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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property ASBURY HOUSE

historic name: _____
other name/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number: 2922 Putnam Avenue not for publication: N/A
city/town: Hurricane vicinity: N/A
state: WV county: Putnam code: 079 zip code: 25526

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide x locally.
(____ See continuation sheet.)

William G. Linn Signature of Certifying Official 2/18/97 Date

State or Federal agency and bureau Date

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is: _____ Date
Signature of Keeper of Action
Edson B. Beall 3/21/97
x 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): _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>Domestic: Single Dwelling</u>	<u>Domestic: Single Dwelling</u>
	<u>Commerce/Trade: Professional</u>
	<u>Speciality Store</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification: (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>I-House</u>	<u>Foundation Cinder Block & Concrete</u>
	<u>Walls Brick</u>
	<u>Roof Asphalt Shingles</u>
	<u>Other</u>

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1876-1946

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Significant Dates
N/A

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
Conner, McFarland
McCallister William

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreeage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

<u>17</u>	<u>411080</u>	<u>4254240</u>
Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Jennifer K. Peters, and Katherine M. Jourdan

Organization: WV SHPO Date: 25 November 1996

Street & Number: 1900 Kanawha Blvd East Telephone: 304/558-0220, 156

City or Town: Charleston State: WV Zip: 25305-0300

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Renee Wiles Johnson

Street & Number: 2922 Putnam Ave Telephone: 304/562-1001

City or Town: Hurricane State: WV Zip: 25526
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Asbury House is sited on two flat grassy lots along Putnam Avenue which parallels Hurricane's Main Street and the C&O Railroad tracks. The house has always been located on the north side of Putnam Avenue, but was moved one block east in 1994 to avoid demolition by a local church's expansion. The house retains the same orientation as its former location, and has the same set back as the other homes along the street. Only a small half-circle drive has been added to accommodate additional off-street parking.

General research dated the construction of the home to 1876 although the I-house style, with late Greek Revival style design elements and brick construction, demonstrates that the home follows designs popular 20-40 years earlier. The house is a two-story residence, with twelve-inch brick interior and exterior walls. The front facade has five bays with a center door and three light transom. The windows are later 8/1 double-hung openings with stone sills and wooden shutters. The eaves and fascia once had low brackets, but these were removed in the 1970s and are now covered by aluminum siding. There are two tie-rods running through the house with decorative star ends located on each side of the front portico.

The house has a small front portico with metal hip roof and columns. This portico was reconstructed after the porch collapsed during the move. The main roof of the house is a low hip with shingles. The house originally had a sandstone foundation. The move necessitated that a foundation be in place prior to the shift of the home, so a new foundation of cinder block and concrete was constructed on the new lot. The original foundation stones now form a garden wall on the rear of the property.

The east facade of the house has a single door and transom, with a window above on the second floor. The interior fireplace is to the left of the doorway. There is evidence in the brickwork of a porch along the length of this facade which was removed by the church in the 1987. The north or rear facade also has a single door with transom, and two original windows to the left of the doorway. A second story bathroom window over the doorway was altered in the 1940s with a casement opening. A center second floor window was altered by the church to be a fire exit door. Plans by the owner call to restore the original window opening. A rear gabled porch which had been enclosed was removed from the rear entrance.

The front entrance opens into a central hallway that measures 10' x 21'. The foyer's original mahogany staircase, with deep tread, newel post and handrail rises in one flight to the second floor. The living area opens to the right of the hall with a single room spanning the depth of the house. The wooden fireplace mantel has been repainted in a faux marble. The floors throughout the home seem to date to the early 1900s with a thin (1 1/2 ") width board.

To the left of the front hall is a square dining area with a door leading into the rear kitchen. What may have been a small sitting room behind the front stairs is now used for mechanicals, laundry and bath.

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The second floor has a bath at the top of the stairs, three bedrooms and a small nursery area, now used as a dressing room. The front bedroom over the living area has a fireplace mantel. The original second floor plan remains the same except for some additional closets added over the years.

After the move the house received extensive restoration to replace mechanicals, electrical work, and plumbing fixtures. The owner also replaced the missing wooden trimwork around the windows, refinished floors, patched plaster, etc. which reversed some of the alterations made by the church. Currently the first floor is used as a shop by the owner, and the kitchen and upstairs as private residential space.

The Asbury House was moved approximately one block from its former site, and still sits on the original Conner farm property. The orientation and setback of the house to the street remains the same.

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Asbury House is being nominated under Criterion C for Architecture, with the period of significance from 1876 to 1946. The home is one of the earliest remaining residences in the town of Hurricane, built by one of the first families to settle the Hurricane Valley.

The Conner family was the first family to move into the area during the end of the 1700s, known at the time as the Curry District. James Conner and his wife Alice ran the Conner Hotel, a successful business located on Main Street. Their son, Andrew Jackson Conner, had four children: Vaturia, Valeria, McFarland and William. It is believed that McFarland or Mac Conner began construction of the home on the family farm in 1876, but left the house unfinished. After his death in 1885, the house and property was sold by his siblings.

Putnam County was sparsely settled prior to the Civil War. A small community began to be formed in 1815 along Big Hurricane Creek which took its name from a number of downed trees found during the initial survey of 1774. When the railroad came through the area in the 1870s, the community was called Hurricane Station. Upon incorporation in 1888, however, the name was shortened to Hurricane.

One of those who took advantage of the new prosperity of the town was William "Bill Mac" McCallister, who in 1890 purchased the house and finished the interior of the home. McCallister was already a successful farmer after the Civil War. When the railroad came to town he purchased land on the north side of the tracks and began building two general stores with a rear livery stable. McCallister used the home as rental property, including a period from 1907-08 when a double railroad track was being laid in the county and the house served as a boarding house for railroad workers.

The house had periods when it was unoccupied, and was often used by playing children. McCallister was ready to tear the home down when his new daughter-in-law decided she wanted to live in the home. He deeded the house to his son Cline in 1924, who made renovations and lived there until 1929. The house was then sold to Doctor Homer A. Erwin, a prominent dentist and state legislature, who resided there until 1969, when it was purchased as a parsonage by the Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church.

When the church decided to expand the sanctuary, the parsonage was to be removed for construction and additional parking. The house was purchased by Renee Wiles who was able to locate several lots a block away. The house was secured and carefully moved to the new location in 1994. Renovations to the mechanicals of the home, interior woodwork, plaster repair, and refinishing of the floors have returned some of the former historic character to the house.

The I-house style of the house is unusual in Hurricane which has few remaining homes built before the late nineteenth century. Many of the residences located along Main or Putnam Avenue are Queen Anne, or Italianate in construction. The Asbury House is well constructed with 12" brick walls, brick fireplace, and a modest interior attesting to the delayed completion and heavy use the house sustained as a rental property,

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and by the church. The current windows, and floors probably date to the renovation undertaken by Cline McCallister and his wife in 1924.

Asbury House as it was named by the church, is one of the few brick residences from the late 19th century remaining in Hurricane. Despite its move in 1994, care was taken that the house be placed as close as possible to its original site, and that it remain on the original Conner farm. The house still has the same orientation to Putnam Avenue, and was placed at the same set back as its original location.

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Boundary Description

Lots 7 & 8, Block 1 of the Corbly Addition of the Town of Hurricane,
Putnam County, West Virginia.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries reflect the legal description of the property as recorded
in Deed Book 354, p. 740.

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Name: Asbury House
Address: 2922 Putnam Avenue
City: Hurricane, West Virginia
County: Putnam County

Photographer: Renee Wiles Johnson
Jennifer Peters

Date: November 1996
May 1995

Negatives: WV SHPO Office

Photo 1 of 8: Front/South Facade
Camera looking North (11/96)

Photo 2 of 8: Front Facade
Camera looking North (5/95)

Photo 3 of 8: Porch Detail, Front Facade
Camera looking North (5/95)

Photo 4 of 8: West Facade
Camera looking East (5/95)

Photo 5 of 8: North Facade, Rear
Camera looking South (11/96)

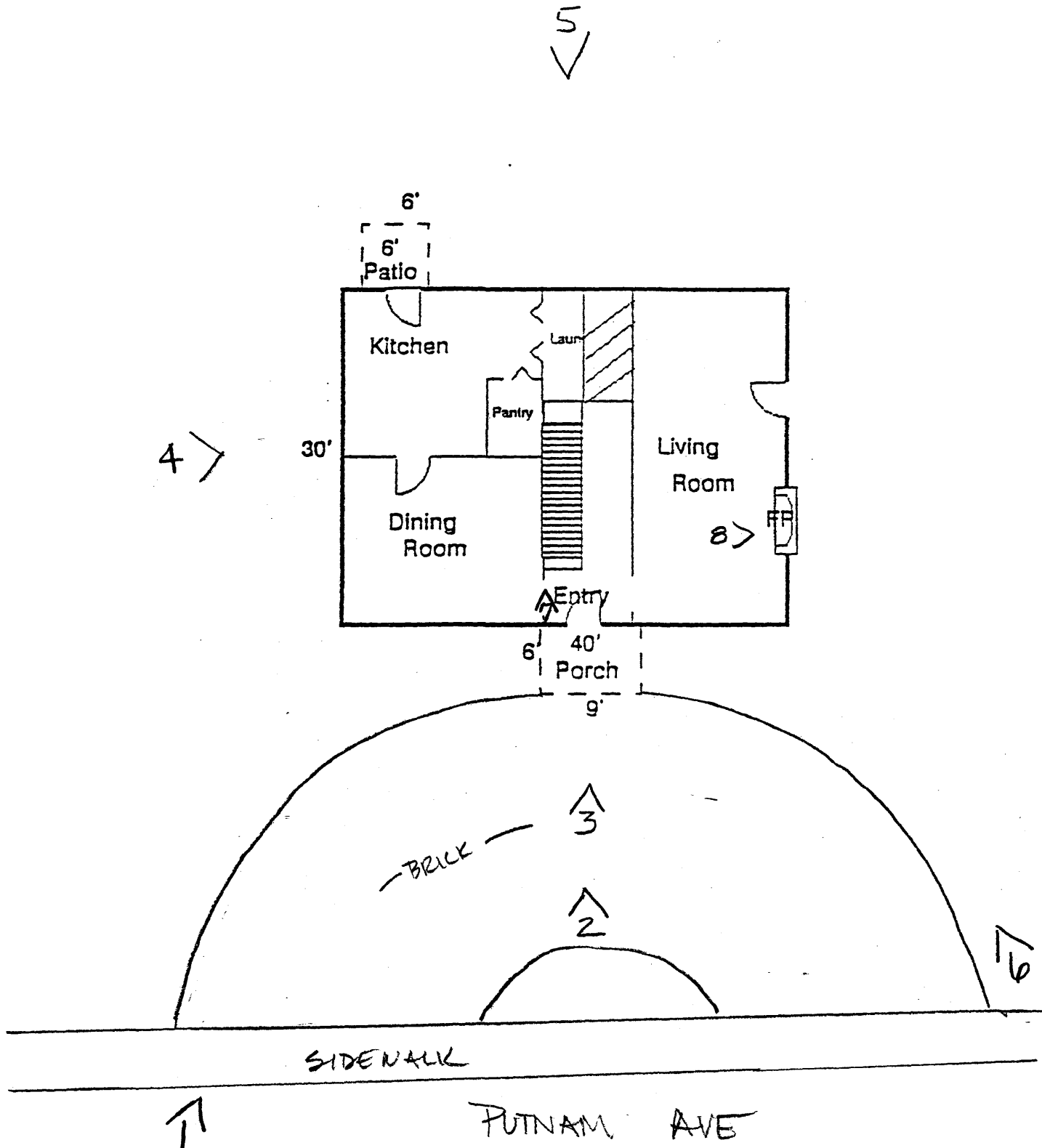
Photo 6 of 8: East Facade
Camera looking North (11/96)

Photo 7 of 8: Central Stairway
Camera looking North (11/96)

Photo 8 of 8: Mantel Detail, Living Room
Camera looking East (11/96)

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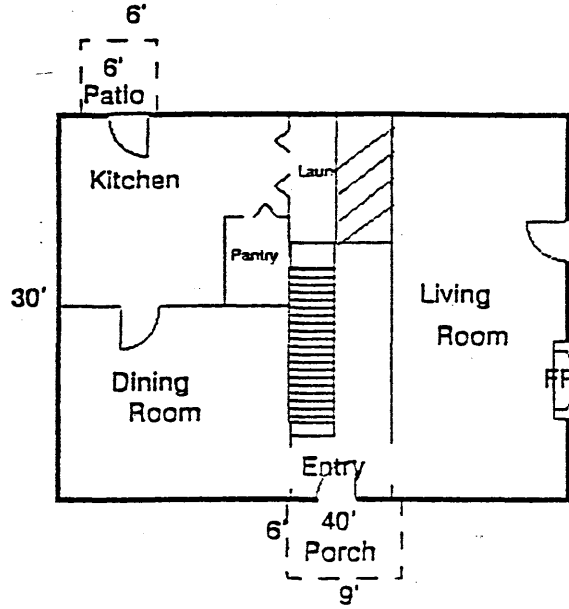
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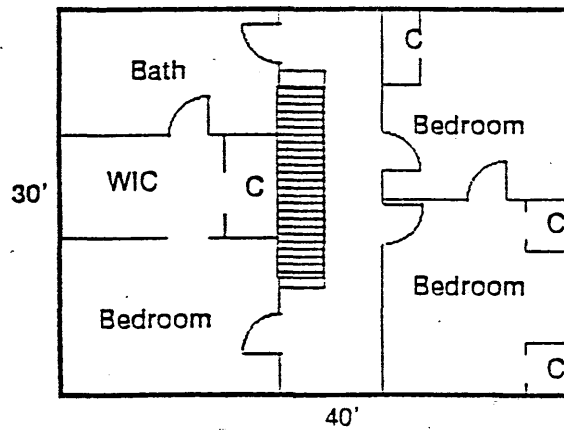
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FLOORPLANS

First Floor



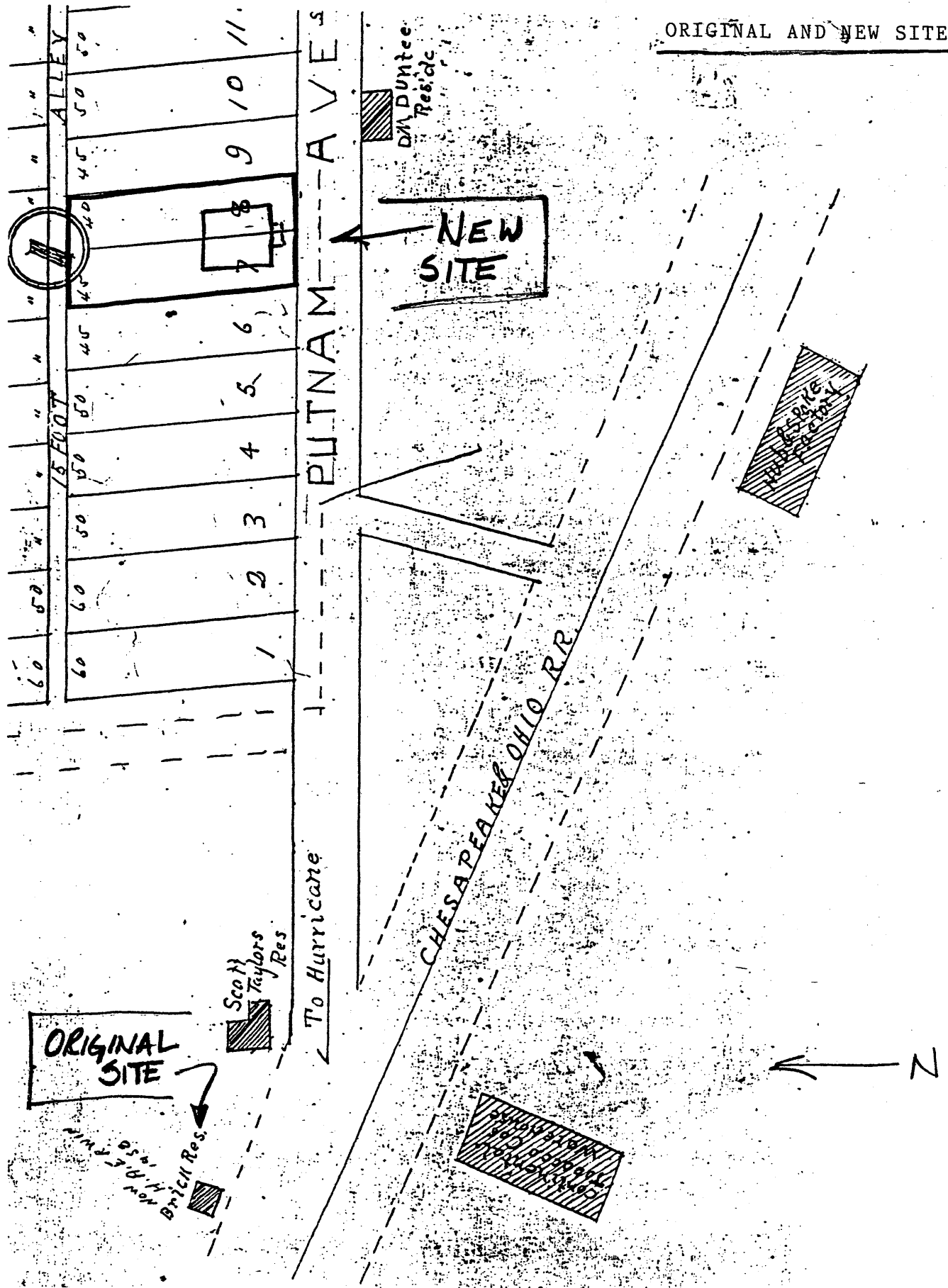
Second Floor



SCALE: 1 inch = 15 feet

ASBURY HOUSE
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ORIGINAL AND NEW SITE



Original Site



Below -
House just before it was moved

