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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000373 Date Listed: 5/1/92

Flock-Stephens Farmstead Morris NJ  
Property Name: County: State:

Stone Houses and Outbuildings in Washington Township MPS  
Multiple Name

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

*Patrick Andrews*  
for | \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 10/15/92

#### Amended Items in Nomination:

Several items had to be clarified by the NJ SHPO concerning this nomination. There are six contributing buildings: 1 contributing house and 5 outbuildings (3 stone outbuildings and 2 frame outbuildings); and one contributing site (the barn ruins). The Period of Significance is defined as ending in 1900 because the house was remodeled in the Queen Anne style late in the 19th century. The nomination form is officially amended to add this information.

#### DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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

### 1. Name of Property

historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
other names/site number Flock/Stephens Farmstead

### 2. Location

street & number 244 Flocktown Road  not for publication  
city, town Washington Township  vicinity  
state NJ code 034 county Morris code 027 zip code 07853

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>7</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 3/9/92  
Assistant Commissioner for Natural & Historic Resources/DSHPO  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Anderson 5/1/92  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / single family

Agriculture

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / single family

**Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian / Queen Anne

Federal

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls clapboard

wood shingle

roof asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Flock/Stephens Farmstead is an assemblage of stone and frame, 19th-century buildings located on the top of Schooleys Mountain near the source of Stoney Brook, a small tributary of the South Branch. It is sited at a spring which feeds a pond whose outlet in turn drains into the brook. Stone outbuildings grouped around the frame house include a smoke house a wagon house, and the ruins of a spring house and of a barn. A frame wagon house and shed complete the complex. Surrounded by a mix of open fields and woodlands with scattered modern dwellings, the farmstead retains a rural setting.

**House:**

Set back from the road about 100 feet, the south-facing house is surrounded by mature trees and on a site which slopes down steeply on the east to the pond and creek. The 2-story, gable-roofed house is a 5-bay double-pile block with a modified center-hall plan and a 1-bay west appendage. While its simple Queen Anne style detailing is typical of the late 19th-century, interior features make clear that it is an earlier dwelling enlarged and remodeled in that period. It has a stone foundation and two brick-stacked chimneys, one interior on the east gable and the other located to the west of center. The front is dominated by a wide cross gable which along with the side gables is covered with fish-scale and other decorative wood shingles. Other exterior features include clapboard siding, boxed overhanging eaves with frieze and crown and bed moldings. 1/1 sash windows with plain trim and louvered shutters, a central front entry with glass-and-panel door, 5-bay, hip-roofed front porch with box cornice, spindle frieze, turned posts, and railing, a side entry with similar door and matching 1-bay porch, and a semi-hexagonal bay window to the west of main entry.

Most of the interior fabric dates to the dwelling's late 19th century remodeling and includes plaster walls and ceilings, regular width flooring, symmetrically molded door and window trim with corner bull's eye blocks, recess-paneled doors, and molded base boards; much of the decorative wooden trim is stained. The central

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1800 - 1900

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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

The Flock/Stephens Farmstead has significance for architectural merit under National Register Criterion C. The farmstead is of note for its extensive complement of stone out buildings whose form, construction and detailing provide an excellent illustration of the area's early stone architecture. The spring house, smoke house, and wagon house are good examples of their types. The house is of interest for its well-preserved Queen Anne detailing and as a late Victorian transformation of what evidently was a substantial Federal style dwelling. The farmstead retains its historical integrity and meets the criteria for inclusion the Washington Township Stone Houses and Outbuildings Multiple Resource Property Nomination.

The site of the farmstead is part of a 600-acre tract, which according to local historian T. F. Chambers, was acquired in 1773 by German immigrant Andreas Flock (1712-79 and his son Mathias (1746-1806).<sup>1</sup> Much of the property including the subject farmstead presumably was part of the 315-acres of land owned by Mathias's son Andrew (1787-1844) at his death. The farmstead and 142-acres of land became the property of Philip G. Stephens, Andrew's son-in-law. Described as "the homestead farm of Philip G. Stephens," the property was sold at a court ordered sheriff's sale in 1886. It was bought by Philip's son, Orlando V. Stephens, who in turn sold the farm to Laurretta Force, wife of George B. Force. It remained in the Force family until 1943; the 5-acre lot encompassing the farmstead was subdivided in 1970.<sup>2</sup>

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Washington Twp. Historic Preservation Comm

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 5 Hackettstown, NJ Quad

UTM References

A 18 518580 4518700  
Zone Easting Northing

B           
Zone Easting Northing

C         

D         

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Verbal Boundary Description

The entire property in Washington Township known as Block 1201/ Lot 3

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes entire lands surrounding the farmstead left after subdivision.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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hall (which does not extend the full depth of the structure) is dominated by an open staircase featuring heavy square newel posts with carved linear ornament, square spindles, molded railing, and paneling beneath the spring board; the staircase and other hall woodwork are stained. Back-to-back corner fireplaces in the east room (originally two rooms; dividing partition removed) survive from the early 19th century; both are brick with splayed header lintels and have Federal style mantels. The front mantel has delicate reeded pilasters and fluted ovals in the frieze; the rear mantel has an architrave surround and its frieze has reeded projecting end and center blocks and reeded diamonds.

Outbuildings:

The farmstead include five stone outbuildings which probably date to the early/mid 19th-century period. To the east of the house on the edge of the pond is a ruinous coursed-rubble spring house with gable-end entry and small side windows. Its crumbling walls retain early pointing; the roof has collapsed, but had a gable-end overhang sheltering the entry. Just west of the house stands a coursed-rubble smoke house with early pointing and gable-end entry with batten door hung on strap hinges. A short distance northwest is a 1 1/2-story wagon house of coursed-rubble stone construction with rough squared quoins. It has gable-end entries and a subsequently added lean-to appendage on the west side. Original ridge pointing survives on wall concealed by shed; some early pointing remains elsewhere. The south wall has been repointed and the gable window blocked-up; the west wall of the shed has been rebuilt in block, faced with stone to match. The loft floor joists and rafters are hewn; the doors are modern replacements. Behind the wagon house are barn ruins. Three windowless, coursed rubble walls of about 2-story height enclose a rectangular space. The small returns at the ends of the otherwise open (presumably originally frame) south wall are typical of bank barns; there are three beam pockets on long north wall.

Northeast of the barn ruins are two frame outbuildings. The larger of the two is a braced-frame, 2-story wagon house with high stone foundation and added lean-to appendage on the north side. Probably dating to the mid 19th-century, it has overhanging eaves, vertical plank siding, a doorless west gable-end wagon entry above which is a batten loft door, a smaller doorless entry on the south side, and another doorless entry at the west end of the lean-to.

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<sup>1</sup> Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers, Early Germans of New Jersey, Dover, NJ: Dover Printing Company, 1895, pages 146a, 171-72, and 372-73.

<sup>2</sup> Morris County Deeds Book P-4, page 82, Book Z-11, page 133, Book Q-13, page 208, Book Q-37, page 112, and Book 2130, page 292; J. Lightfoot and Sam. Geil, Map of Morris County, New Jersey, 1853; Frederick W. Beers, Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey, New York: Beers, Ellis, and Soule, 1868; E. Robinson, Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey, New York: E. Robinson, 1887.

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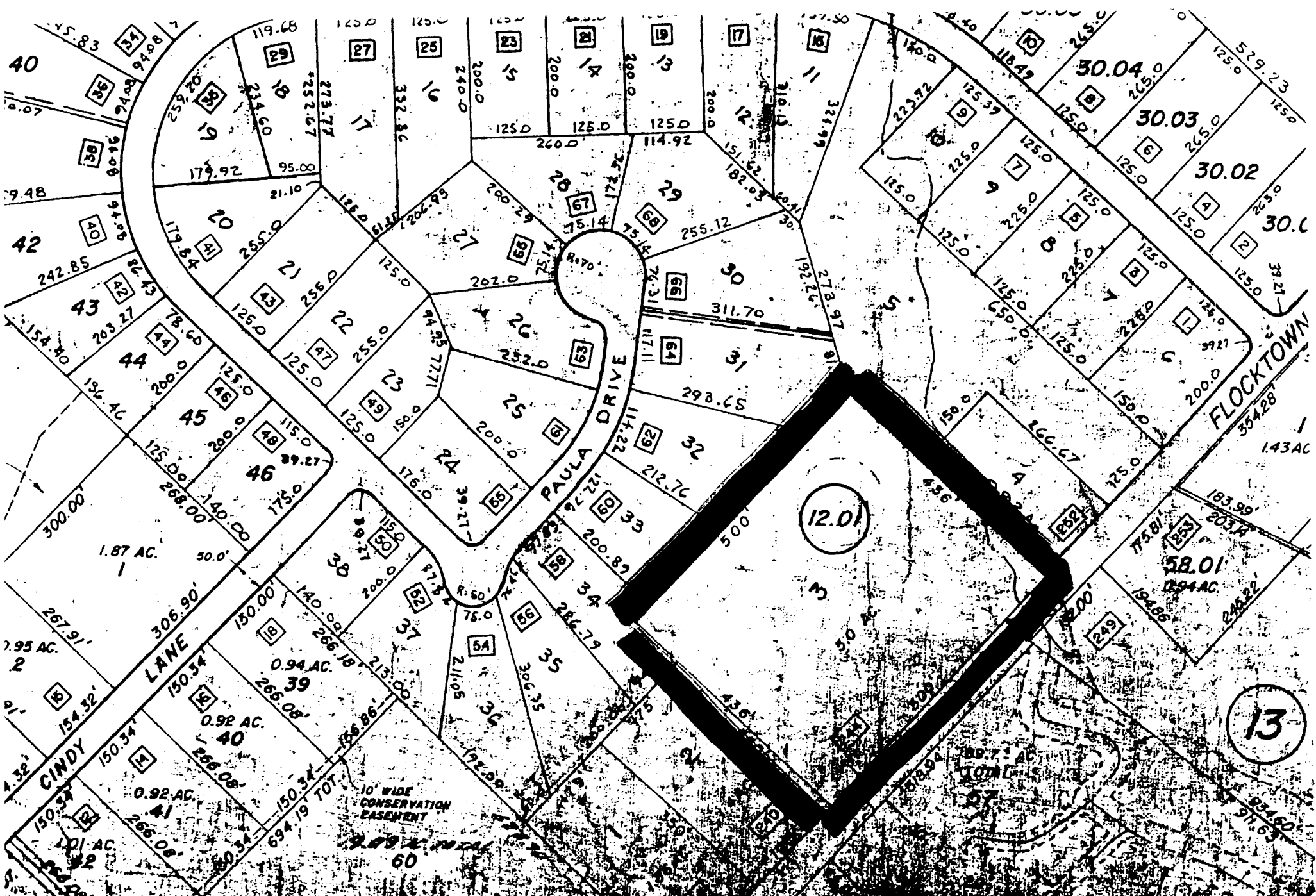
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## Photographic Identification:

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

Name:	Flock/Stephens Farmstead
Location:	244 Flocktown Road Washington Township, Morris County, NJ
Photographer:	Dennis Bertland
Date of photographs:	Spring/Summer 1991
Negative repository:	Bertland Associates, Box 11, Port Murray, NJ 07865

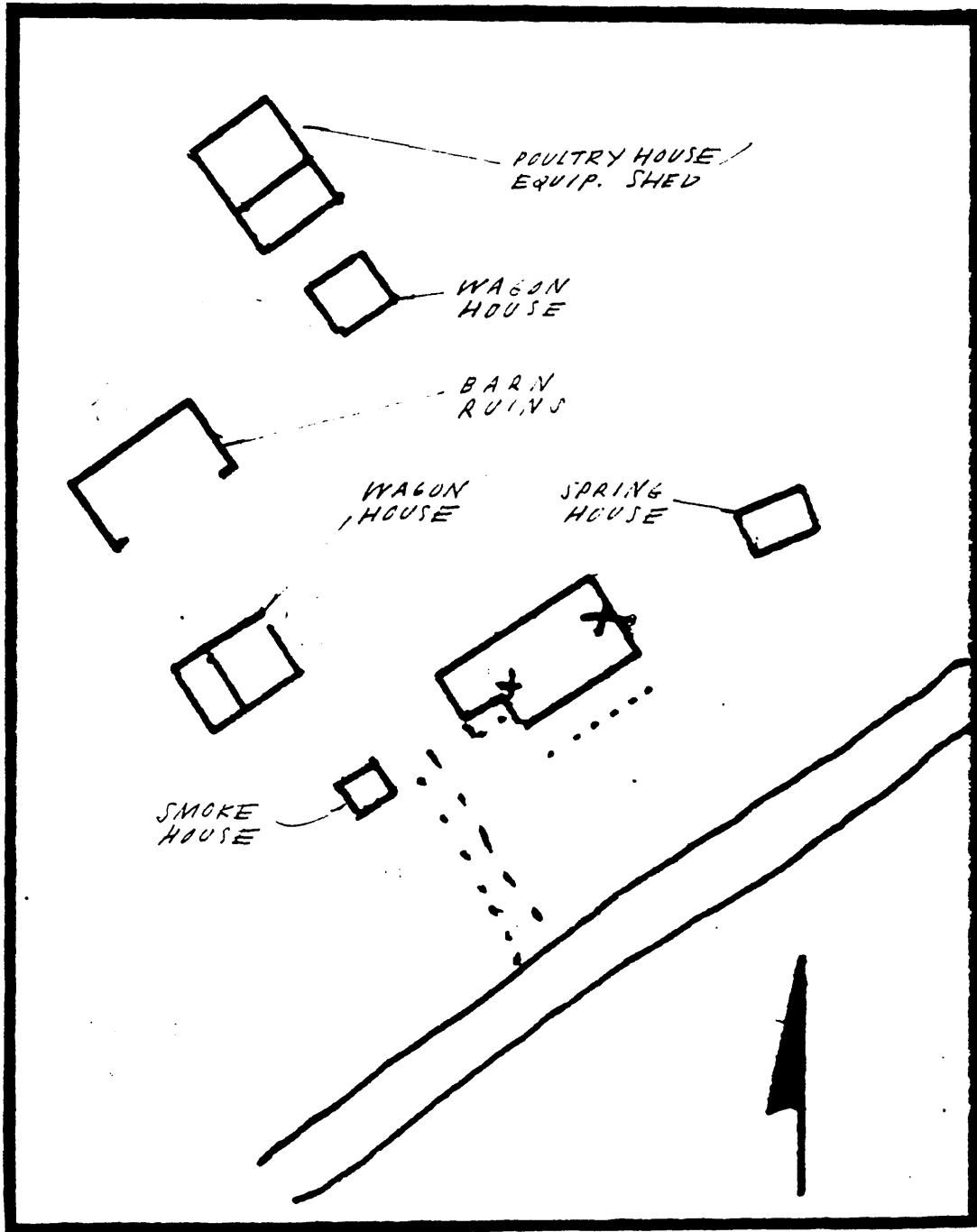


Flock/Stephens Farmstead  
 taken from Washington County  
 Tax Map, sheet 9. scale 1" = 200'  
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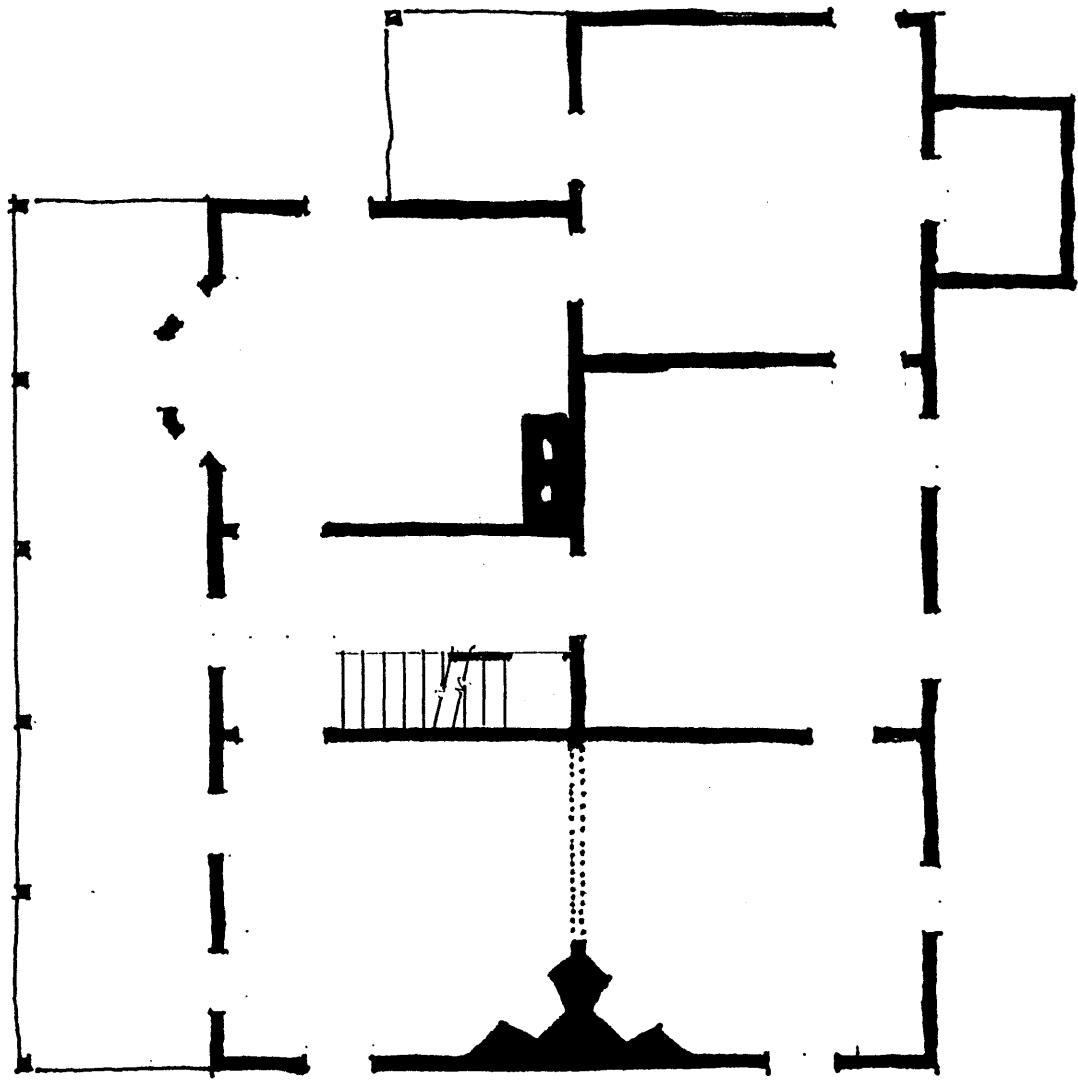
## SITE PLAN

NOT TO SCALE



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