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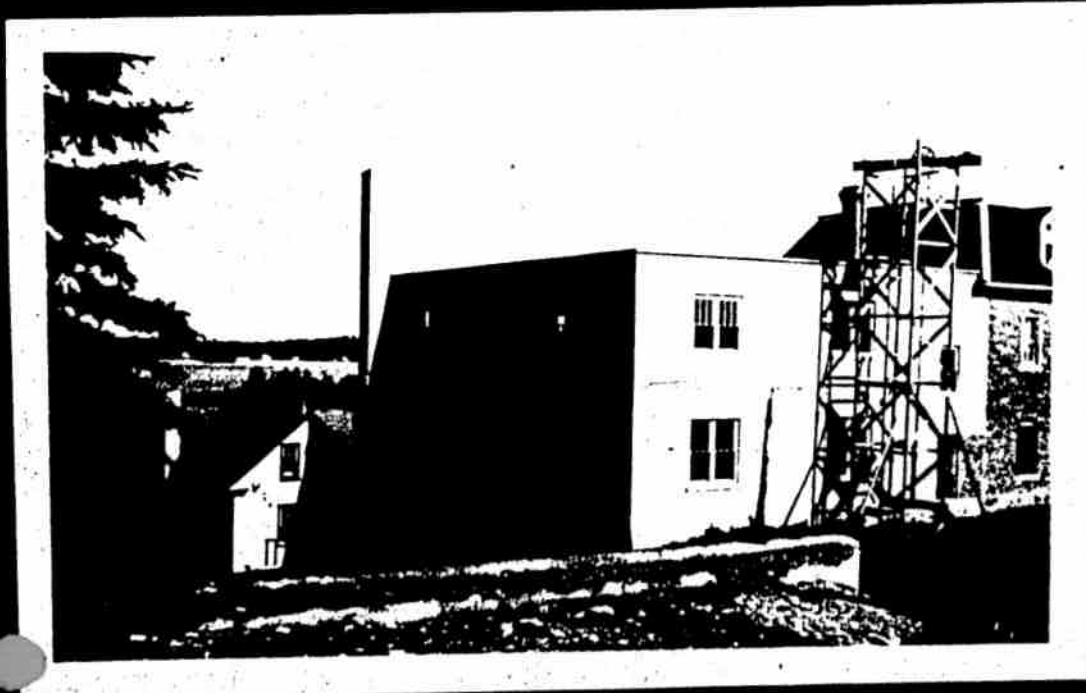
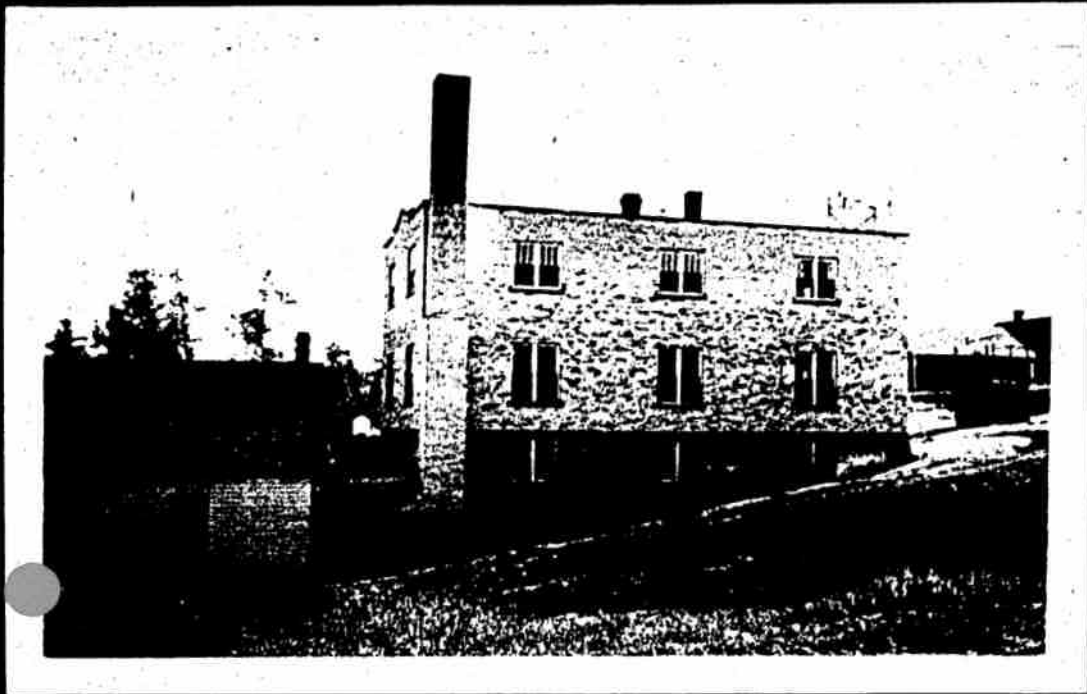
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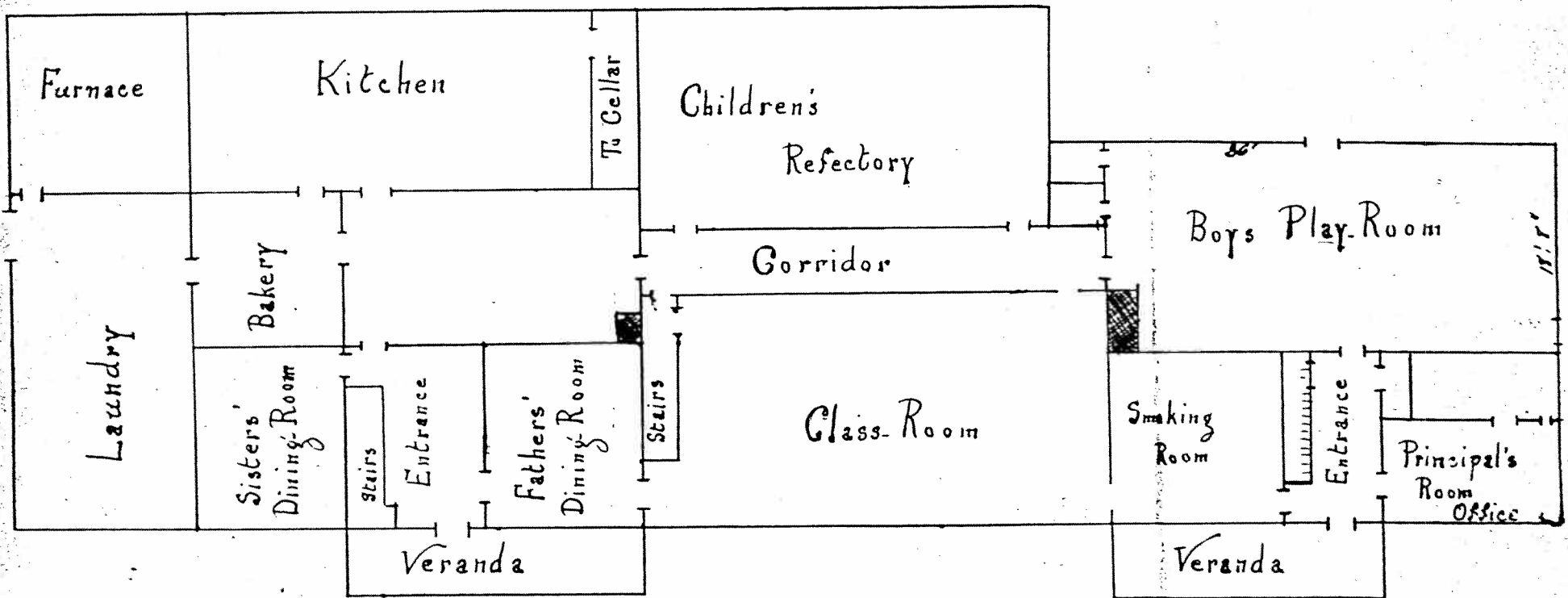
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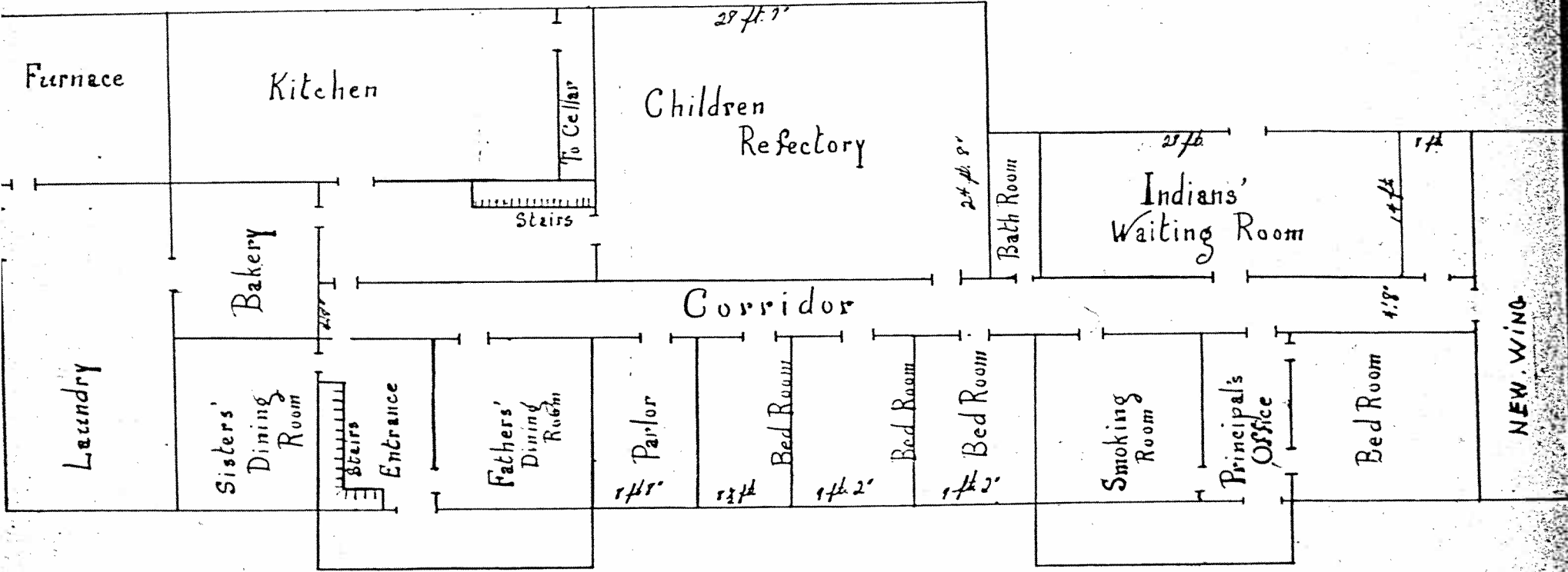
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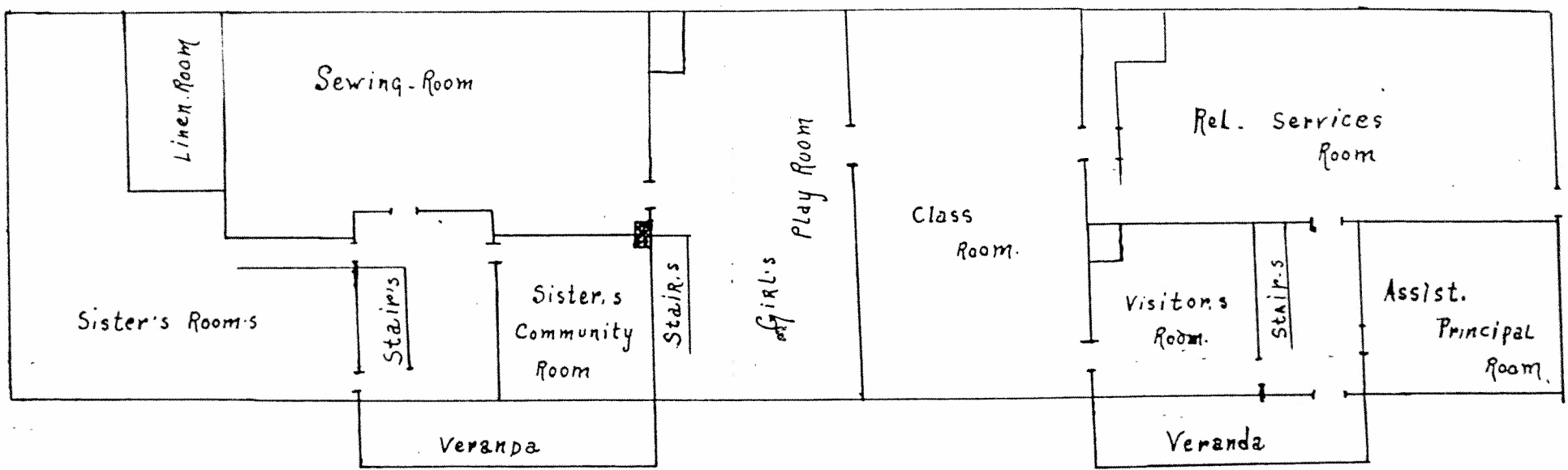
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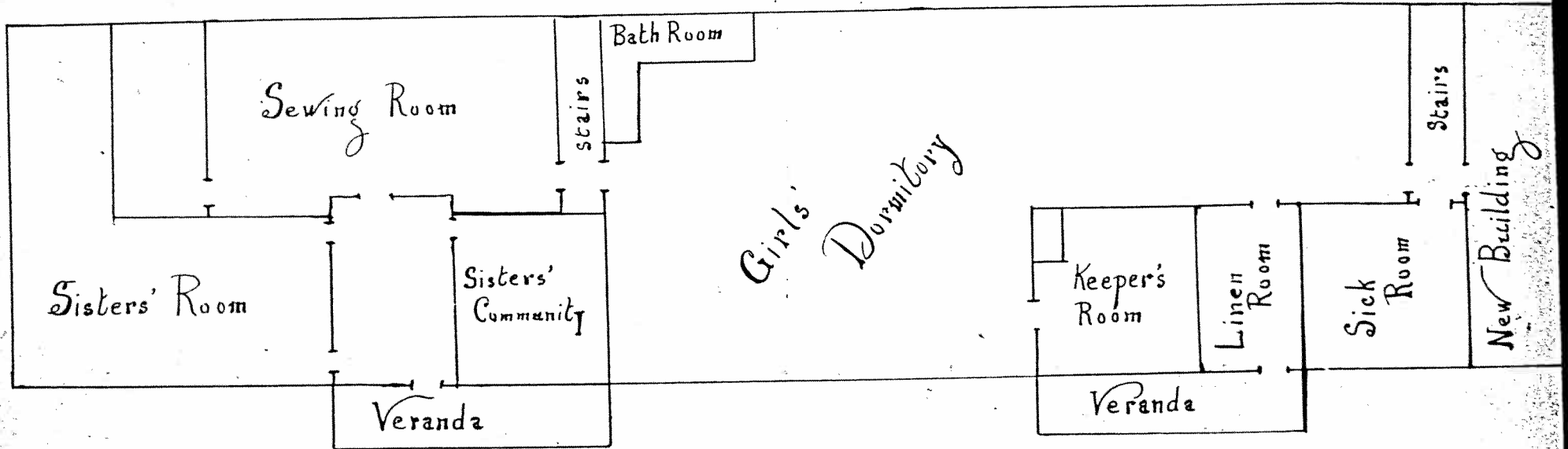


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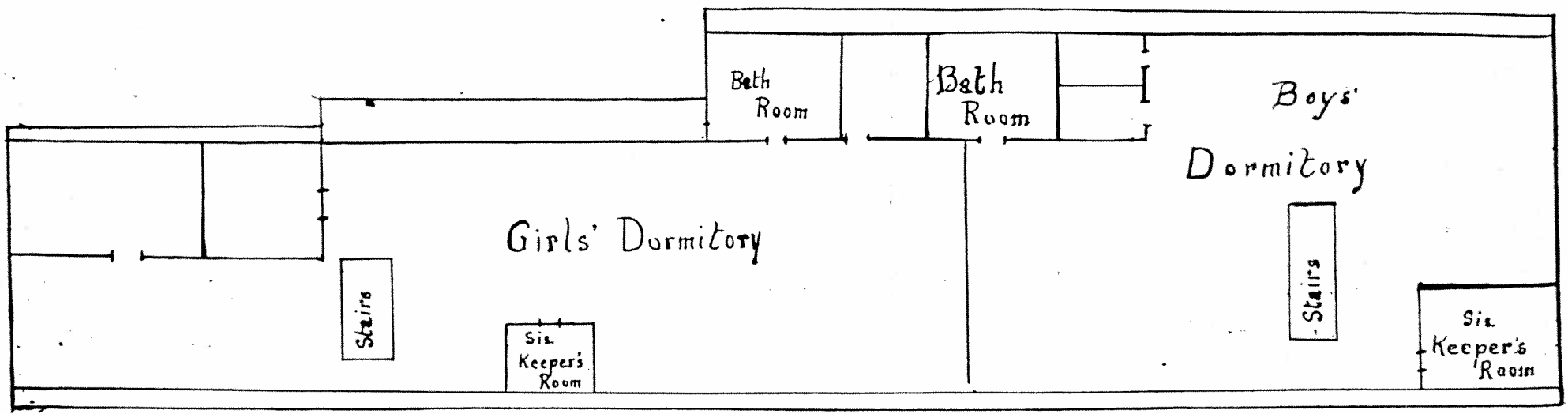
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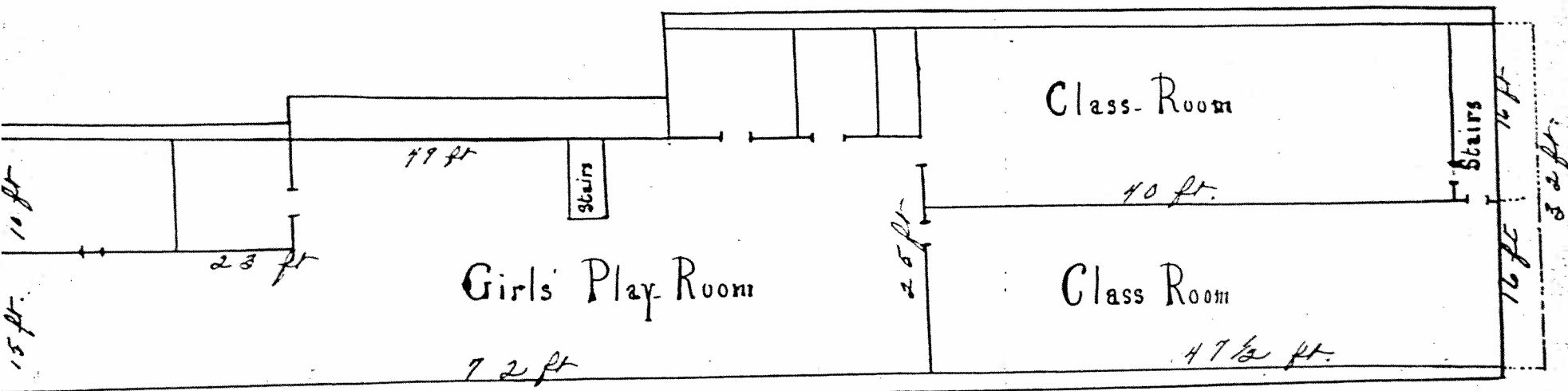
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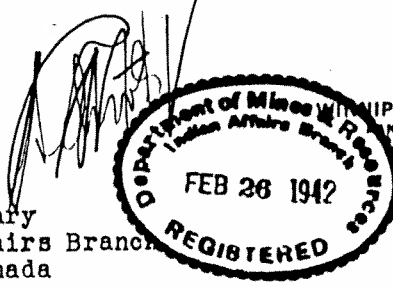
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February 24, 1942

The Secretary  
Indian Affairs Branch  
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir: Att'n. Mr. R. A. Hoey

I have yours of the 20th instant regarding the Kenora R. C. Residential School. Whilst it is true that the Government has already expended a fairly large amount towards the building of a fireproof wing to the above School, the fact must not be lost sight of that the Oblate Fathers themselves have contributed a fairly substantial amount in the form of labour. Under present conditions it would seem almost unfair to ask them to complete the building at their own expense.

This new addition, as it now stands, is larger than was originally planned; on the other hand, it will provide fireproof dormitories for all the children of the School. This improvement could not have been secured if the original plan had been strictly followed, and is an aspect of the problem in which the Department cannot but be very much interested, as the danger from fire to the lives of our Indian children must be eliminated wherever possible.

Bearing these facts in mind, we still believe that the Department should not refuse to appropriate at least part of the funds necessary to complete the building. As it now stands, neither the walls nor the ceilings are plastered, and whilst you have asked the School Principal to use both the first and second stories for dormitory purposes, and he is willing to comply with your wishes, you will admit with me that dormitories with such bare walls and ceilings are not very inviting.

And may I add the following remarks:

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If the Department could accede to the wishes of the Principal and agree to complete the building, a great deal would be accomplished towards removing from the minds of our Catholic Indians, and from those of local friends of the R.C. Indian Residential School at Kenora, the impression that, in comparison with the Cecilia Jeffrey School, the former seems to have been treated pretty much in the manner of a stepchild.

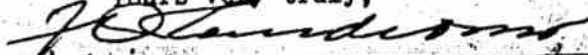
Back in 1928, when it was decided to change the sight of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, a beautiful farm was bought as a new sight at a cost of \$12,000. In the following two years at least \$170,000 was spent on the construction of the new School. Moreover about \$5,500 were allowed for the purchase of farm implements and livestock. Besides the Kenora R.C. School only received \$160.00 per year per pupil, whilst \$165.00 was being paid to the Cecilia Jeffrey. This discrepancy in the grant lasted until the attention of the Department was called to it. You also know, no doubt, that the pupilage of the Cecilia Jeffrey is 150, but that of the Kenora R.C. School is only 95.

It must be remembered that both the Cecilia Jeffrey and the Kenora R.C. School cater to the same group of Indians, most of whom are of aboriginal belief, and I still can't figure out why the Department adopted the policy of erecting such a large School for the Cecilia Jeffrey group and refused to enlarge or rebuild the Kenora R.C. School.

All this is brought to your attention not in a spirit of recrimination, because after all you had nothing to do with the condition which now prevails in that district, but it will supply you with arguments to use when this matter is again brought to the attention of either the Minister or his Executive Secretary. You could spend a large amount of money on the Kenora R.C. School and it would still be in an inferior position to the Cecilia Jeffrey. The policy of the Department has always been to treat both the Catholic and non-Catholic elements with equal fairness and the present may be an opportune occasion to remedy a condition which is apt to leave doubts in the minds of some regarding this determination of the Department to treat all denominations on an equal basis.

I remain, my dear Mr. Hoey,

Yours very truly,



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