



VIRGINIA
DIVISION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS
SURVEY FORM

File no. 76-168
Negative no(s). 8817

Historic name "Douglas Hall"	Common name Brawner House
County/Town/City Prince William County	
Street address or route number Rt. 29, Manassas National Battlefield Park	
USGS Quad Gainesville	Date or period Circa 1904, part is earlier
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence/farm	
Present owner National Park Service	Source of name National Park Service
Present owner address Manassas National Battle-	Source of date National Park Service
field Park, Manassas, VA	Stories 2
Present use Historic site, vacant	Foundation and wall const'n stone, frame, part is post-and-
Acreage	beam
	Roof type Metal gable

State condition of structure and environs Poor

State potential threats to structure None
Note any archaeological interest site being excavated by National Park Service behind the west kitchen wing

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ☐ no ☒

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

The existing structure at "Douglas Hall" is the result of a circa 1904 remodeling which encased the earlier post-and-beam farmhouse. Standing today is a 3 bay, 2 story, L-shaped structure with a metal gable roof, plain weatherboards, a simple cornice with returns, 2/2 sashes and plain cornerboards. There is a central flu in the south wing, and two end, interior flus in the north wing. The entry hall has a cellar beneath it.

Inside, the large central entry hall has a partially enclosed stair with a landing and a vertically paneled wall. The enclosed stair with winders, off the kitchen, has possibly been reversed. Facings throughout are symmetrical with cornerblocks, and the baseboard is tall and molded. The doors are a 4-paneled type, and the pine flooring measures 3½ - 4" wide.

The side has a garage, an outbuilding, and the sites of two collapsed outbuildings. An earlier structure of wing has been excavated by the National Park Service directly behind the west wing.

See also
Douglas Hall
Historic Structures
Report
VA 363.69 HIL

Interior inspected? No. Interior details taken from historic structures report.

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

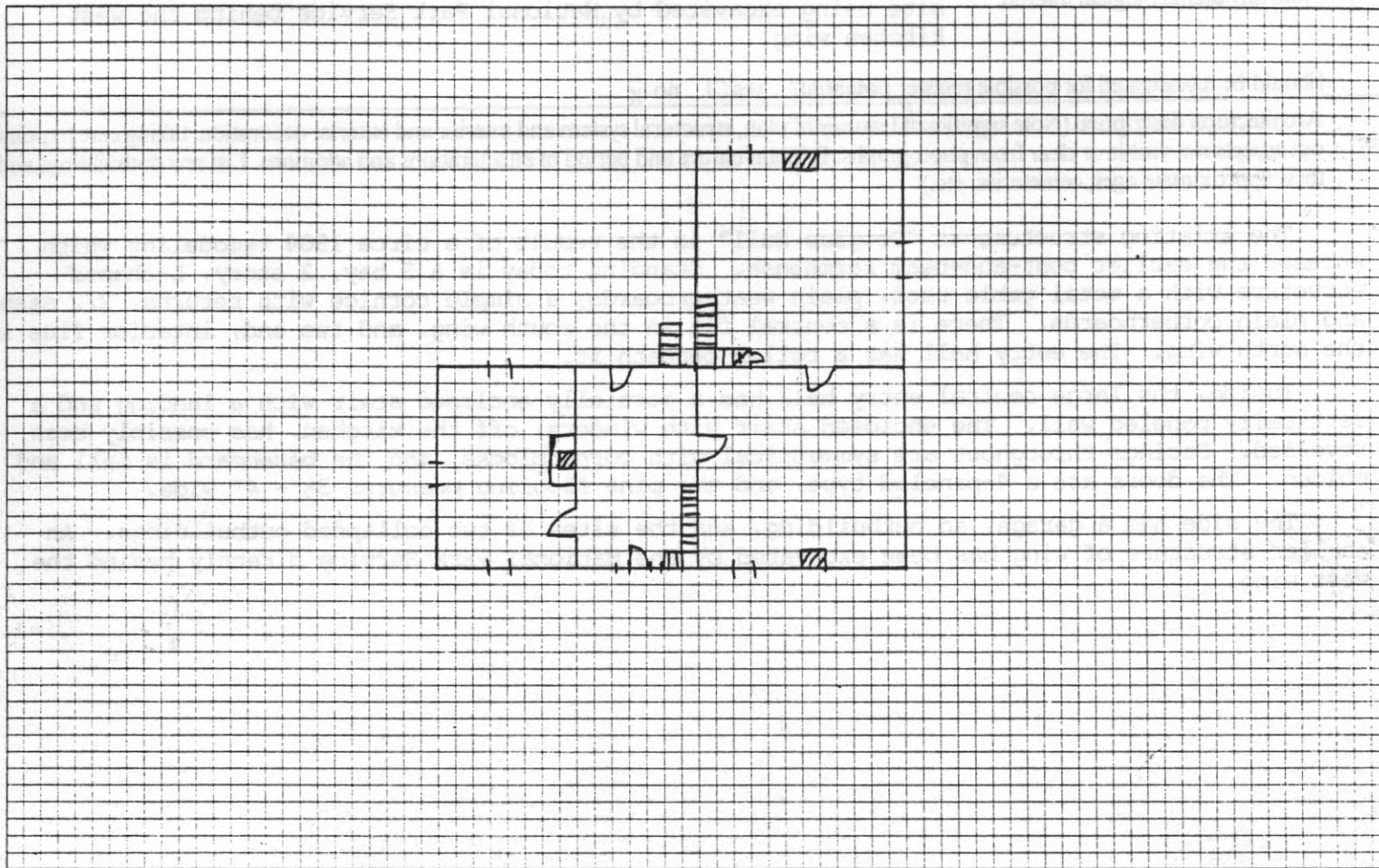
The Douglas family owned the farm but rented it to the Brawner family during the Civil War. The house overlooks the Warrenton turnpike to the south and was the site of the first major engagement of the "Second Battle of Manassas" in which over 1400 soldiers from both sides died. The Southern troops were led by Stonewall Jackson. The battle took place on August 28, 1862.

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

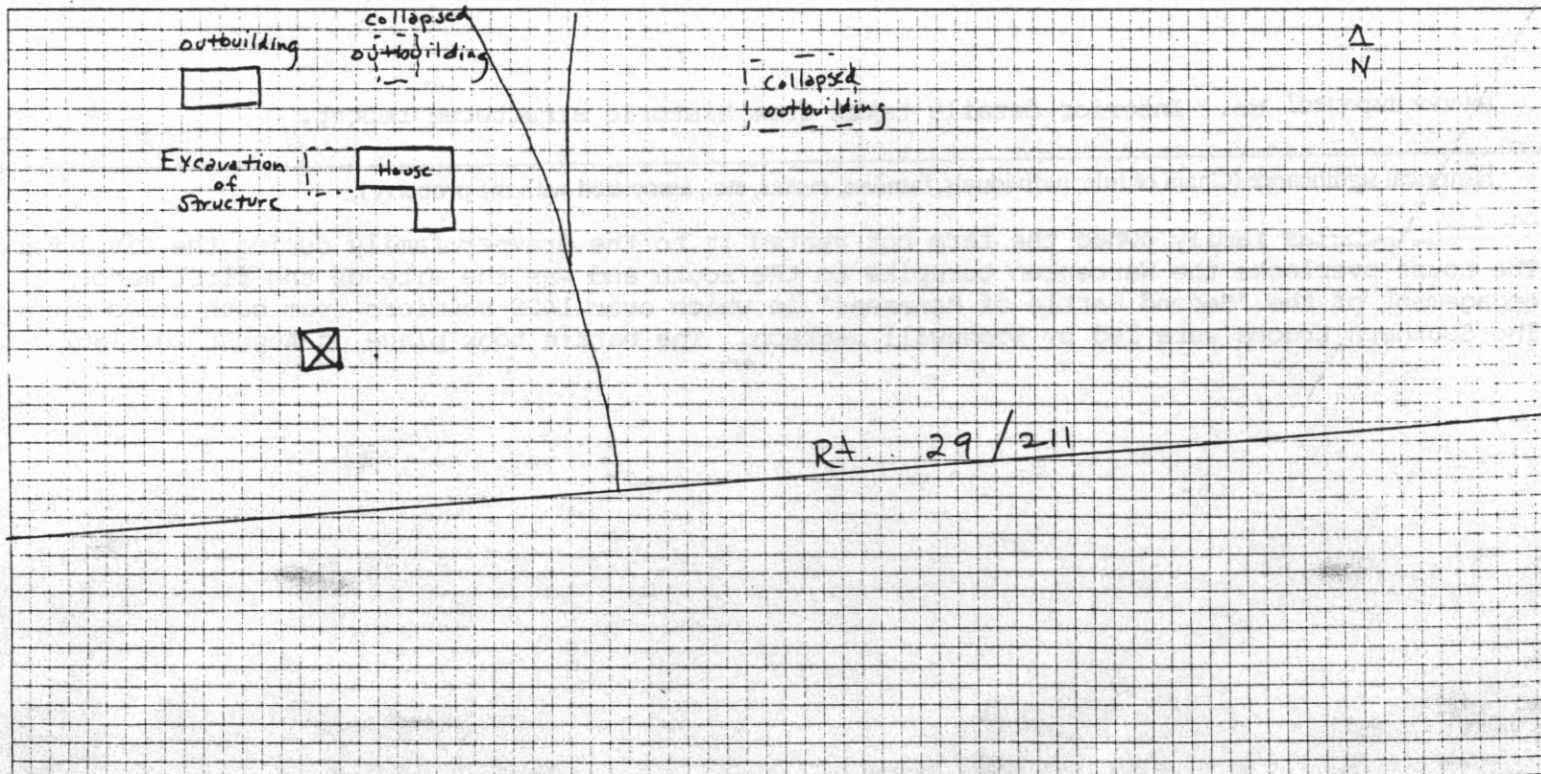
"Douglas Hall" - Historic Structures Report
Manassas National Battlefield Park.
National Park Service. National Capitol Region,
Washington, C. C.

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials;
give location.)

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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Name Brawner House

Town Manassas Battlefield

County Prince William County

Photographer B. Polhill

Contents 1 Exterior

Brawner House

North Facade

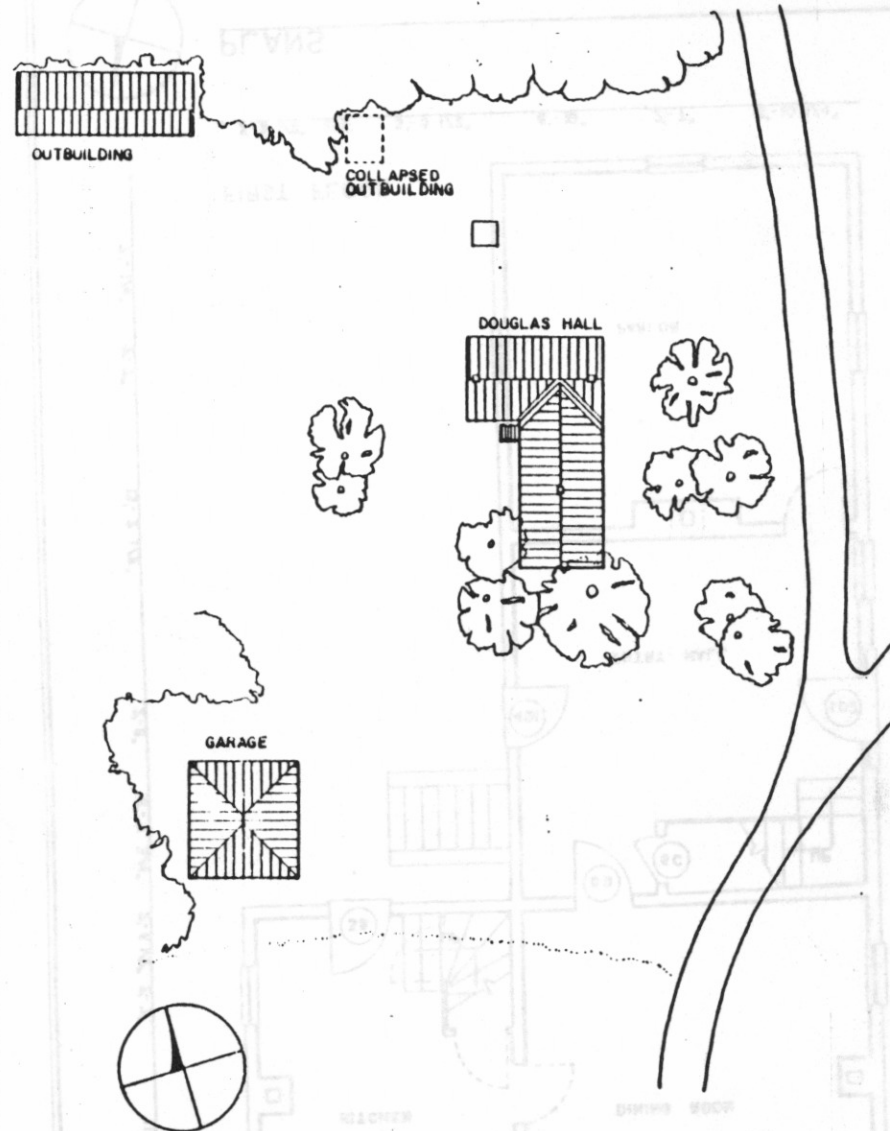


DOUGLAS HALL

DOUGLAS HALL IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OF ITS ASSOCIATION WITH THE SECOND BATTLE OF MANASSAS. ON AUGUST 28, 1862 CONFEDERATE AND UNION TROOPS ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING IN AND AROUND THE FARMHOUSE, OUTBUILDINGS AND ORCHARD OF DOUGLAS HALL. THIS SKIRMISH WAS THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT OF THE SECOND BATTLE OF MANASSAS.

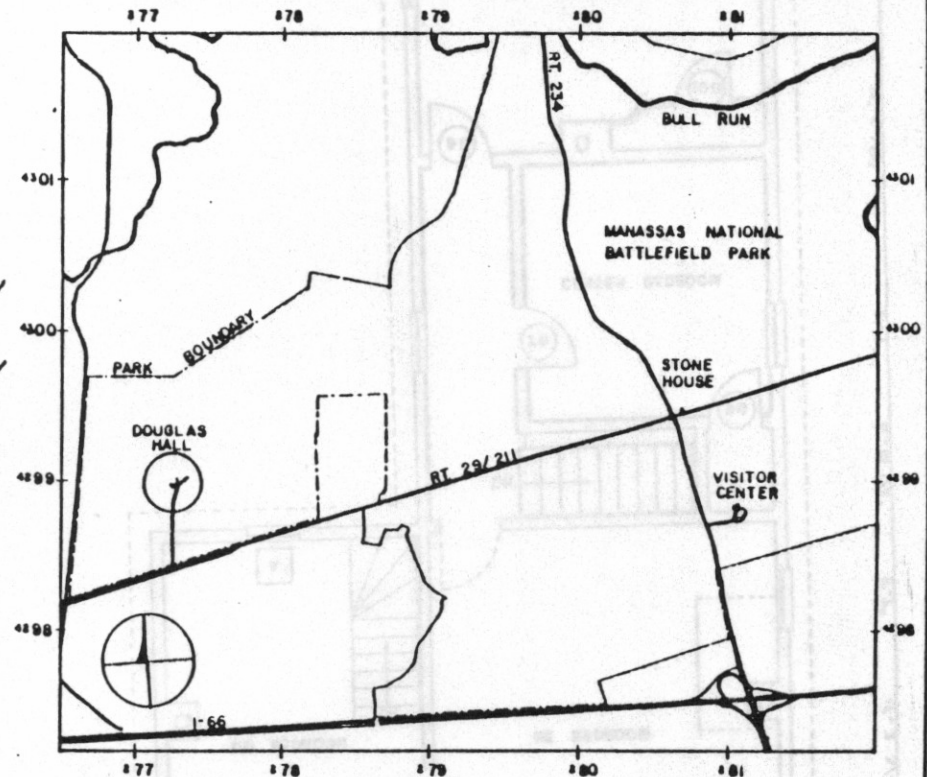
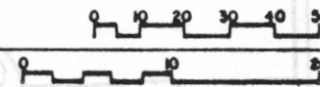
IN CIRCA 1904 THE ORIGINAL FARMHOUSE WAS VASTLY EXPANDED, THE RESULTING STRUCTURE ENCASED THE ORIGINAL FARMHOUSE.

THE 1986 SUMMER DOCUMENTATION OF DOUGLAS HALL WAS FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. THE RESEARCH, MEASUREMENTS AND DRAWINGS WERE COORDINATED AND EXECUTED BY JOHN M. HILL (UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND). THE PROJECT WAS ADMINISTERED BY PAUL GOELDNER (NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, NPS.) AND ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY JAMES WOLLON, AIA.



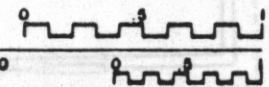
SITE PLAN

FEET 1" = 20'
METERS 1:240



LOCATION MAP

MILES 1:24,000
KILOMETERS 1:24,000



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NAME AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURE
DOUGLAS HALL

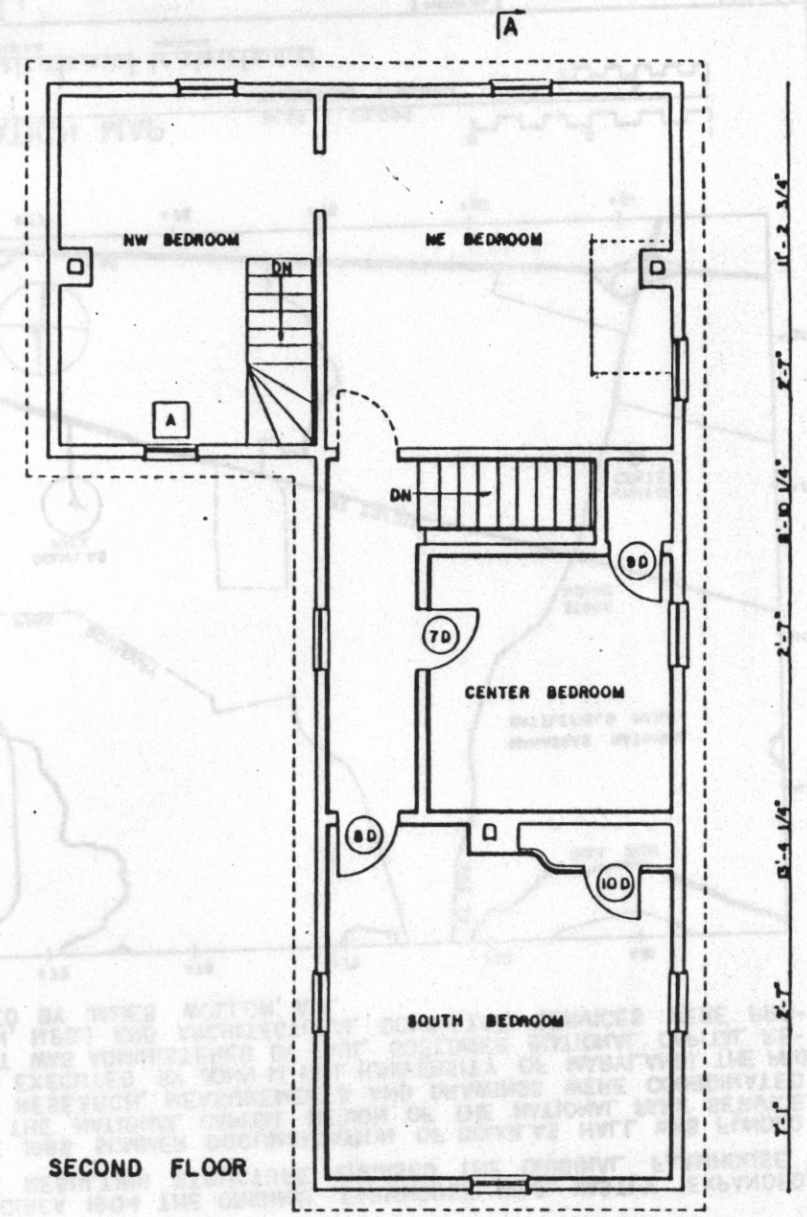
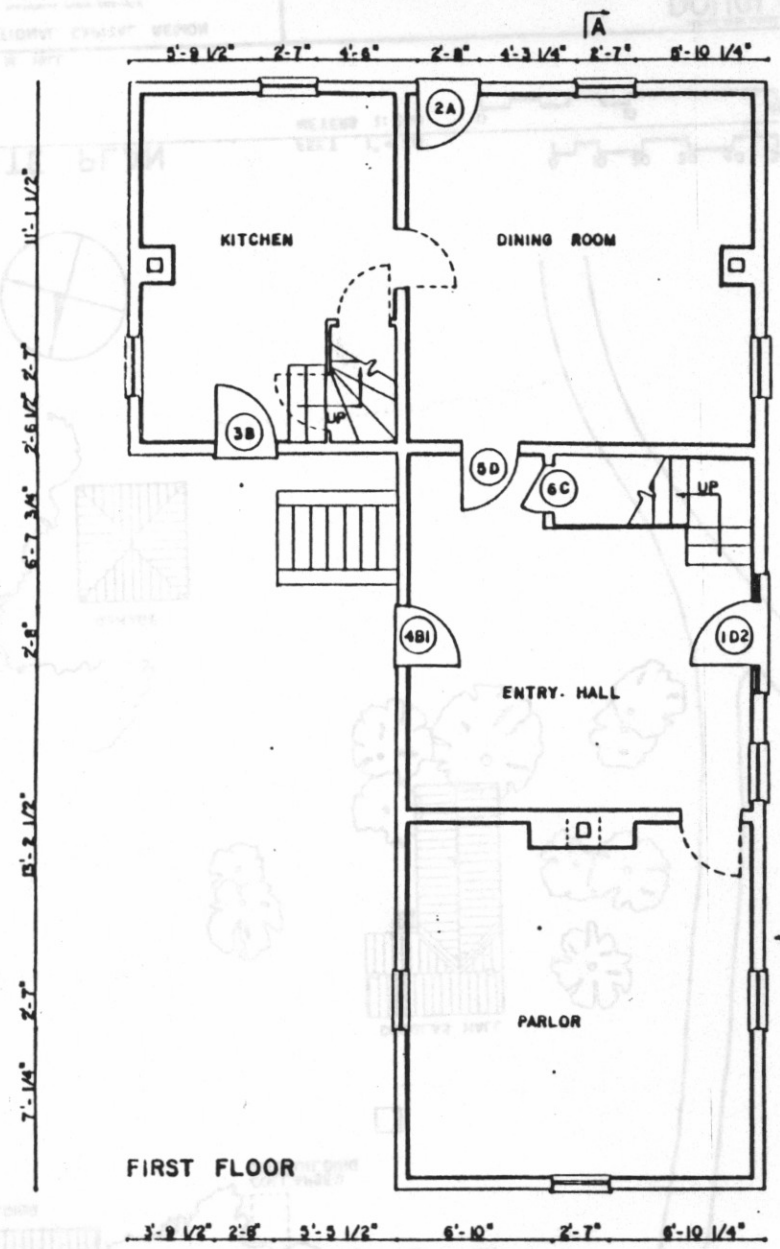
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BUILDINGS SURVEY

SHEET 1 OF 2



PLANS

FEET 1/4" = 1'
METERS 1:48

