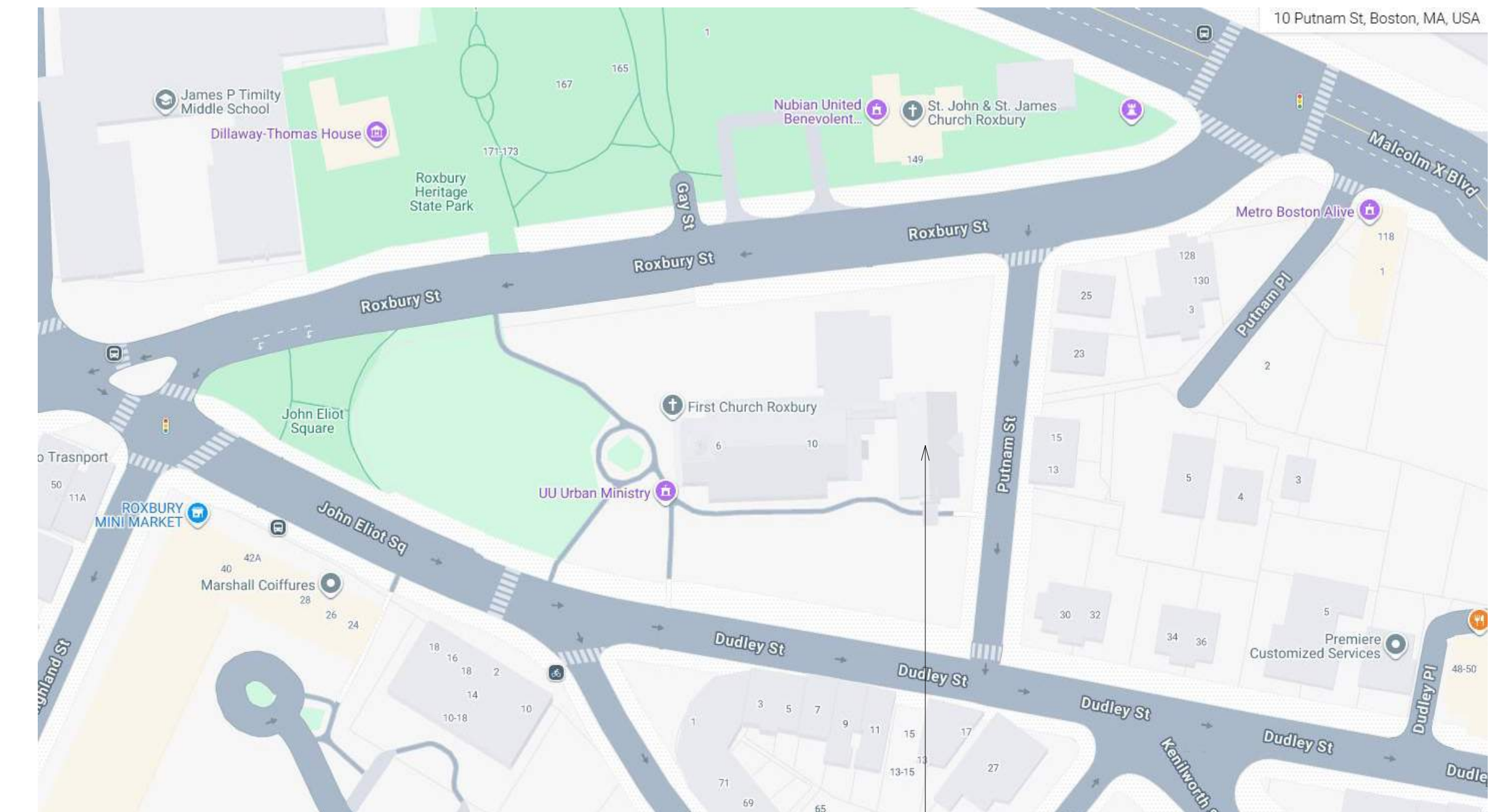


FIRST CHURCH OF ROXBURY

10 PUTNAM ST

BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW

JUNE 23, 2026



Location Map

PUTNAM CHAPEL



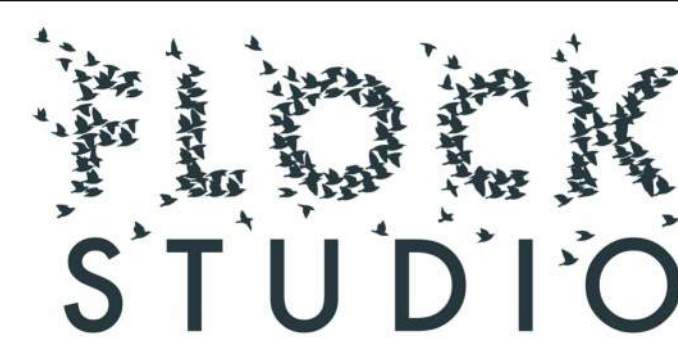
Existing View of Putnam Chapel North Elevation and Peace Garden



View of Boston and Roxbury Skyline from Peace Garden (Putnam Chapel is to the right)

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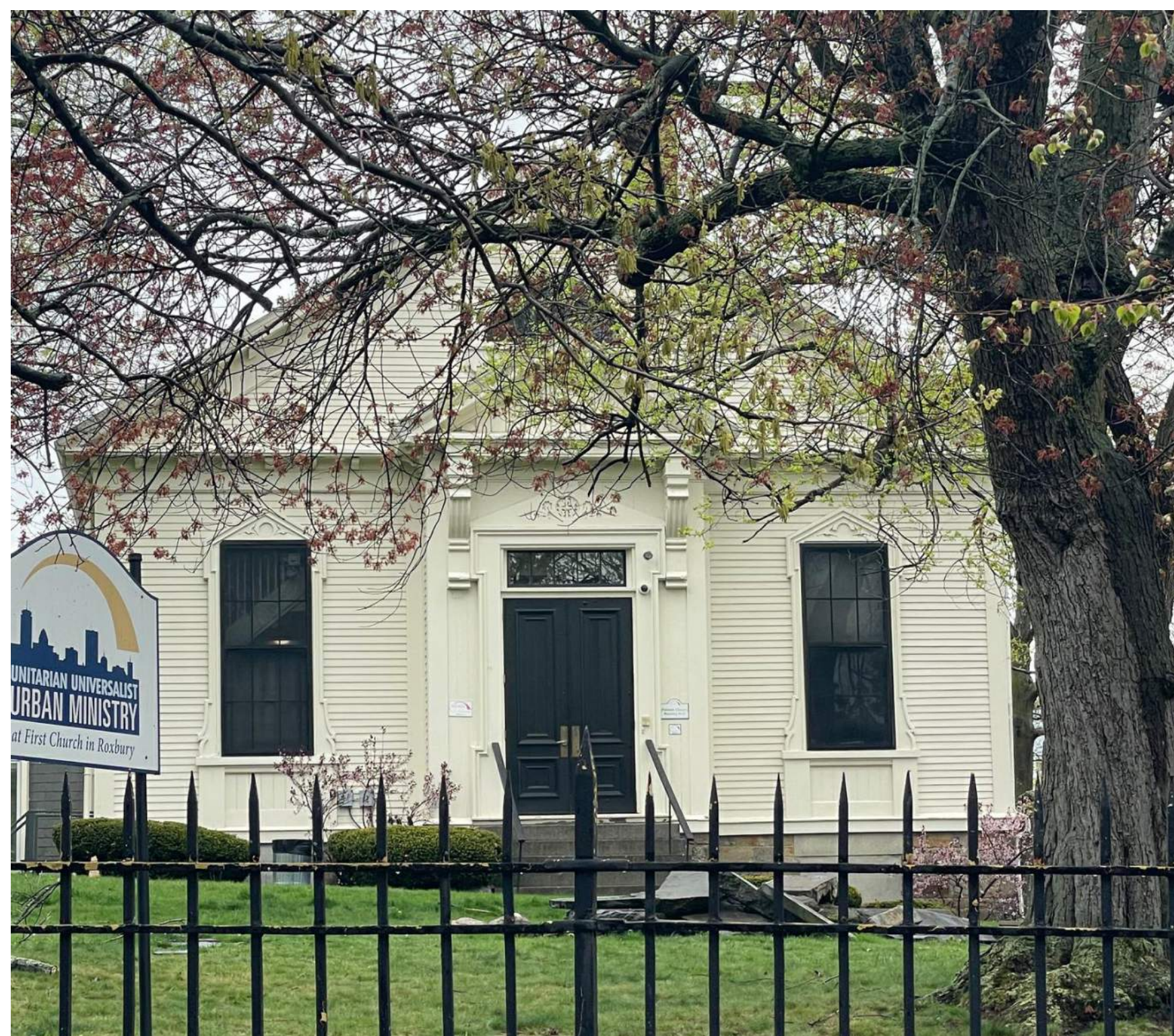
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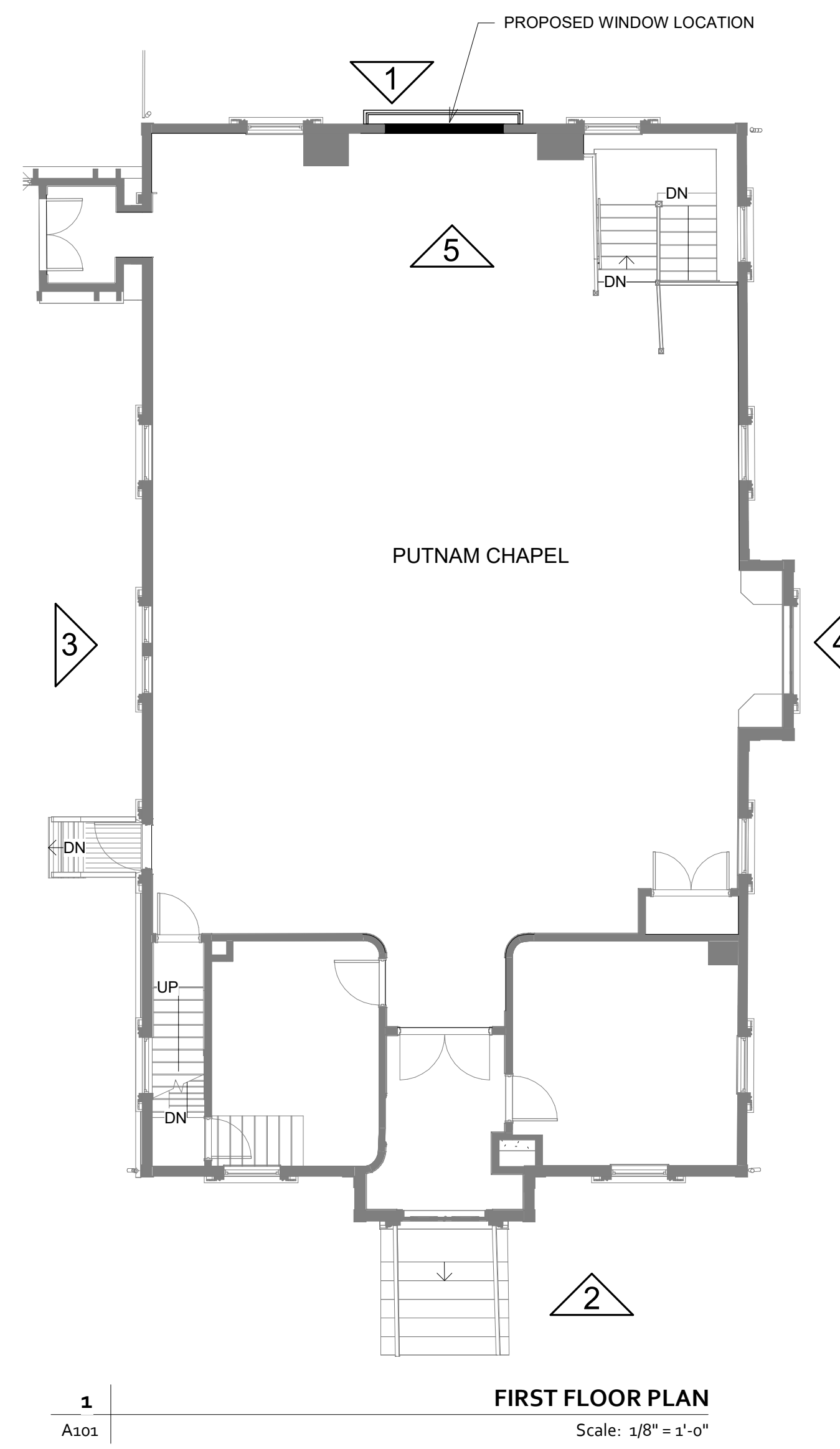
5: Existing Interior Elevation of North Wall



3: Existing West Elevation



2: Existing South Elevation



Window Trim Detail



4: Existing East Elevation (Proposed window on North elevation to match size of center window)

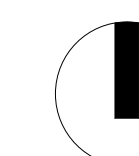
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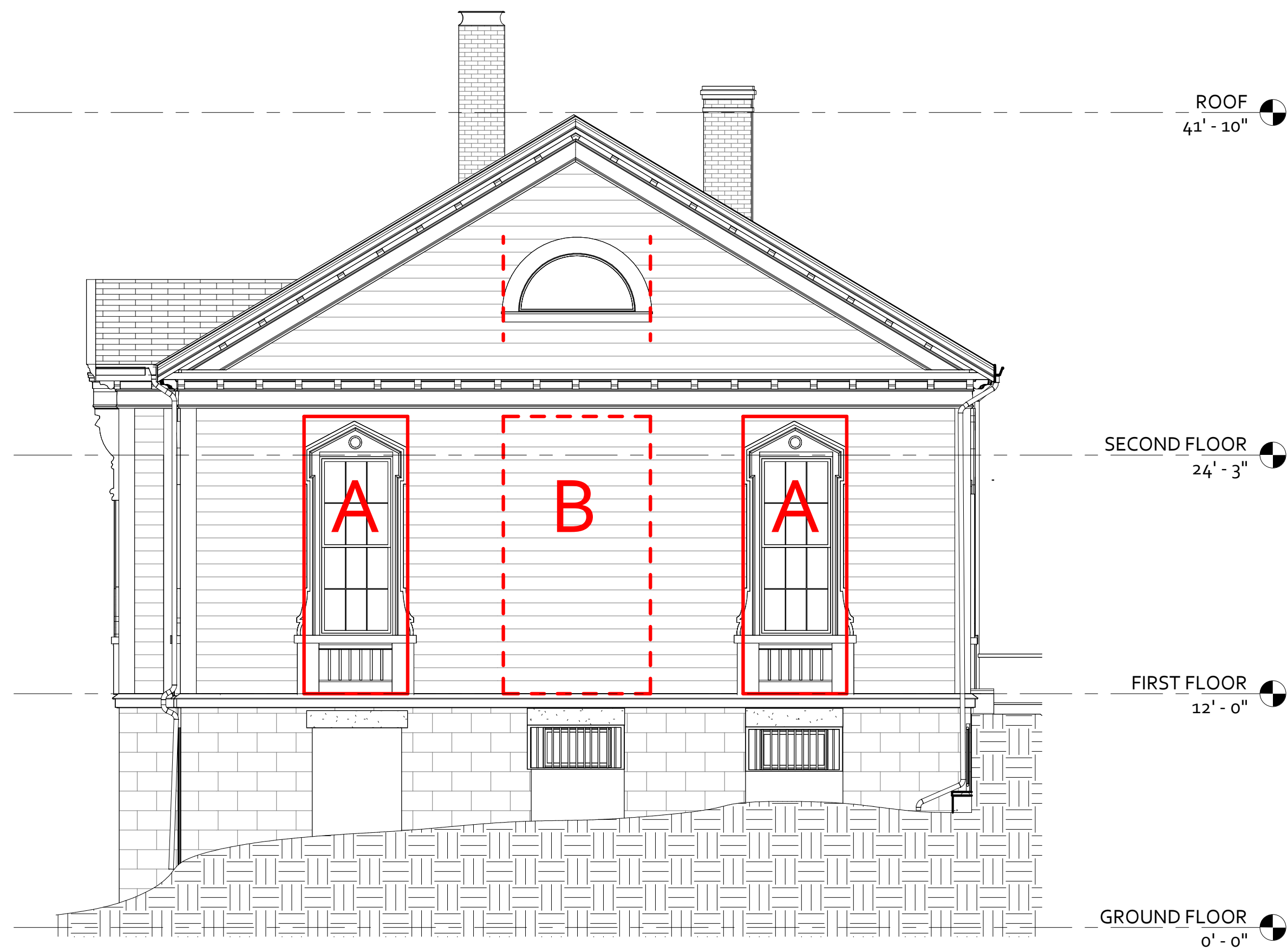
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EXISTING PHOTOS

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EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION
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EXISTING EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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Existing Photos of North Facade From Peace Garden



Existing Interior Photo of North Wall



Proposed Interior Rendering of North Wall

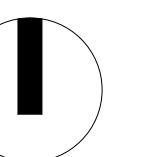
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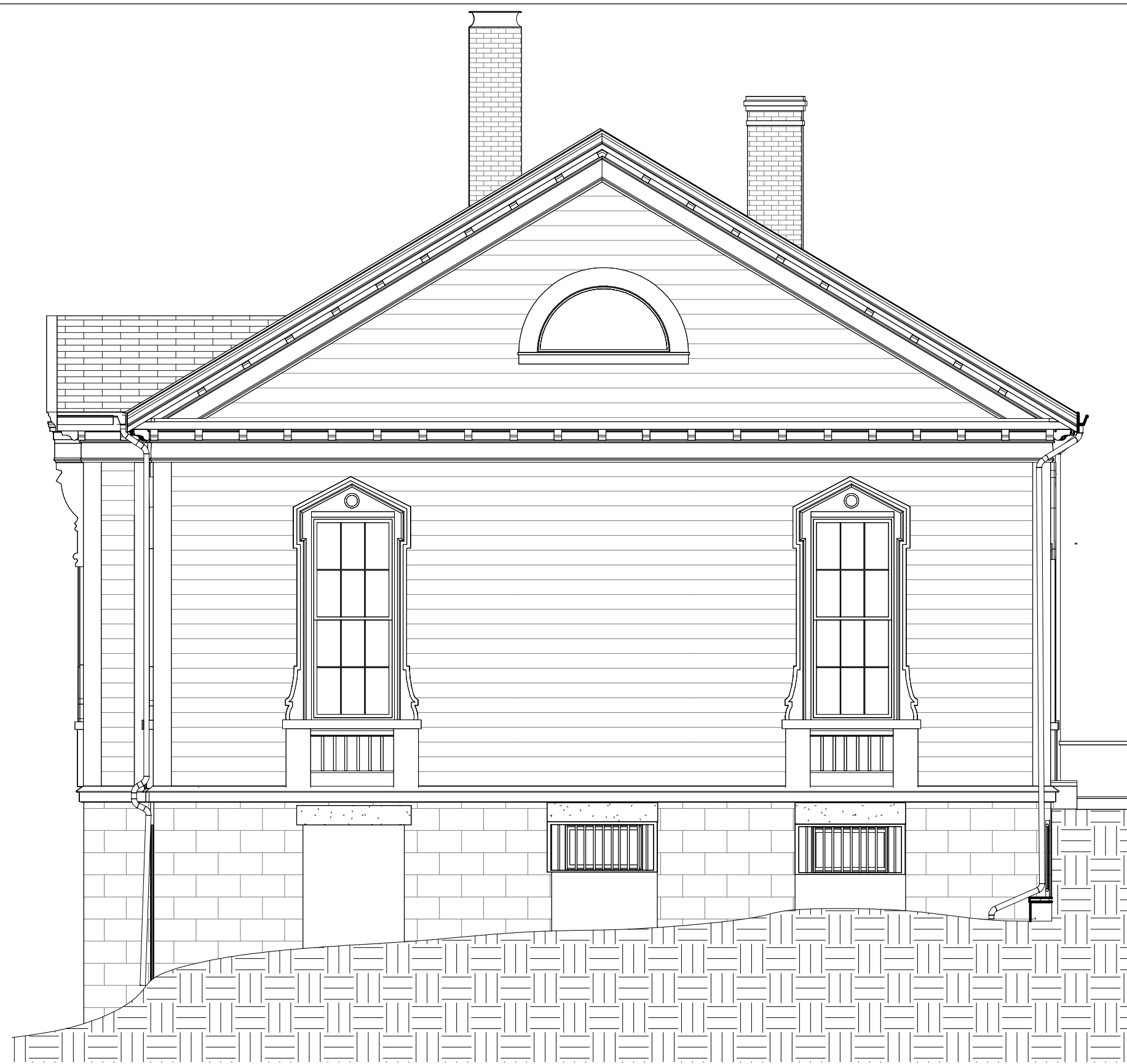
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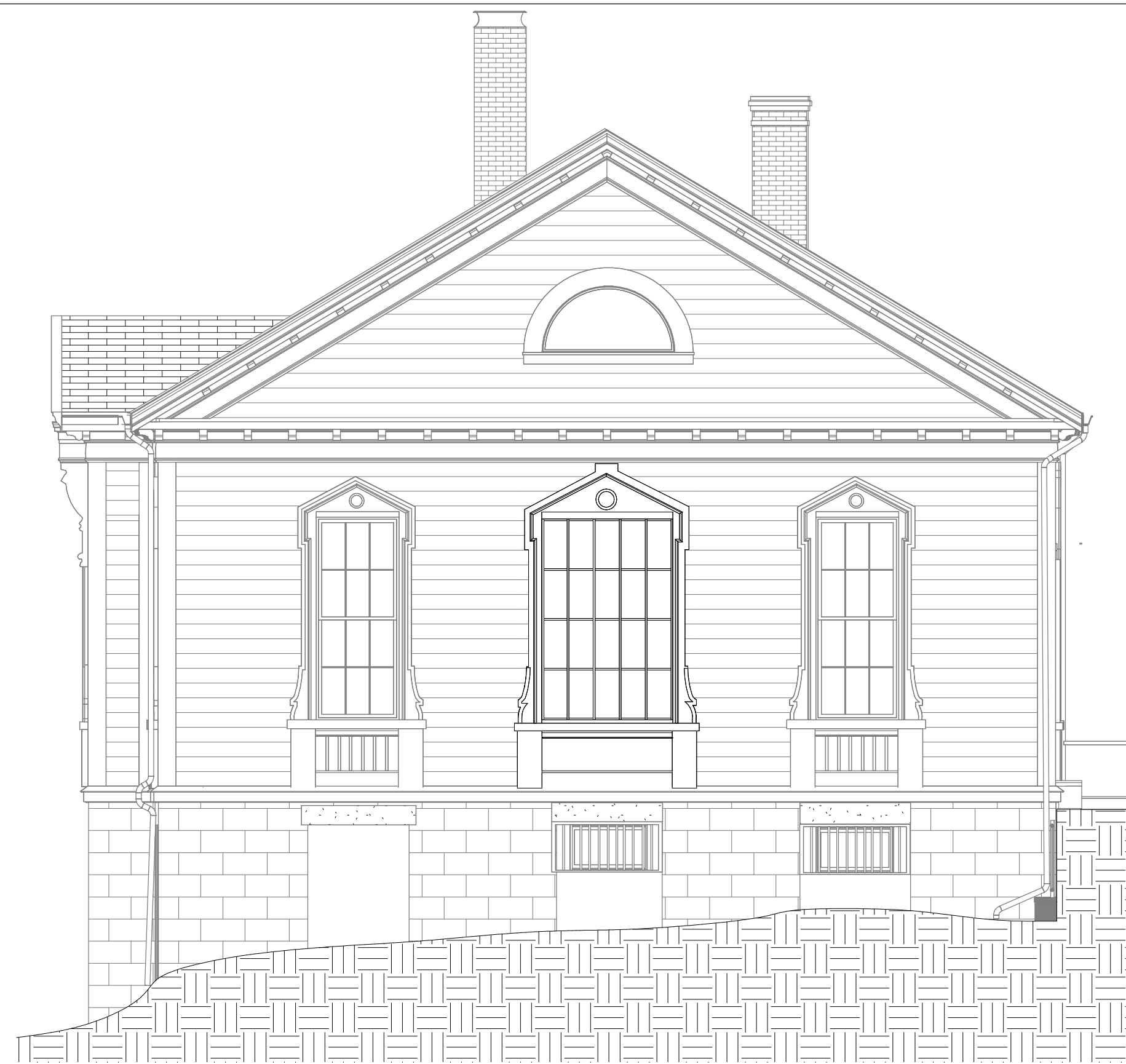
EXISTING PHOTOS + PROPOSED INTERIOR VIEW

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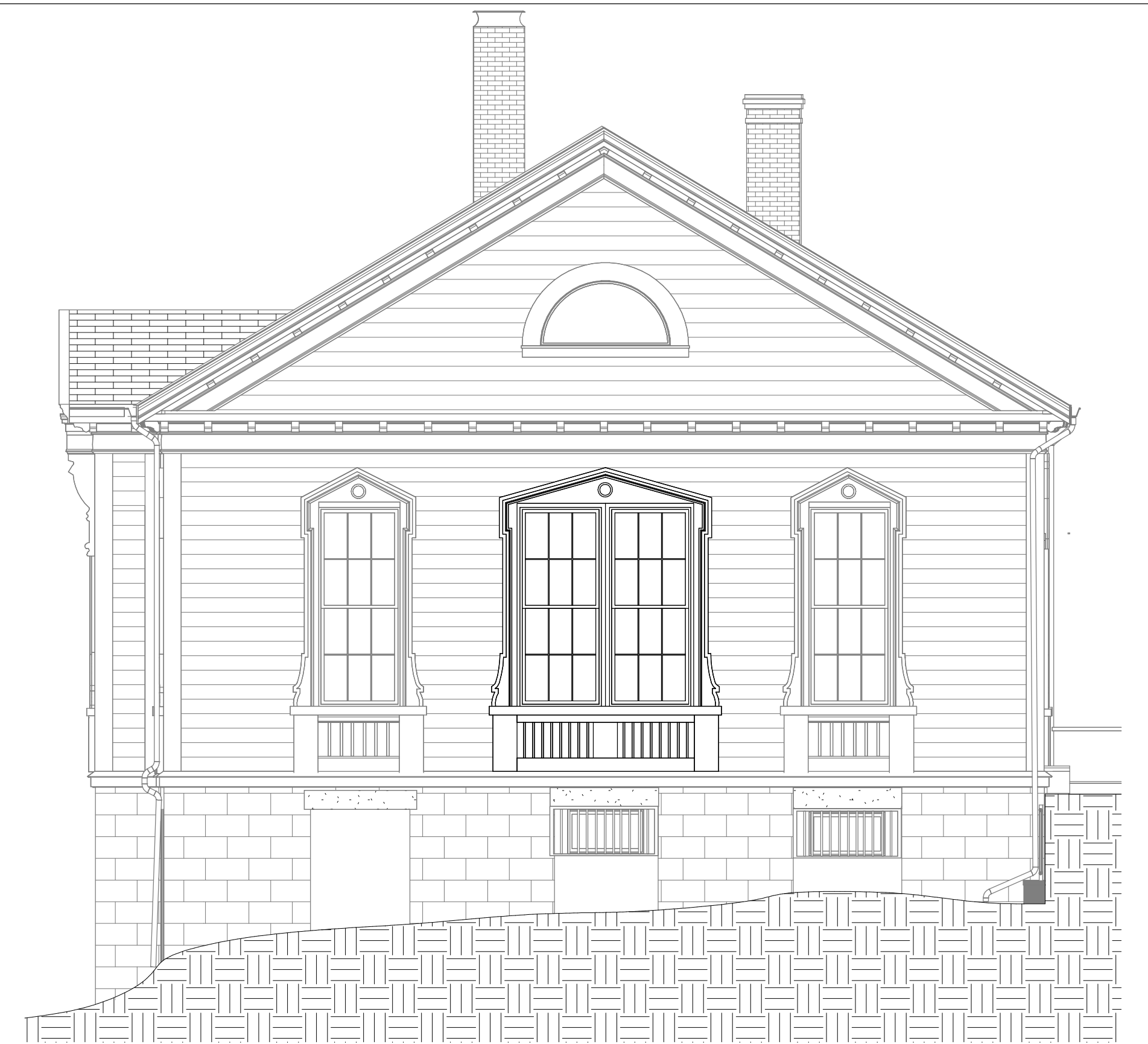




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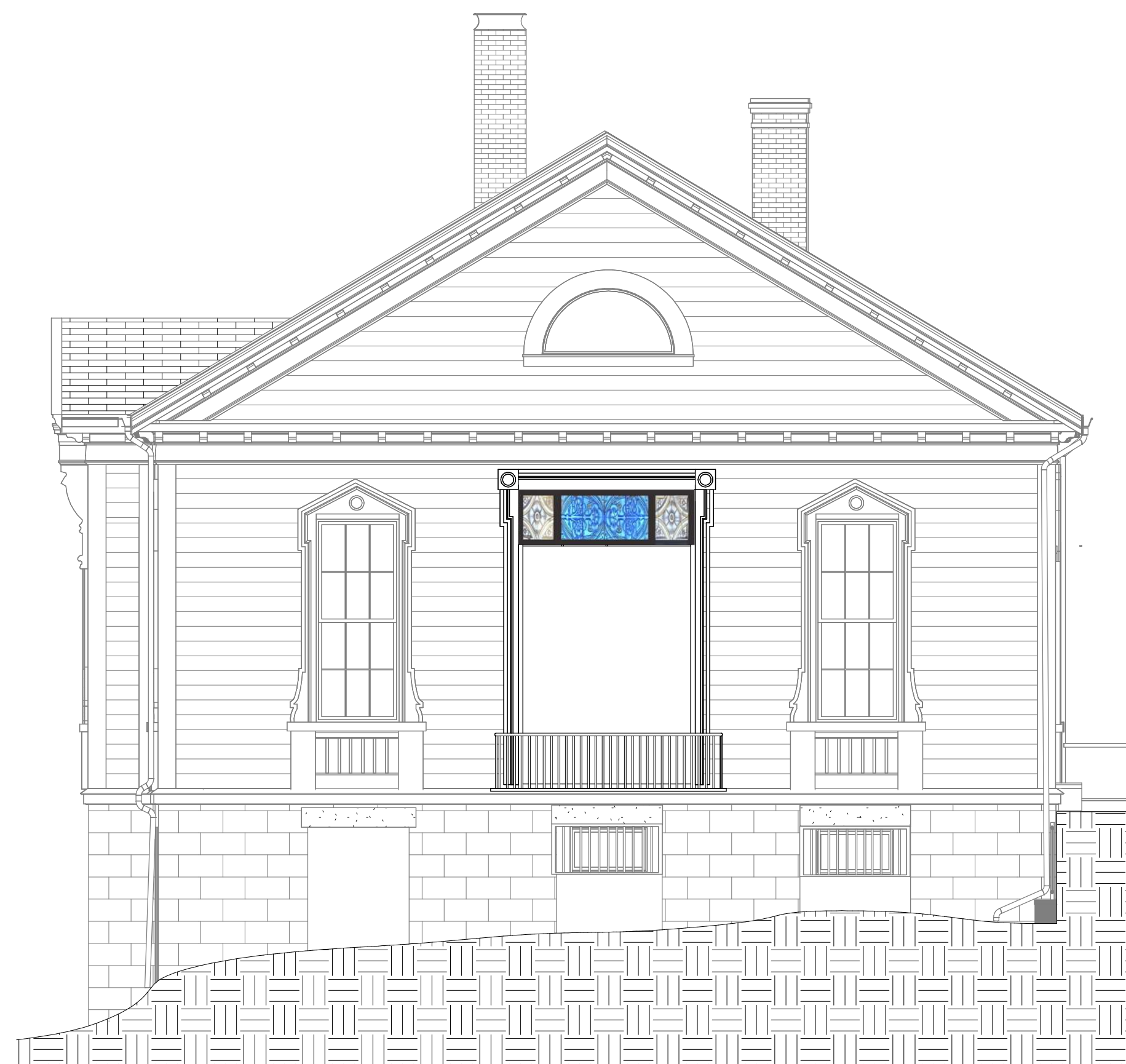
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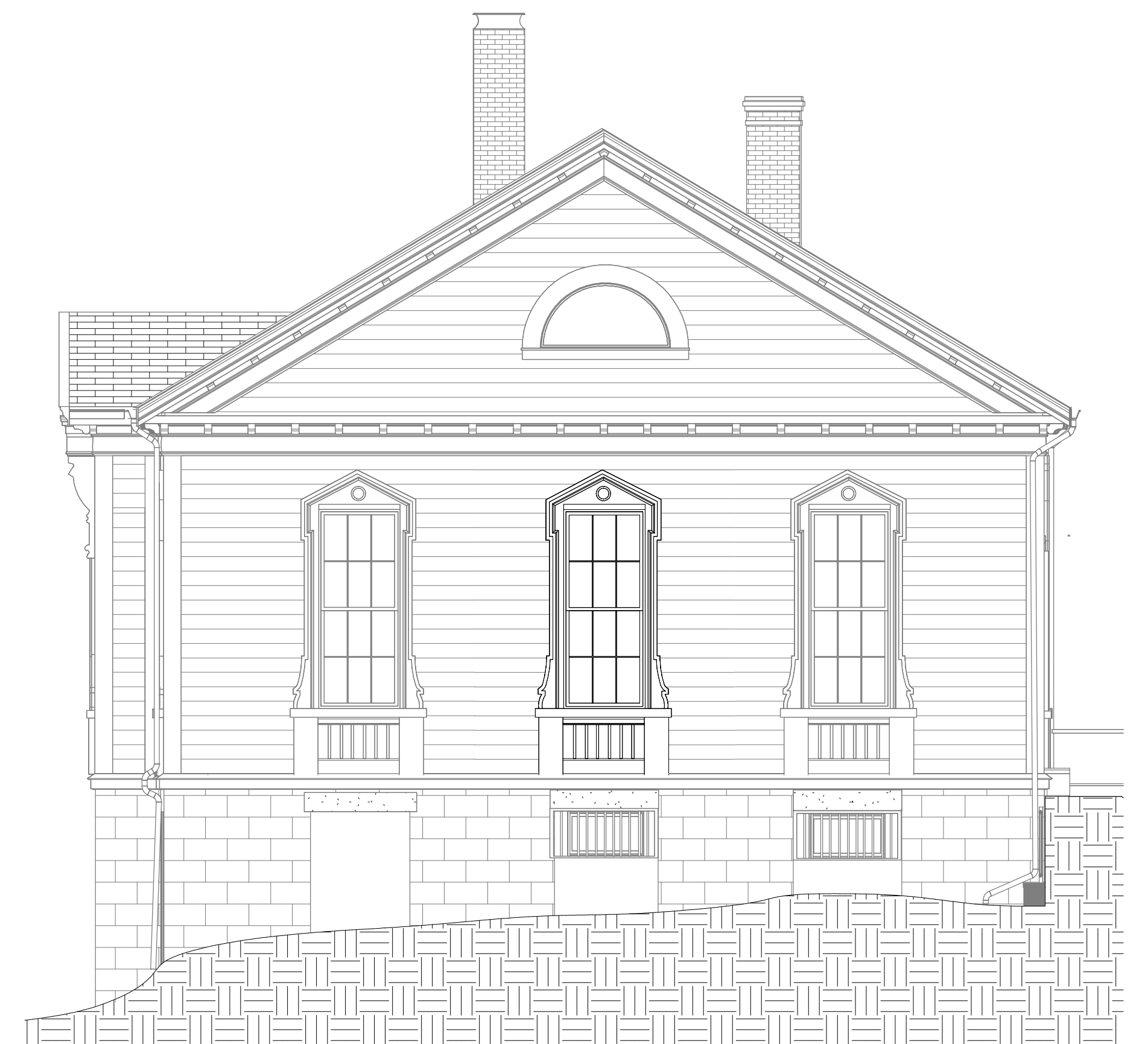
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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION - OPT 4
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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION - OPT 5
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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION - OPT 6
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CHAPEL**

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PROPOSED OPTIONS

6/23/2026

To: Boston Landmarks Commission

From: The Steering Committee of the Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition

Re: UU Urban Ministry Putnam Chapel Proposal

April 15, 2026

Dear Members of the Boston Landmarks Commission,

Please accept this letter of support for the proposal to add a window to the north-facing wall of Putnam Chapel, a building physically connected to First Church Roxbury, a Boston Landmark. The Chapel is a much-used space in our Roxbury neighborhood, with many organizations utilizing it for community meetings, gatherings and celebrations. The new window would allow more light into the room, and provide visitors with a view of the peace garden, Boston Skyline and the historic St John & St James Church across the street.

While the natural light would transform the interior of the space, community members also support the change as it will appear from the exterior, visible when traveling Roxbury Street. At a Coalition meeting held on April 14, community members viewed the proposed changes, and unanimously voted to support the addition of a window. The addition of either Option A or Option B as presented to us are harmonious with the overall historic character of the building.

We support the ongoing restoration of the First Church Roxbury campus, which serves as a community resource. 5112434

Sincerely,

Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition Steering Committee

Simone Gaines

Luther Pinckney

Sydney Rachel

The Roxbury Historical Society

**DILLAWAY-THOMAS HOUSE
ROXBURY HERITAGE STATE PARK
183 Roxbury Street
Roxbury, MA 02119**

April 30, 2026

Dear Boston Landmark Commission,

On behalf of the Roxbury Historical Society, we are writing to express support for the proposed restoration of Putnam Chapel.

Constructed in 1876 as a parish hall for First Church in Roxbury, Putnam Chapel has long served as an important space for community gathering and engagement. In 2003, the UU Urban Ministry expanded its presence by building the Education and Justice Center, connecting First Church and Putnam Chapel while creating a hub for its programs, including a dining hall and kitchen that supports Roxbury Youth Programs.

The proposed restoration represents a thoughtful and meaningful enhancement to the space. The addition of a window to the upper level will introduce natural light and provide a view of the Boston skyline, helping to create a more open and welcoming environment. Importantly, improvement has been designed to preserve the building's historic character while enhancing its functionality for current and future use.

These updates will revitalize Putnam Chapel, ensuring it continues to serve as a vibrant and accessible space for community events and programming. The project is a careful balance between preservation and progress, honoring the building's legacy while adapting it to meet today's needs.

As stewards of this neighborhood's history, we support this restoration and the addition of the window, which will both maintain the historic integrity of Putnam Chapel and bring renewed energy to this shared community space.

Sincerely,



Marcia Butman

for the Board of Trustees of Roxbury Historical Society

April 16, 2026

Landmarks Commission
City of Boston
26 Court Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Commissioners,

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The DeNormandie family has enjoyed a long association with the First Church Roxbury Campus. Our great grandfather, The Reverend Dr. James DeNormandie served as a Unitarian minister at First Church Roxbury from 1883-1918. Our family is actively fundraising with the UUUM to restore the campus buildings and the beautiful surrounding outdoor spaces. The goal is to be a welcoming center for the Roxbury community, provide venues for youth programming, community gatherings and cultural events. The new Peace Garden, overlooking the downtown Boston skyline, offers respite to community members and visitors as well as providing space for small outdoor events.

We urge the Commission to support the renovation plans for Putnam Hall, including the addition of a window which will advance another key component of the master plan for the Campus. Putnam Hall has long been a space utilized by local organizations and individuals for events that benefit the Roxbury community and beyond.

We strongly encourage the Commission to approve the proposed plans which will breathe new life into Putnam Hall and enable the space to be utilized in creative ways to strengthen our community well into the future. The window will bring much needed light into the building space and enable visitors to look out and appreciate an historic view of Boston and also understand why the Puritans gathered on this site nearly 400 years ago.

Thank you for your interest in our project and for your consideration of support.

Sincerely,

Alice W. DeNormandie
4 Minebrook Rd
Lincoln, MA 01773

April 20, 2026

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Sincerely,


45 Trapele Rd
Lincoln, MA 01773

May 1, 2026

Boston Landmark Commission
26 Court Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Boston Landmark Commission,

We are a group of seniors from Boston that meets weekly on the campus of the UU Urban Ministry, and we have used Putnam Chapel for our activities including dance and exercise classes. Many members of our Dynamic Seniors group hail from Roxbury and have lived nearby the UU Urban Ministry campus.

We are writing in support of the proposed changes to the Chapel, including the installation of a window on the north side of the building.

A window brings Boston's history and beauty into the space, offering a view of the skyline, the nearby peace garden, and the historic St James Chapel across the street. It also provides a welcome addition of natural light. The changes from the exterior of the building represent a suitable modification that blends into the campus for passersby on Roxbury street. .

As regular users of the space, and as neighbors, we endorse this restoration and the improvements it will bring to this community space.

Sincerely,

Eva Clark

Eva Clark
Founder and President
Dynamic Seniors