#### **PROJECT REVIEW**

#### 1. CASE 20.061, 59 WILLIAMS STREET, House, 1875-95 (COLLEGE HILL)

Victorian Cottage; 1 story; clapboard; gabled roof with bracket cornice; 4 bays wide with bracketed pediments above windows and doorway. Mid-20<sup>th</sup> C. garage (NC)

CONTRIBUTING/ Garage is NON-CONTRIBUTING to the College Hill National Historic Landmarks District



Arrow indicates 59 Williams Street.



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

**Applicant:** Joseph Furtado, 188 Pratt Street, Providence, RI 02906 **Owner:** College Hill Realty Trust, 188 Pratt Street, Providence, RI 02906

Architect: Friedrich St. Florian, FAIA, 146 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

**Proposal:** The scope of work proposed consists of, Moving/Relocation, Major Alterations and New Construction and includes: the moving/relocation of the existing cottage to front Williams St, and the construction of a new rear addition and two-bay detached garage.

The following issues are relevant to this application:

- At the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting the Commission granted approval for the demolition of the four-bay garage on site (Case 20.060);
- The application is for conceptual approval. The application was continued with the applicant's consent due to a
  discrepancy in the submitted documentation related to the boundaries of the property and the approved subdivision; The applicant's have returned with clarification regarding the discrepancy and have included revised plans
  and renderings;
- An undated analysis, most likely from the mid1990s, by William McKenzie Woodward, Architectural Historian, was
  located in the Commission's files (attached). Mr. Woodward's analysis states that the building is probably a portion
  of another house moved to its current location in the late1880s. This analysis is based on physical and circumstantial
  evidence as Mr. Woodward could find no written documentation in local records and standard sources. Staff agrees
  with Mr. Woodward's conclusions;
- A review of available Sanborn Maps by staff shows that historically there have been various structures secondary structures such as sheds, wagon houses and stables for the abutting larger properties located on the site; and,
- The relocation of the structure fills a gap on Williams Street with an appropriately massed structure. The proposed
  addition and detached garage are appropriately scaled and will be minimally-to-not visible from the public rights-ofway; and

Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

- a) 59 Williams Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the College Hill local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the College Hill National Historic Landmarks District; There is evidence that the structure was moved to its current location during the late 1880s;
- b) The application for Moving/Relocation, Major Alterations and New Construction is considered complete for conceptual approval; and,
- c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standard 8 as follows: as the proposed alterations are appropriate having determined that the proposed relocation and construction is aesthetically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that will not have an adverse effect on the property or district.

Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 59 Williams Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the College Hill local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the College Hill National Historic Landmarks District. The Commission grants Conceptual Approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposed New Construction is appropriate having determined that the proposed relocation and construction is aesthetically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that will not have an adverse effect on the property or district, citing and agreeing to the recommendations in the staff report, with the applicant to return to the Commission for final approval.

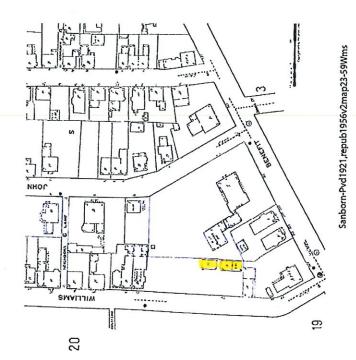
#### ANALYSIS

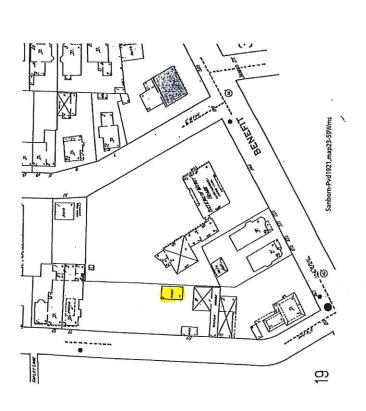
The building is probably a portion of another house moved to this site in the late 1880s. Specific written documentation of this conclusion does not exist in local records and standard sources; this analysis therefore depends on physical and circumstantial evidence.

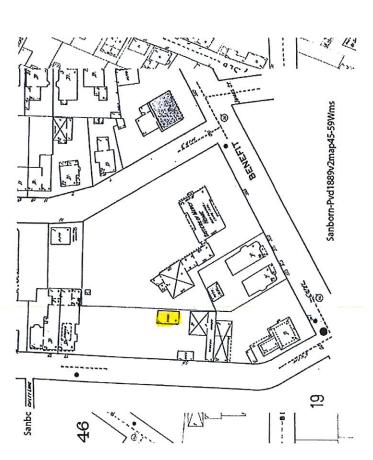
Visually the building relates to local high-style Italianate domestic architecture built between 1850 and 1880. The flushboard siding and pedimented windows were no longer stylish by the mid- to late 1880s, and careful artisanry of waning style and detail is uncharacteristic of the architecture of outbuildings, which, if stylish, reflect the architecture of the main building. Its scale, particularly that of the ornamentation, is more monumental than typical for buildings of its size and suggests that it relates to a larger whole.

Physical evidence shows that the building has been reconfigured. The existence of the coved ceiling above and the continuous flooring below the partitions in the three easternmost bays of living space indicate that the space was originally one large room. The treatment of the entrance suggests that a door was inserted into what was originally a window opening. The consistent notching of the floor joists below the first story strongly suggests that the building rested on another foundation; there is no reason for the notching for this foundation. Further investigation is needed to determine the evolution of the building from conjectured original form to present conditions.

Wm McKenzie Woodward Architectural Historian







#### DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION & STANDARDS May 14, 1927 DATE PERMIT NO. Williams St near Benefit St LOCATION 237 WARD Malcolm G. Chase OWNER ARCHITECT Ciccone Cement Block Co BUILDER MATERIAL New NATURE OF WORK one NO. OF BLDGS. NO. OF STORIES OTHE TO BE USED FOR Garage (4) NO. OF FAMILIES FIRE DISTRICT Second

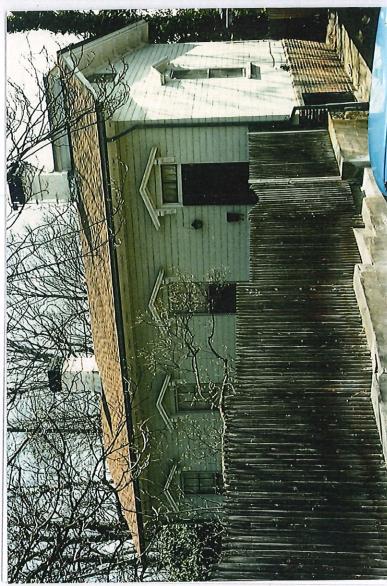
### DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION & STANDARDS

284 8-19-97 PERMIT NO. DATE LOCATION 59 Williams St 595 16 LOT PLAT WARD Allan Pipkin OWNER ARCHITECT BUILDER owner MATERIAL 55 NATURE OF WORK interior demo no structural work under sup of Eng. Yoder & Tidwell Ltd. no exterior work to be done NO. OF BLDGS. NO. OF STORIES  $\,1\,$ TO BE USED FOR one (1) family NO. OF FAMILIES one (1) family 1000 FIRE DISTRICT

### DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION & STANDARDS,

12-19-97 882 DATE 57-59 Williams ST NO. LOCATION 16 595 WARD LOT Ann Pipkin OWNER ARCHITECT Herman Johnson BUILDER 5b MATERIAL NATURE OF WORK erect new one story wood frame addition at right side of house and garage 6'-10"x17'-6" for new NO. OF BLDGS. bathroom & additional kitchen space additional NO. OF STORIES permit req. to support snow drift load TO BE USED FOR one family NO. OF FAMILIES one family FIRE DISTRICT \$7,500



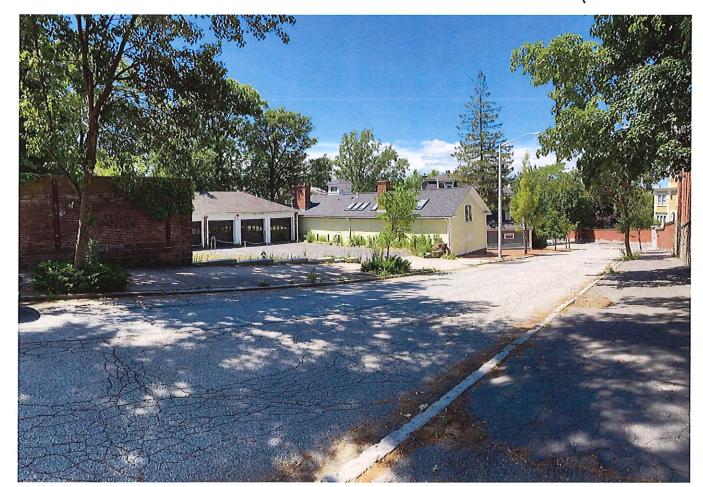




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GARAGE



East on Was St



West on WMs St

APPLICATION FOR 59 WILLIAMS STREET submitted to the PROVIDENCE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION June 27, 2020 Meeting

Friedrich StFlorian Architects

#### 59 WILLIAMS STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MAP



PARCEL A, CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY A FOUR-CAR GARAGE AND PARKING LOT, WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A RESIDENTIAL SITE FEATURING A HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT COTTAGE THAT WILL BE MOVED FROM ITS CURRENT LOCATION TO A MORE PROMINENT SITE ALONG WILLIAMS STREET.

A 450 SF ADDITION WILL BE ADDED TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE COTTAGE AND WILL HOUSE A BEDROOM SUITE.

A TWO CAR GARAGE WILL SIT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SITE, PARTIALLY REPURPOSING TWO OF THE EXISTING GARAGE BAYS. THE GARAGE IS IN POOR CONDITION AND IN OUR JUDGMENT, A "NON-CONTRIBUTING" STRUCTURE.

THE RESIDENCE WILL FEATURE AN OUTDOOR PATIO AND A LANDSCAPED CITY GARDEN. HEDGES ALONG THE DRIVEWAY AND SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE SITE WILL CREATE A WELCOMED SENSE OF SCALE AND PRIVACY FOR THE PROPERTY.

#### **EXISTING COTTAGE**



#### **EXISTING FOUR-CAR GARAGE**



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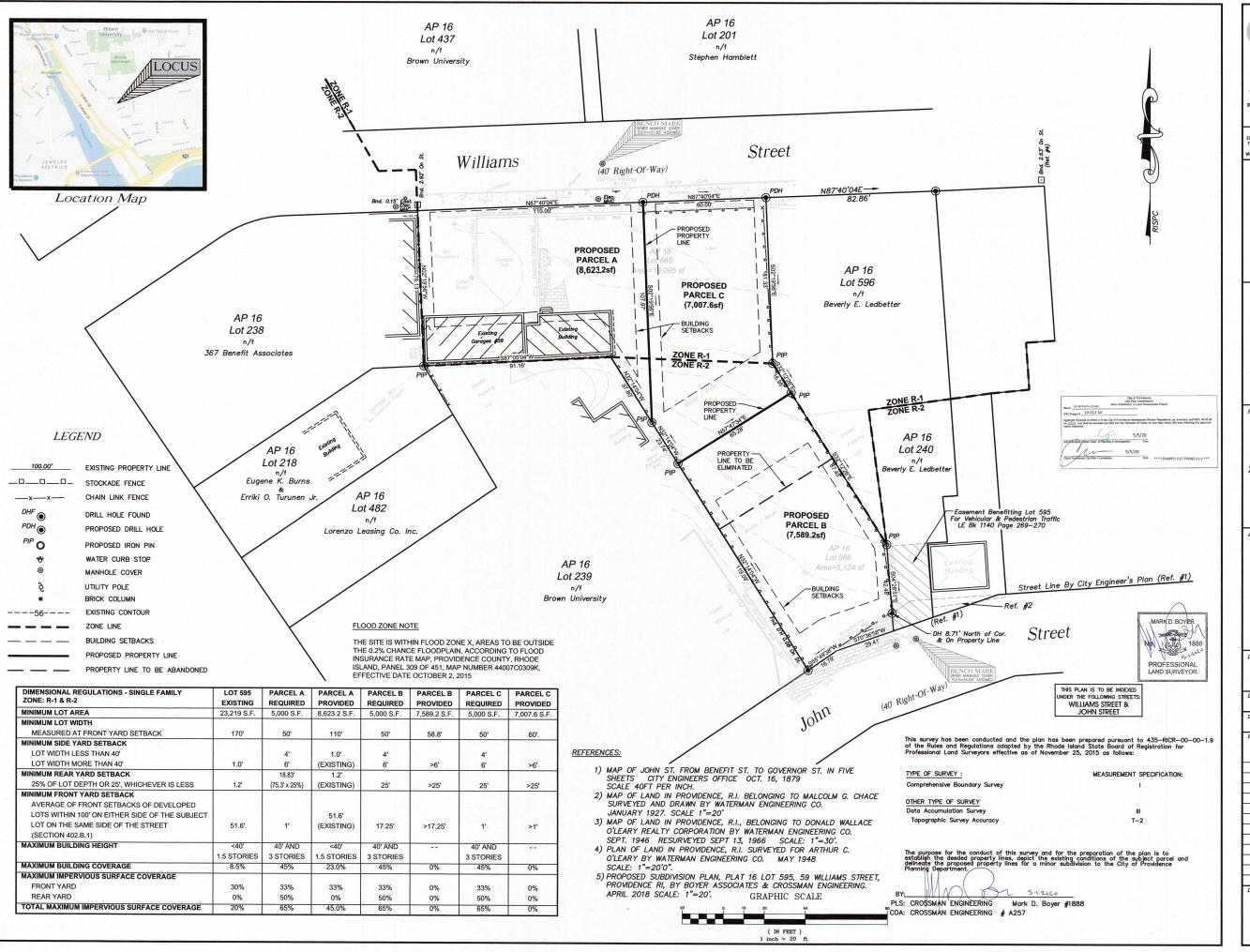
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PROPOSED
SUBDIVISION PLAN
PLAT 16, LOTS 665 and 666
(FORMERLY LOT 595)
ZONING DISTRICTS R-1 and R-2
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS
HISTORIC DISTRICT
59 WILLIAMS STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02906

APPLICANT:

**ALLEN and ANN PIPKIN** 

59 WILLIAMS STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906

DRAWING TITLE:

FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN

DATE: SCALE: 1"=20'

DWC. NAME:
59 Williams St — Proposed Subdivision
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NOTES: PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 EXISTING WALL WILLIAMS STREET NEW WALL 188 PRATT STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 T: 401-683-8894 email: jmfurtadoinc@verizon.net 110 FRIEDRICH ST.FLORIAN ARCHITECT 146 WESTMINSTER STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 T: 401-831-8400 F: 401-831-8688 EXISTING BROWNSTONE & BRICK WALL EXISTING CONCRETE WALL TO BE DEMOLISHED EXISTING ASPHALT DRIVEWAY PARCEL A APPROVED NEW SUBDIVISION PROPERTY LINES APPROVED NEW SUBDIVISION SETBACKS NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION PARCEL C 108 -FO DESCRIPTION: - 106 EXISTING COTTAGE TO BE RELOCATED ON PARCEL A EXISTING 4-CAR GARAGE TO BE PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED AND RESTORED AS 2-CAR GARAGE **EXISTING** 104 PLAN 1/16" = 1'-0" Drawn By: AL FSF 1 EXISTING CONDITIONS/DEMO PLAN 1/16" = 1'-0" 3 102

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# CONDITIONS/DEMO

EXISTING WALL WILLIAMS STREET NEW WALL RELOCATED EXISTING COTTAGE 900 SF 108 PROPOSED ADDITION 450 SF PARCEL A 106 104 102 1 SITE PLAN
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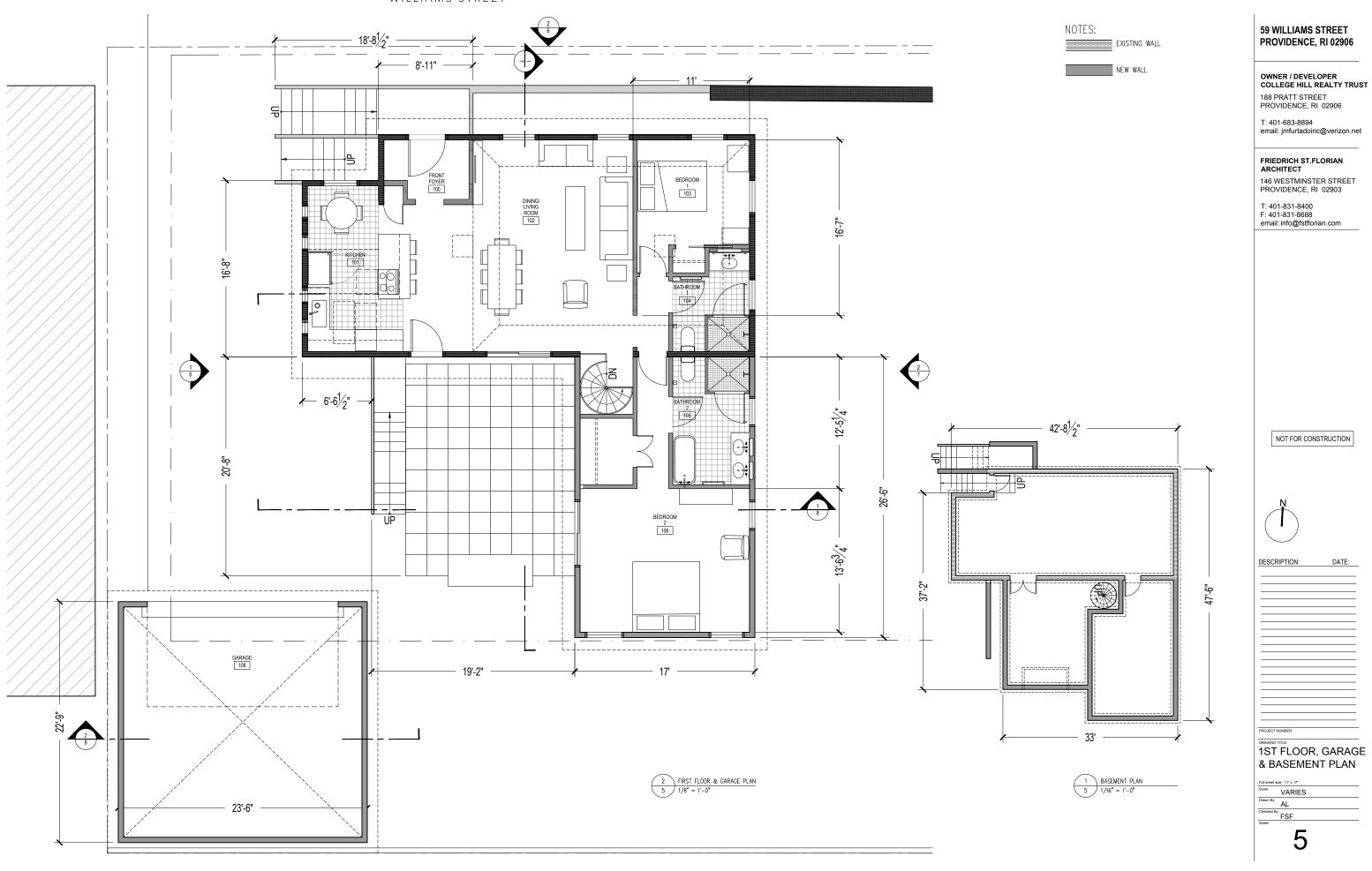
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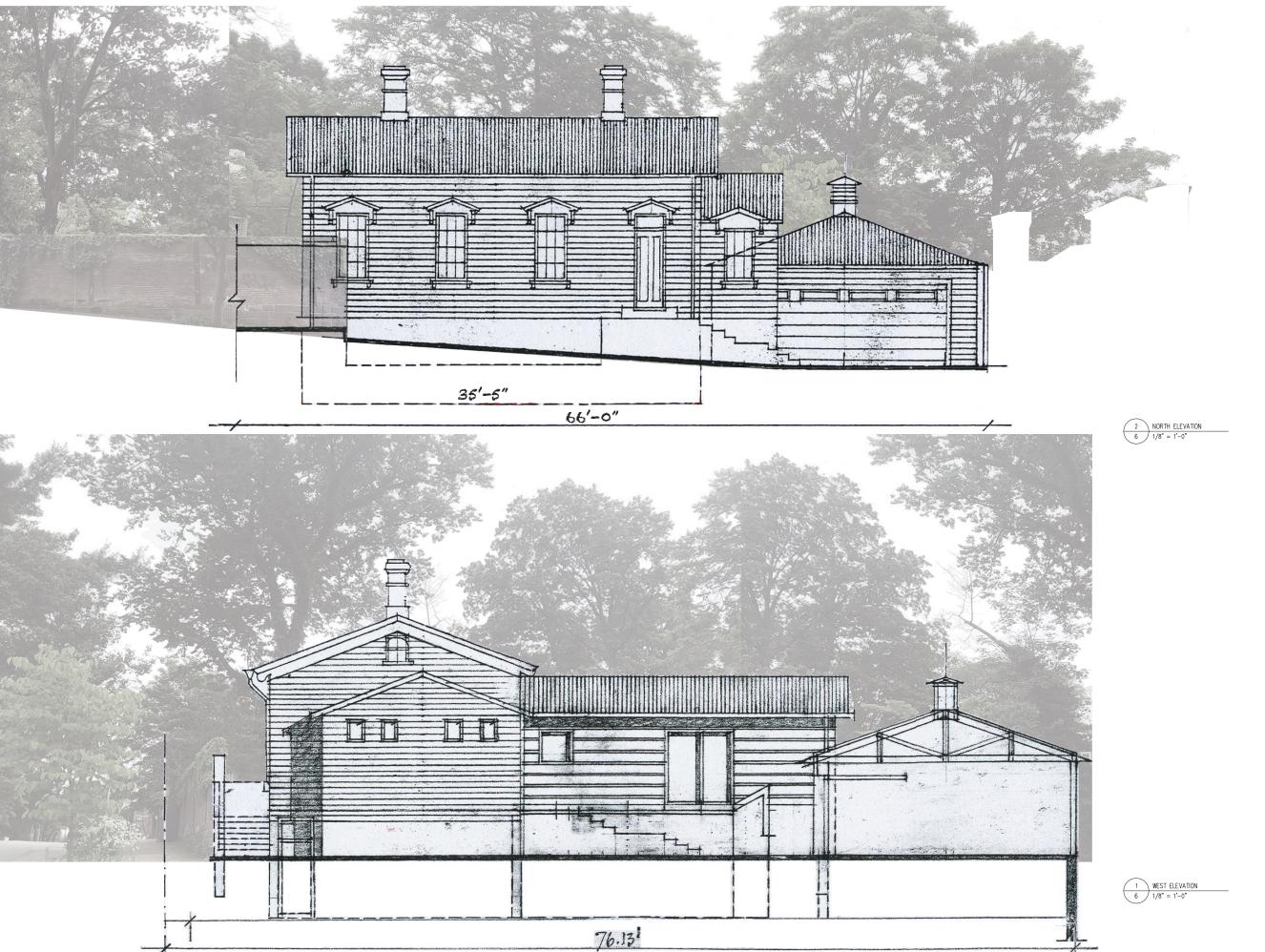
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59 WILLIAMS STREET EXISTING BROWNSTONE & BRICK WALL





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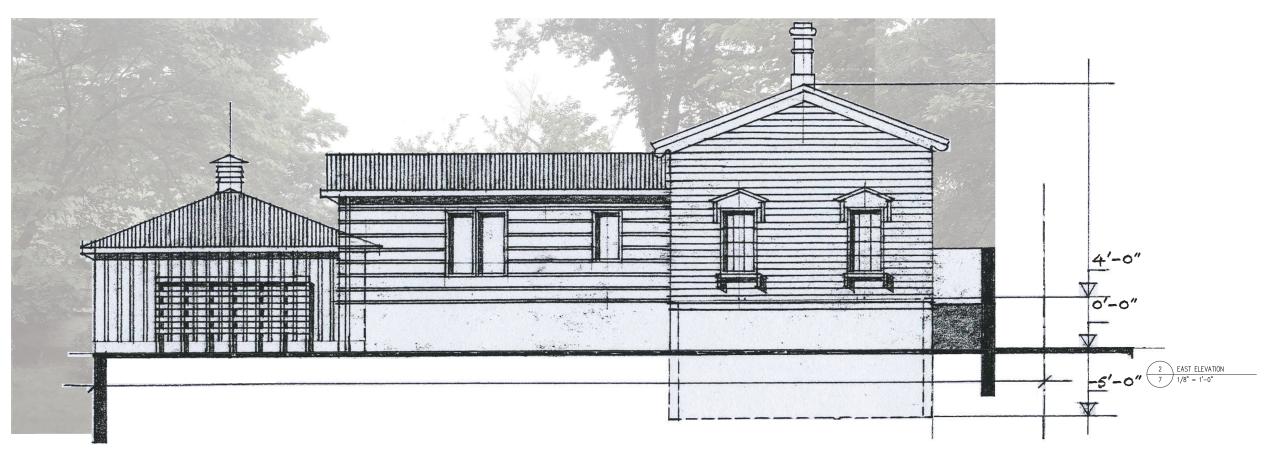
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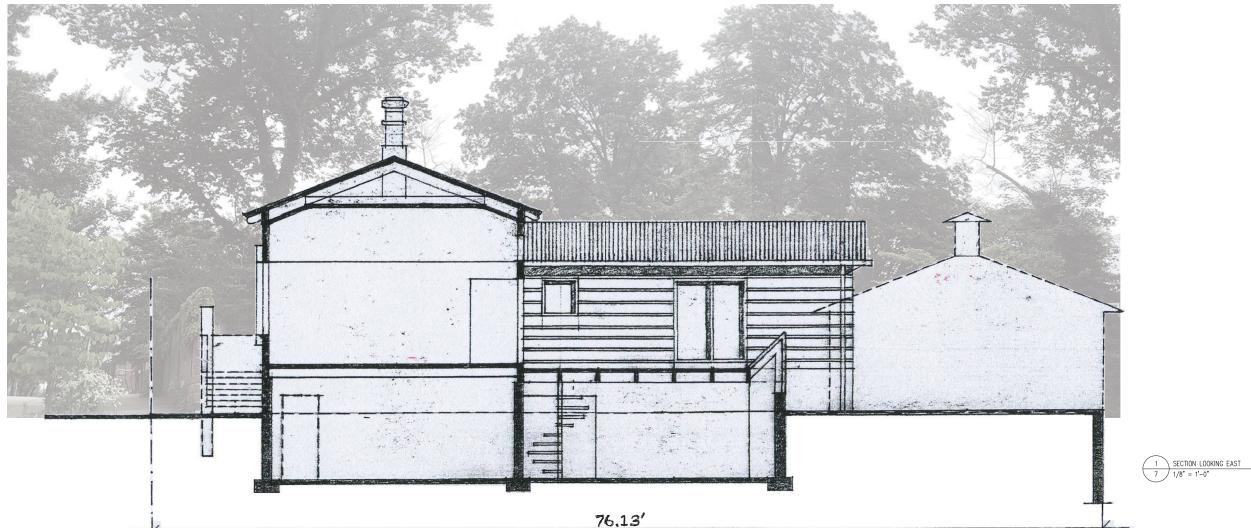
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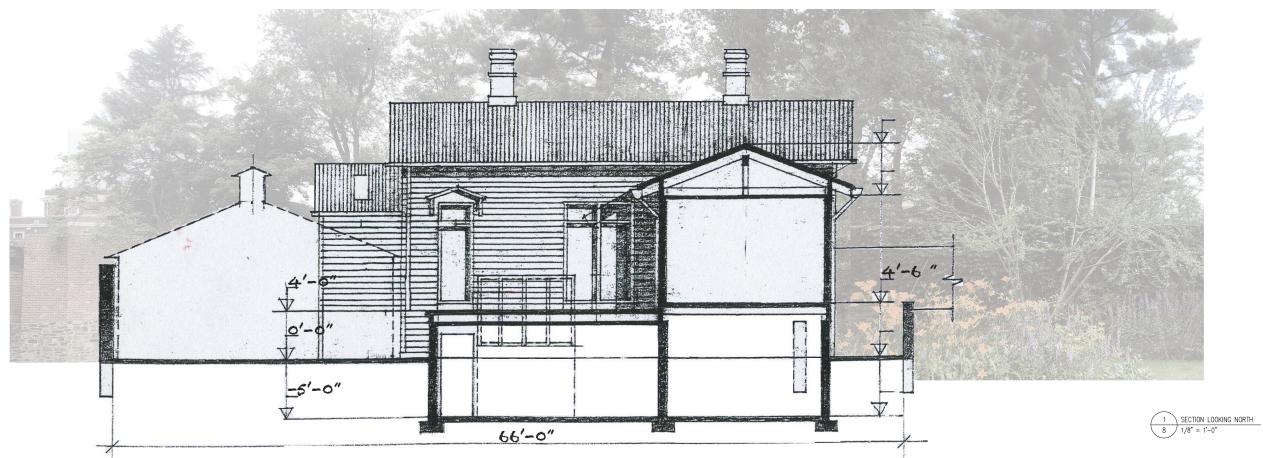
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