

The Bergmann Hotel: Building Assessment

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Historic Photo: The Bergmann Hotel ca. 1915 (PCA 31-44, Alaska State Archives)

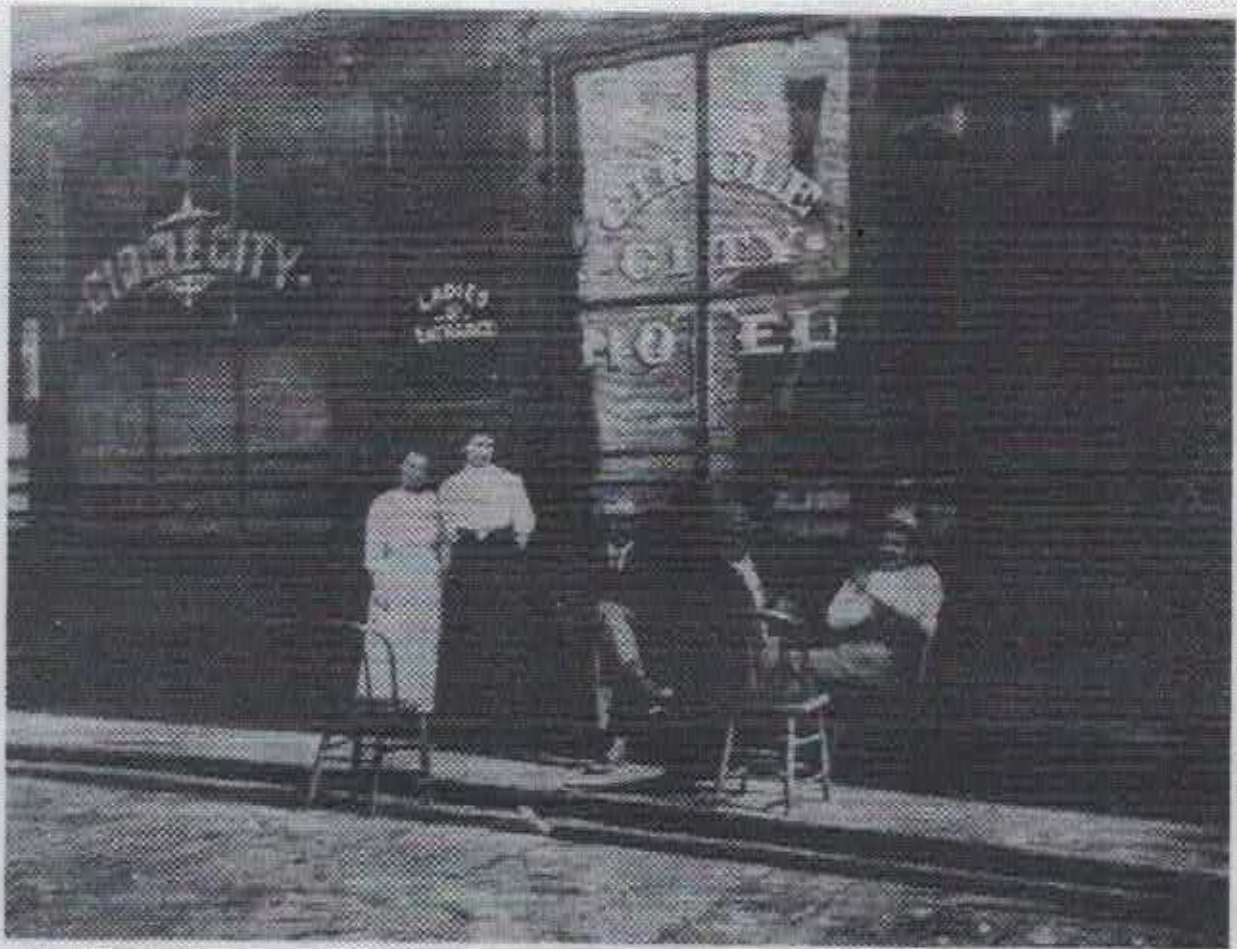
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1.1 Bergmann Hotel: Physical Timeline

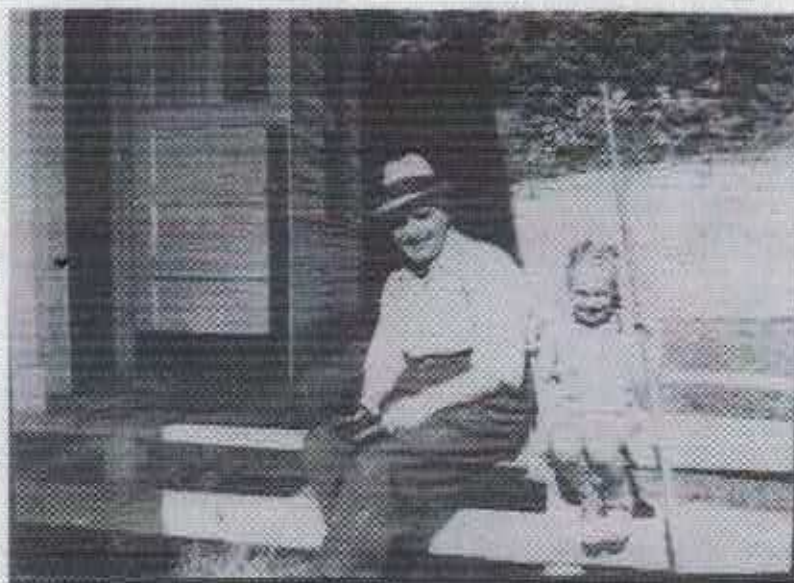
1912 -1913	Construction began on Bergmann Hotel
1913	Construction completed on Bergmann Hotel
December 16, 1913	Bergmann opened for business.
March 16, 1916	Mrs. Mary (Maria E.) Bergmann died of a streptococcal bloodstream infection complicated by a brain abscess.
1916	Mrs. Mary Bernhofer took over the daily running of the hotel, and John Reck was named administrator of the Bergmann estate.
November of 1926	Mr. John Green purchased the Bergmann Hotel property situated on Block 15 and occupying Lot 4. Mr. Green additionally purchased Lot 5 on Block 15 in Juneau, thus expanding the scope of the Bergmann Hotel Property.
April 13, 1927	Dining room was constructed on the newly acquired Lot 5 parcel of land on Block 15.
1931	N.G. Nelson purchased the Bergman Hotel.

1934	N.G. Nelson, prior to his death, signed over all rights and interest of the Bergmann Hotel to Andrew Twieten.
1934-1967	Mr. Twieten owned the Bergmann Hotel and it became run down in later years.
1967	Mr. Twieten died and named Dr. Joseph Rude as the executor of his affairs. Dr. Rude handled Mr. Twieten's estate and communicated with Mr. Twieten's relatives in Norway.
1967-1970	The connection to the rear of the hotel was torn down and the ground was leveled in an effort to attract buyers, since that portion of the structure was in poor shape.
1970	Mr. Patrick Barrett and Mr. Michael Gallagher purchased and rebuilt part of the connection to the rear of the hotel and reopened a restaurant named "The Den" to the public.
1967-1970s	A huge push to bring the Bergmann Hotel up to code happened during this time.
1971	Sprinkler Installation
1977	The Bergmann Hotel was placed on The National Register of Historic Places

2001	Mrs. Camilla Barrett bought the property.
2017	Condemned
2018	Condemned status removed
2019	Mr. David D'Amato became the new owner of the hotel.



Historic Photo: Mary (Marie E.) Bergmann outside the Circle City Hotel ca. 1912, pictured with Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Pete Dalgard, unknown, and Mr. George Miller (PCA 31-40, Alaska State Archives)



Historic Photo: Mr. Twieten and Carolyn Trucano, date unknown (PCA 425-13, Alaska State Archives)

2.0 Bergmann Hotel Building Assessment

2.1 Building Information

The Bergmann Hotel: Constructed 1912 to 1913 for use as a hotel and housing in the Territory of Alaska, operated as lodging until condemned in 2017. The building is a four-story (main level and basement) lumber-framed structure with a 3,543 square foot footprint. The 3,188 square feet of the hotel located on Lot 4 was the original structure, which received the current 355 square foot addition in the 1970 by Mr. Patrick Barrett and Mr. Michael Gallagher. Approximately 60 rooms, including rooms in the basement, were originally built and were used as efficiency apartments until condemned in 2017.

Significant Building Modifications in Estimated Chronological Order:

1. Records indicate that the Bergmann Hotel was completed in 1913 and contained 60 rooms and a dining-room/cafeteria of sorts in the basement.
2. In November of 1926, Mr. John Green purchased the Bergmann Hotel property situated on Block 15 and occupying Lot 4. Mr. Green additionally purchased Lot 5 on Block 15 in Juneau, thus expanding the scope of the Bergmann Hotel Property.

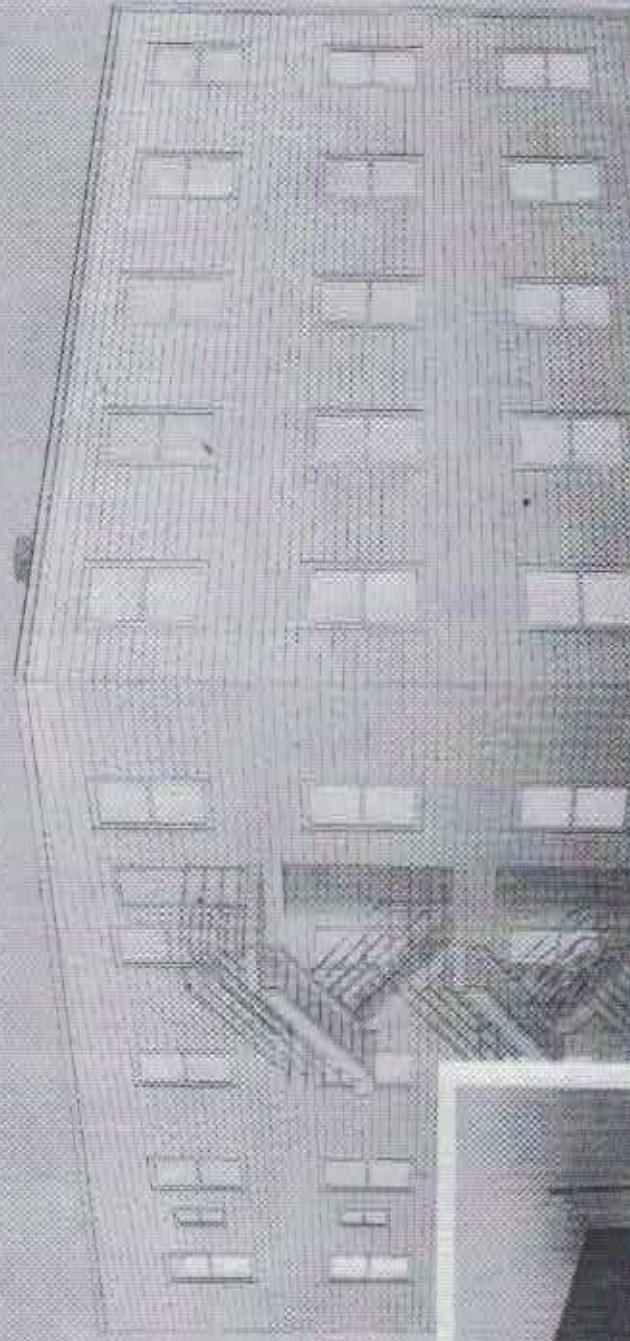
3. In April of 1927, a dining room was constructed on the newly acquired Lot 5 parcel of land on Block 15.
4. In 1968, work began on upgrading fire escapes.
5. Sometime between 1967 and 1970, the connection to the rear of the hotel was torn down in an effort to attract buyers for the hotel.
6. In 1970, Patrick Barrett and Michael Gallagher purchased and rebuilt part of the annex to the rear of the hotel and reopened a restaurant to the public called "The Den."
7. In 1971, a sprinkler system was installed and other efforts were made to bring the hotel up to modern building code.
8. The original cedar siding was covered with vinyl siding at an unknown date.



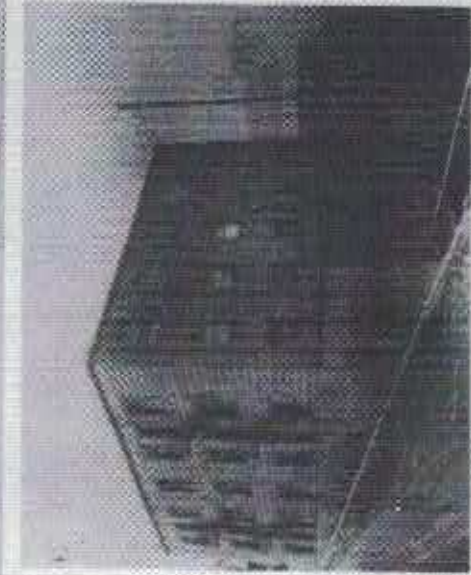
Photo: Modern view of Bergmann Hotel from Harris Street, 2021 (Candace M. Rutledge)

BERGMANN HOTEL AS-BUILT

for
owner David D'Amato



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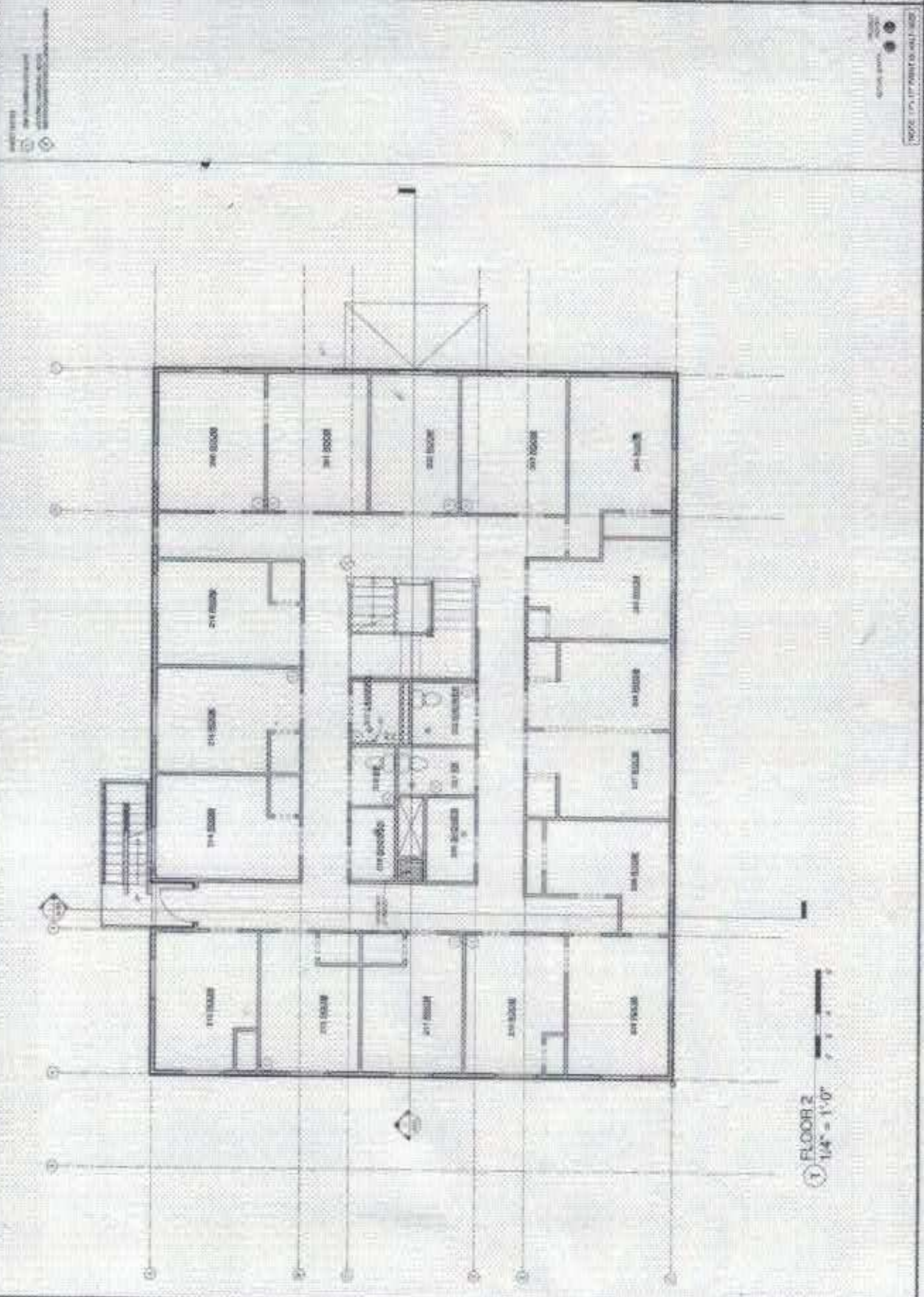
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NOTE: 1/4" = 1'-0"





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FOR OWNER: ELMER ST. JAMES

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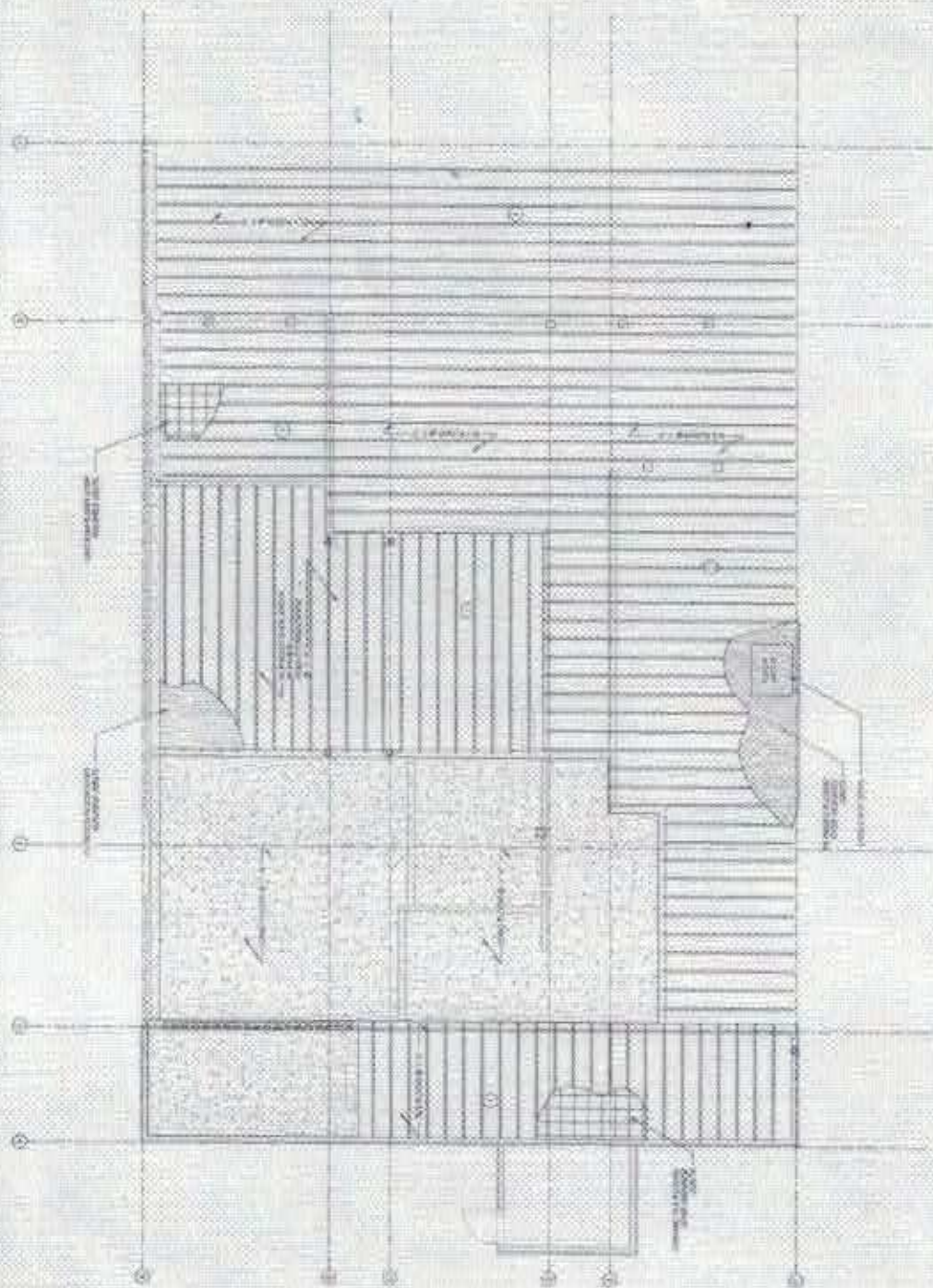
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