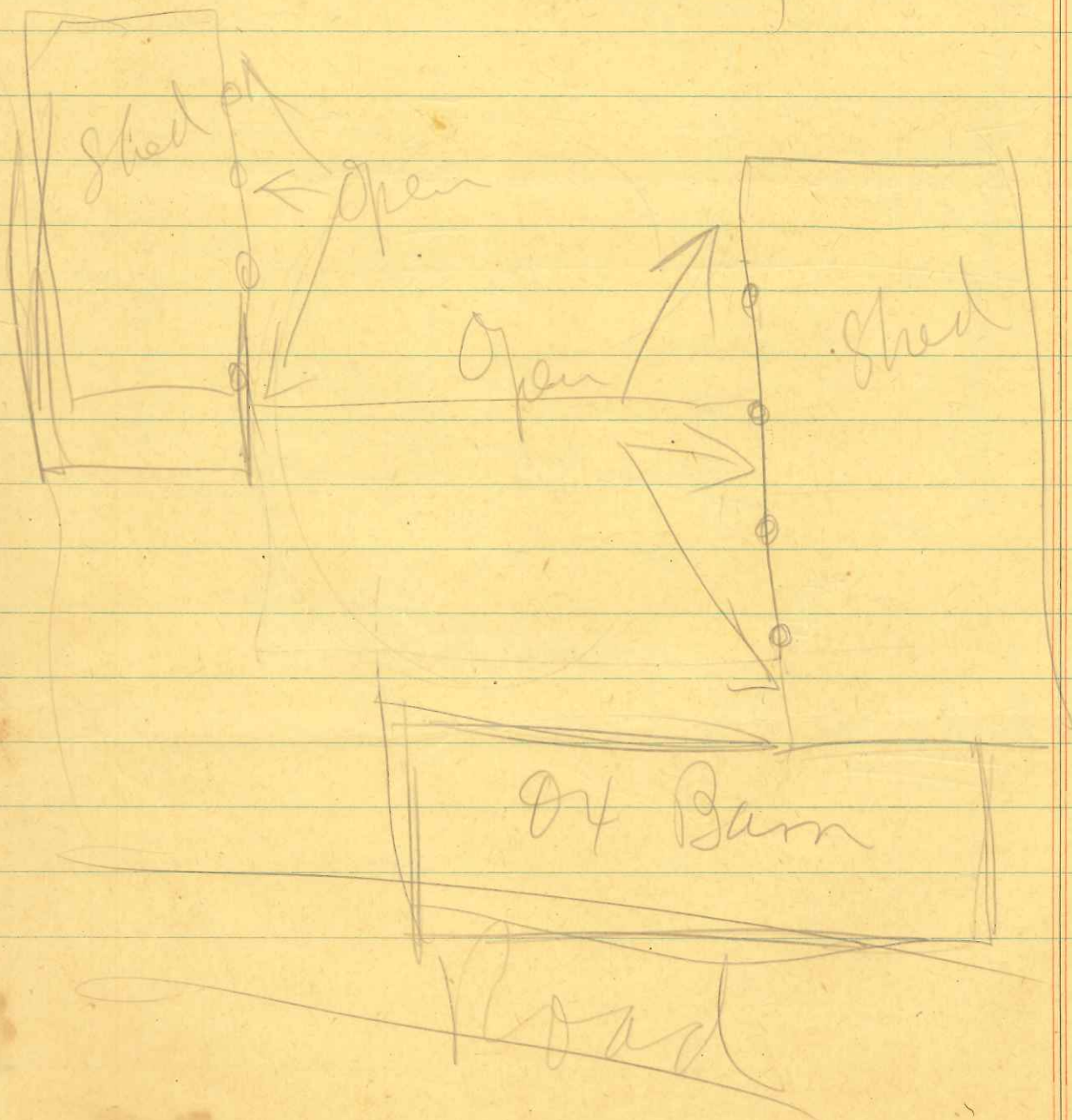
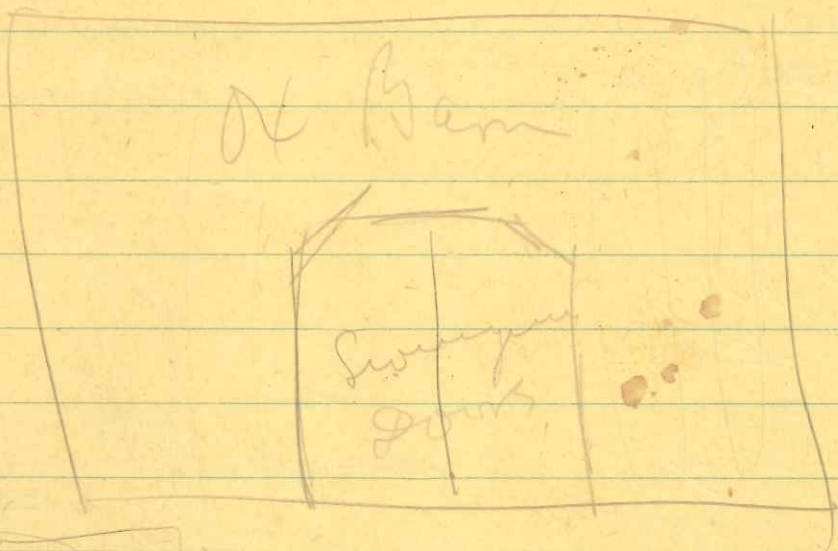


Shaker Rd

riding up & down

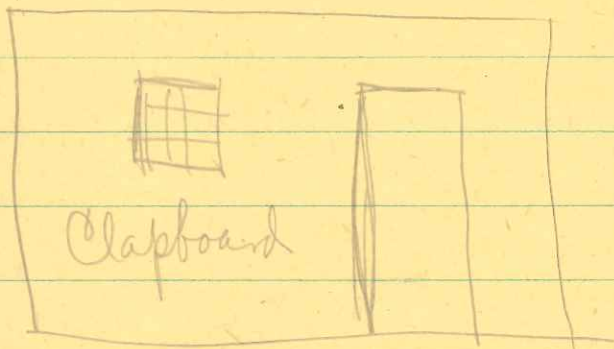
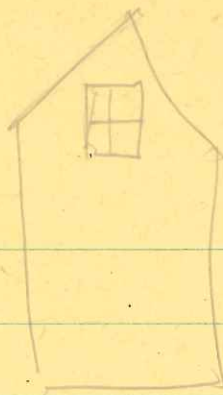
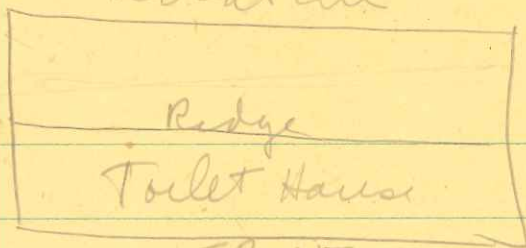
Worthen & Tenon for many

dry beams

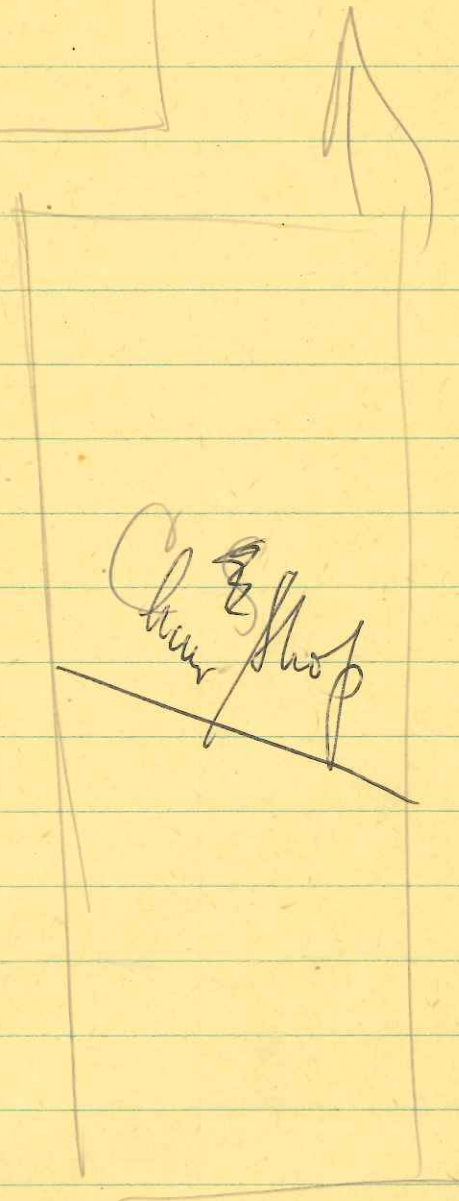


Foundation still there

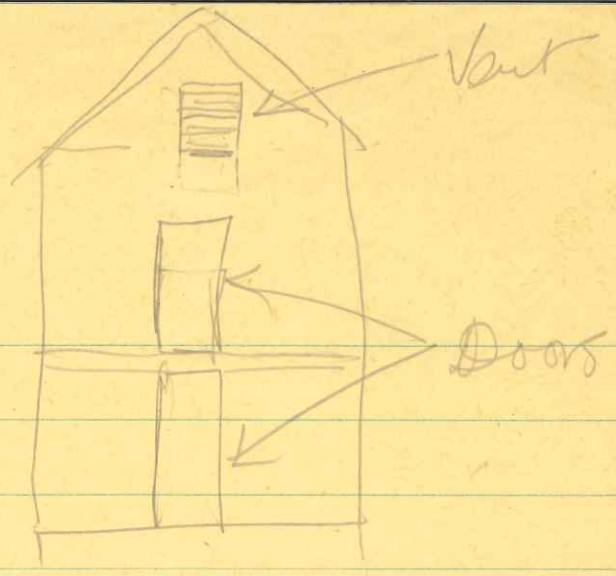
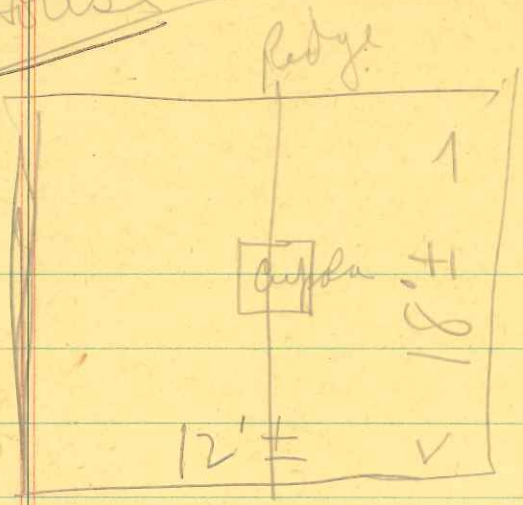
Location



Chair Shop



Ice House



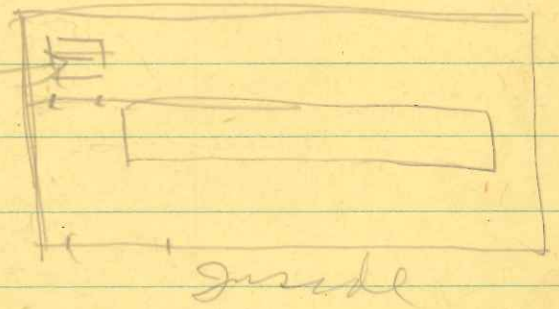
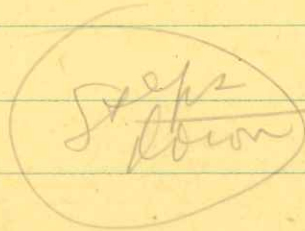
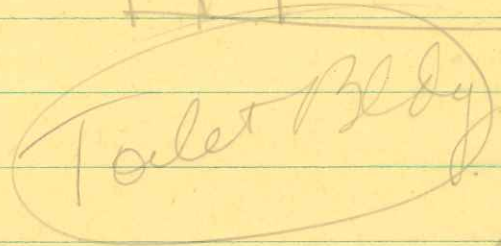
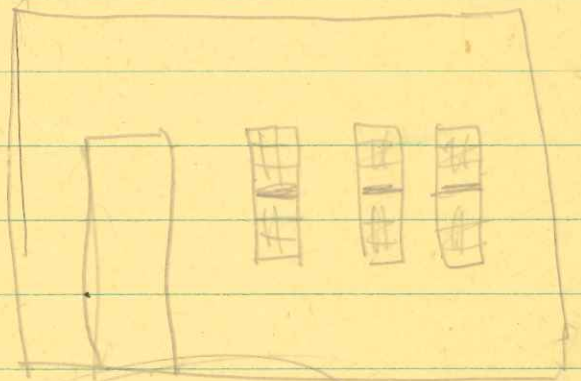
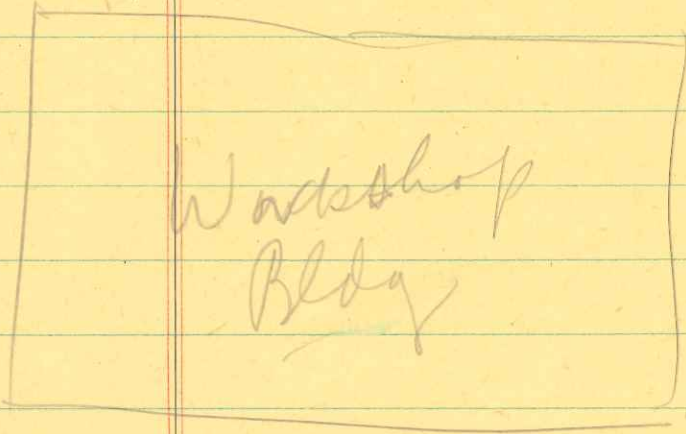
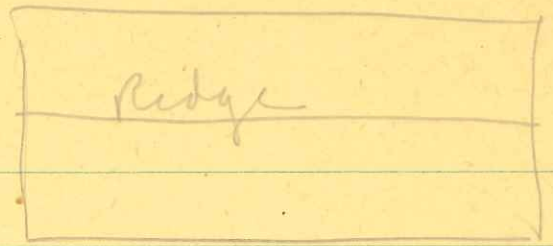
~~Bridge~~

up & down siding  
pattern over front

Toilet

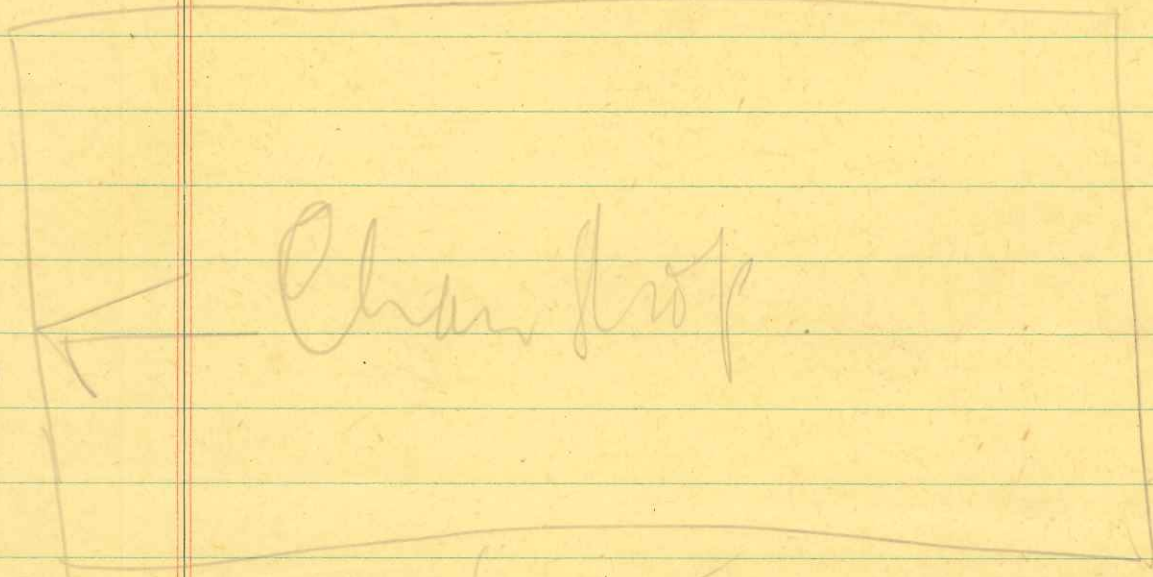
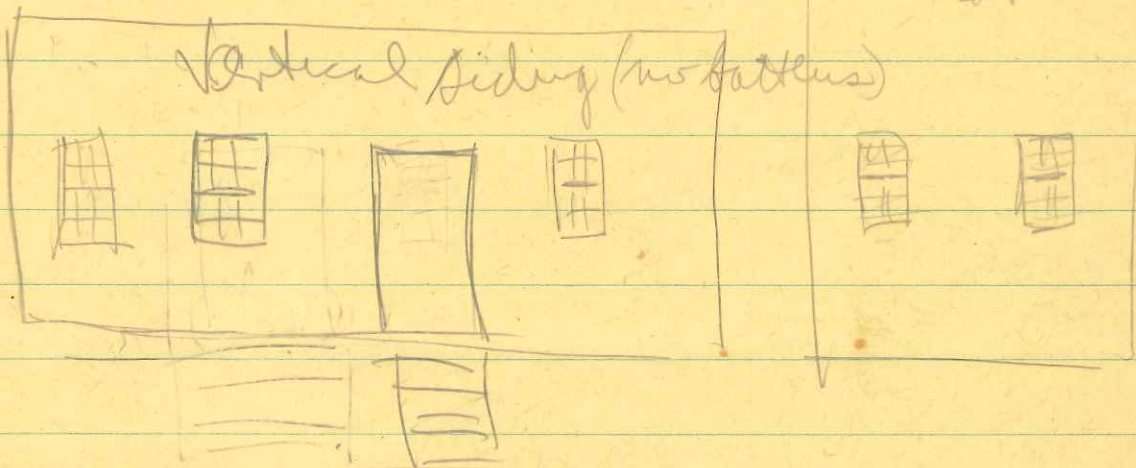
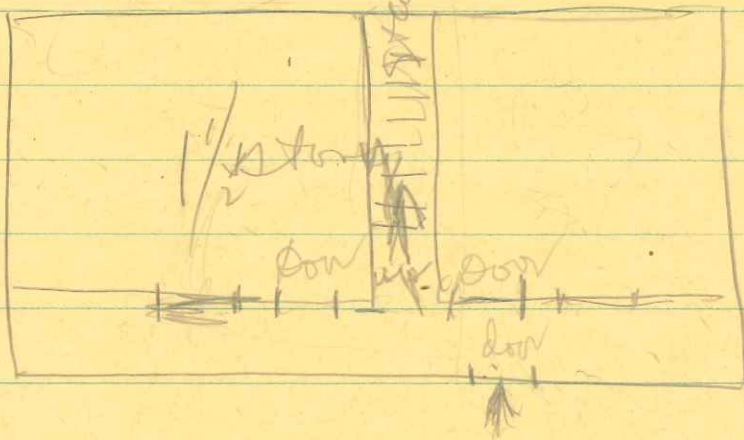
Chair  
slip

fell down after 1922  
no flow - kept sawdust  
in ground





Back of Char Shop at Lake



Char Shop

front

# Inter-Office Correspondence

USE THIS FORM FOR ALL OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE—WRITE ON ONE SIDE OF PAPER ONLY

Date July 29, 1949

To SHAKER RESEARCH--SOUTH FAMILY From \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Joseph Face, Senior--Stephentown

Mr. Diamond says that Face worked for the Shakers for many years and has information.

PUT IT IN WRITING WRITTEN MESSAGES SAVE TIME AND AVOID ERRORS

SHAKER RESEARCH - SOUTH FAMILY

from Shaker Manifestos

900 ft. water pipe laid- Dec/93

Christmas celebration - Feb/95 p.40

Porch added to "Office" - Jan/96

Ancient barn destroyed by fire (erected in Ann Lee's time)  
Jan/98

~~Shakx~~

Over 3000 lbs butter produced ont year; 900 gallons blueberries  
put up, ~~30000x1bsxpxp~~ 3000 bushels potatoes, etc.

name of man who took down barn +  
several bldgs was:

Bill La Pere

He lives on ~~the~~ main road between  
East Chatham + Chatham -  
about one mile beyond Kant's  
antique shop - on right side  
of road - (maybe an  
imitation brick siding house)

Please return this memo  
to me after noting information

JL

~~Sx~~ Infirmary Building - formerly sisters' shop -now SVWG Work-Shop Building:

Barred cell.

According to Robert ~~Mr~~ Maeder, the Shaker Museum ~~xx~~ at Old Chatham has documents showing ~~xxxxxx~~ medical bills and correspondence with the State Mental Hospital at Poughkeepsie relating to a Mrs. ~~or~~ Miss Katrina Koch, who resided with the South Family, but was not a member, It is believed that she occupied the barred cell in the above buildingx between 1913-1916. Mr.Wm.Lassister, of the State Museum in Albany, also furnished information concerning the above.

It is possible, Mr.Maeder says, that the cell was used earlier than this for other occupants.



Tel. Lebanon Springs, N. Y.

7-1255 (Winter)

7-1252 (Summer)

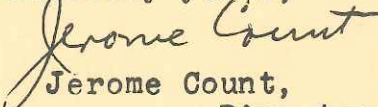
The enclosed material will provide you with information concerning the pre-college Study-Skills Seminar for the coming summer session. This project is intended to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To provide the high school Junior or Senior with an intensive 8-week session in developing advanced study skills which will more adequately prepare him for independent college studies and admission;
2. To provide a summer of stimulating activity in recreational, sports and cultural interests, along with the opportunity to develop responsibilities in work activity on a mature level;
3. To enable the boy or girl to obtain an intelligent understanding of higher education, to visit a number of college campuses and to live in close association with educators who can help them to cope with their problems of college admission;
4. To provide a stimulating and enjoyable summer with a co-ed group of contemporaries who have similar interests and purposes.

Should the project appear to be suited to your needs and you wish to apply for enrollment, the registration form should be completed as soon as possible and sent to the enrollment office. Additional forms will then be sent to you through which we can obtain information from you and the applicant's school. On the basis of such information, you will then be advised if the application can be accepted and an opening made available to you. Otherwise, the amount which you remit with the registration will be refunded in full.

If there is any further information that you wish, it will be furnished upon request.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jerome Count,  
Director

*Shaker Village Work Group, A Summer Work Education Project for Teen-Agers*

POST OFFICE BOX

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

South Family

"Western Reserve Collection of lists, August 1812"  
(in Chathsm Museum)

Shows: John Bishop, Jr., Age 17, died March 1786  
John Bishop, age 87, died Nov. 1828 (p.117)  
John Bishop, at South Family, Nov. 5, 1828, South Family (p.172)  
John Bishop, age 76, Residing at 2nd Family (p.296)

Robert Wagen, Age 50, ~~Nov. 1882~~ died Nov. 1883,, member 2nd Family  
(p.180)

Saunders Family  
Skater Research 7/4/11

for negatives of S. Family pictures by Mr. Winter -  
Mrs. Nellie B. Winter - widow -

Schneestudy ref.  
(not winter on Garner Ave)  
works for General Electric -



10/18/68

SHAKER RESEARCH - SOUTH FAMILY

Phylis Leon - 42-20 Cassena Blvd. Flushing, L.I.  
Tel Flushing 3-0566

Executor of Dr. Leigh Hunt who for many years was very  
close to Shakers in Lebanon

Purchased from her large oval  
shaker box for North Family &  
butter paddle -

for letter from Leigh Hunt (about Anna  
White's death see Memorial to Anna White  
Dan. O'Connell, pg 129 (Mayo's book)

## SOUTH FAMILY - CHRONOLOGY

- Sources: 1.White and Taylor, "Shakerism, Its Meaning and Message."  
2.Andrews, "Community Industries of the Shakers"  
3.Andrews, "Shaker Furniture."  
4.Evans, "Compendium of Origins, etc.of United Society,etc."  
5.Chatham Courier - "Genealogist's Corner" clipping in our files entitled "Columbia County Biographies, Compiled in 1894, William Anderson."
- 1736 Ann Lee, later Mother Ann, born February 29 in Manchester,England (4)
- 1758 Ann Lee joins English sect of Shakers under leadership of Jane and James Wardley (4)
- 1774 August 6, Mother Ann and nine followers arrive in America and settle in Niskeyuna, now Watervliet (4)
- 17-- Future South Family site acquired from Indians by John Bishop, a chairmaker by trade and first Shaker chairs were made here (5)
- 17-- First framed house in this area erected by John Bishop (1,p.75)
- 1780 John Bishop visits Ann Lee at Niskeyuna (1, p.53)
- 17-- South Family site acquired by Shakers when John Bishop joins. then known among Shakers as "John Bishop Family." (2, p.55)
- 1783 August 23, Mother Ann Lee visits John Bishop's former home (1, p.53) and preaches in the "South Orchard" (5) and the stable on Chair Factory Road (1.p.53)
- 1786 Columbia County organized from Albany County
- 1787 N.Y.-Mass.boundary finally fixed (see, "The Western Boundry of Mass," by Franklin Leonard Pope, 1886, N.Y.State Library #9744, G.79)
- 1827 John Bishop signs revised Church covenant and the Bishop, of South, Family becomes a branch of the Second Family sometime after this date (2, p.55)
- 1828 Death of John Bishop (3,p.45)
- 1830 Ann Williams an Eldress (3, p.46)
- 1850 Chair Factory in operation on Canaan (or Chair Factory Rd) at South Family site, under supervision of Robert Wagan and others (3, p.107)
- 1852 Parent for metal ball-and-socket device for tilting chair obtained by George O.Donnell of South Family (2 p.239)
- 1854 Cabel Shapley and Anna Williams appointed first Elder and Eldress of South Family (5)
- 1857 Henry Mantle appointed Elder upon death of Caleb Shapley (5)
- 1859 Daniel J. Hawkins appointed Elder to succeed Henry Mantle (5; 2, p.281, note 59)
- 1862 Chair business established under name of R.M.Wagon & Co. (5)

- 1863 "South House", up to now a branch of Second Family, becomes independent as South Family under Robert Wagan as Elder (3,p.108) or as Deacon with Olive Salisbury as Deaconess (5)
- 1866 Lydia Lewis appointed Eldress to succeed Anna Williams upon her resignation, but who lived until 1879 (5)
- 1868 South Family becomes exclusive producer of chairs (2p.242)
- 1869 Old chair shop replaced by water power factory (3, p.108)
- 1872 New chair factory erected (3,p.108)
- 1873 Ann E. Charles appointed Eldress to succeed Lydia Lewis (5)
- 1873 Chauncey Sears appointed Elder upon death of Daniel J. Hawkins (2, p.281, n.59; 5)
- 18-- Polly C. Lewis appointed Deaconess to succeed Olive Salisbury (5)
- 18-- Robert M.Wagon appointed Elder upon resignation of Chauncey Sears (5)
- 1875 First Chair Catalogues issued (3, p.108)
- 1883 Death of Elder Robert Wagan (3,p.47; 5)
- 1884 William Anderson appointed Elder (3, p.108; 5)
- 1894 At this time the following were at South Family: William Anderson, Elder; Ann E. Charles, Eldress, Polly C. Lewis, Deaconess (5)
- 1910 ? Death of Eldress Ann Eliza Charles, Eldress (Sister Jennie Wells, 1948)
- 1910 ? Sarah Collins appointed Eldress (Sister Jennie Wells, 1948)
- 1920's (late) Death of William Anderson (2.p.244)
- 19-- Eldress Sarah Collins continues Chair business (2,p.244)
- 19-- Eldress Sarah Collins moves to North Family, Lebanon
- 1947 South Family site acquired by Shaker Village Work Group (then Camp)
- 1947 Eldress Sarah Collins moves to Hancock community
- 1948 Death of Eldress Sarah Collins

Age of Workshop Building (former Infirmary or  
earlier Sister's Shop)

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Advertisement from Lebanon Valley Cookery, published July 1926,  
by Church of Our Saviour, Lebanon Springs

SOUTH FAMILY SHAKERS  
R. M. Wagan & Co.,  
Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

The Only Makers of Genuine Shaker Rockers  
and Chairs

In buildings erected in the year of George  
Washington's inauguration, the manufac-  
ture of Shaker Chairs still goes on with  
workmanship as perfect and colors as  
beautiful as skill can ~~render~~ render.

Braided and Woven Rugs made by hand. Oval Shaker Boxes.  
Quilts and Gifts in the traditional Shaker Style.