

3240 CYRUS ROAD, HOUSE
Cyrus
Wayne County
West Virginia

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Location:

3240 Cyrus Road (County Road 1/6), Cyrus, Wayne County, West Virginia.

Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 17. 362495. 4241035.
USGS Quadrangle: Burnaugh, West Virginia/ Kentucky

Significance:

The house at 3240 Cyrus Road was built between 1892 and 1901. It may have been built as a rental residential property in anticipation of local population increase or commercial development thought likely to be caused by the construction of the Kenova and Big Sandy Railroad, which opened for rail traffic in 1904. Adult residents of the house, who were predominantly renters, were employed in non-farm work, commercial and domestic. The property is considered to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Description:

This address consists of a house and, west to its rear, its four outbuildings: the Privy (WV-268-B), built 1936 but put on the lot in 1962; the Tool Room Shed (WV-268-C), a railroad shed moved to the site around 1962; the Wash House (WV-268-D), built around 1968; and the metal shed, sited in 1980. From about 1965 until 1975, the owner's son lived in a trailer located at the back of the lot; later, the son bought another trailer which was located along the south edge of the property, 1975-1978.

The two-story side-gabled house has a shed-roofed kitchen in back, a slab porch in front, a concrete foundation, a narrow subfloor crawlspace, and no cellar. The two-story section is 26.5 feet long and 16.25 feet wide. Its ridge-line is oriented 214°. The kitchen is 26 feet 5 inches long and 14 feet 4 inches wide. All exterior walls are clad with white fiber-board shingles.

The front porch is a poured concrete slab, 24 feet wide by 8 feet 4 inches across. A hipped roof shelters the front porch and central front entry. Iron posts decorated with metal strap harmony motifs support the porch roof. Leading up to the porch is a 36-inch-wide poured concrete sidewalk. The porch slab, posts, roof, and sidewalk are modern.

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The entire house has six rooms. In the two story part – two rooms wide and one room deep – there are two bedrooms upstairs, and a living room and another room downstairs. Formerly the staircase was situated in a central hallway, but was removed, and was replaced with an open stairway leading up from the northern downstairs room. All floors and stairs in the two-story section have wall-to-wall carpeting, which covers the original oak tongue-and-groove flooring. All walls downstairs are of plywood panelling; all those upstairs, of white-painted drywall. Windows throughout the house have aluminum-framed – mostly 2-over-2 double hung– sash. Ceilings upstairs are textured, white-painted drywall; downstairs, acoustic tile.

In the kitchen addition there are kitchen and dining areas, and a bathroom. Its rooms have acoustic tile ceilings, and walls of painted drywall and plywood panelling. The kitchen floor is covered with linoleum, the bathroom floor with vinyl tiles.

Electrical wiring and fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, and moldings throughout the house date consistently to the 1970s. Ceiling and wall coverings are entirely modern and do not overlie earlier counterparts. The only original elements in the house consist of joists (observed above the second floor ceiling), plates (not visible), and studs (some observed remaining or reused in west and north walls of the main house).

History:

The house at 3240 Cyrus Road was built between 1892 and 1901. County land books record no buildings on Lot 21 until 1892, when the lot was owned by John Lockwood (1836-1899). Between 1892-1898 the value in buildings was \$200, but no buildings are indicated for the years 1899-1900. In 1901 the new owner, merchant William A. Connally, was taxed for buildings worth \$100, a house newly built or perhaps moved (an outcome of a suit in chancery) from the now-vacant adjacent lot, No. 22, where Connally may have had the house built as early as 1892.

For its first 60 years or so, the house and lot were rented out. For the last 30 years, it was owned by Eustace Chadwick (b. 1922), who lived there with wife Maxine Chadwick (1925-1984) and son Alvin. Its most memorable renter was M.C. "Mack" Fraley (pronounced "Friley"), who lived in the house with wife Kate

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and daughter Helen. Until his death Fraley (1846-1922) ran the last johnboat ferry across the Big Sandy River between Lockwood Station, Kentucky, and the public landing at White's Creek. In those days local people frequently crossed the Big Sandy to visit, take care of business, shop at Frank Lockwood's big store, or ride the train downriver to Catlettsburg, Kentucky (the C. & O. had better passenger service than the N. & W.). On all days and at all hours, people wanting to cross would ring a special dinner bell to attract Fraley's attention, or come to his house or the White's Creek Post Office [HABS No. WV-270], where he also worked. Fraley helped run the post office when George B. Dixon was postmaster, and met the mail trains at Cyrus Station.

During the 1970s Eustace Chadwick progressively and completely modernized the old building. He replaced all the roofing, rafters, interior siding, and windows, and relocated the staircase. Later, he replaced the old foundation, all its sills, exterior siding, and many studs. In 1971 he removed the old shed-roofed kitchen and built the present kitchen addition. Chadwick laid most of the sidewalks and parking pads ca. 1984.

Sources:

Wayne County Clerk's Office, Wayne, West Virginia
Birth, Death, and Marriage Records
Deeds
Land Books [Tax Assessments]
Wills

Eustace A. "Buck" Chadwick
Interview by D.L. Bailey, 1-2 P.M., August 10, 1992

Miss Caroline Cyrus
Interview by D.L. Bailey, 6: 30-8:30 P.M., February 2, 1993

Clifford Smith
Interview by D.L. Bailey, 2: 30-4:30 P.M., February 15, 1993

Historian:

Douglas L. Bailey, Consulting Archaeologist
618 Grant Street, Fairborn, Ohio 45324
May 31, 1994

CHAIN OF TITLE

References to the Chain of Title to the land on which the structures stand are in the County Clerk's Office, Wayne County Courthouse, Wayne, West Virginia.

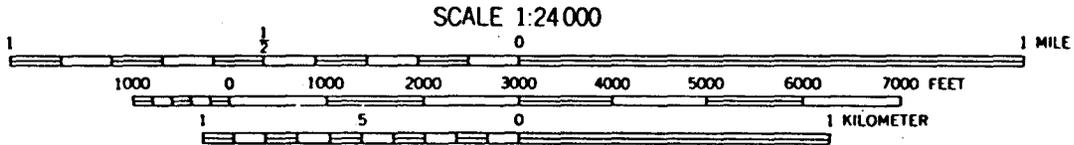
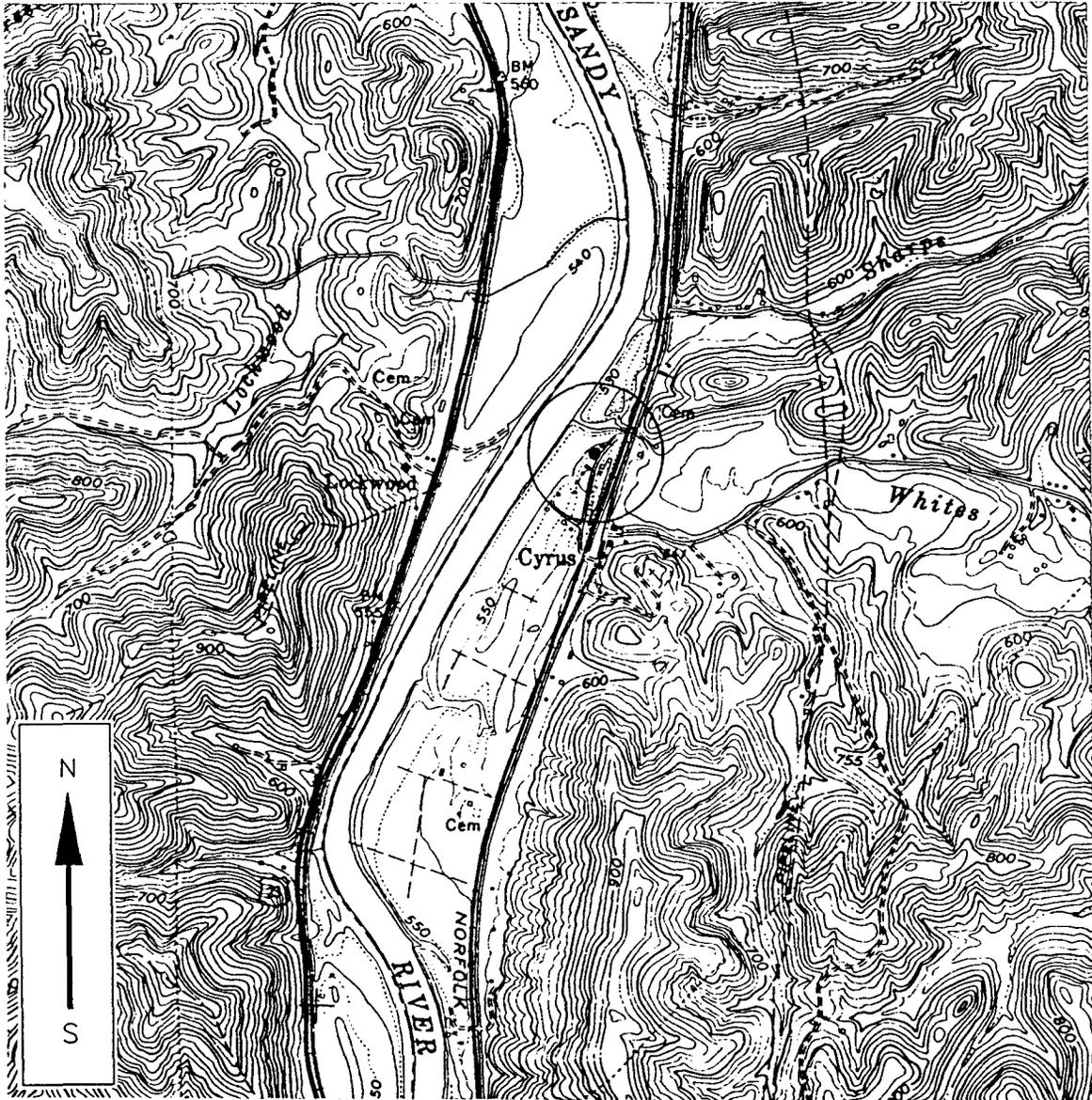
- 1991 Deed, October 31, 1991, recorded in Deed Book 545, Page 648.
Eustace A. Chadwick to Cyrus Dock Company, Inc.
- 1989 Contract of Sale, June 26, 1989.
Eustace A. Chadwick to M. F. Coals, Inc.
- 1962 Deed, September 15, 1962, recorded in Deed Book 331, Page 233.
Frank Chadwick (widower), Dorothy Mae Smith and Pascal Smith (husband), Ollie Gertrude Miracle and James Miracle (husband), Bertha Louise Mirace and Virgil Ray Miracle, Frank Chadwick Jr. and Virginia Chadwick (wife), to Eustace A. Chadwick
- 1948 Deed, March 18, 1948, recorded in Deed Book 243, Page 31.
Henry B. Brown, Jr. and Myrtle Pyles Brown (wife) to Frank Chadwick and Mary Adkins Chadwick (wife).
- 1944 Deed, August 22, 1944, recorded in Deed Book 219, Page 69.
Jesse R. Piles and wife Lena G. Piles to Henry B. Brown and wife Myrtle Pyles Brown.
- 1941 Deed, May 1, 1941, recorded in Deed Book 206, Page 192.
Herma Johnson (unmarried) to Jesse R. Piles and Lena G. Piles (wife).
- 1909 Will, February 9, 1909, recorded in Will Book 2, Page 408.
George W. Johnson to Herma Johnson.
- 1904 Deed, September 28, 1904, recorded in Deed Book 62, Page 324.
William A. Connally (deceased) to George W. Johnson.
- 1897 Decree and Judgment, February 1, 1897, Wayne County Circuit Court, in the case of W.A. Connally vs. G.G. Vanhorn *et al* in Chancery,
- 1896 Deed, November 19, 1896, recorded in Deed Book 44, Page 301.
Chapman Fry, Clerk, County Court, to G.G. Vanhorn.

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- 1894 Deed, February 17, 1894, recorded in Deed Book 39, Page 631.
John Lockwood and Lucy Lockwood (wife) to Jonathan G. Lambert.
- 1891 Deed, October 28, 1891, recorded in Deed Book 37, Page 76.
Martha A. Ferguson and others to William A. Connally.
- 1888 Deed, March 1, 1888, recorded in Deed Book 30, Page 262.
M.J. Ferguson Estate, G.G. Burgess, Special Commissioner, Henry W.
Ferguson and Lynn Boyd Ferguson, to John Lockwood.
- 1875 Deed, September 16, 1875, recorded in Deed Book L, Page 267.
Heirs of Henry H. Bean Estate, via G.G. Burgess, Special Commissioner,
to M. J. Ferguson.
- 1859 Deed, April 6, 1858, recorded in Deed Book E, Page 285.
Joshua Cyrus and Elizabeth Cyrus (wife) to Henry H. Bean.

LOCATION MAP

Portion of USGS Topographic Quadrangle: Burnaugh, Kentucky/ West Virginia
Scale of 1: 24, 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

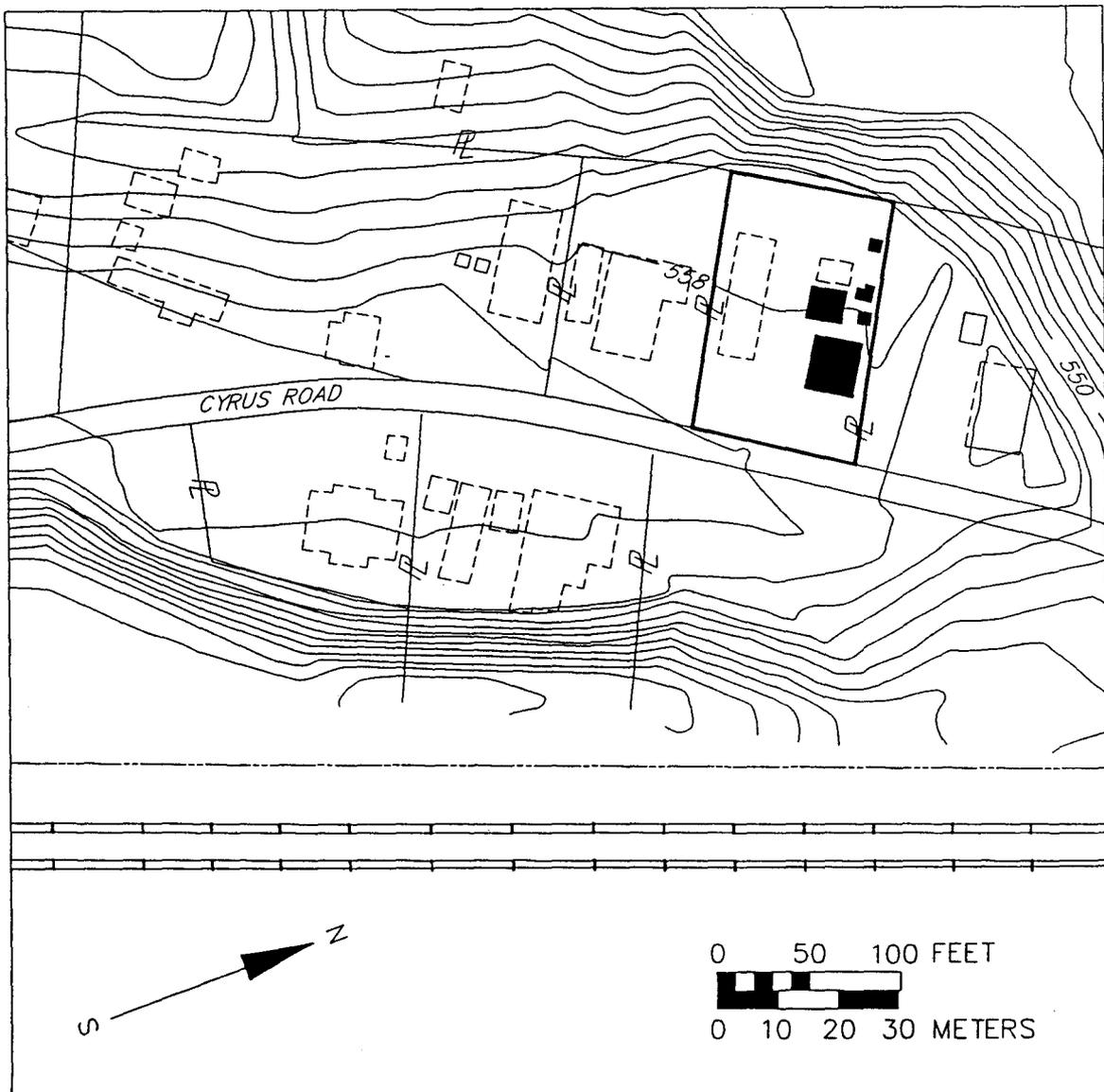
LOCALE MAP

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Cyrus Dock Company, Inc.

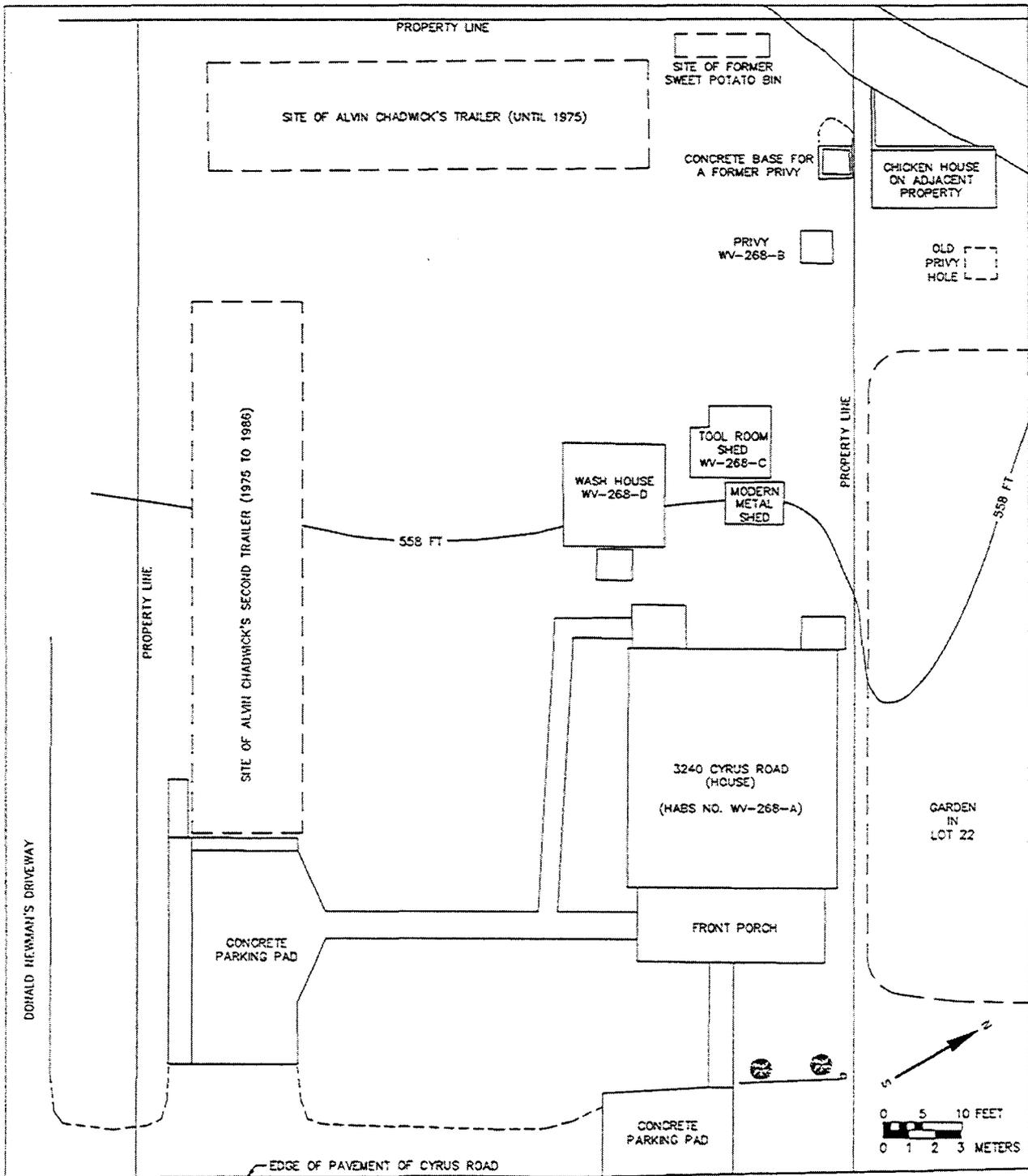
1992 Supplemental Map: Modification No. 1, DEP Permit No. 0-5003-91,
NPDES Permit No. WV 1010808, MSHA I.D. No. 46-07946. April, 1992.

Scale 1 inch: 100 feet, or 1: 1200.



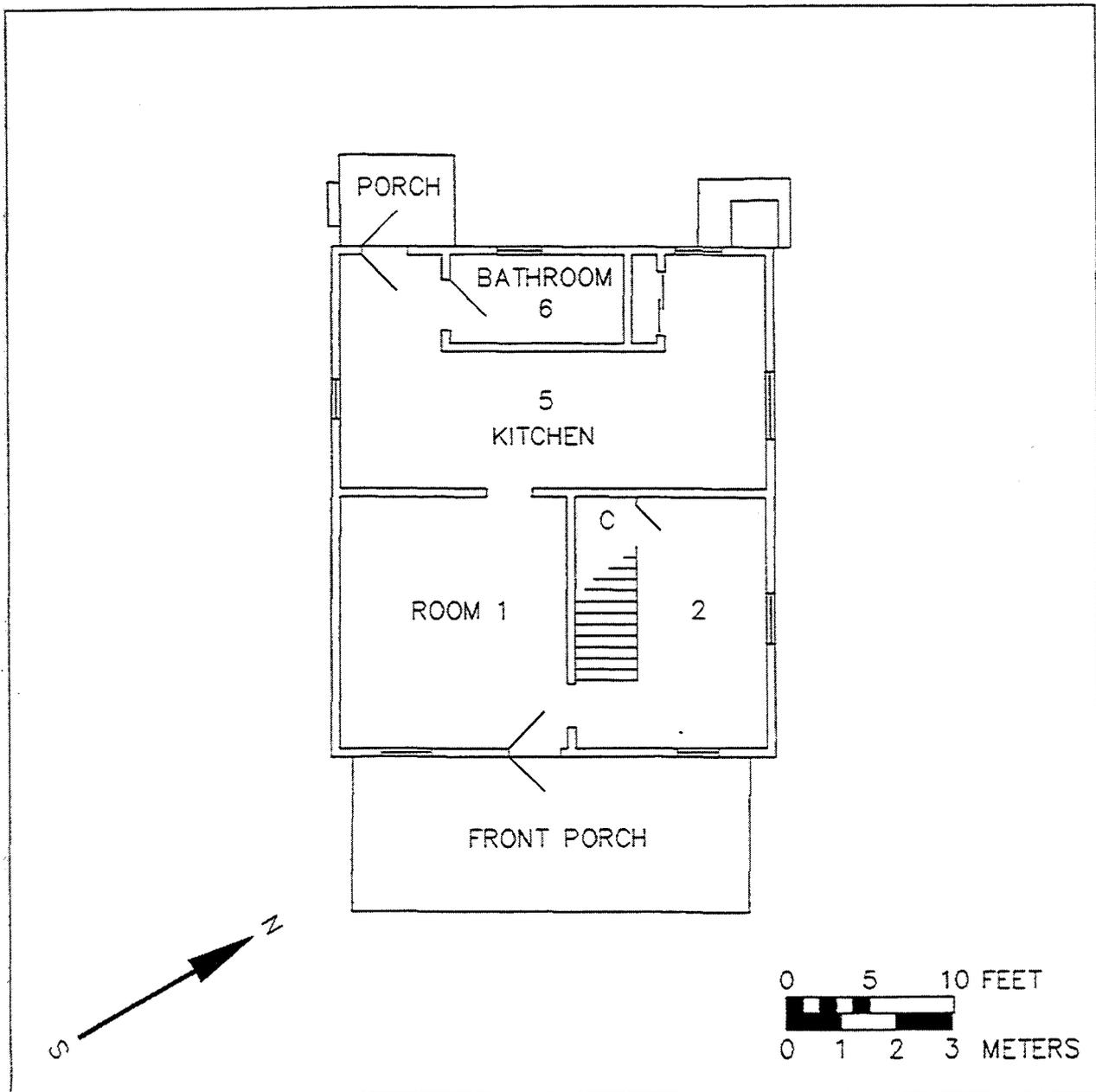
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SITE MAP
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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PLAN OF SECOND FLOOR

(Based on field data collected by D. Bailey, 1992.)

