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Wellfleet, Mass.

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE

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**United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service
Cape Cod National Seashore
Eastham, Massachusetts**

APPROVAL SHEET

Recommended Vernon C. Gilbert, Jr. Date 6/9/64
Acting Superintendent

Recommended Eugene R. de Silets Date 8/25/64
Chief, LODC (ACTING)

Approved: _____ Date _____
Regional Director

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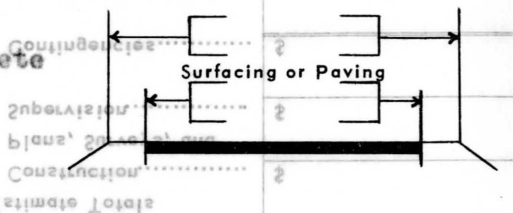
ADMINISTRATIVE DATA SECTION

1. Building Number 19-49
2. Henry Gray House
3. Attached PCP of proposed work
4. Estimated cost of the work is \$4,800.
5. House is the residence of the Seashore superintendent.
6. Attached photos of residence with drawings.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

1. Statement of requirements, proposed work and construction data, justification, etc. (Use additional sheets as necessary.)

This house, acquired through our land acquisition program, has been designated to serve as the Superintendent's residence. It is necessary that extensive work be done to bring this house to an acceptable standard. This work, including the complete rehabilitation of the present heating system, is of such magnitude that it could not be undertaken by normal maintenance procedures.

Explicit Length Miles
275 2000
Finished width shoulder to shoulder

2. Land Status (if Govt.-owned, what agency), Water Rights, Research, Etc.

All government owned (National Park Service).

PCP Data Prepared by (Name, Title & Date)

Arnold H. Gustavson
Landscape Architect
3/13/64

4. Cross-reference PCP's to this Project:

PCP numbers of previously completed portions:
B-13

5. Construction by:

Day Labor ☐ Contract ☒

Work supervised by:

Park ☐ Reg. ☐ Design Office ☒

6. CLASS ESTIMATE

Construction.....	\$ 4,000
Plans, Surveys, & Supervision.....	560
Contingencies.....	240
SUB TOTAL	4,800
Exhibits, Audio-Visual Installations, etc.....	---
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 4,800

7. DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES

No	To
1	Director
1	Reg. Dir., NE
1	Superintendent
2	Chief, EODC

8. Recommended by Park Office (Signature, title, date)

/S/ Robert F. Gibbs, Superintendent 3-16-64

9. Approved by Regional Office (Signature, title, date)

/S/ M. B. Christenson May 8, 1964

10. Reviewed by D&C Field Office (Signature, Title, Date)

/S/ Vincent N. Mauro, Project Control Officer 5/25/64

11. Location within Area or Termini

12. Master Plan No.

13. Bldg. or Rt. # and Sec.

B19-49

14. Region

15. Park

Northeast Cape Cod National Seashore

Project

Barnstable

Rehabilitation of Henry Gray house #19-49

CGV22 ☐ (C) - Estimate based on similar facilities in other parks
CGV22 ☐ (B) - Estimate based on preliminary plans
CGV22 ☐ (A) - Estimate based on working drawings

(County)

(State)

17. PCP Index No.

18. P. S. & S. by

BPR ☐ NPS ☒

CLASS ☐ (A) - Estimate based on working drawings
 CLASS ☐ (B) - Estimate based on preliminary plans
 CLASS ☐ (C) - Estimate based on similar facilities in other parks

(Date)

Bk

Wb2

18' b' 2' 8' 2' pl

11' b' 2' 8' 2' pl

ESTIMATE

Item

Quantity

Cost

11' Location of Building or Termination

12' Water Main No.

13' Bldg. or Pl. # and Sec.

5 CPT-1* BODC
 I Subcontractor
 I BOD* DTL** ME
 I DIRECTOR

10 DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES

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GRAND TOTAL

2

\$ 800

Installations, etc.

Exhibits, Audio-Visual

SUB TOTAL

2

\$ 800

Contingencies

2

\$ 340

Subcontractor

2

\$ 280

Construction

2

\$ 1,000

VII ESTIMATE OF OTHER (NATURAL BARK SERVICE)

3' Gang Signs (14 Col. - owned, 14 Col. - leased, 14 Col. - leased, etc.)

Estimate Totals

Construction.....

\$

Plans, Surveys, and

Supervision.....

\$

Contingencies.....

\$

SUB TOTAL

\$

Exhibits, Audio-Vis.

Installations, Etc.....

\$

GRAND TOTAL

\$

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HISTORICAL DATA SECTION

by

Edison P. Lohr

Park Historian

June, 1964

United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service
Cape Cod National Seashore

The Henry Gray House, Wellfleet, Massachusetts

A. Local tradition and hearsay regarding structure

This frame house, in Greek Revival style "A", was the first private property purchased by the U. S. Government for the Cape Cod National Seashore. Only the small center section of the house is old, this dating from about 1850. According to local residents, the original house appears to have been moved to its present site from South Truro. A Mrs. Mabel Ryder of Wellfleet (in her 80's) is one authority for this statement—she also says that when she was a child, the house was known as the Henry Gray house. On page 73 of an Atlas, Barnstable County, published by George H. Walker Co. 1890, shows the present house location and the name "H. Gray."

B. Architect, Designer and Builder

As is so often the case of a lower Cape Cod house, the original builder cannot be determined. He probably copied from other houses of similar design and construction.

C. Successive structural changes

Changes made in the original, old center section, before additions (wings) were added, are not known at this time, but there were unquestionably minor changes made through the years as the house has had a series of owners. Two major additions have been made since 1900: a West wing, added about 1900, and an East wing, added in 1940-1941. Both of these wings carried out the design of the original structure, using wide cornices, clapboard walls and wide corner boards with steeply pitched roofs.

There are 9 rooms in all, plus a studio in the attic. Under the original part of the house is an authentic Cape Cod cellar, cylindrical shape, 5 feet high, 10 feet in diameter (brick walls).

D. Recent history of the property

At least three people besides Henry Gray have owned this house: Elizabeth Austin, Mr. Ben Wolf, and Mr. Ned Lebac, who sold the property to the U. S. Government.

E. Closing Historical Statement

In spite of the fact that inevitable changes have been made in the remaining old section of this house, particularly in recent years, and that the case for considering the entire structure as historic has been weakened by the extensive wing additions, it has been decided that the old center section warrants retention of the Henry Gray house in the HABS list. It is an attractive dwelling in a fine location and its present use as a residence by the park superintendent will be continued.

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA SECTION

by

F. Cliff Pearce

Resident Architect

June, 1964

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Cape Cod National Seashore

The Henry Gray House

Architectural Data

A. Structural and architectural design

1. The center section of this house, approximately 100 years old, may be referred to as Greek Revival, "A" style. The two major wings, added since 1900, have been done in the style of the original section with an entrance door and two windows adjoining it on the front gable end and two windows above, on the second floor, serving a bedroom and the stair hall.

Exterior: This building is $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 storey, with four gable ends. The roof has been shingled partly with new cedar wood, and some asphalt shingles. The siding is white painted clap-board. Gutters on the new wings are wood, with metal downspouts. Front elevation, double hung wood windows with Anderson casement wood windows for the wings. In front of the kitchen wing is an enclosed glass porch leading on to an open concrete terrace. An exterior wooden stairway is placed at the end of the kitchen wing which serves the attic window.

Interior: The interior of the original house is attractively finished in white pine trim; the mantel in the original dining room is done in this fashion. Walls and ceilings are plastered. In the old center section, flooring is soft pine, wide-planks which is to be seen in older houses on the Cape. The new living room has a beamed ceiling with a height of $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The East wing flooring is of colonial fir. This wing contains a living room and fireplace, with a master bedroom and bath on the second floor.

The West wing has a kitchen, bath, laundry room (1st floor) and studio on the second floor. The entire house has nine rooms plus a studio in the attic, and has three baths.

2. Existing condition of basic structure, exterior.

All exterior woodwork of the original house, and of the new wings, is in good condition and needs no major repairs.

3. Condition of basic structure, interior.

Same as 2 above.



Old Center Section (c. 1850) with portion
of West Wing (left) and East Wing (right)



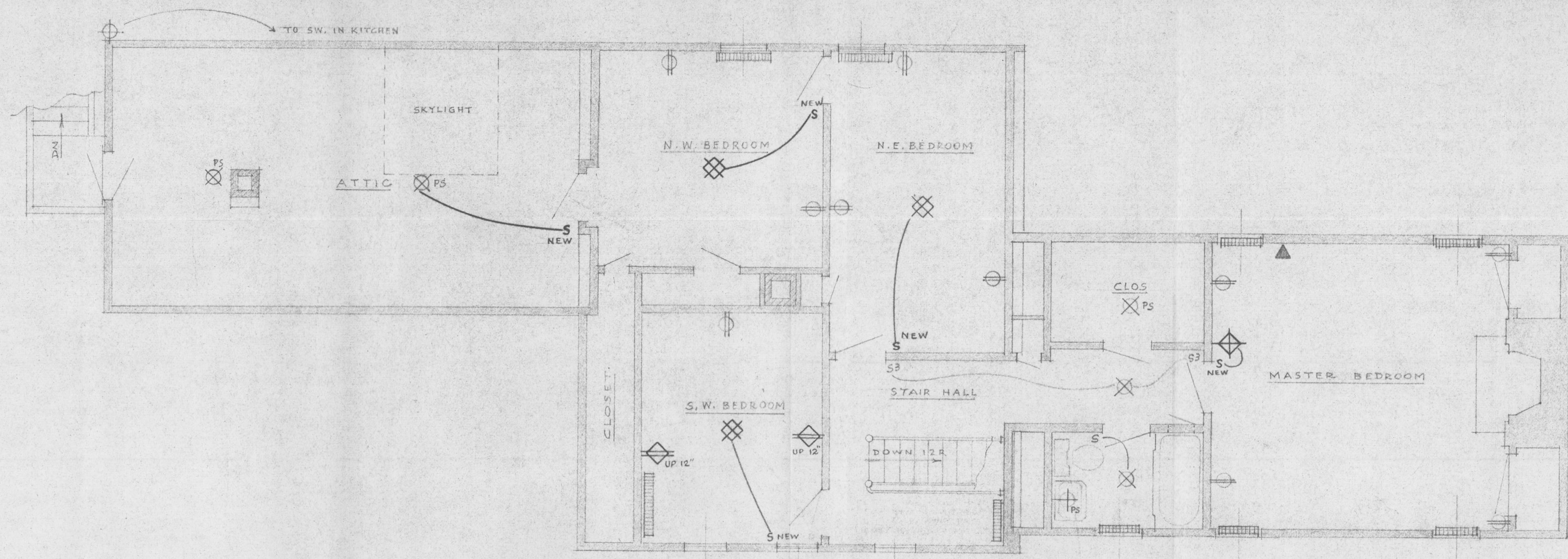
West Wing



(Portion of old section (right) and glassed-in porch, East Wing



East Wing, showing stairs to attic studio



SECOND FLOOR

EXISTING ELECTRIC SYMBOLS

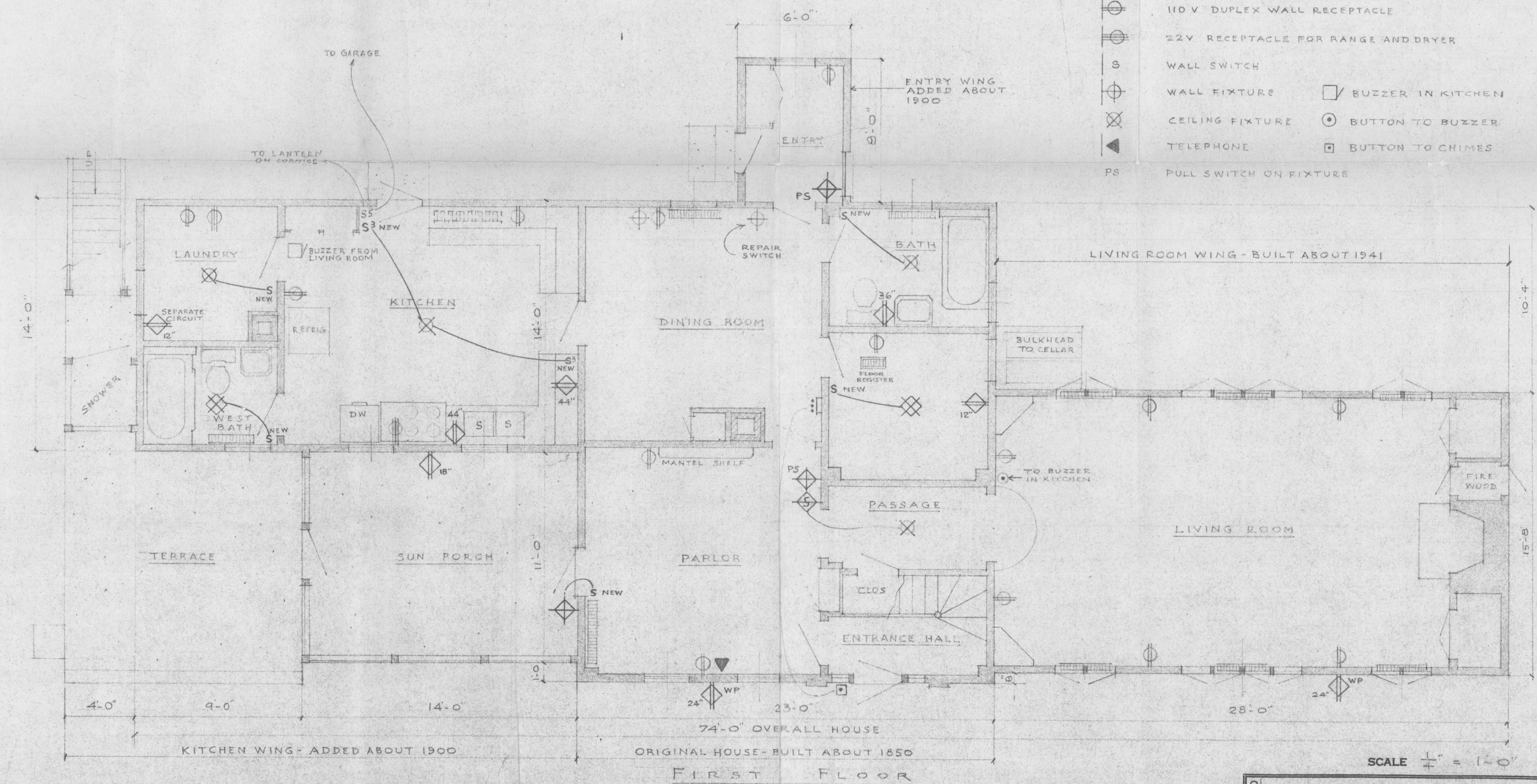
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- 110 V. DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE
- 22V. RECEPTACLE FOR RANGE AND DRYER
- WALL SWITCH
- WALL FIXTURE
- CEILING FIXTURE
- TELEPHONE
- PULL SWITCH ON FIXTURE
- BUZZER IN KITCHEN
- BUTTON TO BUZZER
- BUTTON TO CHIMES

SYMBOLS FOR NEW ELECTRIC WORK

- NEW WALL FIXTURE, FURNISHED UNDER ALLOWANCE.
- NEW CEILING FIXTURE, " " "
- NEW 110 V. DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, HEIGHT SHOWN IN INCHES
- S NEW SINGLE WALL SWITCH
- S³ NEW 3-WAY " " "
- COMBINATION SW. AND RECEPTACLE ON SAME PLATE.
- WP OUTDOOR WEATHERPROOF COVER WITH SPRING CAPS

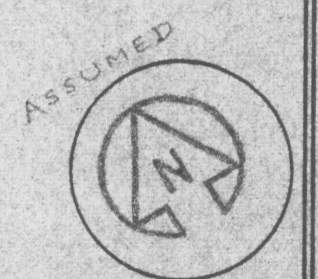
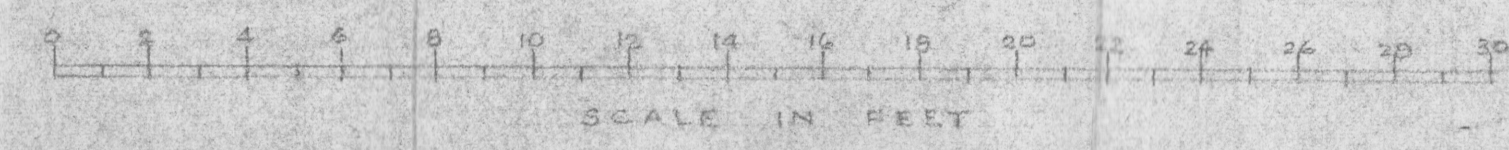
ALLOWANCE: ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR SHALL INCLUDE IN HIS PROPOSAL THE SUM OF \$92.00 FOR PURCHASE, AT LIST PRICES, OF NEW WALL AND CEILING FIXTURES AND BULB LAMPS, TO BE INSTALLED BY HIM AS PART OF THE WORK UNDER CONTRACT.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR SHALL EXAMINE DRAWING FOR INTERIOR PAINTING, WHICH WILL BE DONE BY A PAINTING CONTRACTOR. BOTH ELECTRICAL & PAINTING CONTRACTS SHALL BE COMPLETED, READY FOR OCCUPANCY, BY OCTOBER 24, 1963.



FIRST FLOOR

SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



ORIENTATION

DESIGNED	PEARCE
DRAWN	
CHECKED	

HENRY GRAY HOUSE PAMET POINT ROAD - WELFLEET, MASS.	
ELECTRICAL WORK	
MARK	DESCRIPTION OF REVISION
DATE	INITIAL
REVISED	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MEASURED & DRAWN BY PEARCE, ARNOLD, EODC PREPARED BY EASTERN OFFICE	
FIRST & SECOND FLOOR PLANS - SUPT. GIBBS HOUSE PAMET POINT ROAD WELFLEET CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE NAME OF PARK	
REGION	EASTERN OFF.
TAREA NO.	1
PCP NO.	D-13
SHEET	1 OF 1
DRAWING NO.	ELECTRICAL
WORK	
DATE	OCT. 1963