

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2011
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1995-0006
Pemberton Castle
1415 Wooldridge Drive

PROPOSAL

Add castellation to the ca. 1925 pumphouse in the back yard of the property.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to raise the roof of the existing pumphouse and add castellation to the roofline with turrets at each corner. The existing pumphouse is a small, rectangular structure with a flat roof and retains a high degree of integrity of materials and design.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

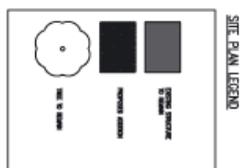
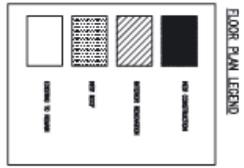
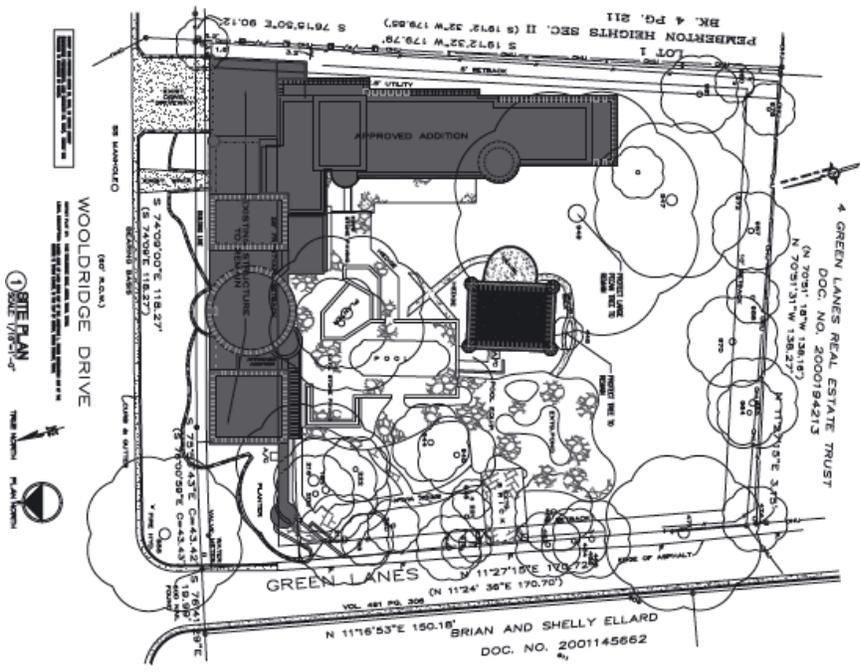
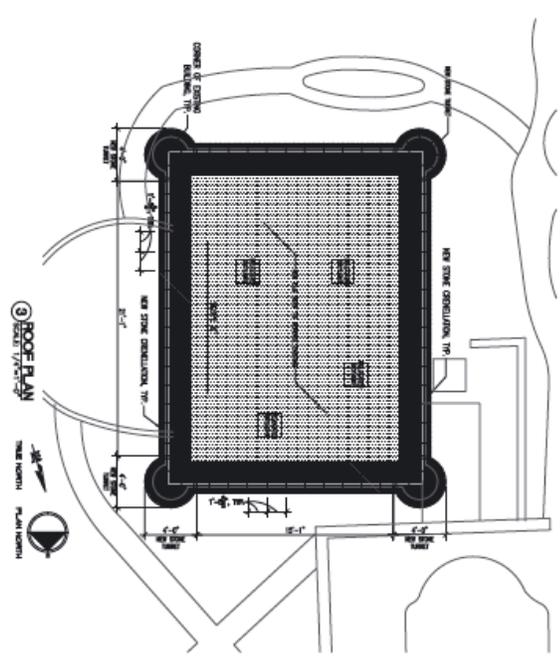
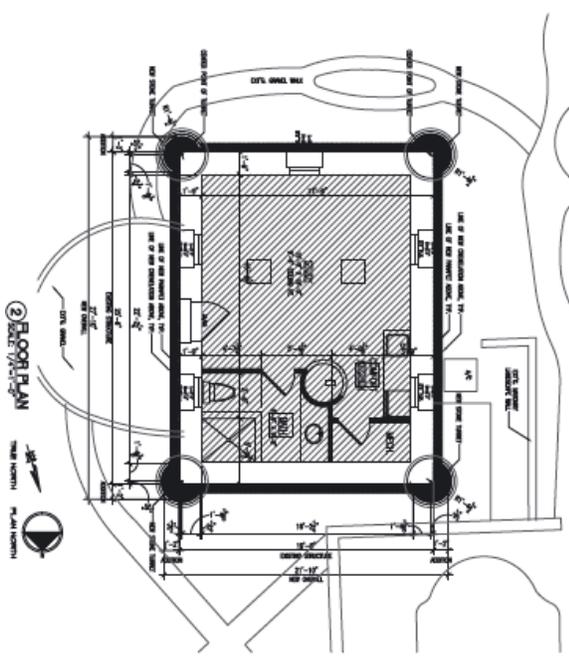
- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- Treat with sensitivity distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee strongly recommended against approval of this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Deny the Certificate of Appropriateness. The pumphouse is an original feature of the ca. 1925 construction of the Castle and has retained a high degree of integrity. Attaching castellation and turrets to this utilitarian building will give it an appearance it never had, and violates the Commission's standards for respecting the original historic design of this structure. Altering the appearance of the pumphouse to this extent too significantly compromises the architectural honesty of the structure, its history, and its context.

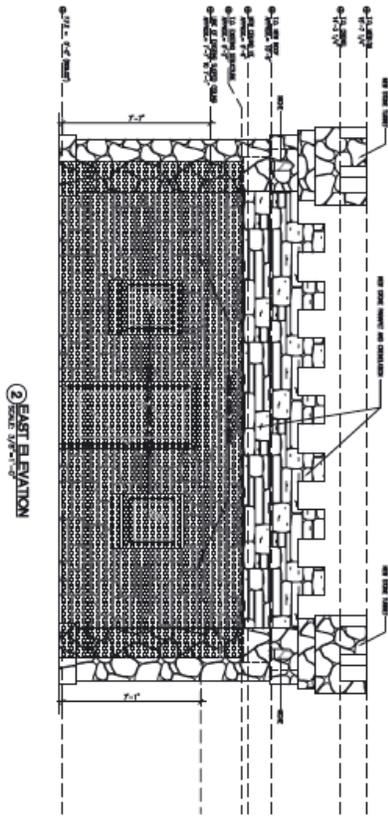


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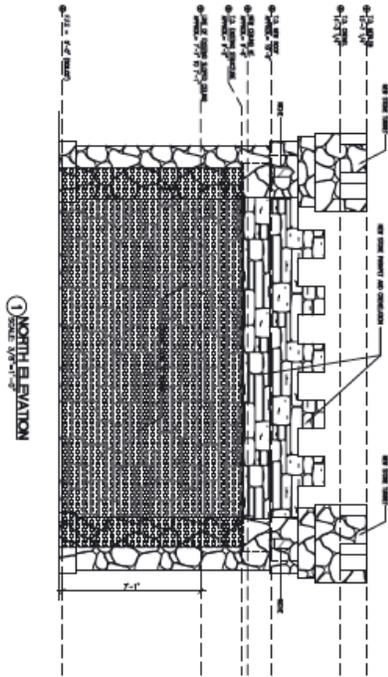
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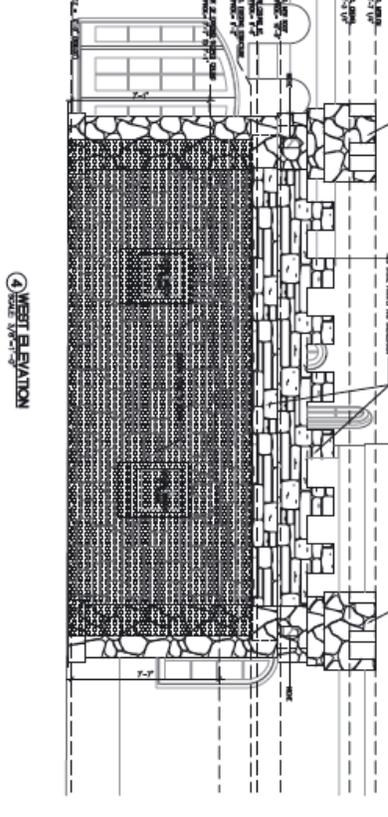
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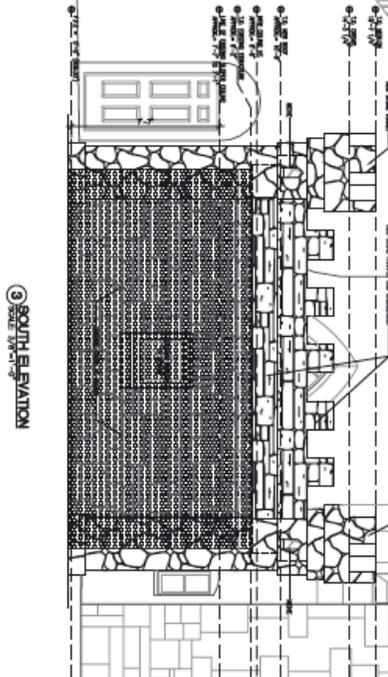
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