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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 ****
The Grimes Homestead

AND/OR COMMON
The Grimes Farm

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
45 Bloomfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Mountain Lakes

STATE
New Jersey

VICINITY OF
5th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
5th

COUNTY
Morris

CODE
034

CODE
027

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Glen Properties

STREET & NUMBER
Essex Street and Route M

CITY, TOWN
Maywood

STATE
New Jersey

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Morris County Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER
Court Street

CITY, TOWN
Morristown

STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory
Morris County Planning Board

DATE
1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection
Court House

CITY, TOWN
Trenton
Morristown

STATE
New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grimes Farmstead appears to date from the 19th century, although small sections of the building could pre-date 1780.

Engulfed by a hodge-podge of additions, the main building is 21 1/2 feet by 17 feet. It is a 1 1/2 ~~century~~^{story} clapboard unit which has a gable roof with return. A cross gable has been added to this unit. The window in the cross gable is Victorian with louvered shutters. The front facade has been added to this unit. The facade has three bays, unevenly spaced. The entrance-door is in the middle, although it is not quite centered. The windows are 6/6 double hung with louvered shutters. A later 19th century one story flat roofed porch protects the doorway and one window.

A leanto clapboard wing was added to the rear of this main unit either late in the 19th century, or early in the 20th. Projecting beyond this is another clapboard leanto addition, identified as a milk room.

Covering the East gable end of the main unit is an enclosed one story porch which also protects the second major section; a 1 1/2 story narrow clapboard unit. Appearing to be an entity in itself the exact disposition of this unit has yet to be determined, although it was probably a dwelling of sorts. Its front facade has, however, two bays, one being a side entrance. The second floor has narrow knee-wall windows. A leanto addition, functioning as a kitchen, has been added to this unit also, probably in the early 20th century.

A narrow breezeway connects the kitchen with another early 20th century 1 1/2 story clapboard wing, presently functioning as a dairy.

The West facade of the main unit has not gone unmarred by alterations as a large two story flat-roofed wint was appended to it in the early 1900's.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grimes Homestead is one of the few clearly documented physical remnants of the Abolition movements of the 19th century in New Jersey. The Grimes Family was clearly active in anti-slavery efforts and evidence indicates this farmhouse was one of the numerous stops on the Underground Railroad to Canada.

New Jersey in the 19th century had a serious dicotomy. Considered even today as the northernmost of the Southern States, prior to the Civil War there was enormous sympathy for the continuation of slavery in the south. (This was partially a result of the southern plantation owners having economic and social ties in the state. Many Southerners, for instance, summered in the more tolerable Jersey climate).

New Jersey itself, however, was gradually emancipating its slaves. In part this was most certainly encouraged by a counter-movement in the state. The often maligned abolition movement played an important part in New Jersey's social history. The Quakers in South Jersey had long opposed the institution of human bondage. Also, in the second quarter of the 19th century humanistic reforms played an important part in the moralistic evolution of New Jersey. Theodore Weld and the Grimke Sisters, centered in New Jersey, are today recognized (although somewhat belatedly) as leaders in America's social/educational reforms, particularly in their opposition to slavery.

The Grimes Family, although a minor influence nationally, did play a significant part in New Jersey's opposition to slavery.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	517390	1521890	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Section, Dept. of Environmental Protection

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN

Trenton

Research-Dr. Anne Brouard
 Mountain Lakes Historical Society

DATE

TELEPHONE

609-292-2023

STATE

New Jersey

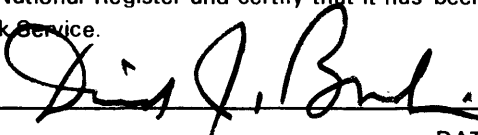
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE XX 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



TITLE

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

OCT - 6 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/1/79

ATTEST



DATE

3.18.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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SIGNIFICANCE

Dr. John Grimes (1802-1875), the most noted and vociferous advocate of slavery abolition for the family, was born in the homestead and apparently lived there until he was 26. At that time Grimes began a medical practice in Newfoundland, Passaic County. By 1832, however, he had returned to the homestead to practice. Subsequently he located in Boonton.

In 1840 Dr. Grimes published the New Jersey Freeman, the states first paper openly opposed to slavery. This important newspaper was printed monthly until 1850.

Once arrested in Essex County for harboring a runaway slave Grimes and his family was repeatedly harrassed by pro-slavery New Jersey citizens; at his home in Boonton and the homestead in Mountain Lakes, both stations on the underground railroad.

Dr. Grimes obituary in the Jerseyman in 1875 stated, "In the earlier days, his father's house, Mr. Jonathan Grimes of Parsippany (Mt. Lakes today) was a prominent station on the celebrated Underground Railroad. In later days it was transferred to his own home in Boonton through which many a poor runaway has been helped on his way to Canada. They came to him from Baxter Sayre, Esq. of Madison (long since dead) he forwarding them in the night to Newfoundland, the next station."

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Conversations with Mrs. Ruth Grimes

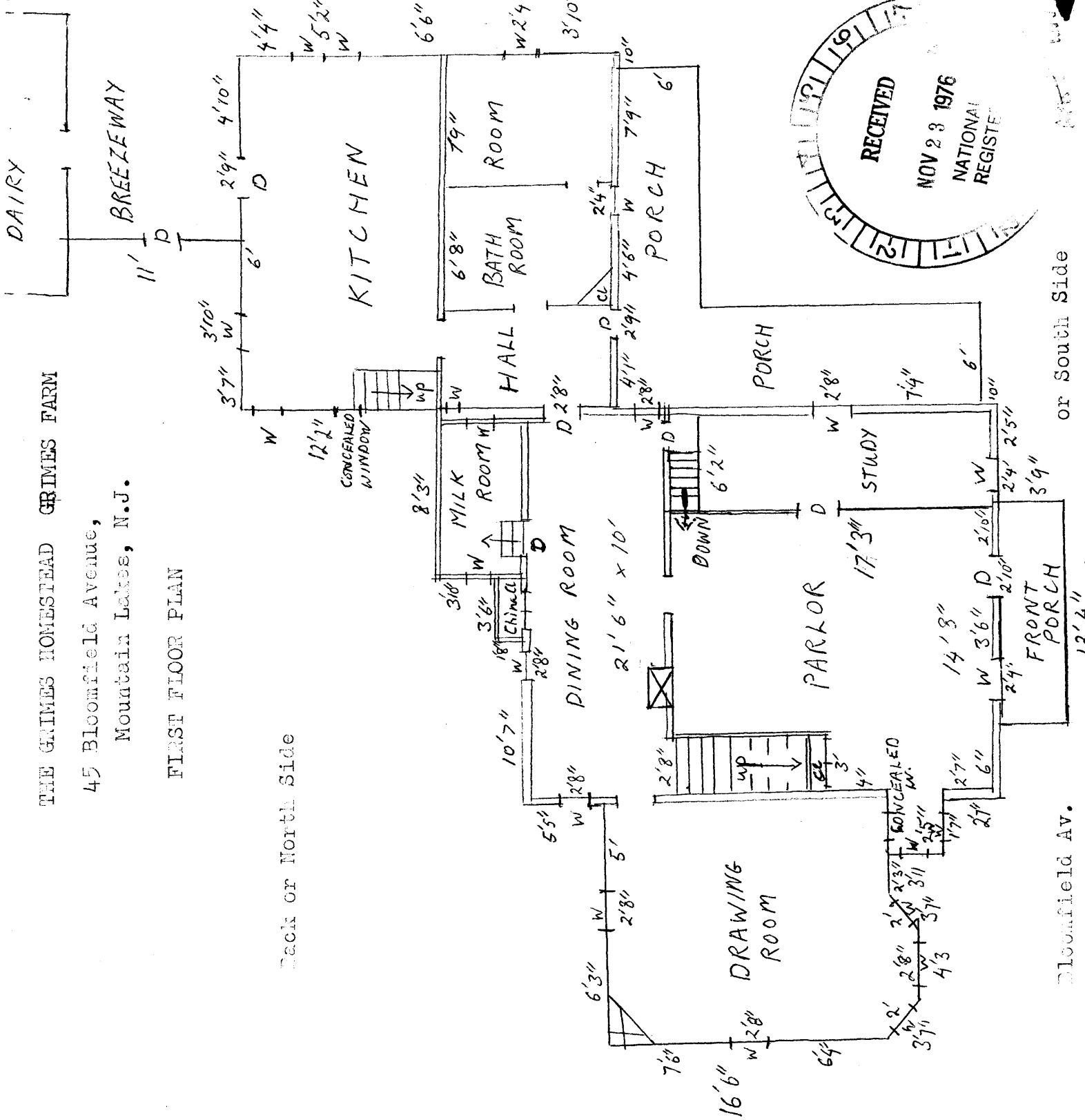
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THE GRIMES HOMESTEAD GRIMES FARM

45 Bloomfield Avenue,
Mountain Lakes, N.J.

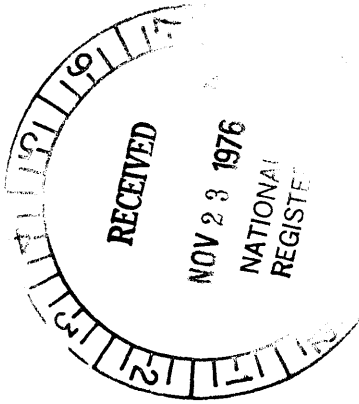
FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Back of North Side

Bloomfield Av.

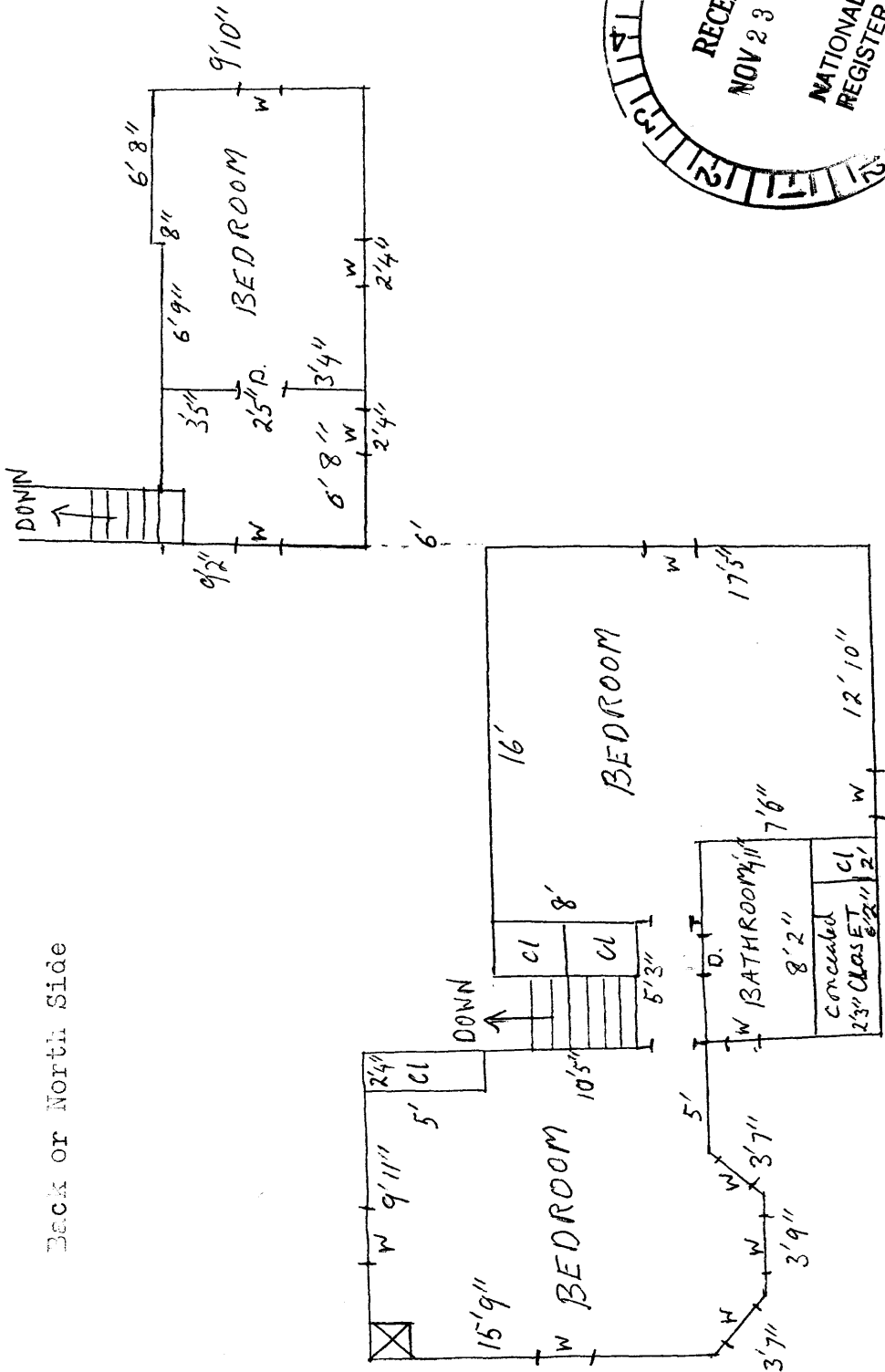
or South Side



THE GRIMES HOMESTEAD GRIMES FARM

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



Bloomfield Avenue or South Side

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The subject property is located in the "Residential Zone" RA, permitting single family detached house used as a single family dwelling. The minimum of area of each shall be fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet and no lot shall have a width of less than one hundred feet (100). Therefore, a typical lot would be 100 feet by 150 feet.

The highest and best use of the subject property is for single family residences in accordance with the existing building ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes at the time of this appraisal.

There is a building currently on the new property location. This structure was apparently built in the 1930's and is a simple one story frame cottage. Of no historical or architectural significance, this building is to be demolished.

The new siting of the Grimes Homestead will not be in the same geographic orientation as the original, but will relate rather to the recently constructed Craven Road in order to create a more appropriate visual impact from the public approach. (If kept in its original vaguely NW-SE configuration the rear of the building will face the public right-of-way.) In the proposed siting the Greek Revival addition (mid-19th century) will be at the northernmost corner and the 18th century unit will be jutting off to the southwest making both segments visible from the street. Only the Victorian wing to the back will be partially hidden from view.

The building will be set back forty feet from the street. The access driveway will be to the east of the building.

As the Grimes Homestead will utilize the foundations of the 1930's cottage (to be demolished) it is not anticipated that any archeological resources will be effected. While the new site has not been carefully surveyed for archeological potential a surface investigation uncovered nothing.

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The Grimes Homestead must be moved to a new site in order to save the building.

The Mountain Lakes Historical Society, current owners of the building, is endeavoring to save this National Register property.

The former owner plans to construct an office building on the site to expand his commercial enterprise. A demolition permit was issued to this property owner, but after successful negotiations he donated the house to the Mountain Lakes Historical Society on the condition that it be removed from its present site prior to June 1, 1979.

Over a two year period, the alternatives were considered, including exchanging a vacant property with that of the Grimes Homestead and having the municipality condemn the property. The property exchange was unacceptable to the owners as no lot was available adjacent to his present business. Financially, Mountain Lakes Borough was unable to withstand the \$100,000 loss condemnation would bring about.

As it is no longer feasible to save this building on its original site, it will be moved.

The Mountain Lakes Historical Society wishes that the building remain on the National Register during and after its move.

Every attempt is being made to recapture the essential historic environment of the house on its new site as it exists now at 45 Bloomfield Avenue, Mountain Lakes. A local architect is working on the project. He has donated his services and done a detailed measured drawing of the structure.

In addition, a professional planner and engineer have been hired for surveying, siting the new lot, and arranging the placement of the house. On its new site, all utilities are underground and therefore the appearance will be more authentic than the current wires and poles at the existing location.

The new location was historically part of the original Grimes farm of 48 acres of farmland extending to the North along Intervale Road (former Powerville Turnpike). The new setting does not possess historical significance that would be adversely affected by the placement of the Grimes house rather the appropriateness of this building on the new 1/2 acre lot could be undeniably the perfect location. Although preferable to leave it on the original site, this is no longer possible and the new location will protect the house from commercial and highway encroachments.

After the move is complete and rehabilitation has been done the historical society wishes to sell the building. An attorney is drawing up a deed on the house and the new

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lot with these easements to be incorporated:

1. Covenants prohibiting demolition.
2. Covenants prohibiting unsympathetic alterations to the exterior or frame of the building.
3. Covenants prohibiting major interior changes of the nature requiring building permit - including but not limited to removal or addition of partition walls. Approval for certain interior changes may be given by the Mountain Lakes Historical Society or their successor guardian of historical houses and landmarks under whose jurisdiction rests the "John Grimes Homestead". Any interior changes may be begun only after written approval has been granted by the above organization. Once a year at a mutually agreeable date and time the owner will allow an inspection of the premises by an appointed representative of the Mountain Lakes Historical Society or its successor mentioned above.

Description of the Property on which the Grimes Homestead will be located
Block 118 Lot 4-B

The subject property is situated on the southerly side of Craven Road approximately two hundred feet ± (200' ±) northwest of the intersection of Intervale Road and Craven Road in the Borough of Mountain Lakes, Morris County, New Jersey. This parcel is now known as Block 118, Lot 4-B and was created in a recently approved sub-division containing twelve lots.

The subject property contains 21,003 square feet and has a frontage of 125.12 feet along Craven Road, westerly sideline of 222.96 feet, a rear lotline of 90.00 feet, and a easterly sideline consisting of 100.00 feet plus 100.67 feet to Craven Road.

Location, size and configuration of this lot can be seen on the attached subdivision map copy which is attached to the Addenda of this report as Sheet "A".

The lots are currently being improved with curbing, base paving in the road and underground utilities to serve each of the lots in this new subdivision. Each lot will be connected to electricity, water, telephone and municipal sewers and all will be serviced by municipal services similar to other properties in the surrounding area.

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As this application was being readied for HCRS the land-owner granted a few more days. The Grimes Homestaed now has to June 10th to be moved.

T. Karschner
5/29/79

LOT 3

S. 86° 32' 10" E. 90.00'

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GRIMES

FARMHOUSE TO BE

RELOCATED

ONTO

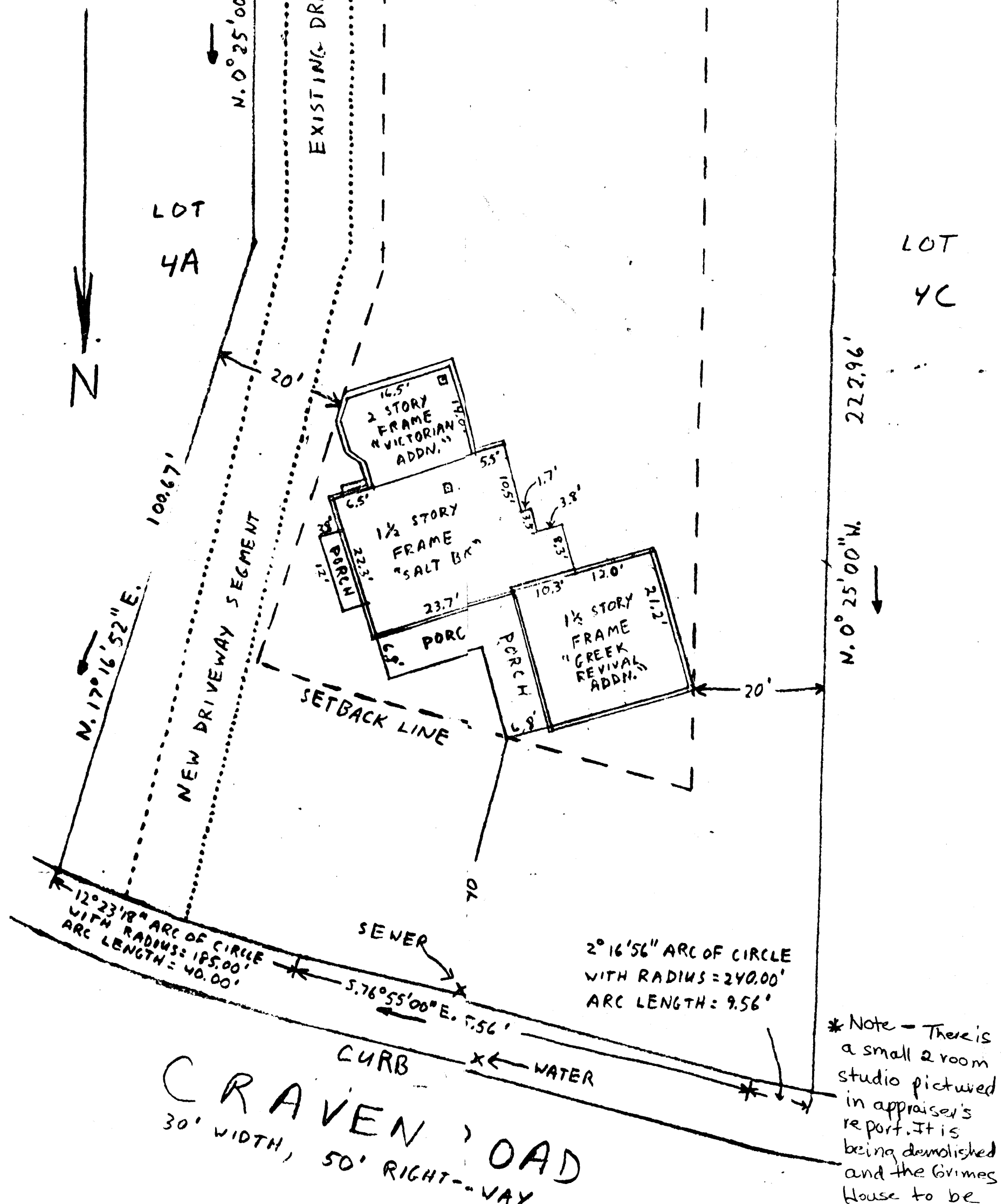
CRAVEN RD.

TAX BLOCK 118

LOT 4B

PLAN VIEW

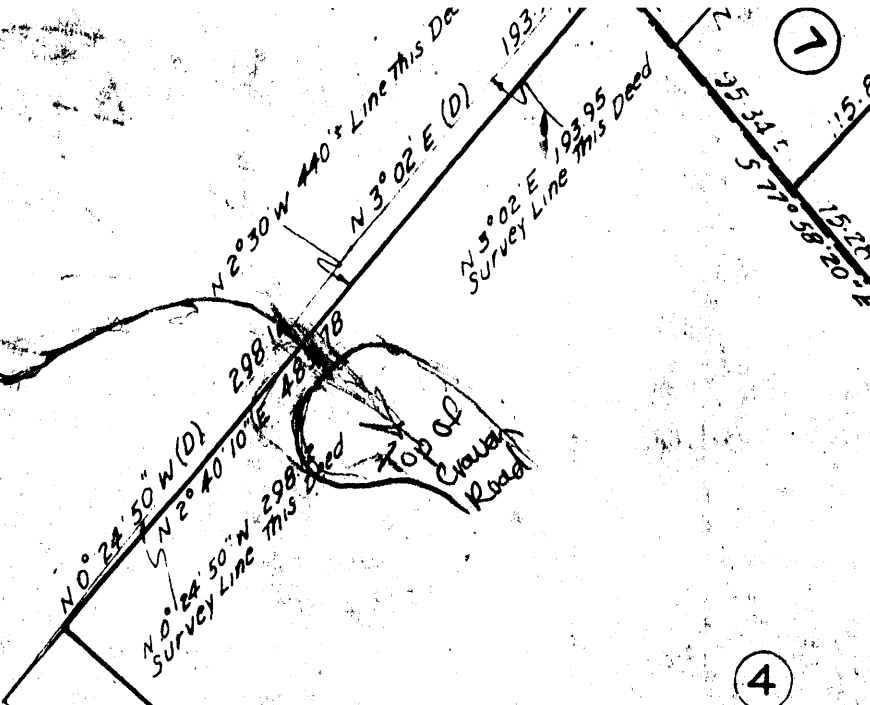
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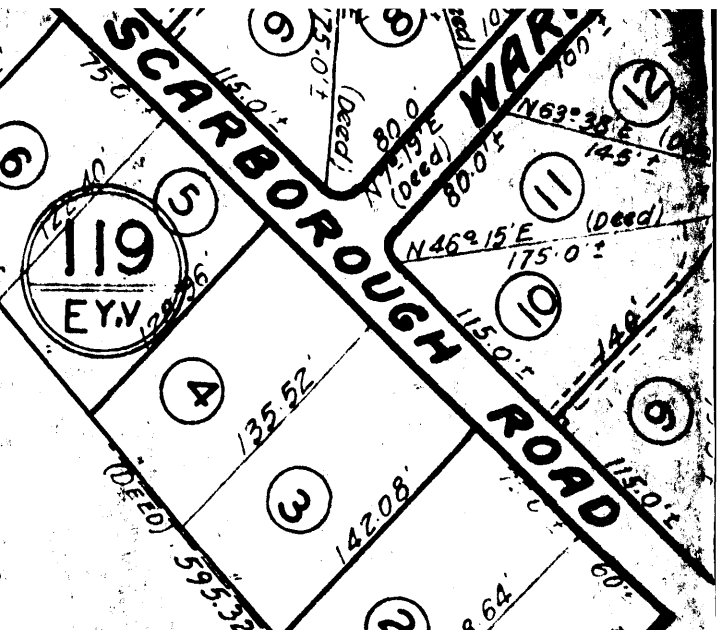
* Note - There is a small 2 room studio pictured in appraiser's report. It is being demolished and the Grimes house to be relocated.

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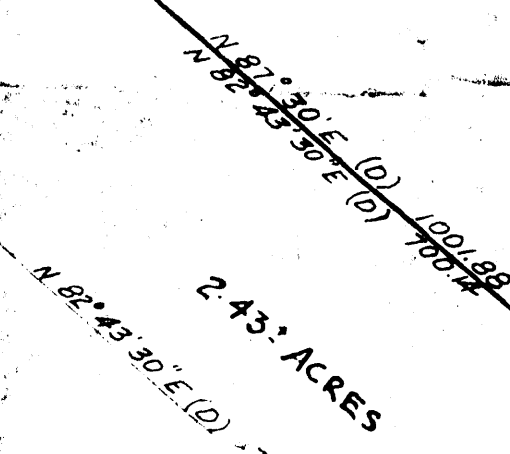


4
6.08 Acres ±



New location

Belrbahn



2
7.22 ± AC.

2.0

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PARSIPPANY

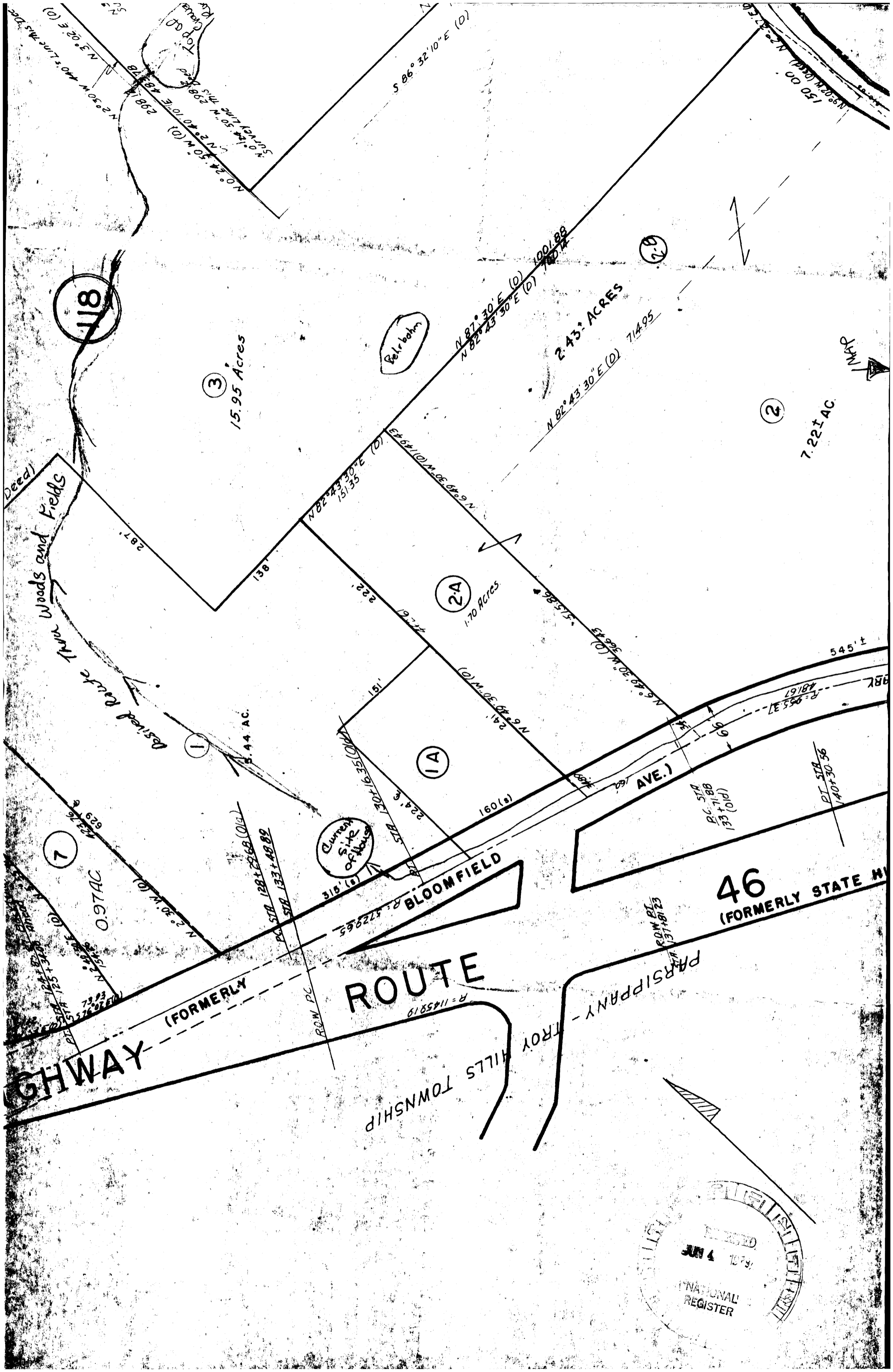
ROAD

BOROUGH BOUNDARY

SCARBOROUGH ROAD

WARREN





8

3

15.95 Acres

Refr. bahn

2A

1.70 Acres

2.43 Acres

2-B

2

7.22± AC.

1

5.44 AC.

1A

Current Site of House

7

0.97 AC.

GHWAY

(FORMERLY ROUTE 46 (FORMERLY STATE HWY))

BLOOMFIELD ROUTE

TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP

PARSIIPPANY

46 (FORMERLY STATE HWY)

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