Address:	14601 Berryville Rd., Germantown	Meeting Date:	9/11/2019
Resource:	Master Plan Site #24/24 (Montanverde)	Report Date:	9/4/2019
Applicant:	Tucker and Meakin Bennett (Thomas Taltavull, Architect)	Public Notice:	8/28/2019
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	N/A
Case Number:	24/24-19A	Staff:	Michael Kyne
PROPOSAL:	Building addition		

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC **approve** the HAWP application with **one (1) condition:** that prior to any ground-disturbing activities, the owner allow the area within the limits of disturbance to be tested by a professionally qualified archaeologist to determine if there are any artifacts or features that should be recorded and recovered prior to construction. Details of any such investigation are to be determined in coordination with the Historic Preservation Program staff.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE:	<i>Master Plan</i> Site #24/24 (Montanverde)
STYLE:	Federal
DATE:	c. 1806-1812

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Peter established Montanverde between 1806 and 1812 as a summer estate, with an inheritance from his prominent father, Robert Peter, first mayor of Georgetown. With this fortune and a new bride, in 1809, Peter resigned from distinguished military service and began a well-acclaimed political career. Over the following fifty years, Peter served in both the U.S. Congress and the Maryland General Assembly.

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C&O Canal Convention. Peter held a well-documented political rally at Montanverde in 1848 that was attended by freshman Congressman Abraham Lincoln. Some sources note that Lincoln stayed overnight at the house in the west wing room still referred to as the Lincoln Room.

The two-story, five-bay Federal-style house is remarkable in its high level of architectural integrity. In plan, the dwelling is one room deep with a center passage. Noteworthy details typical of this era include half-round molding that frames six over six sash windows, a three-light transom over the front door, and exterior brick chimneys. Covered with clapboard siding, the house is said to be of brick construction, possibly brick nogging, a material not uncommon in this era.



Fig. 1: Subject property.

BACKGROUND:

The applicants previously appeared before the Commission at the March 13, 2019 HPC meeting for a preliminary consultation regarding a proposed second-story addition above the existing one-story east wing and a two-story ell addition adjacent to the east wing.¹ The applicants returned at the May 7, 2019 HPC meeting for a 2nd preliminary consultation, where they proposed a one-story addition adjacent to the existing c. 2014 mudroom at the east side of the house.² The applicants returned again at the August 14, 2019 HPC meeting with a proposal for a two-story addition adjacent to the existing c. 2014 mudroom at the east side of the house.³

¹ March 13, 2019 HPC Meeting Recording: <u>http://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=26ba14b8-467f-11e9-aee3-0050569183fa</u>

² May 7, 2019 HPC Meeting Recording: <u>http://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=8aec1013-719b-11e9-a164-0050569183fa</u>

³ August 14, 2019 HPC meeting Recording: <u>http://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=9a9748eb-bf66-11e9-b703-0050569183fa</u>

PROPOSAL:

The applicants propose to construct a two-story addition adjacent to the existing c. 2014 mudroom at the east side of the house.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

When reviewing alterations and new construction to *Master Plan* Sites several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A* (*Chapter 24A*), and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* (*Standards*). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below. *Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A*

- (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; 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.

(Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

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." Because the property is a Master Plan Site, the Commission's focus in reviewing the proposal should be the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. The relevant *Standards* are as follows:

- 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 narrow single-pile Federal-style house, which was constructed c. 1806-1812. The house consists of the main two-story five-bay massing with center passage, a single-story east wing, dating from the 1930s, with adjacent single-story mudroom that was approved by the Commission at the May 21, 2014 HPC meeting, and a single-story west wing dating from the 1830s, which is known as the Lincoln Room (see excerpt on Circle 1). As noted in *Places from the Past*, the house exhibits a high level of architectural integrity, as it retains many Federal-style details. The house is accessed via a long gravel drive on the north side, although, historically, the south side overlooking Seneca Creek and the Potomac River may have been considered the front.

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At the August 14, 2019 HPC meeting, the Commission was generally supportive of the applicant's proposal, with the majority (5 of 7) finding that the proposed addition was appropriately scaled and in the appropriate location. Recommendations included the following:

- Lowering the ridgeline of the addition, showing deference to the historic massing.
- Making the proposed fenestration pattern more consistent with the historic house.
- Justifying the proposed addition to the north or south, with the majority suggesting north.
- Differentiating the mudroom and addition, giving them a less formal appearance than the historic massing. Specific suggestions included board and batten siding or shiplap siding.

Two (2) Commissioners recommended an addition to either the north or south side of the historic massing. Other suggestions included an option with the proposed addition behind (to the north) of the existing mudroom or exploring a larger addition in the proposed location.

Current Proposal

The applicants have made the following revisions to their proposal, in accordance with the Commission's feedback at August 14, 2019 HPC meeting and in consultation with Staff:

• The ridgeline of the proposed addition has been lowered to be 16" below the ridgeline of the

historic house.

- Additional windows have been added to the proposed addition, resulting in a symmetrical fenestration pattern, which is consistent with the historic house.
- The applicants propose shiplap siding for the existing and extended mudroom addition and for the proposed addition.
- The proposed addition has been justified to the south. (*The applicants have stated that justifying the addition to north would require significant regrading and/or tree removal, which could alter the character of the property.*)

Staff supports the proposal, finding that the proposed addition will not alter or remove character-defining features of the property, in accordance with *Standard #2*. In accordance with *Standard #9*, the proposed addition will be differentiated from the historic house, and it will be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features of the historic house, protecting the historic integrity of the property and its environment. In accordance with *Standard #10*, the proposed addition will be undertaken in a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Staff conducted preliminary research regarding the potential for archaeological artifacts or deposits within the project area; however, this work has not been extensive given that the footprint for the addition has changed many times. Given that there were many periods of habitation at this property, and that the history of the enslaved individuals at Montanverde is very poorly understood or documented, staff would value the opportunity to work with the applicants to have the area within the limits of disturbance examined by a professionally qualified archaeologist. The Historic Preservation program staff have resources at hand to conduct investigations at no additional cost or potential burden to the owner. Such an investigation would have the potential to uncover additional information about the larger property and the main house or any closely constructed outbuildings or middens. Any artifacts uncovered by an investigation would belong to the property owner, but the information would be available in the house file at the Historic Preservation office.

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 #2, #9, and #10* outlined above.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve with one (1) condition as noted above,** the HAWP application only for alterations to the main house under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), having found that the proposal 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

contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or

michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.





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301/563-3400 APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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MONTANVERDE (M-24/24) application for HWAP

1. Written Description of Project

a. Description of existing structures and environmental setting:

SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site #24/24 (Montanverde)

STYLE: Federal DATE: c. 1806-1812

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b. General Description of project and its effect on the historic resource and its environmental setting:

The proposed addition would allow for the family of five (who renovated the house and saved the house from collapsing) to have more living space, as their family continues to grow. The house currently only has two bedrooms and one full bathroom, and the addition would provide two more bedrooms, one full bathroom, a laundry room, and a family room. The addition would be on the east side of the house, which is the newest part of the house (1940s kitchen wing and 2014 mudroom). This would leave the entire historic part of house

completely intact. The proposed addition has been reduced in size several times to make sure that it proportionate to the historic part of the house in both size and scale and not detract from the historic home.

Comments, based on feedback from the HPC preliminary consultation:

- Lower the ridgeline of the addition, showing deference to the historic massing: we have lowered the ridgeline down to 16" below the main house. This is as low as possible to meet the headroom requirement in the building code. Changing the roof pitch would lower the ridgeline but we feel it would not be consistent and would detract from the scale and character of the main house.
- Make the proposed fenestration pattern more consistent with the historic house: we have added windows to make it more symmetric and consistent with the rest of the house.
- Justify the proposed addition to the north or south: adding to the north would be technically difficult due the existing grades rising to the north. A significant amount of grading would have to be done in order to keep the first floor framing above the finished grade and provide proper drainage away from the addition as well as the main house (and would create a drainage issue on the foundation of the historic house). Additionally, it would dramatically change the character of the natural grades. We feel that by adding on to the existing mudroom to the east, the two story addition would far enough away from and more clearly read as a subordinate addition thus preserving the original character of the main house. Finally, if the addition was to go to the north, two very large and mature trees would have to be removed in order for the driveway to access the house.
- Differentiate the mudroom and addition giving them a less formal appearance than the historic massing: the proposed ship lap fiber cement siding would be incorporated on the existing and newly extended mudroom and two story addition and would be distinctly differentiated but compatible with the main house.

2. Site plan -- attached

3. Plans and Elevations -- 2 copies attached

4. Materials Specifications – at the recommendation of the staff and HPC, Hardi Ship Lap siding is proposed. See attached specifications.

5. Photographs

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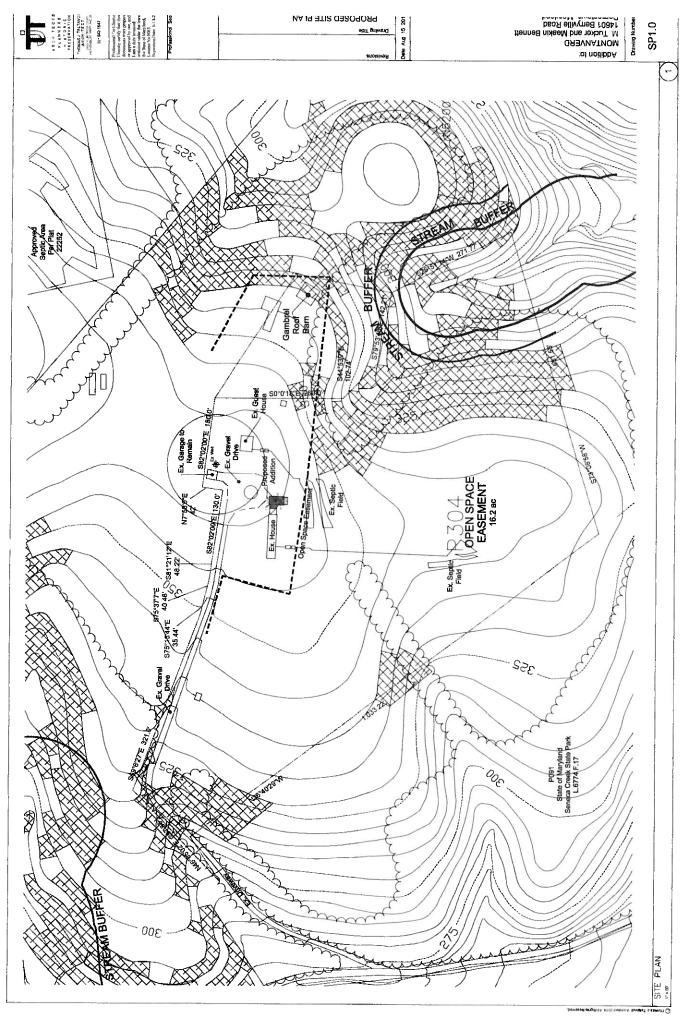
6. Tree Survey - n/a - not removing any trees

7. Addresses of Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners

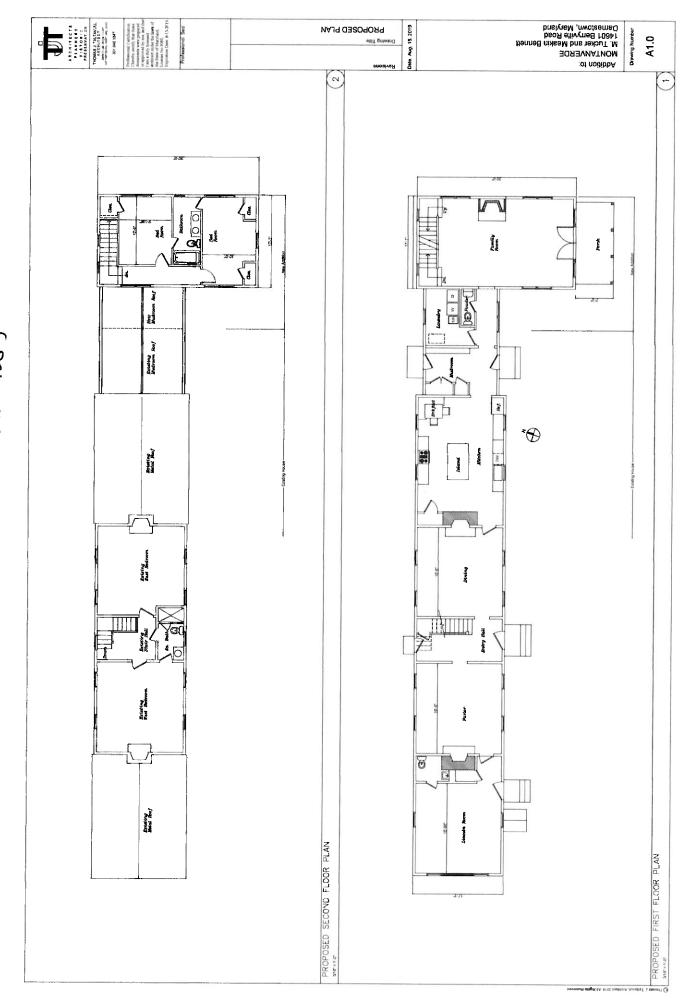
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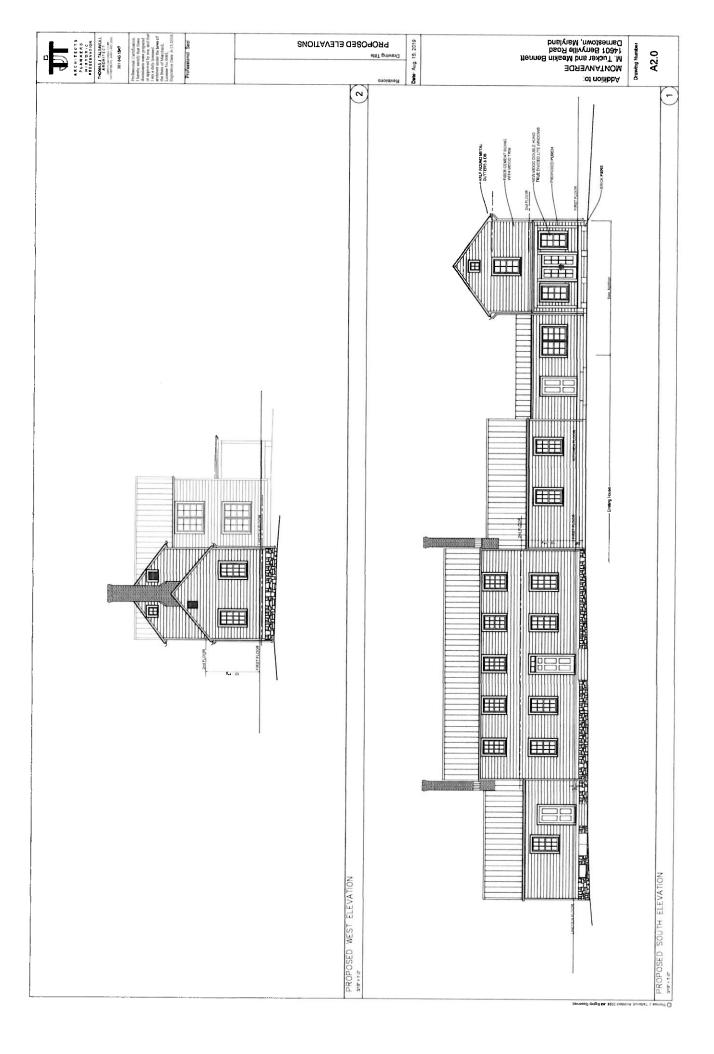
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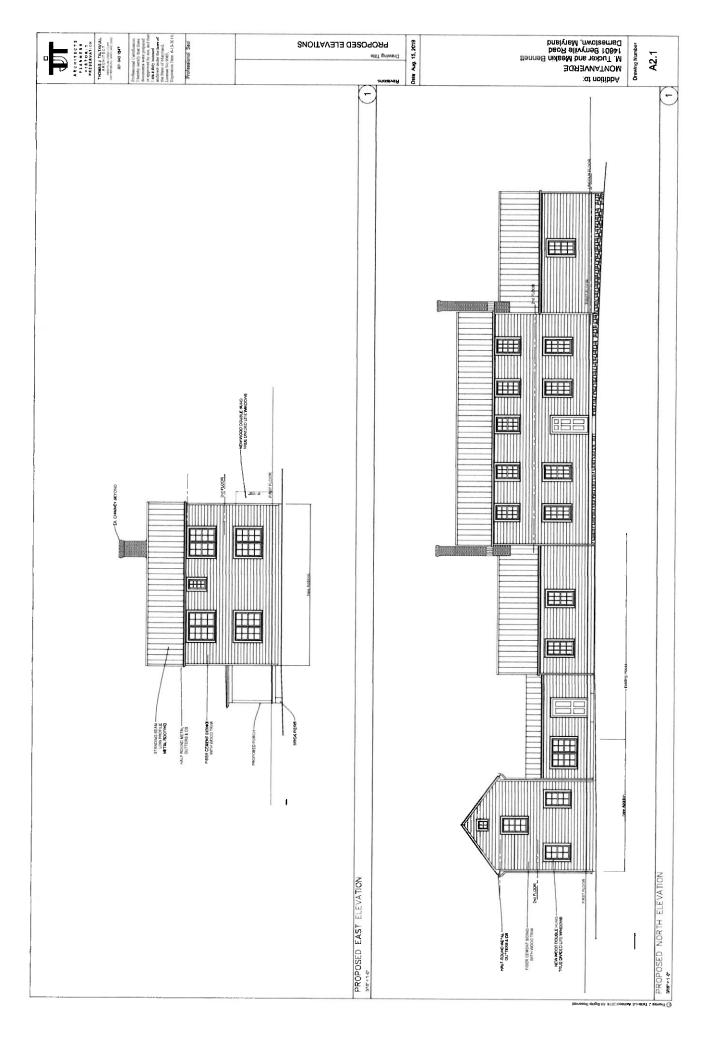


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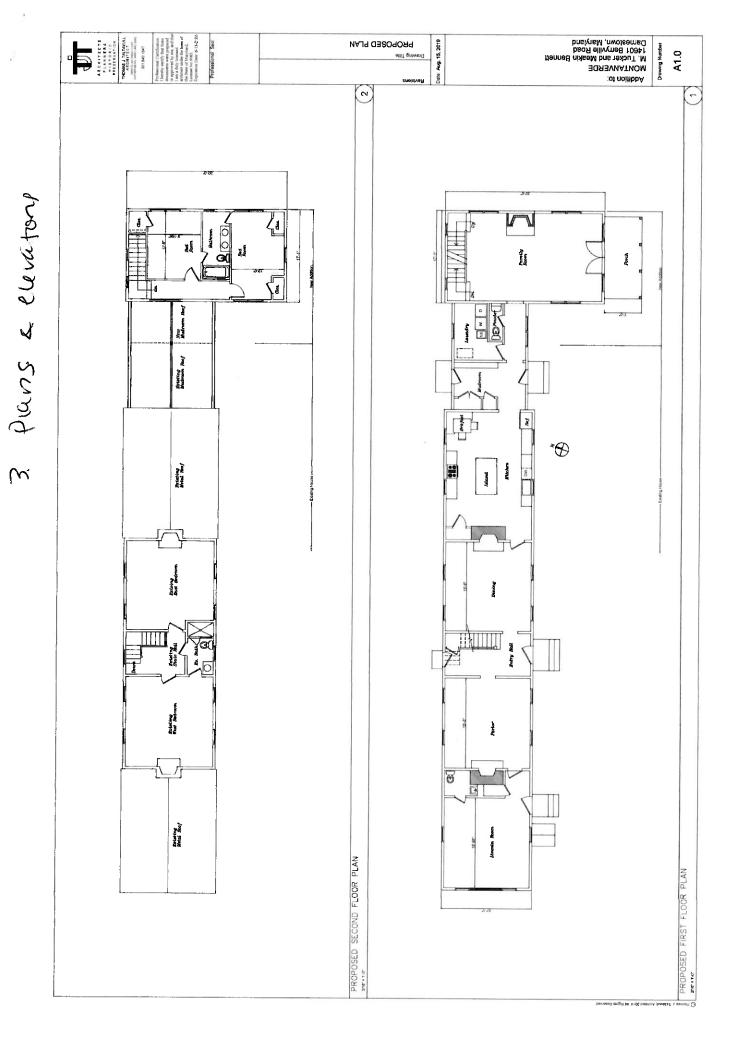


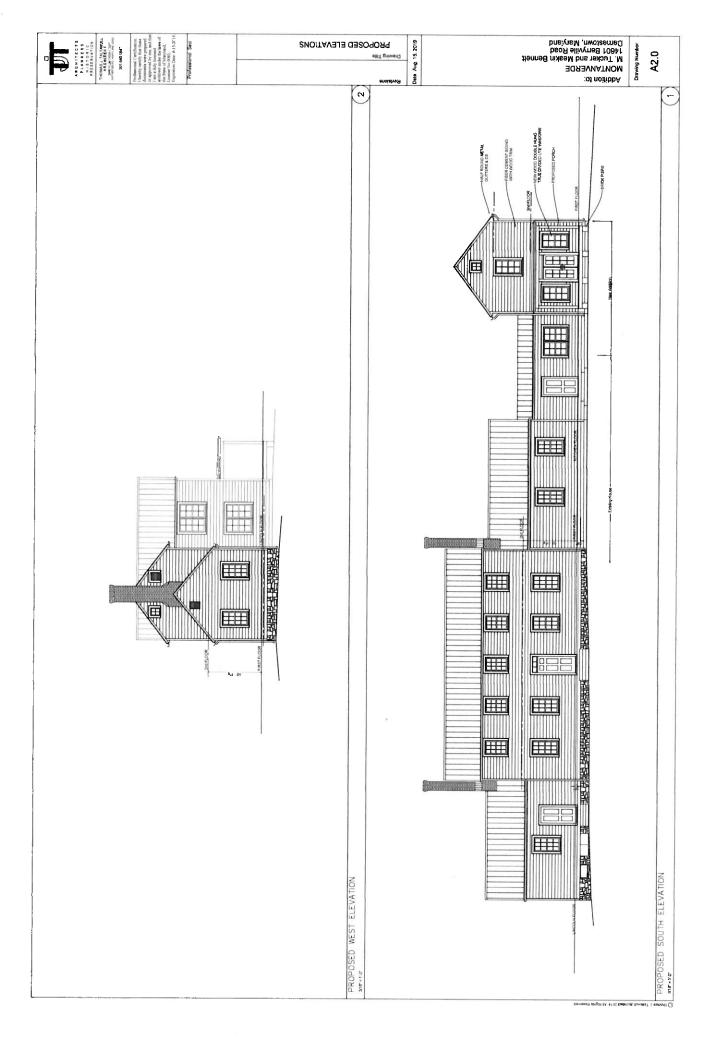
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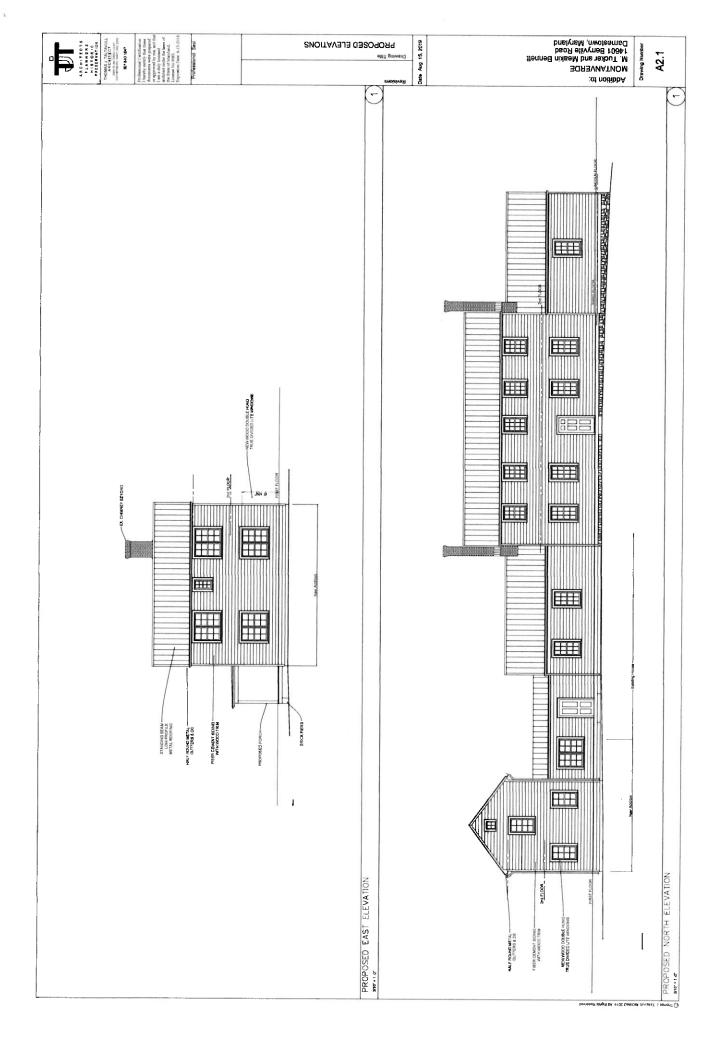


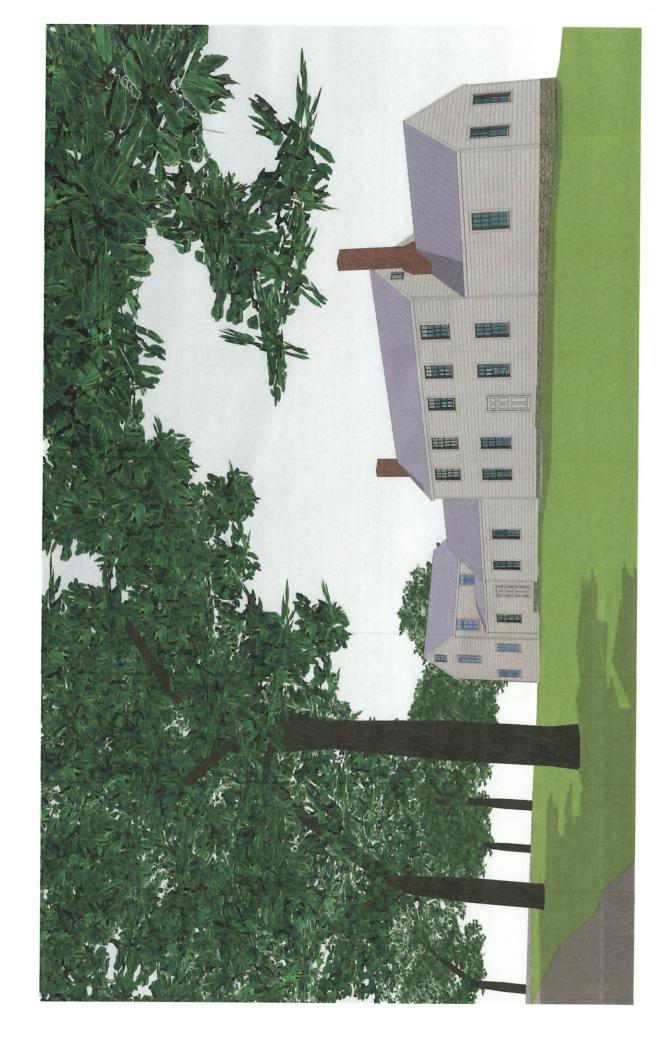


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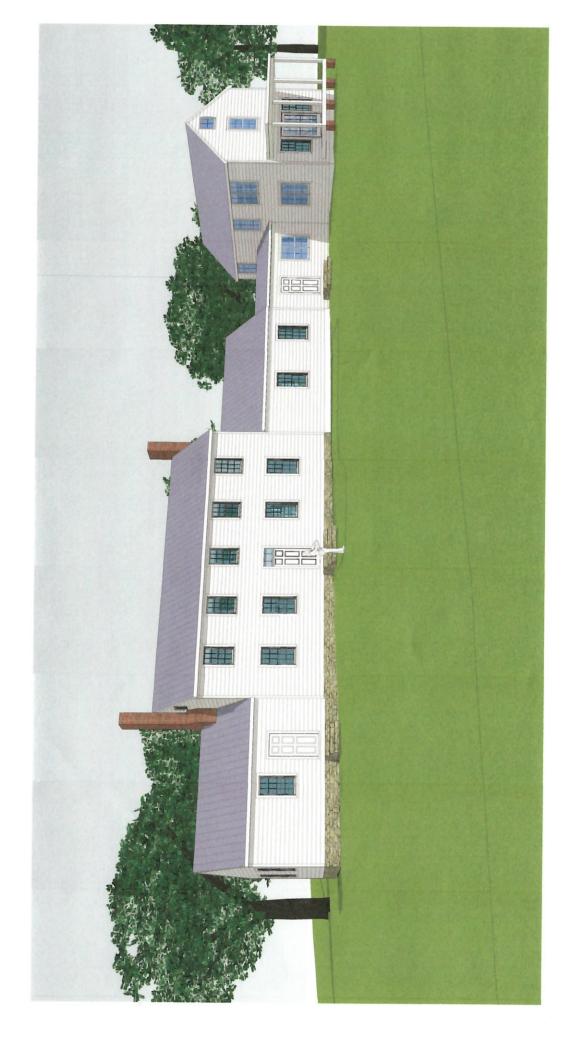




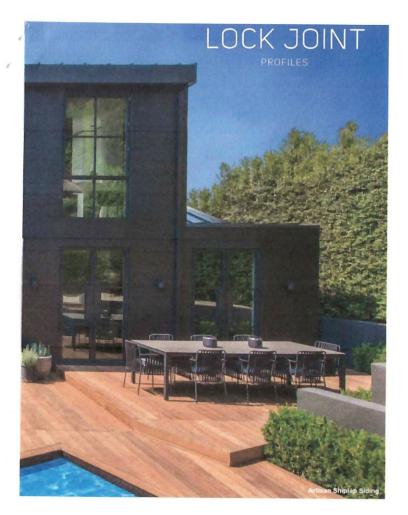




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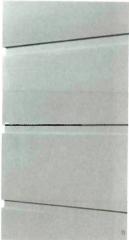
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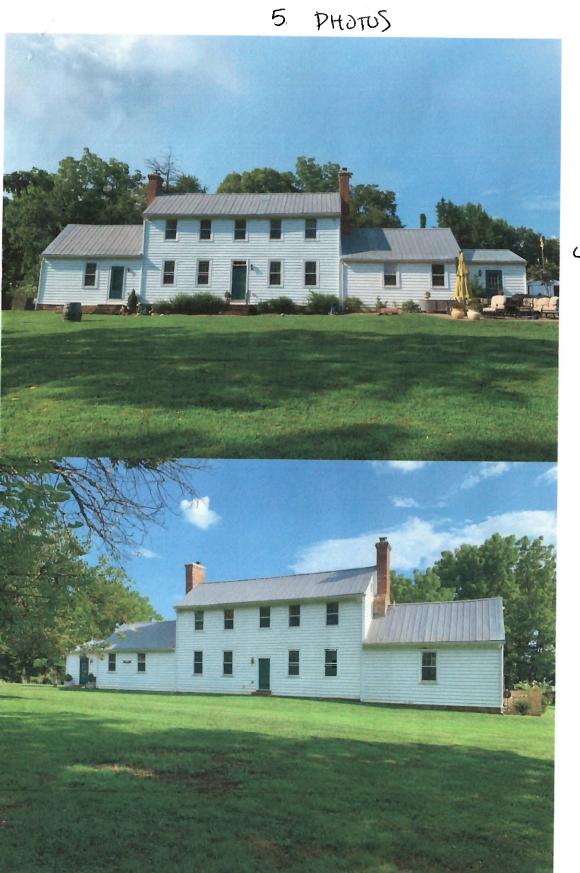
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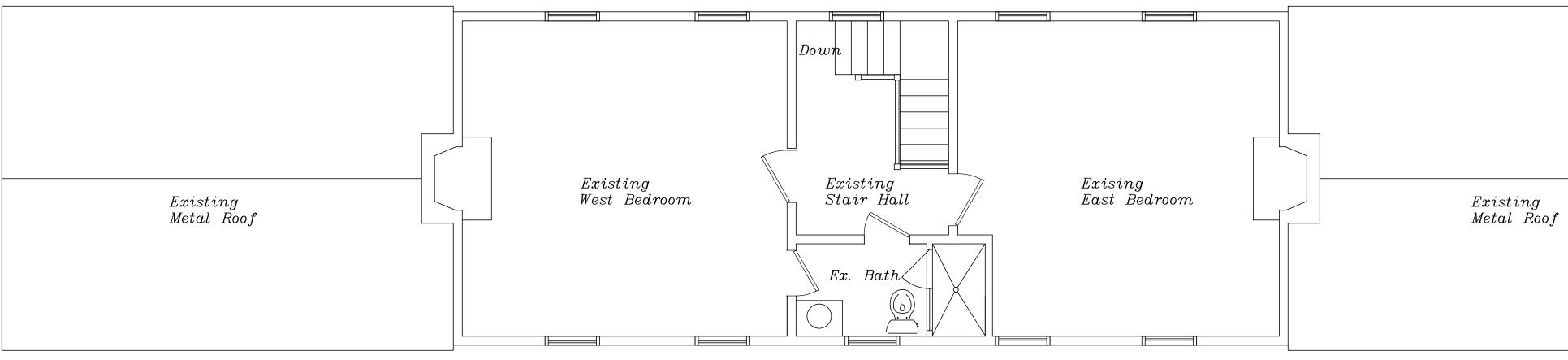




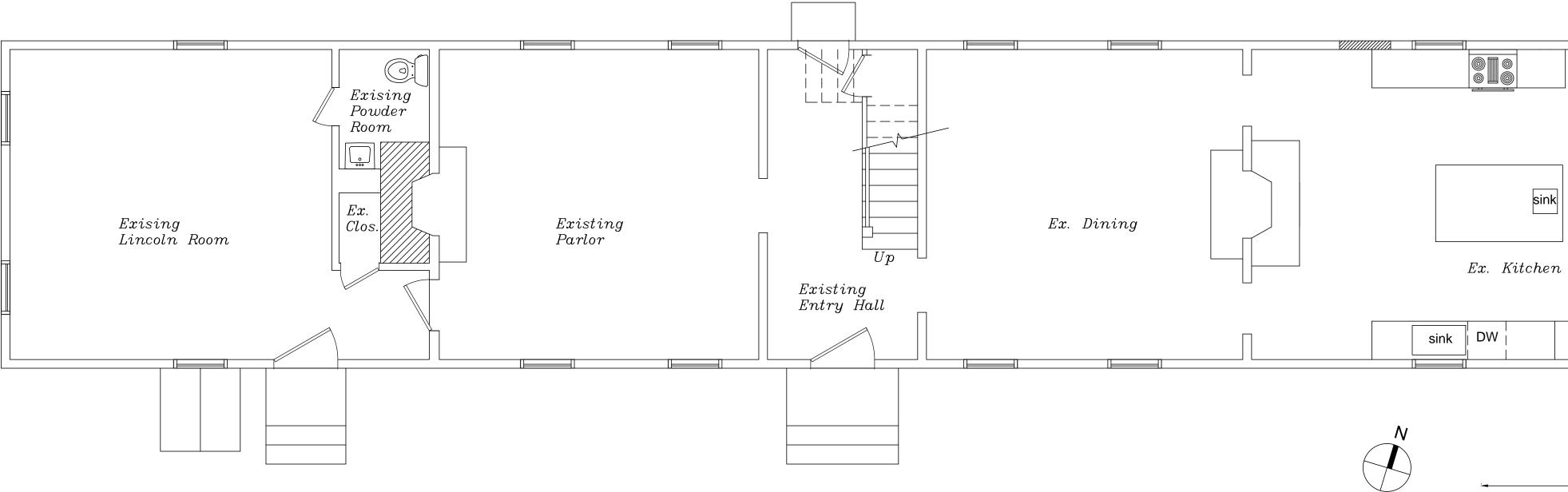




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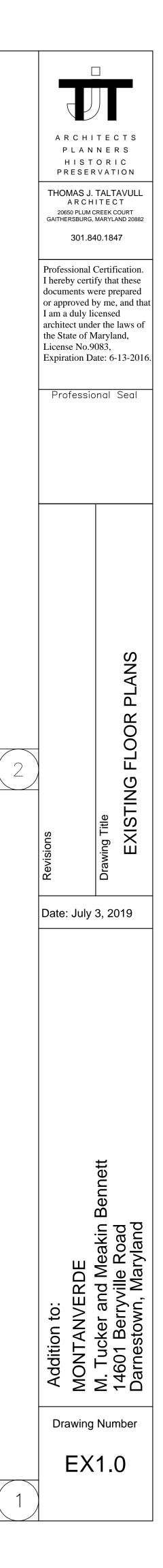
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