Mission San Francisco de la Espada
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MISSION SAN FRANCISCO DE LA ESPADA
San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

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Owner: Roman Catholic Church

Date of Erection: 1731

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Father Monzanet and General Alonso de Leon.

Present Condition: Original mission was started in 1690; it was later abandoned, and then moved to present site. Church still standing; wall and other buildings nearly gone.

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Limestone and plaster.

Other Existing Records: "San Antonio de Bexar" by William Corner.

Additional Data:

This mission was founded by General Alonso de Leon and Father Manzant, May 25, 1690. A few years later it was abandoned. Several attempts were made to reestablish it, and finally the present mission was established in 1731 on the San Antonio River.

It was built of limestone and mortar. Tradition has it that the mortar was mixed with asses milk, which the priests consecrated to the service. "San Francisco de la Espada" means "St. Francis of the Sword", and according to tradition the old tower was built in the form of the hilt of a sword.

The Apache tribes were always hostile, and frequent raids were made by them on the missions, and, at one time, they slaughtered seven hundred head of cattle belonging to San Jose alone. Epidemics also took their toll from the early missionaries and made the struggle for existence harder.

Though the church of this mission was started it had not been completed by 1762, due to a lack of stone of good quality. In the meantime a spacious room was used for mass. The convent was composed of four cells, in the second story, with three on the ground floor, with three corridors, a workshop, and a spacious granary all of stone.

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The pueblo had three rows of stone houses properly furnished. The ranch was improved with one stone house where attending families lived.

In 1778 only forty families totalling one hundred thirty three souls lived at the mission; by 1793 there were only thrity four people left.

On November 10, 1794, all the missions were ordered secularized and the lands and movables were distributed among the Indians. The Zacatecan friars continued their ministry though until well into the 19th century. In 1804 there were one hundred and seven people at the Espada Mission.

The process of secularization went on very slowly in Texas, and in spite of the Spanish Cortes decree of 1813, it was not until 1823 that the last mission at San Antonio became extinct, and then diocesan priests took the place of the Franciscan friars.

This information was secured from "Indians & Missions" by Frederick Chabot.

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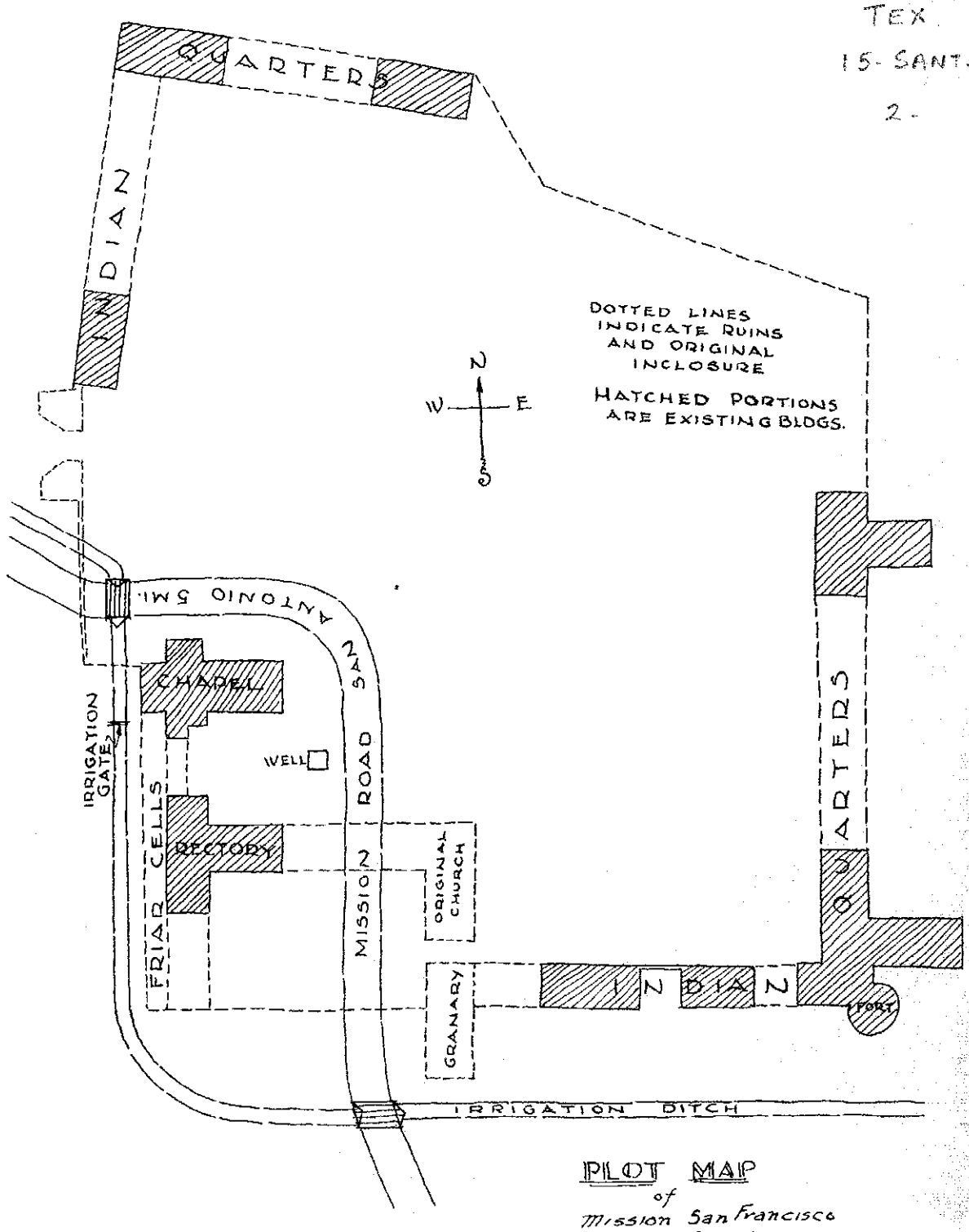
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PLOT MAP
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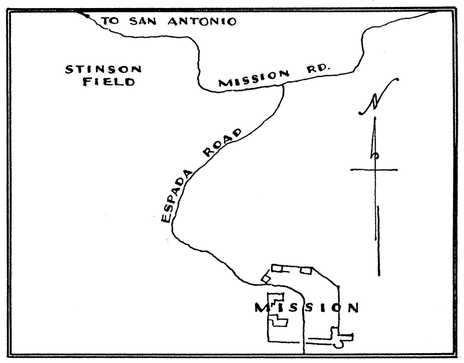
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SKETCH MAP

ERECTED: 1731
ARCHITECT: UNKNOWN
BUILDER: FATHER MONZANET &
GENERAL ALONSO DE LEON

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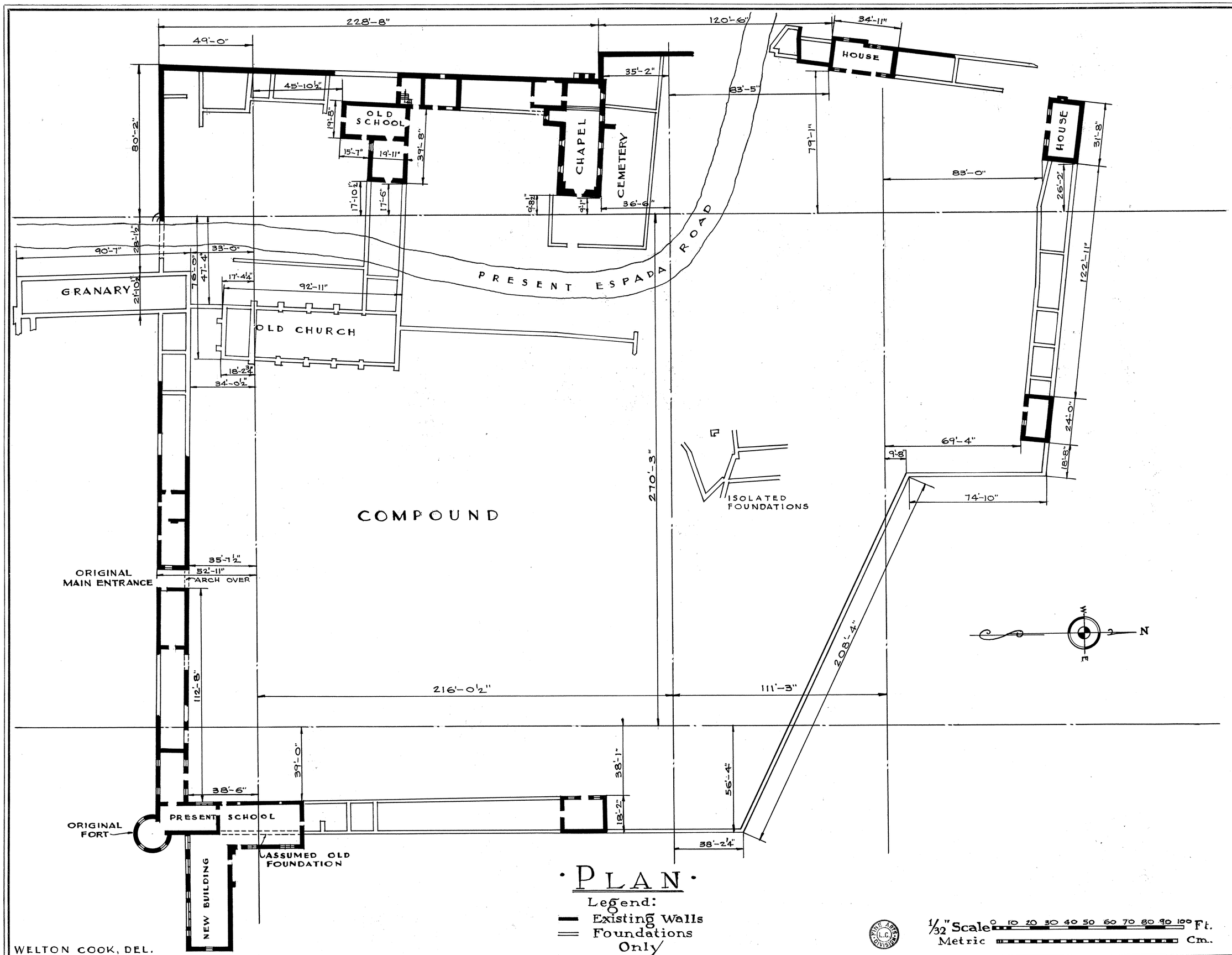
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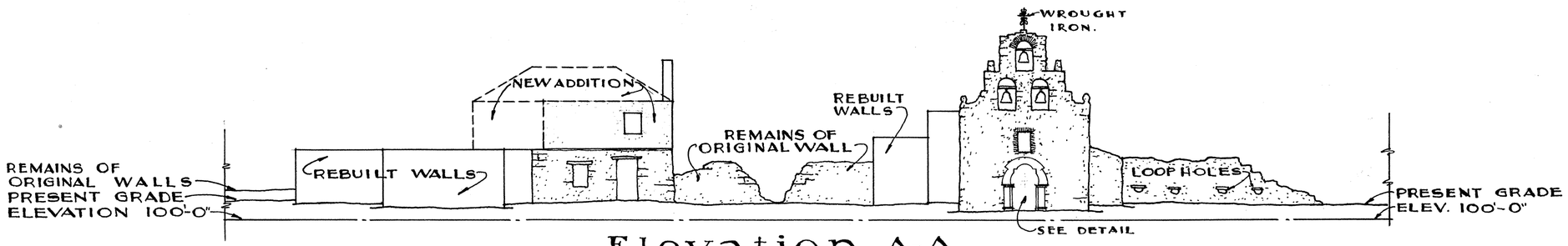
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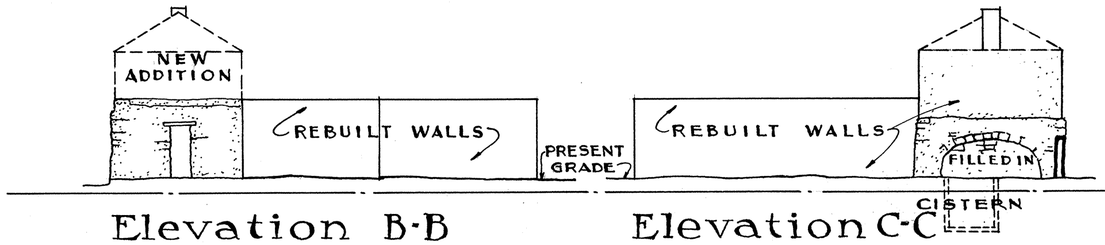
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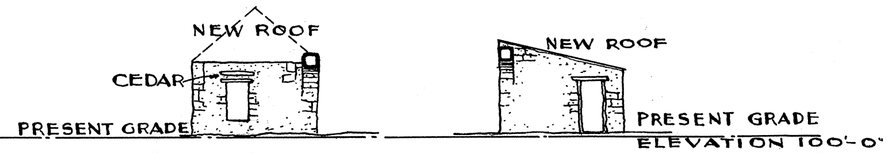


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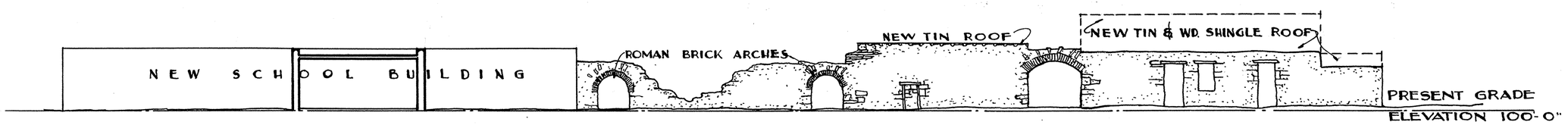


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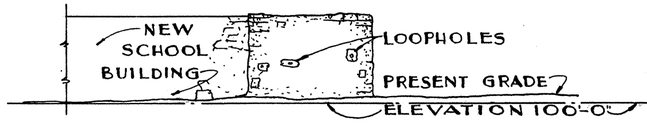
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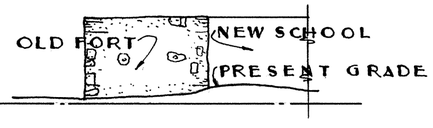
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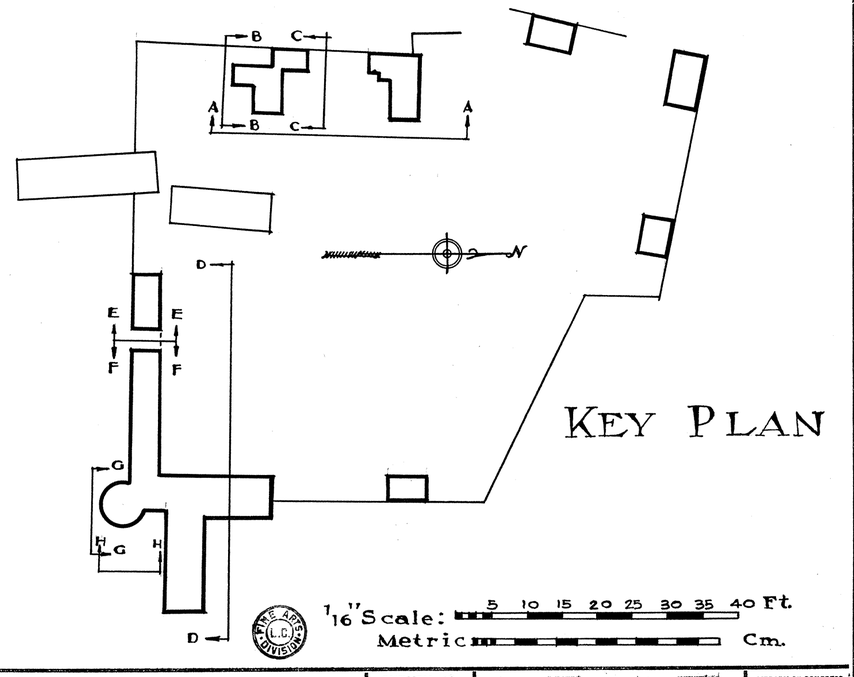
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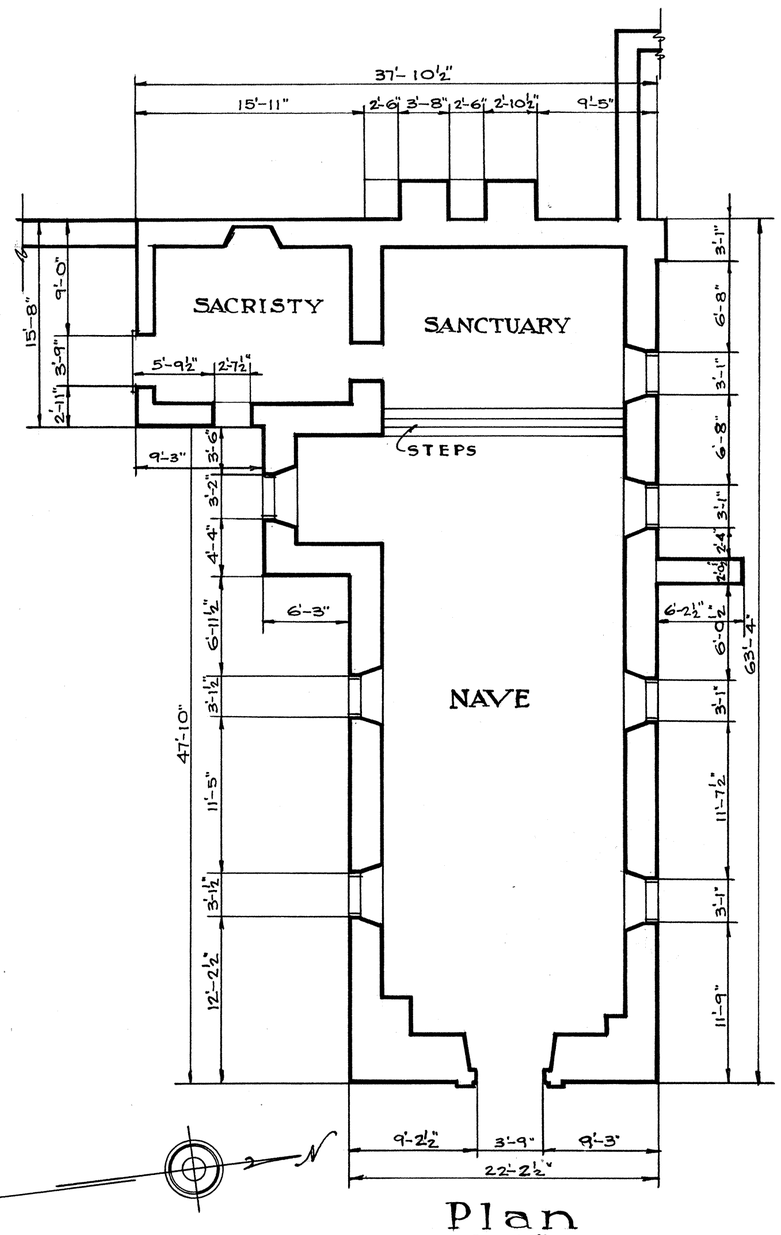
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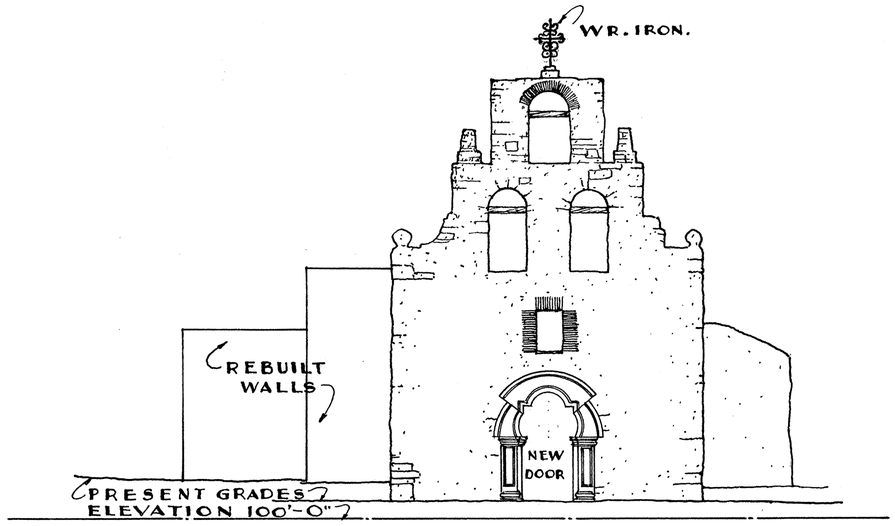
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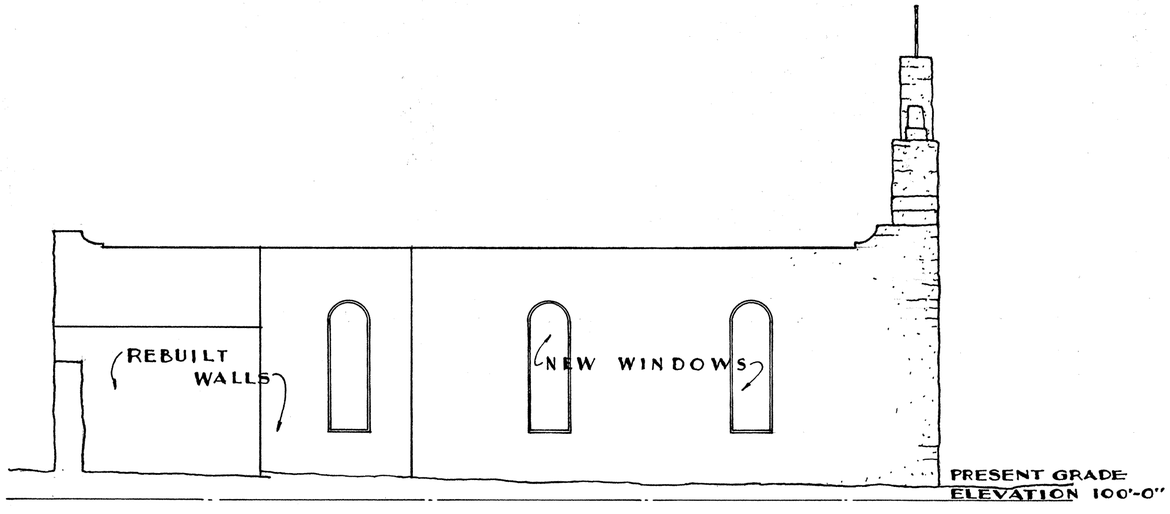
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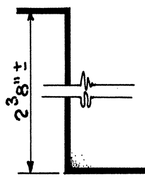
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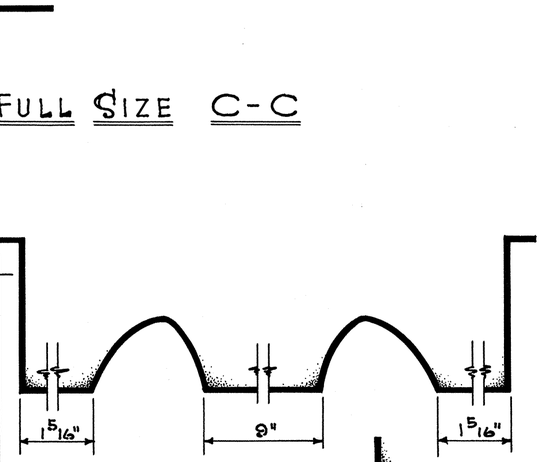
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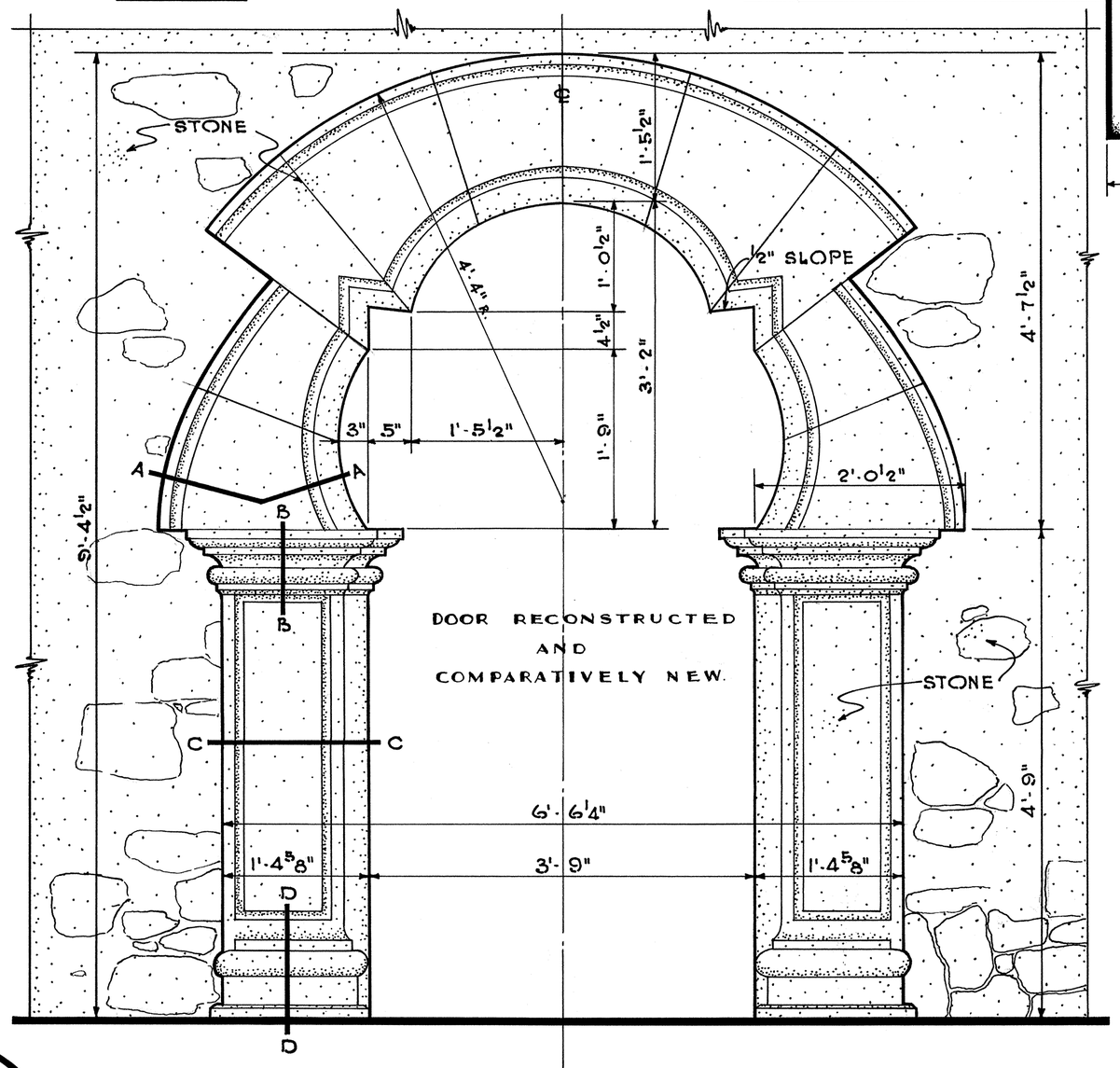
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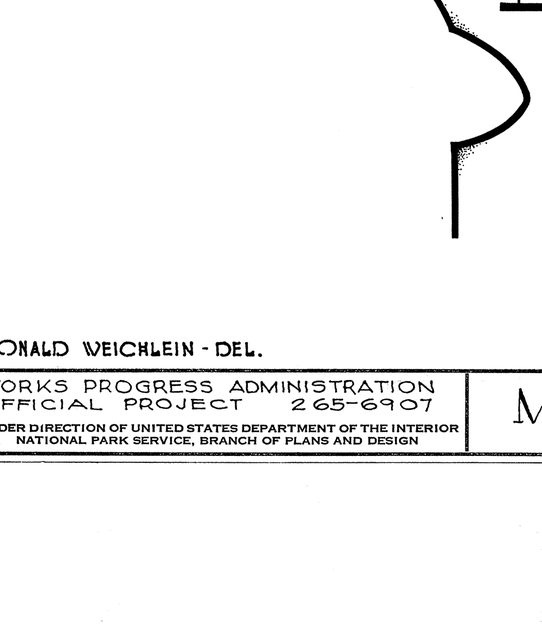


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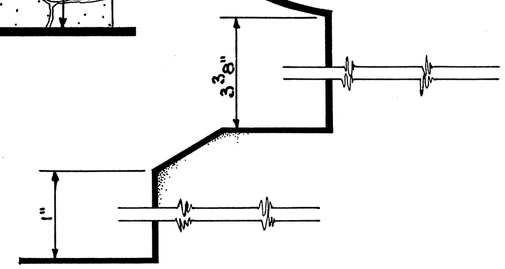




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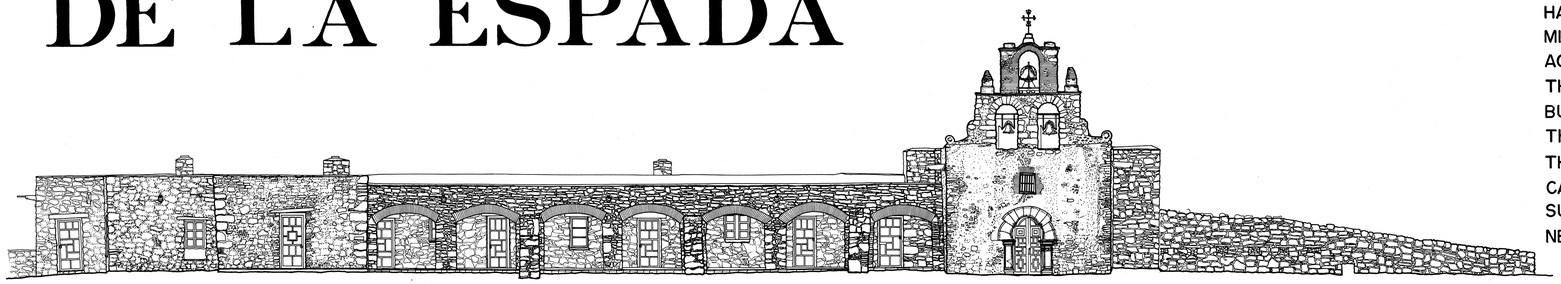
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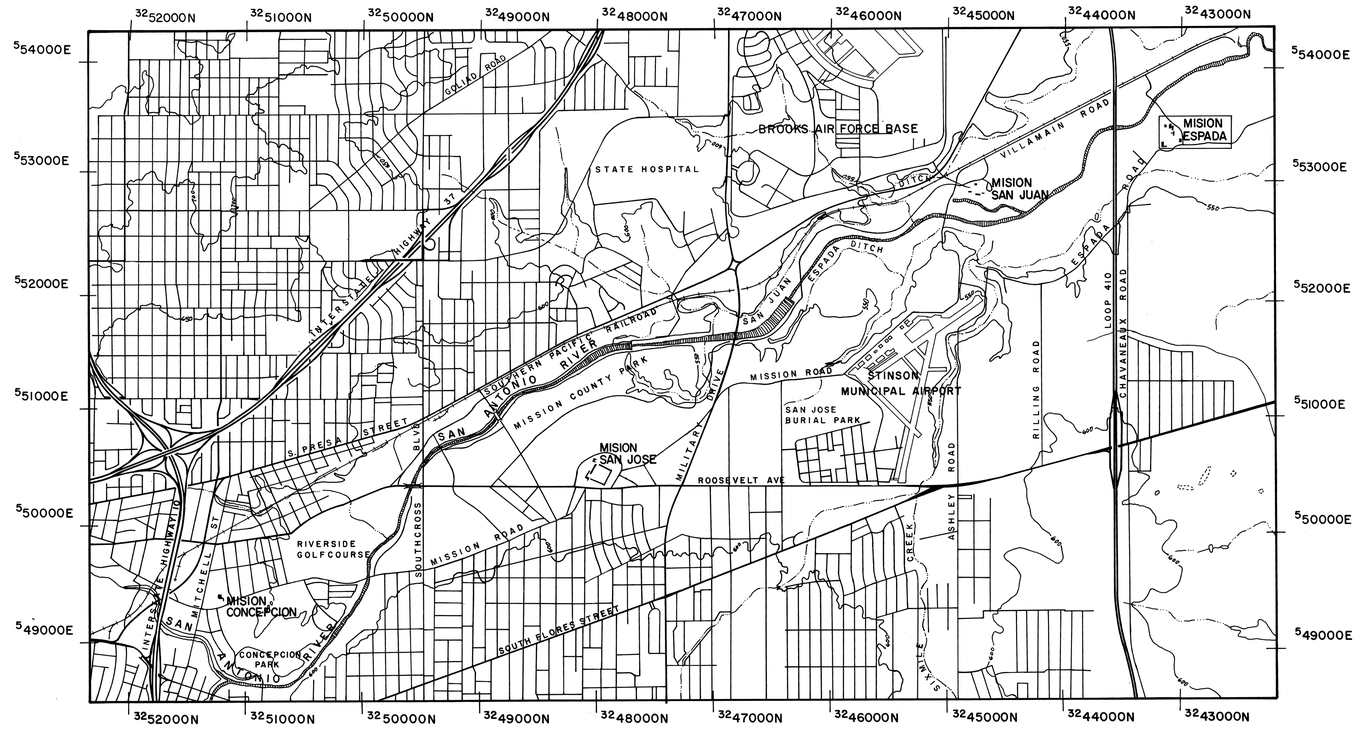
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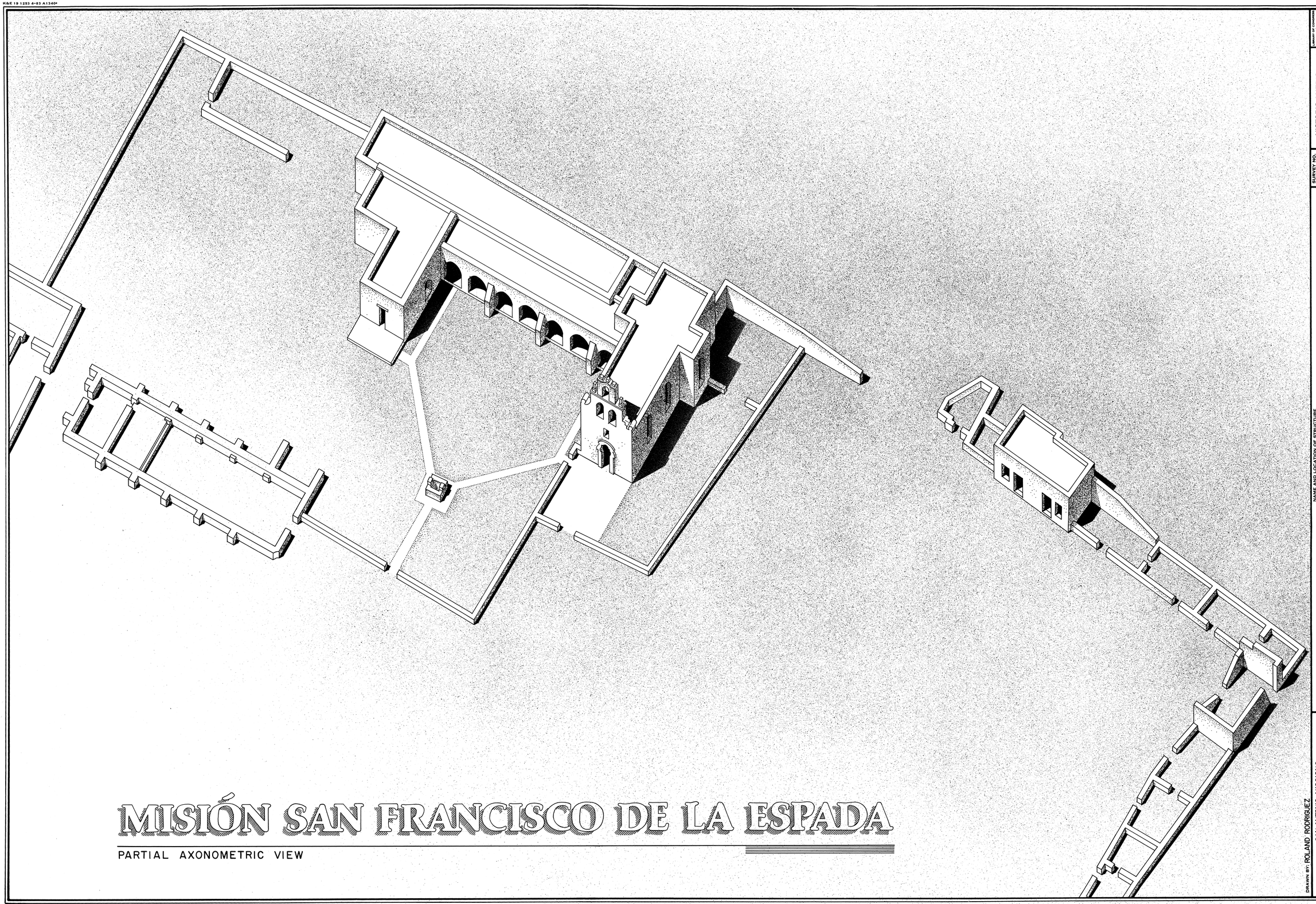
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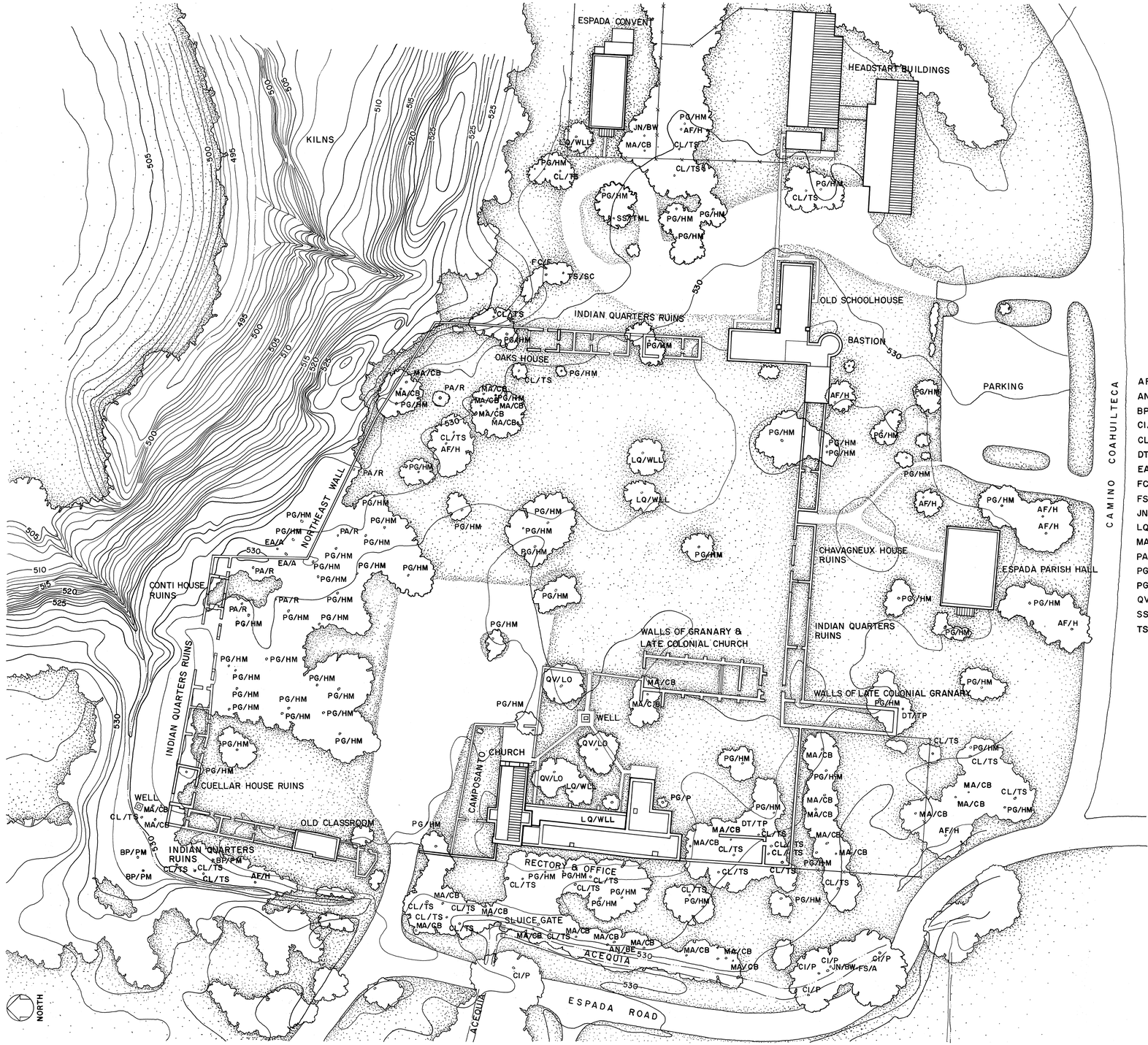
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AF/H	HUISACHE	ACACIA FARNESIANA	HUISACHE
AN/BE	BOXELDER	ACER NEGUNDO	SAUCO
BP/PM	PAPER MULBERRY	BROUSSONETIA PAPYRIFERA	MORAS
CI/P	PECAN	CARYA ILLINOINENSIS	NOGALES
CL/TS	TEXAS SUGARBERRY	CELTIS LAEVIGATA	
DT/TP	TEXAS PERSIMMON	DIOSPYROS TEXANA	CAQUI
EA/A	ANACUA	EHRETIA ANACUA	ANACUA
FC/F	FIG	FICUS CARICA	HIGUERA
FS/A	ASH	FRAXINUS SP	FRESNO
JN/BW	BLACK WALNUT	JUGLANS NIGRA	NOGALES
LQ/WLL	WAX-LEAF LIGUSTRUM	LIGUSTRUM QUIHOUI	
MA/CB	CHINABERRY	MELIA AZEDARACH	
PA/R	RETAMA	PARKINSONIA ACULEATA	RETAMA
PG/HM	HONEY MESQUITE	PROSOPIS GLANDULOSA	MESQUITE
PG/P	POMEGRANATE	PUNICA GRANATUM	GRANADO
QV/LO	LIVE OAK	QUERCUS VIRGINIANA	ENCINA
SS/TML	TEXAS MOUNTAIN LAUREL	SOPHORA SECUNDIFLORA	
TS/SC	SALT CEDER	TAMARIX SP.	

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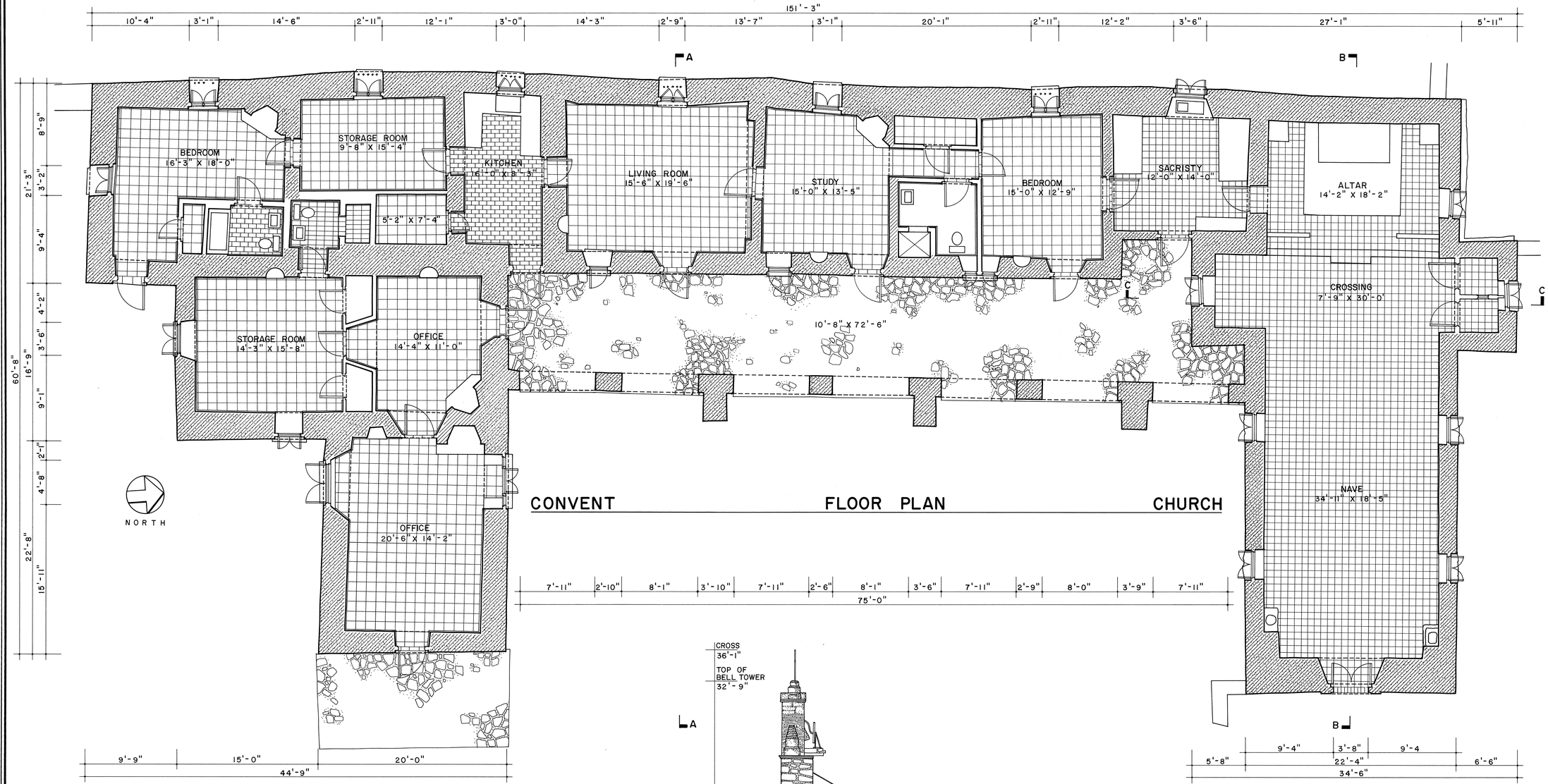
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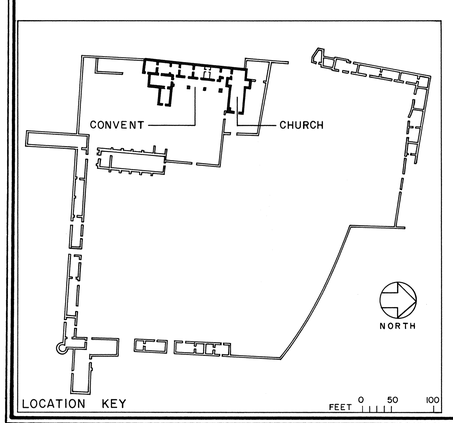
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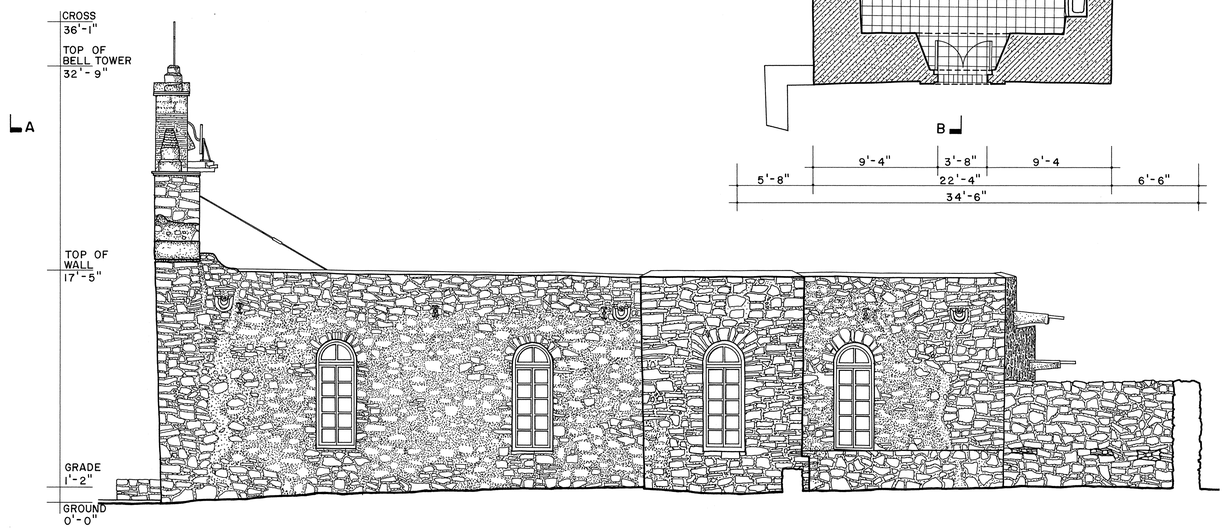
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CONVENT FLOOR PLAN CHURCH





MATERIALS:

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NORTH ELEVATION — CHURCH

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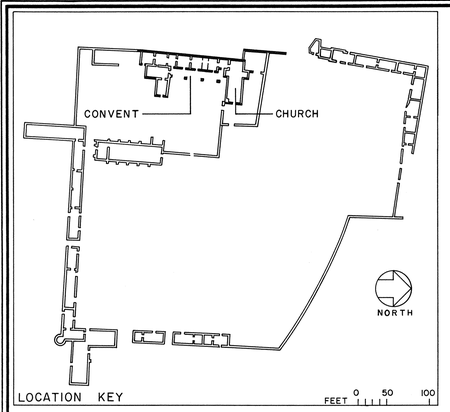
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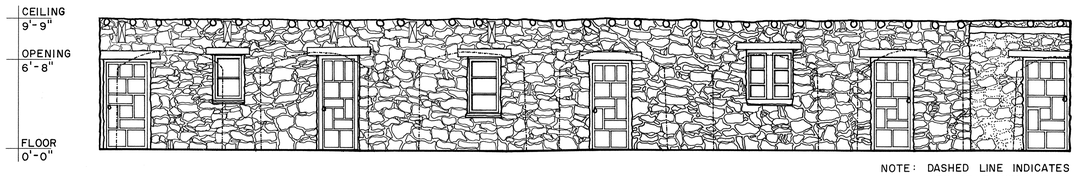
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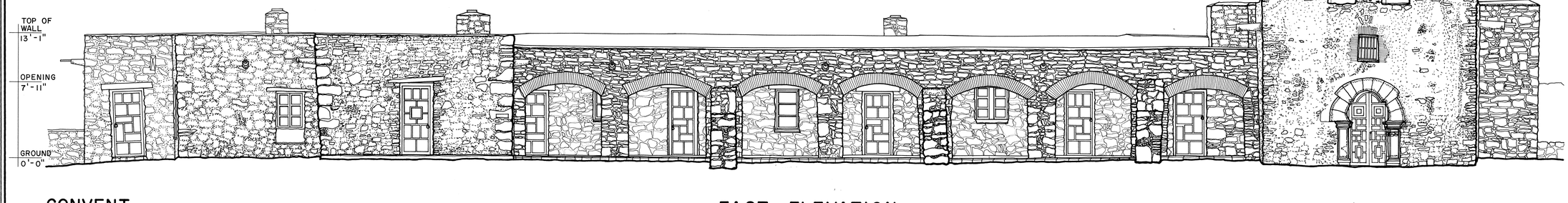
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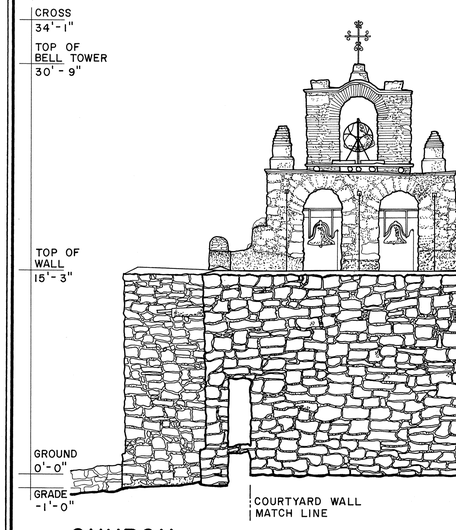


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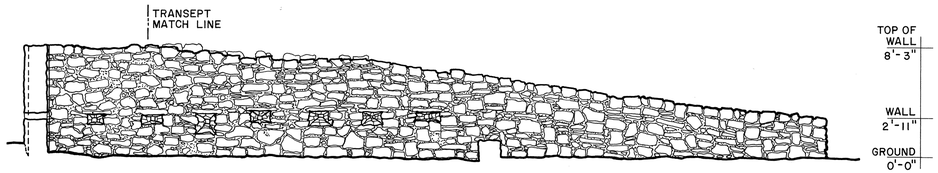


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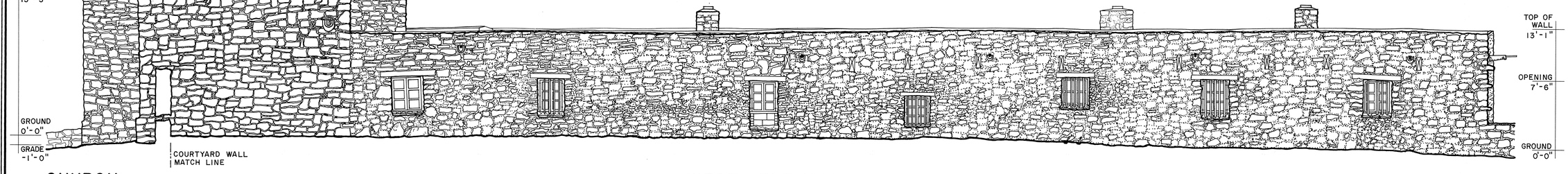


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WALLS: RANDOM RUBBLE
ROOF: ROLLED ASPHALT



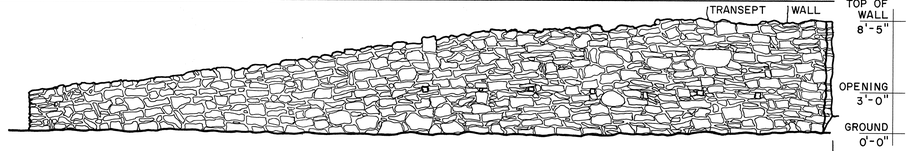
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CHURCH — WEST ELEVATION — CONVENT

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METERS 1:64 0 1 2 3 4 5



WEST ELEVATION — CHURCH COURTYARD WALL

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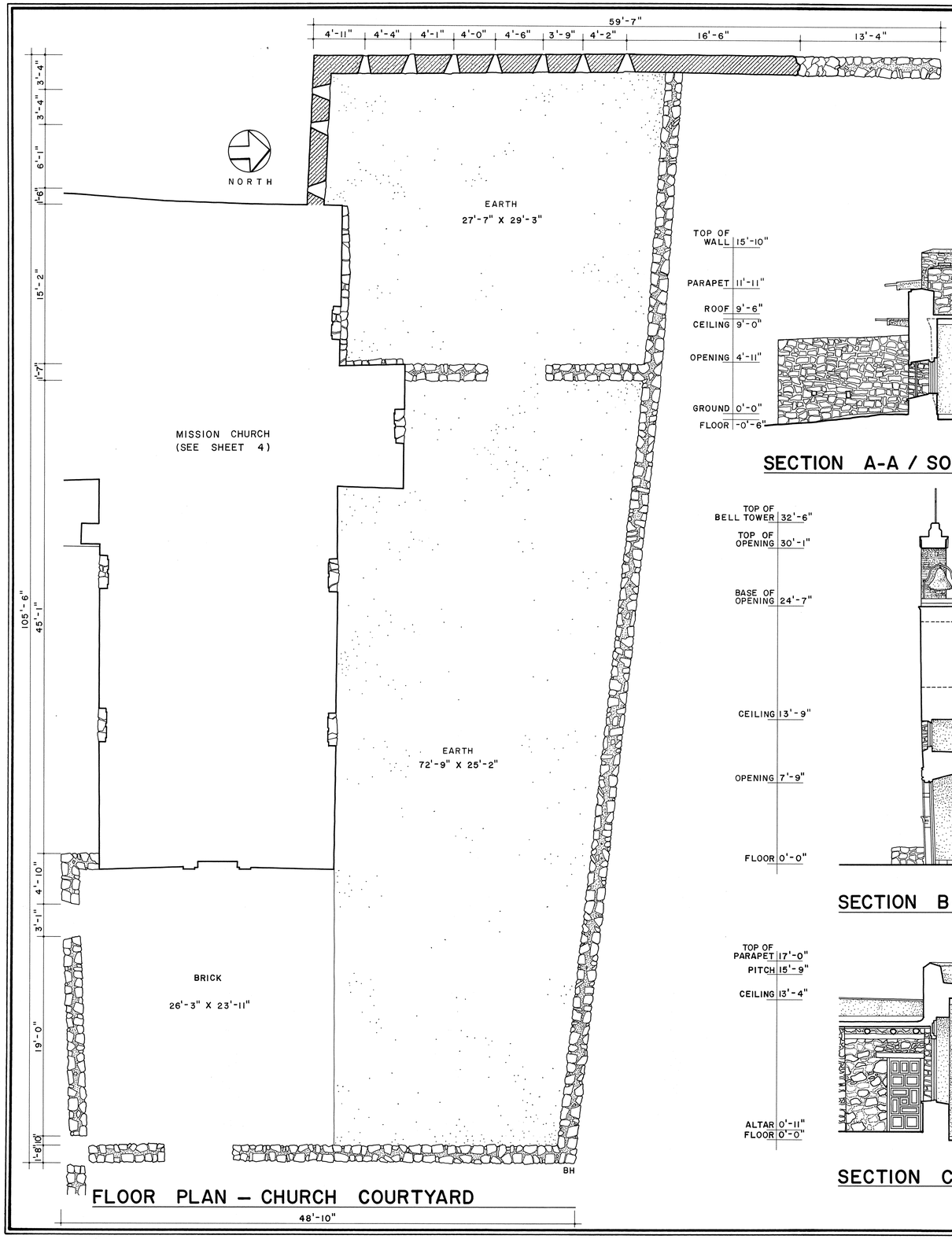
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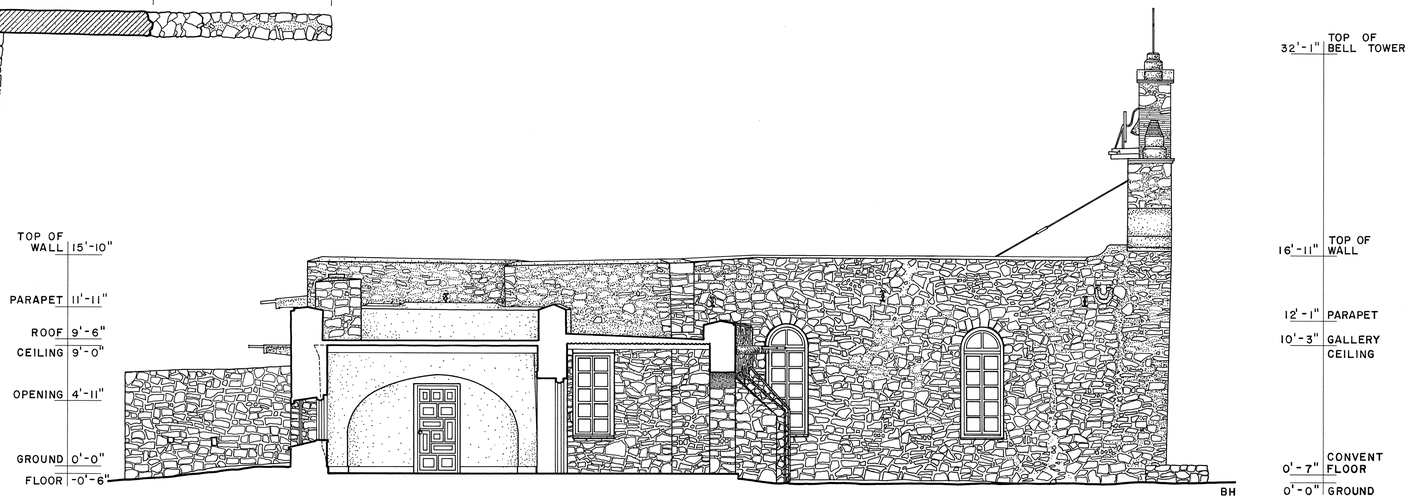
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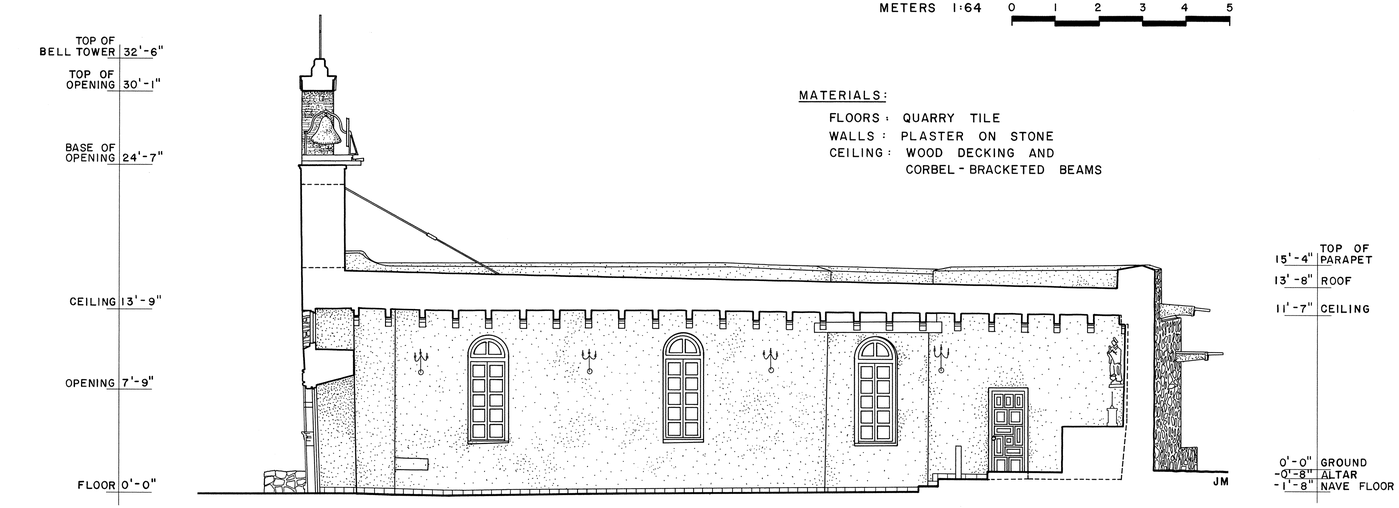
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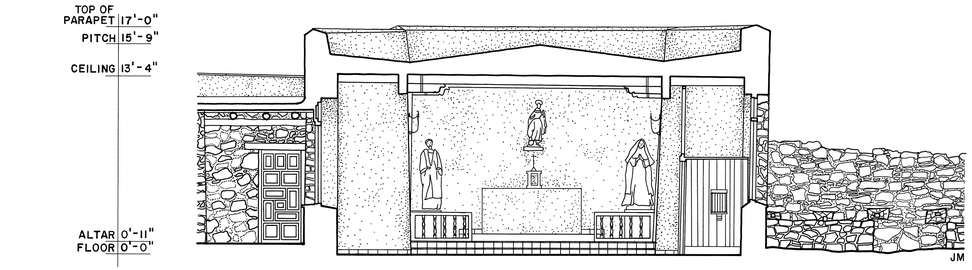
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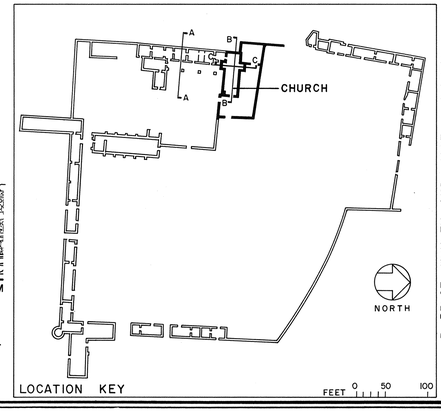
SECTION B-B



SECTION C-C

MATERIALS:

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WALLS : PLASTER ON STONE
CEILING : WOOD DECKING AND CORBEL-BRACKETED BEAMS



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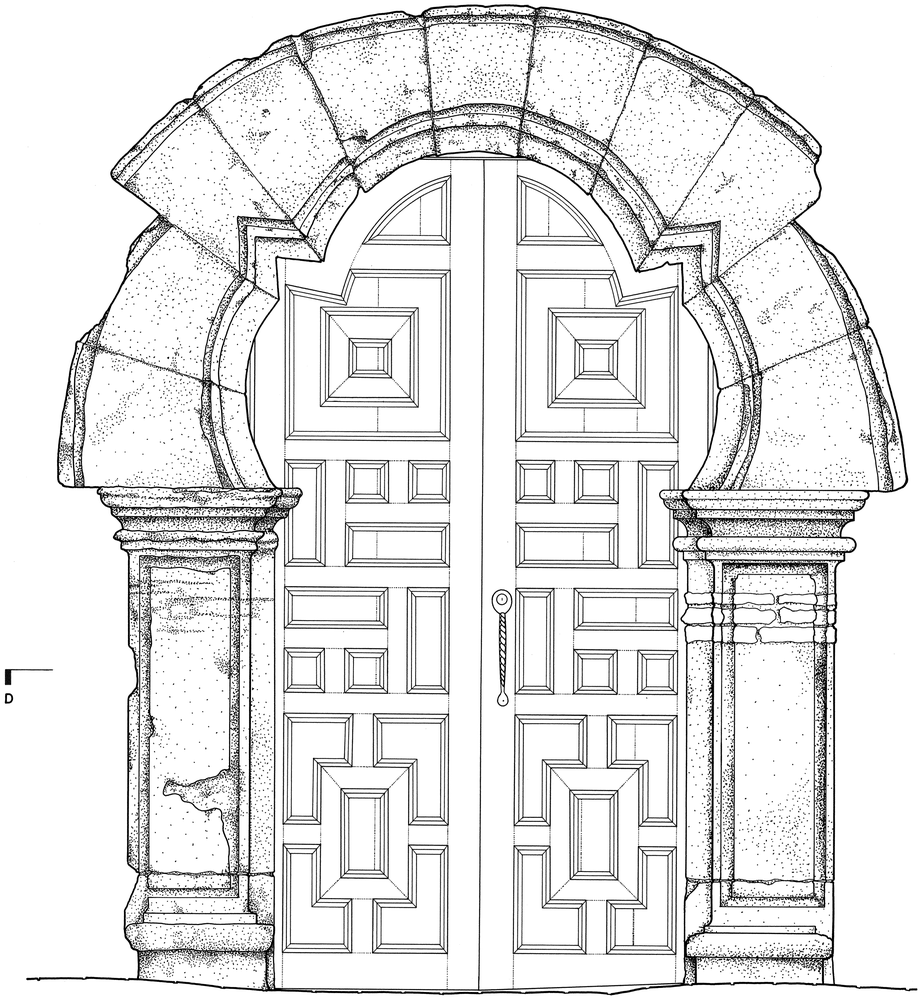
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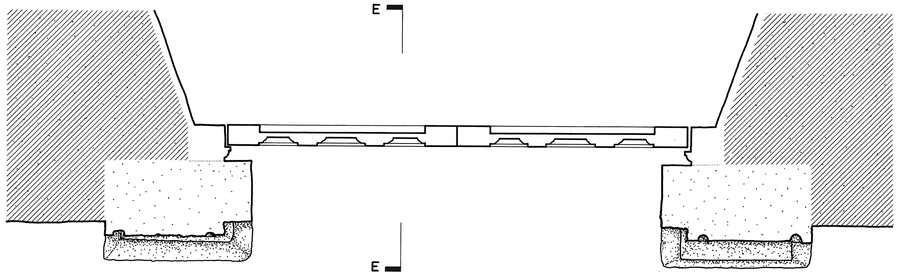
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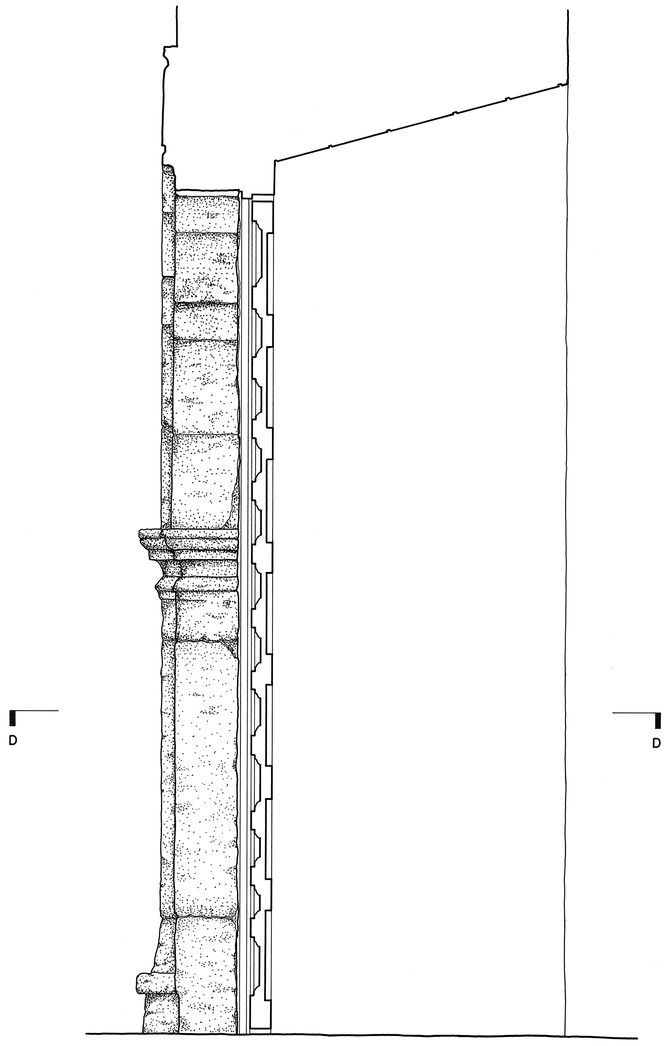
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PLAN SECTION D-D



SECTION E-E

EAST ELEVATION ENTRANCE - CHURCH

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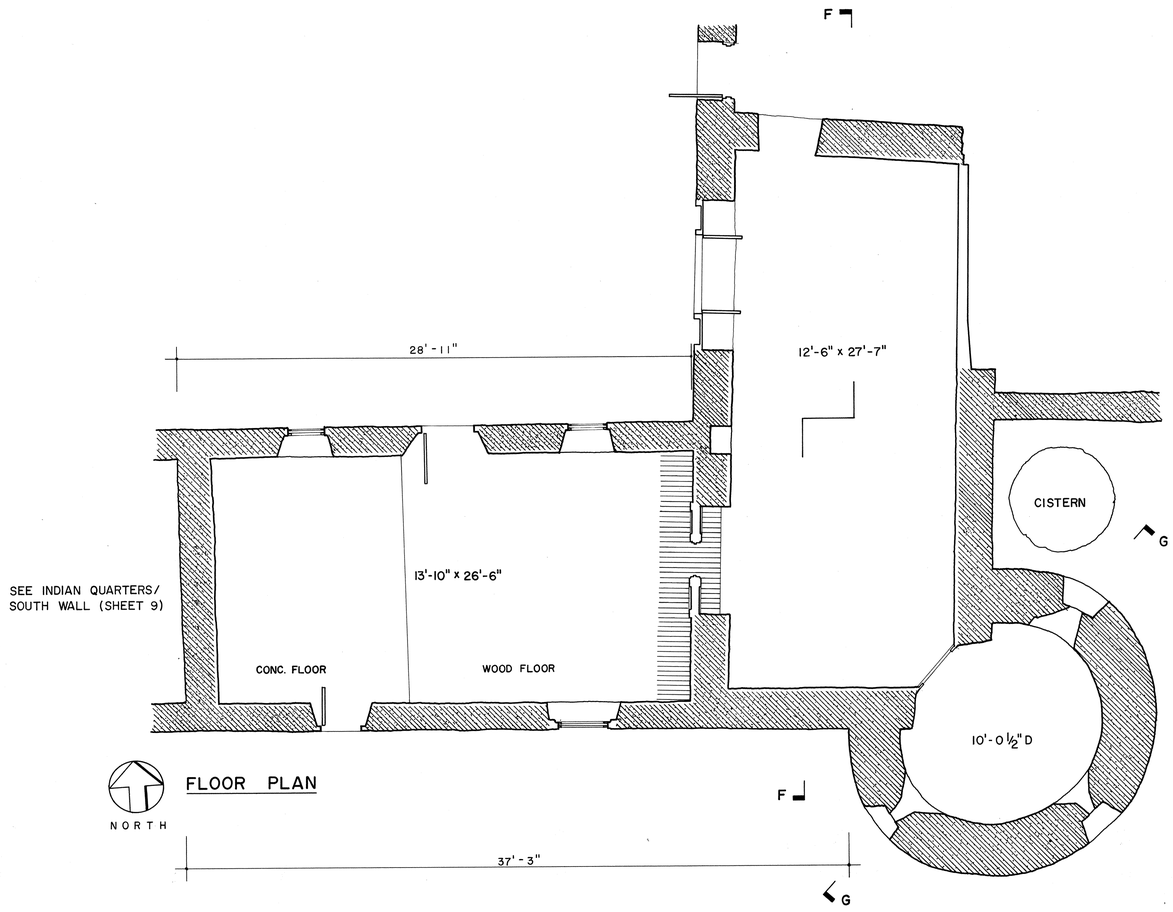
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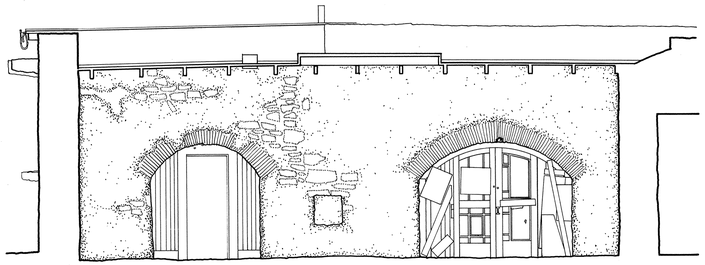
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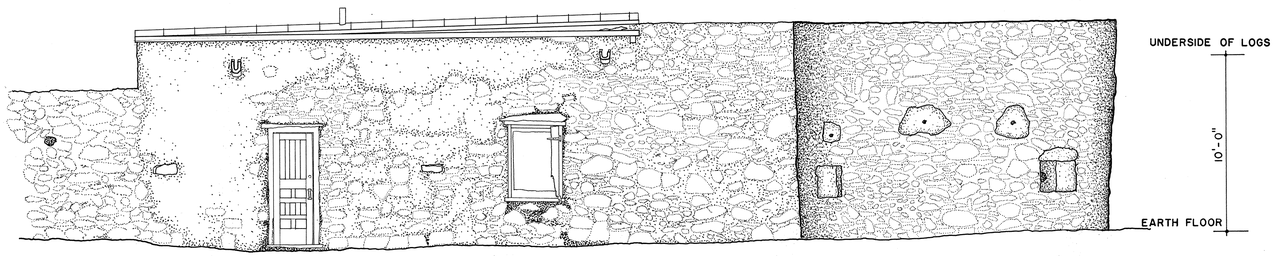


SECTION F-F

MATERIALS:
FLOORS: EARTHEN, WOOD AND CONCRETE
WALLS: PLASTER ON STONE
CEILING: EXPOSED WOODEN STRUCTURE

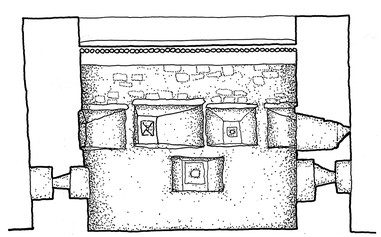
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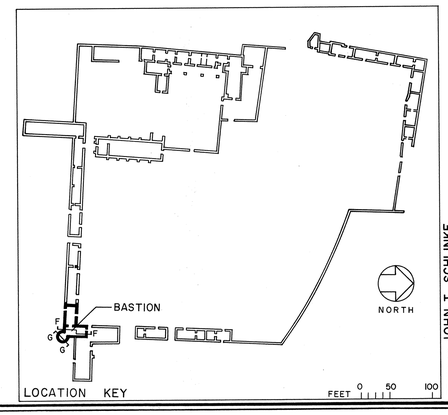


SOUTH ELEVATION

MATERIALS:
FOUNDATIONS: RANDOM RUBBLE
WALLS: RANDOM RUBBLE SANDSTONE



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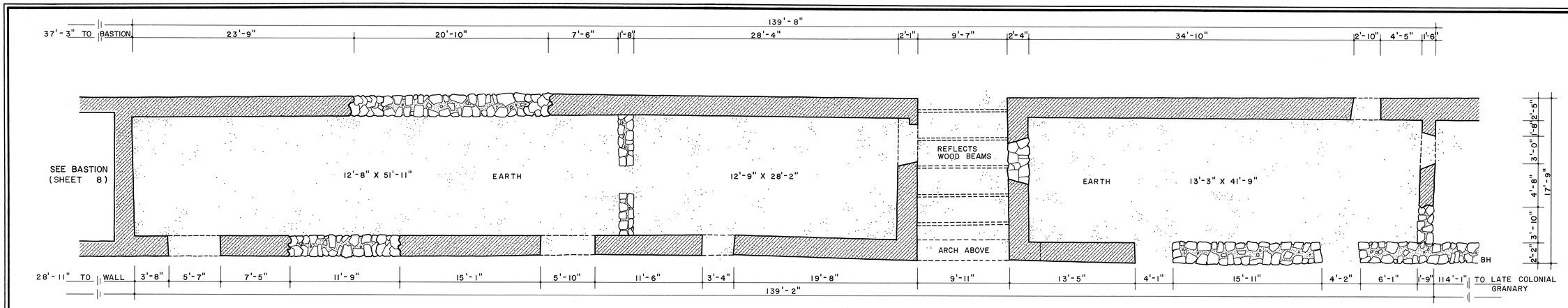
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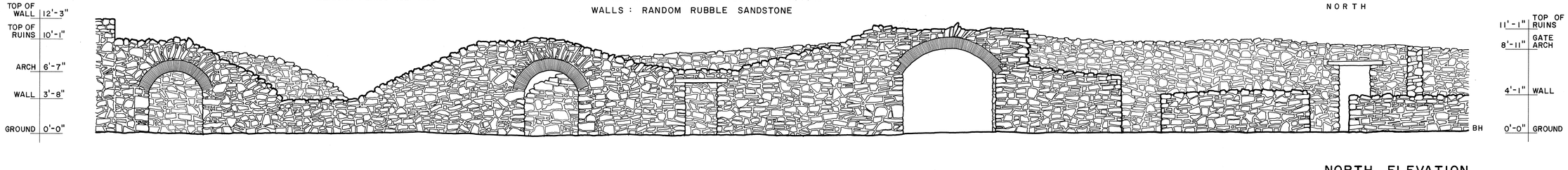
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NORTH

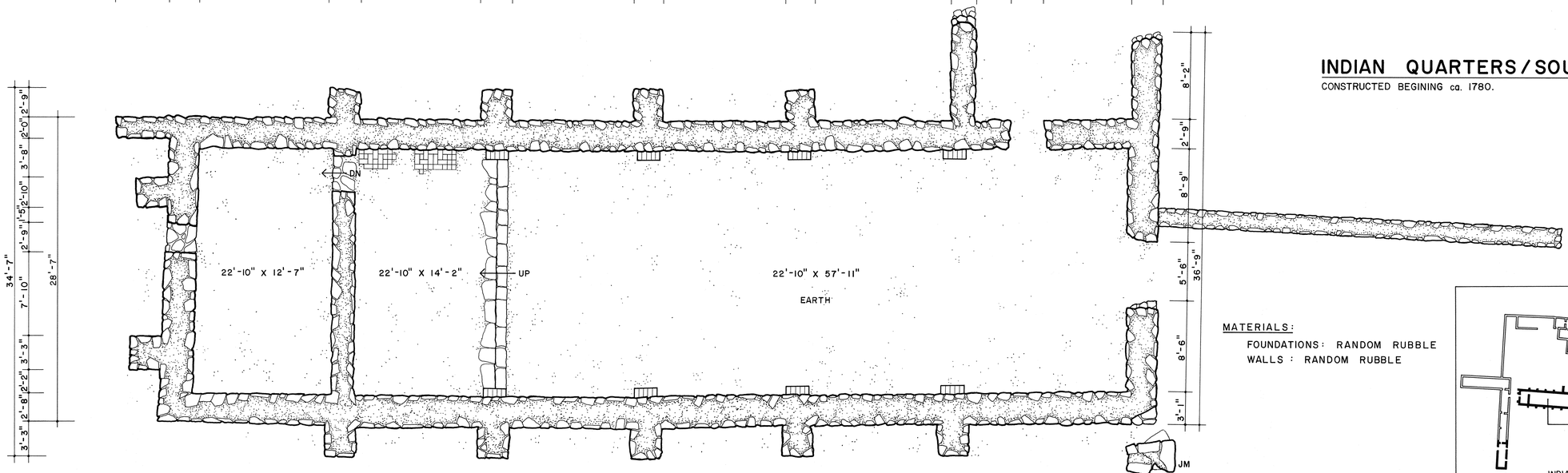
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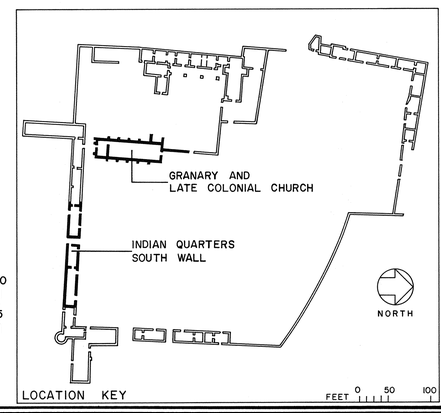
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INDIAN QUARTERS / SOUTH WALL

CONSTRUCTED BEGINING ca. 1780.

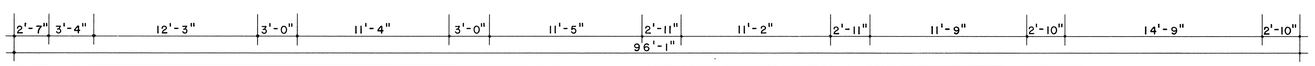
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FLOOR PLAN — GRANARY AND LATE COLONIAL CHURCH

GRANARY BUILT ca. 1770 AND CONVERTED TO PRINCIPAL CHURCH ca. 1775; COLLAPSED SOON AFTER.

NORTH



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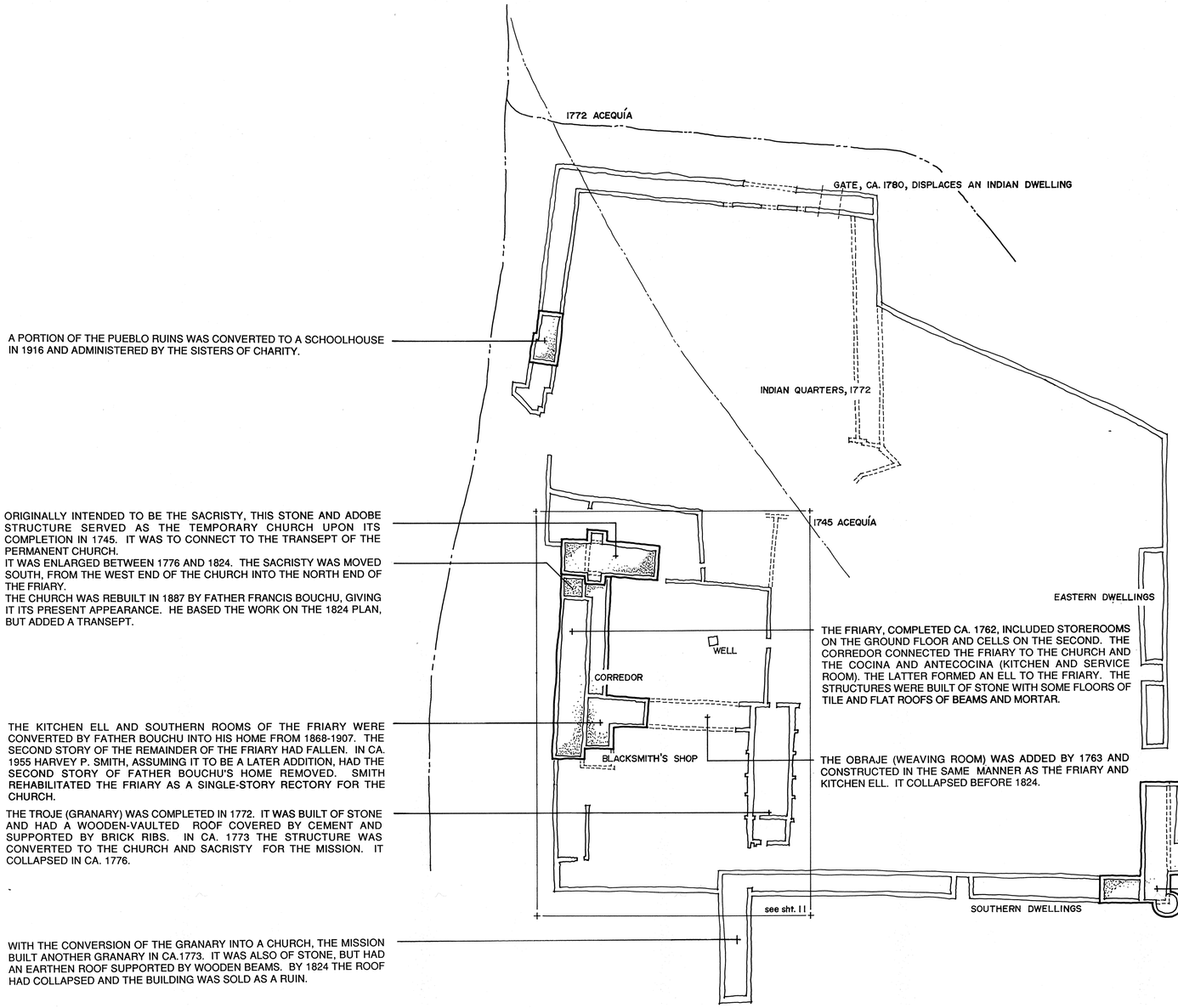
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A PORTION OF THE PUEBLO RUINS WAS CONVERTED TO A SCHOOLHOUSE IN 1916 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE SISTERS OF CHARITY.

ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE THE SACRISTY, THIS STONE AND ADOBE STRUCTURE SERVED AS THE TEMPORARY CHURCH UPON ITS COMPLETION IN 1745. IT WAS TO CONNECT TO THE TRANSEPT OF THE PERMANENT CHURCH.
IT WAS ENLARGED BETWEEN 1776 AND 1824. THE SACRISTY WAS MOVED SOUTH, FROM THE WEST END OF THE CHURCH INTO THE NORTH END OF THE FRIARY.
THE CHURCH WAS REBUILT IN 1887 BY FATHER FRANCIS BOUCHU, GIVING IT ITS PRESENT APPEARANCE. HE BASED THE WORK ON THE 1824 PLAN, BUT ADDED A TRANSEPT.

THE FRIARY, COMPLETED CA. 1762, INCLUDED STOREROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND CELLS ON THE SECOND. THE CORREDOR CONNECTED THE FRIARY TO THE CHURCH AND THE COCINA AND ANTECOCINA (KITCHEN AND SERVICE ROOM). THE LATTER FORMED AN ELL TO THE FRIARY. THE STRUCTURES WERE BUILT OF STONE WITH SOME FLOORS OF TILE AND FLAT ROOFS OF BEAMS AND MORTAR.

THE KITCHEN ELL AND SOUTHERN ROOMS OF THE FRIARY WERE CONVERTED BY FATHER BOUCHU INTO HIS HOME FROM 1868-1907. THE SECOND STORY OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FRIARY HAD FALLEN. IN CA. 1955 HARVEY P. SMITH, ASSUMING IT TO BE A LATER ADDITION, HAD THE SECOND STORY OF FATHER BOUCHU'S HOME REMOVED. SMITH REHABILITATED THE FRIARY AS A SINGLE-STORY RECTORY FOR THE CHURCH.

THE OBRAJE (WEAVING ROOM) WAS ADDED BY 1763 AND CONSTRUCTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FRIARY AND KITCHEN ELL. IT COLLAPSED BEFORE 1824.

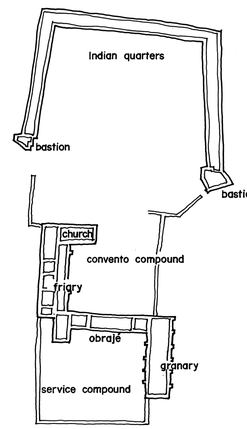
THE TROJE (GRANARY) WAS COMPLETED IN 1772. IT WAS BUILT OF STONE AND HAD A WOODEN-VAULTED ROOF COVERED BY CEMENT AND SUPPORTED BY BRICK RIBS. IN CA. 1773 THE STRUCTURE WAS CONVERTED TO THE CHURCH AND SACRISTY FOR THE MISSION. IT COLLAPSED IN CA. 1776.

WITH THE CONVERSION OF THE GRANARY INTO A CHURCH, THE MISSION BUILT ANOTHER GRANARY IN CA.1773. IT WAS ALSO OF STONE, BUT HAD AN EARTHEN ROOF SUPPORTED BY WOODEN BEAMS. BY 1824 THE ROOF HAD COLLAPSED AND THE BUILDING WAS SOLD AS A RUIN.

1772 MARKED THE COMPLETION OF THE FORTIFIED PUEBLO OF ESPADA. THE PREVIOUS PUEBLO (CA. 1745) HAD ITS INDIAN QUARTERS ARRANGED IN BLOCKS WITH AN ACEQUIA (IRRIGATION DITCH) PASSING THROUGH ITS CENTER. THE NEW INDIAN QUARTERS, 28 STONE BUILDINGS AND 4 JACALS (OF VERTICAL LOGS PLASTERED WITH MUD, WITH THATCHED ROOFS), WERE ARRANGED DEFENSIVELY TO ENCLOSE THE PLAZA (THE CENTRAL SQUARE OF THE MISSION). BASTIONS WERE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN EXTREMITIES WITH THE EASTERNMOST, COMPLETED BY 1772, HOUSING TWO CANNON. WHEN CONSTRUCTION ON THE FORTIFIED PLAZA BEGAN, THE ACEQUIA WAS DIVERTED TO FLOW ALONG THE WEST AND NORTH WALLS.

THE 1772 MISSION GROUNDS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY A CONVENTO AND A SERVICE COMPOUND. THE CONVENTO COMPOUND WAS ENCLOSED TO THE WEST BY THE ORIGINAL CHURCH AND FRIARY (1745-1759), TO THE SOUTH BY THE KITCHEN, OBRAJE, GRANARY, AND ASSOCIATED ROOMS (1759--1772), AND TO THE EAST AND NORTH BY AN ENCLOSING WALL. THE SERVICE COMPOUND, SOUTH OF THE CONVENTO COMPOUND, PROBABLY HOUSED THE BLACKSMITH'S SHOP, CARPENTER'S SHOP AND STABLES.

Mission Espada 1772



THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN DWELLINGS, BUILT AFTER 1780, ARE LARGER THAN THE PREVIOUS INDIAN QUARTERS AND MAY HAVE BEEN USED BY HISPANIC SETTLERS IN THE MISSION. BUILT OF STONE AND COVERED BY A FLAT EARTHEN ROOF, A TYPICAL UNIT WAS COMPOSED OF A PRINCIPAL ROOM THAT MEASURED 25 FEET BY 11 FEET AND A KITCHEN, 11 FEET SQUARE.

THE UNITS AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER WERE CONVERTED TO BARRACKS AND A BASTION ADDED CA. 1825. THE MEXICAN TROOPS STATIONED AT THE MISSION DURING THAT TIME WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK.

IN 1884 FATHER BOUCHU CONVERTED A PORTION OF THE BARRACKS TO A SCHOOLHOUSE.

NORTH

FEET 1"=40' 0 50 100

METERS 1:480 0 5 10 20 30

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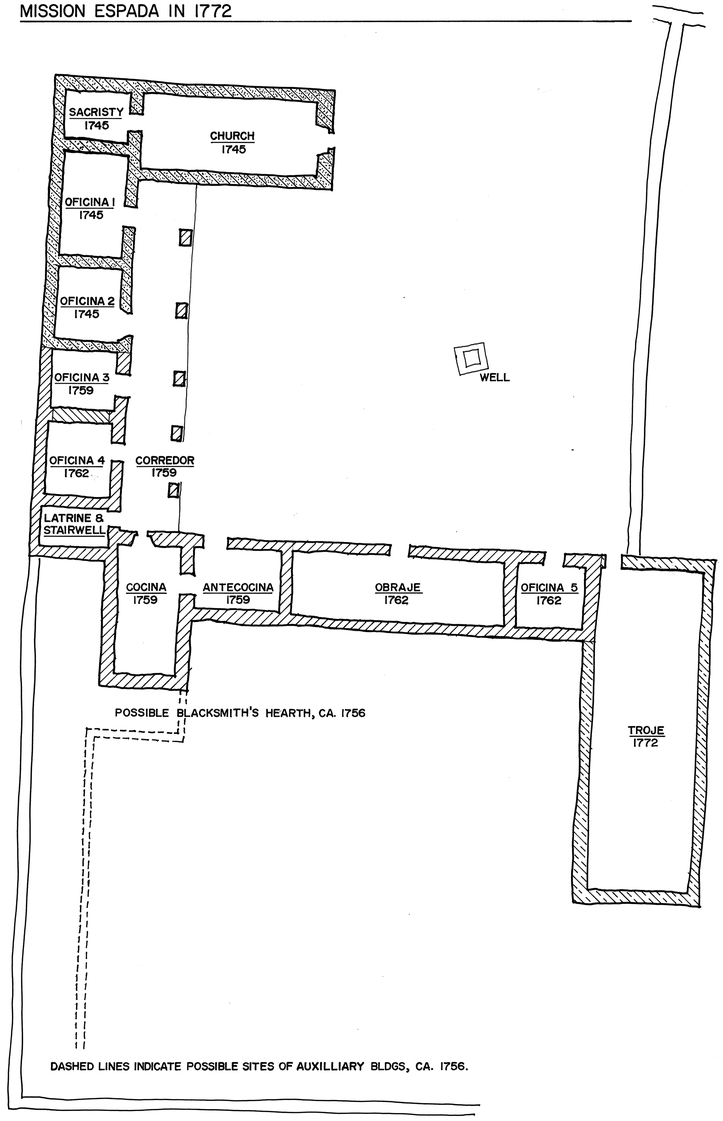
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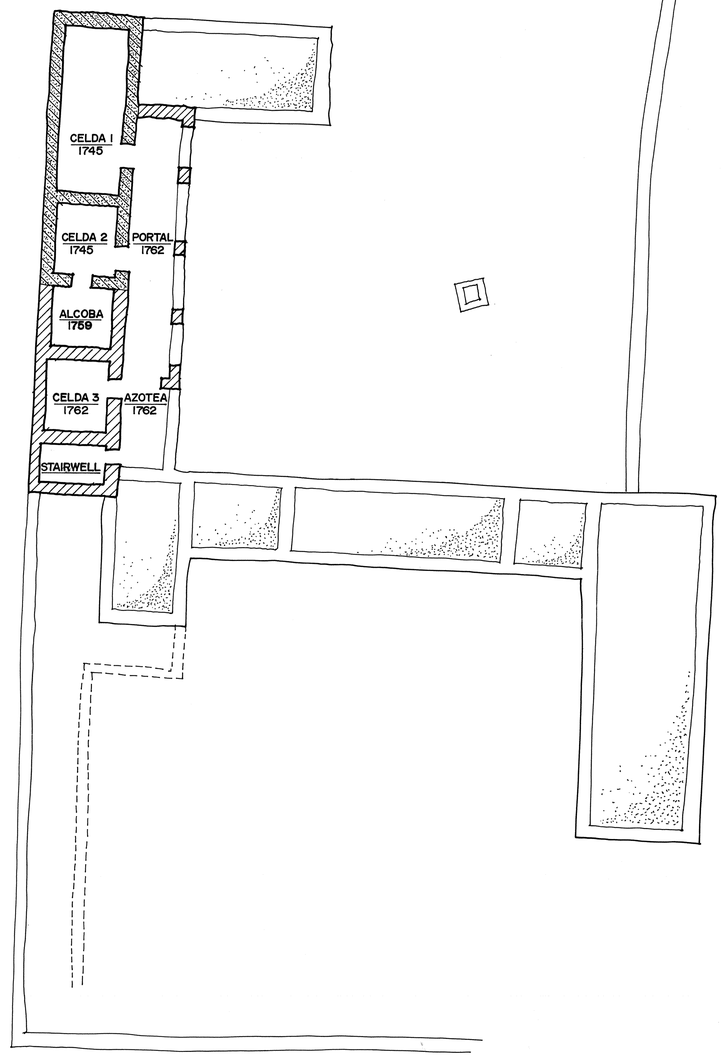
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MISSION ESPADA IN 1772



FIRST FLOOR PLAN OF CONVENTO AND SERVICE COMPOUNDS

- WALLS BUILT IN 1745.
- WALLS BUILT FROM 1759-62.
- WALLS BUILT IN 1772.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

NORTH

FEET 1/16" = 1'-0" 0 4 8 16 32

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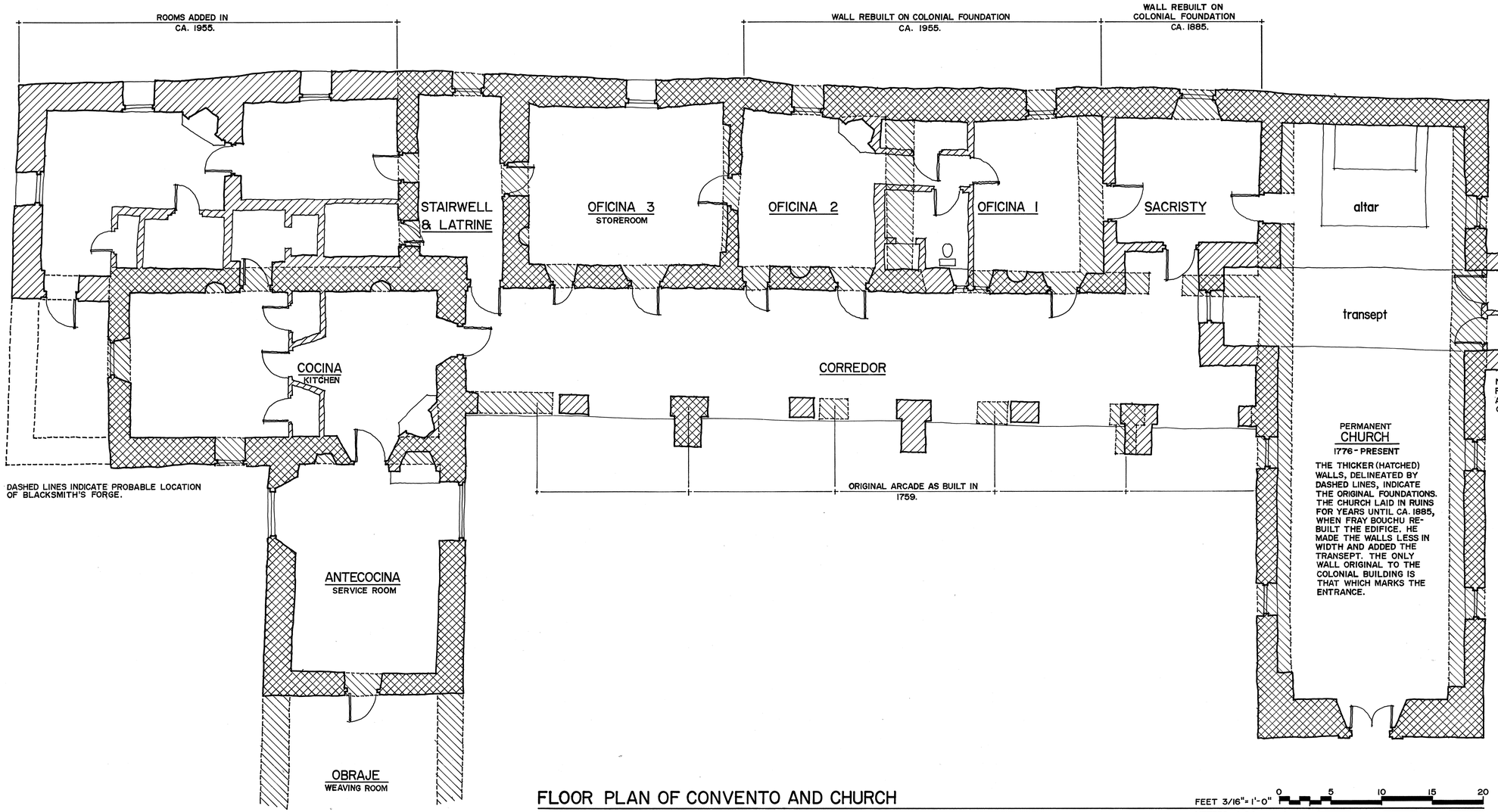
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FLOOR PLAN OF CONVENTO AND CHURCH

PRESENT CONDITIONS
WALLS BUILT AFTER 1955.

1824 CONDITIONS
WALLS BUILT FROM 1745-76.

OVERLAPPING CONDITIONS
WALLS THAT REMAIN STANDING OR WERE REBUILT ON COLONIAL FOUNDATIONS.

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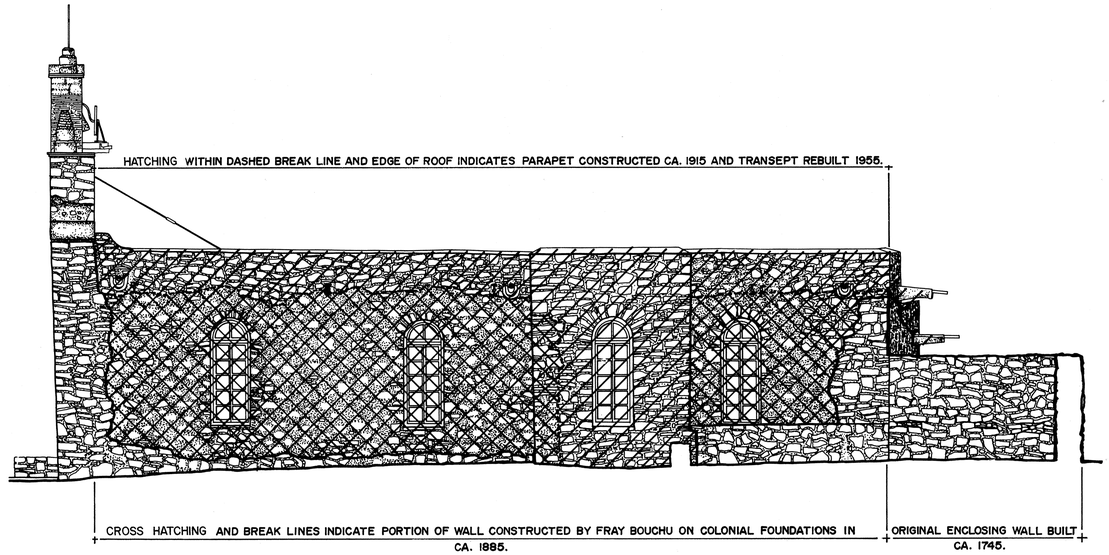
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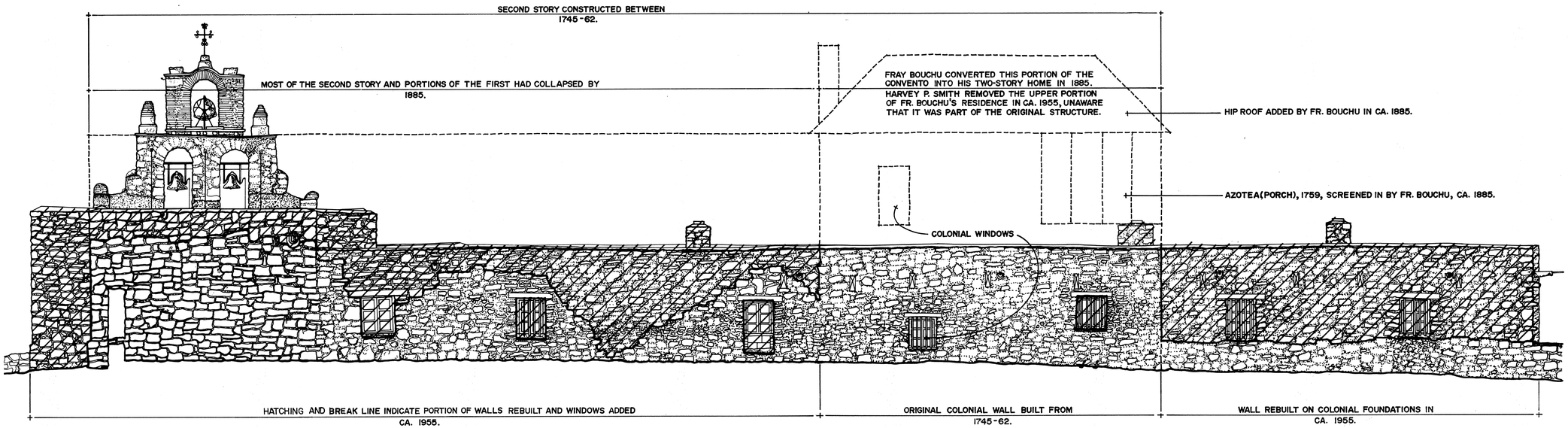
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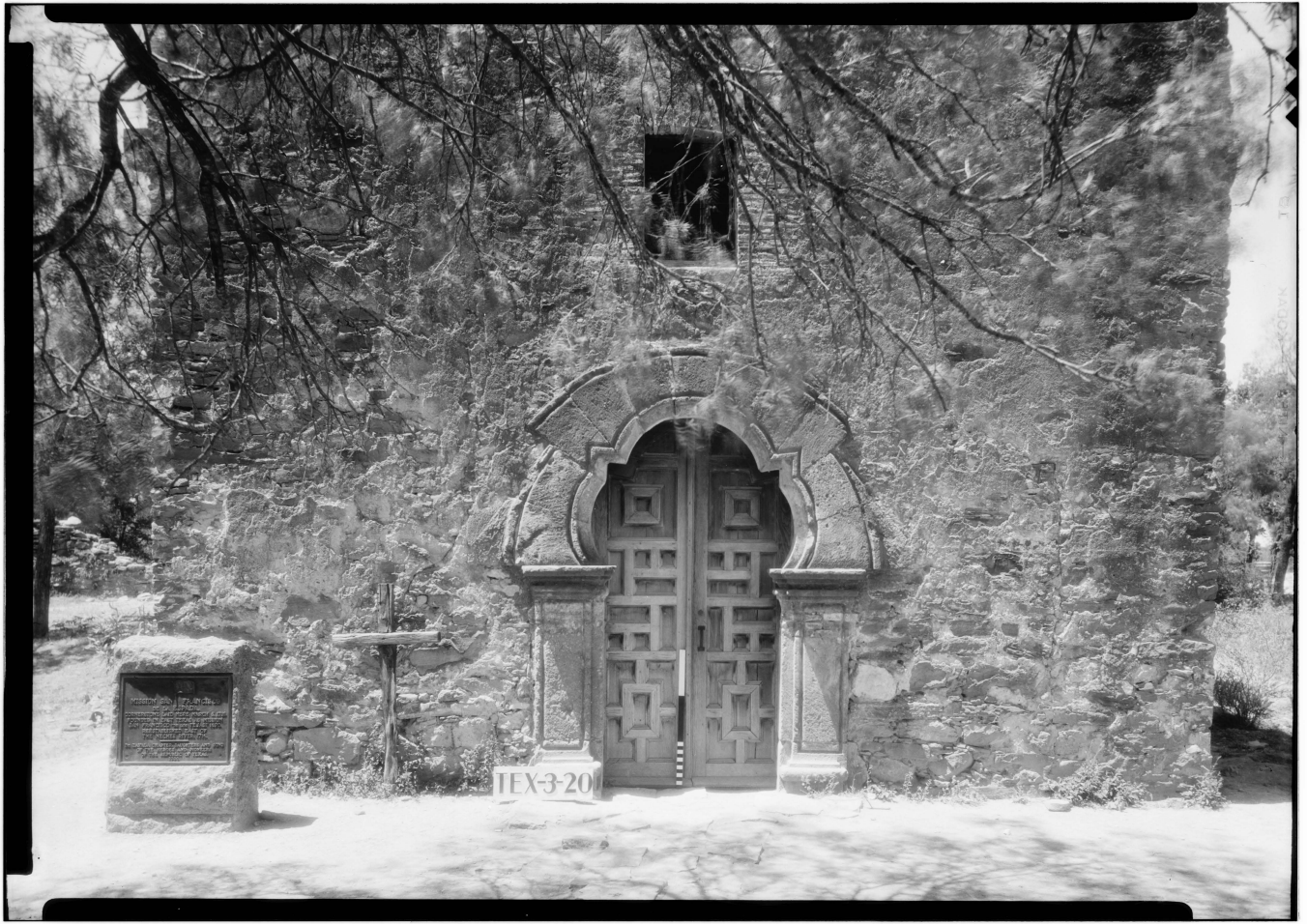


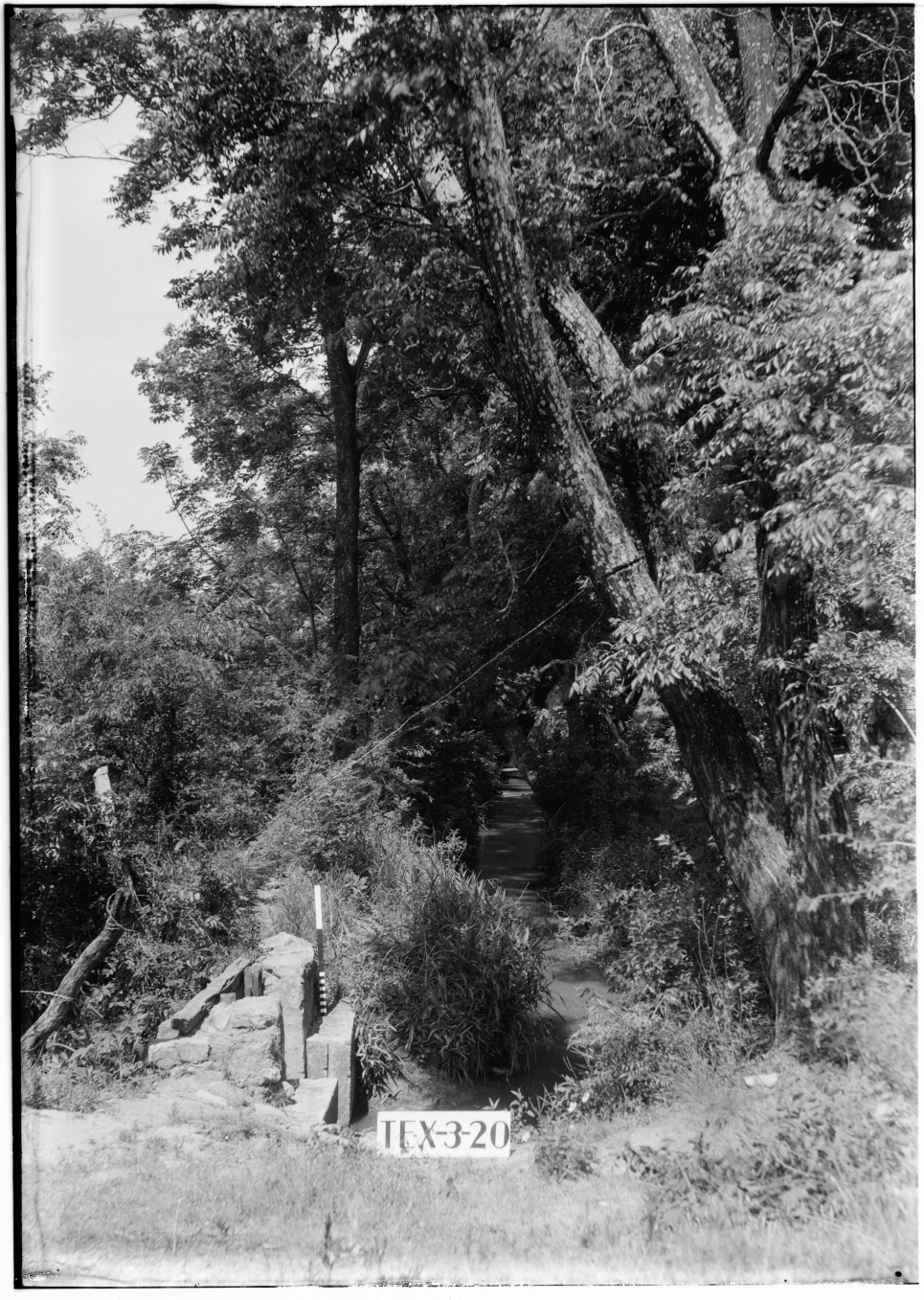

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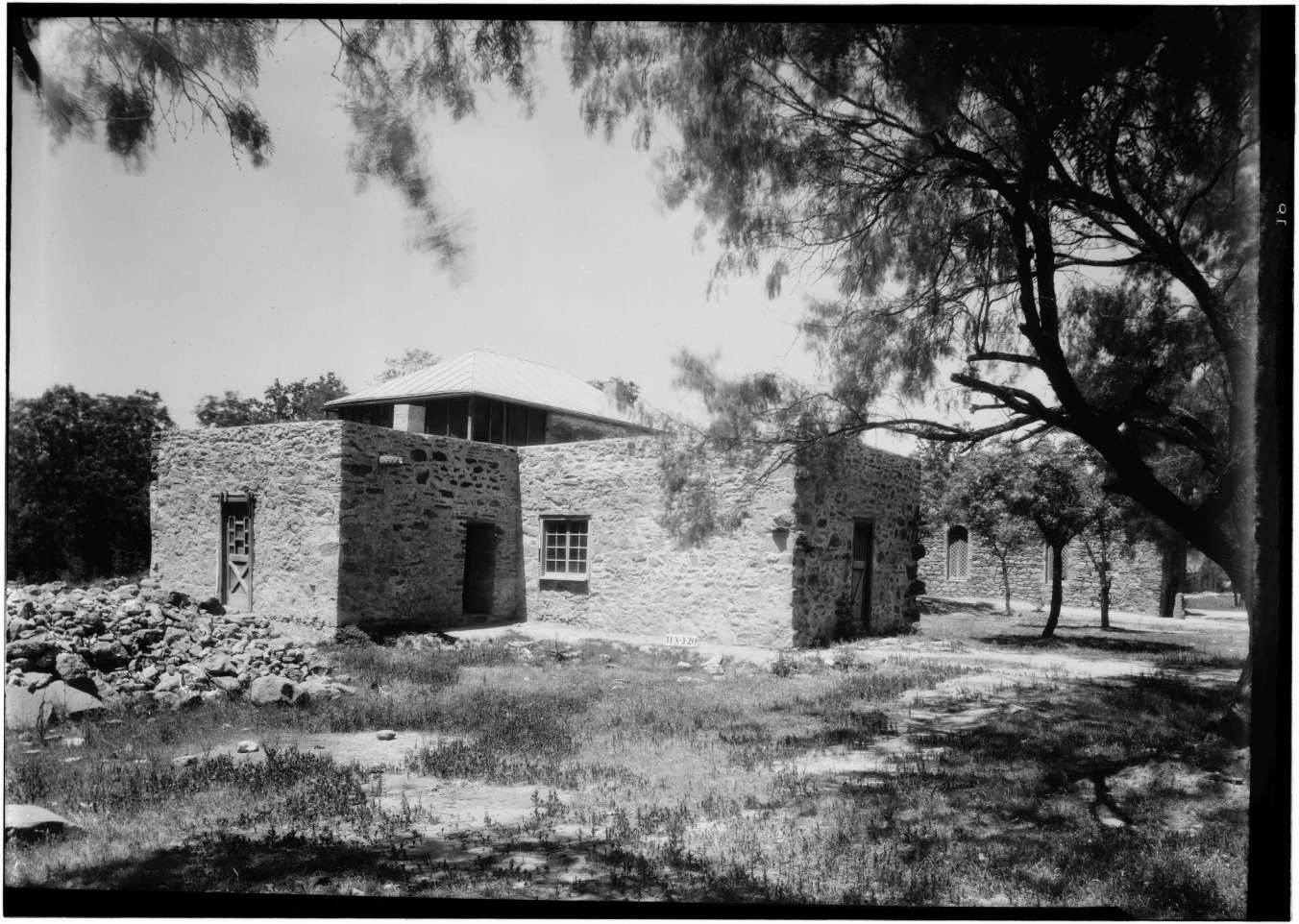

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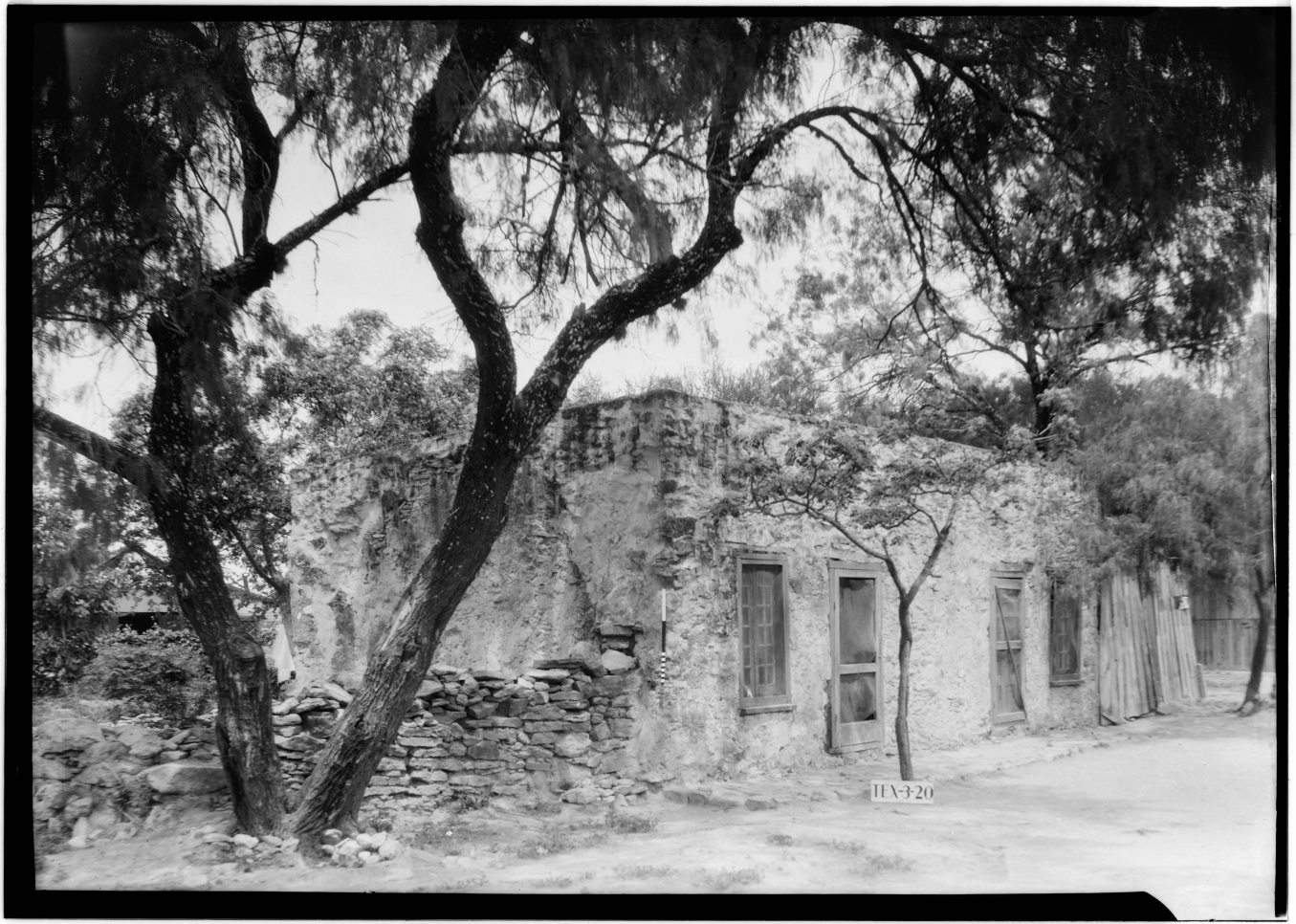

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