

The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

Mailing Address: PO Box 94649, Seattle WA 98124-4649 Street Address: 600 4th Avenue, 4th Floor

Name: (Common, present, h	Phillis Wheatley YWCA istoric)
Street Address:	102 21st Avenue E / 2100 E Denny Way
Year Built:	1916
Assessor's File No.:	9497700140
Legal Description:	Lots 14 and 15, Block 3, Witt's Addition to the City of Seattle according to the Plat recorded in Volume 9, Page 42, records of King County Washington.
Present Owner:	Great Expectations, LLC
Owner Address:	121 11 th Avenue E, Seattle, WA 98102
Present Use:	Congregant Residence
Original Owner:	Phillis Wheatley YWCA
Original Use(s):	Community Center and Residence
Architect:	unknown
Builder:	unknown
Submitted by: Address: Phone:	Seattle Dept. of Construction and Inspections 700 5 th Avenue, Ste. 2000, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 684-8850
Reviewed: (Histor	ic Preservation Officer)

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June 3, 2024

Preface

This document is submitted by the Seattle Department of Construction requesting that the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods consider the structure located at 102 21st Avenue E (the Phylis Wheatley YWCA) for designation as a City Landmark.

The referral is authorized and required by SMC 25.05.800.B and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections.

The information and documents that follow make the case for Landmark designation based on criteria in the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), specifically SMC 25.12.350.C. It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation.



Phillis Wheatley YWCA - referred for consideration as City Landmark

121 21st Ave E, Seattle

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Submitted by: The Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections (SDCI)

Address: Seattle Municipal Tower / 700 5th Ave

Phone: (206)561-3432 Date: April Xx, 2024

1. Assesor's Data

Name: Phillis Wheatley YWCA

Year Built: 1916

Street and Number: 102 21st Ave E **Assessor's File No:** 949770-0140

Legal Description: LOTS 14 & 15, BLOCK 3, WITTS ADDITION

Plat Name: WITTS ADDITION Block: BLOCK 3, Lot: LOTS 14 & 15

Present Owner: Taxus House LLC (formerly Pioneer Home Services)

Address: 1112 Federal Ave E **Original Owner:** Unknown

Original Use: Group Residence and Community Center

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Present Use: Vacant

2. Narrative description

The house was built in 1917 in a builder-vernacular Victorian/Stick/Bungalow style, with graciously scaled covered porch on the street-facing facade. The house was clad in wood bevel siding. The exterior porch was enclosed at some point prior to 1954 and a synthetic stone cladding installed in 1974.

After research and requests to the SDCI Microfilm Library, we were unable to identify the architect or designer of the structure and no original drawings were found. Included are drawings from a contemporary remodel that provide a baseline understanding of the original structure and subsequent alterations.

3. Neighborhood

The surrounding area of 102 21st Ave has seen significant development over the years. The neighborhood's evolution from a predominantly African American community to a diverse and gentrified urban area reflects broader social and cultural shifts in Seattle.

The site is located on the east corner of 21st Ave E and E Denny Way in the Madison-Miller Residential Urban Village. Adjacent to the site are two, three-story townhouse structures to the north; a two-story residential duplex structure and a two-story single-family residence to the east; a six-story multifamily residential structure to the southeast; a six-story multifamily residential structure to the west. The immediate vicinity primarily consists of residential uses, including multifamily residential structures and townhouses, a pattern which continues to the west. Larger scale mixed-use and commercial structures are found along E Madison St, one block to the south. The land use pattern transitions to smaller scale single-family residential further north, east, and south. Miller Playfield, a neighborhood park, is located one block to the northwest.

The area is in transition, with a trend of older lowrise structures being replaced with larger

scale, mixed-use and multifamily residential development. As a result, a variety of massing and siting patterns exist throughout the neighborhood. To the south, E Madison St is characterized by both older, single-story commercial developments; as well as newer mixed-use residential structures up to six stories in height. To the north, structures along 21st Ave E maintain a lowrise residential and pedestrian-oriented scale and character. A variety of architectural styles exist. The area was rezoned from Lowrise 3 to Lowrise 3 (M) in April 2019. Multiple projects in the vicinity are currently in review or under construction for proposed development, including 1722 19th Ave and 1641 22nd Ave.

4. Role in Cultural Heritage of Seattle African American Community

A. Cultural and Political Significance: The Phillis Wheatley YWCA at 102 21st Ave E is a pivotal location in Seattle's African American heritage. Established from the "Culture Club" in 1919, this site has been a central hub for black intellectual life, community gathering, black social justice and legal defense groups. It initially functioned as a meeting point and community center, significantly contributing to the social fabric of Seattle's African American community. During its prime, the Phillis Wheatley YWCA played a crucial role in fostering community cohesion and offering support in an era of significant racial and social challenges. This property could be seen not just as a building but also a a monument to the resilience and solidarity of the African American community in Seattle.

....the founding of the Wheatley Home in 1919 under the auspices of the 24th Ave YWCA Branch, later known as the East Cherry YWCA, supported moral uplift and thrift. In 1916, Bertie Corrine Carter organized the first "colored" branch of the YWCA due to the exclusion of African Americans from the main organization's recreational facilities. The Phillis Wheatley Home provided recreational activities, social services, and a meeting space for the developing black community. It also offered young women classes in sewing, dress-making, swimming, millinery, tailoring, Bible study, knitting, and French. Although the Phillis Wheatley Branch of the YWCA was always managed and maintained by black women, "the facilities came under the authority of the all-white YWCA executive boards." Racism limited black women's participation in the larger, religious organization; however, Carter helped to maneuver through these racial and gender limitations by building an organization, solidly staffed by black women, to foster future leaders, provide social and recreational services, and contribute to the development of an urban black community. Many WSFCW members such as Julia Brown, Jessie L. Shields, Marjorie Pitter, and especially Idell Vertner served as executive assistants, facility managers, and volunteers well into the 1940s." (p.45, Black Emeralds: African American Women's Political Activism and Leadership in Seattle, 1941-2000, Quin'Nita F. Cobbins, 2018)

B. Community Building during Great Migration

"In late 1944 some black churches formed Fellowship Committees "for the purpose of orienting the new residents into our way of life." The East Madison YWCA held classes to teach migrants how to use electrical appliances..." (Seattle Race

Relations During the Second World War, Howard Droker, The Pacific Northwest Quarterly, 1974 Vol. 67, No. 4, Oct., 1976.)

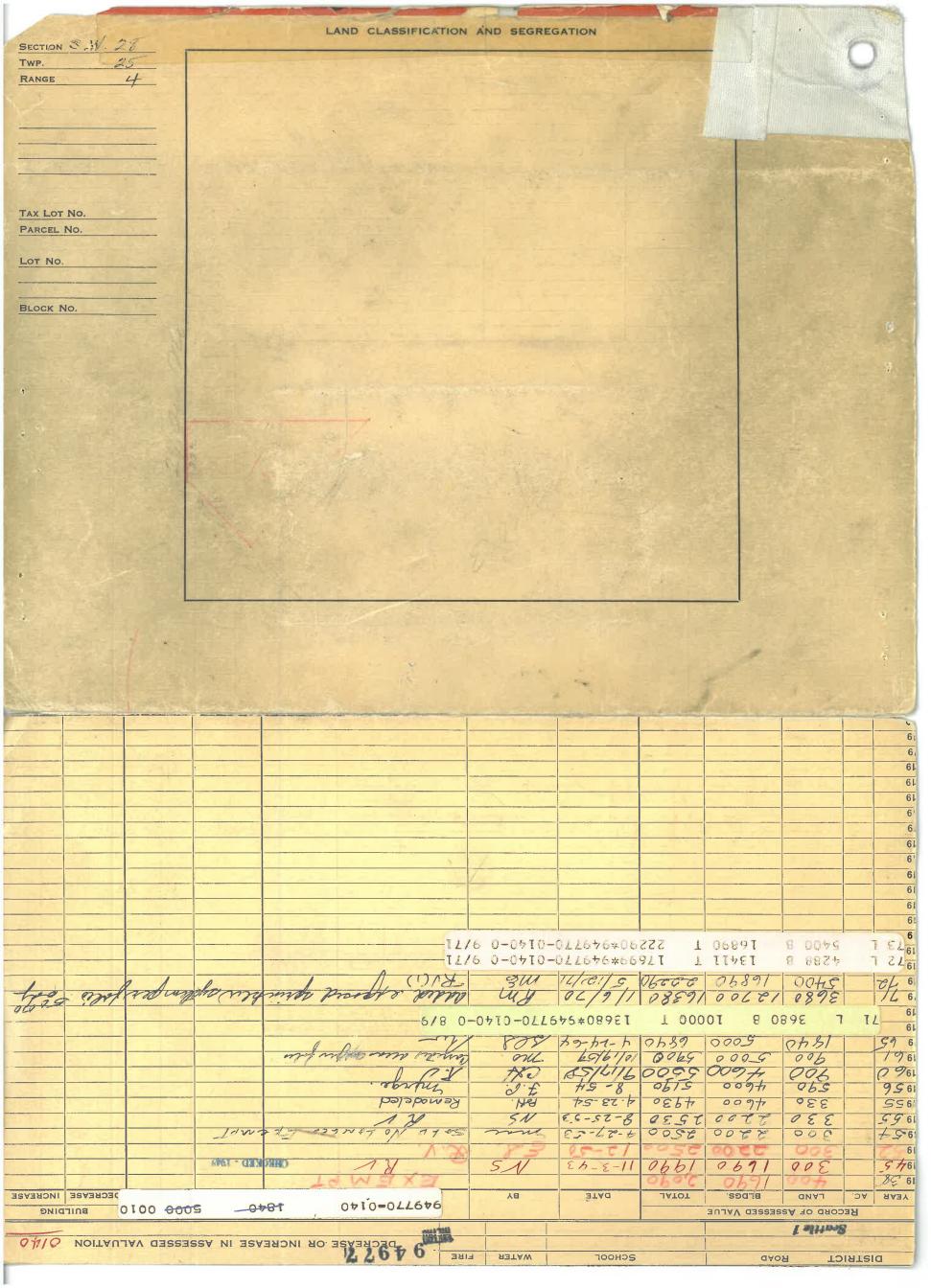
C. Freedom School: The Phillis Wheatley YWCA was the location of an SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) Freedom School, 1966-197?.

"...Each freedom school location required one black and one white co-principal who shared responsibilities for the site. Dozens of volunteers, many of them black women, served as teachers and created activities for their assigned age group. At Mount Zion, for example, teachers taught black history, the meaning of the boycott, and conducted music and crafts. E. June Smith reported that "some teachers gave up their two days salary to teach in the Freedom Schools." At the East Madison Y.W.C.A. School, Roberta Byrd Barr, a teacher and librarian, served as a co-principal and lectured to more than 200 elementary students on black history. Only three certified employees of the district participated in the Freedom Schools, jeopardizing their jobs." (p.127, Black Emeralds: African American Women's Political Activism and Leadership in Seattle, 1941-2000, Quin'Nita F. Cobbins, 2018) (see also Exploring the History of Freedom Schools, Deborah Menkart and Jenice L. View, apdx. Xx)

6. Documents and Sources (Attachments A-G)

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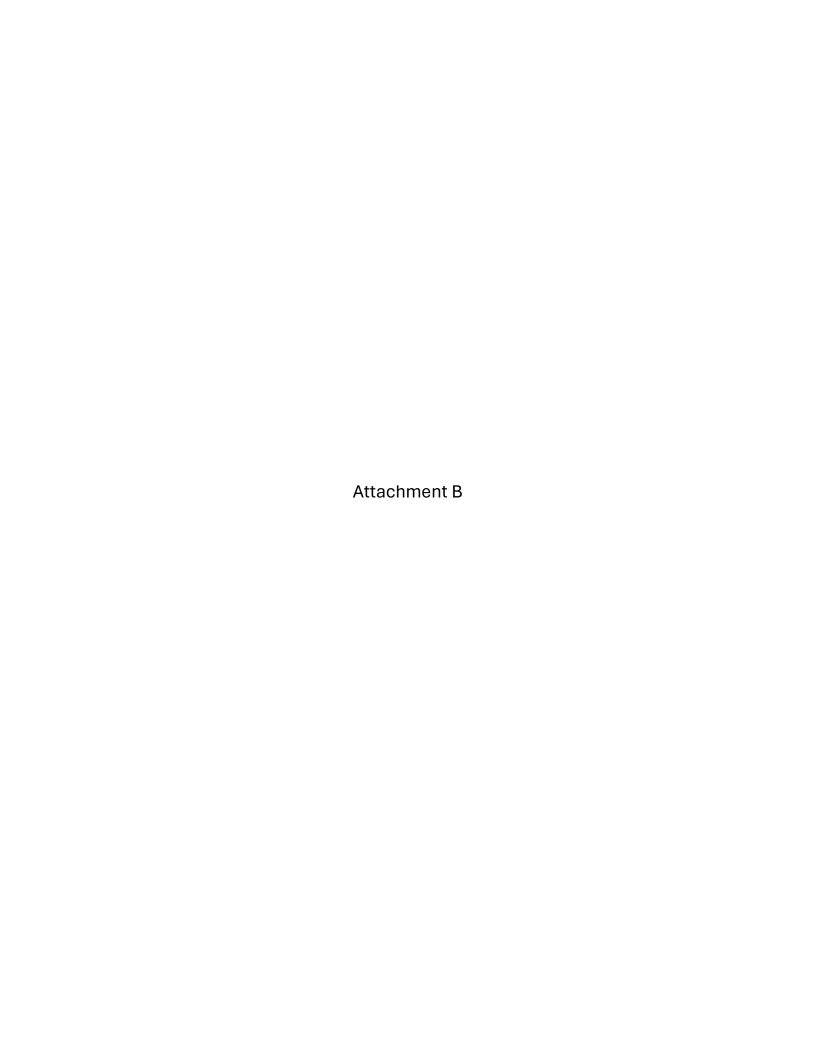
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Quartette of Steppers

Milton Lovett, Harry Villa, Eudora Proctor and Mercedes Washington, known to the American stage as Kit Kats, are about the fastest dancing aggregation appearing before the footlights. They have dance steps all their own, some so intricate others are unable to duplicate them.

These dancers now at the Palamar have often faced the public in their appearance with Count Basie and Fats Waller bands.

Wash. U Group At Interrace Meet

On Interracial day, Sun., Feb 9, at the YWCA, 102-21st Avenue, North, under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P., a group of students from the University of Washington, will discuss this question:

What Is The Negro's Position In The National Defense? What Is The Negro's Position In The National Defense?

The forum is the first of the series that is being sponsored by the N A. A. C. P. It is hoped that the public wil lattend and join in this discussion group.

The meeting is to be held at 3 o'clock.

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for the children of Seatle after he is mayor.

Norton advocated police training for many years, having organized and headed the same for many years.

Practical experience and practical knowledge is something that fairly and impartially? calls for years of hard work and training. The City of Seattle is the largest business corporaton in the State of Washington. Still there have been times in the past that the voters of our ciy havey elected

years past. Can we afford to gamble with men who wish to experiment with our city government? Or will the voter select a man who has worked hard and received the required training to qualify him to represent the city intelligently,

Wm. L. Norton has a provn record of efficiency; he has a record of fair dealing with his fellowmen and the ability to serve all of the people of his city.

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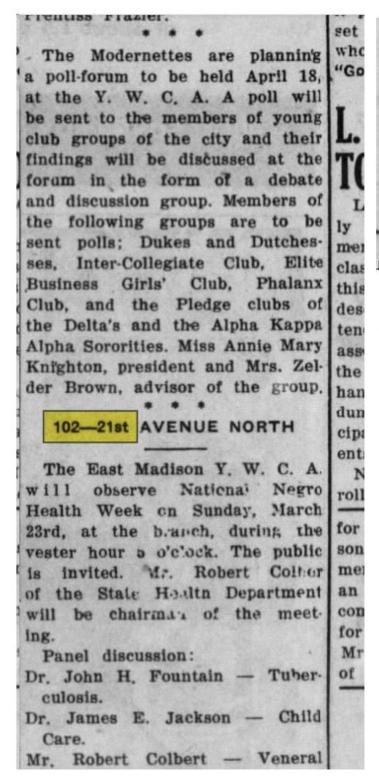
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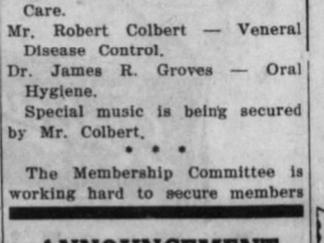
Hear University of Washington students discuss this burning question at Y. W. C. A., 102-21st Ave. No. Sunday at 3 p. m. The public is invited To Attend And Join This Discussion. John Prim President. Mrs. LeEtta King, Secretary

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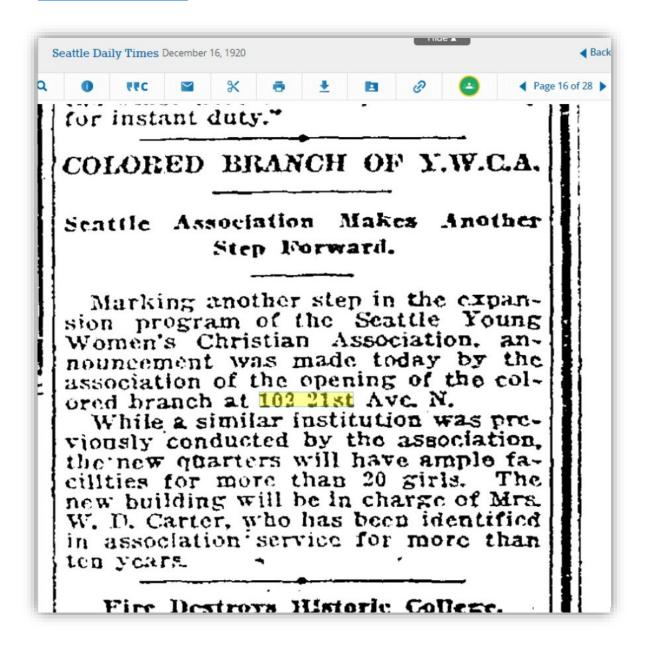
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SOUTH-OF OLD IS REVIVED AT WEDDING FETE

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clark. Born on Plantation, Mark Anniversary With Family

(For Photo, See Page 30.)

Childhood days spent on the sunny plantations in the South, where their parents were slaves, were recalled Monday night by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clark, 6750 19th Ave. N. W., when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the hall of the Negro branch of the Young Women's Christian Association at 102 21st Ave. N.

Both of them had spent the first few years of their lives on plantations until their parents were

granted their freedom.

In 1889 when Mrs. Clark was 20 years old and he was 25 they brought their son Byron and daughter Alma, now Mrs. J. Glass of this city, to Scattle.

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Clark became an excavator, and later an electrical contractor, which business he still follows at Ballard. although he is 75 years old. They had four more daughters, all of whom were graduated from Seattle high schools.

The two Scattle children, and Mrs. Lydia E. Reed, Mrs. Beatrice Harvey and Mrs. Theodosia Hunter, all from Los Angeles, attended the wedding party. Sadie Wilson of Chicago was the only child unable to be present.

Picture of South

children are thoroughly The northern in their mannerisms and mode of dress, but Mrs. Clark. dressed in her quaint old-fashioned gray silk wedding gown which she wore fifty years ago, was like a picture of the old South.

Her husband, tall and dressed in light gray suit, white waistcoat and blue and white

Seattle Daily Times June 24, 1931

News Article, Seattle Daily Times (published as THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES), July 20, 1950, p48

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cisco earth. quake, and the Y. W. was called upon to help provide food, shelter clothing and for 2,000 refu-

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Miss May E. Walker as general secretary in 1910, she was succeeded by Emily A. Southmayd, who served until 1920.

Moving from pillar to post was trying and not conducive to the hest service. The interest of public-spirited business men was entil 1sted and the present site at Fifth and Seneca was purchased for \$60,000. The money was grad. rooms, including club and office as the Culture Club was consoli for \$60,000. The money was grad-ually raised by public subscription and renovation. The program in Branches are designed to serve the new building was designed to geographic areas, rather than cover the physical, mental, moral, racial or cultural groups. Among spiritual and temporal needs of the founders of this branch were Now looking forward to a home of its own, the organization obtained a concession for a restaurant, rest room, information bushing forward to a home same, on a broader scale and in a lounders of this brained were girlhood and womanhood, through Mrs. W. D. Carter, Mrs. R. A. classes, clubs and personnal countries. Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. selling. The aims are still the Lydia Chandler, Mrs. M. Coleman same, on a broader scale and in a lounders of this brained were girlhood and womanhood, through Mrs. W. D. Carter, Mrs. R. A. classes, clubs and personnal countries.

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MISS CONSTANCE JEAN MANEY WEDS LESLIE ERNEST CARTER JR. IN PORTLAND

On Saturday, Aug. 25, at half after four, Miss Constance Jean Maney pledged her troth to Mr. Leslie Ernest Carter, Jr., of Seattle, in a double ring ceremony. The vows were read in St. Phillips Episcopal Church by the rector, Rev. Lee O. Stone.

The bridesmaids, gowned in green taffeta-faille and carrying polished ivy leaves, were Mesdames J. J. Nunn, Benjamin Hamilton, A. R. Rae and Miss Bettie Rutherford. Master William A. Belcher III, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer. Keith Murray, of Seattle, was best man. The ushers were the Messrs. Aaron Webb, Calvin DeBass of Portland and Virtrum Lawson, Jr., and Howard Redmond of Seattle.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle. Walter H. Maney, of Seattle, in the absence of her brother, Pic. Isadore George Maney, Jr., Army Air Force, Lackland Air Base, Texas.

Nuptial music was furnished by Mrs. May Lack, organist, and Miss Bertran Banks of Helena, Mont.,

Mrs. Carter, a native Oregonian, is the daughter of Mrs. Isadore George Maney and the late Isadore George Maney of Portland. She was a member of the January, 1947, class of Lefterson High School

Casson, and the Misses Virginia Newby, Ozie Mott and Unis Mott. Among the many out of town guests who attended was the bride's grandmother, Mrs. George Christian, of Helena, Mont. Mr. and Mrs. Carter led their guests in dancing to the strains of David Graham's orchestra.

After a honeymoon in Canada, the young couple will be at home in Seattle where Mr. Carter will continue his studies in political science at the University of Washington.

Pardon Sought for Negro Lieut. Who Refused Duty

CLEVELAND — The National Negro Council said it has acquired 600,000 signatures to petition for a presidential pardon of 1st Lieut. Leon A. Gilbert of York, Pa.

An Army court martial board sentenced Gilbert to death on

Reception Will Honor Official of Porters' Union



C. L. DELLUMS

A reception for C. L. Dellums of Oakland, Calif., a vice president and Pacific Coast-zone supervisor of the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (A. F. of L.), will be held Tuesday evening in the East Madison Y.W.C.A.

Ezell Henderson, president of the Seattle branch of the union, and Mrs. E. A. Hall, president of the auxiliary, are in charge of the reception and program.

Dellums will arrive in Seattle Monday, said Mrs. A. Fletcher Booth, a member of the auxiliary. He will speak Monday evening at a meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the East Madison Y.W.C.A.

Urban League Delegates Off To Conference

A delegation from Seattle to attend the National Urban League Conference which meets in St. Paul, Minn., from September 3 to 7 it was announced by Bishop Stephen F. Bayne, president of the Urban League Board. The following board and committee members are attending the conference from Seattle: Mrs. Roy Greene, Mrs. Clarence L. McCullough, Mrs. Lonnie Shield, Mrs. W. B. Foster, and Lewis G. Watts, executive secretary

15 ARRESTED IN RAID ON CLUB

Fifteen persons were arrested by police about 1:30 o'clock one morning this week in a liquor raid at the Playhouse Club, 1238 Main St.

Le Roy Anderson, 36, club manager, was charged with operating a place where liquor was dispensed illegally and released on \$250 bail. The others—12 patrons and two club employes—were charged with being in a place where liquor is seconomical illegally and were re-

130 ARRESTED AS POLICE RAID CLUB

More than 130 persons were arrested when nine police officers raided the Washington Social and Educational Club, 104½ 23rd Ave. N., at 2 o'clock recently.

All but one of the persons arrested were charged with frequenting a place where liquor is sold illegally. Bail for each of these was set at \$15.

Sy F. Groves, 56, of 2401 E. Howell St., was charged with possessing liquor with intent to sell illegally. He was released on \$250 bail.

Sgt. G. N. McDougall led the raiding squad. Patrol cars were busy for hours carrying the crowd to the Public Safety Building, and jailers took until 8 o'clock to book them.

The Mt. Zion Women's Society Presents Recital

Miss Thelma Modisett, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Anthony Modisett, 9 Searle St., was presented in a recital at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26. The young artist's program consisted of dramatic readings with soft music in the background which created a heavenly atmosphere during her performance. She began her program with a song, Scripture, and a very fervent prayer, which gave her assurance of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The most fascinating reading was the dramatizing of "Creation," by James Weldon Johnson, derived from the book of Genesis, telling how heaven and earth were formed and the making of man. The beautiful portrayal described the handiwork of God.

For added attraction the Mt. Zion Senior Choir rendered several numbers appropriate for the occasion. Miss Sara Tolliver sang "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." Mrs. Mary Rogers, Miss Modisett and her sister, Mrs. Mouton who sang "Dear Lord of Home." Charles Herman sang "Bless This House," accompanied by Miss Geraldine Draper. The program was most inspiring to those attending.

Miss Modisett is noted particularly for religious and civic affairs. Despite her dramatic ability, she is a major in art and clothing at the University of Washington. She is a member of the Ivy Leaf of the Alpha Kappa Sorority.

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Sgt. W. E. Vrooman Director, Civil Liberties



W. E. VROOMAN

In their reorganization of Puget Sound Division of Civil Liberties, Puget Sound Elks, 109, Sgt. W. E. Vrooman, oldest Chief Antler in the land of Elks, adds to his official duties. He was named as director of Civil Liberties.

The sergeant pledges all out effort to restore civil liberties to its rightful position in Elkdom. The Northwest Enterprise congratulates the director and looks forward to a real revival.

DEATH TAKES HENRY B. HARLEY

Henry B. Harley, 81, died here Monday, Aug. 21, He had been ill since last December, growing better at intervals but finally succumbing August 27. Born in British West Indies, Harley came to Seattle early in life, joining the Cooks and Stewards and Puget Sound Lodge of Elks, the organizations furnishing pall bearers.

He is survived by a neice, Mrs. Ruth Morse Johnson.

Last rites were said at St. Clement's Church, 32nd S. and Atlantic. Cremation followed.

MIDDLE AGED woman, pensioner preferred, to care for two children. Mother employed. Phone Mi. 2124.

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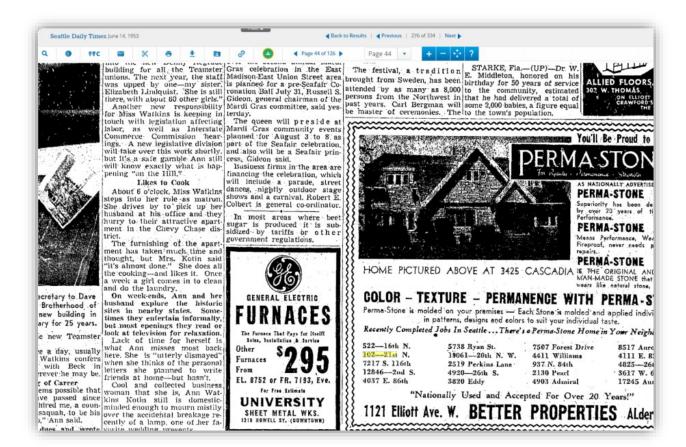
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Exploring the History of Freedom Schools

Lesson by Deborah Menkart and Jenice L. View



Two girls look out the window of a "Freedom School." © Ken Thompson, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries

Education should enable children to possess their own lives instead of living at the mercy of others. — Charles Cobb Jr.

The Freedom Schools of the 1960s were part of a long line of efforts to liberate people from oppression using the tool of popular education, including secret schools in the 18th and 19th centuries for enslaved Africans; labor schools during the early 20th century; and the <u>Citizenship Schools</u> formed by <u>Septima Clark</u> and others in the 1950s.

The Freedom Schools of the 1960s were first developed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the 1964 Freedom Summer in Mississippi. They were intended to counter what Charles Cobb refers to as the "sharecropper education" received by so many African Americans and poor whites. Through reading, writing, arithmetic, history, and civics, participants received a progressive curriculum during a six-week summer program that was designed to prepare disenfranchised African Americans to become active political actors on their own behalf (as voters, elected officials, organizers, etc.). Nearly 40 Freedom Schools were established serving close to 2,500 students, including parents and grandparents.

An exploration of Freedom Schools allows students and teachers today to explore the purpose and possibilities of public education today.

The study of Freedom Schools should take place in the context of the long struggle for freedom, voting rights, and quality education in the United States as a whole.

This lesson uses primary documents in a jigsaw format to introduce the history and philosophy of Freedom Schools. The readings allow students to take on the role of historians, combing through primary documents from the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Schools documents provided by Education & Democracy, Civil Rights Movement Veterans, the SNCC Digital Gateway, and the University of Southern Mississippi Digital Collections. These include student newspaper clippings, a brochure, curriculum excerpts, a map of Freedom School locations, teacher orientation materials, and more.

Students will discover that the Freedom School curriculum was designed to spark consideration of daily oppression and shaped to serve a liberation struggle. For example, the stated purposes of the lesson "Material Things and Soul Things" were:

To develop insights about the inadequacies of pure materialism; and To develop some elementary concepts of a new society. The writing by Freedom School students shows the sophistication of their political analysis at a young age. For example, in the newspaper *Palmer's Crossing Freedom News*, 11-year-old R. M. C. writes [sic],

I like to go to Freedom School. You would like it too. If you want to come and don't have a way, let us know. I think we should all have our equal rights. We Negroes have been beaten, but we will never turn back until we get what belongs to us. We just want what belongs to us. We don't want anything else. I think we as Negroes ought to have the right to vote for justice, equal rights, freedom, jobs, we need better books to read. In the stores uptown and down here we have to pay tax. That is a crying shame. God is looking down on people now. We try to hid things form people, but we can't hide things from God. We pay tax. I think we should have a right to vote. All of our colored men are getting beaten and put in jail. This unfair I think, don't you?

The lesson is inquiry-based, hands-on, and engages students in critical reflection. Therefore, students learn about Freedom Schools not only from the readings, but also from experiencing the pedagogy.

Grade Level: High School

Time Required: One or more class periods

Materials

- Expert Group Discussion Questions. Make enough copies for each student in the Expert Group.
- Expert Group Primary Document Packets. Make one single-sided copy of each packet.
 - Origins of Freedom Schools
 - Students of Freedom Schools
 - Teachers of Freedom Schools
 - Freedom Schools Curricula

Background Reading

For background reading by the teacher before introducing the lesson, we recommend the article "Freedom's Struggle and Freedom Schools" by Charles Cobb Jr., *The Freedom Schools: Student Activists in the Mississippi Civil Rights*Movement by Jon Hale, and the website Education and Democracy, which offers an extensive archive of the Freedom School curriculum.

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Title Children outside Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Seattle, ca. 1932

Date circa 1932

Caption The Phyllis Wheatley YWCA was located at 102 21st North in

Seattle. Julia Brown, Marjorie Pitter, and Mrs. Jessie Shields are among those pictured. The original Phyllis Wheatley YWCA was lessted in a house at 1807 24th Avenue, which was later

located in a house at 1807 24th Avenue, which was later

occupied by William and Willa Varlack.

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Corinne Carter Guild members at Mardi Gras celebration, Seattle, September 10, 1954

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The Corinne Carter Guild was a fund raising group affiliated with Children's Orthopedic Hospital. It was named after Corinne Carter, who founded the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Members pictured, left to right: Marie Parks, Viola Carr (Bradley), Edith Smith, Kathryn Polk, Lucille Richardson, Frances (Spearman) Binor, and Armeta Hearst.



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Bertha Pitts Campbell, Seattle, ca. 1975

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Bertha Pitts Campbell attended Howard University from 1909 to 1913 and then taught for two years in Topeka, Kansas. She was one of the 22 founding members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. She married Earl Campbell in 1917. Their son was killed in an accident as a baby, and her husband died just a few years later. She was a lifelong activist, participating in a women's suffrage march in Washington DC in 1913; the March on Washington in 1963; and a Seattle march for the Equal Rights Amendment in 1980. She was active in the Christian Friends for Racial Equality, the Urban League, and the YWCA. In 1987 she was honored by the Washington State House of Representatives. She died in 1990 at age 100.

Notes

Handwritten on verso: Bertha Campbell.

Stamped on verso: Oral History Program, Washington State Archives, Olympia, Washington.

Document filed with image (oral history of Bertha Campbell): I was born in Winfield, Kansas in 1889 and reared in Colorado where I went to school. When I graduated high school in 1909 I went to Howard University. I helped found Delta Sigma Theta in 1913. There were twenty-two of us and there are now eight living founders. Upon finishing Howard in 1913 I went to Topeka, Kansas to teach for a year, then returned to Howard University to work in the dormitory with the Dean of Women. After working there for a year I returned to Colorado and married Earl Allen Campbell. We were in Colorado for about six or seven years, and moved to Seattle in 1923. My husband was a railroad man, but he decided that he'd like to change to something else. So we came to Seattle looking for work. He did different types of jobs for about four years until he could get something permanent. After that time he was able to get into government service and he worked at the Immigration Station until he died in 1954.

When we came here you could sit anywhere, but you couldn't always EAT anywhere. Not really until World War II did the whole city open up. Until then you couldn't eat in [...] Tea Room. Nor would they try gloves on me. I tried on clothes everywhere. We didn't have much outright discrimination, but several suggestions of it, such as offering Negroes a beach of their own, but we fought it and that died out. There didn't seem to be too much agitation on things. One reason, of course, is that there were not many Negroes here. There were only about 2500 to 3000 Negroes in the whole town. There was no Urban League, or similar organization. I did find the Y.W. organized . . . as a colored branch, in the colored neighborhood on 21st and Madison. The wife of the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church founded the branch Y.W.C.A. I was a volunteer for thirty-five or forty years in the Y.W. I was on the Branch Board for two terms, and on the downtown Y Board for two terms. - Bertha Pitts Campbell.

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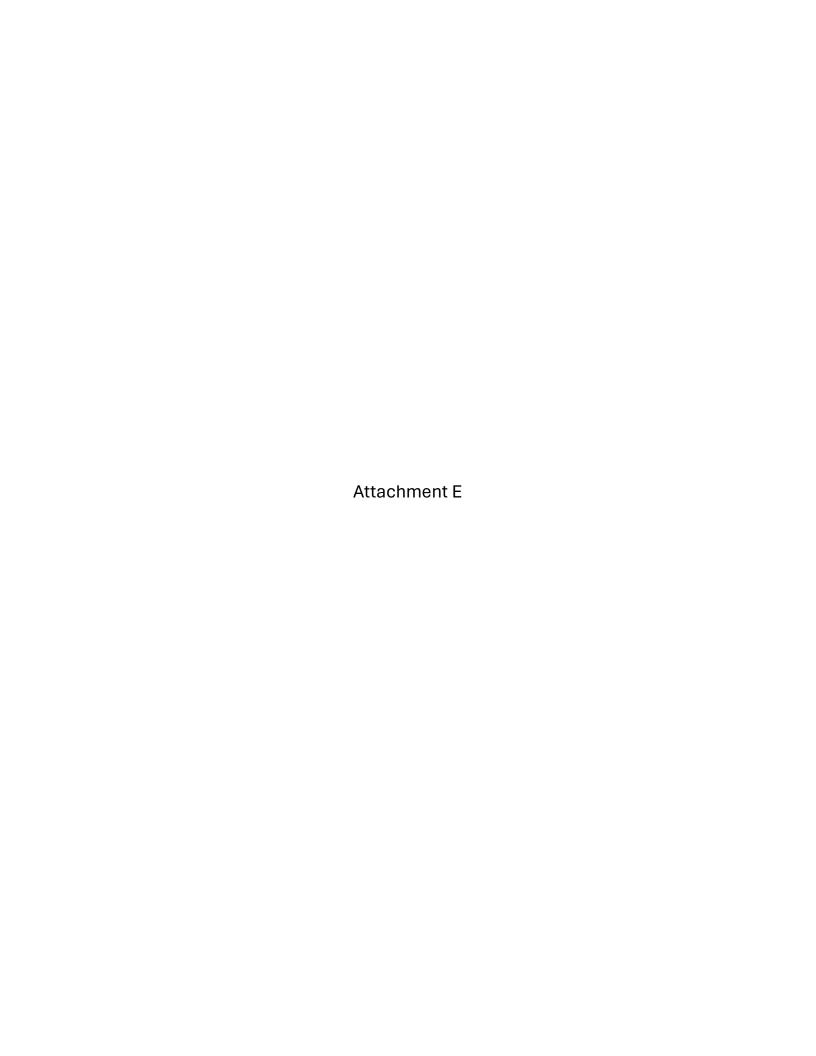
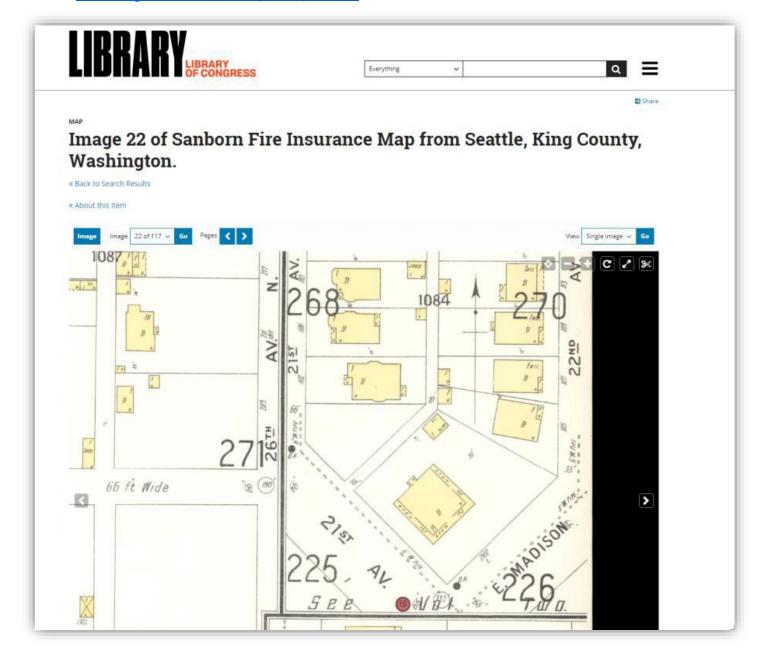
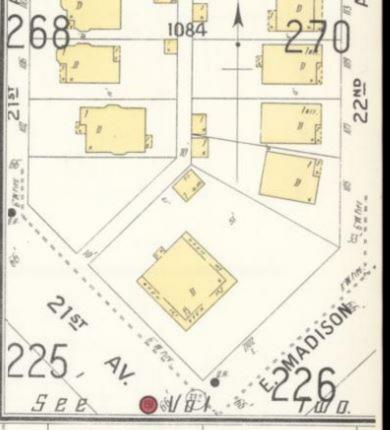


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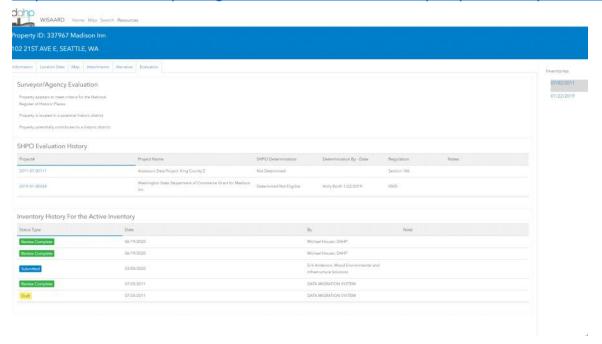


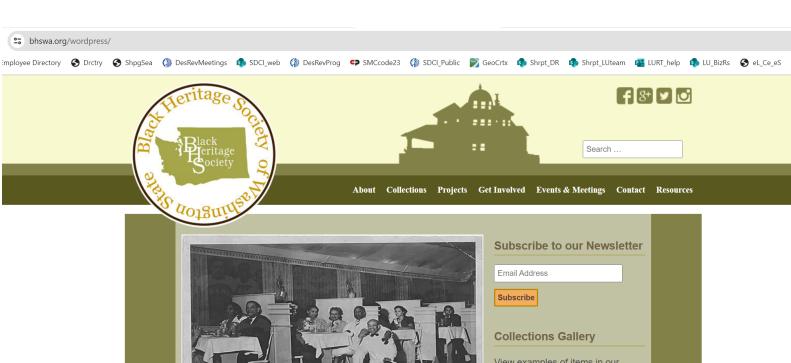
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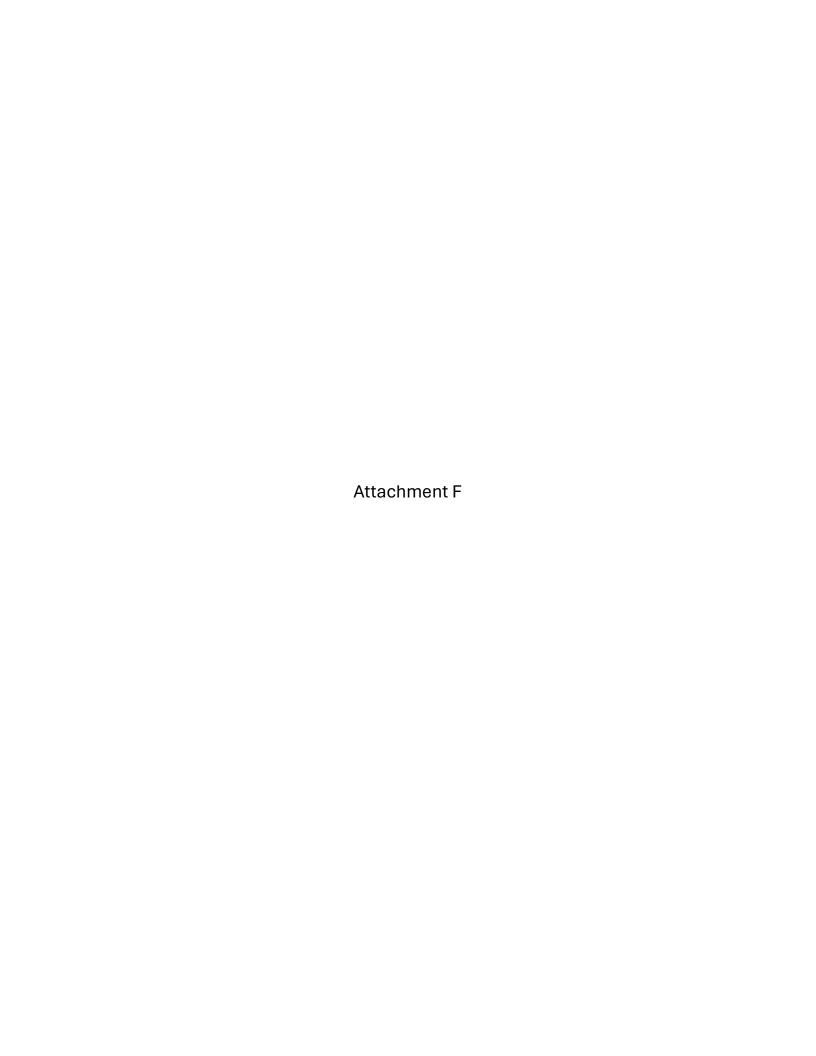
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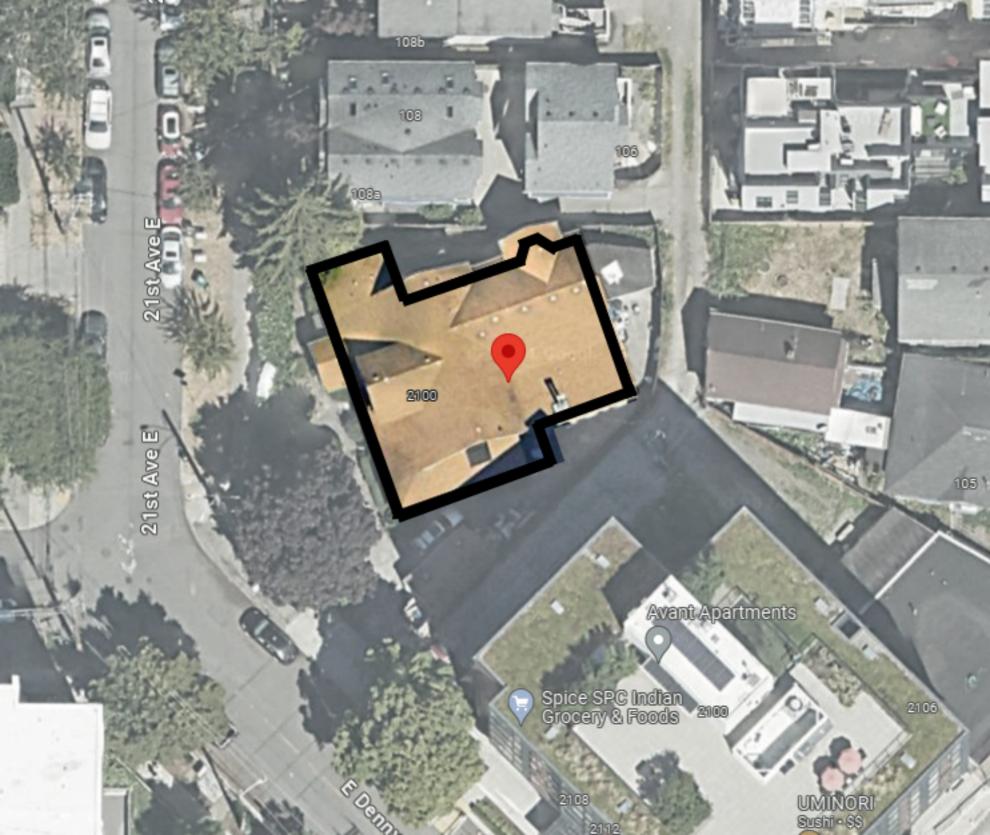
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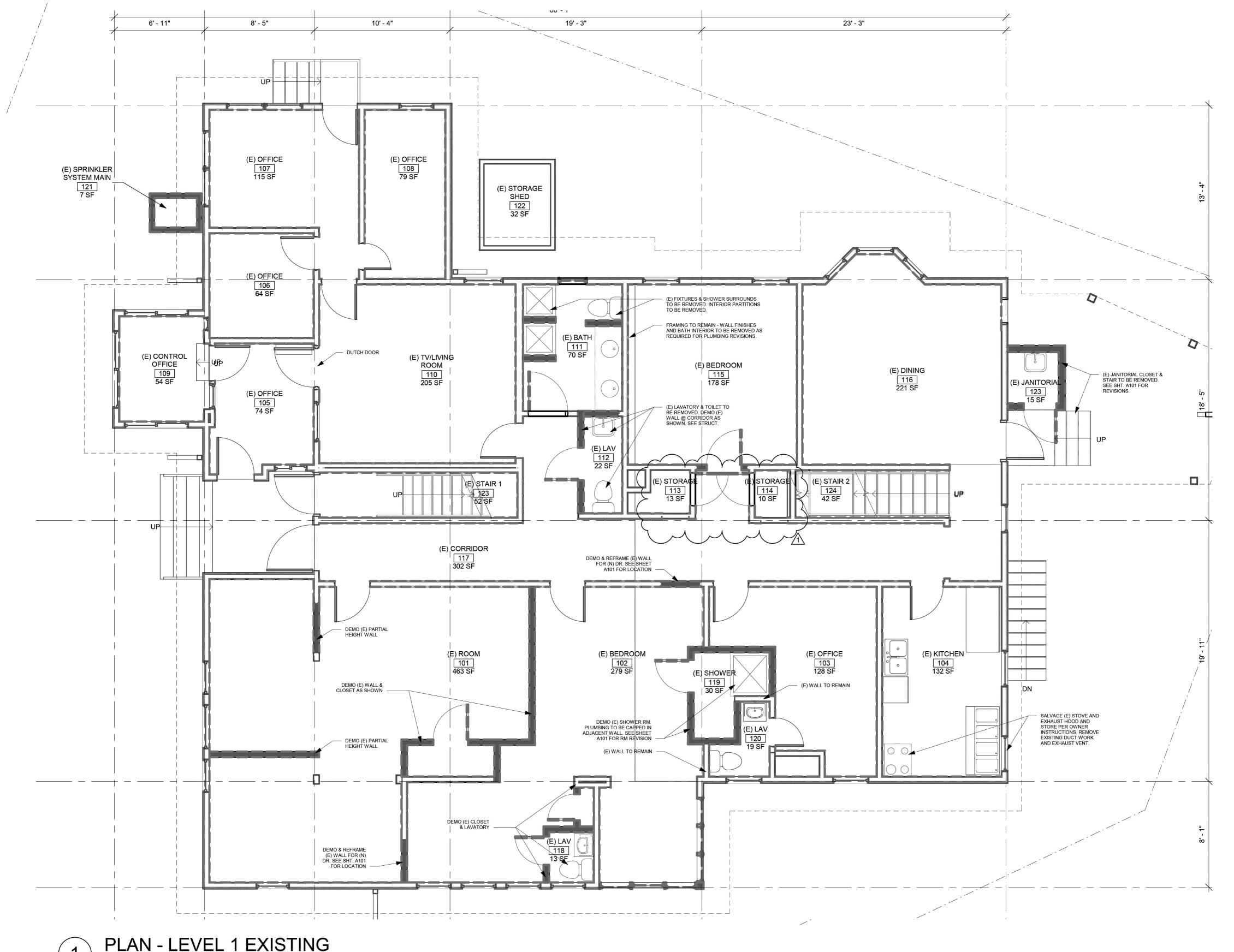
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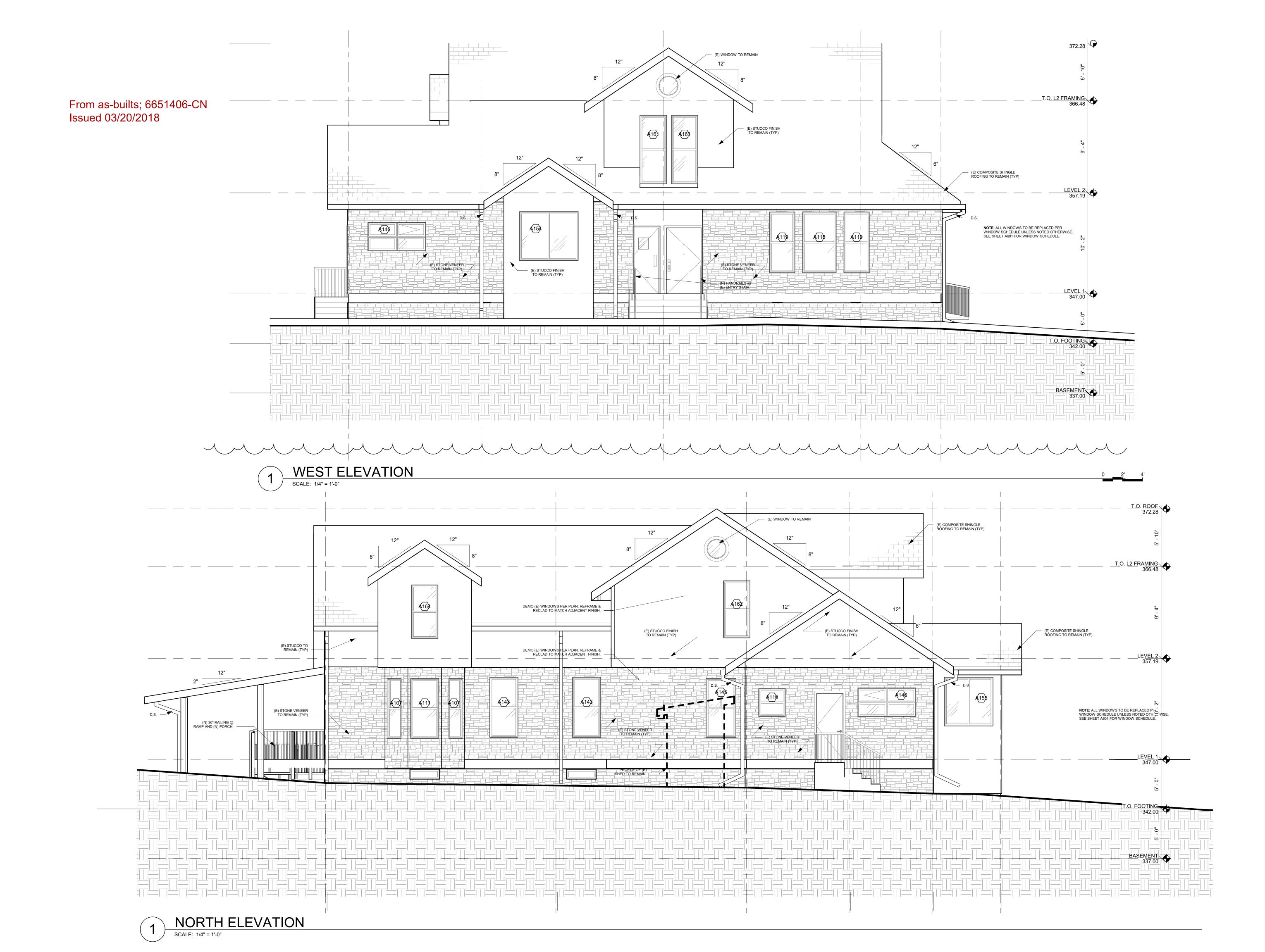
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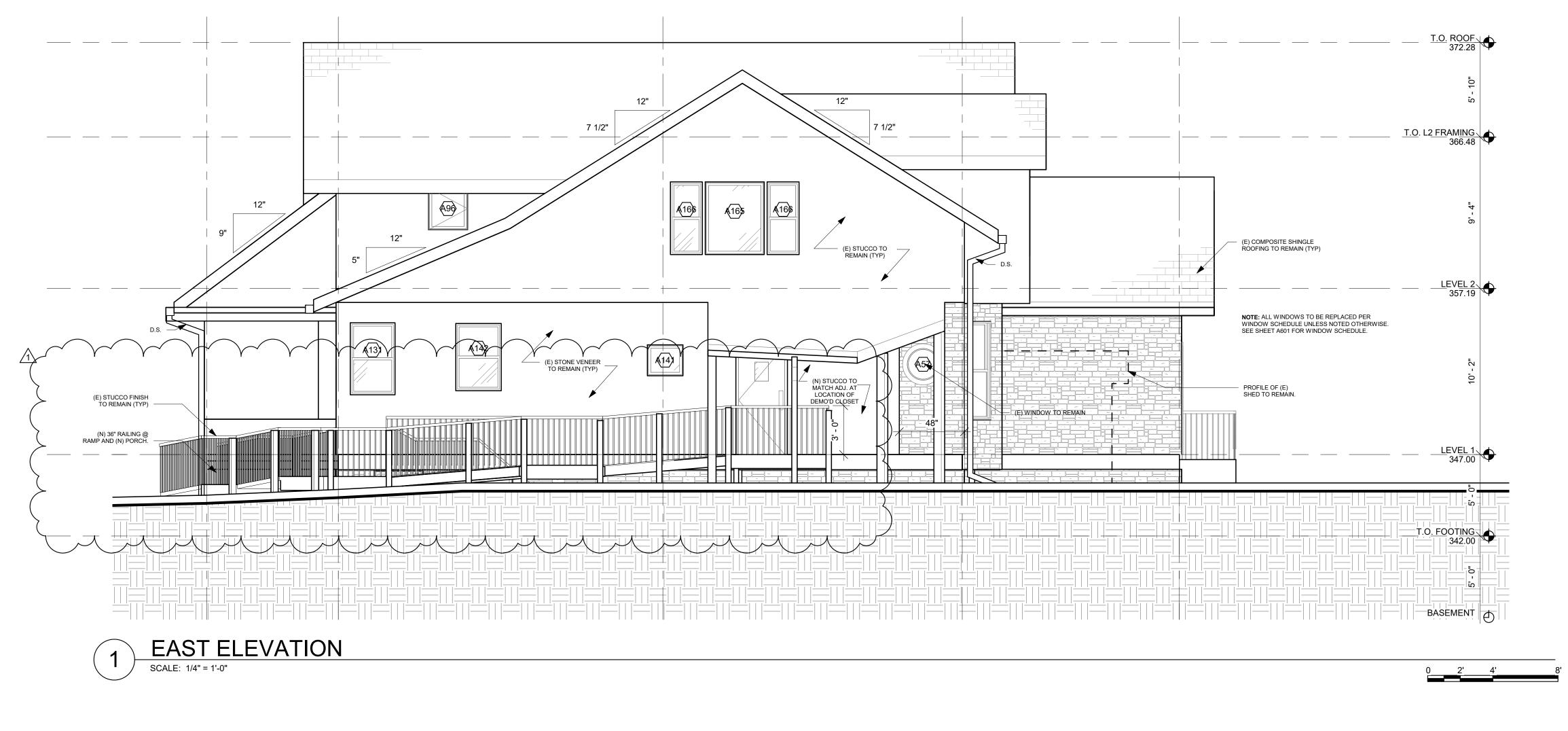


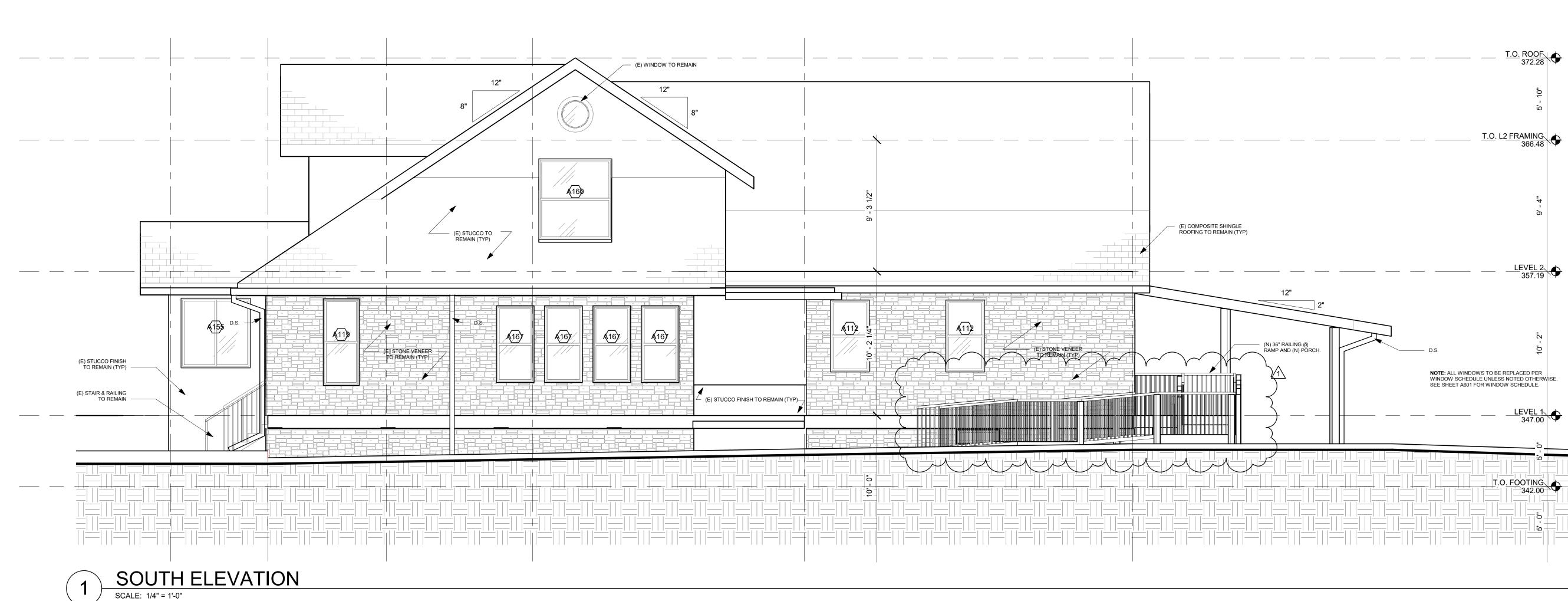






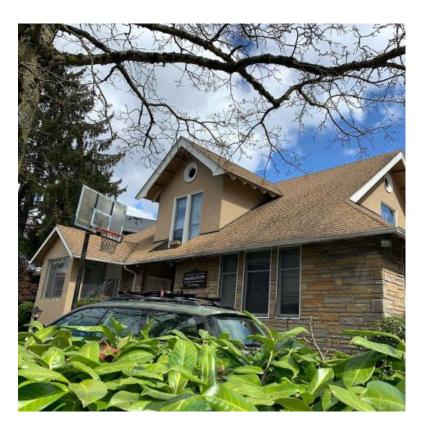








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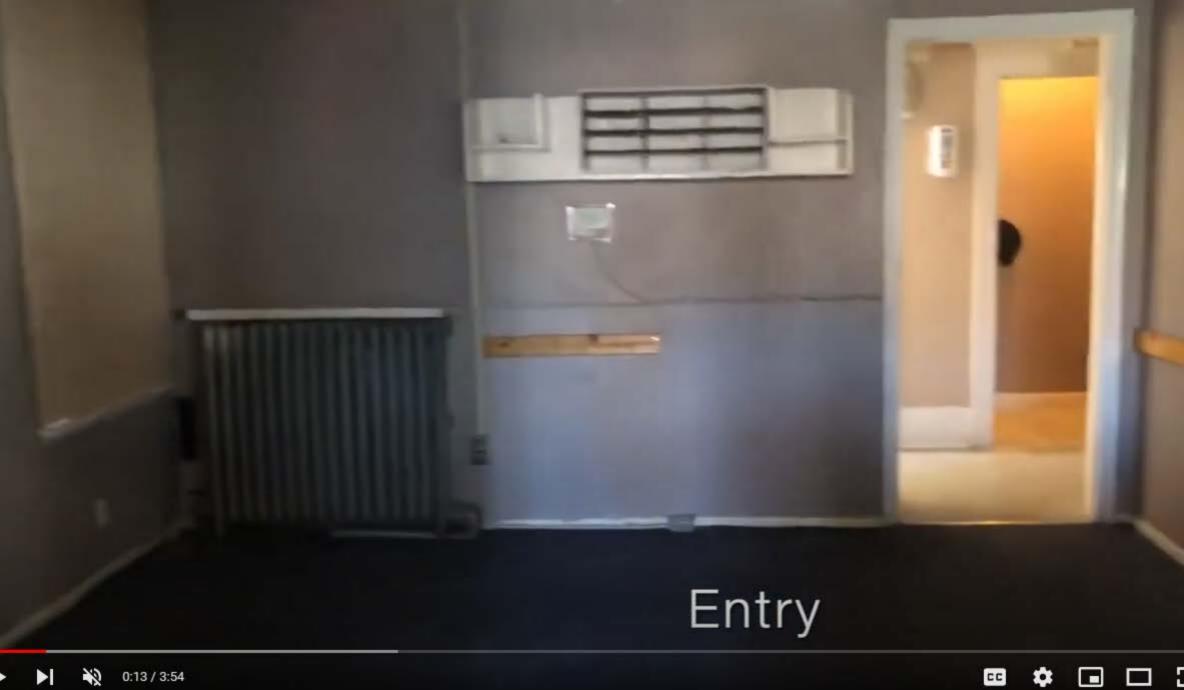




































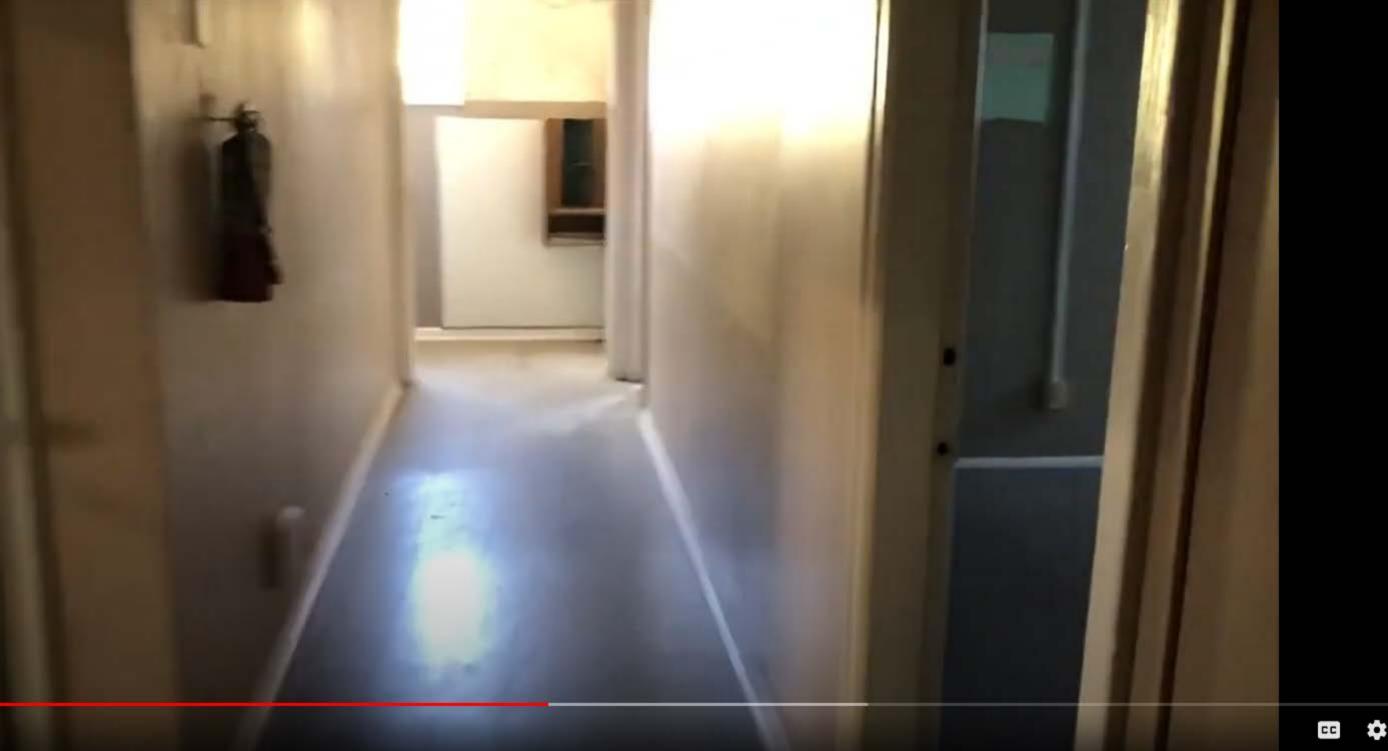






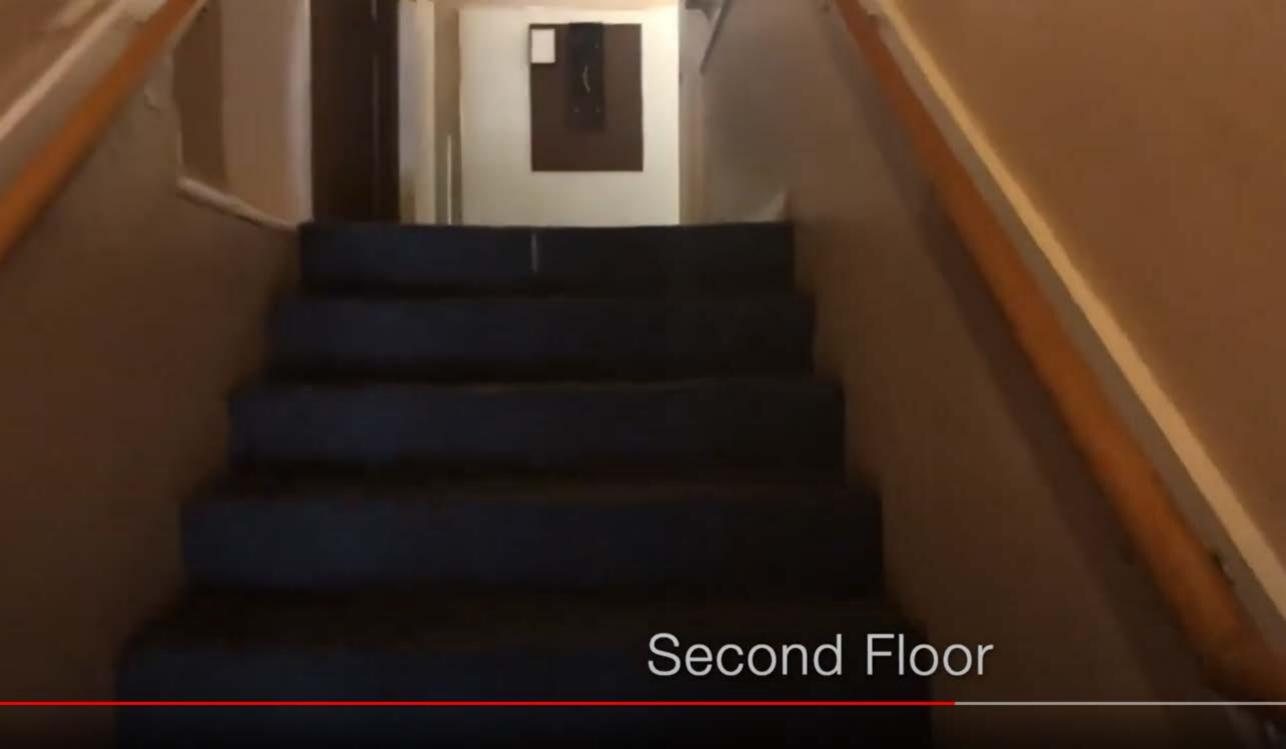


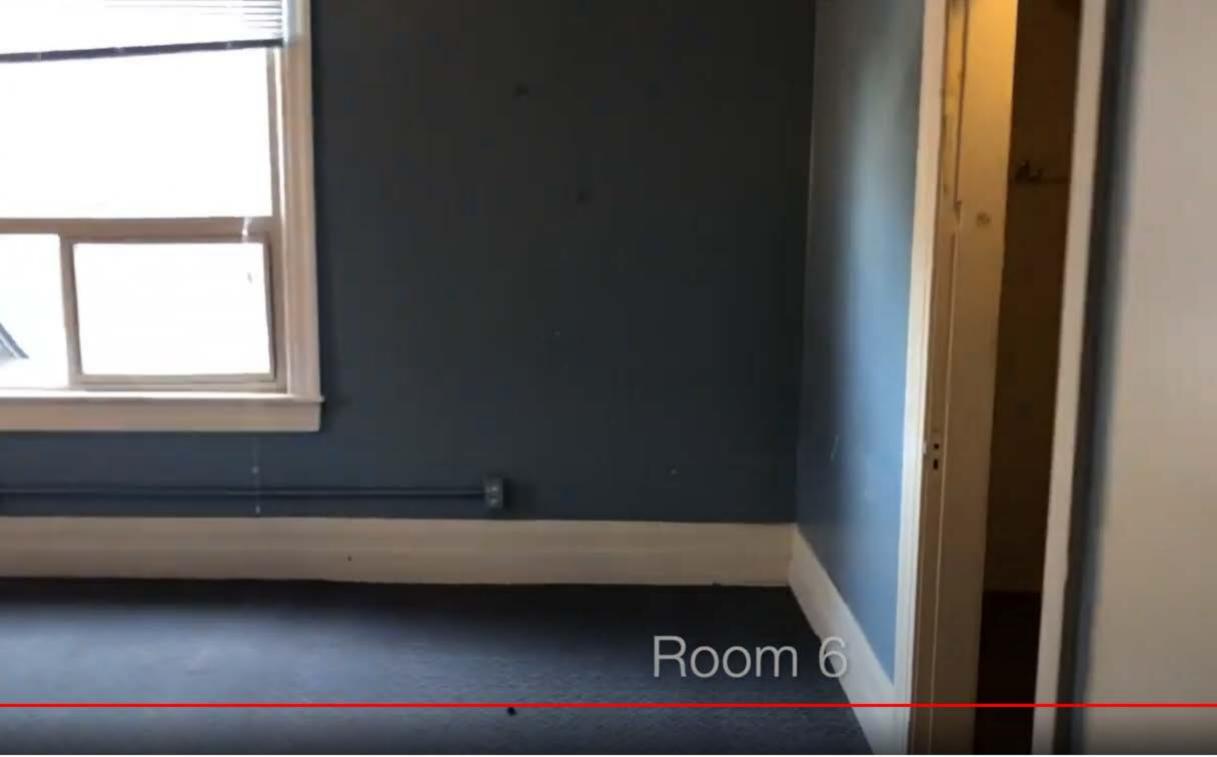




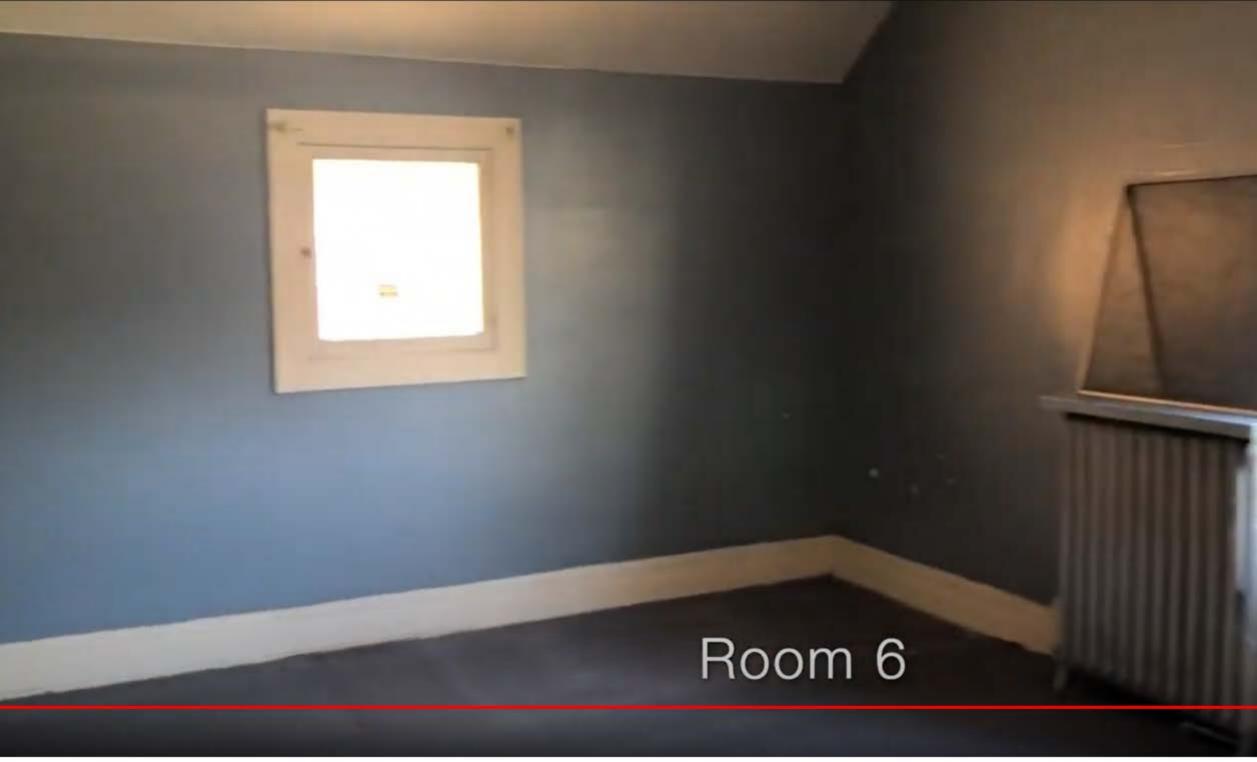
















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