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Beriah Brown House: Anne Baker's Journal

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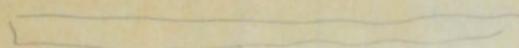
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~~3 ft.~~

14' ft clearance
on bridges

Grant KETTELLE

RTE 2



South County Trail

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MAIN OFFICE Purchase and William St.

Cat. of John Brown
House Loan Exhib.
of 1965.

John Sousa
door way
oven
stairway
ben Shug

Beriah Brown house dismantling

By Anne W. Baker

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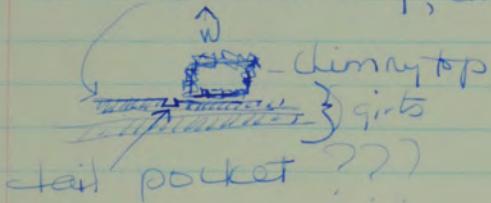
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The walls of the attic (partitions) are both plaster and boards. Where ~~the~~ ^{a few} boards can be seen they are finished (planed) pine boards with a molding cut into them of a "shadow box" type. These boards are placed at random stops in the partitioning and indicate to me that the boards came from some much earlier part of the house and later found their way to the attic partitioning when they had become obsolete ~~in~~ from what was perhaps the earlier part of the house. A door in this partition wall is board and better - very plain - no bead but with queen anne H hinges. Where did it or the hinges come from? The stone part of the chimney where the "chainable stones" ^{was} ~~was~~ ledge on both the east and west side indicating that this chimney was never

exposed at the end boards
 the west which at this
 point appears to be the
 end that would have been
 away from the "great Room"
 If this house was in fact an
 end chimney house (either exposed
 or not.) Also would be seen
 in the attic, ~~sits~~^{not to} the chimney
 at the floor level, the east
 end chimney girt (double at
 this point ~~with~~^{cutting to} the ^{other} girt closest
 to the chimney, an empty sleeve



A further discovery was made
 some lengths of wood used
 to chock ~~the~~ the top of
 the rafters (for a reason
 unknown at this point)
 which are either oak or
 chestnut with a "shades box"
 type molding and bead on
 the edge plus a series of

Timbers of present roof -

about 100 ft above ground
composed of Douglas fir in
wood and broken timber from
"most recent" edge of glacial
moraine. Some 200 ft of drift
(loess) covered previous bed
now in bottom of valley (top 20
feet of drift) is shown in
the old road cut up to
the old bridge. This drift bed
was typical of drift found with
such large no. perennials left on

at present stage

ship for Europe

(CC) taking last

These were probably native. I
have been told naturalized
but not introduced from
Europe or Asia. Another 200
feet above the drift
is the drift with which
"most recent" in the drift bed
was covered and contains such
perennials as willow, sedges, etc.

evenly spaced holes 
 These timbers are maybe
 3 by 4 but split so until
 we get them out we will
 not know what their original
 size and purpose might be.
 They appear to be only
 4' long.

Hopefully "later"! we
 will have this all figured
 out R.H.B thinks part of stair
 way. (turns out they were pieces from a bed)

The second floor has
 one tell of a leak! and
 bottom spot in the south east
 room. The framing which is
 cased appears to be larger
 than that in the south west
 room. Also the girts are
 exposed and the summer in
 the S.E. room but not
 in the S.W. room. The

fire place wall has a
 fine place with brick back
 and partial sides but
 a facade of stone. It appears
 to be 20th century (the stone)

In looking up the chimney
 the flue appears to look larger
 than the present opening -
 larger towards the left of the
 opening. One initial pushing
 behind the wall at this point
 has only shown more brick
 for the front of the flue and
 some pieces of finish wood
 painted, bright, horrible, green,
~~to~~ serving as supports for
 what is a later or more right
 recent plastered wall. ~~for to left of~~
~~place - a place~~

Door leading into S. W. Room, 4' 6" x 10' 4" high.

The outside walls here are
 not studded but the plaster
 is directly on the sheathing -
 The S. W. room has a very
 lovely and simple fire place
 mantle - the fire place being
 brick and its flue can be
 seen in the attic added to
 the stone chimney later.

This same flue carries over
 another fire place (very ^{small} ~~sweet~~)
 in the attic. The fire place
 surround in the S. W. room 2nd
 floor is simply brickwork making

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around the opening (very good
selection - strong but not heavy)
and above this is a simple
cupboard with door opening
in the middle - 2 panels on
each side. Next to the fire place
is a small closet with a bit
later 2 panel door - bit later
than the earlier door of this
type III exposed joists and summer
~~are~~ ~~not~~ ^{the} ~~not~~ ^{not planked} joists
are sawn timbers - - - -
under the plastered ceiling
and the summer which is under
the plaster and always has
been is ~~heavy~~. The cased
post to the left of the fire
place appears to be ~~double~~ ^{cased + post} as
it is very deep away from this
fire place wall - the cor. post
to the right of the fire place
is cased and appears normal
in size. The doors otherwise are
4 panel with good H hinges.
There are 3 rooms across the
back - North side of the house

The room directly opposite the front hall has a fire place - Brick plain. G.H.W. has crane out of this fire place. It's fine and its self is brick and can be seen.

North room are double at one point along an exposed first floor joist - see photo in the next page west in the west porch

connecting into the stone chimney in the attic. Right behind this connection in the attic is a little hole - like a hiding place, in the chimney - about $1 \times 2'$ wood slab for its bottom. Probably just a rock left from the connection to be used for - WHAT?? Next to this fire place on the second floor is a small closet with 2 panel doors + hinges. Beginning to think that this room is the 2nd floor of a lean to built off the north side of the house before it became a full gambrel central chimney house. N and E of this room are 2 small rooms N and S of each other - partitioned this way later.

The North east corner room is now a bathroom and has nothing to

say to me yet except it stretches!
 The N.W. room is ~~at~~ present ^{an extension} of the middle north room (with the fire place) and perhaps there was a portion at this ^{9 ft} line mentioned in the margin previous page.

(2nd floor) The front hall way is blank! except there is an extended piece of wall at the stairway level with second floor facing West. Is it a piece of the old wall which was the wall (end) of the enclosed stone chimney storey and half (two houses??) think so. Having just seen that in writing I now really think so. Sounds good. But we will see!!

The 1st floor - Wow!

So much.

^{Aug 5} Come in to it through the ell (date don't know yet). go in to the North side of the house - Fantastic cased beams - girls everything. Much too big. Cased very uselessly - what is under that casement.



(I hope no historians
ever try to figure that out)

Can't possibly draw it - get
too excited thinking about it.

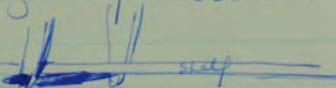
Climbed up inside - hush the
stone chimney by the way here -
2 Santa Clauses could fit down
it together. Some wainscoting at N.W. end
of which bits of look like pieces of raised panel
shutter. The room to the right and
front (S.W.) of this above
room has a very handsome
fire place wall, the fire place
surrounded by excellent proportioned
molding. I feel right
now that ^{the c. 1740} it dates on the
early side of raised paneling -
maybe 1740.

The quits are hidden in this
room by a studded wall on
top of the original wall and
the summer is also hidden
by an ~~assoustical~~ assoustical
tiled ceiling. One 4 paneled
door in this room, the other

missing. Opening in the wall here on ~~west~~ end into what is now an enclosed porch and recent addition. A lovely white prize-winning cat also shares this room which is now being used as a bedroom of the tenants (more on that later) from this room and going east on the S.W. side of the chimney next comes the front hall. Changed from what it had been but can not say yet exactly what from. The front door is nice at the dates of the type late 18th century. 6 panels, narrow door - nice strap hinges. Under the stairs is the entrance to the cellar a 3 panel door. This cellar is under S.E. end and the descent is down stone steps. At this point it is very apparent that the front hall has been rebuilt as the ~~steps~~ middle of the steps comes under

The front half ^{stair} wall portion and therefore is impossible now to walk down the middle of this stairway but is apparent by the ware in the middle of the stone steps that this was not always so. Also can be seen half way down the stairs the top of a foundation wall forming the side of the stairway and it is about 10 inches lower than the present half floor which otherwise without a change would be resting on it. The cellar has a gravel floor. 2 niches are built in to the foundation wall - one in the south wall SE corner and one in the North wall at bit NW of the middle. The summer down here is extremely large ^(E. & W.) _{hor. to chim.)} and the joists on the north side are around 3 x 4 and sawn - neat whereas the joist on the south side of this summer are large half timbers, crude with bark still on.

The North side of the cellar has been used for domestic seasons - storage of canned goods. Very nice sets shelf suspended from the ceiling by wooden braces and ~~padding~~.



The chimney foundation is very prevalent in this cellar and forms the north wall of the stairway going up. At one time the North side of the cellar (under the more finished joists) had a plaster partition wall running the length of the summer. A few lath still to be seen are hard split. On the floor was found a 4 panel door with H hinges - (very rusty). We made a few digs in the cellar and found it the ground to be so damp that hope of finding anything was minus. Did find a ~~thin~~ vein of clean clay about 2 inches under the floor level and some plaster chunks presumably from

the plastered wall. Cold cellar -
Back up stairs - to the room
^{above} of this cellar - i.e. SE 1st floor.

This we believe to be the
original room. Girts seem small
here. The summer ~~spans~~ the
ends crosswise to the chimney
wall - (E & W) and is also small.
All framing is cased but
the bead on this ceiling is
the largest in the house. The
walls have been studded over
the old plastered walls.

There are 4 windows and the
summer sits on the end girt
between 2 windows instead
of over one which is more often
seen. The summer right now
is being held up by a belly column.
This is where the leak from
the attic is coming through.
Don't know if the sag is ^{not} OK
age or not. The chimney
wall has a piece of paneling (hor
panel with shelf over) that was
made from something else - some

Other panelling as at the bottom edge can be felt the groove used to let-in another panel. In removing the plaster on the wall we exposed a very large area of new brick, & flue pipe holes and what appears to be the smooth stone edge of a ~~fire~~ fire place. It seems as tho this might be the very earliest fire place and very large. The new brick is difficultly a filler as one can see, looking through the flue pipe opening, the back of a fire ~~place~~ place - (2½ feet back)! The summer, where it now meets the chimney girt is resting on a post. The post would come in the middle of the fire place opening - ??) (Turned out tube
resent support)

The posts on the fire place wall corners are backed up by another pair of posts on the hall side and another chimney girt ??? which makes this room look like it was added later ??? lots to find out

yet. There is a small room
In back (north) of this SE room -
very fast light framing ???

This brings up to date what
can be seen at this time -
in this house. - There are
many wonderings in our minds.
It appears to have gone through so
many changes.

Having made this survey
the decision was made to
dismantle the house in order
to preserve it on a permanent
location. There are definitely
some problems as to its condition.
Due to a serious leak on
the front roof S.E. - the 2nd
and 1st floor S.E. rooms now
have some rotten areas in both
the ceiling and floors. In addition
to this the siding in the front
here does not look too good.
There is also a small leak

coming down through the 2nd 1st
floor S.W. rooms due to a leak
in the roof over same.

The back N.E. area of the
house is has quite a pitch
down - bad sill I suspect.

~~Mr~~ G. H. W. took possession of
the P. Brown House May 1, 1912
for \$3,000.00.

30.00 - Demolition permit
30.00 - For disconnecting and
connecting electricity to
a trailer

We have rented a trailer to
have on the site for a watchman -
as when we start to dismantle
this house the ~~birds~~ vultures
will arrive! Roger Bennett is
inhabiting the trailer.

Plan for dismantling

Measure

remove plaster through out
Measure

number wood work
measure

remove wood work
measure

remove unwanted exterior additions

remove floors
measure

remove partitions
measure

remove shingles

start dismantling frame
from roof down -
the chinking to go down
with it.

June 6th - Wat started -

Took the bricks off the chimney top down to ~~the roof~~ level. 9 places appeared to the top of the brick chimney. The wythes were made of brick - brick laid flat. Took one truck load of brick to g.h.w.

Removed the plaster from 1st floor S.E. room. The ceiling and joist had originally been exposed and there was still much evidence of white wash on all. This room had been studded on ~~the outside~~ ^{exterior} walls on top of "probably" the original plaster some time in the early 20th century.

The laths on the fire place wall were split and had nice forged nails - the laths were extremely thin. The interior wall on the N. side of this room had milled laths in the middle section of the wall where a doorway had ~~originally~~

~~20~~ 21

they will think this process over and not me know,
they can also remove the chimney - stone by stone - marking each
out same back. I'll wait to hear what makes
and out and so on and so on.

~~had~~ Visitors -
Steve Delavo
Abby Doolittle
Harriet Doolittle
owners Dick Benjamin
Helen & George Waterman

had big discussion (brought
on by Steven Delavo) about
saving the chimney as is!!!
They go do it and why.

Why? - Because it could never
be put back exactly the same -
being something built with
great patience and necessity
under conditions unlike we can
fully imagine today in the
20th century. Integrity - boldness
is sheer will - determination. Something

gone from this society -
I feel humble in front of this stone
chimney - its a good feeling. Very basic.
How can we save it - is it possible
to "wrap" it up and move it - check
with Metropolitan movers. They say

previously been.

Next we removed the plaster from the 1st floor N.E. corner room - which had been broken up into a small room + closet and a bathroom. On removing these partitions there was leveled marks of a stairway running up - from N to S. and against the west wall of this room

Running along up with
 The stairway are planed pine boards laid in a semi-horizontal position

We then removed the plaster from the ceiling and walls of the 2nd floor S.E. room. The lath on the ceiling was sawn but put on with very large headed forged nails - much like a shingle nail. The walls had split ~~lath~~ lath of normal size

Bob Fobey took more pictures.

We decided to concentrate on slides already for a picture lecture series

June 7th

Today we removed more plaster. ~~in the~~ Completed up stairs SW & SE room. Then started on NE corner - 2nd floor. The West partition wall ~~of the~~ ^{had tile stair tread made of} NE corner room ~~had~~, the continuation of the stairway from 1st floor NE corner. This wall was plain planed boards on the stair side and feather-edged ~~boards~~ on the opposite side. Behind the plaster was a doorway opening that at some time went under these stairs (storage) on the 2nd floor. The door of this opening had been hacked apart and used for studing for secondary plastering in this N.E corner. Think we can put it all back together & as original work as example of pieces of wood scattered about that all were something else first.

Removed casing from 1st floor N center room. Exposed more of fire place, ends of old ^(cut + in middle) ~~lintel~~ and hearth of upstairs "N. center" fireplace. The beams under casing were all messed up. Much ~~hooey~~ poorkey joists had been cut and removed. Beams had been exposed - heavy white washed areas. Crude - hewn work. White washing stops about 2-3 inches from ceiling indicating a lower ceiling at some point.

I feel at this point that this house has undergone many more changes than I had suspected - major changes - done well and still keeping the flavor.

John Ward - from the Journal - ~~June 26~~ came around. Wants to do a story on this house and what G.H.W. is trying to do. O.K. - as long as he writes this with full integrity of what we are all feeling.

Bob Pawley came to take more pictures - seems to understand what we are trying to say by ~~our saving~~ the basic architecture of an uninhabited ~~island~~ and arch. & influences of an uninhabited 17-18th cent. human being. A social study of man during that period is reflected in his physical & practical needs. Abbey brought us some lovely homemade bread for tea time!!!

June 8th -

First casualty - Eddie stepped on a nail!! Right into his foot hurt like hell and to make it worse it wasn't even an "antique"! nail.

Today we made great strides in removing the major parts of remaining plaster. Almost all out on 1st & 2nd floor.

Completely finished exposing 1st ~~floor~~ N. center room. fantastically nice, warm - friendly primitive ~~area~~ area. Much is

missing but can be replaced
and repaired. Raveling more
questions all the time on just
what has happened in this house.
Did discover that the ell to
this house (which I believe I have
not mentioned before) had a much
smaller roof like ~~one~~ on it. The
old rafters are still up there.

The 1st floor SW room has
a very large fire place behind
the present one. So far it
appears that the 1st floor
has 3 high fireplaces - Wow -
doesnt make any sense.

Bob continued to do his
fantastic measuring - so precise -
so beautiful to see him work.
If nothing else - everything will
be an exact measurement and
beautiful measurement.

Bob opened up the first
and smallest fire place in the
1st floor SE room. Brick -
I guess built into the larger
one (which we have not gotten

around to you) mid to late
18th cent. health gone.

Up stairs - N.E. corner Roger
finished exposing the back side
of the ^{one} stairway wall - feather
boards - nice - average width.

I finished numbering and
recording all finished woodwork
and hope to start taking
same out tomorrow.

Dave and Steve are working
well and intensely - I hope
everyone's interest remains
high! Such a pleasure to work
under genuine conditions.

Abby brought us some tea -
in a wine bottle no less!! Just
as well I guess.

George & Helen came by and
like their house. I think they
have a deep good feeling and
beautiful with-it-ness - so rare
today. Beriah Brown is
speaking to us all and I
think is glad.

June 10th -

Today we felt we must get more woodwork out as the weekend was about to be on us and there is always those vultures!! Remained a good part of the woodwork - loaded on Dave's truck. To find we couldn't get out the driveway due to construction on the main highway; 20th century!!!

Foley came and took more pictures - if we can keep this up we will have something good to help people in the future straving for knowledge on how to do it.

What I meant to say yesterday but forgot - each room so far seems to have its share of early lath and sawn lath - also many of the partitions and ceiling boards are bits and pieces from other parts of the house - i.e. feather boarding - shadow box molding on planed boards.

The upstairs SE room never had beam casing on the frame originally - could see this (after removing present casing) as the plaster & lath went all the way to the ^{top} ~~bottom~~ of the frame instead of stopping at the casing which would be the ^{way} if the room had ~~originally been~~ intended to be cased and then plastered.

Bob Baker dug more in the fire place in the SE 1st floor room exposing the stone fire place, in great dimension, behind the later brick one ~~when~~ also was very difficult ~~when~~ asked by ~~one~~ to have his picture taken! ~~lucky~~ Pima - done!! He then worked on the 1st floor N. Center chimney getting rid of the surface facia stone in order to expose the fire place in its integrity. Slow job but what he did expose is beautiful.

Rodger had removed the plaster from the hall going up

Note

and the partition boards here
only went to the 1st floor
girt???

The removal of the post
casing in the 2nd floor
S E room revealed no
scarf as expected - if the
house had been a storey and
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - so now I took a look at
the partition boards in the
hall, ending at the 1st floor
girt - and the post from
the 2nd floor not being
scarfed - - - was this house
then a storey high. We will
find out for sure some?

June 12 - Monday

Don and Rodger worked
over the weekend and did
fantastic things - porch removed -
plaster out of attic. Today
we completed the removal of
every last bit of plaster.
Find the ell to have a very

handsome flame - white washed at one time. Chestnut attic floor boards ~~were~~ in E.H.B. took more bricks out of SE 1st floor fire place exposing more of the original stone one - so far no sign of an oven in back and we are down low enough so it seems it should have shown up. An observation - all the plastered wall (except SE 1st floor) had plaster running down behind base board and in most rooms was painted black (area behind base board) or had bits of leftover wall paper. Therefore I feel it safe to say that a good portion of this house never did have base boards.

Also want to note that the plaster in the front hall was on split lath-forged nails - still feel that the front hall was rebuilt around 1850. Laths are earlier than that.

Today we removed the panelled
~~fireplace~~ from the fire place
wall in the S.W. 1st floor room.
Came off very nicely. Most
excited to see a very fine
much earlier fire place surrounding
the present brick one. All in
tact - intact - an oak stick
perfect stamp and laying
next to the opening against
the stones was a forged
iron bread paddle and very
handsome bellows. Did ~~they~~ fall
down from upstairs or put
there on purpose? Oh! Beriah
speak to us!! The 'flaming'
in this same room does not
go with the fire place - circa 1200
flaming - circa 1790. - rough
sawn ~~3x6~~ - summer never showed.
Made contact today with
a house mover. thinking now
of moving in - fact the 3 fireplaces
on 1st floor. He is coming
tomorrow to give me price.

lots of
old tools
to us →

June 13th - started off cold & gray.

Today we completely cleaned out interior of ell, removed the newer roof and very recent addition on the west side of the ell. Much better looking building.

~~building.~~ Where the end of the ell meets the house there is a space of 3-4 inches from rafters, down through posts - indicating that the ell was moved ~~out~~ to and hitched on to main house.

Cleaned ~~out~~ more of 1st floor North fire place. Still no definite indications of an oven. Lifted up brick hearth from above to be boxed. Started to

remove shingles & clapboards from front. So far on SE front all vertical siding is jointed at 1st floor girt. Grant kettle he came around about moving 1st floor part of chimney. Felt it could not be done as the mortar ~~was~~ is "dead" and in trying to put some beams through to carry on - the center would collapse.

Size shingles
found between
shingles &
clapboard

medium shade

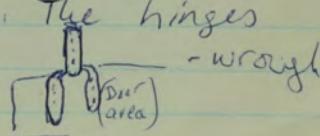
Note June 15
Ell probably built
here. Reason - built
being pegs showed
up in posts.

June 14

Finally found the oven in N 1st Floor fire place. The front is gone but good deal of beehive remains in side. Brick. Thought further about what to do about fire places on 1st floor - how can we make them intact.

June 15th -

Things are moving very fast. Beautiful crew!! House all deshingled except back. Ell roof down. Ell will be dismantled tomorrow. The ~~floor~~ older floor under N. 1st floor room exposed to day. Boards not very wide. Appears to be built in 3 distinct sections perhaps indicating where one or more partition walls might have been. In the N.W area of this floor a trap door about 3' x 4' was revealed. Double boarded with nice old nails. The hinges are most handsome



- wrought iron.

Steve and Eddie cleaned out

1st floor west fire place. Wow -
This is the most beautiful -
straight forward - good proportioned -
humble - handsome thing.

The oven is just at the corner
in back at right. Brick ledge of
stone running across back, even with
base of oven. The whole thing
seems to be in excellent shape.

Must find a way to move it intact.

J. Ott and the director of
P.I. Historical society came by.
A little late I might add. We
had an interesting discussion
about the stairway. J Ott feels
that the turnings are early -
1720 or earlier. I will have to
do some more research ~~on~~ ^{one} this!

The manor ~~the~~ by which the
balusters are cut is very strange.
The block ends are long on some
and short on others and nailed up
with no apparent order. I am
wondering if the stairway was
rebuilt from some older house
to fit this one or the balusters

were taken from some other place
and randomly stuck in place.

Dave found a piece of wood
with 2 rows of fluting - was
this part of the original or
earlier front door frame?

Another piece found in ell.

June 16th -

Started taking down the
ell completely. lovely building.
Removed a good deal over to J.H.
Waleman's. Removed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the
partition out of attic completely
exposing chimney. B. Peley
can now take a beautiful
picture of this chimney top.
Pete came and he did! Abby
arrived and help take nails
out - nails everywhere!

Don't know how to rebuild
this house and keep the shape -
due to the fact that
the best fireplace is in the
room that has an interesting
frame and the room that
has a good frame - right type

for the fireplace does not
have a good early flame. !!

Monday June 19th -

Pouring rain! Our
beautiful view were on the
job despite the rain and
this day had the chumpies
down to the mid section of
the 2nd floor.

I went to see Charles Tague
who had lived in the house
since from 1946 - 1984 -
He said -

June 20th - The

Removed roofing boards.

Removed the ^{top} rafters and
end walls in the attic.

The chimney is now down
to 2nd floor and finished
moving all bricks over to
91 P.W.

Tomorrow we will take
down the rest of Roof - rafters,
collars and purlins. ~~apparently~~
Apparently the reason for
the purlins sagging so badly
is that the lower rafters
of the gambrel were nailed
to the side of the purlins
instead of partly under same.
There were only 3 posts under
purlin on either side and in
a length of 43 Ft. (1 at either
end and 1 in the middle.)
perhaps at one time there had
been partition boards that would
have served to help hold up each
purlin.

Charles Tonque, wife and daughter

came by to see our beautiful mess. I'm not so sure they were too happy but they were interested. Helen W. finally got a chance to see fireplace - We've got to save it!!!

21-23

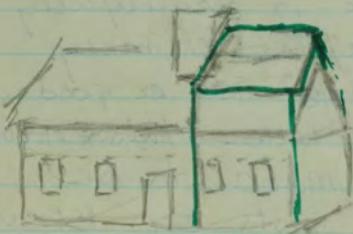
The last 3 days of this week we had terrible rain - never seemed to stop any of our crew but it sure did slow us down. By Friday night the roof and attic floor was all down and neatly stored away. In addition the side wall sheathing is off and second floor partitions are out.

At this point the framing of the house is beautifully exposed. From the chimney east the frame is a good deal earlier. I believe this entire frame was made to be exposed. The joists on 1st and

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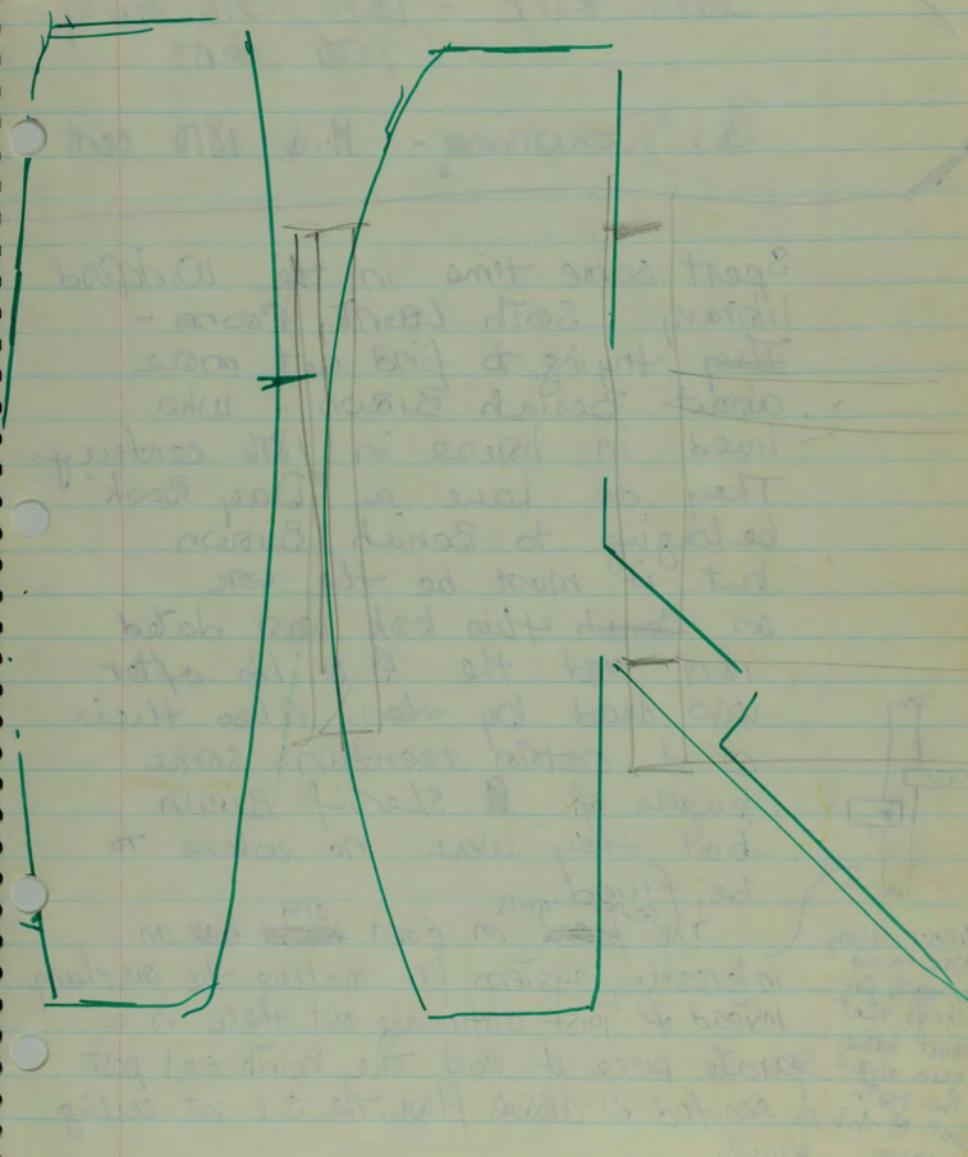
second floor are planed (no dressing). Interesting to notice the lath rails in this end are hand forged as they are in the other end but these are a good deal bigger.

~~the floor~~. The two corner posts of this piece of framing that are in the south west and north west corners have a pocket cut into their west side about 18" above the second floor, floor. We know that originally this house was a storey or a 1½ storey high because of the chimney but none of this framing is left. I suspect a fire might be the reason, because of the very obvious lack of ^{this} older timber ~~being~~ used in the newer construction and it certainly would have been.



etc and
related sets no external

on



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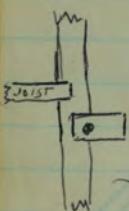
June 27th

Comments on Stair baluster

John Kirk - late 17th early
18th cent

G. Downing - Mid 18th cent

Spent some time in the Wickford library - Seth County Room -
~~They~~ trying to find out more about Beniah Brown - who lived in house in 18th century.
They do have a "Day Book" belonging to Beniah Brown but it must be the son as ~~Beniah~~ this book was dated 1819 and the B.B. I'm after was dead by then. Also their card catalog mentions some papers of ~~B.~~ Sheriff Brown but they were nowhere to be found.



under casing was found brackets for shelves that must have run across the north wall of this room.

The ~~joist~~ on East end has an interesting system for making the overhang. Instead of joist continuing out there is a separate piece of wood. The north east post is scuffed 2' above floor. The S.E. at ceiling level.

(41)

June 29-

The 1st really hot day. We have been most lucky. We completed removing 5 of the long ^{2nd floor} ~~1 girls~~, ~~from~~ this took a long time but every minute was accounted for either by physical action or mental calculating. Decided that for the 4 remain girls up here we would get a ~~the~~ crane. Just too dangerous - otherwise.

Foley took more

stone

nails - rose head + sub floor west end
fitter boards in hall - timbers around chimney

floor boards - staircase - patch chimney
chamber

June 28th

(42)

Crane came on the dot - 8:00.
We arrived early - 6:00 - in order
to make sure everything that it
could possibly lift would be
ready - we were - and what
a beautiful way to lift -
timbers. Removed about 10 timbers
in 3 hrs. Spent rest of the
day getting ready for the
removal of the remaining
frame on ther. All that's
left are posts and 1st floor
girts. Removed flooring 2nd
floor - S.E. end in good
shape - wide boards plus
the flooring under which
was original to this room
is beautiful. The underside
being white washed for
the ceiling of the room
below. This floor nailed
down with T headed nails.
The sub flooring in the
S.W. end floor consists of
very nice rough boards
used previously elsewhere.

VB

quite a lot of rose-headed nails still in them where they had been used before. A great deal of wood found in the west end of this house either was nailed ~~or~~ with rose headed nails or there were left over rose headed nails where it had been used before.

Thurs. -

Very successfully removed all the frame from west end - and all but 3 posts - 2 girts from east end. Towed some of the frame the way it had been put up originally. H -

and some had to be lowered individually. Absolutely nothing broke. Excellent thinking crew.
Removed the 1st floor stairway and behind it - in the chimney was a definite sign of a patch in the stone work where the beehive oven from

The SW fire place had stuck
into the cellar way.

Removed flooring from back
room - 1st floor - N.W. corner
section - wide boards - old nails -
rest section ~~had~~ narrow boards
old nails - section in front of
fire place - oak flooring - 8 inches
wide - sub floor - old pine
flooring - 8 inches wide.

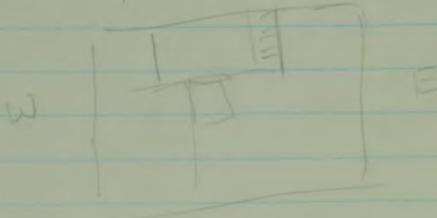
Removed flooring from S.W. 1st
floor - 5 in. wide boards set
with T head type of forged
nail - very large - look like
horse shoe nails. The ^{sub} flooring
~~under~~ under this is beautiful
wide pine flooring. Near the
entrance area to the front hall
from this room where we
removed the flooring we exposed
a chimney girt that had
a chamfer on one corner.
Suspect this might be a
piece of the original frame.
loyd Hyde came by -
He thinks the stairway is 1740.

Friday -

The Watermaas ~~se~~ kept the house in storage for a few years because they got busy with 2 other houses. Once & Mott ^{then} decided to sell it to Newport Restoration Foundation and it has since been put back up by them - 12 Hill St. between Spring & Thames.

The ^(DRF) foundation took the chimney with a bulldozer!! The rebuilt chimney stinks.

Complete set of drawings done by Bob Baker



see "Early Houses of R.I." by A. Downing 1837
 S pgs. 84, 93, 161
 see is wrong about some things

Cost. B.Brown

demolition - 30.00

electric 30.00

House 3000.00

labor 7600.00

9660.00

- to July 5

doors 110.00

raul 105.00

Pile - 250.00

Slosh 200.00

doorway - 400.00

Mantle 1 - 250.00

Stair
$$\frac{133.5.00}{400.00}$$
$$\frac{173.5.00}{173.5.00}$$

materials - 1735.00
labor - 2000.00
Spent - 3735.00

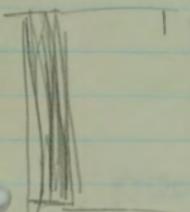
Trucking
mantles
Windows

3435.00



Mantle

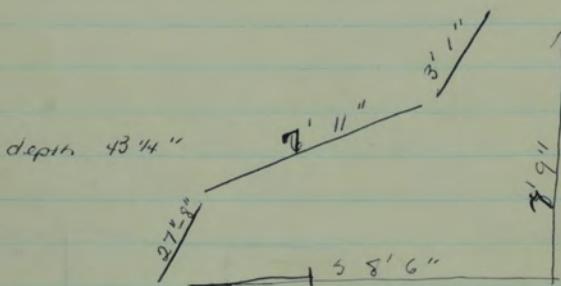
Dale



accord
Phys. - L.C. Hutchens

* Check on houses on corners of Newport Rd.

Floor Plan (Hall)



- Heart - 13 - @ 3.00
door frame

Base Board -

chain rail - Complete for 2 rooms - \$125.00

Fireplace 1st floor (stone) - \$250.00

Random chestnut board - 200.00 - 20" wide
Corridors on exterior - 39' across front → 25' running ft. ~~18'~~

Bedded Boards -

Back Hallway

Doors & Hinge? - 6 - @ 10.00

Casings

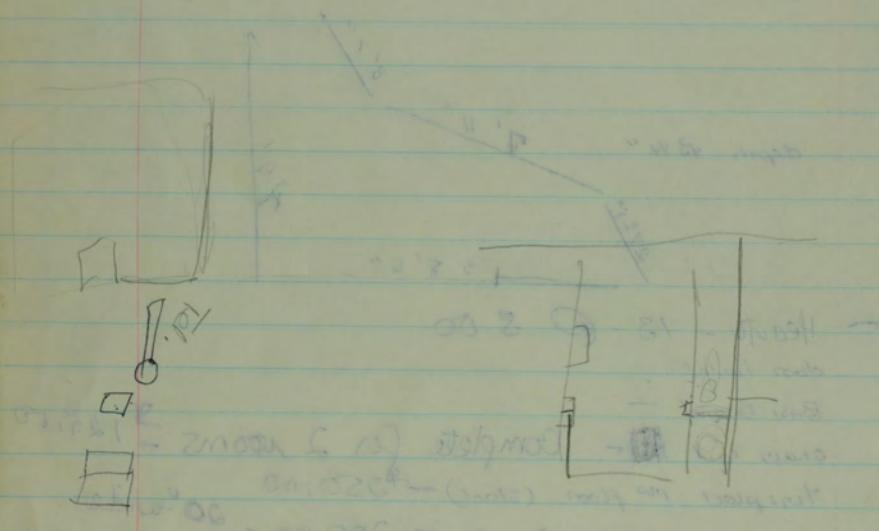
Fireplace across - 8' 3"

Exact opening - 5' 2"

August 20
Zimmerman 0-1 - 3005

Let's try again to convert our results to something

more useful



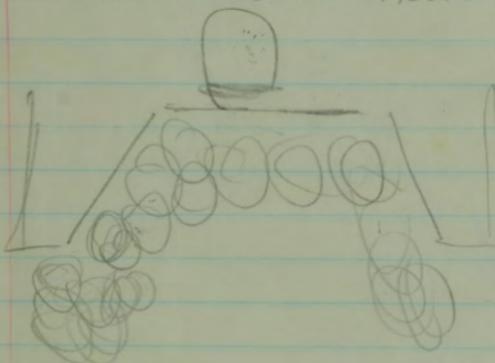
0-1 - Zeros L. (0) displacement
0-06 - 228°C - wind direction measured
Zimmerman 0-1 ← 0-06
wind direction - relative to wind
-81°C - wind direction - relative to wind
= windward ref
windward ref
right - wind
upwind

0-01 (0-1) -
0-1 wind direction
right - wind
upwind

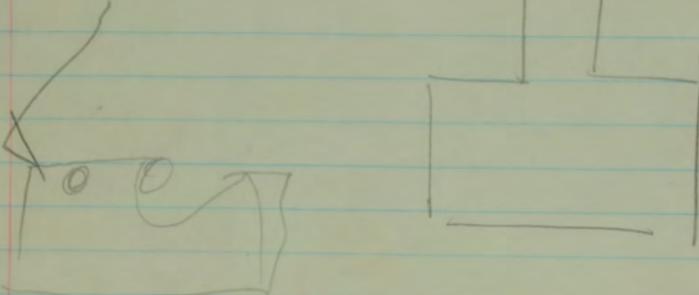
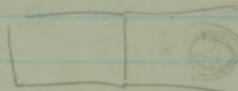
Tom Pierce - Wickford Bank
has knowledge.

Howard Gardiner - before
restaurant?

George Gardiner - who wrote
book lived in house.



wall



St. Bernard's Church - Bingo -
Women that had papers.

Charles Tongue - 1946 - July - bought
1964 sold, April.

bought from John Riley
wood working place in
Mayfield.

During war - wanted to move families

Restaurant - Pre 2nd war.

C Tongue - enclosed lower porch -
1932 - Gardner put upper
sun porch on.
lower porch had 5?
columns.

1925 - front door was rebuilt.

John Riley - 1944 - repaired
fireplaces

Potters Early
History of New

page 112 214, 215
1709 where they now
dwell.

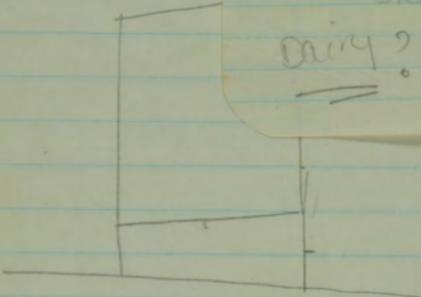
B.B. Taxed as
resident 1687

had 4 children -
Alexander, Charles, 2 girls -
son Beniah - born

1715 died 1772

Sheriff

dairy?



Research on The History of The Beriah Brown Case

R.I. Historical Society

From Beriah Brown Papers

box 2W k-BB

Folder 1761-1763

1 house

153 acres of land

25 acres of said land meadows

13 acres " " " plow land

2 " of orchard make 25 lbs
one year and none the next.

25 acres and a quarter and half
quarter of said land is a wood
lot not fenced 15 acres of
within fence wood the Best Pasture
with Brooks in it

7 cows 4 oxen 4 horses, one

3 year phone (?) 20 sheep

9 hogs 1 two year old two

Poly(?) 3000 of my own
money

Folder 1756 - 1760

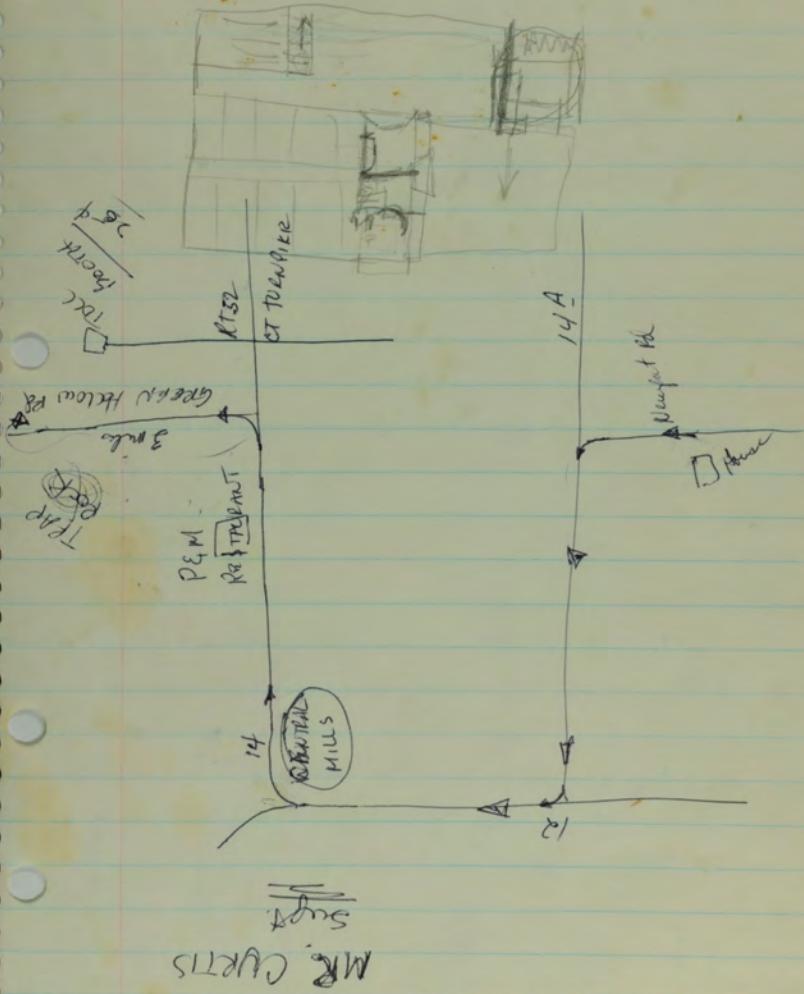
Will of Alexander Brown to son
Beriah Brown 1758 Aug 13
giving to him land plus "Tract
of land with all the buildings fences

1763
Snow Rock
+ Raif

Rites profits & improvements 15
near to belonging I give and
bequeath "etc

"Item I give and bequeath to my
son Beriah Brown all my
~~the~~ whome stead farm that
my father gave me" etc

(A. Brown had died by Nov 7 1758)



~~July 6~~ Tom
Criss
Dane
Steve

Mon July 10

Tom
Criss
Dane
Steve

Tue July 11

Tom
Criss
Dane
Steve
He

Wed July 12

Tom
Criss
Dane
Steve

Thu July 13

He
Tom
Criss
Dane
Steve
He
Criss
Dane Steve

Fri July 14

One Co

July 14 - Friday ~~Dave~~ - paid
Steve "

July 17 - Mon - Tom
Dave
Steve
Me

18 Tue - Dave

19 Wed Dave

20 Thur Dave

Steve - Me

21 Friday Dave

Steve

July 22 Sat, Jean

July 23 ~~Mon~~ - Dave

Steve

24 - Dave - Steve - Me

25 Dave - Steve - Criss B.

26 Dave - Steve - Criss B. - Don

27 Dave - Steve - Me - Criss B.

28 Dave - Steve - Criss M.

Sun. - 29 - Steve

30 - ~~Tom~~ Wills - Criss - $\frac{1}{2}$ day

July 31 - Dave, Steve, Criss, Criss, Tom, Me

Aug 1 - Dave, Steve Criss, Criss, Don, Tom, Me

2 Dave Steve Criss Criss Tom Me

3 Dave Steve Criss Tom, Me

4 Dave Steve Criss Tom

July 4th

- B. Brown

Me -

July 5th - I recorded - B. Brown
few pages over.

July 6th - Oneco ↓
8-12 - me.

Friday - July 7th
Me - 8 Oneco big not
Abby - 8 " paid most
Dave - 8 " and?
Steve - 8 " what?

Monday July 10 - Oneco
Me - 8 hrs. not paid
Dave " paid
Steve " "
Bob 4 Not paid

Tue - Dave - paid Oneco
Steve "

Tues Dave Paid the Oneco
Steve " Their
Tues Dave Their Oneco
Steve "

	June 6	hours
16 24 4 96.	Edward	8
24	Don	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Dave	8
<u>120.00</u>	Steve	8
	Rodger	8 + 1
	John	8

↓
June 7

Ed	8
Don	8
Darling	8
Steve	8
Rodger	8 + 3

\$ = \$54.00 week of June 6

June 8

Ed 8 + 6 = \$100.00 week of June 8

Don -

Dave

Steve

Rodger

John

8 + 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 140.25
 $2 \frac{1}{2}$ = 78.00
 L/H.W paid

June

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 7 \\ \hline 14\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} , 9 \\ 11 \\ 11 \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 31 \frac{1}{2} \\ 350 \\ \hline 31 \\ 350 \\ \hline 1050 \\ \hline 108.50 \\ 36.00 \\ \hline 138.50 + \\ 1.75 \\ \hline 140.25 \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 5 \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \\ \hline 16 \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \\ \hline 48 \\ 1.75 \\ \hline 149.75 \\ 24 \\ \hline 5375 \end{array} \right\} - \text{Thur}$$

June 9th

Edward - Didn't work

Dm - " "

Dane - 8 - \$ paid

Steve 8 - paid

Rodger - 8 - + June 15
paid

John - paid through today
by G.H.W.

June 10th - Saturday

Don - paid

Rodger

June 11th Mon.

Don - paid

Ted. - 8

Dave 8

Steve 8

John } Didn't work

Ed. }
Rodger }

~~25.85~~

June 13 - Tues - ~~PI~~ and

Don	-	8	- not
Ed.	-	8	8 - b3
Rodger	-	8 +	8 - b3
Ted	-	8	- not
Dave	-	8	and
Steve	-	8	- not
John	-	8	small

June 14 - Wed. ~~PI~~ and

Don - didn't work

Ed	8	8 - not
Rodger	8	- June 9 - 14 = 176.00
Ted	8	15.00 - watchmen
Dave	8	23.23 - crayon
Steve	8	
John	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	191.23

June 15 - Thurs. ~~PI~~ and

Don 8?

Ed - 8?

Ed - 8

Ted - 8

Dave 8

Steve 8

John

✓ Rodger - June 9 - 14 = 176.00 @ 4.00
15.00 - watchman 1 week
~~23~~ 191.23

80.
36
96
111

June 16 - Friday

✓ Don

✓ Ed - 8 - 32 hrs @ \$8.00 = \$28.00

✓ Ted 8

✓ Steve 8

John

Rodger -

✓ Dave 8

June 19 - Thrus - 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs

Steve

Dave

Don

Celby

June 20

✓ Steve 8

✓ Dave 8

✓ Ted 8

Rodger

John - 8

Ed. P. - $\frac{1}{2}$

Don

Penny = 24.50

Scott

80.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs

48

24.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs
48.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
72

32 Tom
32 Ed
32 61.

$\frac{32}{32}$
 $\frac{32}{64}$

1st

most

most

most

planed joists

June 21

Steve - 8

Dave 8

Don

Scott

John -

Rodger $\frac{1}{2}$ day

Ted

$\frac{250}{2750}$

4.80

~~480~~

11710

150

75

$\frac{200}{2175}$

2175

June 22

Steve -

Dave

Don

Ted -

Rodger

Tom

~~2000~~
~~2000~~
~~2500~~
 $\frac{6000}{6000}$

June 23 - Friday

Mon - June 26

Steve - 8

Dave "

Ted "

Don "

Ed "

John "

Tom "

Tue. - June 27

Steve

Dave

Ted

Don - 6

Ed

John - 4

Tom

Tue - June 27

Steve 8

Dave 1

Ted "

Don "

Ed 7

John - 8

Tom 7

8.

8.

8.

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8.

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Friday - June 30

Don

Penny

Ted

Ted 7

Ted 3

Tom 20

Dave paid

Steve

Bob

Wed - June 28

Steve

Dave

Ted

Don - 7

Ed 8

John 8

Tom

Wed July 5th

Dave - paid

Steve paid John

Tom paid 1.00

Ed paid

Bob not pd.

He not pd.

Pictures for future

removing paint

numbering

windows - how to tell

storage

measuring

people

digging for artifacts

pictures of artifacts

Bobs plans

6/13/00	18.214 a ³	5 ft ³	105 ft ²	250
48	17.60	2	105	250
	8750	5	140	140
no	truing	gutter	140	140
1 checks			8250	111250
insurance				2200
bam - storage				

Roger - May - 30th - watchman

first aid + needle

Ishael

duct filters

paint

Ralph Carpenter

Arts - Crafts
of Newport

VP - Reynolds & Co.
Wall St.
N.Y.

M 1 - 19 - starting at
outside south side.
Sheathing boards
attic West wall.

Portions

Front hall - 2nd fall starting at
top step - attic level

E 1. - 8. E 9 - 15 - outside wall not
mark. E 16 - 22

Portions

I Room -
starting at N wall - West end end.
I - 1 - 13. East wall - 14 - 25

Closet I 13a - ~~14a~~ 20a

F Room -

starting at South west corner

F 1 - 11 F 12 - 25 < North wall)

H room - fireplace wall - H 1 - 10 closet on left
H 1a - 7a or 19a - 15a

2607 2nd place gone

400.00

889-1882

EM 1-3040

Dede - Crane PS. 31

15 + heath ^{file} - 8x8



Dave - 546 - 9793

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