

### County Commissioners Hearing Room 400 High Street Chestertown, Maryland

### AGENDA

November 29, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings in person or via conference call. Please note that the County's live stream video is temporarily unavailable.

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- 1. Dial **1-872-239-8359**
- 2. Enter Conference ID: 264 871 214#

Members of the public are asked to mute their phones/devices, until the Commission Chair opens the floor for comment.

#### MINUTES

Request for a motion to adopt the draft minutes from October 30, 2020, as presented.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Discussion of the current condition and proposed next steps for Turners Creek Granary:

- Photographs from 2022-11-04
- K-122 Granary at Turner's Creek
- Granary Engineers Report 2009

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### ADJOURN

Meetings are conducted in Open Session unless otherwise indicated. All or part of the Planning Commission meetings can be held in closed session under the authority of the MD Open Meetings Law by vote of the members. Breaks are at the call of the Chairman. Meetings are subject to audio and video recordings.

All applications will be given the time necessary to assure full public participation and a fair and complete review of all projects. Agenda items are subject to change due to cancellations.

## Kent County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Summary

The Kent County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met virtually on Friday, October 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams with a livestream from the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland. The following members were in attendance: Elizabeth Beckley, Chair; Jennifer Moore; Don Othoson; Jeremy Rothwell; Max Ruehrmund; and Melinda Zupon. Also present was Robert Tracey, Community Planner; William Mackey, Director; and Brian Jones, Clerk.

In addition, Anthony Lamb and John Brown were present representing the applicant.

Chair Beckley called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION / WORK SESSION**

Mr. Brown provided an overview of the applicant's goals and objectives. The applicant would like to work with the Kent County Historic Preservation Commission to obtain a Kent County Historic Site Designation.

Mr. Tracey provided a presentation. The presentation included:

- A site plan of the property.
- Pictures of the structure.
- The criteria used to designate historic properties.
- Property information from the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation (SDAT).

After further discussion, members will conduct a site visit on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, at 1 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Beckley adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Elizabeth Beckley, Chair

Brian Jones, Clerk

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# K-122

# Granary at Turner's Creek

### **Architectural Survey File**

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reversechronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the "vertical files" at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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Last Updated: 01-23-2020

#### GRANARY AT TURNER'S CREEK Kennedyville, Maryland (19th)

The granary at Turner's Creek public landing is a two story frame structure which rests on brick piers and has a shallow gable roof. The exterior siding is whitewashed board and batten up to the gables where butted vertical boards are used. The roof is covered with corrigated steel and its rafter ends are exposed. It is a wellpreserved example of the barn framings system of the late 19th century.

From colonial days until well into the twentieth century, farm products were shipped from dispursed points along the rivers of the Chesapeake Bay. This building was used to house grain awaiting transport on to market on steamboats, and is probably the last warehouse remaining from this period.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The granary at Turner's Creek public landing is a two story frame structure which rests on brick piers and has a shallow gable roof. The exterior siding is whitewashed board and batten up to the gables where butted vertical boards are used. The roof is covered with corrigated steel and its rafter ends are exposed.

Examination of the interior framing shows the building to be four 10 ft bays long and three bays wide. The central bays on the short (gable) ends are only 6½ ft wide to accommodate a central aisle or corridor running the length of the building.

Doors lead into both ends of this corridor. On the south gable the door is a board and batten "Dutch" door with wide V-groove beaded boards and long penny-end strap hinges that are placed on the inside of the door. Evidence remains of an early lock with a key hole, now upside down. The details of this door show that it is earlier than the rest of the granary and has been reused from another building.

The door on the north gable is also a board and batten, but appears to be contemporary with this structure. Above each first floor door is a board door on the second level.

Window openings -- simple wooden shutters cut out from the siding -- are located in the center of each side bay on both stories. There are also six over six sash windows in the upper partof each gable.

Inside the original grain bins remain on the first floor on both sides of the corridor. The floor of each bin is raised about 14." The partition walls of the bins are constructed of full 2" by 4" studs (nailed with well-made wire nails) and horizontal boarding. In the southwest corner of the building is a store-room or, perhaps, a part-time office area. Wooden chutes leading from the second story to the corridor were used to fill a trolley or conveyor for loading and unloading grain.

The structural system consists of "Y" braced posts at the bays and diagonally braced corner posts. The posts rest on a sill which spins between piers. Flooring, random width planks about 2" thick, are nailed to the sills. Second floor joists rest on a false plate and span side to side with summer beams running the length of the building at the corridor walls. At about 3 ' above the floor is an

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#### SPECIFIC DATES last quarter 19th century.BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The granary at Turner's Creek is significant because it is a well-preserved example of a common barn-framing system of the mid-19th to early 20th centuries, and because it is one of the last rural warehouses for grain remaining in Kent County.

In his will of 1858 Peregrin Wethered who also owned Knock's Folly (K-114) devised to his daughter Mary his "...Turners Creek point property consisting of granary-wharf store house dwelling Houses ..." indicating that the "point" was already established as a site for grain shipping. The use of wire nails\* in the oresent structure, however, is evidence that an earlier structure was the subject of Wethered's bequest. Although portions of the present granary are earlier, this structure probably dates from the late 19th century and is representative of the commercial and building practices of that age.

In 1974 the Turner's Creek property was sold by the descendants of Peregrin Wetheredt to the County Commissioners of Kent County. The granary was leased by them to the Kent Museum who, with the assistance of a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust, made repairs to the roof and siding. Currently, however, the building is unused, and is situated so close to the bulkhead that it interferes with both the commercial fishermen who use the wharf in the spring and with summer pleasure boaters.

Like many other of Kent's barns, outbuildings, and storehouses for which there is no longer a use, its survival is in doubt. The granary is generally in good repair, however, and could probably be moved without too much difficulty and reused.

\* Wire nails did not replace cut nails in common building practice until the 1890's.

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## **10**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

STREET & NUMBER	Marsha L. Fritz County Planning Commission	DATE 4/7/80 TELEPHONE
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust The Shaw House, 21 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (301) 267-1438 interrupted intermediate plate used primarily for nailing the exterior siding. A similar system is used for the second story.

The roof is framed with 3" by 5" rafters that are 2' on center and nailed without a rooftree at the ridge. Leaning "Y" braces at each bay are pegged into purlins set midway down each slope.

Most framing members are circular sawn and joined with mortise and tenon joints. Sheathing and interior partitions are nailed with wire nails. This combination of two connection systems is very common in barns and outbuildings in the last half of the nineteenth century, and even into the twentieth.

This granary is a remnant of the dispursed system for shipping of agricultural commondities by water in the Tidewater region from the colonial period until the early twentieth centry. The Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas of 1877, for example, shows several warehouses or storehouses at public or private landings throughout the county where steam boats could pick up grain or fruit for transport.



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View to north

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The Granary on Turefir's Creek is a large frame structure along side of the creek. It's frame hewn and pegged. Many of the original bins and floors remain intact. The exterior is covezed with whitewashed board and batten-

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

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Exterior poor

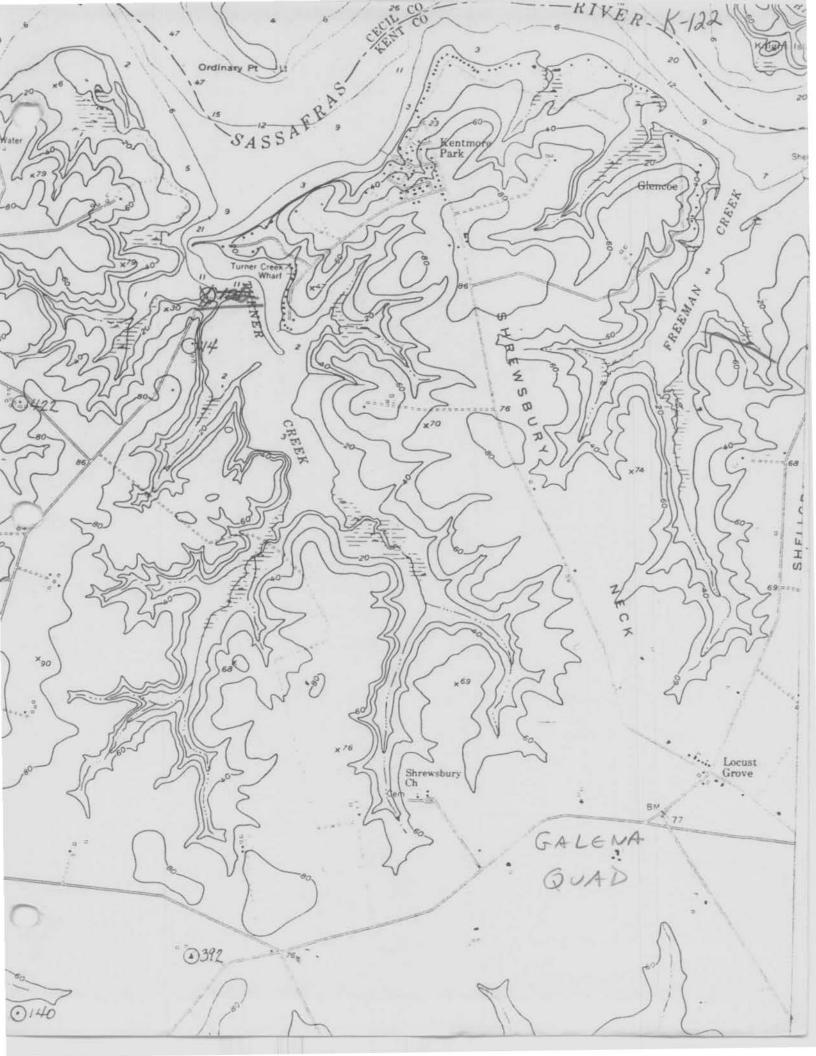
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Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD





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March 23, 2009

County Commissioners of Kent County 709 Morgnec Road Chestertown, MD 21620 Attn: Mr. James M. Wright, Jr. Kent County Engineer

WO 2810 STRUCTURAL CONDITION ASSESSMENT THE GRANARY TURNER'S CREEK PUBLIC LANDING KENNEDYVILLE, MARYLAND

Commissioners

We have completed our review of The Granary at Turner's Creek Public Landing. The review consisted of visual observations and selective probing of those portions of the structure which were safely accessible during our visit on 12 March 2009. The request for this study was prompted by concerns regarding the structural stability of the building; in particular, at the first floor/ground level where damage from rot and termite infestation is extensive. The primary purpose of this report is to determine the scope of work to stabilize, preserve and eventually restore the building structure. In addition, we have determined allowable floor and roof loading as input for your consideration of uses of the building that are compatible with the building structure. To assist the reader with the orientation of the structural elements discussed, we have provided framing plans with superimposed structural grid lines. For orientation purposes we have assumed that the entrance to the corridor is located on the south side of the building facing the access road.



The Granary, Turner's Creek Public Landing, Northwest Elevation Gredell & Associates 12 March 2009

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The Granary is a two story, timber frame storage building constructed mid to late 1800's. The building is rectangular in plan measuring approximately 34 ½' east-west and 46' north-south. The building rises over a shallow crawl space approximately 15' to the eave line of a gable form roof where the ridge runs north-south. The floor plan is a double loaded, narrow, central, north-south running central corridor double loaded with grain bins, east and west and open floor space at the second level.

#### FINDINGS

#### Foundations

The foundations for the building are constructed of uncoursed stone rubble masonry approximately 20" wide that run east west as shown on the attached sketch 1 of 4. The foundations are in poor condition with the structural matrix of the mortar reduced to sand. As a result the stones in the wall are loose and the section has become unraveled and subsiding. At the north wall "A" the foundation has been rebuilt with cast-in-place concrete.



#### Framing

The framing is post and beam construction; nominally 7x7 with mortise and tenon joinery throughout. The building structure is comprised of five (5) timber bents at approximately 12' centers ( three interior and two at the exterior walls) and running east-west, lines "A" through "E". Floor joists and rafters overframe the primary members. Noteworthy is that the mortise and tenon joinery is unshouldered. Accordingly the capacity of the load bearing connections is limited to the strength of the 2" wide tenon rather than the full width of the beam ( approximately 1/3 the capacity of the shouldered connection). Where beams and purlins are spliced, half lap, pinioned scarf joints are provided. Lateral bracing of the building is provided in both directions:

• East west diagonal bracing 3x4 ½ is provided at each bent at both the first and second floors. The brace extends from the at the floor level to the 6x6 tie beam above. The connection of the tie beam to the post is a wrought iron, U strap and 2 pins secured by tapered keys at the second floor and a strap / rod connection at the roof eave level.

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• Lateral bracing north-south is provided by knee bracing at first and second floor levels on the east and west exterior walls as indicated by the elevation shown on sketch 4 of 4. Mortise and tenon joinery was observed at all bracing connections.

The timber framing in the building rests on heavy timber sills (east-west) that bear on the rubble stone masonry foundation walls and timber girders (north-south) that support the interior heavy timber posts that form the central corridor of the granary. The poor condition of the masonry foundations coupled with the rot and termite damage in and above the crawl space (see photograph above) has caused the building to subside as much as 8" as witnessed by the "humping' of the floor in the central corridor. The total extent

of the termite damage is unknown; however, it extends at least 3' above the first floor level at the exterior posts, girts and bracing. Weakening of the second floor beam at C2 is witnessed by a tension crack at a beam splice with evidence of previous damage caused by infestation. At the northwest corner "A1" the entire post has been consumed by rot and termite damage along with beams, girts and bracing that are joined. The framing at each



level of the building is described as follows:

- The first floor is framed with heavy timber joists 3x12@18" spanning north-south and bearing on the heavy timber sills and beams located at each of the bent lines. Noteworthy, is that the bay at the northwest corner of the building is framed with 3x8@16" centers running north-south. Rot and termite damage is extensive in the sills and the floor beams. The floor joists appear less affected and it appears that a majority of these members may be reusable.
- The second floor is framed with 3x8@24" joists spanning east-west and bearing on timber beams 7x8 ( "2", "3") and 6x8 ( "1", "4"). Except for the deterioration that has occurred at the northwest corner of the building adjacent to post "A1", the structural condition of the second floor framing appears good.
- The primary structure of the gable form roof is comprised of 3x51/2 timber purlins spanning north-south and 3x5 rake posts set on 6x6 tie beams located at the three interior bent locations. The roof loads are transferred to the second floor 6x6 tie beams at the second floor with 3x5 posts located near the rake posts that support the purlins. Knee bracing 3x4 1/2 provides lateral stability for the structure. Rafters 3x5@24"overframe the purlin and the eave beam. At the ridge the rafters are plumb cut and meet with a simple butted joint. Purlin splicing is

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achieved with half lap, pinioned scarf joints made adjacent to the knee bracing. The structural condition of the roof appears fair to good.

Through our diagnosis of the structural elements in the building, we have determined a live load capacity of the floors and the roof. The allowable floor loading is provided as input to the owner in determining both use and materials that are compatible with the strength of the structure. The building code has minimum requirements for floor structure in pounds per square foot (PSF) of live load as a function of use- residential (40), office and fixed seating (50), assembly (100) and light storage (125), etc. Strength involves determining the tributary live loading of the structure that produces the maximum allowable stresses in the member. Determination of the live load capacity of the floor, ceiling and roof framing was based on these strength parameters: flexure 1450 PSI, horizontal shear 120 PSI. These values are considered non-conservative and represent the values found in "old" timber. The following table shows the allowable uniformly distributed live loading for the various areas of the building.

## **Existing Framing** Allowable uniformly distributed live loading (PSF)

<u>Size</u>	<u>Span</u> (ft)	<u>Strength</u>
3x8@16	12	250
3x12@18	"	
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3x8@24	14	50
7x8	12	30
6x8	12	60
3x5@24	9	50
3x5 1/2	8	10
6x6	12	30
<b>6x6</b>	14	0
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- (1) allowable uniformly distributed roof load transferred to the second floor framing by the supporting posts
- (2) assumes partial support by knee bracing

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the extent of the deterioration in the framing at the lower, first floor, there appears to be no feasible method of temporarily stabilizing the structure at that level. Instead, we recommend the building be stabilized by providing temporary support at the second level. Provide structural needle beams (east-west) adjacent to the five bents (three interior and two exterior) that span approximately 40' and supported by structural transfer beams (north-south) set on timber crib shoring towers. Transfer of the dead load of the building would be achieved by jacking to the desired elevation in combination with blocking.

Once properly shored, the lower portion of the building would be repaired / rebuilt at a time when funding was made available. In summary, the work would proceed as follows:

- 1. Perform a geotechnical investigation in order to determine the subgrade conditions and to provide recommendations for type and capacity for the building foundations both for temporary shoring and for permanent foundations.
- 2. Construct temporary shoring including needle beams, transfer girders and timber crib shoring towers on timber footings. Lift the structure by jacking in order to transfer building loads to the temporary shoring. Provide temporary closure of the building by erecting fire retardant timber frame walls to the level of the second floor to protect the remaining structure from damage by weather and / or irresponsible acts by vandals
- 3. Remove and salvage first floor decking and joists for reuse in the restored structure.
- 4. Remove timber sills and girders from the site.
- 5. Depending on the results of the geotechnical investigation, either reuse stable portions of the existing foundations found below grade or replace with size and type suitable to support building loads.
- 6. Install sills and reframe the floor with suitable salvaged joists and decking
- 7. Remove first floor girts, bracing and portions of the posts adversely affected by rot and termite damage. Provide Dutchman repairs with half lap splices for posts, girts and bracing. Complete replacement of the post "A1" will be required.

This report has for been prepared in order to provide you with an understanding regarding the structural condition of the Granary building. It could serve as a basis for determining a magnitude of costs for the recommended repairs; however, under no circumstances should be considered as a basis for construction. Upon your review of the report, please call us so that we might discuss how you plan to proceed. At your request, we would be pleased to prepare the necessary construction documentation for the recommended repairs, both temporary and permanent.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with you and look forward to continuing our services with you on this project.

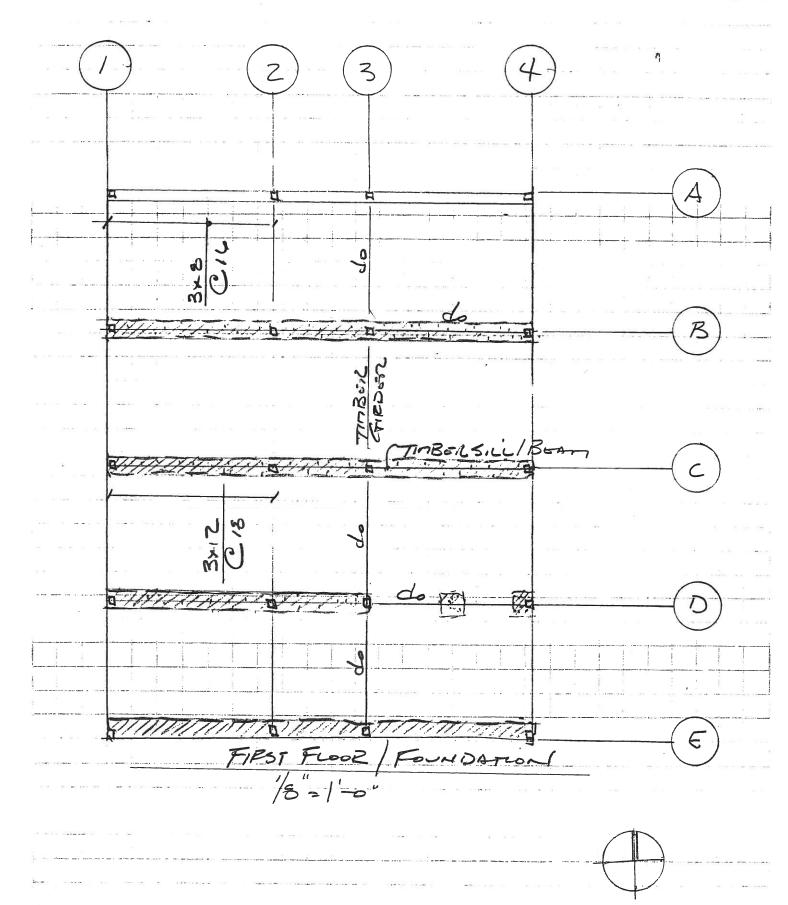
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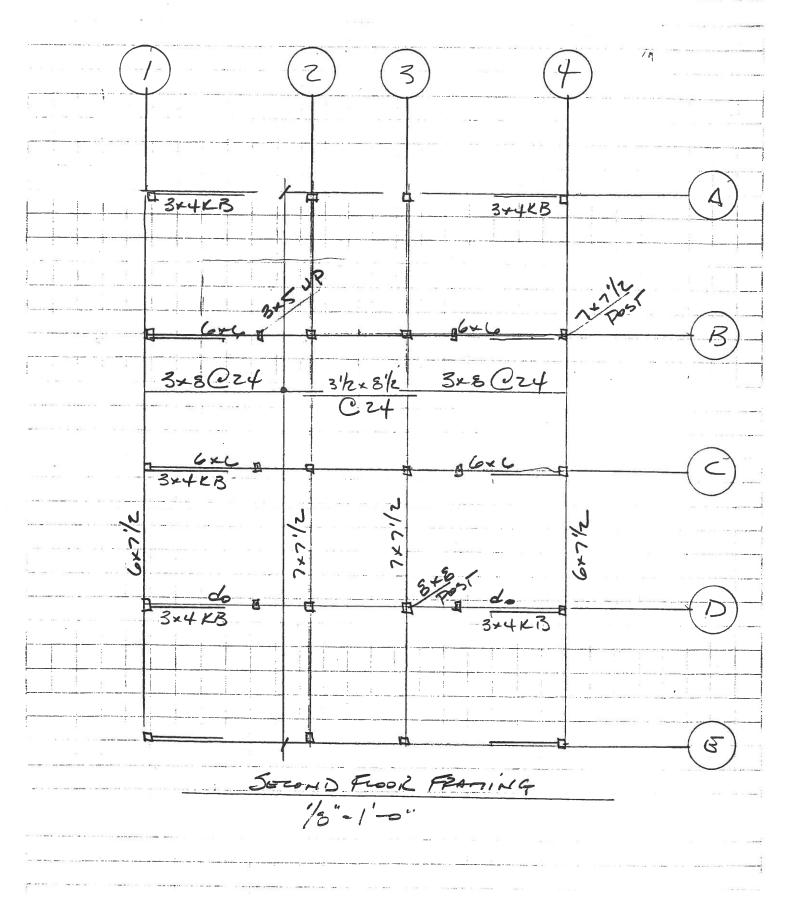


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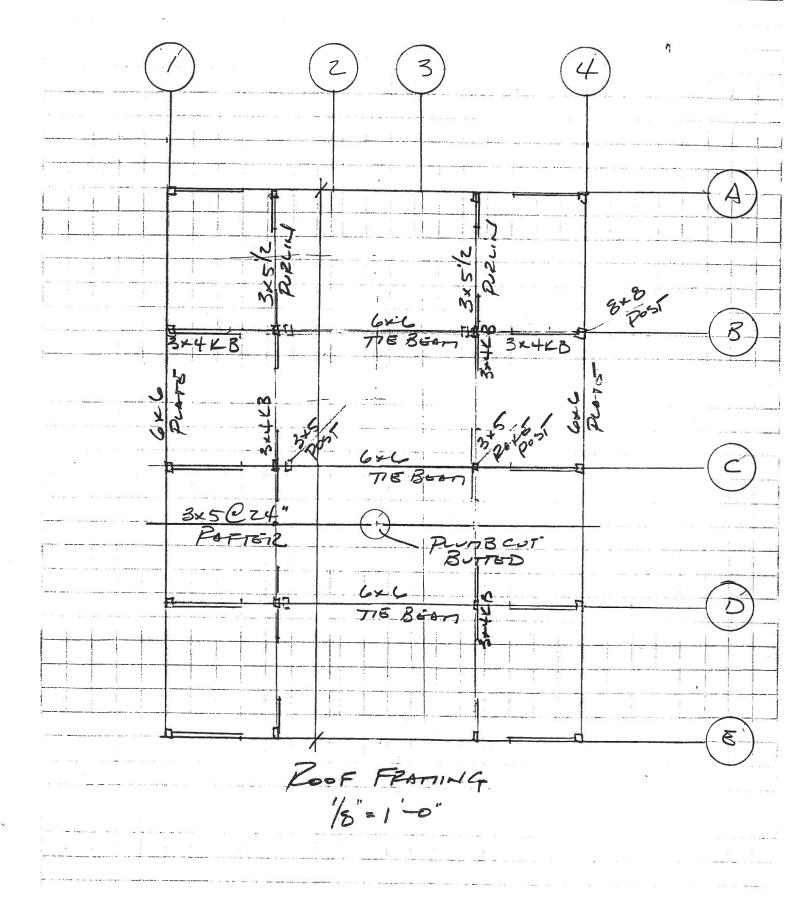


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