



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Colbert

NAME: Present _____ Historic John Johnson House

LOCATION: Street and Number _____

Town (Give directions if rural) Leighton Vicinity

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

CATEGORY: Building (X) Structure () Object () Site () District ()

USE: Present _____ Historic Residence

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (X)

Owner's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When? _____

From where? _____ (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent () Good () Fair () Ruins (X)

THREATS: No () Yes (X) By What? Neglect

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway () Completed () Not planned ()

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings ()
High building density () Commercial () Industrial ()
Residential () Rural ()

Acreage _____

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Why is this landmark significant? () associated with events, persons, or movements
Local () State () National ()
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

Example of Tidewater type cottage similar to type found in the Mecklenburg County region of Virginia.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance. c. 1830

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

Possibly Daniel Wade from Goochland County, Virginia

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

The John Johnson House, built around 1830, reflects, like Bride's Hill, double cube construction in which the facade elevation is twice as wide as it is high. It is similar in design to the John Rolfe House in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Johnson was the father-in-law of Capt. Lewis Dillahunty who served under Andrew Jackson during the War of 1812 and was principle land surveyor of the area that was to become eastern Colbert County and part of Lawrence. Johnson died in 1840 and at that time his family immigrated to Mississippi.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Historic Muscle Shoals: Building and Sites, Muscle Shoals Arch. Robert S. Gamble, Journal of Muscle Shoals History, Vol X, 1983.

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category:

BUILDING:

Number of stories 1½ Foundation _____ Basement X

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batten, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs)

Flemish Bond Facade
Ground Floor, Common Bond

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame () Load-bearing masonry (X) Iron or Steel ()

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Porches: Front (type and description) none

Rear (type and description) none

Side (type and description) _____

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Other entrances (location, description)

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade

Types and number per floor for sides and rear

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

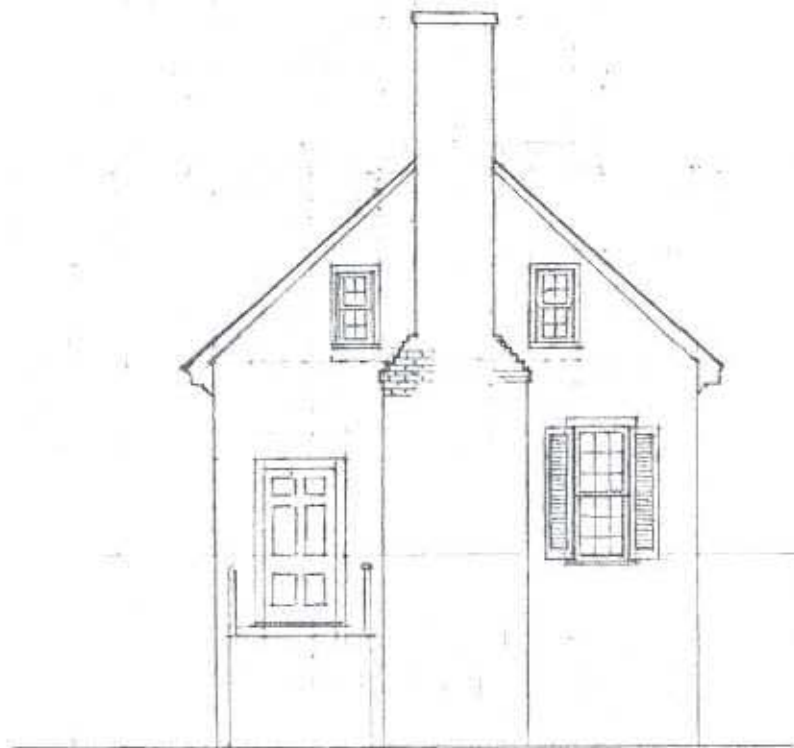
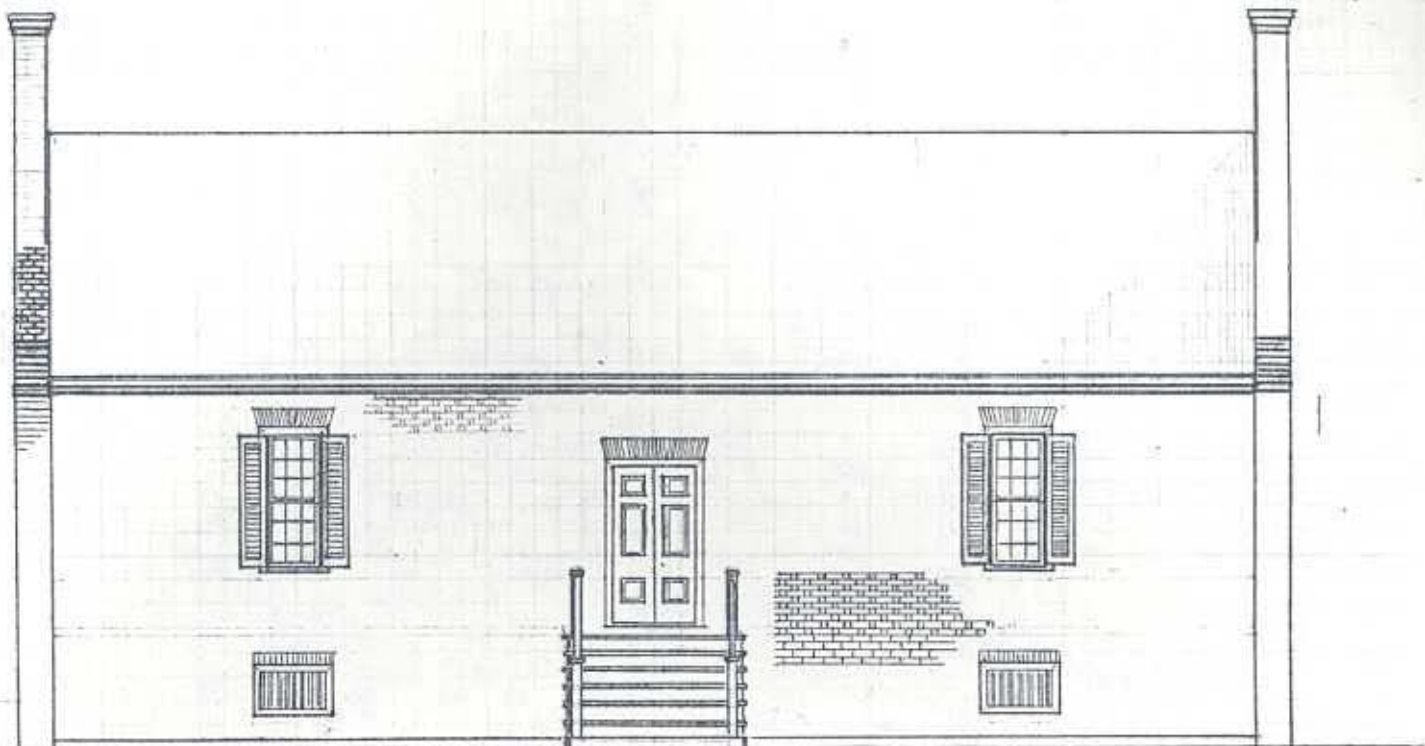
Federal-style paneled wainscot throughout 1st floor, 9" beaded horizontal board sheathing interior on 2nd floor.

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

1 prominent brick exterior chimney on each end wall characteristic of Tidewater cottages center hall plan.

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!



W END ELEVATION
(E END COLLAPSED)

Note:

JOHNSON & WIFE, ELIZABETH,
DAUGHTER OF PACHINEE WILLIAMS,
CAME FROM MERCKLENBURG CO.,
VA. HOUSE IS VERY SIMILAR TO
HOUSES IN THAT REGION.

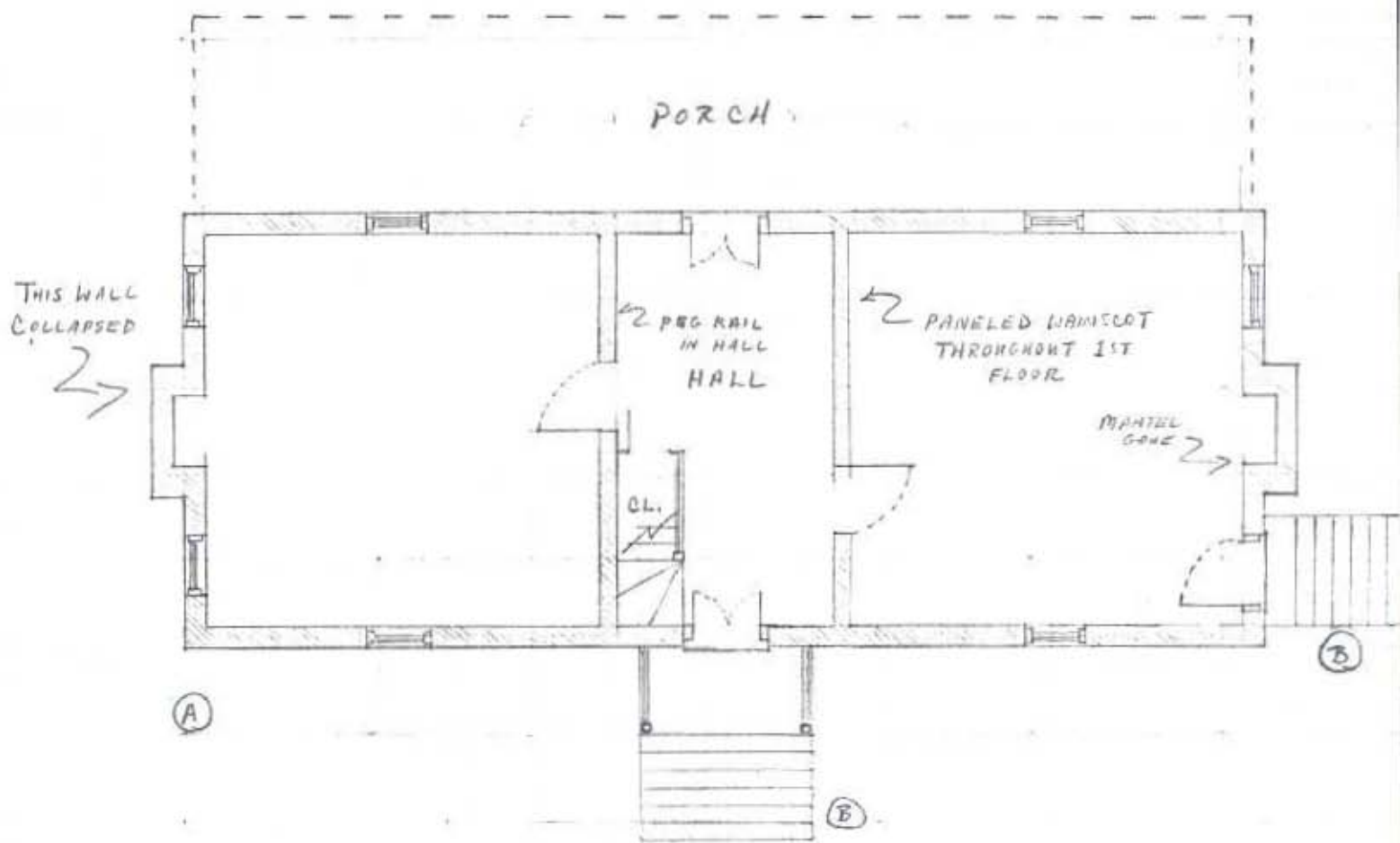
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JOHN JOHNSON HOUSE, LEIGHTON V.
(NE 1/4 A NW 1/4 S. 26/3/9)

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GEOMETRY - 1:2 1/2



(A) FLEMISH BOND FACADE

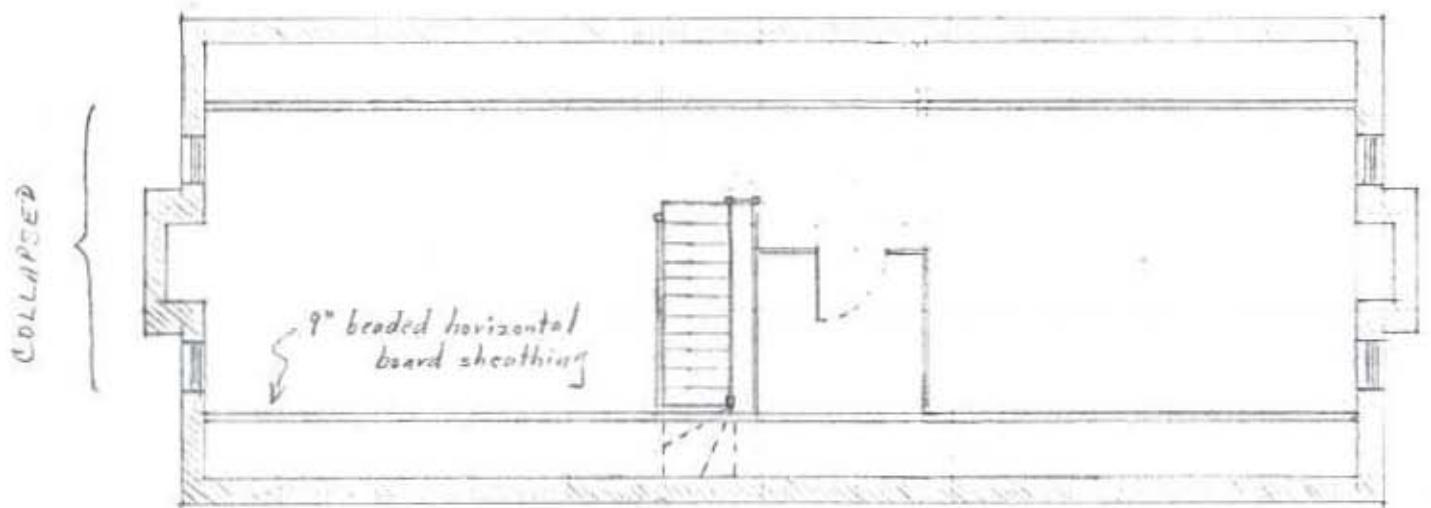
(B) wooden stoops. (conjectural)



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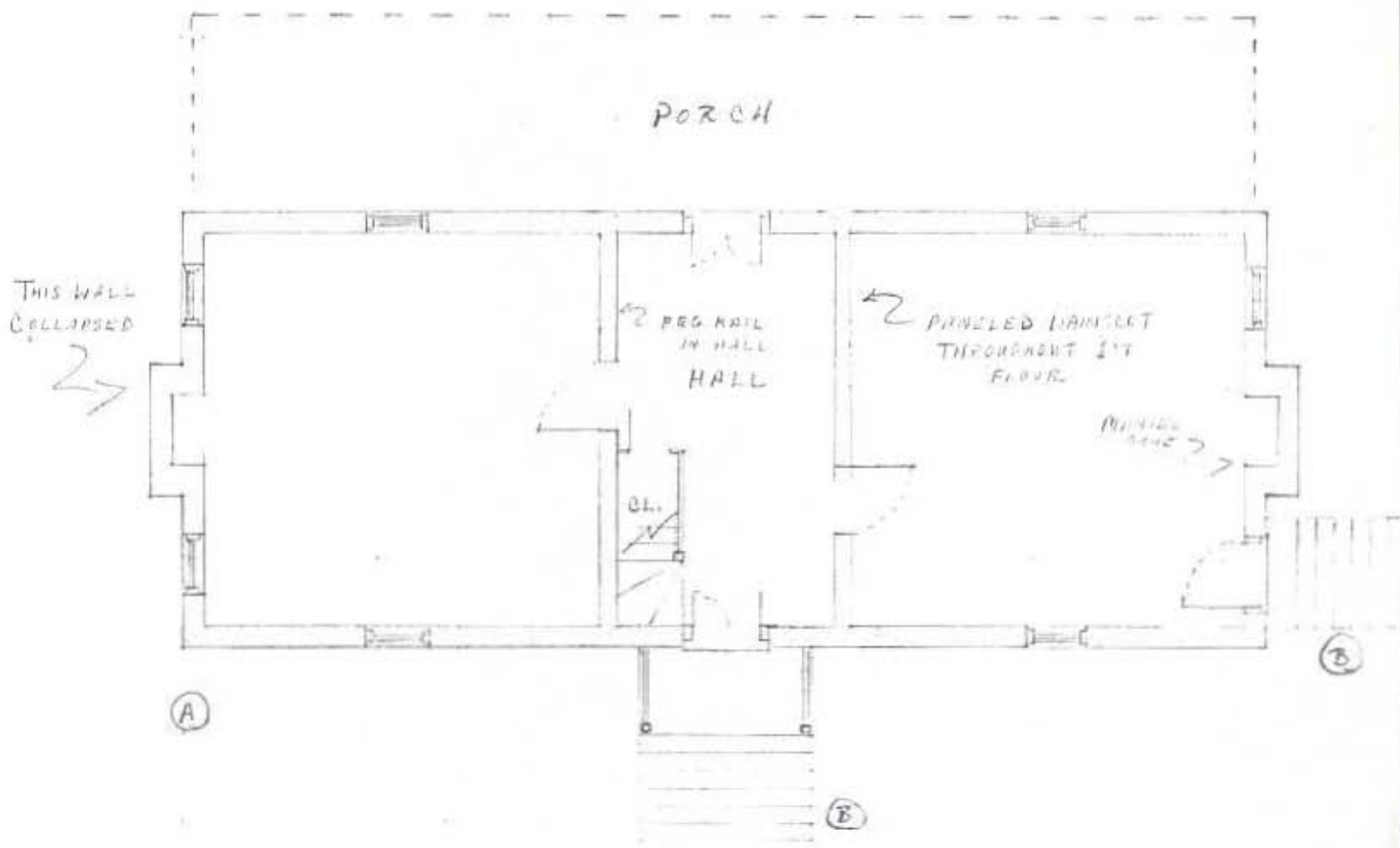
JOHN JOHNSON HOUSE

2ND FLOOR





GEOMETRY - 1:2 1/2

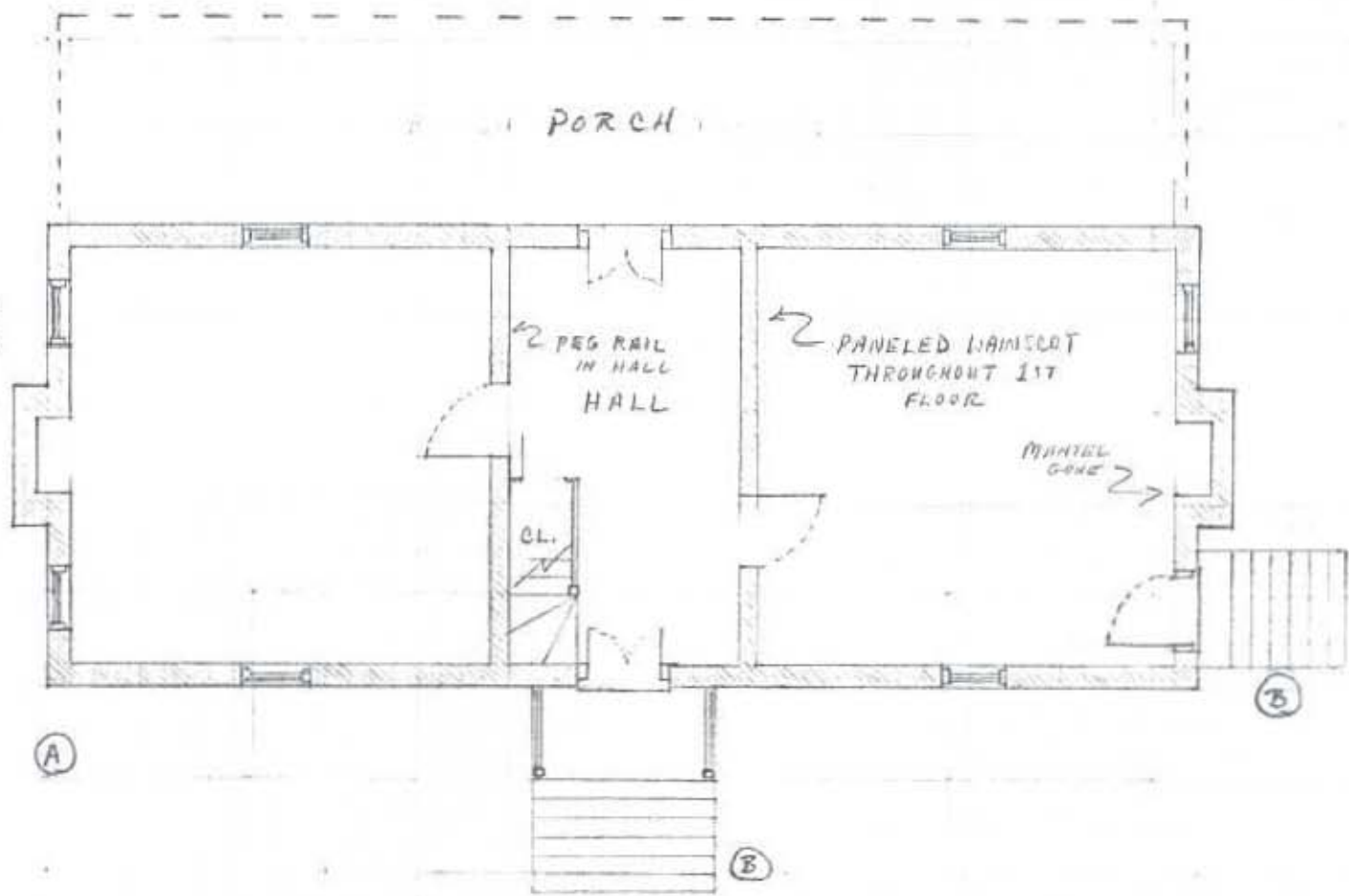


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GEOMETRY - 1:2½



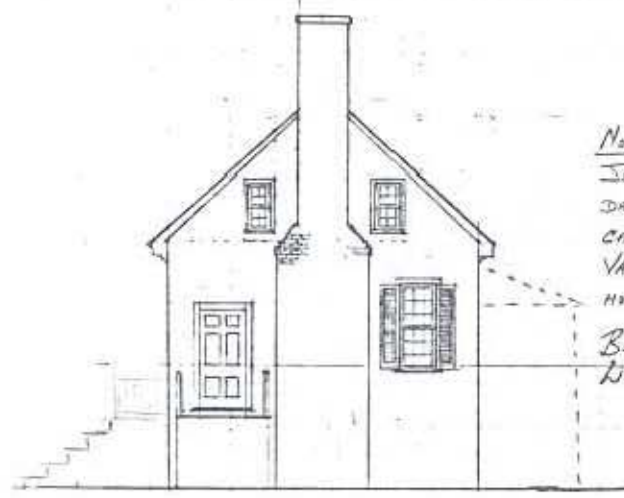
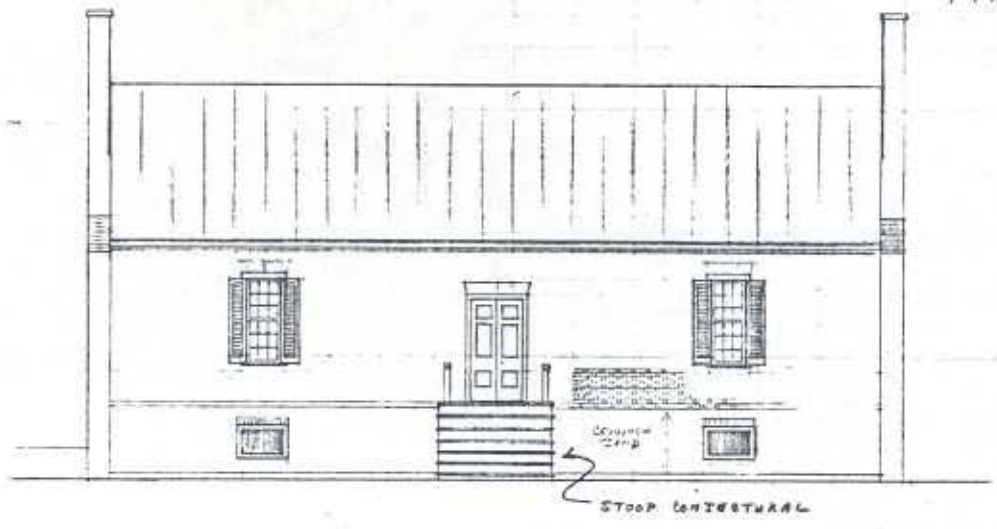
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12A

12.21.79 JOHN JOHNSON HOUSE - LEIGHTON V. (NE 1/4 & NW 1/4 S. 20/13/9)



WEST ELEVATION
(E END COLLAPSED)

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to water side



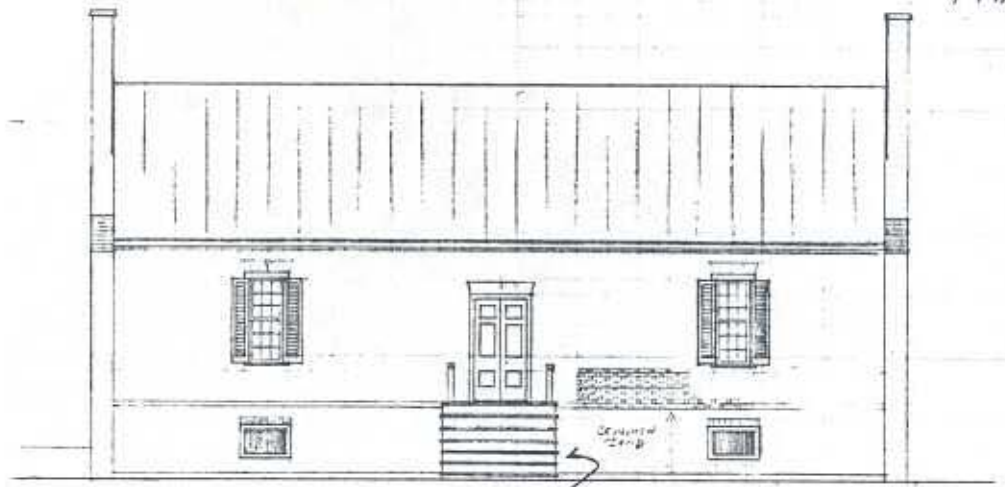
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 be spliced
 with
 Bride's
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 (to be
 applied)

(cred) conjectural restoration
from author's field notebook

(copy) Tulewate note
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 Below: unidentified house near Leighton

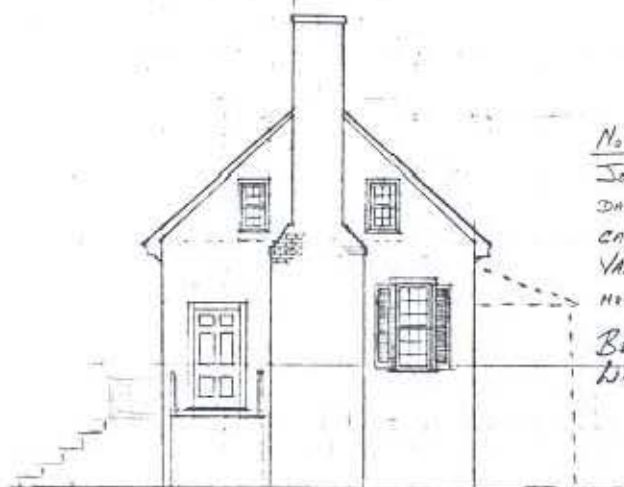
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Walls
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(sp) Tidewater cost
 Above: Bride's Hill near Courtland.
 Below: Unidentified house near Leighton.