

BROOKRACE ESTATE, TROOP LODGE  
Located 0.3 miles north of Pleasant  
Valley Road, and 0.7 miles east of  
Union School House Road  
Morristown vicinity  
Morris County  
New Jersey

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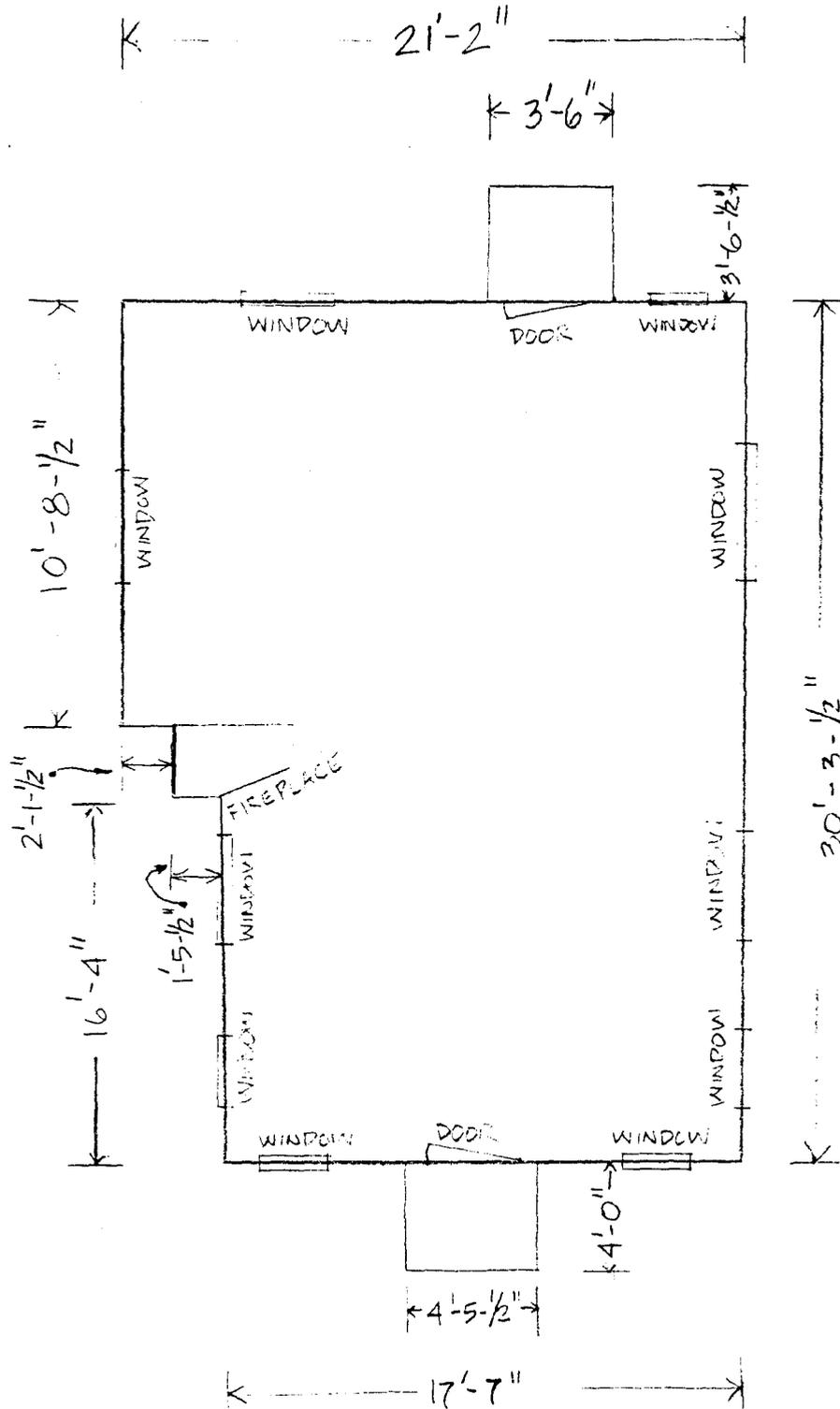
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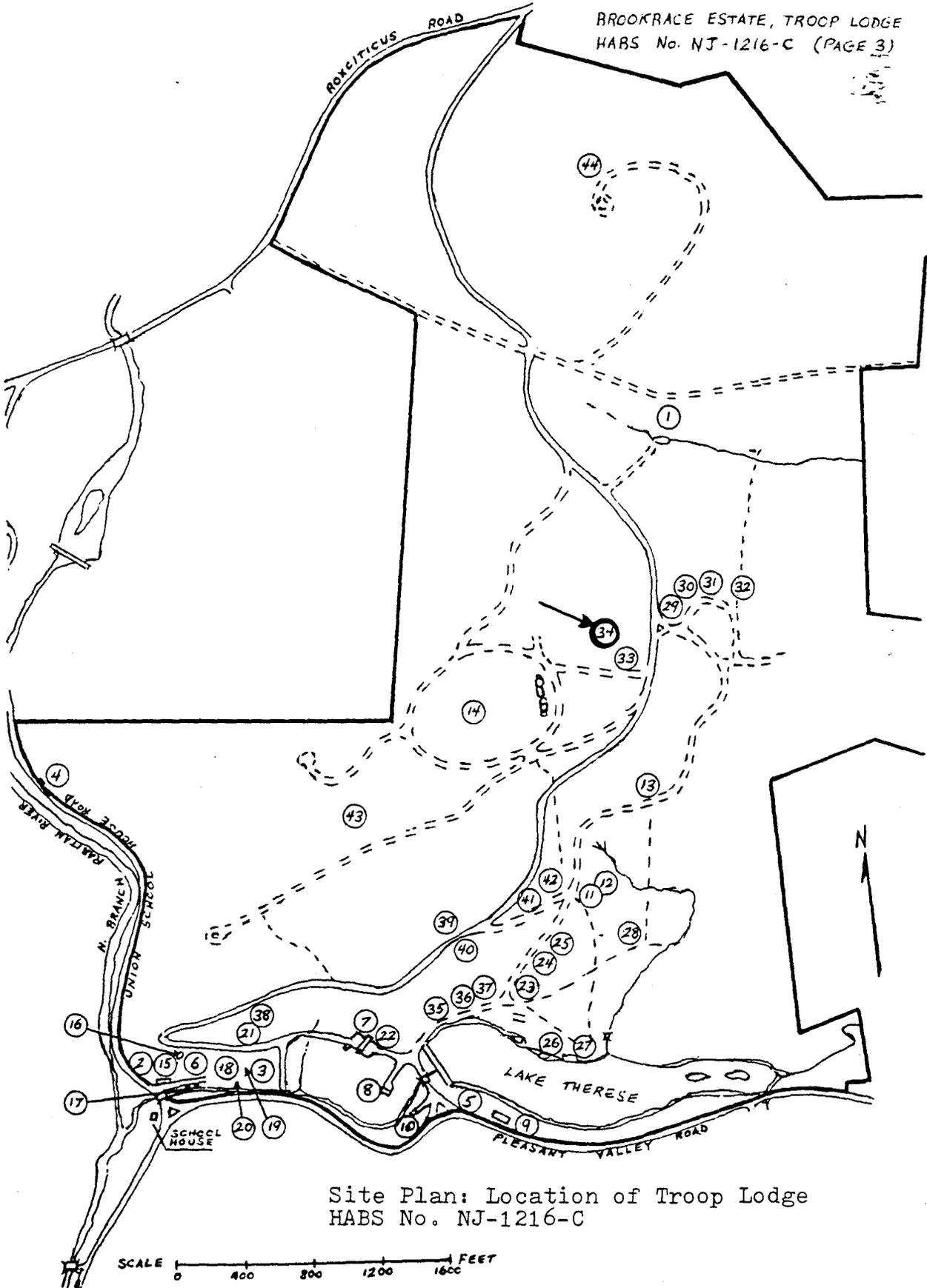
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- Location: Located 0.3 miles North of Pleasant Valley Road, and 0.7 miles east of Union School House Road, Morristown vicinity, Morris County, New Jersey  
USGS Chester Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.531350.4511000
- Significance: Built between 1948 and 1962, the Troop Lodge was the heart of the Winter Camp complex and used by local troops as well as the training center.
- Description: The Troop Lodge is a one-story, wood-frame building. It has a gable roof with smaller gables over the east and west sides at the north end. The roofing material is synthetic shingles. The walls are sided with vertical board and batten in the upper half and with novelty siding with cornerboards in the lower half. Windows are single or paired metal casements. The brick chimney in the west wall has an interior fireplace. The foundation is concrete.
- History: Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation was donated by Mrs. Jacob (Therese) Schiff to the Boy Scouts of America in 1932 as a memorial to her son, their past president. Here BSA movement developed a national leadership training program which shaped the growing organization. Troops from around the country had opportunities to camp at Schiff, the local New Jersey troop more than most. Troop One of Mendham, NJ was often involved in the filming of training material.
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- Historians: Nancy L. Gibbs and Elise Baranowski  
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SKETCH FLOOR PLAN (Not to scale)



Site Plan: Location of Troop Lodge  
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