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Location: 350 Fifth Avenue, Municipality of Skagway Borough, Alaska

The building is located at latitude: 59.455963, longitude: -135.316102.
This point was obtained in June 2016 using Google Earth (WGS84).
There is no restriction on its release to the public.

Appendix A: Color Images



Fig. 1. Living room looking east to entry porch. Interior wall finish exposed to show heavy log construction. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 2. Living room fireplace looking north. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 3. Detail of fireplace grille. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 4. Dining room looking southeast. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 5. Kitchen looking east into utility room. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 6. Utility room looking northwest. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 7. North corner windows in bedroom. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 8. Rear attic space looking southwest to gable end of original building. Original window cut to door opening. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 9. Rear attic space looking east. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)



Fig. 10. Rear attic space looking northeast. (Photographer: Robert Lyon, 2015)

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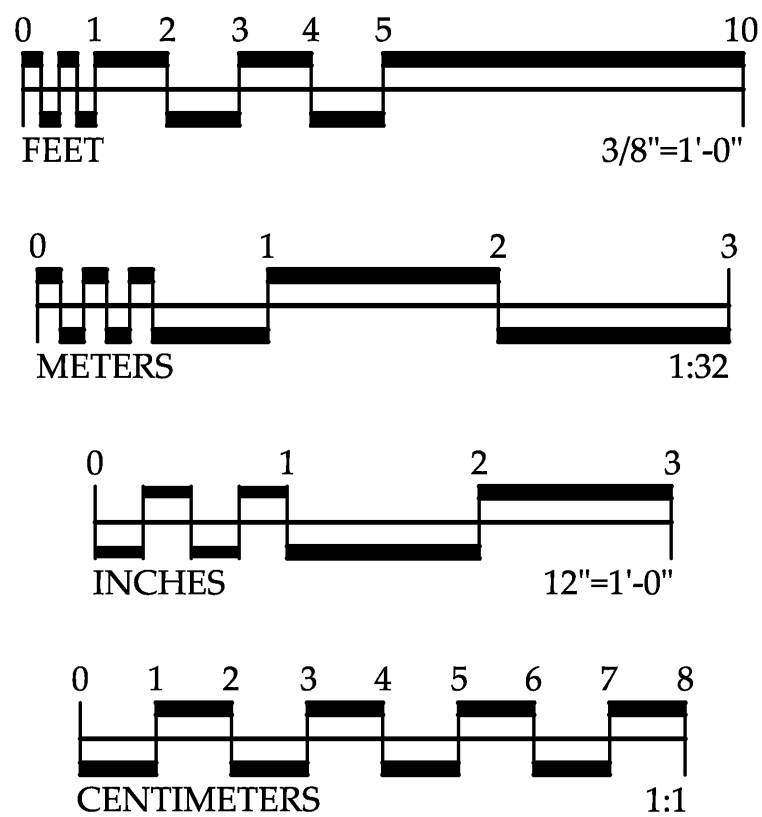
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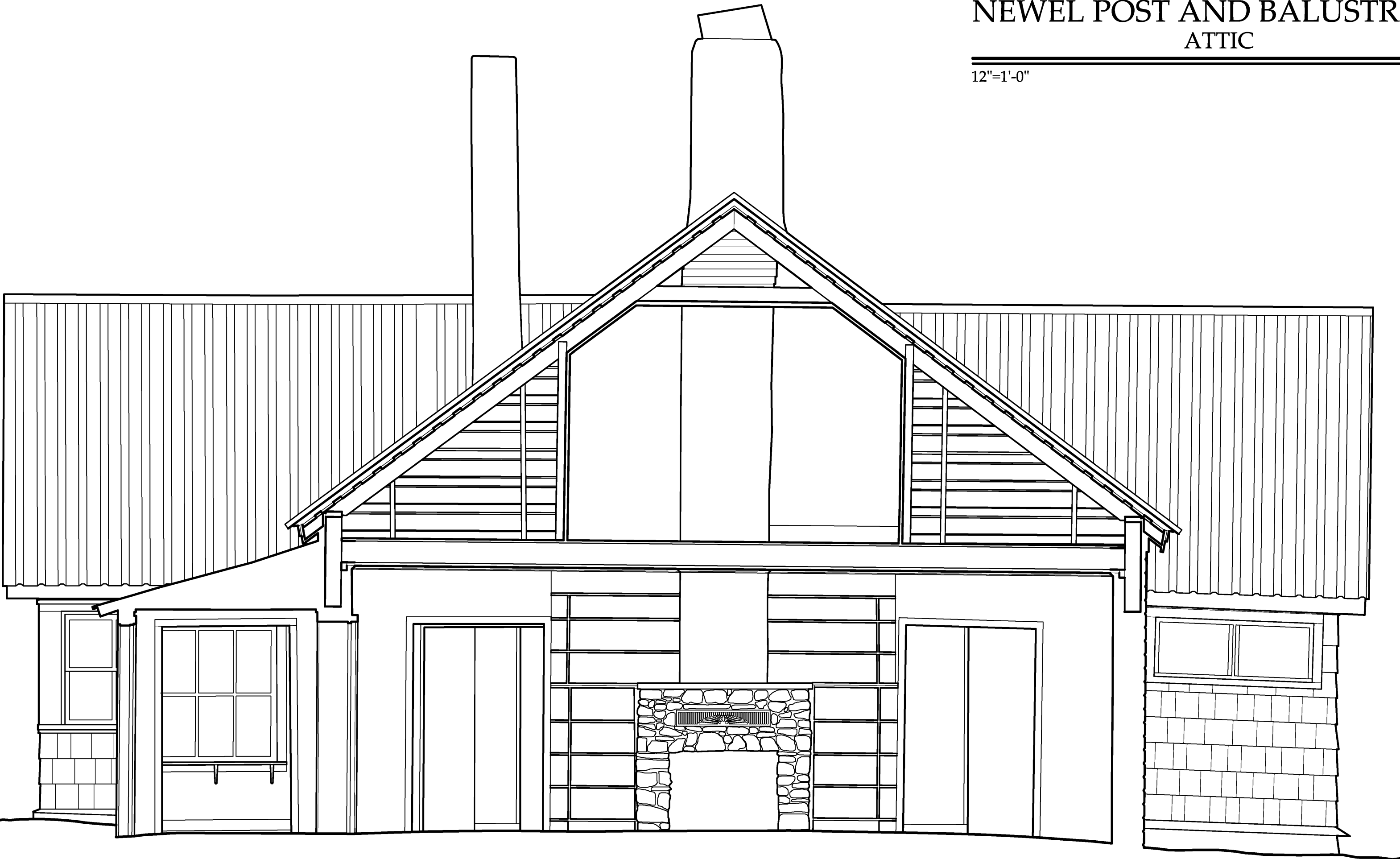
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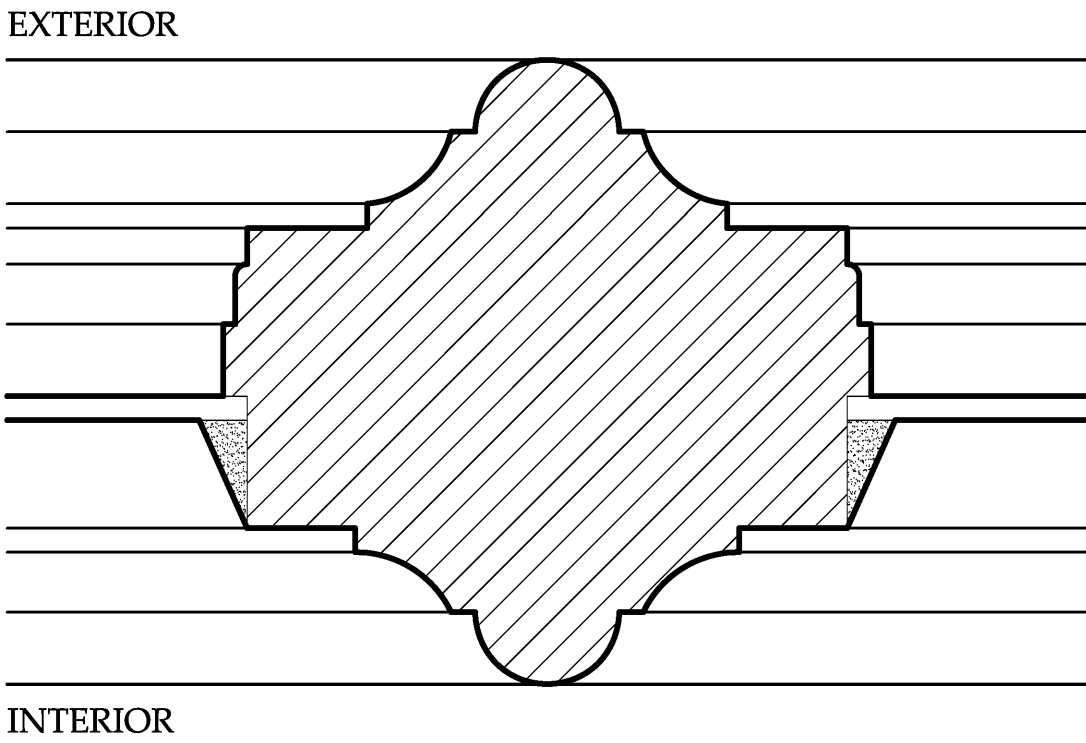
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NORTHEAST GABLE
12"=1'-0" 1:1



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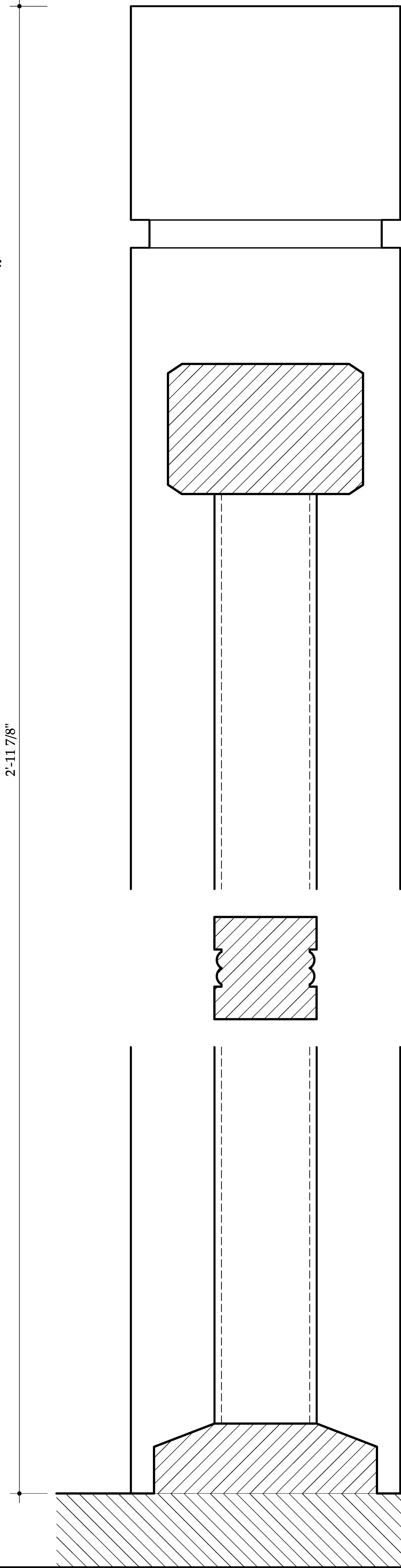


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WINDOW MULLION
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION
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NEWEL POST AND BALUSTRADE
ATTIC
12"=1'-0" 1:1



WINDOW HEAD
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION
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The construction of Skagway's first City Hall was begun in the autumn of 1897. A one-story (with attic) single-room structure, approximately 26' square, City Hall was built with horizontally-laid hewn logs, using moss as chinking. In addition to housing municipal functions, the building served as Skagway's courthouse, jail, and office for the U.S. Marshal. The most significant historic role played by City Hall was undoubtedly its service as the center of activity during the roundup of Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith's gang in July 1898.

In 1901 the building was sold to John G. Price to serve as Price's law office. City Hall's exterior horizontal siding was apparently installed at that time. By 1914 the building had been converted to a dwelling. At some point, most likely during the 1930s, the main entrance was moved from the front to a newly-constructed porch on the side. During the second half of the twentieth century, several additions were constructed to the rear of the building. In 2013 Skagway City Hall was reacquired by the Municipality of Skagway.

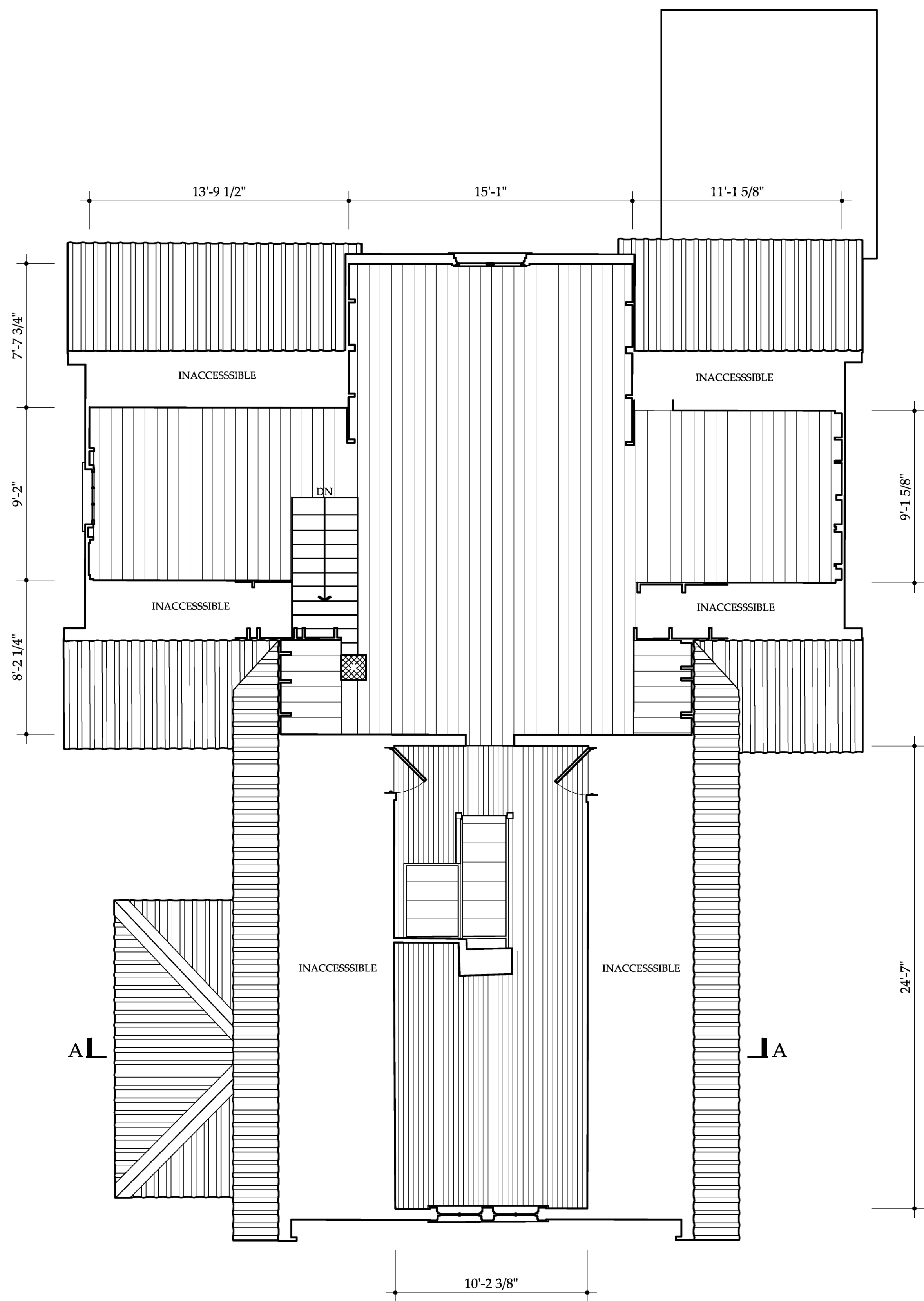
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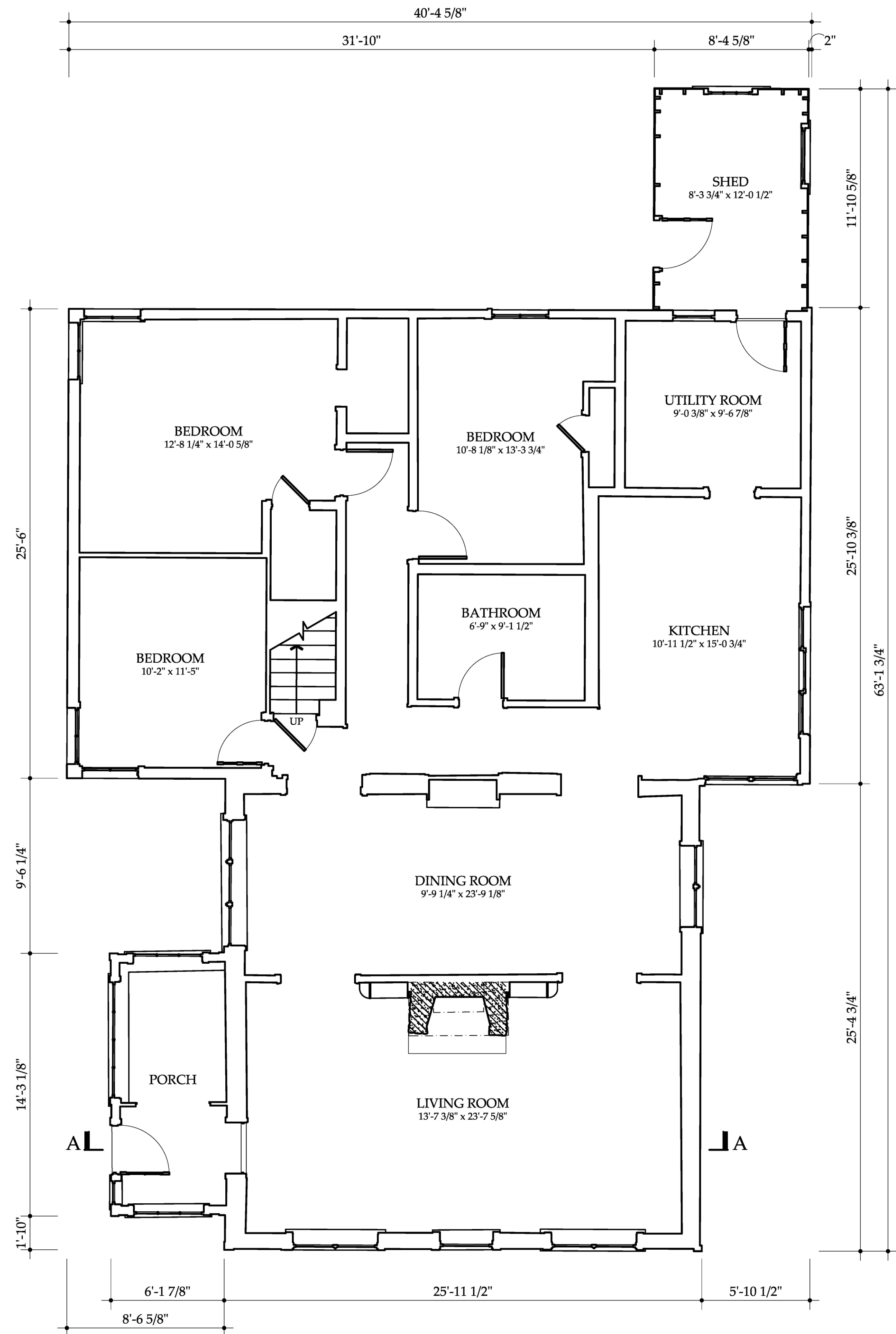
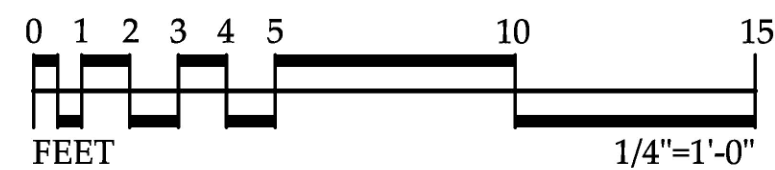
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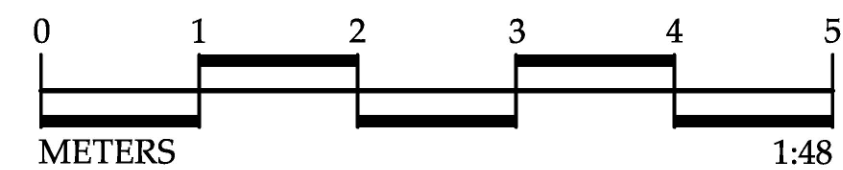
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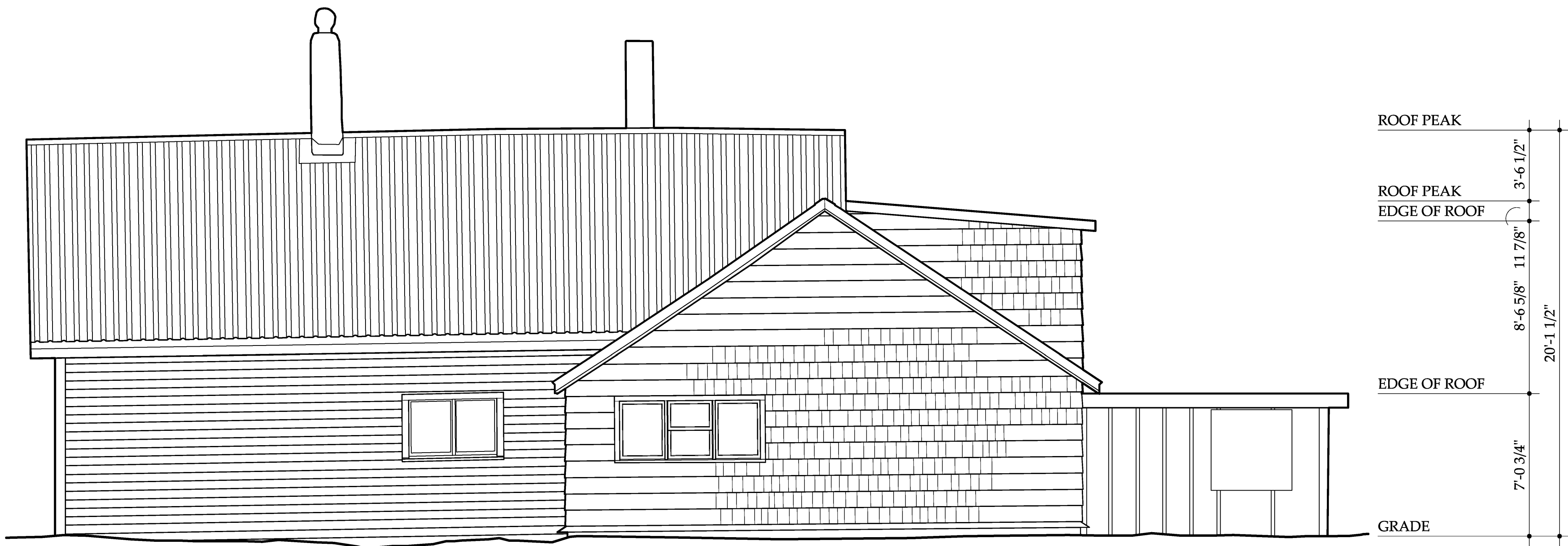


ATTIC PLAN
1/4"=1'-0" 1:48

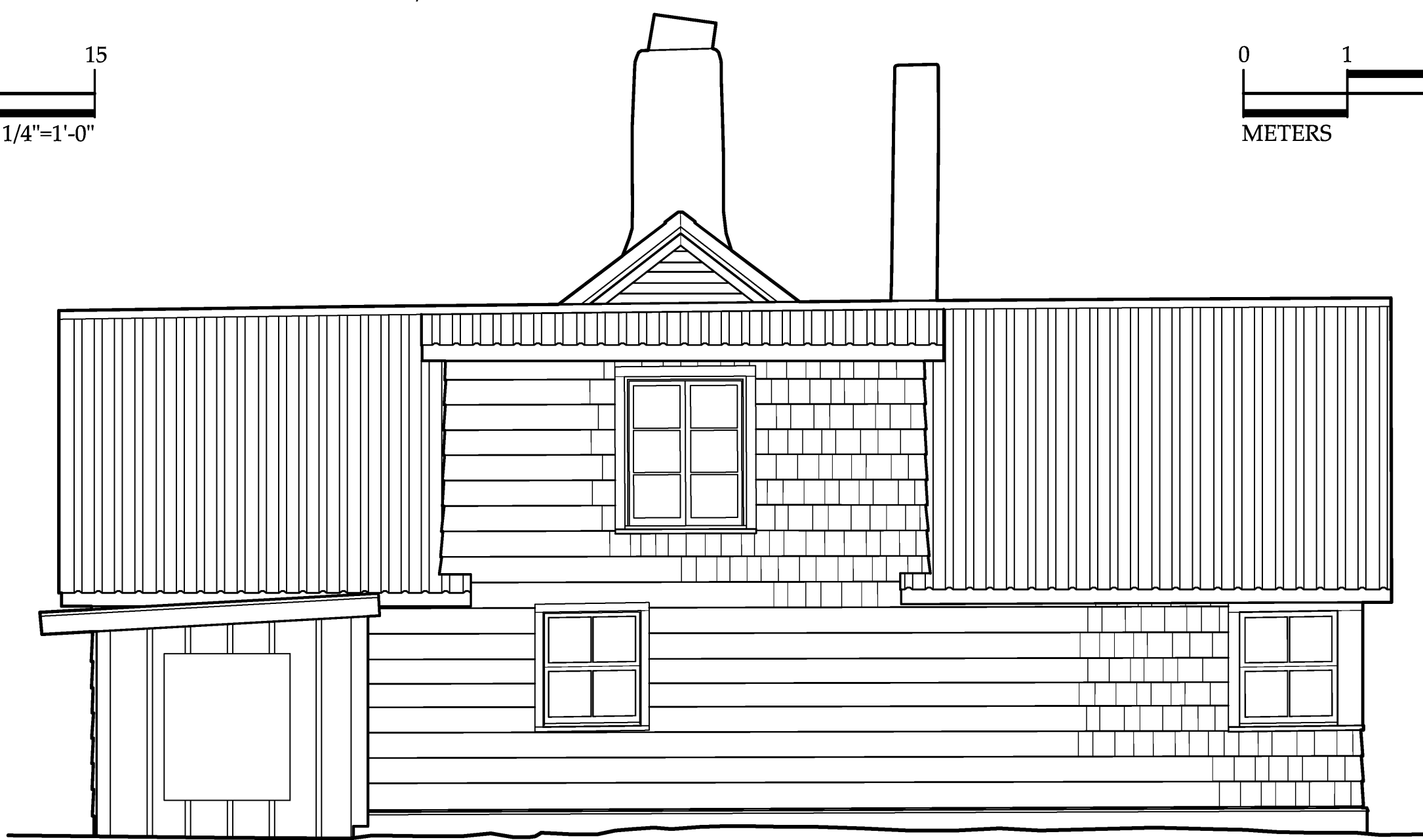
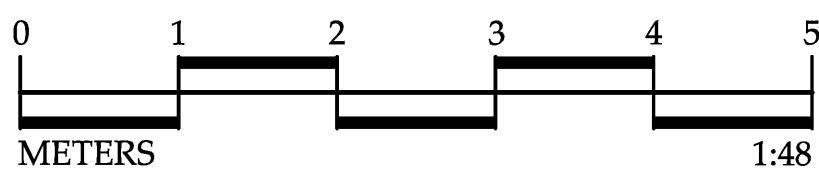
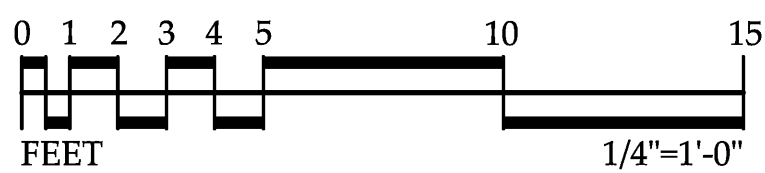


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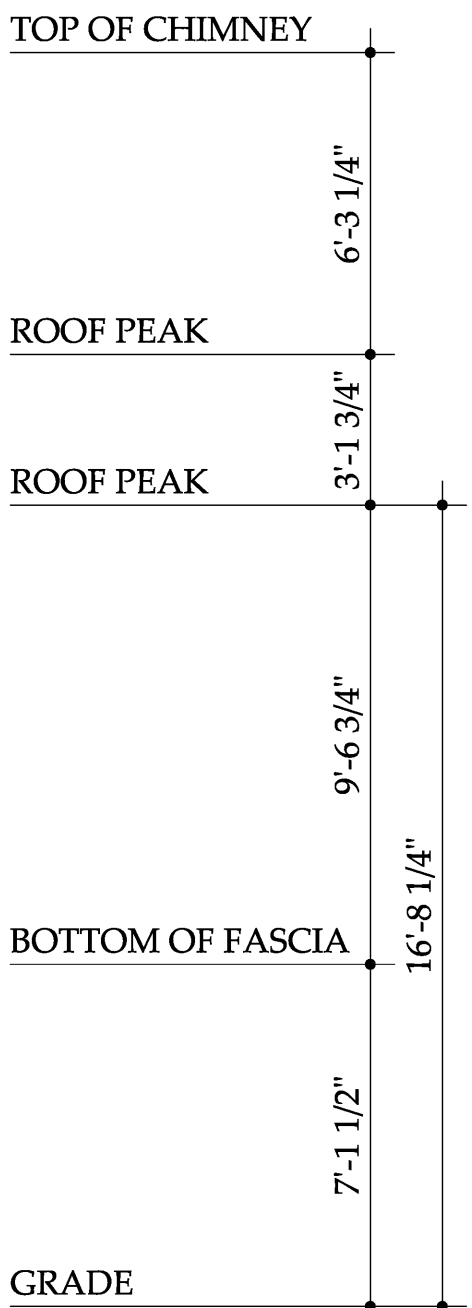
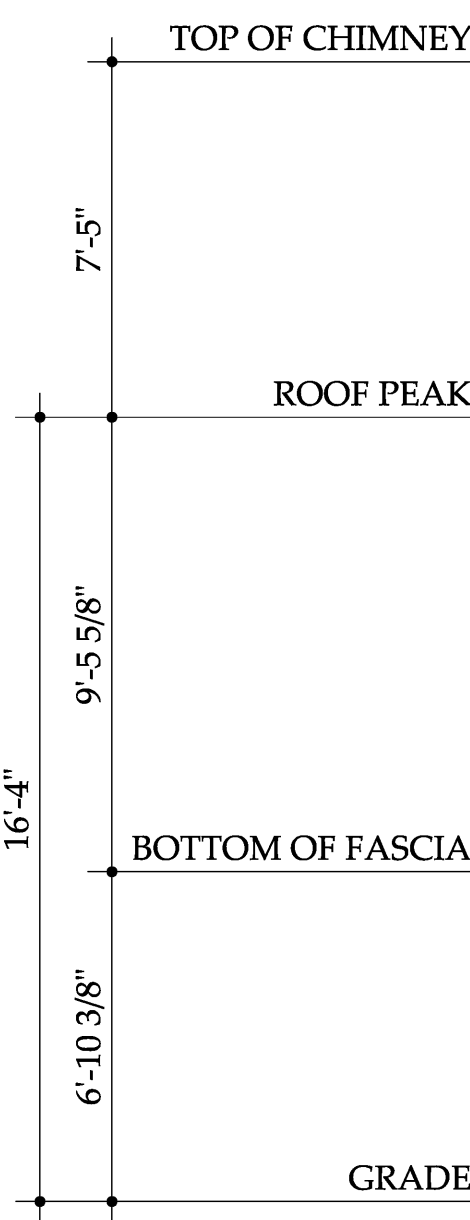
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Robert Lyon, photographer, 2015

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Note: Within Skagway, cardinal directions are colloquially oriented with reference to the city's street grid instead of true north. The north-south axis is aligned with State Street, making "north" closer to northeast. The photo caption follows this convention.

Caption written by Susannah Dowds, Historian, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, 2018.

For additional photographs of the building, see City of Skagway (HABS AK-15).

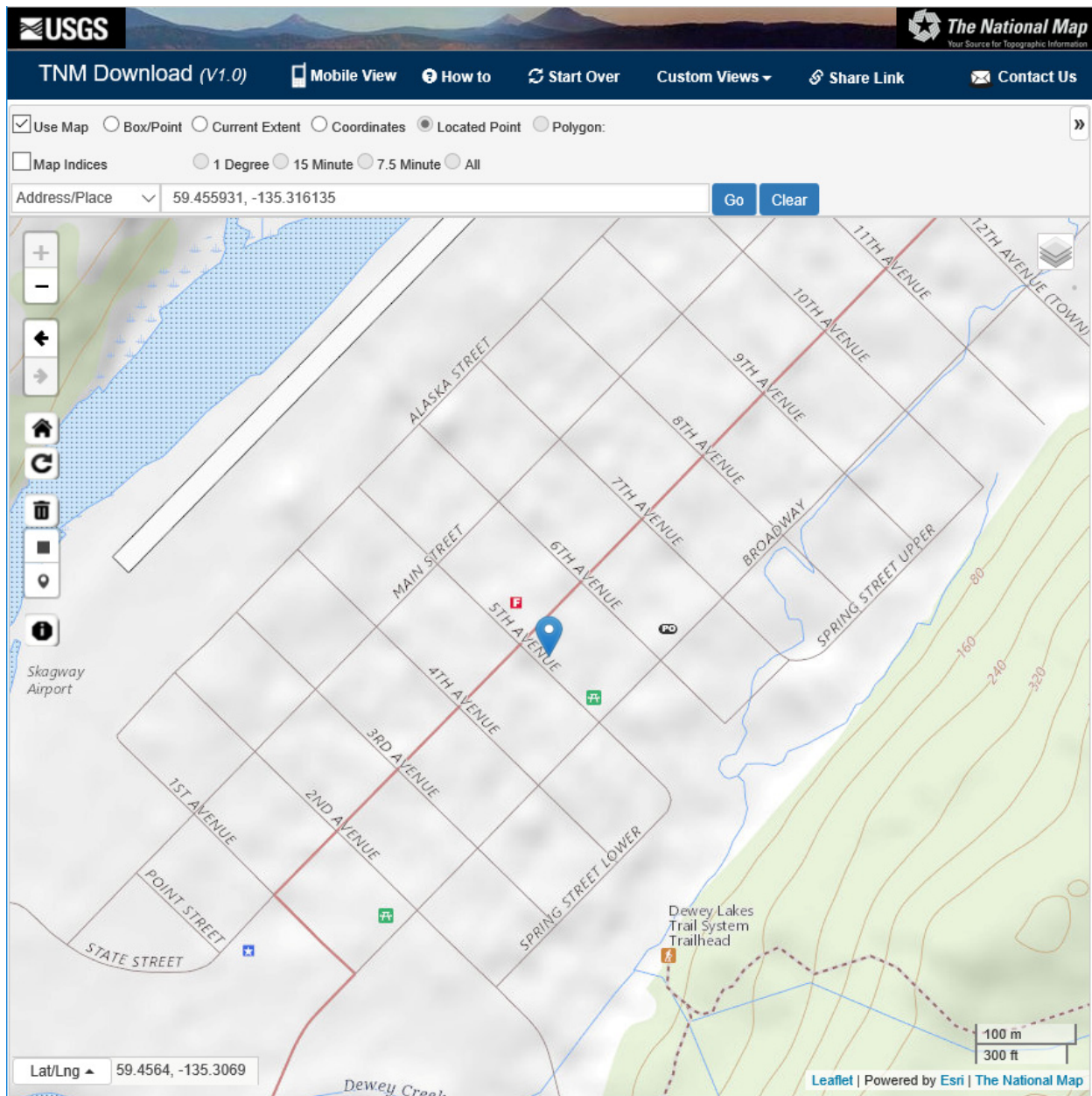
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Robert Lyon, photographer, September 2015

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Old City Hall interior, second floor, view facing north. The paired three-paned window sashes and exposed wood framing are visible. The floorboards run north to south. The ceiling and interior stud walls are unfinished with exposed ceiling joists and peeling tar paper. Skagway's first City Hall was constructed in autumn 1897. Built with horizontally-laid hewn logs and chinked with moss, the one-story (with attic), single-room structure was approximately 26-feet square. In 1901, the building was sold to John G. Price to serve as Price's law office. At this time, exterior horizontal siding was installed over the log structure. At some point, most likely during the 1930s, the principal entrance was moved from the front to a newly-constructed porch on the west side. During the second half of the twentieth century, several additions were constructed at the rear of the building. The additions (including this room) were demolished in January 2016 since they were not part of the original structure.

Location Map



The Skagway City Hall is located at longitude: 59.455931, latitude: -135.316135. This point represents the front door. It was obtained by Jen Larsen, Biological Wildlife Technician & GIS Specialist, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, in August 2019 working with historical building spatial layers within ArcMap (NAD83).

Map source: The National Map, U.S. Geological Survey, accessed August 23, 2019, <https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/basic/>.