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Location: The lockkeeper's residence at Appleton Lock 4 of the Appleton Locks and Dams Complex is located approximately 500 feet west of Appleton Lock 3, but is considered administratively part of the Appleton Lock 4 facility by the USACOE, Detroit District. The Lockkeeper's residence is located in the SW1/4, NW1/4, Section 36, T21N, R17E, Civil Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

UTM: 16/388620/4900960; USGS Quadrangle: Appleton, Wisconsin 7.5' series

Date of Construction: 1892

Engineer: United States Army Corps of Engineers with Contractors

Architect: United States Army Corps of Engineers with Contractors

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: The Lockkeeper's house served as an on-site residence for the lockkeeper responsible for controlling the locks. In addition, the house served as a residence for the lockkeeper's family. The residence functioned as part of the daily operation of the Appleton Locks and Dams Complex.

Project Information: This documentation was undertaken in 1995 in accordance with requirements detailed in a June 19, 1994 letter from Gregory D. Kendrick, Chief, History Branch, NPS to Dale Monteith, Acting Chief, Planning Division, USACOE, Detroit District. The Lower Fox system remains basically operational but was placed in caretaker status by the USACOE in 1982. The USACOE plans to divest itself of the Lower Fox system as soon as is feasible; therefore, NPS requested this documentation. All documentation conforms to HAER standards.

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LOCKKEEPER'S RESIDENCE

A second lockkeeper's dwelling is located approximately 500 feet west of the Appleton third lock. The house is a two story gabled rectangular building with front and back porches located centrally on its north and south elevations. The lockkeeper's house is built on a rusticated concrete block foundation and is clad with clapboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. It has plain window surrounds, and molded roof cornices. The house measures 16 feet 4 inches on its sides, 40 feet 5 inches on its north and south elevations.¹

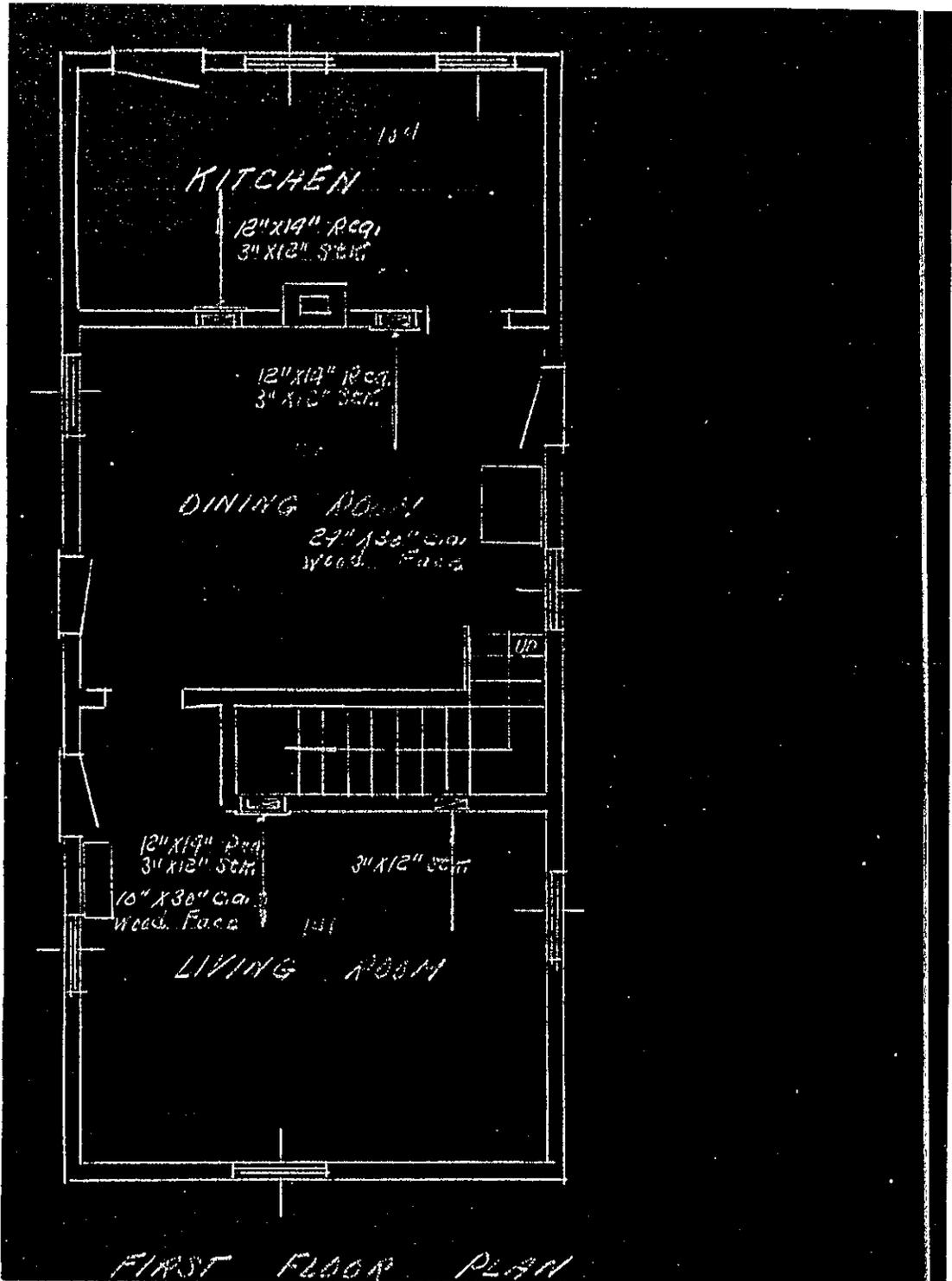
The first floor consists of a 8 foot by 16 foot 4 inch kitchen at the western end, a 11 foot 5 inch by 16 foot 4 inch central dining room, and a 15 foot 3 inch by 15 foot 3 inch living room on the eastern end. A pair of 2 foot 6 inch windows are located on the western wall of the kitchen. Additionally, a 15 foot 4 inch by 10 foot 3 inch storage room extends from the western end of the kitchen. The dining room contains three windows, two on the northern elevation, and one facing south. The living room also contains three windows, one each on the north, south and east walls. The ceilings of the kitchen and living room are 8 feet 10 inches high, while the living room has higher, 9 foot 11 inch ceilings.²

On the southern elevation of the house, a pair of doors exits to the front porch. One of the doors leads into the dining room, while the second door leads into the living room. The back porch is accessed by a door that exits from the living room.

A stairway immediately interior to the back door leads to the second floor of the house. The second floor of the house consists of three bedrooms and a hall at the head of the stairs. The hallway measures 11 feet 6 inches by 9 feet 6 inches and has doors leading to each of the bedrooms. Each bedroom measures approximately 12 feet by 14 feet.

ENDNOTES

- 1 USACOE, As Built Plan of Lockhouse, 1897, Plans and Elevations, Appleton 3rd Lock, File #1132.
- 2 Ibid.



Photocopy of general first floor plan, lockkeeper's residence, File #1129-1.