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Location:

Texas, Baltimore County, Maryland

USGS Cockeysville, Maryland Quadrangle

Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18. 357590. 4369265

Significance:

This house is a tangible example of a mid-nineteenth century vernacular dwelling in the former mining village of Texas. It was the residence of Patrick Kenny, who arrived in 1850 from Ireland to be the first teacher at the school built that year. The house is also significant for its adaptive and continuous use; the south gable end was shared with another structure; the front (west) stone wall was rebuilt to the same dimensions in frame.

It should be noted that the historical significance of this structure is due to its interrelationship with the remainder of the historic district. Due to its overall lack of integrity under the National Register of Historic Places Criterion C, this house is not considered to be significant as a separate entity.

Description:

Facing Railroad Avenue, the house is attached to the south end of the McDermott Tavern (HABS No. MD-1000). The structure originally had three sides of stone; the fourth side and gable end share a frame wall with the adjacent structure. The front wall collapsed in the early 20th century and was replaced with a frame wall to the same dimensions (i.e. leaving an air space between exterior and interior walls).

Original cladding is wood drop siding. The exterior has been covered with aluminum siding. An enclosed porch/stoop has been added on the facade. The gable roof has wood box cornice with return; the rear wing is one story with a shed roof. This house has no basement. The windows have been replaced with one-over-one sash. It is not

possible to determine what the window configuration was originally.

A long, rectangular, frame workshop addition in rear of house was added in the mid-20th century.

History:

This lot was part of a 44-acre tract purchased by Samuel Griscom in 1844, who divided the acreage into building lots for lease to arriving Irish immigrants. It was subsequently owned by John Glenn, Powell Griscom, and Jacob Burrough. When Patrick Kenny arrived from Ireland in 1850, he acquired the property and became the first teacher at the new school in Texas. After his death in 1869, the parcel was retained by other Kenny family members, and was leased by the Kenny's through the first three decades of the twentieth century. The lease was sold in 1943, and the leasehold and groundownership was sold to John E. and Dorothy E. Concannon in 1948. Today, the property is being leased by Dorothy Concannon.

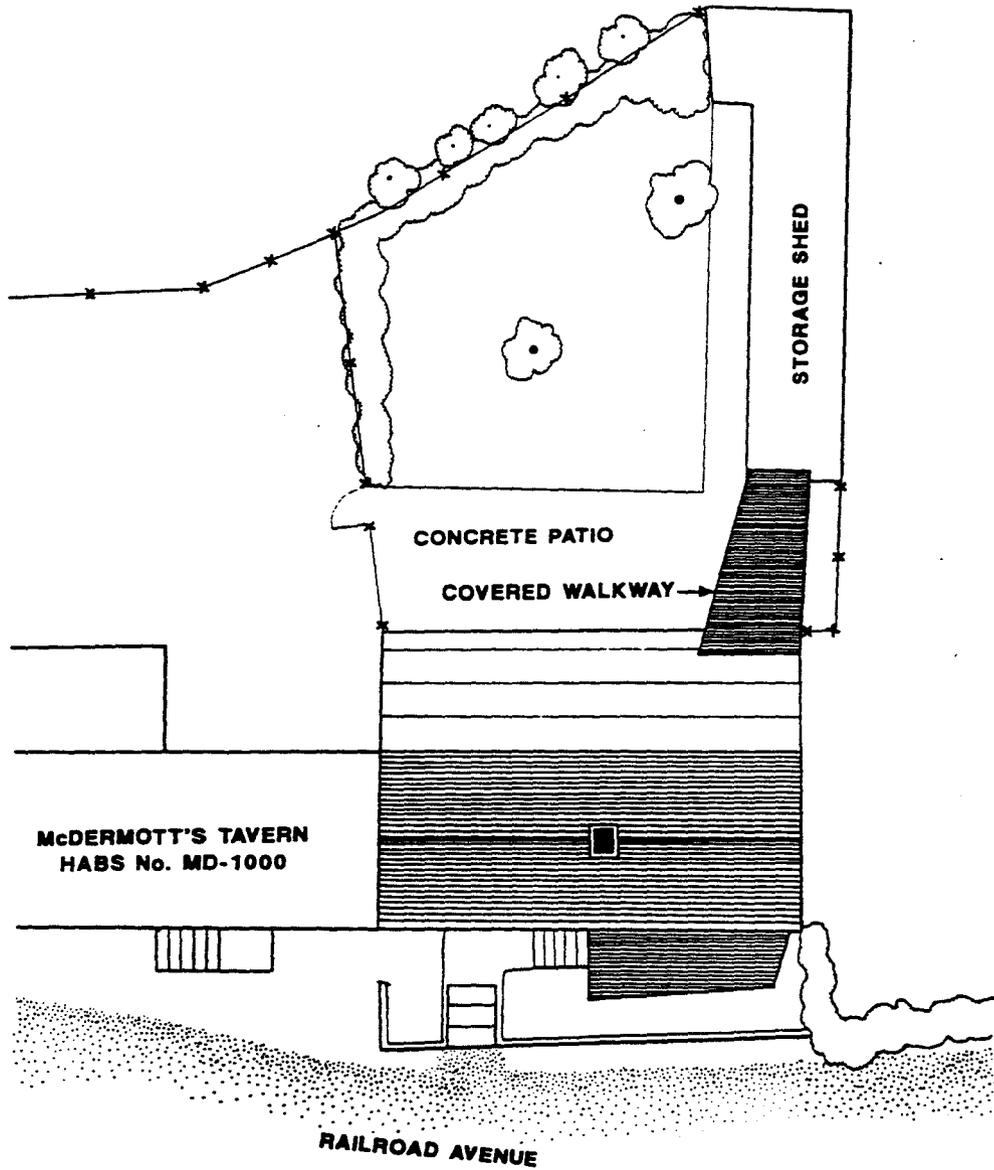
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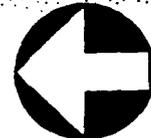
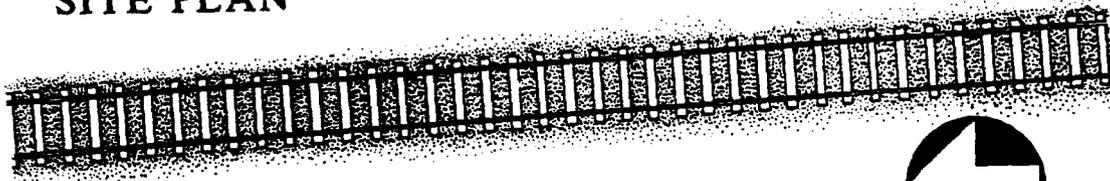
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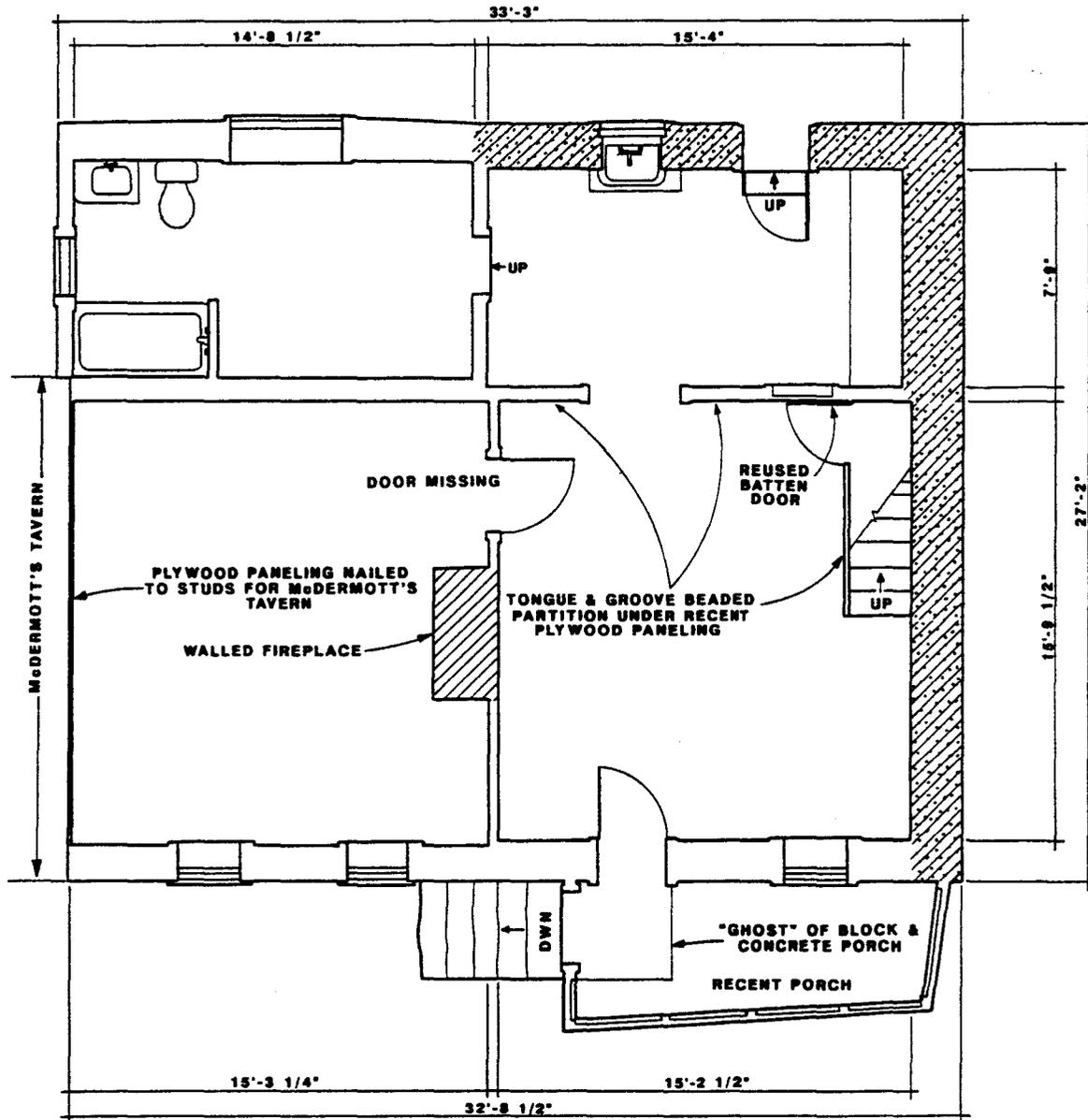
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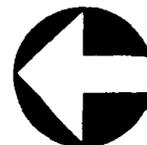


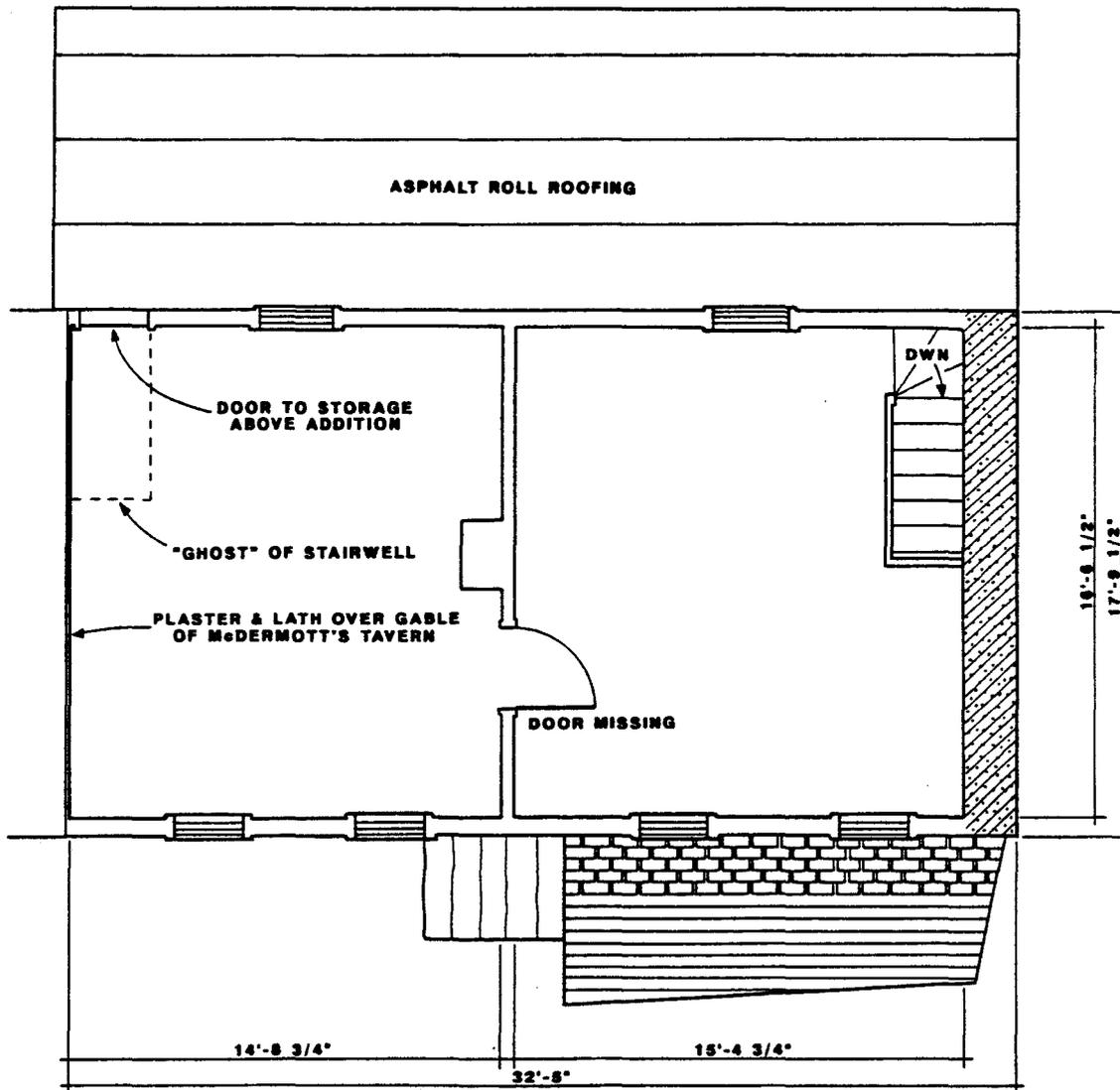
SITE PLAN





FIRST FLOOR PLAN





SECOND FLOOR PLAN

