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The Howe Flume Historic District includes the remains of 19 historically significant structures: a flume, a dam, a bridge, a loading platform (?), four excavated cuts, a road and 10 log cabins in four separate clusters of logging camps. These remains lie along the course of the Main Fork of Stillwater Fork and between Main Fork and Hayden Fork of Bear River within the Evanston Ranger District, Wasatch National Forest, Utah.

These historic structures are among the best preserved remains of logging activities dating to the 1870's in the Uinta Mountains. The District contains the only remains in the Stillwater drainage that can be absolutely associated with the Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company.

When the Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company entered this drainage in ca. 1873 it had not been previously logged. The area was isolated and unspoiled; the virgin stand of lodge pole pine was ripe for exploitation. To reduce this stand to marketable products, camps were constructed, a road built and a dam and a flume constructed to transport ties, cord wood and other wood products to Hilliard, Wyoming. Virtually nothing exists of the main flume constructed to the west of the Howe Feeder branch.

Buildings in logging camps of the 1870's were constructed of relatively small logs with one entrance and usually without windows. Logs were cut to length with an axe and were unshaped. Doorways and fireplace openings were cut out by hand, using an axe, rather than sawn. No evidence remains of roof construction details on the buildings within this District. Roofs were frequently of the shed type during this period. Log cabins were relatively small in size during the pre-1900 period in the Uintas. Those under consideration here range from 9 ft. x 13 ft. to 15 ft. x 23 ft.

The structures—flume, dwellings, dam, loading platform and bridge—are badly deteriorated. The location of some can be discerned despite the fact that only the sill logs and piles of rocks from rock and mud fireplaces are present. Enough exists of most structures, such as 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 16, that considerable data as to method of construction, size, function and internal features can readily be determined. Buried features and trash dumps have been undisturbed except in the interior areas of 12 and 13. The four cuts (14, 15, 17 and 18), made to reduce the grade for the flume, are undisturbed except for some deterioration caused by the forces of nature. All of the structures within the Historic District are on their original sites and no significant alterations appear to have been made to the original construction.

The District has no major non-historic, man made intrusions. The old logging road (19) is being used sporadically by 4-wheelers and others. Corral poles were cut on part of the slope east of 10 and 11 within the last 30 years.

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Inventory of Historic Structures Located with the Howe Flume Historic District

- Log Dam. constructed of logs with a central spillway chute and vertically moveable gate. This crib type dam is 79 ft. long, 35 ft. deep and ca. 6 ft. high with a 38° slope to the upstream face. Was covered with 2 in. planks.
- 2. Flume. constructed of locally available wood and cut iron spikes. It extends the full length of the District from the dam to Hayden Fork or about three miles. In some areas remains are extensive, in others, particularily at the lower end, only very subtle traces remain.
- 3. Log Building. Camp No. 1, Building No. 1, dwelling. Only sill logs and corner fireplace stones remain. Size: 13 ft X 19 ft.
- 4. Log Building. Camp No. 1, Building No. 2, dwelling (?). Walls two to three logs high. Single entrance, no windows and no fireplace remains.

 Size: 10 ft. X 12 ft.
- 5. Log Building. Camp No. 2, Building No. 1, dwelling (?). Walls one to three logs high. Single entrance, no windows, no fireplace remains. Size: 8 ft X 13 ft.
- 6. Log Building. Camp No. 2, Building No. 2, dwelling. Only logs of SE corner remain intact. Corner fireplace. Size: 10 ft. X 11 ft.
- 7. Log Building. Camp No. 2, Building No. 3, dwelling. Walls one to four logs high. Corner fireplace, single entrance, no windows. Size: 15 ft. X 23 ft.
- 8. Log Building. Camp No. 2, Building No. 4, dwelling (?). Walls only one log high.
 No fireplace remains. Size: 12 ft. X 17 ft.
- 9. Log Building. Camp No. 2, Building No. 5, dwelling. Walls four to five logs high. Fireplace, single entrance, no windows, pole bed along east wall. Size: 13 ft. X 17 ft.
- 10. Log Building. Camp No. 3, Building No. 1, dwelling (?). Walls three logs high. Partially destroyed by bulldozer during logging operation.
- 11. Log Bridge. Located between Camps No. 3 and 4. Made of unshaped logs.
- 12. Log Building. Camp No. 4, Building 1, dwelling. Walls two logs high. Fireplace, single entrance, no windows. Size: 10 ft X 13 ft.

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| 13. | Log Building. | Camp No. 4, Building 2, dwelling. Walls three to five logs high Fireplace, single entrance, no windows. Size: 11 ft X 12 ft. |
| 14. | Cut No. 1. | High berm on NE side. Cut is 130 ft. long, 14 ft. wide. |
| 15. | Cut No. 2. | High berm on NW side. Cut is 126 ft. long, 10 ft. wide. |
| 16. | Log Structure. | Possible platform for loading logs into the flume. Flume runs through the center of the structure. Located between Cuts No. 2 and 3. |
| 17. | Cut No. 3. | No visible berm. Cut is very shallow, 81 ft. long, 9 ft. wide. |
| 18. | Cut No. 4. | Low berm NW side. Cut is 100 ft. long, 9 ft. wide. |
| 19. | Road. | Labeled "Jeep trail" and "Pack trail" on USGS Christmas Meadows quad sheet. Last trace of original road seen 1/4 mile below Cut No. 4. |

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FIGURES

Site maps and Building plans

- Fig. 1. Camp No. 1. Head of flume. Impound site of water supply for the Howe Feeder.
- Fig. 2. Camp No. 1. Plan of Building No. 1.
- Fig. 3. Camp No. 1. Plan of Building No. 2.
- Fig. 4. Camp No. 2. Largest camp along the Howe Feeder.
- Fig. 5. Camp No. 2. Plan of Building No. 1.
- Fig. 6. Camp No. 2. Plan of Building No. 2.
- Fig. 7. Camp No. 2. Plan of Building No. 3.
- Fig. 8. Camp No. 2. Plan of Building No. 4.
- Fig. 9. Camp No. 2. Plan of Building No. 5.
- Fig. 10. Camp No. 3.
- Fig. 11. Camp No. 3. Plan of remains of Building No. 1
- Fig. 12. Camp No. 4. Layout of Camp.
- Fig. 13. Camp No. 4. Plan of Building No. 1.
- Fig. 14. Camp No. 4. Plan of Building No. 2.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From 1873 to ca. 1880 the Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company was in the business of supplying wood products to the railroads (particularily the Union Pacific Railroad), mines and domestic users in Utah, SW Wyoming and elsewhere in the western United States. In that role, they brought employment, contributed to development, settlement and the economic well-being of SW Wyoming.

The sites included within the District could contribute to an understanding of the history of the use of the area as well as logging, specifically, in the Uinta Mountains. No systematic surveys of the Uinta Mountians have been completed and no sites have been excavated scientifically.

While most of the remains dating from the late 1800's are in ruins, the potential for historical archaeological research is tremendous. These sites, along with others in the area, could provide data on logging camp layout and use of space, settlement patterns, construction of late 1800's logging structures, identification of specific use areas within camps, information about ethnic groups, economics and other historical, anthropological and sociological problems. This is especially critical because there are very scanty historical records in existence.

The log structures, while in ruins, still reflect the architectural uniqueness characteristic of the area for the pre-1900 period. The manner and style of construction, treatment of the logs, building size and features, are noticeably distinct from later, post-1900, buildings.

The terminus of the flume was promoted in contemporary <u>Crofutt's Guides</u> as a minor engineering marvel and tourist curiousity to countless transcontinental railroad travelers who passed under the 30 ft. high structure at Hilliard.

Logging on the pine forested northern slopes of the western Uinta Mountains of Utah began in 1867 to supply the Union Pacific Railroad with railroad ties and other wood products. In 1869 upon completion of the intercontinental railroad the demand for ties dropped off temporarily but the need for replacement ties, the construction of branch lines, and the continuing needs for other timber products led to a boom in the timber business in the Uinta Mountains in the 1870's. One of the major companies taking part in this development was the Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company.

The Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company was organized in 1873 and moved into the Uinta Mountains to produce railroad ties, cord wood, telegraph poles and other wood products which were sold either to the Union Pacific Railroad, usually through their "official buyer" Coe and Carter, or to other railroads under construction throughout the west. The

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cord wood was made into charcoal at Hilliard, Wyoming where the Company constructed several charcoal kilns. The charcoal was shipped to smelters in Salt Lake City, Virginia City, Eureka, San Francisco and elsewhere.

To get the wood to Hilliard the Company constructed roughly 36 miles of flume, including the main flume which ran from near Gold Hill (Utah) west of Hayden Fork to Hilliard and the Howe flume, known as the Howe Feeder, which was constructed on the Main Fork of Stillwater Fork. It joined the main flume about one mile above the confluence of the Stillwater and Hayden forks of the Bear River. The origin of the name Howe is not known. Construction of the flume complex was completed by about 1875. Probably the last to be constructed was the Howe segment but there is at present no archaeological or historical evidence to support this. Superintendent of construction was Alfred H. Bemis of Salt Lake City. Construction of the flume required, among other things, 80 tons of cut iron spikes and 10's of thousands of board feet of lumber. The total cost of the project was a reported \$200,000.

The Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company was founded by William K. Sloan with the financial help of three "Nevada capitalists", Fred H. Myers, John W. Kerr and W.H. Wadsworth. Sloan became secretary and treasurer of the Company in 1874, cashier in 1876 and superintendent in 1877. In addition to his company activities, Sloan was very active in local politics; in 1875 he began a term as postmaster of Hilliard, Wyoming and in 1876 he was elected Uinta County, Wyoming Commissioner. Kerr had been active in the late 1860's in supplying ties from Bear River for the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. He was a vice-president of the company from its inception and served as agent in the Woods until the fall of 1874. Wadsworth seems to have been a relatively "silent partner." Company records have not survived so details of its structure are not available.

The Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company, along with the Evanston Lumbering Company, was the biggest producer of timber on the Bear River drainage in the Uinta Mountains in the 1870's.

It appears that the Hilliard Flume and Lumber Company was sold about 1880 to the Utah-Wyoming Improvement Company which in turn was sold in mid-1885 at a Uinta County, Wyoming sheriff's sale. George Crofutt reports that the flume was not in evidence at Hilliard in 1888. Probably by 1885 it was no longer in use.

The flume fell into disuse and ruin and its lower portion was cannabalized by local ranchers for the lumber. Many Hilliard, Wyoming ranch buildings were constructed from such lumber. By the 1890's no trace of the flume existed except at its upper end in the Uinta Mountains.

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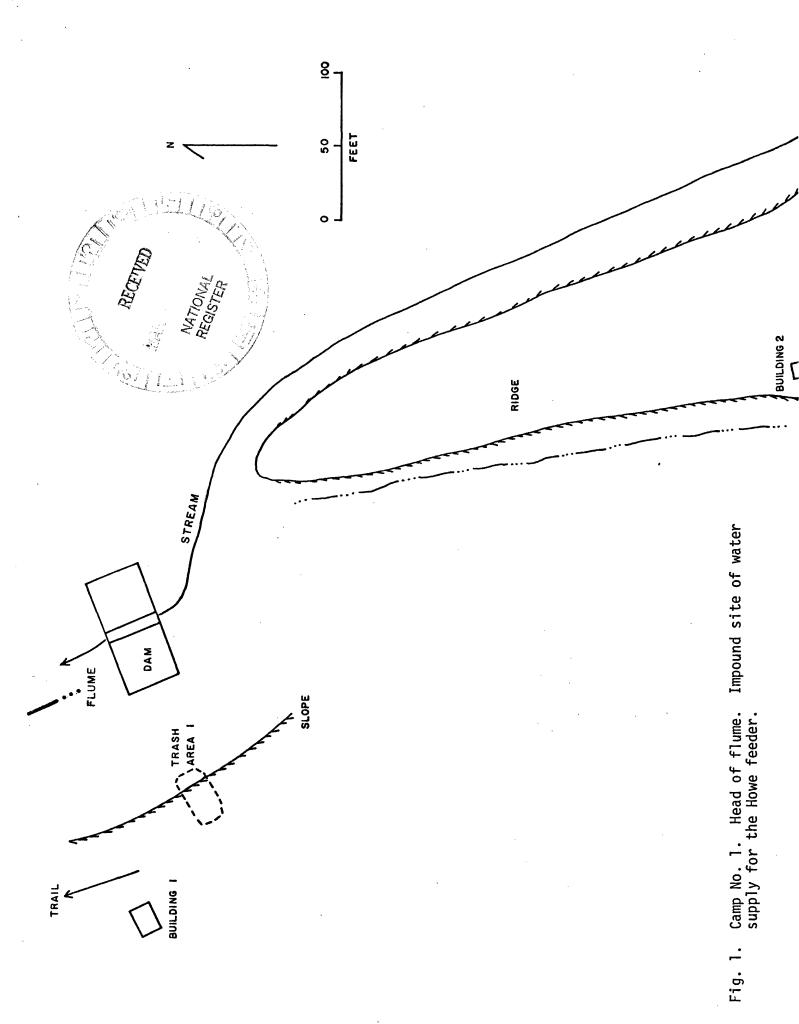
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- 1. Camp No. 1. Dam, view looking north and downstream.
- 2. Camp No. 1. Dam, view looking west.
- 3. Camp No. 1. Building No. 2, view looking west at entrance.
- 4. Flume remains showing construction detail, especially bracing of trough. Located between Camps No. 1 and No. 2.
- 5. Flume remains showing bracing detail. Note cut spikes. Located between Camps No. 1 and No. 2.
- 6. Camp No. 2. Building No. 5, view looking north at entrance.
- 7. Flume remains showing contruction detail, trough looking upstream. Located between camps No. 2 and No. 3.
- 8. Flume remains showing construction detail of trough. Located between Camps No. 2 and No. 3.
- 9. Flume remains showing construction detail of trough. View of same area as Fig. 7 looking east. Located between Camps No. 2 and No. 3.
- 10. Cut No. 1 looking east and up drainage.
- 11. Structure located between Cuts No. 2 and No. 3 looking north at west half. This may have been a loading platform.





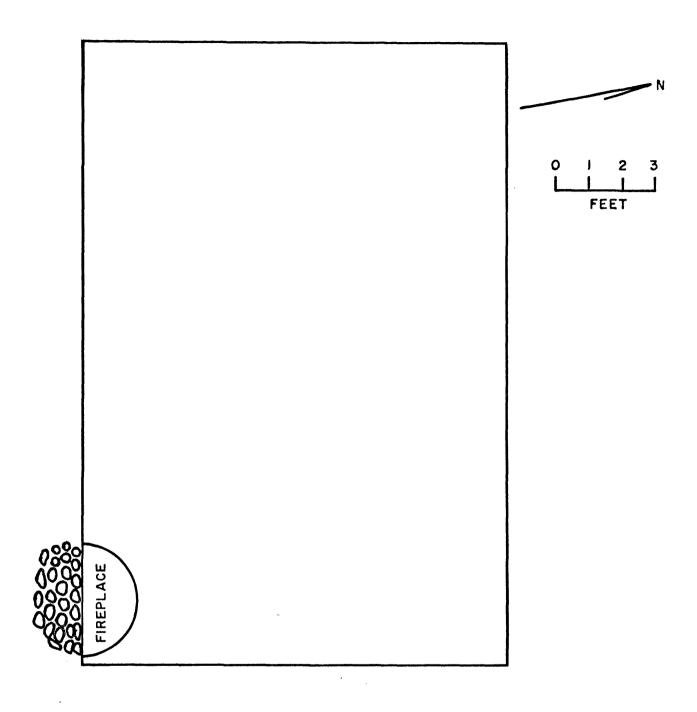


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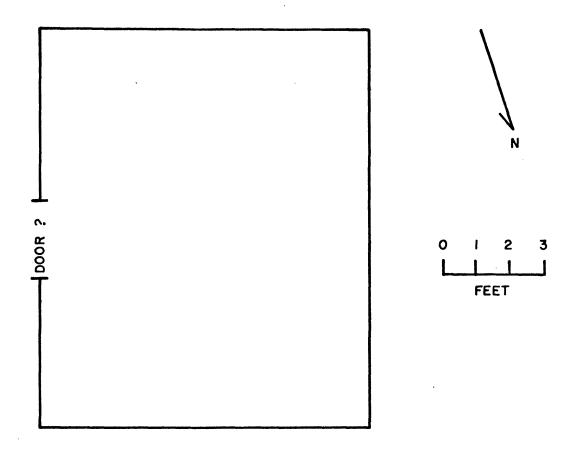


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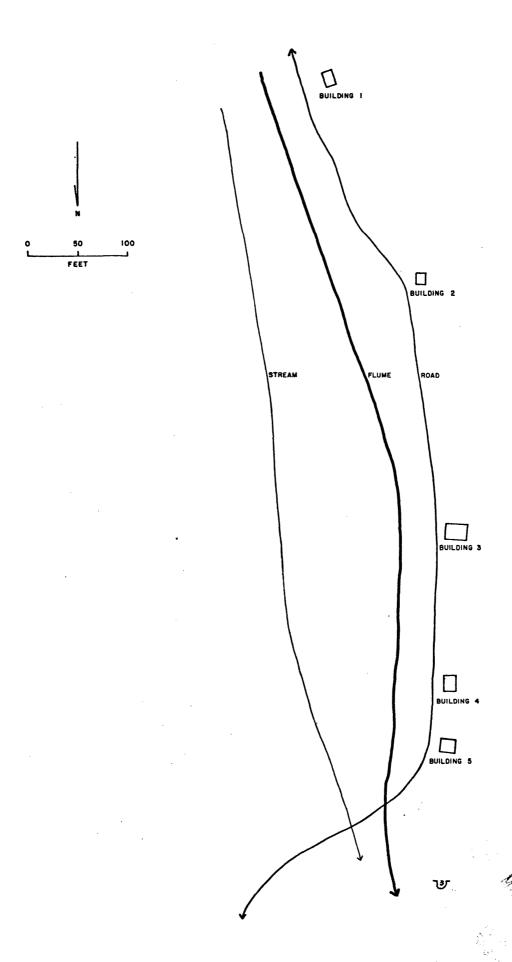


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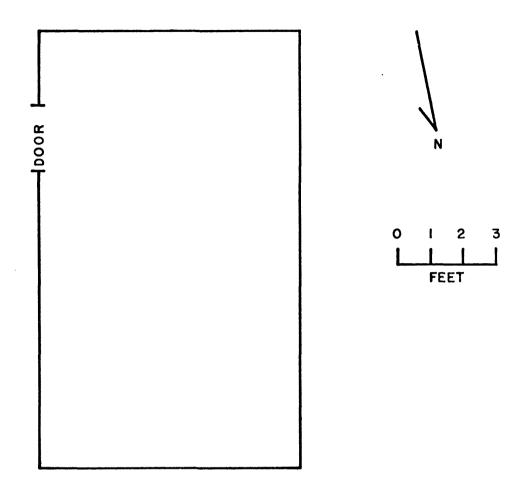


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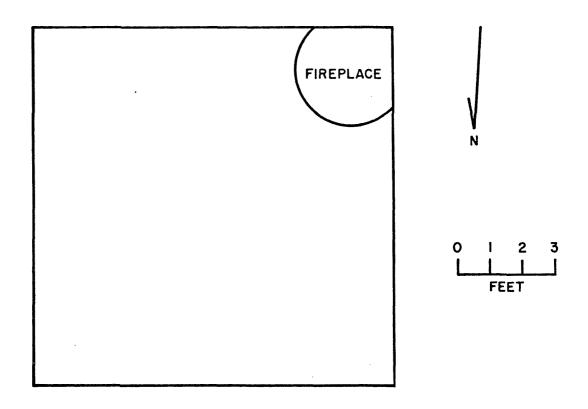


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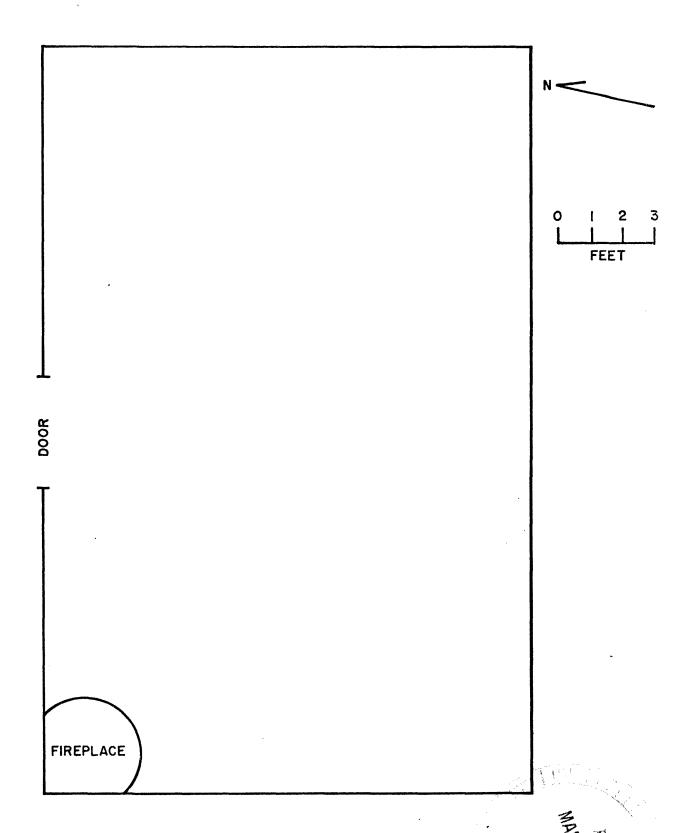


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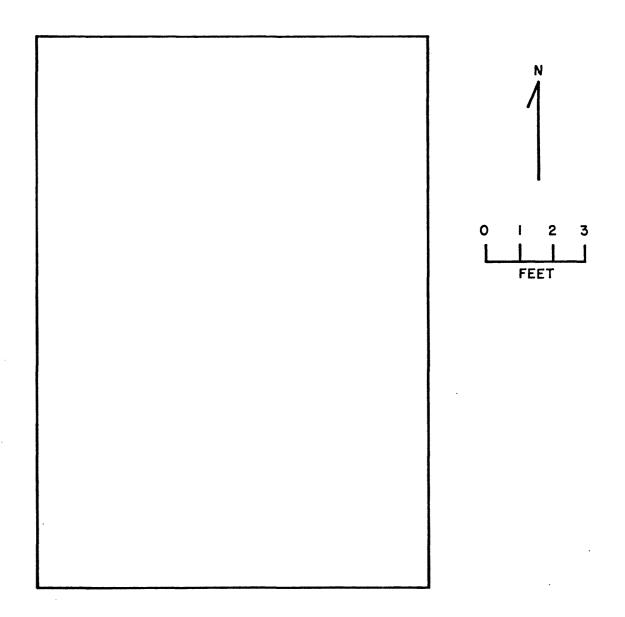


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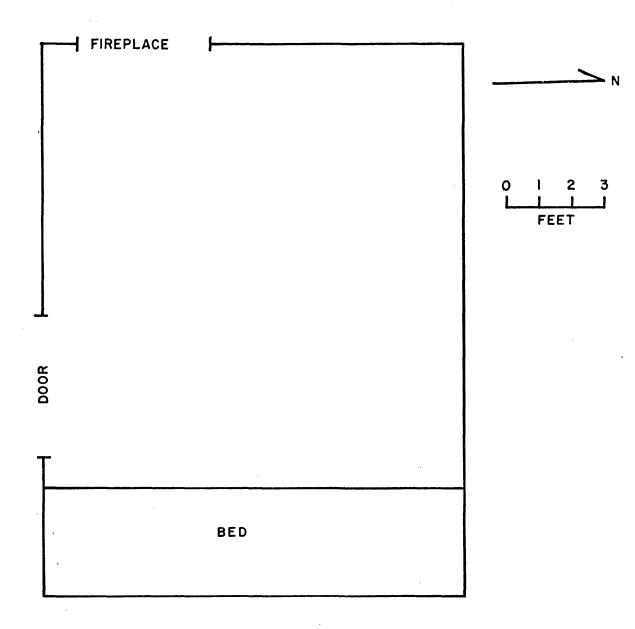


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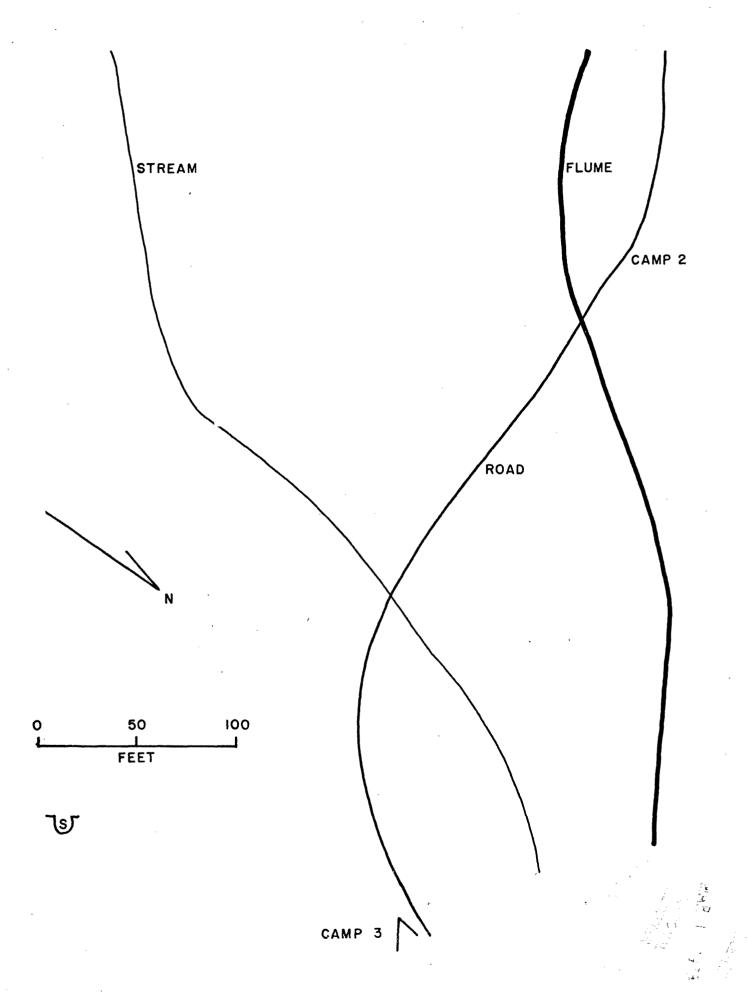


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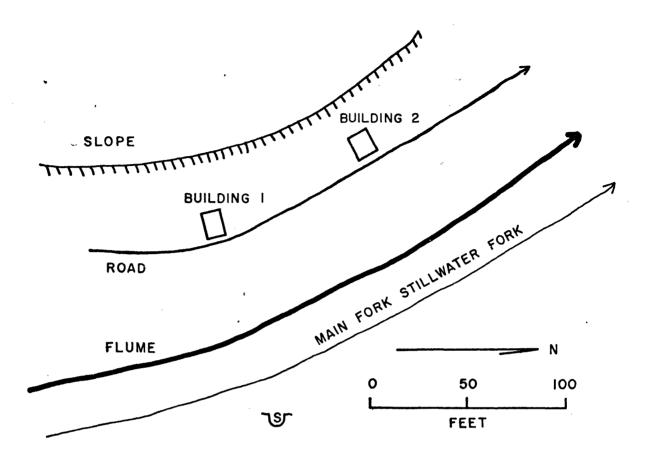


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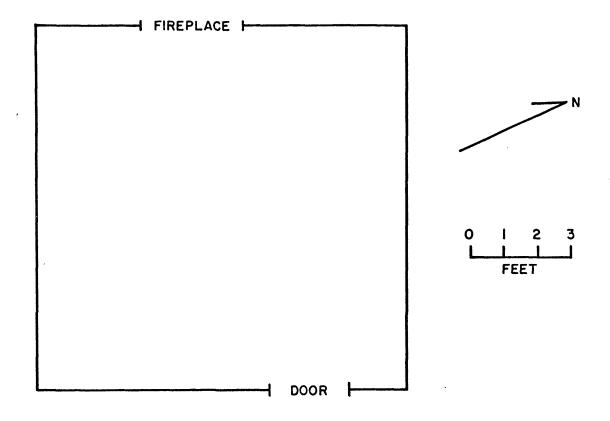


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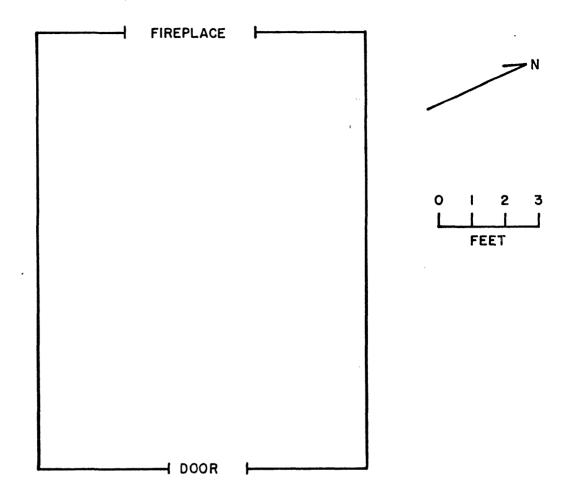


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