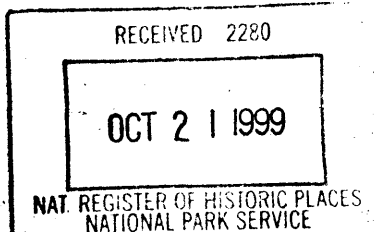


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name East Hill House and Carriage House

other names/site number French G. Decker, Mansion

2. Location

street & number 5004 State Street N/A not for publication

city or town Riverdale N/A vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Scott code 163 zip code 52722

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Patticia Churkin Jones Date 10-15-99
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall

Date of Action 11/22/99

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

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

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: Single dwelling = mansion

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling = mansion

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/ Colonial Revival

Materials

foundation Concrete, walls Brick, roof Wood: Shingle, other Metal: Copper

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Name of Property

Scott County, IA
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1926

Significant Dates

1926

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Shaw, Howard Van Doren

Ebeling, Arthur H.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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Name of Property

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline K. Bawden

organization N/A date May 27, 1999

street & number 5004 State Street telephone (319) 359-6629

city or town Riverdale state IA zip code 52722

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property:

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Caroline K. Bawden, trustee u/t/a dated 4/6/93 and Michael T. Bawden trustee u/t/a dated 4/6/93

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East Hill House
Scott County, IA

Description

East Hill House is a 3 story brick Georgian Revival mansion built in 1926 and designed by architect, Howard Van Doren Shaw. It is set just outside the main city of Riverdale, which is largely a middle class subdivision. It has a vertically symmetrical main block with a small east wing off of the main block and a large porch on the west side with a sloped, standing seam copper roof. It has a very steep hipped gable cedar shingle roof with 4 dormers on the south and 3 dormers on the north, all of which have hipped gabled copper pan roofs. The gutters are 6" copper with 6" spiraled fluted copper downspouts. There are 4 brick chimneys and 4 fireplaces (3 with marble surrounds).

The windows are primarily 6 over 9's on the first floor with concrete headers and keystones. There are numerous 3 part windows on the second floor with 6 over 6's in the middle of the group. The first floor has 6 interior pairs of french doors (4 divided light and 2 solid) and 5 pairs of exterior divided light french doors with transoms which open to a formal garden in the back and on to a west porch. The remaining doors throughout the first floor are primarily 6 panel and the doors throughout the second floor are primarily 2 panel wood doors. The hinges throughout the house are unusual with the first floor having primarily large olive knuckle hinges and the second floor having primarily rounded 3 knuckle hinges.

The ceiling moldings in the formal living areas and master bedroom are plaster with a different design in each room. The floors on the first floor are primarily black terrazzo marble and the floors on the second floor are primarily red oak wood. The servant areas are distinguished from the family areas by a lower grade of hardware (plain hinges and doorknobs) and flooring (fir and linoleum) and by plainer wood casings and mopboards. The bathrooms all have crazed wall tiles and pedestal sinks and, with the exception of the master bath, all have original porcelain and chrome fixtures. The basement has concrete block walls with numerous rooms, notably a large recreation room with wood floors, a brick fireplace and an ornate, hand-painted concrete beamed ceiling. The ceiling painting features approximately 10 different colors and is done in a classic mid-20's, art deco style. The basement also has a transomed door and a set of windows that open outside to a stone porch on the east end of the room. This room needs extensive restoration.

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The house is nearly isolated, being in the midst of approximately 20 acres of woodlands. The house is surrounded by approximately 2 acres of lawn with large oaks, maples and pines all that were original to the landscape. Behind and attached to the house there is a formal garden area with a fishpond and stone walkways enclosed by a stone wall which is counted as a contributing site. These landscape features were part of the original design and are currently undergoing restoration.

The second contributing building is a 1926 carriage house which echos the main house in design and material. It is approximately 50 yards from the front of the house and is reached by a separate driveway off of the main drive. The ground level of the 2 story carriage house has 3 garage bays with hinged doors on either side and larger barn style sliding doors in the center. To the south of the house is an enclosed porch. The entire second story is a 2 bedroom apartment with bathroom, kitchen, hall and living room. There are also 2 separate basements, one under the house and one under the porch for the old boiler. When the original owners occupied the main house, their chauffeur and his family lived in the carriage house apartment. The apartment has been fully restored and is currently rented.

Just to the north of the carriage house is a contributing structure, a concrete tennis court surrounded by a fence and trees. The original owners of the property flooded the court in the wintertime for use as an ice skating rink.

The property has undergone extensive restoration due to damage caused by 35 dogs owned by the previous owner and general neglect. The dogs clawed and chewed wood trims, doors and windows and there were 4-5 inches of dog feces and urine throughout the entire house excepting the 3rd floor and one bedroom on the 2nd floor. Wood flooring in one 2nd floor bedroom was completely destroyed by dog urine as they were apparently kenneled there for long periods of time. The dogs completely chewed through 3 wood doors, creating large holes.

What damage the dogs did not do, they left to the raccoons. In approximately 1992, the previous owner had abandoned the main house for the carriage house and allowed raccoons to tear 2 large holes in the roof of the main house and move into the 3rd floor and attic area above the 3rd floor. Consequently, rainwater poured into the master bedroom, destroying its wood flooring and

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damaging the formal dining room plaster ceiling immediately below it. The raccoons also chewed and clawed all of the lower window sashes and left black footprints all over every surface of the 3rd floor.

However, the property had practically no alteration since its construction in 1926. The only change from the original floor plan was the conversion of a 2nd floor closet to a ½ bath. Subsequent changes were made by the current owners to rework the kitchen and the master bathroom, including redoing the prior ½ bath conversion. Nearly all the original woodwork, flooring, hardware, doors and windows remain. Also, more than ½ of the original light fixtures have been restored and are currently in use. The balance of the light fixtures is missing.

Statement of Significance

East Hill House possesses local and state significance under criterion C. East Hill and its carriage house are one of two known residential properties in the State of Iowa designed by noted architect, Howard Van Doren Shaw (1869–1926). The buildings were built for the George W. “Decker” French family and were part of the regionally famous Iowana dairy farms that raised prize Holsteins. Although the blueprints, which are dated May 1925, do not have a signature in the architect’s block, two of George French’s children clearly recall that Shaw was the architect and the houses typify his work from the later part of his life. Also in 1925, the French family donated the French Hall for nurses, which was designed by Shaw, to St. Luke’s Hospital, Davenport, Iowa (now known as Genesis East Hospital). It was later demolished in the 1980’s to make way for a parking garage. Also, the descendants of the local supervising architect recalled Shaw designed the house. The French children also stated that the family named the house “East Hill House” in reference to the larger ancestral home built in 1909 on a hill to the west of East Hill that became known as “West Hill House” and the family used these names on their stationery.

Arthur H. Ebeling (1882-1965), Davenport, IA, a lifetime friend of Decker French prepared the detailed working drawings (dated May 16, 1925) and supervised the construction. His descendants had the detailed working drawings to the floor plans to East Hill House and a complete set of

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blueprints to the carriage house. As there are no exterior elevations in Ebeling's set for the main house, it is assumed that Shaw provided them, but they are now apparently lost. Ebeling, son of Danish and German immigrants, was a self-taught architect through International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, PA. His career spanned 50 years (1908-1958). In the early 1910's he achieved early success with the large mansions for the Kahl and Bettendorf families, both very prominent families in the area. At about the same time he served as supervising architect of the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, IA and was the lead architect for the Carmelite Monastery, Bettendorf, IA. In 1919-1920 he was supervising architect for the Kahl Building, Davenport, IA. He was a founder of the Iowa Board of Architectural Examiners and held architect license no. 2 in the state. In 1939, he was architect of the Scott County Courthouse. He was a stickler for detail, and on final inspections carried a dental mirror to insure that door tops and bottoms had been coated by the painters, and a magnet to insure that the specified brass was indeed non-ferrous.

Shaw was born in Chicago on May 7, 1868. He was the son of Theodore Andrews Shaw, a dry goods merchant from Madison, Indiana of Scotch Presbyterian and Quaker decent, and Sarah Van Doren from Brooklyn, New York, of Dutch decent. Howard Van Doren Shaw attended Yale University from 1886 - 1890 and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1890 - 1892.

Immediately following graduation, he toured Europe filling notebooks with sketches and photos of architectural details. He worked as a draftsman for the firm of Jenney and Mundie in Chicago beginning in 1891 during school breaks, and after graduation until 1893. In that year, he opened his own architectural office and married Frances Wells. Shaw ran his office independently, and in his earlier years, specialized in residential construction for Chicago's prominent citizens, especially on Chicago's North Shore, and more particularly in Lake Forest where he designed more than thirty mansions.

Although Shaw designed many different types of structures in his career including commercial buildings, churches and institutions, his specialty was the country house. It was a building type that offered free rein to Shaw's eclecticism and allowed for the interpretation and synthesis of his favorite historical revivals. Colonial, Classical Revival, Tudor Revival and Shingle Style were all based on historical precedents that lent status and respectability to his clients - one of the purposes

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of a country house. The architectural challenge, of which Shaw was a master, was the adaptation of historical styles to the design of American houses. Nationally known for his skill with historical motifs and detail, in 1926 Shaw became the nations' fifth architect to receive the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects, awarded for "distinguished service to architecture."

East Hill House is an excellent example of Shaw's work. Shaw's houses were nostalgic brick structures with high-pitched roofs. Their facades displayed a random balance of windows, doors, and chimneys. Shaw worked in a clear simple straightforward style and concentrated on the development of a well-ordered plan. East Hill House is a Colonial Revival Style and features brick walls, a steep pitched wood shingle roof, and a prominent chimney balanced by three others. The plan has highly functional living and service spaces. East Hill House features a balance of solid doors, french and single style; as well as divided light doors, both double and single. Also featured are a balanced variety of window types, in bay, casements, double hung sashes, and transoms in rectangular and divided light half-rounds. East Hill House is undoubtedly the work of a master.

Bibliography

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East Hill House
Scott County, IA

Verbal Boundary Description

Part of the South 1/2 of Section 23, Township 78 North, Range 4 East of the 5th P.M. in the Town of Riverdale, Scott County, Iowa, more particularly described as follows: (see map on page 11)

Commencing at the most Northerly corner of Pleasant Hills Third Addition to the Town of Riverdale, which point is also the Southerly line of Tract No. 2 of Riverdale Tracts (as recorded in Book 193 Miscellaneous Records, page 13, Scott County Recorder's office); thence South 30° 41'57" East 128.88 feet along the Southerly line of said Tract No. 2 and also along the Northeasterly line of Elmhurst Lane (which course is described as South 29°54' E on the plat of said Pleasant Hills Third Addition as recorded in Book 102 Miscellaneous Records, page 144); thence North 58°21'16" East 688.36 feet along the Southerly line of said Tract No. 2; thence South 89°08' East 257.16 feet along the Southerly line of said Tract No. 2; thence South 00°52' West 25.00 feet to the place of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence South 89°08' East 250.00 feet; thence South 00°52' West 250.00 feet; thence South 08°35'26" East 264.91 feet; thence South 46°20'18" West 151.25 feet; thence North 35°08' West 145.00 feet; thence North 24°08' West 150.00 feet; thence North 17°08' West 120.00 feet; thence North 00°52' East 250.00 feet to the place of beginning.

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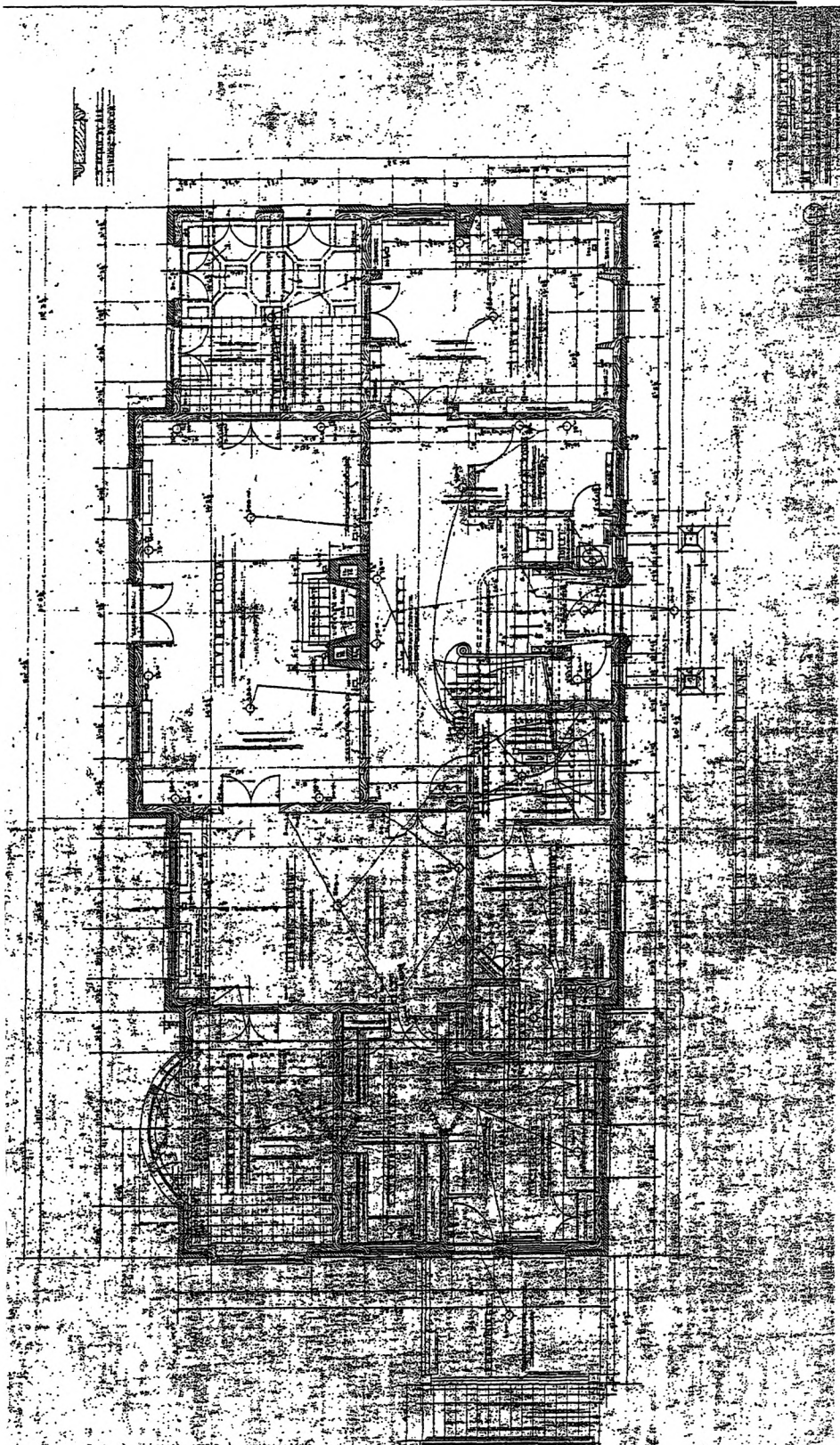
The nominated property includes the parcel currently associated with East Hill House and its Carriage House and is the portion of the lot historically associated with the building on which they stand and that is owned by the current owner of the buildings. The remainder of the parcel historically associated with East Hill House is largely a wooded acreage, a highway and an industrial plant, all owned by ALCOA, Aluminum Company of America. This remaining property is not included in the nominated boundaries.

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East Hill House
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First Floor Plan
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Date: May 16, 1925

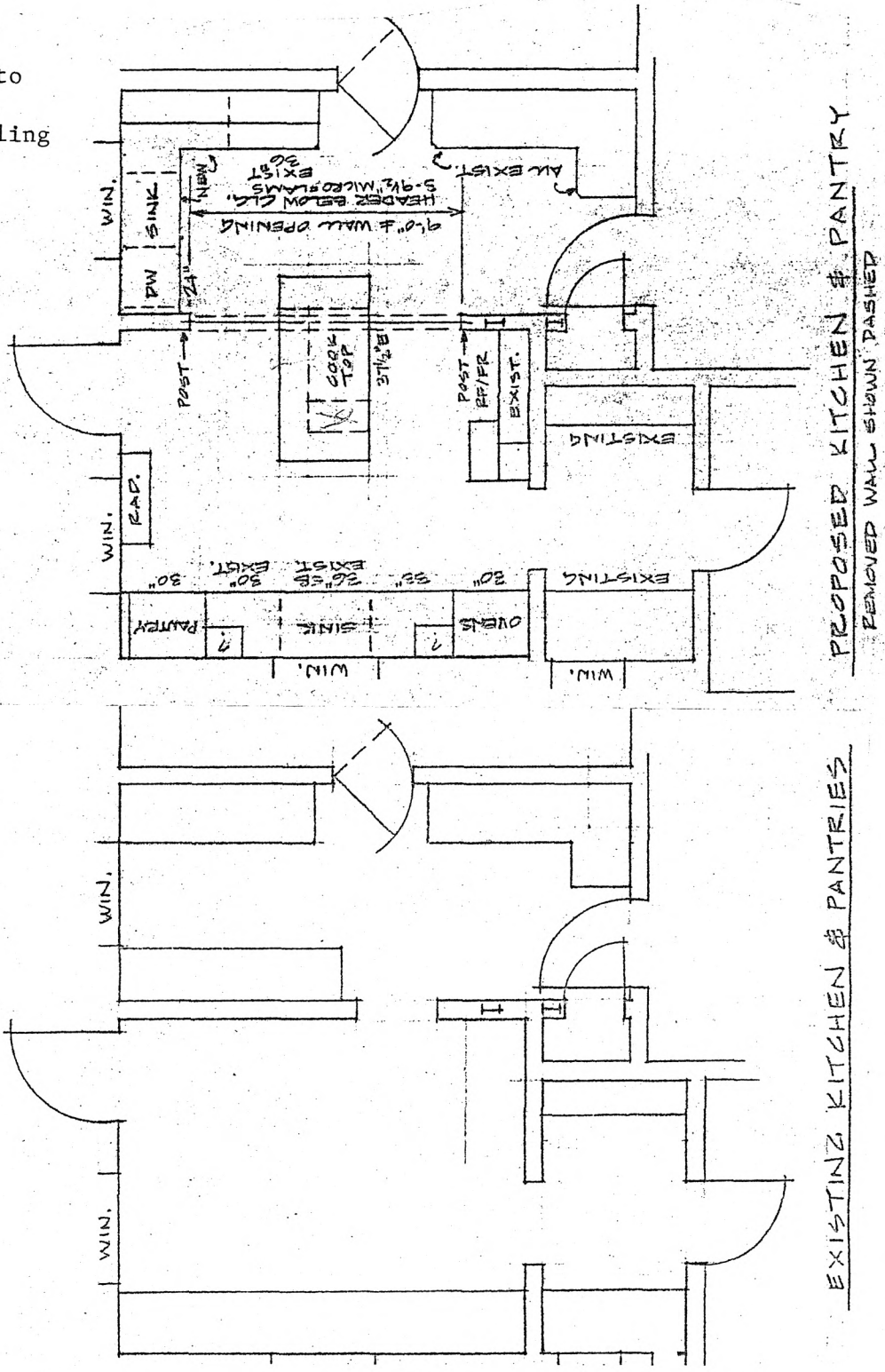


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East Hill House
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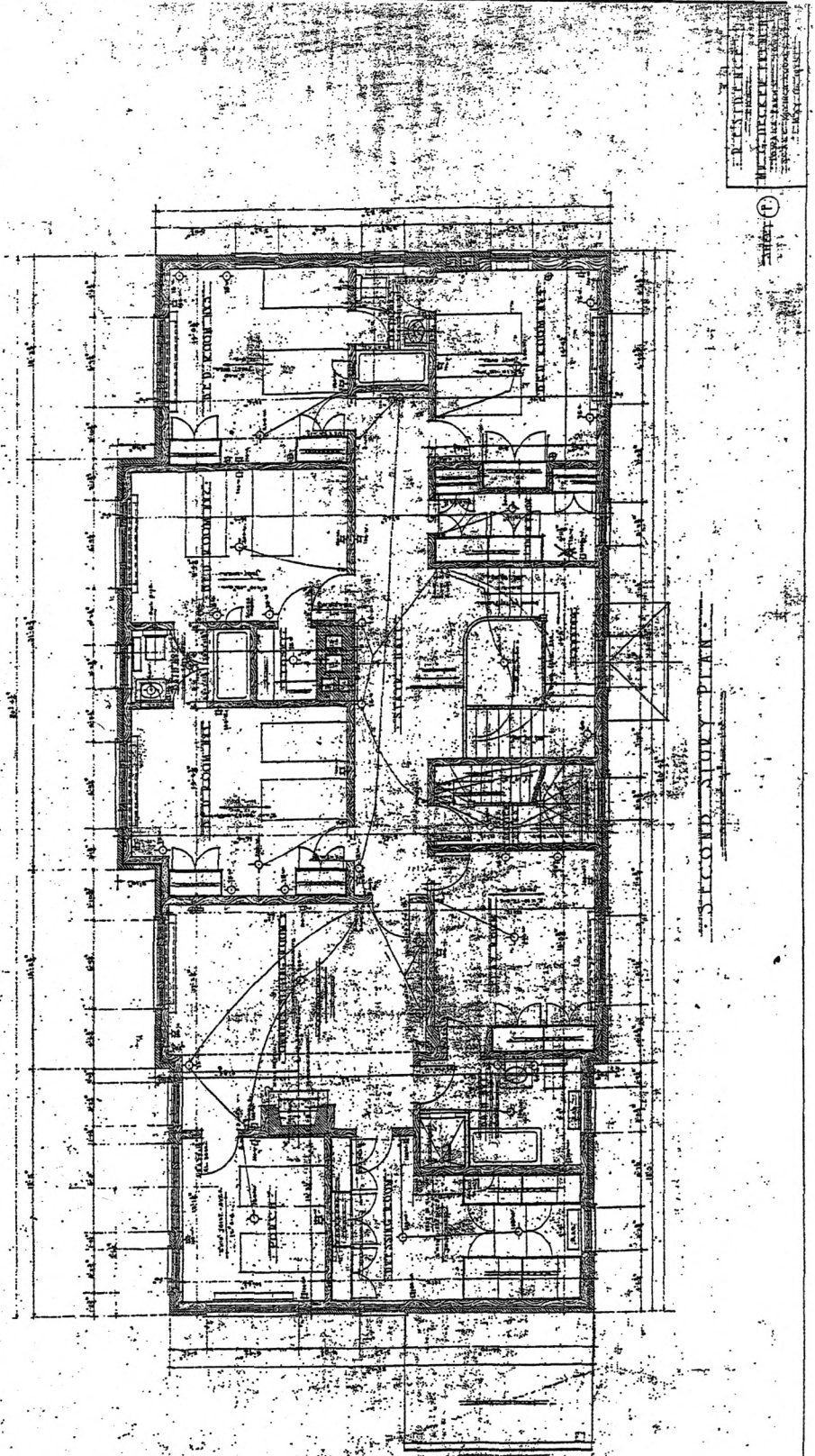


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East Hill House
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Second Floor Plan
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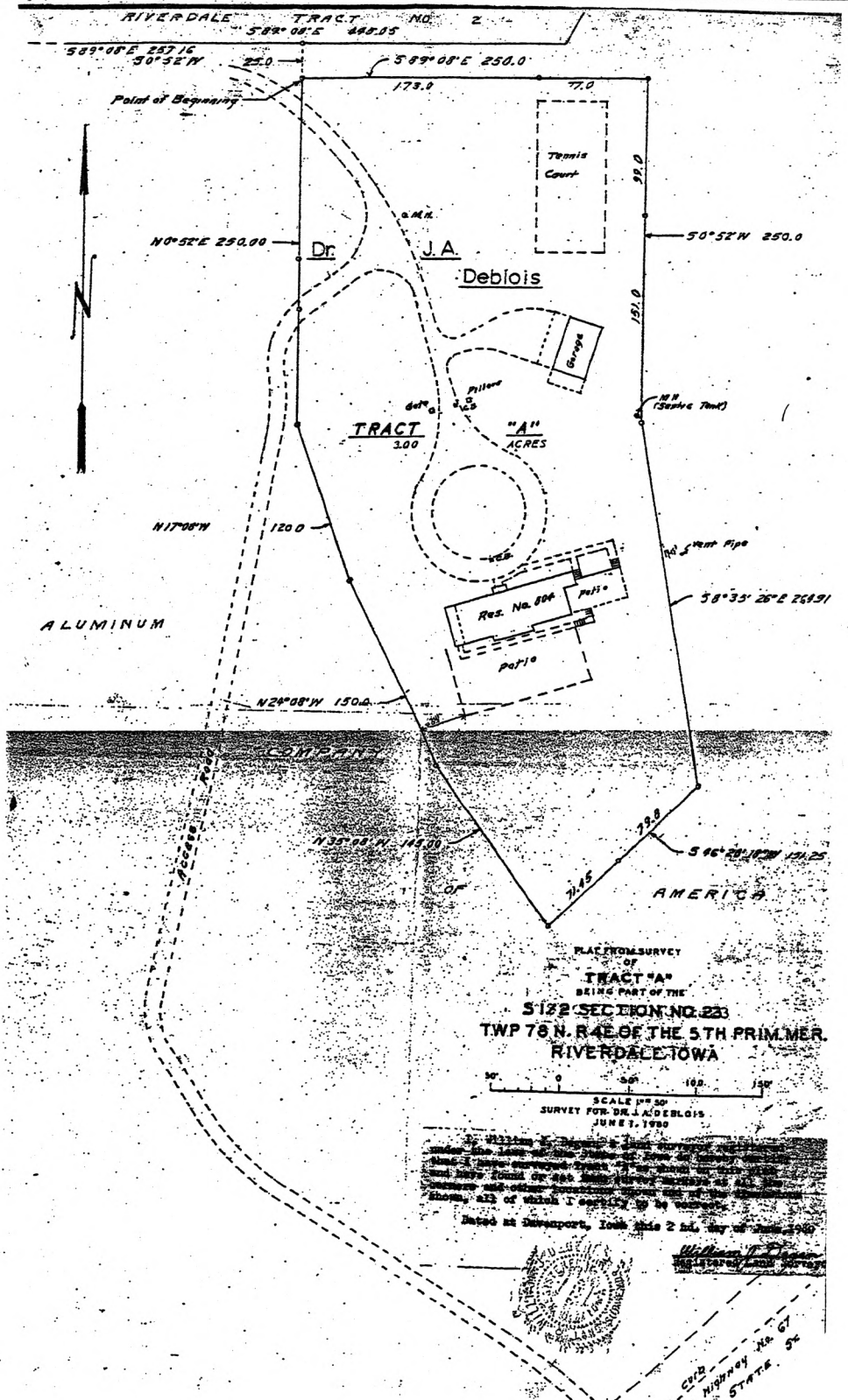


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East Hill House
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Surveyor
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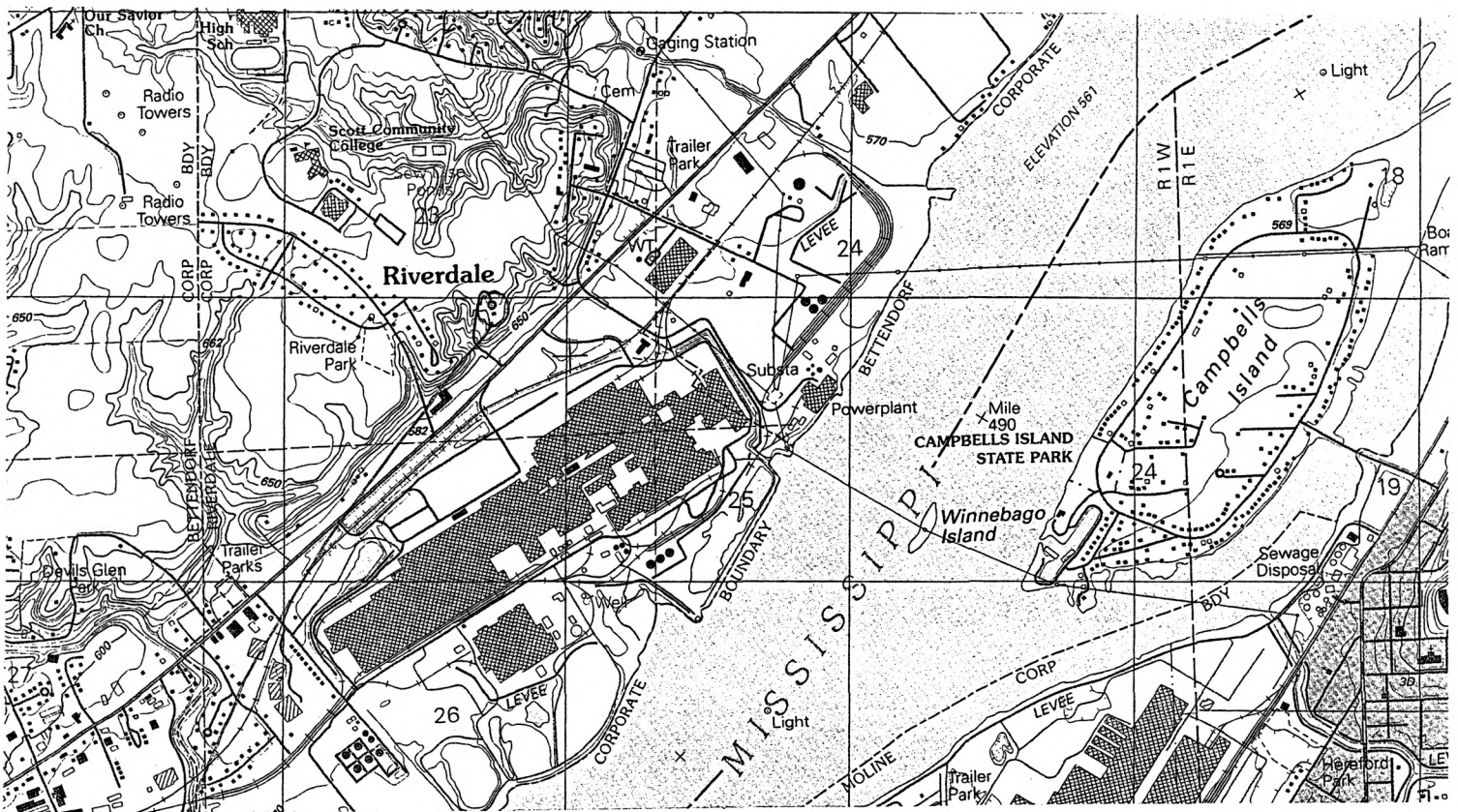


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East Hill House
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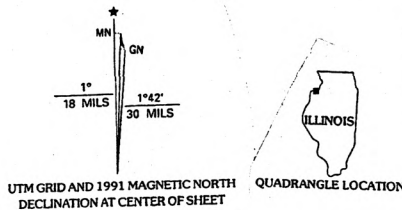
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hard surface | Unimproved road |
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2. Scott County, IA
3. Caroline K. Bawden
4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. Front elevation of East Hill House, looking South
7. #1

1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
3. Caroline K. Bawden
4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. West elevation of East Hill House, looking East
7. #2

1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
3. Caroline K. Bawden
4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. Rear elevation of East Hill House, looking Northeast
7. #3

1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
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4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. East elevation of East Hill House, looking West
7. #4

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1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
3. Caroline K. Bawden
4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. East Hill House kitchen, looking Southwest
7. #5

1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
3. Caroline K. Bawden
4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. View through East Hill House main rooms, looking East
7. #6

1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
3. Caroline K. Bawden
4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. Front elevation of East Hill Carriage House, looking West
7. #7

1. East Hill House
2. Scott County, IA
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4. December 1998
5. East Hill House first floor office
6. East Hill House tennis court, looking Northeast
7. #8