

WASHINGTON COUNTY OLD MEN'S HOME, LAUNDRY BUILDING
2198 North Main Street
Arden Vicinity
Washington County
Pennsylvania

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U.S.G.S. Washington West Quadrangle, Pennsylvania
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates
17.563519.4450957

Significance:

Located on the same parcel as Main Building (HABS No. PA-5585-A), a contributing structure and an example of vernacular Italianate. The building was built circa 1890 and used as a laundry facility for the Washington County Old Men's Home until 1976 when the institution closed.

Description:

A free standing brick structure built as part of the County Old Men's Home complex. The building is two stories in height with solid brick load bearing exterior walls. It is two bays wide and nine bays in depth. The roof is a gable frame covered in slate.

There is a one story porch with a hipped roof on the south gable end, which is original. On the east side is a covered loading area with shed roof that was a later addition.

The windows are two over two double hung sash. The sills are limestone and the lintels are flat arched brick projecting from the brick face. The brick is a hard burned brick with a sand finish. There is a small chimney in the center of the roof.

The interior is plain with the bricks exposed and white washed. There are no interior partitions. The floor is wood 1 X 6 boards of random length. The ceilings are tongue and groove wood panels. There is plain 1 X 6 wood casing around the window and door openings.

The main entry door is in the south gable end which is a 5 panel wood door. There is also a side entrance under the shed roof (the door is missing).

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The front porch has turned wood posts with top brackets. There is a balustrade with turned spindles at the fascia line of the porch roof.

History:

This building was built circa 1890 as a service structure to the Main Building. It was always used as a laundry building. The laundry facilities were no longer necessary when the Washington County Old Men's Home was vacated in 1976. The building has been vacant ever since.

Sources:

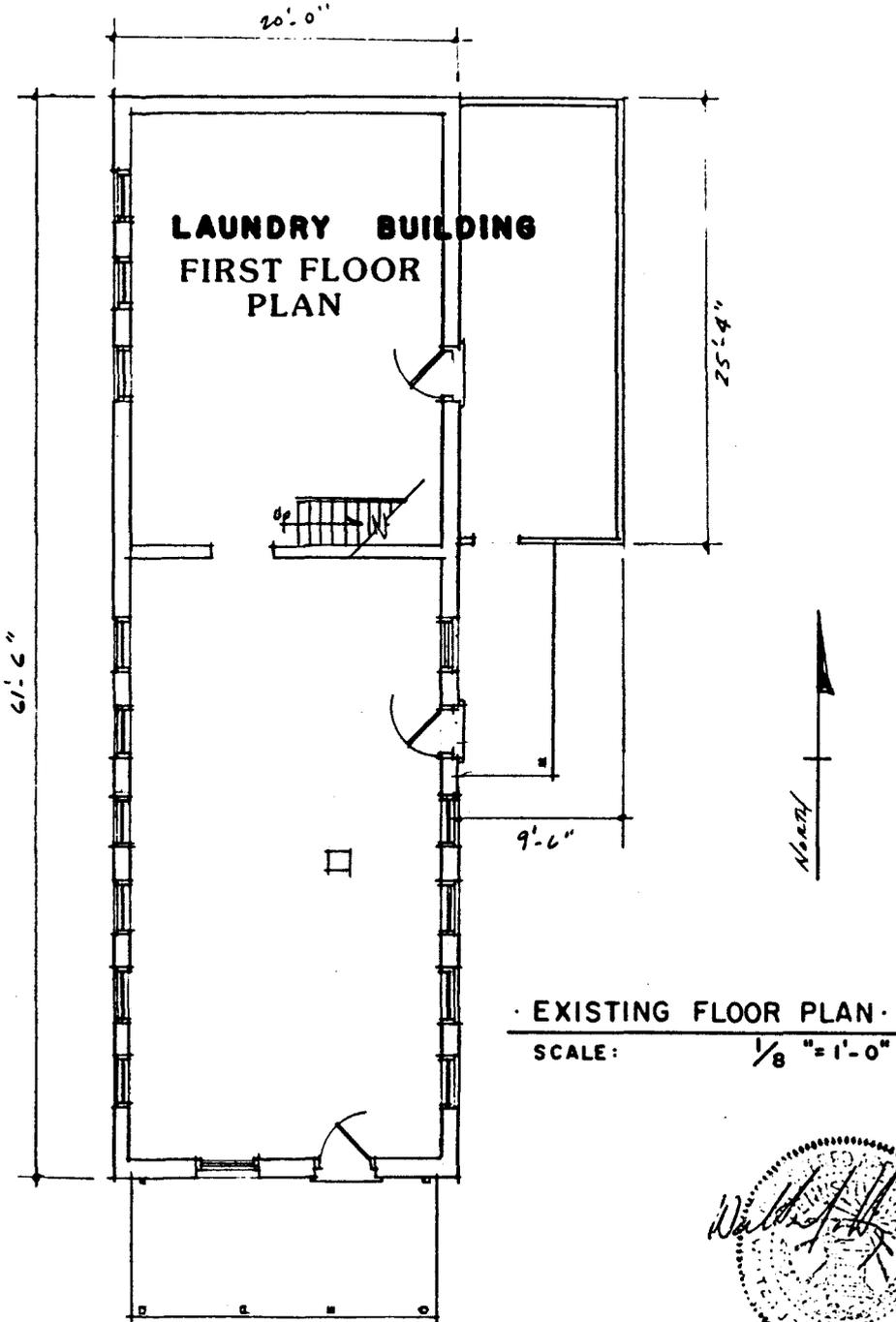
The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington - Mr. Kerry Fox.

Site Visit - May, 1991.

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