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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Log Cabin Lodge

AND/OR COMMON

Settler's Inn

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stokes and Tabernacle Roads

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Medford Lakes

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Burlington

CODE

005

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

Settler's Inn, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

Stokes and Tabernacle Roads

CITY, TOWN

Medford Lakes

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Burlington County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mount Holly

STATE

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory - Burlington County, Vol. 3

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Cultural & Environmental Services

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Log Cabin Lodge is a large, rectangular 2 1/2 story rustic log building covered by a gently pitched gable roof which has a slight overhang supported by simple rustic brackets. The windows in the second story and attic are 6/6 sash and those on the first floor are 1/1 sash. The structure measures approximately 136 feet by 71 feet and is full cedar log construction notched at the corners. The logs, according to the original plans, are slightly flattened at the top and bottom to provide better bearing and chinked with white caulk.

The front gable end exhibits notched logs at the second floor level and log veneer on the first floor facade. Features on this facade include rustic log eave brackets, single and double 6/6 sash windows with round log surrounds and batten shutters on the second floor and attic. Beneath the window in the gable was originally a small balcony. The balcony has been removed, but the cantilevered log supports are still in place. The second level of the front of Log Cabin Lodge has two double 6/6 sash windows, flanked by a single 6/6 sash window and then another double 6/6 sash window. A long wooden balcony once stretched across this entire facade. The log supports are still in evidence.

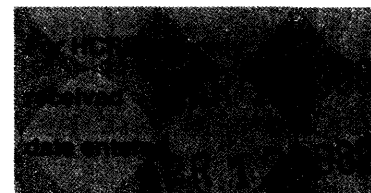
The first floor facade originally was recessed beneath the second level with the overhang providing a porch for warm weather dining along the entire front facade and along two-thirds of the longitudinal facades. By the mid-1930's this area was screened in. Between 1954 and 1976 this porch was enclosed to provide additional all-weather dining. The enclosure makes an attempt to follow the rustic log format, but numerous differences are obvious - modern entrance, flanking wide double windows with 1/1 sash, and the lack of notching.

The longitudinal facades are notched log construction having single and double 6/6 sash windows (6 single; 6 double) with round log surrounds directly beneath the exposed rafters. As in the front, the side facades had a recessed first floor extending two-thirds of the length. The later enclosure matches that in the front except for three frame polygonal bays on the Tabernacle Road facade.

The gently pitched gable roof has three stone chimneys and four small dormers on each pitch. The dormers are not shown in the original drawings for the building, but were either installed during construction or added shortly after to provide light into the interior dining area. The main chimney is at the peak of the roof, approximately in the center of the building. Another chimney is on the Stokes Road facade. The third chimney is in the kitchen at the rear.

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The foundation is concrete, but was originally covered on the surface by small logs placed horizontally (the original plans show vertical wood strips, but these were never used). Removing these horizontal logs exposed the concrete foundation. There are presently five entrances to the basement floor. The main entry is on the Stokes side.

Interestingly, the architect's original July 1929 floor plans for the building called for the executed main block and also two large L-shaped wings off either side which were to provide for lodgers. The wings were never built and were dropped from the September 1929 drawings.

The interior has a main central two story dining room and lobby effectively divided by the massive fireplace in the center of the building. The area is highlighted by log walls, balcony on the second floor, and the exposed wooden truss in the ceiling. Surrounding the main room is an entrance foyer, office, and two small private dining rooms, all in the enclosed porch.

The front portion of the main room features the back of the massive fireplace, a smaller fireplace on the side and modern lobby and bar. This area was originally separated from the main dining room by a log wall abutting against the large fireplace. The wall was removed as was a large stair providing access to the second floor.

The dining room in the rear features a huge 232 ton stone fireplace that reaches a height of 75 feet and a width of 15 feet. The two huge stones flanking the keystone weigh one ton each. In the rear of this room and against the kitchen wall is the present stairway to the upper level. This stair, part of the original stair, was placed here around 1976 to open up the bar and lobby. There are two additional rooms at the rear - the kitchen and a store room.

The recessed porches across the front and sides of the building were completely enclosed around 1950. The walls of the porches are vertical knotty pine and log construction. The log walls and fenestration of the original exterior facades are intact. Several doors, however, were removed. These enclosed areas now provide for additional dining space, offices, coat room, rest room, and a private bar.

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The second floor has a wooden cantilevered log balcony overlooking the main dining room and lobby. Behind the balcony are over 20 small log rooms with baths which actually set upon the recessed porch area. Originally used as hotel rooms, they are now used for storage.

The basement has a large banquet room and storage room which are separated by the boiler room.

Log Cabin Lodge is at the base of a large flat triangular plot of land which comes to a point at the intersection of Tabernacle and Stokes Roads. The building is surrounded by a bituminous parking area.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1929

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Norman Hettel
Benjamin Howell Lackey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the largest log structures in the United States, Log Cabin Lodge, built in 1929 to attract potential buyers to an isolated area, played a key role in the development of Medford Lakes. Because of its size and log construction it is a unique building in New Jersey. Designed for Medford Lakes founder and developer Leon E. Todd by Camden architects John Norman Hettel and Benjamin Howell Lackey to comply with Todd's mandated rustic log format, Log Cabin Lodge is architecturally associated with a popular and recurring American belief that the log cabin represents the honest and simplicity of the wholesome American home. The Lodge was an important pioneering effort in new Jersey's Pine Barrens to create the harmonious effect on a large scale utilizing the rustic and wholesome nature of the log structure. Recognized locally as a landmark, it is the most visible building in Medford Lakes, a planned community of predominantly log houses.

The original purpose of the Lodge was to serve the community as a club hotel and entice people into buying property at Medford Lakes. The small hotel rooms in the building gave people the opportunity to experience the advantages of Medford Lakes before making a larger investment.

For 18 months the development company operated the Lodge, but as it was no longer needed to draw potential customers into the community, the building was leased to John and Mary McGarrity, who provided dining and dancing in rustic surroundings. The McGarrity's ran the lodge until 1945. J. Robert Simpson then became the manager and remained until 1954. In the same year, Leon Todd, still owner of Log Cabin Lodge, sold the building to Richard Wilson. Sold again in 1959 to a group of restaurant investors (Chester Beaston, John Schlicker, Henry DiChurch and Ben Ashby), they renamed the building Log Cabin Hotel. In 1972 Mrs. Teresa Budd and her son Harold Budd acquired the property. Finally, in 1976, the present owners acquired the building (Joseph C. Guarino, Joseph Gutry, and George E. Hilt). They renamed the restaurant Settler's Inn.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.69
 QUADRANGLE NAME Medford Lakes Quadrangle

UTM REFERENCES
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block A35E, Lot 1 (See Survey enclosed).
 At the point of Stokes Road (Rt. 541) and Tabernacle Road

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Joseph C. Guarino
 ORGANIZATION
Settler's Inn, Inc.
 STREET & NUMBER
Stokes and Tabernacle Roads
 CITY OR TOWN
Medford Lakes

Revised by T. Karschner,
 Office of Cultural and
 Environmental Services (1/1981)

DATE
3/23/1978
 TELEPHONE
(609) 654-4034
 STATE
New Jersey

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.

Deputy
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Laura Schmitt

TITLE

DATE 5/29/81

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Entered in the
 National Register

DATE 4/12/82

Shelton Byers
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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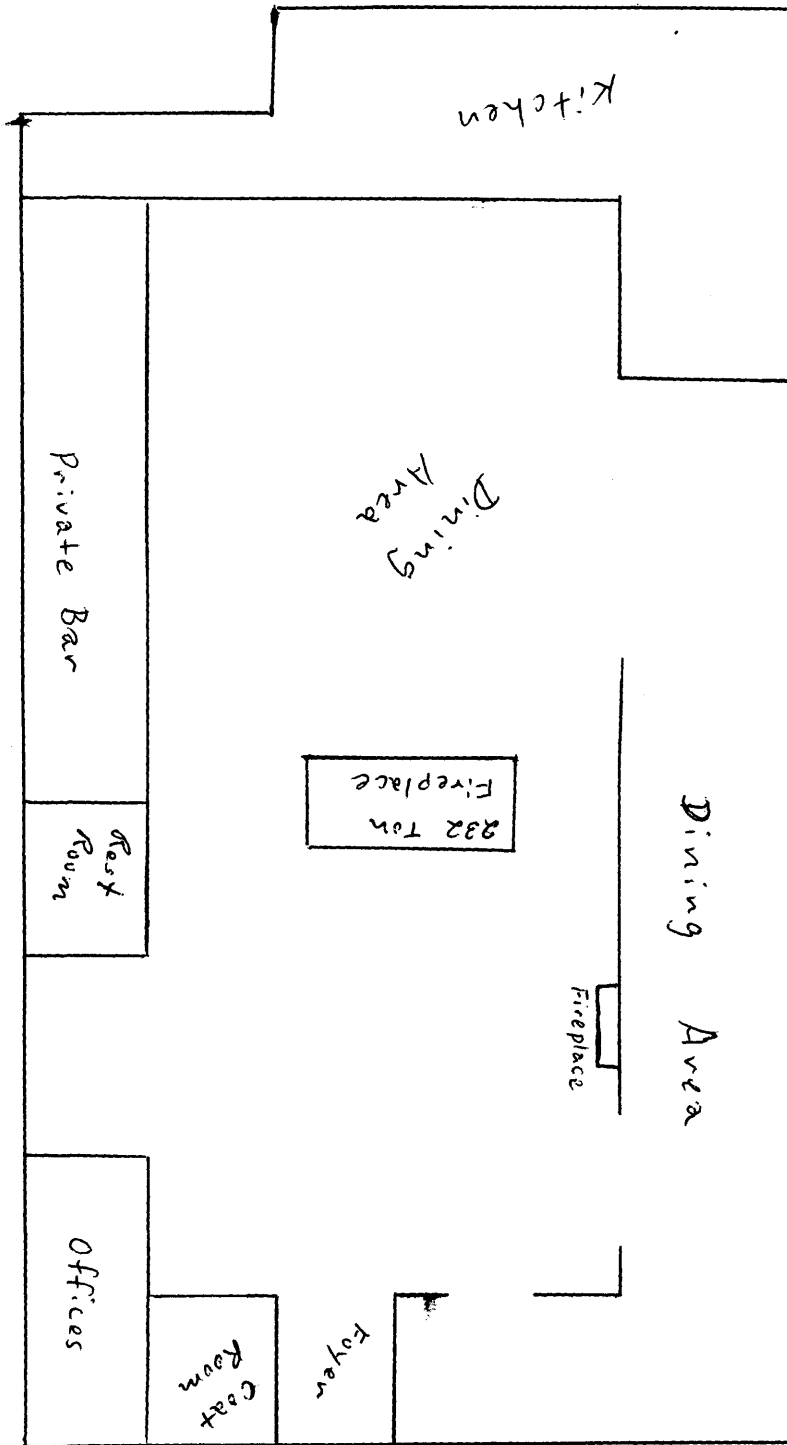
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Jersey, 1929. Original plans and specifications for Log Cabin
Lodge.

Interview with Jack W. Todd, 113 Stokes Road, Medford Lakes, New
Jersey (son of Medford Lakes founder Leon E. Todd).



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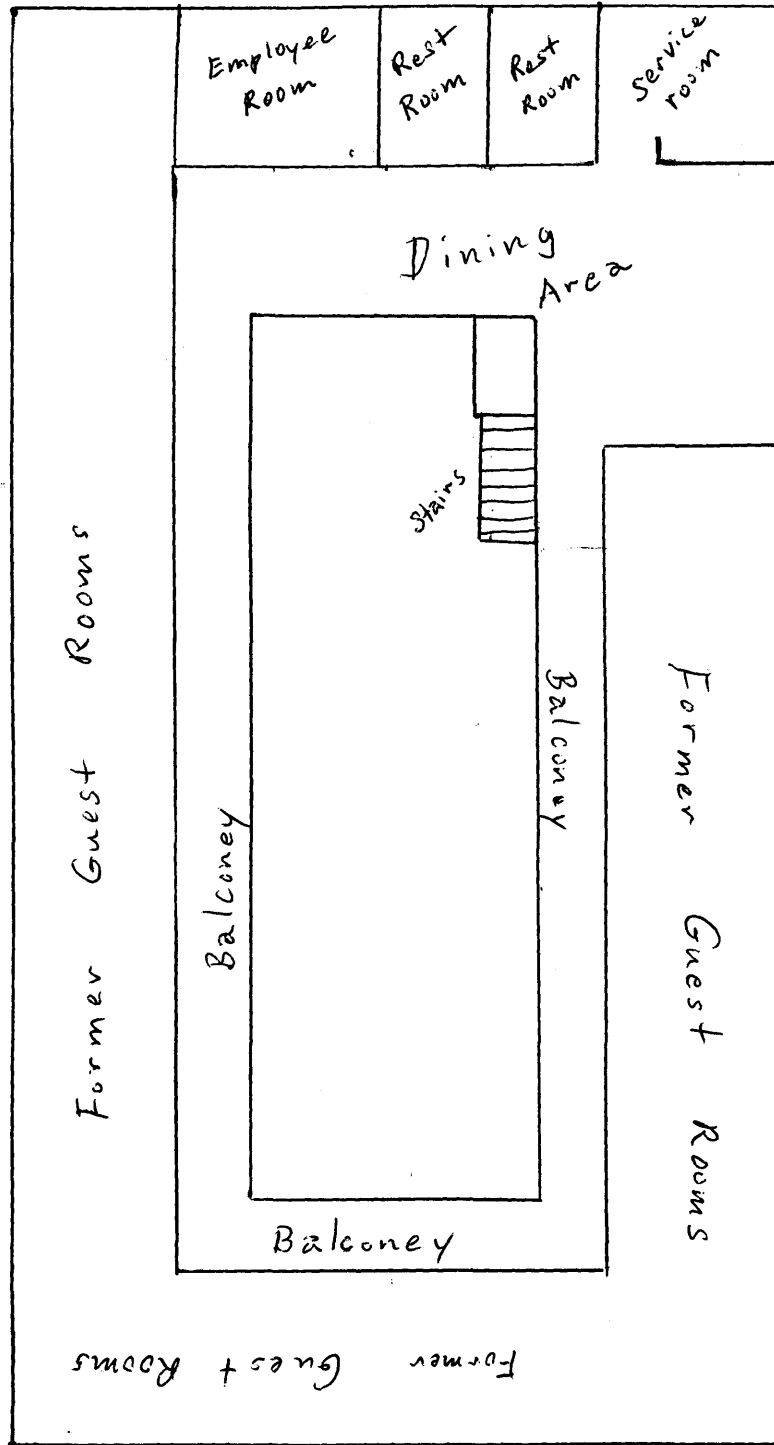
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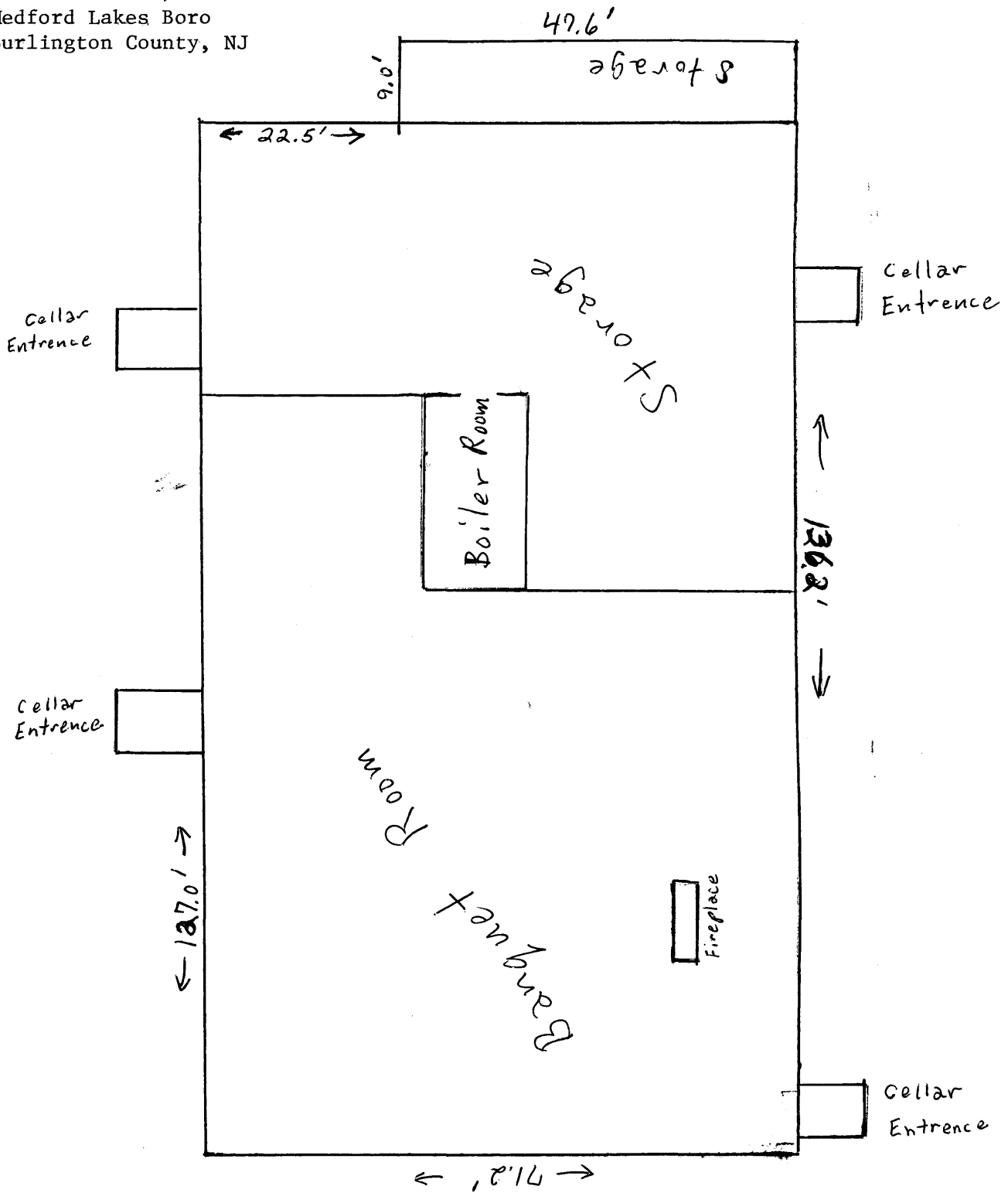
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Third Floor - (Dining - Storage - Former Sleeping rooms)
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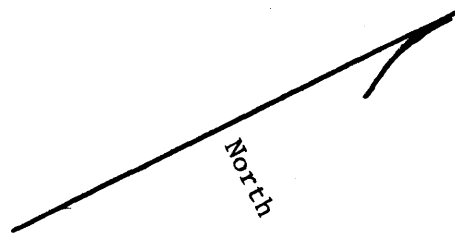
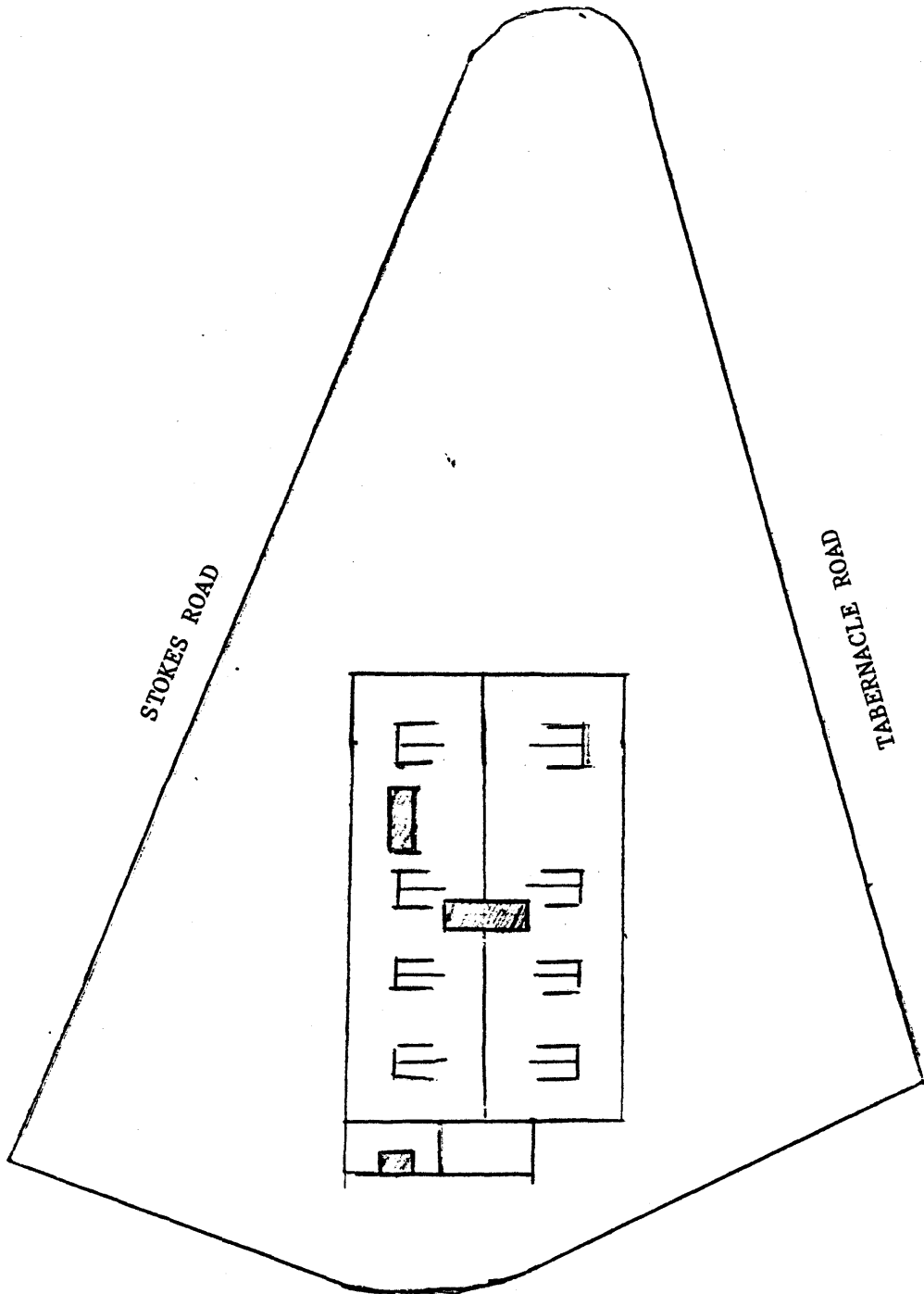


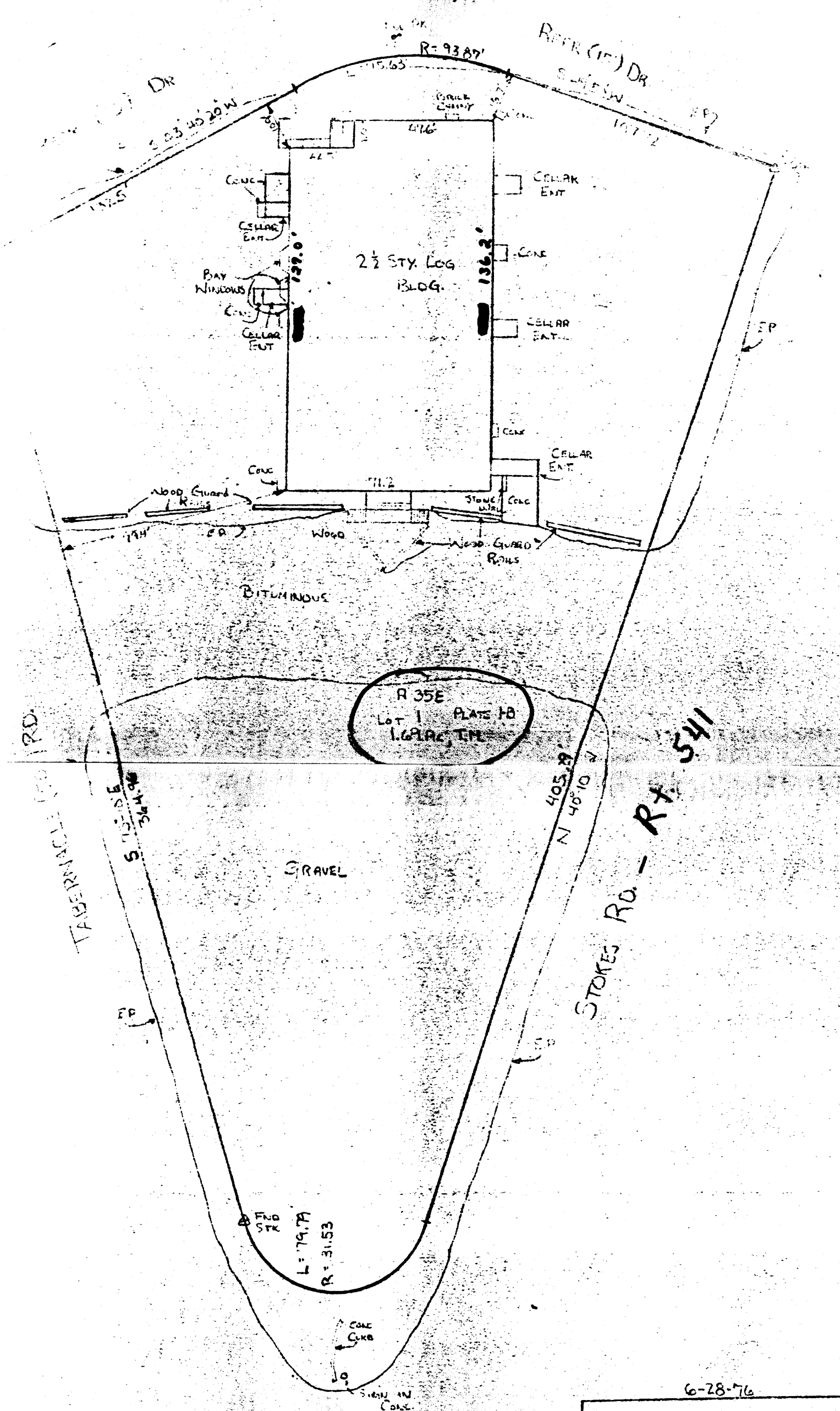
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Cellar Level - (Banquet + Storage Area)
(not to scale)

LOG CABIN LODGE
MEDFORD LAKES
BURLINGTON COUNTY

Plot Plan
(not to scale)





Surveyor's plan for
 Log Cabin Lodge
 (Settler's Inn)
 Medford Lakes Boro
 Burlington County, NJ

To certify that the above plan was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am a duly licensed land surveyor in the State of New Jersey and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the owner of the same and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the owner of the same and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the owner of the same.

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6-28-76

HAMILTON C. MURPHY JR.
 LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
 211 BRIDGECROSS ST., RIVER SIDE, N. J.
 LICENSE NO. 16188
 CLIENT: SETTLER'S INN
 LOCATION: MEDFORD LAKES BORO,
 BURLINGTON COUNTY, N. J.

Hamilton C. Murphy Jr.