

BROOKRACE ESTATE, DAN BEARD STORAGE CABIN  
Located 0.3 mile~~s~~ north of Pleasant  
Valley Road and 0.8 mile~~s~~ east of Union  
School House Road  
Morristown vicinity  
Morris County  
New Jersey

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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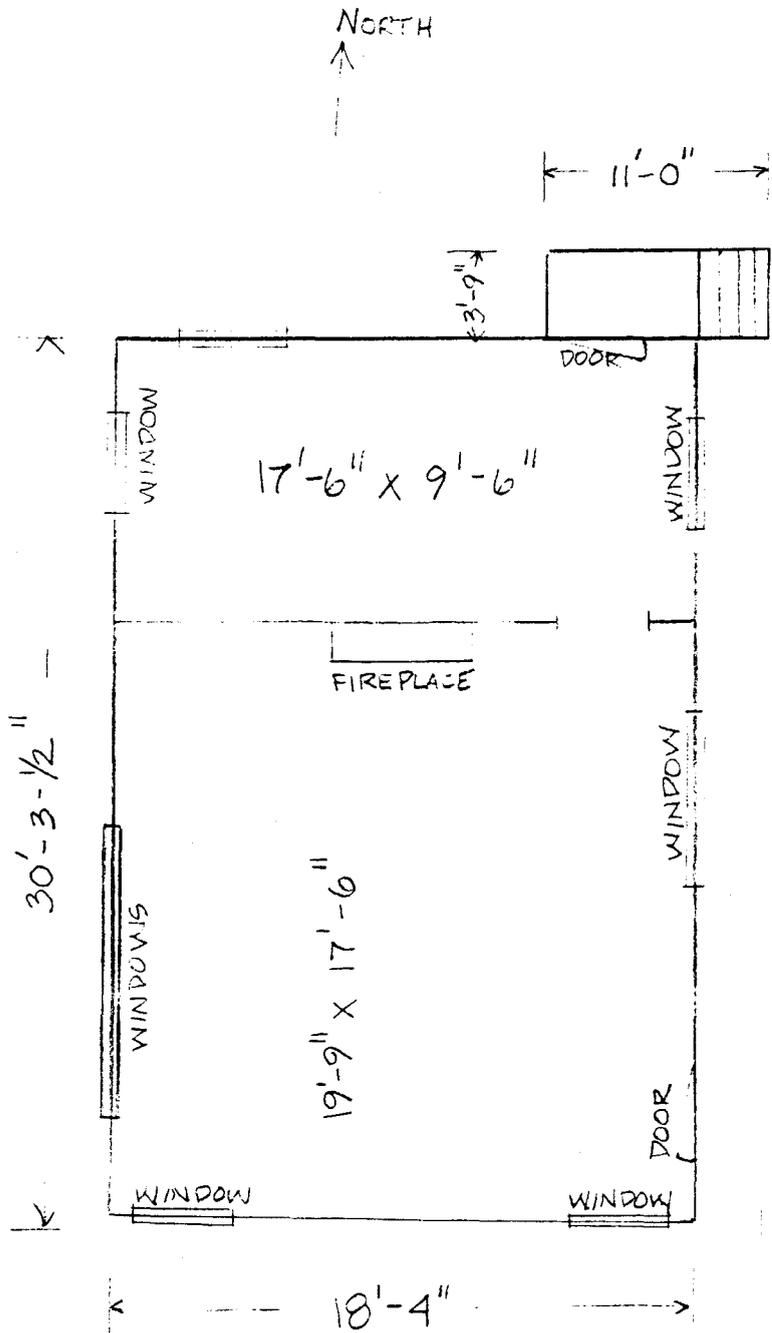
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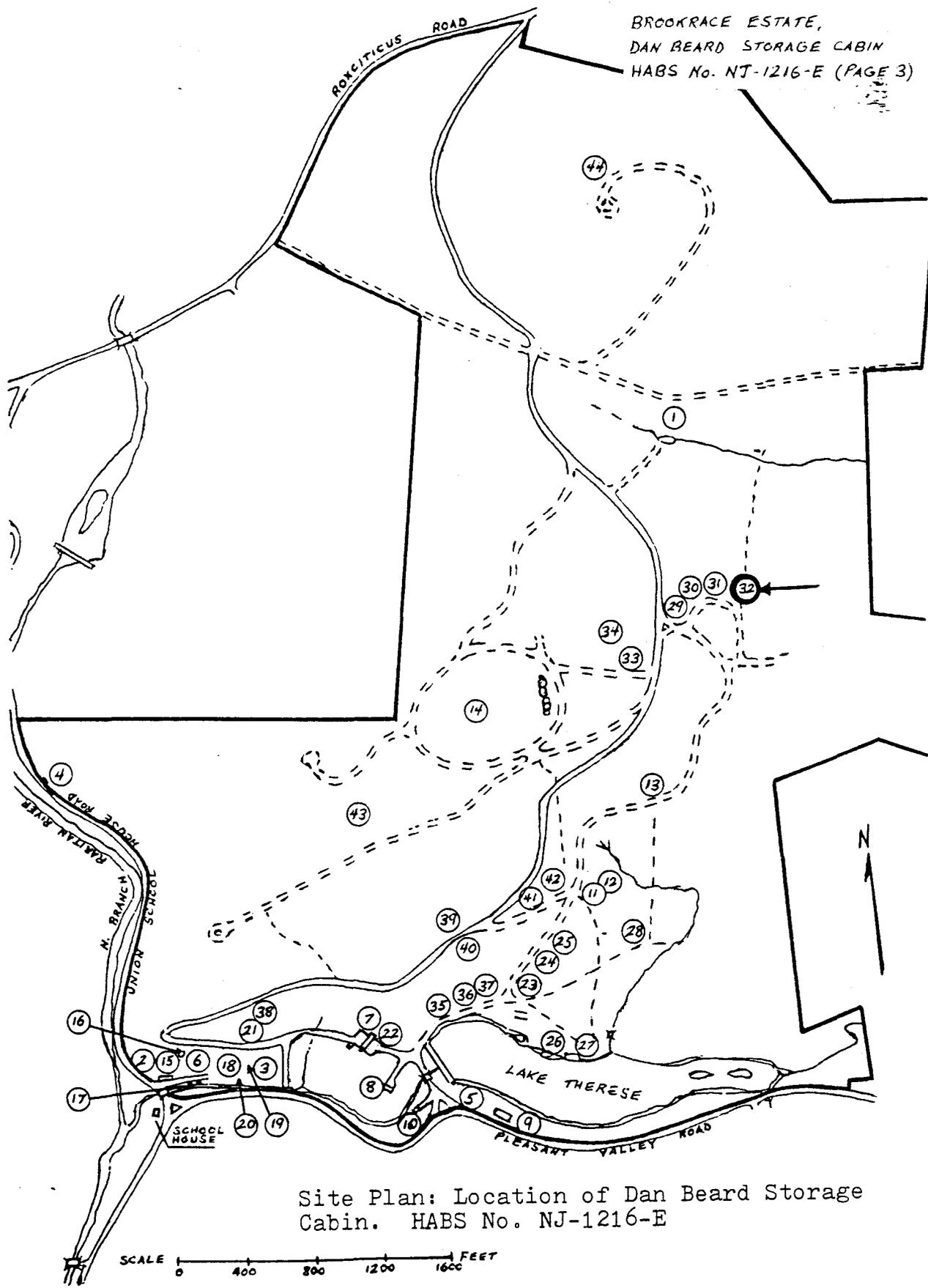
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- Location: Located 0.3 miles North of Pleasant Valley Road, and 0.8 miles east of Union School House Road, Morristown vicinity, Morris County, New Jersey  
USGS Chester Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.531350.4511000
- Significance: 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 of synthetic shingles and a ridge chimney with a low stone stack. The exterior walls are clad with vertical boards of varied widths. Board joints are covered with vertical battens. Log rafters are exposed under the side and gable eaves. Window types are inward-opening awnings, arranged singly or in bands and placed high in the walls, and metal casements. The cabin's wood board floors lay on sills and a summer beam that stand on concrete piers. The interior stone fire place has a brick foundation.
- 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 the movement developed a national leadership training program which shaped the growing organization. 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. Their exhibit at the 1939-1940 World's Fair was scout camp of rustic wood cabins. Daily programs demonstrated scouting skills and values to the public.
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SKETCH FLOOR PLAN  
(Not to scale)



Site Plan: Location of Dan Beard Storage Cabin. HABS No. NJ-1216-E