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Blueprints, architectural drawings
President's Residence

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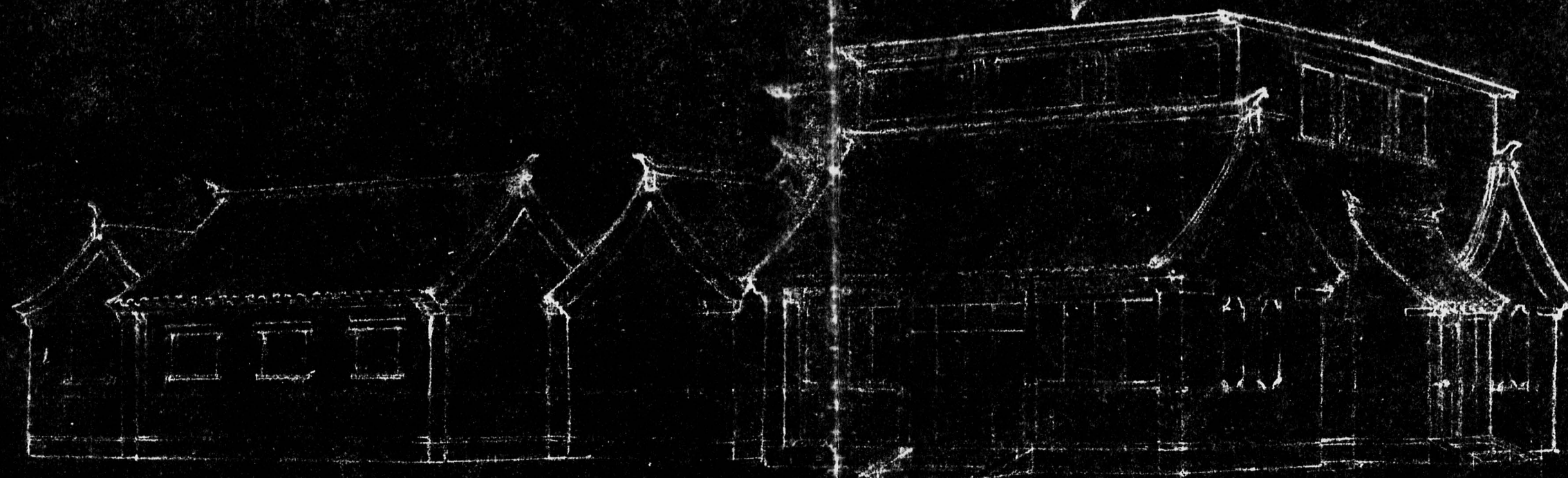
President's House

Pres. House & Guest House
Dec. 14, 1976

Two extracts from General
Plan and Bird's eye
p. 14828 from Gen. Report
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(Murphy to Stuart 4/28)

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT'S HOUSE
LOOKING NORTH EAST

Drawn in perspective (for first time)
by Peking Univ. Construction Bureau
(at HKM's request) - May 1926 to show
how the bldg could actually look if built
according to Bureau's drawings.

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"A - President's House:"

Discussion of the details of the President's House proved very embarrassing during my Peking stay, as the plans (of which I brought copies to New York) had been drawn up by the Construction Bureau in a valiant attempt to carry out, in Chinese domestic architecture, a perfectly impossible scheme which had occurred (just before going to sleep) to the donor of the funds for this building; and if built would produce an architectural monstrosity which no amount of tree-planting could sufficiently hide. The main idea of the plans (which I gathered no one in the Bureau really liked) is an attempt to have a Court which shall be permanently roofed over and enclosed - in other words a court which is not a court. The resulting design is appalling; and as I found no one at Yenching had really visualized the building itself from the Elevations, I had a Chinese draftsman in the Construction Bureau draw up a Perspective accurately representing the building as it would actually appear; and this drawing (which I brought to New York) should be enough to condemn the design. The idea of having the President's House as purely Chinese in design as possible appealed to me, (especially as Pres. Stewart had told me that it is more than likely that all the Presidents to follow him will be Chinese;) so I consulted Sh-tsu King, whose ideas I found most valuable throughout my Peking stay, and whose advice, - he is already a member of the Board of Managers - should be welcomed much more than it has been. He was against the Perspective drawing I showed him; and after considerable urging, he gave me his ideas as to how the President's House should be designed. The Rearranged General Plan, and the new Birdseye Perspective represent, as clearly as it can be done at so small a scale, the Chinese viewpoint, as expressed to me by King, on the proper design of a President's House for Yenching. Here again lack of authorization has prevented me from putting the design of this building in proper shape.

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8. "The President's House and Other Administrative Houses."

I found a strong feeling on the part of most of the leading members of the Yenching Faculty that the President should, for the sake of his own peace and quiet, live off the Campus; but Pres. Stuart's own feeling is strongly for a Campus residence, as the only way in which it would be physically possible for him to keep that close touch he feels to be so desirable between President and student-body. As I feel that the successful weathering of the present storm-and-stress-period by Yenching is largely dependent on keeping Pres. Stuart free to handle in his own way the difficult and delicate situations that are increasingly developing in the relations between students and Faculty, it seems wise to accept his own judgment that he must, at any cost, always be easily accessible to the students; so they may be encouraged rather than discouraged in seeking his immediate counsel.

Before settling, however, on the location for the President's House, it was necessary to answer the question raised in Dr. North's Memorandum, under this heading, as to the possibility of having one or two other administrative officers live on the Campus; in order to decide how much space must be reserved for such a residential development. On this point, I was glad to find a general agreement that this idea should not be allowed to extend beyond the one house, for the President.

After careful consideration of other suggested sites, the general location already tentatively chosen, on the Southerly slope of the wooded hill between Bege and the Lake, seemed the best. The elevation of this site will make for coolness in Summer; while the thickly wooded character of the crest of the hill will help to protect it from the North winds in Winter, and at the same time partially screening the house from view, and so helping to avoid any tendency to undue dominance.

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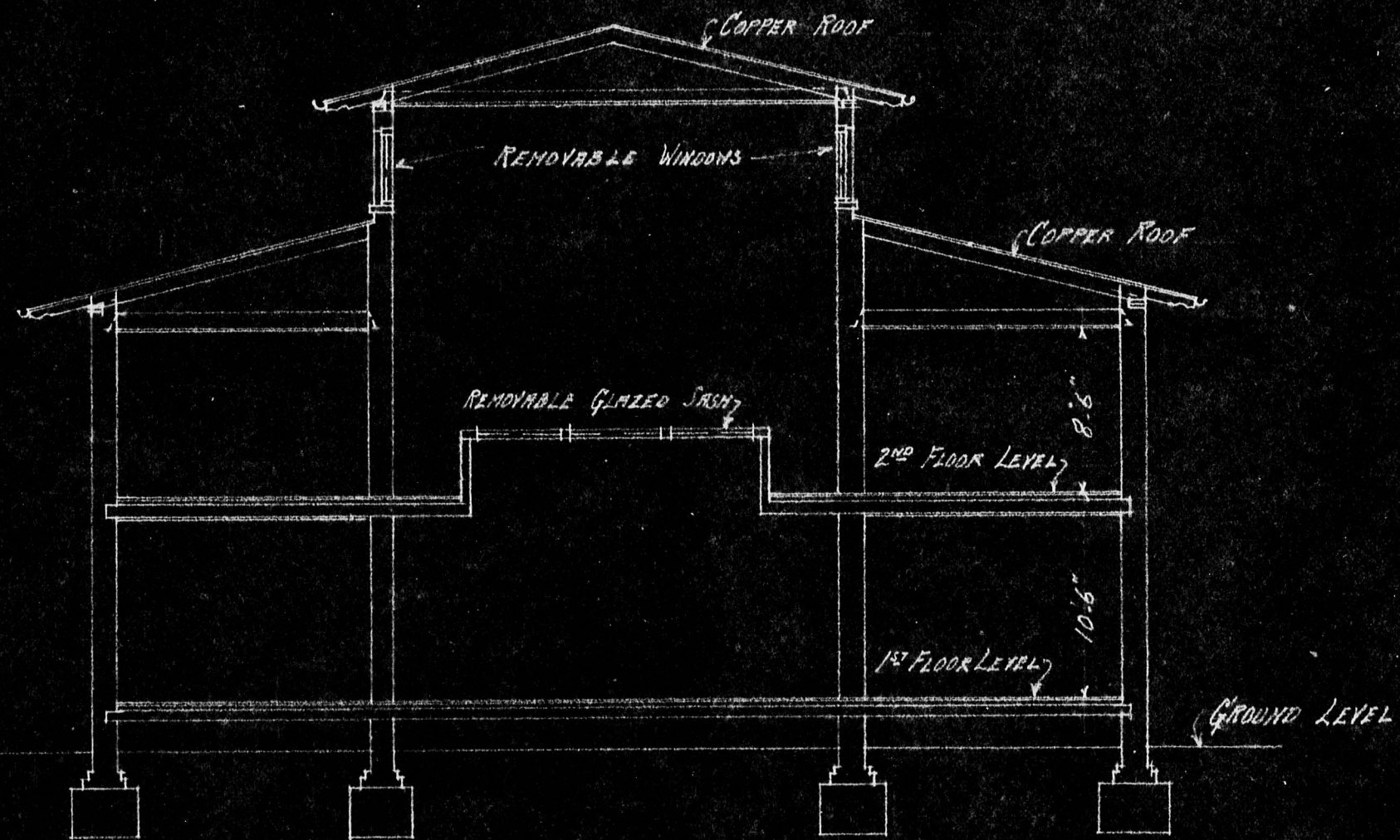
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PEKING UNIVERSITY
SKETCH PLANS FOR PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE



OUTLINE SECTION

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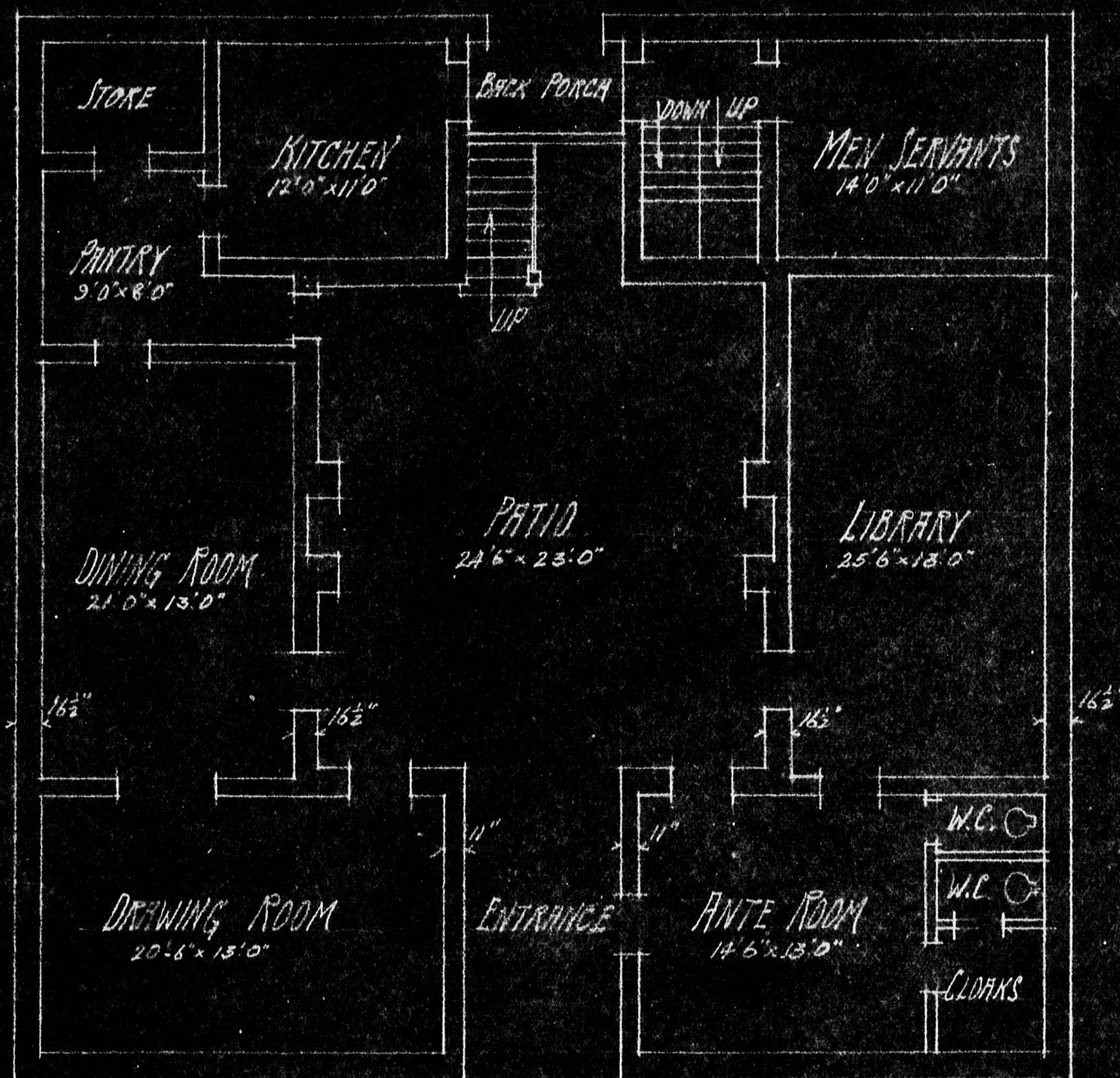
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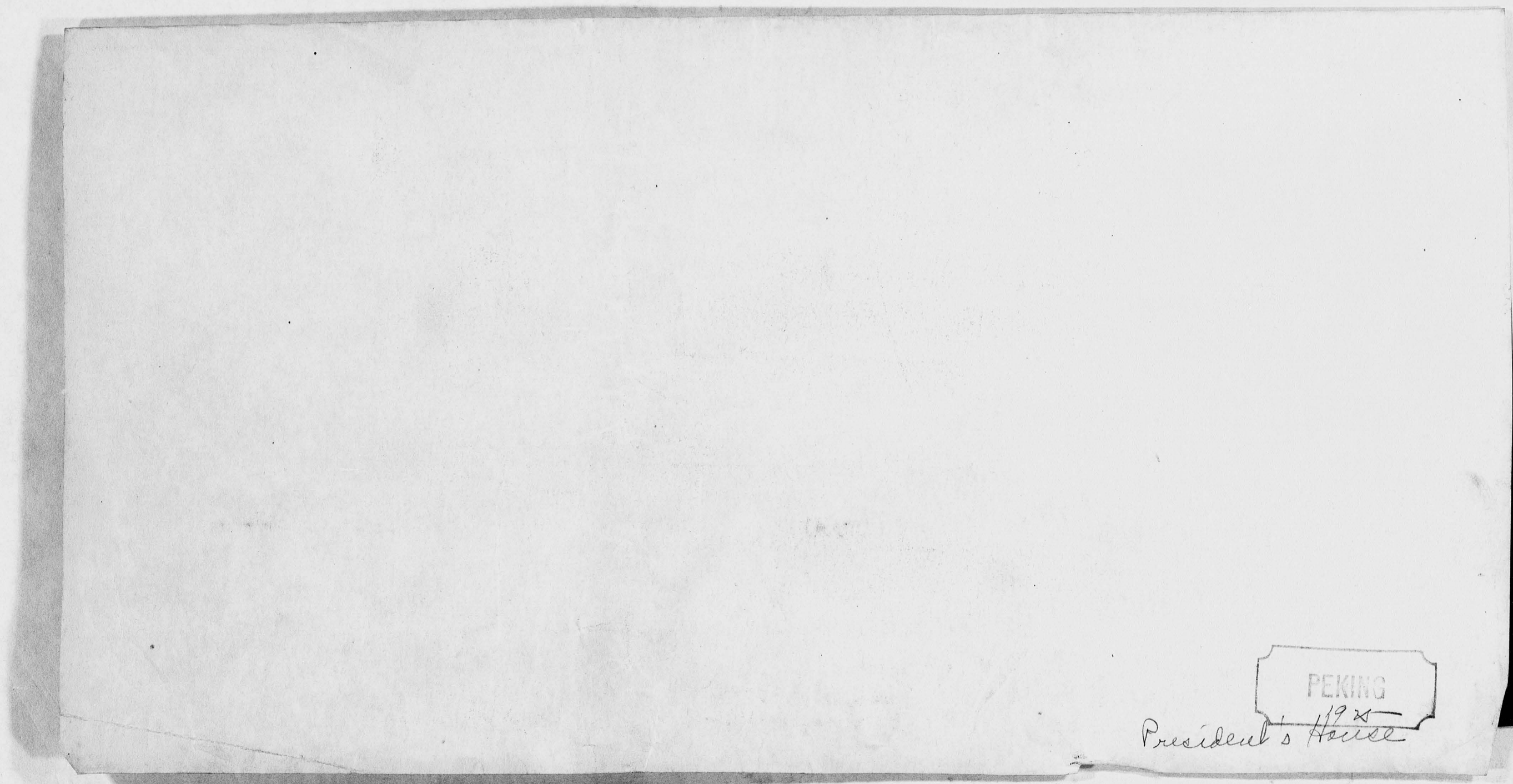
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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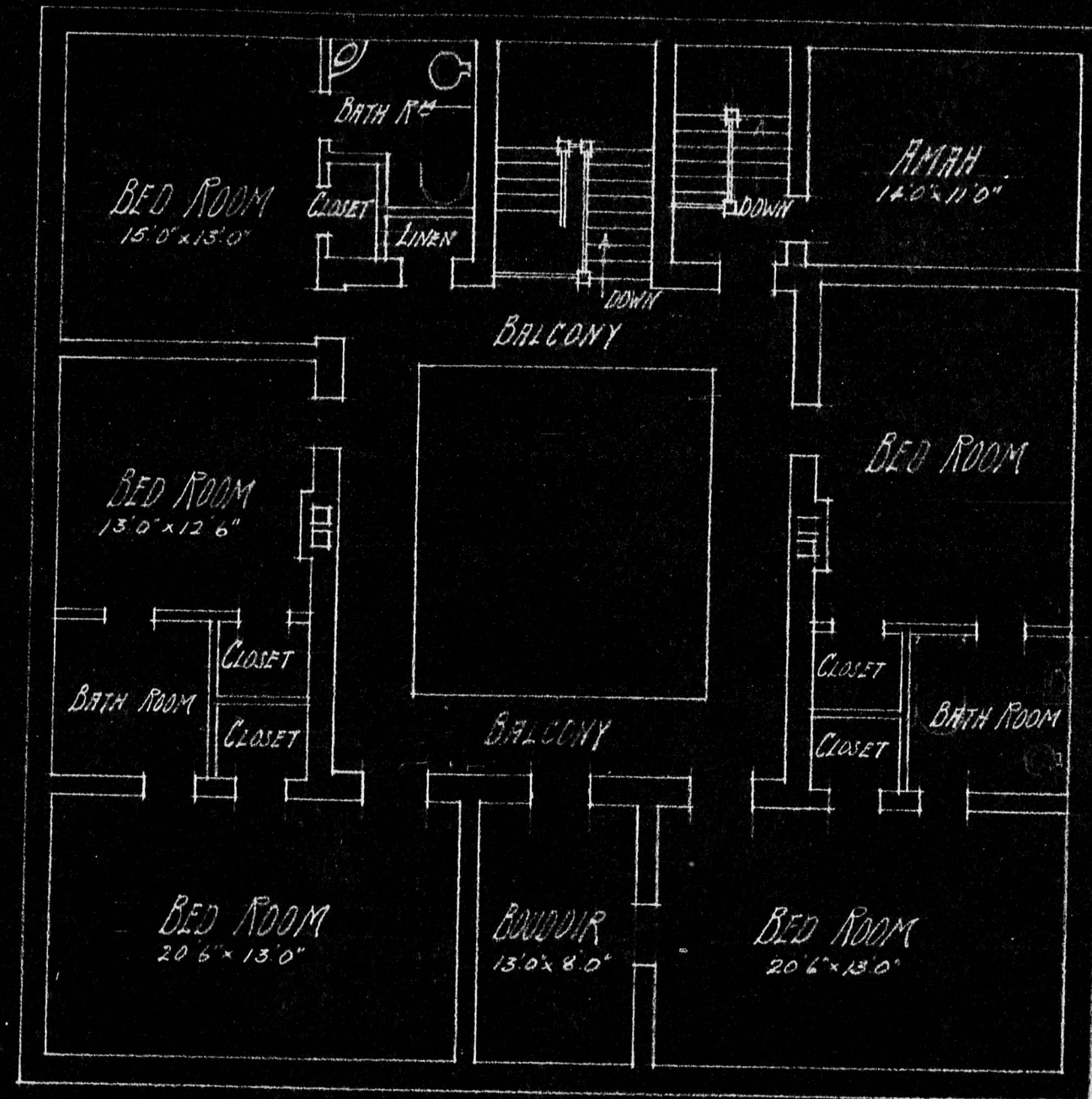
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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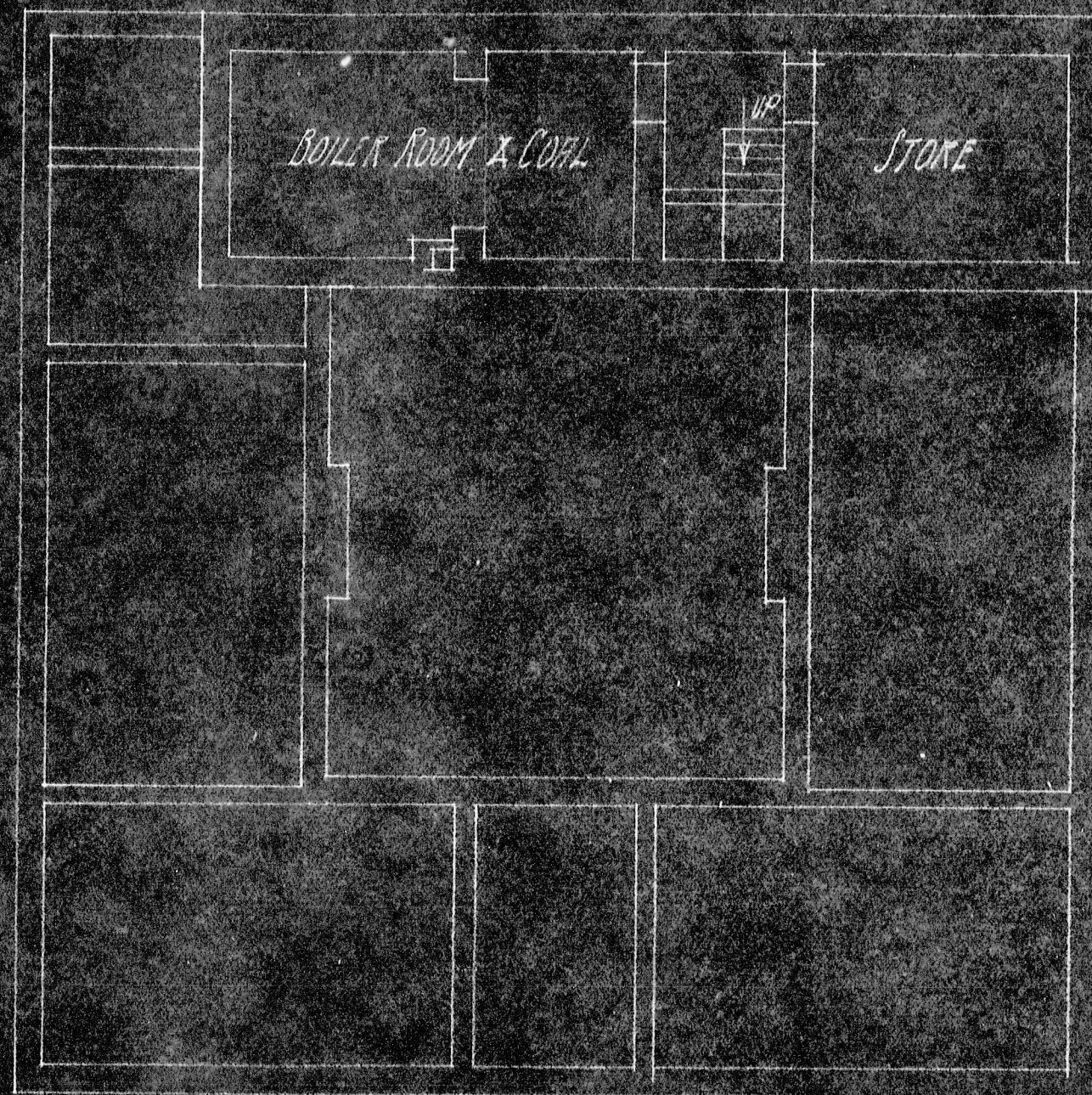


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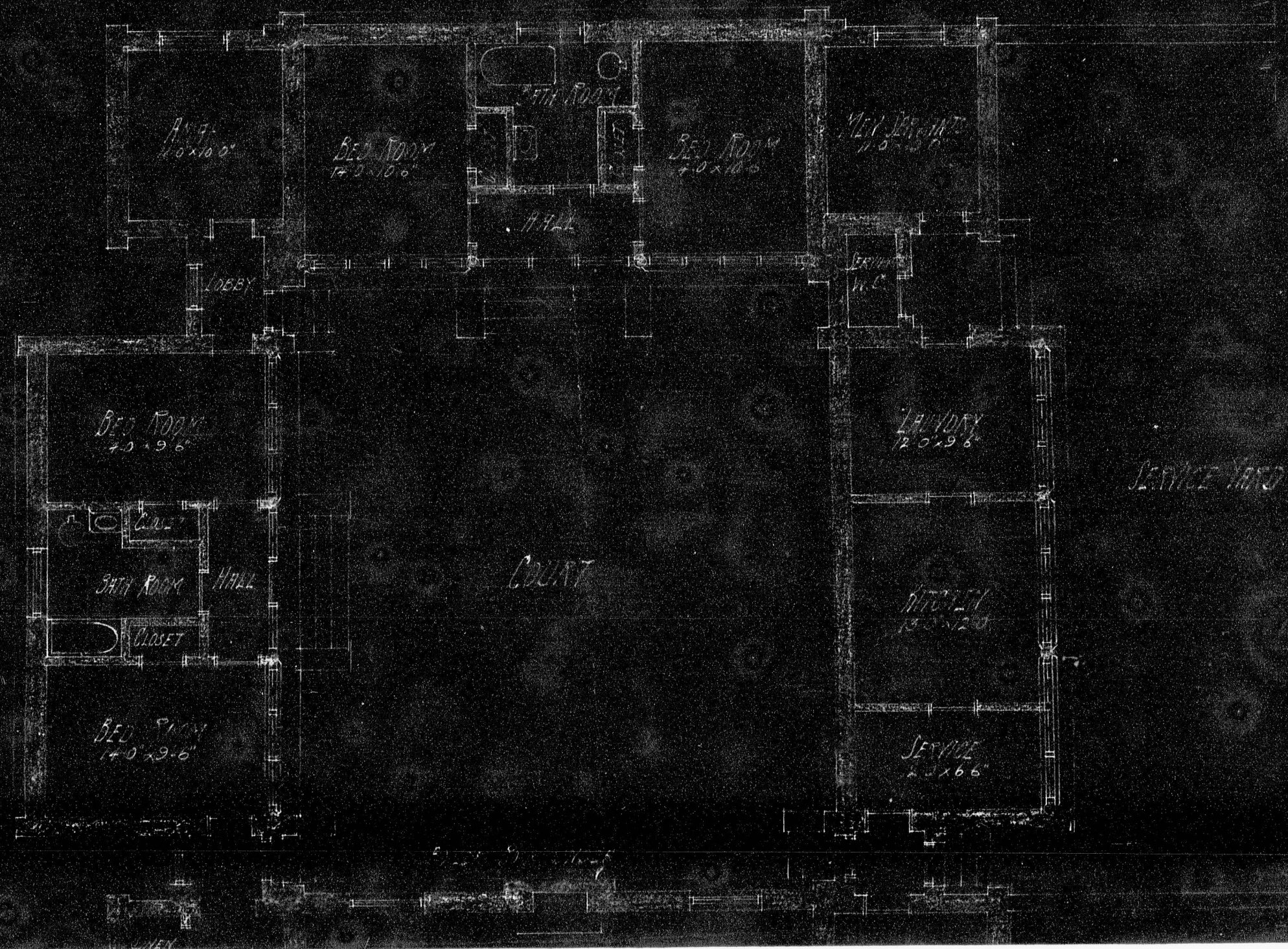
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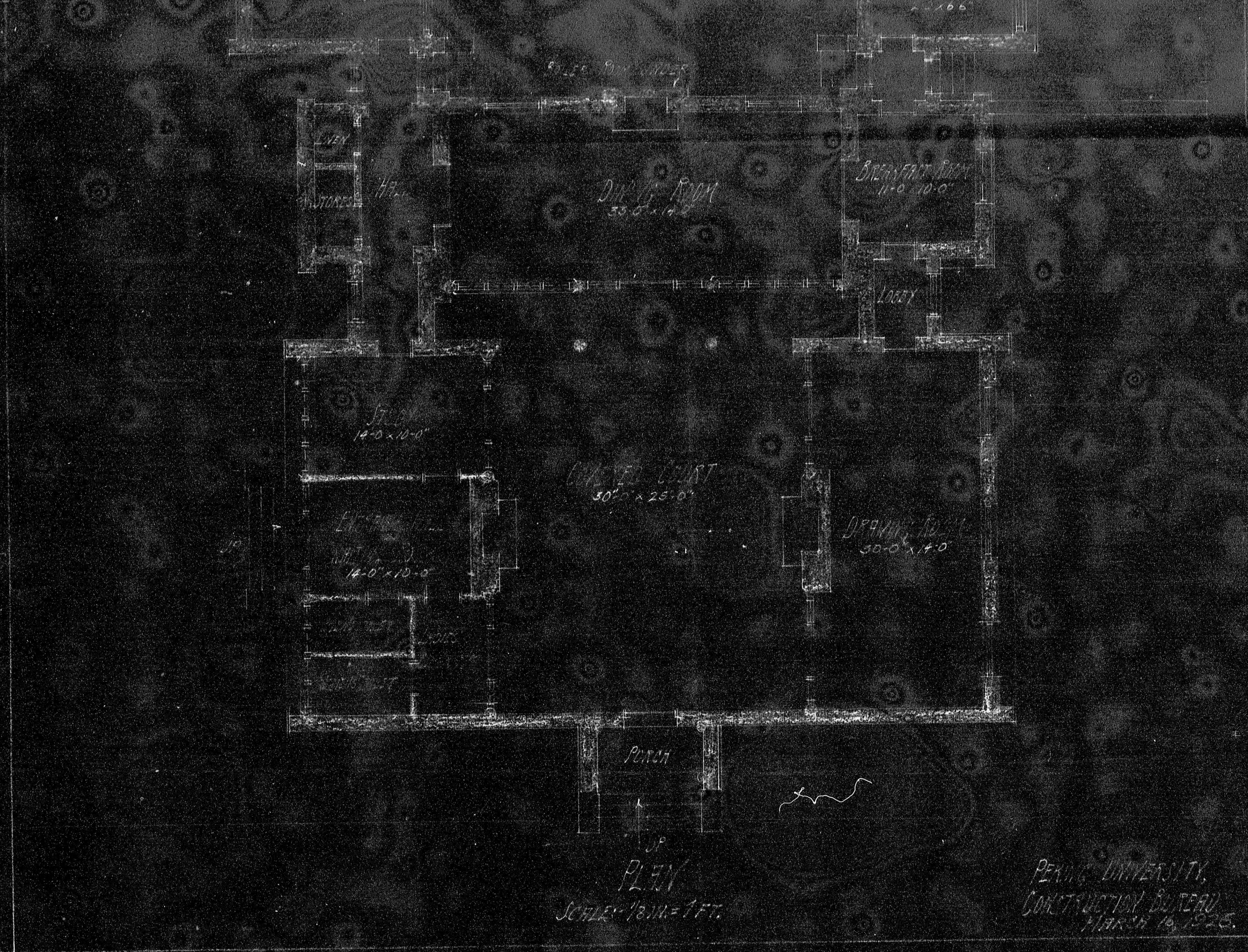
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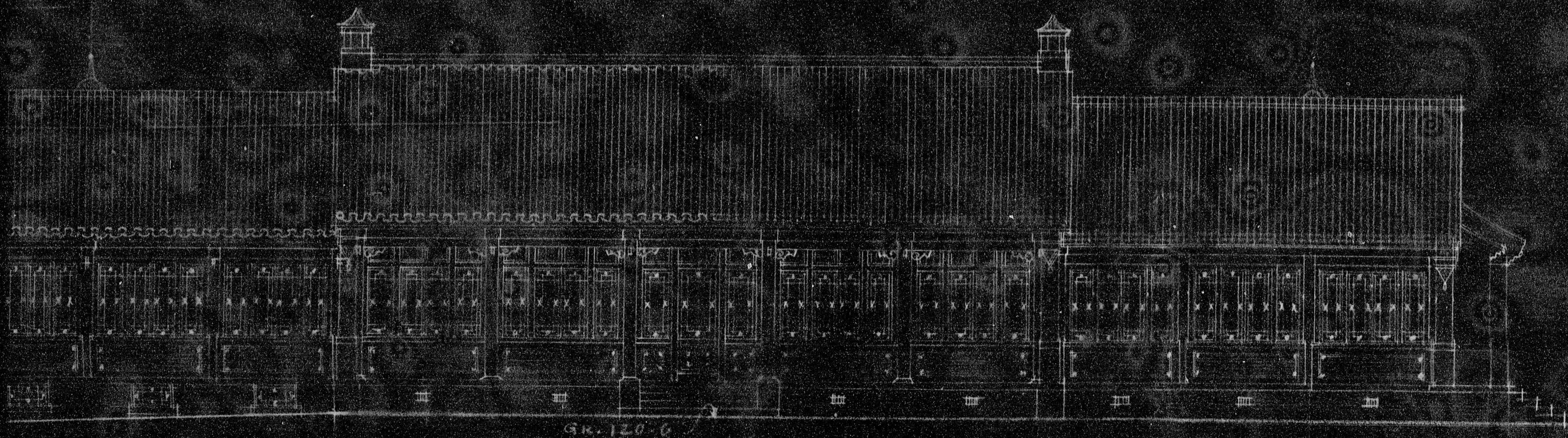
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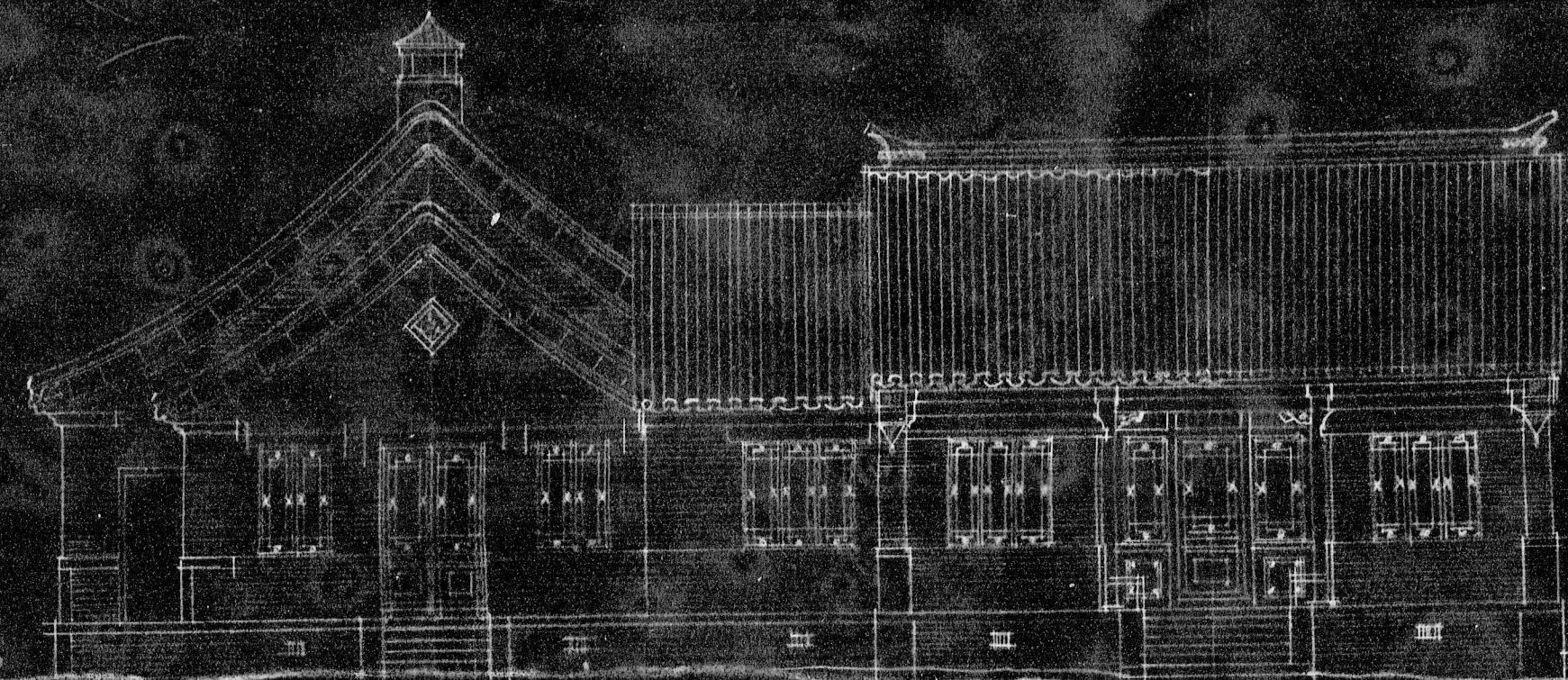
GR. 120'-6"

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GR. 123-0

GR. 120-6"

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END ELEVATION.
(WEST)

DESIGN FOR A RESIDENCE
FOR THE PRESIDENT
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SHEET NO 5A.

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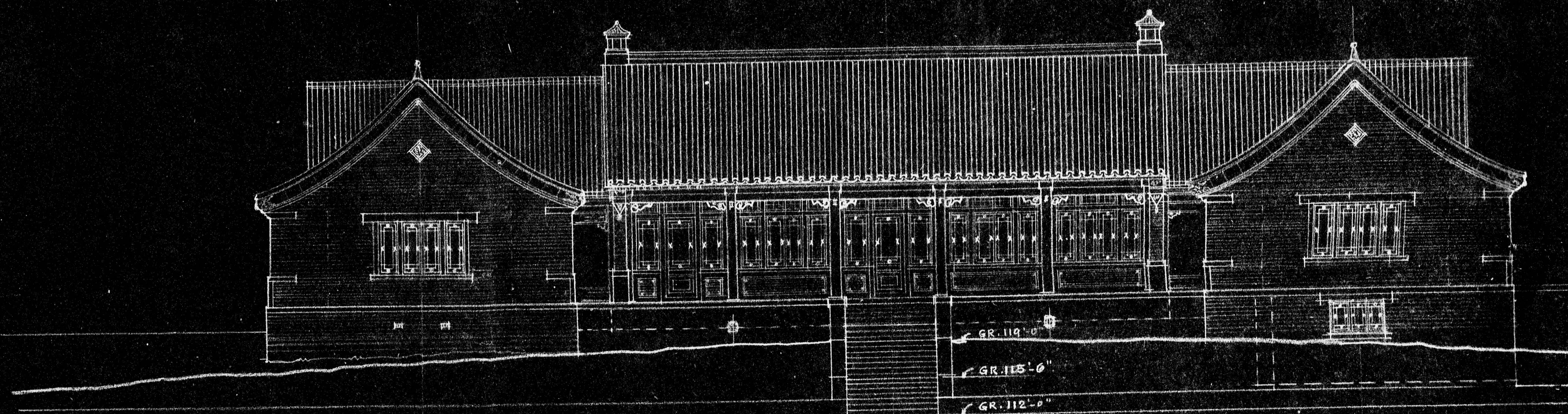


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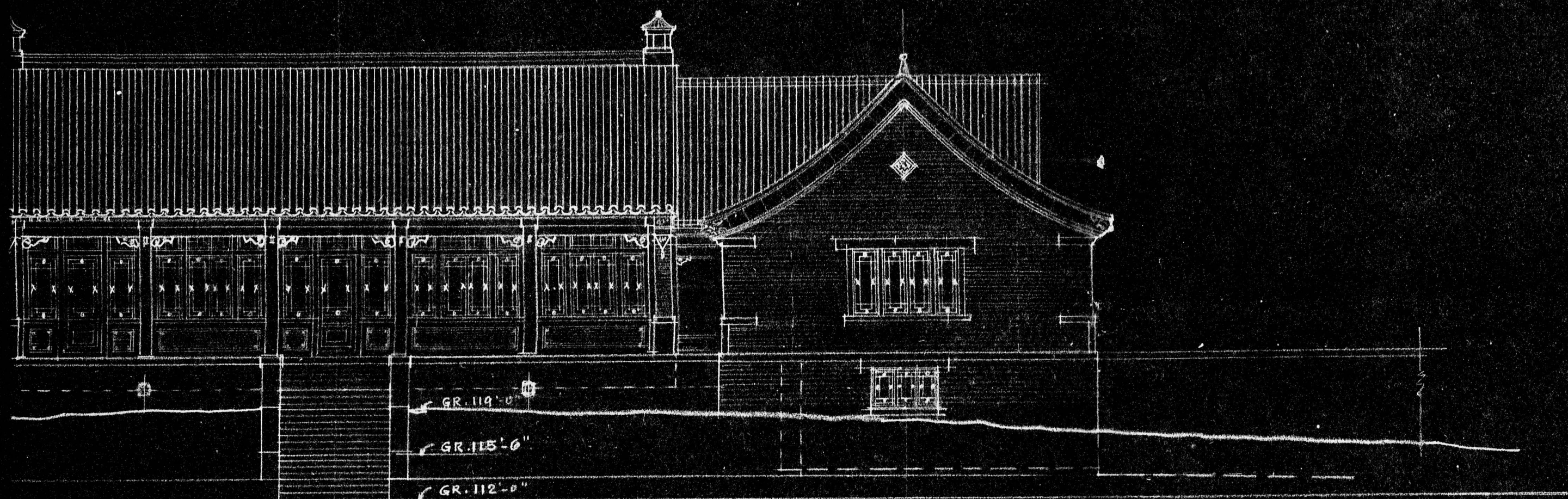
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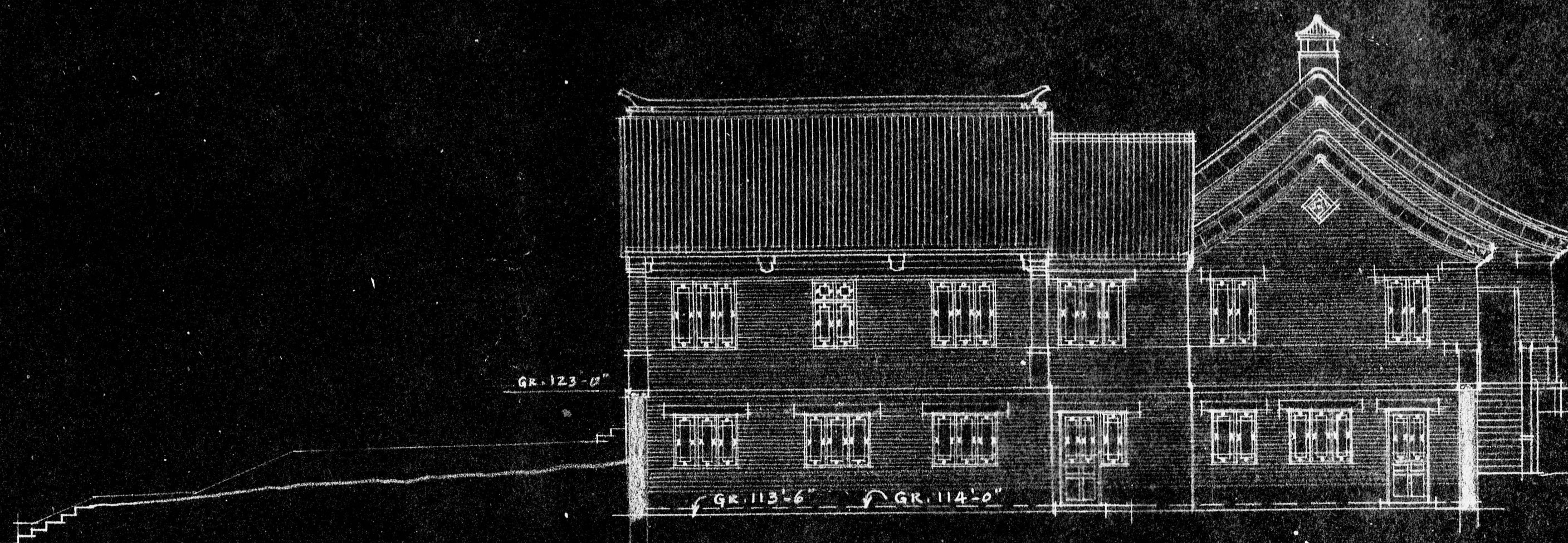


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ROOF ELEVATION.
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DESIGN FOR A RESIDENCE
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