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14" x 9" Medallion Plate
Comal County (Job # 1859)

1859

Location: On building, 173 S. Seguin Aven., New
Braunfels

OLD KRAUSE BUILDING *

BUILT ABOUT 1860 BY MASTER
CARPENTER FRIEDRICH KRAUSE,
OF HAND-CUT NATIVE CEDAR,
CYPRESS, LIMESTONE, AND ADOBE
BRICK. ONCE WEBER & DEUTSCH
STORE, HOFFMANN OPERA HOUSE,
AND DRILL HALL FOR CLEMENS
RIFLES OF TEXAS MILITIA. **

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK, 1968 ***

Incise in base: RENOVATED IN 1966 BY RICHARD DEDEKE FAMILY.

* 1/2 " lettering
** 3/8 " lettering
*** 1/4 " lettering

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Lot # 44 New Braunfels, Texas (Dedeke)

With the first contingent of settlers for New Braunfels who crossed the Guadalupe River on Good Friday, Mar. 21, 1845, came Adam Pelzer, wife and four children. Herman Spiess, acting trustee of the German Emigration Company, Conveyed lot No. 44 on Seguin Ave. to Adam Pelzer the deed for the lot is recorded on Comal County Deed Records, Vol. E, pp. 614-615.

Mrs. Pelzer, age 35, died Aug. 9, 1846. (First Protestant Church Register, Vol 2, page 356). Evidently Mr. Pelzer and the children did not want to stay in New Braunfels and Pelzer conveyed the Lot #44 to Bernhard Heise, who died of cholera, age 46, Aug. 8, 1849. (Vol. 2 page 396, First Protestant Church Records).

Mrs. Heise died in 1858 and Friedrich Krause, (husband of daughter Margaretha Heise) was appointed administrator of Heise's estate and guardian of the two minor Heise children. Friedrich Krause and wife Margaretha Heise paid out the two Heise sons, and lot No. 44 was duly conveyed to Mrs. Krause in November 1859. The lot, together with its appurtenances, was appraised at \$700.00.

The 1850 census of Comal County lists Friedrich Krause, age 24, occupation - carpenter, and his father, Friedrich Krause, age 54, occupation - carpenter. Therefore and to all evidences, this team of father and son, master carpenters, built the extremely substantial front 45 ft. long part of the now Dedeke building on Seguin Ave. Using giant cedars for floor joist and for the half timber walls, they built in 1860 the business building which had endured for 107 years.

Businesses that have occupied the building have been varied. First occupants are unknown but in 1870, N. Wither advertised in the New Braunfelser Zeitung that he had acquired the most modern photographic equipment and was located in the Krause Bldg., opposite Moureau's on Seguin St. In 1868 H. Ciliac, photographer, advertised in the Zeitung and was probably located in this building.

In 1883, Fried. Krause and wife sold lot #44 to Julius A. Mittmann for \$2800.00. In 1887 the eastern portion of Lot #44 (the part on which this building is located) was purchased by Mrs. Olga Klappenbach. and in the same year Mrs. Klappenbach sold the land to L.A. Hoffmann and Richard Weber. Hoffmann and Weber conducted a store in the present building and later the general store became Weber and Deutsch. In the New Braunfelser Zeitung of May. 1, 1890, an article reads, L.A. Hoffmann erects a two-storied brick building on Seguin Ave., next to Weber & Deutsch. In 1888 Weber sold his share in the property to L. A. Hoffmann. Hoffmann now owned the entire eastern part in his own right.

In 1895 the Lenzen Halle, center of New Braunfels' concerts, singing societies, etc, and drill hall for militia was destroyed by fire. To now supply a want, Hoffman's business building was converted into an opera house known as Hoffmann's Opera House. In the New Braunfelser Zeitung of Aug. 2, 1900, an article reads "Clemen's Rifles now count fifty-two men. They meet each Tuesday night in Hoffmann's Opera House..."

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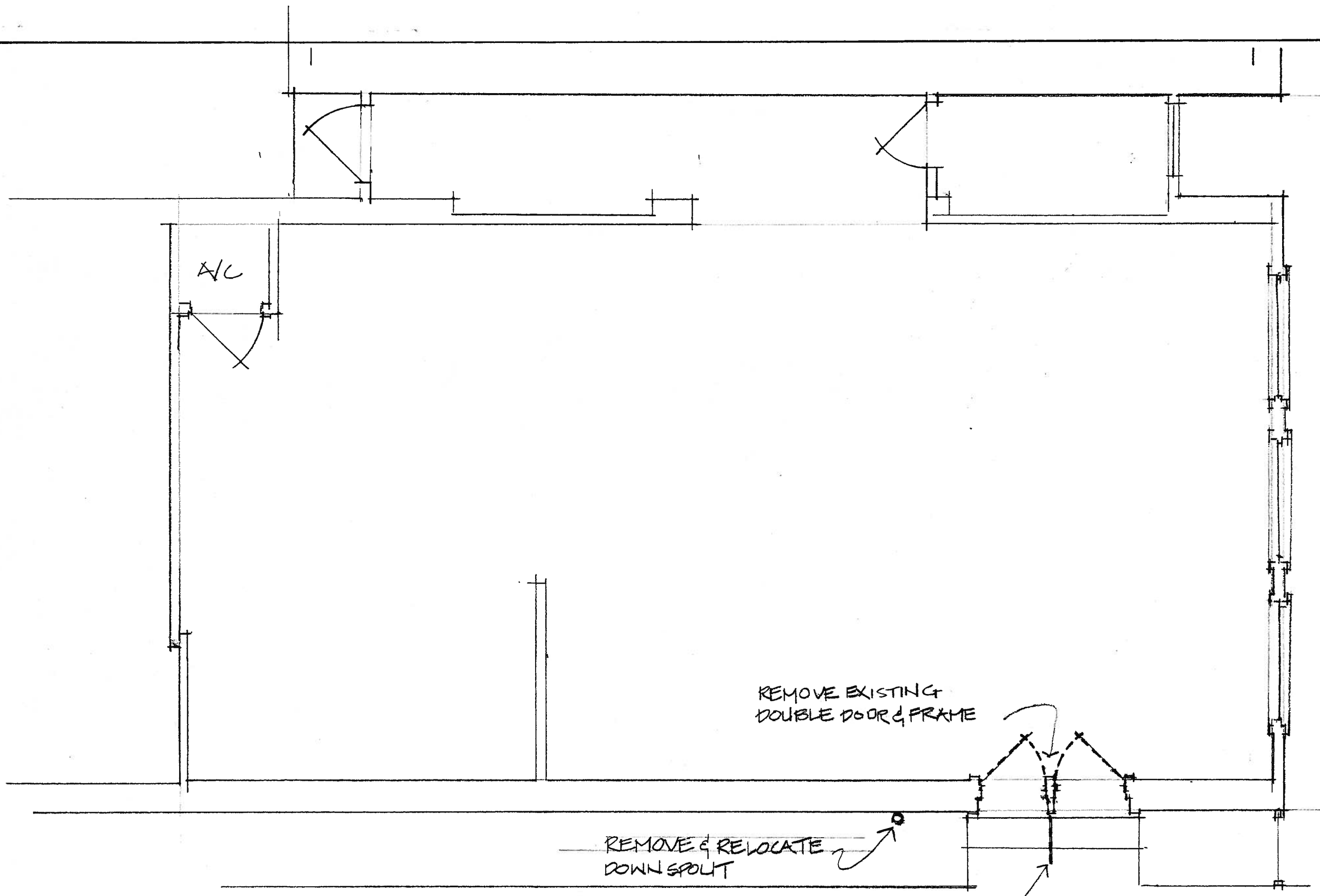
Herald and Zeitung
New Braunfels, Texas

JUN 27 1968



HISTORICAL MARKER — At the mounting of a Texas Historical Medallion on the Old Krause Building (now Dedeke's), Mrs. Martin Locke, above, represented the Comal County Historical Survey Committee, for which she is historical preservation chairman. Edward Dedeke, left, and Leslie Dedeke, right, are members of the family which owns the historical complex of which the Krause Building is a part. The building, an example of early

German half-timber construction (Fachwerk), has been the Weber and Deutsch Store, Hoffmann Opera House, and a drill hall for the Texas Militia Clemen's Rifles. Built in 1860 by Friedrich Krause, master carpenter, the front section of the structure has walls of hand-hewn cedar and adobe brick; gable trim is cypress. An 1880 addition to the rear is also Fachwerk but built with milled lumber.

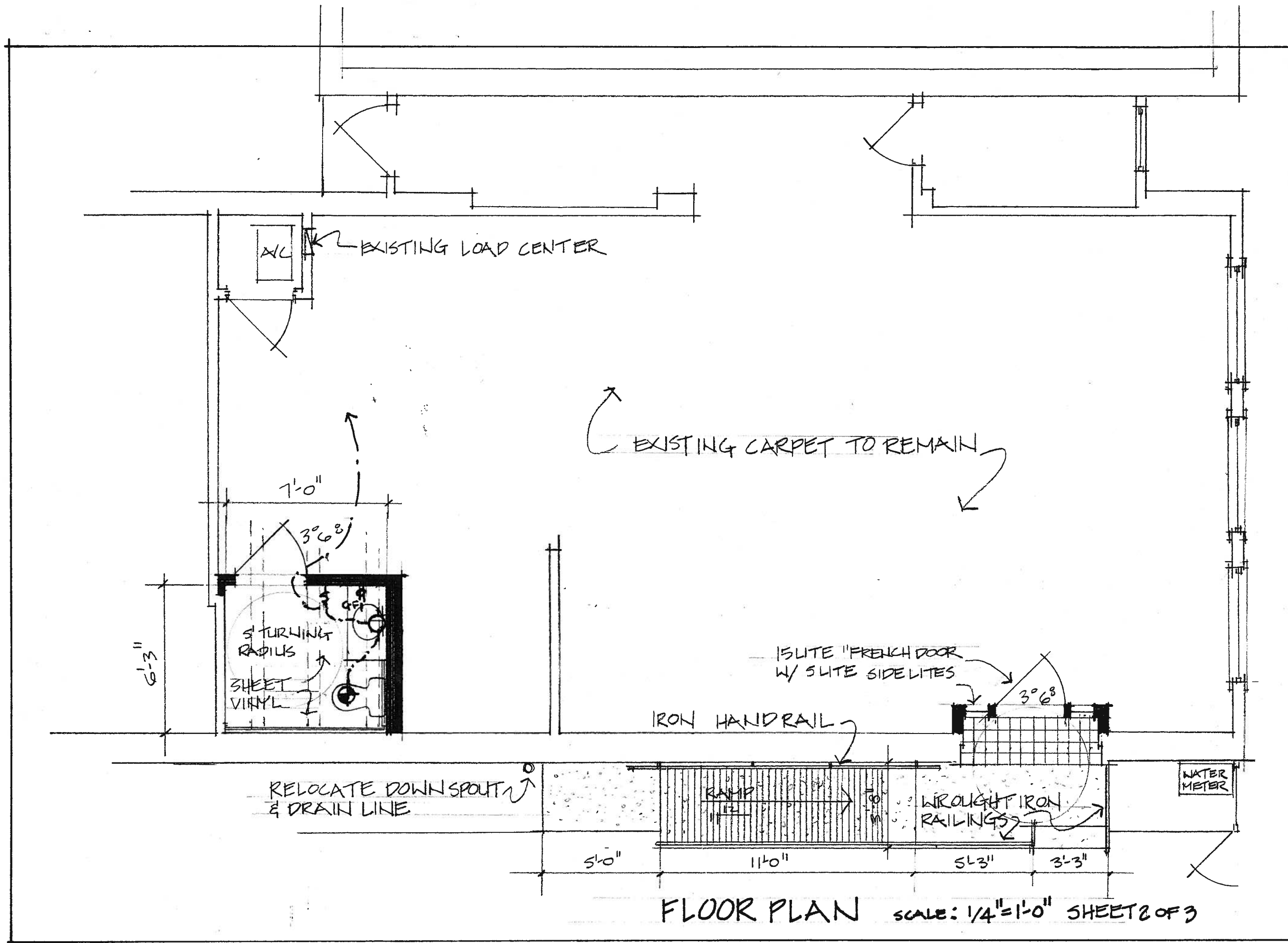


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SHEET 1 OF 3

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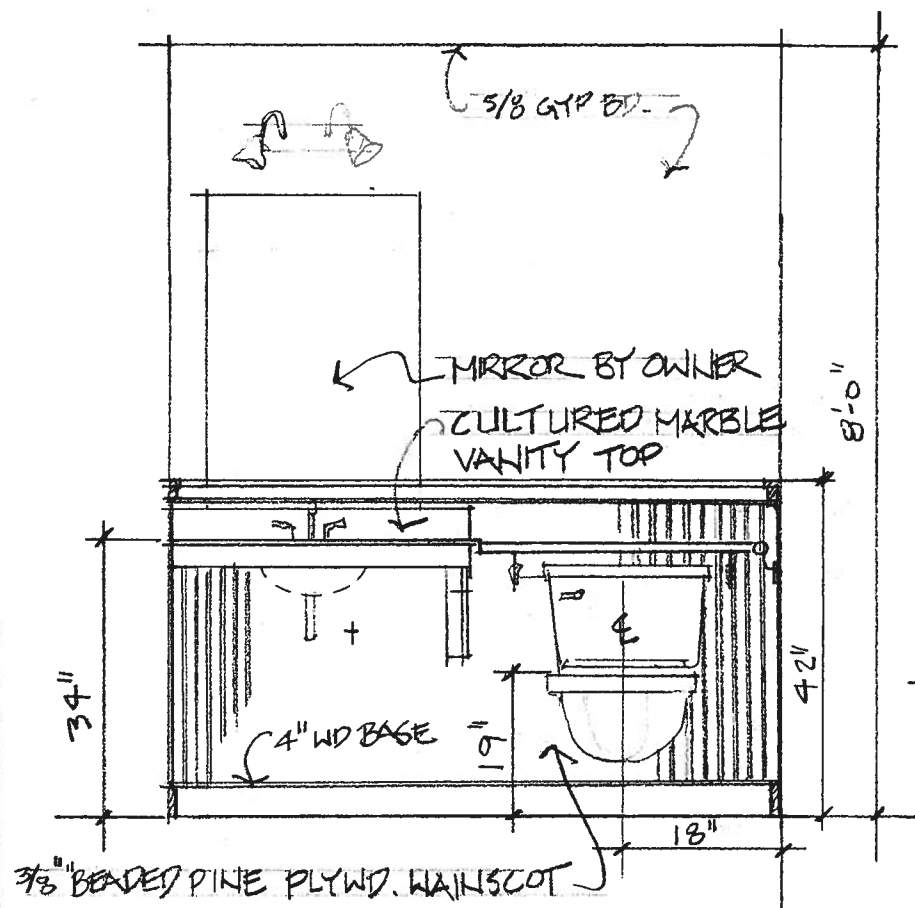
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 RESTROOM SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"



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