



Documentation of Character-Defining Features

Tidewater Farm Falmouth ME

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Tidewater Farm is an early 19th century Federal style house and later barn complex. It was expanded and remodeled several times through the years. Stylistic and construction details suggest one round of alteration in the mid-19th century with another in the early 20th century and a more significant round during the second half of the 20th century. The first rounds included changes to the ell, side entrance, chimneys, and staircases and probably the installation of the first bathroom off the front stairs. The last round included the sun porch added on the northwest elevation and an addition built onto the kitchen ell with a garage at the basement level. The second bathroom was likely added at this time, along with the modern kitchen.

It is clear most later alterations were done with the historic character of the house taken into account and a conscious intent to preserve historic character-defining features. It is evident that Federal style mantels, paneling, doors, and other trim elements were relocated rather than replaced during these alterations. Added elements like the new staircases were done in a simplified Colonial Revival style that is compatible with the earlier work.



Surviving exterior character-defining features of the house.

Because the exterior was resided with shingles in the mid-20th century (probably over the original clapboard), there is not a lot of visible historic material remaining. Salvageable items are shown in the photos that follow.



Photo 1: Front door surround including elliptical louvered fan.



Photo 2: Early louvered shutters with hand-forged hinges (stored in garage). Not keyed.



Photo 3: Mid-19th century Greek Revival door portico on side elevation.



Photo 4: A few wood windows with early glass remain intact.



Photo 5: Granite steps at front and side doors, and granite cap stones on foundation.

Surviving interior character-defining features of the house.

A large amount of early 19th century material remains in the interior of the house. Some elements have been relocated from their original locations in the house but remain intact and salvageable.



Photo 6: Wide board pine floors (some boards exceed 24" width).



Photo 7: Horizontal wide board wainscoting.



Photo 8: Raised wall paneling.



Photo 9: Vertical wide board paneling.



Photo 10: Federal Style mantel in living room. This chimney was moved at some point and the mantel and paneling relocated. Note raised panels on one side of the mantel and vertical board on the other.



Photo 11: Federal style mantel in bedroom



Photo 12: Greek Revival Mantel in bedroom.



Photo 13: Federal style door trim and hardware.



Photo 14: Federal style window trim and chair rail sill.



Photo 15: 19th century doors throughout the house and stored in the garage. Not keyed.



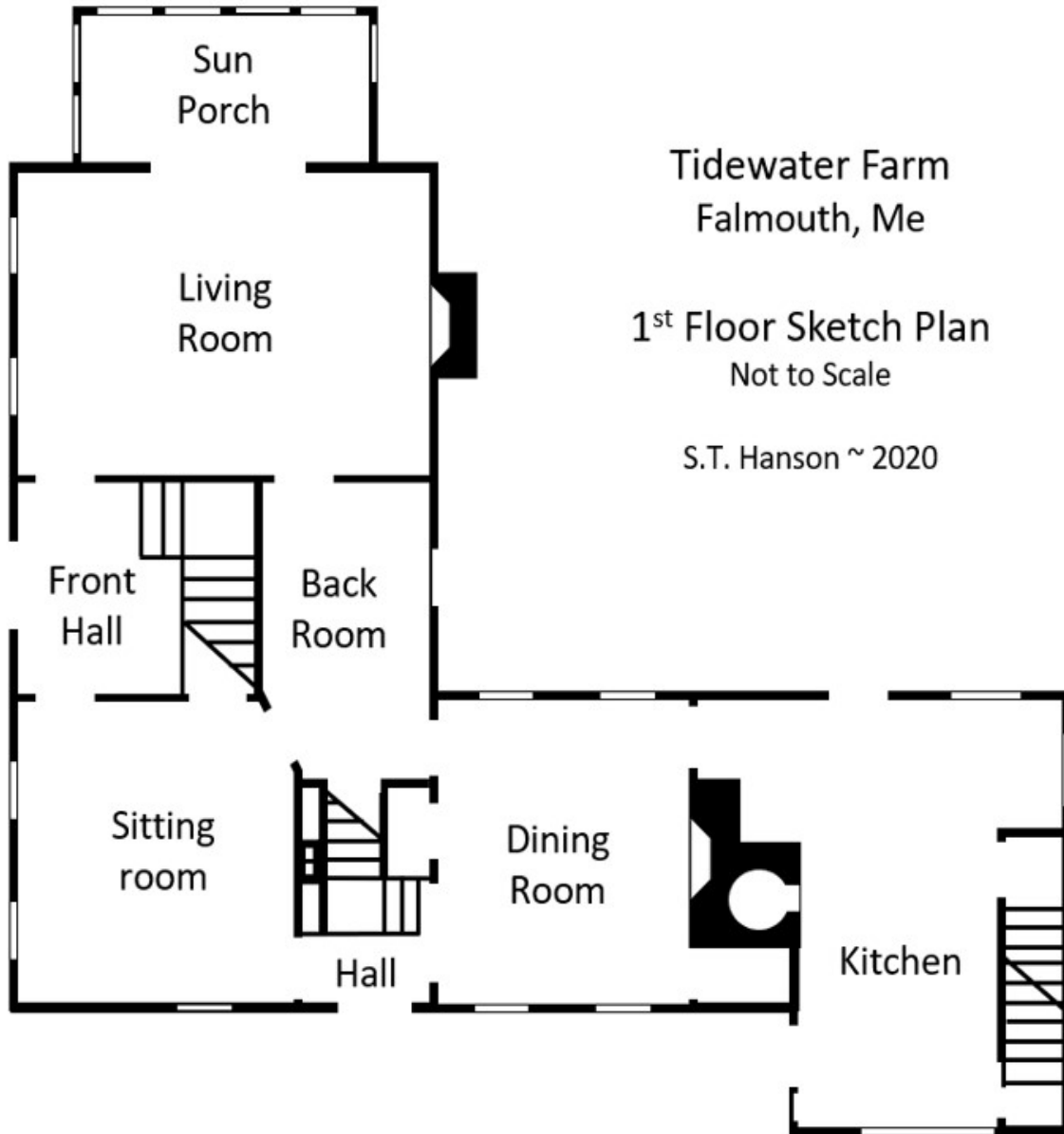
Photo 16: Early 20th century Colonial Revival stair elements.

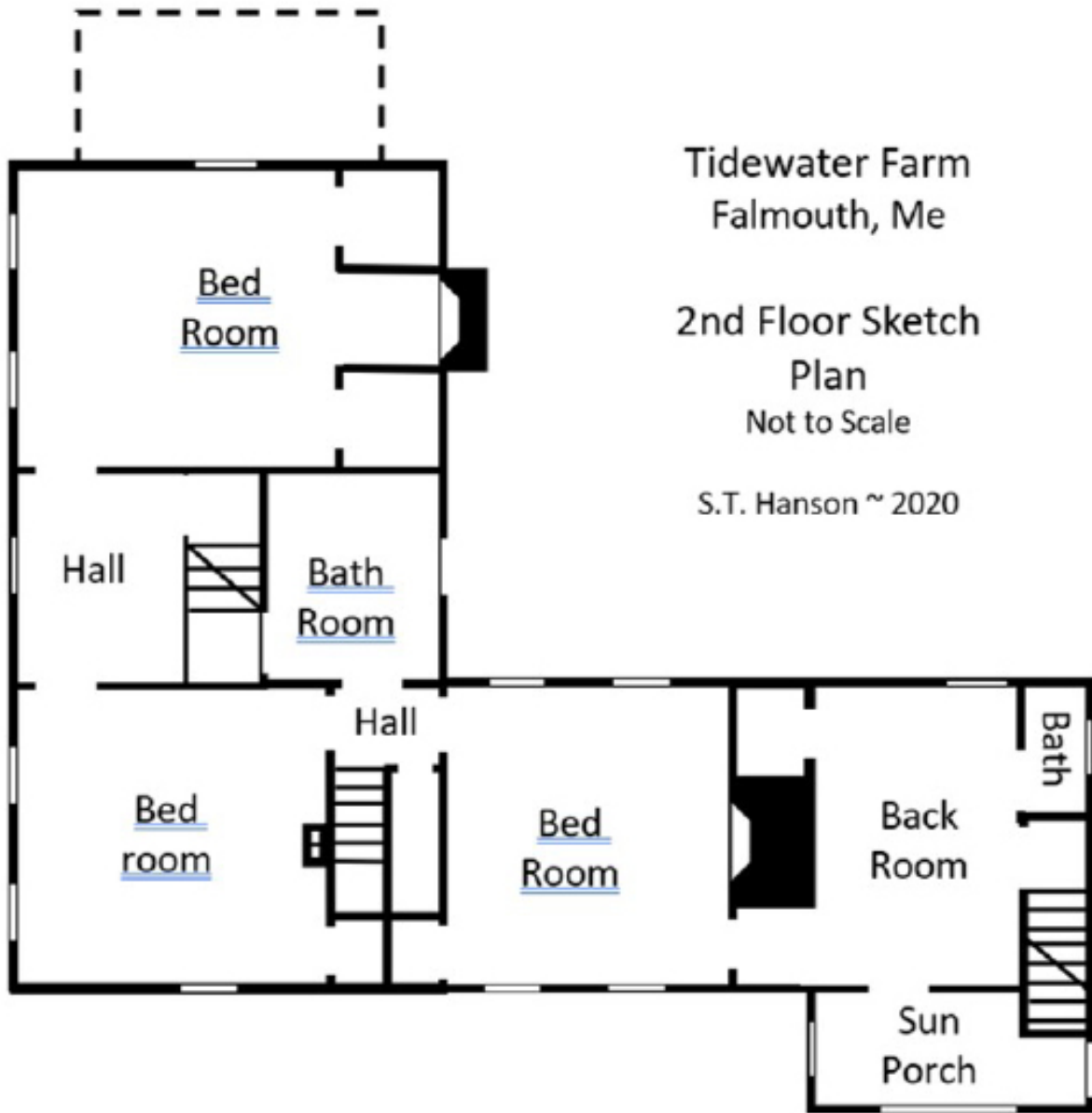


Photo 17: Early 19th century oven door with hand-forged hinges and latch.



Photo 18: Old growth timber structural frame of house, rough-sawn wide sheathing boards, and historic brick in chimneys. Not keyed.





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2nd Floor Sketch
Plan
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Photo 19: View of west elevation and facade.



Photo 20: View of facade and east elevation.



Photo 21: View of east elevation.



Photo 22: View south toward the water.



Photo 23: View in sitting room.



Photo 24: View in sitting room.



Photo 25: View in front hall.



Photo 26: View of front door and sidelights in front hall.



Photo 27: View in living room.



Photo 28: Room view in living room.



Photo 29: Federal style trim details in living room.



Photo 30: View in sun room.



Photo 31: View in back room.



Photo 32: Room view in dining room.



Photo 33: View in dining room.



Photo 34: View in kitchen



Photo 35: View in kitchen.



Photo 36: View of exposed chimney and early 19th century oven door in kitchen.



Photo 37: View of side hall and stair.



Photo 38: View in bedroom.



Photo 39: View in bedroom.



Photo 40: View in bedroom.



Photo 41: View in bedroom.



Photo 42: View in bedroom.



Photo 43: Front stair detail.



Photo 44: Second floor front hall.



Photo 45: Bathroom off front stair.



Photo 46: Room view in ell bedroom.



Photo 47: View in ell bedroom



Photo 48: View in second floor back room.



Photo 49: View in second floor sun porch.



Photo 50: View in rear bathroom.



Photo 51: Detail of Victorian era door hardware in second story of ell. Not keyed.



Photo 52: View in attic. Not keyed.



Photo 53: View showing the relationship of the barn and house.



Photo 54: The two-story 19th century portion of the barn retains its historic clapboard siding and trim on the facade.



Photo 55: 19th century barn door and arched surround.



Photo 56: Historic clapboard, trim, and window in barn.



Photo 57: Old growth timber barn frame. Not keyed.



Photo 58: Old-growth timber barn frame. Not keyed.



Photo 59: Cow tie-ups in barn. Not keyed.



Photo 60: Vintage water trough/sink in barn. Not keyed.



Photo 61: Later additions to the barn have little historic material for salvage. Not keyed.



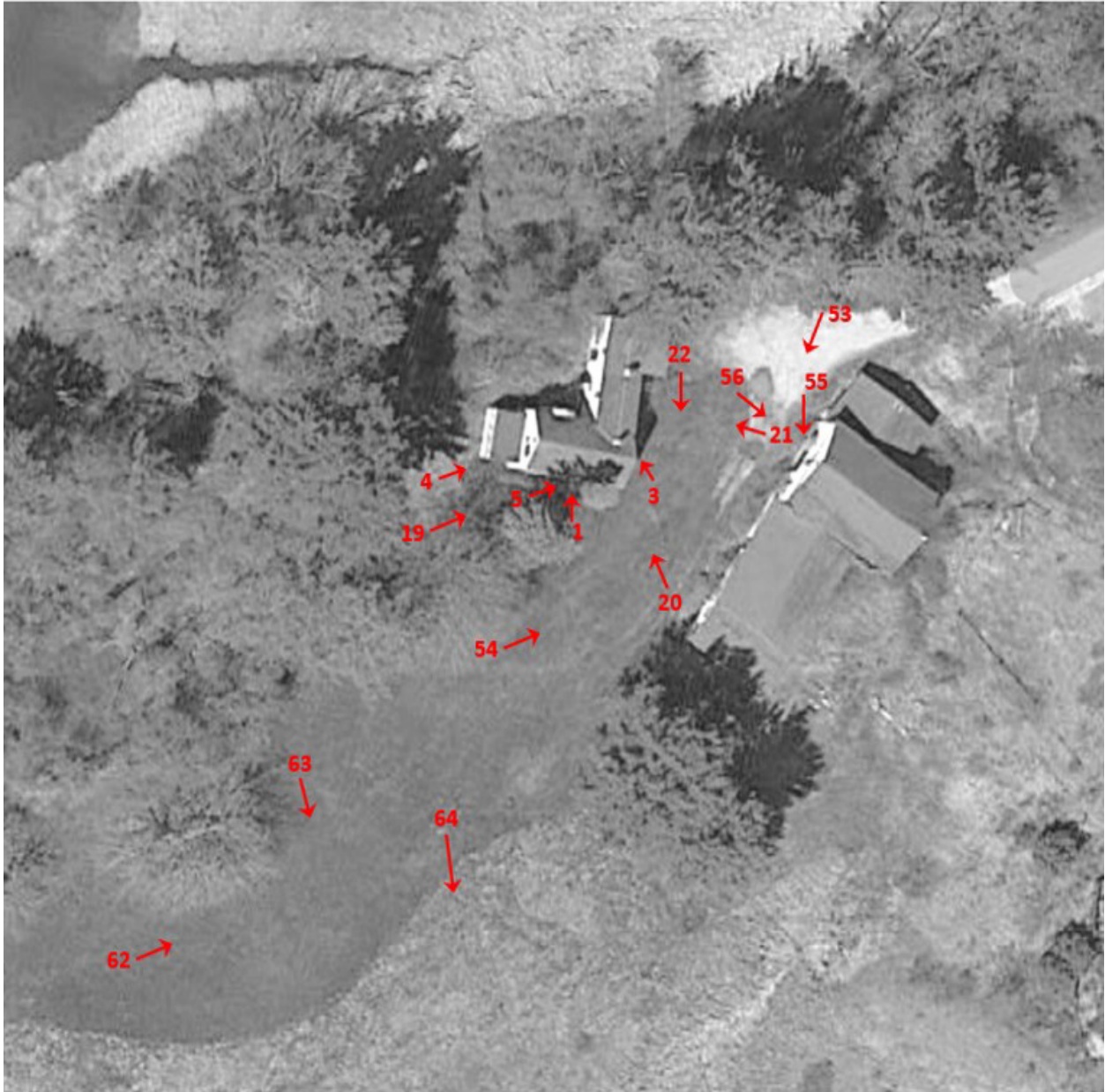
Photo 62: View toward the barn and house from the point.



Photo 63: View of the water from the point below the house and barn. A large walnut tree remains on the property at right.



Photo 64: View enjoyed by generations of residents at Tidewater Farm.



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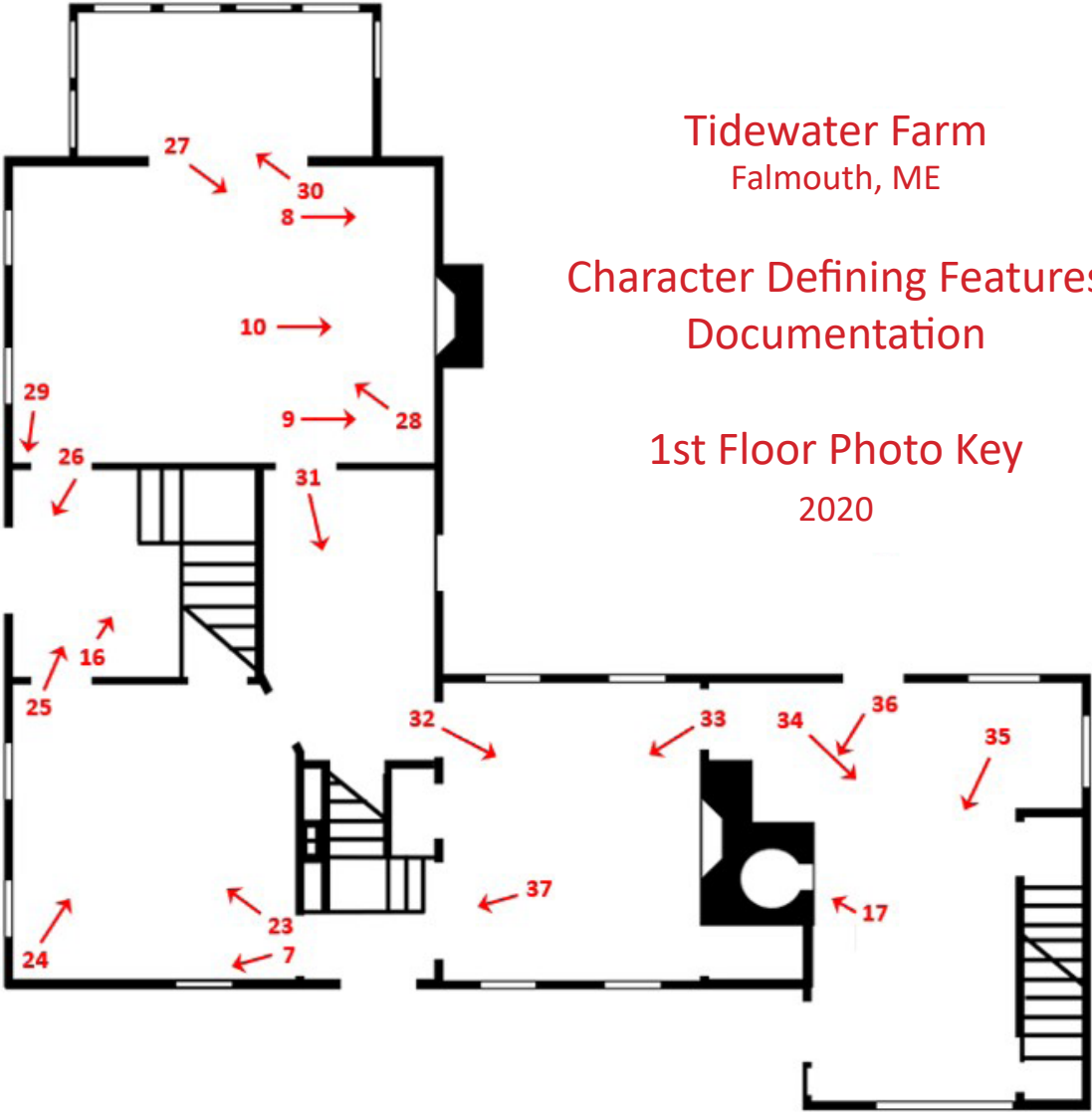
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