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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 Linden Grove (preferred); Rocky Creek;
Howard, Edward, Farm; Beall, William M., Farm;

and/or common Linden Grove

2. Location

street & number Solarex Court N/A not for publication

city, town Frederick N/A vicinity of Sixth Congressional District

state Maryland code 24 county Frederick code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input 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 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Pack (Lisa Jane)

street & number 740 Harrison Drive

city, town Gettysburg N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania 17325

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

street & number North Court Street

city, town Frederick state Maryland 21701

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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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 <u>N/A</u>
<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>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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

Original and historic functions and uses: agricultural, residential

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Linden Grove is a second quarter nineteenth century transitional Federal-Greek Revival brick house that is two and a half stories high with a three bay Flemish bond facade (west elevation), a side-hall-double parlor plan, and parapeted gable-end walls. A c. 1900 wood porch with square posts runs along the facade and north side and projects over an abandoned driveway on the south to form a portechhere. The principal windows have double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights and plain wooden lintels and sills. A contemporary two story ell extends from the back along the north side and a circa 1900 one story-one room brick addition is attached to the north side of the main block. Two parapeted dormers pierce the facade side of the roof. The principal entrance has double-leaf paneled doors and rectangular sidelights and transom with attached round columns. The interior is characterized by double and single step architrave molding, columned mantels with bullseye and bolection moldings, six-panel doors, and an open-string staircase that rises to the top floor with attenuated round balusters and decorated string. Also on the property and contributing to the significance are a one story stuccoed hip-roofed smoke house contemporary with the house and a two story tenant house dating from the mid-late nineteenth century with a circa 1930s addition.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Linden Grove Farm complex is located east of the Balinger Pike, and just north of Interstate - 70, within the city limits of Frederick in Frederick County, Maryland. All that remains of the once prosperous farm is the main house dating from the second quarter of the nineteenth century, a smoke house contemporary with it and a early/mid 19th century tenant house. The farm is now under development for offices and light industry. The remaining farm buildings have been included in a 2.474 acres tract which carries deed covenants to protect the buildings. They are at present undergoing rehabilitation for an office complex. The main house is a two story , three bay L-shaped brick structure with a Flemish bond facade. It is situated among large old shade trees and faces west. Exterior alterations include the addition of an early 20th century one story brick shed-roofed extension to the north, a one story wrap-around porch and a concrete bulkhead at the rear of the building, all apparently added about the same time. The interior has late Federal style elements including marble trimmed fireplaces, paneled dados beneath the windows and a decorative plaster medallion and molding on the hallway ceiling. The interior has received minimal alterations. The smokehouse is a stuccoed stone hip-roofed structure in fair condition. To the north of the house is a brick tenant house, a very plain three bay structure with a two story brick addition from the 1930s. The buildings are generally in good condition.

The front elevation of Linden Grove is very formal with a vertical orientation giving the house a tall, narrow appearance. Prominent features of the facade include Flemish bond brickwork once covered with yellowish buff paint, perhaps an original finish, beneath the present coat of white paint. Another significant feature is the entrance consisting of a two-leafed door surround by a transom and sidelights. An integral part of the entrance treatment are Doric colonettes on either side of the door. A third significant facade feature is the pair of dormers projecting from the west slope of the roof. They are gable roofed structures finished with parapets and have nine over six light arched-topped sashes. On either side of the sash are simple pilasters. Although not unique, dormers are certainly not typical in Frederick County farmhouses.

The roof is covered with slate and finished at the ends with brick parapets. Windows have six over six pane sash beneath wooden lintels.

In the early 20th century, the formal appearance of the facade was interrupted by the addition of a one story brick addition on the north end and a wrap-around porch, which was a very stylish element of the period. The porch is supported by large square wooden posts on poured concrete piers. The roof is sheathed with standing seam sheet metal. Around the front door are faint lines in the older paint suggesting the configuration of the original porch, which was a smaller, one story structure covering only the entrance area.

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The other elevations are much less formal in their appearance. Extending to the rear is a two story kitchen wing which is part of the original construction, but lower in height and thus less vertical in orientation. This is the service wing which contains the kitchen on the first story with secondary bedrooms above. The east slope of the main house roof has a single gabled dormer, an original structure but much simpler than those on the front elevation. Added to the rear of the house is a small early 20th century porch and an original window in the main house was enlarged to include sidelights and a jib door beneath.

The main entrance opens into a formal stair hall which retains most of its original features, including the paint on the baseboard. Perhaps the most significant feature of the entrance hall is the molded plaster ceiling trim including rosettes and a round medallion surrounding a ceiling fixture. The staircase is Federal in appearance with an attenuated newel and balusters and delicate carving on the ends of the risers and on the spandrels.

Doors from the hallway open into two formal parlors, both of which retain their original trim. Prominent features of the two parlors are matching fireplaces with marble surrounds and late Federal style (with some Greek Revival style feeling) mantelpieces with Doric colonettes and bolection moldings. Windows are finished with paneled jambs and dadoes. The two rooms of the first story kitchen wing are much more simply appointed. The kitchen has an enclosed corner stair winding to the second floor.

The upper level has originally painted graining on the hallway floors and mantelpieces and trim similar to that of the first floor with less decorative elaboration. The attic level is finished with plastered walls and baseboards.

The secondary dwelling is a one-and-one-half story, three bay brick structure which is contemporary with or slightly later than the main house. To its west end has been attached a 1930s two story brick addition. The original portion of this structure has two rooms at each story, with an enclosed corner stair giving access to the upper level. The two story addition has four rooms and interior woodwork with dark varnish in a 1930s interpretation of Georgian design.

The approximately 184 acre farm, of which these buildings were once the center, has been diminished through development to the present 2.474 acres which contains the original grouping of buildings associated with the farm. The growth of the city of Frederick has resulted in the incorporation of the land which was once the Linden Grove farm into the city limits.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1823 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The significance of Linden Grove is derived from its architectural character. The house is a well preserved example of a second quarter nineteenth century house of a prosperous Frederick County farmer. Transitional Federal-Greek Revival in form and decorative detailing, Linden Grove is characteristically brick with a Flemish bond facade and features boldly and elaborately decorated mantels, doors, and staircase. The quality that separates Linden Grove from other similar examples in the county is its urban character. Linden Grove has the vertical block configuration and decoration associated with city houses of the period. Several excellent examples stand in Frederick, the county seat, in the area of the old courthouse. Features Linden Grove particularly has in common with the Frederick houses are the parapet gables and dormers and the elaborate engaged columned entranceways. Linden Grove is the only documented example of this type of house outside of Frederick County's towns.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.474 acres

Quadrangle name Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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H

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated area includes all that land identified on the accompanying plot as Lot #4, Solarex Court. It encompasses the surviving historic buildings and their grounds. The property is surrounded by late twentieth century commercial development not related to the historic character of the property.

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 Paula S. Reed, Vice-President

organization Preservation Associates, Inc. date April 1987

street & number 207 South Potomac Street telephone (301) 791-7880

city or town Hagerstown state Maryland 21740

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 Mark R. Edwards

title Deputy STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date 8-07-87

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

~~entered in the~~
National Register

date 9-10-87

J. Allores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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Frederick County, Maryland**CONTEXT:**

Linden Grove, historically known as part of "Rocky Creek" is significant for its association with the Beall - Willson families, prominent 18th and 19th century residents of Frederick County. It also represents a country seat of the prosperous and socially active landed gentry of the county from the early nineteenth through the mid 20th centuries. The house is significant, too, as an excellent example of an early 19th century (1820-25) Federal style farmhouse, a relatively small farm dwelling yet distinctive for its sophistication of style and its pristine interior condition. The Federal style is not uncommon in Frederick county, but its knowledgeable use in a farmhouse is architecturally notable. The house is narrow and compact making it appear to be an out-of-place townhouse in a country setting. This condition adds further distinction to Linden Grove. In addition, the property has throughout its history been highly valued in Frederick County as indicated by the repeated high prices it commanded when sold, and by glowing descriptions of it in local histories. It therefore derives further significance for the high esteem with which it was regarded relative to other farms in Frederick County, during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The early twentieth century porch and addition to the main house and the 1930s addition to the tenant house illustrate the changing nature of a prosperous farm complex and should be considered significant in themselves as reflecting the evolution of style and tastes over more than a century.

Linden Grove was probably built between 1820 and 1825 by Dr. William Murdock Beall Willson on a farm bequeathed to him by his grandfather, William Murdock Beall, in his will written in May of 1818 and probated in November of 1823. William Murdock Beall, who died at the age of 81 was one of Frederick County's earliest settlers. He acquired "Rocky Creek" (a name by which the property is described throughout its history) in a grant from Lord Baltimore in the 18th Century. This farm was highly improved at the time of Beall's death as revealed in his will. It was the first property bequest given Beall's will, and following typical form, having been listed at the beginning of the will, it was the most valuable bequest. In the will, the property was given "together with all the stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, Farming utensils, Grain and Provender remaining on Said Plantation at my decease." The bequest also included six negroes with the stipulation that each be set free at times specified in the will. These provisions indicate that the farm was, by 1818 when the will was written, a highly developed agricultural operation. However, William Murdock Bell did not live on the farm, at least not in his latter years. His will also lists his dwelling, a townhouse on part of lots 60 and 61 in Frederick. Beall also owned other land in Frederick County and elsewhere. His estate was quite large and his grandchildren received substantial bequests. Beall even left a cash bequest to be distributed among the needy of Frederick. He was very wealthy and apparently highly respected in Frederick County.

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According to the reminiscences of William Reich of Frederick, written in 1894, "William Murdock Beall was a very rich man, but I do not know how he made his money. He resided on Market Street near the old Savings Institution and had been the first postmaster of Frederick. His daughter married Mr. Wilson, [sic] of in or near Riverville, Montgomery County and hence the family of Wilsons, William Murdock Beall, John H. and Jonathan and their sister Mrs. Grafton Hammond of New Market."

What buildings were on the Rocky Creek farm prior to its bequest of Dr. William Murdock Beall Willson is not known. The extent of the development of the farm as bequeathed to Willson suggests that substantial improvements were present. However, the remaining ;house and smokehouse clearly date from the 19th century. Architectural evidence is consistent with construction during the 1820s and is supported by the likelihood that the young Dr. Willson built the house upon receiving his bequest. Dr. Willson graduated from the University of Maryland in 1821 and apparently practiced medicine for only a short time. According to T. J. C. Williams' **History of Frederick County** he "gave up medicine for business" when he received the bequest from his grandfather. The farm descended to William Murdock Beall Willson's daughter Martha Rebecca who married John Lewis Mines. They owned Linden Grove until 1867 when it was sold out of the family.

The architectural significance of Linden Grove derives from its sophisticated, although slightly late use of the Federal Style in Frederick County. It has received few alterations over the years, except for an addition of a porch and room in the late 19th century, so that its value as part of Frederick County's early architectural record is enhanced by the fact that so much of the original fabric remains intact. The house is distinctive among Frederick County farmhouses because it looks like a townhouse; it is narrow and fairly tall suggesting that its design may have been inspired by some of Frederick's Federal period townhouses, such as those located in and around Court Square. More typical frederick County farmhouses, at least those of the wealthy gentry, are larger, rambling buildings with a more horizontal orientation. Features such as dormer windows, especially dormers as elaborate as those on the Linden Grove house are usually absent on Frederick County farmhouses.

Another significant aspect of Linden Grove's history is the high prices it commanded when sold at various times in the 19th and 20th centuries. The value of the property appears to have been well above that of farms in general of comparable size. The acreage of the original Beall bequest remained unchanged in transactions through 1952, giving an excellent profile of the value of this farm through time. When the Beall heirs sold the farm in 1867, the price was \$30,000, a very substantial sum for a Frederick County farm at that time. Through the 19th century, the price declined slightly at subsequent transactions, but remained well above the average price for

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Frederick County farmland. In April of 1878, Linden Grove sold for \$24,000 and in August of the same year for \$25,000. In July of 1879, it sold for \$22,600 and in 1901 for \$16,500. Although by 1901 the price had declined by nearly one half its 1867 value, it still sold for more than most properties of similar size at the time. A check of land transactions in 1901 revealed that most farms ranged from 150-200 acres sold from \$,000-\$10,000. Therefore, Linden Grove was throughout its history a highly valued piece of real estate.

In the 1901 transaction, the farm was purchased by Philip M. and Margaret E. Hiteshew. In the biography of Philip Hiteshew included in Williams 1910 **History of Frederick County**, Mr. Hiteshew's farm is described: "This farm contains 184 acres of fine limestone agricultural land and is well improved with a large brick dwelling and a first class barn. It is one of the most beautiful estates in the county." (page 807)

In 1919, the farm was purchased by J. Otis King who operated it as a dairy under the name of "Ideal Farms." It remained in the King family until 1964. Since then the farm has been owned by a series of developers until the present ownership which keeps intact the remaining farm buildings on 2.474 acres with protective deed covenants. The property was officially determined eligible for the National Register in 1980.

In Frederick, the county seat, and the boundaries in which Linden Grove now stands, has several houses similar in architectural character to Linden Grove. Specifically, the house at 107 West Second Street is virtually identical being a three bay, side passage plan with Flemish bond facade and ten panel entrance door flanked by engaged columns. This house also has two stepped dormers with tracery and double end chimney with balancing false chimney on opposite gable. Other houses with similar design elements:

similar entrance found at 103, 105 Council Street; 109, 117, 119 West Second Street; 117, 121 Record Street; 100 North Court Street; 24, 35 East Church Street.

stepped dormers: 103 105 Council Street; 122-126 North Court Street; 24, 35 East Church Street

parapet gables: 9, 19, 105 West Second Street; 117 Record Street; 24, 35 East Church Street.

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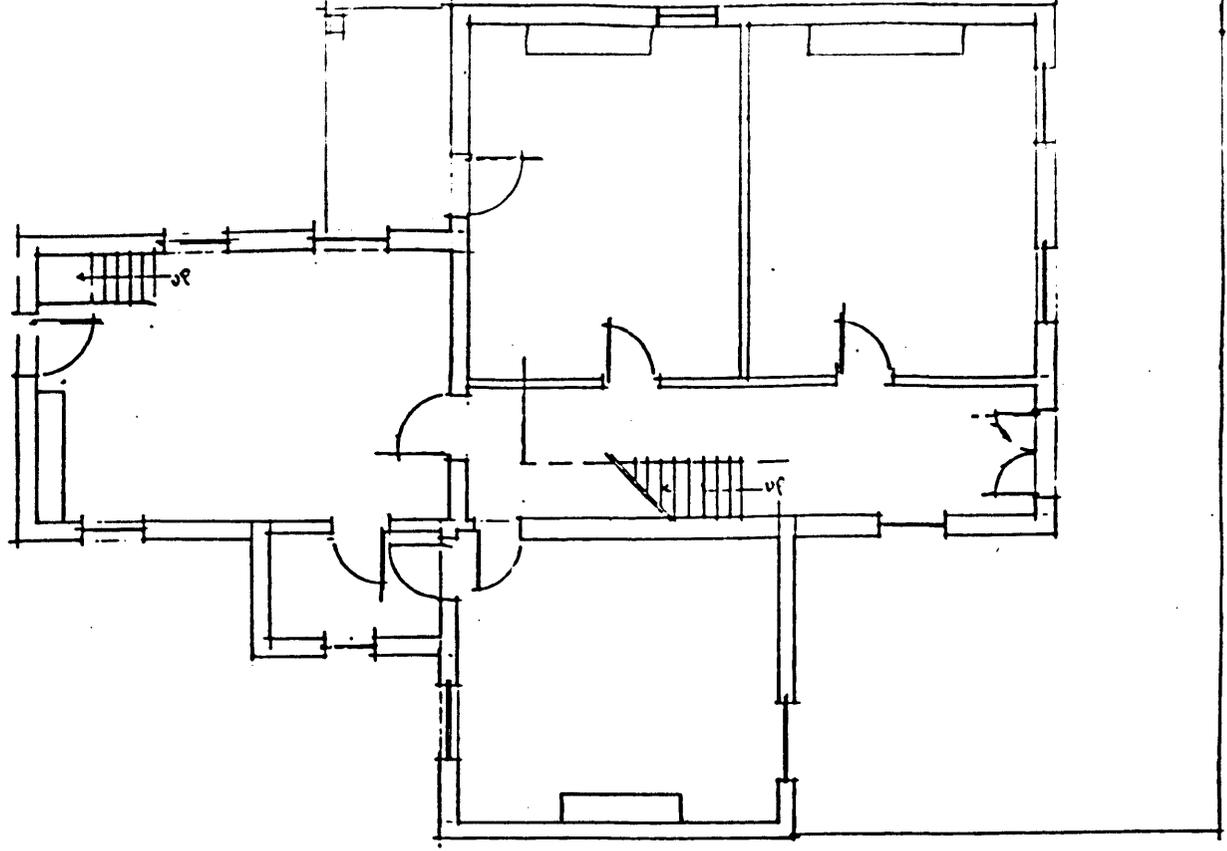
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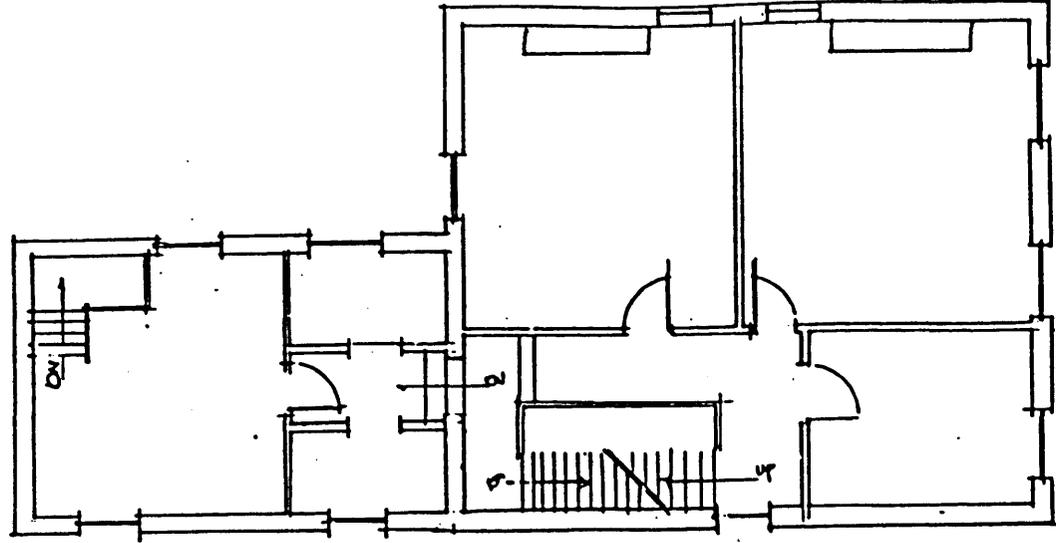
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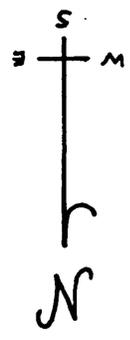
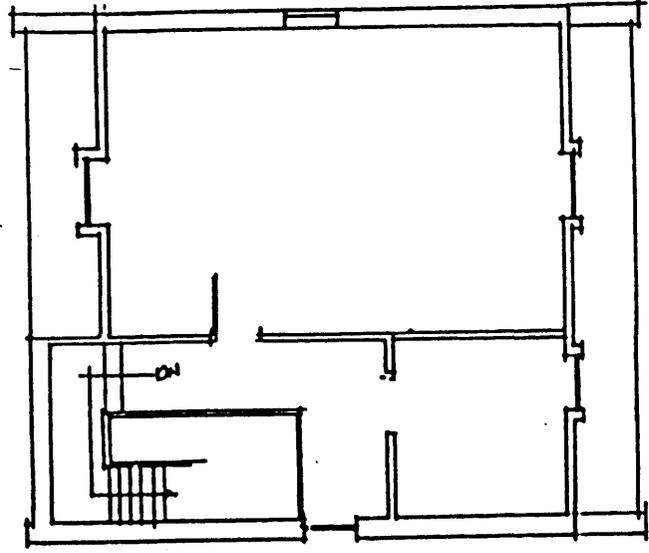
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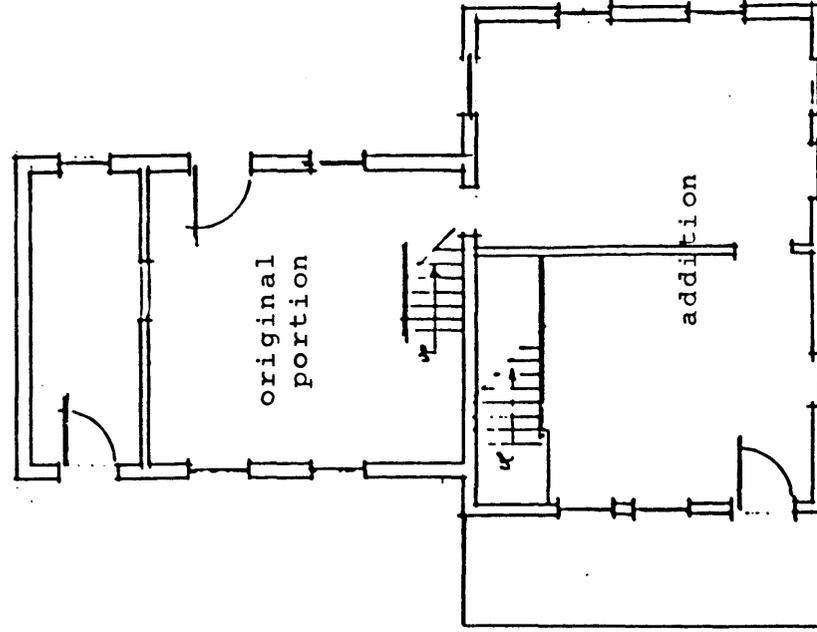
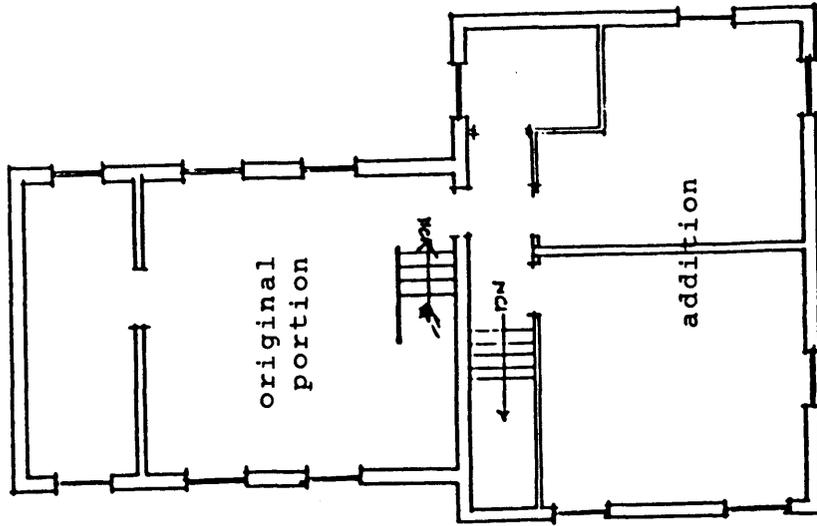
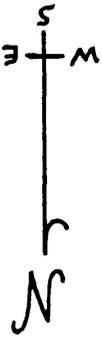


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LINDEN GROVE, tenant house
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