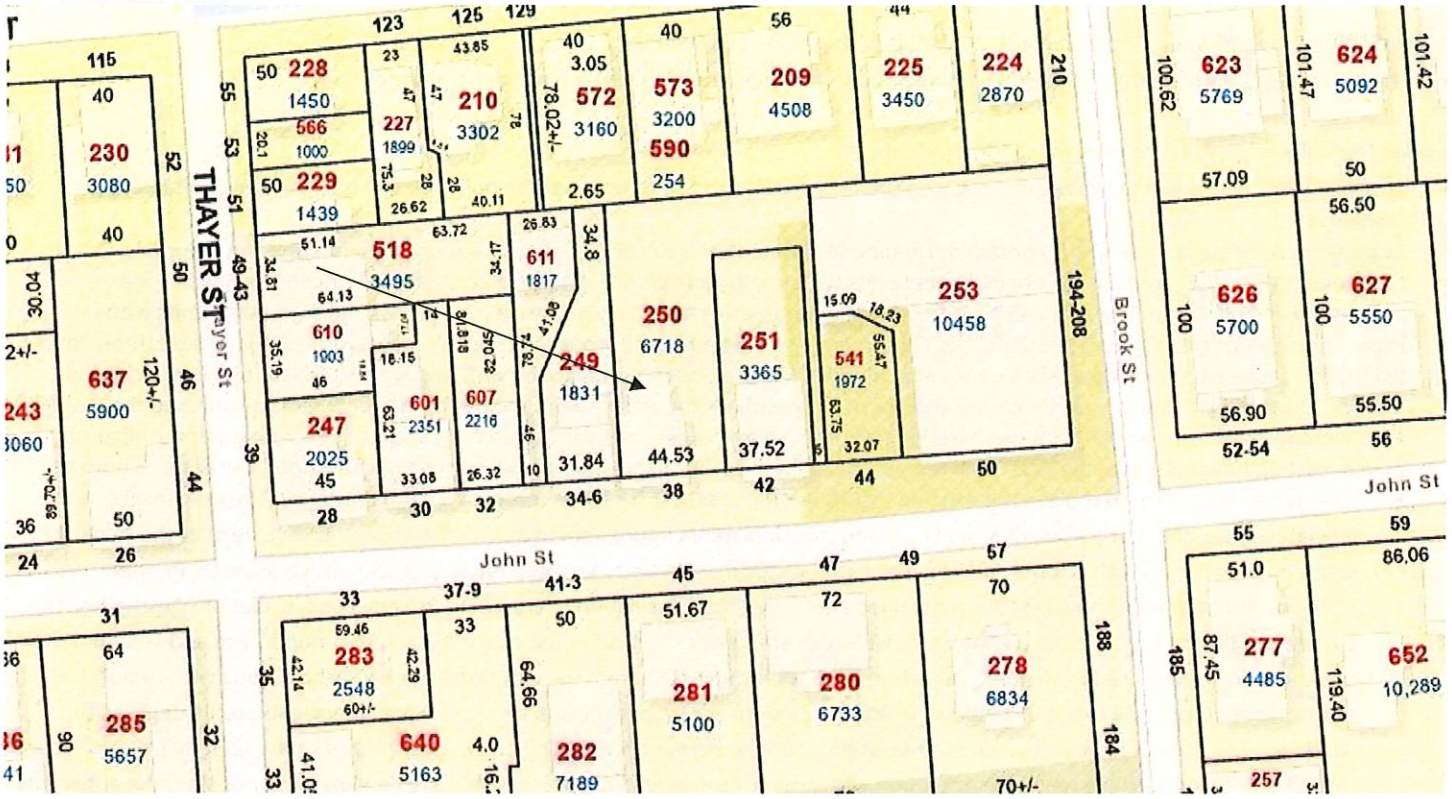
3. CASE 24.046, 38 JOHN STREET, Elisha Wells House, 1842 (COLLEGE HILL)

Vernacular Greek Revival; 2 ½ story, clapboard frame, flank-gable-roof house with a four-bay-wide façade with an off-center entry with a small transom and a pediment.

CONTRIBUTING



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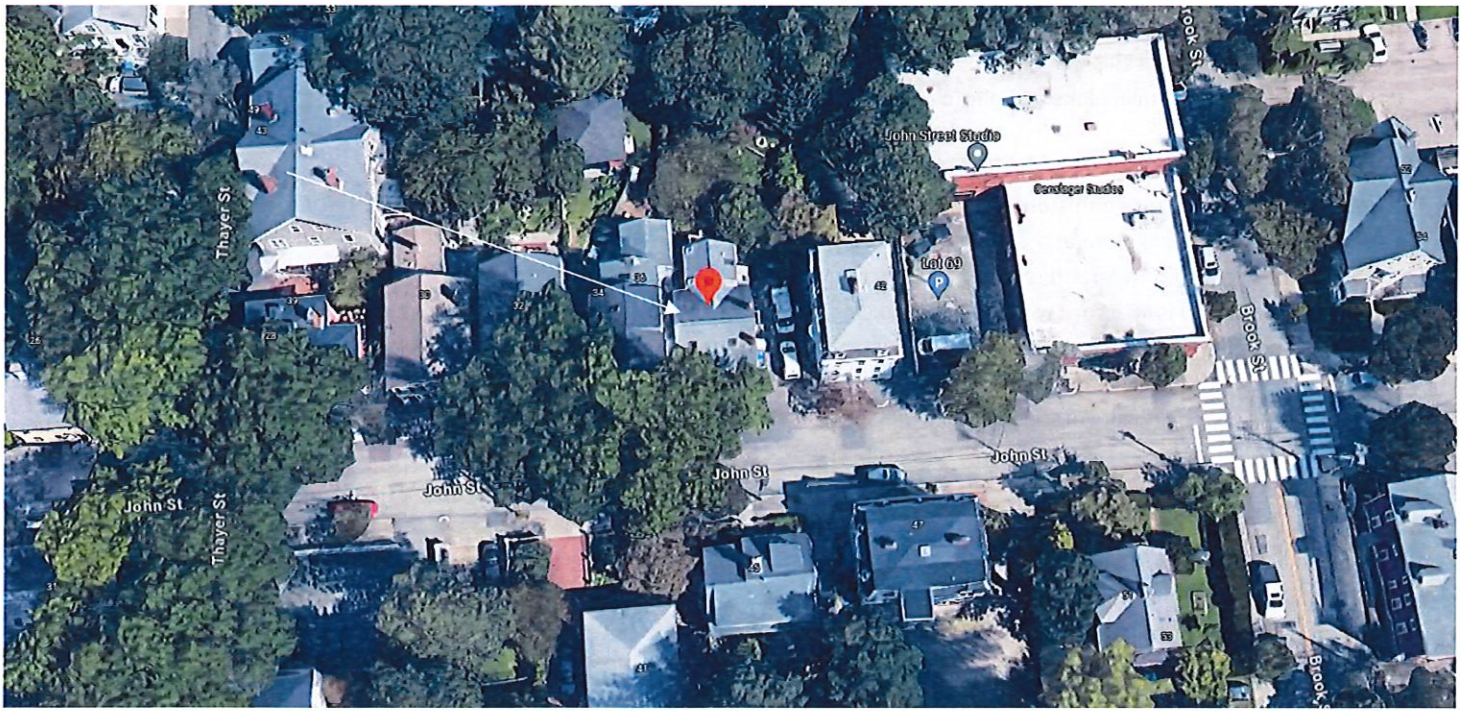

Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

Applicants: Byron Alex & Victoria Restler, 216 Carpenter Street, Providence, RI 02909
Owner: Antonia Steinberg LLC, 38 John Street, Providence, RI 02906
Architect: Mark Rapp, ACME Architects LLC, 9 Simmons Road, Little Compton, RI 02837

Proposal: The scope of work proposed consists of Major Alterations and includes:

- the removal of approximately 24 existing windows and installation of insulated replacement windows.

Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- The applicants would like to replace windows on the first, second and third floors of the building. The building is single-family residence;
- Evaluation: At present three floors contain thirty-nine (39) windows in eleven (11) unique configurations, sizes and materials. Of the total, twenty-two (22) are possibly original wood units with single pane glazing. Of those, most are in fair condition with some as inoperable and damaged. The remaining fourteen (14) are non-original units which are a mix of vinyl and wood sash units with no regard to previous glazing configurations. Sash Replacement: The applicants propose to replace twenty-four (24) units on three floors (61%). The replacement windows shall be shall be Marvin "Elevate" insert double hung windows with fiberglass exterior and wood interior. Units fit just behind exterior casing and are made weathertight with sealant and backer rod between the unit and the casing. New window screens to be half-window. Exterior color to be black. Most units will have a 6/6 configuration with others configured to match existing functions, window sizes shall remain the same. The existing sashes and aluminum storm windows shall be removed;
  - The Owner would like to replace the existing sashes with new sashes for three reasons: Energy Efficiency: The new sashes, with insulated glass, and more efficient jamb liners and function are an improvement in air infiltration and U-value over the existing single pane windows with storm windows. The existing storm windows have weep holes in the sill which allow air to enter the building. Also, the weight pockets are to be filled with spray foam insulation to complete the envelope insulation; Aesthetics: The Owner is willing to install replacement windows which are nearly identical to the existing ones. The muntin size and spacing will be matched. The difference in glass area reduction is 12.5% for unit "D". From the exterior, the new sashes, along with removal of the storm windows, will result in windows which are close to the original in size, function, appearance and profile depth with windows within the wall plane, which is diminished by the storm windows. Lead Safety: The removal of the existing painted wood sashes, combined with the new sash operation with greatly reduce lead exposure within the building. In conclusion, the applicants believe that the replacement units for this building closely match the design intent and function of the existing units. The window frames along with exterior casings and trim are to remain. Improving building performance and safety, while maintaining design integrity is the goal of this work; and,
  - An architect's narrative, plans and photos have been submitted.

Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

a) 38 John Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the College local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the College Hill National Register Historic District;
b) The application for Major Alterations is considered complete; and,
c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standards 2 & 8 as follows: the proposed alterations are appropriate having determined that the proposed construction will be similar in size and appearance to the existing, matching in visual features (Standard 2) and is architecturally and historically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that while diminishing the historic quality of the property will not have an adverse effect on the property or district (Standard 8).

Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 38 John Street is a structure of historical and architectural significance that contribute to the significance of the College Hill local historic district, having been recognized as a contributing structure to the College Hill National Register Historic District. The Commission grants Final Approval of the proposal as submitted having determined that the proposed alterations are appropriate as the proposed alterations will be similar in size and appearance to the existing, matching in visual features (Standard 2) and architecturally and historically compatible with the property and district having an appropriate size, scale and form that while diminishing the historic quality of the property will not have an adverse effect on the property or district (Standard 8) citing and agreeing to the recommendations in the staff report, with staff to review any additional required details.

Project: Elisha Wells House
Address: 38 John Street, Providence, RI 02906
Date: 3 May 2024
Re: Application Information

NARRATIVE – Scope of Work

Window Replacement

The client would like to replace windows on the first, second and third floors of the building. The building is single-family residence.

Evaluation

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Sash Replacement

We propose to replace twenty-four (24) units on three floors (61%)

The replacement windows shall be:

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- Lead Safety – The removal of the existing painted wood sashes, combined with the new sash operation with greatly reduce lead exposure within the building.

In conclusion, we believe that the replacement units for this building closely match the design intent and function of the existing units. The window frames along with exterior casings and trim are to remain. Improving building performance and safety, while maintaining design integrity is the goal of this work.

End of Narrative

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Figure 1 - South elevation - John Street

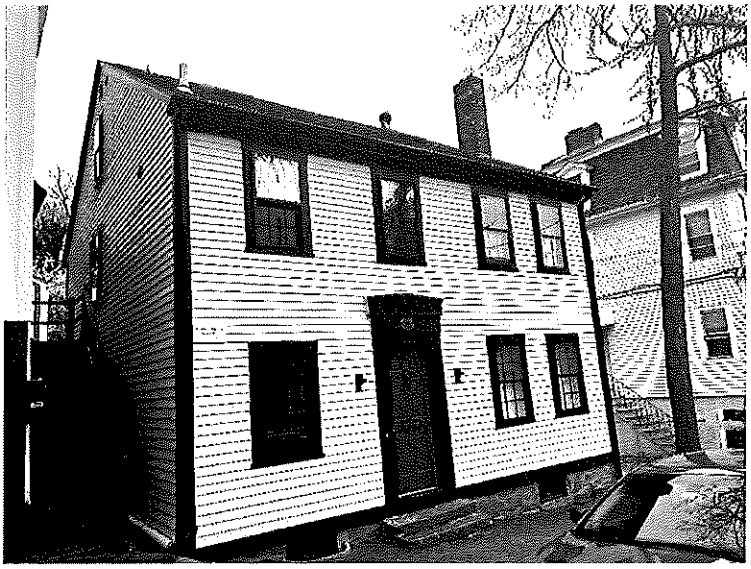
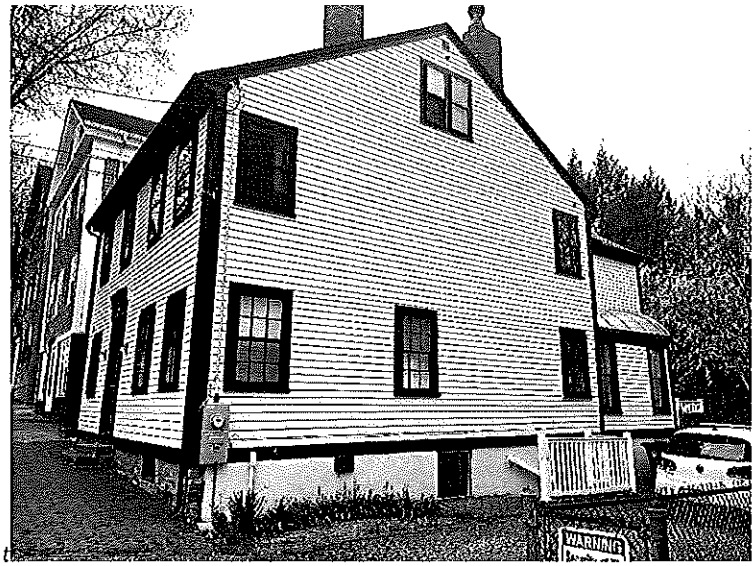


Figure 2 - John Street



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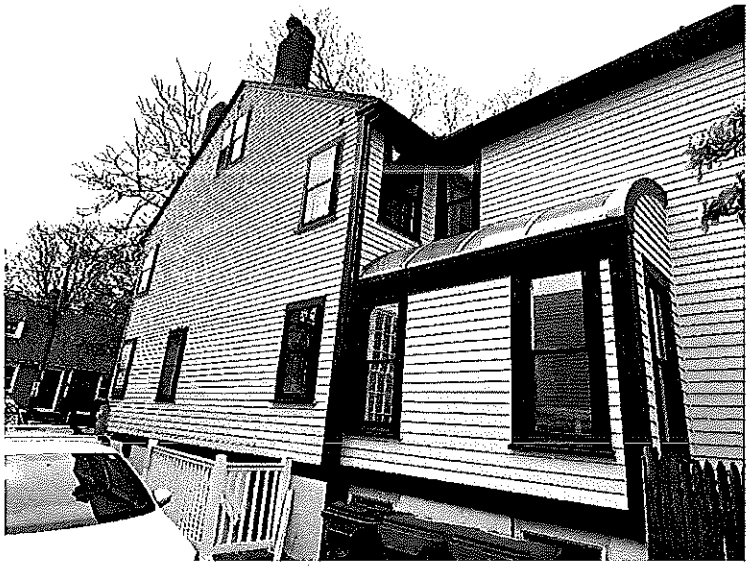

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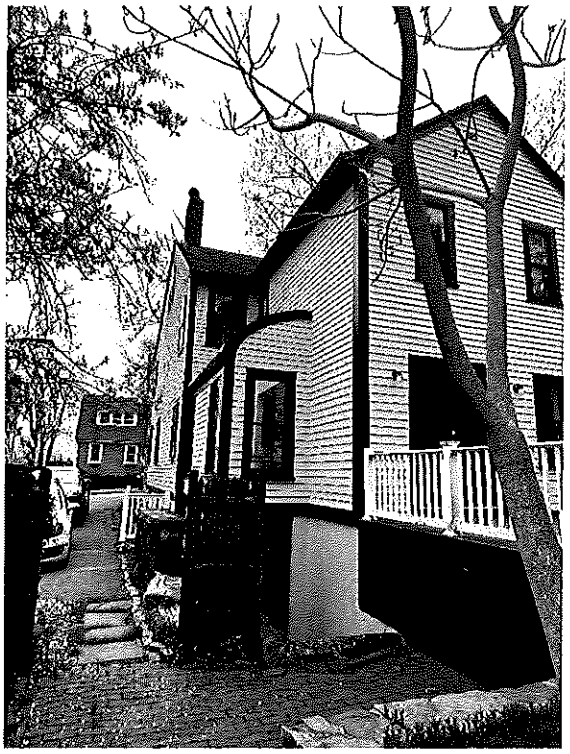

Figure 5 - NE corner

Figure 6 - Partial NW corner

Figure 7 - Unit "D"

Figure 8 - Unit "F"

Figure 9 - Unit "A"

Figure 10 - Unit "B"

Figure 11 - Unit "D"

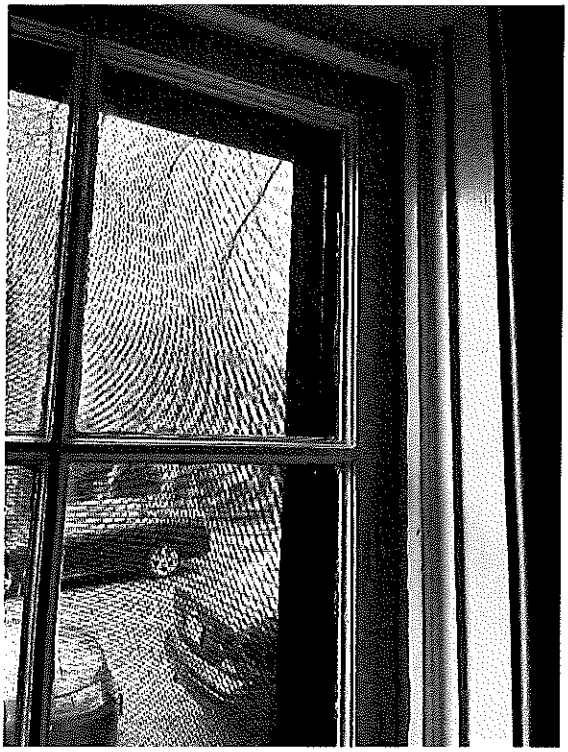

Figure 12 - Detail unit "D"

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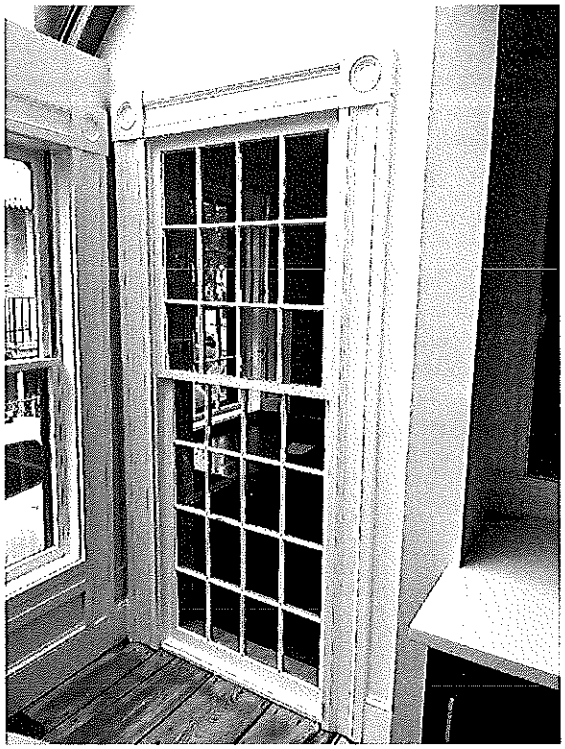

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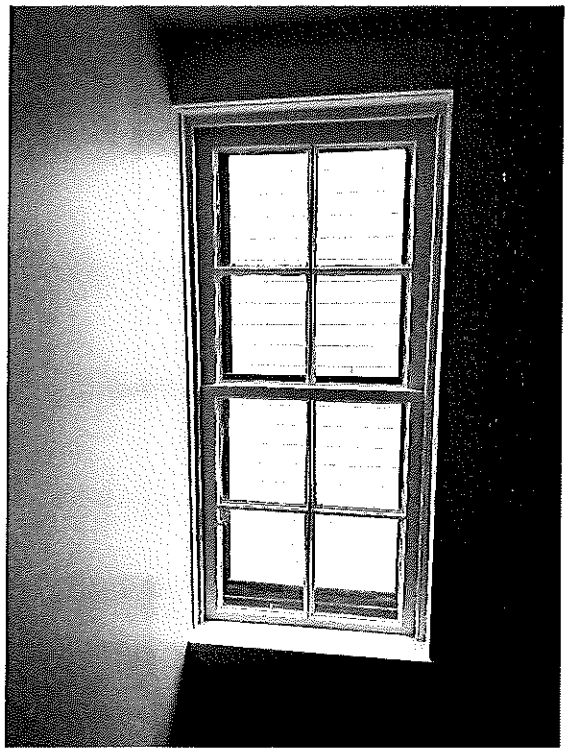

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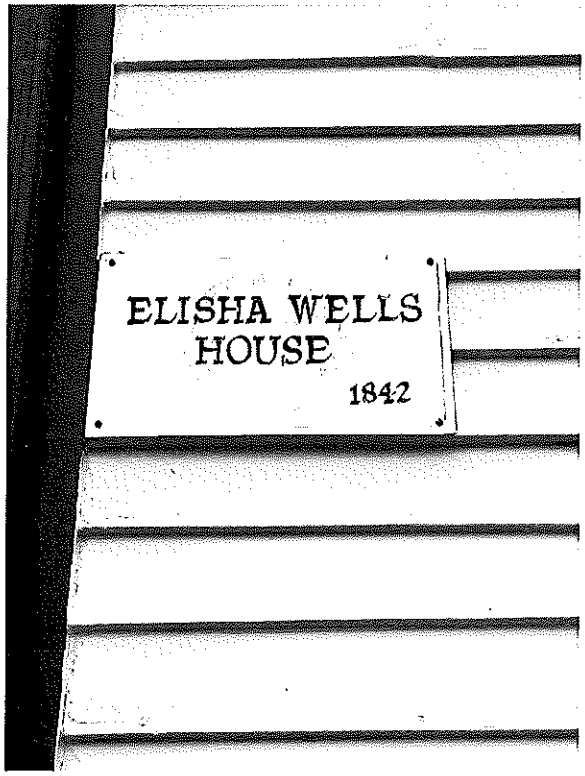
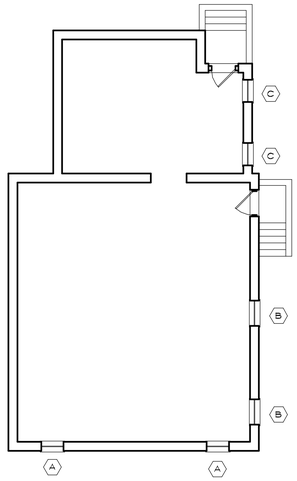


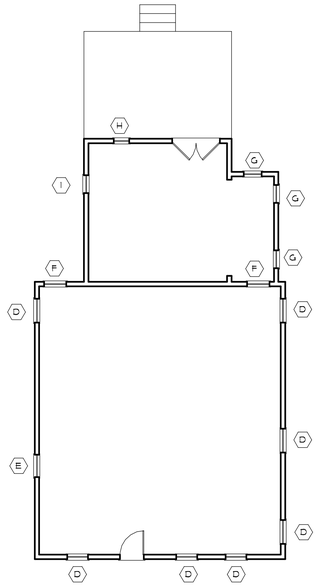
Figure 17 - Plaque



1 / A1.1 BASEMENT PLAN

1/8" = 1'-0"

NORTH



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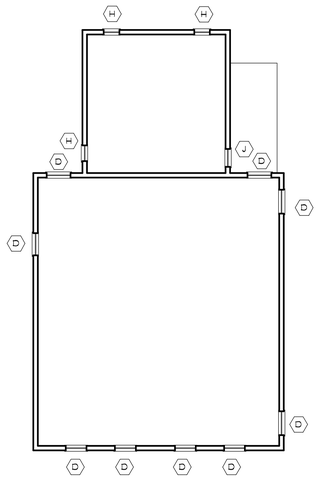
1/8" = 1'-0"



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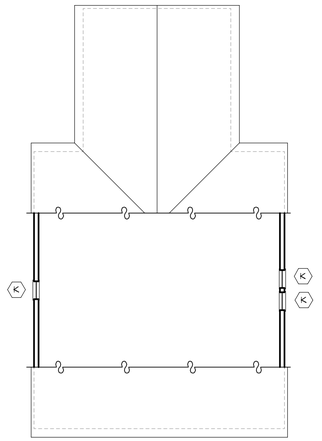

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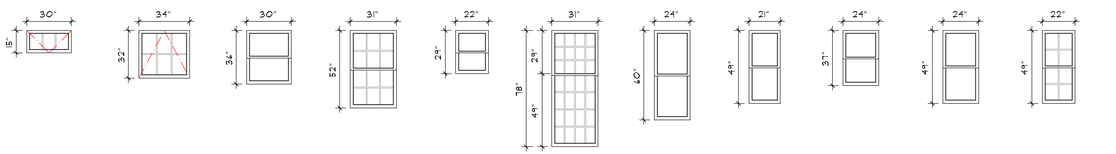
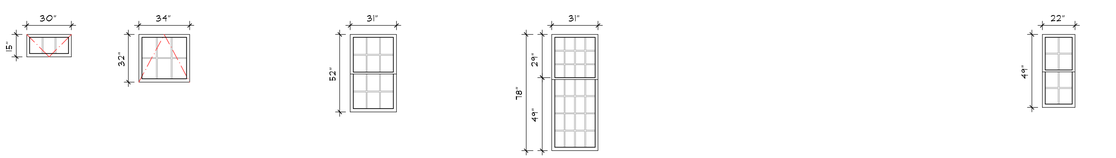


5 / A1.1 WINDOW SCHEDULE - EXISTING

1/4" = 1'-0"



6 / A1.1 WINDOW SCHEDULE - PROPOSED

1/4" = 1'-0"

THESE NEW SASHES ARE TO BE WOOD CLAD, INSULATED GLASS WITH SIMULATED DIVIDED LIGHTS

PROPOSED WINDOW SASH REPLACEMENT

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KEY PLANS, WINDOW SCHEDULE

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DATE: 5/3/24
SCALE: AS NOTED

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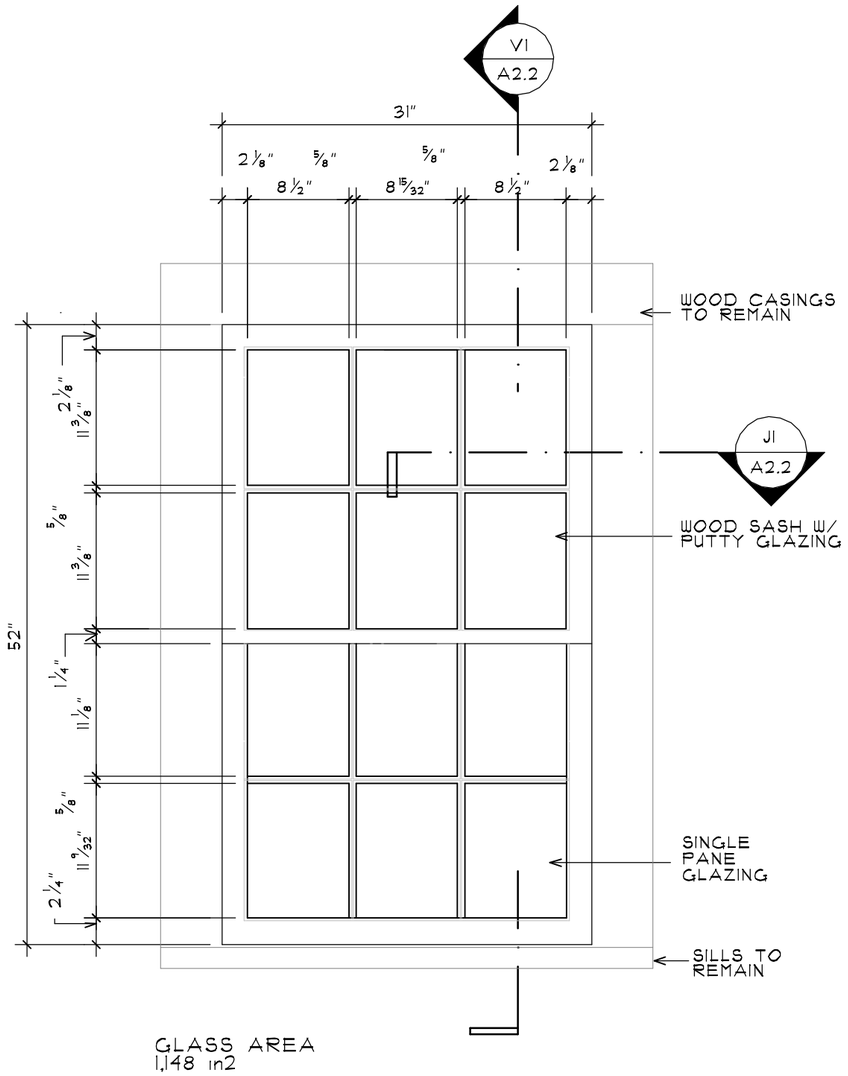
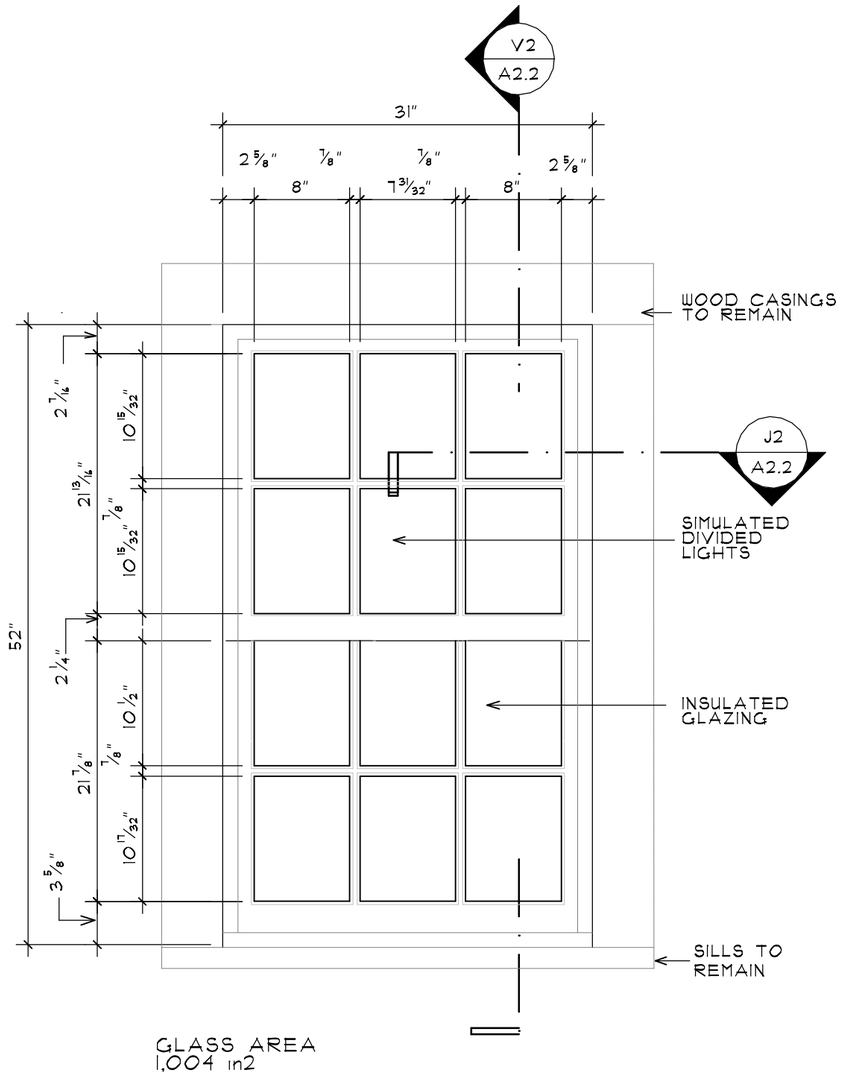


GLASS AREA
1,148 in2



GLASS AREA
1,004 in2

1 / A2.1 EXISTING WINDOW
1" = 1'-0"
UNIT "D"

2 / A2.1 PROPOSED SASH REPLACEMENT
1" = 1'-0"
UNIT "D"

A2.1

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WINDOW ELEVATIONS

5/2/24

1" = 1'-0"

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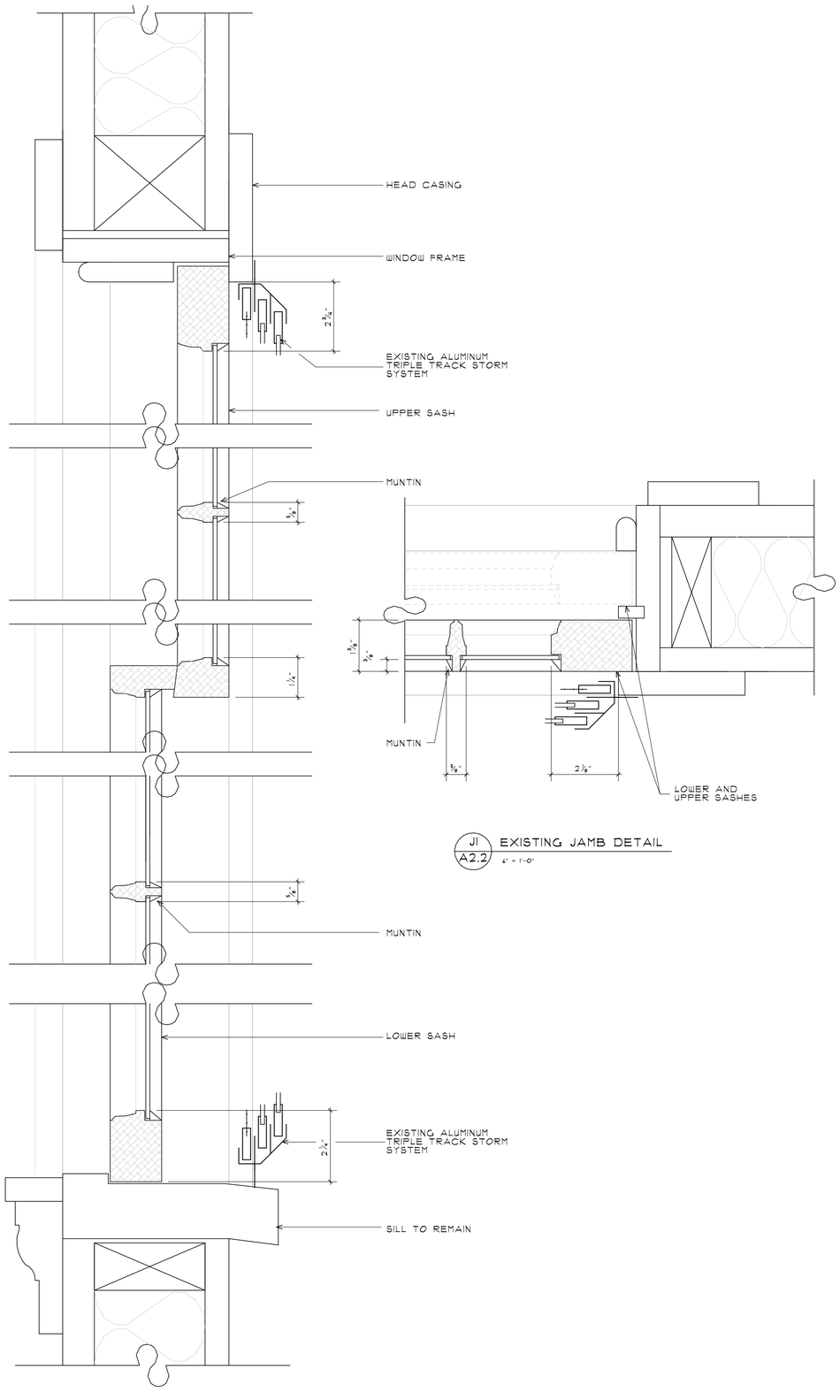

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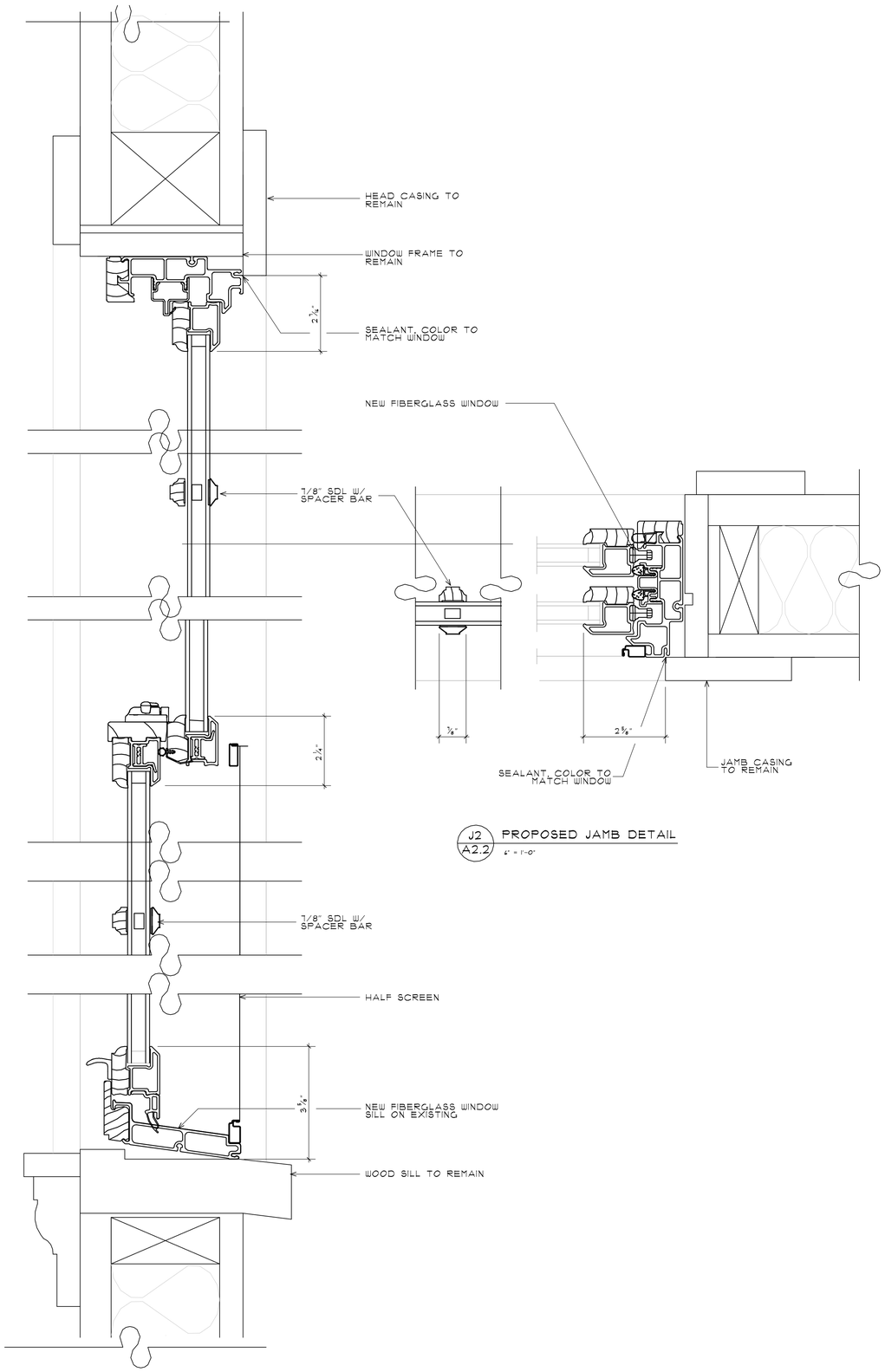
6" = 1'-0"

V1 A2.2 EXISTING WINDOW SECTION - VERTICAL
6" = 1'-0"



J2 A2.2 PROPOSED JAMB DETAIL
6" = 1'-0"

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PROPOSED WINDOW SASH REPLACEMENT

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WINDOW DETAILS

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