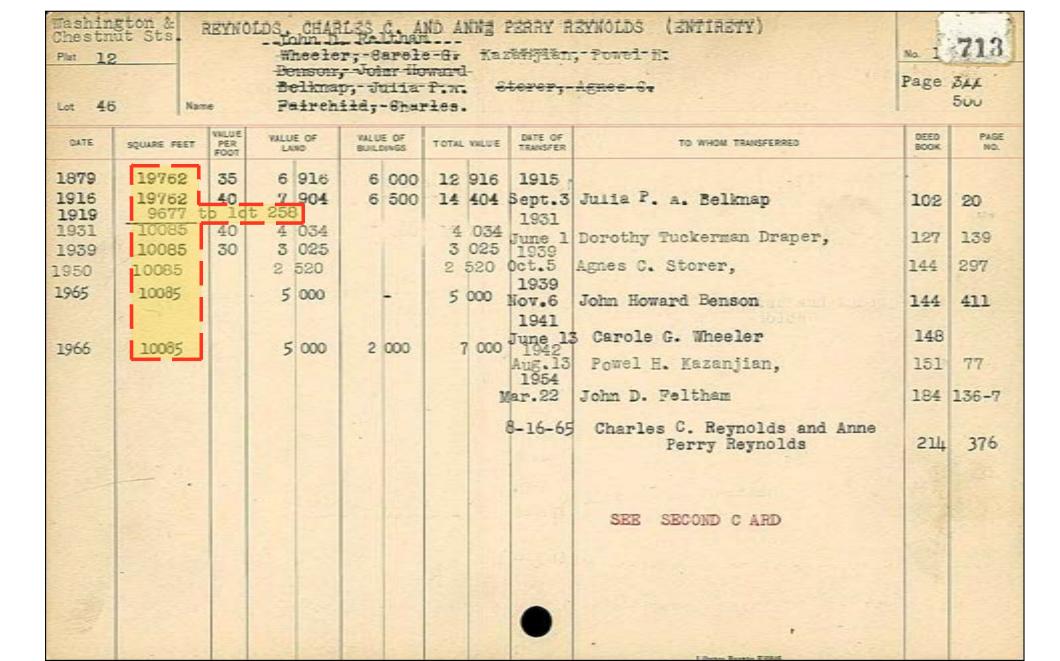




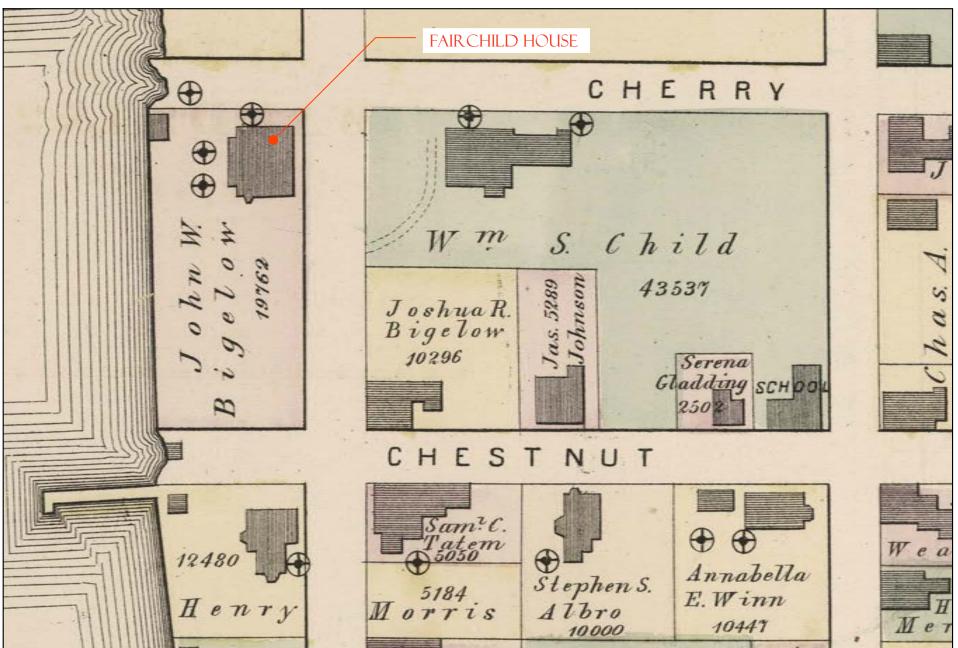


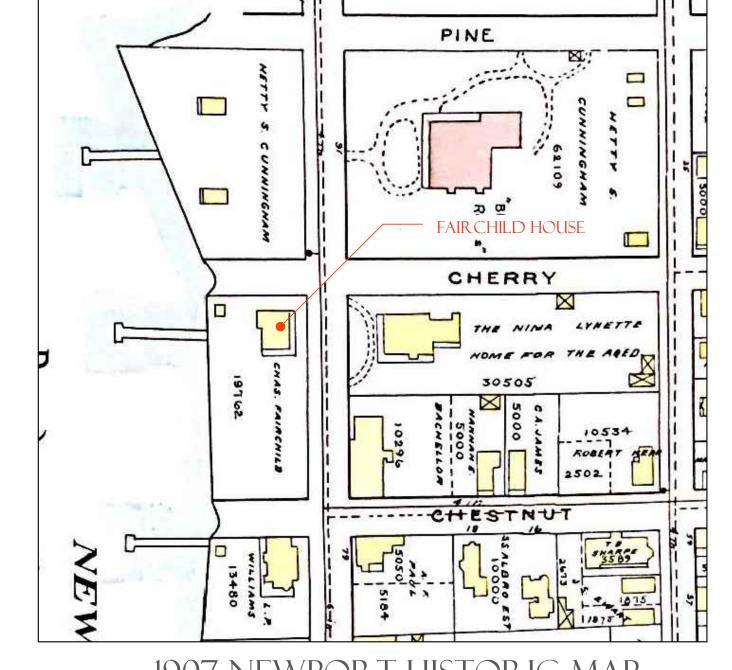
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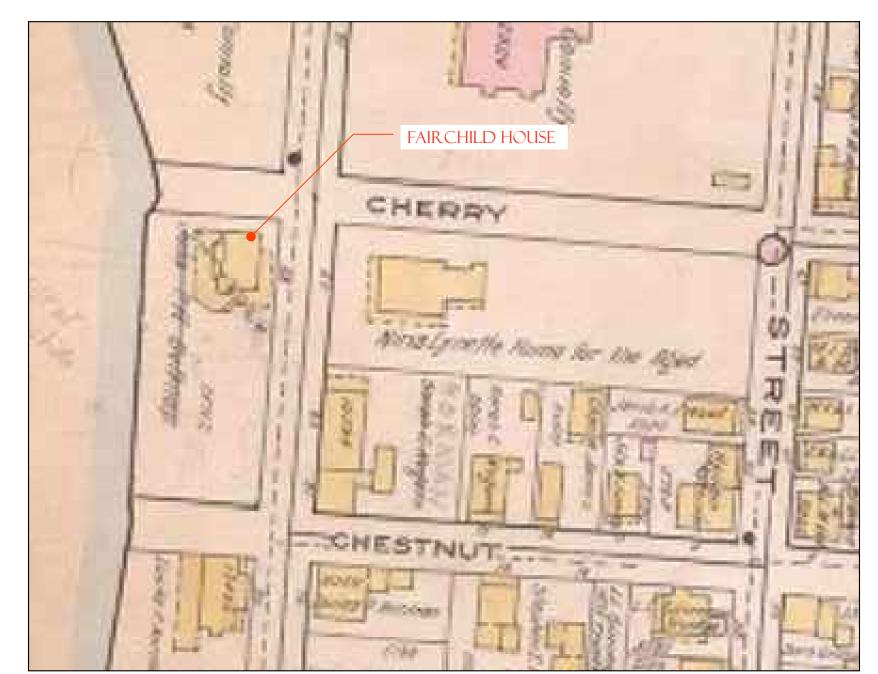




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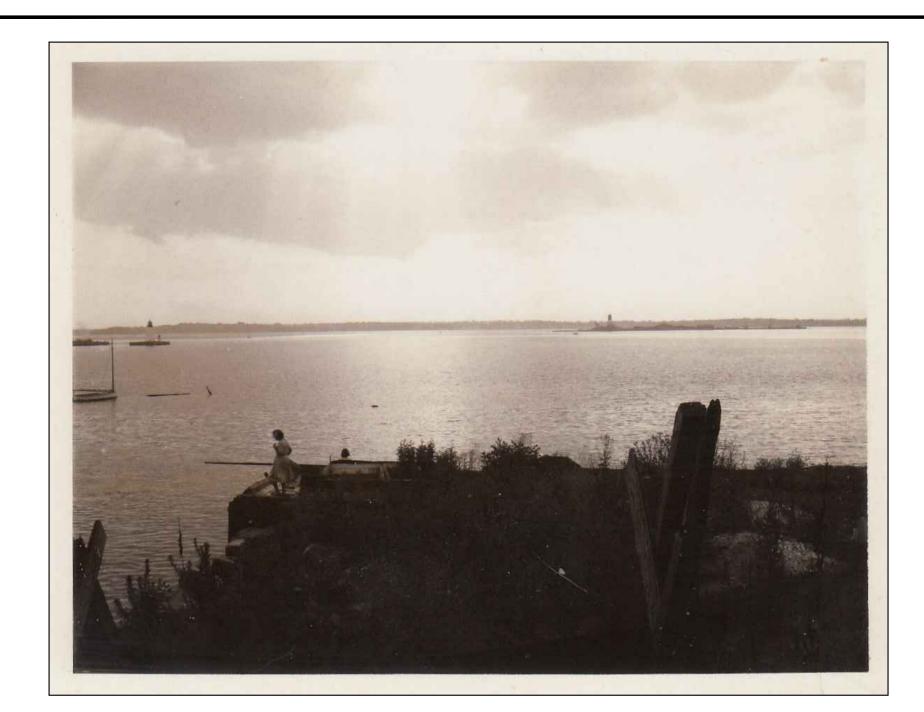


1876 NEWPORT HISTORIC MAP

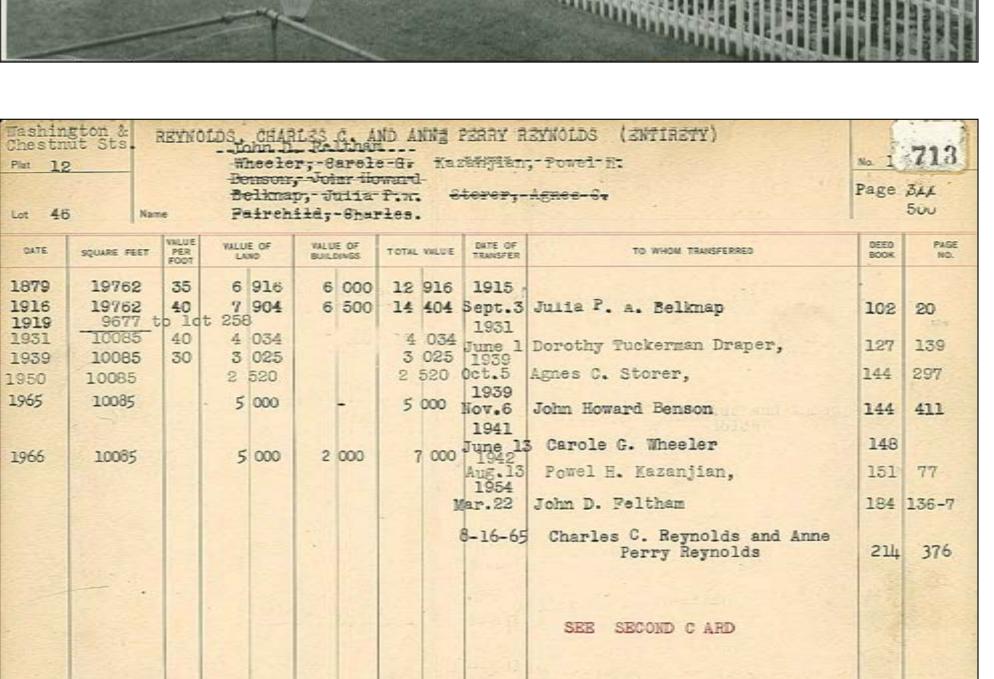
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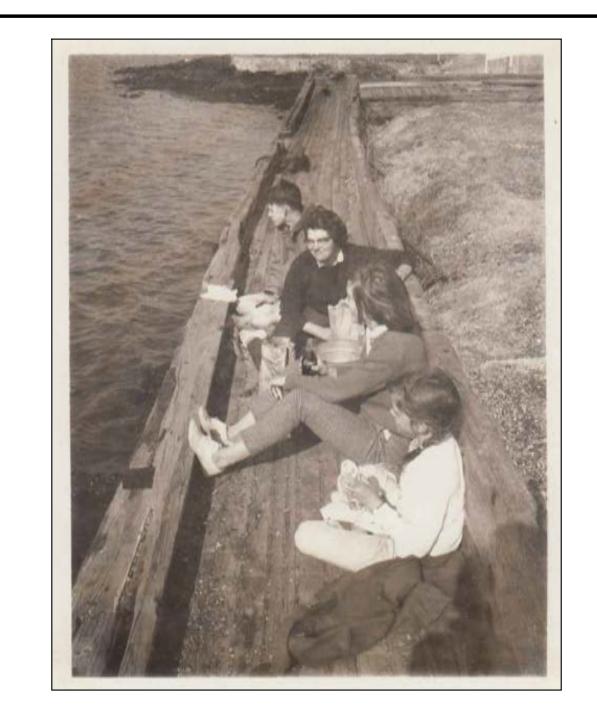
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• ADMIRAL AND MRS. BELNAP SOLD THE LOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARCEL TO AGNES STORER AND THEN THE PARCEL CHANGED HANDS A FEW TIMES BEFORE IT WAS PURCHASED BY DAVID FELTHAM WHO BEGAN TO DEVELOP THE LOT.

MR. FELTHAM ENLARGED THE
SOUTH LOT BY BRINGING IN A
BARGE AND ANCHORING IT TO
THE PROPERTY, THEN FILLING THE
LAND IN WITH WHATEVER
MATERIALS HE COULD OBTAIN.
MANY OF THE "POINTERS"
COMPLAINED ABOUT THE MESS HE
MADE SO HE SOLD THE PROPERTY
TO CHARLES AND ANNE
REYNOLDS FROM WORCHESTER
MASS.

THE LOT ON WHICH 88 WASHINGTON STREET NOW STANDS --PART III

In my article on this subject in the October Green Light I made a mistake. When my husband and I put the lot up for sale, Powel Kazanjian bought it. He had always hoped to live on the Washington Street shore, and our lot was just what he wanted. He planned to construct a long pier and have a fast boat with which he could go rapidly to Providence, Boston, or New York. At once he began to work on the sea wall, but into the picture came four Kazanjian children and Mrs. Kazanjian, whose responsibility for her family was paramount. She was not prepared to take risks for the safety of her children when high tides, wild winds and huge waves attacked the shore. I think I have to agree with her. It did not take long for Mr. and Mrs. Kazanjian to make up their minds, and once more the property was sold.

Then came Dave Feltham, a World War II veteran who served with the Sea-Bees. He and his mother lived in a cottage on the Hunter House grounds. Dave, who was of modest height but with strong and powerful shoulders, walked up and down Washington Street, no doubt realizing that 88 was the last vacant lot on the water side. When it came up for sale, he bought it.

The sea wall, just a mere foundation, was a difficult problem, but Dave, who had an original mind, had a new idea. He would find an old barge, tow it to the property, fasten it on somehow, and have a great

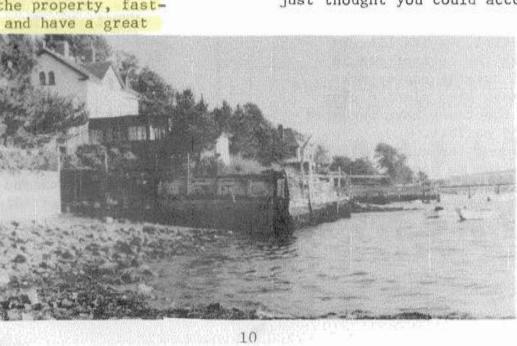
in the lower harbor, deteriorating for a couple of years; Manchester Shipyard had owned it, trying at one time to strengthen its sides for use as a coal barge. Dave bought it for a small fee, then planned its removal to Washington Street. A tug hauled it up to the waterfront near his shore as possible. Then, with block and tackle and his heavy Oldsmobile, Dave winched the barge closer and closer. A full-moon tide finally did the trick, but the transmission of the Oldsmobile was burned out! Dave did most of the work by himself; he had hoped to buy a second barge, but after the above struggle, he gave up Slowly he tried to fit the barge in, to make it strongly attached to

sea wall at modest cost and invol-

ving less work than building one. He

found a barge which had been tied up

Slowly he tried to fit the barge in, to make it strongly attached to the land at both ends of the property. He filled it with rocks and huge chunks of broken concrete. It was an almost impossible task. He had added about 35 feet to the width of the land, but it was an unsightly mess. Washington Street is a handsome street, and soon the neighbors began to complain at the junky pile of rocks, used lumber, concrete and other debris. In the end, it was too much for Dave. He was one of those free spirits, of which I am sure there were many in the Sea-Bees. He just thought you could accomplish



sixteen and fifty years were required to attend training on the following Monday, so we can be fairly sure what our John Tripp was doing on that particular day.

A few days later an act was passed to order a pair of stocks with a whipping post. Then a prison was ordered to be built (but never accomplished) and Randall Holden was appointed Marshal for one year. In November Nicholas Esson proposed building a water-mill for the use of the colony, and a grant of land



This John Tripp historic stone ender was built in the 1700s in Providence, RI. It was studied extensively in the Historic America Buildings Survey and later moved to Newport where it is featured in the AIA Guide to Newport. This house is currently a vacation rental. You can see detail pictures and drawings at www.loc.gov/item/ri0331/

and timber was made to him for this purpose. During the first months of 1638 the settlers lived in caves or hovels or anything that could be quickly thrown together. However, the settlers soon set about building more permanent shelters usually consisting of a one room wood frame structure and loft mostly with thatched roofs, so we can understand why having sawn lumber available was extremely important. As time passed these crude structures were replaced or added onto. Infortunately for us all the original structures disappeared long ago. Most of the oldest remaining colonial homes were built in the early 1700s, and once again we are lucky because our John Tripp's grandson's stone-ender, now located in Newport, is one of them. My guess is the

house belonged to John Tripp Jr.'s son, Lott Tripp and his wife Ann Manton, because it was located on Manton Avenue in Providence.

The John Tripp house is in the Library of Congress, Historic American Buildings Survey. The Library of Congress web page found at (https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/item/RI0331) has links to three parts of the survey. 1) six photos, three are included with this post (see captions for more information), 2) 10 drawings of floor plans and studies that must have been done before moving the house to Newport, and 3) two links to a one page report and a supplemental card. Following are several direct quotes from the survey:

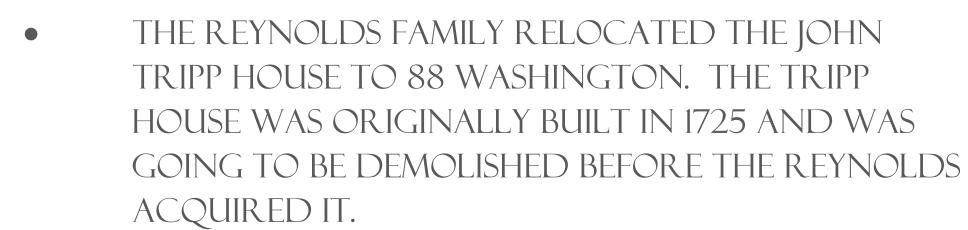
"The John Tripp House, (moved from 953 1/2 Manton Avenue), Manton, Providence County, RI."

"Significance: One of two surviving stone-enders in Newport, the John Tripp House dates to the eighteenth century and was moved from Providence in the 1960s and reconstructed on its present site. The beehive oven that projects from the exposed masonry end wall is unusual."

"Date of Erection: 1720" Another place says 1725, so c. 1720.

"Materials of Construction: One and one half story gambrel roofed, frame structure with stone end chimney, having rare bee-hive oven showing on exterior chimney face. Has two room plan with corner fireplace in bedroom off the main fire-room."

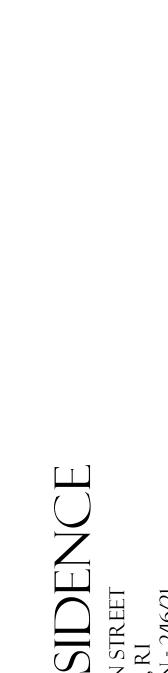
And from our family genealogy research, we know The John Tripp House is currently located at 88 Washington Street, Newport, Rl. It may have originally been owned by Lott3 Tripp (John2, 1) who married Ann Manton and lived in Providence, Rl. However Lott died 22 Sep 1720, so either the erection date was earlier or it belonged to one of his sons.



- A ONE-STOREY GAMBREL WITH A PARTLY EXPOSED CHIMNEY OF BRICK AND STONE (COMMONLY KNOWN AS A STONE-ENDER), IT ORIGINALLY STOOD ON MANTON AVENUE IN PROVIDENCE, RI.
- JOHN TRIPP (1611-1678) WAS AN INDENTURED SHIP CARPENTER, WHO PURCHASED HIS INDENTURE CONTRACT IN 1641. HE THEN BECAME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY HOLDING NUMEROUS PUBLIC OFFICES. HE IS KNOWN AS "THE FOUNDER" BECAUSE IT IS ESTIMATED THAT JOHN TRIPP STARTED A NORTH AMERICAN LINEAGE OF OVER 50,000 DECEDENTS.
- THE MANTON AVE HOUSE IS ASSUMED TO BE OWNED BY JOHN TRIPP'S GRANDSON LOTT TRIPP AND HIS WIFE ANN MANTON OR THEIR CHILDREN.

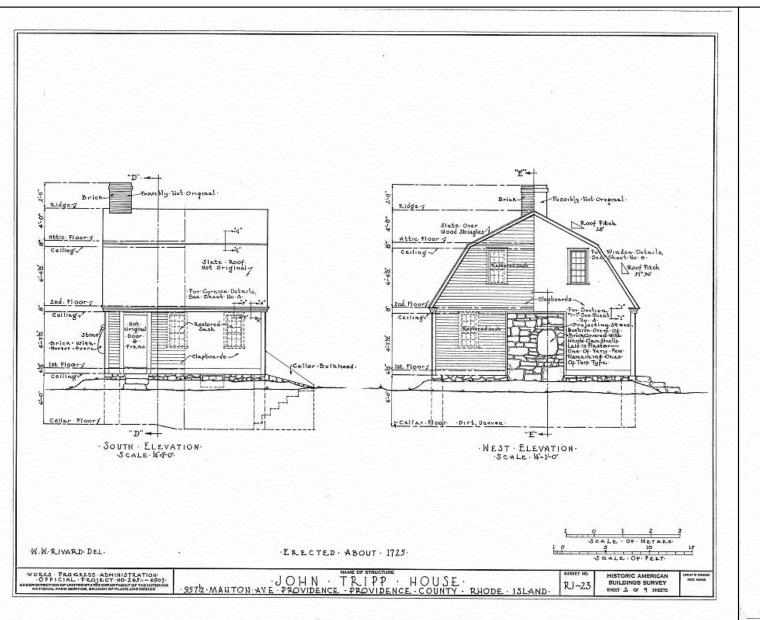


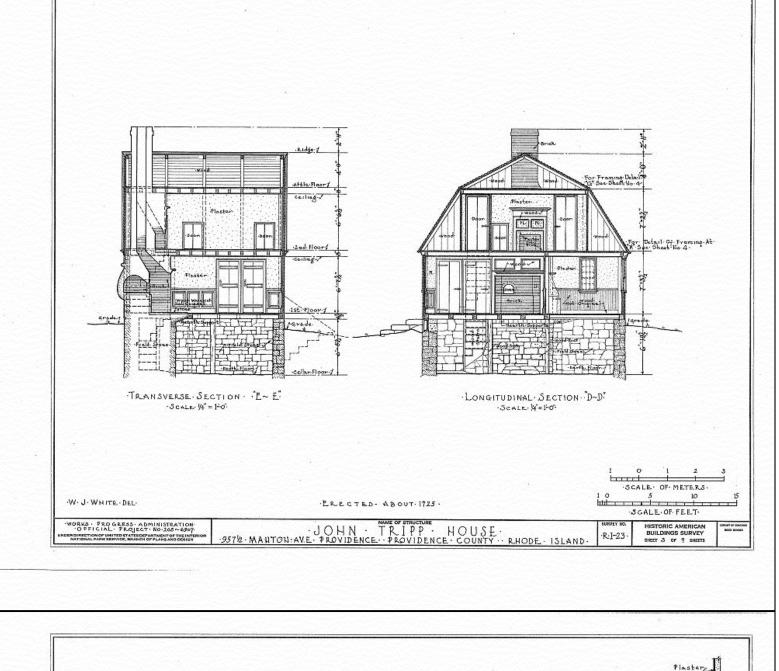












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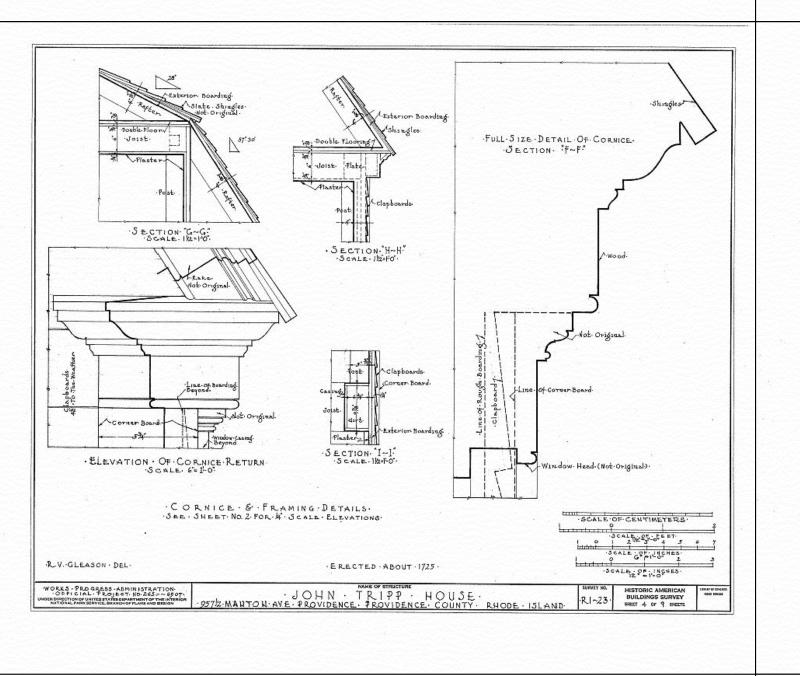
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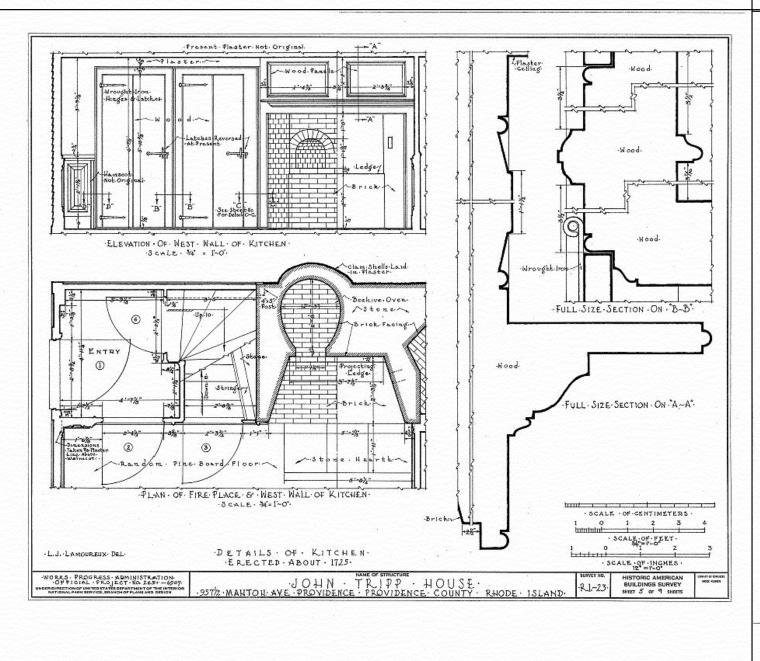
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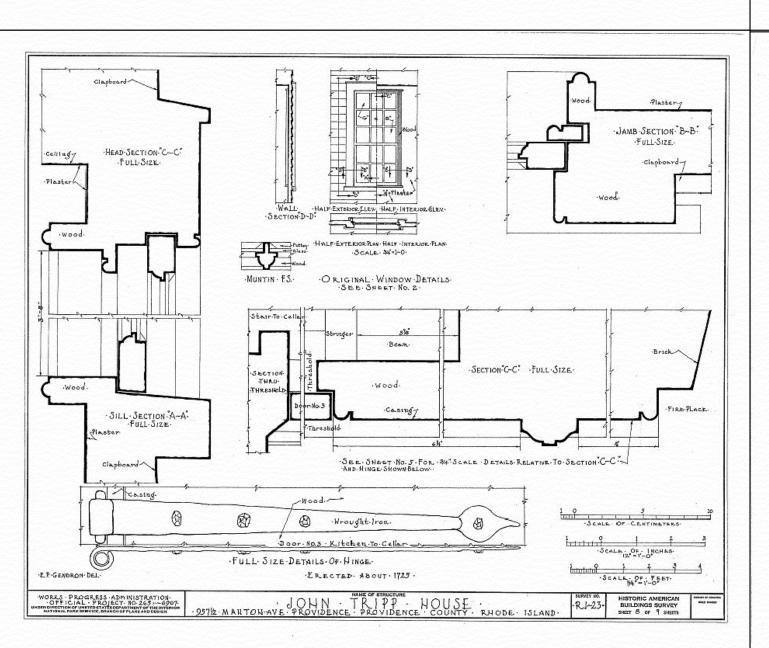
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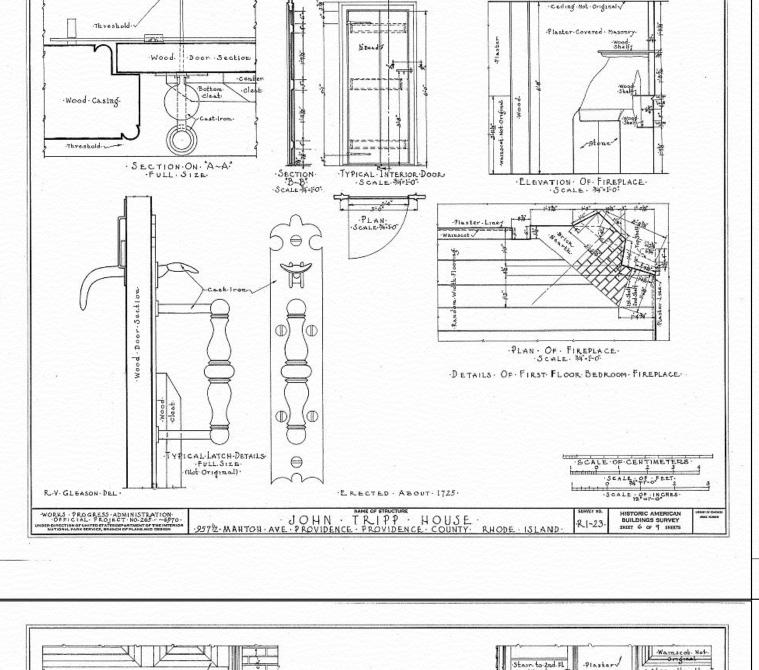
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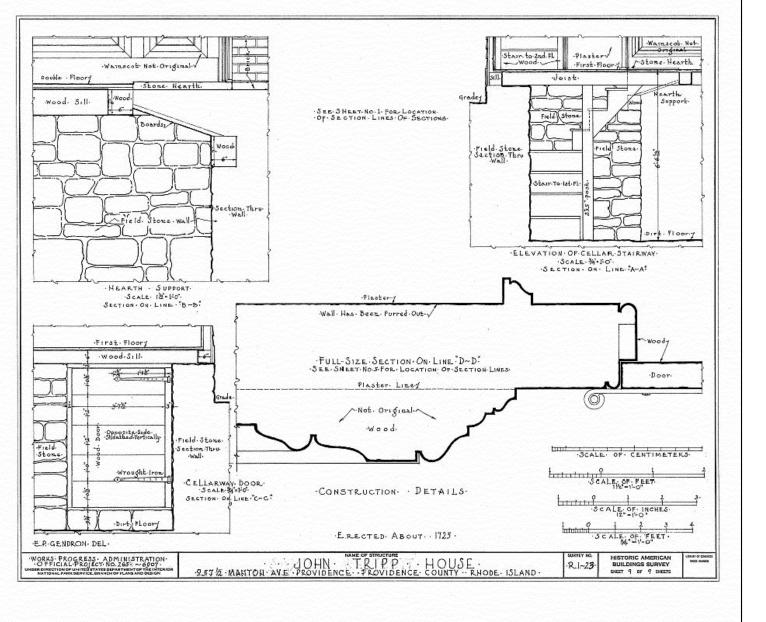
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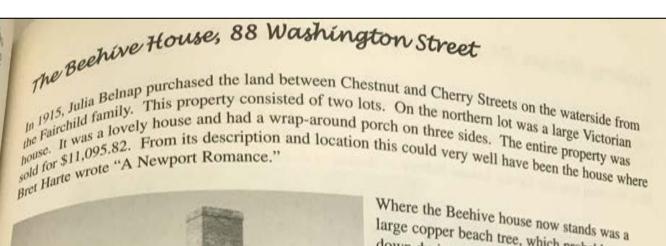
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As the winter weather slacked off, each one of these carefully labeled timbers was put into its proper place. Finally the bee-hive oven, an exact copy of the old one which had begun to crumble, was rebuilt. The untidy lawn, made more so by all this reconstruction, was filled in right up to and over the barge, and a wonderful garden was made by Ann Reynolds, thus completing the project.

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House could be purchased for \$1.00

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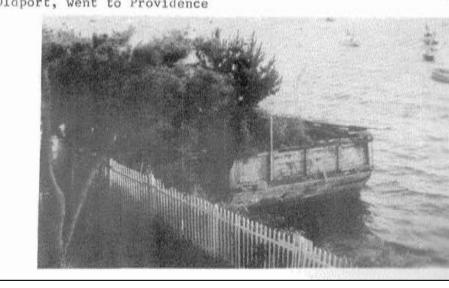
Ned Reynolds, became immersed in

plans and operations, finally deci-

So the old Tripp House lives again on the shore of Narragansett Bay -- looking as though it has been there forever.

Esther Fisher Benson





anything if you really wanted to. He

gave it all up, moving to Jamestown;

he said he would not sell to a New-

mother. She also knew Mrs. Feltham,

and it was through her that Charles

and Ann Reynolds heard that the lot

was to be sold. Although they came

from Worcester, Ann's mother was a

Newporter and wanted a place for

summers and winter week-ends. In

1964, the property became theirs.

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save colonial houses (three or four

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Now into the story came Flossy

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Titus, a friend of Ann Reynolds'

large copper beach tree, which probably came down during the 1938 hurricane. The house and the lot on the north side were sold in June 1951 to Dorothy Tuckerman Draper and eventually to the Mayor Henry Wheeler and his wife. The Wheelers demolished the old house in 1941 and built the one that now stands at 94 Washington Street. Admiral and Mrs. Belnap sold the lot on the south side to Agnes Storer. In time, John Howard Benson and his wife purchased the land and were preparing to build when Mrs. Benson's father died and his home at 62 Washington Street became theirs. The Belnap property then changed hands again. First it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Powel Kazanjian, who decided not to build there, and then to David Feltham. David Feltham enlarged it by bringing in a barge and anchoring it to the property, then filling the land in with whatever materials he could obtain. This brought a storm of protests from the Pointers and eventually, discouraged by the complaints and the hard work, vowing that he would never sell it to Newporters, he sold the property to Charles and Anne Reynolds of Worcester, Mass. With tremendous foresight, for the restoration of colonial homes was in its infancy, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds located the John Tripp House that was built about 1725 and about to be demolished. A onestory gambrel with a partly exposed chimney of brick and stone, it originally stood on Manton Avenue in Providence, R.I. The Reynolds purchased the house. In 1965, friends of the Reynolds assisted in the dismantling, labeling every beam and post, then trucked the disassembled house to Newport, where it was reconstructed on the foundation that had been prepared for it. It was placed with the end to the sidewalk. In 1972, the owner's son added an addition. This adorable house, nestled in this quiet neighborhood, seems as if it has always been here.

THE REYNOLDS FAMILY RELOCATED

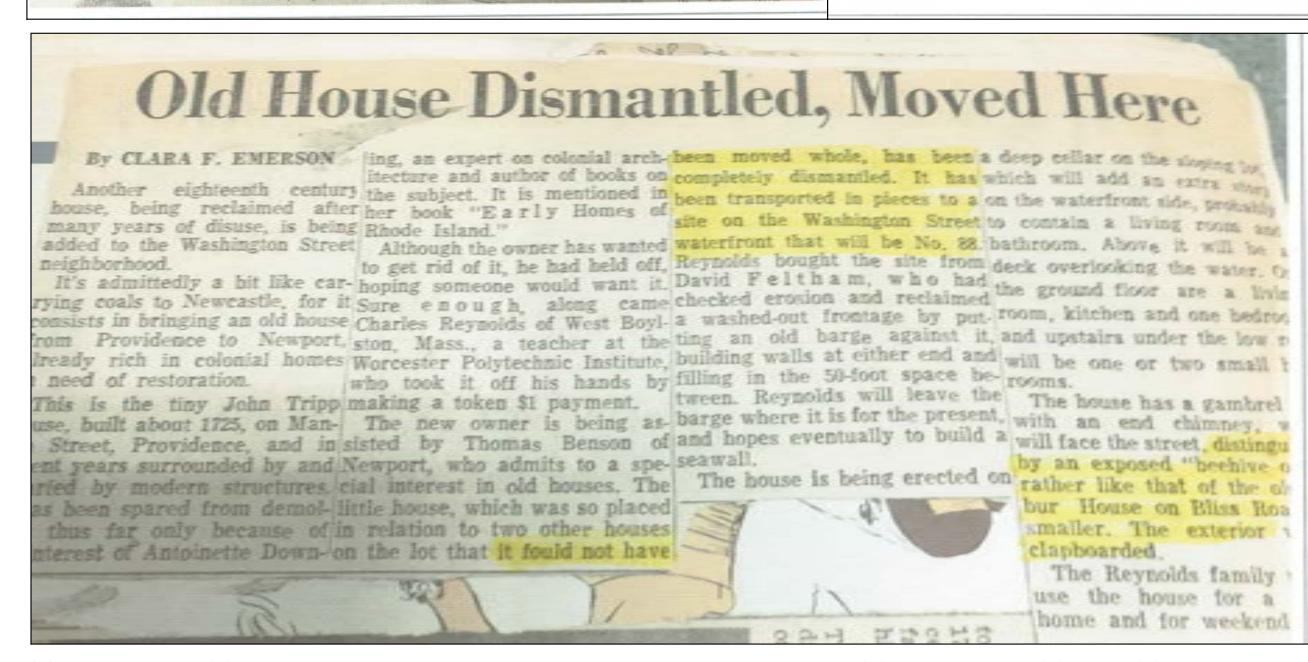
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Mr. Reynolds said last week

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Tacking down for paper, Prof. Charles C. Reynolds

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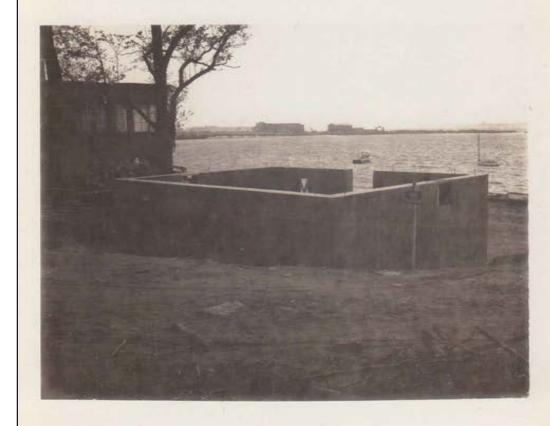
Washington Street in Newport.

"IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MOVED WHOLE, HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DISMANTLED. IT HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED IN PIECES TO A SITE ON WASHINGTON STREET WATERFRONT THAT WILL BE NO. 88"

"A HOUSE? THIS IS ONLY ONE ROOM," EXCLAIMED THE OPERATOR OF A CONCRETE TRUCK WHO POUR ED THE CEMENT FOR THE BUILDING'S 18-BY-24-FOOT FOUNDATION"

"MR. BENSON, 29-YEAR-OLD SON OF MRS. ESTHER FISHER BENSON OF NEWPORT, WORKED WITH THE REYNOLDS FOR TWO WEEKS IN DISMANTLING, MEASURING, NUMBERING AND PHOTOGRAPHING THE TRIPP HOUSE AT ITS PROVIDENCE LOCATION 957-1/2" MANTON AVE."

"SECTIONS OF THE DISMANTLED HOUSE WERE STORED IN THREE GARAGES ON BRIDGE STREET IN NEWPORT UNTIL THE NEW FOUNDATION WAS POURED, AND READY FOR FRAMEWORK."



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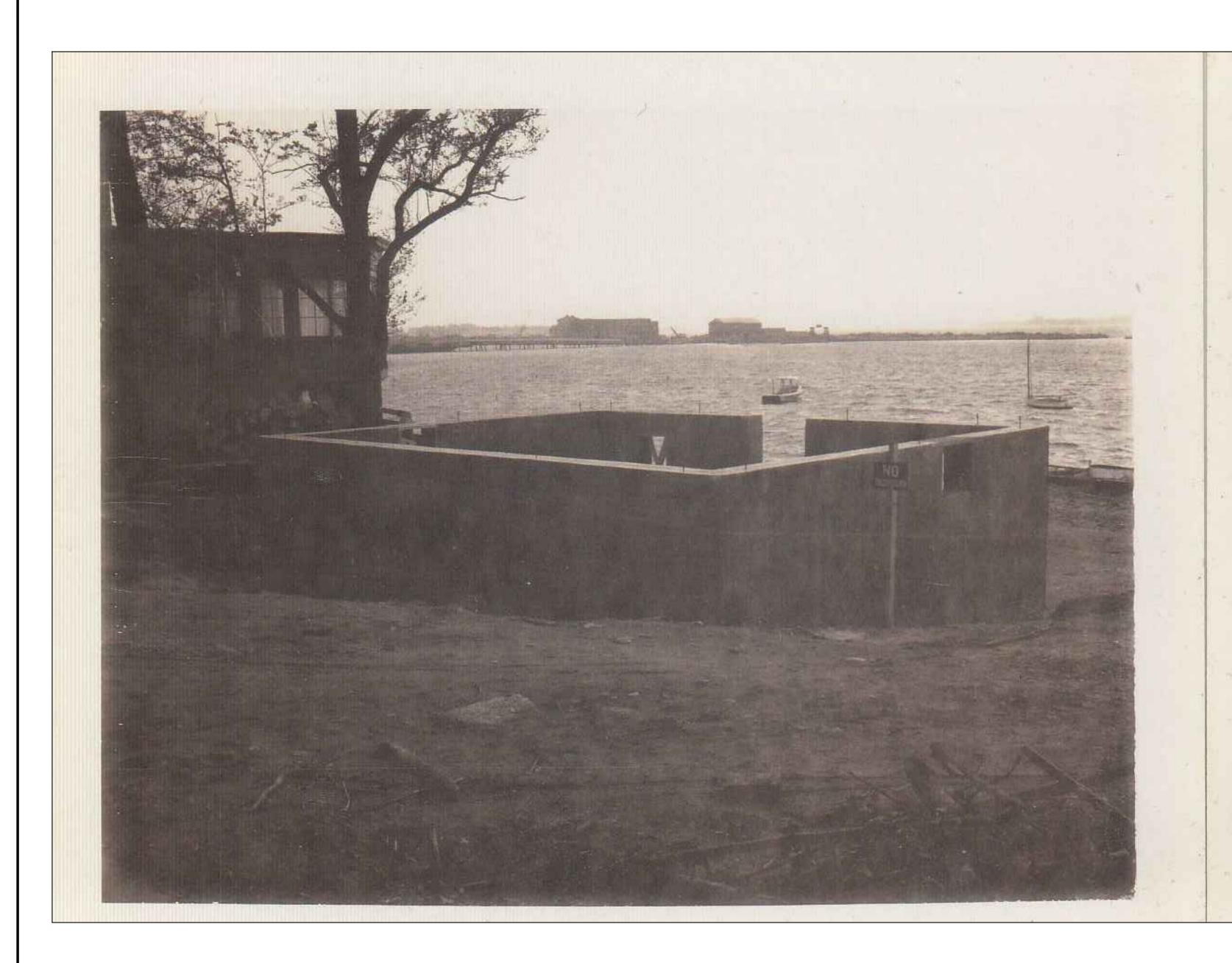




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- IN 1972 THE OWNER'S SON ADDED THE ADDITION WE SEE TODAY.

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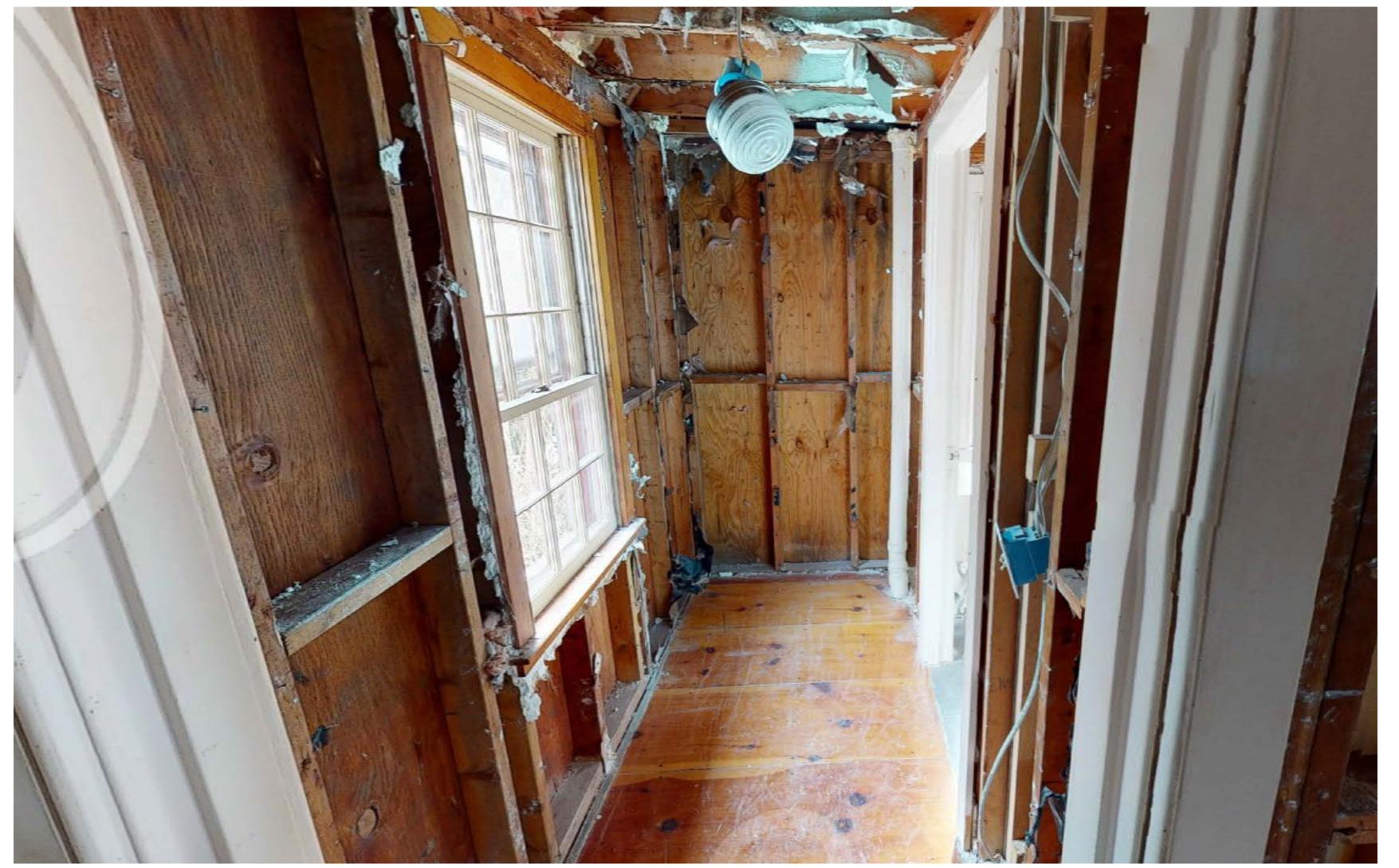


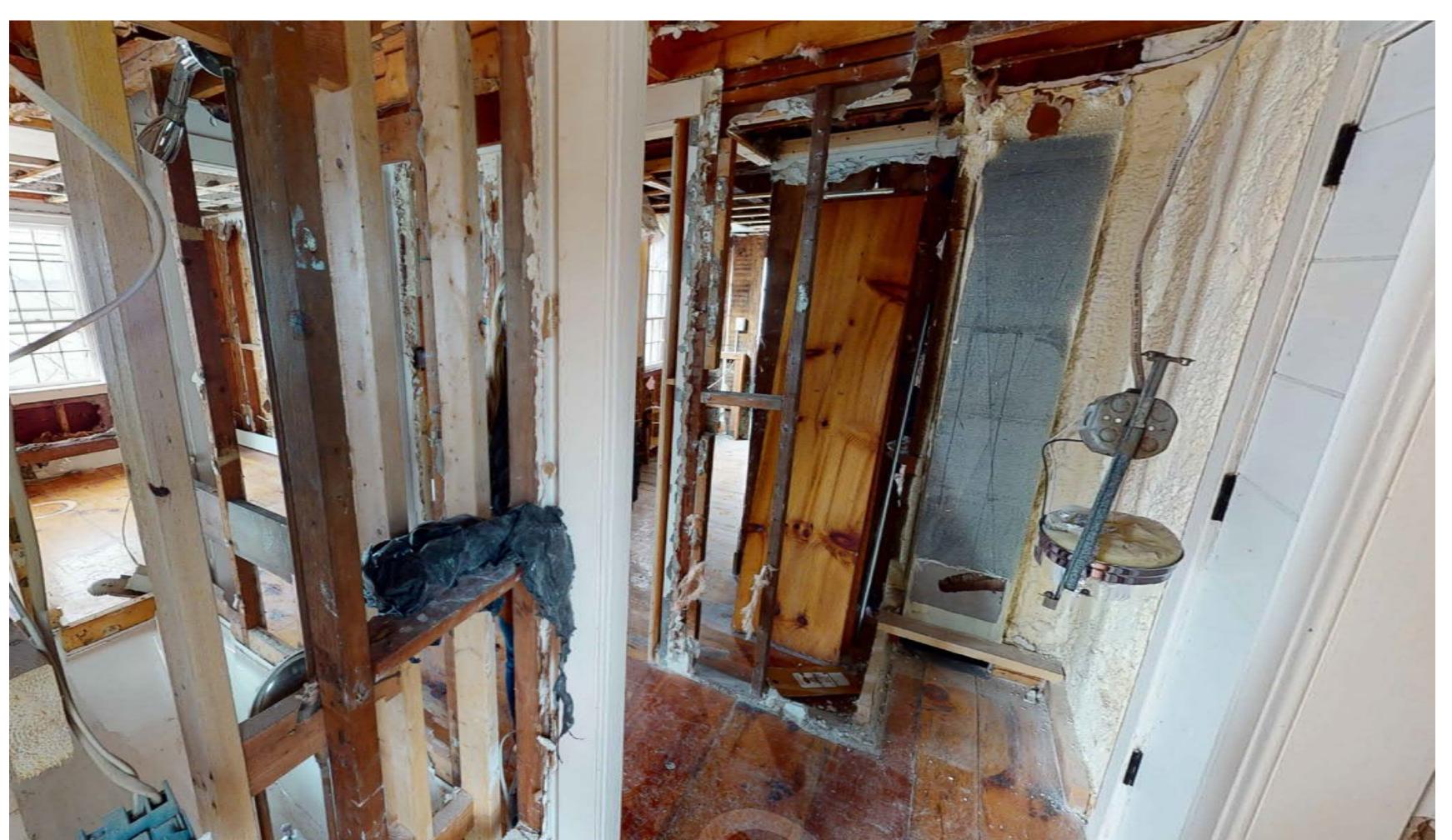
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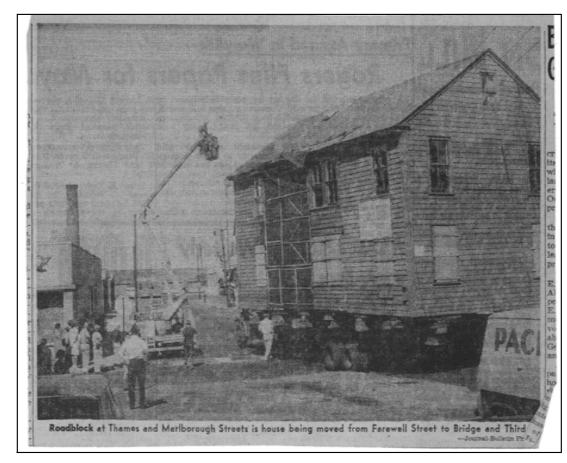




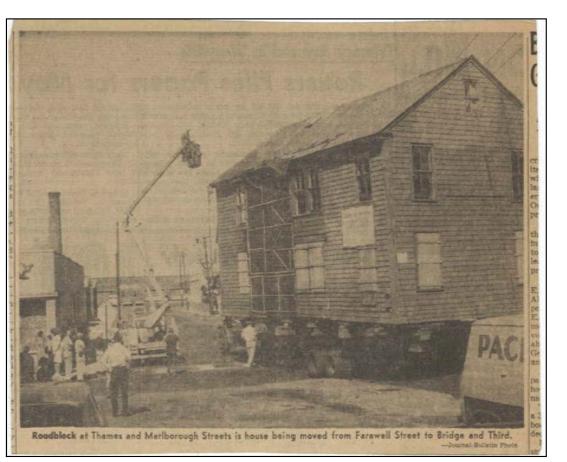
88 WASHINGTON STREET - 1972 ADDITION























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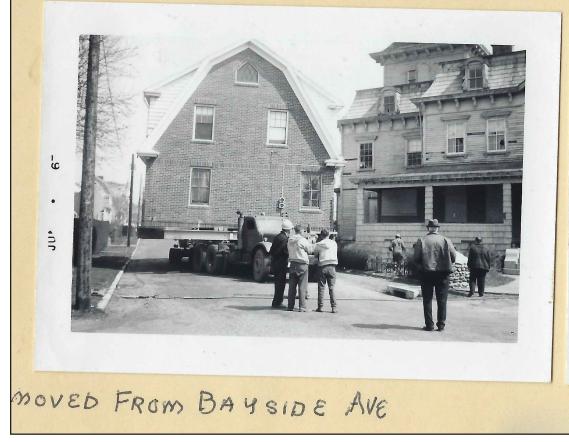
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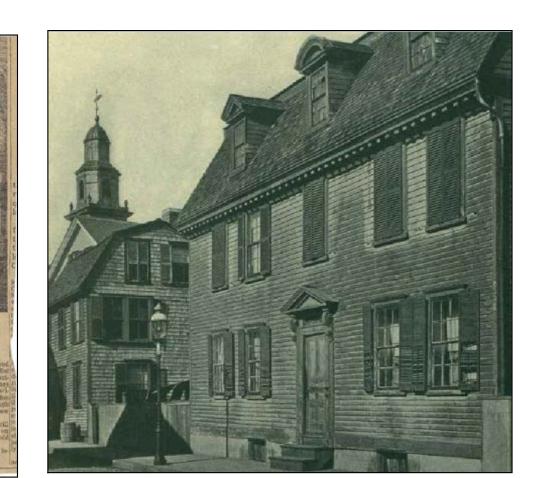


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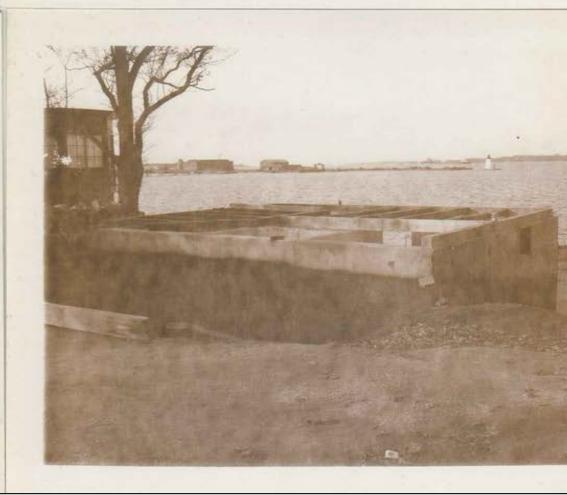


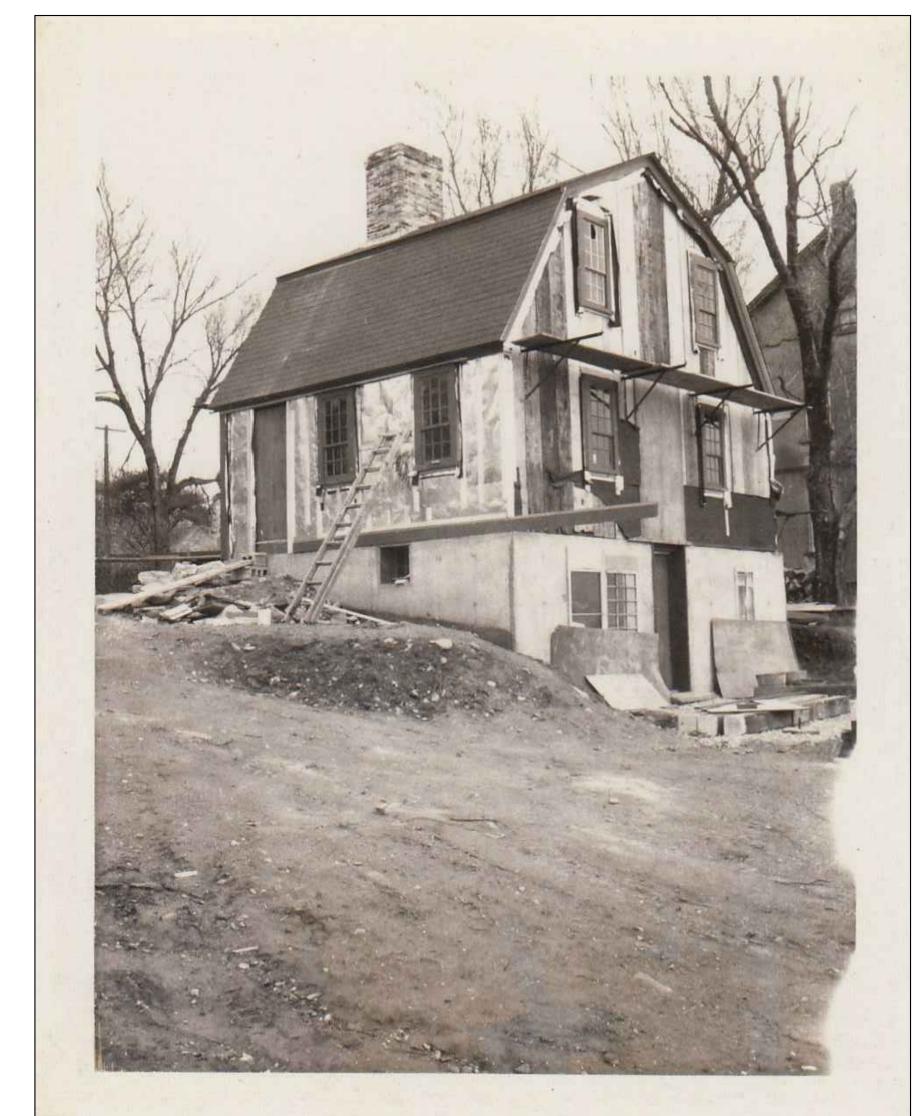




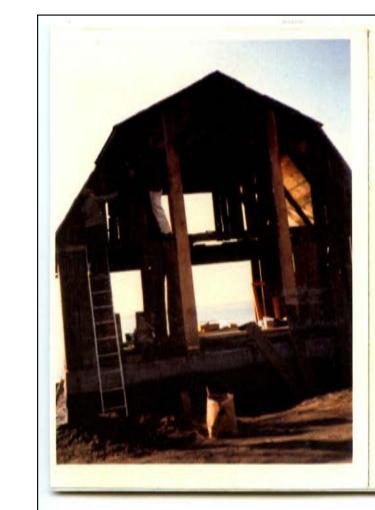


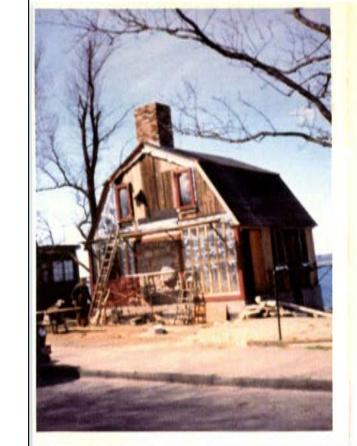












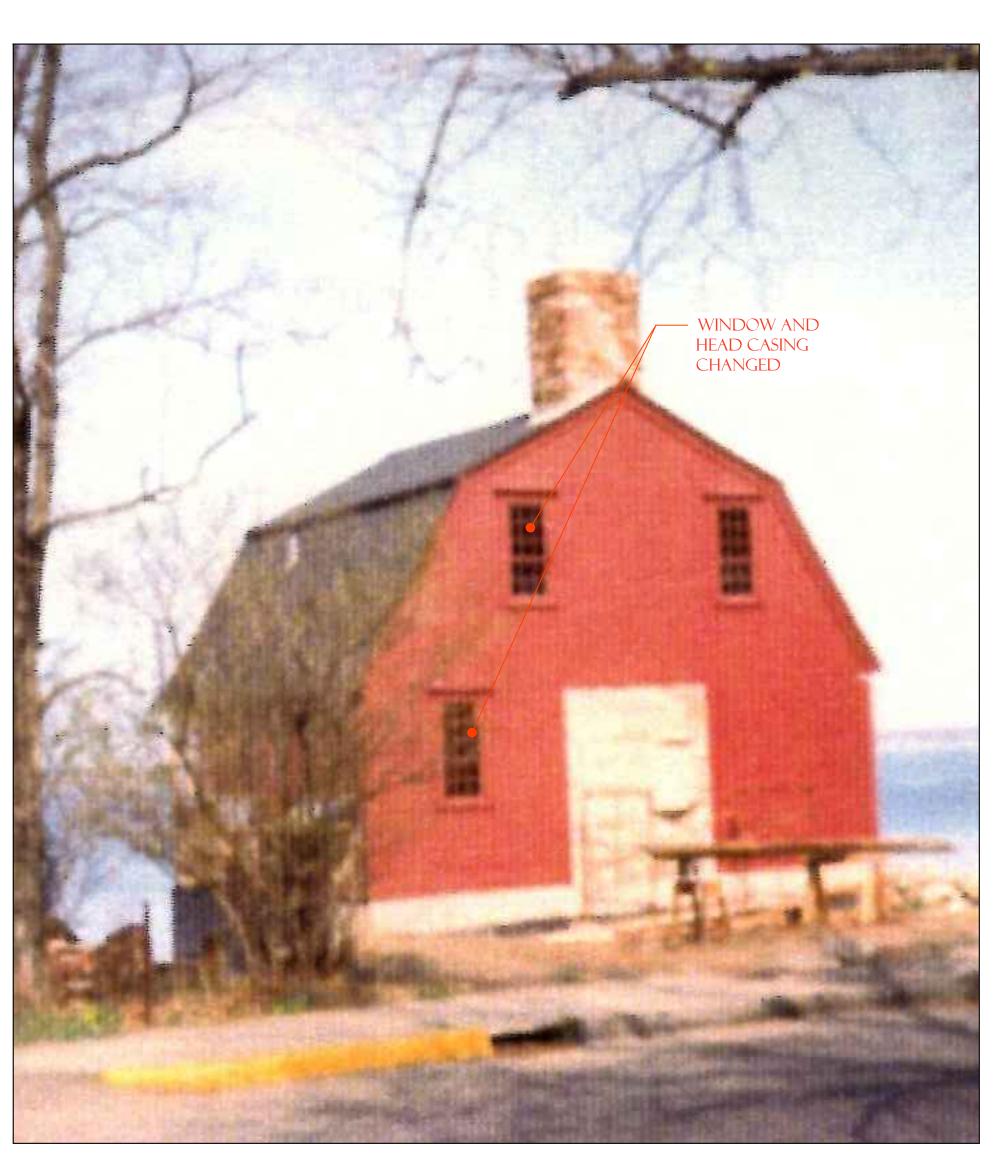


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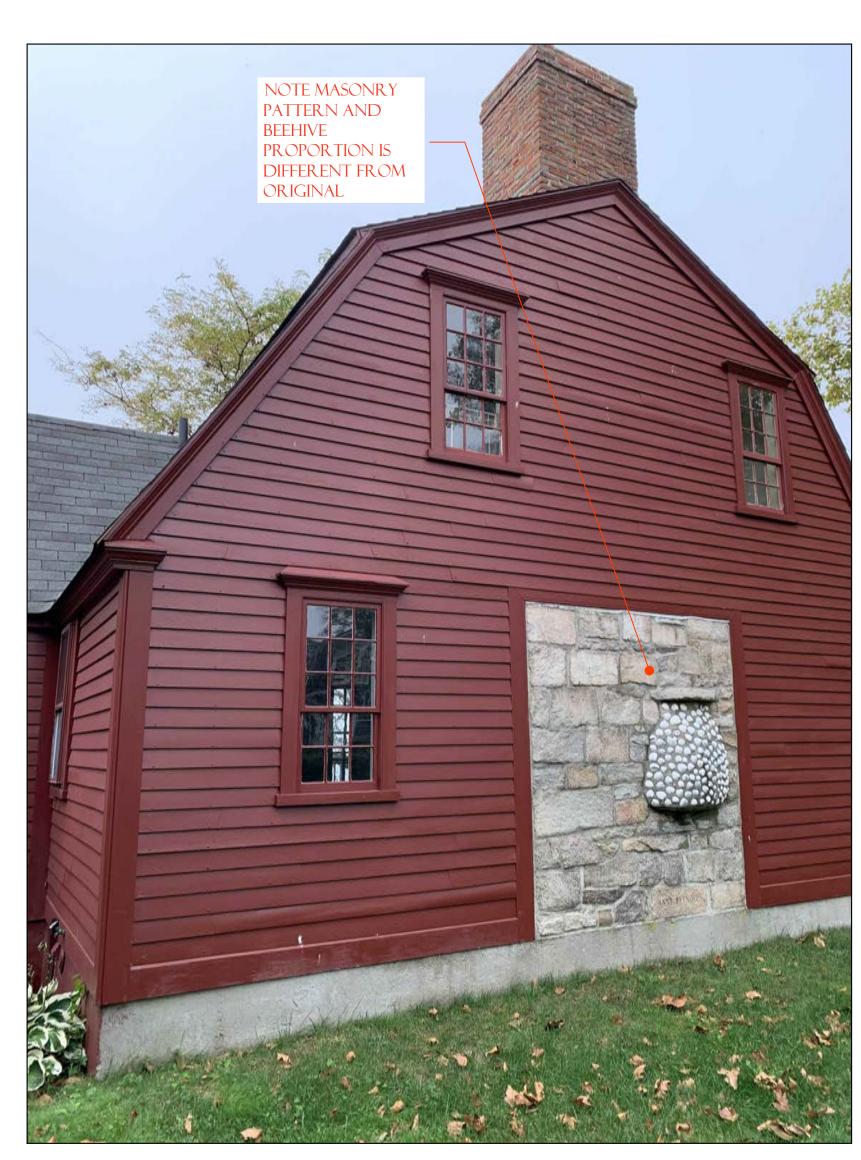




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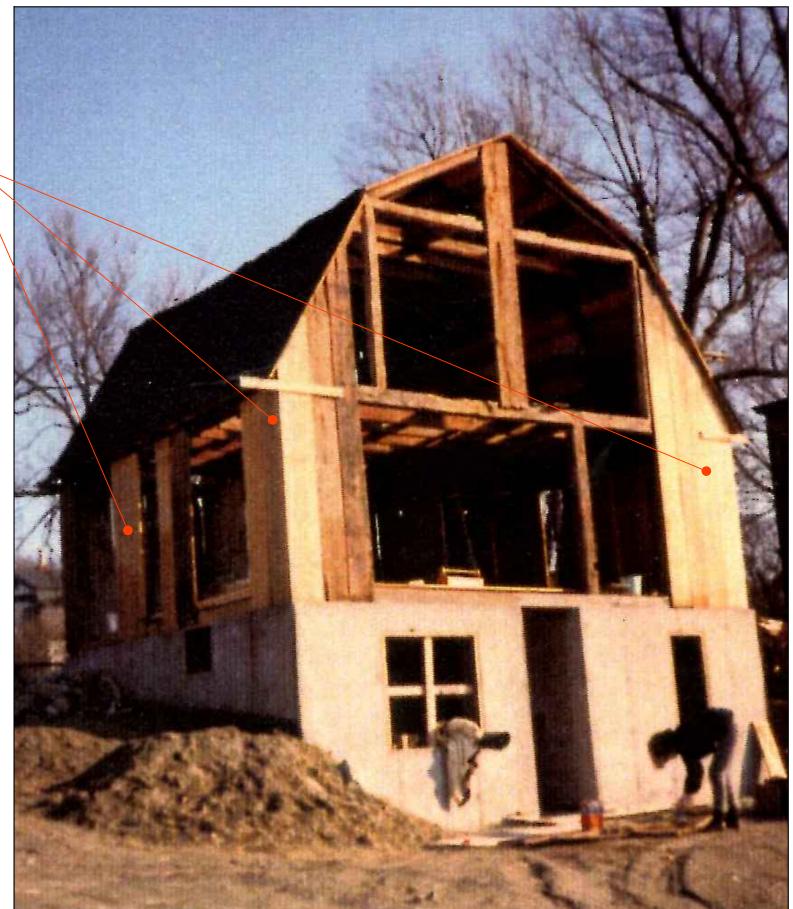


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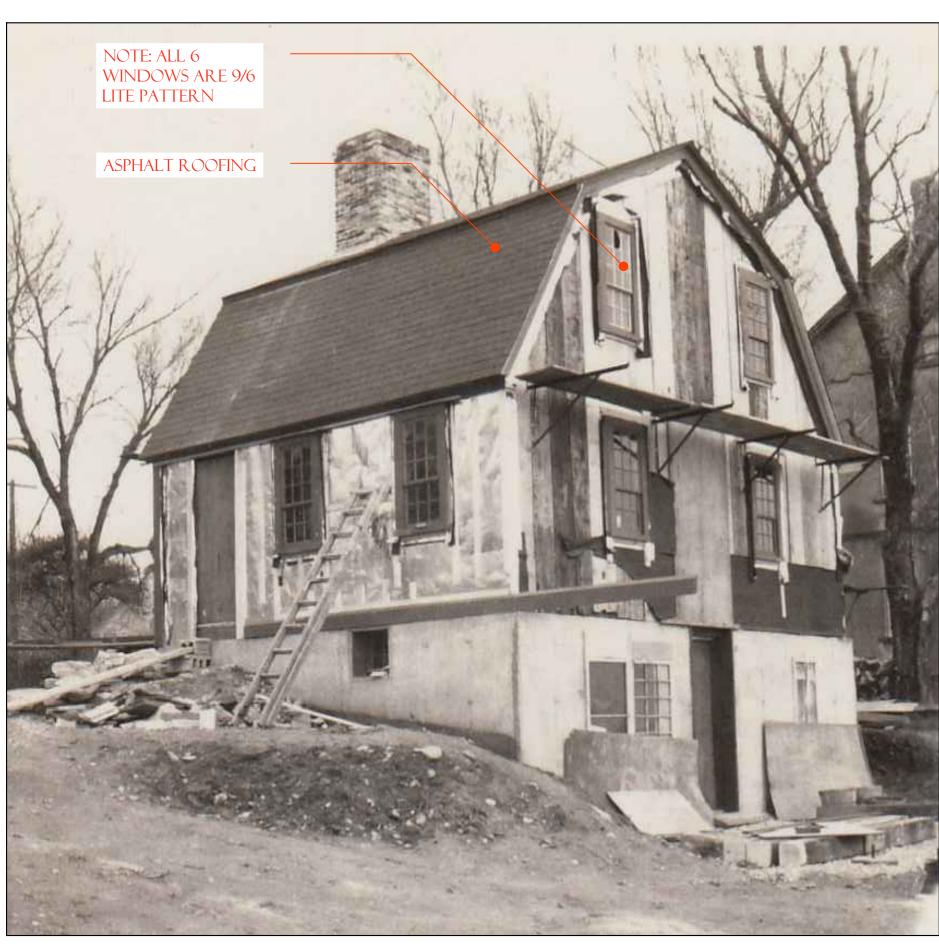
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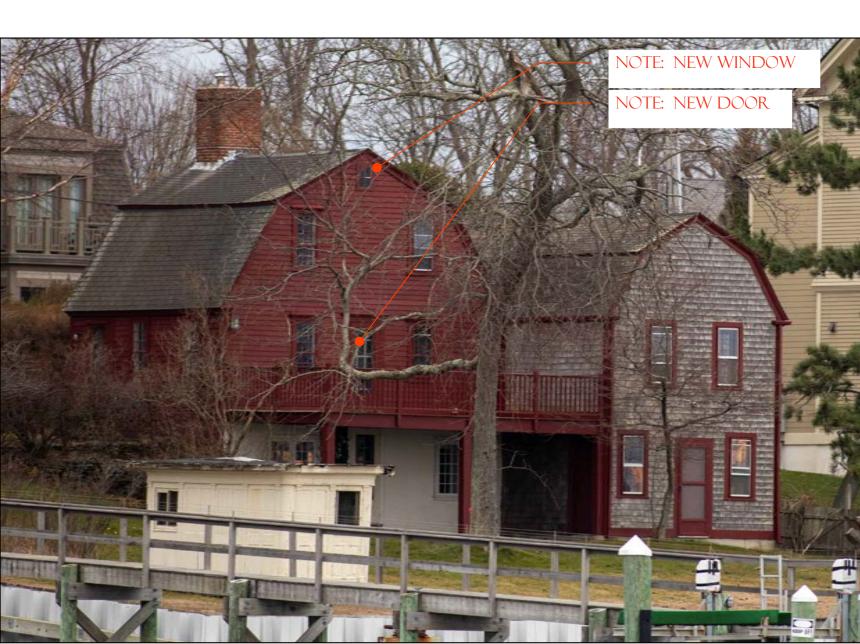


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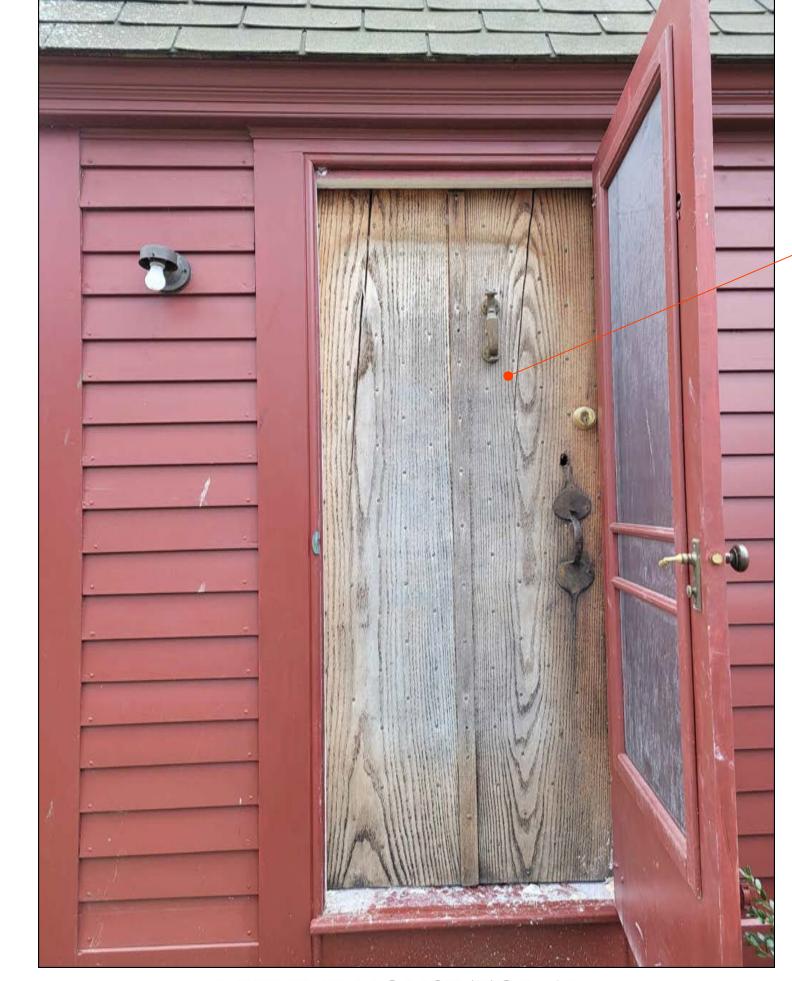




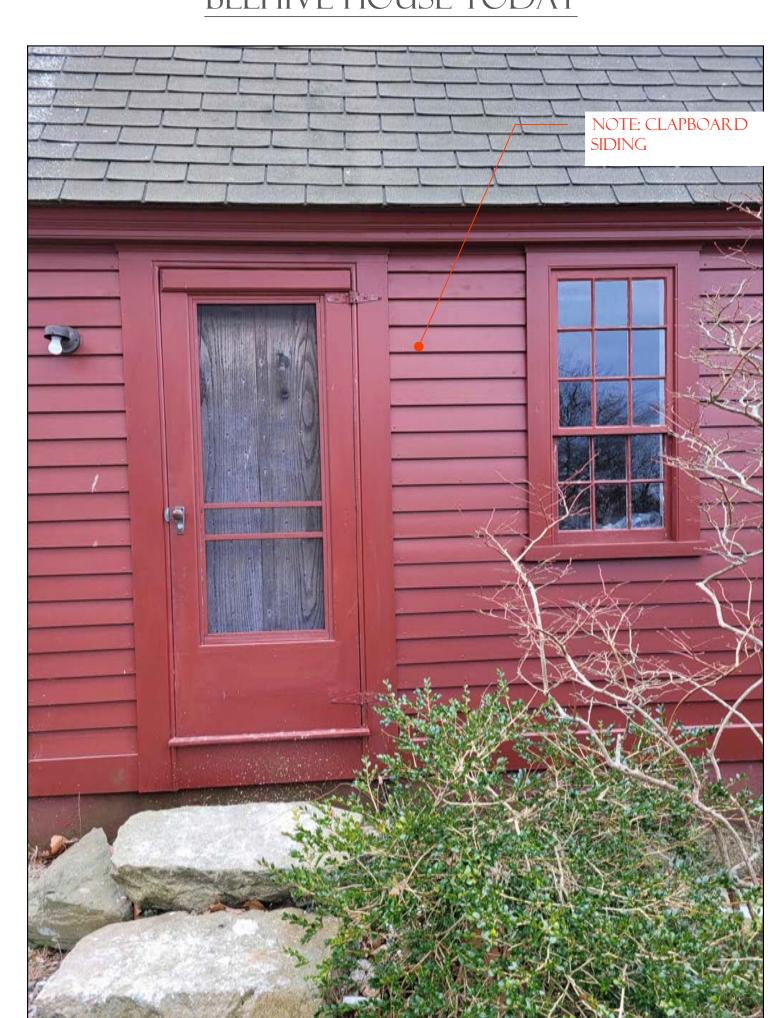
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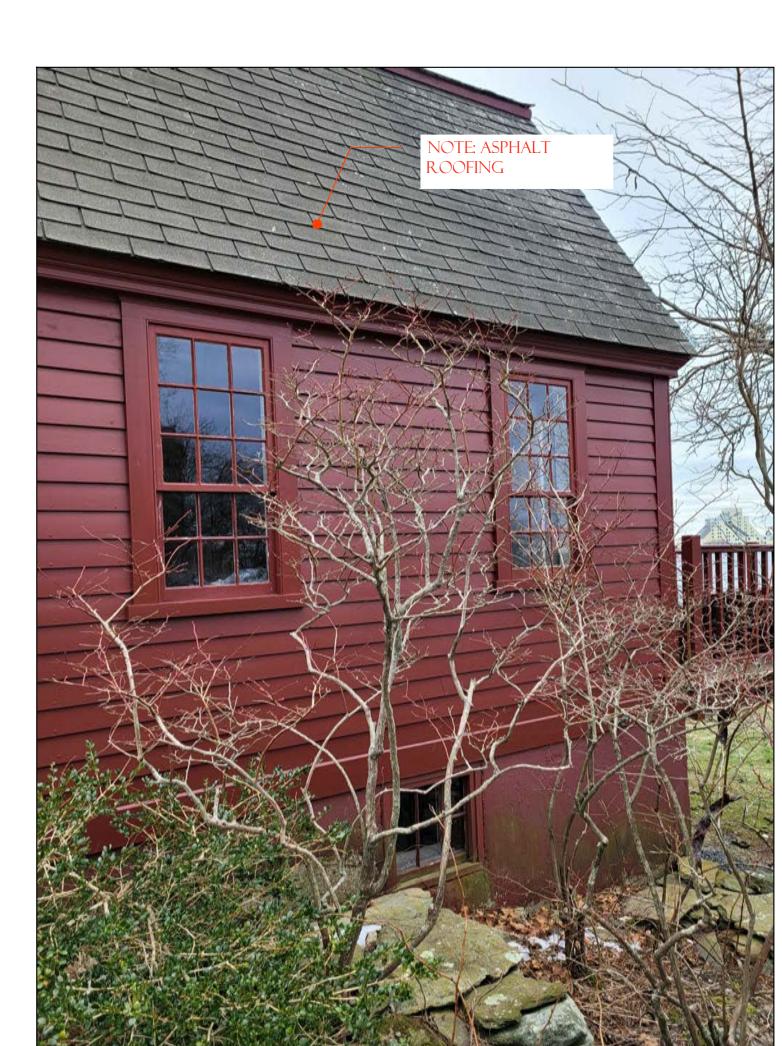




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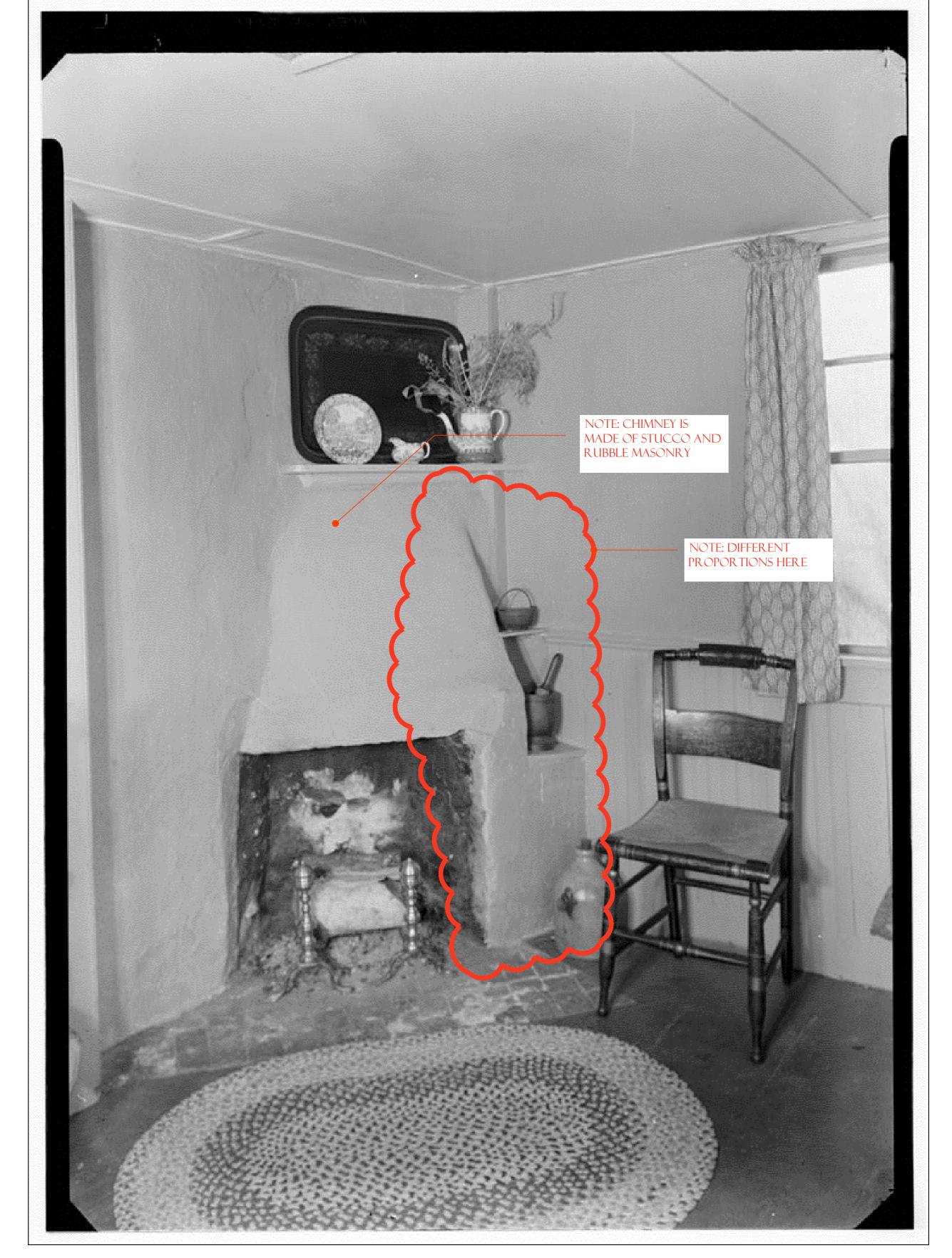
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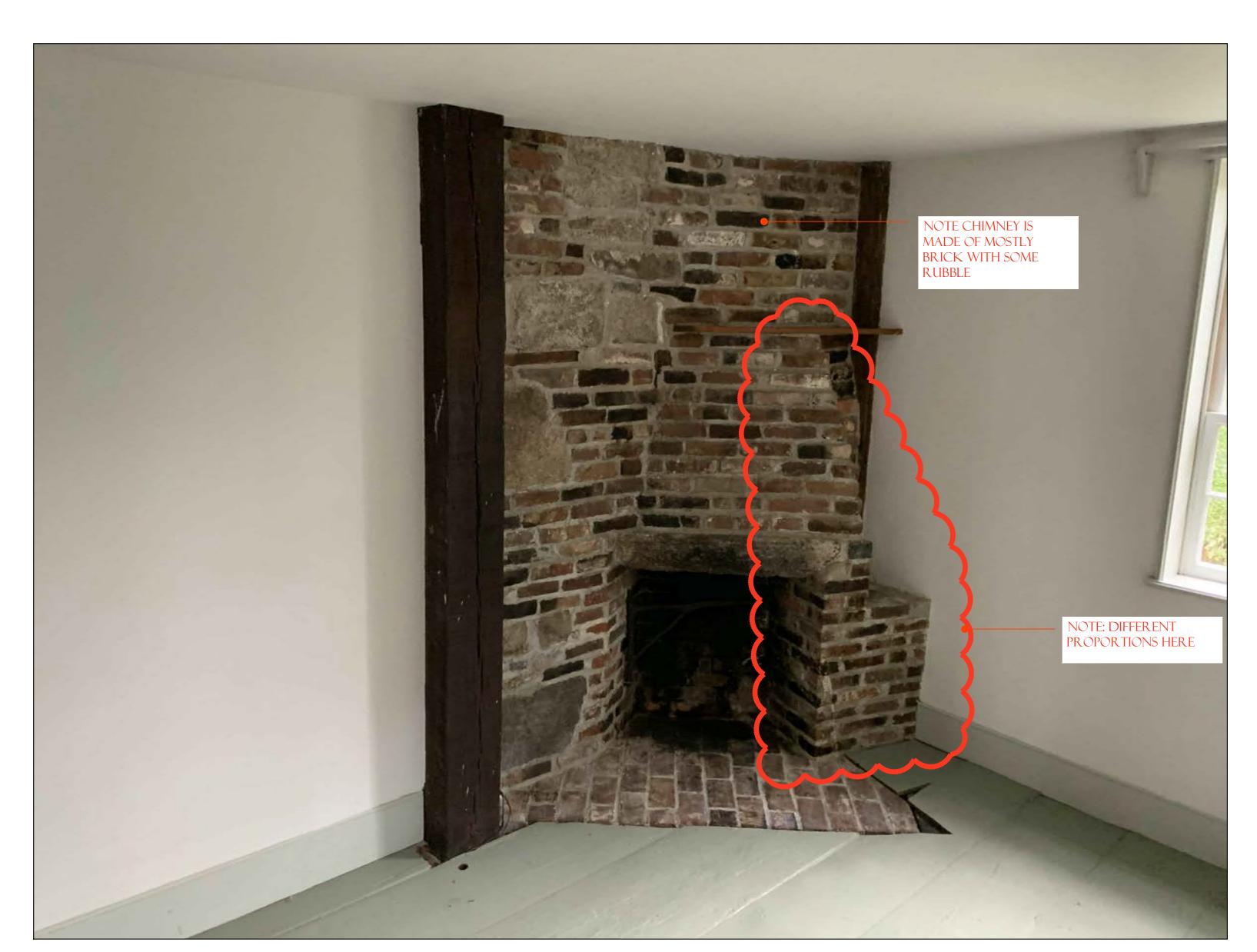








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