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The building of the Kent Town Hotel

LITTLE GREEN - FELL STREET

COLLECA ROAD



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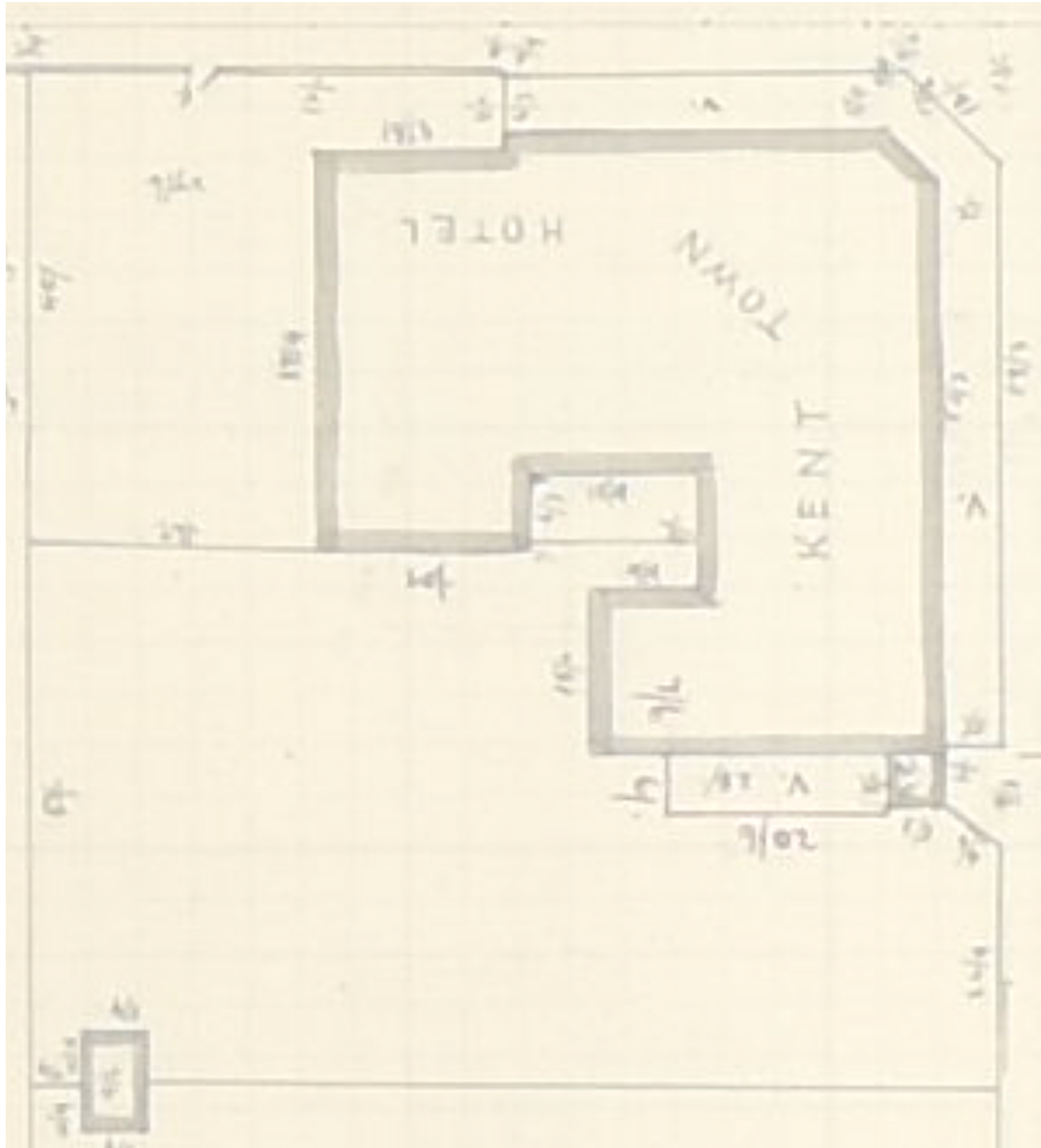


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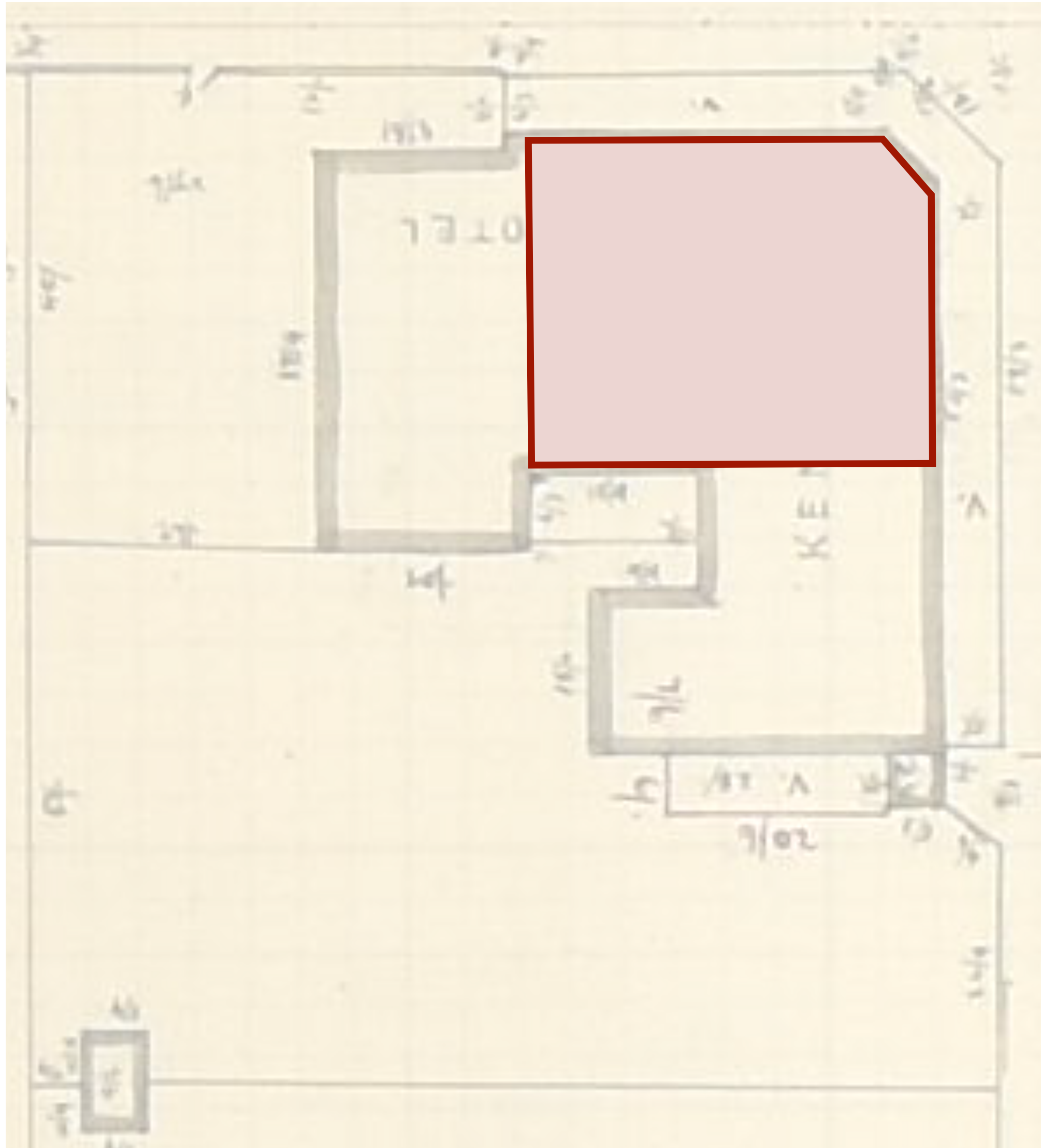
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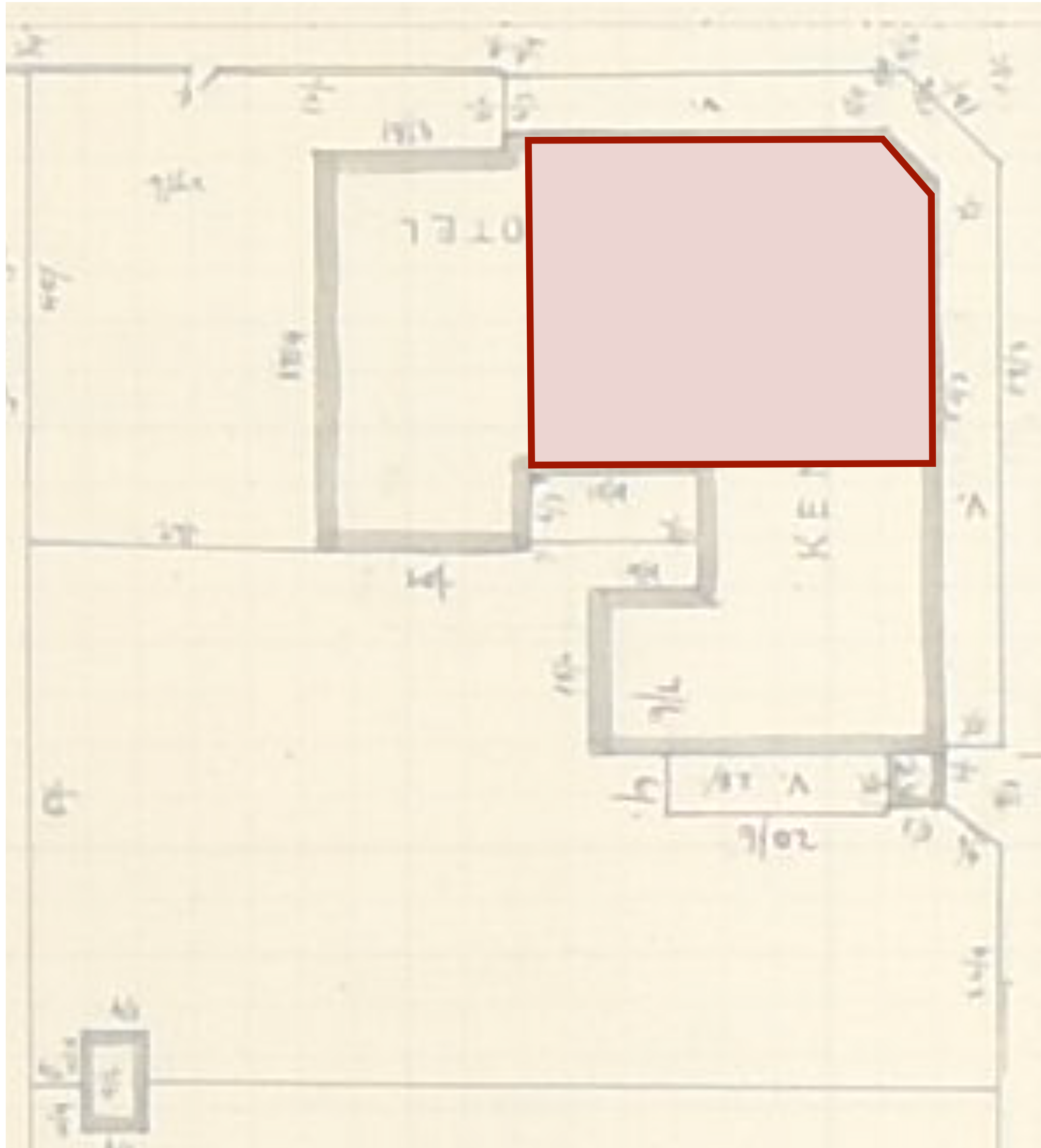
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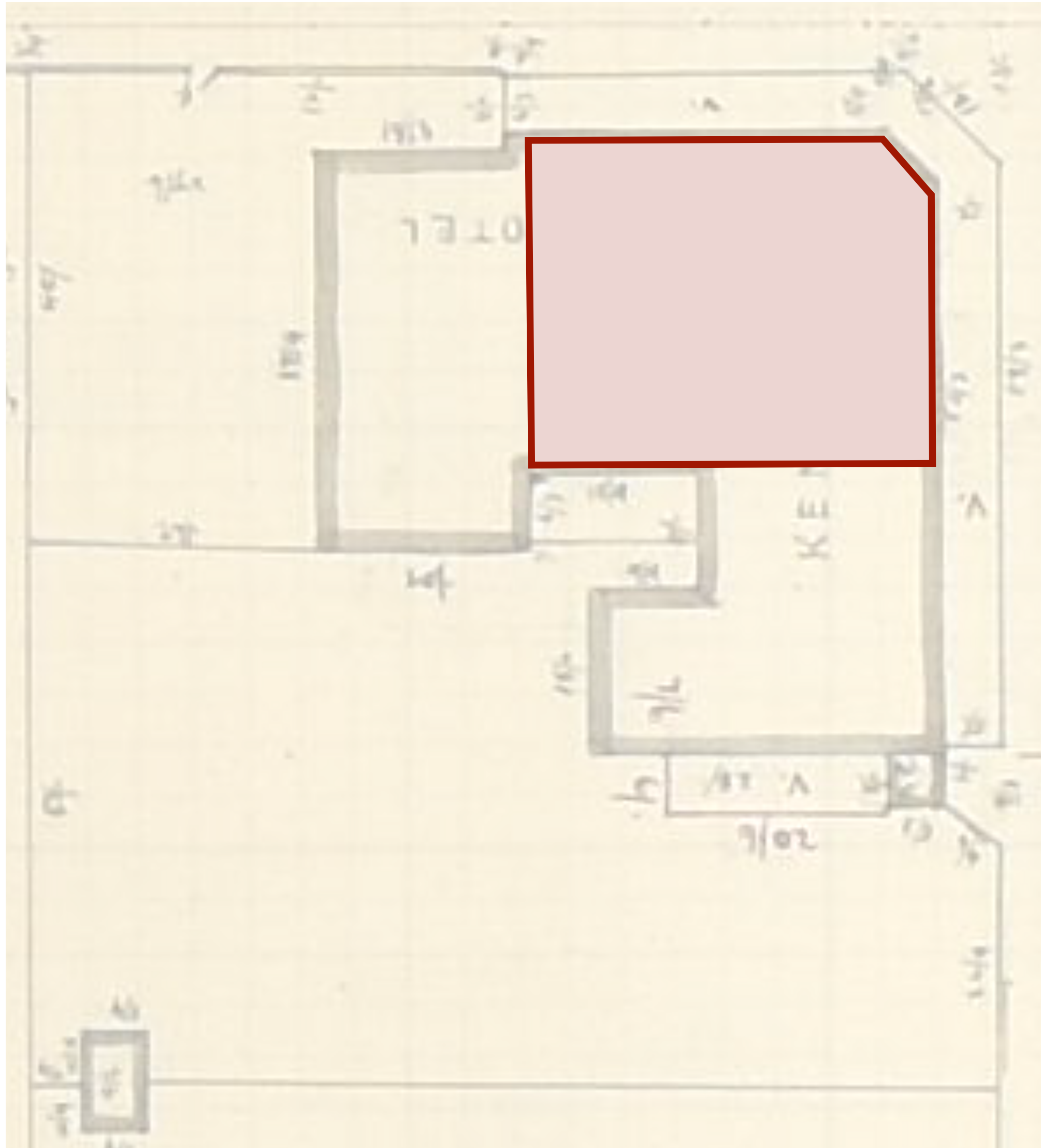


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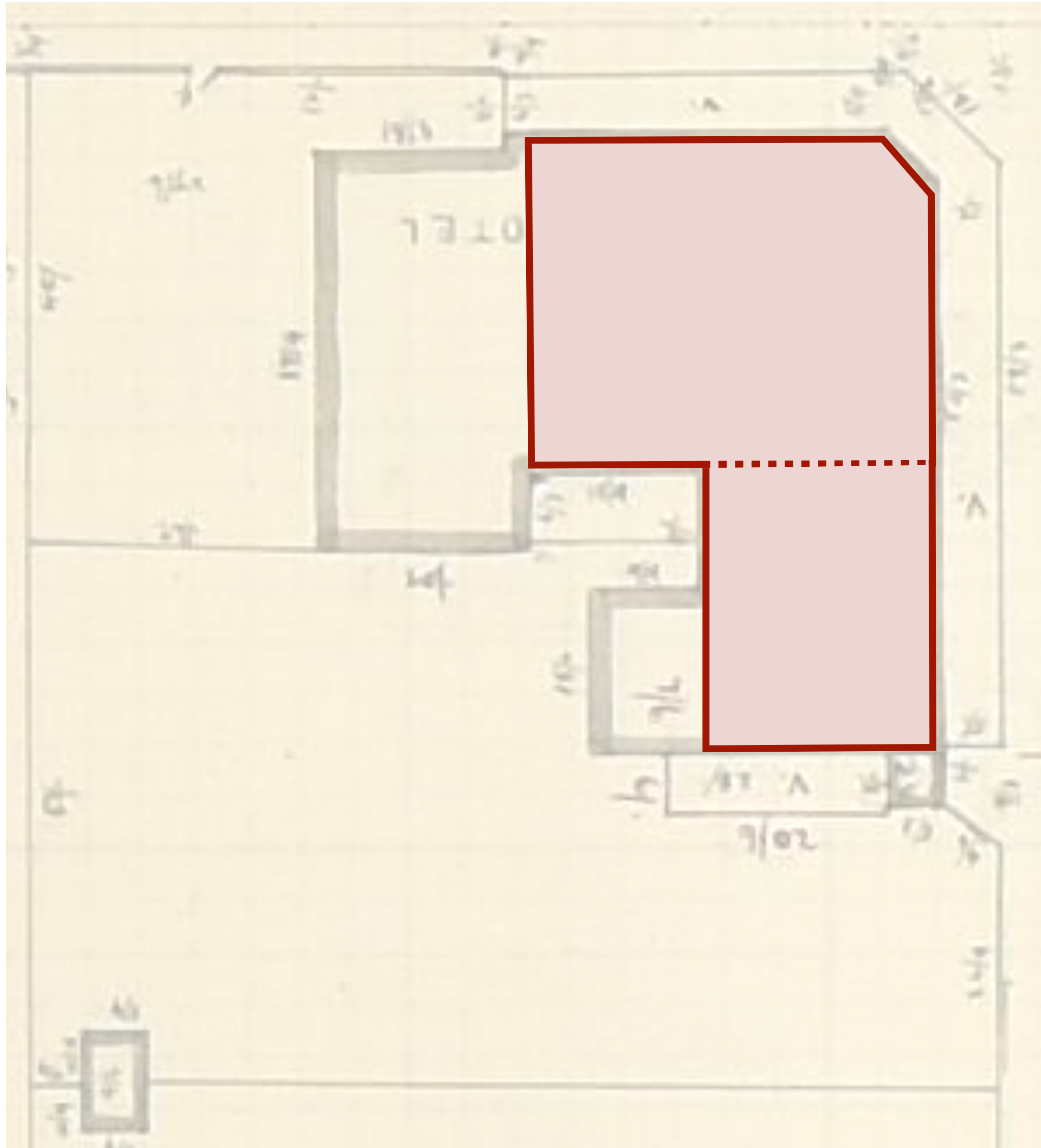


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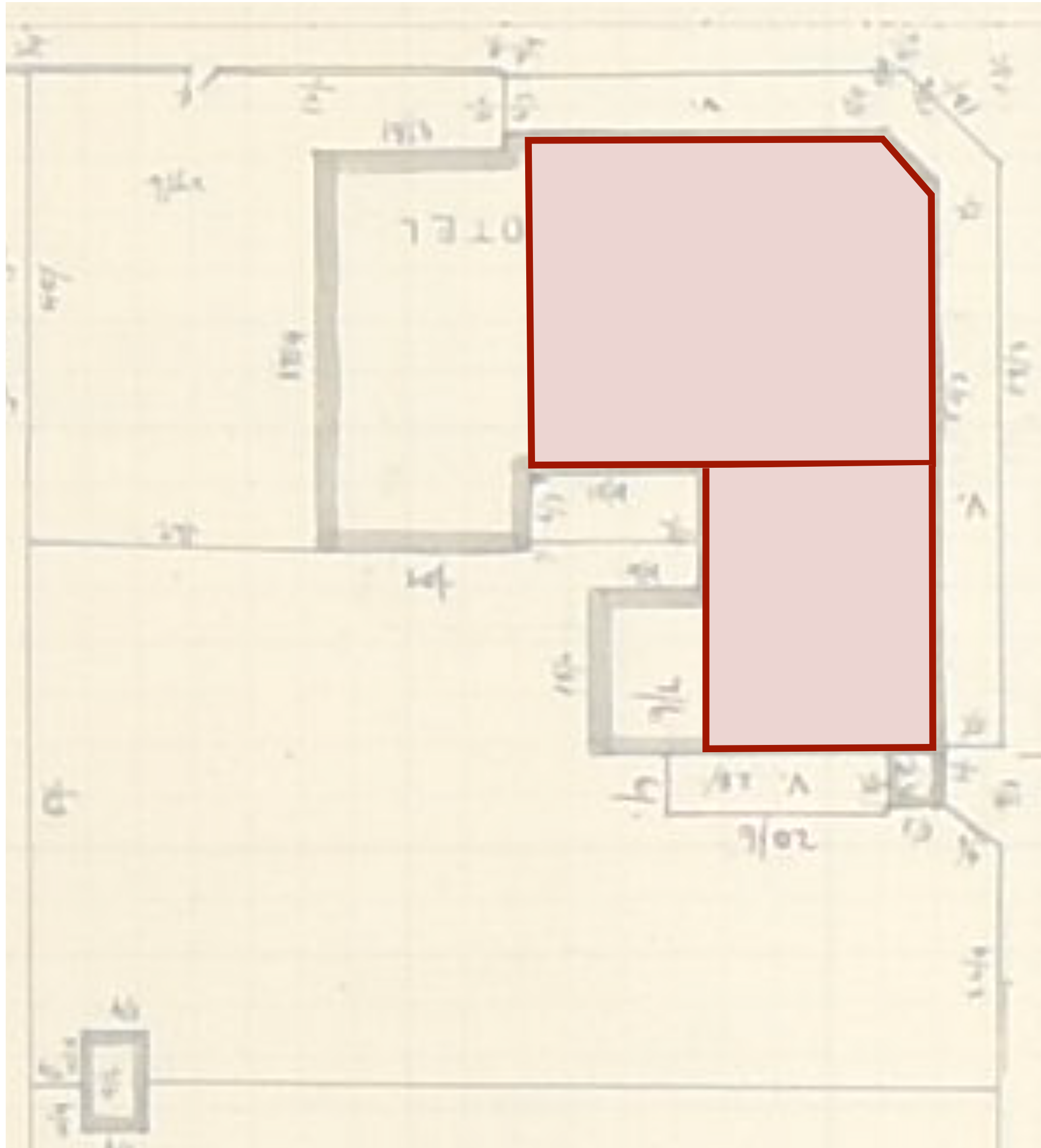
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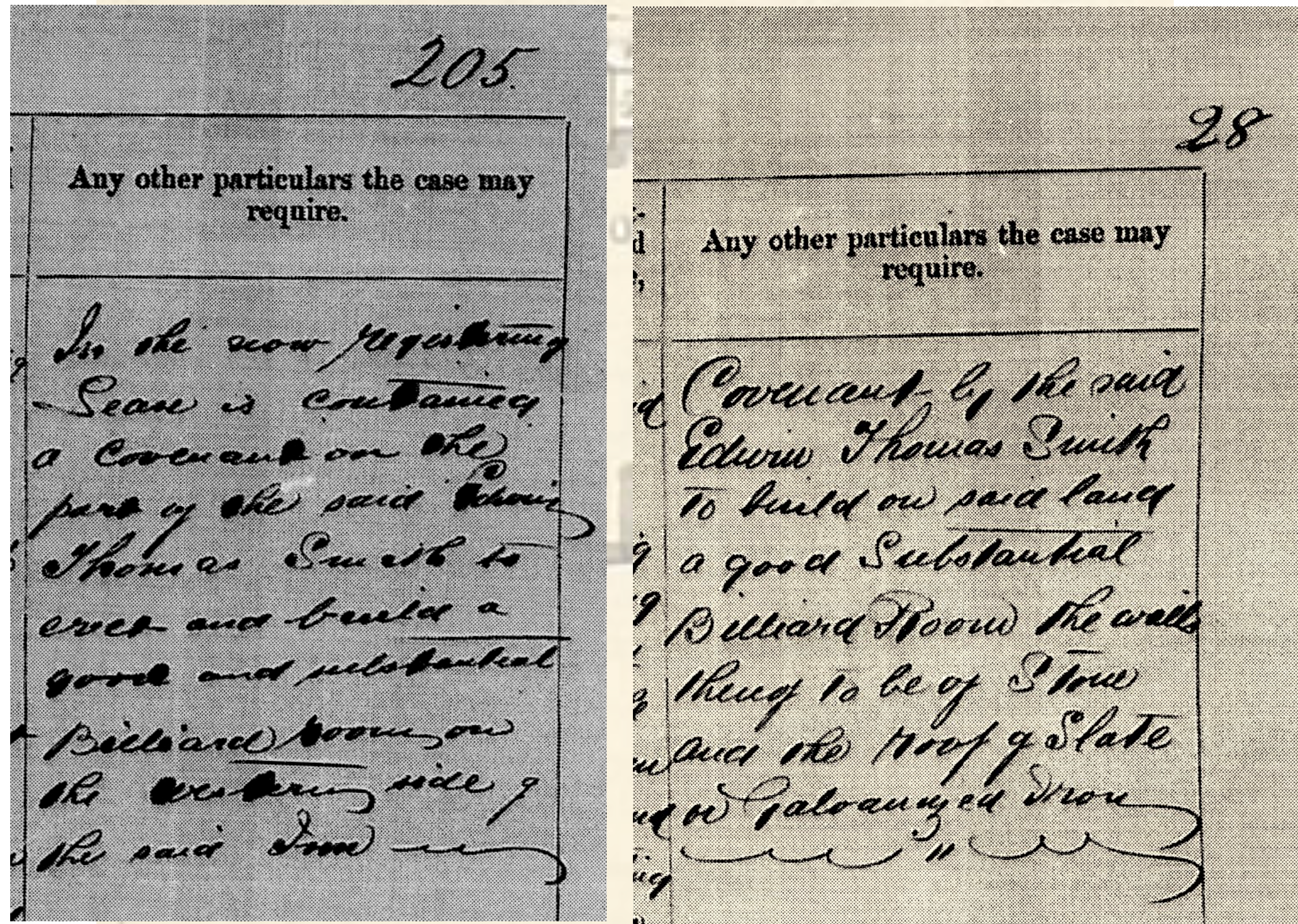
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TENDERS will be received until noon of Thursday, 25th, for **MAKING ALTERATIONS and BUILDING ADDITIONS** to the **KENT TOWN HOTEL**.

Plans, &c., may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

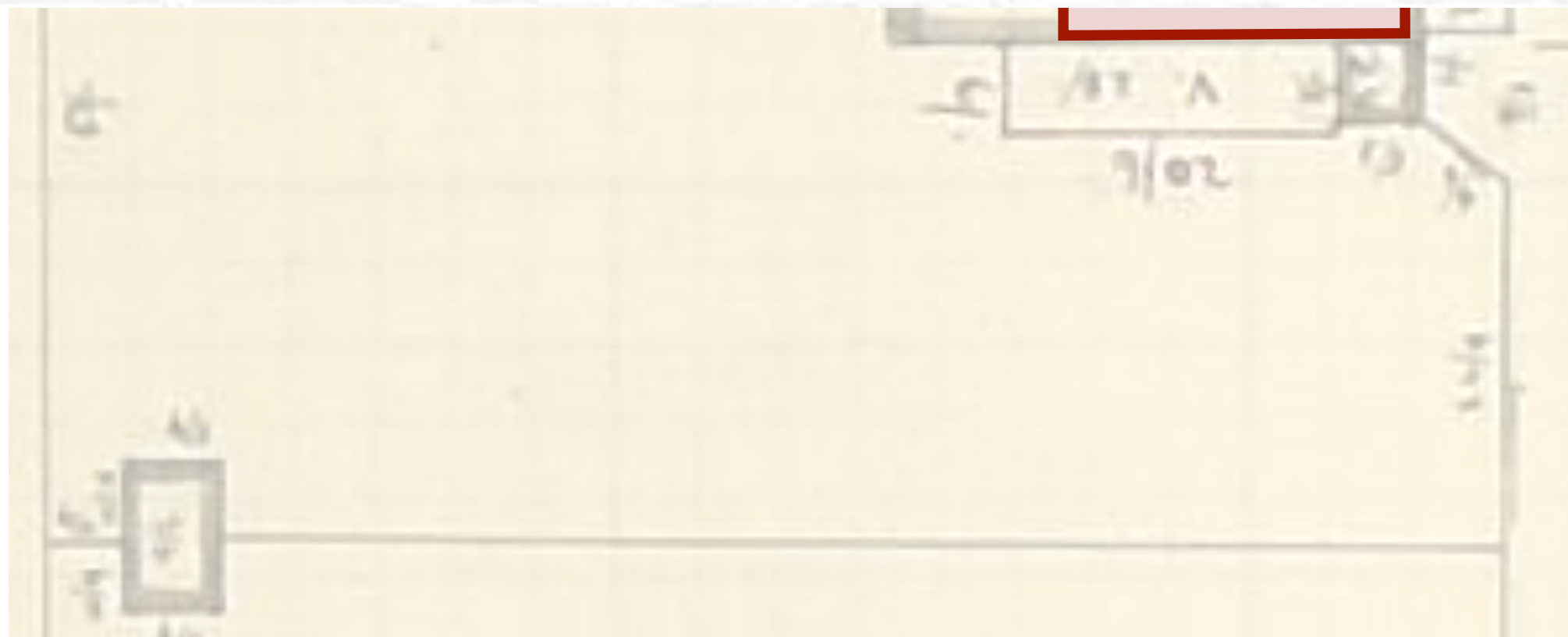
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D. GARLICK, Architect,
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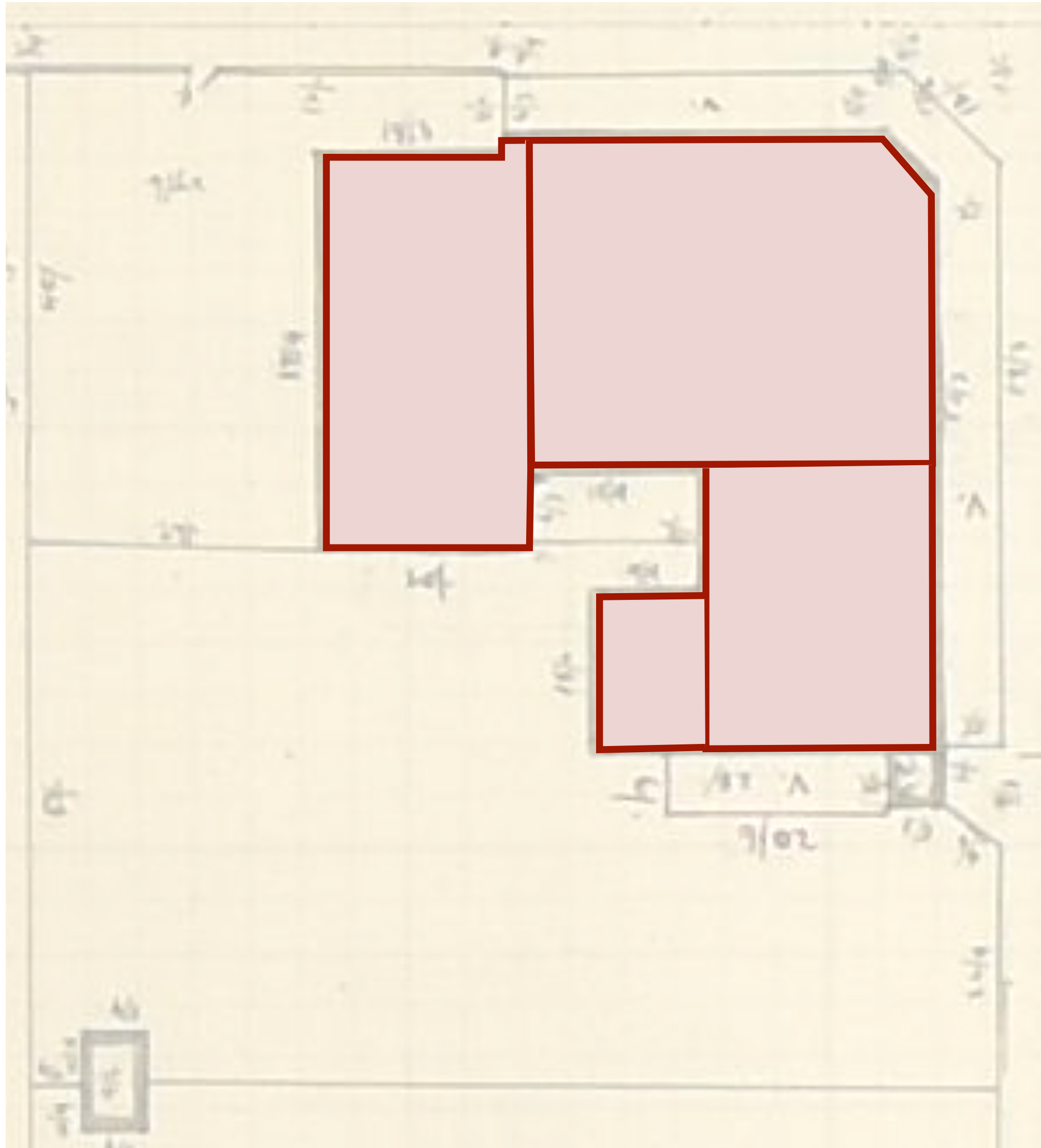
Adelaide, May 17, 1871.

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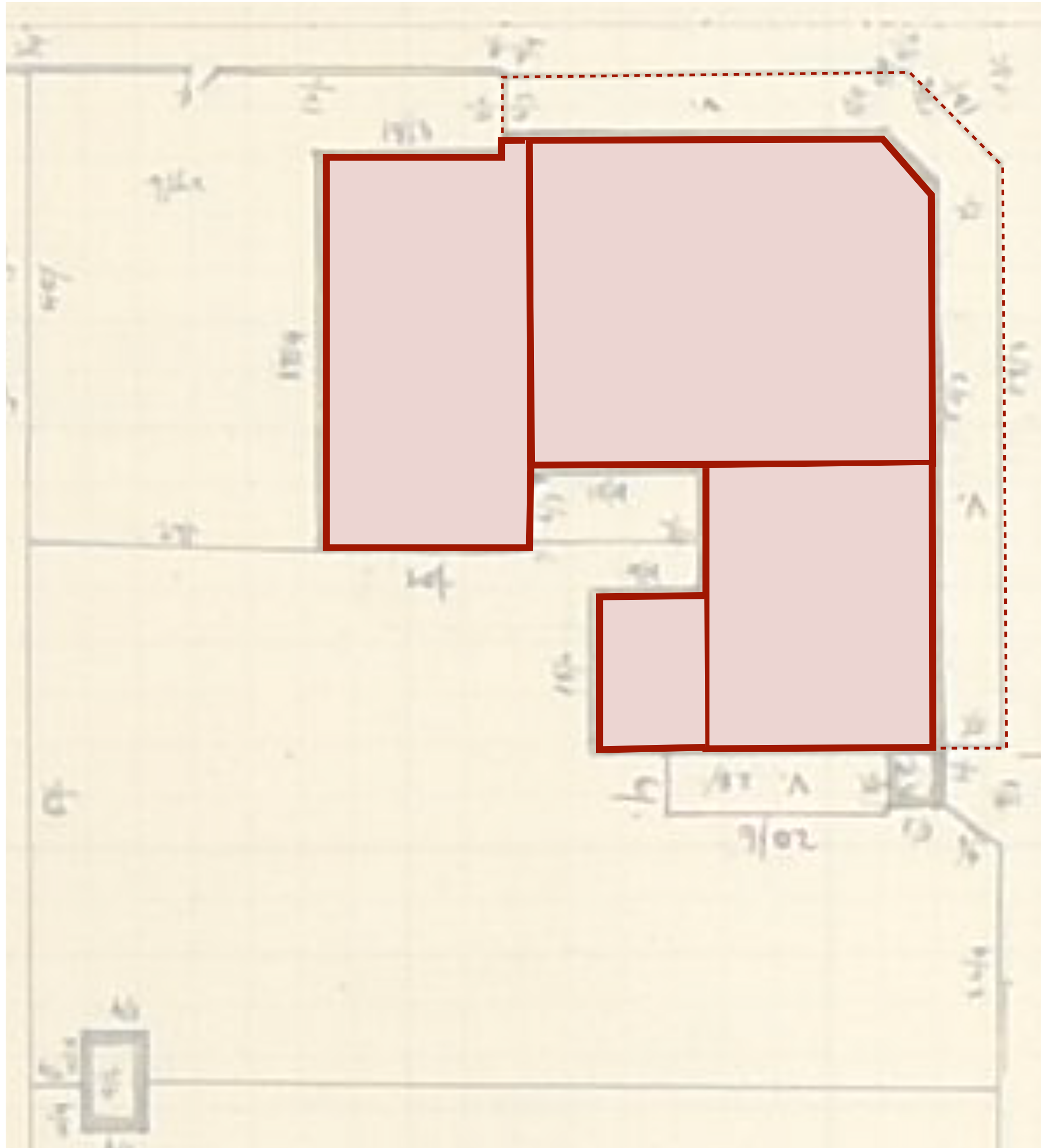


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The Kent Town Hotel: 1882

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Plans, &c., at our office.

No tender necessarily accepted.

ENGLISH and SOWARD, Architects.

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OUR HOTELS.

By SYNTAX.

There is, perhaps, no class of the trading community that can, as a body, show more mercantile respectability and integrity, or who contribute more to the general revenue of the colony, than the licenced victuallers. Ever ready to aid and assist, they are generally as a rule to the fore in all charitable promotions, and ever ready to cater for the amusement of all classes. Keenly alive to keep well with the public, they must keep pace in the race for advancement,

the almost palatial buildings and expenditure incurred by the "pubs" of the present day.

Foremost in the class we have above alluded to is the re-erected hostelry belonging to Host Born, the Kent Town Hotel, situated at the corner of Rundle street and College road. Setting aside the salubriety of the site, its immediate vicinity with the Park Lands and being on the direct line of bus and tram gives it a decided advantage for those trading employes who prefer air and healthful lodgings to the closely-packed houses of the city. Whilst for up-country family parties, being within a few minutes' ride of all places of resort, whether public or private, it offers facilities which it would be difficult to find elsewhere.

The proprietress, Mrs. Sims, alive to the requirements of the day, has, under the auspices of Messrs English and Soward, erected the present house much larger and with more internal comfort than the old one.

Without laying any claim to architectural display, it is at once a plain, substantial, commodious building, more attention having been paid to the arrangements inside than to exterior embellishment. Over the bar entrance is a full and richly moulded nomenclative entablature, and the two fronts will be screened by a lofty verandah with patent iron columns and ornamental brackets.

The *rez-de-chaussee* comprises the bar, family rooms, and a large public dining room, adjoining which is the scullery and other culinary offices, and servants' bedrooms, &c. Entering through the private entrance out of Rundle Street, we pass through a wide hall, to the right of which is a small public parlor, large billiard room, and smaller one adjoining for smokers. Ascending a wide stair-case we reach a good-sized drawing-room, bath-room, and seven bed-rooms. The whole are lofty, well lighted, and and ventilated, and are to be completely re-furnished throughout in the most approved modern style.

On the upper floor at the rear a large meeting hall has been built for the Duke of Kent Lodge. From the designs shown us, we can confidently

assert that it will be the most finished of its kind in the suburbs. The dimensions are good, and the walls and cornices richly moulded and decorated, whilst the curved ceiling will be ornamented with two large floral centre-pieces. Beneath the bar and dining room is the wine and beer cellar, sufficiently extensive for all requirements.

Although not yet begun, it is intended to erect an eight-stall stable and loose boxes, with hay-loft over, and all other buildings suitable for an extensive livery establishment, and we have no doubt, from the easy distance to the Old Racecourse, the accommodation thus offered will be readily availed of by the racing fraternity.





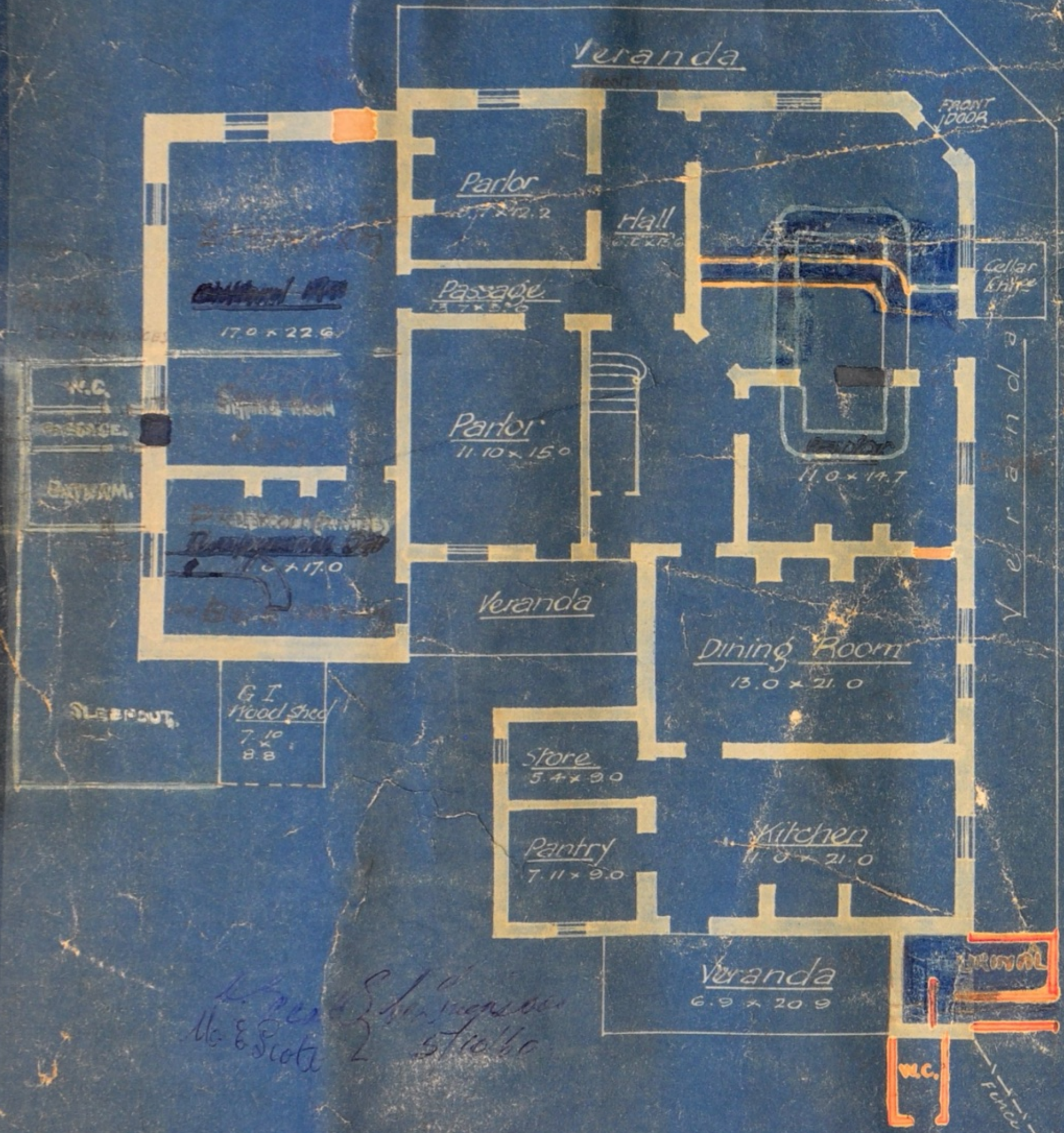
The Kent Town Hotel, c.1902 [Private collection]

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SCALE 8'0" = 1"

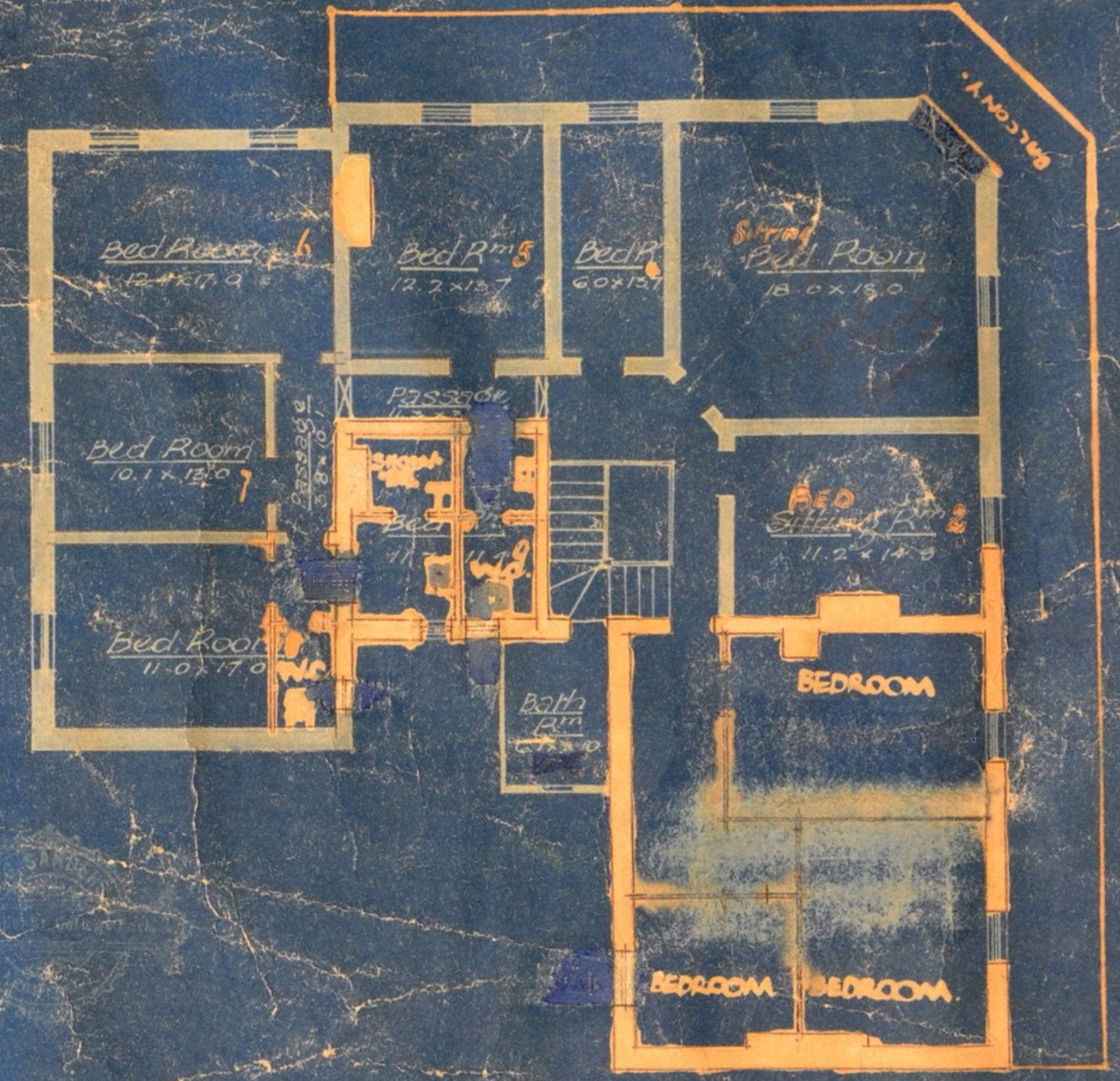
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W.C. & Shower
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

COLLEGE



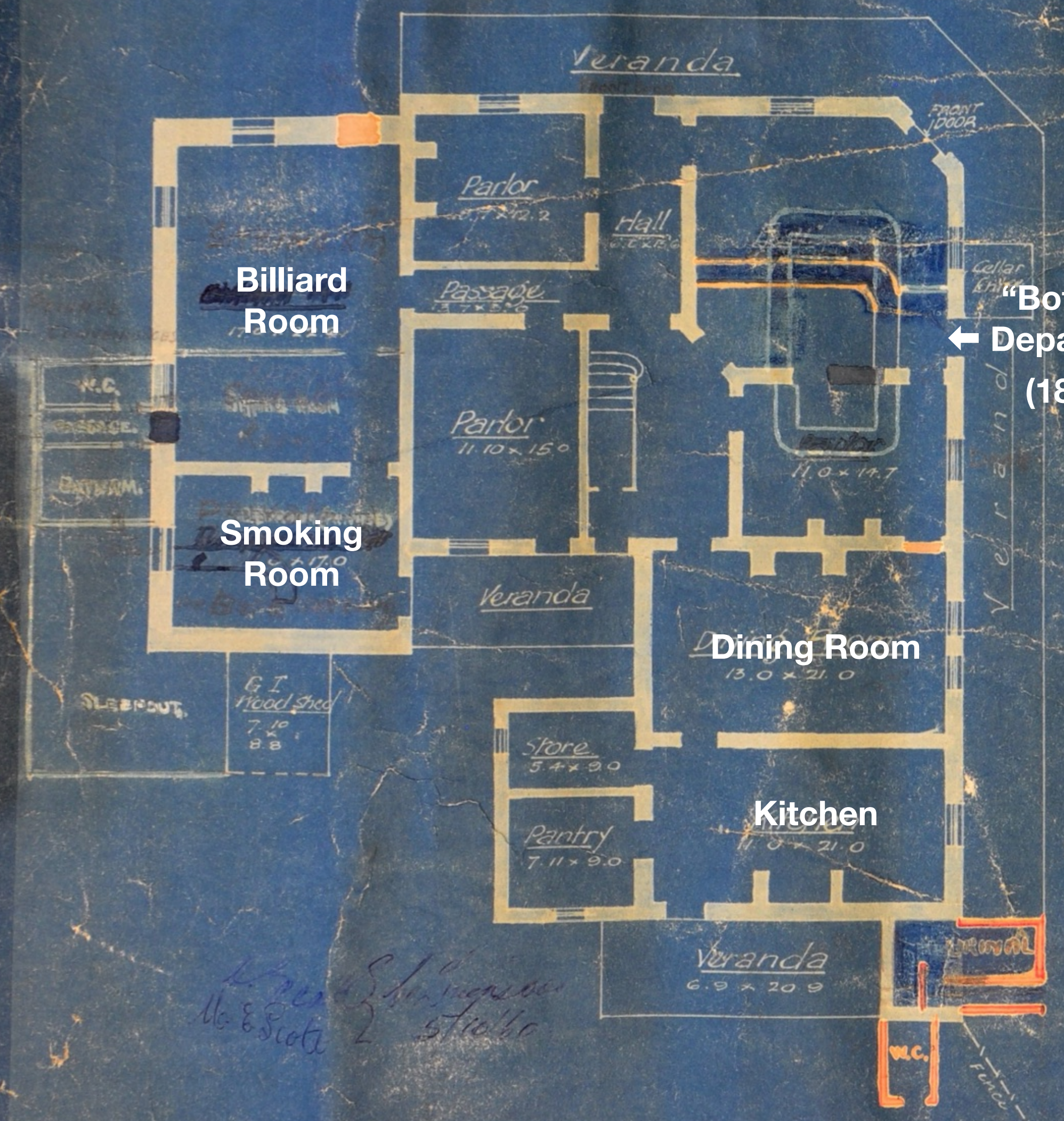
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External door?

Modifications to bar, 1915-1920s?

Close door?

Sanitation?

Converted to bedrooms, 1920s?

Sanitation?

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No. 8 & 9
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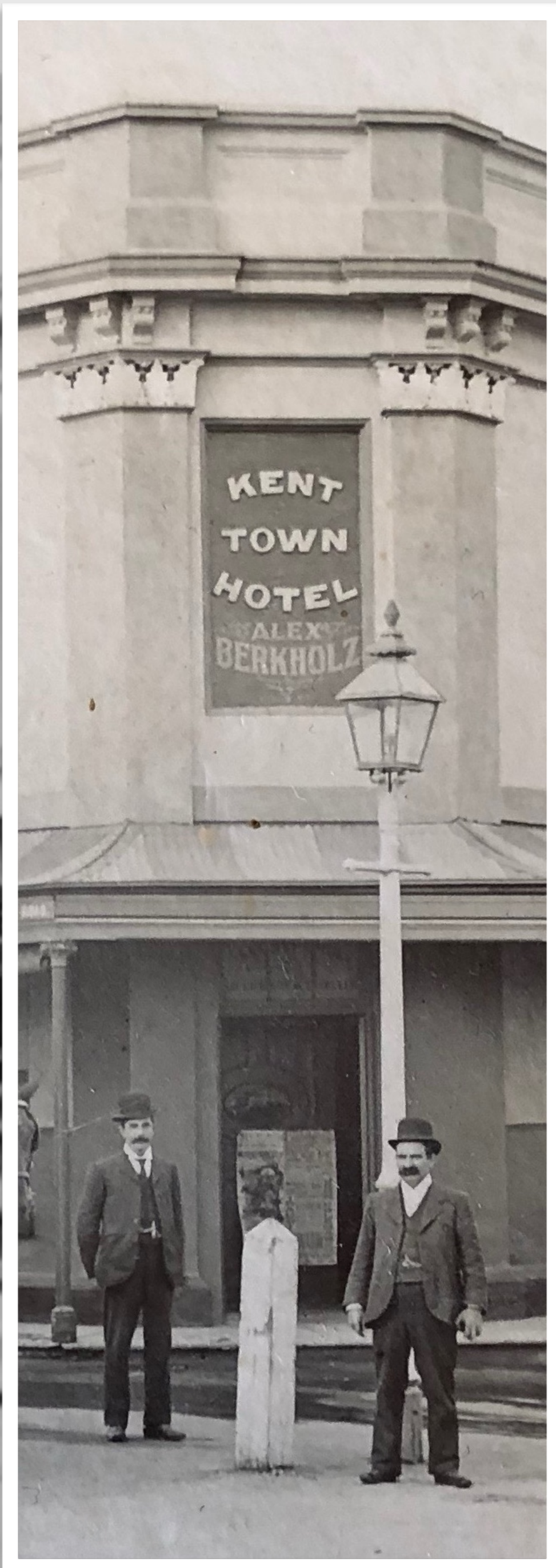
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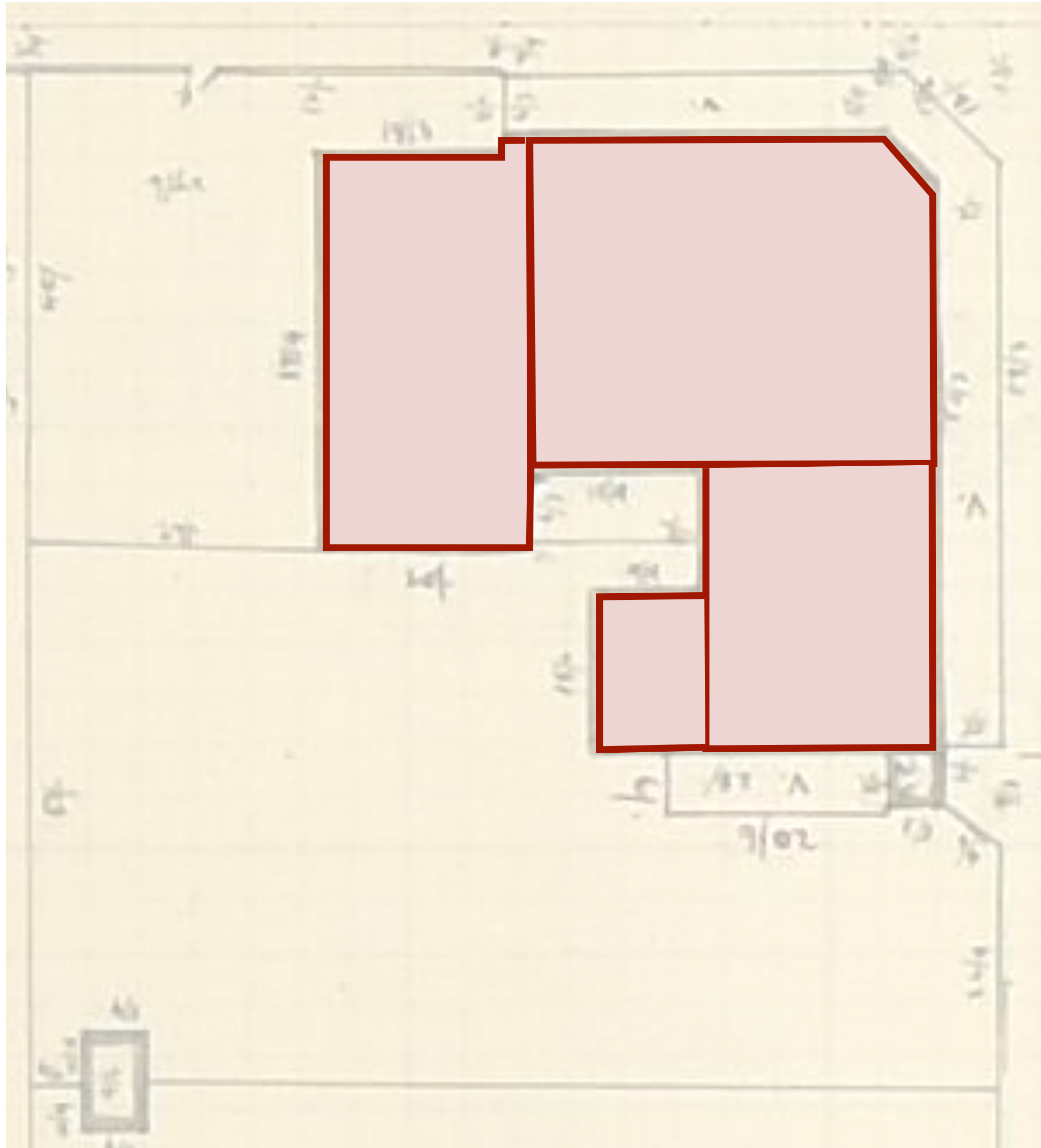


The Kent Town Hotel, c.1922 [NSPP collection]



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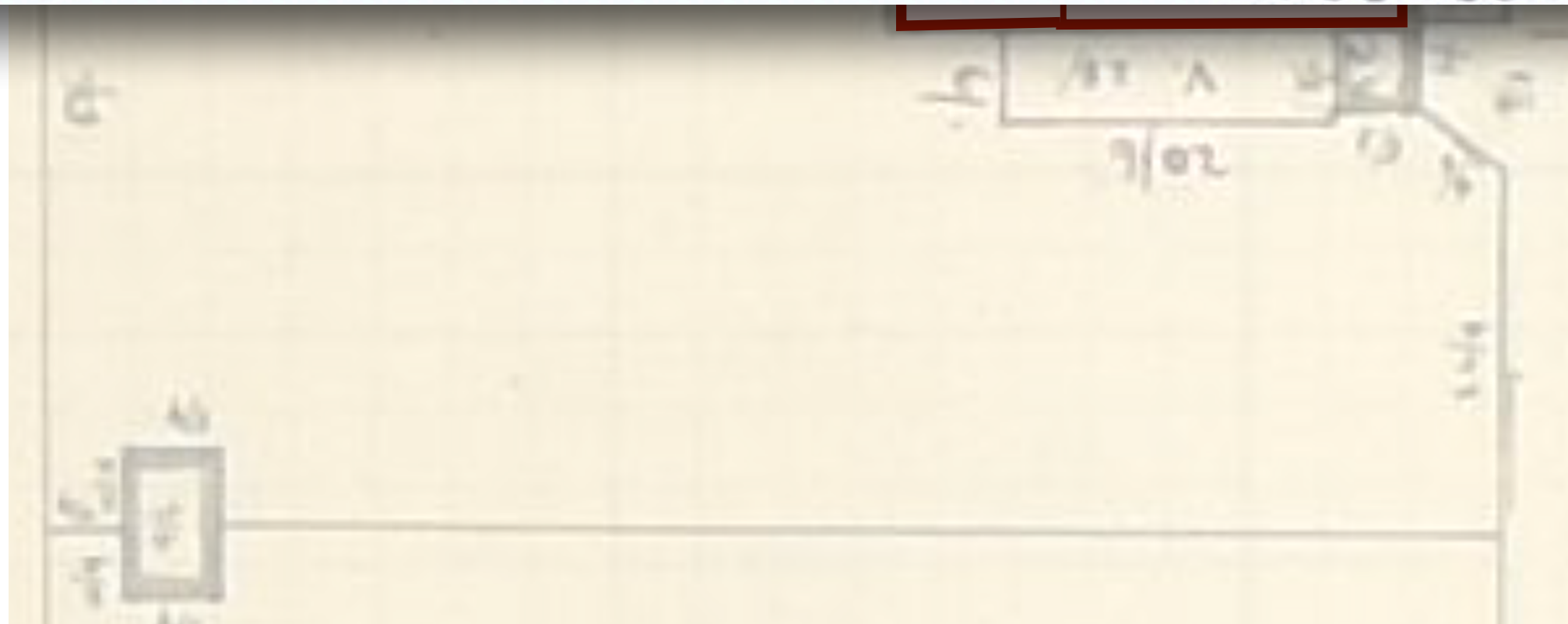
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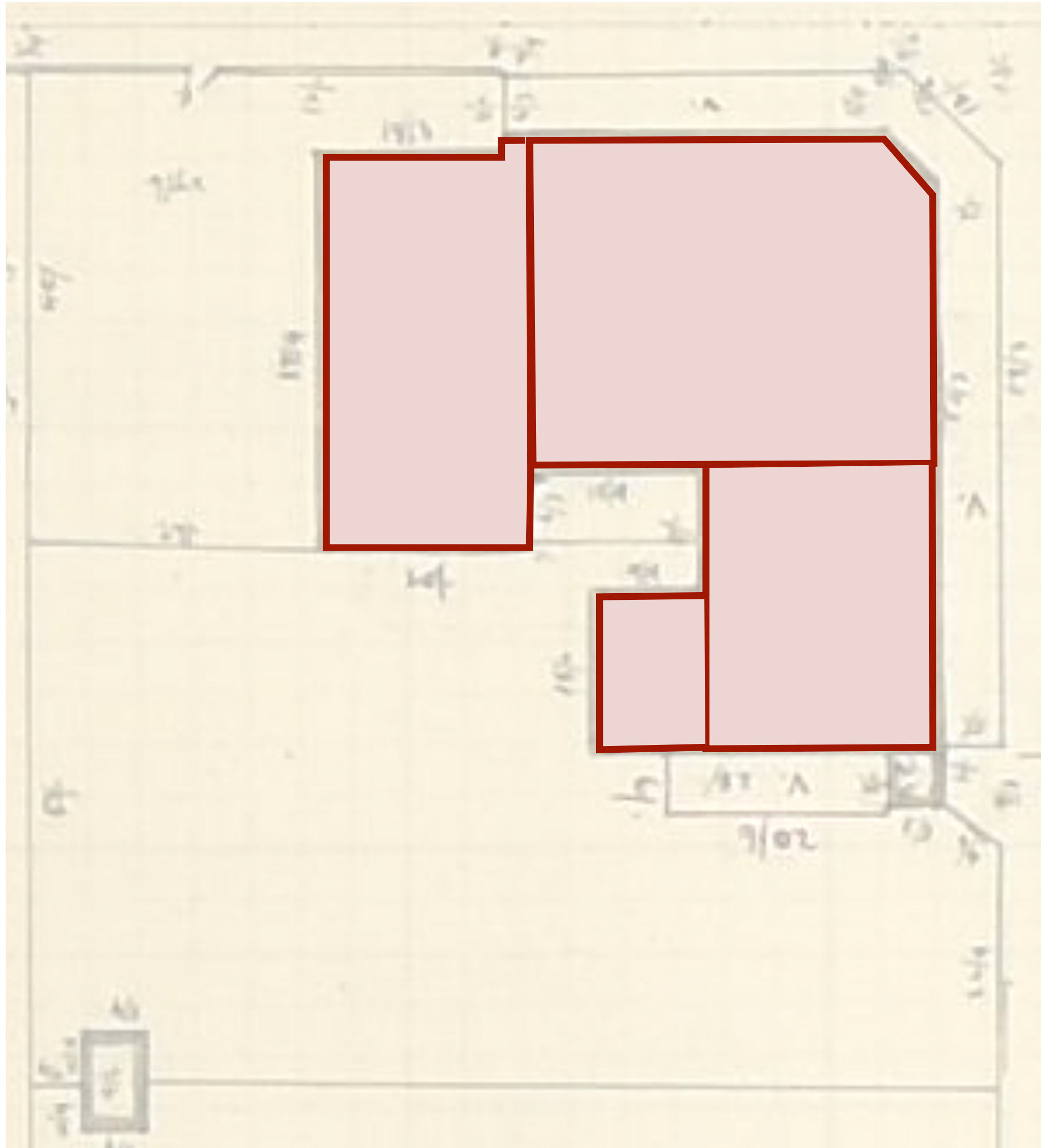
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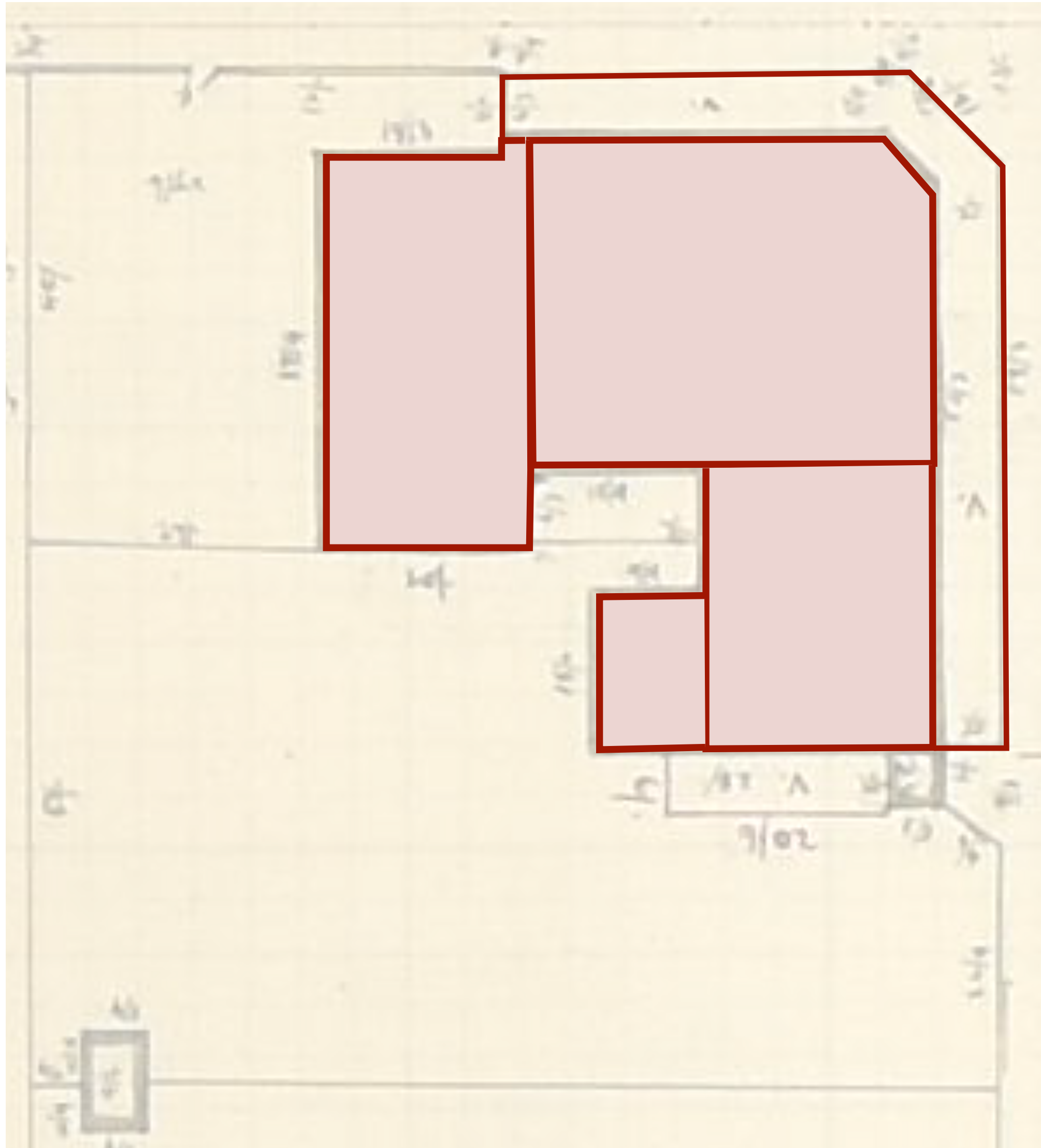


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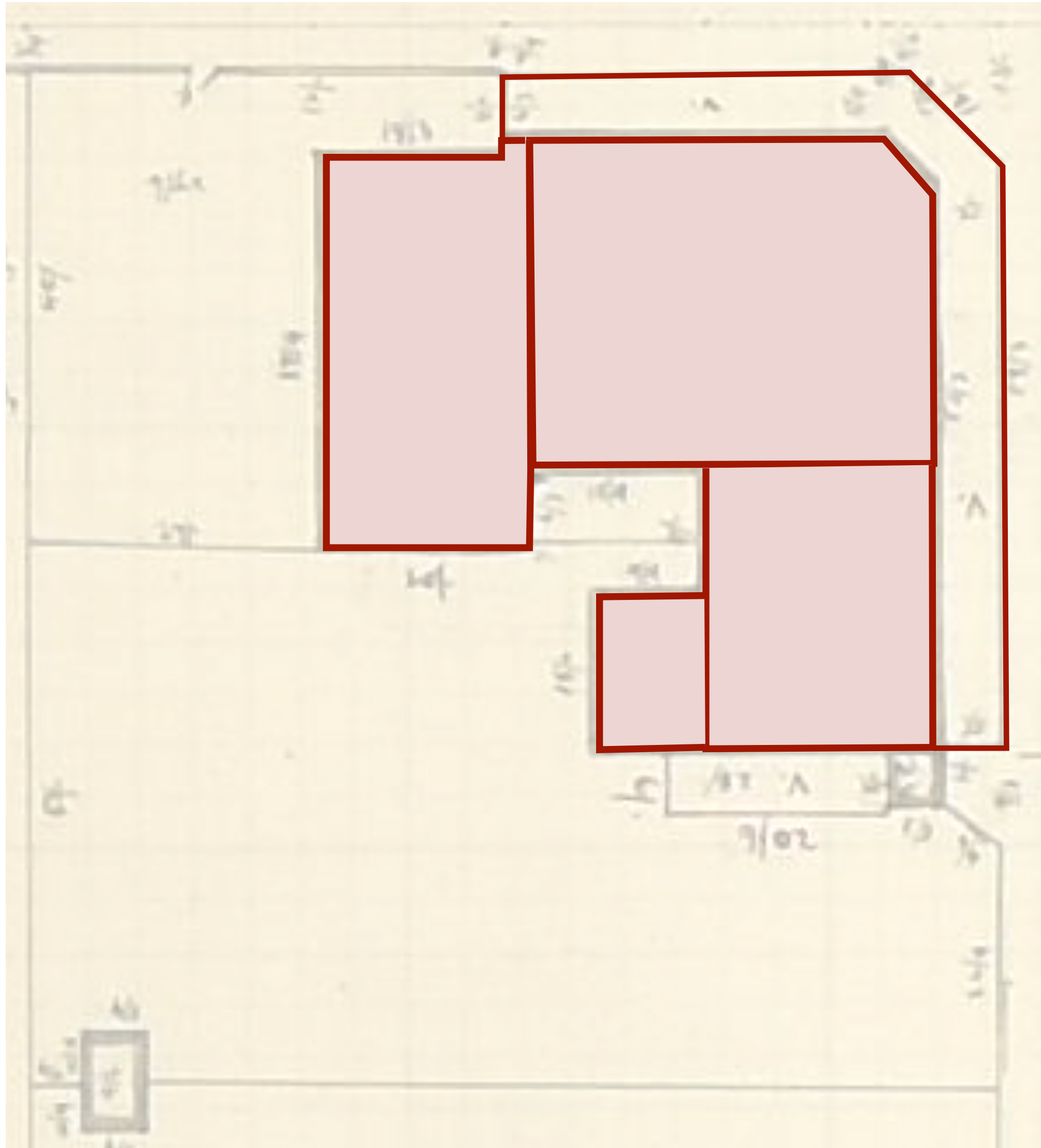
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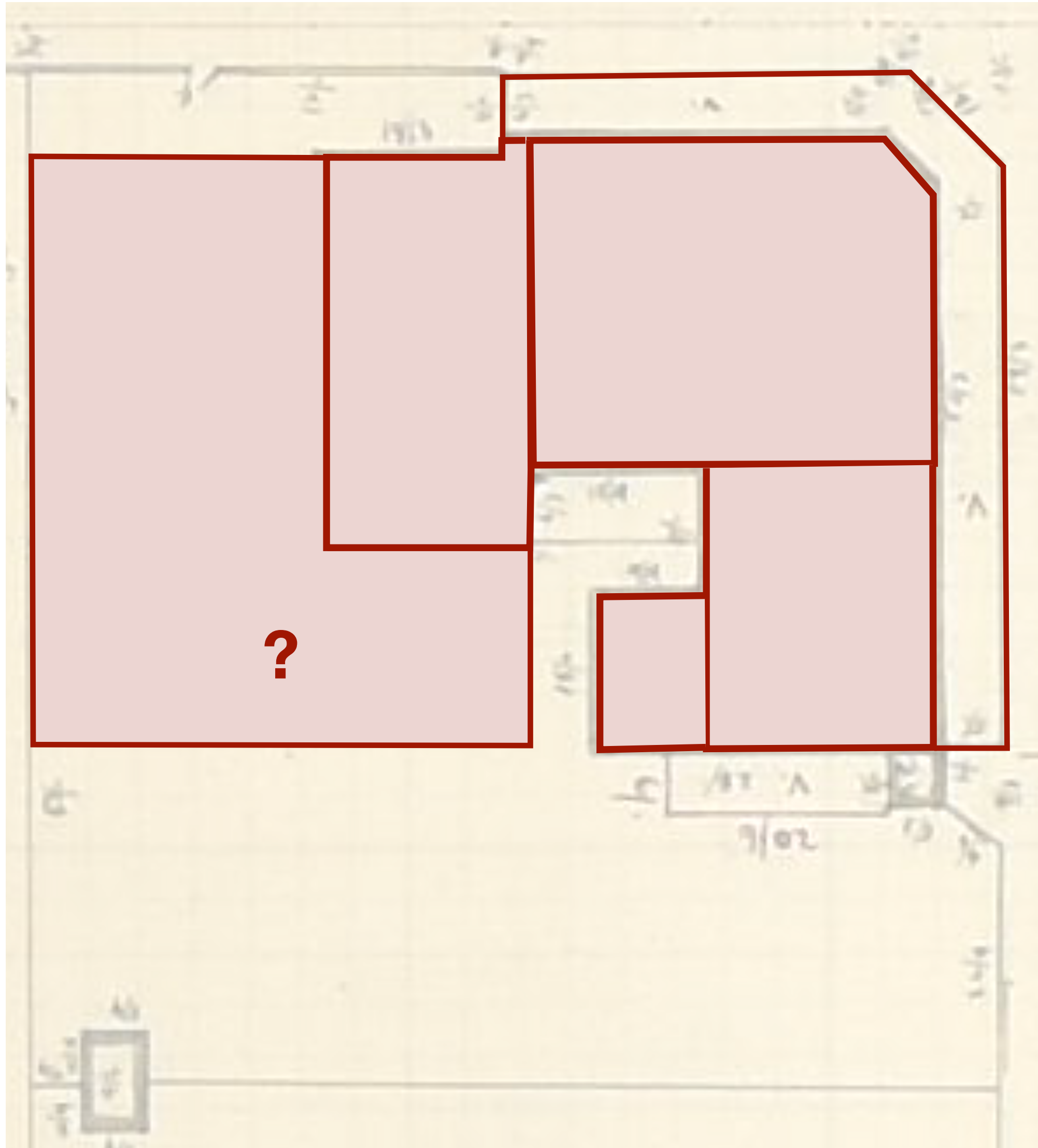
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The Kent Town Hotel, c.1984 [SLSA B 44078; © State Library of SA]



The Kent Town Hotel, c. 1994 [NSPP collection]



The Kent Town 'theme' pub: 2000s



Golf and gorillas



...and the phoenix rises again: 2019+



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Conclulsion

