

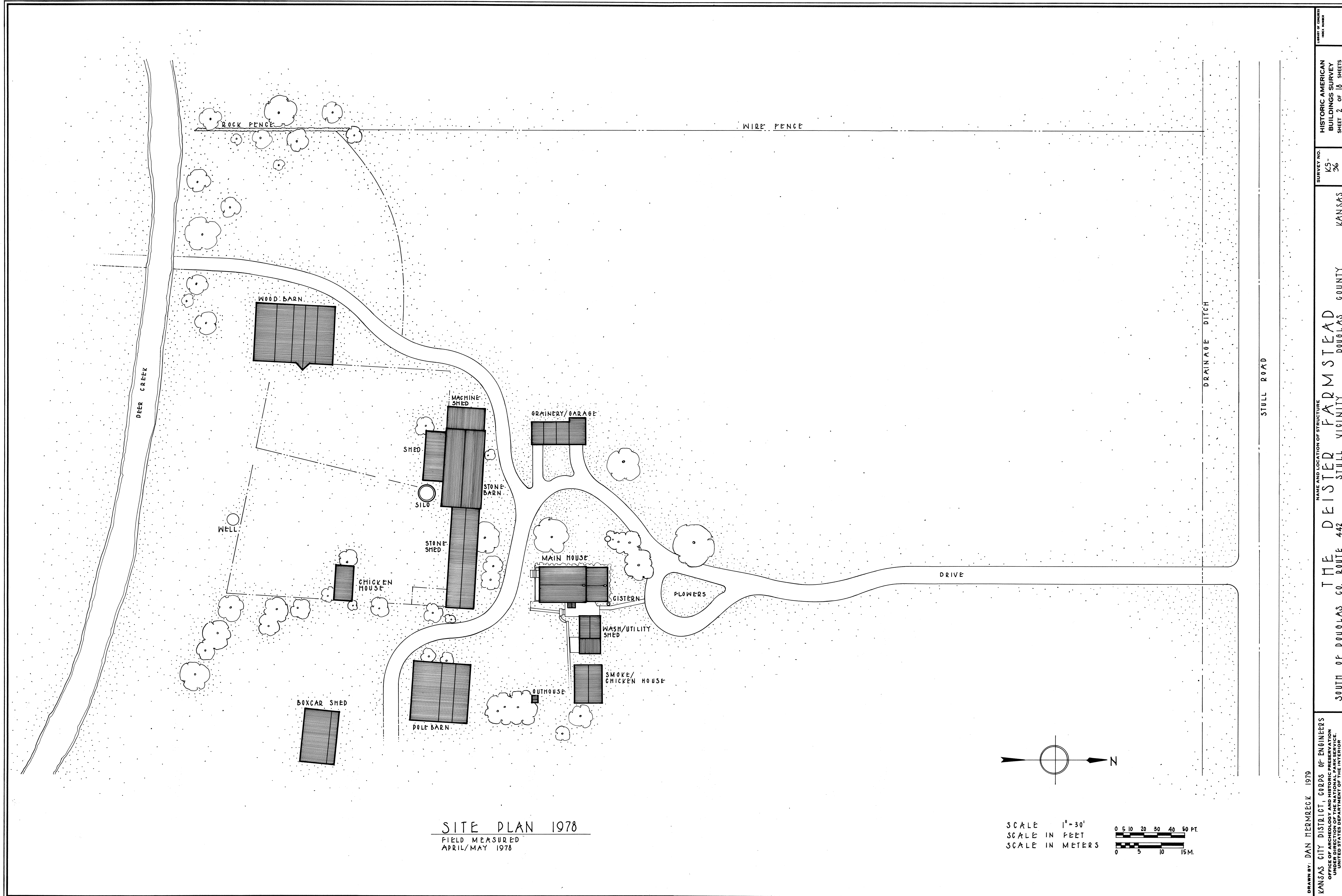
THE DEISTER FARMSTEAD

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE DEISTER FARMSTEAD, LOCATED ONE QUARTER MILE WEST OF STULL, KANSAS, WAS SETTLED BY HENRY DEISTER DURING THE 1860'S. TYPICAL OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS TO THE STULL AREA IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY, HENRY DEISTER AND HIS FATHER HAD LIVED IN ANOTHER STATE AFTER LEAVING GERMANY AND BEFORE SETTLING IN KANSAS. CONFLICTING REPORTS PUT THE DEISTERS IN EITHER WESTERN MISSOURI OR ILLINOIS PRIOR TO KANSAS. THE LAND WAS PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN MARCH, 1863 AND BY 1865 THE FARM WAS PRODUCING SUCCESSFULLY.

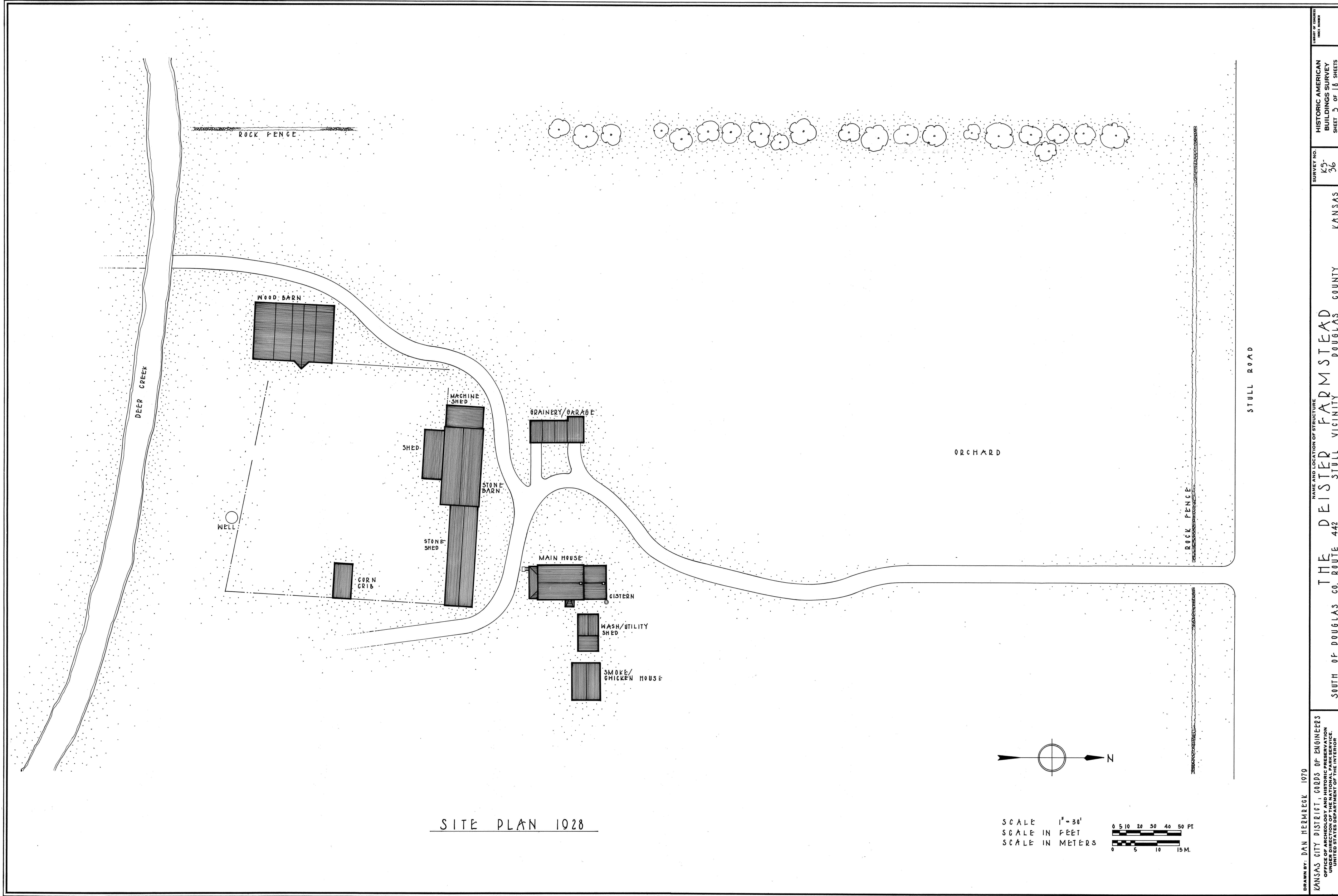
THE HOUSE, DATED 1870 ON AN ARCH STONE OVER THE MAIN SOUTH ENTRY, WAS BUILT BY LOCAL MASONS OF SWEDISH DESCENT. IT IS CONSTRUCTED OF YELLOW-BROWN AND LIGHT GREY ROUGHLY DRESSED LIMESTONE WHICH WAS QUARRIED ON THE FARM, SOUTH OF THE CREEK. LIGHT GREY LIMESTONE WAS ALSO USED TO FORM ARTICULATED QUOINS. IRON CROSS-TIES WITH IRON PLATES IN THE SHAPE OF STARS WERE ADDED SHORTLY AFTER THE HOUSE WAS BUILT WHEN THE EXTERIOR WALLS BEGAN TO PULL APART. IN 1903 OR 1904 THE HOUSE WAS REMODELED AT A COST OF \$1500. THE REMODELING INCLUDED ALL NEW YELLOW PINE INTERIOR WOODWORK, THE ADDITION OF A CISTERN AND A HANDPUMP IN THE KITCHEN, SCREENING IN OF THE EAST PORCH, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED PORCH TO THE SOUTH. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IN 1928, A STONE WALL BETWEEN THE KITCHEN AND THE EAST

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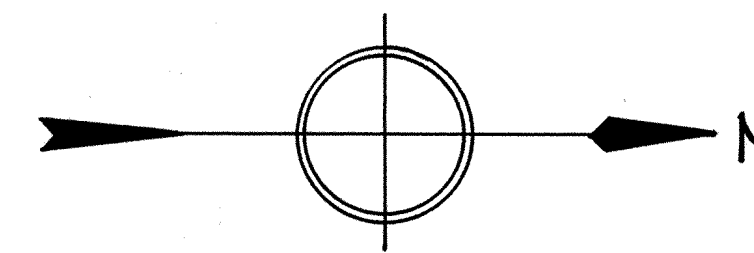


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SCALE 1" = 30'
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