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Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000375 Date Listed: 5/1/92

Rarick-Kellihan House Morris NJ  
Property Name: County: State:

Stone Houses and Outbuildings in Washington Township MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

10/15/92  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The status of outbuilding had to be clarified. The Period of Significance for the nomination is defined as 1800-1850. The outbuilding dates from outside this period, yet it is listed as contributing. The NJ SHPO says that it should be listed as non-contributing. The form is officially amended to change the status of the outbuilding to non-contributing.

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Rarick/Kellihan House  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 358 Fairview Ave.  NA not for publication  
city, town Washington Township  vicinity  
state NJ code 034 county Morris code 027 zip code 07853

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: stone houses and outbuildings of Washington township  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 3/7/92  
Assistant Commissioner for Natural & Historic Resources/DSHPO  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 5/1/92  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / single family

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / single family

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)no style

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

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walls stuccoed stone

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roof asphalt

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other 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

Located on the southeast side of Schooley's Mountain in a ravine cut by a branch of Stoney Brook, the Rarick/Kellihan House is a modest stone dwelling of 18th or early 19th-century date which was substantially enlarged in the the middle of the 19th century. Set perpendicular to Fairview Road on a small property, the south-facing house has one outbuilding, a small frame wagon shed. It is surrounded by woodlands with scattered mostly modern residential development.

**House:**

Of stuccoed, coursed rubble stone construction, the embanked, gable-roofed house consists of a 2-story, single-pile main block with a 2-over-3-bay front elevation and interior east gable-end chimney and a 1 1/2-story lateral wing with an interior end wall chimney straddling the junction with the integral shed appendage on the front. The ground story of both sections is almost fully below grade on the north and west sides. Physical evidence suggests that the main block began as an embanked 1 1/2-story dwelling and that the upper stories were subsequently added probably in the mid 19th century; the original roof line and a blocked gable window can be clearly seen in the east wall (which roof line aligns with the break between the stucco and plasterwork of the north wall, and the unusually high placement of the 2nd-story windows aligns with what would have been the top of the original stone walls.

The fabric of several doors and windows are indicative of an early construction date. The central ground-story entry has a heavy timber frame with quirk-beaded inner edge and Roman ovolo outer molding and board-lined reveals; the two flanking windows have pegged timber frames with Roman ovolo outer molding. The wing entry evidences reworking but retains architrave trim and a batten door constructed of two boards; the wing's west gable end entry, which provides access to the upper story, retains board-lined reveals and a batten door hung on strap hinges. The shed-roofed front porch retains a fieldstone floor, but the posts are modern replacements as is the main block front door. The main block's boxed overhanging eaves with plain frieze probably dates to the

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    N/A

<p>Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)</p> <p><u>architecture</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Period of Significance</p> <p><u>c. 1800-1850</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Cultural Affiliation</p> <p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Significant Dates</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Significant Person</p> <p><u>N/A</u></p>	<p>Architect/Builder</p> <p><u>unknown</u></p>	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Rar ick/Kellihan House is significant for its architectural merit under National Register Criterion C. In form and construction it is representative of Washington Township's early stone houses of c. 1770-1870. One of the least altered of the Township's small simple stone dwellings, it is a good example of such practices as stuccoed coursed rubble stone construction, embanked ground stories, and enlargement by the addition of an upper story. The wing's integral shed and the unusual placement of the chimney straddling the "junction" of the wing and shed is of particular note. The house also preserves a remarkable amount of its simple early detailing. It retains its historical integrity and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Early Stone Houses and Outbuildings of Washington Township Multiple Property Nomination.

Although the early history of this property remains obscure, it appears to have formed part of lands acquired by William Nitzer, sometime in the 18th century. The house evidently is located on property acquired by William Rarick in 1804 from Amos Grandin. William Rarick was the son of German immigrant Conrad Rarick.<sup>1</sup> If not already extant, the original portion of the house was probably built during Rarick's ownership which lasted until 1830. Rarick sold the property to John Lake in 1830, and in 1834 Lake's administrators conveyed title to Thomas Lake who later that year sold it to James Kellihan. Kellihan who owned and presumably occupied the premises until his death (which occurred sometime between 1868 and 1874) undoubtedly is responsible for adding the upper stories.<sup>2</sup> According to the 1850 census, he was a mason by trade and owned property worth \$600.<sup>3</sup> In 1874, the title passed to John Sharp and in 1893 to E. Bartles; thereafter it changed hands several times until its acquisition by its present owner in 1967.<sup>4</sup>

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A  
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:  
 State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:  
Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 1.19 Hackettstown, NJ Quad

UTM References

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1	8	5	2	0	9	0	0	4	5	1	8	1	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

  
C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

  
D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal Boundary Description

All of that property in Washington Township know as block 13, lot 19.02

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property encompasses all that remains of the lands historically associated with the house.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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mid-19th century heightening of the house; the 2/2 sashes found in most of the windows are subsequent replacements. The wing has flush eaves; modern synthetic siding covers the small, presumably frame wall area between roofs of wing and integral shed.

The interior retains considerable early fabric including random-width flooring, plaster walls and window reveals, batten doors, and beaded door trim and baseboards. The wing kitchen has a stone-jamb, timber-linteled fireplace with simple bracket shelf and bake-oven in the south jamb; the domed brick bake oven retains its wooden door. At the rear of the kitchen is a pantry or larder. The main block has a single ground-story room, although it possibly was divided into two rooms originally. It has a timber-linteled fireplace with niche in the north jamb, an iron crane, and a modern shelf; to one side is a narrow two-door cupboard and on the other a winder stairs and closet, all with batten doors. Removal of the ceiling in this room exposed the clear-spanning joists; the three hewn west joists have mortices suggesting their recycling, the others are saw cut.

The main block second story has two rooms separated by an enclosed straight-run staircase leading to the attic (finished as a bedroom in recent years). The wing's garret chamber, although reworked in recent years, retains ovolo-molded architrave trim on the exterior doorway.

## Outbuildings:

There is one outbuilding located a short distance northwest of the house. It is a frame, 1-story wagon shed, probably dating to the late 19th or early 20th centuries, with stone foundation, gable-end entry, batten doors, and vertical siding. A spring house near the road was removed some years ago during road improvement work.

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Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers, Early Germans of New Jersey, Dover, NJ: Dover Printing Company, 1895, pages 146, 171, 466, 467; Morris County Deeds Book K, page 250.
- <sup>2</sup> Morris County Deeds, Book B3, page 122, Book G3, page 347, and Book S3, page 439; J. Lightfoot and Sam. Geil, Map of Morris County, New Jersey, 1853; Frederick W. Beers, Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey, New York: Beers, Ellis, and Soule, 1868.
- <sup>3</sup> United State Census 1850, Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey.
- <sup>4</sup> Morris County Deeds, Book P13, page 247, Book X13, page 498, and Book 2020, page 497.

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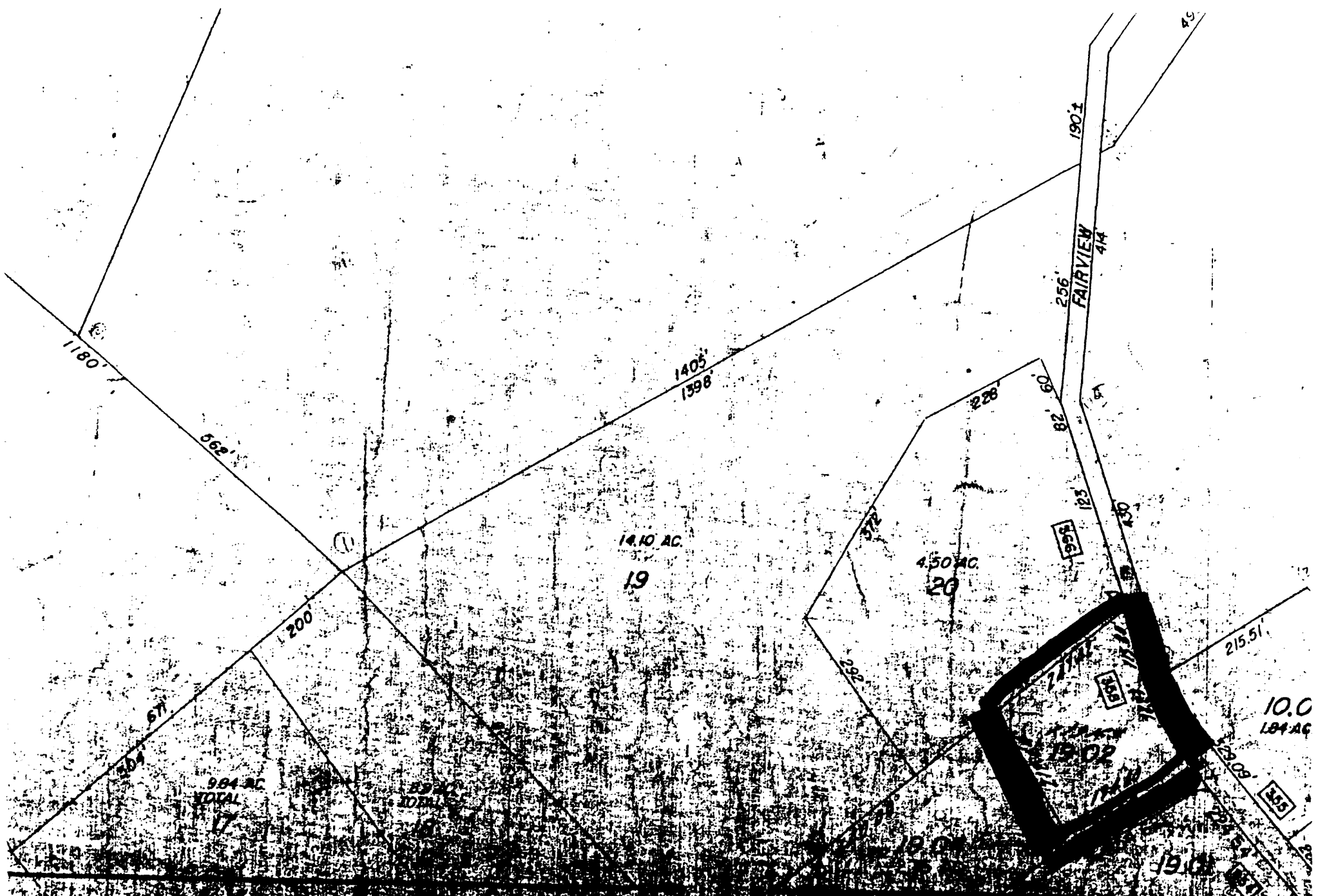
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### Photographic Identification:

The following information is the same for all of the photographs submitted with the nomination:

Name:	Rarick/Kellihan House
Location:	358 Fairview Avenue Washington Township, Morris County, NJ
Photographer:	Dennis Bertland
Date of photographs:	Spring/Summer 1991
Negative repository:	Bertland Associates, Box 11, Port Murray, NJ 07865

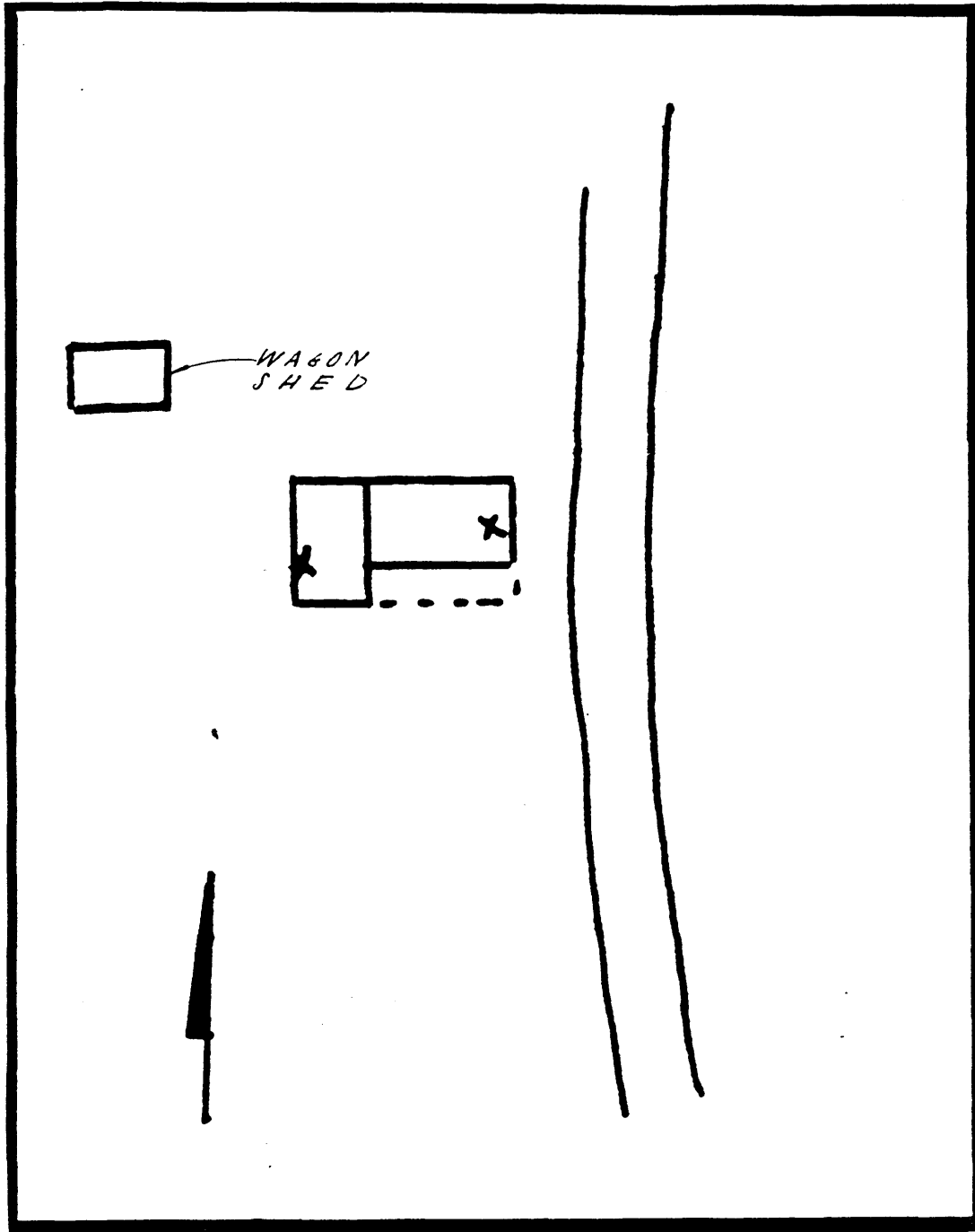


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Rarick/Kellihan House  
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Tax Map, sheet 10. scale 1" = 200'  
Washington Township, Morris County, NJ

# RARICK/KELLIHAN HOUSE

## SITE PLAN

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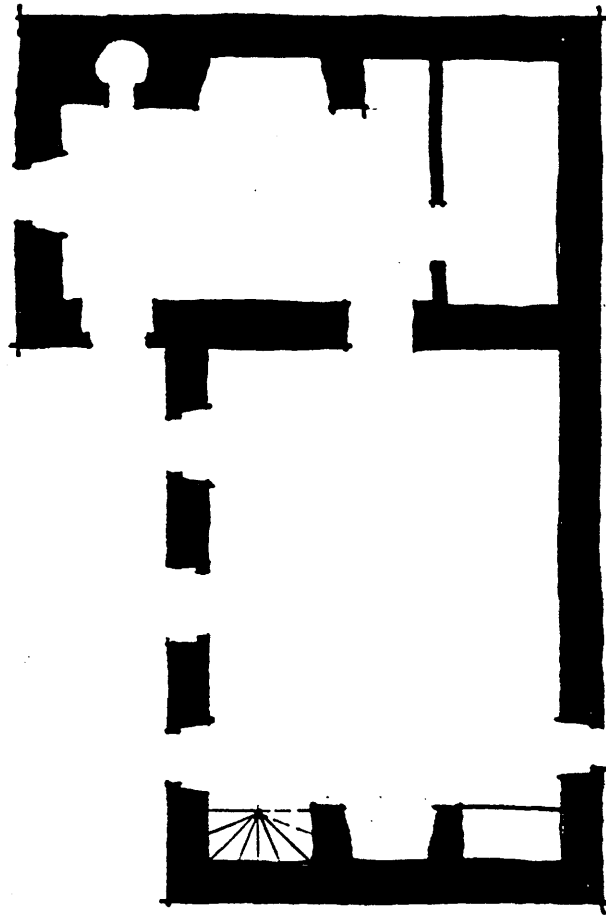


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PLANS

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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