

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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 Anthony / Corwin Farm

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 244 W. Mill 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not for publication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

- private (checked)
public-local
public-State
public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) (checked)
district
site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing:

stone houses & outbuildings in Washington Twp

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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Assistant Commissioner for Natural & Historic Resources/DSHPO

Date 3/9/92

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets (unchecked) 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. (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action 5/1/92

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>Domestic / single family</u>	<u>Domestic single / single family</u>
<u>Agricultural / outbuilding</u>	<u>agricultural</u>
<u>storage</u>	

Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
<u>Greek Revival</u>	foundation <u>stone</u>
<u>Colonial Revival</u>	walls <u>stuccoed stone</u>
	roof <u>slate</u>
	other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Anthony/Corwin Farmstead is an assemblage of 19th and 20th-century buildings picturesquely sited overlooking the South Branch of the Raritan amidst extensive agricultural acreage. Accessed by a long lane from West Mill Road, the complex is comprised of a stone main house with frame appendages, frame wagon wagon, large frame bank barn, small frame tenant house, and modern equipment shed. The well maintained farmstead is surrounded by the open fields and woods of the South Branch valley and thus retains its historical rural landscape setting.

House:

The house probably dates to c. 1840-55 and retains simple detailing of Greek Revival derivation typical of that era; in about 1935, it underwent extensive, but sympathetic Colonial Revival renovation which preserved much of its original fabric. The south-facing house is surrounded by well landscaped grounds with many old trees which slope away markedly to the north and west. Of stuccoed, rubble stone construction, the 5-bay, 2-story, gable-roofed main block has a double-pile center hall plan, interior gable-end chimney within each gable end, and a bank cellar that is fully above grade on the west gable end. On the east gable end is a small, frame, 1-story, gable-roofed kitchen wing of c. 1935, to the rear of which is a frame gabled appendage with stone and brick exterior chimney added in 1950.

In addition to the main block's stuccoed walls, 19th-century exterior fabric includes boxed overhanging eaves with stepped frieze and paired brackets, 6/6 sash windows with architrave trim (Grecian ovolo moldings), and a central front entry which has sidelights, symmetrically molded surround with Grecian ovolo moldings, 4-panel door with clip-cornered, Grecian molded recessed panels, architrave outer trim, and plain reveals. The 1-bay shed-roofed front entry porch & 3-bay shed-roofed west porch are Colonial Revival replacements & feature square posts with molded caps and bases and brick floor decks and steps. Two bays of the side porch are enclosed with multi-pane windows above paneled spandrels, and a small frame appendage extends from its north end

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

1840 - 1935

Significant Dates

1935

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 Anthony/Corwin Farmstead is significant under National Register Criterion C. Typical in form and construction of Washington Township's early stone domestic architecture, the main house is a good example of stuccoed rubble stone construction, an embanked cellar, and the double-pile center-hall plan type. It also provides a representative illustration of the Colonial Revival remodeling of area farmhouses during the mid-20th century as country residences for people of means. The alterations, documented by annotated drawings, sensitively preserved much early fabric while accomodating a different use program and modern utility systems. The large overshot bank barn is a good braced-frame example of its type with a perpendicular ell and is significant locally as one of the best preserved barns in Washington Township. The property retains its historical character, and because of its house meets the criteria for inclusion in the Washington Township Stone Houses and Outbuildings Multiple Property nomination.

The Anthony/Corwin Farmstead is located at the northern end of the Budd Tract, a property of almost 2,000 acres in the fertile South Branch valley (around Middle Valley) which was subdivided and leased to German settlers in the middle of the 18th century. A 200-acre farm encompassing the Anthony/Corwin site was leased by one Jacob or Stephen Teafort in 1747, and a 1779 deed includes him among the individuals "now in possession or occupation of...[the Budd property]...holding the same by lease."¹ The heirs of John Budd conveyed a large portion of the property to William Pennington in 1818.² Pennington and his heirs evidently had difficulty collecting rents from the leaseholders who by the early 19th century were beginning to regard the farms as their own property in fee simple. Ownership disputes were not settled until the 1840s when, according to late 19th-century history T. F. Chambers, commissioners were

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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 #

[X] See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:
[X] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[] Other
Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 11.5 Hackettstown, NJ Quad

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing
D [1,8] [5,1,6,3,0,0] [4,5,1,3,1,2,0]

[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The entire property in Washington Township known as Block 33/70.02

[] See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated property encompasses the lot of land appurtenant to the farmstead, and which is historically associated with it.

[] See continuation sheet

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connecting it to the adjoining garage. The two second-story windows on the west gable wall have plain trim and were inserted in the 1930s remodeling. The 2-bay porch on the front of the clapboard kitchen wing is recessed and arcaded and has square posts matching those of the other porches.

The interior of the house appears to contain considerable early fabric, but also exhibits features dating to the 1930s remodeling. Original features include random-width flooring, plaster walls and ceilings, architrave door and window trim with Grecian ovolo moldings, recessed panel-lined window reveals on the first story, plaster reveals upstairs, recessed 4-panel doors, and an open main staircase with turned balusters, molded railing, and a heavy turned newel post. The 1930s Colonial Revival work includes the conversion of the cellar kitchen into a pine-paneled playroom (fireplace probably reworked), installation of false soffits along window walls to hide heating pipes and of covered radiators below windows (stonework removed), rebuilding fireplaces in the two first-floor front rooms and the installation of a walnut paneled fireplace wall in the west room and a Georgian mantel in the east room, removal of the partition between the two west rooms, and conversion of the northeast room into a maid's room and bath.

Outbuildings:

Attached to the north end of the side porch a frame, shed-roofed, 1-story garage created in the 1930s from an earlier 2-story building said to have been an ice house, but which more probably was a wood shed, wagon shed or out kitchen. A short distance north of the garage is a braced-frame, 1 1/2-story wagon house of mid-19th date with gable-end entries, built-in sidewall corncrib, vertical siding, and overhanging eaves. The south entry was lowered and widened to accommodate the installation of batten sliding doors, and a shed appendage added on the west side. Further north where the land drops off precipitously to the river bottom stands a large braced-frame, 4-bay overshot bank barn which probably dates to the mid 19th century. It has a perpendicular ell (built in two parts) at the northwest corner, overhanging eaves, clapboard siding, batten doors, and sash windows; in addition to the main wagon entry are entries on the east gable end. A modern concrete silo adjoins its southwest corner. East of the barn is a frame, 1 1/2-story, simply detailed tenant house built in 1934 and extensively remodeled with a recent 2-story addition and aluminum siding. To the west is a modern, steel framed and sided equipment shed.

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appointed to survey the whole tract and allot different sums which each farm was to pay for the whole amount which had been agreed upon between the parties.³

A 105-acre farm including the subject farmstead evidently came into the ownership of the Anthony family after the settlement, and it is quite likely that the stone house was not built until that time; according to Chambers before the settlement

no one cared to spend any money in improvements, of which some one else might reap the benefit. Fences and buildings and the proper care of the land were largely neglected.⁴

In 1863 after the death of Jacob Anthony (born 1794), his heirs sold the farm to his son Nathan. The latter owned the property until 1884 when he and his wife sold it to George Rodda. Rodda owned the property for only five years when he and his wife sold it to Nathan Anthony's son James. The property remained in the family until 1934 when Mary L. Swayze, Nathan Anthony's daughter, sold the property to Grace Louise Corwin. Grace Corwin and her husband Alfred H. Corwin, an engineer from East Orange, New Jersey were responsible for the Colonial Revival remodeling of the house. The present owners, who actively farm the property, purchased it in 1964.⁵

Notes:

¹ Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers, Early Germans of New Jersey, Dover, NJ: Dover Printing Company, 1895, pages 146a and 152; Morris County Deeds, Book A, page 124.

² Morris County Deeds, Book Y-3, page 1.

³ Middle Valley Historic District National Register nomination, page 8.2; Chambers, pages 151 and 152.

⁴ Chambers, page 152.

⁵ J. Lightfoot and Sam. Geil, Map of Morris County, New Jersey, 1853; Frederick W. Beers, Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey, New

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Photographic Identification:

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

Name:	Anthony/Corwin Farmstead
Location:	244 West Mill 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

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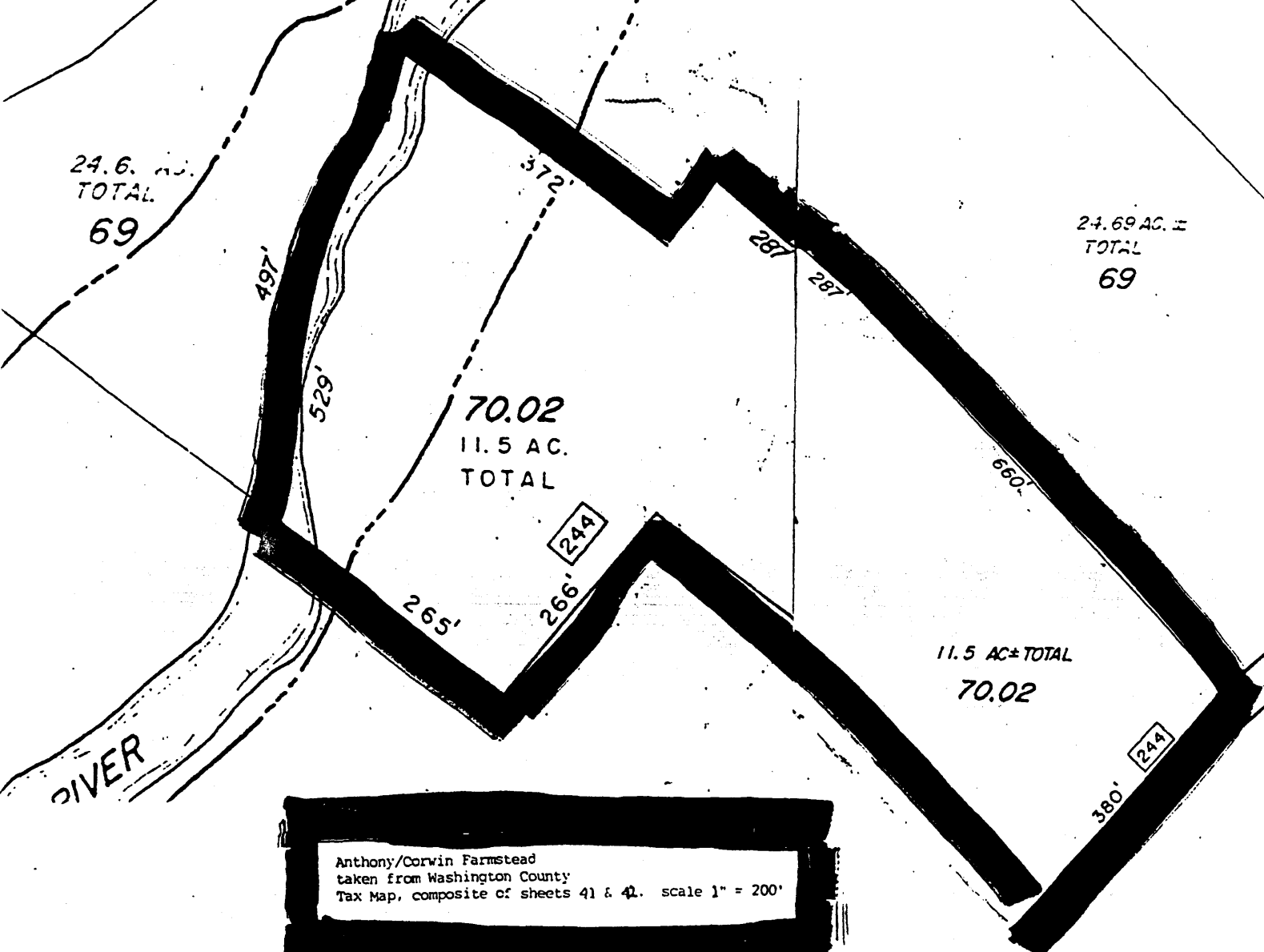
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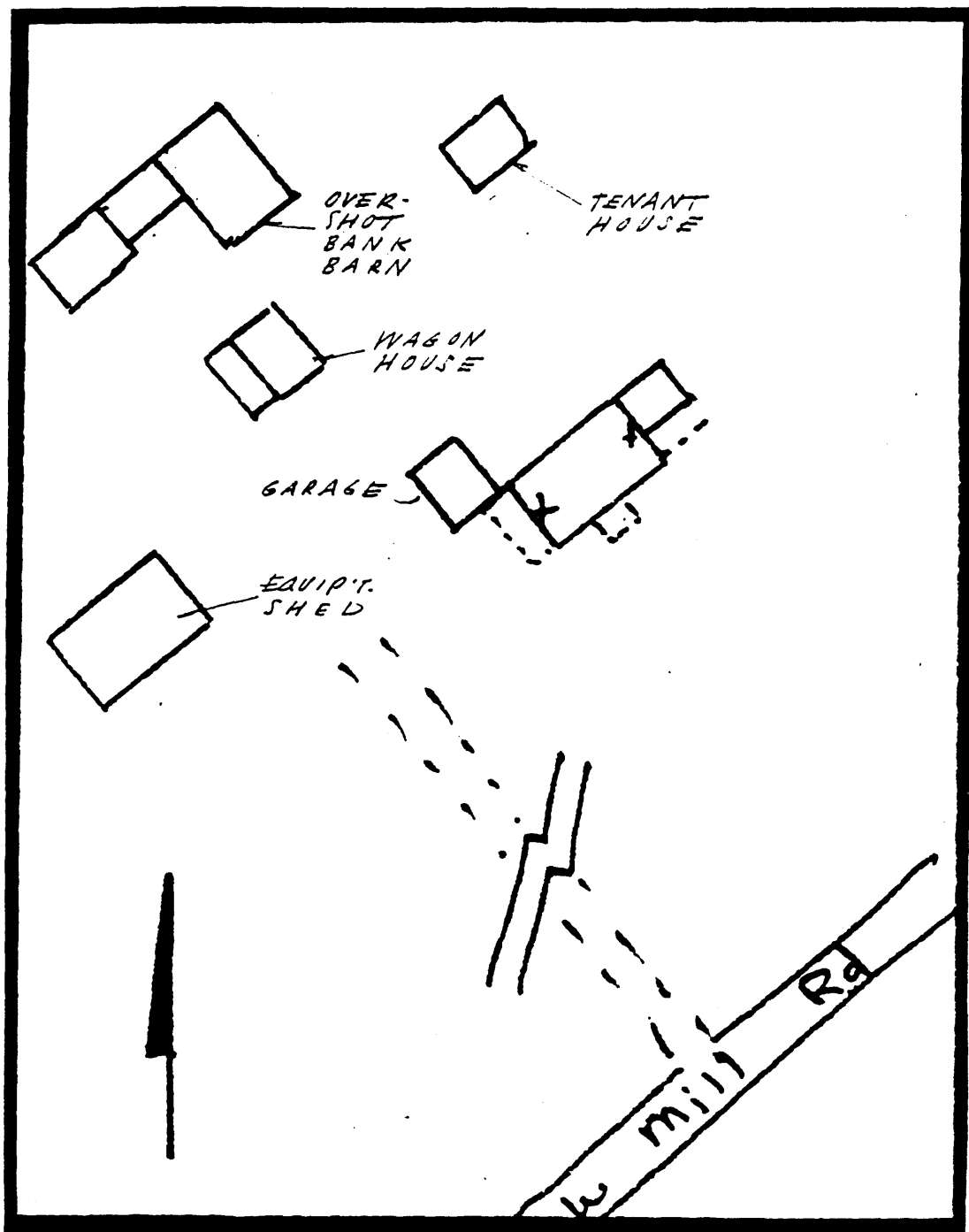


Anthony/Corwin Farmstead
 taken from Washington County
 Tax Map, composite of sheets 41 & 42. scale 1" = 200'

ANTHONY CORWIN FARMSTEAD

SITE PLAN

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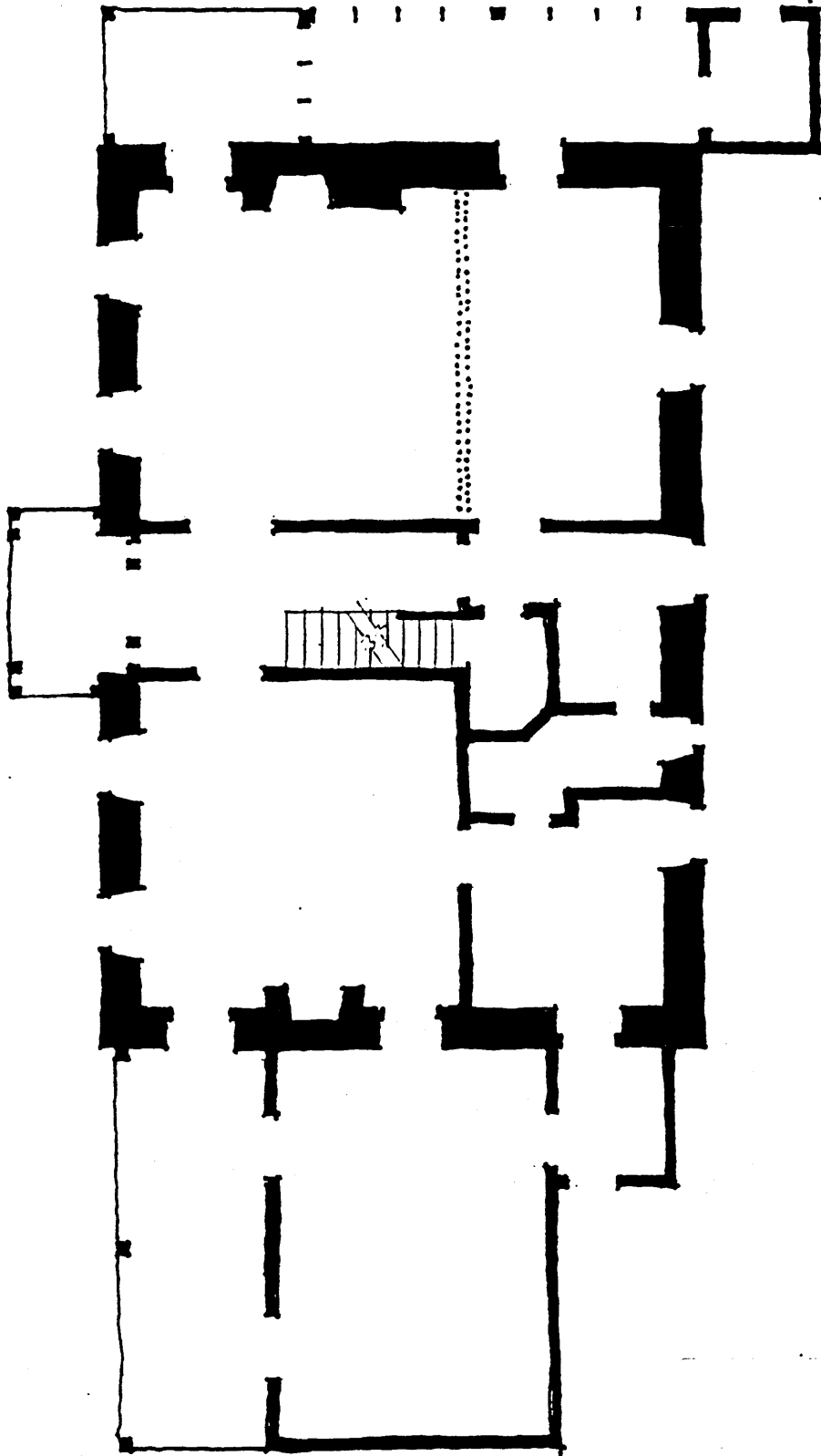


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PLANS

ANTHONY/CORWIN HOUSE

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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