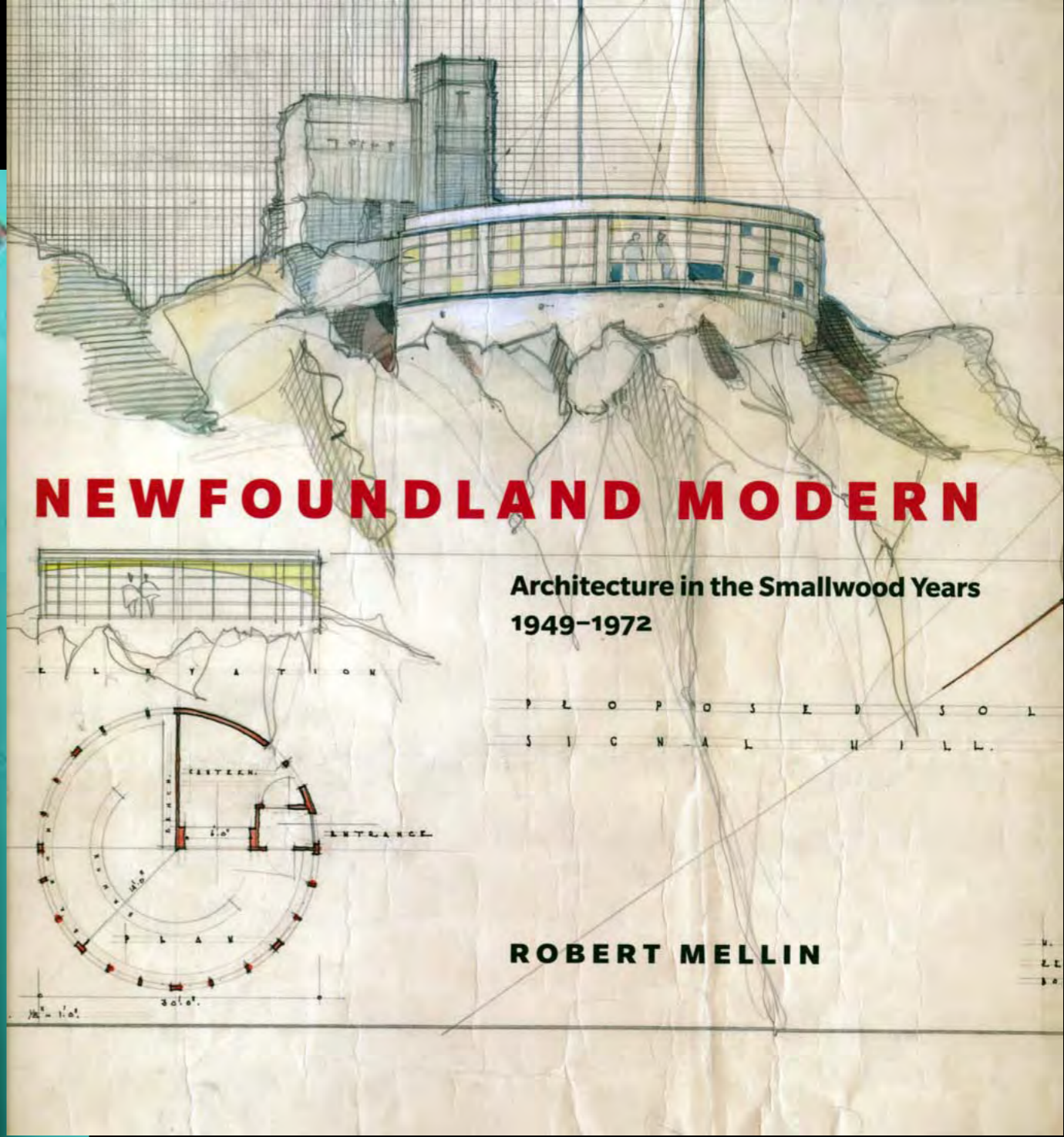
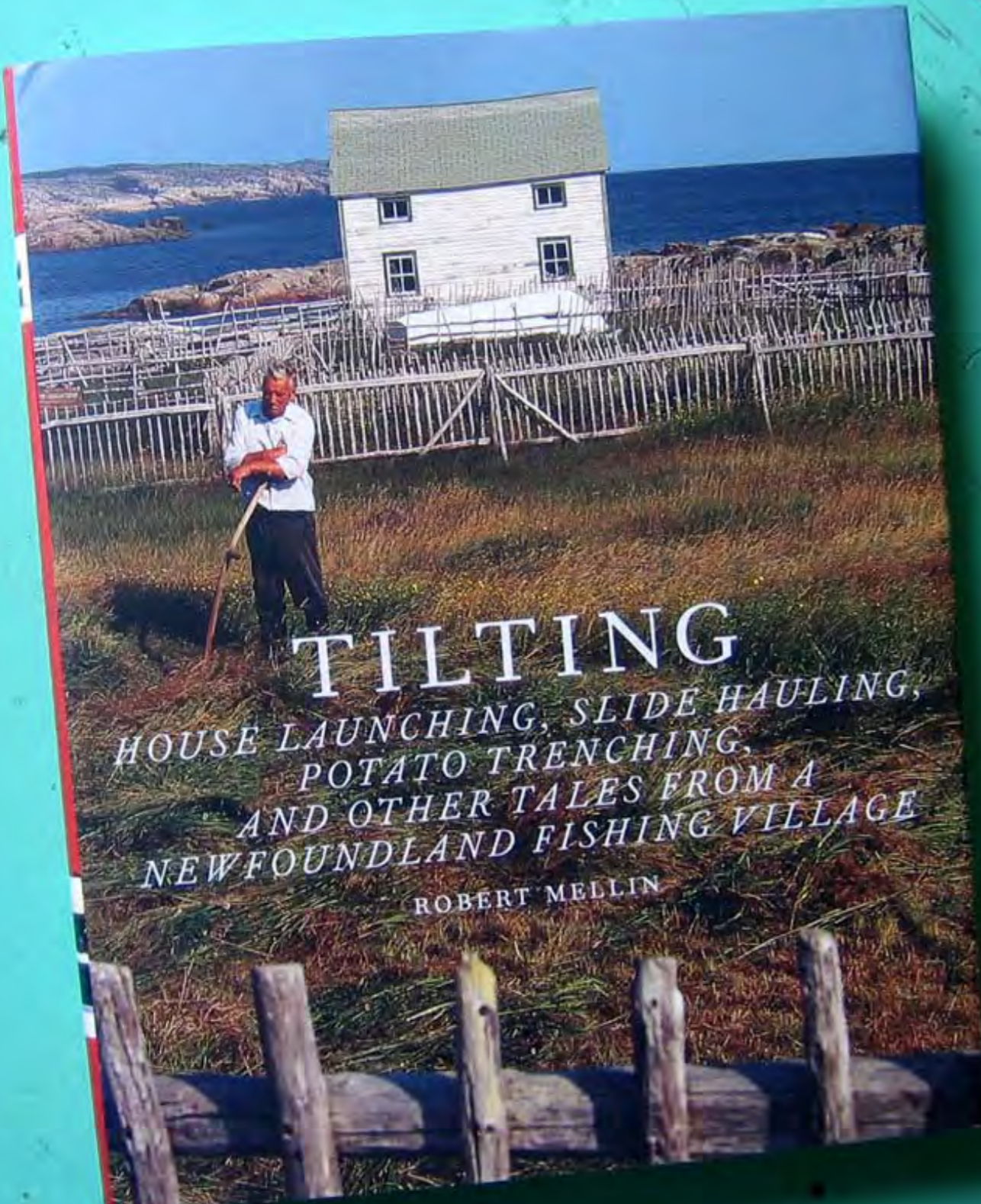


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# CULTURAL LANDSCAPE DISTRICT

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TILTING



Settlement pattern:  
Houses and outbuildings  
Agriculture and fishery  
Trust/cooperation required for survival  
Lack of visible boundaries  
Open field grazing: edible landscape  
Knowledge of land and sea  
Remote gardens



Tilting in 1949

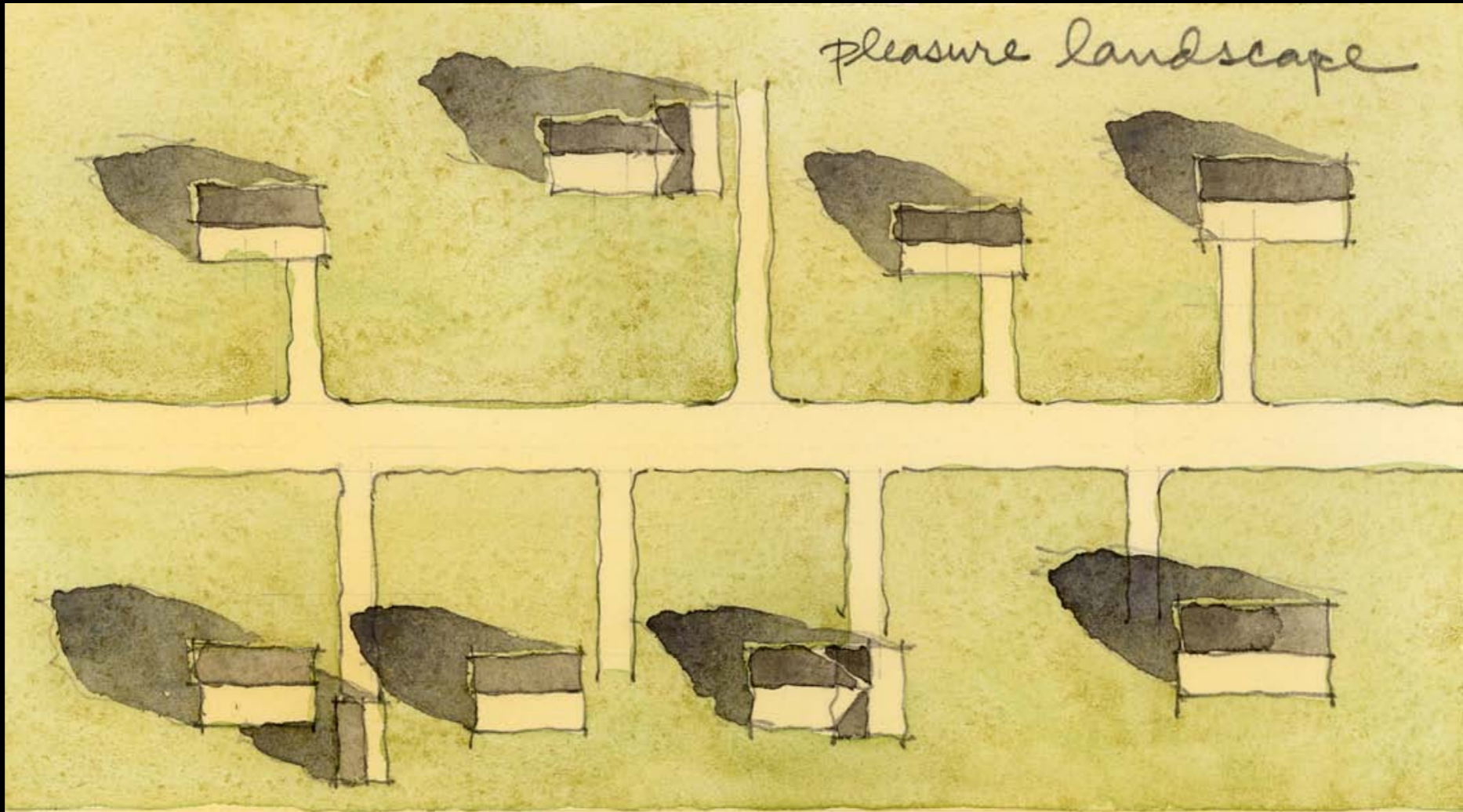




TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPE = FARM

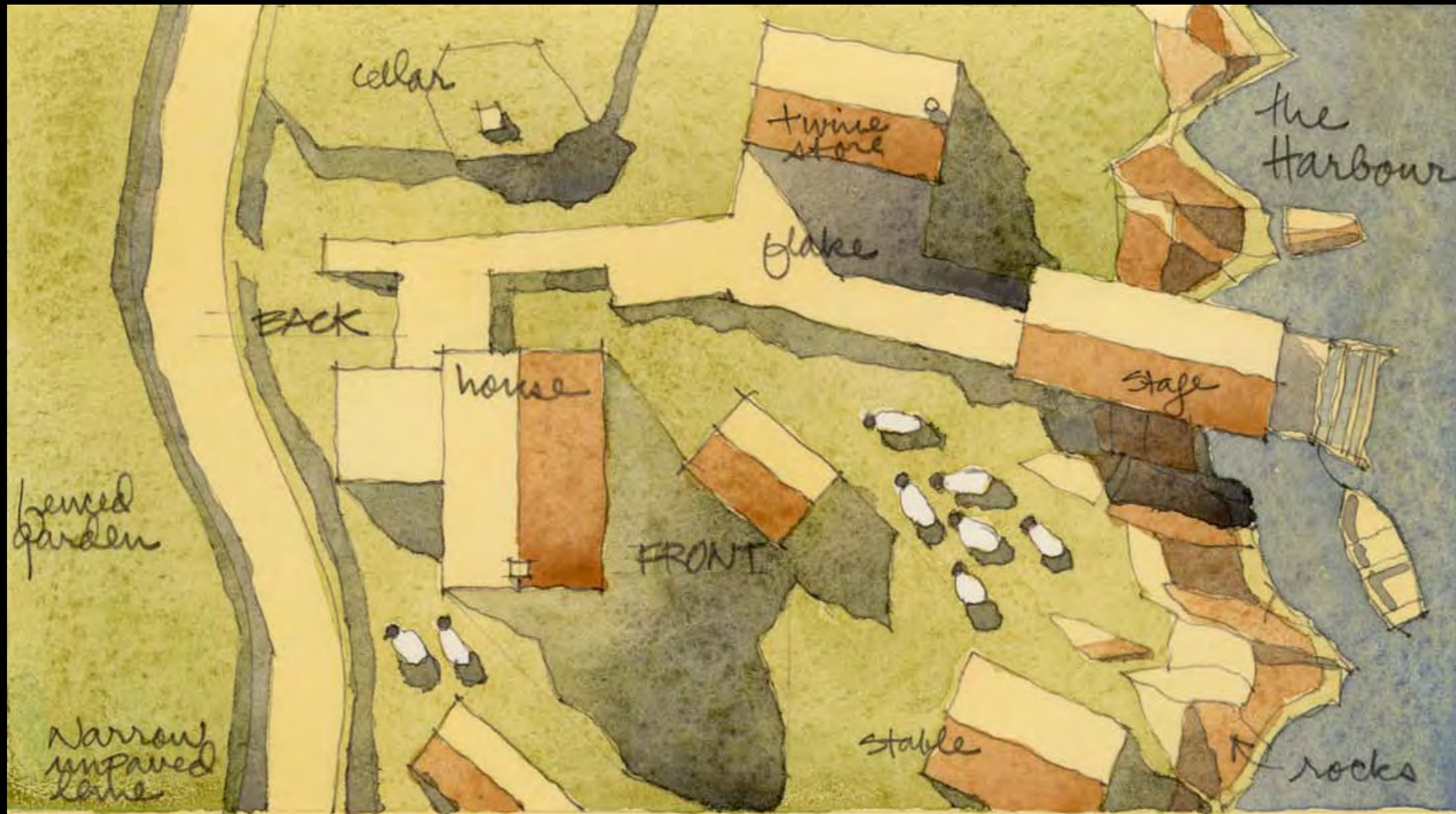


pleasure landscape



MODERN LANDSCAPE = SUBURBS

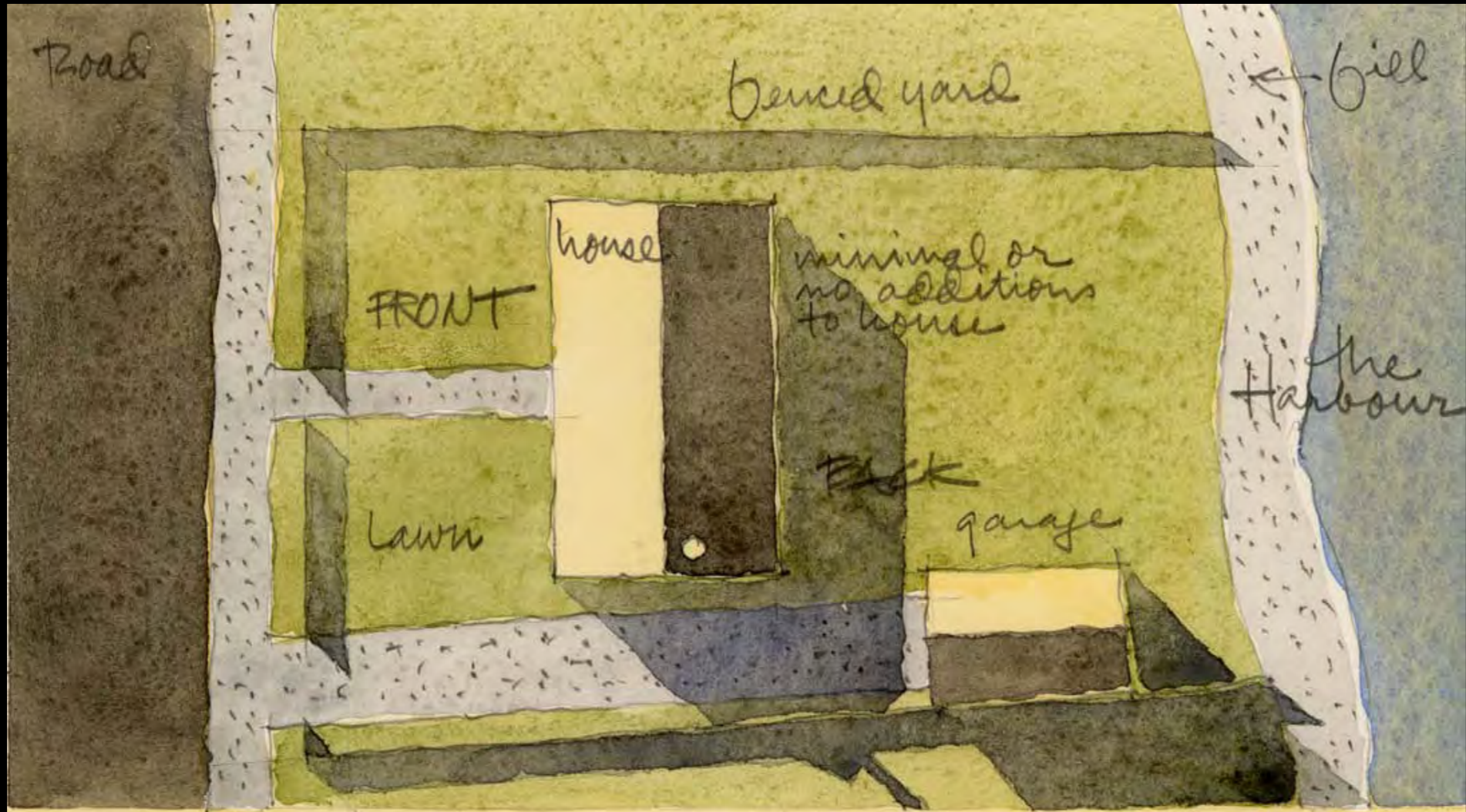




## OLD HOUSE.

Old house: oriented to the harbour, arrival by boat, many outbuildings, animals

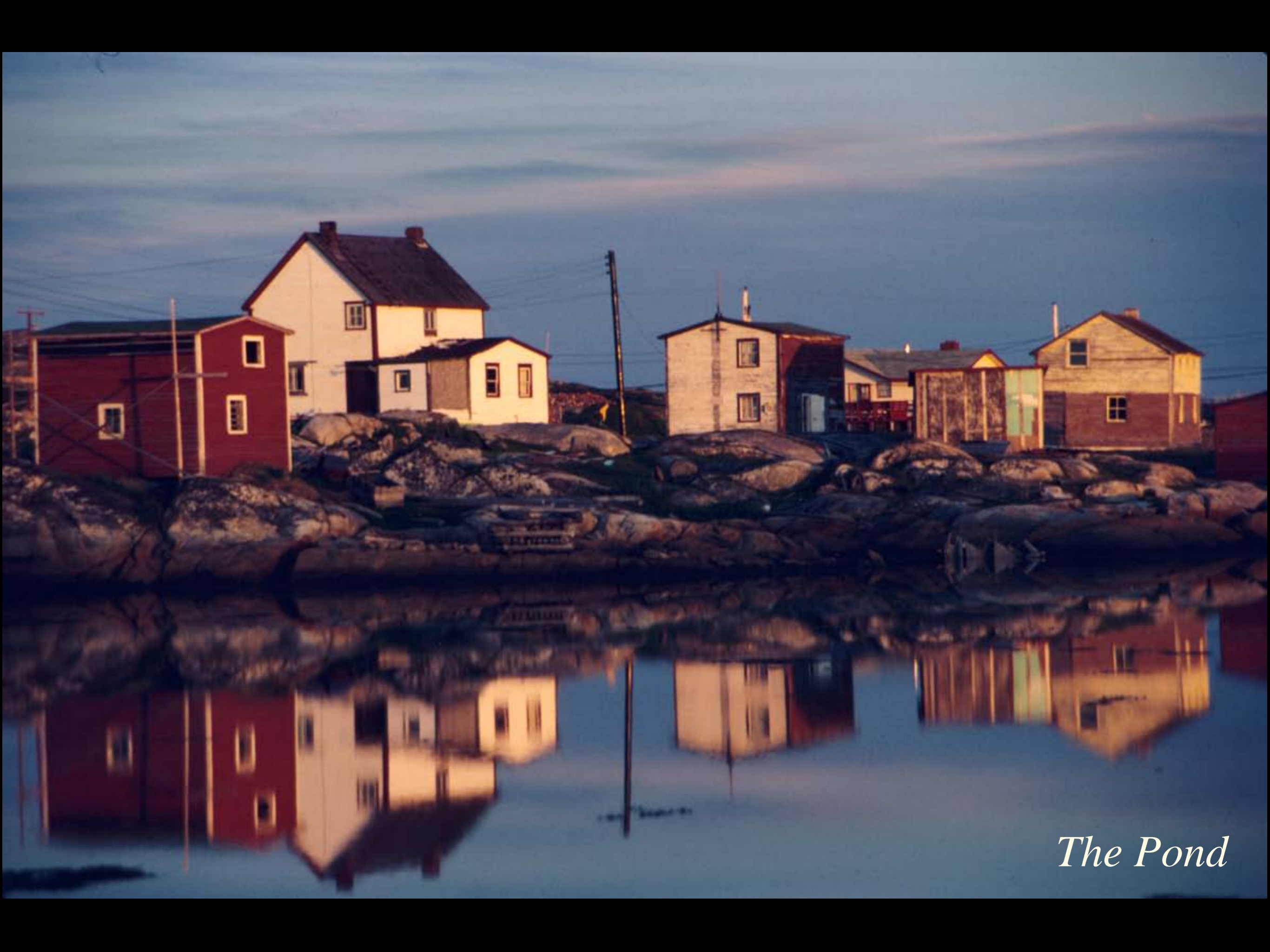




## NEW HOUSE

new house: oriented to the road, arrival by car, level lawn, minimal outbuildings





*The Pond*





Fragile architecture: Joe Eaton's house in Cape Cove

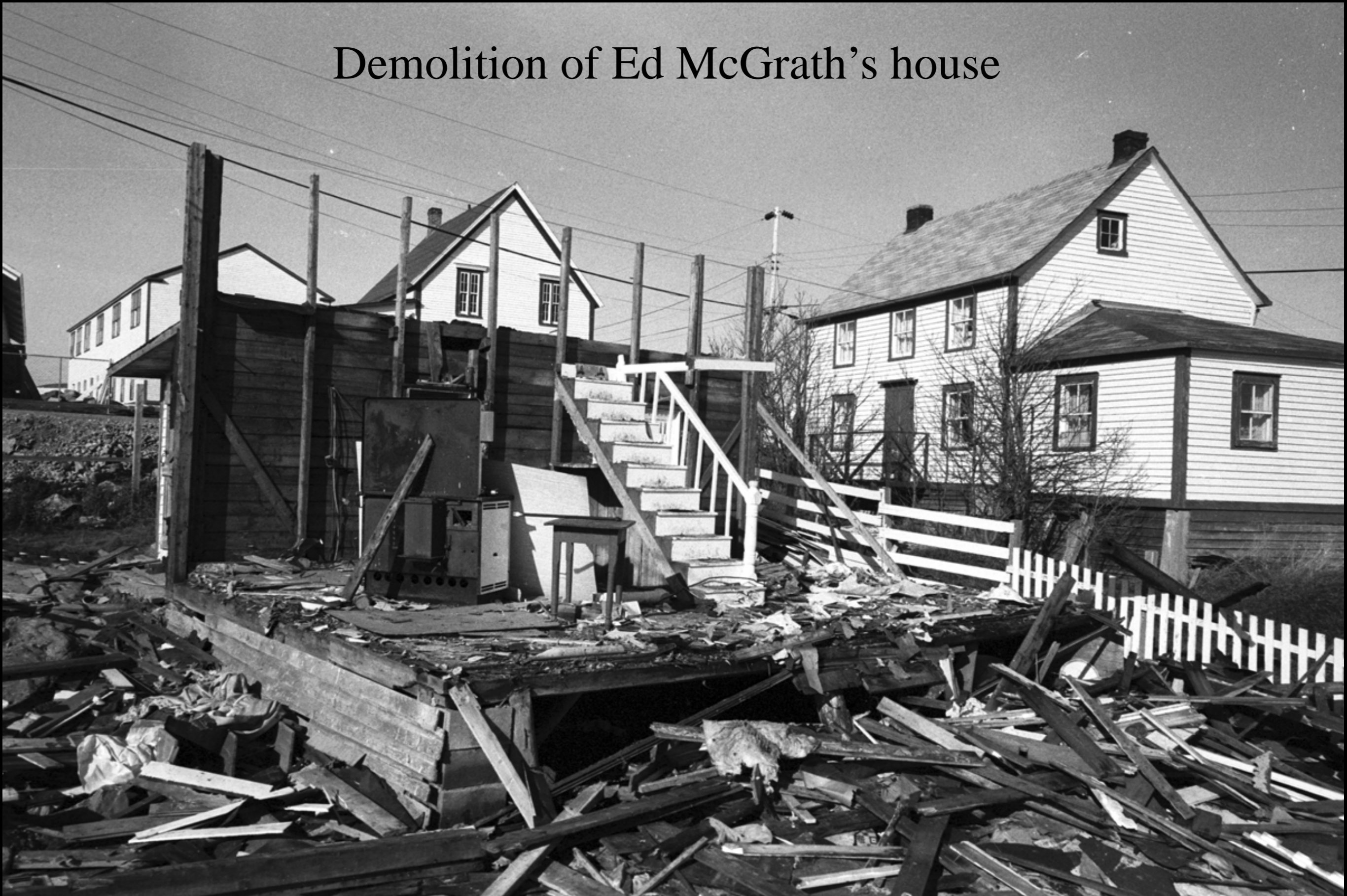


Joe Eaton's house in Cape Cove





Demolition of Ed McGrath's house





Picket fence: rebuilt every 15 years...





Flakes and bridges: rebuilt every 15 years...







Gerard Greene's stage (left) &  
Dan Greene's stage





Foley fish store



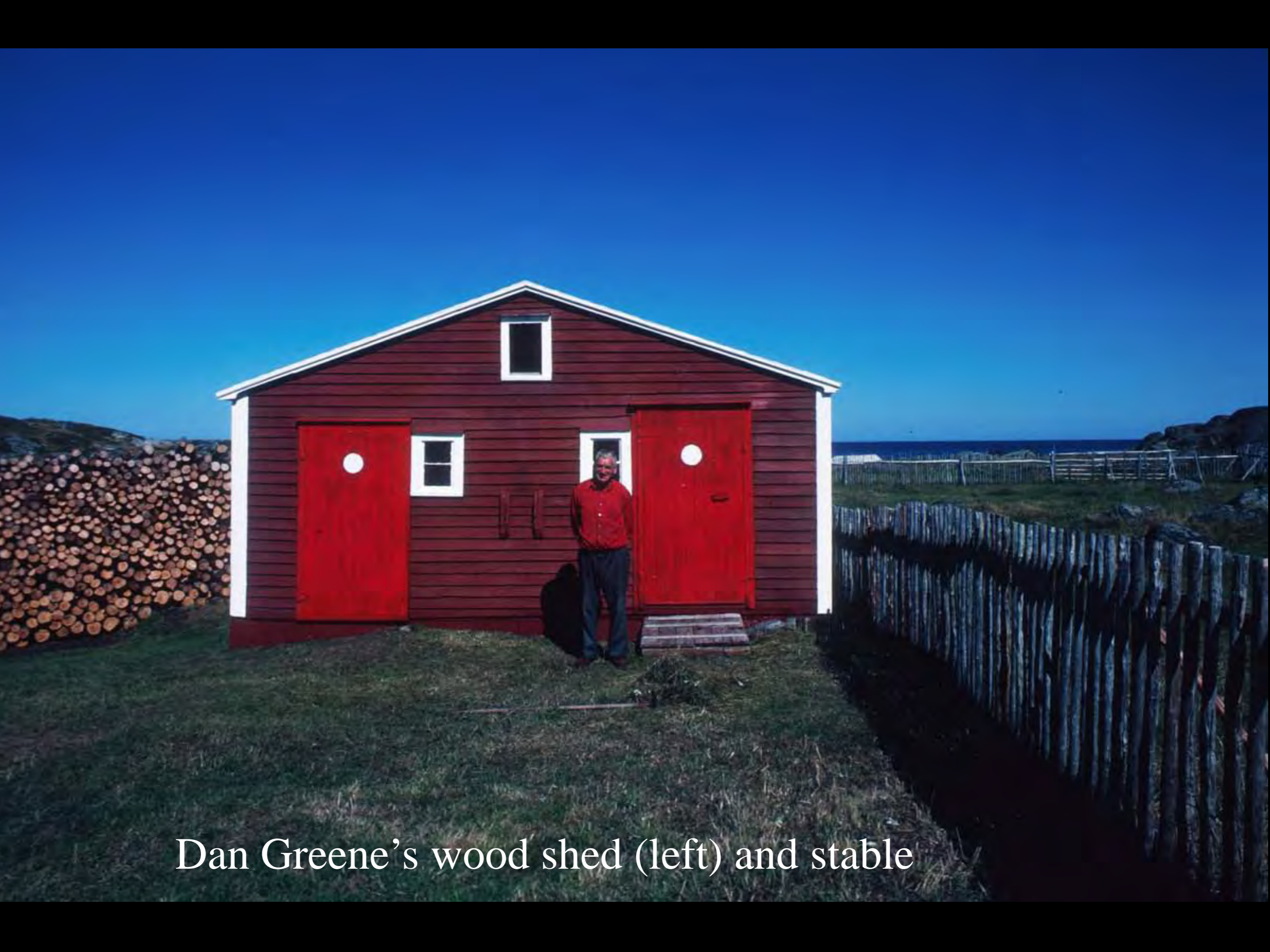






store on Little Fogo





Dan Greene's wood shed (left) and stable









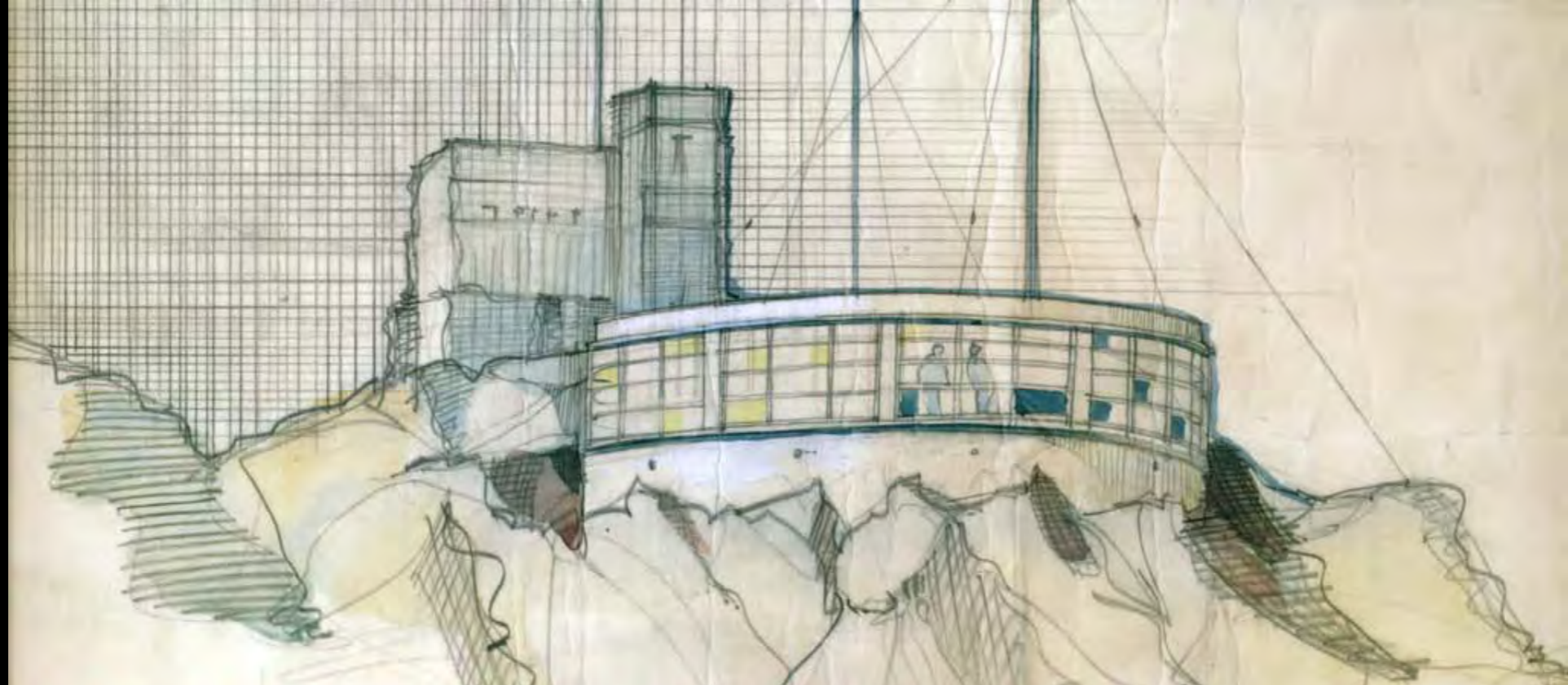
Dan Greene's premises





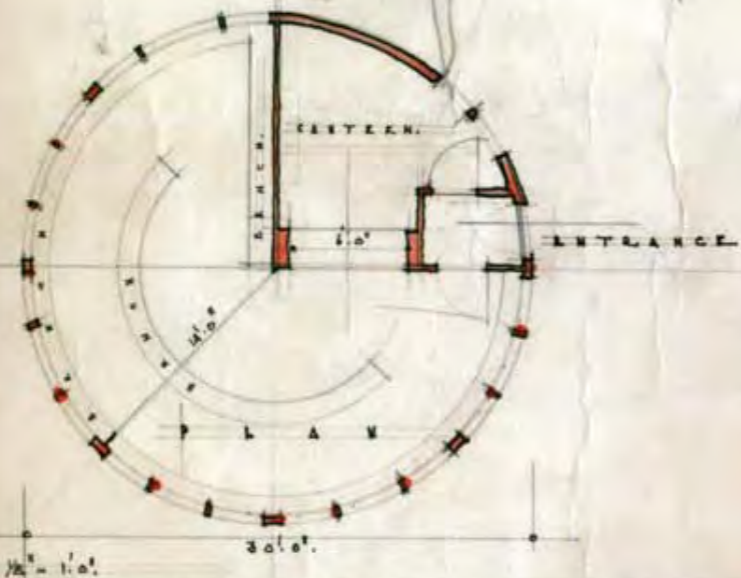
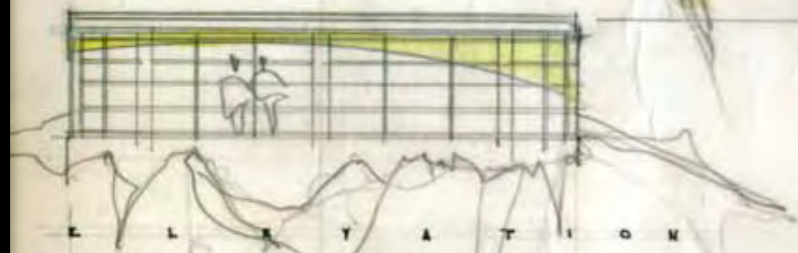
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# Smallwood viewing a model of the World Trade Center, N.Y.







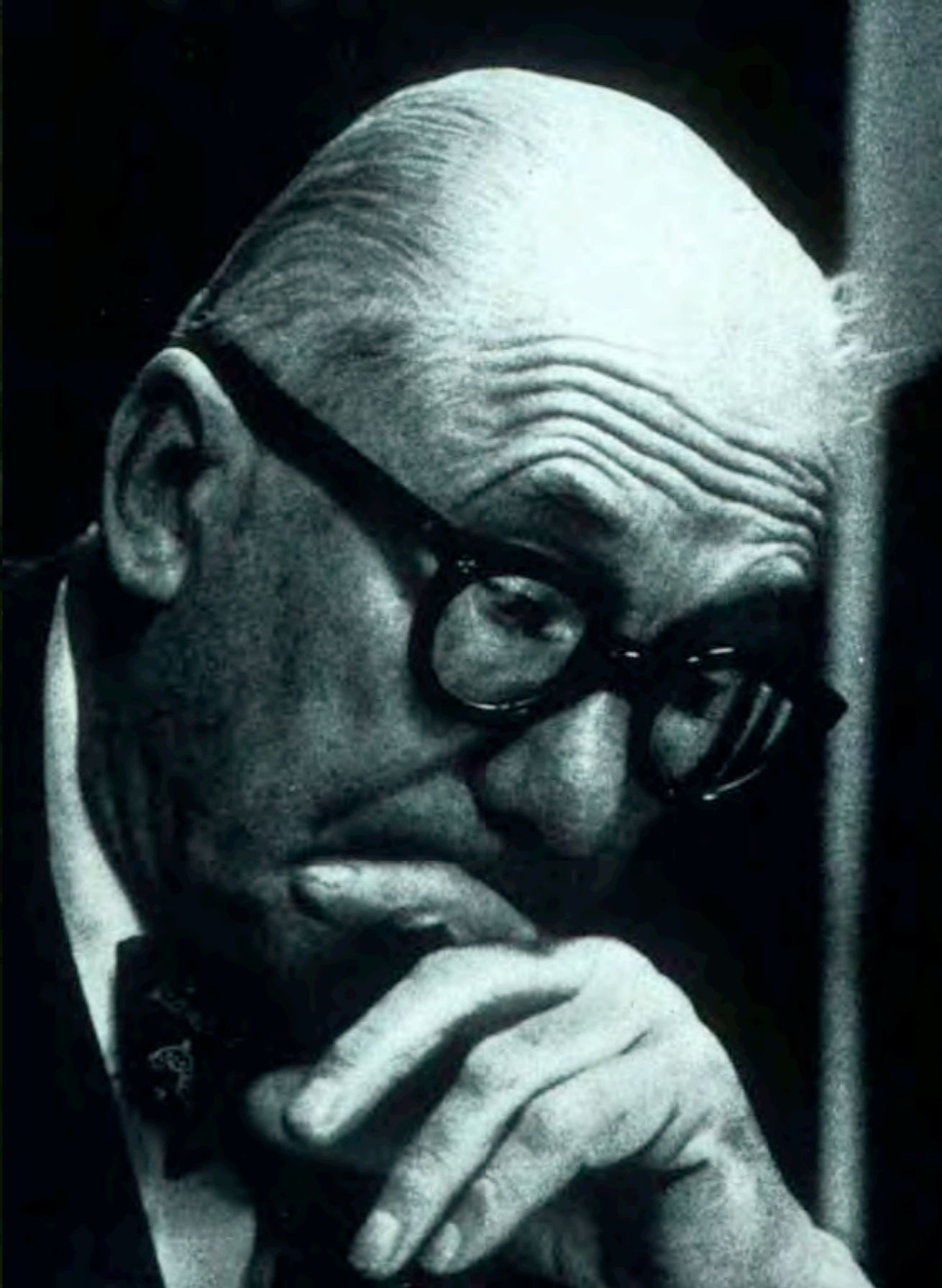








Smallwood



Le Corbusier





Altruism: Sir Brian Dunfield and architect Paul Meschino

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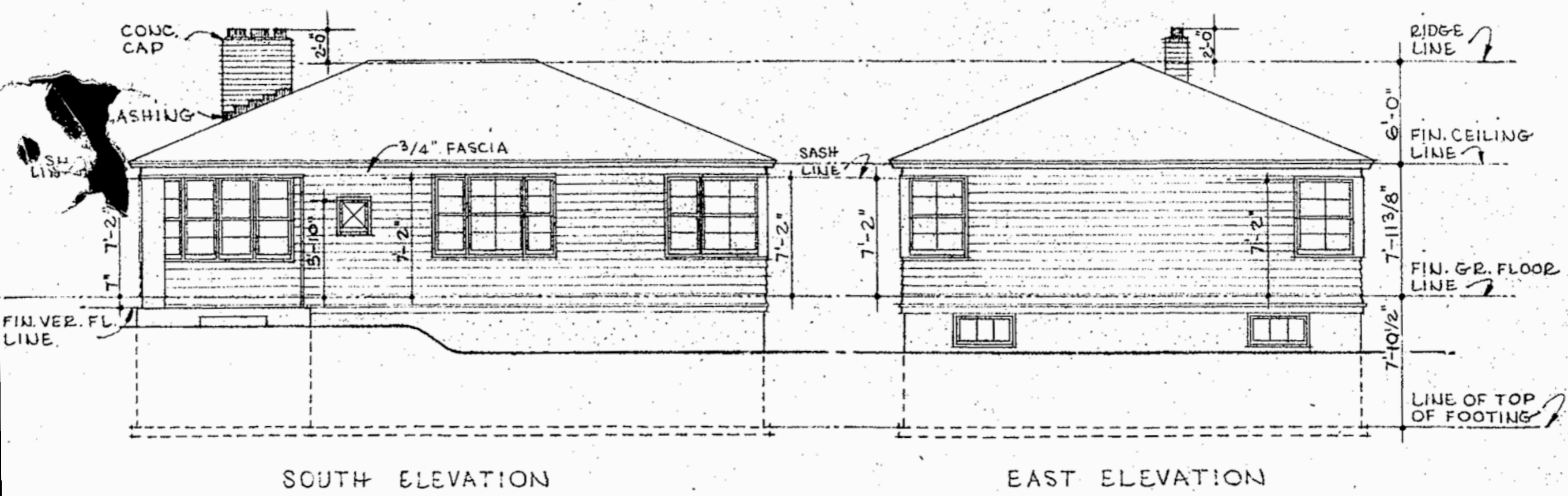
CHURCHILL PARK, ST. JOHN'S: 1940'S







SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

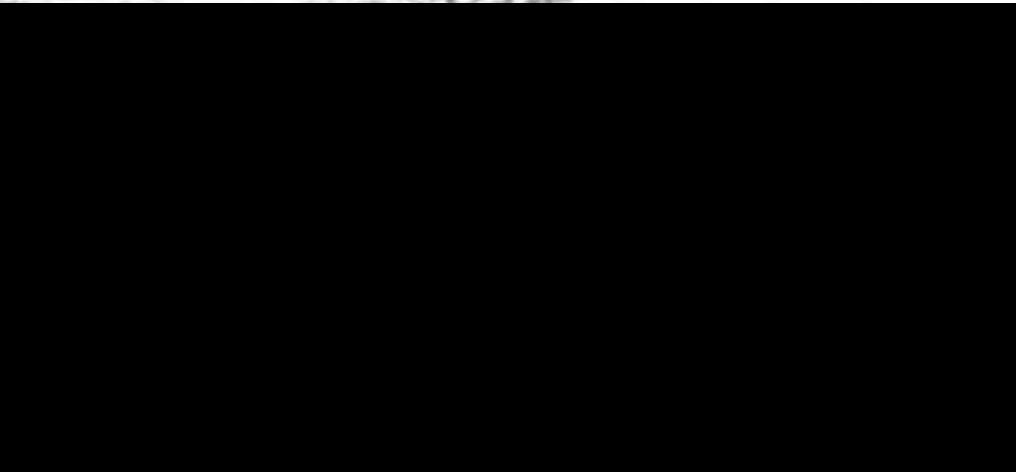






GOLDSTONE RESIDENCE, ROSTELLAN STREET, PAUL MESCHINO, ARCHITECT, 1953





**GEORGE CUMMINGS:  
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NOSEWORTHY RESIDENCE  
WILLIAM BROWN, ARCHITECT











# BETH EL SYNAGOGUE



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