April 18, 2023

NOTICE OF DENIAL

Jason Fligger 4J Architecture-Detroit, PLLC 130 W. Parkhurst Pl. Detroit, MI 48203

RE: Application Number 23-8232, 4440 E. Canfield/4444 Russell; Atkinson Avenue Historic District Project Scope: Alter front porch of rectory building

Dear Applicant,

At the regular meeting that was held on April 12, 2023, the Detroit Historic District Commission ("DHDC") reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) and 9(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1), MCL 399.209 (9) and Sections 21-2-78 and 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Denial for the following work, effective on April 18, 2023, as it will be inappropriate according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the district's Elements of Design:

Alter front porch of rectory building

The reasons for the denial are a failure to meet the following specific Standards or Elements:

- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 5. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

The application may be resubmitted for the Historic District Commission's review when suggested changes have been made that address the cited reasons for denial, if applicable.

Please be advised that, in accordance with MCL 399. 211 and Section 21-2-81 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, an applicant aggrieved by a decision of the DHDC may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Within sixty (60) days of your receipt of this notice, an appeal may be filed with:

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If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or hdc@detroitmi.gov.

For the Commission:

Timothy Boscarino

Detroit Historic District Commission

Request to Demolish the Existing front Porch Roof and Columns and Construct a New Front Porch Roof and Support Structures for the Mother of Divine Mercy Rectory / Parish Office Located Adjacent to Sweetest Heart of Mary Church

Located in the Sweetest Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Parish Local Historic District:

4440 Russell St. Detroit. MI 48207

Project Contact Information:

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Owner Representative: Edmund Bourke, Finance Committee Chairman

Mother of Divine Mercy Parish (of which Sweetest Heart of

Mary is a member Church)

C/o Parish Office 4440 Russell St. Detroit, MI 48207 (313) 831-6659

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<u>Description of Existing Conditions</u>:

The two story brick rectory / parish Office at 4440 Russell was constructed by John Kaczmarek, a mason and bricklayer in 1900. It is designed in an eclectic style that has elements of Colonial Revival and Italian Renaissance Revival Architectural styles which were popular at the time. The rectory roof is hipped with a side gable. Important features of the front façade include decorative masonry quoins and architrave, dentil moulding, limestone masonry sills and keystones and a central covered porch supported by pilasters and columns.

Close examination of an available historic photo revealed that the flat roof of the porch was originally adorned with a low balustrade and that the original columns were round Tuscan type. The balustrade no longer exists. According to on parish member, the original columns degraded and were replaced with "temporary" square craftsman-type columns many years ago. The existing rectangular pilasters appear to be original and

are Tuscan type. The centerlines of pilasters that support the porch adjacent to the building do not align with the centerlines of columns that support the porch distally.

The existing flat roof slopes downward slightly away from the rectory building and contains a shallow integral gutter that is supposed to drain to a downspout mounted on the rectory front façade adjacent to the south pilaster. The existing downspout is a 3" diameter painted pvc sewer pipe. It is unclear whether the roof slope was an original design feature or if it was created by decay of the original support columns and replacement of those columns with temporary columns that were too short. The current counteracting roof slope prevents water flow toward the downspout drain resulting in it spilling over roof edges. The poor condition of the integral gutter inverts allows water in the gutter to soak into the roof structure. The seepage of water into the roof structure and edge spillover has contributed to decay of the wood soffits, fascia and roof joist ends and it likely contributed to decay of the original columns that ultimately necessitated their removal.

Professional roofing contractors have indicated that redesign of the roof drainage strategy is necessary for successful installation of a new roof on the porch.

The existing porch light consists of a bare floodlamp in a lampholder. It is unknown if a porch light was installed when the rectory was built. A pendant fixture is not possible due to the lack of clearance between the top of the outswinging security door and the ceiling. The existing security door is to remain in place.

Description of Project:

In this project, we propose to remove and reconstruct the decayed wood porch roof and support pilasters / columns. All masonry portions of the existing porch will remain. Existing brick and limestone will be cleaned of spalling paint. The wood portion of the porch will be reconstructed with a new level curb at all exposed roof edges. The curb will conceal a new sloped roof surface that drains to two scuppers that divide the roof runoff and eliminate the need for a gutter and downspout. The relatively small amount of water that will drain into each scupper will be absorbed by the existing landscape adjacent to the porch. Scuppers are strategically located to avoid saturating the ground immediately adjacent to the rectory basement while avoiding direct discharge onto concrete paths where winter icing could occur. The detachment of stormwater discharge systems from the existing combined sewer is in keeping with current Detroit Water and Sewerage Department recommendations.

Secure attachment to the existing building via through-wall bolting avoids the problem of unpredictable holding power of masonry anchors in historic common brick. The bolts prevent lateral porch movement while columns concealed inside the new pilasters and the use of load-bearing decorative columns distally will carry all gravity loads. The use of a column inside the pilaster is necessary since, unlike the proposed round Tuscan columns, matching decorative pilasters are not rated for gravity loads.

The sizes and style of pilasters and columns were chosen to match, as closely as possible, those in the referenced historic photo.

The community that worships at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church takes pride in the upkeep of their historic buildings. In part because of its historic buildings, the parish attracts members who are skilled in woodworking and the building trades. It is planned that the balustrade components and other millwork will be produced by a parishioner having the skills and tools necessary to shape dimensional lumber into the components as specified in the construction documents.

Detailed Scope of Work:

- Demolish existing wood components of front porch. Masonry portion of porch to remain along with existing steel handrails.
- Clean and remove spalling paint from porch brick and limestone masonry per HDC masonry cleaning guidelines.
- Construct new porch roof framing system to support gravity and lateral loads
- · Install roof decking and tapered insulation to provide sloped surface
- Install finish trim and millwork.
- Install EPDM roof membrane, copper counterflashing, coping and scuppers
- Install new decorative balustrade
- Prime and paint all wood components
- Install new porch light. Connect to existing switched branch circuit.
- Repair any damage to the adjacent landscape areas that might arise from construction activities.

SWEETEST HEART OF MARY RECTORY PORCH RENOVATION

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PROPOSED VIEW

HISTORIC VIEW



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- **ROOF FRAMING PLANS AND DETAILS** CUSTOM STEEL BRACKET DETAILS
- SECTION B-B AND MILLWORK PROFILES
- ROOF DRAIN AND COPING DETAILS COLUMN AND BALUSTRADE DETAILS EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS AND VIEWS
 - MATERIAL SAMPLES AND SPECIFICATIONS

PROJECT INFORMATION

VOOD ROOF STRUCTURE AND WOOD COLUMNS AT FRONT PORCI PORCH MASONRY WALLS, HANDRAILS AND STEPS TO REMAIN WITHOUT INSTALLED. NEW ELECTRICAL PORCH LIGHT TO BE INSTALLED USING EXISTING SWITCHED BRANCH CIRCUIT.

ZONING AND CODE INFORMATION

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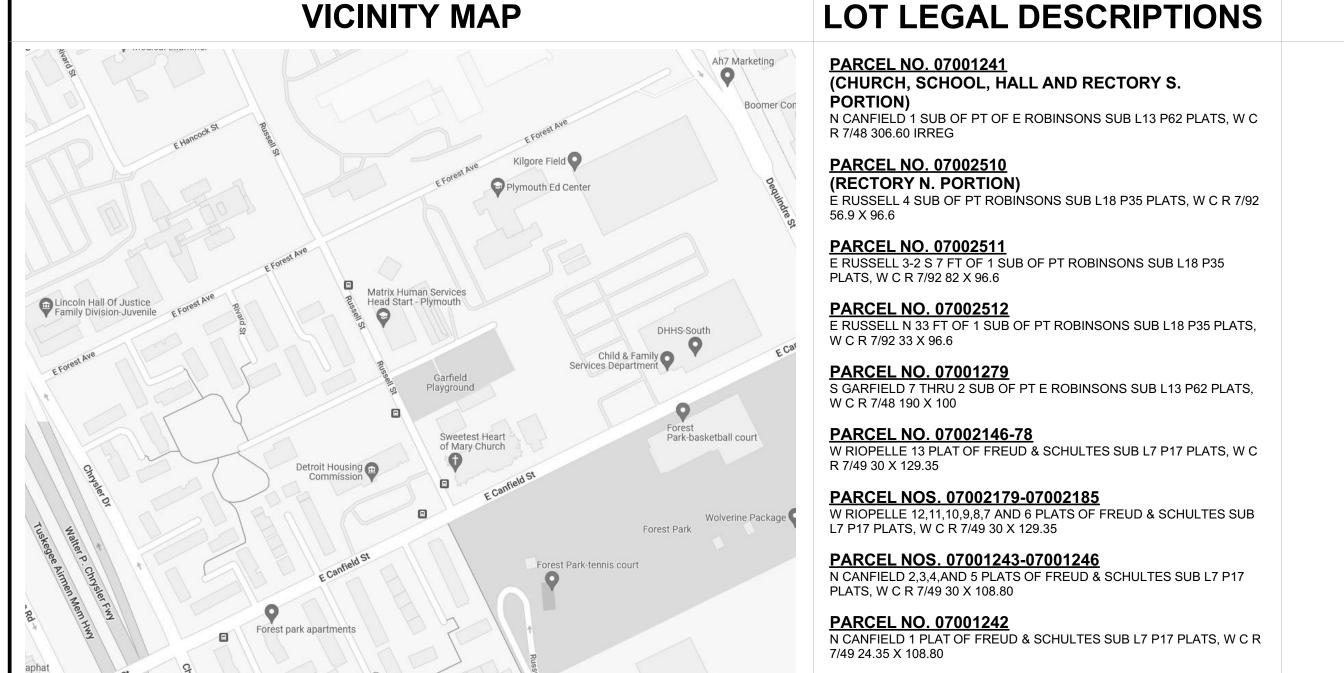
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NO CHANGE IN IMPERVIOUS AREAS PROPOSED

CURRENT OCC. GROUP: R3/B-NO CHANGE EXISTING CONST. TYPE: 3B - NO CHANGE

2015 MICHIGAN REHABILITATION CODE FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS METHOD OF COMPLIANCE: PRESCRIPTIVE METHOD 2018 CITY OF DETROIT ZONING ORDINANCE

ALL CODES REFERENCED ARE TO BE USED AS AMENDED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.



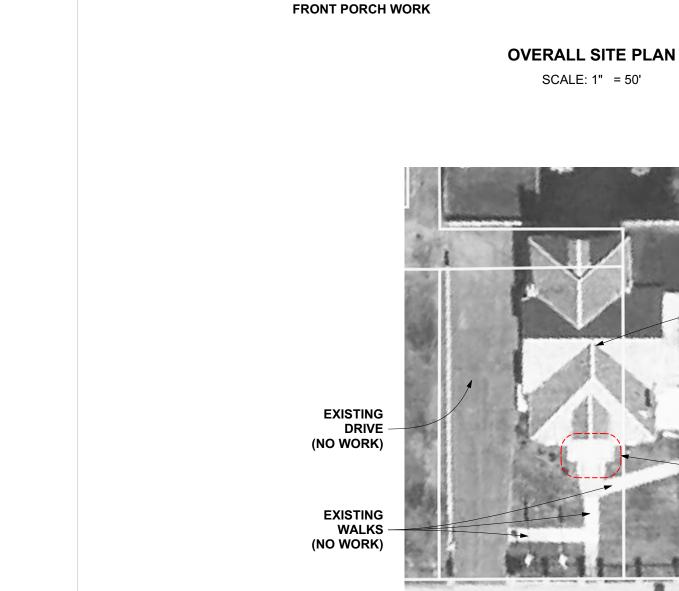


- (1) DEMOLISH ROOF AND ROOF FRAMING
- $m(\ {f 2}\ m)$ DEMOLISH ROOF SUPPORT STRUCTURE
- (4) DEMOLISH COLUMNS
- (5) DEMOLISH PORCH CEILING
- (6) REMOVE PORCH LIGHT BUT MAINTAIN BRANCH CIRCUIT FOR CONNECTION

PROPOSED DEMOLITION



- (3) DEMOLISH PILASTERS



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PARCEL

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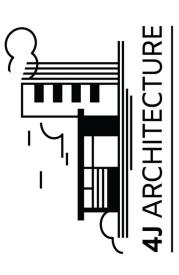
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> **LOCATION OF FRONT PORCH WORK**

ZOOM SITE PLAN SCALE: 1" = 30'

RUSSELL ST.

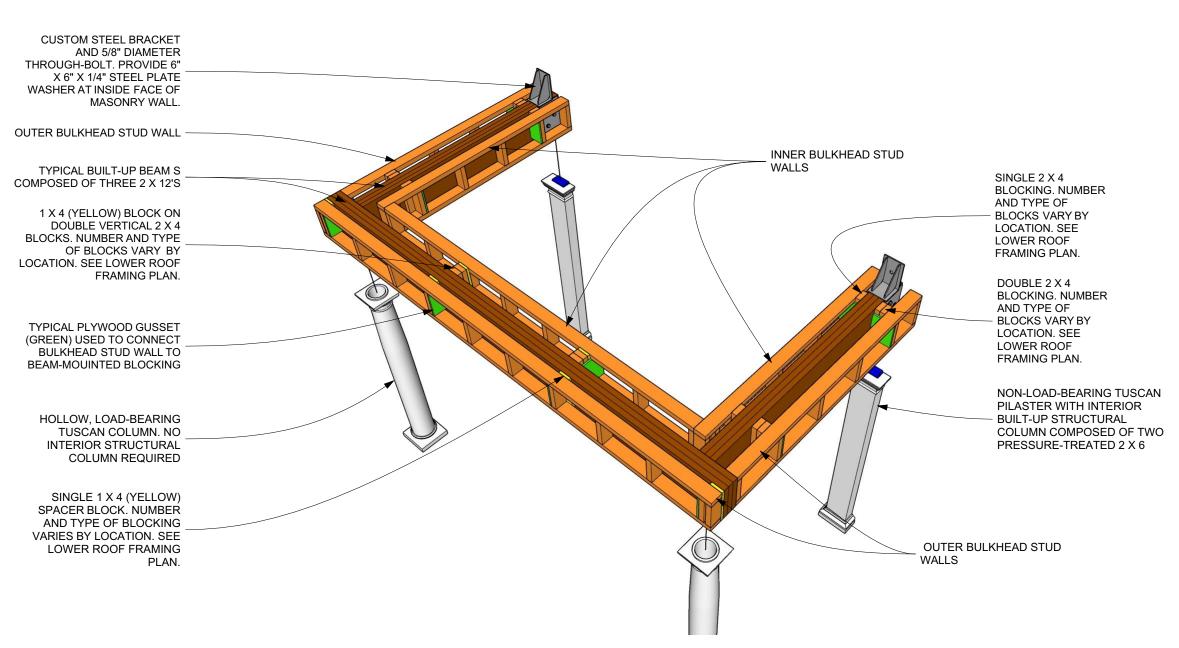
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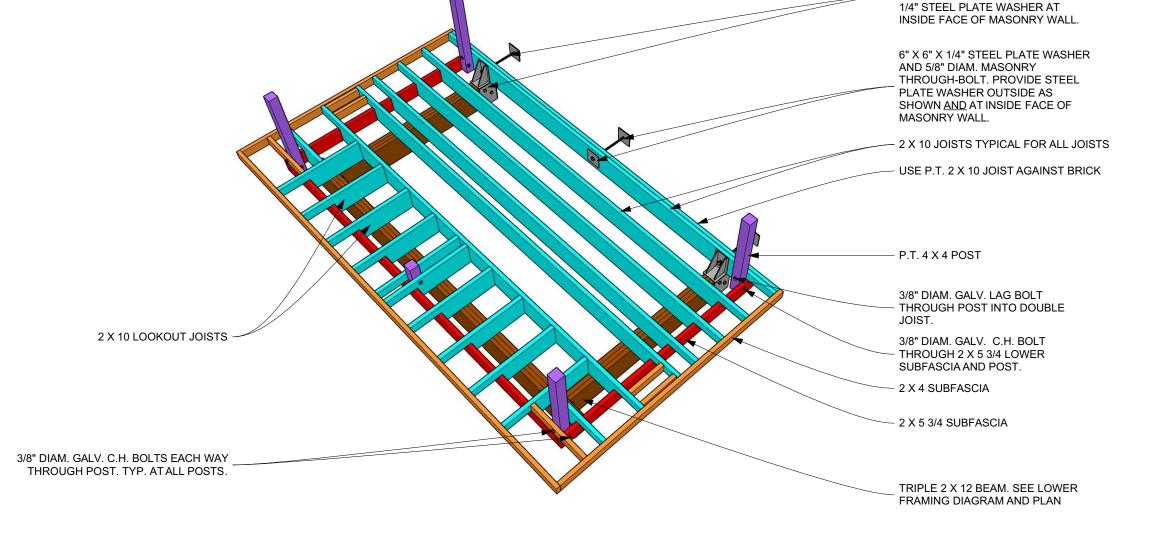




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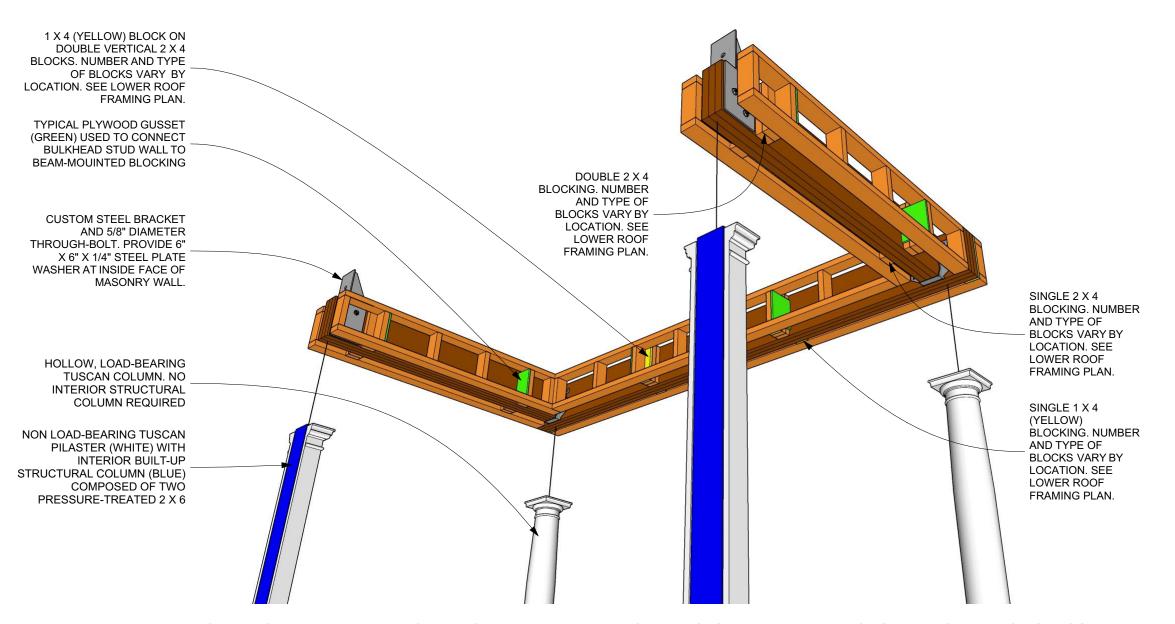


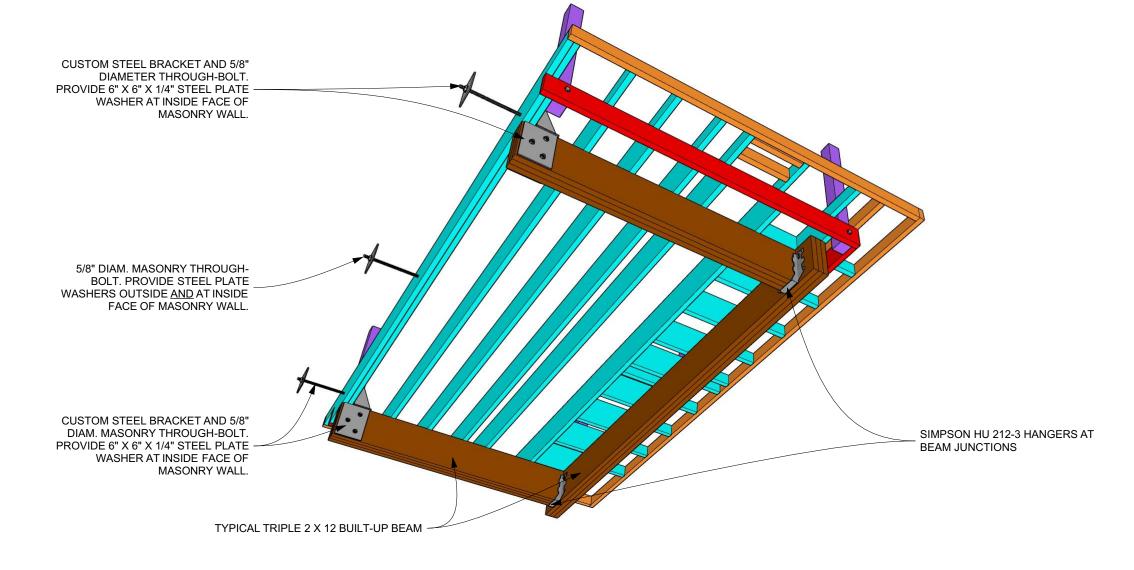
CUSTOM STEEL BEAM BRACKET AND 5/8" DIAM. MASONRY

THROUGH-BOLT. PROVIDE 6" X 6" X

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF LOWER PART OF ROOF FRAMING (BELOW JOISTS)







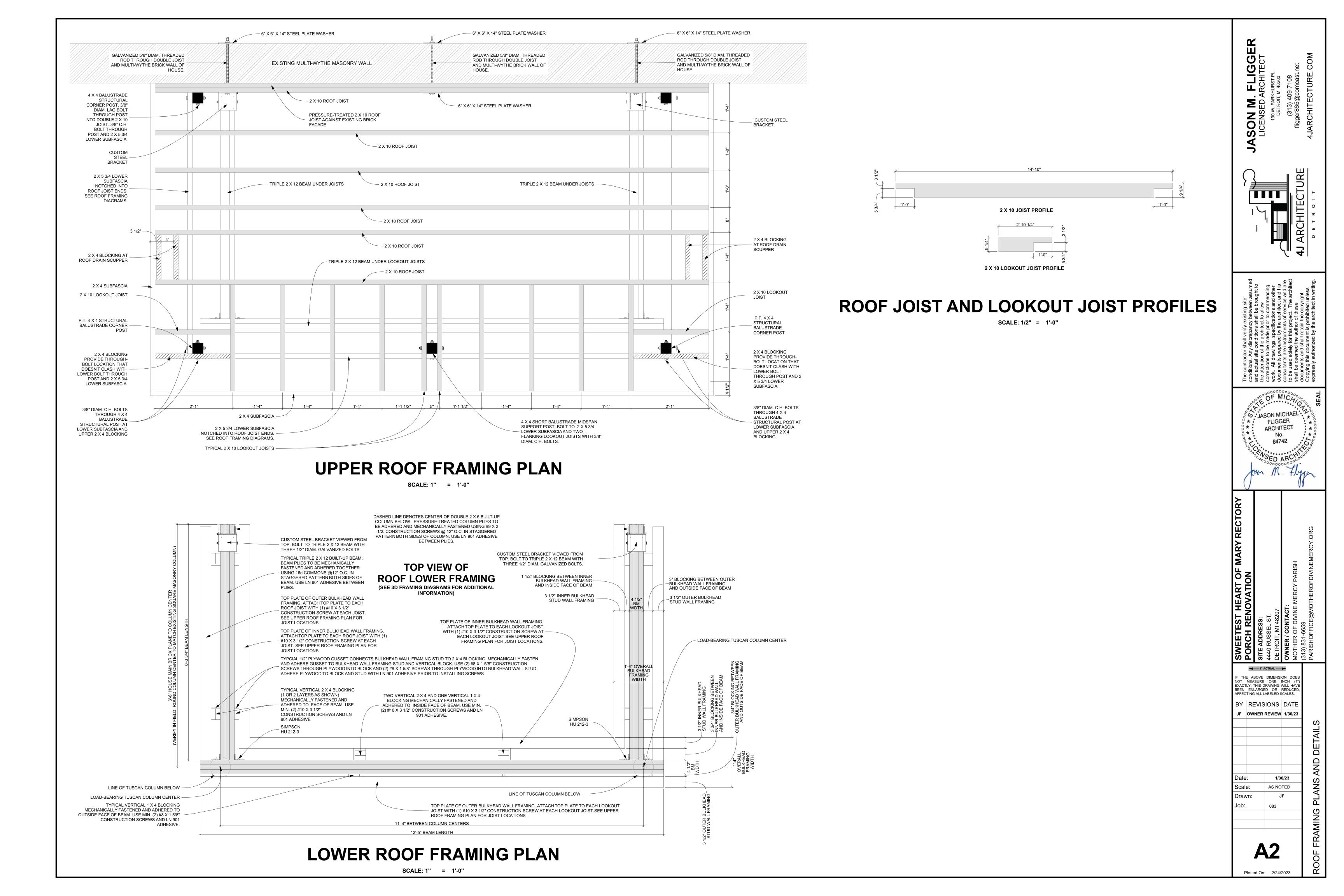
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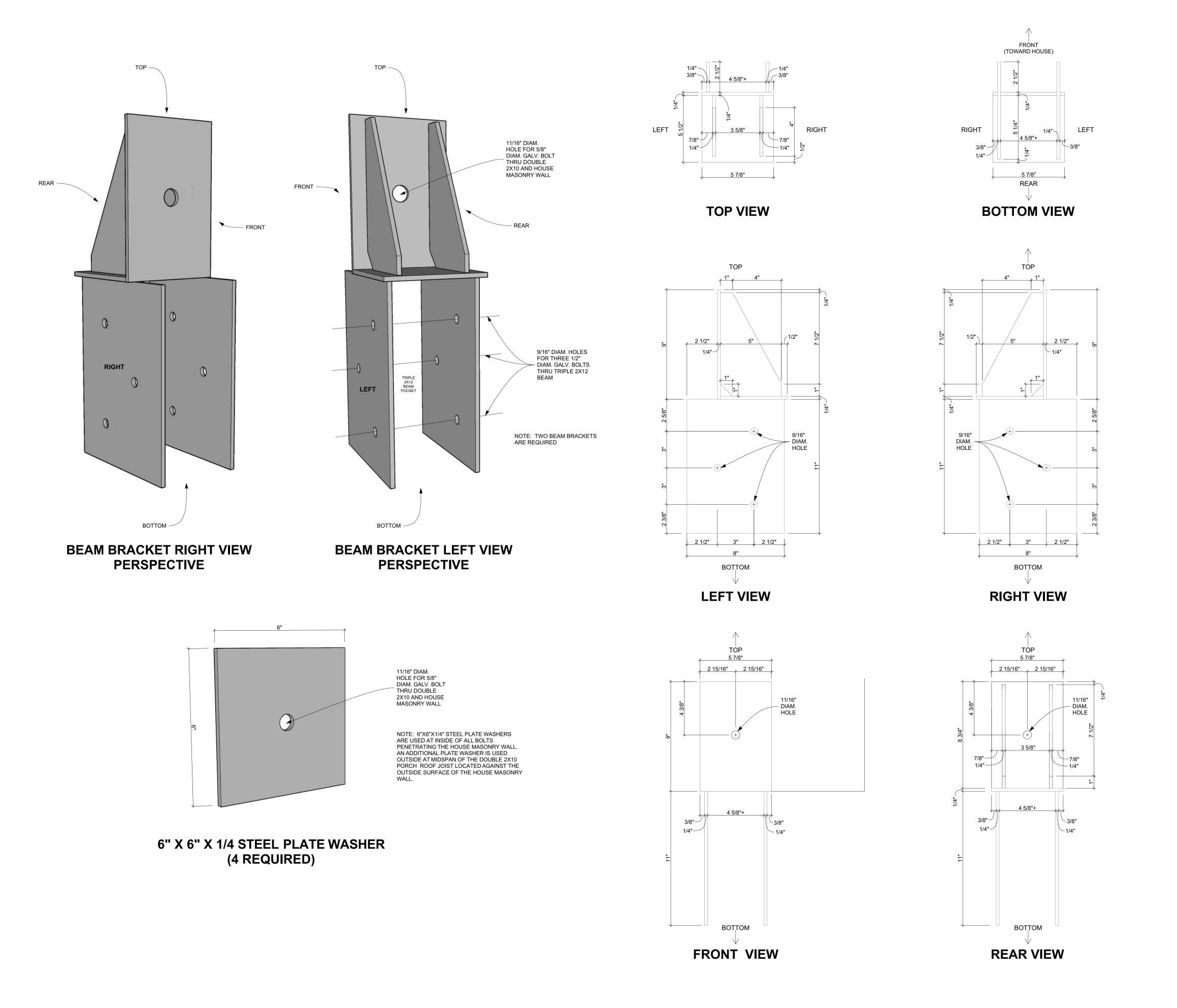
WORMSEYE VIEW OF UPPER PART OF ROOF FRAMING

ROOF FRAMING PERSPECTIVE VIEWS

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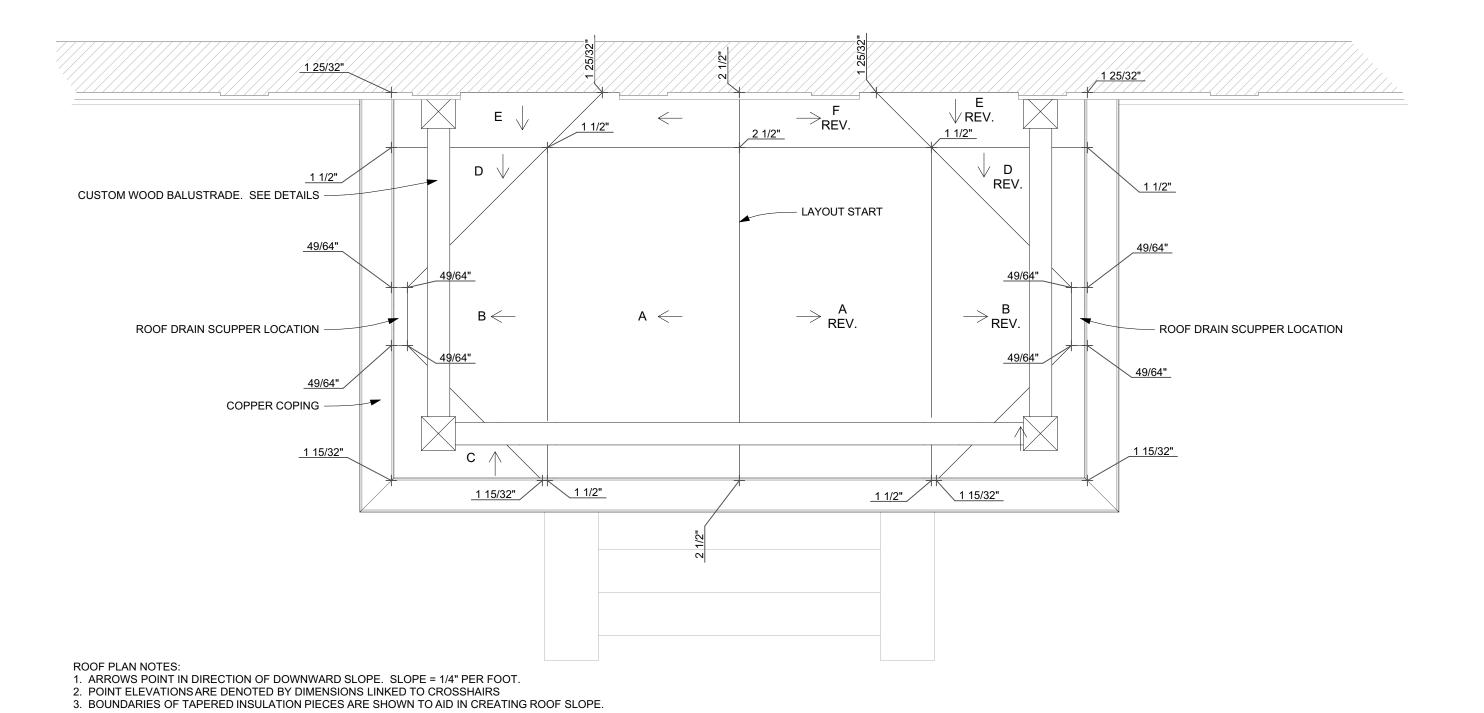




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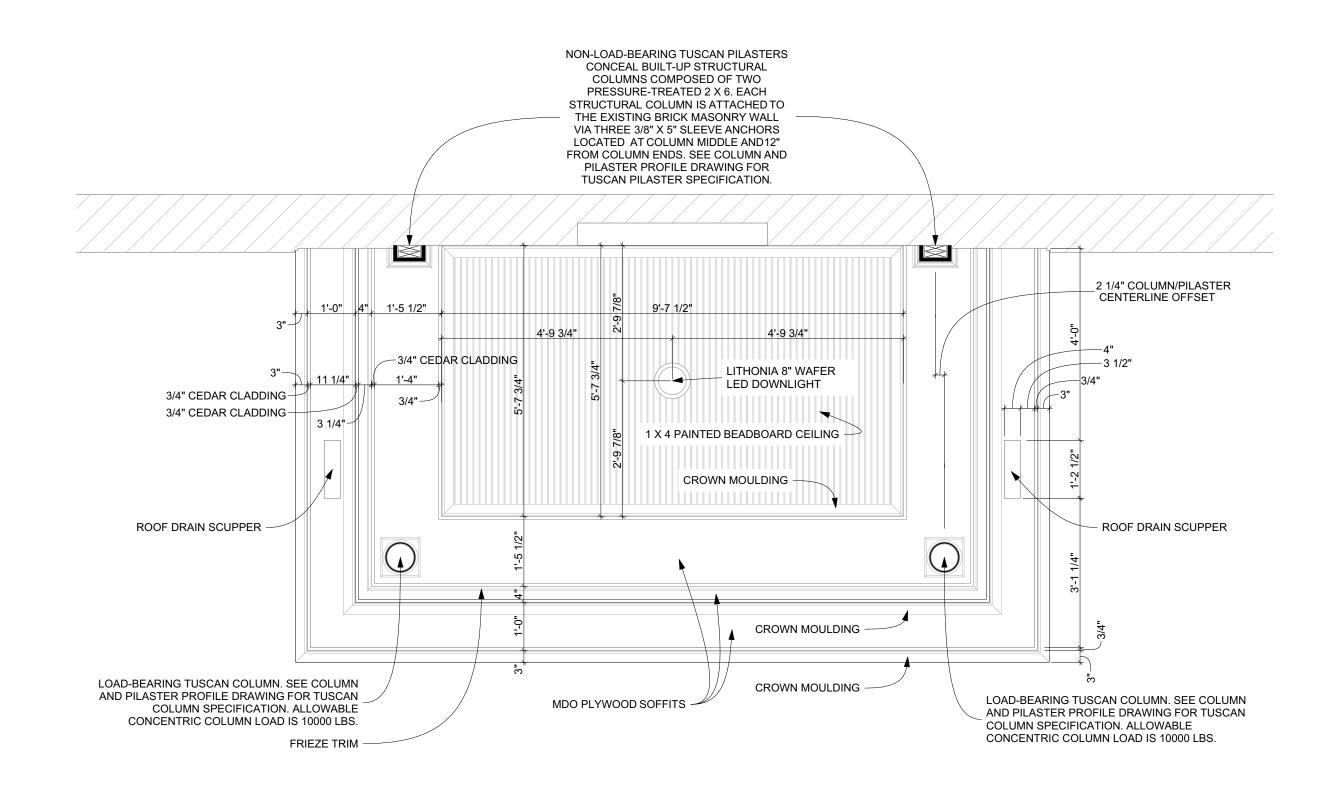
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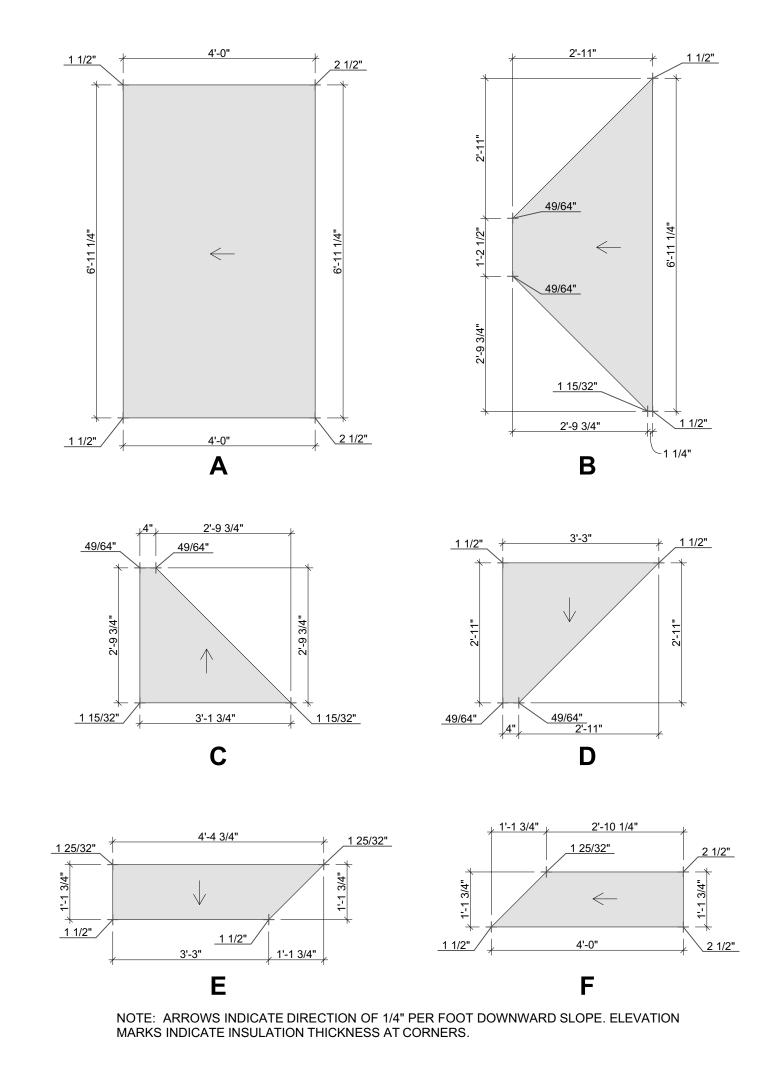
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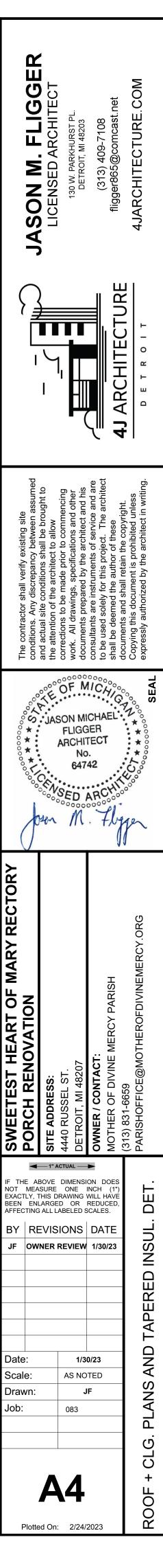
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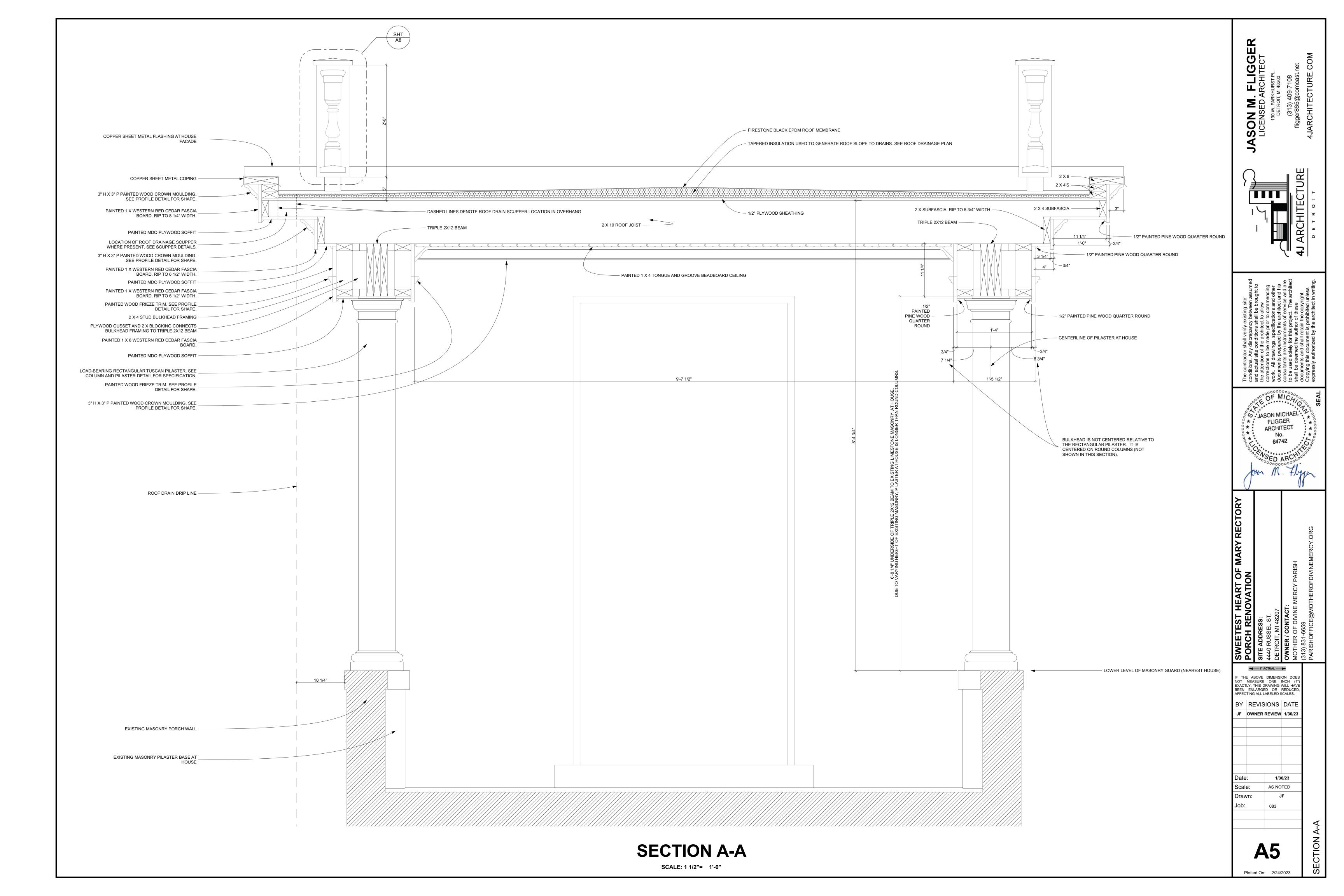
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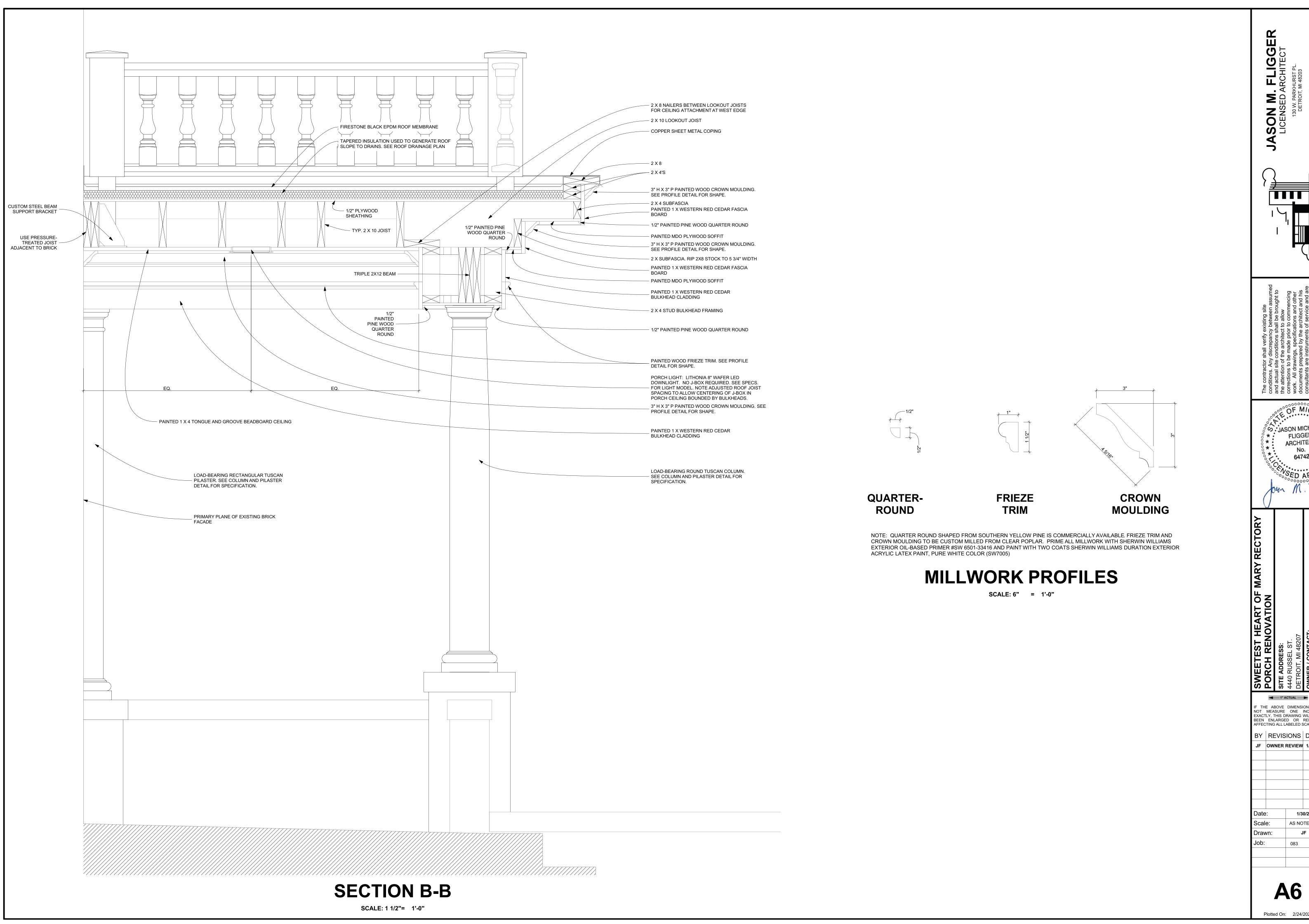


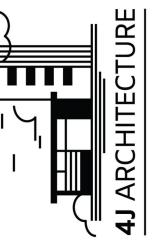
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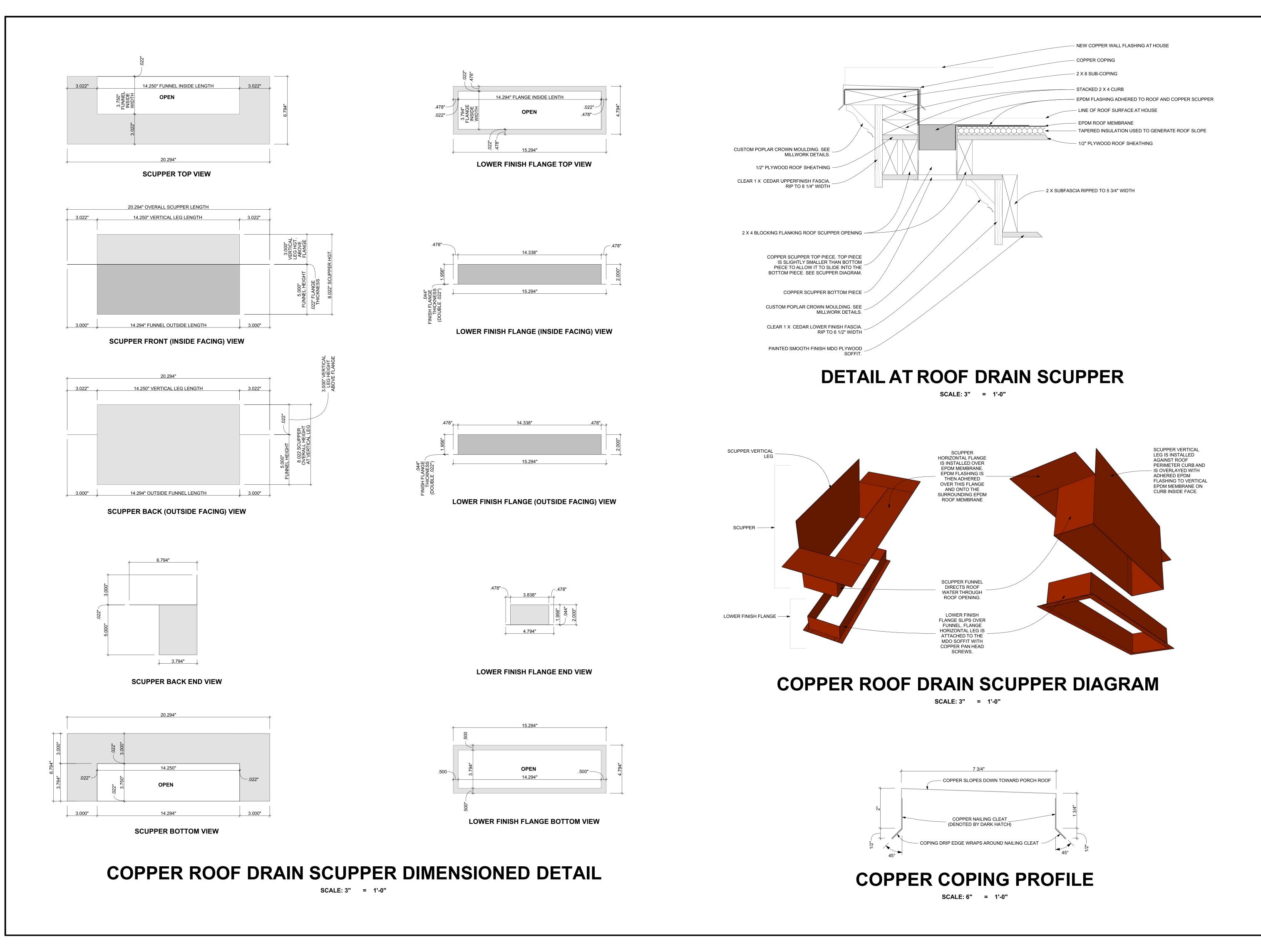




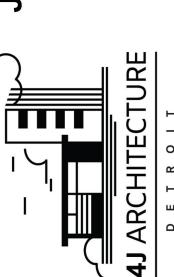


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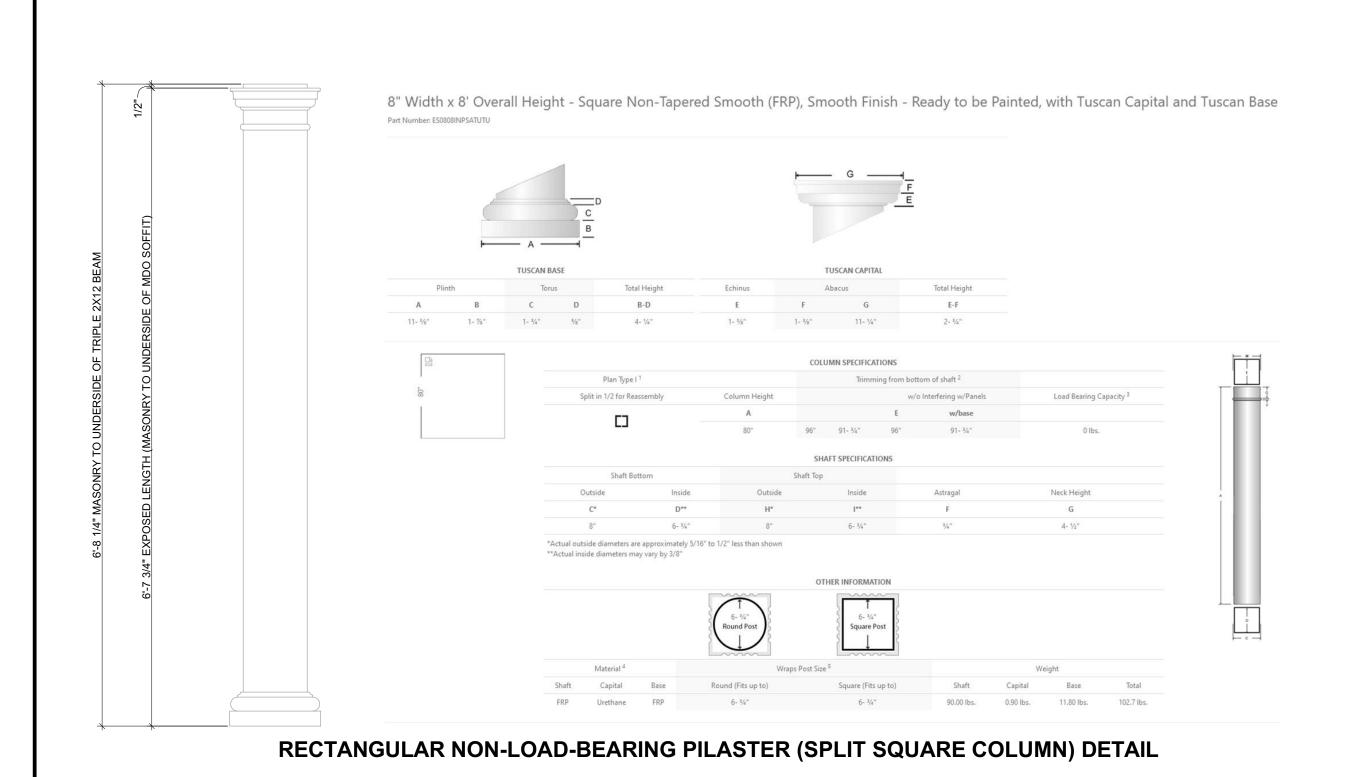
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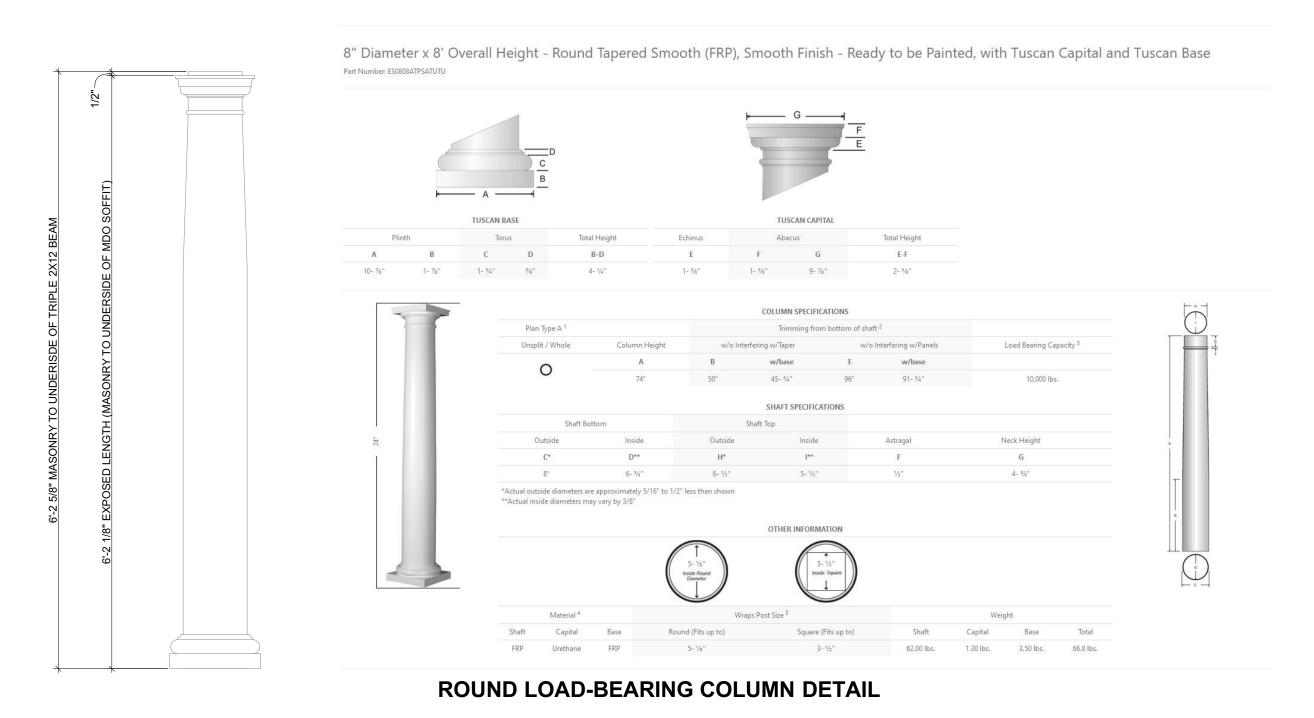
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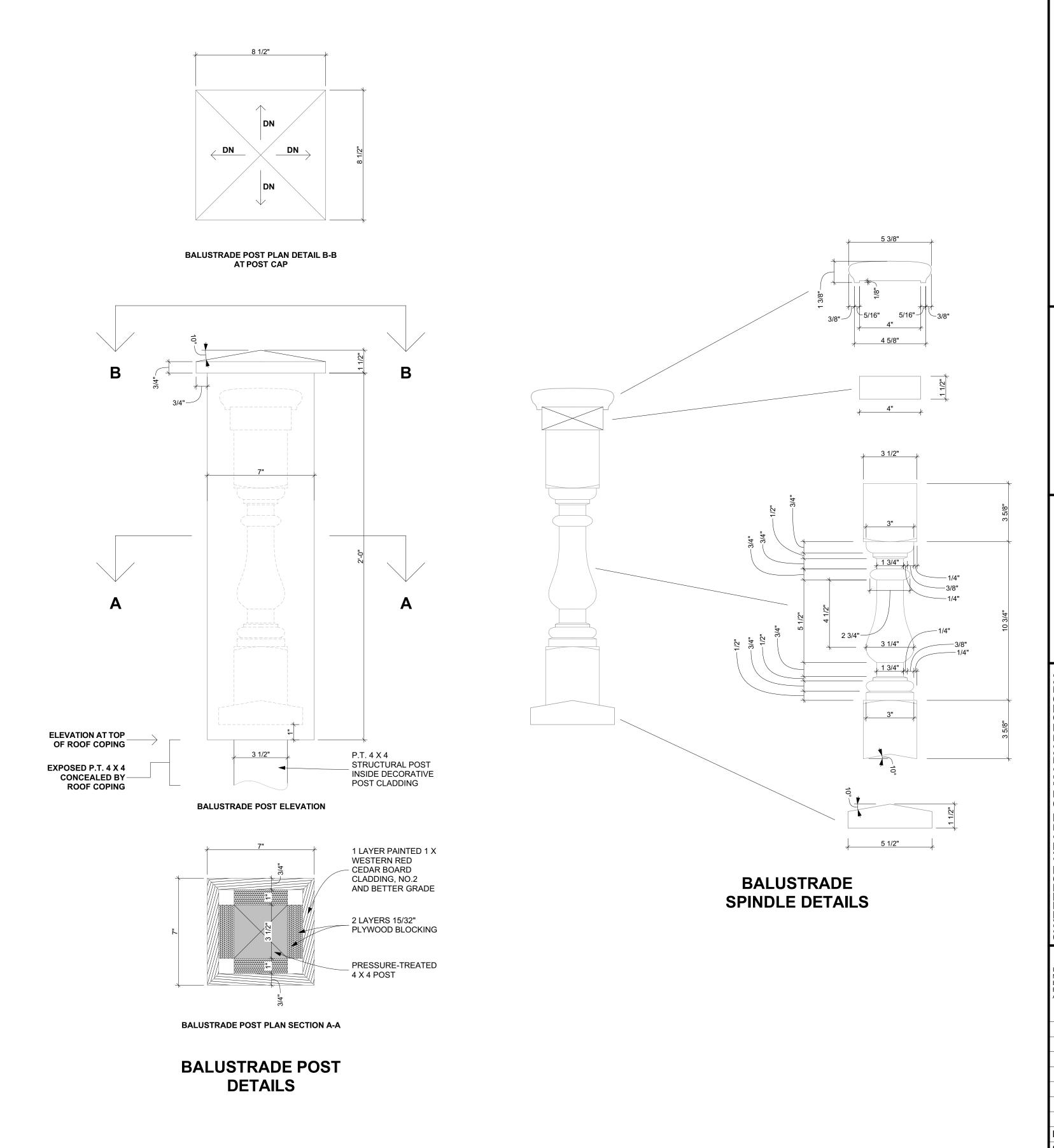
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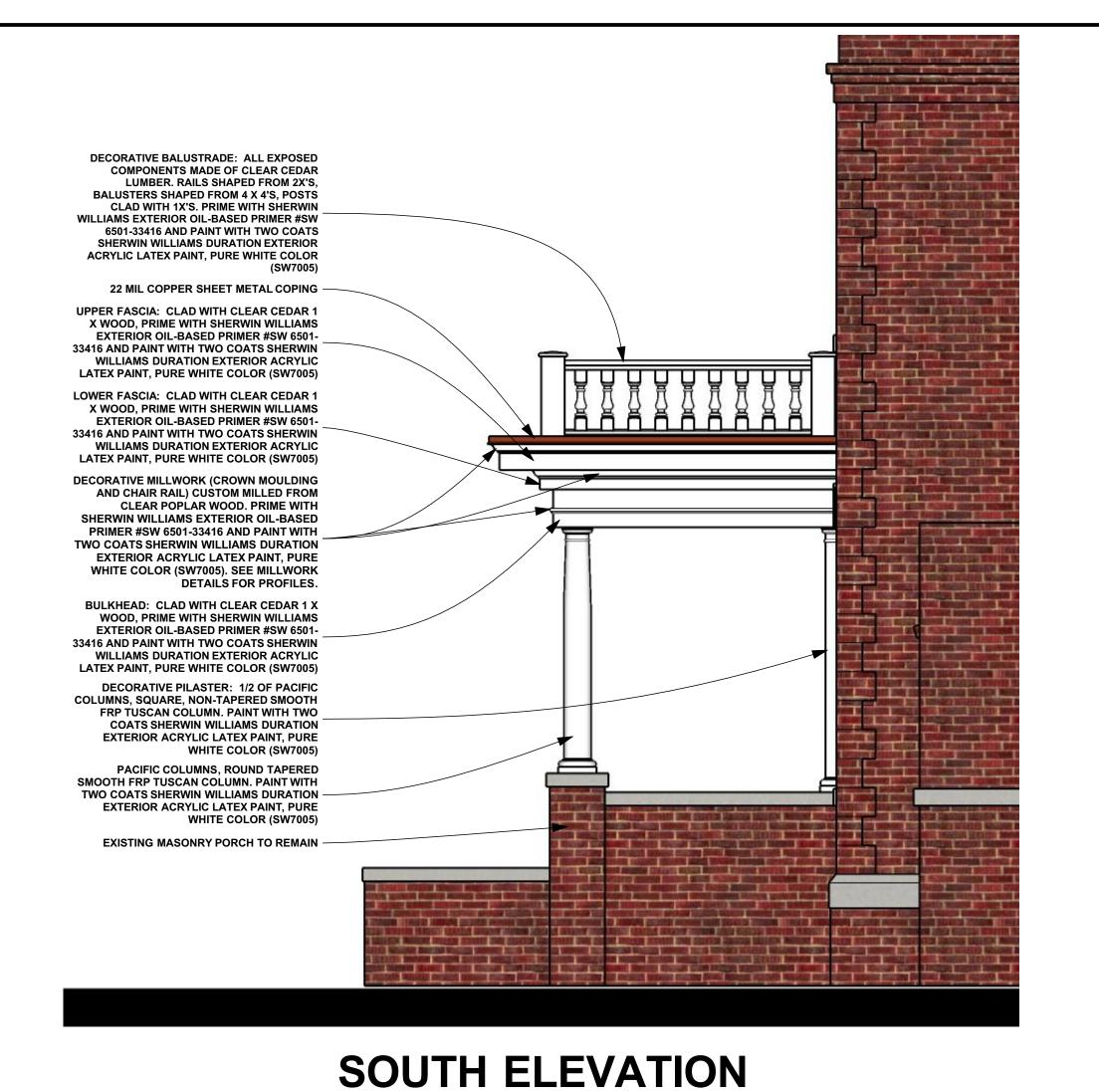
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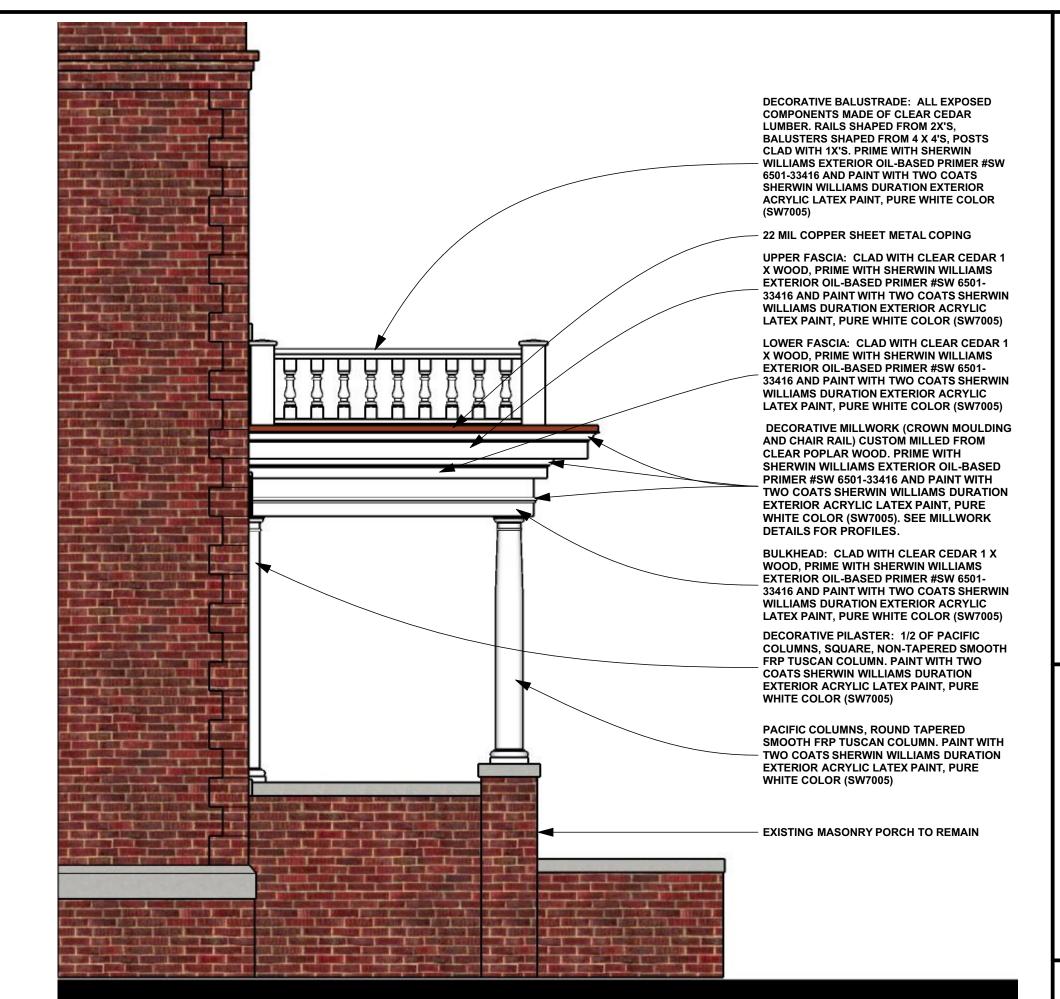




BIRDSEYE VIEW



WORMSEYE VIEW



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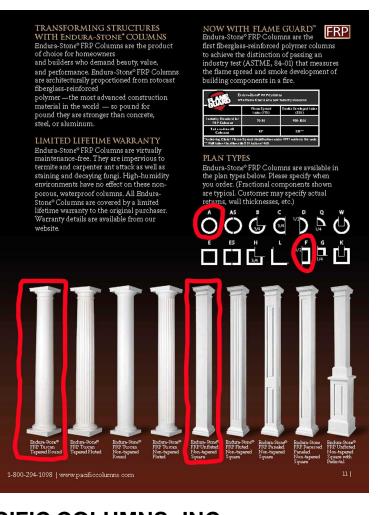


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Wafer LED Recessed Downlight
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PORCH CEILING LIGHT BY LITHONIA



PRIMER, PAINT BASE AND COLOR BY SHERWIN WILLIAMS



FLASHING AND COPING: TYPICAL 22 MIL COPPER FLASHING AND COPING MATERIAL



SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE PORCH CEILING 1 X 4 TONGUE AND GROOVE BEADBOARD TO BE PAINTED



POPLAR TO BE SHAPED INTO CUSTOM MOULDINGS PER MILLWORK PROFILES **AND PAINTED**



WESTERN RED CEDAR 4 X 4 TO BE SHAPED INTO CUSTOM BALUSTRADE SPINDLES PER DETAILS PROVIDED IN CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND PAINTED



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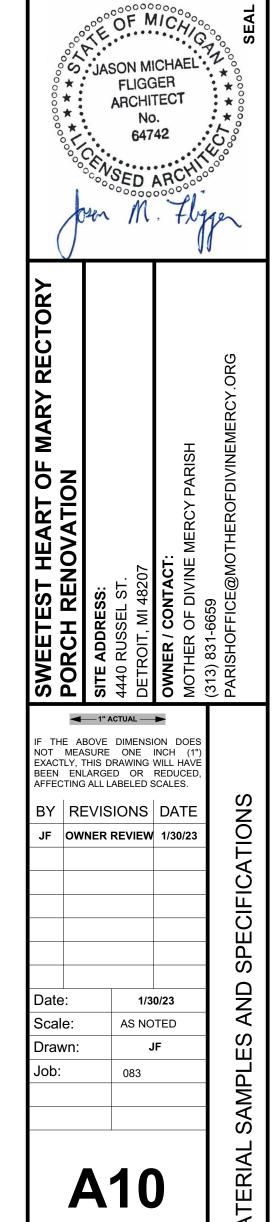


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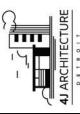
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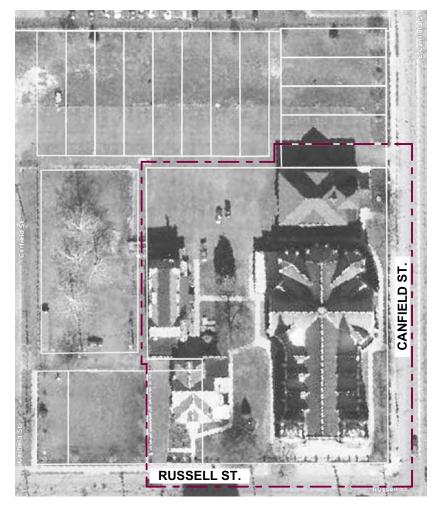




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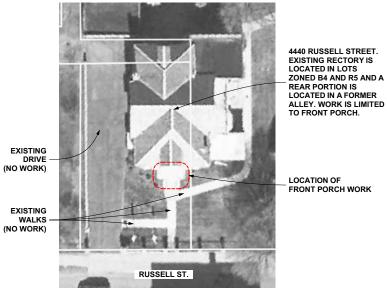




SWEETEST HEART OF MARY HISTORIC DISTRICT

SCALE: 1" =100'





AREA OF WORK

SCALE: 1" = 50'



HISTORIC REFERENCE IMAGE
(SHOWING ORIGINAL BALUSTRADE AND ROUND COLUMNS)

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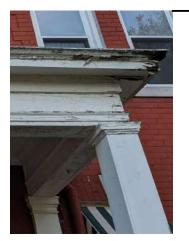
OVERALL EXISTING CONDITION



MULTIPLE LAYERS OF DECAYED ROOFING, LEAKING INTEGRAL GUTTER, INADEQUATE GUTTER DEPTH, DECAYED WALL **COUNTERFLASH**



MODIFIED OVERHANGS WITH DECAYED SOFFITS AND FASCIA, **EXISTING PORCH CEILING AND LIGHT**



TEMPORARY COLUMNS COLUMN/PILASTER OFFSET, **EXPOSED COLUMN CAPITALS**



EXISTING COLUMN BASE SPALLING MASONRY PAINT



EXISTING PILASTER EXISTING DOWNSPOUT



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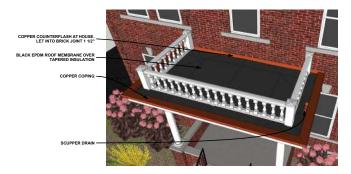
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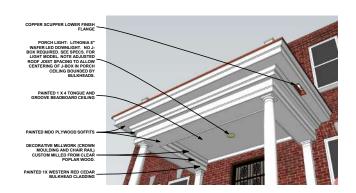
NORTH ELEVATION (SOUTH OPP.)



BIRDSEYE VIEW



PERSPECTIVE VIEW



WORMSEYE VIEW

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4) ARCHITECTURE





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FRP COLUMN / PILASTER, LIGHT, PAINT, FLASHING AND ROOFING MATERIALS

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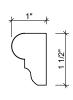


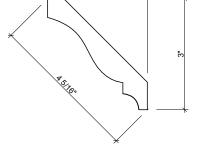
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QUARTER-ROUND

FRIEZE TRIM

CROWN MOULDING

NOTE: QUARTER ROUND SHAPED FROM SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE IS COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE. FRIEZE TRIM AND CROWN MOULDING TO BE CUSTOM MILLED FROM CLEAR POPLAR. PRIME ALL MILLWORK WITH SHERWIN WILLIAMS EXTERIOR OIL-BASED PRIMER #SW 6501-33416 AND PAINT WITH TWO COATS SHERWIN WILLIAMS DURATION EXTERIOR ACRYLIC LATEX PAINT, PURE WHITE COLOR (SW7005)



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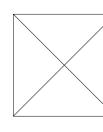
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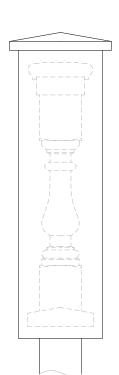
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WESTERN RED CEDAR 4 X 4 TO BE SHAPED INTO CUSTOM BALUSTRADE **SPINDLES (TO BE PAINTED)**



BALUSTRADE POST PLAN DETAIL B-B AT POST CAP

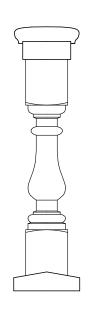


BALUSTRADE POST ELEVATION



BALUSTRADE POST DETAILS

(DIMENSIONS FOR CUSTOM FABRICATION PROVIDED IN CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS)



BALUSTRADE SPINDLE PROFILE

(DIMENSIONS FOR CUSTOM FABRICATION PROVIDED IN CONSTRUCTION **DOCUMENTS)**



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AND DETAILS PROPOSED BALUSTRADE MATERIALS

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