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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Coffren, John W., House and Store (preferred)

and/or common Green House and Store

## 2. Location

street & number 10007 Croom Road N/A not for publication

city, town Croom N/A vicinity of Fourth Congressional District

state Maryland code 24 county Prince George's code 033

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Debra Naylor, Peter Richard Boundy, G. Rogers Naylor, Ellen D. Naylor

street & number 10007 Croom Road

city, town Upper Marlboro N/A vicinity of state Maryland 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1936  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources	
Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>5</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>8</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: 0

Original and historic functions and uses: commercial, residential

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The Coffren house is a gable roofed, two-and-half-story frame dwelling with a side-hall-and-double-parlor plan, dating from 1861. It has a one-story kitchen wing built ca. 1890, and six outbuildings in good repair, dating from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Its interior details are Greek Revival in style. There is a two-story store building approximately 75 feet west of the house, dating from 1853. The Coffren store is a three-by-two bay, gable roof frame structure with a catslide roof sloping to the west (rear). The interior has one large room on the first story which served as a general store, and a second story storage loft. House and store have received only minor changes since their construction. Both front on Croom Road in the Village of Croom.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1853, 1861                      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: B, C  
 Applicable Exceptions: none  
 Significance Evaluated: local

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The John W. Coffren House and Store are significant in three areas: for their architecture, for their association with the commercial history of the county, and for their association with John W. Coffren, local merchant and land owner. The Coffren house, built in 1861, has a Greek Revival entrance way and interior detail. It is notable to find examples of Greek Revival architectural details at so late a date. The floor plan exemplifies a style typical of successful landowners of the period in the county. Few such well preserved examples of this house type remain. The Coffren store, ca. 1853, is a utilitarian structure, embodying a type once common in the county but now rare. Such structures have been considered of little value and abandoned or destroyed. The interior, designed for use as a one-room general store, remains largely unchanged from its original appearance. The store is significant to the history of commerce on the Patuxent and in the county. No other well-preserved example of a mid- nineteenth century general store remains in the County. The house and store are distinguishable as an entity that has functioned from the construction of the house in 1861 through the closing of the store in 1945. The significance of the house and store together is that they are an intact example of house and store complexes that served rural communities in the county during the nineteenth century. Of what was once a fairly common relationship of buildings, only four other examples survive, in greatly altered condition. Last, the buildings are significant for their association with their builder, John W. Coffren (1828-1874), who rose from ditch digger to wealthy merchant, serving on the Vestry of St. Thomas Church in Croom and on the Prince George's County School Board, as well as owning much of the property in the Village of Croom.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes on Continuations Sheets 7 and 8.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.78 acres

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 10

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission

date January 1986

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive

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city or town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland 20772

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

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title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register



date 6/2/87

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The John W. Coffren House is located just west of and in a bend of Croom Road, on a lot of 2.78 acres. Croom Road is the major north-south road in this rural area. The John W. Coffren House and its adjoining store formed the nucleus of the Village of Croom in the mid and late nineteenth century. Croom is still the place name for the houses and small general stores that line Croom Road for a distance of 1.6 miles in this area. The house is a two story, rectangular frame dwelling with a one story frame kitchen addition on its southwest corner.

The main block (approximately 28 by 32 feet), is a two-and-one-half story gable-roofed structure, three-by-two bays, with entrance in the third bay of the three bay east (main) facade. Entrance is through a door with four octagonal panels, flanked by two paneled vertical wood pilasters and surmounted by a dentiled transom bar. The four-light transom and three-light sidelights have panes etched with a circular floral pattern. There are wainscot panels below the sidelights. The one-bay entrance porch is of new (1985) construction. It is unroofed and is accessible by a flight of stairs on each side. The balustrade is a reproduction of the original balustrade found on the rear porch. Windows in the main block are 6/6 double-hung-sash with louvered shutters painted dark green. The building is covered with horizontal wood siding and has plain corner boards, all painted white. It rests on a brick foundation of American bond with a random course of headers, and is roofed with corrugated metal. There are two parged brick interior chimneys on the south facade, flanking the gable ridge. Each of the north and south gable ends has a round-arch 6/6 window with louvered shutters centered at the attic level. The crown molded cornice has a wide plain frieze marked by heavy scrolled brackets with pendants spaced evenly across the facade. The cornice returns are bracketed as is the raking cornice on the north and south gable ends.

The three bay west (rear) facade has entrance in the first bay, through a four panel door. The window above the entrance is situated between first and second levels, as it lights the interior stair landing. A three bay, shed roof porch shelters the first story. The corrugated metal porch roof rests on square chamfered wood posts with molded capitals. The balustrade is composed of simple rectangular balusters placed vertically, alternating with two of the same balusters crossed in an "X" pattern. A wood lattice approximately five feet high encloses the west end of the porch. The porch rests on brick piers. A trap door in the floor of the porch, just north of the rear entrance, leads to a small brick-lined cellar beneath the north-west corner of the house. The sill and floor joists visible in this cellar appear to be hand hewn.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The interior of the main block consists of a side stairhall and adjoining double parlors. The open-string two-run stair rises against the exterior wall, turns across the west end of the stairhall and turns again to the second story. It has an oval profile as it rises to a finished loft. There are turned balusters; a heavy, turned, Greek Revival style newel; an outer string with ornamental brackets and a paneled spandrel.

Each of the two parlors is warmed by a fireplace in the south wall. The two identical wooden mantels have an opening flanked by plain, rectangular pilasters; the wide frieze is highlighted by a projecting ogee arch and crown molding, and surmounted by a plain shelf. A wide, open doorway joins the two parlors; there is evidence of hinges in the jambs. The flooring, of varying width, appears to be original. The door and window surrounds have architrave molding. There is a crown molded picture rail and baseboard throughout the first story. The parlors have identical central plaster ceiling medallions with a design of radiating acanthus leaves and an outer fret band. A large plaster medallion with a design of concentric rings is in the entrance hall. The west end of the stairhall features a four panel rear door and a cupboard beneath the stairs, lighted by a 4/4 double-hung-sash window.

The second story consists of a bedroom over each parlor and a small room at the east end of the hall, over the front entrance. A bathroom was created by enclosing the section of the hallway along the north wall, in front of the flight of stairs to the loft. There are fireplaces in each bedroom. All moldings are identical to those on the first story.

Attached on the south gable end of the main block is a circa 1890s, kitchen wing. The structure is one story, 16 feet 10 inches by 12 feet, set high on brick piers infilled with cement. A parged interior stovepipe chimney rises at its south gable end. The west side entrance, a two-panel door with four upper glass lights, is reached by wooden stairs. The addition is sided with German siding and roofed with corrugated metal. There is a boxed wood cornice. Windows are 6/6 double-hung-sash.

The interior of the kitchen has been remodeled, including the replacement of the original flooring with oak tongue-and-groove flooring; the closing of the south window to place a built-in cabinet over it; and the construction of a furnace room in the southwest corner of the room. The original exterior siding of the main block is visible on the north kitchen wall, where it joins the main structure. The door and window surrounds are notable for their banded molding.

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The Coffren Store is a two-story rectangular frame structure, three-by-two-bays, measuring circa 24 by 30 feet. It is set just north of the Coffren House and fronts directly on Croom Road to its east.

The three bay east (main) facade has entrance in the central bay through double doors of vertical wood planks. There is a small rectangular window in the upper half of each door. The doors are barred from the inside with a wooden bar. The doorway and windows have plain wood surrounds. The windows throughout the structure are covered by exterior iron bars, probably original to the building. There are initials carved in the wood siding around the front entrance and the first story windows. An open slot to the left of the door was probably a letter drop. The first story is shaded by a three bay entrance porch. Its corrugated metal, shed roof rests on slim square wood posts. The wooden floor rests on a concrete base.

The store is sided with random width horizontal wood siding recently (1985) painted grey. The north gable end is sided with wood shingles. There is a simple boxed cornice and corner boards, painted white. The building rests on a brick foundation. The corrugated metal, gable roof has an extended south plane, giving the building a "saltbox" profile.

The two-bay south facade has entrance in the first bay through a door of vertical boards with a rectangular center window covered by iron bars. High in the second bay is a second story window. There is a parged interior stovepipe chimney projecting from the roof between the first and second bay.

On the first story the interior of the Coffren Store is one room. An enclosed wooden counter (behind which the clerk would have stood) runs down the north and south sides of the room, with a opening at the west (rear) of the room. A cash drawer is located in the northwest section of the counter. On the north and south walls of the building and across the west (rear) wall are shelves, drawers and bins for merchandise. North of the entrance door, on the counter top, is a cabinet of numbered post office boxes. Two chamfered wood posts supporting the upper floor are located north and south of the room's center. An enclosed stair opens to the rear on the south wall of the building. The second story has one room finished with plaster walls, at the east (front) of the building. It is entered through a five panel wooden door. The west end of the building is open loft space with the rafters exposed. The rafters appear to be circular sawn and are stamped on their ends with Roman numerals.

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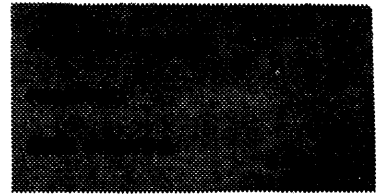
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

West of the Coffren House, in the rear yard is a meat house which, according to local legend, dates to Coffren's ownership of the property. The one-by-one-bay, one-story meat house measures 12'5" x 12'3" and has a standing seam metal gable roof, boxed wood cornice on east and west facades, wide lapped horizontal wood siding and corner boards. The central entrance on the east facade is of vertical boards, and has iron strap hinges and a hole for a latch pin. The hand hewn log sill rests on a poured cement base, added during repairs during the early twentieth century.

There are six other contributing outbuildings in the complex to the west of the house. A two-by-one bay gable roof corn crib with slatted wood sides and hand hewn sill rests on brick piers. A two-by-one bay hog pen with wide unlapped horizontal wood siding rests on brick and cement piers. A two-story, two-by-two bay gable roof barn has vertical board siding and rests on brick and cement footings. All three buildings have standing seam metal gable roofs. All three were sited on Jeremiah Ryon's nearby farm called Grapeville and were moved to the Coffren site sometime during Ryon's ownership (1893-1900). A long one-story frame mule stable covered with vertical wood siding and having a standing seam metal gable roof was built in 1904. It is connected to the two-story barn on its north gable end. A one-by-one bay shed-roof frame privy with vertical wood siding is of early twentieth century construction. A two-by-three bay shed-roof frame hen house has a 1920 construction date.



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## HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The Village of Croom formed along a bend in Croom Road between Croom Airport Road and St. Thomas Church Road during the 1840s and 50s. In 1853 Croom was composed of several houses, a blacksmith shop, a wheelwright's shop and John W. Coffren's store.<sup>2</sup> With the port of Nottingham four miles to the east and Upper Marlboro, the County seat, four miles to the north, Croom remained a village serving local farms and plantations.

Built by 1853<sup>1</sup>, the Coffren Store building is a utilitarian construction type, with no architectural embellishments. This type of frame, gable roof structure was built during the mid and late nineteenth century with a combination of machine sawn and hand hewn timbers, and used for many functions. Such a structure is now rare in the county because they have been considered expendable and have been destroyed or allowed to deteriorate.

The plan and features of the store are unchanged since its construction. The preservation of the interior plan and fixtures allows rare access to a mid-nineteenth century rural merchant's lifestyle and the workings of a mid-nineteenth century general store. An inventory of personal property made at Coffren's death documents the merchandise stocked in the building. The inventory included grain and seed, tools and nails, food stuffs, clothing, drugs for the two local physicians, and wines and liquors.<sup>4</sup> Much of the merchandise was supplied by wholesalers in Baltimore and was shipped south down the Patuxent River and through the port of Nottingham.<sup>5</sup> Thus, the store is a link in the commercial history of Baltimore and shipping on the Patuxent River.

The Coffren House was built for John W. Coffren in 1861.<sup>6</sup> The plan is identical to that of houses built by successful planters, merchants and professionals in the county from the 1840s through the 1860s. The Coffren House possesses<sup>7</sup> integrity of material and design retained by few other remaining examples.

A merchant's house and store in close proximity was common in rural Prince George's County in the mid-nineteenth century through the early twentieth century. They were major features of the crossroads communities that served area farmers.<sup>8</sup> The function of the cross roads general store has been out-moded by super markets and convenience stores. Only the Coffren house and store remain as unaltered examples of this customary relationship. The buildings possess integrity as individual structures and integrity in their setting as a complex. Their preservation provides information on mid and late nineteenth century rural mercantile practices in the county.

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Both house and store are significant for their association with their builder, John W. Coffren (1828-1874). Listed as a "ditcher" in the 1850 census, Coffren was operating a store on the present store site, probably in the present building, by 1853.<sup>9</sup> He was 26 years old at the time. He lived above the store while acquiring 58 acres of property in the surrounding area, comprising the heart of the Village of Croom. Coffren established Croom's first post office in the store in the mid-1850s and served as postmaster until his death.<sup>10</sup> He attained enough financial success by 1861 to build the stylish house adjacent to the store. Ownership of 58 acres surrounding Croom with houses and shops upon it,<sup>11</sup> and his successful store, explains Coffren's local prominence. Coffren was appointed to the first Board of County School Commissioners in July 1865. He represented Nottingham, Aquasco and Surratt's Districts and oversaw the building of a school in Croom in 1866.<sup>12</sup> He served as vestryman for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Croom, from 1867 through his death in 1874.<sup>13</sup>

The Coffren Store provided a focal point for the village. According to local legend,<sup>14</sup> Confederate troops from the area met and drilled in front of the store.

Coffren's life is a microcosm of the change in the American economy taking place during the mid-nineteenth century, nationally and more particularly in rural Maryland. The land-based agricultural economy was changing to a mercantile economy and community members could attain prominence through financial success rather than through family name and inherited wealth.

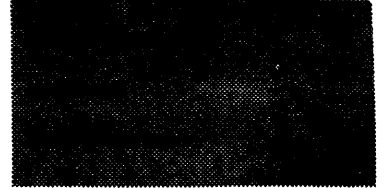
After Coffren's death in 1874 the house and store were held by his wife and daughter. From 1889 through 1893 the property underwent a series of ownerships, with parts of the accumulated 58 acres sold off gradually. In 1893 Jeremiah Ryon acquired three acres including the house and store. Ryon, a farmer, owned the property through 1900, and moved the corn crib, hog pen and two story barn at the Coffren House from Grapeville, his nearby farm. Ryon also built the south kitchen wing on the Coffren house. The original Coffren summer kitchen which stood directly to the west (rear) of the house was moved to a nearby Duley house and incorporated into its structure.<sup>15</sup> The house and store were acquired by Ryon's daughter and son-in-law, Margarett and Arthur B. Duley, in 1904.

The Duleys continued to run the store. Arthur B. Duley also built roads for Prince George's County, and built the one story stable on the property to house the mules he used for road construction, tasks. Duley ran the store until his death in 1948. It has been used for storage since that time. The house and store property was held by the Duley family through 1952.

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From all evidence, the John W. Coffren Store remains unchanged since Coffren's proprietorship during the 1850s through 1870s. The house, while altered by subsequent owners, remains largely unchanged. A portion of the second story hall was enclosed to form a bathroom around 1950. The original plastering, molding, flooring and windowpanes remain throughout the interior.

Notes

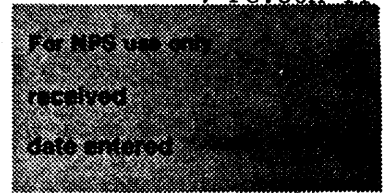
- 1 Extant examples of this house type in Prince George's County include: ca. 1840s: P.G. #70-17, 77-5, 84-20, 87B-8; from ca. 1850s: 82A-13, 86A-5, and 87B-5; from ca. 1860s: 77-11; and 79-17 from the early 1870s. Of these, 77-11 and 77-5 are so altered that their original lines are not easily distinguished. 82A-13, 84-20 and 87B-5 have exterior chimneys. 79-19 and 86A-5 have significant additions, changing the original plan. 70-17 is endangered due to potential development on its location.
- 2 Prince George's County Land Records, F.S. 2:43.
- 3 Ibid. C.S.M. 1:310 and Equity 53.
- 4 Ibid. Equity 1115.
- 5 Ibid. Equity 1115 and "John W. Coffren, Croom Merchant," Roy T. Suit, the Enquirer-Gazette, December 29, 1977, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
- 6 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, Nottingham District, 1861.
- 7 Ibid. Note #1.
- 8 Seventeen house and store combination sites are listed in the Prince George's County Inventory. Of these, only 75A-10, 76A-8, 87B-9 & 10 and 87B-17 & 18 remain with both house and store surviving. However, all have greatly altered structures and settings. None date as early as the Coffren House and Store.
- 9 1850 Census Records for Prince George's County, Maryland, Nottingham District; and C.S.M. 1:310 and Equity 53.
- 10 Table of Post Offices in the United States, W. & J. G. Greer, Washington, D. C., 1851 & 1857.

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- 11 Prince George's County Land Records, FS 2:43.
- 12 Minutes of the Board of County School Commissioners, Prince George's County, 1865-1868.
- 13 Vestry Minutes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Croom, 1865-1957.
- 14 "John W. Coffren, Croom Merchant," Roy T. Suit, the Enquirer-Gazette, Thursday, December 29, 1977, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
- 15 Conversation with Hilda Duley Measell, January 1986.

Chain of Title  
John W. Coffren House and Store  
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|------------------------------------|--|
| 5925:224<br>2 July 1984<br>Deed    | Allene Green to Debra Anne Naylor and Peter Richard Boundy, 1/2 interest; and G. Rogers Naylor and Ellen Duffy Naylor. For \$100,000 grantor conveys that property described in 1553:357. Contains 2.75 acres. |
| 1553:357<br>20 Oct 1952<br>Deed    | Margaretta Duley, widow, et al., to Allene Green, 3 acres in Nottingham District for \$10, recorded 16:389.  |
| 16:389<br>18 July 1904<br>Deed     | Edith May Ryon to Arthur B. Duley and Margaretta Duley, 3 acres on road from Upper Marlboro to Nottingham, together with buildings.  |
| JB #12:70<br>30 June 1900<br>Deed  | Jeremiah Ryon to Edith May Ryon 3 acres on Nottingham Road, with buildings.  |
| JWB #24:384<br>9 May 1893<br>Deed  | William H. Gibbons and wife Mary Gibbons to Jeremiah Ryon, 3 acres on the road from Upper Marlboro to Nottingham, with buildings.  |
| JWB #24:179<br>20 Mar 1889<br>Deed | Albert and Susanna Curtin to William H. Gibbons, 18 acres on road from Upper Marlboro to St. Thomas Church (conveyed by Tuck and Magruder to John W. Coffren, 1856).   |
| JWB #10:675<br>14 Mar 1889<br>Deed | Josephine Owings, widow, to Susanna Curtin, 58 acres in Croom, conveyed by Thomas Owings, Trustee to Josephine Owings, same land conveyed by Trustee J. Parker Veazey to Alice and Rosalie Coffren.            |

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WAJ #1:509  
18 June 1880  
Deed

J. Parker Veazey, Trustee, to Alice and Rosalie Coffren, 58 acres in Croom including 18 acres sold by Tuck and Magruder, Trustees, to John W. Coffren, 1856. Veazey appointed trustee to sell real estate of John W. Coffren, deceased.

1115  
26 Sept 1876  
Equity

Sale of real estate of John W. Coffren, deceased, J. P. Veazey, Trustee. (Case: James W. Curley vs. Susan H. Coffren).

CSM #1:310  
30 July 1856  
Deed

William H. Tuck and C. C. Magruder, trustees, to John W. Coffren, 18 acres, including Coffren's Store. Sold in 1851 to Robert I. Young, Young has sold same to Coffren, on which Coffren now lives.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

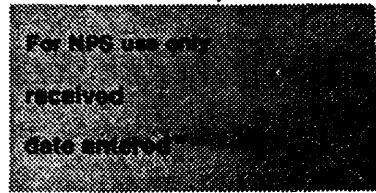
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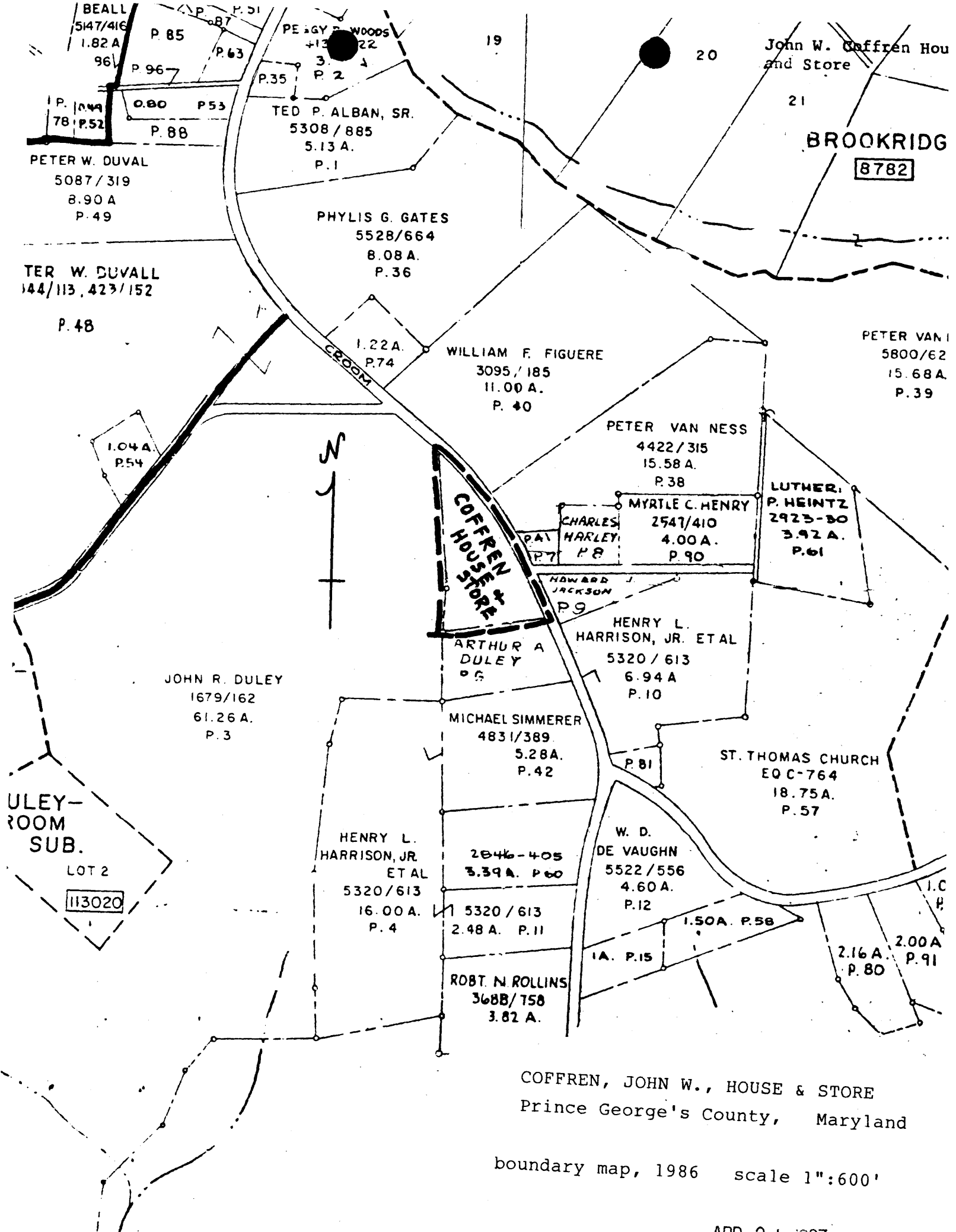
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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

Boundary Description: Being part of the land of Allene Green as described in Liber 1553 at folio 357 recorded among the Land Records of the Prince George's County, Maryland, 4th Election District and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING for the same at a point on the Westerly right of way line of Croom Road and the Northeasterly corner of John R. Duley (Liber 1679 at folio 162) thence from the point of beginning so fixed, with the Westerly right of way line of Croom Road (40 feet wide); Maryland State Route #382, (1) South 46°40'04", east, 150.94 feet to a point thence (2) 218.46 feet along the arc of a curve deflecting to the right having a radius 534.62 feet and a chord bearing and distance of South 34°57'41" east, 216.95 feet thence (3) South 23°15'18" east, 299.20 feet to a point, thence with the division line between Green and Arthur A. Duley, (Liber 2117 at folio 457), (4) South 79°33'40" West, 339.82 feet to an iron bar found, thence with the aforesaid line of John R. Duley, (Liber 1679 at folio 162), thence (5) North 02°33'40" east, 135.96 feet to an iron pipe; thence (6) North 02°51'56" west, 482.63 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 121,188 square feet or 2.7821 acres of land. Subject to encumbrances, if any, of record.

Boundary Justification: John W. Coffren purchased 18 acres of Page's Rest west of Croom Road in 1851-56. The property began at a marker (still existing) north of the store along the road margin, and continued southward along the road to the intersection of St. Thomas Church and Croom Roads. This property was open field throughout Coffren's ownership and was not built upon until 1889. The approximately 2.78 acres on which the house now stands is representative of the original holding. An early twentieth century owner indicated that the setting contained a kitchen garden, fruit trees and an alfalfa field south of the house. This area is presently over-grown with low bushes and trees but the owners intend to clear it for use as a garden and yard. These boundaries utilize existing property lines and Croom Road and incorporate the area upon which the known and potential resources stand while providing a setting sympathetic to the historic character of the property.



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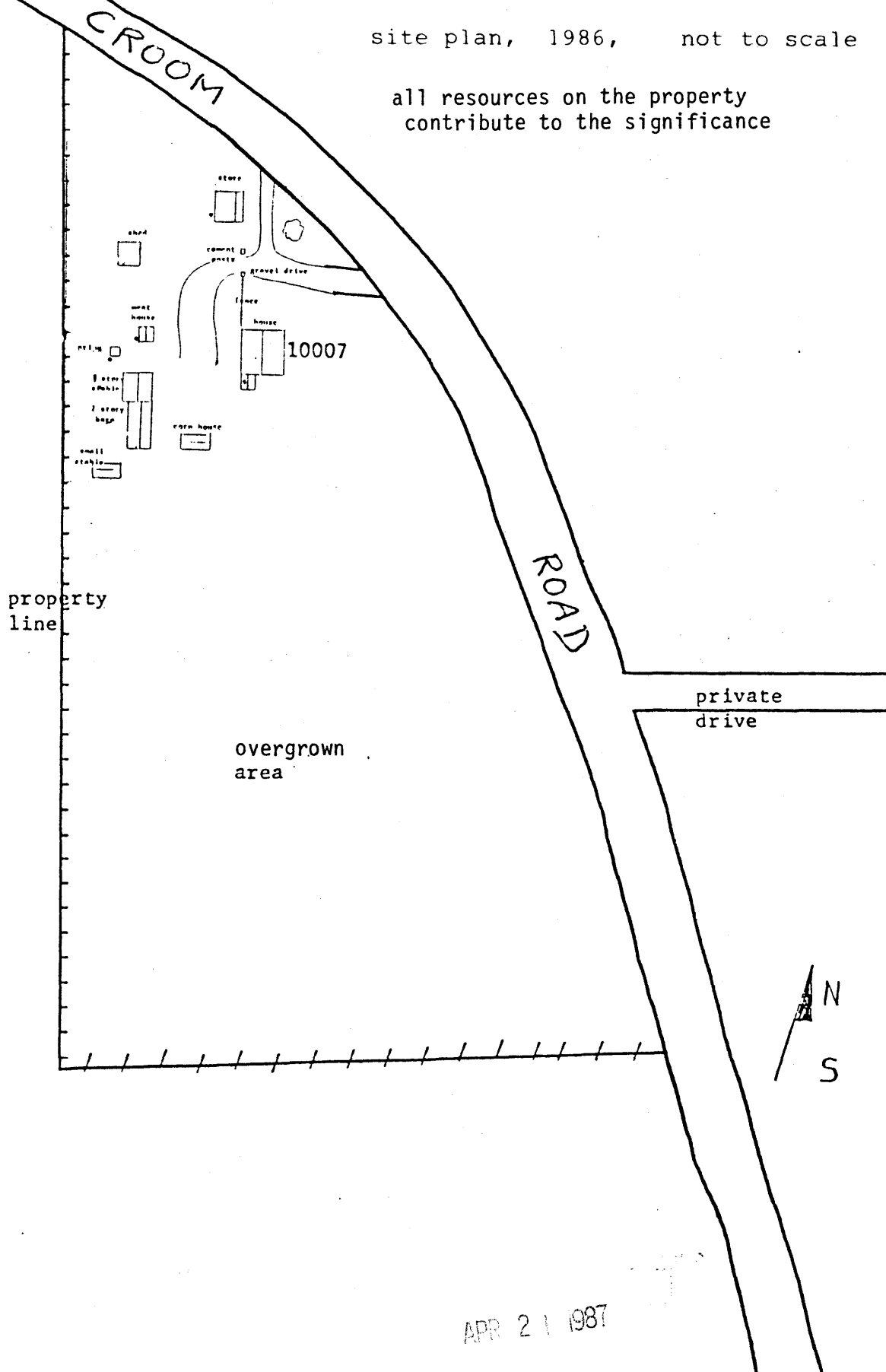
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site plan, 1986, not to scale

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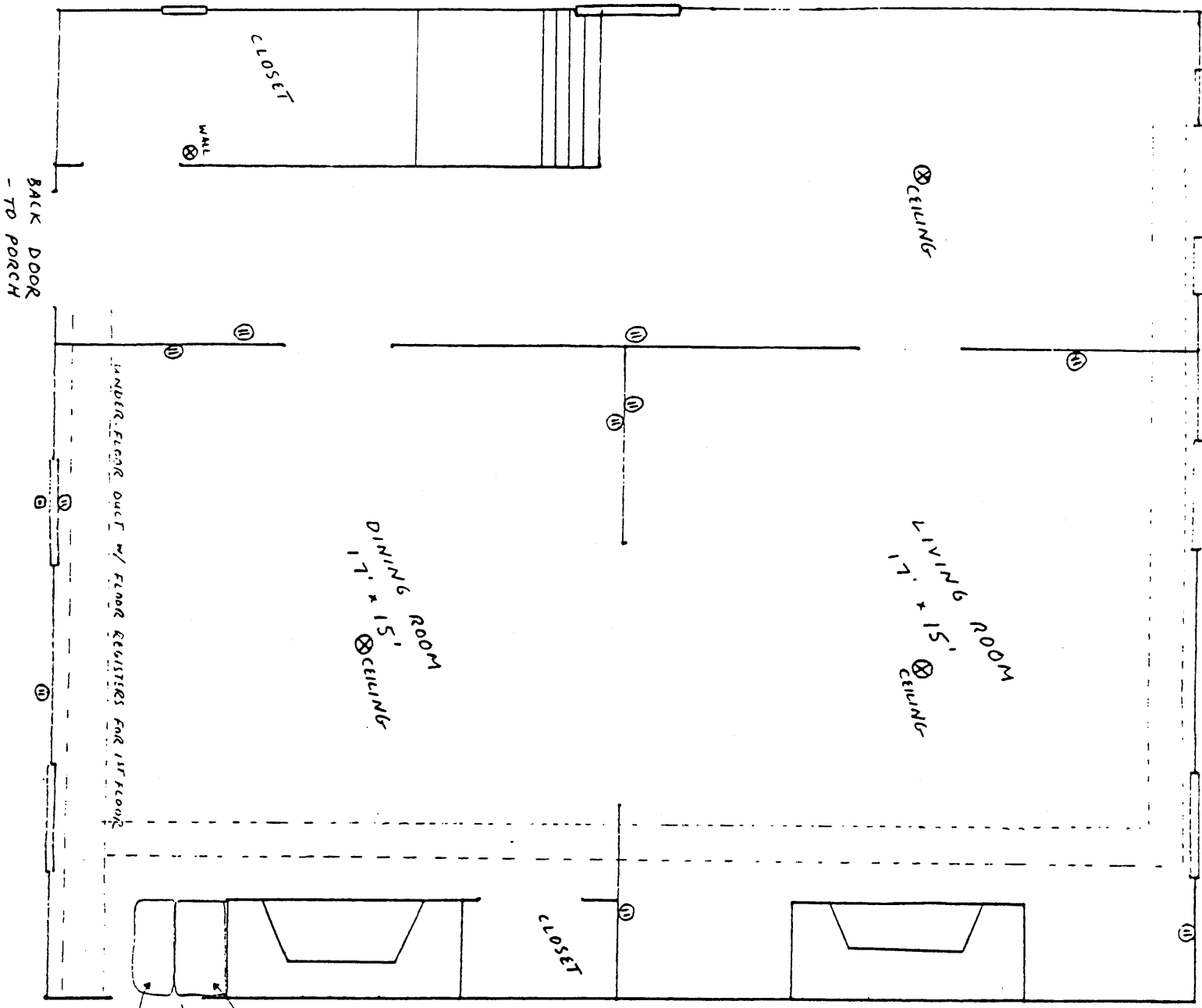


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FIRST FLOOR

not to scale

1/4" = 1'

⊙ = ELEC. OUTLET  
 ⊗ = LIGHT FIXTURE

RED DENOTES NEW  
 ITEMS NEEDED

DUCT  
 VERTICAL HEATING  
 STOREYS, BEGIN  
 TO UPPER RM  
 8' ABOVE DINING  
 FLOOR.  
 TO KITCHEN  
 RETURN DUCT  
 → TO FURNACE

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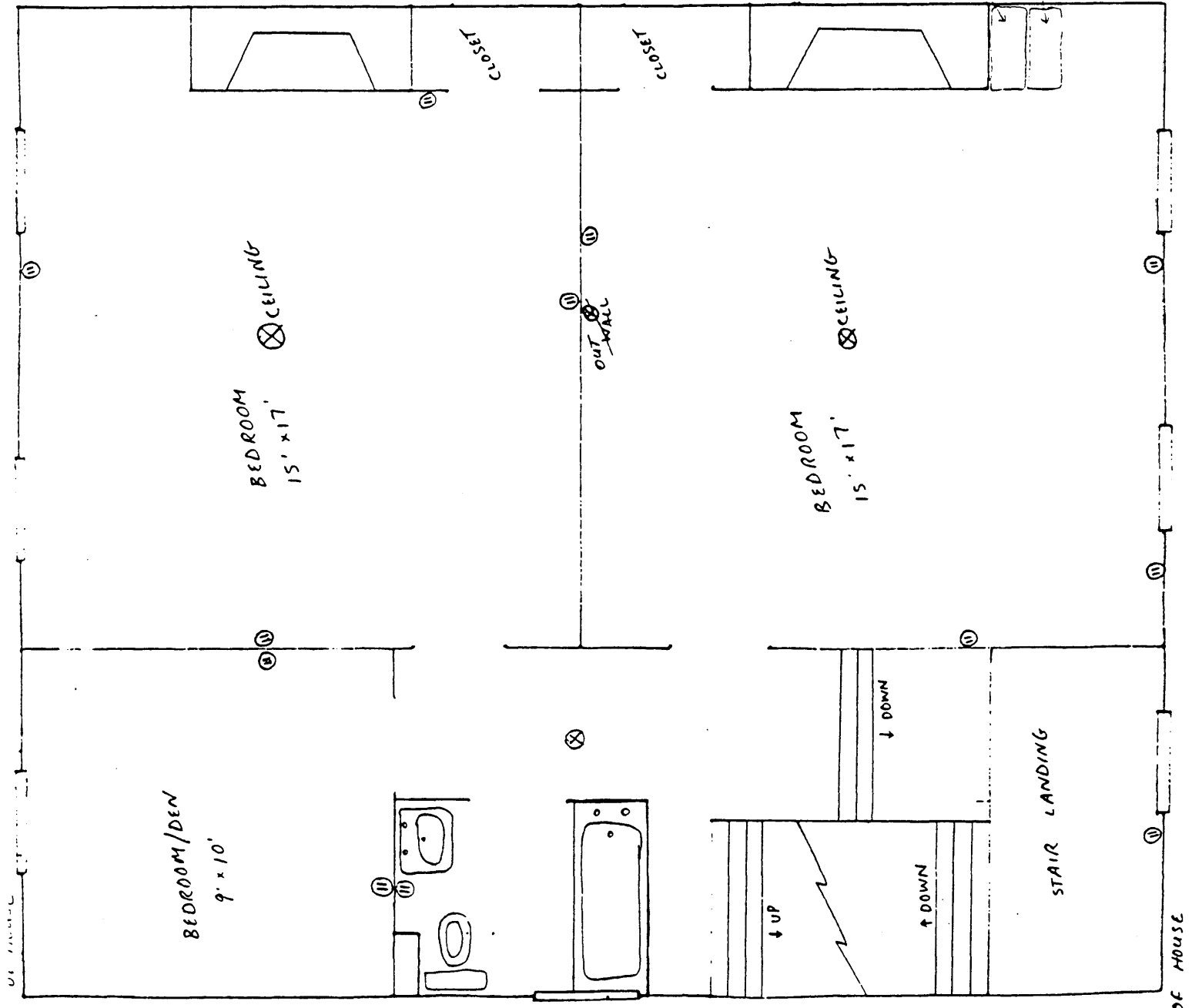
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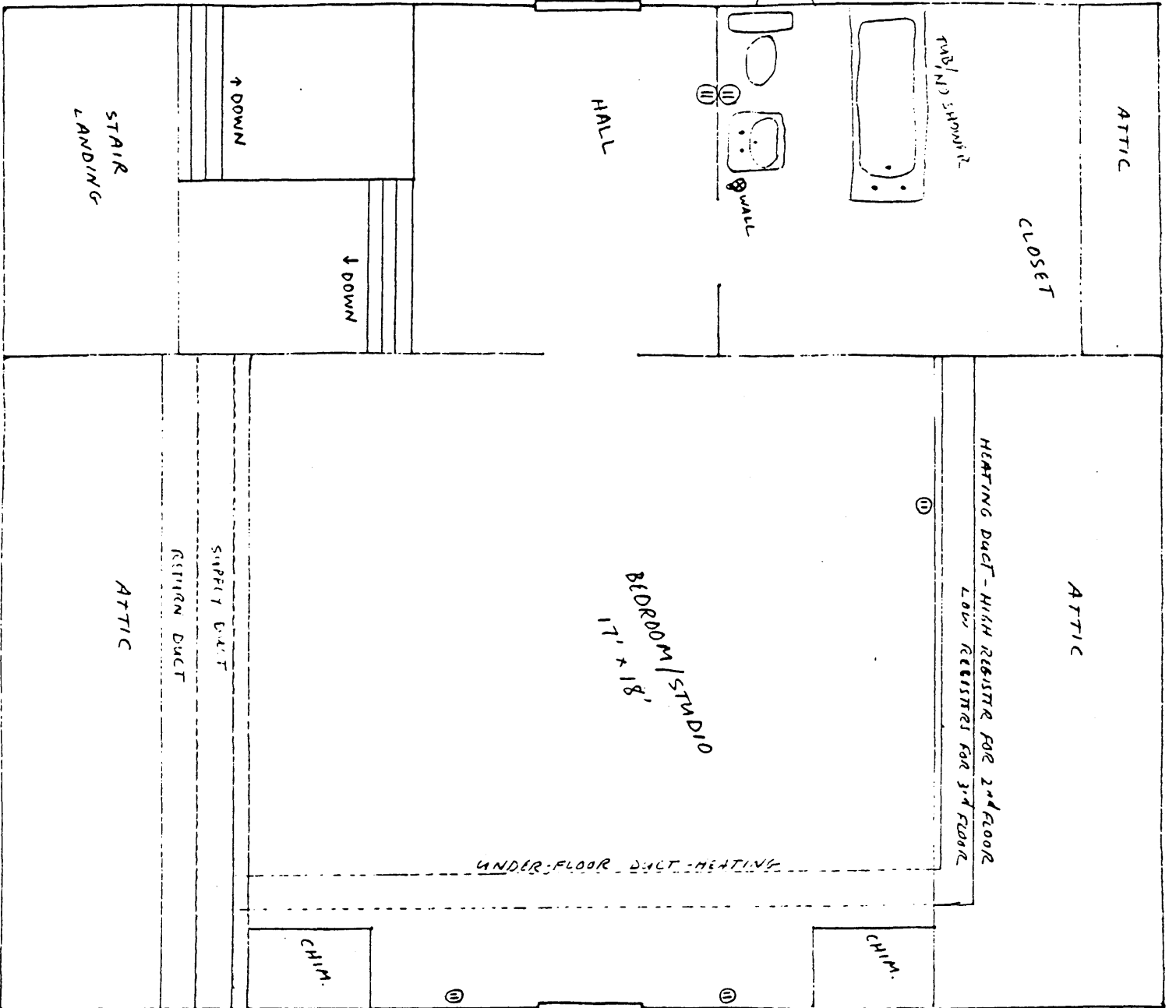
SECOND FLOOR

not to scale

1/4" = 1'  
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VERTICAL HEATING DUCT  
TO THIRD STORY  
RETURN DUCT

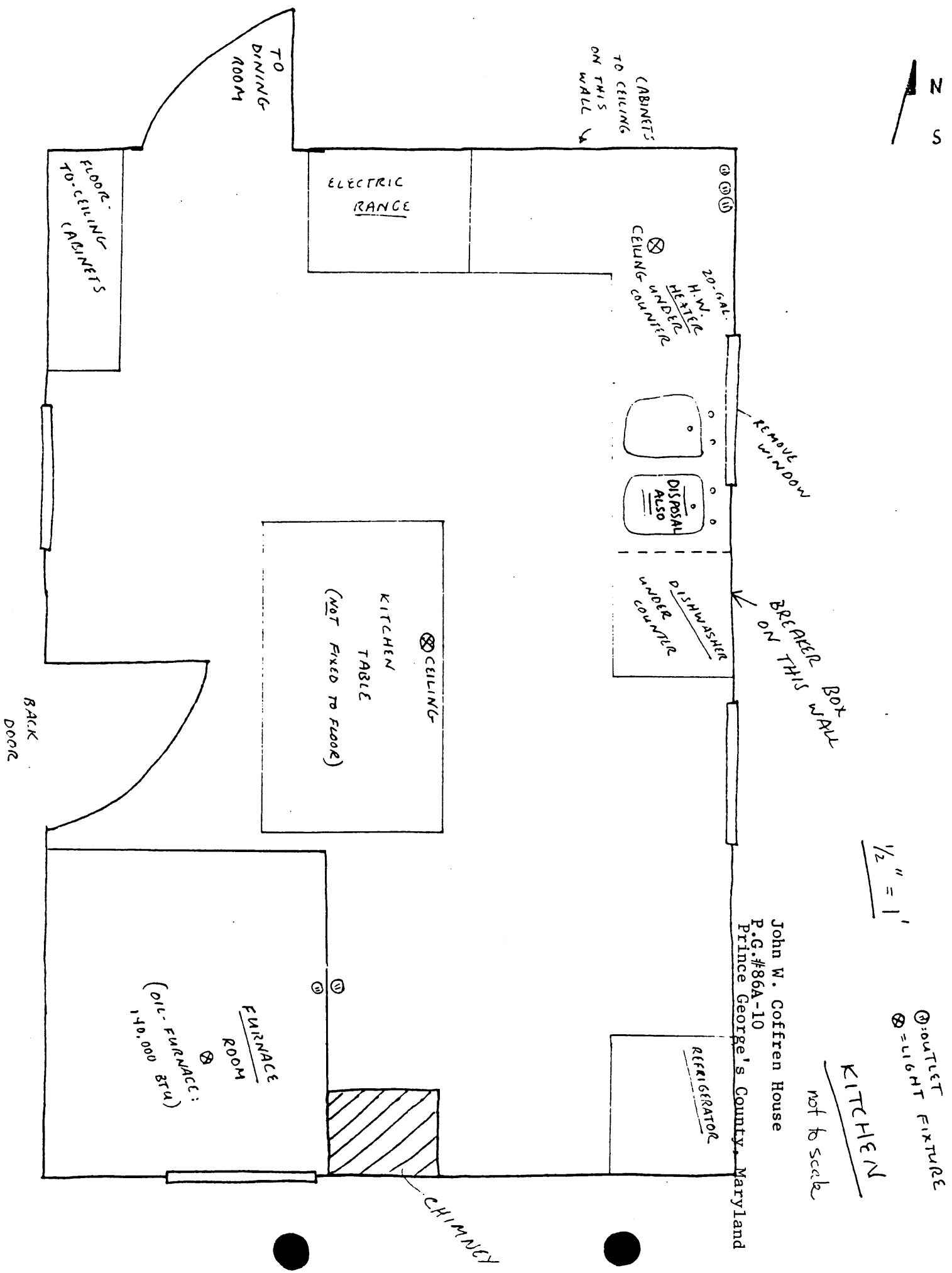




THIRD FLOOR  
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JOHN W. COFFREN STORE, FLOOR PLAN  
not to scale

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