

COMPLETION OF THE MILITARY POST AT FORT LEWIS,
COLORADO.

M E S S A G E

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

*A communication from the Secretary of War, with plans, estimates, &c., for
the completion of the military post at Fort Lewis, Colorado.*

MARCH 29, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a communication from the Secretary of War, dated March 25, 1882, with accompanying correspondence, plans, and estimates, in which he recommends an appropriation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the completion of the new post at Fort Lewis, Colorado.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
March 29, 1882.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, March 25, 1882.

I have the honor to transmit, with the accompanying correspondence on the subject, plans and estimates for the completion of Fort Lewis, Colorado.

The amount already appropriated for the construction of this post is \$40,000, and a like sum is now asked to finish the same.

Fort Lewis is a remote post, and absolutely necessary for the protection of Southern and Western Colorado. The plans and estimates being approved by the General of the Army and the Quartermaster General, I respectfully recommend that an appropriation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be granted by Congress for the purpose.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
ROBT. T. LINCOLN,
Secretary of War.

To the PRESIDENT.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,
Fort Leavenworth, Kans., December 20, 1881.

Col. R. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant-General, Chicago, Ill. :

COLONEL: I have the honor to submit inclosed estimate for the completion of Fort Lewis, Colorado.

The post is one of the most important of the posts along that frontier, and should be thoroughly finished and kept garrisoned to its full capacity. It is placed practically between the Navajos and Utes, where their limits are conterminous along the San Juan River, and where it can best overlook the country as against both tribes. It is also well situated for commanding to a considerable extent all that region of country west and northwest of it known as the Dolores Valley and Plateau, where some of the best mining regions in Colorado are found, and which is being rapidly filled with people. The communication, too, with Southern Utah and the lower valley of Grand River is direct and easy, and for effective protection in any part of that country the garrison of Lewis will be easily available.

The plans for this post have been approved by the War Department, and it is to complete the work begun last year according to these plans that this appropriation of \$41,169.71 is respectfully asked.

I am, colonel, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. POPE,
Bvt. Maj. Gen., U. S. A., Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
Chicago, Ill., December 23, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general of the division, recommending reference of these papers to the War Department, with request that the present Congress be asked for an appropriation for this purpose.

C. H. TOMPKINS,
Asst. Q. M. General, U. S. A., Chief Quartermaster.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,
Chicago, December 27, 1881.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant-General of the Army, approved as recommended by the chief quartermaster of the division.

P. H. SHERIDAN,
Lieut. General Commanding.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., December 31, 1881.

Respectfully referred to the Quartermaster-General.

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant-General.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 11, 1882.

Respectfully submitted to the honorable Secretary of War, through headquarters of the Army, inviting attention to the recommendations of General Pope and the Lieutenant-General, that Congress be asked to appropriate \$41,169.71 for 8 sets of officers' quarters and 4 company barracks to complete the post of Fort Lewis on plans already approved. From records of this office the history of the case is as follows: On January 17, 1879, the Lieutenant-General recommended an appropriation of \$100,000 for an eight-company post at Pagosa Springs. The General of the Army reduced the amount to \$50,000 and the size of the post to four companies, and the Secretary, January 23, 1879, asked Congress for the \$50,000.

In sundry civil bill approved March 3, 1879, the following appeared: "To enable the Secretary of War to establish a military post in the vicinity of Pagosa Springs, \$40,000." The money was sent to Colonel Bingham April 28, 1880. Question of location claiming much attention, it was July, 1880, before plans were received and submitted to the Secretary, who approved them August 26, 1880, and authority was given to use therefor the \$40,000 already referred to and appropriated for the purpose. * * *

M. C. MEIGS,
Quartermaster-General, Bvt. Maj. Gen., U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Washington, February 24, 1882.

Respectfully submitted to the honorable Secretary of War, approved and recommended for \$40,000 at Fort Lewis, Colorado; plans and estimates herewith. Fort

COMPLETION OF MILITARY POST AT FORT LEWIS, COL. 3

Lewis is a remote new post, deemed absolutely necessary for the protection of Southern and Western Colorado.

W. T. SHERMAN,
General.

SPECIAL ESTIMATE OF FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE SERVICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT AT FORT LEWIS, COLORADO, BY 2D LIEUT. JAMES B. GOE, THIRTEENTH INFANTRY, ACTING ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER, FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW POST.

Estimated cost of one set of barracks for enlisted men.

630 days carpenters' work, at \$2.....	\$1,260 00
18 days bricklayers' work, at \$4.....	72 00
94,500 feet lumber, at \$23.....	2,173 50
13,000 shingles, at \$7.....	91 00
10,500 brick, at \$6.....	63 00
390 feet glass, at 18 c.....	70 20
30 door locks, at \$8.50 per doz.....	21 25
80 days' labor, lathing and plastering, at \$4.....	320 00
400 bushels lime, at 50 c.....	200 00
320 lbs. plastering hair, at 4 c.....	12 80
3 barrels cement, at \$3.....	9 00
30,000 laths, at \$7.....	210 00
200 lbs. lath nails, at 7 c.....	14 00
700 lbs. cut nails, at 7 c.....	49 00
30 pair hinges, at \$1.25.....	37 50
Total.....	4,603 25
Estimated cost of 4 sets.....	18,413 00

Estimated cost of construction of one set of officers' quarters.

403 days carpenters' work, at \$2.....	806 00
18 days bricklayers' work, at \$4.....	72 00
65,000 feet lumber, at \$23.....	1,495 00
45,000 shingles, at \$7.....	315 00
14,000 bricks, at \$6.....	84 00
510 feet glass, at 18 c.....	91 80
30 door locks, at \$8.50 per doz.....	21 25
30 pair hinges, at \$1.25.....	37 50
34 sash fasteners.....	20 40
71 days' labor, lathing and plastering, at \$4.....	284 00
352 bushels lime, at 50 c.....	176 00
300 lbs. plastering hair, at 4 c.....	12 00
2 barrels cement, at \$3.00.....	6 00
27,000 laths, at \$7.00.....	189 00
200 lbs. lath nails, at 7 c.....	14 00
700 lbs. cut nails, at 7 c.....	49 00
Total.....	3,672 75
Estimated cost 8 sets officers' quarters.....	29,382 00

JAMES B. GOE,
2d Lieut. 13th Infy., A. A. Q. M.

FORT LEWIS, COL., June 22, 1881.

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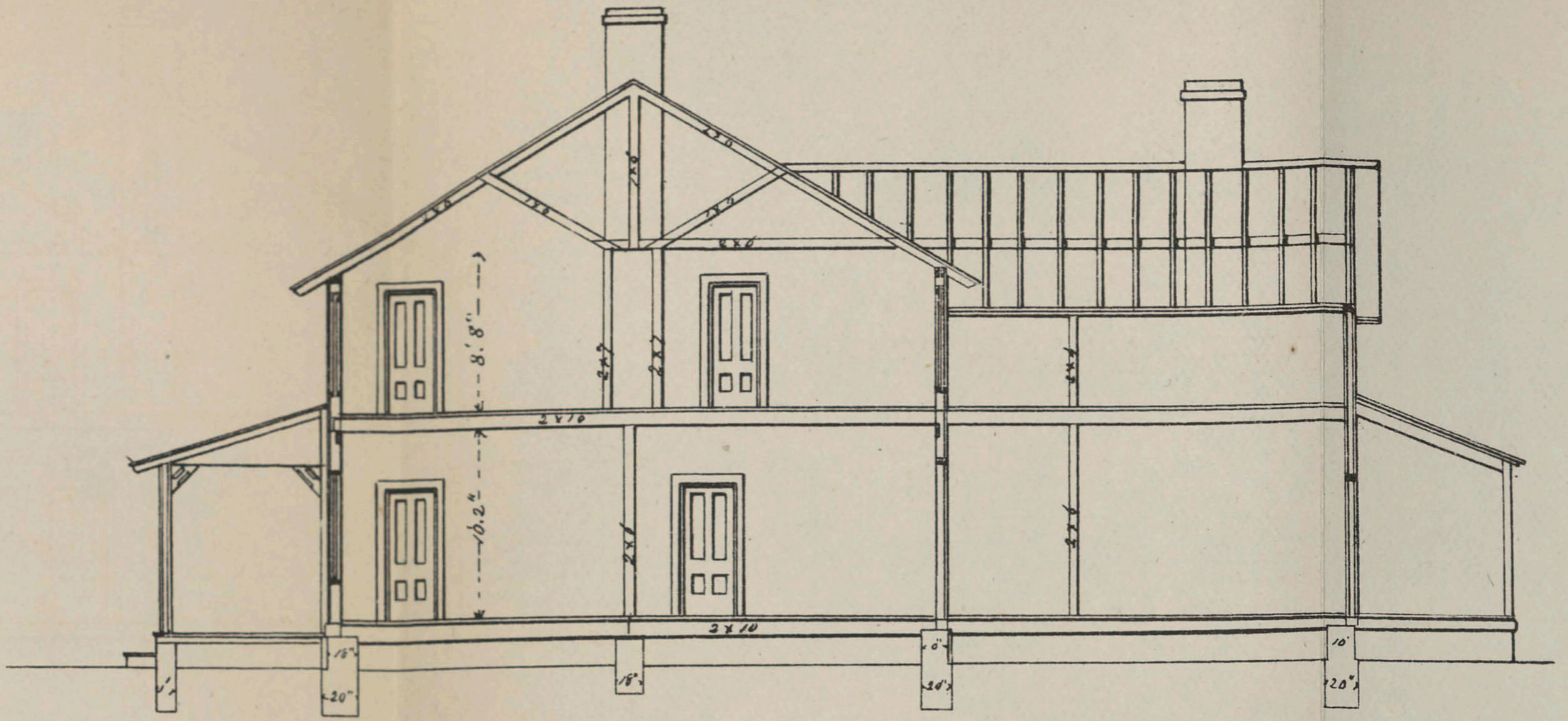
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Lt. Col. 13th Infy., Comd'g.

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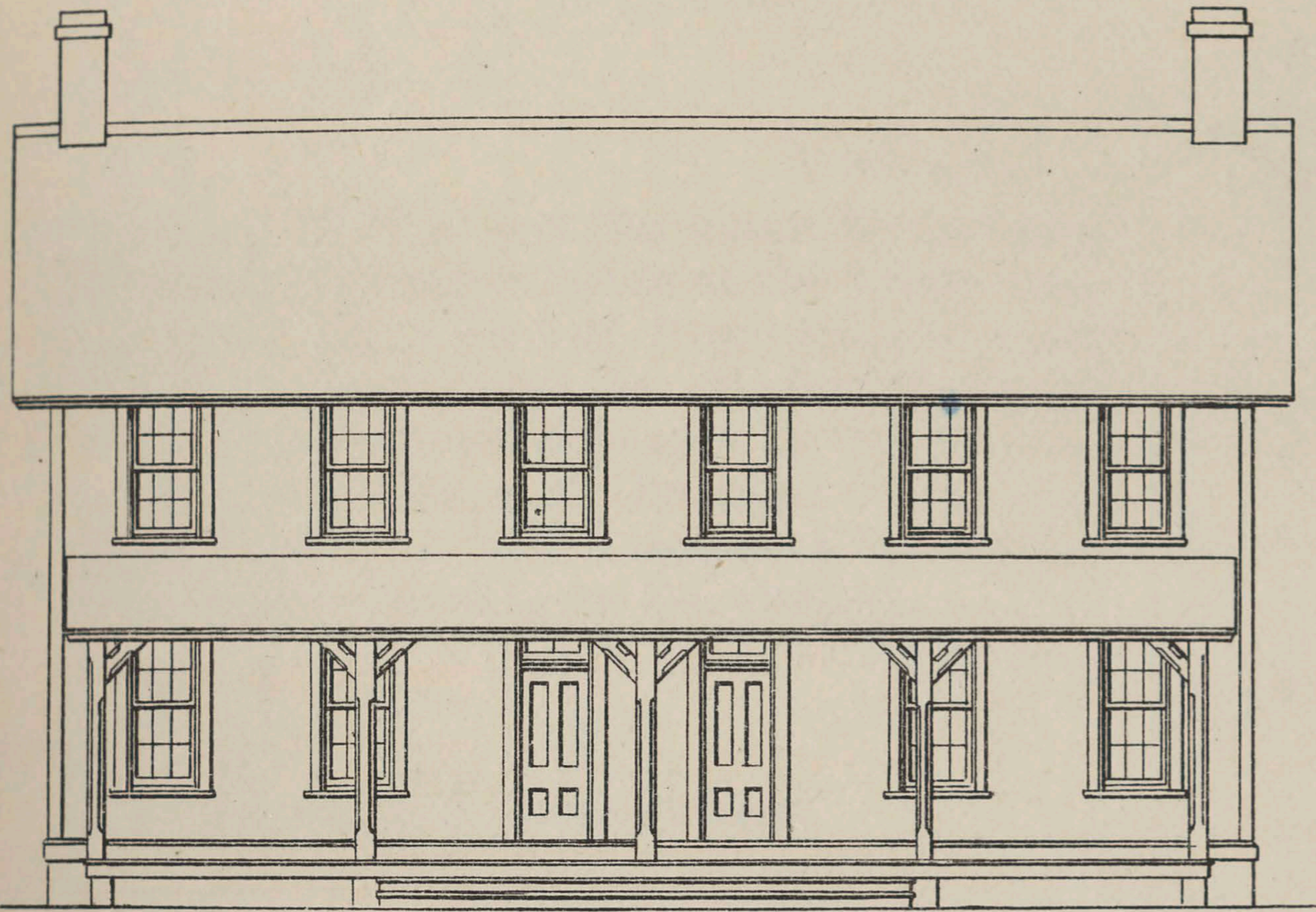
JNO. POPE,
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December 18, 1881.

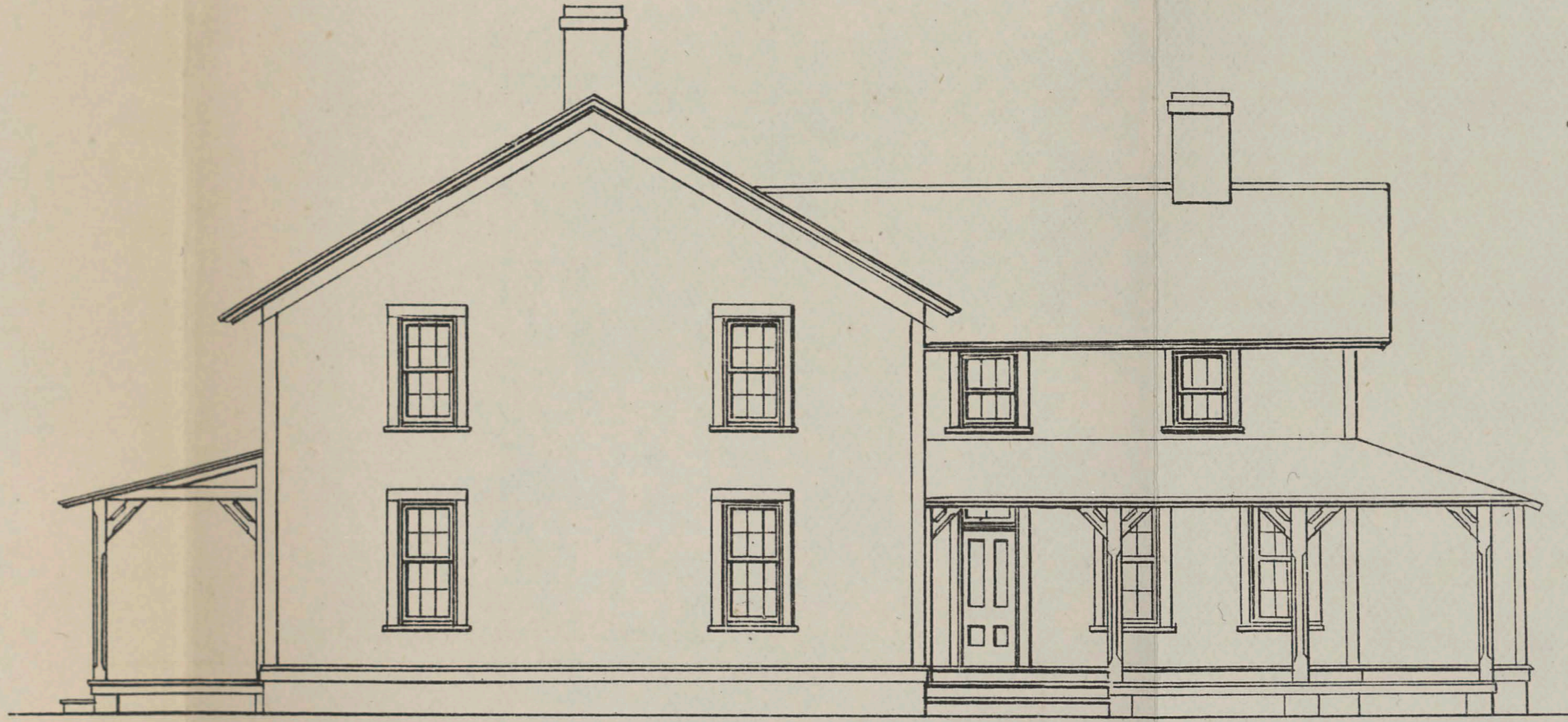
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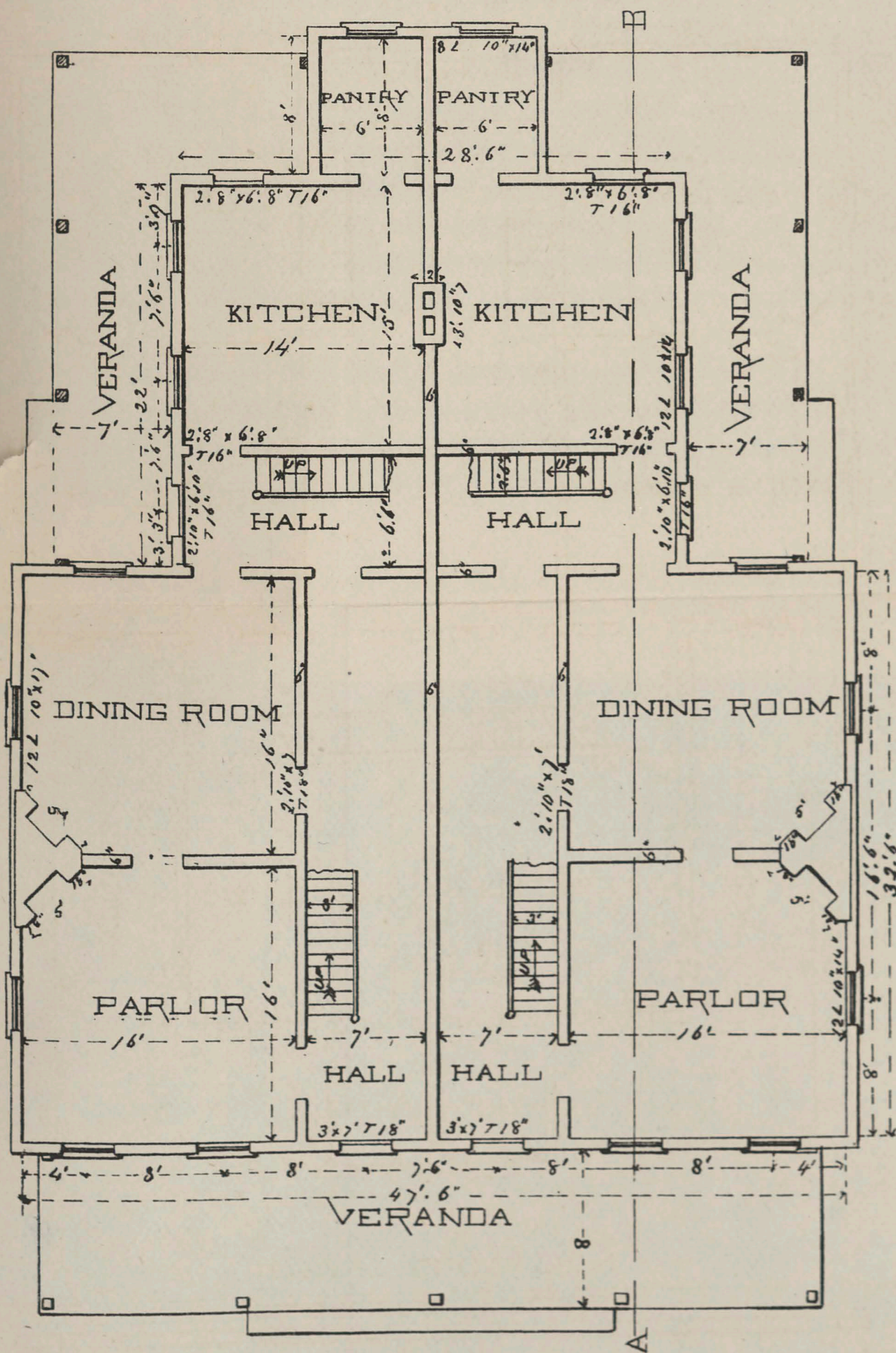
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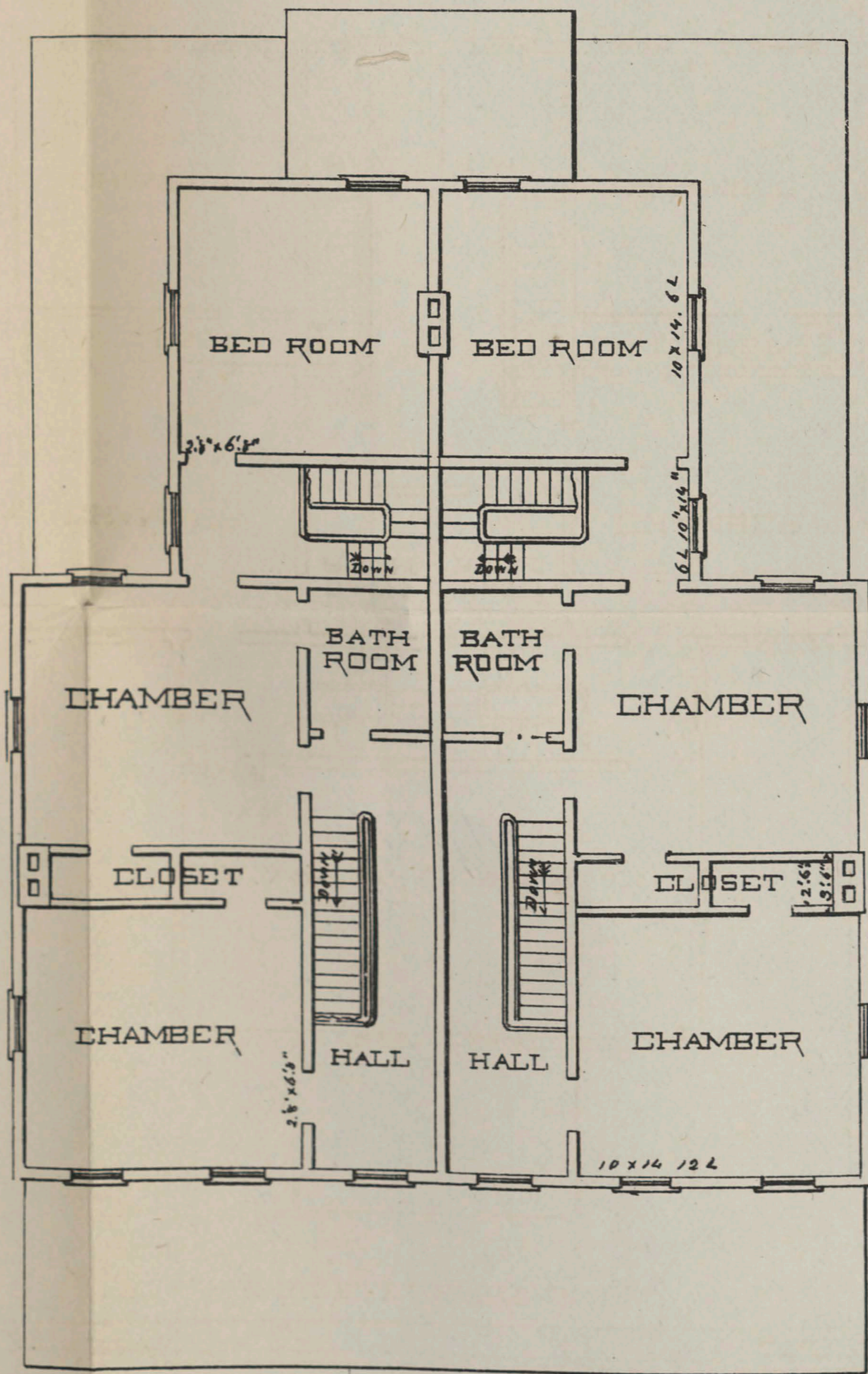
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SIDE ELEVATION



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