

Governors Island, Half Moon Battery
(South Battery, Corbin Hall, Officers Club, Building #298)
Governors Island
New York Harbor
New York City
New York County
New York

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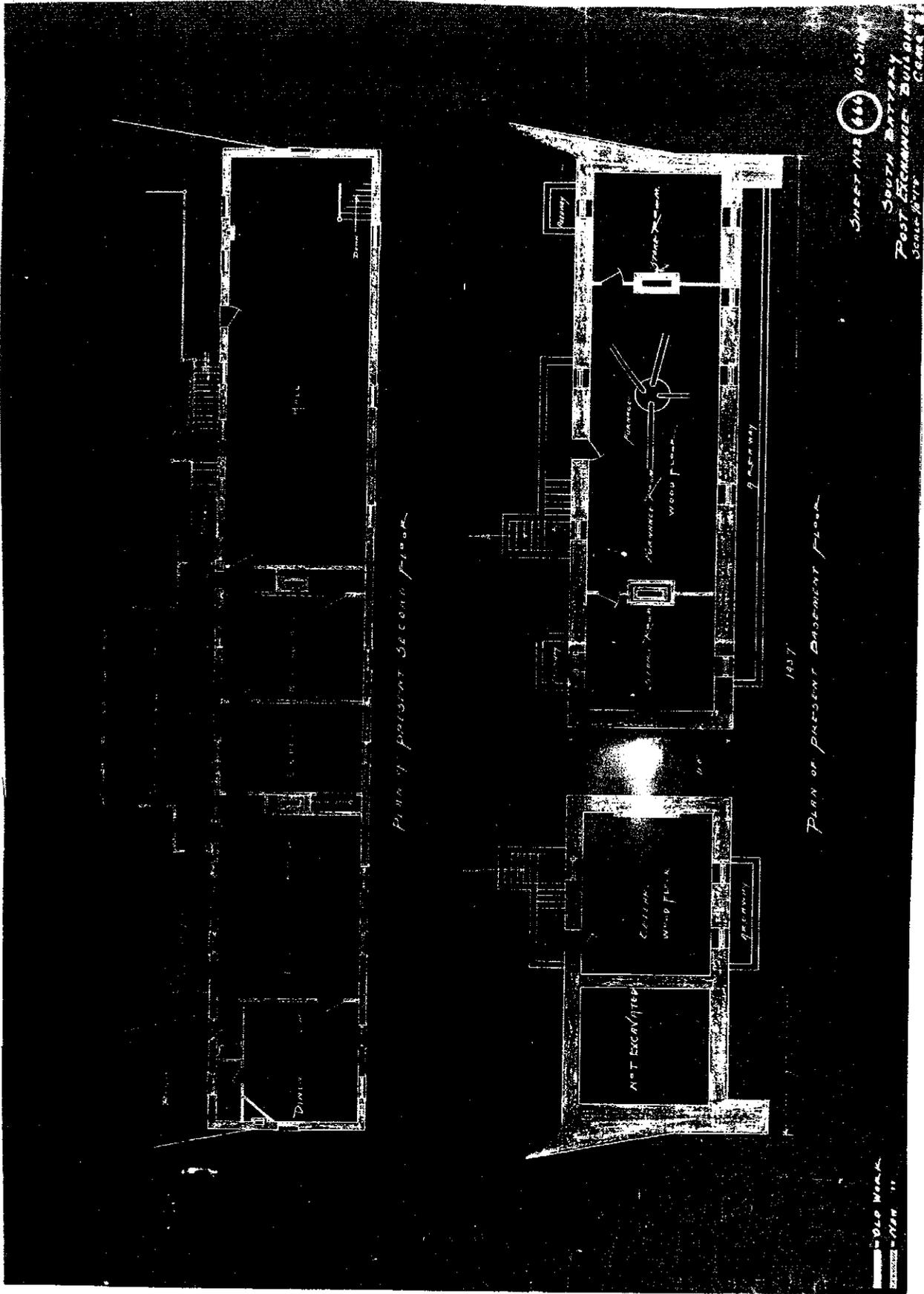
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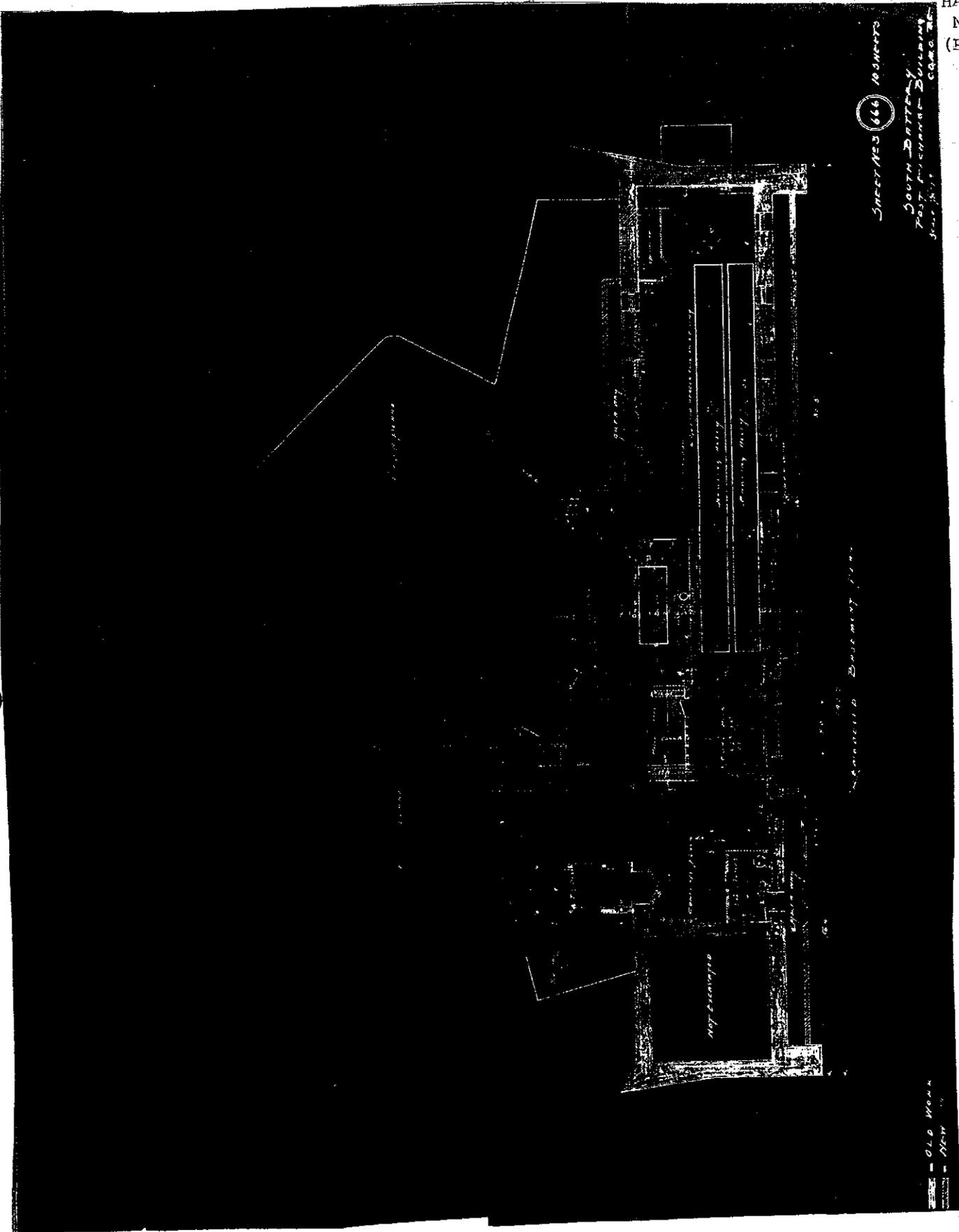
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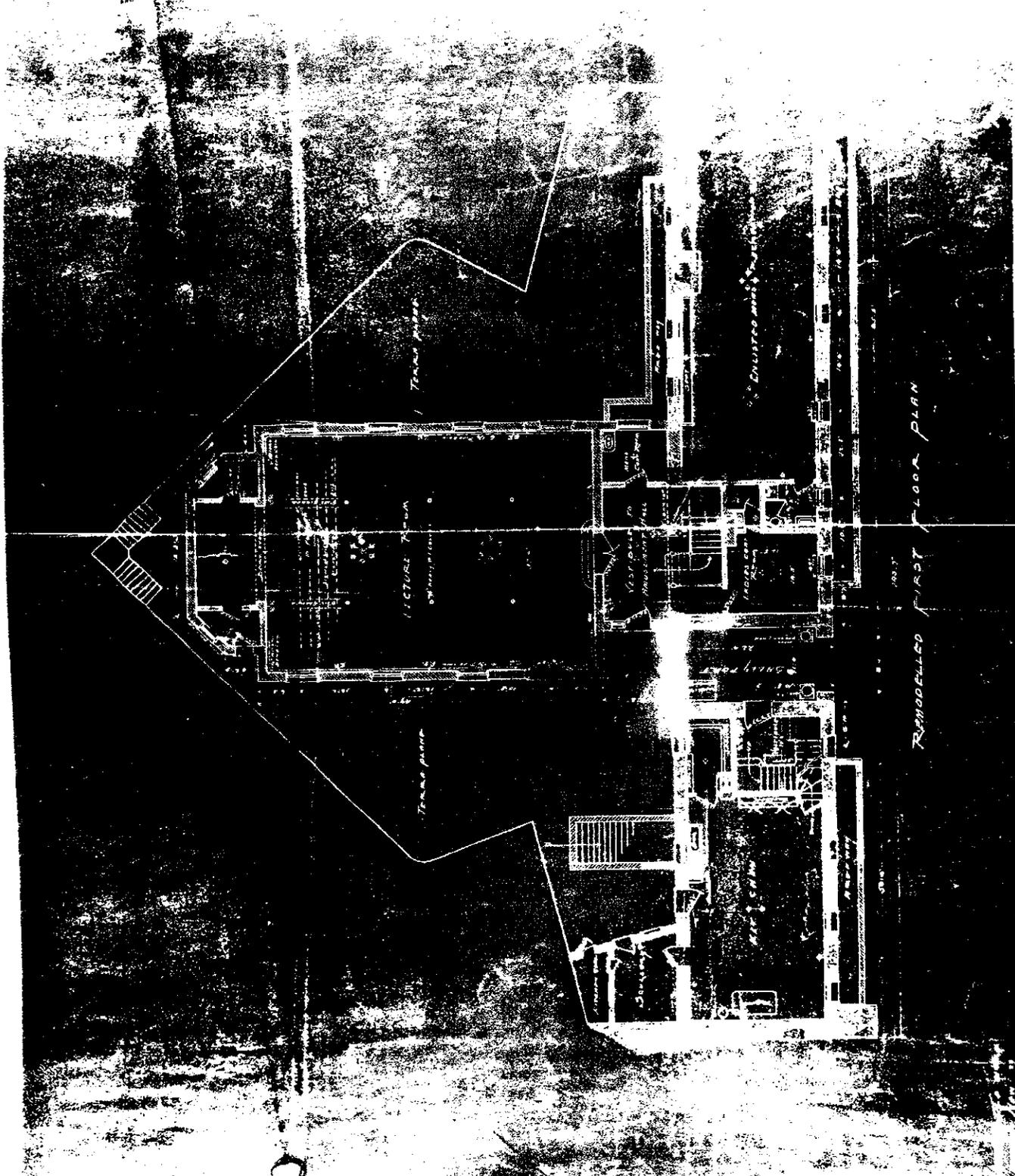
STATE New York	COUNTY New York	TOWN OR VICINITY Governors Island, New York Harbor New York City
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Governors Island, Half Moon Battery (1813 map by Joseph L. Mangin)		HABS NO. NY-5715-11
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE South Battery, Corbin Hall, Officers Club, Building #298		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Located near the intersection of Comfort and Barry Roads, Governors Island, New York Harbor, New York County, New York, New York		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1812 (1813 map by Joseph L. Mangin)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Corps of Engineers	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The structure was originally part of the New York Harbor defense system and stood guard over Buttermilk Channel. It was both a fortification and a barracks. Since that time it has been severely remodeled.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Remodeled with Georgian revival details		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The original battery walls are sandstone. The barracks area is brick.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The battery is roughly a triangular shape with a rectangular building along the north side.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE There are original sandstone walls. The main brick structure has Georgian Revival features, most prominent among these is the Palladian window.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The rectangular brick structure is two stories high. There is a central hall with rooms along the outer walls. On the second floor is a large dining area facing south.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1904, the structure was remodeled into an amusement hall and lecture room. Plans for these changes are in the National Archives. In 1936-37, the second floor space was gutted and redesigned as the dining hall of a new officers' club. The Parapet Room was added in 195		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building is used for the Officers' Club and is in good condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Historic Structures Inventory, Governors Island, New York Governors Island National Landmark		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Katherine Grandine, Historian, HABS	DATE September 1985	



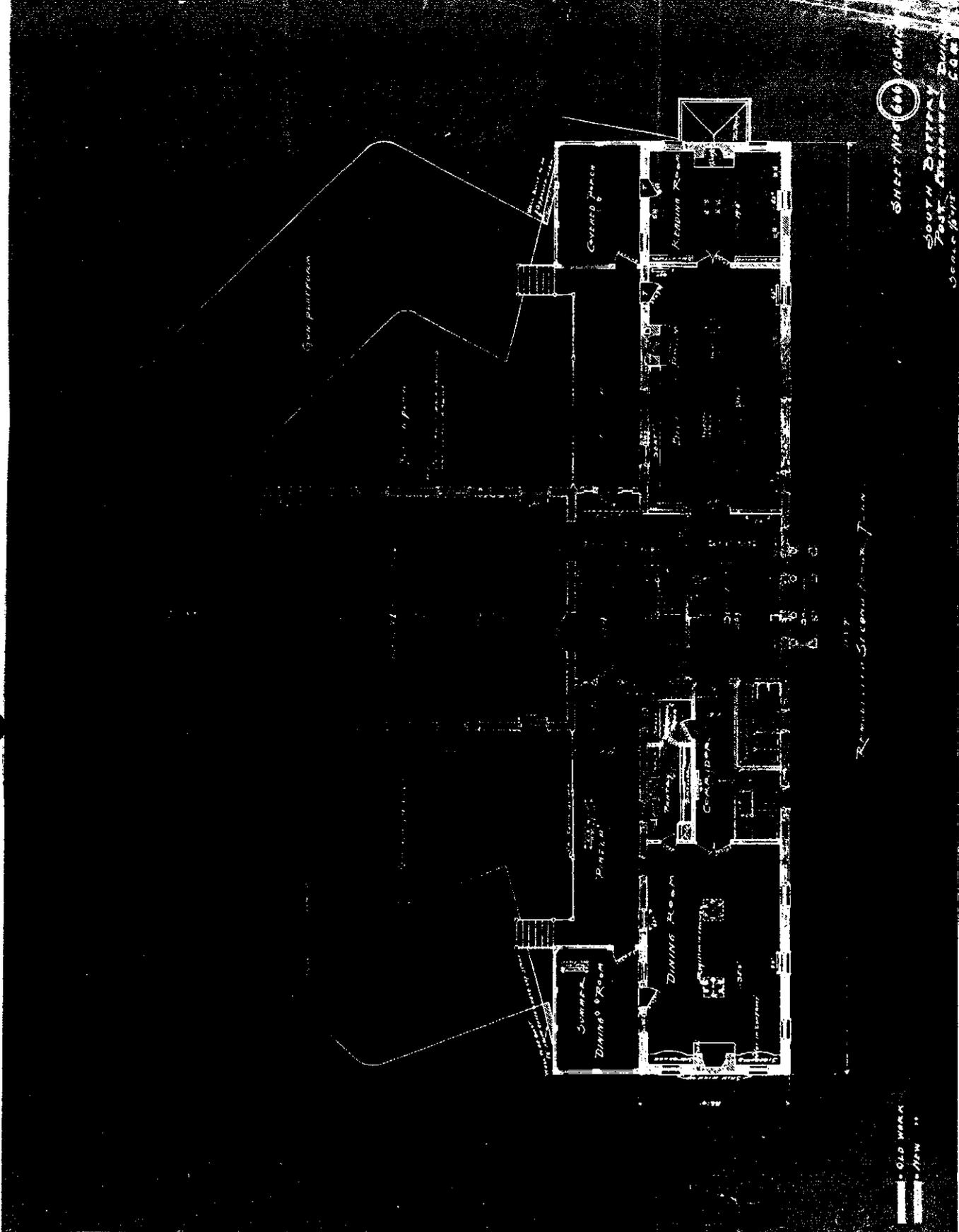
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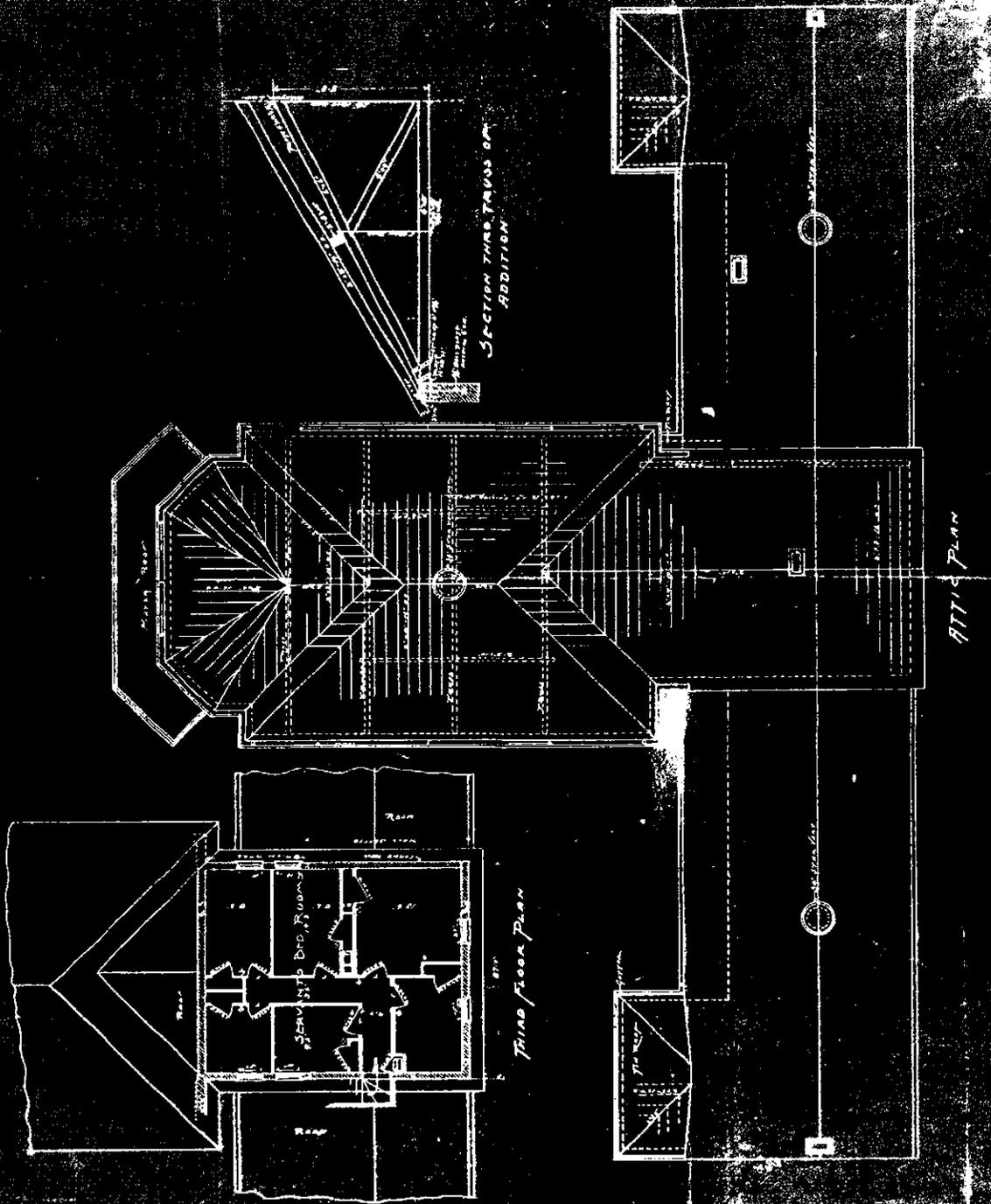
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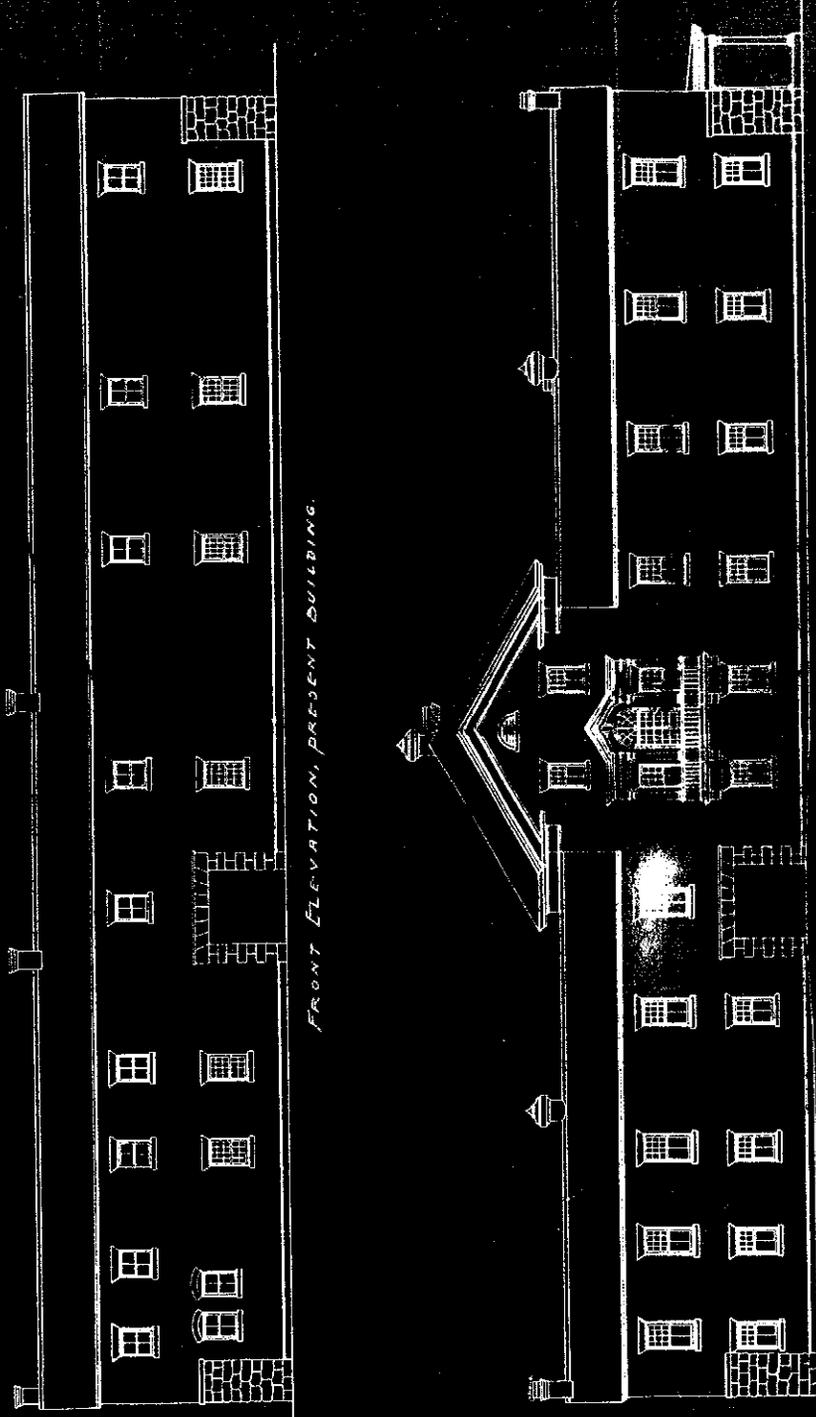


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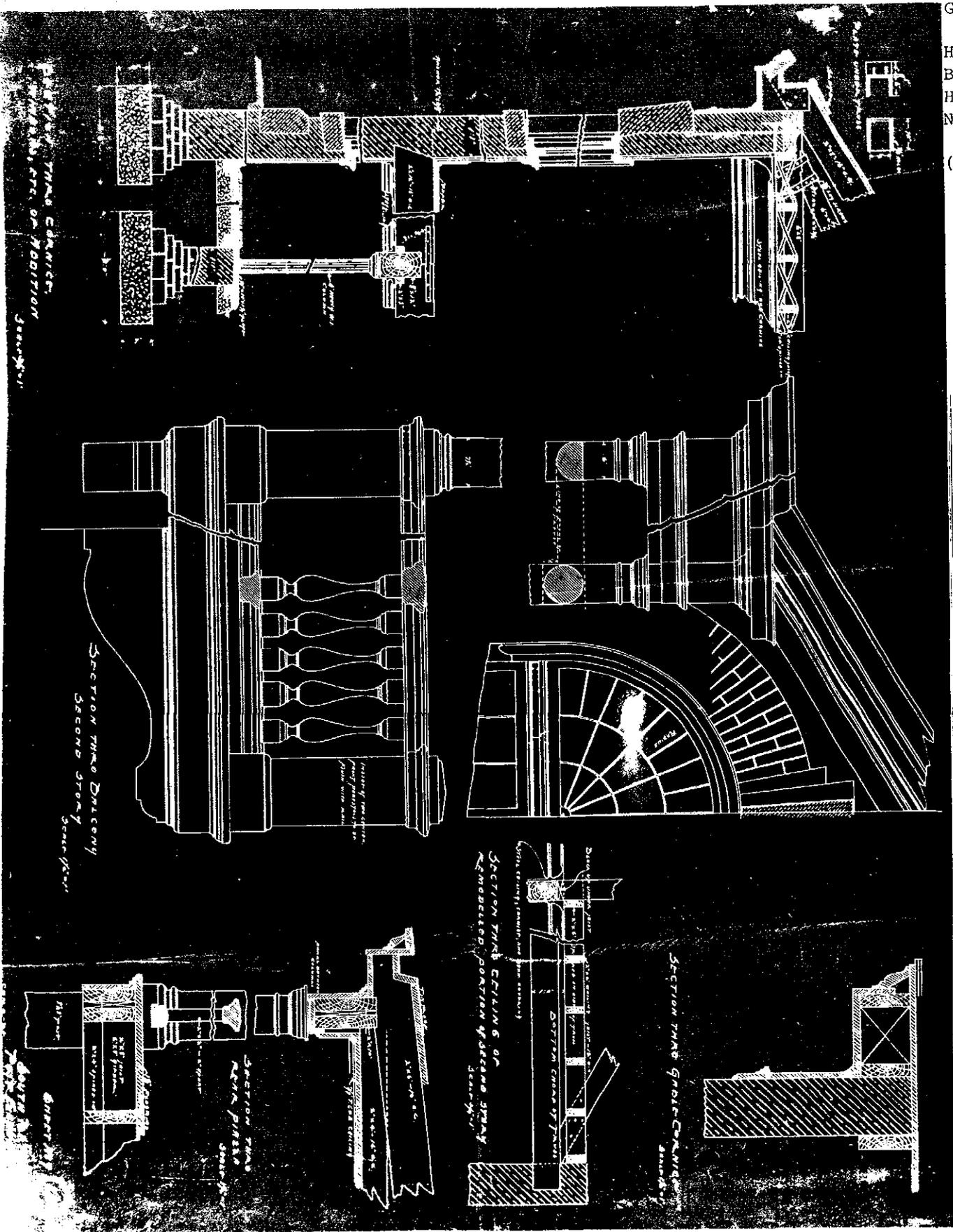


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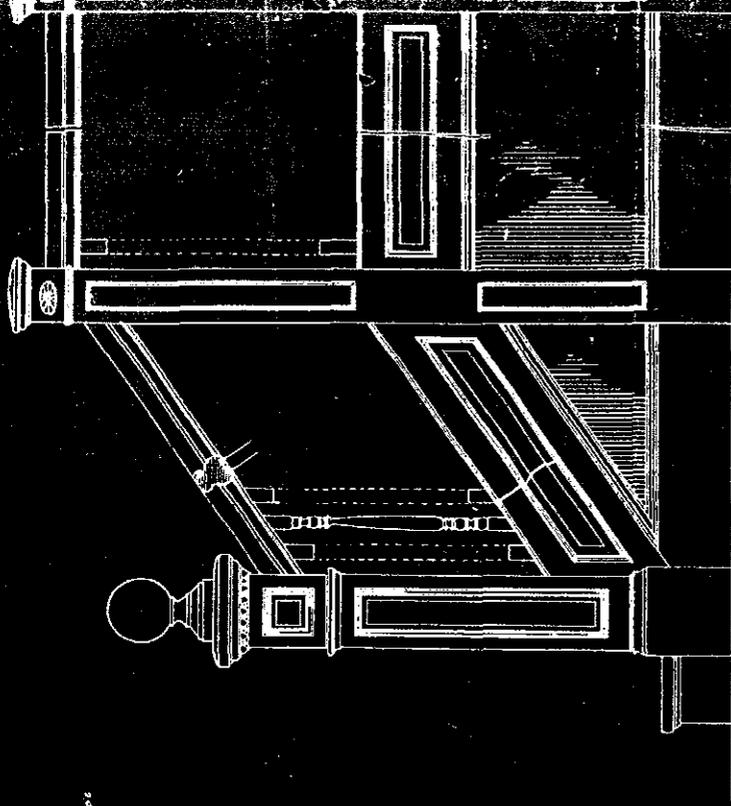
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South Battery Building
East Battery Building
Star Building



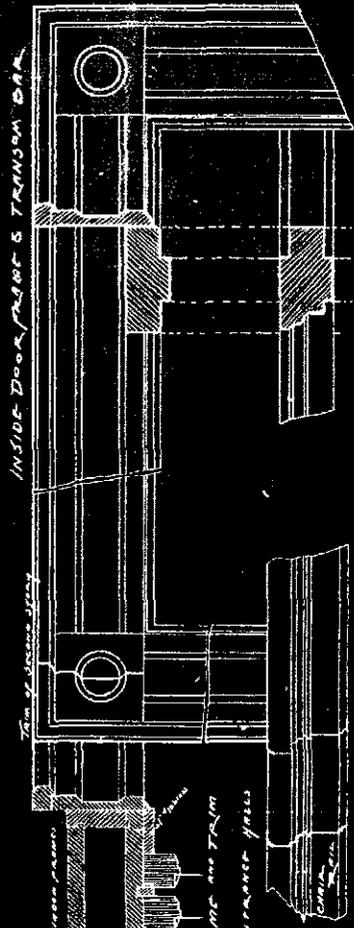
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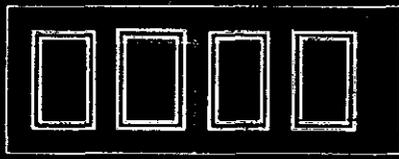


DETAIL OF MAIN STAIRWAYS
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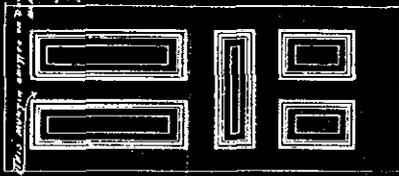


INSIDE DOOR, FRAME & TRANSOM BAR

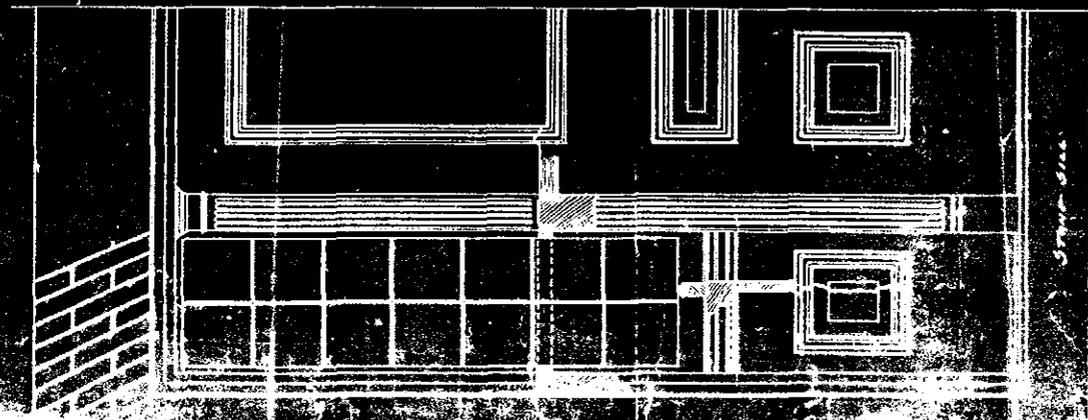
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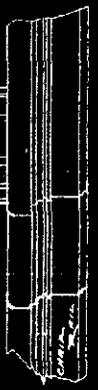


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SECOND STORY AND ENTRANCE
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



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Exterior and Interior Details of Main Entrance
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View of Governors Island from Buttermilk Channel
Unknown Photographer, ca. 1918



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View of South Front
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