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Willow Grove/Redmore's Supply
Still Pond
c. 1730

Willow Grove stood on land called Redmore's Supply, patented in 1678 to John Hodgeson. The tract encompassed part of the present village of Still Pond and the old house stood southwest of the crossroads. Two-hundred fifty acres of Redmore's Supply was purchased in 1721 by John Gale, Sr., planter[1] who subsequently first deeded 50 acres to his son John, Jr. in 1724[2] and then the remainder in 1732.[3] The house which John Gale, Jr. built at this juncture was very similar to two other 18th century houses in the general vicinity – Lamb's Meadow and Lamb's Range.

All three dwellings were brick, gambrel roof structures built originally with their kitchens in the basement. Each had Flemish bond brick work with glazed headers and English bond below the water table. Willow Grove differed from the others in the use of English Garden Wall bond (1 course of headers; 2 courses of stretchers) in the second story gable. The upper roof pitch differed also in that it was less steep than those at Lamb's Meadow and Lamb's Range.

Prior to its collapse and disassembly in 1978, measurements and notes were taken. From these conjectural drawings (plans and elevations) were made to illustrate this type period house and its corresponding neighbors.

Willow Grove was a hall-parlor plan house with paneled fireplace walls and vertical board partitions. Fragments of the second floor partitions

found during the disassembly evidenced a featheredge design in that location. There was an exterior door in the parlor adjacent the fireplace which gave outside access to the kitchen, until a ground level kitchen was built later. The outline of an early addition was evident in its east gable. This one story wing might have been the same one which appears in 20th century photographs and which had been raised to two stories by that time.

Access to the basement kitchen was also available from a winder stair in the southwest corner of the hall. The kitchen fireplace was located beneath the parlor and the entire floor was paved with brick. Notes were not taken on the division of the basement, but if it were to follow the usual design in the area, part of the space beneath the hall would have been for storage.

Willow Grove or Redmore's Supply stayed in the Gale family until 1811 when it was sold to John Hepbron, blacksmith.[4] When the house was disassembled a board with the inscription "Lewis Hepbron 1857" was found which documents the major remodeling which consisted of changing the position of the stair to the northeast corner and making the original hall fireplace smaller. The location of the partitions was also changed. The enlargement of the frame kitchen may have taken place at this time as well.

John Hepbron built a blacksmith shop on the north side of the road leading to Still Pond and gave several parcels along the road to his children. Thus, the hamlet of Still Pond developed. In his will, Willow Grove is referred to as the "Home Farm."[5] After 1891 it appears to have ceased being the home farm to its owners and became a tenant house.

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1. Land Records, Lib. JS 8, fol. 170.
2. Land Records, Lib. 8, fol. 398.
3. Land Records, Lib. JS 16, fol. 203.
4. Land Records, Lib. BC 6, fol. 404.
5. Wills, Lib. 11, fol. 331.

WILLOW GROVE
Still Pond, Maryland
(3rd quarter, 18th century)

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The ruins were dismantled by Preservation, Inc. and many bricks reused in the rebuilding of 116 High Street, Chestertown.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: WILLOW GROVE

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: ½ mile southeast of Still Pond

CITY, TOWN: Still Pond xx VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	xPRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
xSITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	xOTHER demolished

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Helen Hastings Telephone #: 301-928-3742

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Crumpton __ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21628

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 85
Folio #: 72

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Chestertown, Maryland

STATE:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE: 1968 (?) __FEDERAL xSTATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis, Maryland

STATE:

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	X UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Before its demolition in 1978, Willow Grove stood in an open field ½ mile southeast of Still Pond. It was a brick gambrel roofed building that was three bays long and had a hall and parlour plan. There were fireplaces and chimneys in both end walls and a water table. The brick was laid in English bond below the water table and in Flemish bond with glazed headers above. Window and door openings were headed with segmental arches.

Notes and sketches of the building done in 1978 by Michael Bourne are attached.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Notes and photographs by Michael Bourne, Chestertown

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant	
ORGANIZATION: Kent County Planning Commission	DATE: 778-4600, ext.67
STREET & NUMBER: Court House	TELEPHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: Chestertown, Maryland	STATE:

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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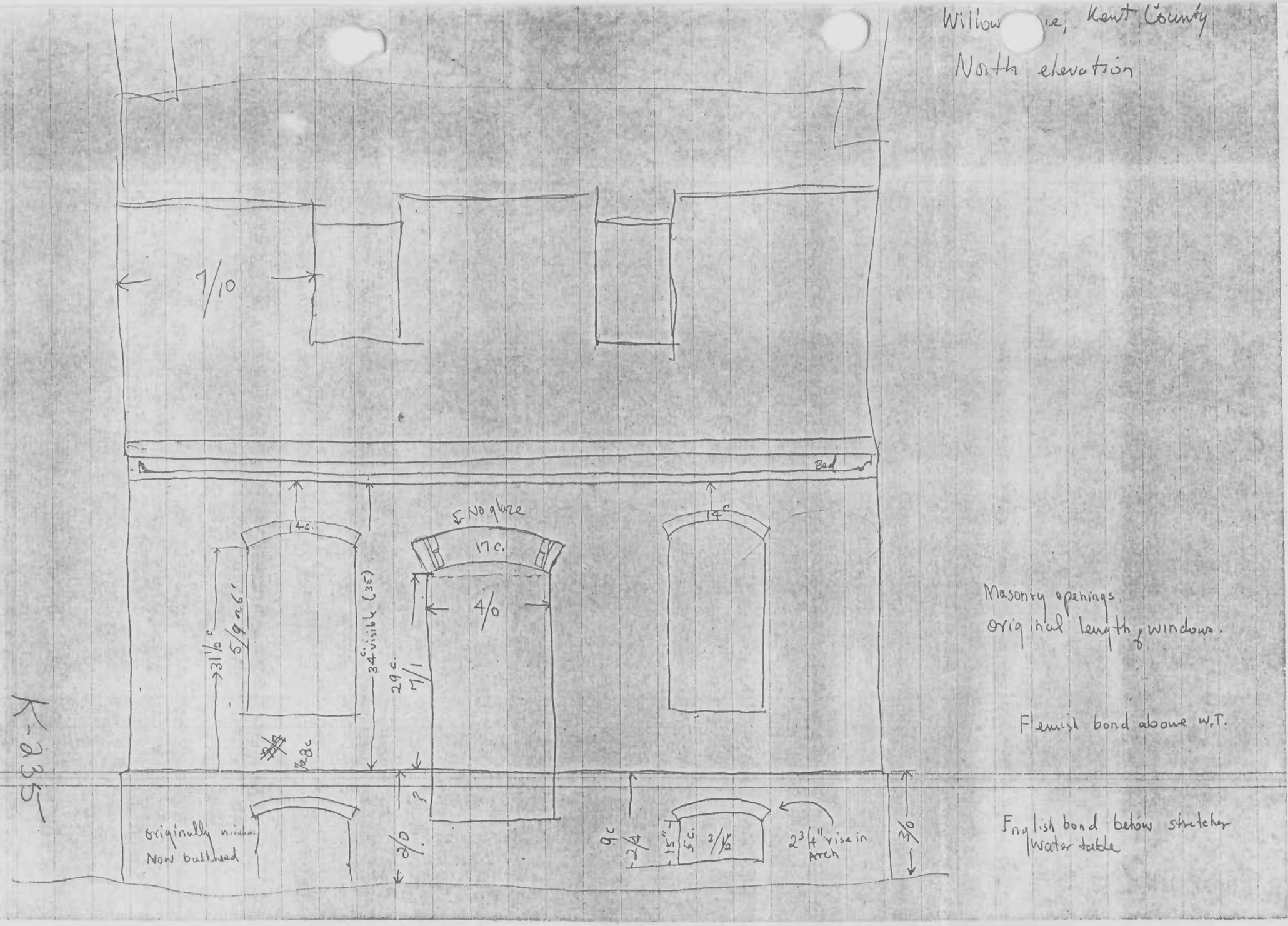
Willow [illegible]e, Kent County

North elevation



Masonry openings original length, windows.

Flemish bond above W.T.

English bond below stretcher
Water table

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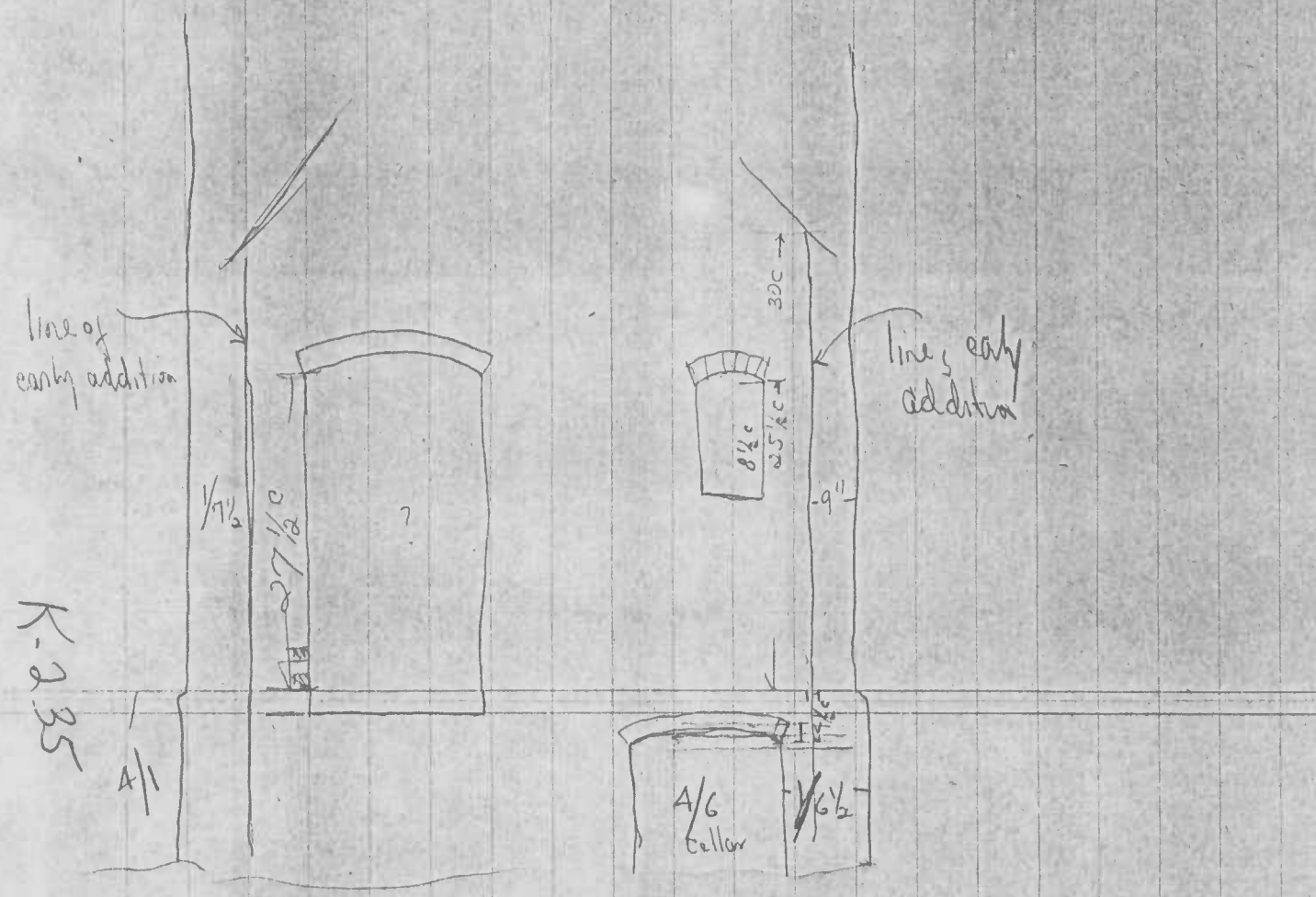
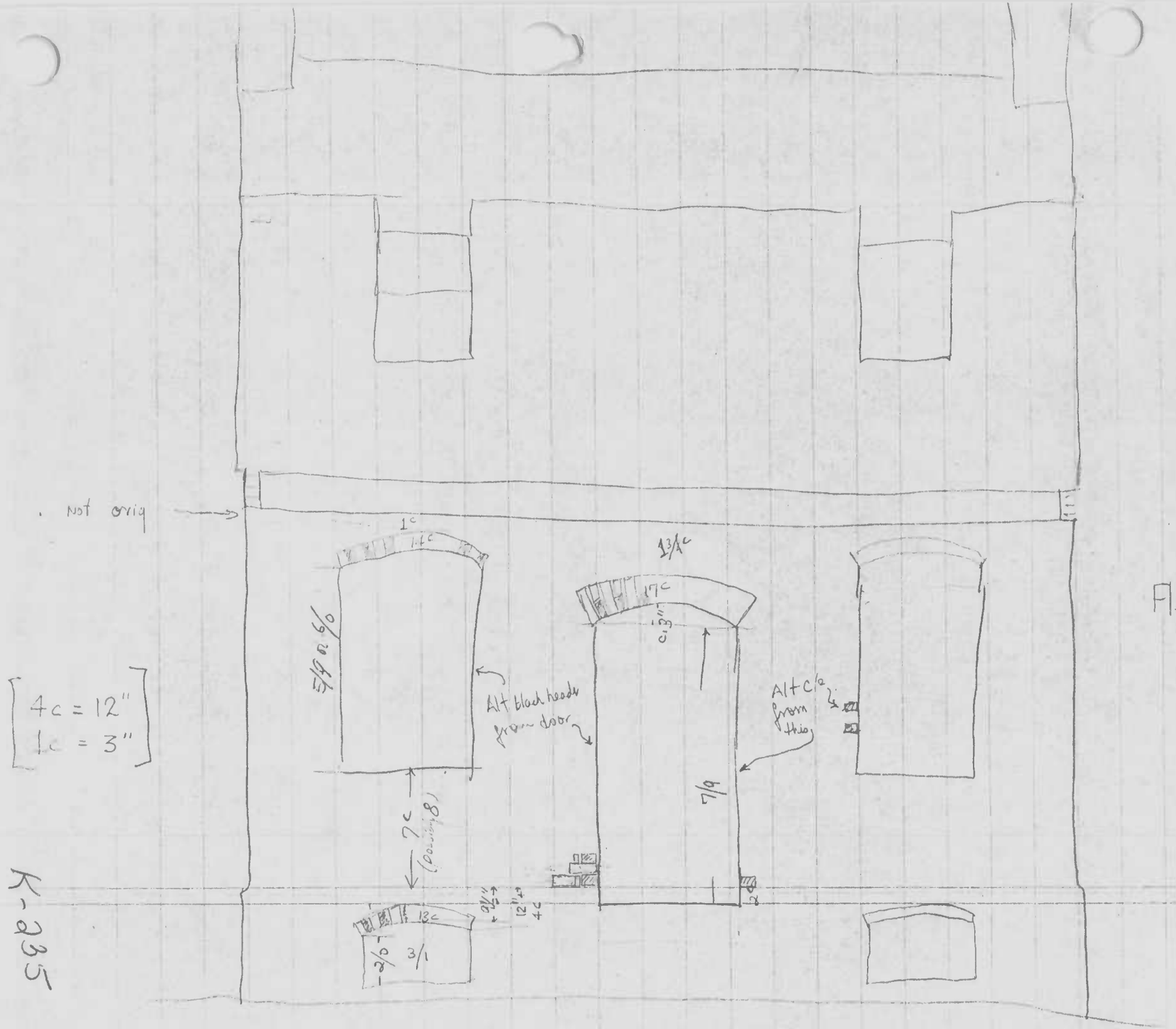
Willow Grove
Kent County
E. gable -



Wi[illegible] Grove
Kent County
South facade



[4c = 12"
1c = 3"]

Flem bond w/ glazed headers

orig door frame 4 3/4" wide
sill 4" thick w/ 1 1/2" slant

English bond below

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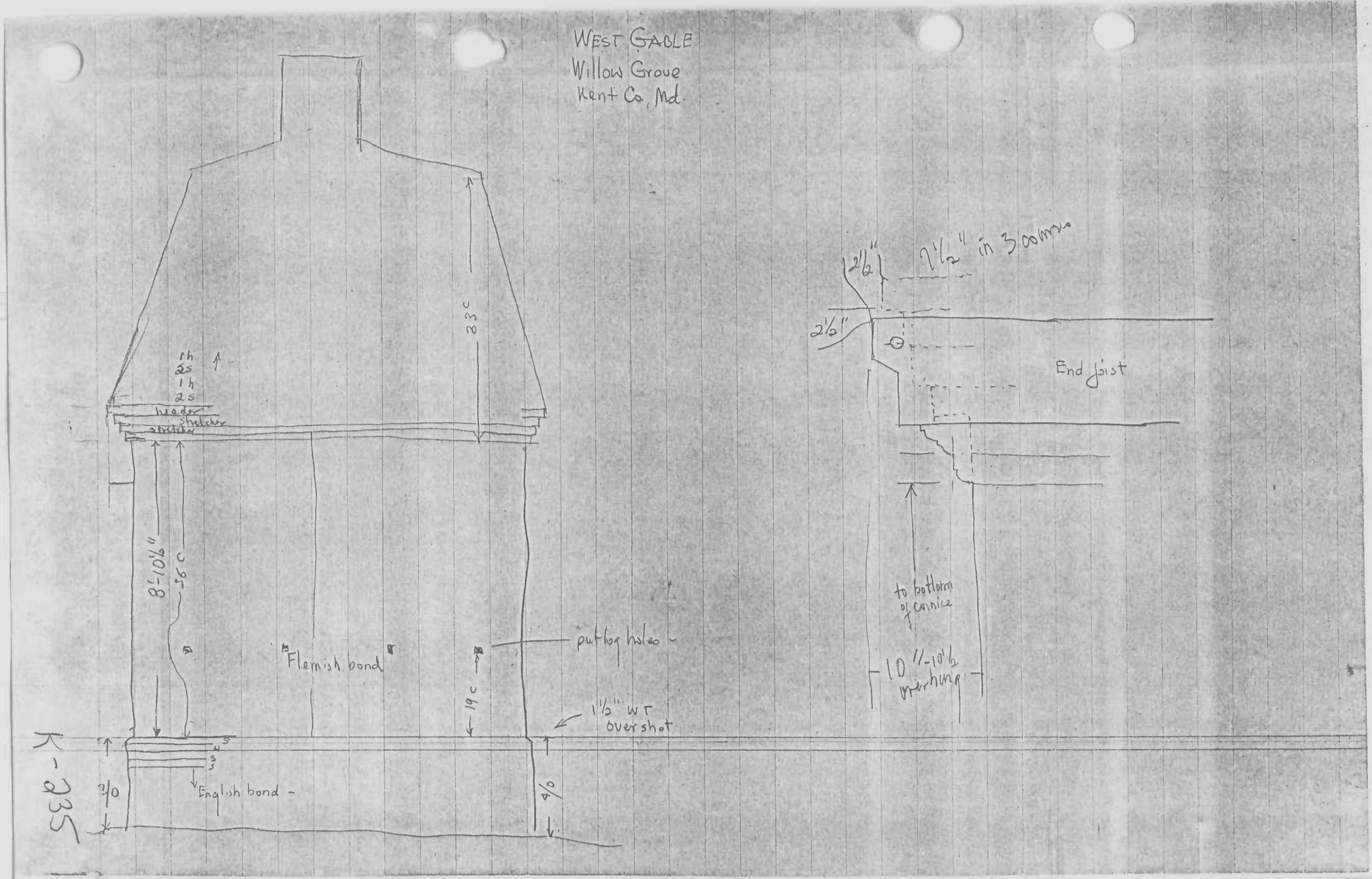
WEST GABLE
Willow Grove
Kent Co, Md.
33 c
1h
2s
1h
2s
header
stretcher
stretcher
8'-10½"
56 c
"Flemish bond"
putlog holes
19 c
1½" WT
overshot
5
4
3
3
English bond
2/0
4/0
2½"
2½"
7½" in 3 courses
End joist
to bottom of cornice
10'-10½" overhung

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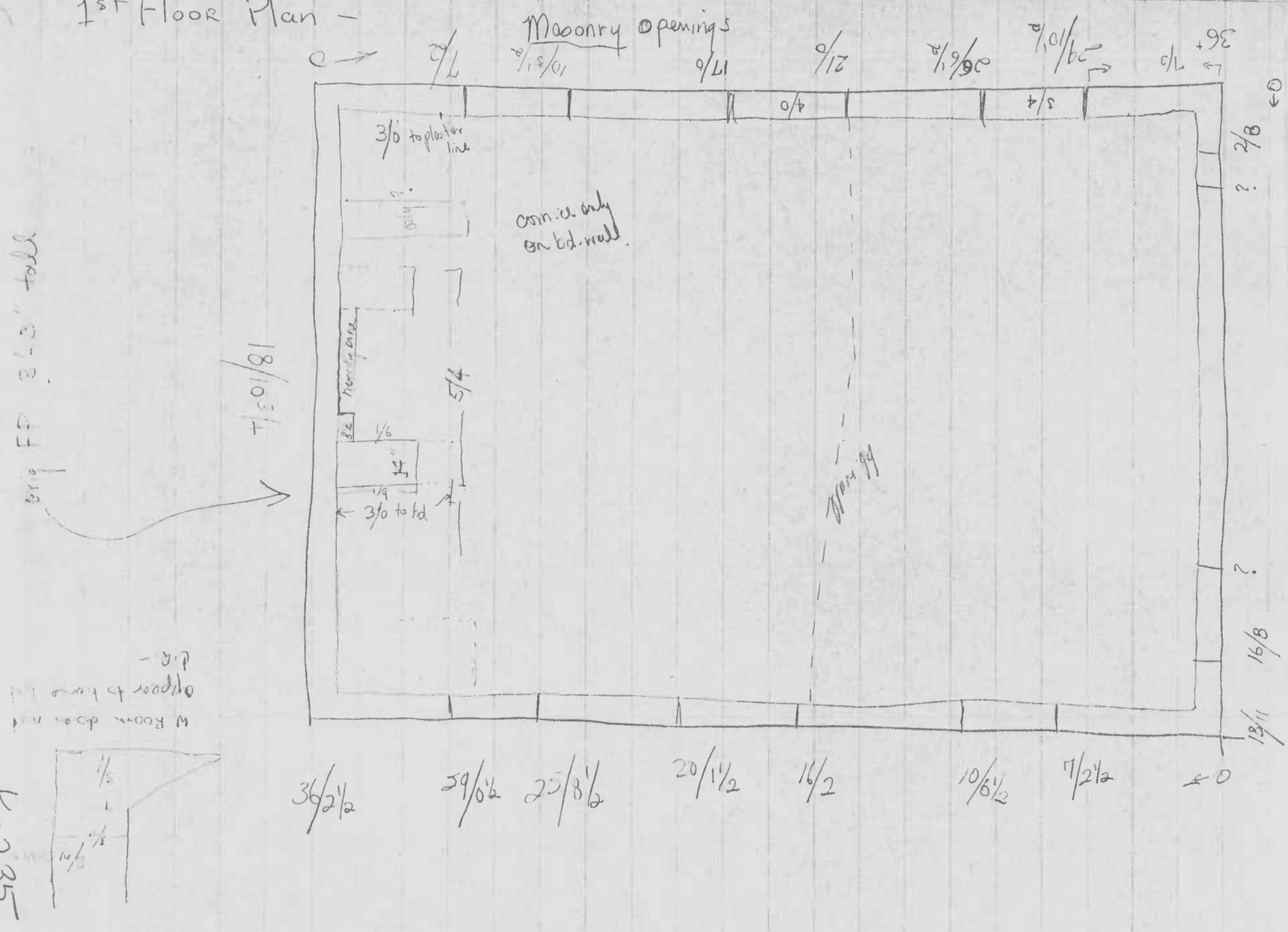
Willow Grove, Kent Co. -

1st Floor Plan -



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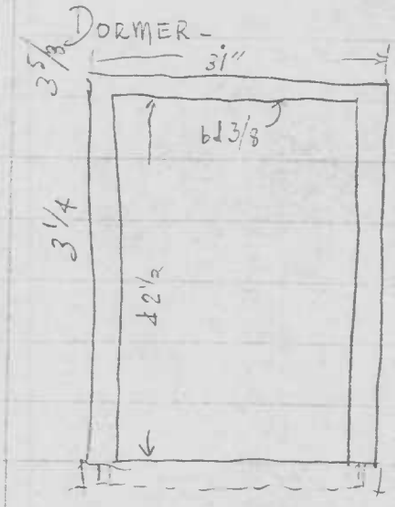

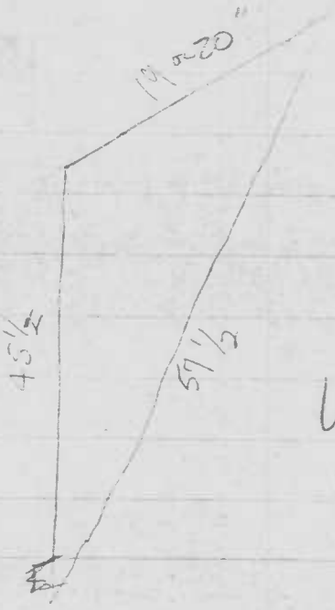

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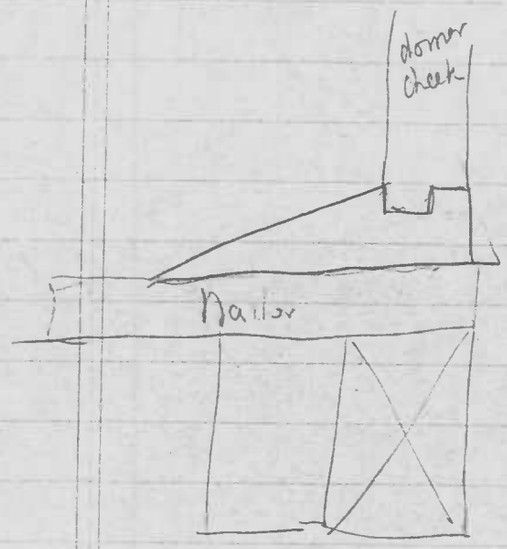

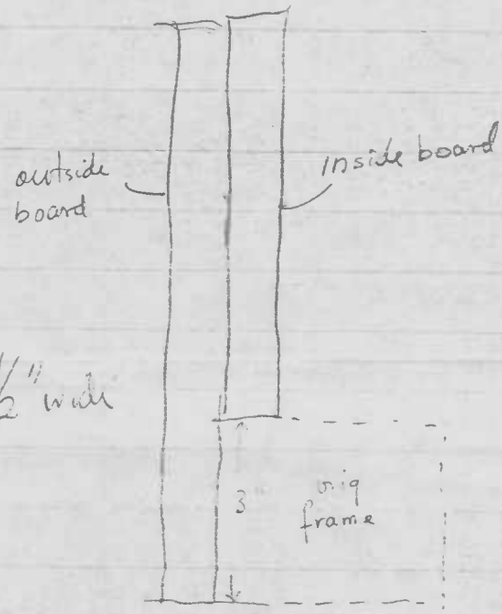

Cellar door frame 5 1/2" wide

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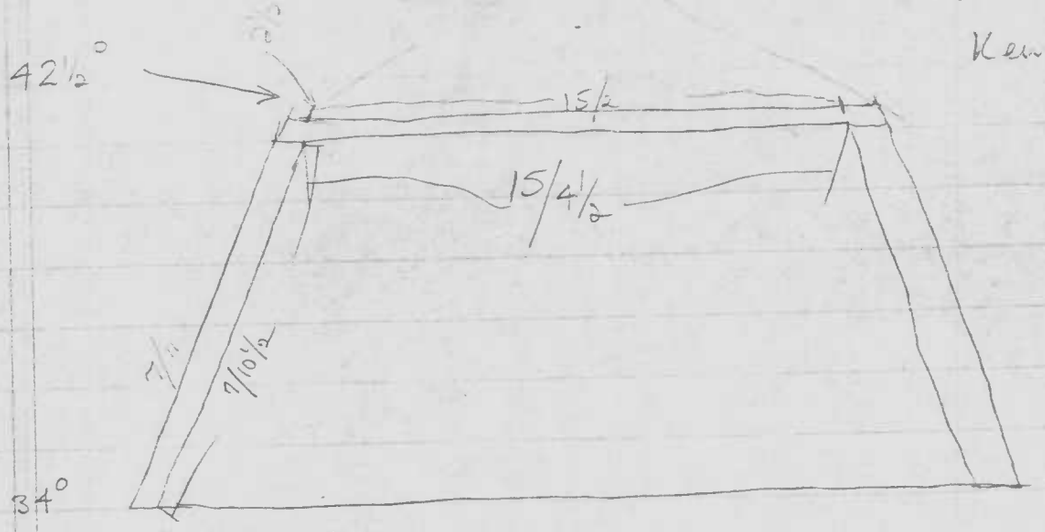
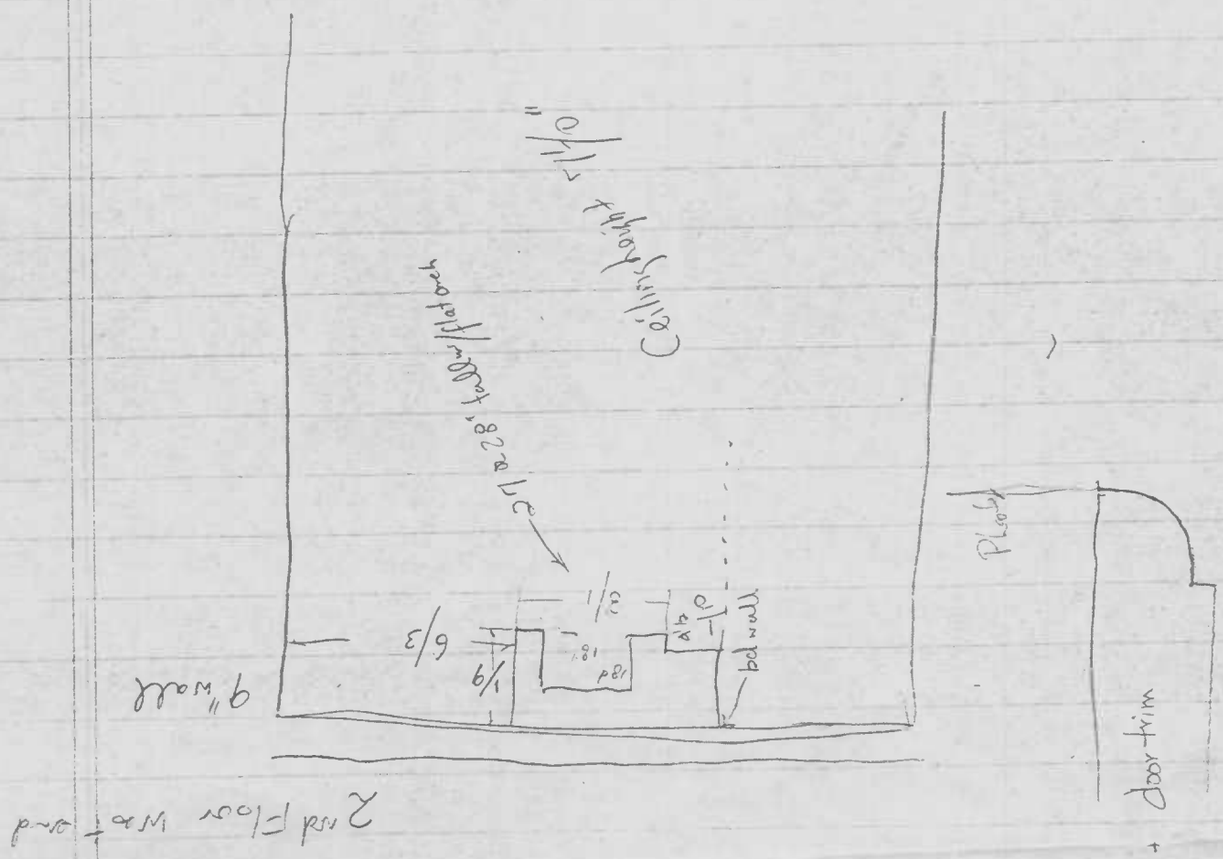
Kent Co.





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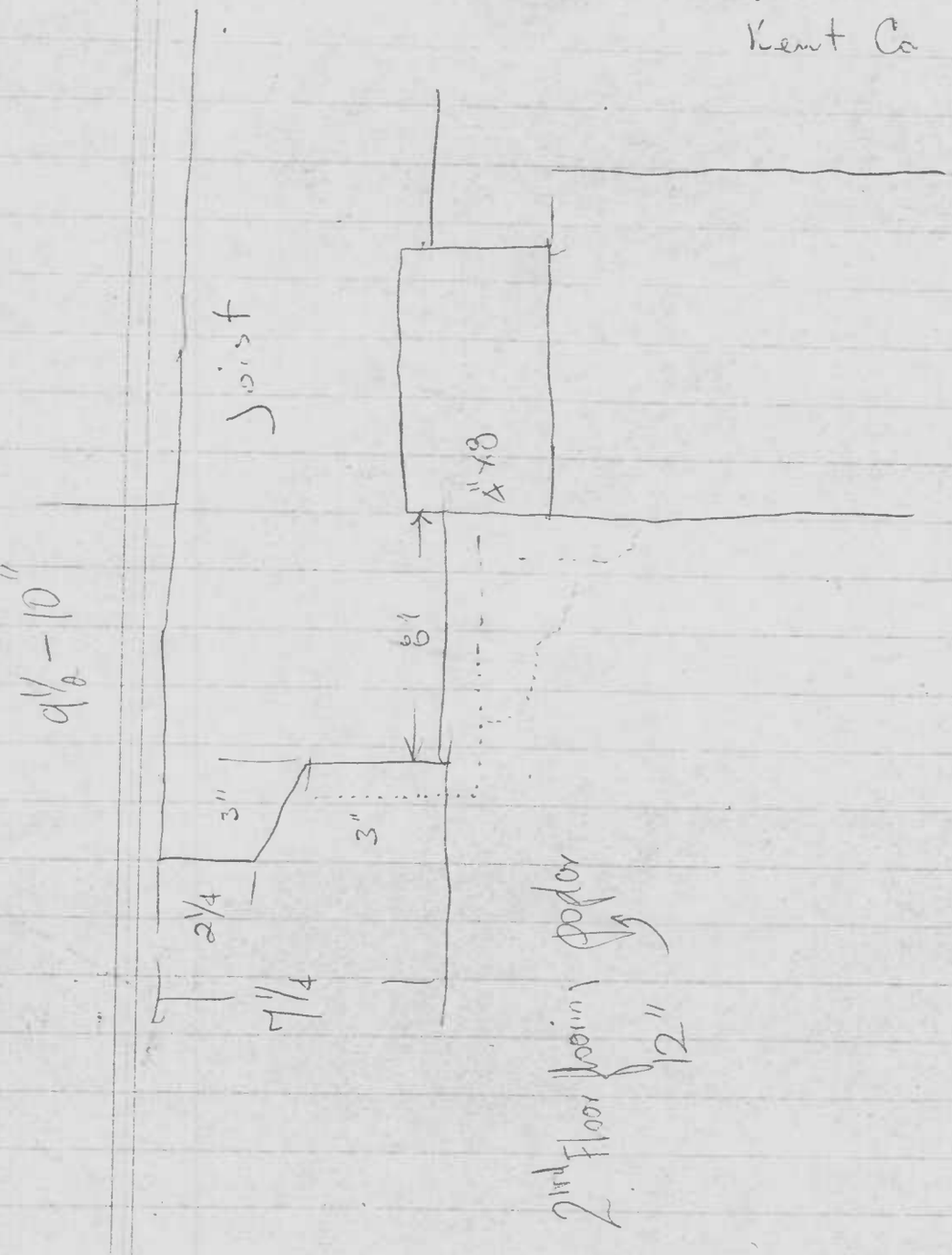

General Brick Size -
8 3/4 X 4 X 2 1/8 & smaller

Willow Grove
Kent County
Basement Plan

M Bourne
4/9/78

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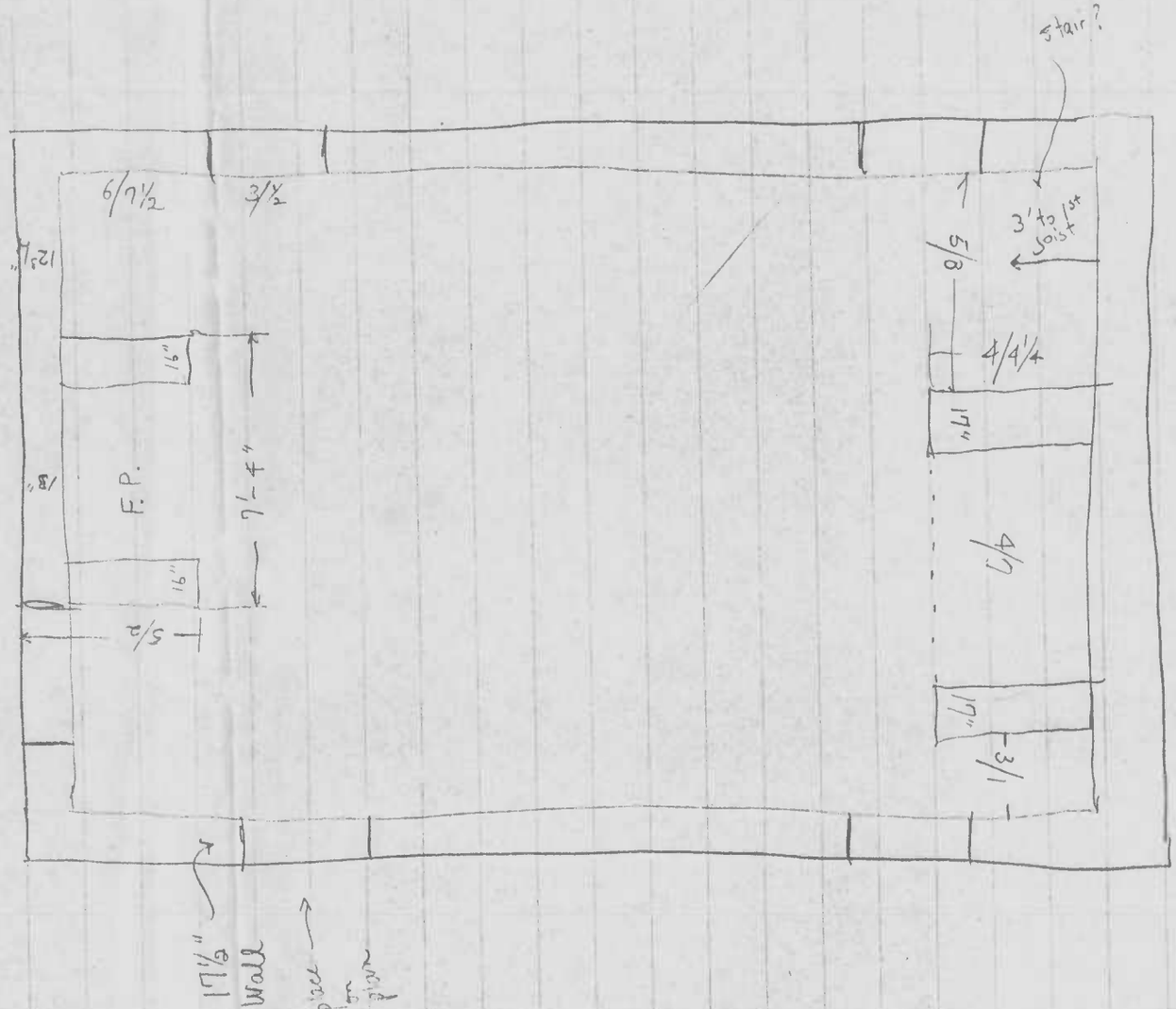

Basement
Window Grills –
3½" x 8" w/ 1" strip for sash –
bars 3" o.c. (6 on south?)

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RIVER
MARSH
YAPP MARSH
LLOYD
STONETON
Mt Zion Church
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Willow Grove
View to Northeast
Still Pond, Kent County

Michael Bourne
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