

NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER
HISTORIC STRUCTURE STUDY
ERSKINE PUGH HOUSE
THURMOND
PARK LCS NUMBER N1

The Pugh House in Thurmond was constructed sometime after 1900 and before 1920 as a private residence possibly for the Berry family; the Erskine Pugh family acquired the property in 1974. The field measurements and photographs were done in late July 1989.

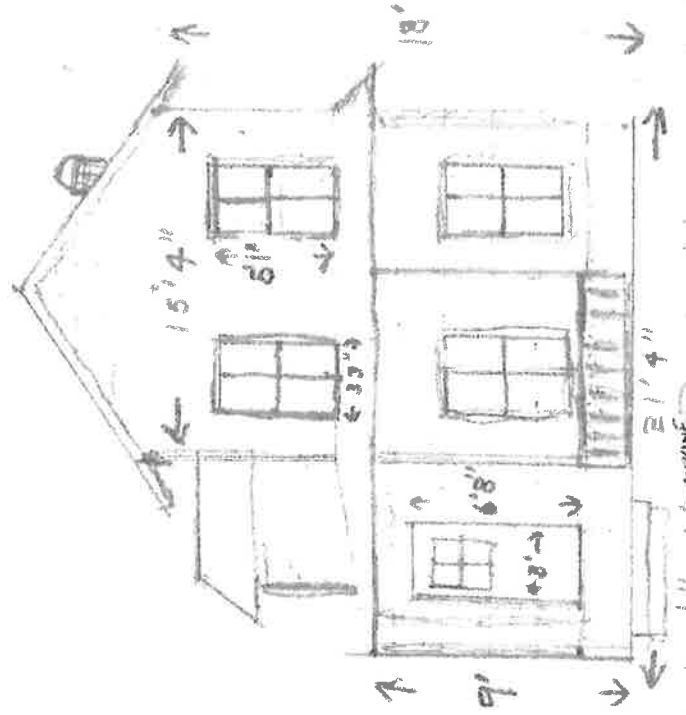
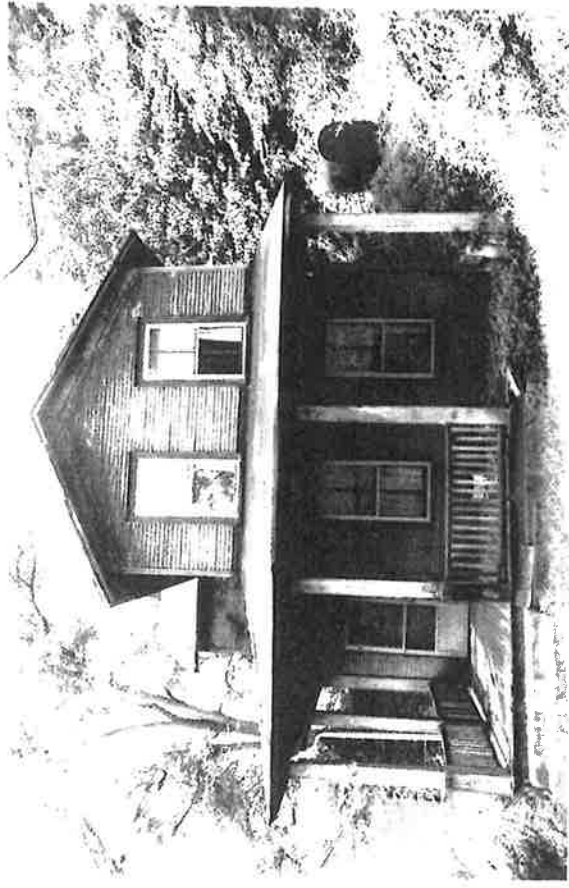
- I. THE FORM OR TYPE - The structure is characteristic of houses built in railroad towns and coal camps for railroad and mine middle management employees. It is basically the same as rural farm residences built at the turn of the century and offered in kit form (not prefab) by mail order houses like Sears and Roebuck.
- II. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE - The building is a very plain, two-story modified "I" house with German clapboard siding over a balloon frame. The roof is covered with rolled roofing, and this appears to be the way the house was originally roofed. The east and south sides are enclosed by an open first floor porch. The west face has a lattice enclosed porch behind the kitchen over the rear door. The house has two brick chimneys - the main serving the living room and upstairs east bedroom and the smaller serving the kitchen and west upstairs bedroom. The house was painted grey in color with

black trim around the windows similar to the 1930's C & O building colors. The siding is pine and the framing and interior trim work are pine also. Except for the attic, the house is not insulated, the main heating was originally done with free standing coal stoves and fireplaces later converted to a kerosene stove system in the living room area.

III. STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS - The house has a cement block foundation which forms a 5' 8" and less space under the south side of the house. The house was built against a steep north slope, the first floor supported underneath by timber posts sunk in the bare earth. Originally there was a privy against the north slope at the rear of the house. There is now a full bath on the second floor, south side. The house was wired at least twice, the first being post and nub, and the second Romex cable.

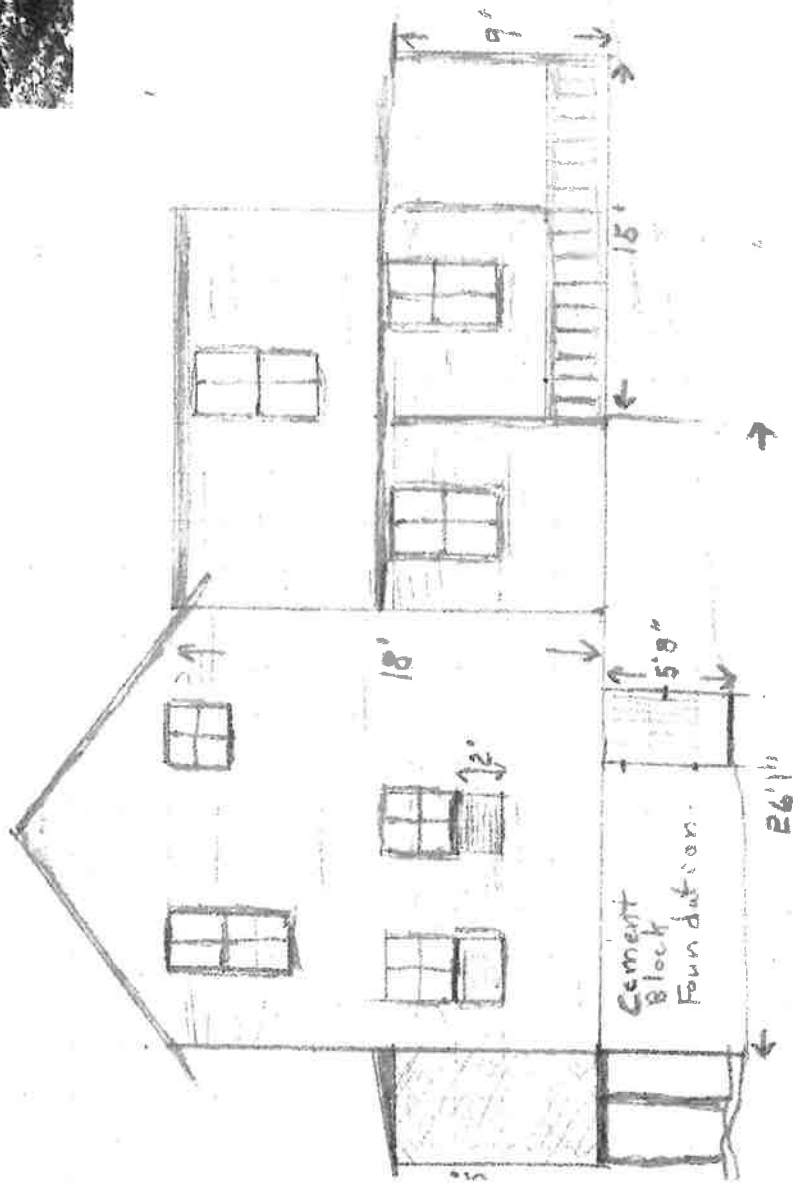
IV. STRUCTURAL DAMAGE - The entire structure is in poor condition. The floor joists and supporting timbers area badly damaged and crumbling due to termites and wet rot. The floors are sagging with rodent damage in the dining room and kitchen. The door moldings on the second floor are termite damaged, the ceiling plaster has fallen in the second floor, west bedroom due to a major roof leak. If the structure is not stabilized, it will soon become a hazard to public safety.

Since the house has a low priority number (#36) on the National Register and is listed as a contributing element in Thurmond's historic district, management Category C: Structures That May Be Preserved and Maintained, is suggested.

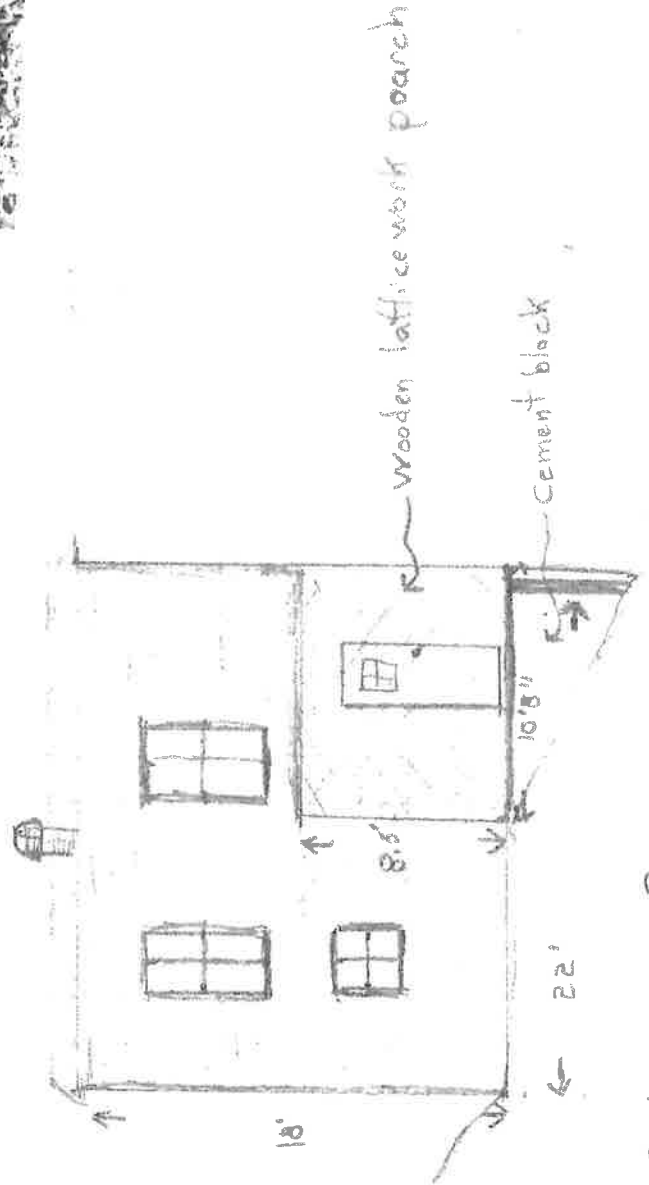
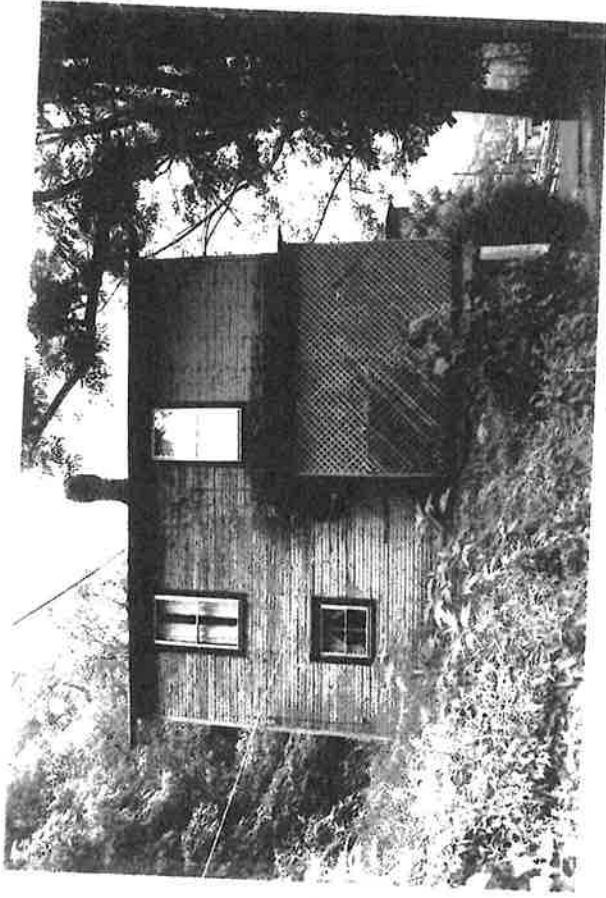


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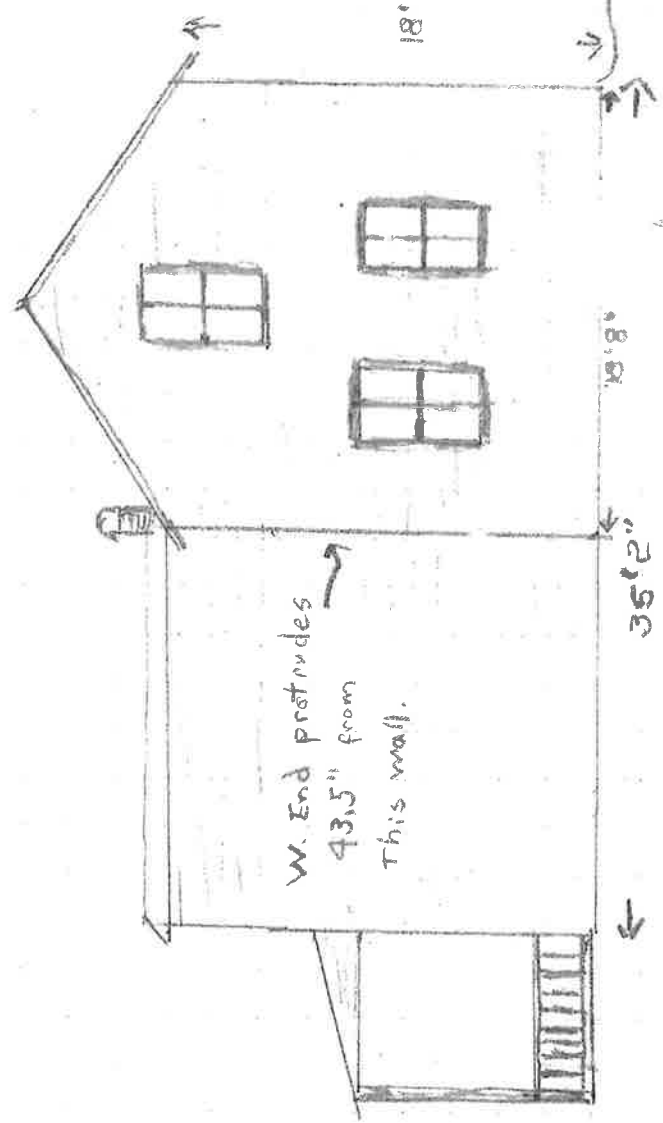
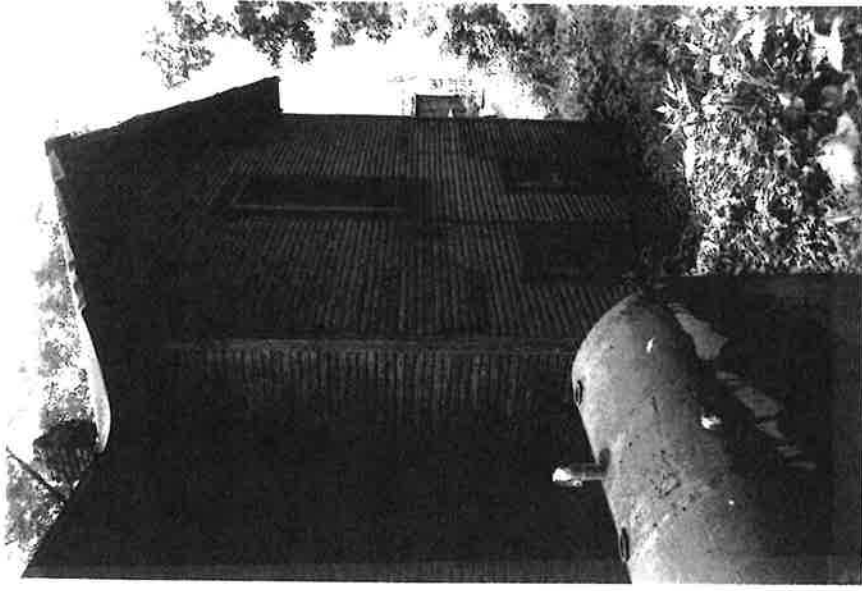
Scale 1/8" = 1' E. Facade. Thurmond, WV summer 1989.



Scale: $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'$ Pugh House, S. Facade, Thurmond, WV, Summer 1989

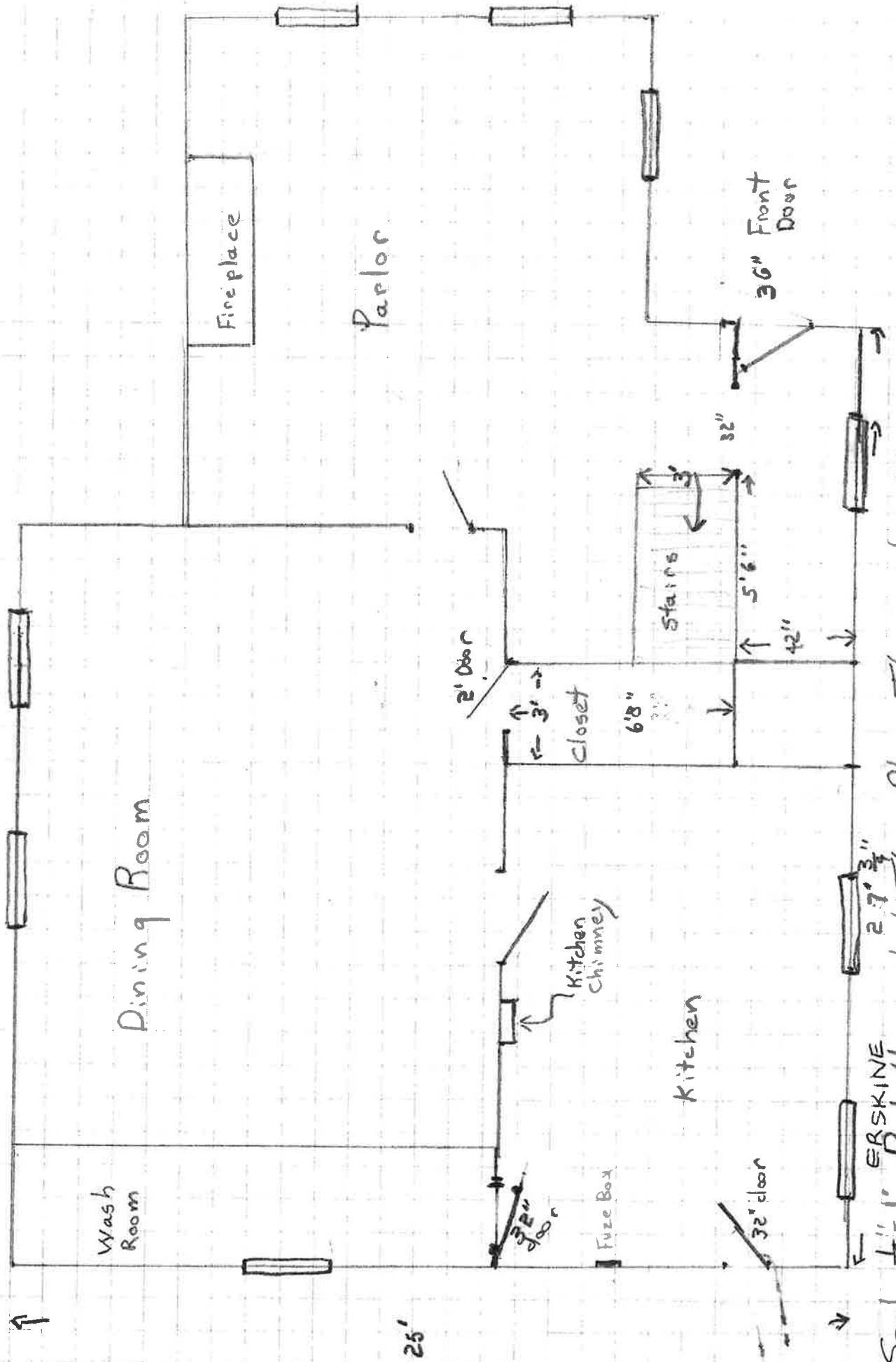


Scale $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'$ Pugh House W. Facade, Thurmond, WV, Summer 1989



Scale: $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'$ A. Pugh House N. Facade, Thurmond WV, Summer 1989

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Scale 1/4" = 1' Pugh House 1st Floor Plan Thurmond WV, Summer 1989