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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
FELTVILLE *Historic District*
AND/OR COMMON
Deserted Village, Glenside Park

2 LOCATION

S of New Providence
STREET & NUMBER
centered around Cataract Hollow Road
CITY, TOWN *New Providence etc.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Berkeley Heights VICINITY OF Watchung Reservation 12th
STATE New Jersey CODE 034 COUNTY Union CODE 039

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
County of Union
STREET & NUMBER
Broad Street and Rahway Avenue
CITY, TOWN Elizabeth VICINITY OF STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Union County Courthouse - Office of Register Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
Broad Street and Rahway Avenue
CITY, TOWN Elizabeth STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Environmental Impact Study for Route 78 - Sections 4N & 5P and 5N
DATE
May, 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Department of Transportation, State of New Jersey
CITY, TOWN Trenton STATE New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in the Watchung Reservation, one of Union County's parks, is Feltville. The village is located on a bluff and overlooks a valley where the mill site and dams are still in evidence. There are nine buildings dating circa 1845 and one barn dating circa 1882 in the village. Descriptions of each follow.

Site #1A, an original 1840's cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with rubble stone foundation and clapboard siding. The cottage is one bay wide and measures twenty-nine feet by thirty feet. The front and the back are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof on the south end. Asphalt shingles cover the original wood shingles on the roof. The first floor has a fireplace, three rooms and a bathroom. The second floor has four bedrooms. There is an open stairway to the second floor. The rooms on each floor are partitioned by 1"x4" tongue and groove board paneling. An eight foot wide veranda runs along the north, east and south sides. This building is a residence.

Structurally the house has been altered by the addition of four dormers, two on either side of the roof, circa 1882. The east side of the house has been shored up with telephone poles to stabilize sagging. The house is maintained by the residents but needs some minor repairs.

Near the house is a shed, #1B, built in the early 1950's which measures ten feet by fifteen feet. It is located approximately seventy-five feet from the northeast corner of the house and is used for storage.

Site #2, the general store/church, is a two story rectangular building with rubble stone foundation and clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures twenty-four feet seven inches by forty-five feet six inches. Two single stack chimneys are on the west side of the gable shaped roof on the north and south ends of the building. The original wooden shingles are covered with tarpaper. A wide single stairwell from the first to the second floor has been partitioned to create two separate stairs. On the first floor there are five rooms and two bathrooms. On the second floor there are six rooms. All the rooms are partitioned by 1"x5" ribbed paneling.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Feltville, 1845-1860, is an example of a planned mid-nineteenth century company mill town. The surviving buildings illustrate a simple but efficient design, creating the effect of transporting the visitor back to Felt's time. The isolated location of Feltville is significant because it still exhibits many of the qualities that apparently attracted David Felt to purchase the site.

David Felt was born in Milton, Massachusetts, in 1793. In 1815 he started in the stationery business in Boston with his younger brother Williard. By 1825 David Felt had moved to New York City and had established Stationers' Hall at No. 245 Pearl Street. He was publishing Thomas Spofford's Almanacs by 1830. The Almanacs all carried advertisements for Stationers' Hall in their back pages.

To supply his daily sale needs, Felt operated paper factories in Brooklyn. Starting in 1829, and continuing for several years, the American Institute awarded Stationers' Hall the first premium, its highest honor, for Felt's manufactured goods. By 1835, Stationers' Hall had acquired a highly reputable name for a wide variety of quality stationery products. The quality of his goods was lauded in letters written by President Andrew Jackson, by Vice President Martin Van Buren, and by Congress, who all used them.

In 1839, Felt set up an office at 24 Chartres Street, New Orleans. This was the largest establishment of its kind south of New York. He also had an agent, Stephen Jones, in London who could purchase foreign stationery and supplies at favorable rates and ship them expeditiously via steam packets.

Locally known as "Peter's Hill", the area that Felt purchased in New Jersey was part of a grant first settled by Peter Willcox around 1736. The availability of sufficient water power, existing mills, the rural location, and the tranquil surroundings were important factors in the purchase of this property.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheets

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 130

QUADRANGLE NAME Chatham

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael J. Lane, Program Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board

DATE

9/25/79

STREET & NUMBER

Union College, 1033 Springfield Avenue

TELEPHONE

(201) 272-3140

CITY OR TOWN

Cranford

STATE

New Jersey 07016

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

Deputy STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

2-20-80

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/6/80

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

[Handwritten Signature]

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

There are two separate front entrances. The north entrance is the original and the south has been replaced. A nine foot wide veranda with rustic cedar post supports runs along the west and north sides. The porch floor has been replaced and the cedar posts are not original. On the south end of the building is a two story porch with a belfry. The building is presently used as an education center.

Structurally this building has been altered with the addition of chimneys at some point in time during the Glenside Park era. The belfry supposedly was not in existence during the Feltonville period. The rail support system for the two story porch is not the original. The north, rear basement entrance has been covered over.

This building has a leaking roof, falling plaster from second floor ceilings and interior walls, rotted eaves on the east and west sides, badly sagging porch on the north side, and missing clapboard on the east elevation. The entire building needs painting.

Site #4, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures thirty-one feet eight inches by twenty-eight feet six inches. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. There are double faced fireplaces in the basement and on the first floor, plus an additional fireplace on the first floor. The original turned balustrade and newel post are in the large open foyer, first floor. The full basement is exposed to the rear. Transoms with original glass can be seen over the basement entrances. There are two shed roof porches over the basement entrances with a bay window between the two doors. There is a veranda on the north and on the east sides. The building is presently used as an education center.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

Structurally the house has been altered with the addition of four dormers, two on either side of the roof. A bay window has been added on the west side, first floor. The door on the east side, first floor, replaced a window. The rail support system for the porch is not original. These alterations occurred circa 1882.

The porch is sagging on both the north and the east sides. The house needs painting.

Site #5, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures thirty-one feet eight inches by twenty-six feet three inches. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. The original wood shingles are covered by tarpaper. An open stairwell is found in the foyer. There is a double face fireplace on the first floor and in the basement. The original random width floor boards can be found on the first and the second floors. There is an eight foot wide porch on the north side and a six foot wide porch on the south side. Transoms with original glass appear over the rear entrances. This building is a residence.

Structurally, the house has been altered by the addition of two dormers, one on either side of the roof, circa 1882. The porch on the north side is sagging. The house needs painting and some minor repairs.

Site #6, location of an original cottage.

Site #7, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. Twenty-six feet by thirty-two feet three inches, it is one bay wide. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. Tarpaper covers the original wood shingles. Double faced fireplaces can be found in the basement and on the first floor. Turned balustrade and newel post are present in the large entrance foyer.

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Transoms appear over the basement doors. An eight foot wide porch runs along the north and the east sides, and partially along the south side. The full basement is exposed in the rear. The building is presently a residence.

Structurally the house has been altered by the addition of four dormers, two on either side of the roof. An ornamental bay window on the east side, second floor, has also been added. A door was installed on the east side, first floor, to permit access to the porch. The porch rail system is not the original. These changes were made circa 1882.

The porches are sagging. The house needs painting and some minor repairs.

Site #8, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures thirty-two feet three inches by twenty-six feet. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. There is a double faced fireplace in the basement and one fireplace on the first floor. A turned balustrade and newel post appear in the foyer. Transoms with original glass are found over the basement doors. Stud and plastered walls divide the rooms. Wide pine floor boards are visible on all floors. There is an eight foot wide porch on the north side. The full basement is exposed in the rear. The building is presently a residence.

Structurally the house has been altered by the addition of four dormers, two on either side of the roof, circa 1882. The porch on the south side may also have been added circa 1882. The east window on the south side of the house, first floor, was replaced with a door to permit access to the porch. Vents have been installed under the gables on either side. A small lean-to shed has been attached to the southeast corner of the house in the early 1950's. The shed could be dismantled without any injury to the house.

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The north porch sags. The house needs painting and some minor repairs.

Site #10, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures twenty-six feet three inches by twenty-two feet three inches. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. There is a double faced fireplace on the first floor. Transoms with original glass appear over each exterior door. Wide pine floor boards can be found on each floor. There is no basement. The building is presently a residence.

Structurally the house has been altered by the removal of the stairway on the east side. The seven foot wide porch on the north, east and south sides were added. These changes occurred circa 1882. The front entrance on the west side and the rear entrance on the east side have been covered over with plywood.

The house needs painting and some minor repairs.

Site #9 is a small shed used as a pet shelter and measures four feet by six feet. The shed is approximately seventy-five feet off the southeast corner of the cottage.

Site #11, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures twenty-six feet three inches by twenty-two feet three inches. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. There is a double faced fireplace on the first floor. Transoms with original glass appear over each exterior door. Wide pine floor boards can be seen on each floor. There is no basement. The building is a residence.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

Structurally the house has been altered by the removal of the stairway on the east side circa 1882. The seven foot wide porch on the north and on the south sides were also added circa 1882. Both porches have had new floors and new rail supports installed recently.

The house needs painting and some minor repairs.

Site #12, an original cottage, is a one and one half story rectangular building with clapboard siding. It is one bay wide and measures twenty-six feet three inches by twenty-two feet three inches. The front and the back sides are adorned with four 'eyebrow' windows each. A single stack chimney straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. There is a double faced fireplace on the first floor. Transoms with original glass appear over each exterior entrance. Wide pine floor boards are visible on each floor. There is no basement. The building is used as an education center.

Structurally the house has been altered by the removal of the stairway on the west side circa 1882. The seven foot wide porches on the north side and on the south side were also added circa 1882. Both porches have had the floor and rail support system replaced recently.

The south porch sags. The house needs painting and some minor repairs.

Masker's barn, site #13, was constructed circa 1882. It is a two story rectangular building with 1"x6" shiplap siding. Built on a rubble stone foundation, it is three bays wide. The main section of the barn measures forty-seven feet by thirty-five feet. There is a sixteen foot wide lean-to shed on the west side and a fifteen foot wide lean-to shed on the south side. These join together at the southwest corner creating an ell. There is a portico on the north side which measures approximately twelve feet

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by eight feet and which supports a comparable size dormer. Seven dormers are found on the lean-to sheds. There is a couple that straddles the ridge of the gable shaped roof. There are two parallel trusses partially visible on the second floor. The barn is presently used as an educational facility.

Structurally the barn has been altered by covering the hard wood floor on the first floor with plywood. Insulation has been installed in the first floor ceiling. Both of these can be reversed without damaging the building.

The barn needs painting and some minor repairs.

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SITE DESCRIPTIONS

1A - original cottage	18 - septic tank
1B - shed	19A - mill site
2 - general store/church	19B - mill site
3 - tennis court	20 - Ackerman bridge
4 - original cottage	21 - mill race
5 - original cottage	22 - pump house
6 - site of original cottage	23 - pond site-Feltville era (silted over
7 - original cottage	24 - old mill site
8 - original cottage	25 - lower dam berm
9 - shed	26 - old quarry road
10 - original cottage	27 - quarry
11 - original cottage	28 - copper mine
12 - original cottage	29 - bridge
13 - Masker's barn	30 - upper dam berm
14 - site of original cottage	31 - cemetery
15 - site of original cottage	32 - hemlock row
16 - site of original cottage	33 - reservoir
17 - trail race	34 - site of schoolhouse-Feltville era

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Sometime in late 1844, David Felt reconnoitered the area between the First and Second Mountains in New Providence Township. The potential of the area must have impressed him because on December 1, 1844, he made the first of 28 transactions to purchase property, to obtain the right to overflow the area with water, or to acquire water privileges. Construction of dwellings in Feltville began sometime after May 1, 1845, when Felt purchased the property on which the cottages were built from Noah Wilcox. By 1846, Felt was paying real estate taxes so all or some of the structures must have been completed.

Two rows of double houses were built along two broad parallel streets on the bluff above the mill site. The general store/church, another house, Felt's mansion, and the schoolhouse were constructed on another street that led from the hamlet to the New Providence-Westfield Road. Flower beds and grass plots graced several of the employee's houses. Workers reached the paper mill at the bottom of the stepp bluff by traversing zig-zag paths formed of stone steps.

Felt built a three and one-half story mill near the location where a grist, lumber, and powder mill had operated previously. East of the mill Felt constructed two dams, the first near the mill site, and the other further east along the New Providence-Westfield Road. The first dam already had a berm but Felt built it up twenty feet higher. Then he installed a mill race to carry the water to the large water wheel on the west side of the mill. The water wheel generated twelve horsepower and was used to operate presses, polishers, and book binding machines.

The 1850 Census listed 173 people living in Feltville. Twenty-six occupations were noted with the majority related to manufacturing and farming. A teacher, clergyman, and merchant were also mentioned.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

By 1850 Felt employed 40 workers, 25 men and 15 women, in his mill. The men's monthly wage was \$20 while the women's was \$10. By 1860, the total employed reached 100 and was evenly divided between men and women. The men's wage was \$36 while the women's was \$16. The cash value of the mill operation was \$48,000 in 1850 and \$100,000 in 1860.

David Felt also had 600 acres under cultivation by 1860. He raised livestock (horses, mules, milch cows, oxen, sheep and swine) and grew crops (wheat, rye, Indian corn, and oats). There were apple and peach orchards and pastures. The cash value of the farm, as per the 1860 Census, was \$75,000.

On March 8, 1851, a Post Office was established in Feltville. A large mail order business had developed by then. (There already were Post Offices in Scotch Plains, Summit, and Westfield which could have handled ordinary mail). The Post Office was closed on November 1, 1860, two and one-half months after Felt sold the property.

Feltville thrived fifteen years under the patriarchy of David Felt. Employees had to adhere rules while they lived in the hamlet but he attempted to fulfill all their needs, physical and spiritual, while they were there. The workers lived in double houses or dormitories. A school, general store, and church were also provided for their welfare.

In 1860 David Felt was sixty-seven years old. In August of the same year, he sold Feltville to Amasa S. Foster. From that date, owernship of Feltville was transferred several times.

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Warren Ackerman, the sixth owner, purchased Feltonville in 1882 for only \$11,450, a fraction of its original worth. The property had gone into receivership and was sold at public auction. Ackerman converted Feltonville into a resort area and called it Glenside Park. The worker's dwellings were renovated. Most of the alterations to the existing buildings were made circa 1882. Masker's Barn was constructed by Ackerman to house horses and carriages for transporting summer residents and for barn dances. Ackerman also installed the road which ran from the village street down to the paper mill.

Glenside Park flourished until 1916 when the hamlet began losing its appeal and eventually became deserted. The advent of the automobile permitted former patrons to travel further away from their homes. Warren Ackerman died in 1919 and his estate was sold at public auction. Plots of land and cottages were purchased by several different buyers.

In 1927, the Union County Park Commission bought the area known as Feltonville from the Consolidated Corporation which had acquired the property for the purpose of transferring it to the Park Commission. This area was incorporated into the Watchung Reservation as part of the Union County Park System. County employees have lived in several of the cottages ever since. The reservoir and the pump house were constructed in the 1930's to gravity feed water to the buildings.

Currently, three cottages, #2, #4, #12, and Masker's Barn are utilized as outdoor education facilities. The Union County Educational Services Commission is responsible for the administration of the education program. Classes are given to school children in many phases of outdoor education by volunteer instructors.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Today, Feltville remains semi-isolated. It is accessible by car by only via one road, Cataract Hollow Road. The village's location in the Watchung Reservation has protected it from urban and industrial expansion. These factors have helped preserve its integrity.

The area being nominated is only a portion of the property owned by Felt. The copper mine, #28, is included because it was excepted in the deed between David Felt and Samuel Badgley. A right for mining purposes was reserved for John Miller and W. Vail. This reservation of mine hollow, as it was referred to, was subsequently excepted in all succeeding deeds thereafter. The mine opening has been covered over.

The west end of the southern boundary of the proposed historic district may be impacted by future construction of a dam further to the west. Data provided by the Army Corps of Engineers states that the maximum probable flood level for the 150 year flood cycle will inundate an area up to an elevation of 258 feet. This would cover the mill site (19A & 19B). Since this site is mainly rubble, minimal damage would be done to the physical remains. All existing buildings from the Feltville and Glenside Park periods are well above the maximum probable flood level.

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It is my opinion that these archeological remains constitute a very real component of the Feltonville historic district, and that the village as a whole meets the criteria for a National Register site.

Reference:

Dr. Susan Kardas, Dr. Edward Larrabee and Edward S. Rutsch;
Cultural Resources Reconnaissance for the Proposed Green Brook Flood Control Project, Union, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties, New Jersey.
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY MATERIAL FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE FELTVILLE AREA OF THE BLUE BROOK VALLEY

The following is a description of the cultural resources at Feltonville in the Watchung Reservation, Essex County, New Jersey, from field notes of the Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, 1977, by Edward S. Rutsch. The area that is described historically consists in both standing structures and archeological remains observed during the infield reconnaissance. The standing structures described are located above the valley floor and floodplain of Blue Brook. The industrial structures are found near the valley floor and on the brook's floodplain. Their location on the floodplain, thereby subjected to flooding, was demanded by the development of the hydropower system utilizing the water power of Blue Brook that provided energy for these mills and their operations. The industrial remains consist of two hydropower sites representing two periods of development--eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. A remarkable amount of cultural material is visible as surface indications on the site. Substantial portions of the later dam and indications of the earlier dam were observed. Evidence consists in the dam's earthen wings in their original general shape along both valley walls.

The raceway to the later mill is largely intact on the west side of the valley. Its head gates, culverts, waste weirs, and pentstock features are visible. The earlier of the two mill sites is on the valley floor and provides less surface information than the later mill site since it has been continuously scoured by flooding. Its outlines are evident. The later mill site is very evident, in foundations, cultural debris, and massing in the landscape. Surface indications include metal machine parts, portions of the mill's wooden framing, and all sorts of building materials. These surface remains do not reveal the depth or extent of cultural deposits. Lastly, the original mill complex's bridge is evident in the abutments to the present park bridge.

North of this bridge between it and the dam we observed several places along the west bank of Blue Brook that contained historic middens of cultural material dating from the nineteenth century. These middens were exposed in bank areas eroding at the high water mark. Artifacts observed included lead-glazed earthenwares, soft-and hard-paste ironstone sherds, and hand-blown and nineteenth-century bottles of styles dated to several periods.

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Feltville Historic District

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at a point, 15 feet southeast of the centerline of Glenside Avenue, said point being 700 feet northeast of the centerline intersection of Glenside Avenue and McMane Avenue; thence running,

1. Northeast, said course being 15 feet southeast and parallel to the centerline of Glenside Avenue, 3470 feet to a point; thence,
2. South 45° East, 1350 feet to a point; thence,
3. South 40° West, 1220 feet to a point; thence,
4. East, 330 feet to a point; thence,
5. South, at right angles to the fourth course, 250 feet to a point; thence,
6. West, parallel to the fourth course, 540 feet to a point; thence,
7. South 40° West, 230 feet to a point; thence,
8. South 47° West, 850 feet to a point on Ackerman Road; thence,
9. North 32° West, 50 feet to a point; thence,
10. South 58° West, said course being 100 feet southeast and parallel to the centerline of Valley Road, 350 feet to a point; thence,
11. North 45° West, 520 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

Area: Approximately 130 acres

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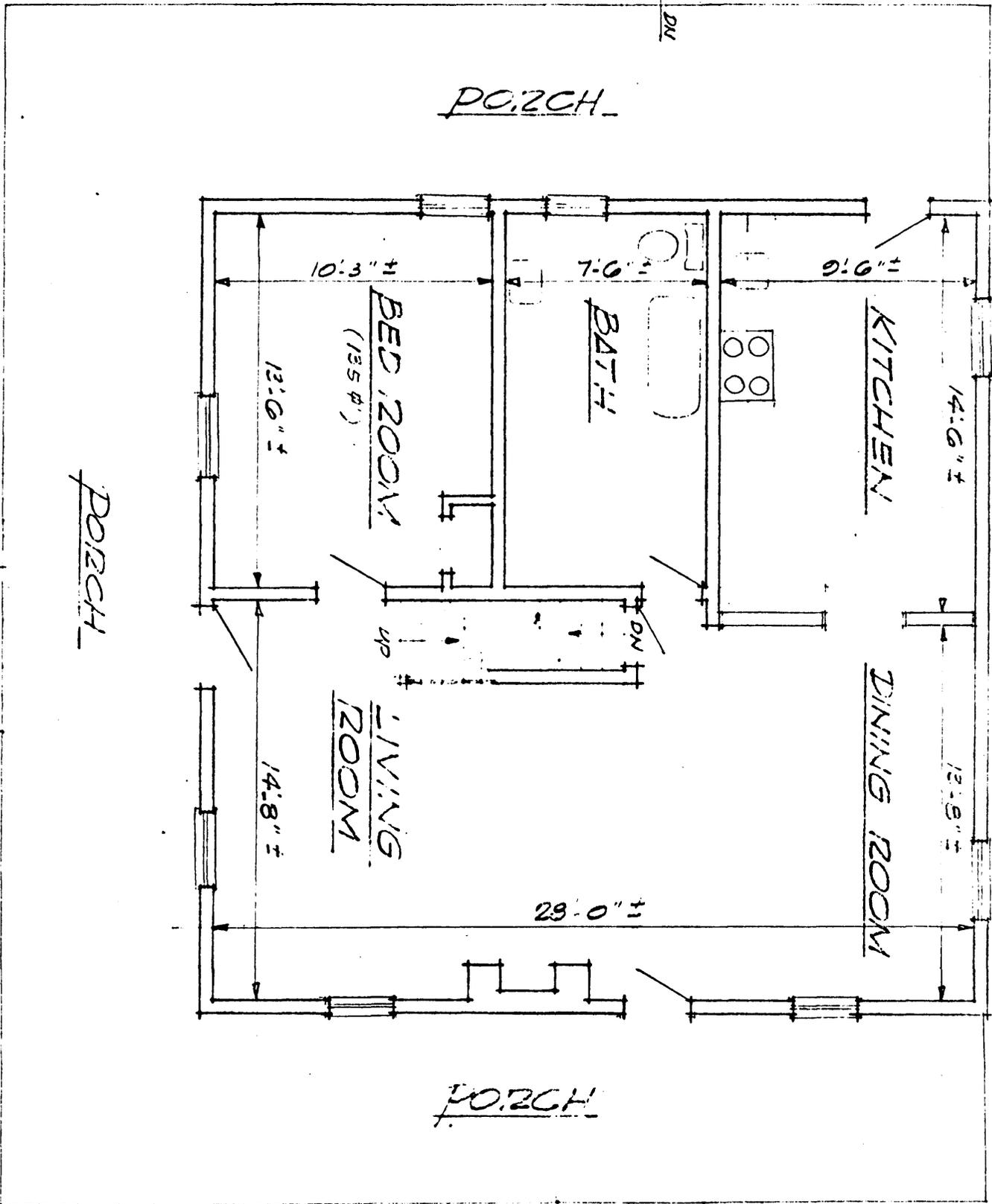
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First Floor Plan

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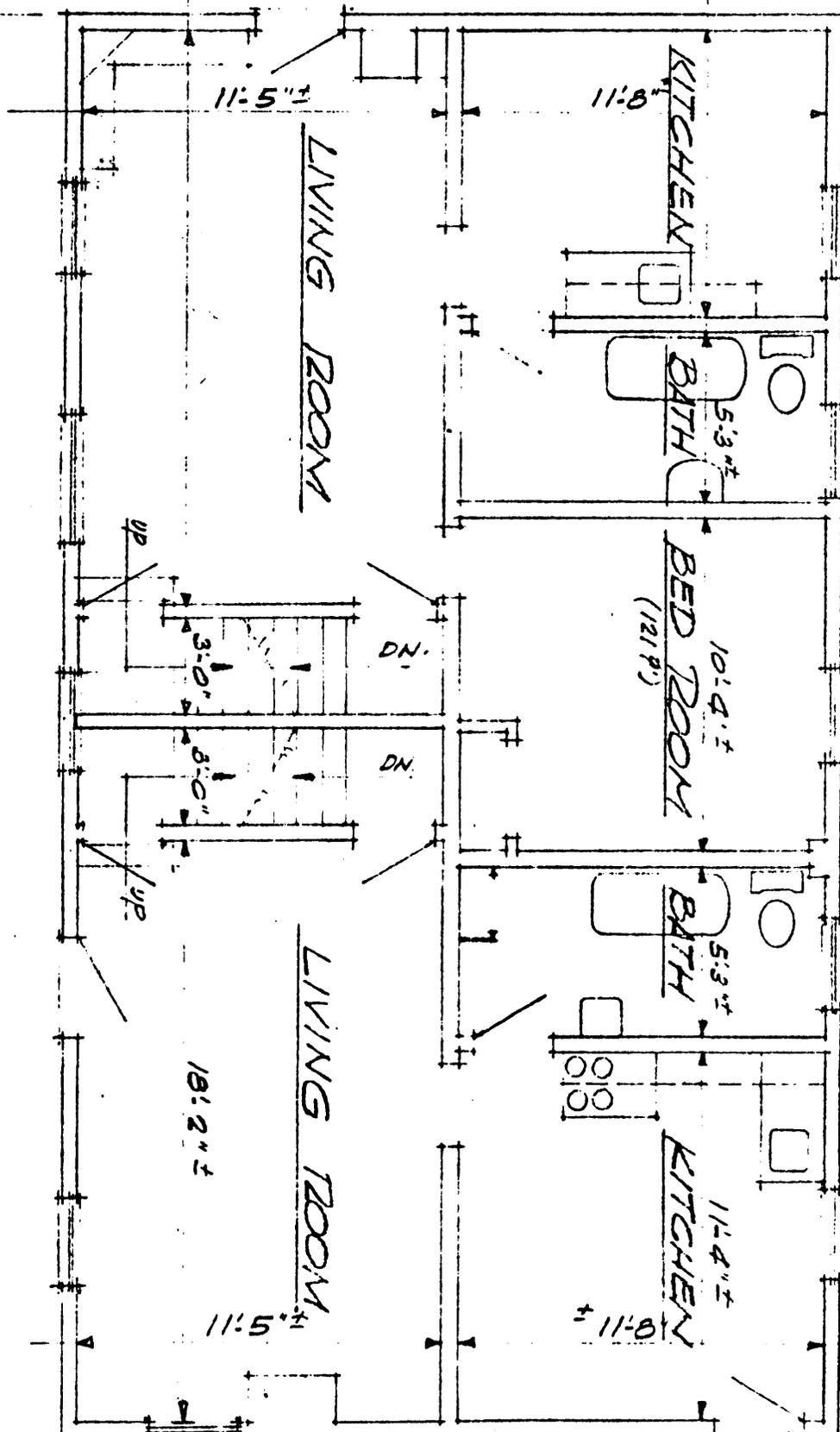
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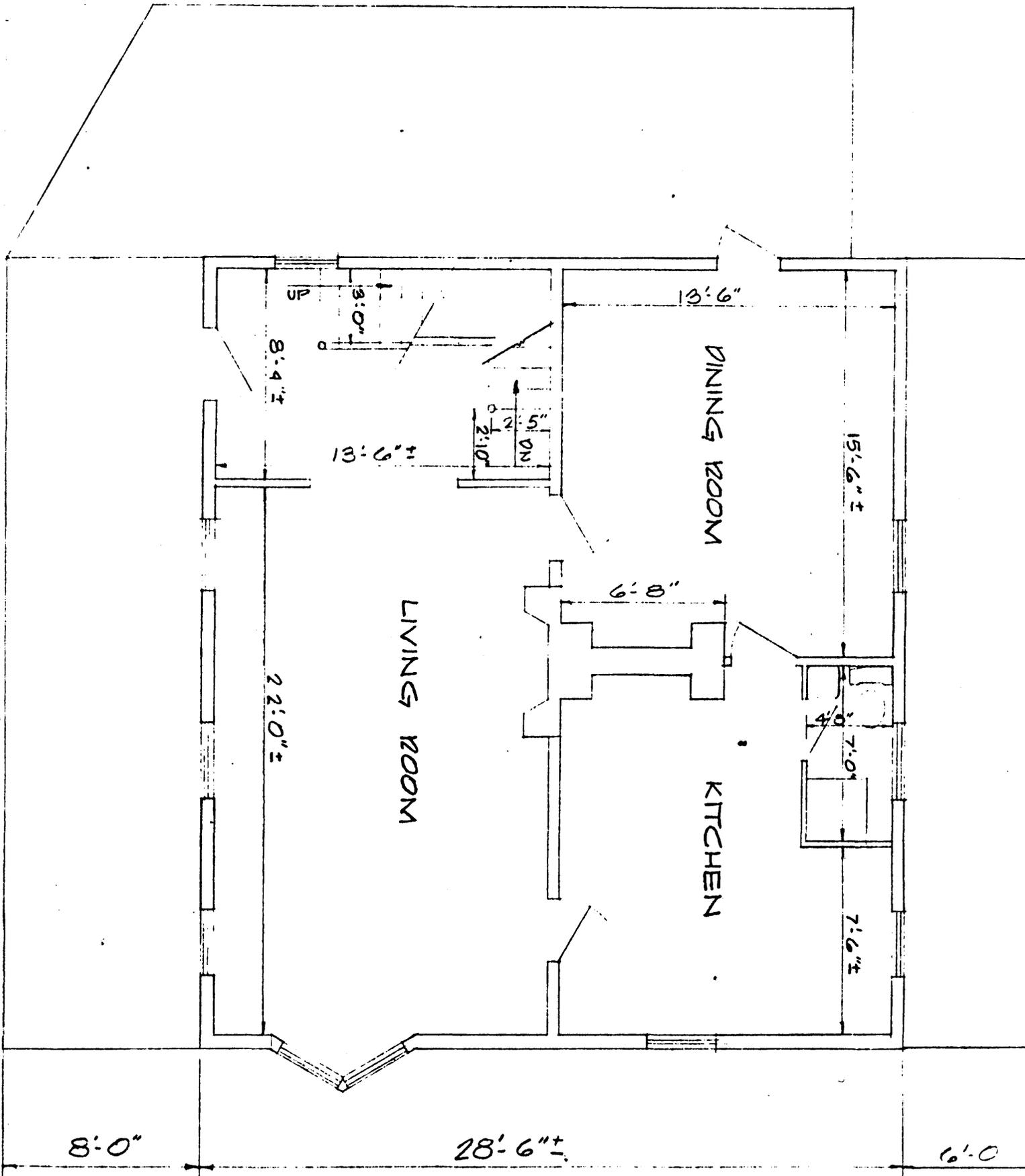
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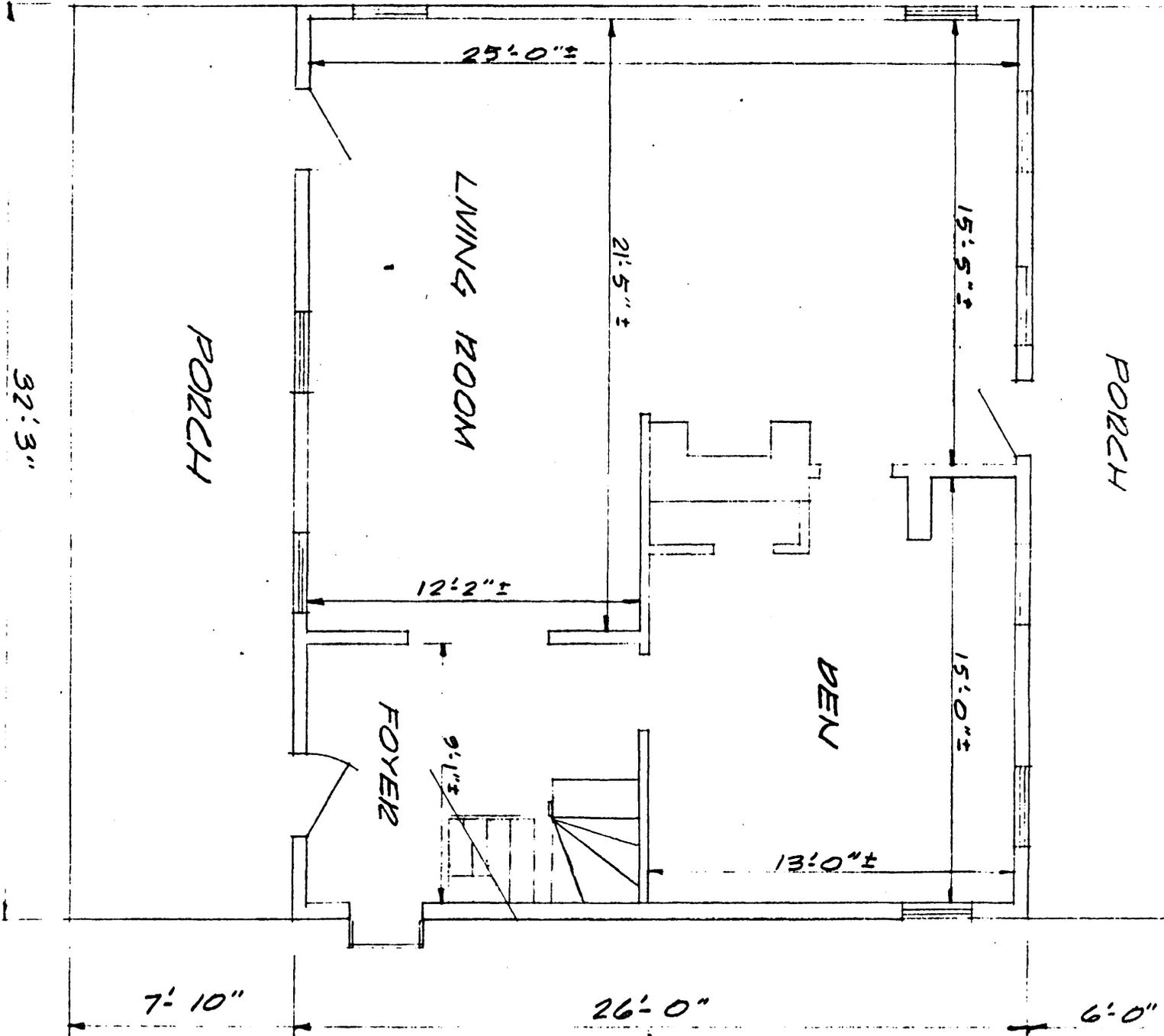
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