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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # BK-25  
Bracken County

1. Name of Resource:  
Stone House on Bracken Creek

2. Original Owner:  
Unknown

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building  Object  
Historic Site Structure  Other

5. Location: off Kentucky 435, north side of  
Bracken Creek, two miles east of  
Kentucky 8, near Augusta

6. Owner's Name:  
Roy Collins [ P ]

7. Owner's Address:  
Route #1  
Augusta, Kentucky 41002

8. Evaluation: [ G ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory   
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: [ ]  
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [030 ]  
Secondary: Settlement [140 ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:  
Very fine and substantial Federal stone  
house with original kitchen ell. The  
house has rare plank framed partition  
walls.  
*See sketch too*  
[ ]

14. History:  
Owned by Michael Switzer c.1860. Original  
owner not known.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact  
person: Owner

16. Date:  
Original Building early 19th C. [ 8 ]  
Addition [ ]

17. Style:  
Federal [ 21 ]  
[ ]

18. Architect/Builder:  
Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 2 plus attic,cellar [ 2 ]

20. Original Floor Plan:  
central passage [ CP ]

21. Single Pile  Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original  
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material:  
Stone [ S ]

24. Exterior Material:  
Stone [ S ]

25. Foundation Material:  
Stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt Other  
Additions Roof

27. Special Features:  
Plank Framed Partition Walls

28. Outbuildings: [ 5 ]

29. Original Function:  
Residence [ 01A ]

30. Present Use:  
Residence [ 01A ]

31. Condition:  
Fair [ F ]

32. Endangered: Yes  
No

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll:25,26 Photo Nos: 20-36 No. of Slides: X  
1-12

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: April 1984

37. New Survey Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Higginsport 17 242240 4293300 40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	17	242650	4293410	D.	17	241900	4293520
B.	17	242660	4293300	E.	17	242250	4293610
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42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: ca. 56 acres

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See Attached

45. Description and House Plan:

Original:

Two-story, five-bay, center-passage, dry-stone house with original two-story, stone ell. Stone is Upper Ordovician limestone, Kope Formation, a gold-grey color, tooled and coursed; original pointing is steeple pointed (some repointing). Interior gable-end chimneys flanked by square attic windows. Large windows for period with 12/8 sash, 13-stone voussoirs, keys same height. Front door reveal panelled, frame beaded on edge, ovolo trim, square stone sill. Window frames pegged only at sill, no trim. Cellar windows exceptionally tall, vertical diamond bars, frames pegged.

Center passage has dog-leg stair with winder to landing, then straight return (see plan). Lower portion has open stringer, turned balusters and reeded-square newell (may have originally been enclosed). Upper run of stair has closed stringer and solid board balustrade. Hall has panelled fireplace wall with built-in presses and cornice. Ovolo window trim.

Partition walls between the rooms are framed with vertical 2 x 12 inch planks installed alternately in a board and batten effect, creating a four-inch thick wall, the planks themselves being the wall frame. Horizontal split lathes were fastened directly on the planks. This kind of partition wall is known in New England, but very rare in Kentucky; one other, MS-27, is known.

The kitchen ell abutts, but is not bonded to, the main house. Access from rear of hall, door frames pegged, ovolo trim. Gable end of kitchen contains huge cooking fireplace, 14 foot opening, spanned by a single timber lintel two-feet tall. Only one section of chair rail was put in kitchen, beside window, has 1/2 round nose, no trim; peg rail on east wall. Southwest corner has built-in ladder to garrett, with beaded stringer. Exterior of kitchen has pot log holes on both sides, indicating

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**45. Description and House Plan (Continued)**

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Access to cellar under main house, from east end. Fireplace (not cooking) in west end of cellar only; walls whitewashed, whole log joists.

House located in valley facing Bracken Creek. Site includes chicken house, tool house, and two barns all with hewn and pegged frames. A roofless icehouse contributes to the farm-yard complex and is capable of adding information about the period.

**Changes:**

In the mid-20th century, the interior walls of the house were furred out to create space for insulation. Sheet panelling was applied to the built out walls. A recent fire destroyed this panelling revealing all the original woodwork and mantels still in place behind the new walls. The roof of the house has been replaced in its original shape since the fire, supported by a new truss system. A recent shed-roofed room at the rear of the main house was destroyed by the fire, as well as part of the kitchen roof and most the window glass of the house. The structure and woodwork are undamaged except for smokestains. The house is more intact than many others that have "modern" changes. A mobile home is being used while the house is under repair.

The bridge over the creek is later.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

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Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Early Stone Buildings of Ky.

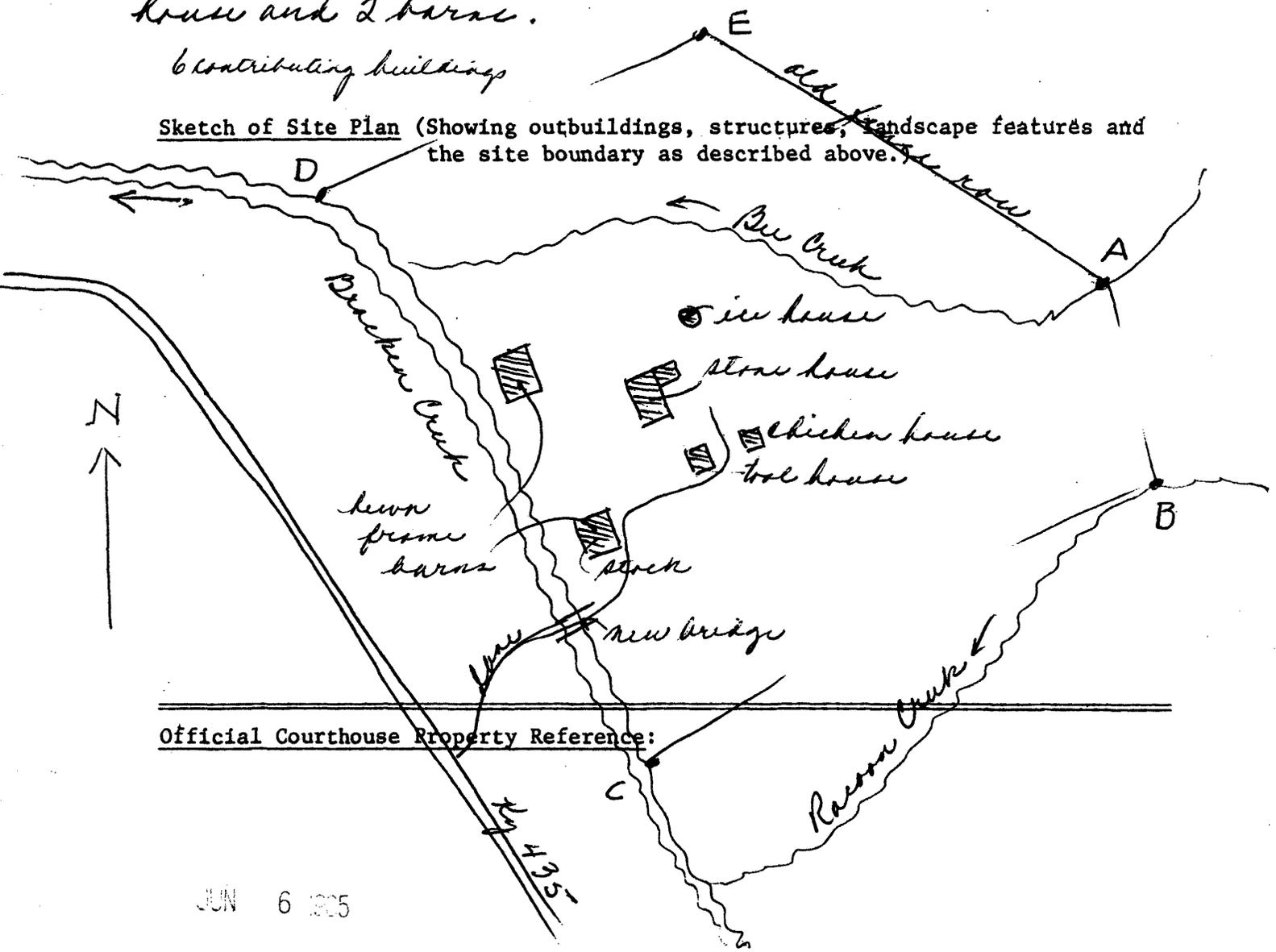
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Site enclosed by A-B-C-D-E as shown. C-D is with Brecken Creek, E-A is on an old fence row, A is on Bee Creek, B is on Racoon Creek. Boundary includes stone house, ice house, chicken house, tool house and 2 barns.

6 contributing buildings

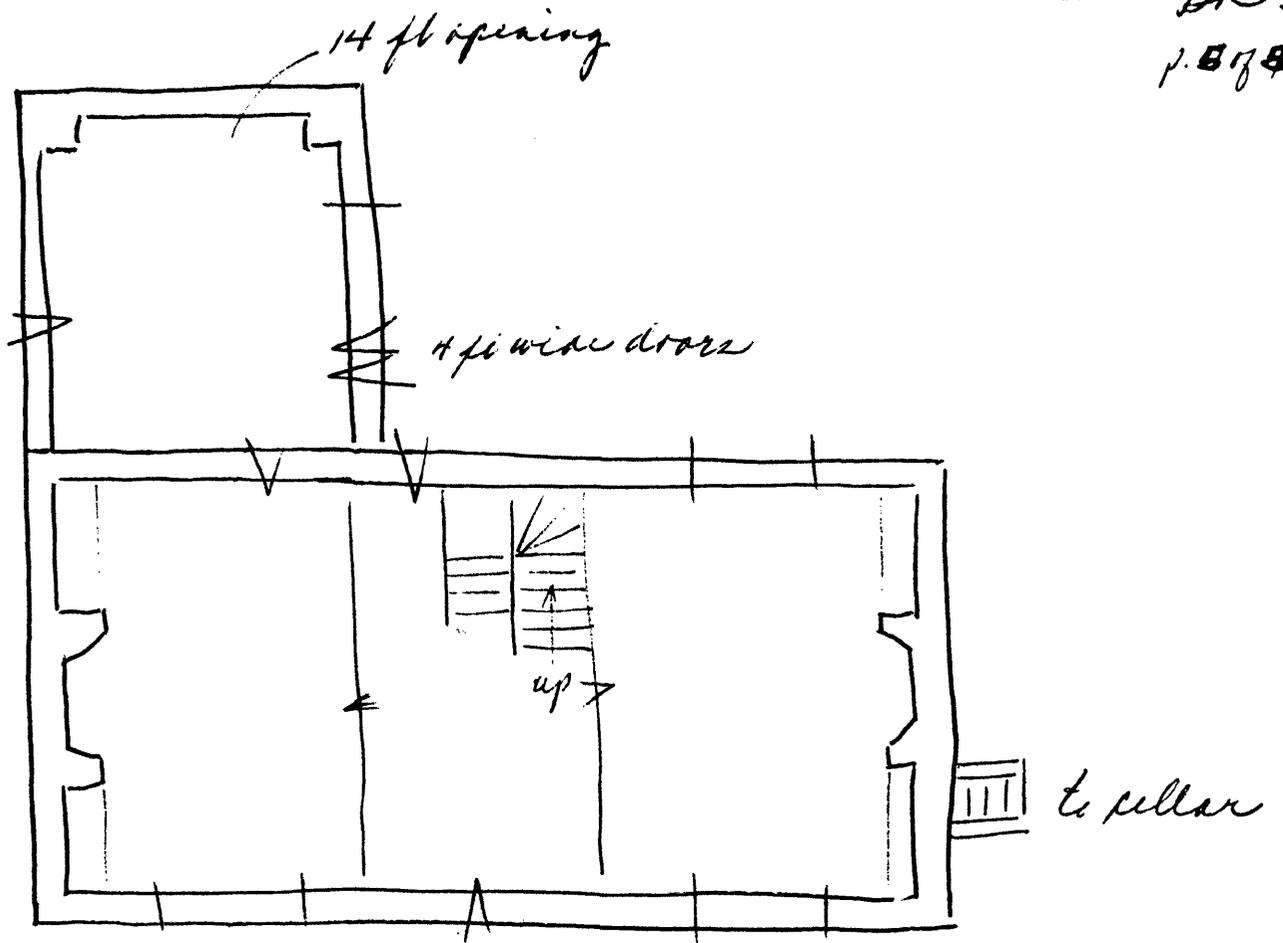
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Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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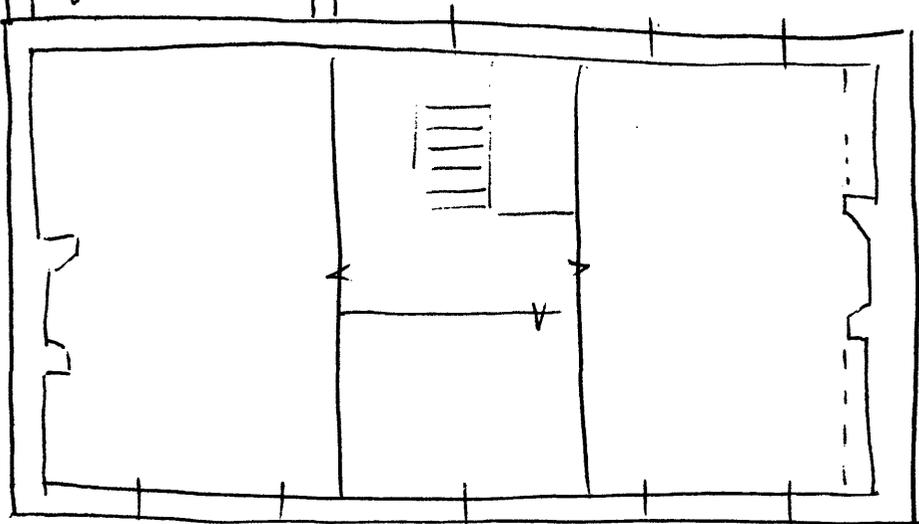
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P. B. 175



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each side

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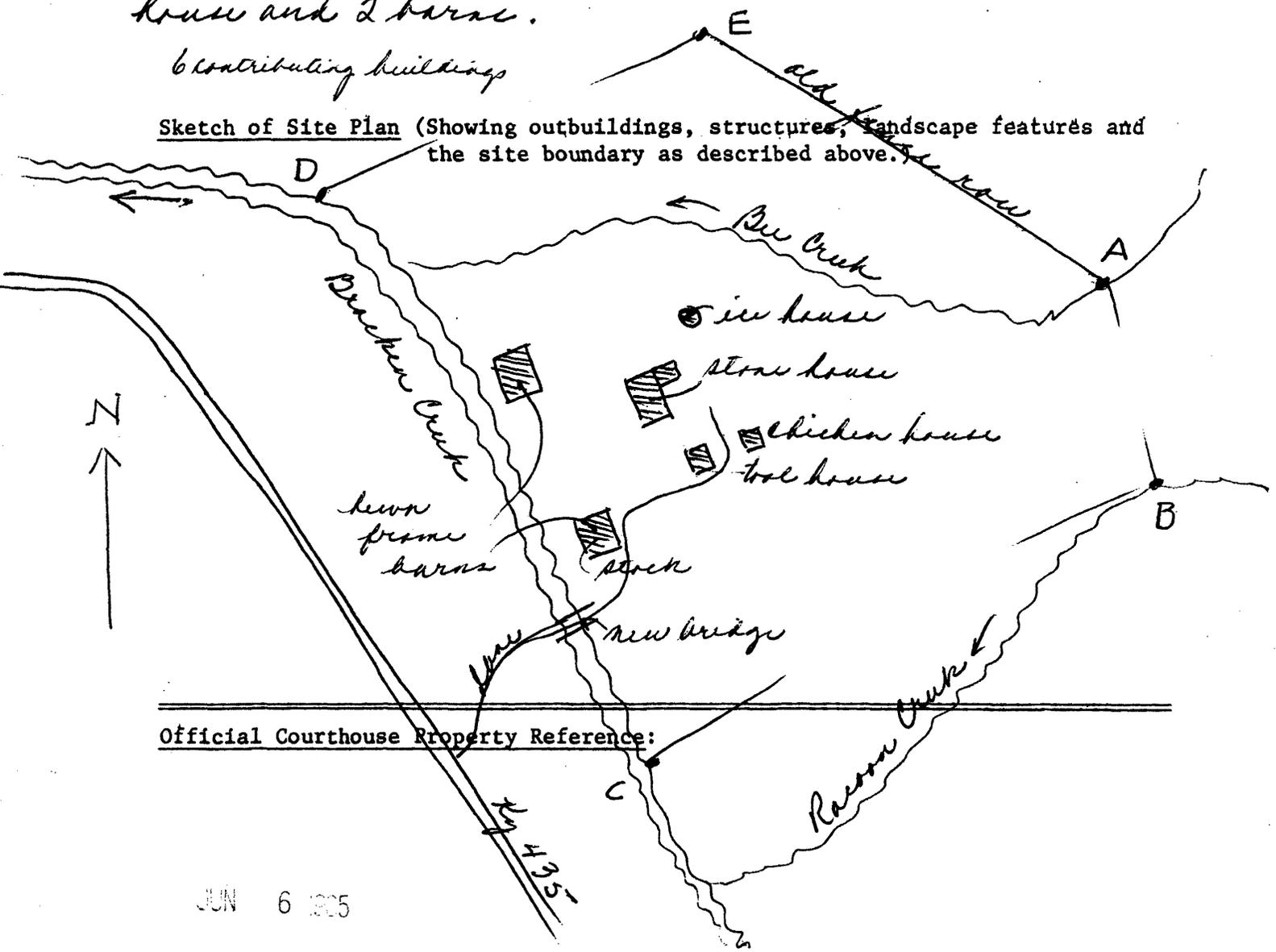
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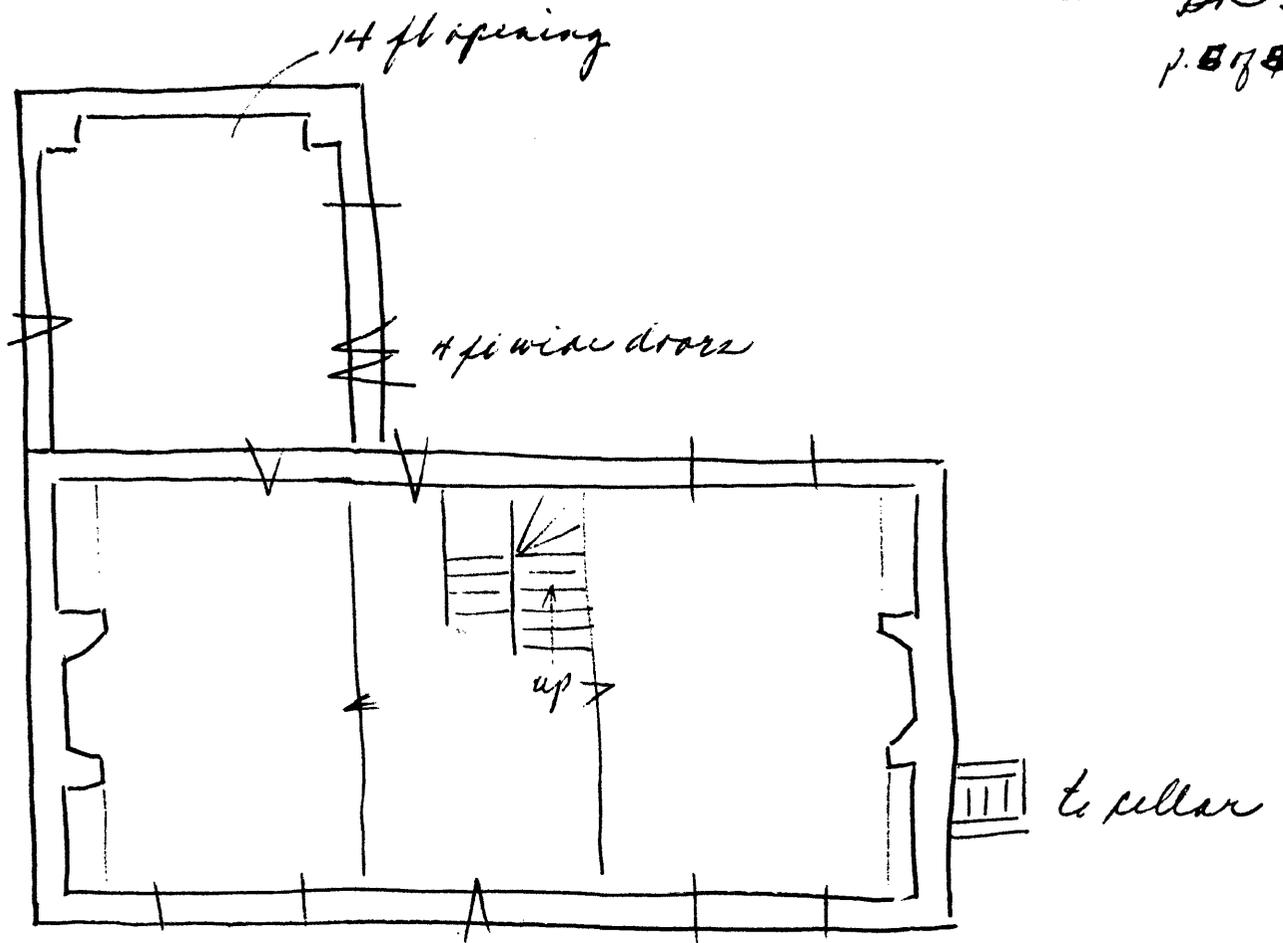
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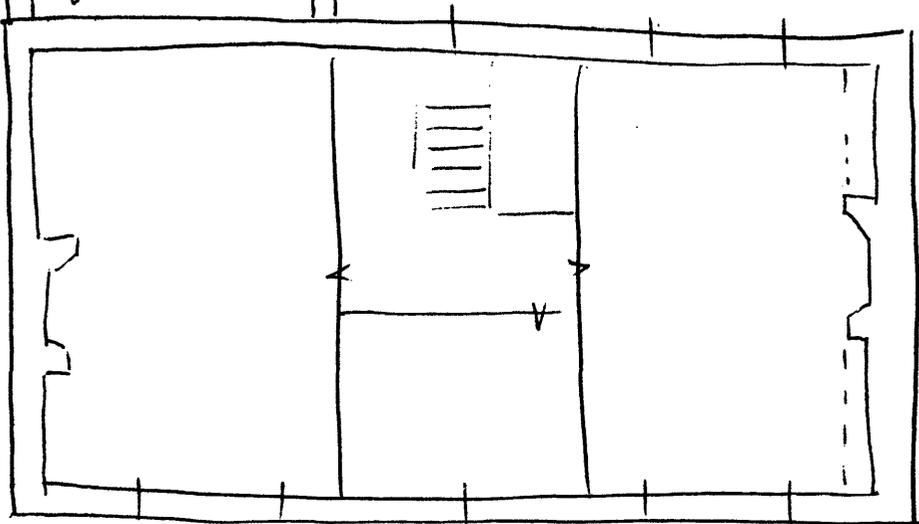
DK 25  
P. B. 175



First floor

one window  
each side

and pt.  
of kitchen



Second floor