

4815 GUERNSEY STREET
(House)
Bellaire
Belmont County
Ohio

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Location: 4815 Guernsey Street
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U.S.G.S. Wheeling (W.Va.-Ohio)
Quadrangle
U.T.M. Coordinates:
17.5224200.443100

Present Owner: State of Ohio
Department of Transportation
25 S. Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Present Use: Vacant, Structure will be
demolished.

Significance: Constructed in an area of
residential structures in an
elite section of the City of
Bellaire. The house is
significant for its eclectic
architectural style, a well
designed structure which
exemplifies early twentieth
century residential Ohio
architecture. The size and
distinctive design of the house
is indicative of the once solid
neighborhood in which it is
situated.

PART 1: HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: circa 1900; This date is based on Appraiser's Report, Ohio Historic Inventory form, and when the subdivision was added to the City of Bellaire.

2. Architect: Not known

3. Original and subsequent owners: The following is an incomplete chain of titles to the land on which the structure stands. References to the Chain of Title to the land upon which the structure stands are in the Recorder of Deeds, Belmont County Court House, St. Clairsville, Ohio. Structure is located on 80'x 120' parcel of property in part of Cummins Farm Addition, excluding 32'x 68' outsale from northwest corner.

1917: Deed, April 21, 1917, recorded May 9, 1917, in Volume 209 Page 261
Nellie Gilleland and Millie C. Pearsall

1949: Deed, March 27, 1949, recorded April 11, 1949, in Volume 365, Page 295
Millie C. Pearsall, and T. W. Pearsall to John J. Malik and Alice Malik

1959: Quit Claim, April 10, 1959, recorded April 16, 1959, in Volume 429, Page 590.
John J. Malik Sr. to Alice Malik

1990: Deed, December 10, 1990, recorded, December 1990, in Volume 665, Page 602.
Alice Malik et. al. to State of Ohio

4. Builder, contractor:

a. Builder: Not known

b. Contractor: Not known

5. Original plans and construction: Original plans not available. Original cost not available.

6. Alterations and additions:

Based on physical evidence drywall clothing closets were added to the northeast and south bedrooms at an unknown date.

Based on physical evidence the attic was finished with knotty pine paneling featuring a bathroom w/ shower, built in bed, dormer seat, wrought iron railing and hand rail, cedar lined closets circa 1940.

Based on physical evidence a tripartite dormer was added to rear of brick structure possible during the time of finishing the attic into living space, circa 1940.

Based on physical evidence a two story frame addition was added to two story brick section of house. The frame addition contains first floor kitchen, second floor bathroom, and second floor entrance. Addition was added at an unknown date.

Based on physical evidence an enclosed porch was added to north side of frame addition at an unknown date.

Based on physical evidence the ceiling of the parlor, living room and den were covered with acoustic tile at an unknown date.

Based on physical evidence closet under exterior rear stairs, and closet under interior rear stairs were lined with cedar at an unknown date.

Historic Context: The structure exhibits quality construction and style indicative on the once prosperous and elite Guernsey Street neighborhood. The 1914 Bellaire City Directory lists Robert M. Gilleland, President of Belliare Bottle Company as resident of 4815 Guernsey Street. Later occupants were the Maliks, a prominent family of Bellaire. John Malik Sr. was a lawyer in the City of Bellaire for a number of years and his son John Malik Jr., followed in his fathers legal footsteps. John Malik Jr. is presently a judge for Belmont County.

PART II: ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Constructed in an area of large elegant homes which was once an elite residential section in the City of Bellaire, the Malik House is an excellent architectural example of late 19th century eclectic style, featuring beveled glass double entrance doors with beveled glass transom, Greek Revival wrap-around porch, wide overhang supported by decorative brackets (typical of the Italianate style) and steeply pitched gables and dormer suggestive of Gothic Revival.
2. Condition of fabric: The concrete block foundation under core structure and two story portion, and brick and concrete block foundation under frame addition is in excellent condition. The double hung windows, roofs, box gutters and metal down spouts are in good to fair condition. The brick walls are in good condition. The chimneys are in need of repair and chimney pot has fallen off the northeast chimney, but overall chimneys are in fair condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The 2 1/2 story red brick house is irregular in massing, 41' wide x 77' deep, this overall measurement includes porch, bay window and rear frame addition.
2. Foundation: There is a stone water-table which encompasses the house, excluding the frame addition. The foundation is approximately 1'7" thick. The foundation of frame addition is combination of brick and concrete block. There is a basement located under the entire two story portion of house and under living room of core structure. The basement floor is poured concrete. There is a crawl space located under the frame addition.
3. Walls: The painted red brick walls are simple running bond pattern for the front of the structure, and one course header and six stretcher for the remaining brick walls.

The frame addition and enclosed rear frame porch have an exterior wall treatment of brown shingles.

4. Structural systems, framing: Floor joists are 14"x 2 1/2" and are set 16" on center, joists run east to west in core structure and run north to south in two story section.
5. Porches: Front wrap around porch, (18'6" x 36'), with single doric columns (Roman Tuscan unfluted) with base. In between doric columns are the balustrades topped with 4" railing. Under gable peak of front porch is decorative carved floral wreath. A waist high railing with turned balusters was located along entire porch. Flooring and ceiling is painted narrow tongue and groove. Porch serviced by three approach steps at front entrance, and three approach steps at north side of house.

Rear frame porch enclosed with one over one glass windows housing the pantry and access to basement (10' x 12').

Shed roof porch servicing entrance to frame addition and apartment.

6. Chimneys: Two interior end rectangular brick chimneys and one square chimney located on north side, slope; frame addition concrete covered brick center peak.
7. Openings:
 - a. Doorway and doors:

Front entrance: Faces east, featuring double beveled glass doors, double frame screen doors and beveled glass transom, and brass hardware. The opening measures 4'6" x 7'4" x 1', the transom is 1'9" x 4'6".

Rear entrance: Faces west, wood door with single glass pane on top and wood on bottom, fixed single light transom located above. Opening 3' x 6'8" x 6", transom 3' x 1'2"

Frame addition doorway: Faces west, wood two panel door with six pane glass on top, 2'6" x 6'6" x 6".
 - b. Windows and shutters: The one over one double hung windows have plain stone lug sills and plain stone lintels, except for windows in dormer which are wood frame one over one. There are four frame double hung

two over two windows located on the second floor of west and northwest corner of core structure. The second floor bathroom window (southwest corner of core structure) is single hung with 20 over 20 lights, lights are opaque rough textured.

The dining room windows are leaded and comprised of groupings of 3" x 5" lights; south exposure contains two 18 over 18 light double hung windows located on either side of two casement beveled glass windows. Above the casement windows is a fixed transom, 2 lights high and 12 lights wide. The northern exposure has two casement windows with small lights of beveled glass.

The frame addition has six over one single hung window. The enclosed porch windows are one over one storm windows hinged on the top.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape covering: Roof of core structure is asphalt shingles, hipped with ridge; front porch is covered with tar paper. Frame addition gable roof and porch located on top of enclosed porch is tarred.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Wide overhanging eaves supported by decorative brackets. Bracket size is slightly smaller in brick section of house that is only two stories. Box gutters w/ metal downspouts located around entire brick portion of structure are in fair to good condition.
- c. Dormers, cupolas, towers: Two dormers in front of structure with gable roof, wider overhang supported by decorative brackets with round design. The front dormer has two one over one windows and other dormer in the front of structure has one over one window. The rear dormer has gable roof and three 2 x 4 panes casement crank operated windows.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The total square footage of living space is 3,317 square feet with 1,156 square feet in finished attic; enclosed frame porch 125 square feet; open frame porch 536 square feet. Please refer to floor plan drawings for measurements.

2. Stairways: The open stairway is located in foyer, leads to second floor. There is a 4" oval dark stained wood railing with a 3'5" newel at base of curved stairs, railing continues to connect with west wall in hallway to provide a railing around the stair opening. There are two turned dark stained balusters on each step. Starting from the first floor there are eight steps to first landing, eight steps to second landing and three steps to second floor; the step measures 3'1" wide x 10" deep x 7" high.

The rear stairway is located southwest area of frame addition. Stairs from the kitchen to rear entrance to frame addition total 8 (width 2'6") and are boxed; no banister. Open stairs from rear entrance to second floor total 7 (width 2'5"); wood 3" railing south side.

The steps serving the attic are boxed, beginning at second floor, west room. There are two approach steps which are shared provide access to north bedroom; 4'1" x 10" x 7". The steps serving the attic total 18 and measure 2'1" x 10".

The steps serving the basement are located at the north side of enclosed porch. There are 10 steps, seven wood and three stone; all measure 2'7" wide and are 11" deep; no railing.

3. Flooring:

- a. Basement: Poured concrete floor
- b. First floor: All exposed wood flooring in core structure and two story brick section is maple stained narrow tongue and groove with in laid borders of red greek key design. The dining room has diamond pattern in flooring and red inlaid boarder. The foyer and steps are covered with red carpeting. The kitchen is black roll linoleum with yellow border.
- c. Second floor: All exposed wood flooring in core structure is narrow tongue and groove maple stained. The southwest bathroom has octagonal blue and white tile. The flooring in two story brick section was covered with green sculpted carpeting. The kitchen and bathroom in frame addition is covered with brown indoor/outdoor carpeting.

- d. Attic: Wide dark stained tongue and groove flooring.
4. Wall and ceiling finish:
- a. Basement: The walls are rough faced stone sealed or painted white. The ceiling is covered with foam sheeting for insulation.
 - b. First floor: The first floor walls are plaster painted white with exception of the foyer and dining room. The foyer is wallpapered and dining room has imported Italian mahogany paneling (5'6" with 4" ledge) above is a tropical mural featuring pink flamingos, palm trees and water lilies. The ceiling in the core structure has acoustic tile (12" x 12" squares). The dining room has wood beams, which match the imported Italian mahogany paneling. The ceiling height in foyer is 12'; parlor, living room and study 11' and dining room 10'.

Frame Addition: The kitchen 5' of yellow block tile above is plaster. The bathroom has 4' blue block tile above is plaster. The closets under interior and exterior stairs are lined with cedar. Ceiling in frame addition is white plaster except in closets, cedar. Ceilings are 10'.
 - c. Second floor: All walls in core structure, two story section and frame addition are painted plaster. Front bedroom is mauve accented by molding. South bedroom is blue accented by molding; adjoining bathroom is white. North bedroom is white no molding. The bedroom walls in two story section and frame addition are painted white. The ceilings entire second floor are painted white plaster. Ceiling in all bedrooms is 11'; 10' west room and frame addition.
 - d. Attic: The walls and ceiling are knotty pine paneling, ceiling height varies due to slope in roof.
5. Openings:
- a. Doorway and doors:

Basement doorway: Open doorway measuring 5'7" x 2'8" x 1'7"

First floor: The doors from foyer to study and parlor and from parlor to study are four panel wood doors are 2'11" x 7'10" x 7" (molding is 7"x 2") ; doorway to dining room from study and dining room to frame addition kitchen measure 2'9" x 7'10" x 11" dining room molding is 5"x 2", frame addition molding is 2" x 1/2". It should be noted that doors from dining room to enclosed porch and kitchen are two panel imported mahogany. Inoperative pocket doors in between parlor and living room 6'3" opening, doors are 10' in height and 10" thick, exposed section of door is panel type.

Second floor: All doors are painted four panel wood doors. Doorway to bedrooms from hallway measure 2'7" x 7'2" x 6". Doorway from north bedroom to west room measures 2'7"x 7'2" x 11". The molding measures 7" x 2" Frame addition doors are painted wood panel doors measuring 2'7" x 7'; molding is 4"x 1".

Attic: Doorway to attic measure 2'1" x 6' 11" x 1'; four panel door with 7" x 2" molding.

- b. Windows: First floor: The one over one windows in core structure measure 2'10" x 9'6" surrounded by 7 1/2" x 2 1/2" molding, a decorative panel detailing is located under 5" wood sill.

The dining room features casement windows (2'2" x 3'1") with single beveled glass panes; two 18 over 18 double hung windows (2'3" x 4'5") located on either side of casement windows and fixed transom (1'3" x 4'4"), 2 panes high and 12 panes across above casement windows on the southern wall. The northern exposure has two casement windows with 21 panes of beveled glass comprising each window.

The frame addition: The six over one window measures 4'6" x 2'2" with 4" molding surrounding with 3" wood sill.

Second floor: The one over one windows in core structure measure 3' x 9'6", surrounded by 7 1/2" x 2 1/2" molding, a decorative panel detailing is located under 5" sill. The exception is north bedroom which windows measure same however, molding is 6"x 1 1/2";

no panel box is located under window. The two one over one windows located in hall each measure 2'6" x 9'6". The two over two windows measure 6'1" x 2'7" with 4" x 1" surrounding molding and 4" sill.

The frame addition: The six over one window measures 4'6" x 2'2" with 4" molding surrounding with 3" wood sill.

6. Decorative features and trim: The parlor and living room feature marbelized slate fireplaces. The parlor measures 4'8"x 5'x 1'; the living room measures 4'9" x 5'x 1'2". Two wood mantels are located second floor north and south bedrooms, 5'x4'3"x 7" (north) and 5'x 4'1" x 6" (south). Baseboard measures 11" x 1".
7. Hardware: Brass door knobs feature very ornate star design which was repeated on interior of hinge and key hole surround on interior doors.
8. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation: Based on the physical evidence of gas jets located in each fireplace in each room, the fireplaces served as the former heat source, The current heat source is gas fired boiler with radiator heat.
 - b. Lighting: Most of original lighting fixtures have been removed. One shell shaped opaque glass light fixture suspended from center of ceiling remains. Located in bedroom area of second floor of rear brick section. Four light fixtures, suspended from beams in formal dining room remain.
 - c. Plumbing: Most original plumbing fixtures have been removed due to vandalism or remodeling. A oyster colored pedestal sink with fluted marble bowl remains in second floor bathroom of frame addition.
9. Original furnishings: There were no original furnishings.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The lot is on a rise above Guernsey Street and overlooks the Ohio River. The total area is 9,824 square feet. The structure

faces east for a clear view of the Ohio River shoreline and Wheeling, West Virginia.

2. Historic landscape design: Front yard contains lawn and several maple trees. The wrap around porch is bordered by overgrown taxus. Eight concrete approach steps from Guernsey Street to porch approach steps. A low concrete retaining wall is located on either side of steps. Northwest side of porch has three approach steps which lead to 3' wide concrete sidewalk. Sidewalk joins with patchwork stone 3' sidewalk. Stone sidewalk leads to garage and concrete sidewalk leads to rear entrances and 5-car concrete parking area which joins Apple Alley. A small level area of lawn and two ornamental bushes are located on north side of house. There is a concrete fish pond 6' x 6' and 3' deep located at northeast corner of house. There is a four car concrete parking area located west of house and south of garage.
3. Outbuildings: Two story brick garage originally part of subject parcel. The double vehicle entrance has been enclosed to provide living area downstairs. The second floor with dormers appears to have served as an apartment. A frame addition has been constructed to east side of the structure which provides additional living area. A notable feature observed in this frame addition was a large stone fireplace located on the northwall.

PART III: SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural drawings: Original drawings unavailable.
- B. Historic views: Unknown.
- C. Bibliography:
 1. Primary and unpublished sources:
 - a. Deed Books
Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Belmont County,
Belmont County Court House, St. Clairsville, Ohio.
 - b. Plat Book
Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Belmont County,
Belmont County Court House, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

c. Appraisal Report

State of Ohio, Department of Transportation,
Title Report for Parcel 562, BEL S.R. 7-16.66.
Includes a description of property prepared by
appraiser in 1989 (typewritten). Office of Right
of Way, 25 S. Front Street, Department of
Transportation, Columbus, Ohio.

d. Ohio Historic Inventory Forms

State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historic
Center, 1985 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211. Ohio
Historic Inventory Form BEL-PH3-25 for the Malik
Residence Prepared by G. R. Heil, Bel-0-Mar; revised
M.A. Peters, Southeast Ohio Preservation Office 1-7-
88.

e. National Register Nomination Form

State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historic
Center, 1985 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211.
Nomination form prepared by David Simmons.

f. Survey Report

Report Prepared for the Ohio Department of
Transportation "An Architectural and Historical
Survey, Study, State Route 7, Bellaire, Ohio."
Prepared by Bel-0-Mar Regional Council and Instate
Planning Commission, Bellaire, Ohio, 1976.
(typewritten). On file at Bureau of Environmental
Services, Ohio Department of Transportation, 25 S.
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- E. Likely sources not yet investigated: Additional information is available in the Archives Library at the Ohio Historical Center, 1985 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Information includes census records, newspapers, and local histories for Belmont County.

PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Federal Highway Administration proposes to widen a 3.4 mile segment of S.R. 7 through the City of Bellaire (BEL-7-14.15) Federal Project No. F-534(13). This two-lane segment represents a bottleneck in the approximate 60 mile length of S.R. 7 which has previously been improved to a four-lane highway. The problems associated with traversing an urban area with a freeway are further complicated in this area by the narrow confines of the Ohio River Valley, with the Ohio River on the east and the steeply rising hills on the west. Other historic buildings in the area are situated such that minor alterations in the alignment to save a particular building would create involvement with one or more other historic buildings. Minor variations in the alignment were investigated in an attempt to avoid as many of the historic buildings as possible. The optimum variation would save The Guernsey Street Historic Grouping but would cost an additional \$1,600,000 (circa 1980 est.) and would cause the taking of 34 additional residences. This alignment change would also cause this grouping to be isolated in a small area between freeway and railroad facility and lead to further neglect.

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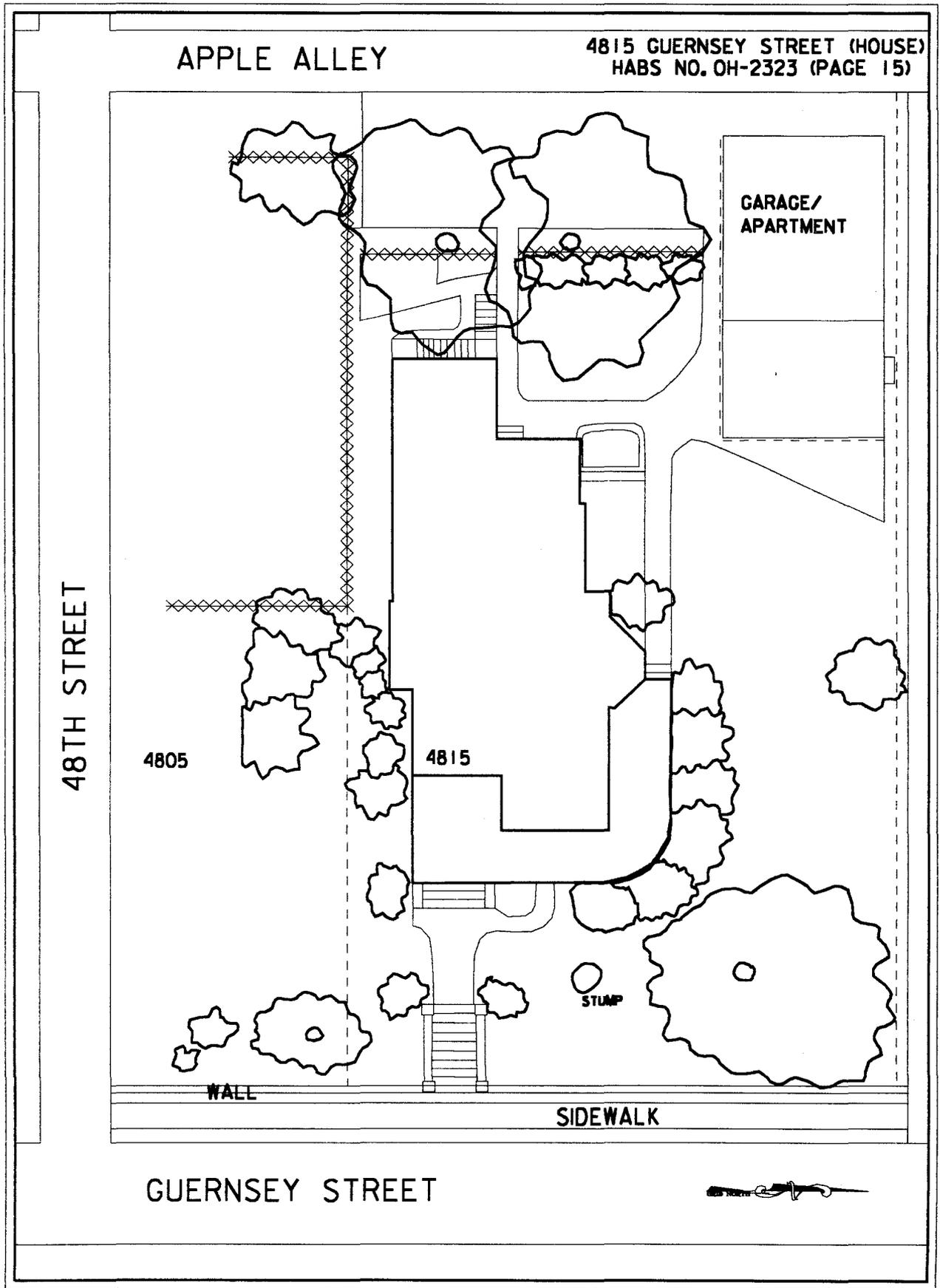
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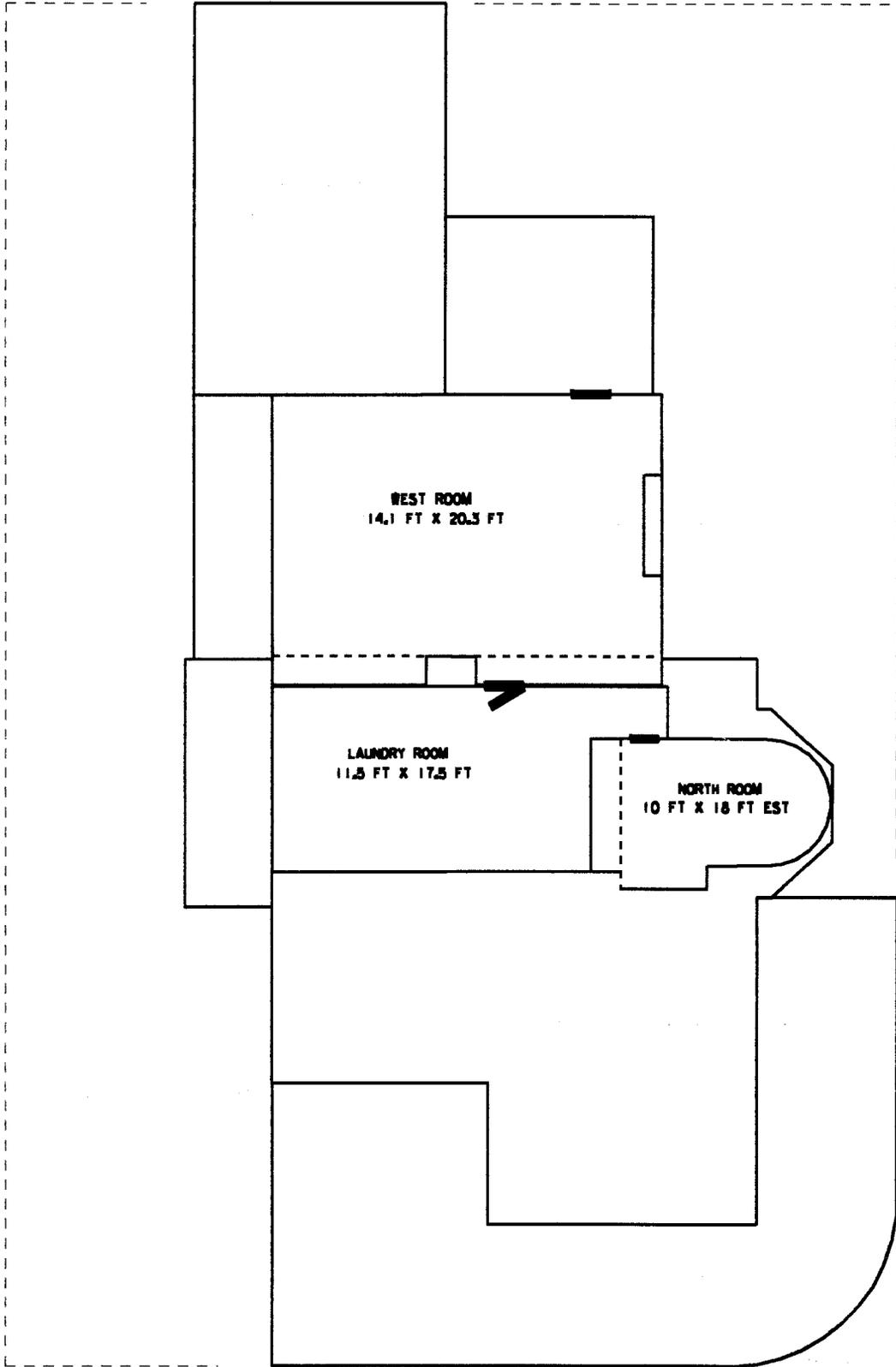
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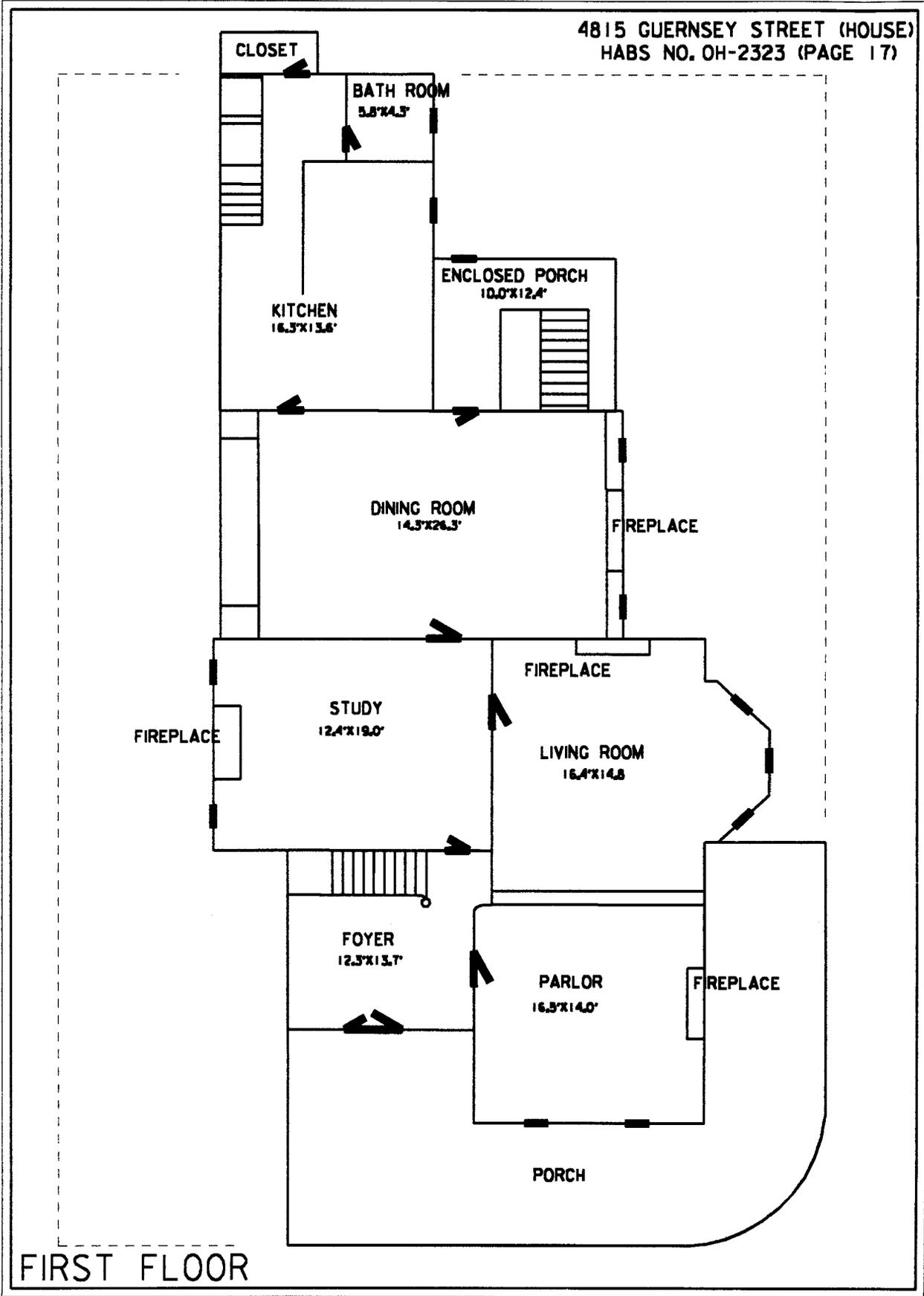
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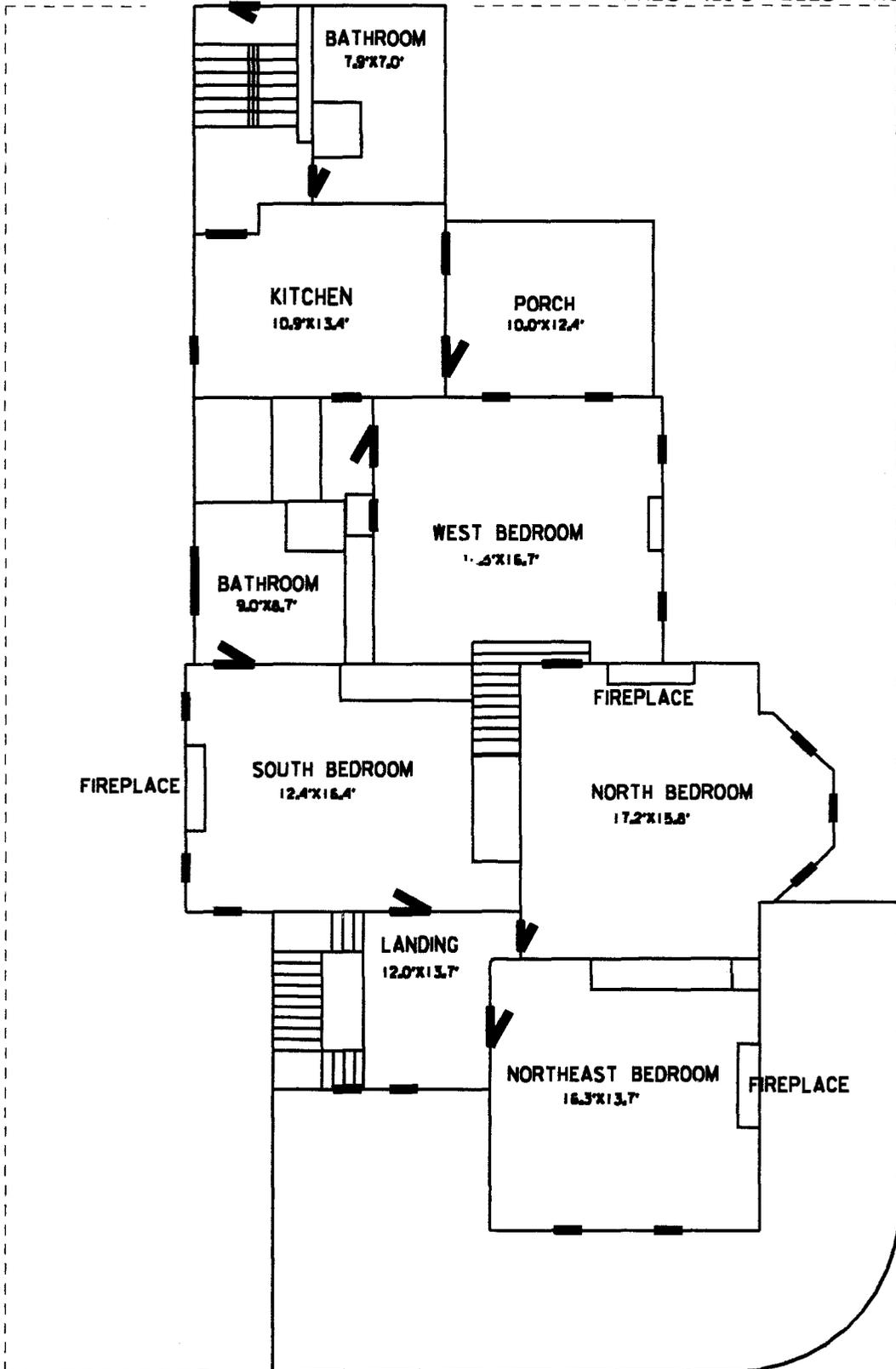




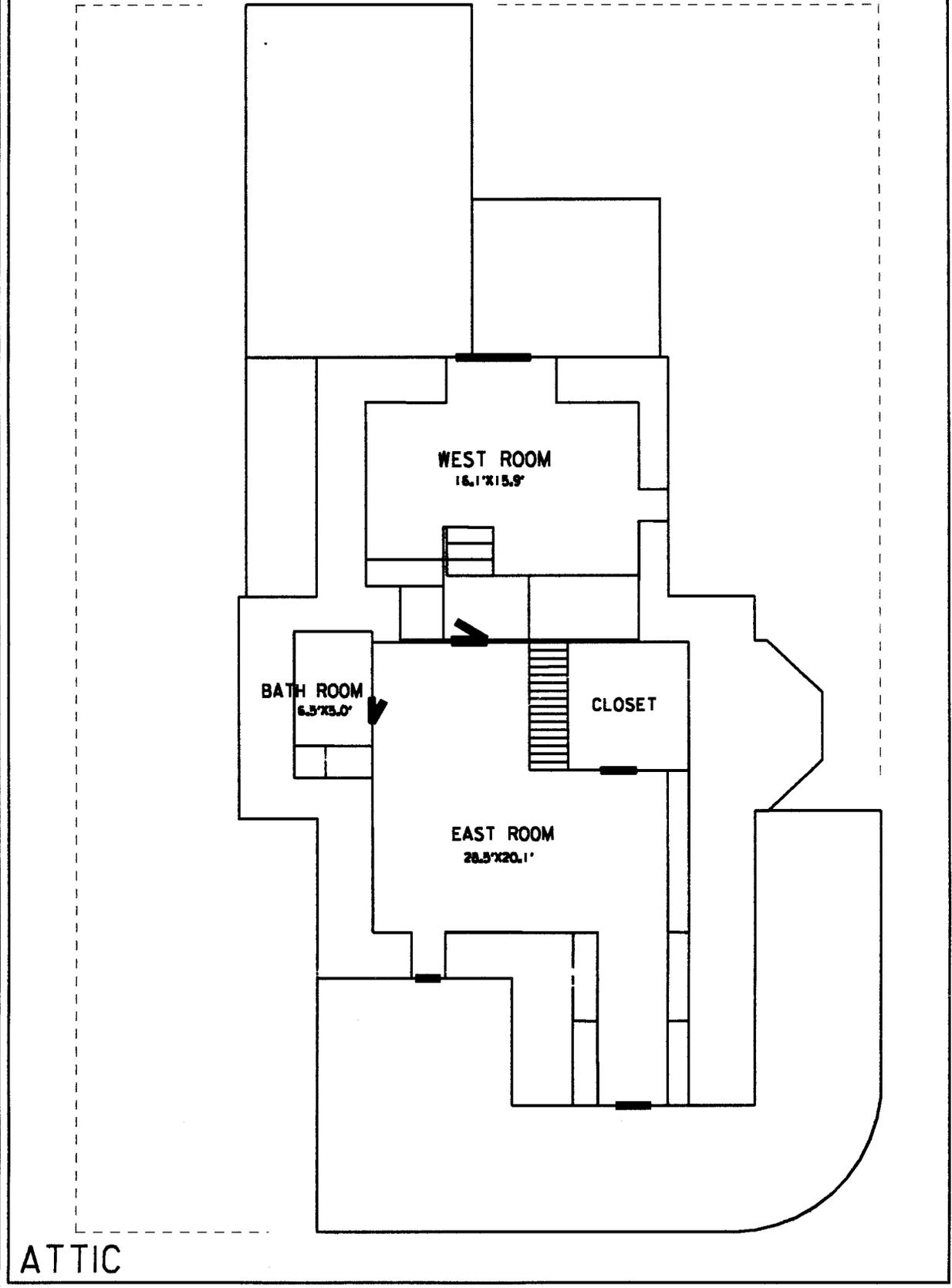
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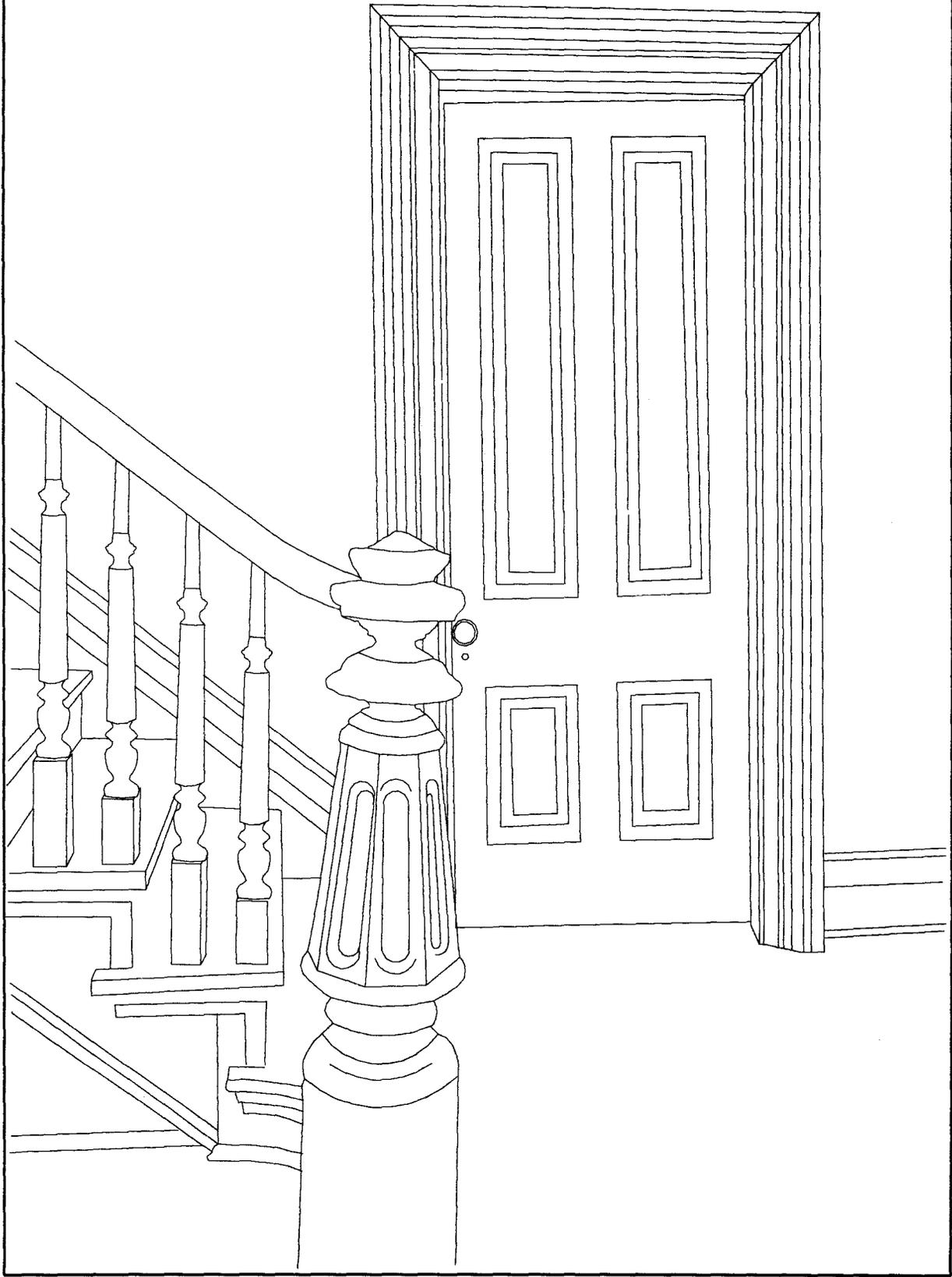
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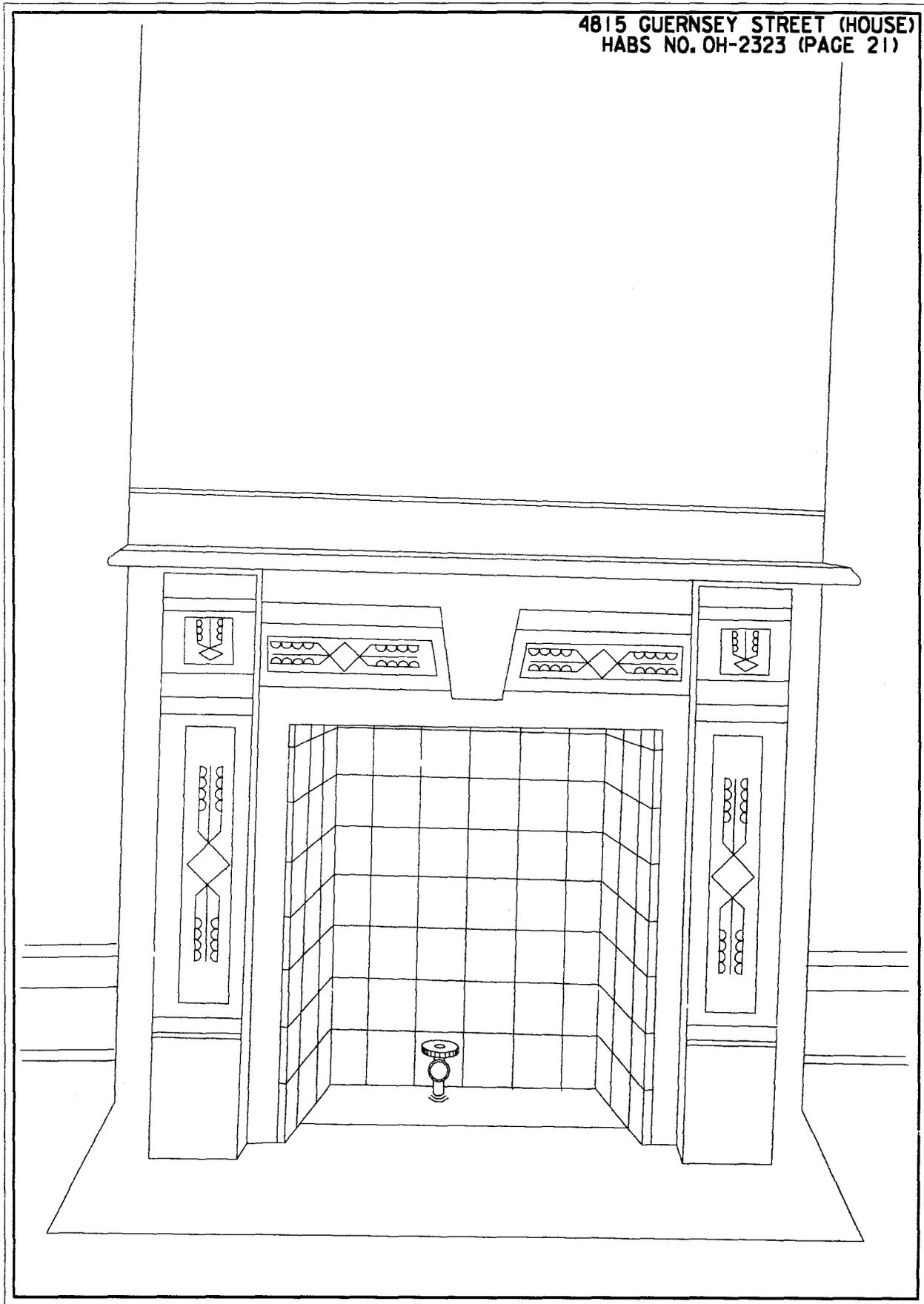
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