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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Frederick William Cooke Residence

AND/OR COMMON

The Cooke Mansion

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

304 Broadway

N/A

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Paterson

N/A

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Passaic

CODE

031

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED
- N/A

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lee L. Cheek

STREET & NUMBER

4 Franklin Place

CITY, TOWN

Hackensack

N/A

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Passaic County Court House, Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

77 Hamilton Street

CITY, TOWN

Paterson

STATE

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N.J. Historic Sites Inventory

has this property been determined eligible?

yes _____ no X

DATE

1980

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Cultural and Environmental Services

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Frederick William Cooke Residence, built 1883-1886, is a distinctive asymmetrical 2 1/2 story rock-faced brownstone residence of varied forms and masses having Queen Anne and Richardsonian details. A first floor porch wrapping the west side has at the main entrance a distinguished Queen Anne sunburst motif set in a paneled pediment. Above the porch is a conical four story turret with heavy Romanesque Revival transom windows, offset by a wide eastern gable with a third floor balcony set within the gable end. The second floor of the main body is punctuated by a wood balcony, which repeats the pilasters, arched enframements and balustrade spindels of the first floor porch below. A central pedimented dormer features a set of typical Queen Anne paneled windows. Along the east side of the residence is a central projecting port-cochere. Beyond is an oriel capped by a slate roof. A rear wooden porch has been enclosed for use as office space. The west facade beyond the turret is a single flush bay, followed by a double bay peaked gable, behind which is a small side entry bay and a double bay featuring an oriel window. A series of tall monumental brownstone chimneys punctuate the various forms. Curvilinear finials accent the numerous roof peaks completing the playful detailing of the Queen Anne style.

The elaborately paneled interior consists of over twenty rooms around a central hall. There is a small entry vestibule leading to the main hall. The hall is divided into a formal hall and an open stairway hall by an ornately carved archway. An organ, installed around 1930, uses the open stair as an air exchange plenum and resonance chamber. An imposing carved staircase incorporating an inglenook, leads to the second floor open stair and hall. Above the staircase is a stained glass skylight and intake air grills feeding to the 3rd floor organ machinery. The skylight has a border of painted cherubs and clouds. Fine mahogany woodwork, including paneled ceilings, wainscoting and double doorways is found throughout.

On the first floor two main rooms flank the main hall. The two east rooms now have a single large meeting space which had a partition with sliding doors removed. These rooms have carved paneled wainscoting, tiled fireplaces, bay windows and an alcove. The ceiling has been lowered with modern acoustical panels.

The two west rooms remain intact and feature a three quarter round alcove in the turret, two fireplaces, large double, sliding entrance doors, and a textured plaster wall pattern. Divided by double sliding doors, the woodwork in the front room is stained mahogany and the rear room is painted white.

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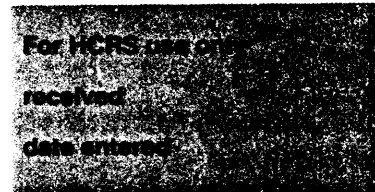
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Behind the hall are simpler rooms, originally pantry, kitchen and storage spaces. These rooms have been converted into offices and restrooms but retain the original late Victorian doors, moldings, and narrow board vertical wainscoting.

The second floor has a tiled bathroom, several bedrooms and a library focusing onto the center hall. One bedroom extends over the porte-cochere making use of elongated windows giving an exaggerated sense of light and openness. Every main room in this level has a different carved mahogany fireplace mantel and ceramic tiles. Other features are the textured plastered walls, bay windows and parquet flooring.

The third floor consists of simple finished servants quarters and and a room containing the organ machinery.

The basement has been modified and now contains storage space including cold storage for corpses and an interesting funeral preparation room. The preparation room was probably installed in the 1930's when the building was first converted into a funeral home. The ceramic tiled walls and floor have been virtually unaltered since the 1930's and contains much original mortuary equipment including porcelain tables, hydraulic cadaver elevator, deep bowl sinks and embalming fluid pressure gauge.

In the rear of the Cooke House is a stuccoed, one story hip-roofed garage, circa 1920's. The L-shaped lot has a driveway looping around the house. There is an asphalt parking area in the rear of the house and a large front lawn rising gently to the house. A walkway from the sidewalk is protected by a canvas canopy.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1883-1886 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Frederick William Cooke House, one of the finest residences in the City of Paterson, is a good local expression of Queen Anne style architecture with Richardsonian features. Though the architect remains unknown, the rock-faced brownstone house was obviously constructed by talented stone masons, perhaps under the direction of an architect. It is further distinguished as the only remaining stone residence along the formerly prestigious residential area of Broadway. The house is well preserved and features particularly fine interior mahogany paneling and an elegant stairwell.

As the last known residence associated with the Cooke family of the prominent Danforth and Cooke Locomotive Company of Paterson, 384 Broadway represents a tangible link with an important family in the nation's locomotive industry. Frederick William Cooke, the third generation of industrial entrepreneurs affiliated with the company, had this building constructed around 1883 when he became an executive with the Cooke Locomotive Company. Cooke lived at 384 Broadway until his death in 1919.

Industry/Transportation

For a time in the 19th century, Paterson was considered the locomotive manufacturing center of the United States. Production of locomotives in Paterson began in 1837 and continued until the 1920's. Three important companies were located in the city - Rogers Locomotive and Machine Works, Grant Locomotive Works, and the Danforth and Cooke Locomotive Company. While the Rogers Works was by far the largest and most famous of the Paterson locomotive engine builders (rivaling the Baldwin Company of Philadelphia), the Grant and Cooke companies were also nationally recognized.

John Cooke, grandfather of Frederick W. Cooke, joined the Danforth and Edwards cotton machinery concern in 1852. Using Cooke's extensive locomotive knowledge, the company, reorganized as Danforth, Cooke and Company, began designing and building railroad engines. Between 1853 and 1882 the company produced over a thousand engines and was recognized as one of the nation's foremost manufacturers of locomotives. In 1865 the firm was again reorganized under the name of Danforth Locomotive and Machine Company. By 1871 John Cooke had succeeded Charles Danforth as president, and when Danforth died in 1876, the company became the Cooke Locomotive Company. John Cooke died in 1882 and was succeeded in the operation of the company by his sons John and Charles and grandson Frederick.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Paterson, NJ

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block F0730, Lots 8, 405-413 Paterson Tax Map

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>N/A</u>			

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Revised by Terry Karschner
Office of Cultural and
Environmental Services 8/1981

ORGANIZATION

Musial/Guerra, Architects-Planners, p.a.

DATE

2/1981

STREET & NUMBER

125 Broad Street

TELEPHONE

(201) 965-1900

CITY OR TOWN

Elizabeth

STATE

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Laurence Schmeltz

TITLE

Deputy SHPO

DATE

12/23/81

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Entered in the
National Register

DATE

7/8/82

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

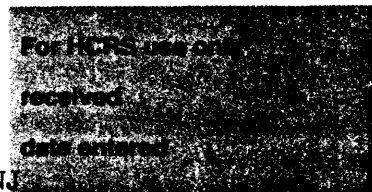
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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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8. SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

During Frederick William Cooke's tenure as manager of Cooke Locomotive, a major physical expansion of the industrial plant took place, but simultaneously profitability of the production of locomotive engines declined. At a serious competitive disadvantage, by the end of the early 20th century all the Paterson locomotive companies merged with the American Locomotive Company, a conglomerate of the nation's locomotive builders formed to compete with Baldwin. The Cooke Company was absorbed in 1901, but Frederick Cooke continued as executive of the the plant until 1914. Even with the merger, however, production declined rapidly in the city. The last Paterson locomotive came out of the Rogers Plant in 1919.

The Danforth and Cooke Locomotive Works were located on both sides of Market Street between Spruce Street and Mill Street within the Society for Useful Manufactures (SUM)/Great Falls Historic District in Paterson. The district was entered on the National Register in 1970 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976. Though much of the Danforth and Cooke complex was destroyed by fires in 1974, the Cooke Administration Building (contemporary with the Frederick Cooke House) and foundry building across the street remain. The relatively spartan industrial plant provides a striking contrast with the elegance of Cooke's 384 Broadway residence.

In 1883 Frederick William Cooke purchased the property upon which his residence stands from William Oakley Fayerweather who had married F. W. Cooke's sister Lavinia some time earlier. Prior to 1887, Frederick W. Cooke was listed in directories as living in his father's residence. In an 1887 directory F. W. Cooke was listed as residing at #384 Broadway. Since the directory was compiled three to six months prior to publication, it is assumed that he moved to his new residence in 1887 or sometime in 1886. From the conveyances of the property Frederick W. Cooke and Agnes Campbell Cooke (wife) sold the property to Rose C. Kosch for \$1.00 and love, who sold it back to Agnes Campbell Cooke likewise for \$1.00 and love the same day. It is likely that when Frederick W. Cooke died in 1919 his daughter Rose C. Kosch received the family house but immediately returned it to her mother, Agnes C. Cooke. However, no obituaries or other references have been uncovered to support this. Agnes C. Cooke retained the property until November 5, 1930 when her executors sold the property to the Legg family. The Legg family operated a funeral business in the house before retiring and selling the business to Julius G. and Lee L. Cheek in 1974. The house has retained the character and handsome stature of the original building.

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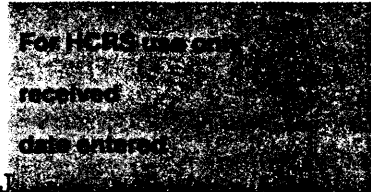
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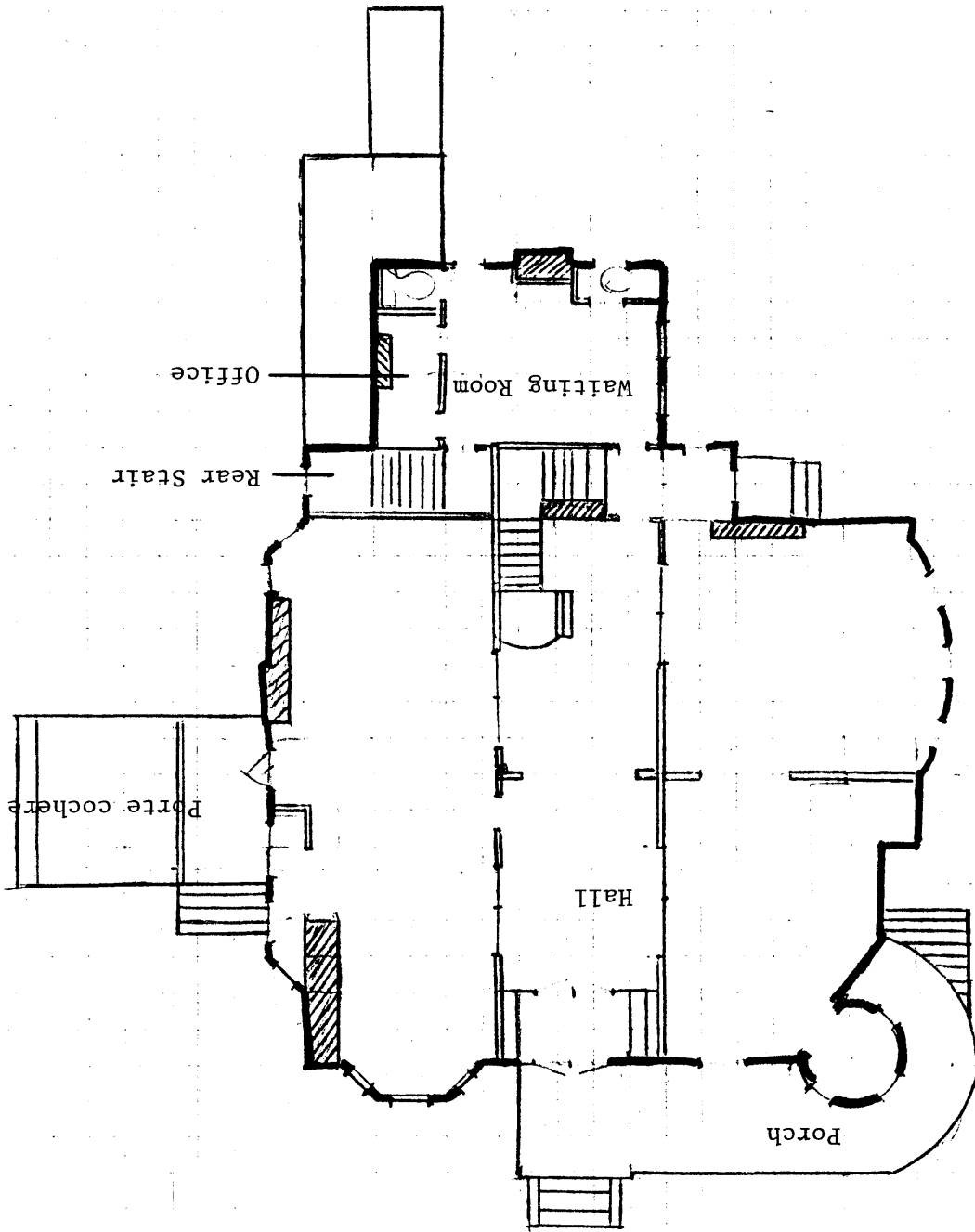
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Frederick William Cooke House
384 Broadway, Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey

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Location survey of dwelling on property in the City of Paterson,
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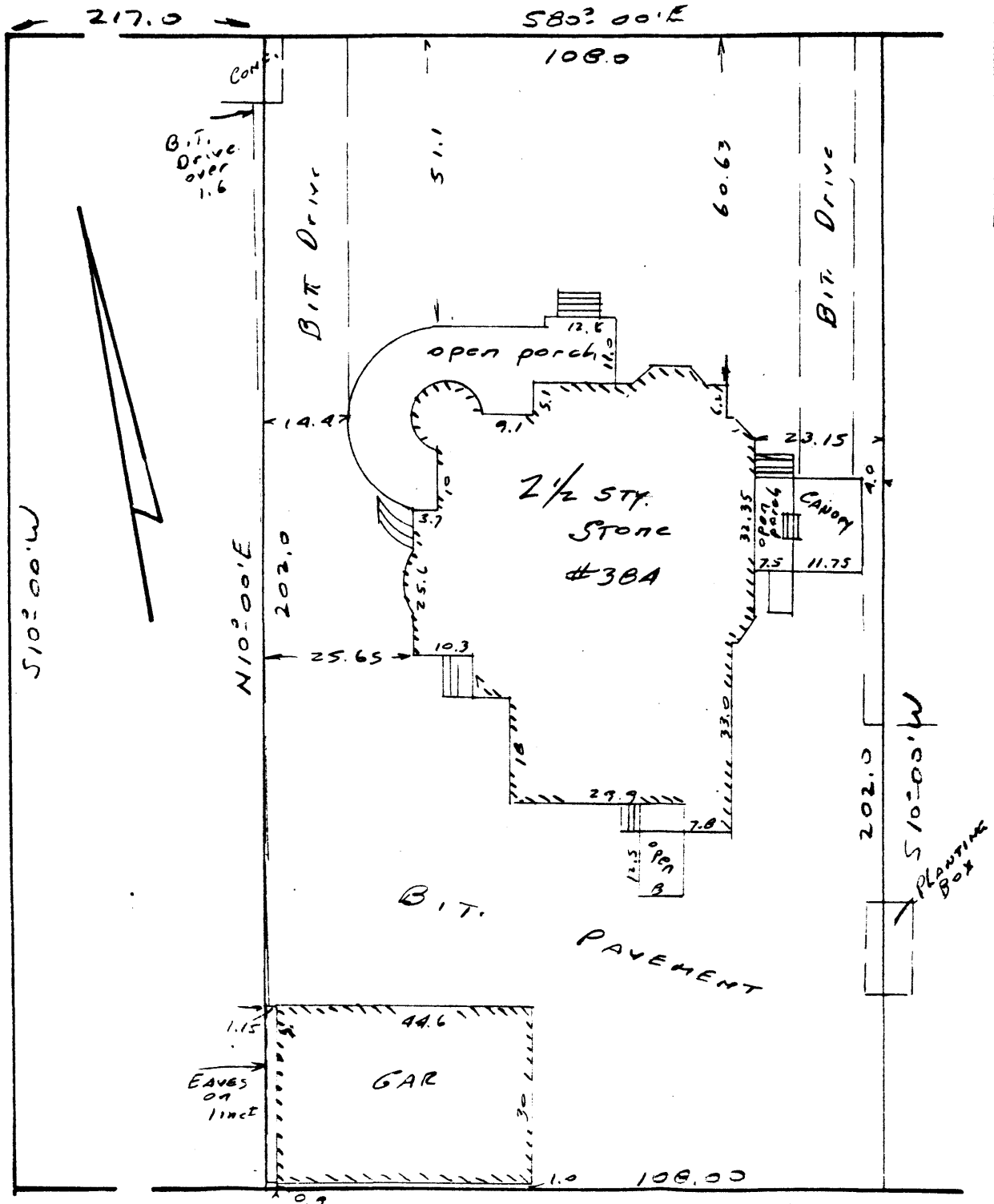
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Hackensack, N.J. July 27, 1981

BROADWAY 66'

GRAHAM ST. AVE.



FREDERICK WILLIAM COOKE HOUSE
Paterson, Passaic County
New Jersey

VAN HOUTEN AVE 50'

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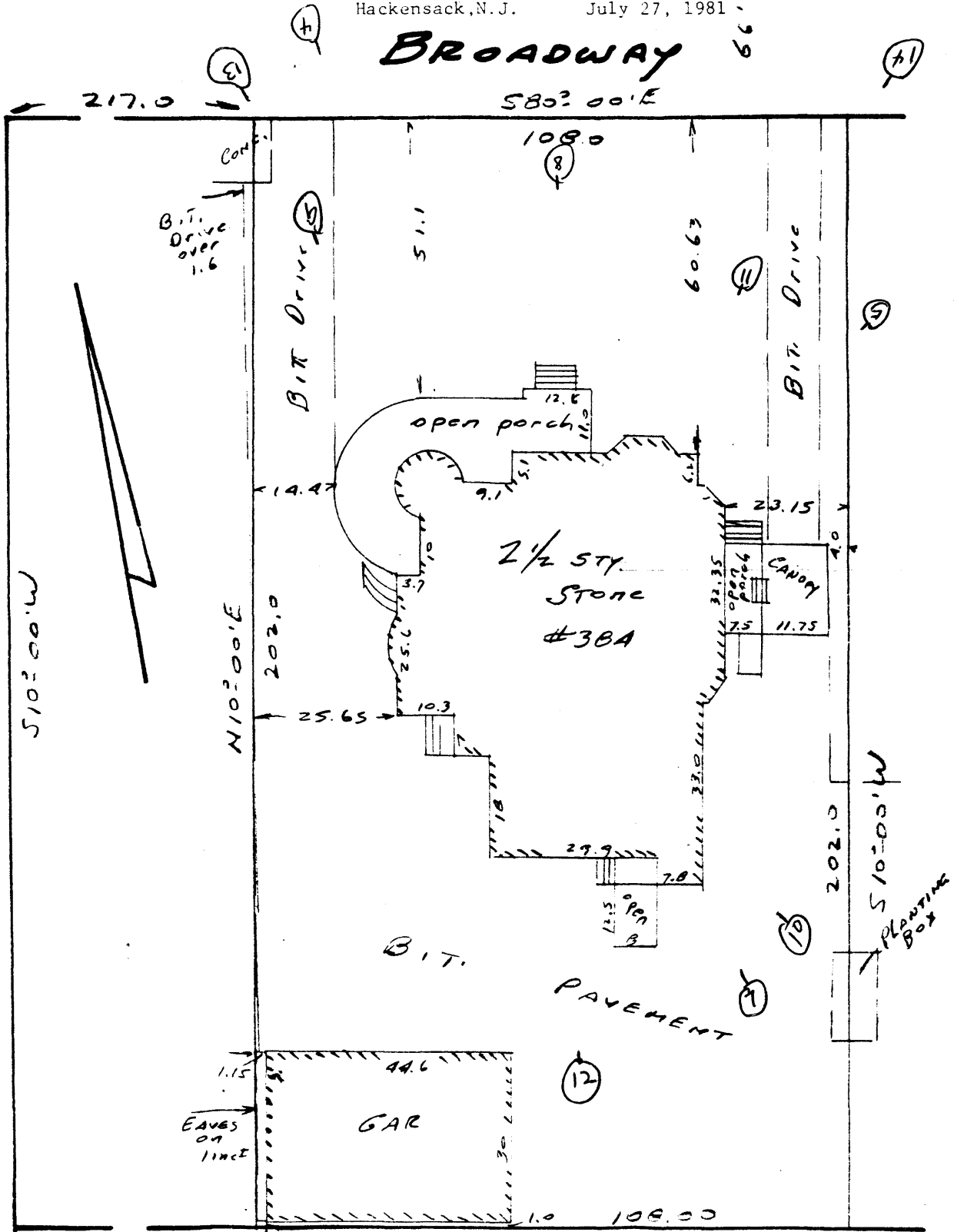
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