

BROOKRACE ESTATE, PATROL COTTAGE FIVE  
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Road, and 0.5 miles east of Union School House Road  
Morristown vicinity  
Morris County  
New Jersey

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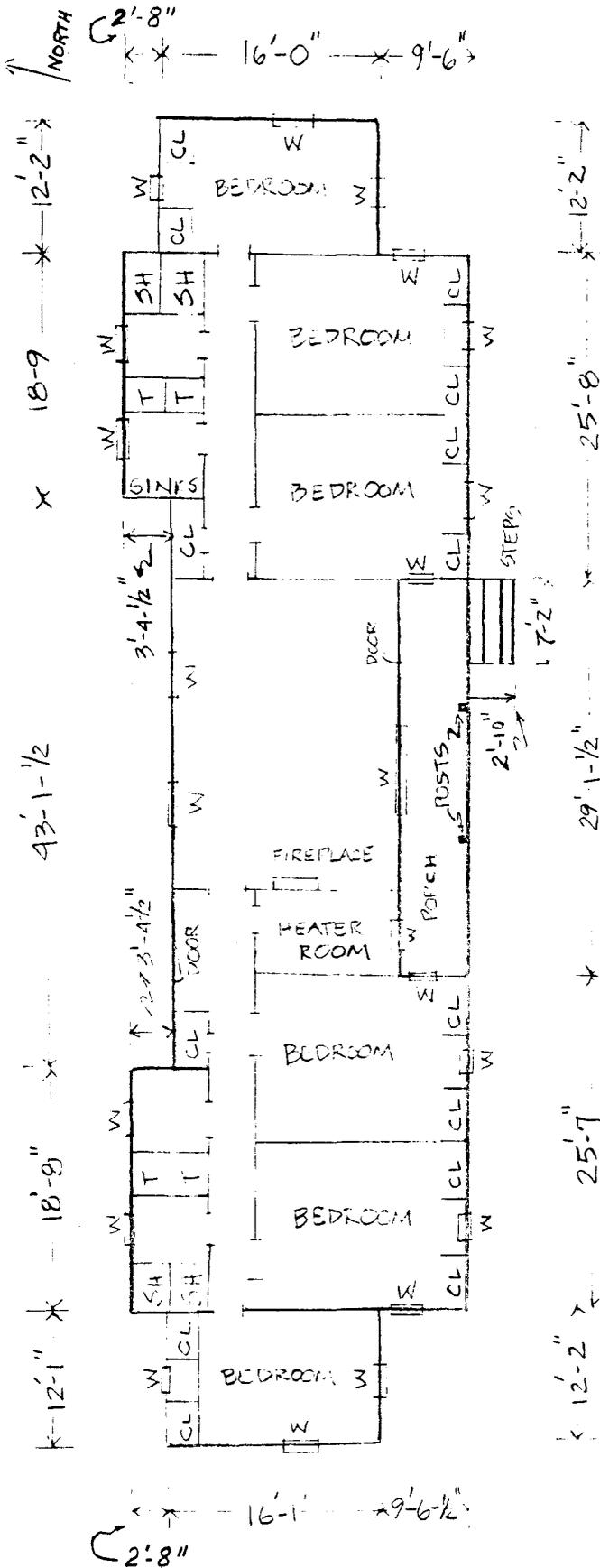
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USGS Chester Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.531350.4511000
- Significance:** Patrol Cottages Four and Five are dormitories built in 1948. Both have identical plans and elevations.
- Description:** Patrol Cottages Four and Five are one-story, wood-frame buildings. Each Cottage has a rectangular main block with east and west wings. All parts are under gable roofs with synthetic shingle roofing. Each cottage has a brick ridge chimney. Exterior siding is vertical wood boards and grooved battens, and rough-textured stucco over walls and the masonry foundation. Gable boards are finished with scalloped ends. Windows are paired metal casements. Each cottage has a recessed three-bay porch centered in its south facade.
- 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. These two cottages were built as dormitories in 1948. The cottages were known both by their numbers and by the name of the resident patrol. In 1962, Patrol Cottage Four housed the Winnebago Patrol and, in 1978, the Foxes Patrol. Patrol Cottage Five housed the Iroquois Patrol in 1962 and the Owls Patrol in 1978.
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- Historians:** Nancy L. Gibbs and Elise Baranowski  
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KEY: W - window  
 T - toilet  
 CL - closet  
 SH - shower

SKETCH FLOOR PLAN  
 (Not to scale)

