

BROOKRACE ESTATE, PAINT SHOP
Northeast of the intersection of
Pleasant Valley Road and Union
School House Road
Morristown vicinity
Morris vicinity
New Jersey

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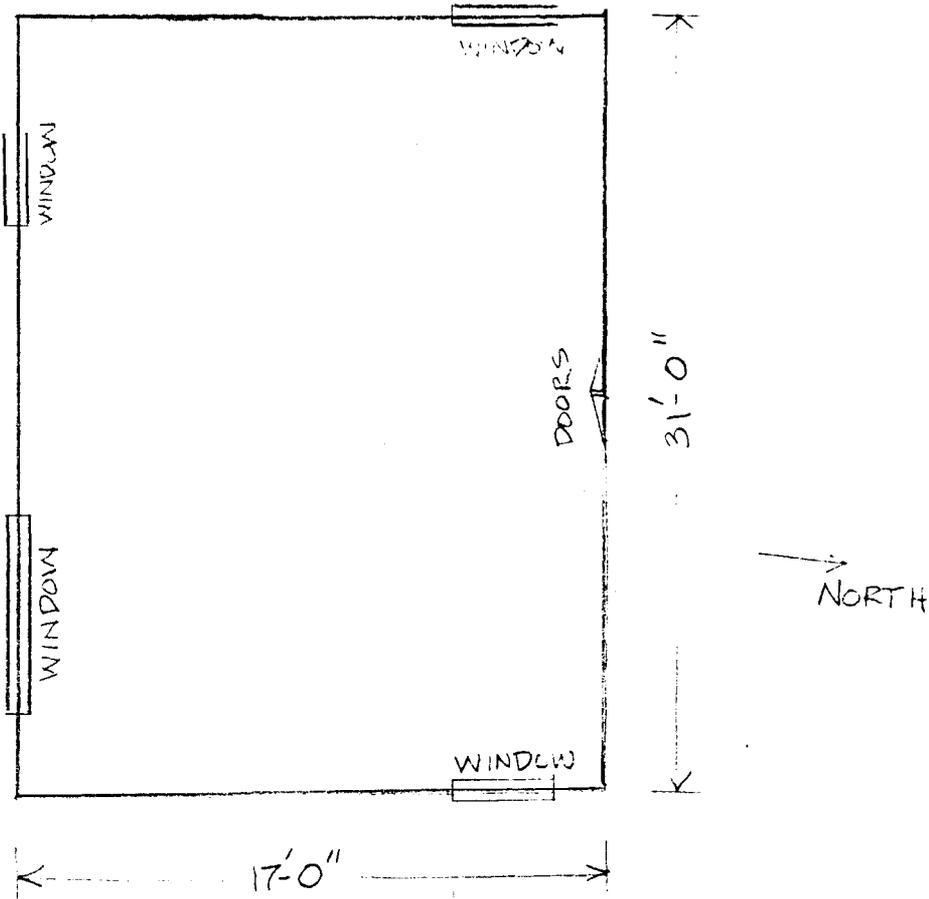
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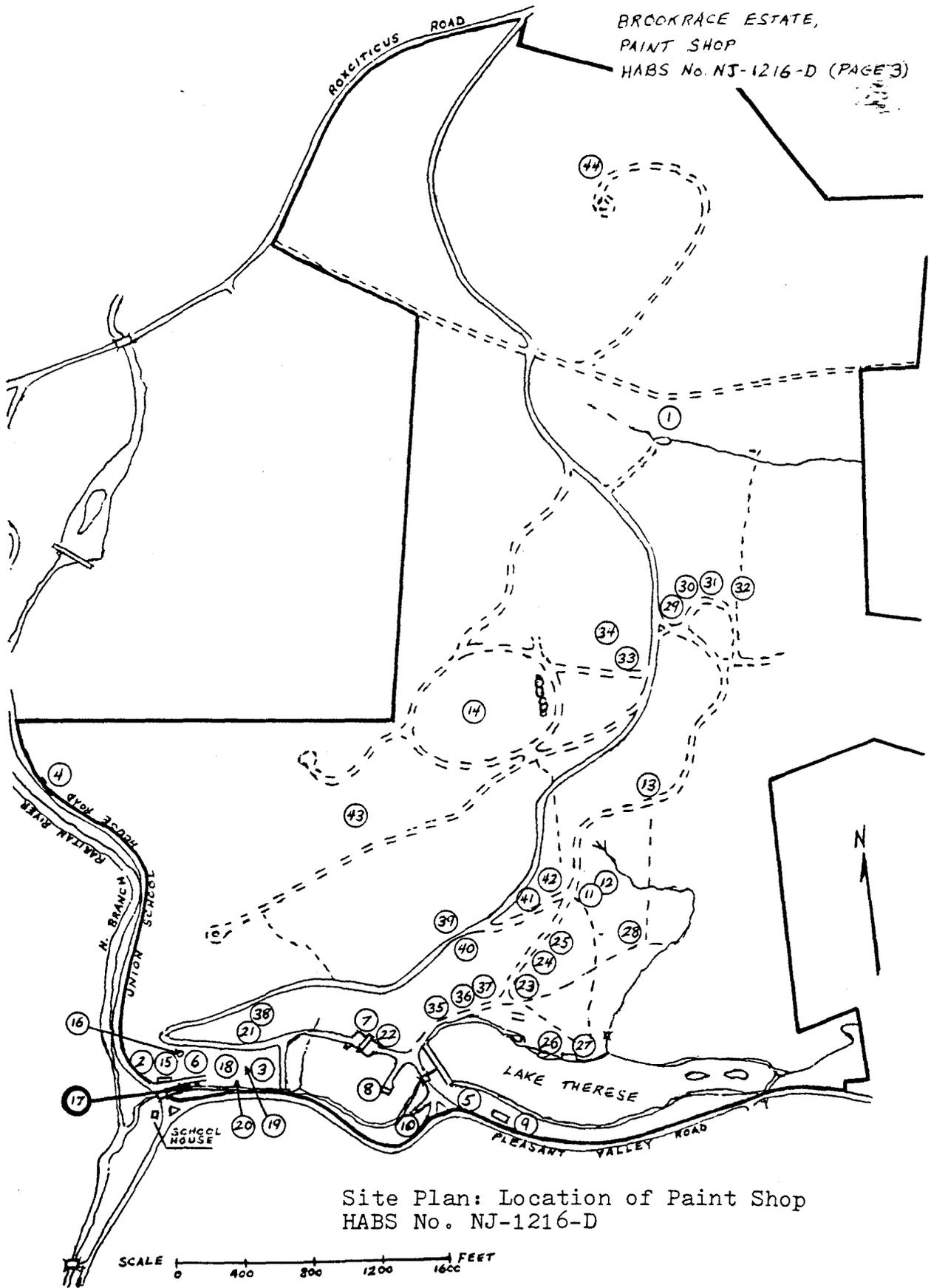
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- Location: Northeast of the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Union School House Road, Morristown vicinity, Morris County, New Jersey
USGS Chester Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
17.531350.4511000
- Significance: One of three extant buildings constructed at Schiff in 1940-1941 from buildings which were part of the Boy Scout Exhibition at the 1939-1940 World's Fair.
- Description: This is a one-story wood-frame building with a rustic exterior appearance. It has a gable roof with synthetic shingles. The exterior walls are clad with vertical boards of varied widths. Board joints are covered with vertical battens. Horizontal battens outline the gables and all four walls near mid-height and just above the foundation. Log rafters are exposed under the roof eaves on all sides. Log brackets under the roof project perpendicular to the north end and south walls. All windows are paired metal casements, arranged singly or in bands. The south wall has a sill and summer beam supported on two rows of cement block piers. The north wall sleeper rests on the ground.
- 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. Thousands of men and boys, drawn from all parts of the country, met here and participated in fellowship and training activities, forging a strong national identity for the BSA. The BSA exhibit at the 1939-1940 World's Fair was a scout camp of rustic wood cabins. Daily programs demonstrated scouting skills and values to the public.
- Sources: L. Halpenny, The Story of Schiff (Mendham, NJ: Boy Scouts of America, 1948), 1-13. Ernest Schmidt, Guide to Schiff Scout Reservation (Mendham, NJ: Boy Scouts of America, 1962) 29-35. Edward J. Lenik, Nancy L. Gibbs, Elise Baranowski, Kathleen L. Ehrhardt, and Thomas Fitzpatrick, Cultural Resources Investigation of the Jackson Homes at Schiff Development Property, Township of Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey (Butler, NJ: Sheffield Archaeological Consultants, 1994) 52-57.
- Historians: Nancy L. Gibbs and Elise Baranowski
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SKETCH FLOOR PLAN
(Not to scale)



Site Plan: Location of Paint Shop
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