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Registration Form

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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 Fitch, Charles C., Farmstead  
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 26689 Pickens Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Eugene  vicinity  
state Oregon code OR county Lane code 039 zip code 97402

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>4</u>	<u>        </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>5</u>	<u>        </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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 May 5, 1989  
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
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.  
 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Mark J. Baker Entered in the National Register 16 June, 1989  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 dwelling, secondary  
structures  
Agriculture/Subsistence: processing,  
storage, animal facility, agricultural  
buildings, agricultural fields

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling, garage  
Agriculture/Subsistence: smokehouse,  
fuel house, chicken coop, apiary, barn,  
machine shed, fruit house, orchard,  
garden plot, pasture

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals  
Bungalow-Craftsman, Vernacular version

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete  
walls wood, weatherboards  
roof asphalt, composition shingle  
other windows, glass

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The Charles C. Fitch, House, is sited on a tract of land in an isolated area off 26689 Pickens Road, Eugene, Oregon 97402, approximately 2/3 mile on a private road in a North and East direction, which ends at the Fitch house. The nominated area contains 7.22 acres, bordered by fields on the South and West. This area is a haven for wildlife.

Upon its construction in 1914, the Fitch House, a commodious two-story vernacular expression of Arts & Crafts, reflected the love of working with wood by the builder and self-styled architect, Charles C. Fitch. The distinguishing feature of the exterior is a wrap-around veranda in the Craftsman tradition.

The house has a boxy two-story main volume roughly 24 x 40 feet in the ground plan which rests on a post and pier foundation with an average of 2-1/2 feet above grade. It faces the East, and the last and only remaining stump on the site is located about 20 feet Southwest of the West corner of the house and is covered with English Ivy (*Hedera helix*). It stands about 30 feet high. The historic orchard, planted about 1904 is located directly South of the house and contains over a dozen varieties of apples, pears, and cherry. There is a mulberry tree located in the garden area to share with the wildlife.

On the East end of the house, there is a 5-foot wooden porch with the roof supported by square columns and the floor is supported by large round concrete blocks. The porch continues on the North side with a 6-foot wooden porch supported with Greek pillars and very large concrete blocks. The wooden porch floor was constructed intentionally with a 2-inch slope toward the outer edge to help disperse rainwater.

The West side has an enclosed porch 8' x 6' and 6' x 10' bath with cement floor and 18' x 12' woodshed with dirt floor. The back door on the West side of the house has a door with Victorian style colored glass rectangles bordering the main clear glass. This door came from the original temporary house. The window glass in the front door on East side of the house is beveled.

In 1926 self-builders and architects, Burr and Valley Fitch constructed a 56' x 54' Feeder Barn, and a Fruit House 20' x 12', and a Fuel House 12' x 10'. In 1930 Burr and Valley Fitch constructed a Garage and Shop 40' x 24', and a Machine Shed 74' x 24', and a 16' x 12' Chicken House. All the out buildings have been well maintained and remain on the property in very good condition. The Fruit House, Chicken House, the Garage and Shop, and a part of the Machine Shed have cement floors. Most of the lumber in this construction came from saw milling the timber from this property.

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The main house is dominated by a steeply-pitched, shingle-clad hipped roof having East and North elevation porch with over-hang roof. The most distinctive feature on the North facade is an 8-foot polygonal window bay adjacent to the entrance. The whole is clad with ship-lapped horizontal siding. Two stuccoed stove chimneys straddle the roof ridge, which follows the long axis.

Fenestration is regular throughout, and window openings typically are double-hung sash fitted with one over one lights and trimmed with architrave molding. Such molding is used also for the three main floor entrances.

The interior of the house is organized on an offset stair/hall plan with entry into the parlor, dining room, bedroom, and also upstairs, therefrom. The upstairs is essentially unfinished. Interior finish work is fine, standard millwork of the pre-World War I period. Windows and doors consist of wide indigenous natural wood jams, sills and head, finished tastefully molding. The floor molding is 8" wide. The parlor and dining room are additionally decorated with high light molding 21" below the ceiling which facilitates picture hanging.

There is a 4-foot pocket sliding door between dining room and parlor. Also, the dining room has a built-in china cabinet and bay with three windows which gives the room an especially warm feeling.

The balustrade and rail were hand-lathed by Charles C. Fitch. The steps are 44" wide and again feature indigenous fir. The balustrade are positioned such to add decoration to the stairwell.

The kitchen has 3-foot oak wainscot on three sides of the room. The East wall has a built-in cabinet as well as a food-pass-through in the dining room. The kitchen also has a tilting pass-through wood box on the West side.

The floors are natural fir in bedrooms off the dining room and kitchen. Floor in the hall room is fir and the parlor is fir with an oak border. In construction of the house, overall attention to detail within the interior reflects greater livability than the exterior might present.

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In addition to the solid workmanship exhibited in the simple Vernacular Version of the Craftman Style house, the eight outbuildings located on the Farm Site, also are Craftman Style Architecture built by Burr E. and Valley Fitch. These original buildings were built from lumber logged and saw-milled from the property. The outbuildings are in their original constructed state. The dates of construction has been previously stated. The remaining 7.22 Acre Farmstead is significant also as well preserved Agriculture on ensamble illustrating the full array of farm practice in Western Lane County in the period between the World Wars, (1914-1939).

Among the noteworthy features of the agriculture group is some of the of the remaining original equipment, an old John Deere Tractor, a spring tooth harrow, a Disc-harrow, a two bottom plow, a horse mower, and old fashion hay rake, two old time grain drills, and a home made road grader. This is some of the equipment used in growing garden crops, oats, wheat, barley, and vetch hay to feed the livestock. Flax was grown for a year or two and was hauled to Monroe, Oregon, to be made into linen. This venture proved to be an unsuccessful crop and was discontinued. The most note worth feature of the agriculture group in growing vegetables, beans, oats, wheat, barley is the need for a 1920 Fanning Mill which still remains in the Feeder barn next to the large storage bins for the various grains.

The shop attached to the double garage contains various old hand tools, many of which were hand made and forged. To date, nothing has changed the original construction, except for new roofing. It has been totally unaltered in any manner and appears exactly as it did in 1939.

The Criterion here is the Construction, Preservation by 4 generations of the same family for over 85 years. They were among the hard-working frugal farmers who pioneered this area of Western Lane County and eventually made it a prosperous farm.

Three other outbuildings that are in poor state of repair are a smokehouse, an out-house, and a bee-hive house to keep the bees under cover. This is mentioned to further show the diversity on the Farmstead. The Barn still has the overhead hay track and the harpoon hay fork which was used to pull loose hay up into the hay mow by horse power. In later years a hay baler was used but the Barn equipment still remains.

Prior to 1926 a large chicken house, which housed 2,000 laying hens was located near the present location of the garage. This building was razed to construct the new chicken house with wooden roosts that lift up to facilitate cleaning the droppings.

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The Chicken house contains a jump up feeder which hangs from the ceiling away from the nesting area. Straw is used on the concrete floor, made for easy cleaning, and to give the chickens exercise scratching for grain, usually called (scratch). A small door is constructed to allow chickens outside when weather permits. An egg production counter gadget, taken from the old chicken house is attached next to the exit door, so that the egg production can still be counted.

In addition to raising fruit, vegetables, grains, hay, the Farmstead supported several head of cattle and hogs. With the canning of meats and vegetables, and making cider, smoking meats for sale and home use, required the construction of a Smokehouse and Fruit Room storage houses. Bees were needed for pollination of many crops and fruit trees, and also provided honey for sale and home use.

Research with the Lane County Historical Museum and the record compiled by Lane County, Oregon entitled, The Cultured and Historic Landscape of Lane County, Oregon, Summary report of 1986 Resources Survey, evidently has not been completed. This report comes within one Section # 4 Twp 18 Range 5 W but nothing available for Section 3. The information was very limited and incomplete as of dates constructed and any specified locations, as well as to the existance of any buildings present today. This results in no comparison of the Charles C. Fitch Farmstead.

Referral was made to Velda Harwood, historian and leader of the Applegate Pioneer Museum, a decendent of pioneer families, who has lived in the area all her life, agrees to be quoted that, "the Historical houses that have not burned or fallen down have been extensively remodeled, and that the Charles C. Fitch Farmstead absolutely has no equal in unaltered condition, in the quality of Craftmanship, and thoroughly well preserved in original state." And to her knowledge, "knows no farmstead or house that she could direct you to for comparison."

Eight slides photographs were taken in search of comparisons in the vicinity to attempt to prove what has already been noted. Some are totally, beyond repair to the other end of the spectrum on houses remodeled, and the historic value gone. A Farmstead emphatically could not be found that is Better or Well Preserved or had, had more of a vintage flavor of the era between the World Wars (1914-1939), than the Charles C. Fitch Farmstead. Slides # 21 through # 28 verify this statement.

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The house is located at the 450 foot elevation mark and the soil interpretation record by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, is 128 B Veneta Loam, with 0 to 7 percent slope. The Veneta series consists of moderately well-drained soils formed from old mixed alluvium. They occupy nearly level to gently undulating stream terraces and low foothills. The surface layer is dark brown loam about 14 inches thick. The subsoil is strong brown clay loam about 25 inches thick. The substratum is mottled clay. Elevation is 300 to 600 feet. Mean annual precipitation is 40 to 50 inches. Mean annual air temperature is 52 to 54 degrees F. Frost-free period is 165 to 210 days. Capability of the soil is classed as 2 E for Non-Irrigated. Classification being from 1 to 8, number 1 being best.

The shubbery planted by Burr and Valley Fitch consists of many varieties of lilacs, a snow-ball, pampus grass and a butterfly bush, and many varieties of roses, and flowering bulbs.

Trees consist of a black walnut, a white fir, a cork tree which Burr and Valley Fitch planted in 1940 from a small sprout. It is the only known cork tree growing in this area. Also, a myrtle tree is growing well which is a tree that does not grow well anywhere except Coos Bay, Oregon, and Palestine.

**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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Agriculture

1914-1939

1914

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Charles C. Fitch and Burr Fitch, builders

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

See continuation sheet



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

West Lawn Cemetery gravemarkers, Eugene, Oregon.  
Personal interview with Valley A. Fitch, November 1988.  
Census records for Lane County, Oregon, 1910.  
Lane County Deed Records.  
Fitch Family Bible.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):  
 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

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

Specify repository:  
Lane County Clerk and REcorder

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 7.22 acres Elmira, Oregon 1:62500

### UTM References

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1	0	4	7	7	5	0	0	4	8	7	5	0	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

  
C 

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B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

  
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### Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated area is located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 3, Township 18S, Range 5W, Willamette Meridian, in Lane County, Oregon. It is identified as Tax Lot 400 at said location and is more particularly described as follows.

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### Boundary Justification

The nominated area is comprised of the historic administrative nucleus of the farm developed and occupied by Charles C. Fitch and his son, Burr Fitch, from 1902 onward, the driveway giving access to the building group, and the orchard, hay field/pasture and garden plot which make up the immediate setting of the building group. The farmstead, including the historic driveway (30 x 2,000 feet), is readily distinguishable as Tax Lot 400, and encompasses 7.22 acres, more or less. See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title G. B. and Helen Holverstott; Treva Holverstott  
organization owners of nominated property date December 15, 1988  
street & number 1470 Jay Street telephone (503) 688-9607  
city or town Eugene state Oregon zip code 97402

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The farmstead settled by Charles H. Fitch in the Coyote Creek drainage southeasterly of Veneta in central Lane County, Oregon is proposed for nomination under Criterion A as an unusually well preserved agricultural ensemble illustrating the complete range of small farming practices in western Oregon in the period between the World Wars, specifically 1914 to 1939. The farm holding has a Eugene mailing address. It lies approximately nine miles west of the city of Eugene.

The nominated area of seven and a quarter acres encompasses a two-story farmhouse of 1914 which is a distinctive vernacular version of Craftsman style architecture distinguished by a colonnaded porch, or veranda. In addition to the house, the farmstead includes as contributing features a barn, fruit house, and fuel house of 1926; a garage and shop, a machine shed, and a chicken coop of 1930. The house and various outbuildings were constructed of timber--mostly Douglas fir, logged on the property by Charles Fitch and his son, Burr. The complement of nine contributing features is rounded out by an historic smokehouse and apiary, or bee house.

What is thought to be unusual is the survival on premises of mechanized equipment used on the farm in its early phase of development. For example, a rare 1920 fanning mill remains in the barn adjacent to the storage bins for beans, oats, wheat and barley raised on the surrounding acreage. The Fitch Farm, owned and operated by four generations of the same family since 1902, supported in addition to grains and hay, the raising of fruit and vegetables, cattle, hogs and chickens. Bees were kept for pollination of the fruit crop.

The Lane County Cultural Resource Inventory is incomplete in the area south of Highway 126 outlying Veneta. However, an informal survey of neighboring farms in the district revealed few comparable resources in terms of scale, style and state of preservation. In its completeness as an ensemble, the Fitch property is the best illustration locally of the arrangement and equipping of western Oregon farms for crop raising and harvesting, livestock raising, food processing, and residential purposes in the early 20th Century. The immediate setting of the building group is encompassed by the nominated area and is made up of subareas which functioned historically, as they do in the present day, as orchard, garden plot and hay pasture for horses.

Charles Cyrus Fitch (1851-1928), a native of Indiana, settled his Lane County farm of 78 acres in 1902 and operated in until his death in 1928. His son, Burr, and grandchildren carried on the operation nearly to the present day. In an age-old pattern of farm development, the Fitches lived in a temporary shelter while the land was cleared for cultivation. The Fitches and a neighboring land holder named Phelps cooperatively logged the area, using a steam sawmill to manufacture lumber. What lumber was not used for farm buildings was drawn by

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horses to Eugene and sold. All but the seven-acre nucleus of the farmstead was sold by Burr and Valley Fitch in 1987.

The farmhouse is a large, two-story volume, rectangular in plan with a gable roof paralleling the long axis. The overhanging eaves are carried on shaped rafter ends in the Craftsman tradition. The building is clad entirely with drop siding, including shed additions at the west end. The exception is vertical tongue and groove cladding under the porch roof. A Craftsman-style porch, or veranda wraps around north and east elevations and is composed of a solid railing supporting square columns with simple bases and caps. The eaves of the porch roof also are carried on exposed rafter ends. In the north elevation is a beveled window bay which lights the dining room. Windows are typically one-over-one, double-hung sash trimmed with architrave molding. The formal, wide spacing of two square bedchamber windows high under the eaves on either long side elevation is faintly reminiscent of the treatment of second story windows by builders of the German-speaking Aurora Colony in Oregon's Marion County.

The interior is arranged on a longitudinal plan with entry stairhall in the southeast corner. Wood trim is partly standard millwork of the period of construction characterized by multi-paneled doors and beaded moldings. It is known, however, that Charles Fitch was an experienced woodworker and lavished care on the turning of balusters for the stair railing, the wainscoting, and hand-planed, unadorned architraves at window and door heads which have a particularly fine proportion reminiscent of Greek Revival archetypes.

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The Fitch family Bible indicates that Charles Cyrus Fitch was born in LaPorte County, Indiana, April 6, 1851 and died April 18, 1928. His father, Cyrus Fitch was born 1820; his mother was born 1821. His wife, Charlotte (Lattin) Fitch, born DeKalb County, Illinois, May 6, 1860, died October 8, 1938. They were married in Elbridge, Oceana County, Michigan, December 9, 1883. The following children born to this union were all born in Oceana County, Michigan:

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|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Roy Earl Fitch       | b. December 31, 1884 | d. November 14, 1917<br>(logging accident) |
| Olive Mary Fitch     | b. March 16, 1888    | d. April 1971                              |
| Grace Madalene Fitch | b. November 4, 1889  | d. May 8, 1983                             |
| Burr Edson Fitch     | b. February 21, 1893 | d. December 20, 1977                       |

Mary (Roberts) Lattin, the mother of Charlotte (Lattin) Fitch, was born in Ohio, June 4, 1840. Her mother and father were born in England.

Burr E. Fitch married Valley Agnes Storey on June 28, 1918. To this union the following children were born: Beryl Mildred (Fitch) Cammack, September 19, 1922, and Bernell Charles Fitch, December 10, 1934. These four contributed very much to the continuity of the Fitch farm, until September 18, 1987.

On the 9th day of August 1902, Charles C. Fitch purchased Lot 5 in Section 3 of Township 18 South, Range West of the Willamette Meridian; 2.60 acres along with adjoining property containing in all 76 acres, more or less, and containing 78.60 acres, more or less, in Lane County, Oregon. Warranty Deed dated August 9, 1902 and filed March 23, 1903, Volume 59 of Deeds, page 637, consideration \$1,100.00. Location is in an isolated area off Pickens Road, North and East approximately 2/3 mile. The Grantors were Clark M. Stephens and Minnie B. Stephens, his wife. This acreage was heavily timbered.

Mortgage, dated August 9, 1902 and filed October 9, 1902, Volume U or Mortgages page 301, consideration \$300.00. Margin or record reads: This mortgage is satisfied and released of record this 10th day of August 1907, notes herein described having been paid in full. A copy of Certificate of Abstract 342, dated 6th day of June A.D. 1908 certifies that there are no taxes due and unpaid upon the lands described in said caption, and there are no judgments, suits pending or liens of any kind against any of the within grantees, which are liens on the lands described herein, in any court of record in Lane County, except as noted in this abstract, since August 9, 1902. Last half taxes for year 1907 were stated to be \$5.55.

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A Warranty Deed #76635 recorded in Lane County, Oregon, records the sale of the 78.60 acres from Charles C. Fitch, and Charlotte M. Fitch, husband and wife, to their son and daughter-in-law, Burr E. Fitch and Valley Fitch, husband and wife, the 29th of September 1926. This transaction was recorded on microfilm Volume 151, page 471, #76716. Burr E. Fitch married Valley A. Storey on June 28, 1918.

Charles C. Fitch, being a lover of working with wood, must have felt that they were in paradise. He built a temporary wood frame shack in which they could live until they would build the house of their dreams. The family followed Mr. Fitch by train after he completed the temporary home. The family included Mary Lattin, born in 1841 in Ohio, who was the mother of Charlotte. They set about clearing the land for future farming, setting up a Steam Sawmill to cut lumber. The sawmill was erected on the Phelps' property to the East as they proceeded to log and sawmill the timber from both properties. A 130' deep well was drilled at a cost of \$50.00 and a horse. The well is still in use. The water was pumped with a gasoline engine to a tower as high as the house and was gravity-fed to the sawmill. There is still evidence of the sawmill by remaining sawdust. They used two very large Belgian horses named Prince and Buster to log for the sawmill. They also had two smaller horses named Bird and Belle.

Bird was the mother to Belle, and Belle was the mother to Buster. Prince was purchased from Henry Peterson and was already named Prince. This is noted only to explain that most all the children and animals following Burr and Valley Fitch had their names starting with letter "B." A couple of exceptions are the name of Lindy, a very intelligent cattle dog that was one-quarter Coyote and three-quarters Australian Shepherd, named for Flyer Lindbergh; he fathered Pepper that lived to be 23 years old. Both dogs were trained to take notes and lunches to Burr while working in the woods.

Bird and Belle were so well trained that Burr would hook them up and tell them to go to the sawmill and he would follow with Prince and Buster and unhook them at the sawmill. There was a cook shack at the Mill Site to feed the men. When the whistle blew for the noon hour, the horses would refuse to work until they had their oats and rest. The grain was raised on the cleared land with a thresher which was replaced later with a combine. The historical house was constructed in 1914. Most of the lumber in the Construction of the house was kiln dried which required the services of Prince and Buster, the Belgian horses, to haul the lumber several miles to the Eugene Planing Mill in Eugene, Oregon, and back again. The lumber sold was hauled to a railroad siding and

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loaded in cars at the main railroad line. In 1916 while using the Belgian horses to pull stumps with a sweep, the cable broke striking the legs of Charles C. Fitch just below the knees. Burr Fitch hauled his father on a very painful trip to Eugene, Oregon, in a Hack pulled by Bird and Belle. One leg failed to heal and was severed just below the knee. Told that he would never walk again and being a lover of working with wood, he set about carving out an artificial leg along with the necessary harness, and did walk again and even climbed ladders. Since there are 21 fruit trees left of the historical orchard, he felt that he could not stay on the ground. The long ladders remain on the property to this date.

Final land clearing was completed in about 1946 by Burr and Valley Fitch using dynamite and burning and pulling of the old stumps. The property was completely cleared except the one lone 30-foot stump that remains as a sentinel and is covered with English Ivy. This tree was topped to avoid falling on the house.

A Warranty Deed #7939891, dated July 11, 1964, records a sale of approximately 71.38 acres, more or less, from Burr E. Fitch and Valley A. Fitch, husband and wife to William F. Henderson and Mae T. Henderson, husband and wife, all that real property situated in Lane County, State of Oregon, described in that instrument.

The remaining property consisting of 7.22 acres remained in the Fitch family until the 18th day of September 1987, a total of continuous family ownership of over 85 years. Memorandum of Land Sales Contract #8741844 records the same of Seller, Valley A. Fitch to buyers: G. B. Holverstott and Helen T. Holverstott, husband and wife, September 18, 1987, recorded in Lane County, Oregon. Assignment of Land Sales Contract was made by G. B. and Helen T. Holverstott to G. B. and Helen T. Holverstott, and Treva Holverstott, on the 21st day of September 1987. Approval of the assignment to transfer was approved by Valley A. Fitch, September 22, 1988.

William J. Holverstott and Loreen K. Blume are great grandchildren of Charles C. and Charlotte M. Fitch, and they are nephew and niece of G. B. Holverstott, and first cousin of Treva Holverstott. Although not direct descendants, the property still remains in the related family.

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- (1) Name of Property: Charles C. Fitch, House
- (2) Address: 26689 Pickens Road, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon 97402
- (3) Name of Photographer: Richard G. Unruh
- (4) Date of Photographs: November 18, 1988
- (5) Location of Original Negatives: 1470 Jay Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402
- (6) Description of view indicating direction as follows:

- #1 Direct view from West to East, showing direct entrance from the back door showing the black walnut tree, back porch, bathroom, and woodshed.
- #2 Direct view from Northwest corner of historical house, showing the two Federalist chimneys, and general construction and the sliding door to the woodshed on the far right.
- #3 Direct view from the Southeast corner of the house, showing the front entrance to the house on the extreme right side.
- #4 Direct view from the Northeast corner of the house, showing the North side of the house and East side of the main entrance on the extreme left side. The historical bay windows can be viewed just to the left of the television antenna. Also, it reflects the large cement pillar blocks supporting the slanted porch, along with the Greek pillars supporting the porch roof.
- #5 Direct view from North side of the house, showing a clear view of the 8-foot bay windows.
- #6 A close-up view of the bay windows located on North side with one of the two access doors located on the extreme right.
- #7 A view of the Greek pillars in close-up supporting the North side of the porch. This view shows the Italian influence roof eaves. On the extreme right is a view of a part of the large feeder barn, constructed about 1930, by Burr and Valley A. Fitch. Clothes lines run entire length of North and East side of porch.
- #8 A view of the buildings taken from the private access road leading to the property. The fence posts shown in this photograph represent the present property boundary. The photograph was taken from the private driveway South and West of the historic house.

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- (1) Name of Property: Charles C. Fitch, House
- (2) Address: 26689 Pickens Road, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon 97402
- (3) Name of Photographer: Richard G. Unruh
- (4) Date of Photographs: November 18, 1988
- (5) Location of Original Negatives: 1470 Jay Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402
- (6) Description of view indicating direction as follows:
  - #9 A view from West side of the kitchen, showing microwave oven was where food was passed through from kitchen to dining area, and cabinet work for storage and stove pipe for the trash burner.
  - #10 A view from South side of kitchen, showing pantry, kitchen table, and entrance door from the North.
  - #11 Colored glass door window as described from the original shack, taken from inside of house from the East side, and pointing to West entrance.
  - #12 A view from West side of dining room to East showing wood stove and pipe and glass built-in china cabinet closed, and a large 4-foot sliding wood door to enter the parlor.
  - #13 A view of close-up picture of glass built-in storage cabinet and door leading to hallway that connects to the East entrance to the East entrance to the House.
  - #14 A view of the bay windows taken from the South side of the dining room.
  - #15 A view of the stairway with Balustrade leading up and to the right to the second story, taken from the East entrance.
  - #16 A view from the stairway facing the East entrance, showing the wooden door with the beveled glass window. A part of the clothes rack is shown on the left side of the door. To the left of the clothes rack is a door to enter the parlor, and another to enter the dining area, and still another to a bedroom.



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- (6) Description of view indicating direction as follows:

- # 17 View taken in a North-westerly direction, from left to right, Machine shed, barn, chicken house, and fuel shed.
- # 18 View taken in a North-westerly direction, from left to right, Machine shed, Barn, Chicken house, fuel shed, and double garage. Also shown in garden spot is a mulberry tree.
- # 19 View taken in a North-westerly direction of Fruit room, on left, smoke-house, and outhouse.
- # 20 View taken from west to east of Bee Hive house for covering the bee hives.

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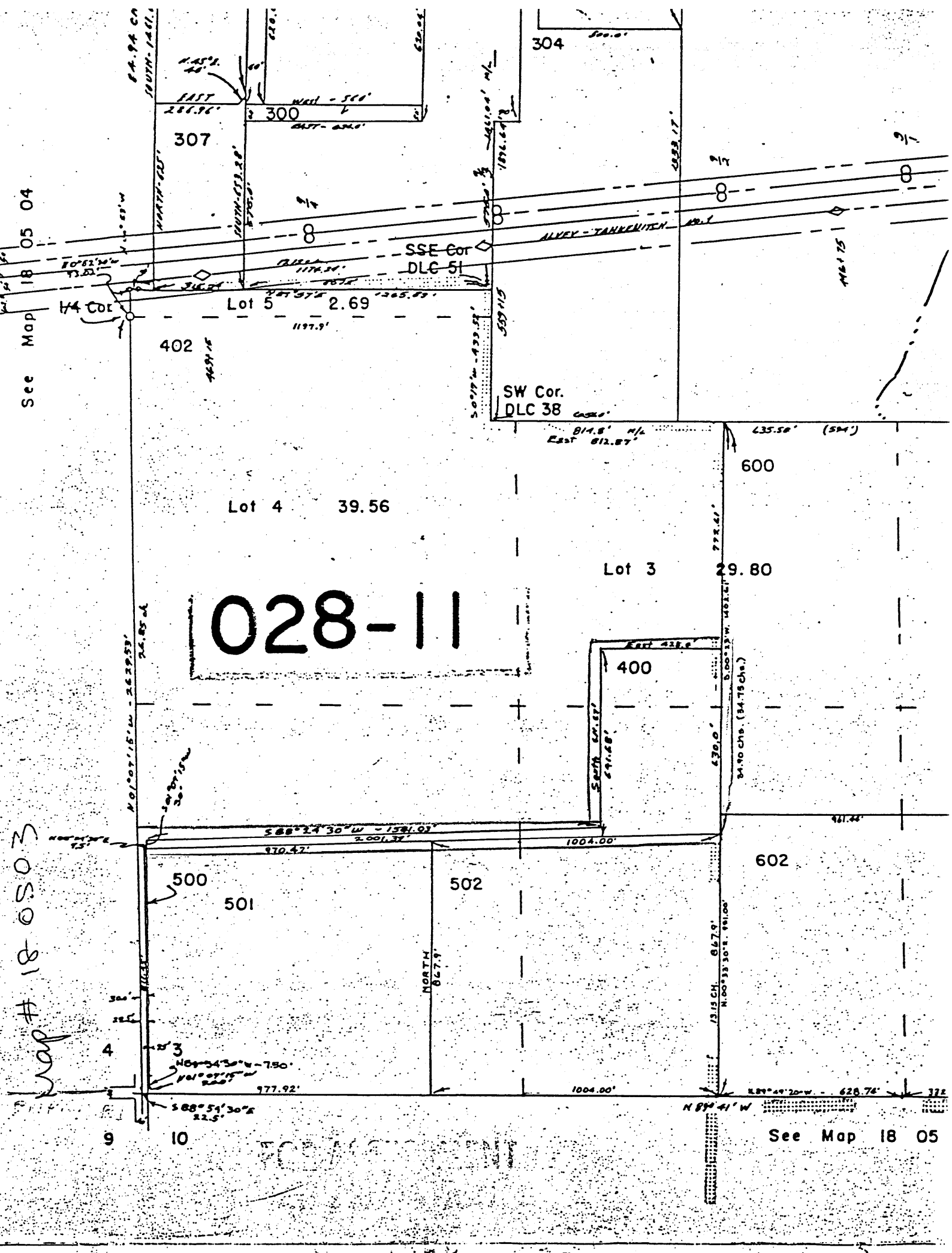
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Beginning at a Point 830.79 feet North  $1^{\circ} 07' 15''$  West and 30.0 feet North  $88^{\circ} 24' 30''$  East from the Southwest Section corner of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Lane County, Oregon, said point also being on the North line of that certain tract deeded to Odyne O. Mathews and Kathryn Mathews, husband and wife, by S. D. Buck and Hattie E. Buck, husband and wife, recorded in Book 342, page 98, Lane County Oregon Deed Records; thence North  $1^{\circ} 07' 15''$  West 30.0 feet; thence parallel to the North line of the said Odyne O. Mathews tract, North  $88^{\circ} 24' 30''$  East 1581.03 feet; thence North 611.67 feet; thence East 425.0 feet; thence South  $0^{\circ} 23'$  West 630.0 feet to the Northeast corner of said Odyne O. Mathews tract; thence along the North line of said tract South  $88^{\circ} 24' 30''$  West 2001.39 feet to the Point of Beginning.

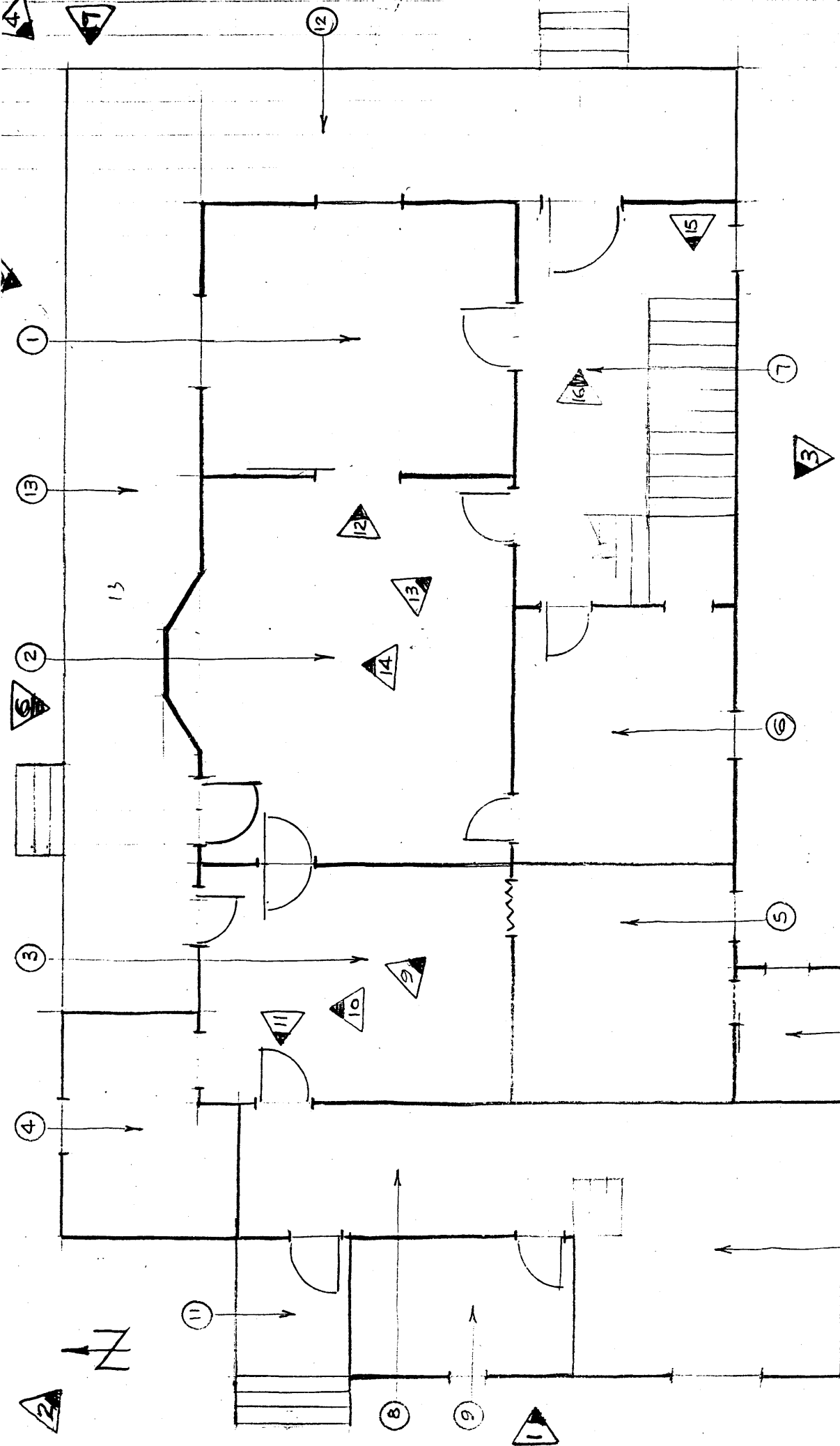
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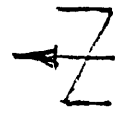
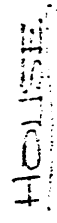
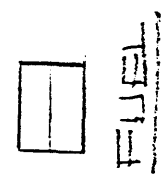
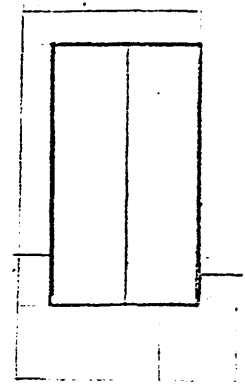
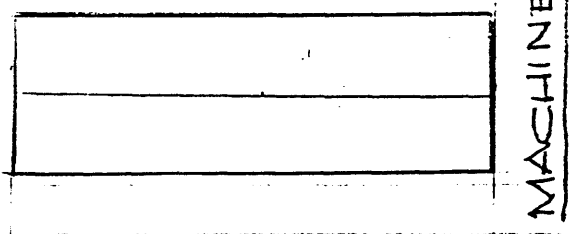
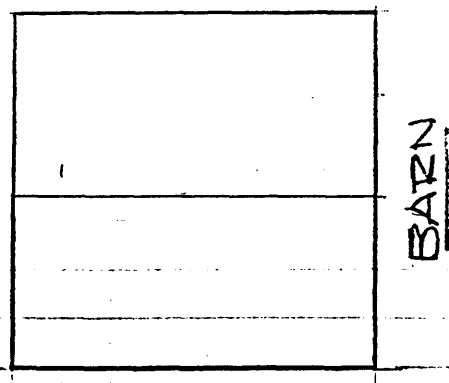
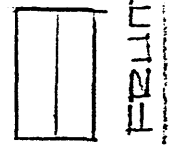
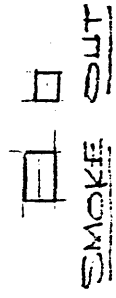
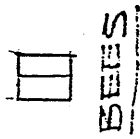
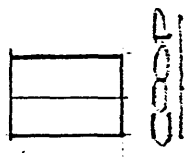
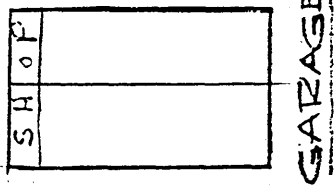
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1. PARLOR - 11'-6" x 13'-6"
2. DINING - 16'-6" x 13'-6"
3. KITCHEN - 10'-0" x 15'-6"
4. PANTRY - 8'-0" x 10'-0"
5. BEDROOM - 10'-0" x 11'-0"
6. BEDROOM - 8'-0" x 10'-0"
7. ENTRY - 10'-0" x 18'-0"
8. PORCH - 6'-0" x 15'-0"
9. BATH - 6'-0" x 10'-0"
10. WOOD - 10'-0" x 10'-0"
11. PORCH - 5'-0" x 6'-0"
12. PORCH - 6'-0" x 42'-0"
13. PORCH - 6'-0" x 24'-0"
14. CLOSET - 5'-0" x 6'-0"

▲ INDICATES WHERE  
 PHOTO WAS TAKEN



PLOT PLAN 1" = 30'-0"

CHARLES C. FITCH - FARMSTEAD