MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 34 West Kirke St., Chevy Chase **Meeting Date:** 11/14/2018

Resource: Contributing Resource Report Date: 11/7/2018

Chevy Chase Village Historic District

Applicant: Thomas Dann **Public Notice:** 10/31/2018

(Derek Binsted, Architect)

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: Partial

Case Number: 35/13-18HH Staff: Michael Kyne

PROPOSAL: New dormers and skylights

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC **approve** the HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District

STYLE: Bungalow DATE: c. 1892-1916

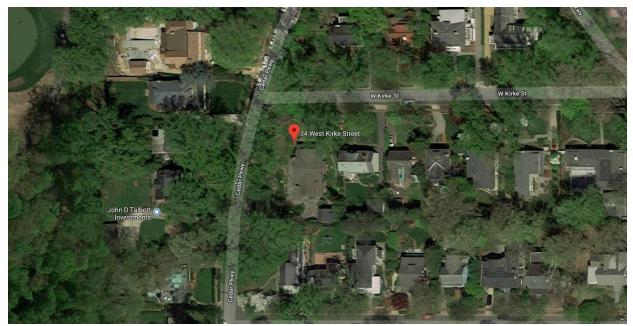


Fig. 1: Subject property.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to install new dormers and skylights at the subject property.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

In accordance with section 1.5 of the Historic Preservation Commission Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures (Regulation No. 27-97) ("Regulations"), in developing its decision when reviewing a Historic Area Work Permit application for an undertaking at a Master Plan site the Commission uses section 24A-8 of the Montgomery County Code ("Chapter 24A"), the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation* ("Standards"), and pertinent guidance in applicable master plans. [Note: where guidance in an applicable master plan is inconsistent with the Standards, the master plan guidance **shall** take precedence (section 1.5(b) of the Regulations).] The pertinent information in these documents, incorporated in their entirety by reference herein, is outline below.

Sec. 24A-8. Same-Criteria for issuance.

- (a) The commission shall instruct the director to deny a permit if it finds, based on the evidence and information presented to or before the commission that the alteration for which the permit is sought would be inappropriate, inconsistent with or detrimental to the preservation, enhancement or ultimate protection of the historic site or historic resource within an historic district, and to the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
 - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
 - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
 - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
 - (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; [emphasis added] or
 - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (*Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.*)

Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines

The guidelines break down specific projects into three levels of review – Lenient, Moderate and Strict Scrutiny.

"Lenient Scrutiny" means that the emphasis of the review should be on issues of general massing and scale, and compatibility with the surrounding streetscape, and should allow for a very liberal interpretation of preservation rules. Most changes should be permitted unless there are major problems with massing, scale and compatibility.

"Moderate Scrutiny" involves a higher standard of review than "lenient scrutiny." Besides issues of massing, scale and compatibility, preserving the integrity of the resource is taken into account. Alterations should be designed so that the altered structure still contributes to the district. Use of compatible new materials, rather than the original building materials, should be permitted. Planned changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but should not be required to replicate its architectural style.

"Strict Scrutiny" means that the planned changes should be reviewed to insure that the integrity of the significant exterior architectural or landscaping features and details is not compromised. However, strict scrutiny should not be "strict in theory but fatal in fact" i.e. it does not mean that there can be no changes but simply that the proposed changes should be reviewed with extra care.

The Guidelines state three basic policies that should be adhered to, including:

Preserving the integrity of the contributing structures in the district. Alterations to contributing structures should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.

Design review emphasis should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping.

Alterations to the portion of a property that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be subject to very lenient review. Most changes to rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

<u>**Dormers**</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.

<u>Skylights</u> should be subject to strict scrutiny if visible from the public right-of-way, otherwise they should be subject to lenient scrutiny.

Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." Standards 2, 9, and 10 most directly apply to the application before the commission:

#2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

#9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

#10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a c. 1892-1916 bungalow-style Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. The property is on a corner lot, with its driveway and garage accessed via Cedar Parkway. The property has experienced some renovations over the years, including a rear addition, which was approved by the HPC in 2016.

The applicant proposes to install two new shed dormers at the rear of the house, with one on each side of the existing centered gable dormer. The materials of the proposed dormer will match the existing, with cedar shingle siding, cedar shake roofing, and 4-lite SDL wooden casement windows. The windows will have 5/8' putty profile muntins, which will permanently-affixed on the interior and exterior, and spacer bars. A 2' x 2' skylight will be installed on the roof of the westmost dormer (Cedar Parkway side).

Staff supports the applicant's proposal, finding that the proposed alterations will not remove character-defining features of the subject property or detract from the surrounding streetscape, in accordance with the *Guidelines* and *Standards*.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant's submission staff finds the proposal as being consistent with the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-(b) 1 and 2, having found the proposal is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines outlined above.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), having found that the proposal is consistent with the *Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines* identified above, and therefore will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, #9, and #10;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the **3 permit sets of drawings**, **if applicable to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping** prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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Agent for Owner: Thomson & Cooke Architects 0	Deytime Phone No.: 202-686-6583
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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

B.,	Description of existing structura(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:
	The existing single family home, built between 1892 & 1916, occupies a
	corner lot in Chevy Chase Village. The masonry structure exhibits identifying
	features of the Craftsman style; a large front porch supported by sloping
	brick piers, front and rear gabled dormers, and deep roof overhangs with
	exposed rafter tails and knee braces. A detached garage constructed in a
	similar style to the principle structure is present in the rear corner of the lot.

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

Two new dormers adjacent to the existing main rear dormer are proposed, as well as one skylight in the new dormer roof on the cedar parkway side of the house. The proposed dormers will be constructed with matching materials to the main dormer - to include painted cedar shingle siding and cedar shake roofing.

Effect on the historic resource and neighborhood in general is limited, due to the proposed dormers location on the rear of the building.

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date:
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" pager are preferred.

- Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

6. TREE SURVEY

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6" or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For <u>ALL</u> projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question.

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING
[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

Owner's mailing address THOMAS DANN 34 WEST KINKE STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815	Owner's Agent's mailing address THOMSON & COOKE ARCHITECTS 5155 MACARTHUM BOUD NW WASHINGTON, DC 20016
Adjacent and confront	ing Property Owners mailing addresses
JOHN LYNHAM 32 WEST KIRKE STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815	JOHN CAMPANECLA 5910 CEDAR PARKWAY CHEW CHASE, MD 20815
CHARLES HOB'BS 33 WEST KIRKE STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815	JOHN ELLIOT 37 WEST IRVING STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815
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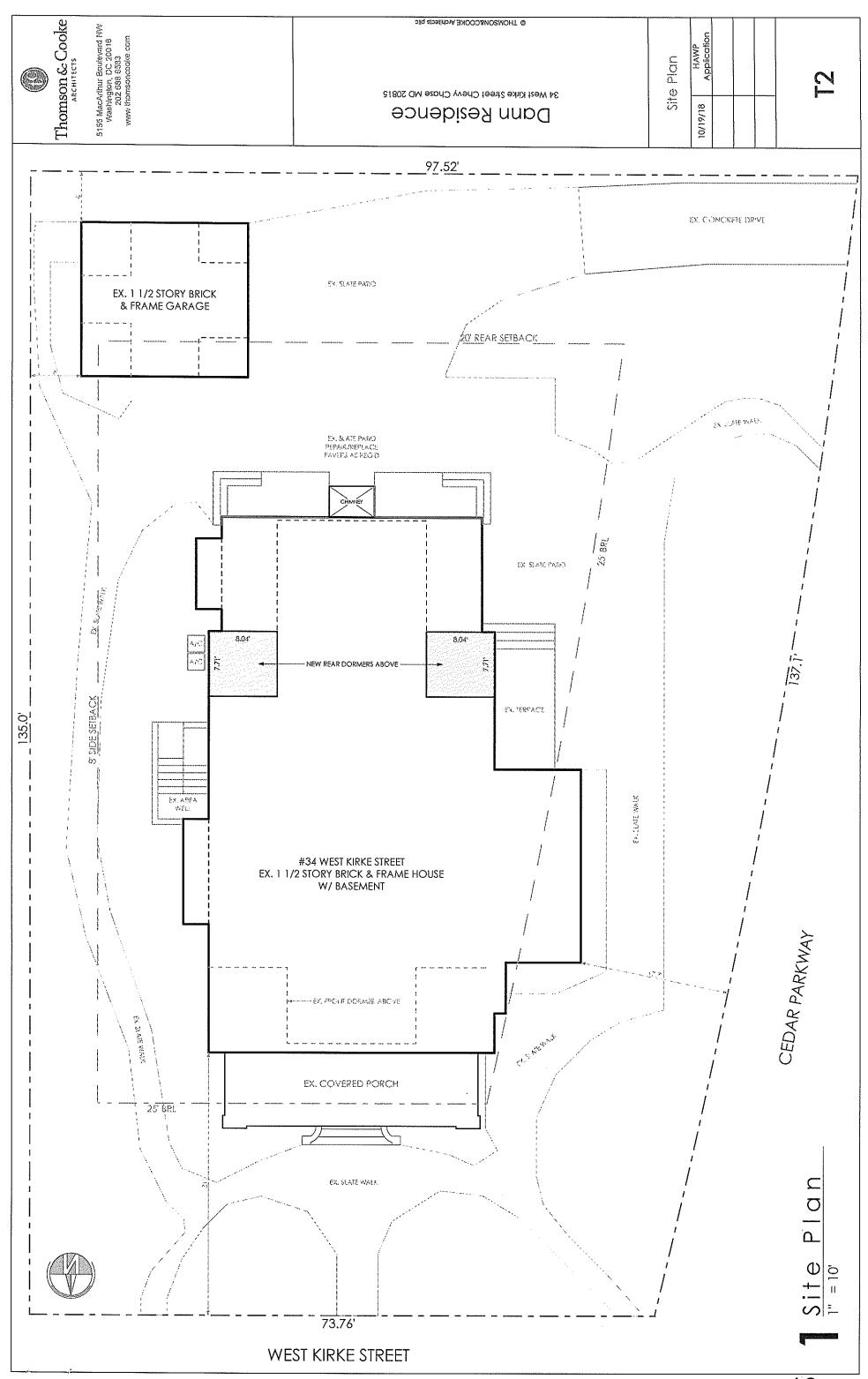
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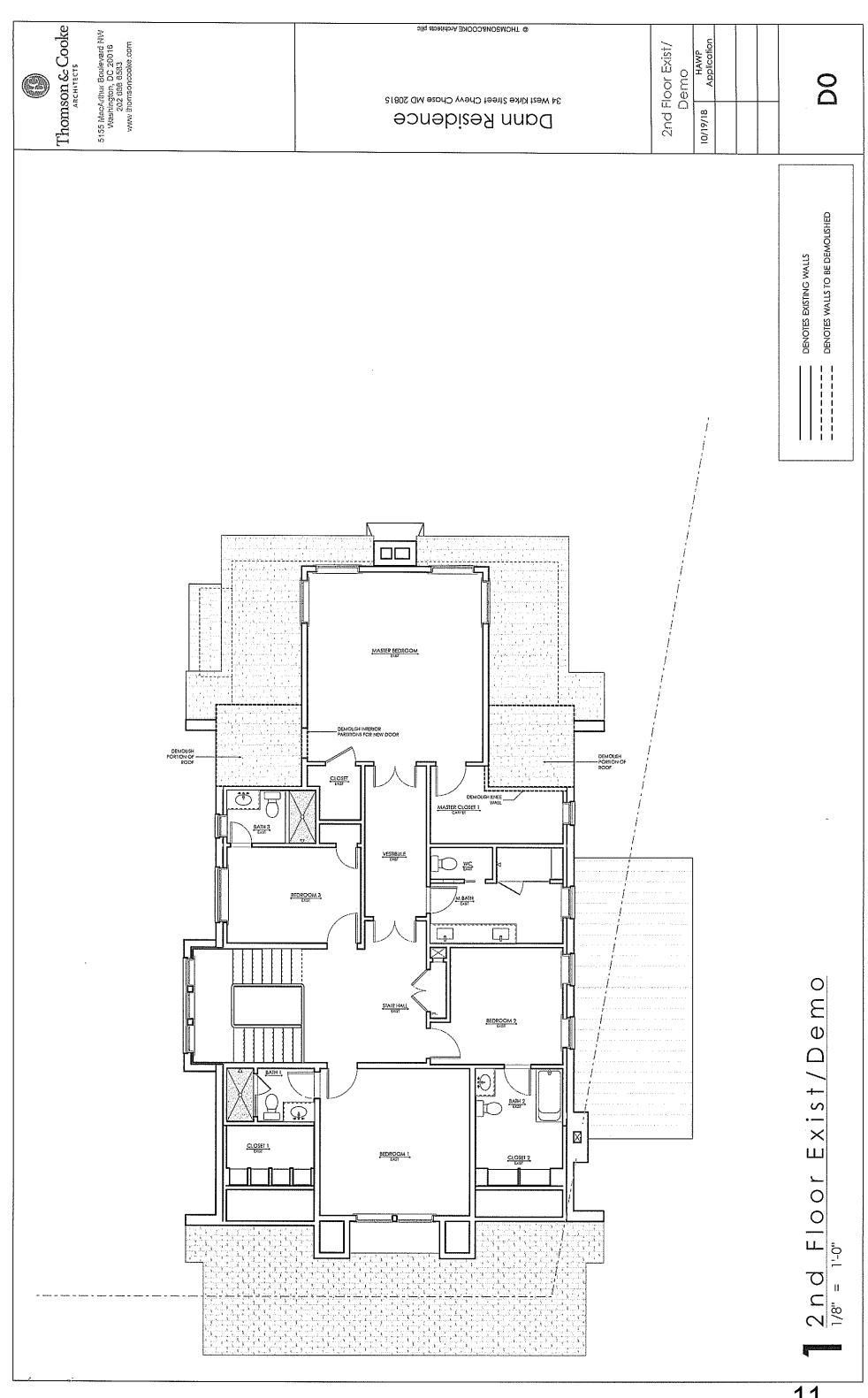
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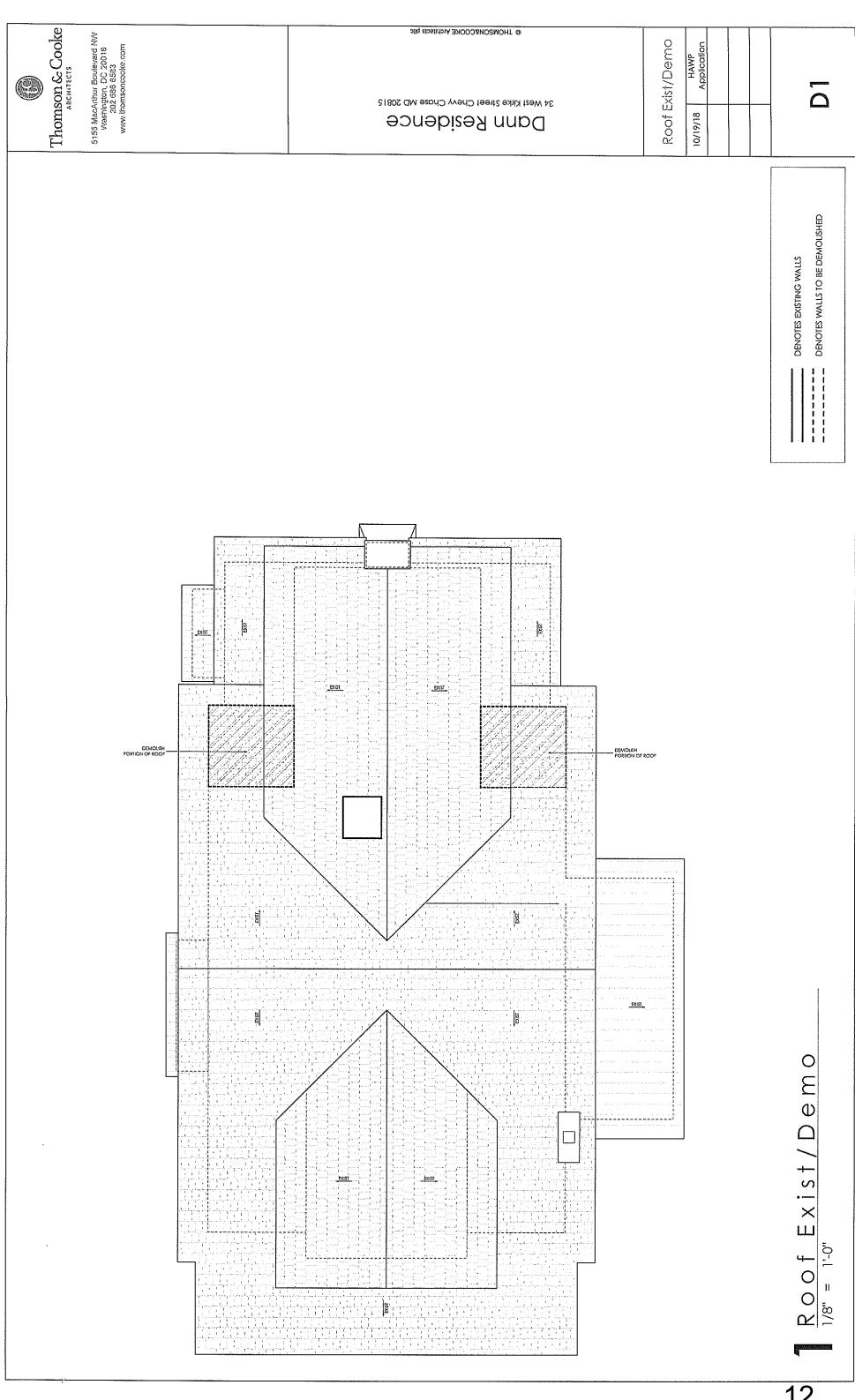
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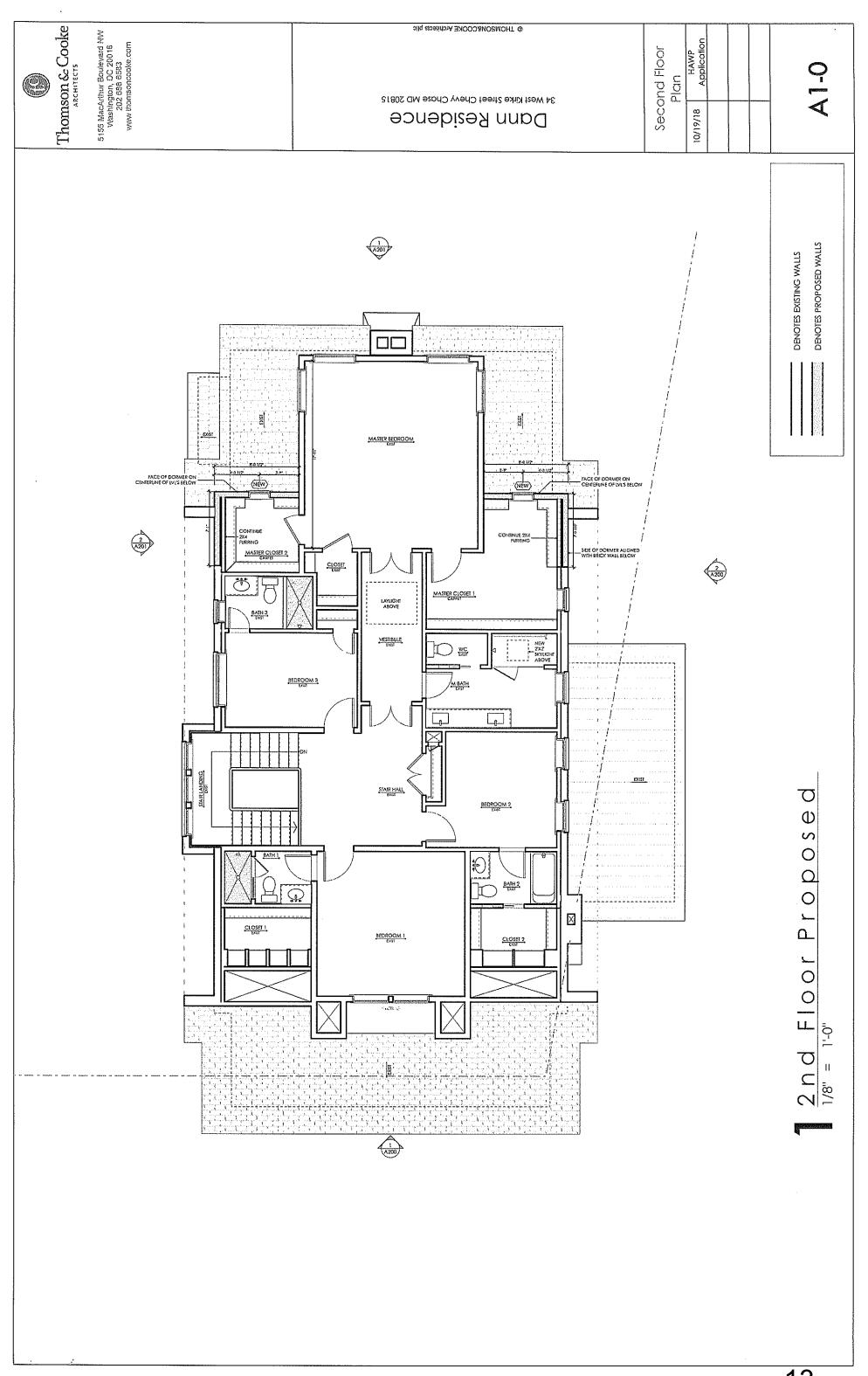
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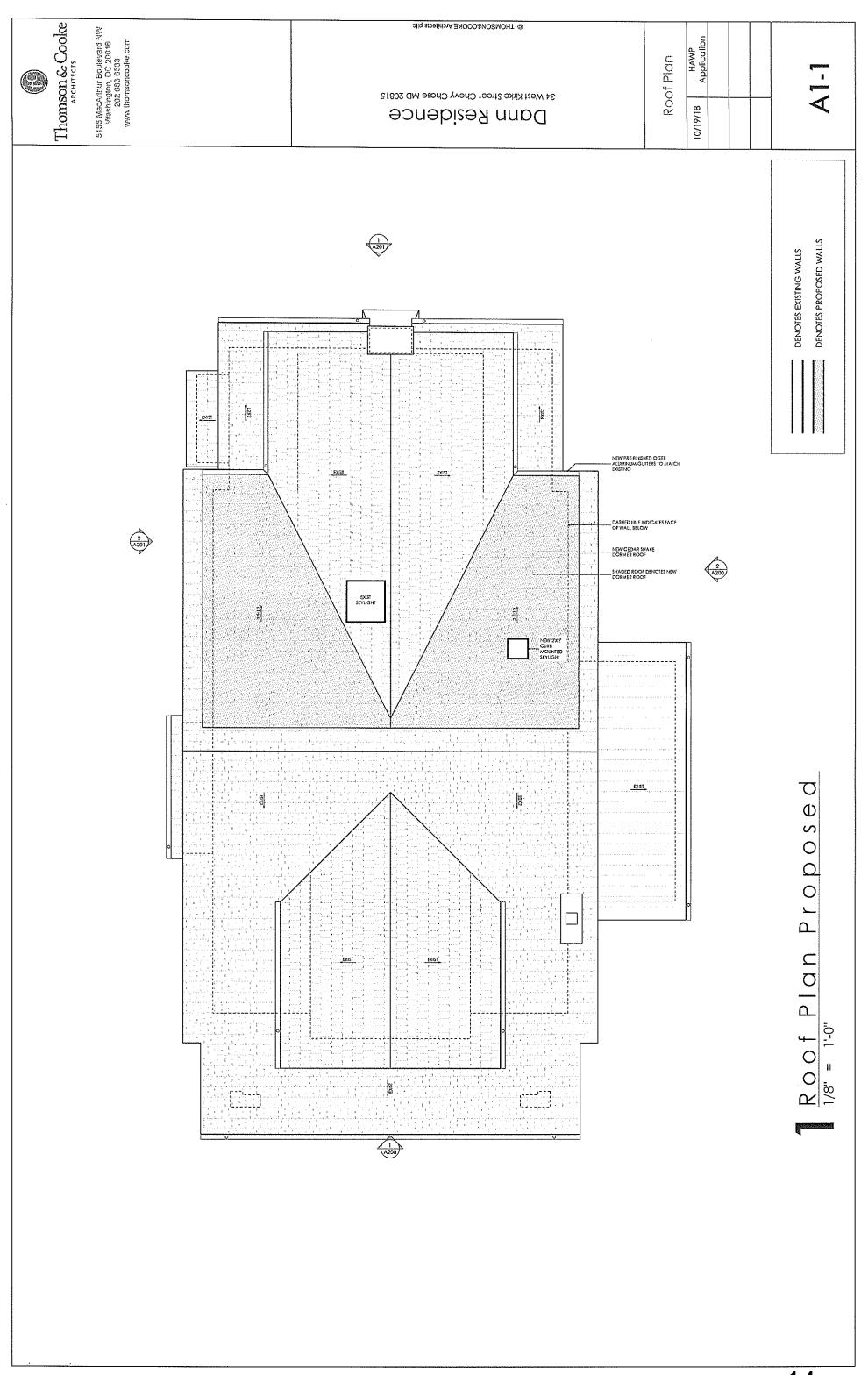
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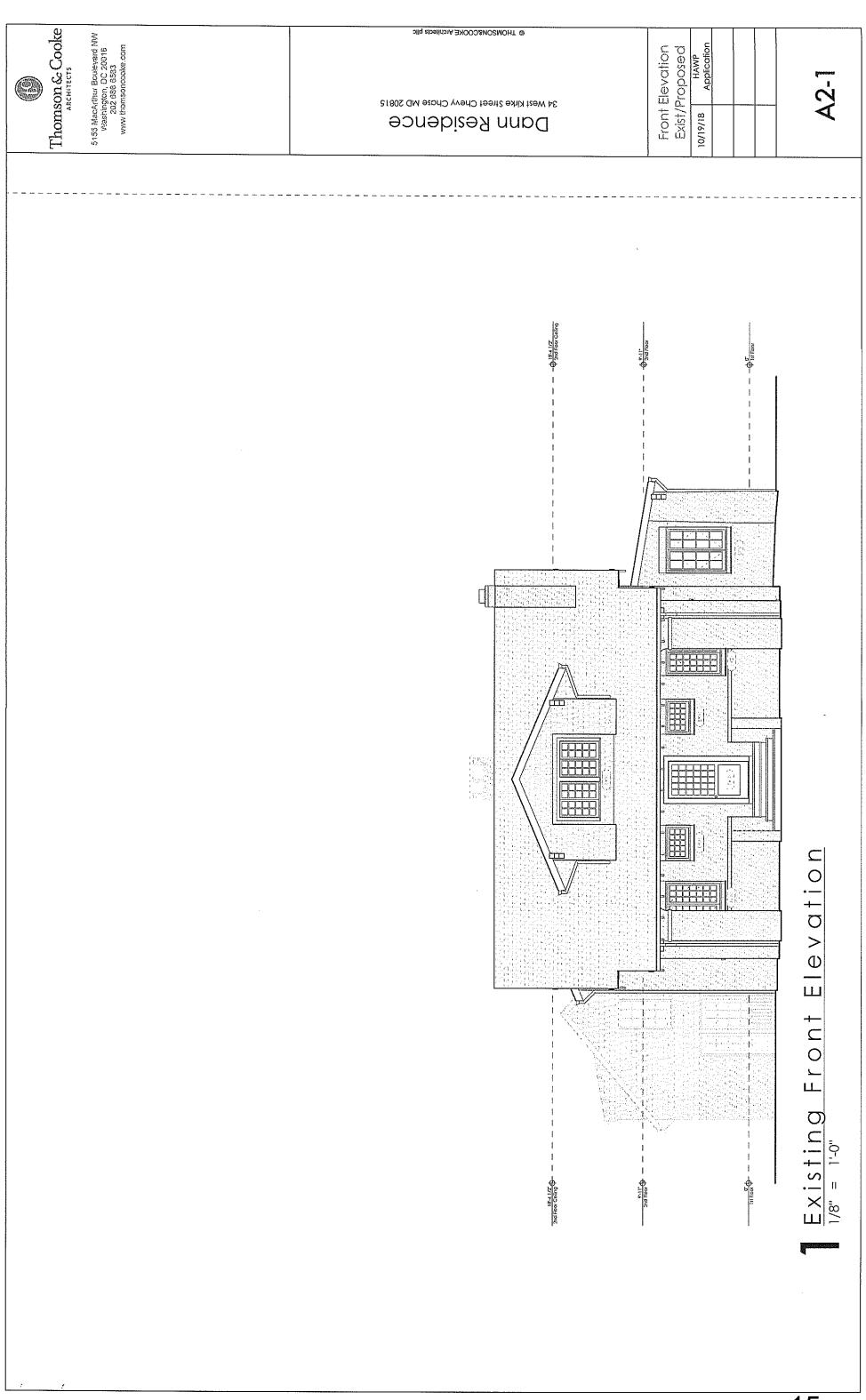






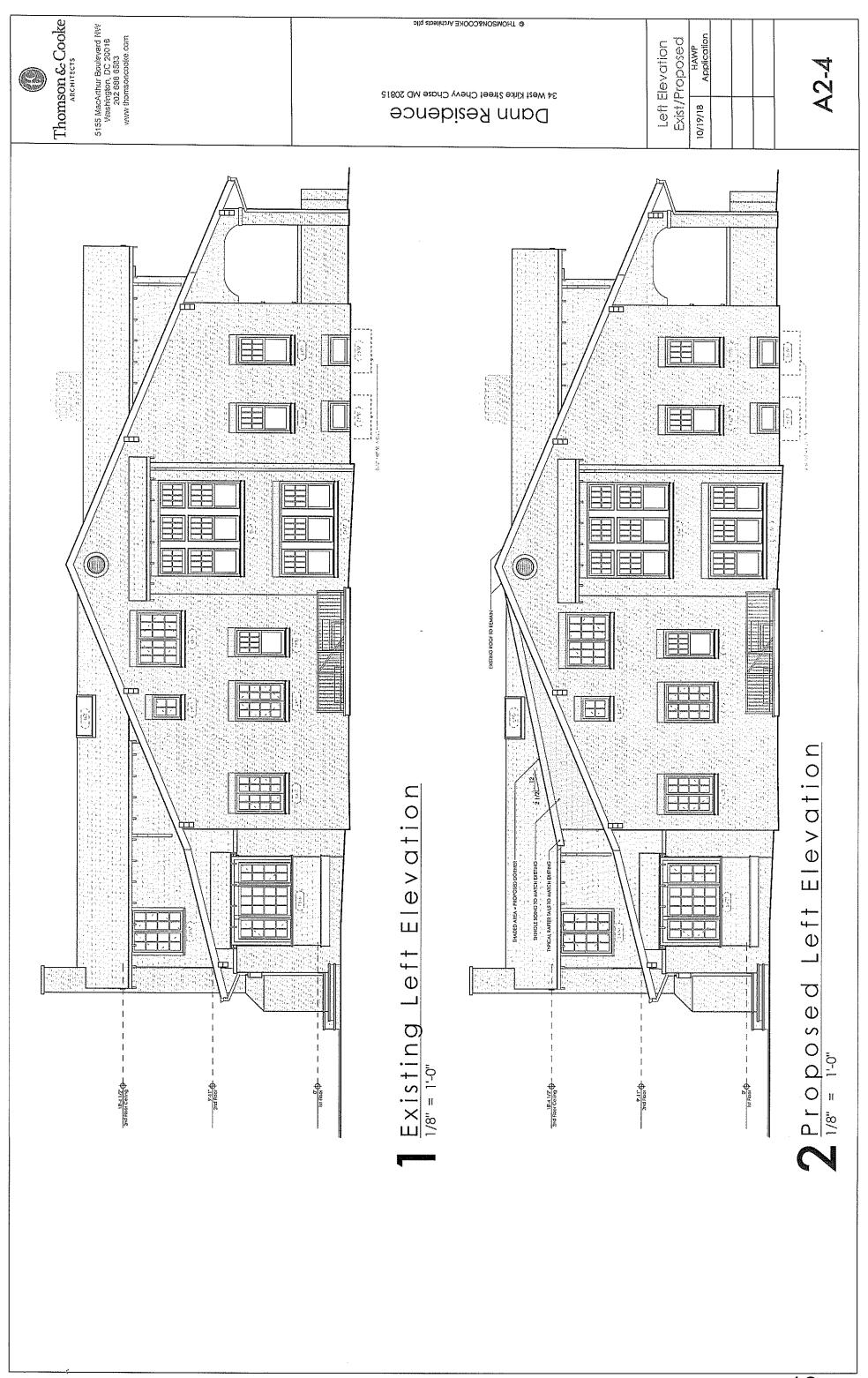


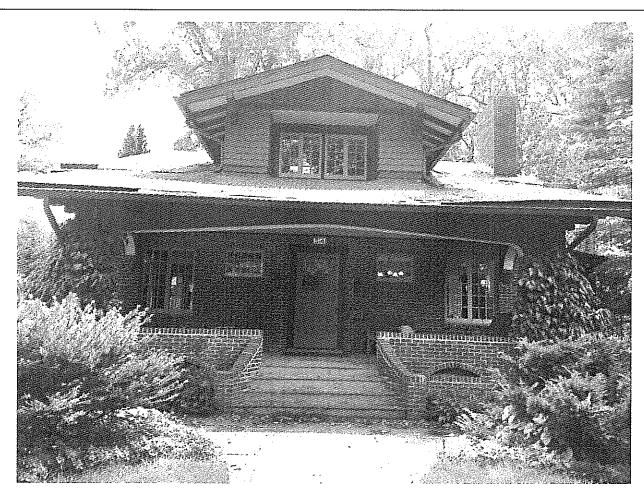




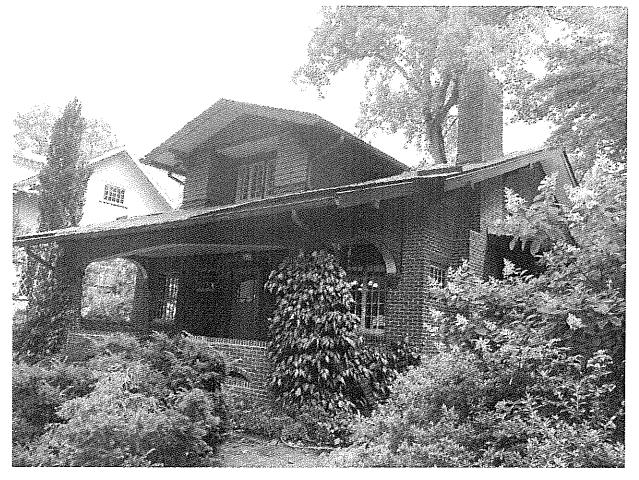


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FRONT (VIEWED FROM WEST KIRKE STREET)



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Dann Residence
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Photos - Front

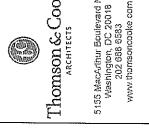
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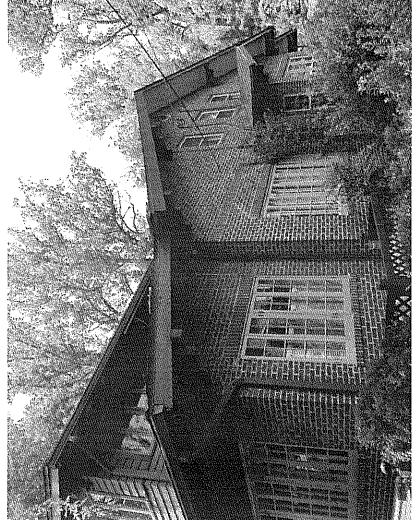
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Photos - Rear & Sides

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34 West Kirke Street Chevy Chase MD 20815 Dann Residence





PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING PERMIT #800901 RIGHT SIDE (VIEWED FROM DRIVEWAY)

