



Taking Care of Porches or

“You vs. The Rain”

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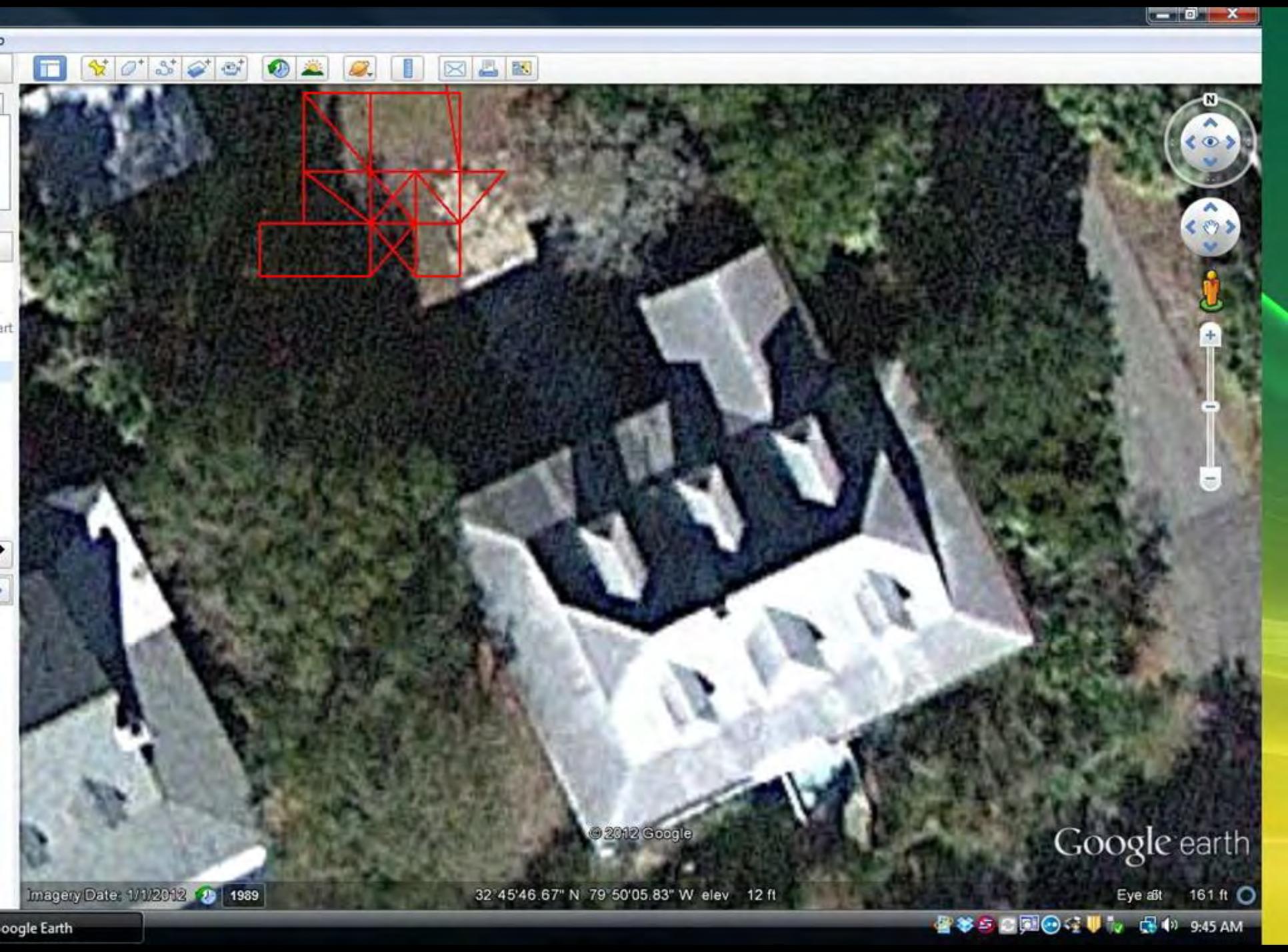


Outline: Taking Care of Porches

- Reasons for porches
- How they are built
- What the problem areas are
- How to strengthen and repair them
- Recommendations on making porches last with minimal deterioration
- An example

Reasons for porches

- Climate
- Orientation to the sun
- The social side of porches



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32° 45' 46.67" N 79° 50' 05.83" W elev 12 ft

Eye alt 161 ft

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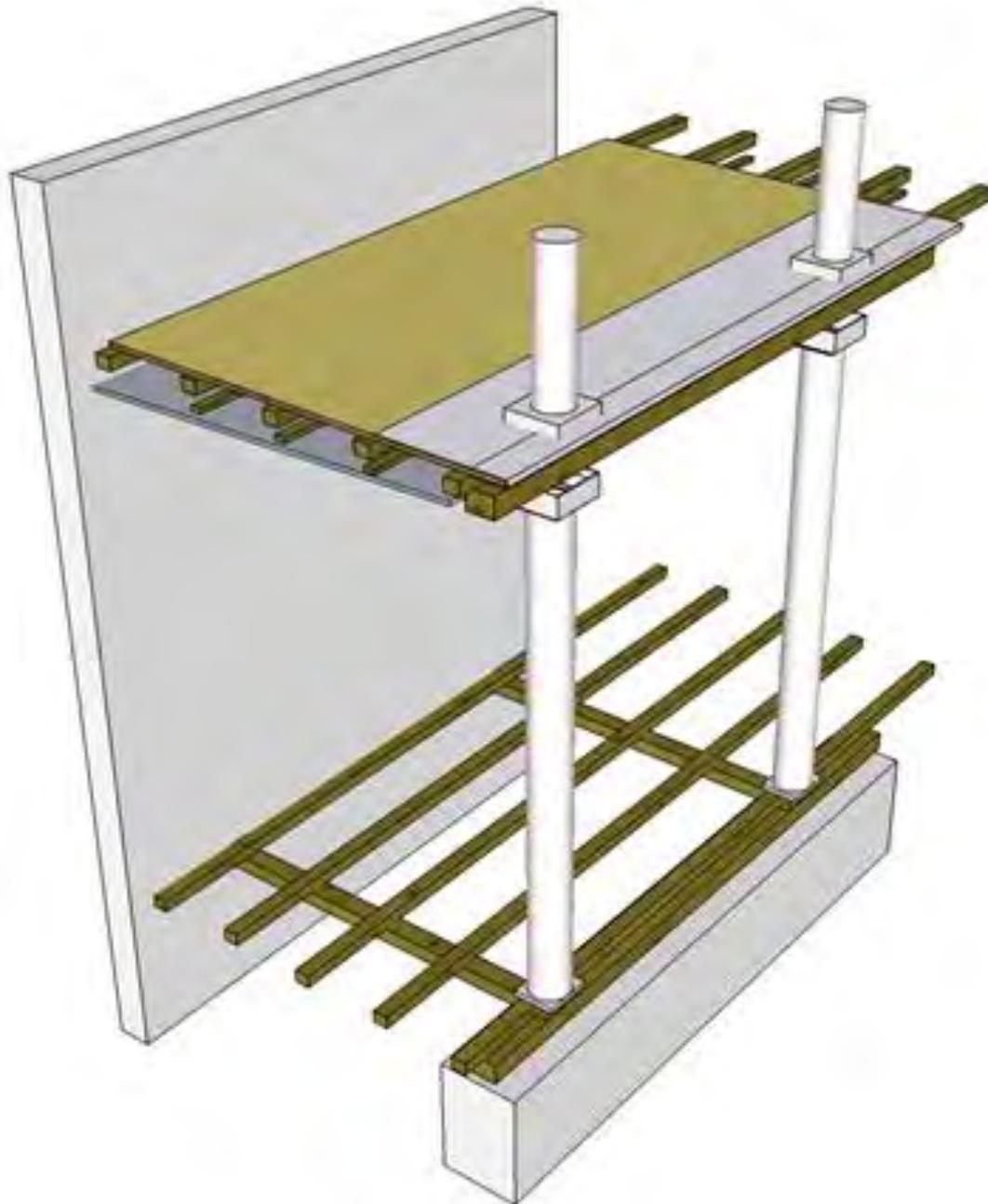


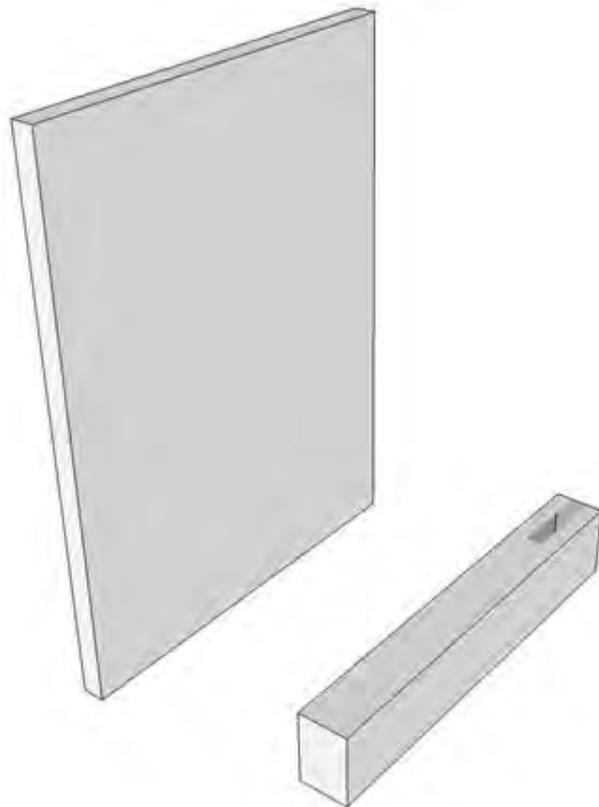
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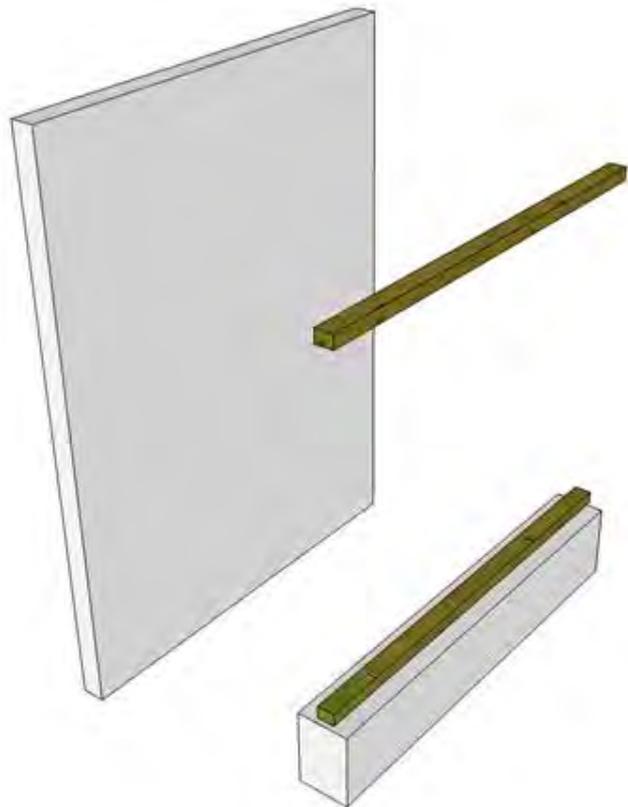
- Flooring carries loads to purlins
- Purlins carry loads to girders
- Girders carry loads to edge beams
- Edge beams carry load to columns
- Columns carry loads to piers
- Piers carry loads to the soil

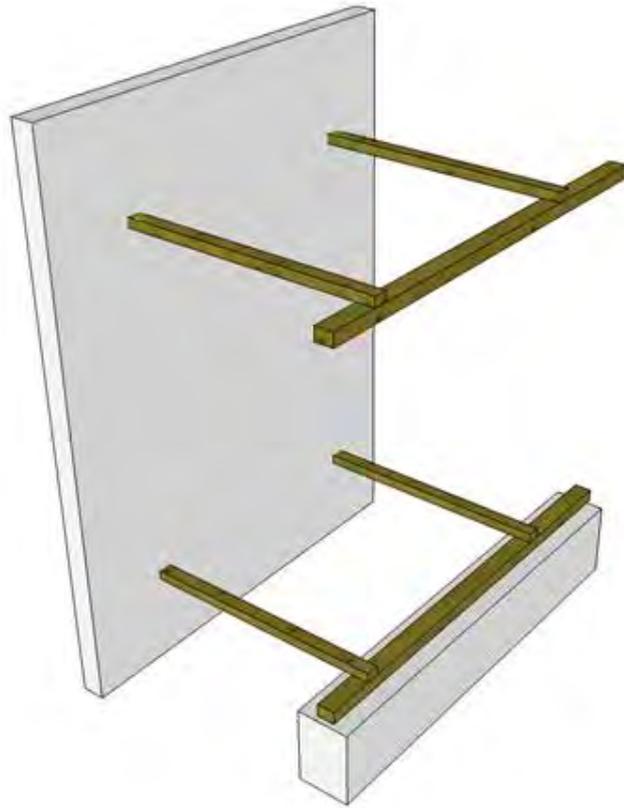
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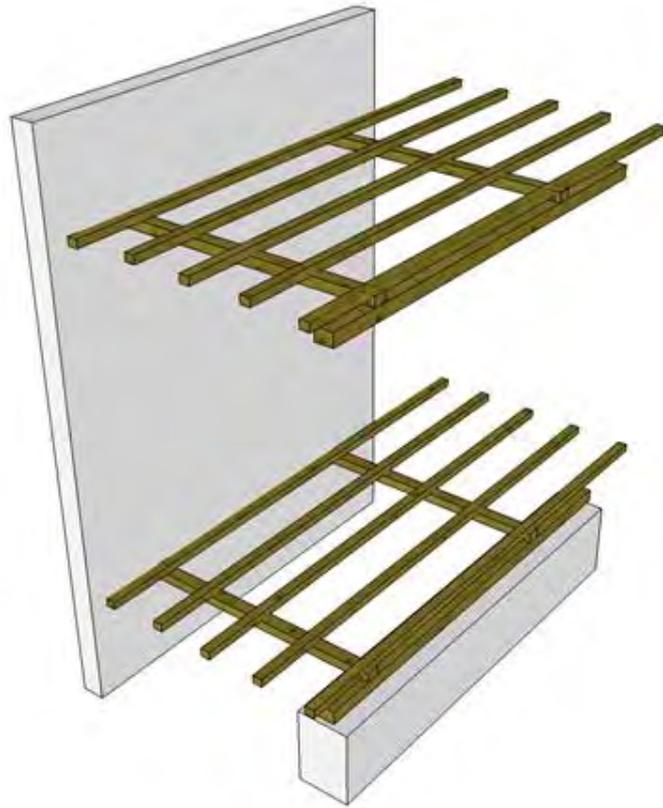
- Overall view

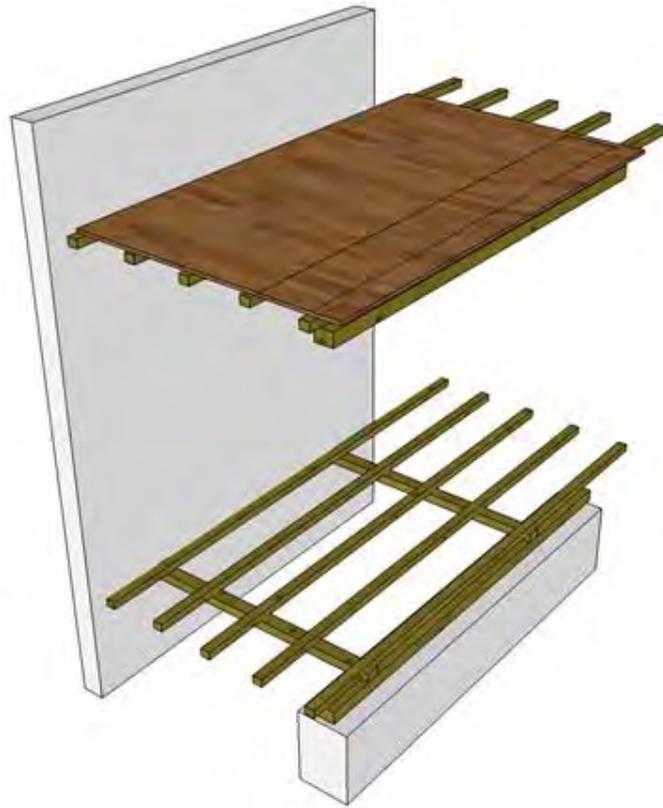


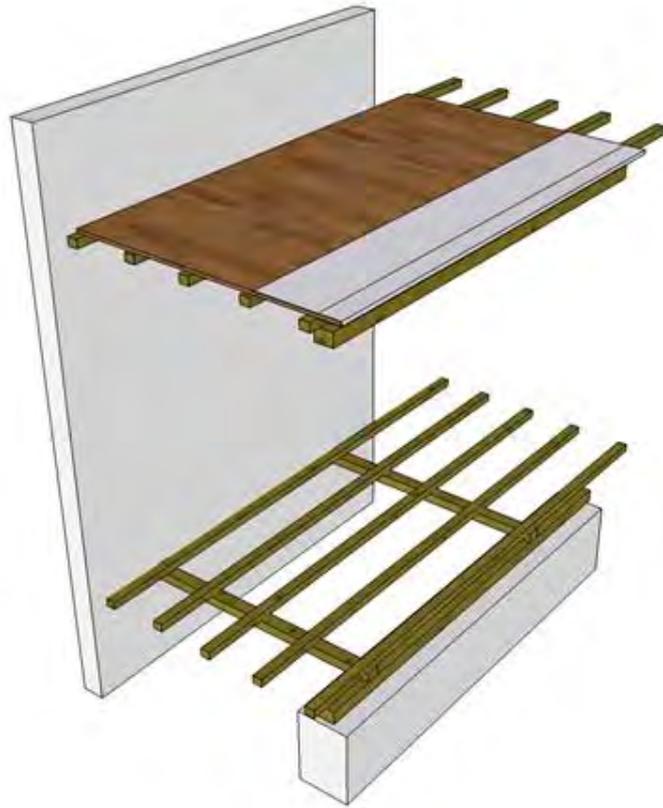


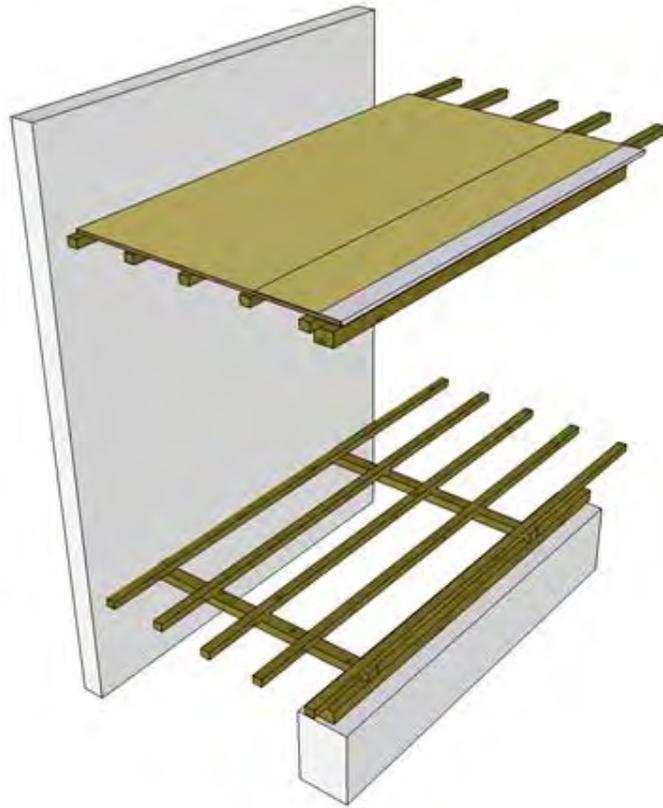


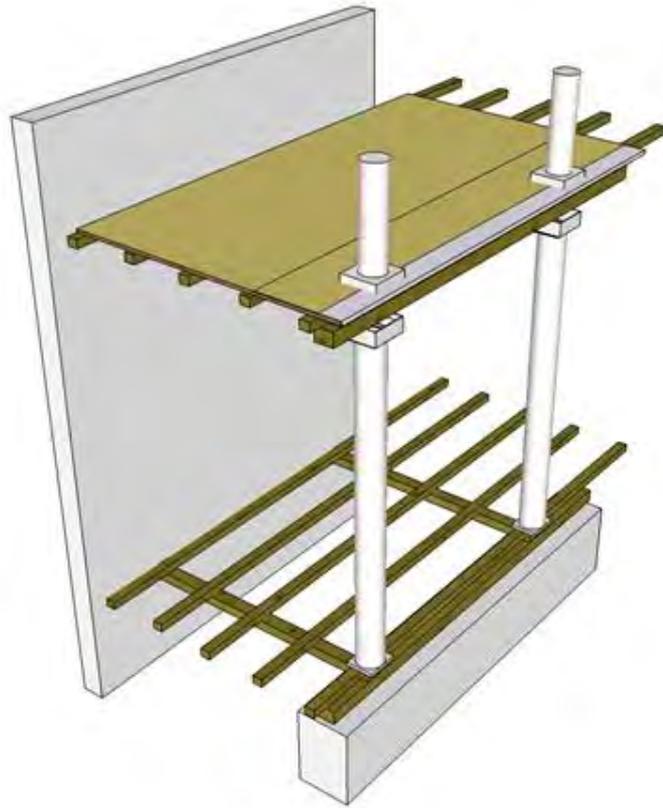


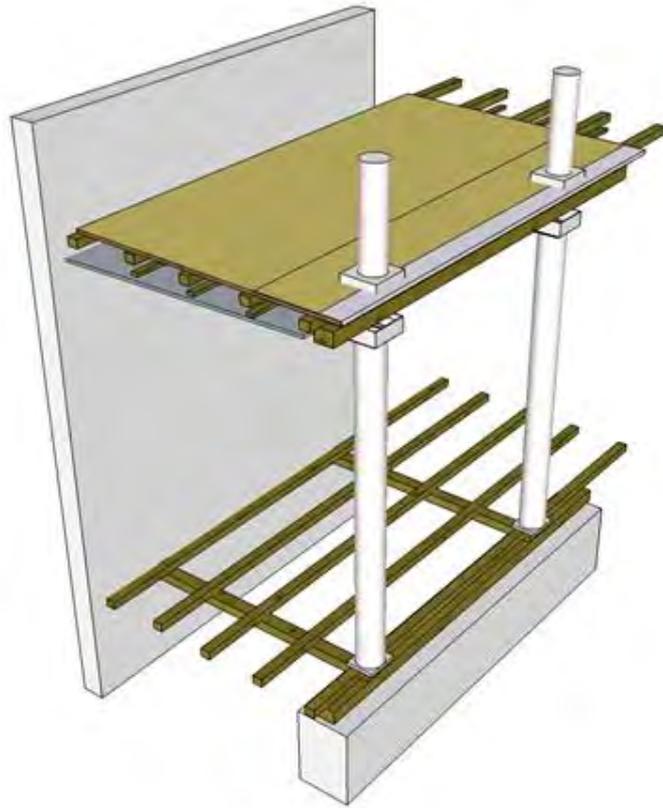






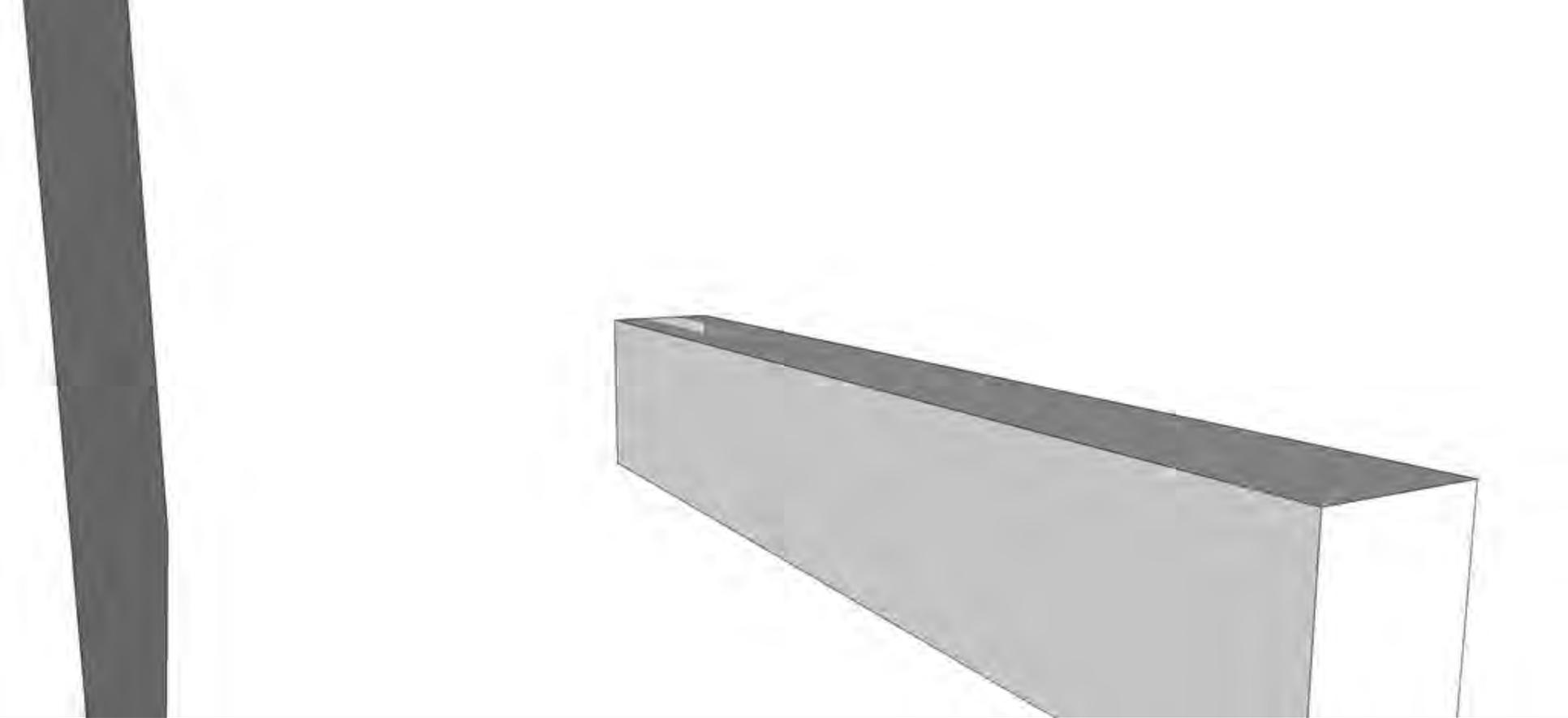


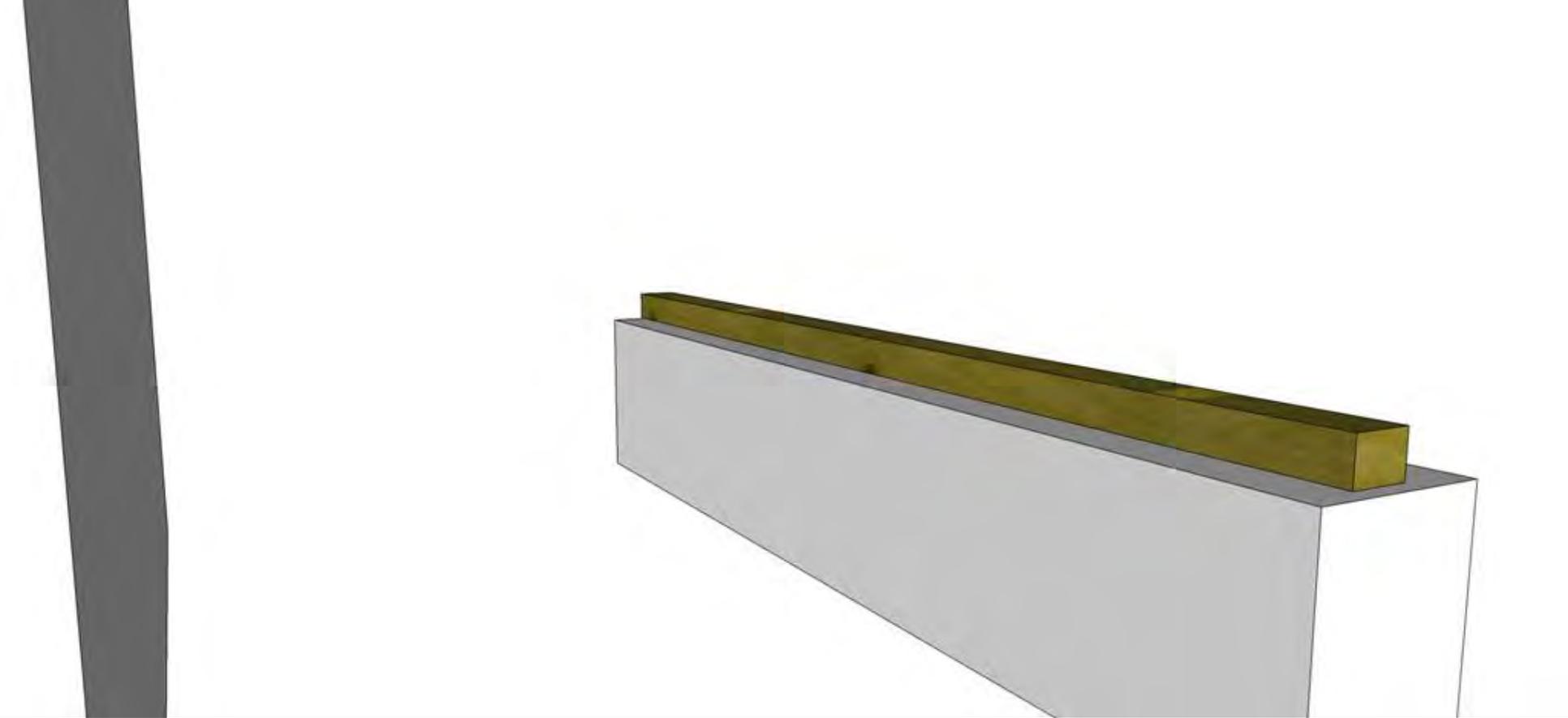


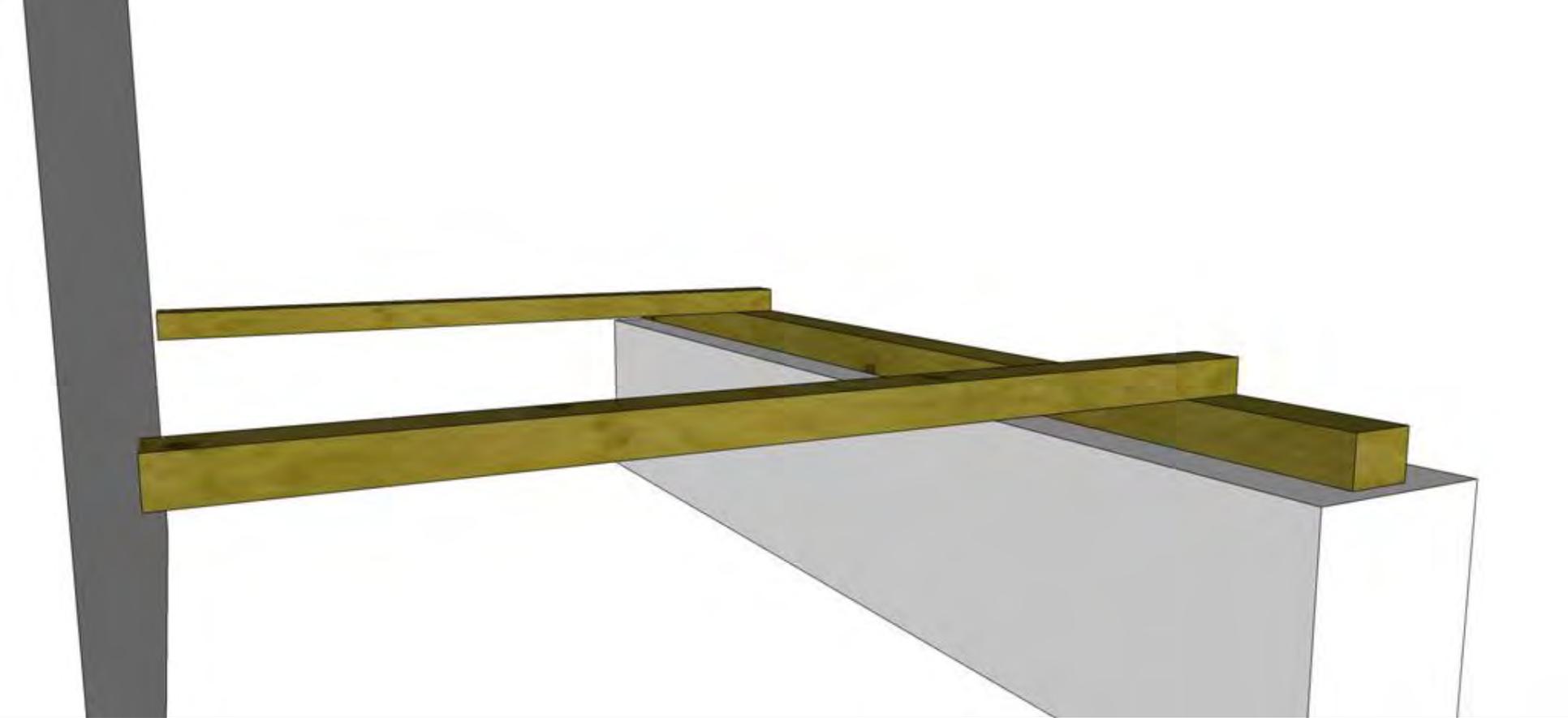


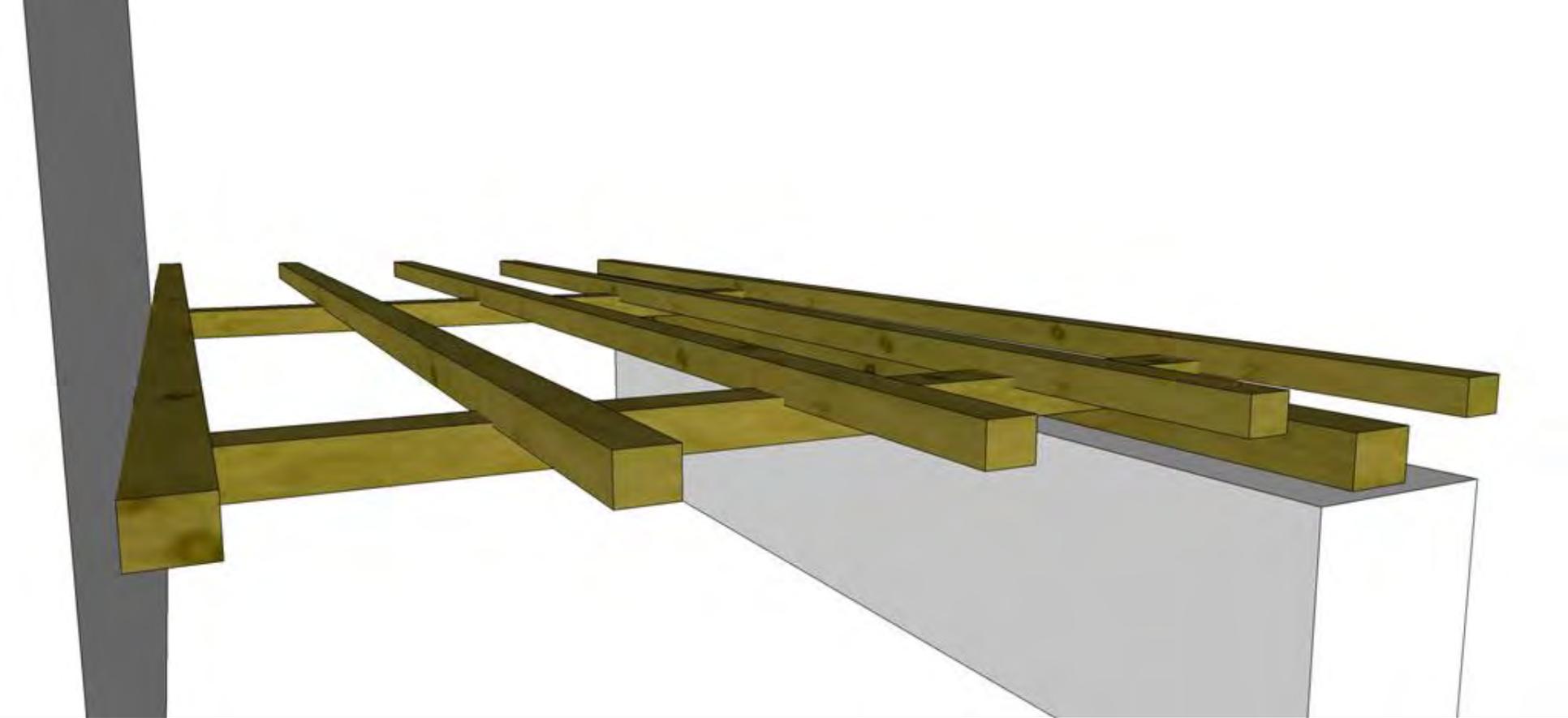
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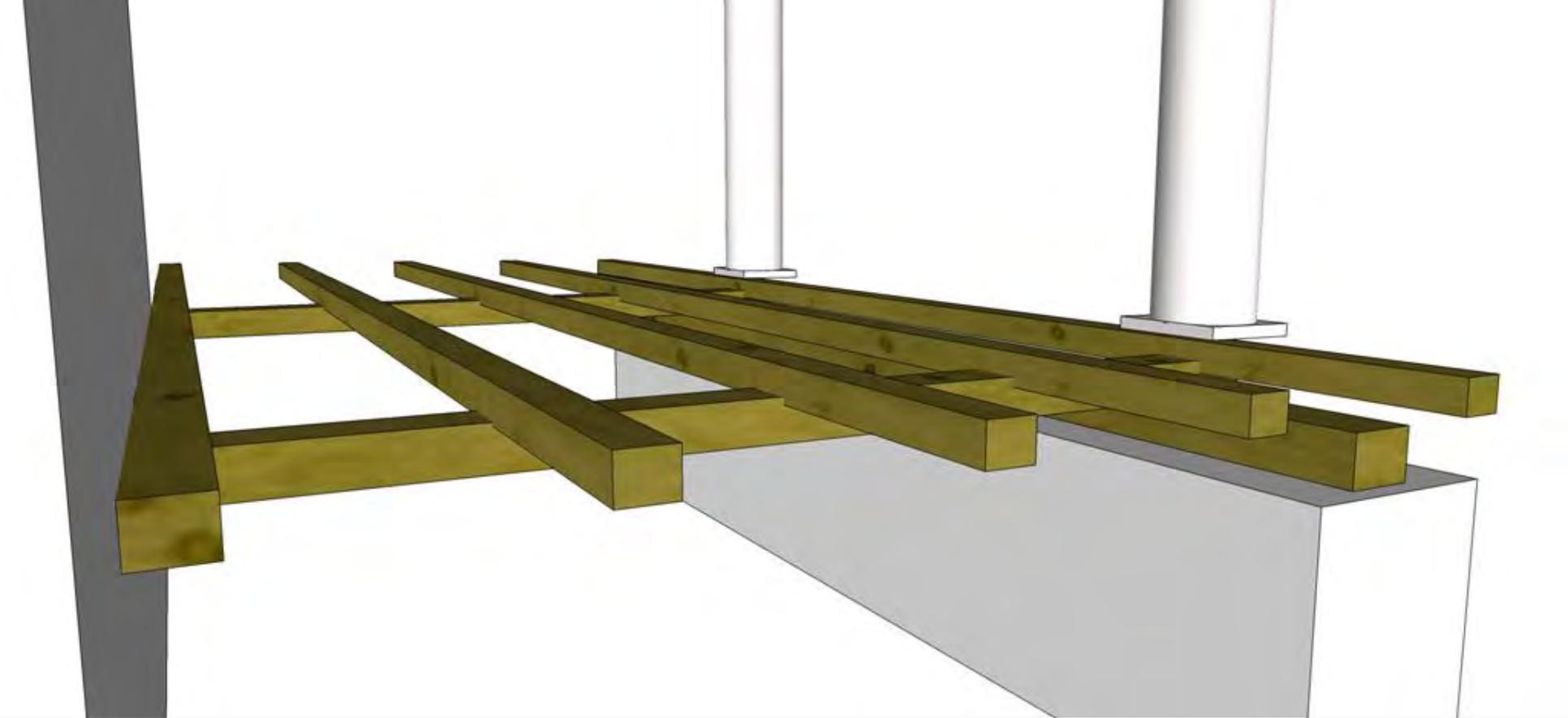
- Lowest level











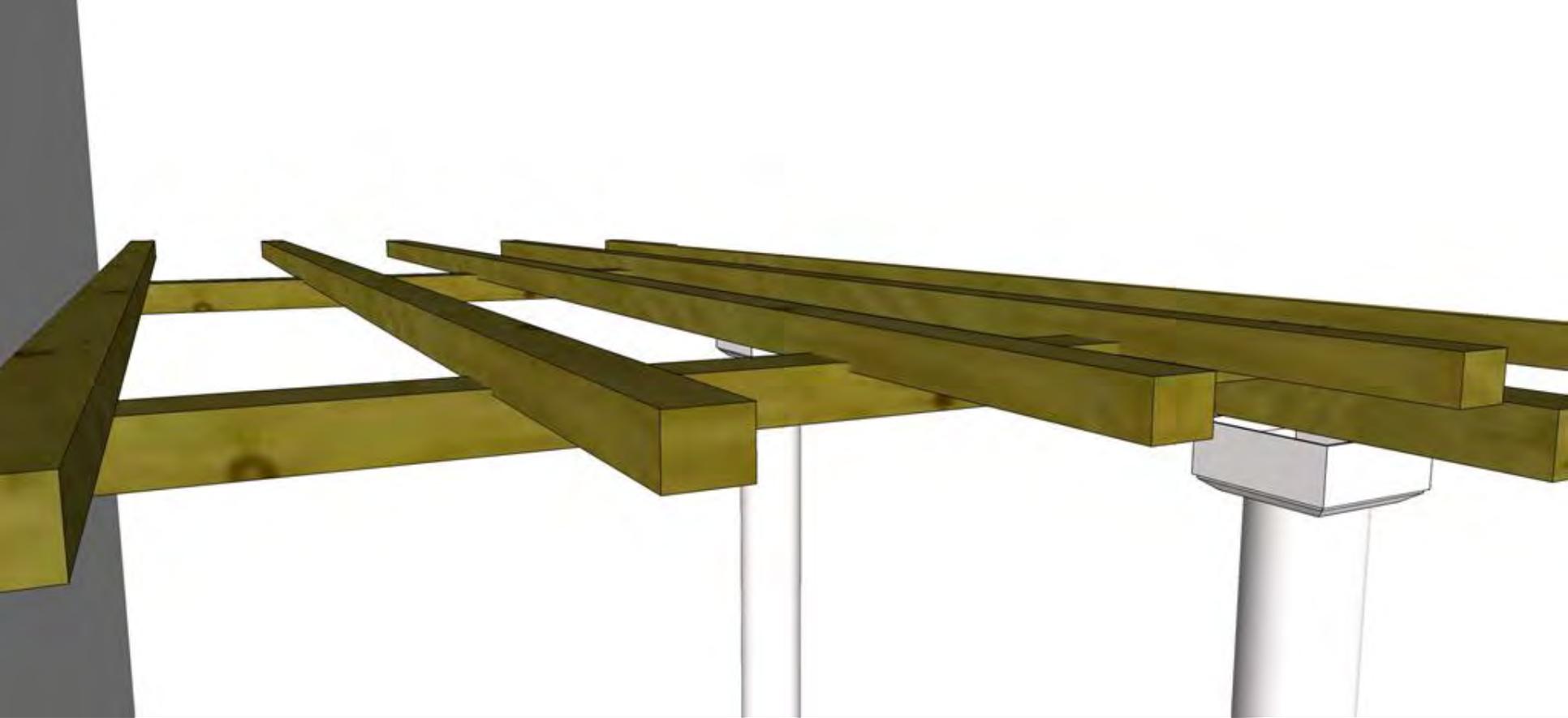
How porches are built

- Upper level





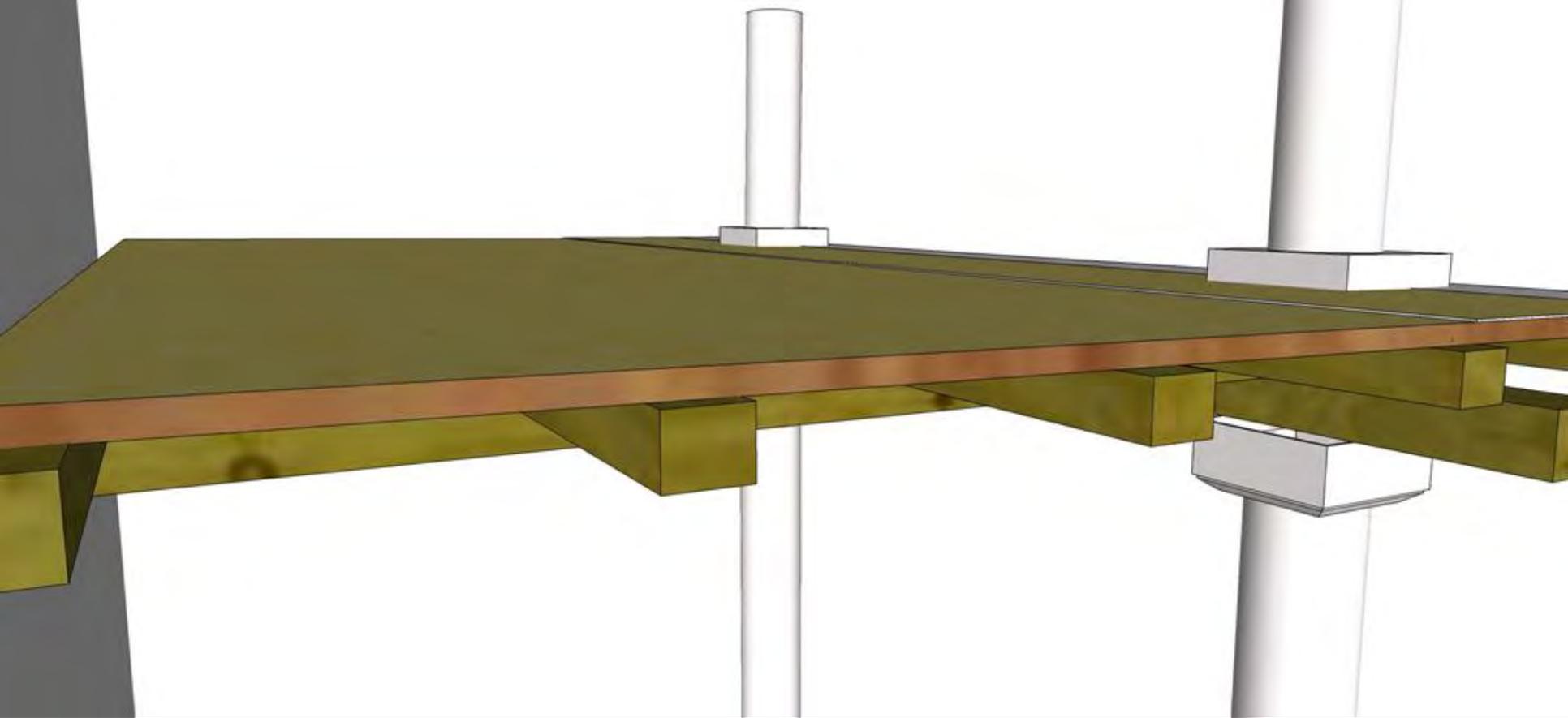


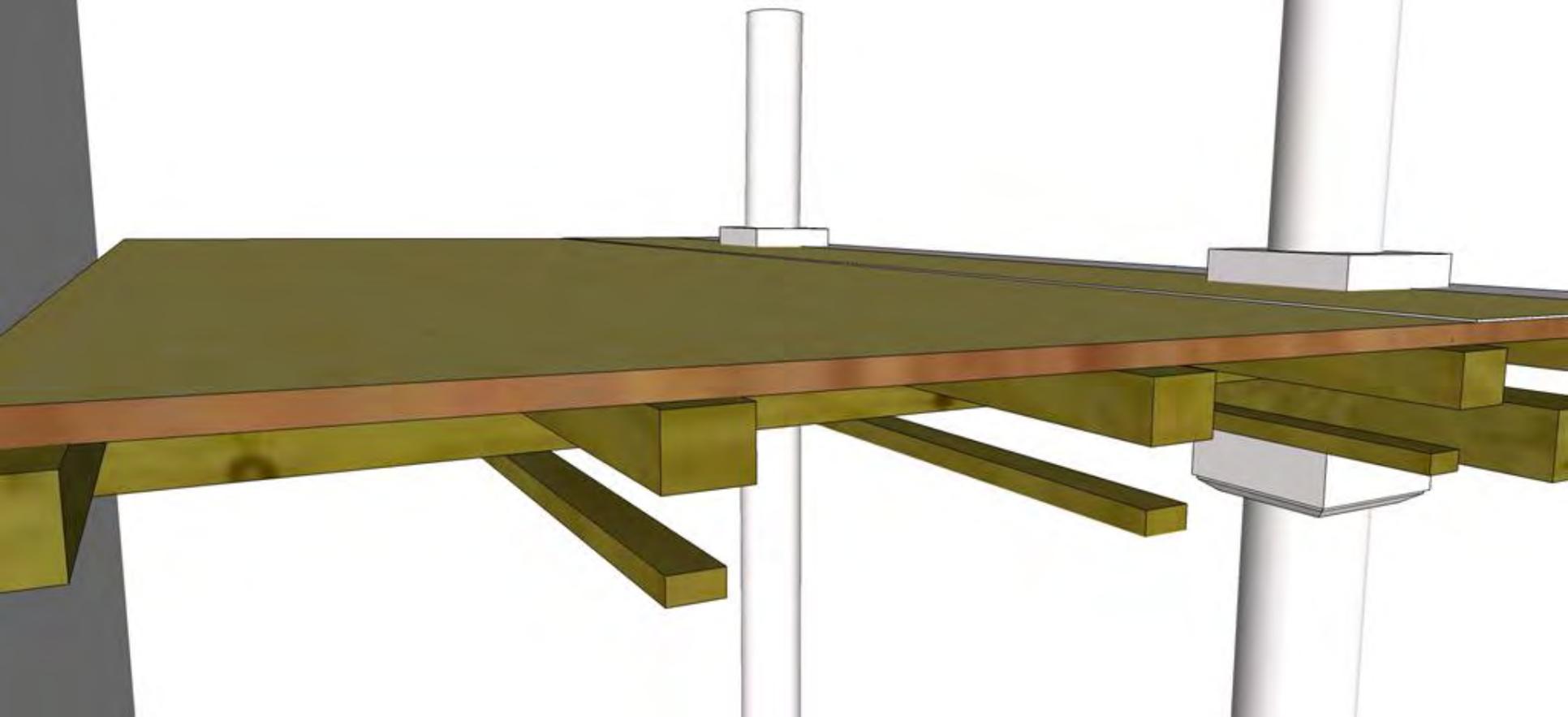


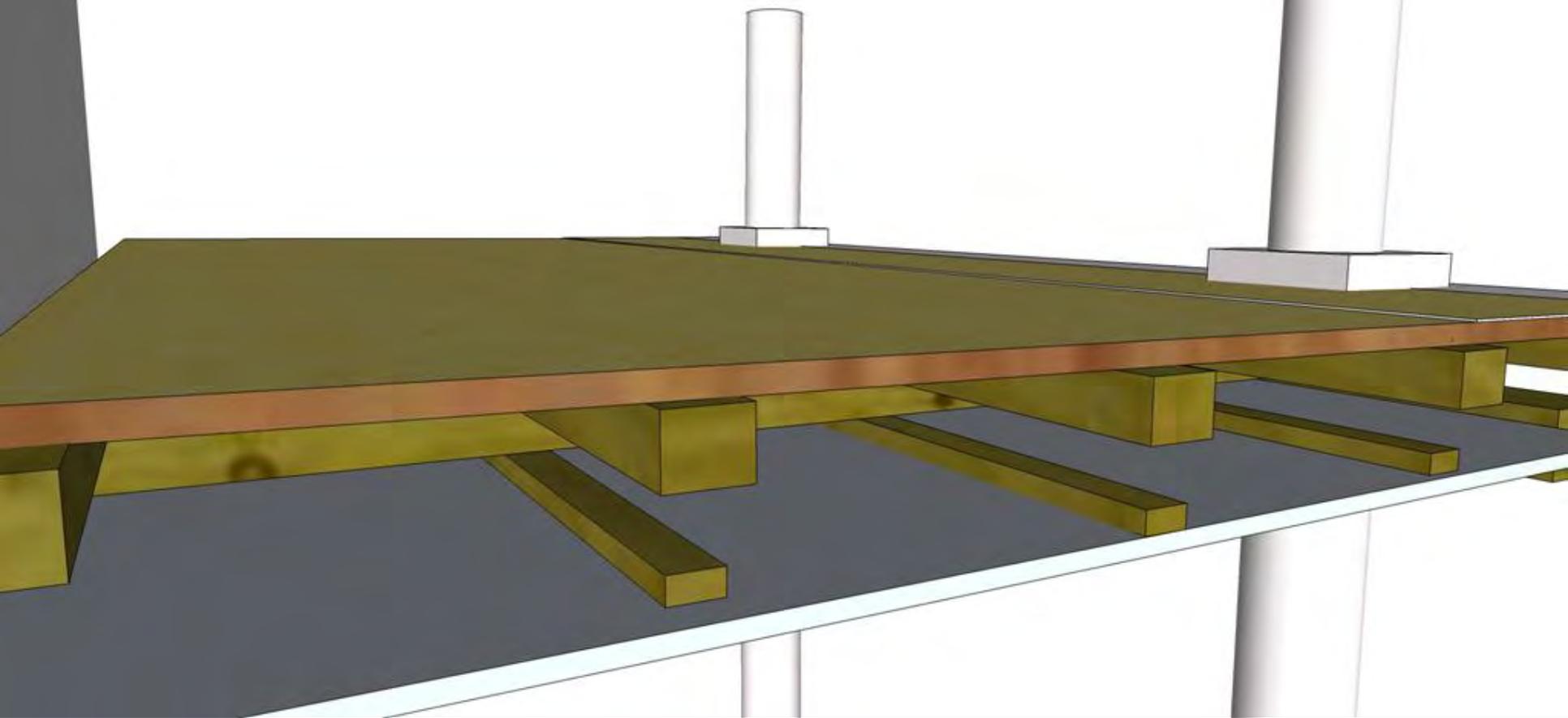










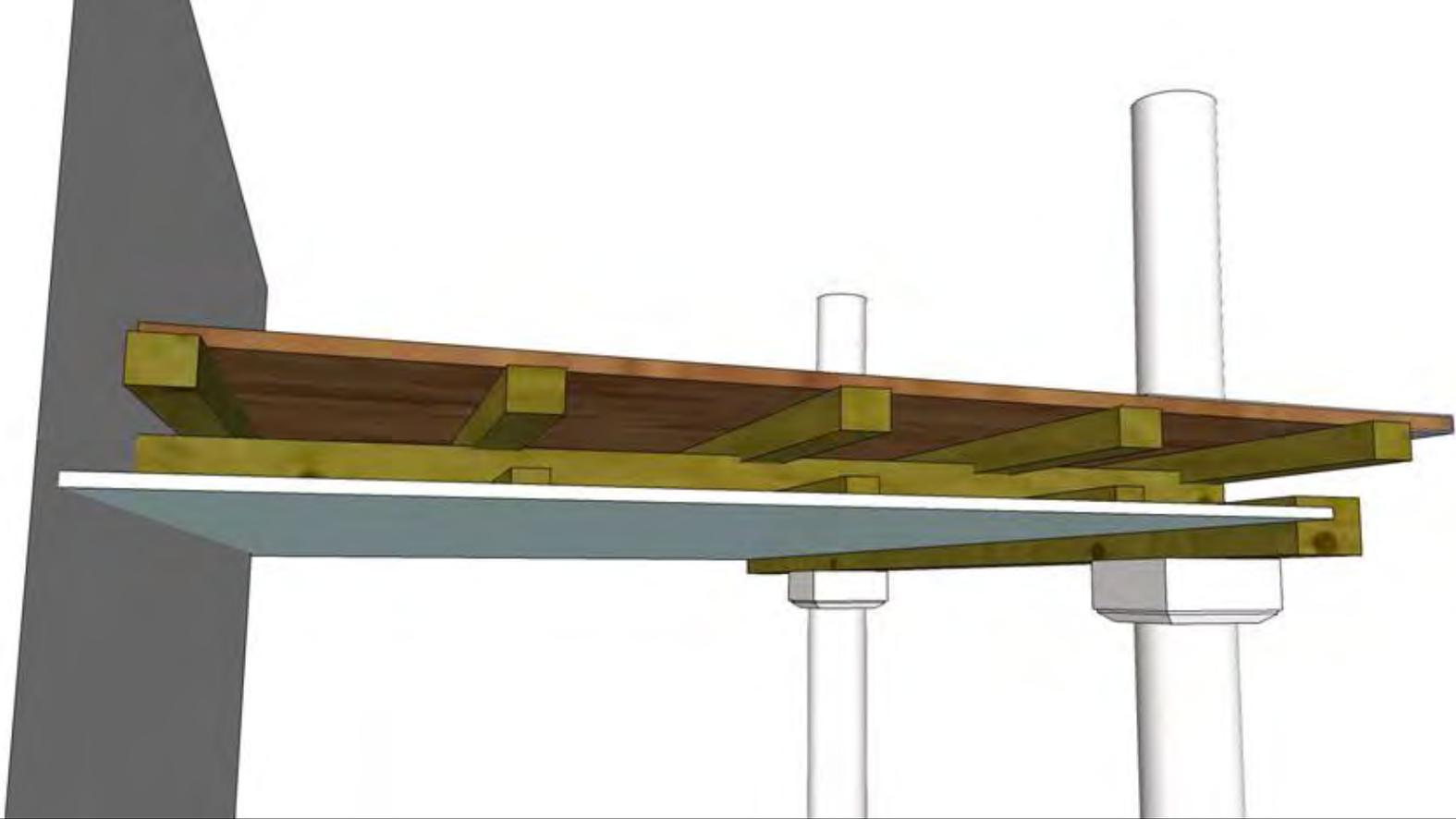


How porches are built

- Ceilings





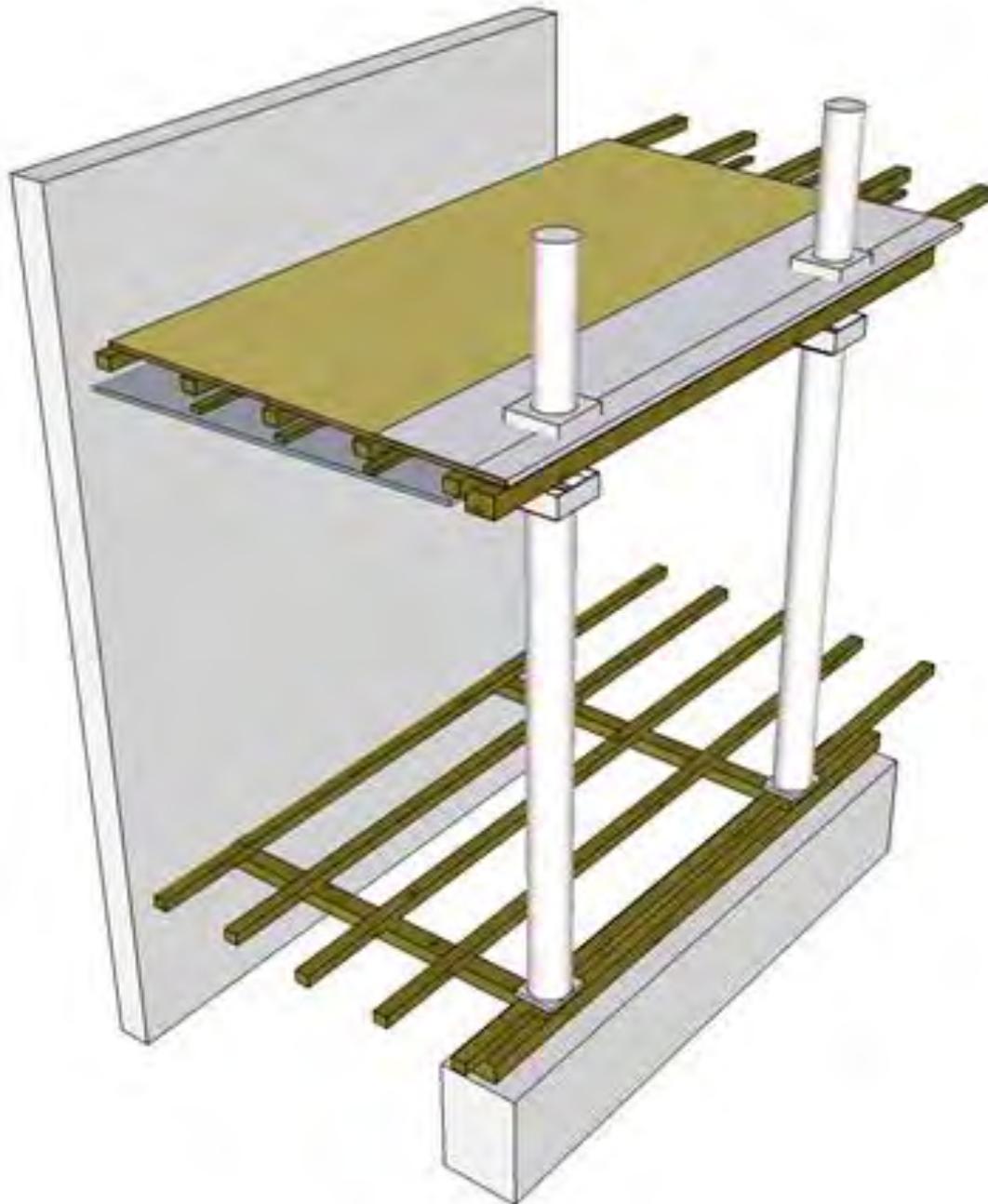


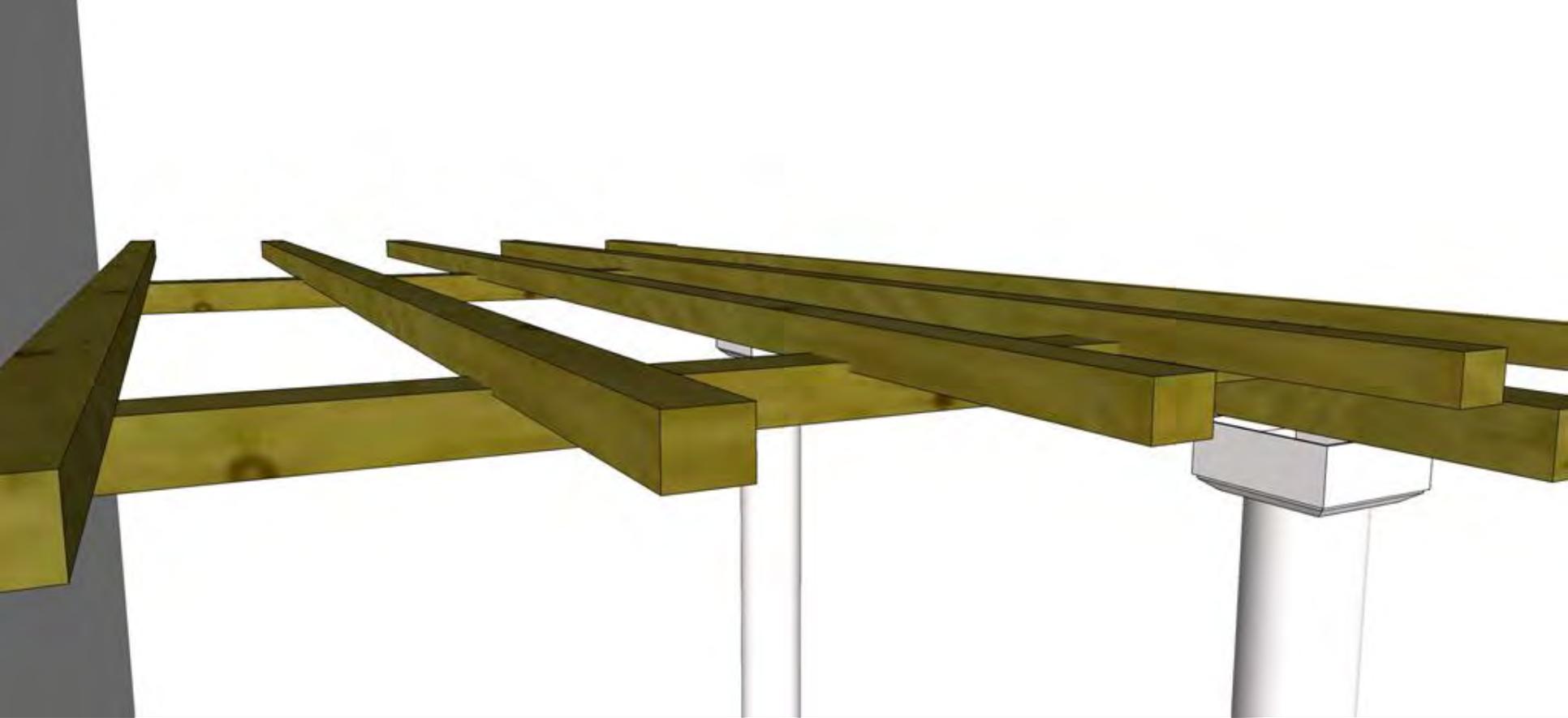
What the problem areas are

- Details of purlins – slope and notches
- Details of girders – rot, notches and supports at the edge beams
- Details of the edge beams – rot and discontinuities
- Deterioration of the columns – rot at the bases and the handrail tie-in
- Details of the piers – loss of mortar and instability
- Details of the handrails – height, spacing, strength and deterioration

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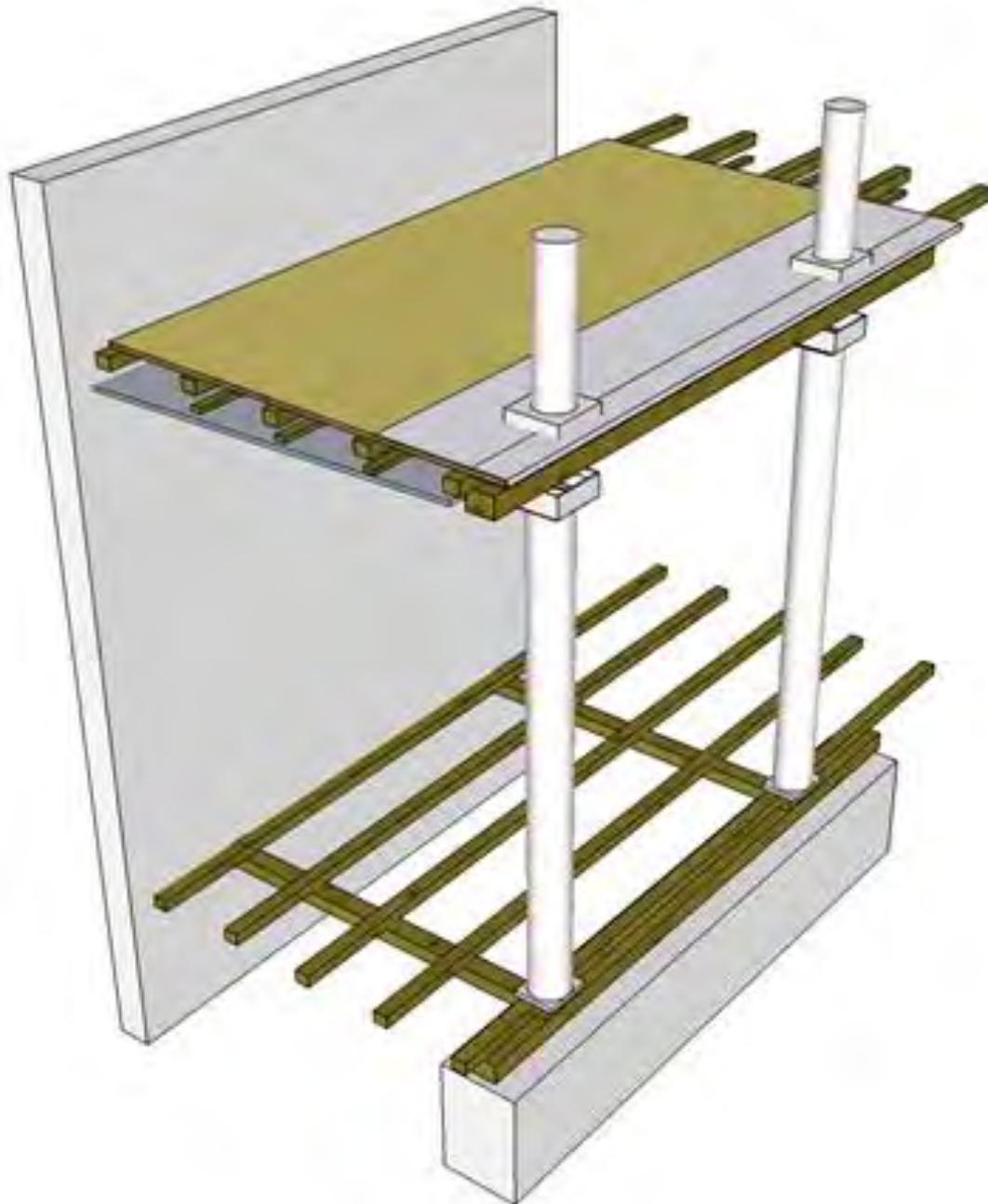


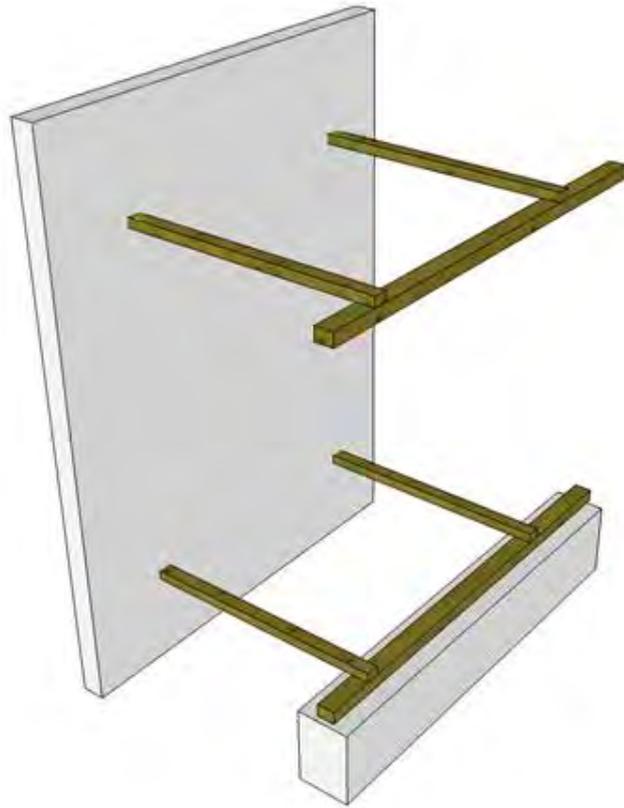




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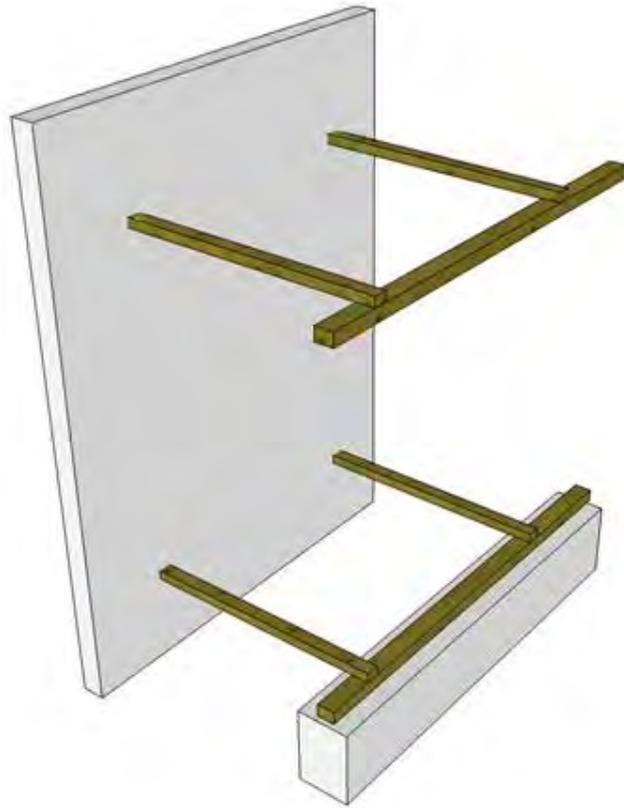






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So the real problem is

Water!!!

Let's look...











































































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How to strengthen and repair them

- Flooring – rot repair and replacement
- Purlins – sistering and new connections
- Girders – sistering and new connections
- Edge beams – replacement and new connections
- Columns – filling, partial or complete replacement
- Handrails – end connections, supplementing the railings

A couple of success stories...

- First: 90 Wentworth Street at
The College of Charleston









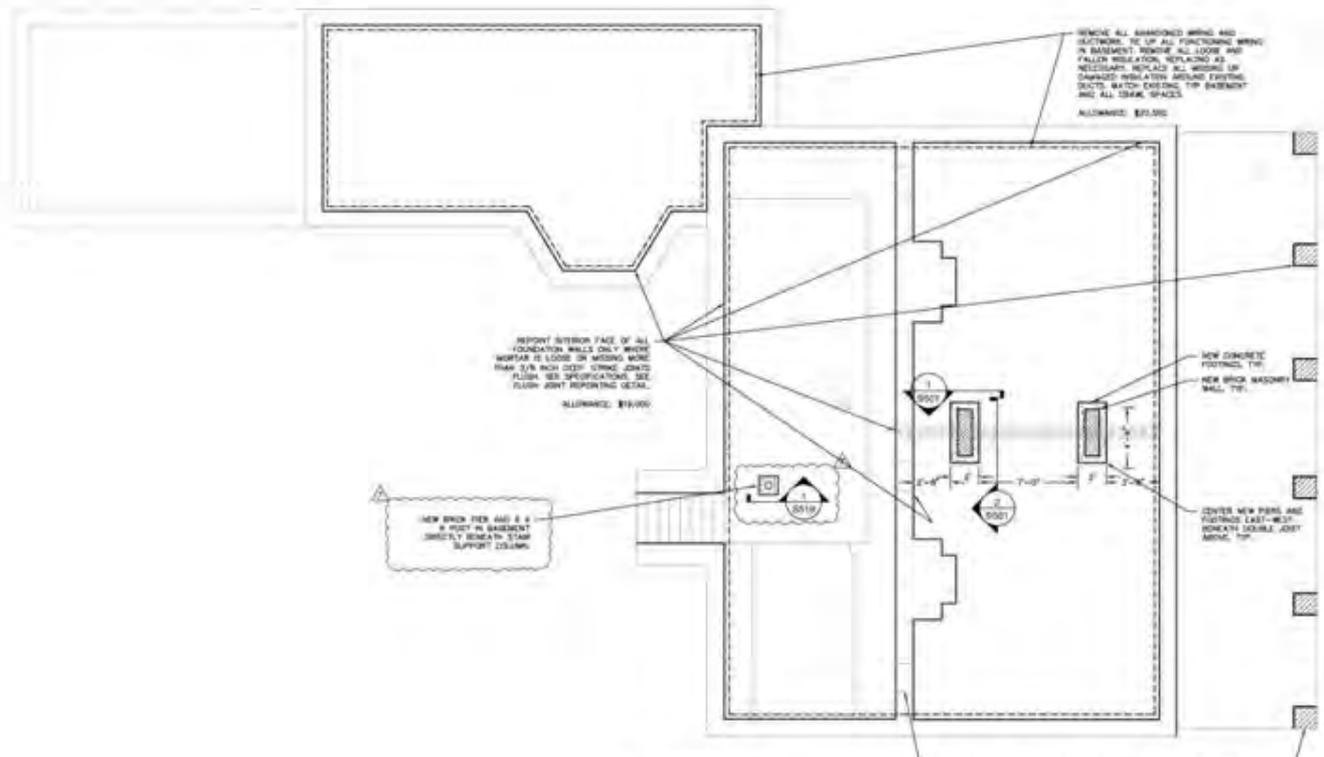






A more in depth example:

- 12 Bull Street, Charleston
- Preservation School at
The College of Charleston



REPORT EXTERIOR FACE OF ALL FOUNDATION WALLS ONLY WHERE MORTAR IS LOOSE OR MISSING MORE THAN 1/8" INCH DEEP. CHASE JOINTS FLUSH. SEE SPECIFICATIONS. SEE FLUSH JOINT REPORTING DETAIL.
ALLOWANCE: 1/8" MIN

NEW BRICK PIER AND 2" x 8" POST IN BASEMENT DIRECTLY BENEATH STAIR SUPPORT COLUMN.

REMOVE ALL ABANDONED WIRING AND OUTWORK. TIE UP ALL PENDING WIRING IN BASEMENT. REMOVE ALL LOOSE AND FALLEN INSULATION. REPLACE AS NECESSARY. REPAIR ALL WIRING OR DAMAGED INSULATION AROUND EXISTING DUCTS. MATCH EXISTING TOP ELEMENTS AND ALL CLEAR SPACES.
ALLOWANCE: 1/8" MIN

NEW CONCRETE FOOTING, TYP.
NEW BRICK W/COMMON WALL, TYP.

CENTER NEW PIERS AND TIGHTEN EAST-WEST BENCHMARK DOUBLE JOINT AREA, TYP.

1 Foundation Plan

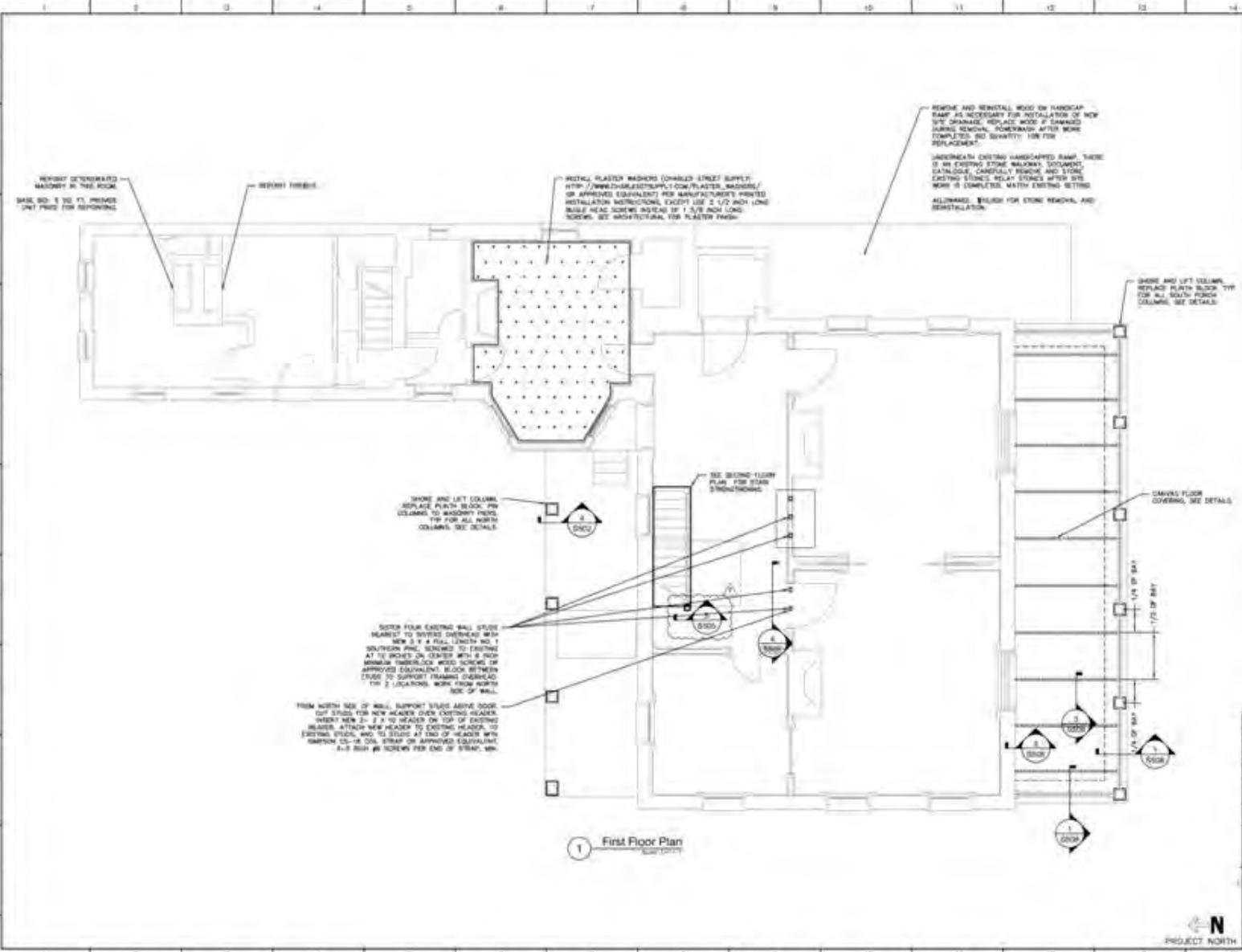
LOCATION OF WALL OPENING APPROX.

REPORT UNFINISHED INTERIOR FACES OF BRICKERY PIERS, TYPING ALL STUCCO ON EXPOSED FACES OF PIERS. REMOVE AND REPLACE ALL LOOSE STUCCO, TYP. NO QUANTITY. ALL STUCCO ON ALL EXPOSED FACES UNDER SOUTH PORCH.



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REPAIR COUNTERTOP MASONRY IN THIS ROOM
BASE, 80. 1 TO 11, PROVIDE
1/2" FINISH FOR REPAIRING

REPAIR FINISH

INSTALL REBAR WALKERS (CHALKED STREET SUPPLY
HTTP://WWW.CHALKEDSTREET.COM/PLASTER_WALKERS/
OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT) FOR MANUFACTURER'S PRINTED
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS, EXCEPT USE 2 1/2" INCH LONG
BUSH HEAD SCREWS INSTEAD OF 1 1/2" INCH LONG
SCREWS. SEE ARCHITECTURAL FOR PLASTER FINISH.

REMOVE AND REINSTALL WOOD ON HANDICAP
RAMP AS NECESSARY FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW
SITE DRAINAGE. REPLACE WOOD IF DAMAGED
DURING REMOVAL. RECONSTRUCT AFTER WORK
COMPLETED. DO SHORING FOR FINISH
INSTALLMENT.

LANDSCAPE EXISTING HANDICAPPED RAMP. THERE
IS AN EXISTING STONE WALKWAY. CONSULT
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CAREFULLY BEFORE AND DURING
EXISTING STONES. RELAY STONES AFTER SITE
WORK IS COMPLETED. MATCH EXISTING SETTING.

ALIGNMENT: FINISH FOR STONE REMOVAL AND
REINSTALLATION.

REMOVE AND LIFT COLUMN.
REPLACE PLATH BLOCK TYP
FOR ALL SOUTH FLOOR
COLUMNS. SEE DETAILS.

REMOVE AND LIFT COLUMN.
REPLACE PLATH BLOCK TYP
FOR ALL NORTH
COLUMNS. SEE DETAILS.

SEE SECOND FLOOR
PLAN FOR STAIR
STRUCTURE.

REMOVE FLOOR
COVERING. SEE DETAILS.

REMOVE FOUR EXISTING WALL STUDS
NEAREST TO EXISTING OVERHEAD W/HP
NEW 5" x 8" PINE LUMBER AND 1
SOUTHERN PINE, SCREWED TO EXISTING
AT 12" SPACES ON CENTER WITH 8" HIGH
MINIMUM TIMBER-LIKE WOOD SCREWS OR
APPROVED EQUIVALENT. BLOCK BETWEEN
STUDS TO SUPPORT TRAMING OVERHEAD
TYP 2 LOCATIONS. WORK FROM NORTH
SIDE OF WALL.

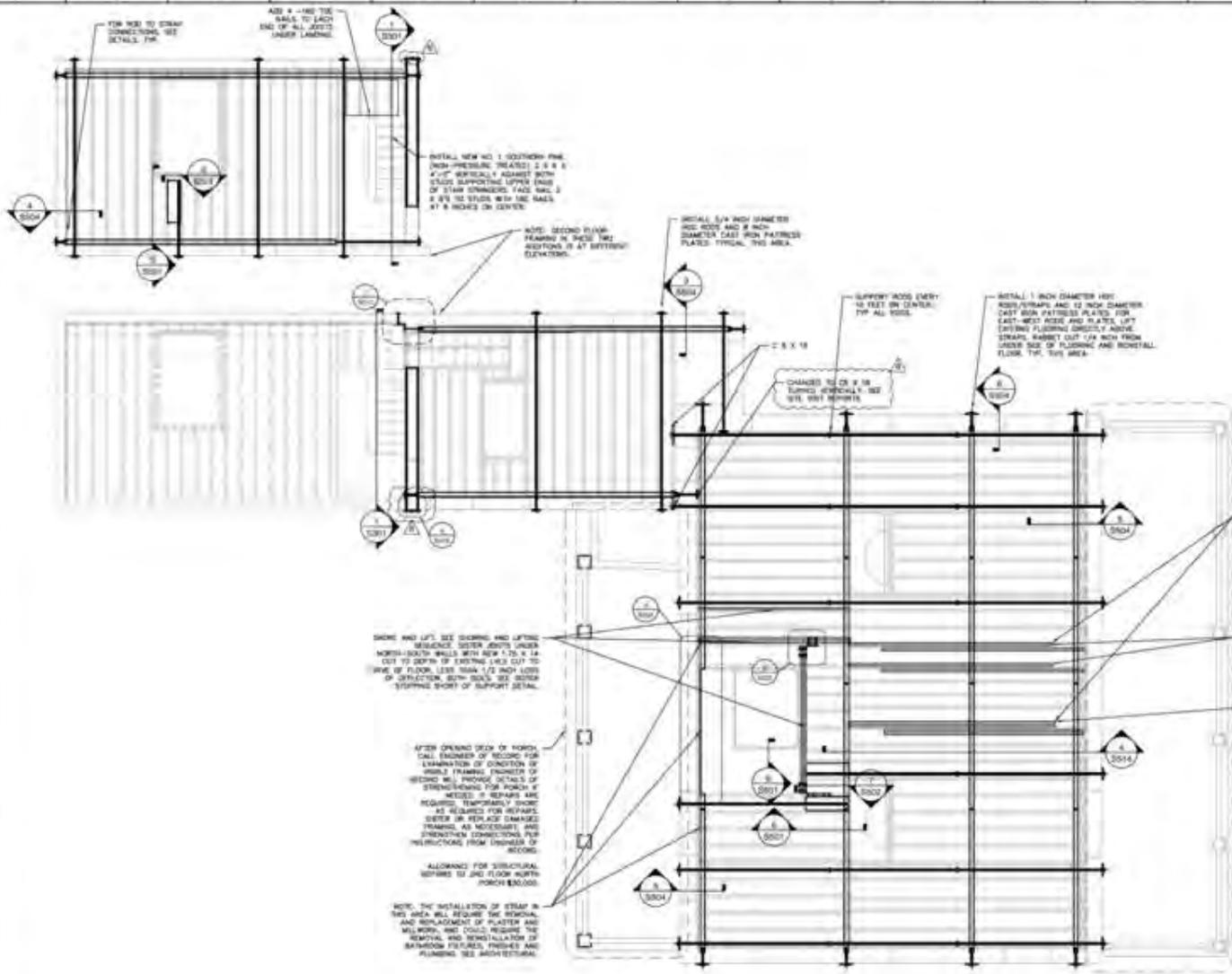
FROM NORTH SIDE OF WALL, SUPPORT STUDS ABOVE DOOR
TOP STUDS FOR NEW HEADER OVER EXISTING HEADER.
INSERT NEW 2" x 2" TO HEADER ON TOP OF EXISTING
HEADER. ATTACH NEW HEADER TO EXISTING HEADER TO
EXISTING STUDS, AND TO STUDS AT END OF HEADER WITH
MINIMUM 12" x 12" COLL. STRAP OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT.
2-8 BUSH #8 SCREWS PER END OF STRAP, MIN.

1 First Floor Plan



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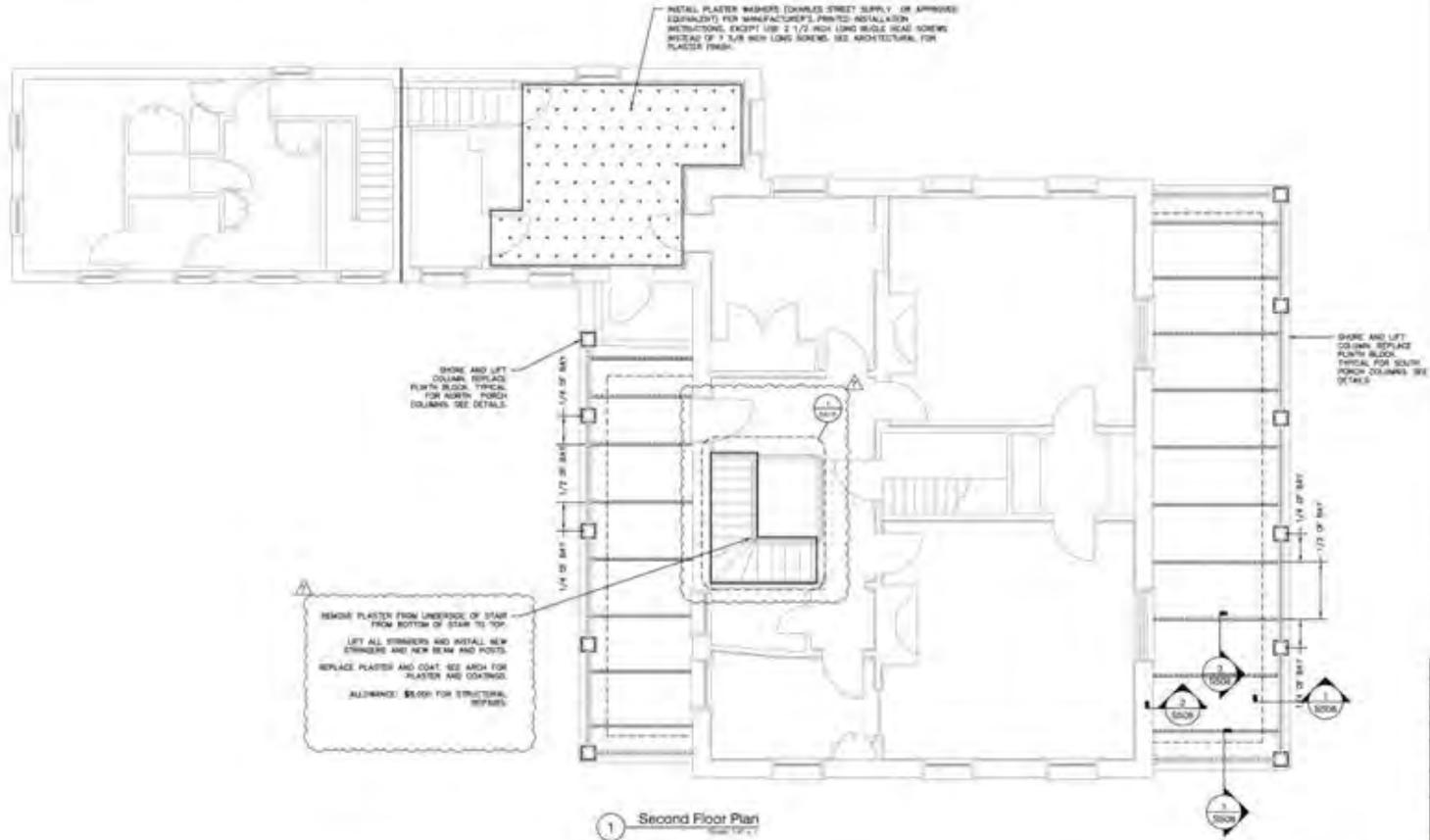


1 Second Floor Framing Plan

PROJECT NORTH

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2	JULY 17, 2015
3	JULY 29, 2015 FOR WYOMING
4	SEPT 29, 2015 FOR CONSTRUCTION
5	OCT 1, 2015
6	NOV 16, 2015





REMOVE PLASTER FROM UNDERSIDE OF STAIR FROM BOTTOM OF STAIR TO TOP.
LIFT ALL STRINGERS AND INSTALL NEW STRINGERS AND NEW BEAM AND POSTS.
REPLACE PLASTER AND COAT. SEE ARCH FOR PLASTER AND COATING.
ALLOWANCE: \$5.00K FOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS.

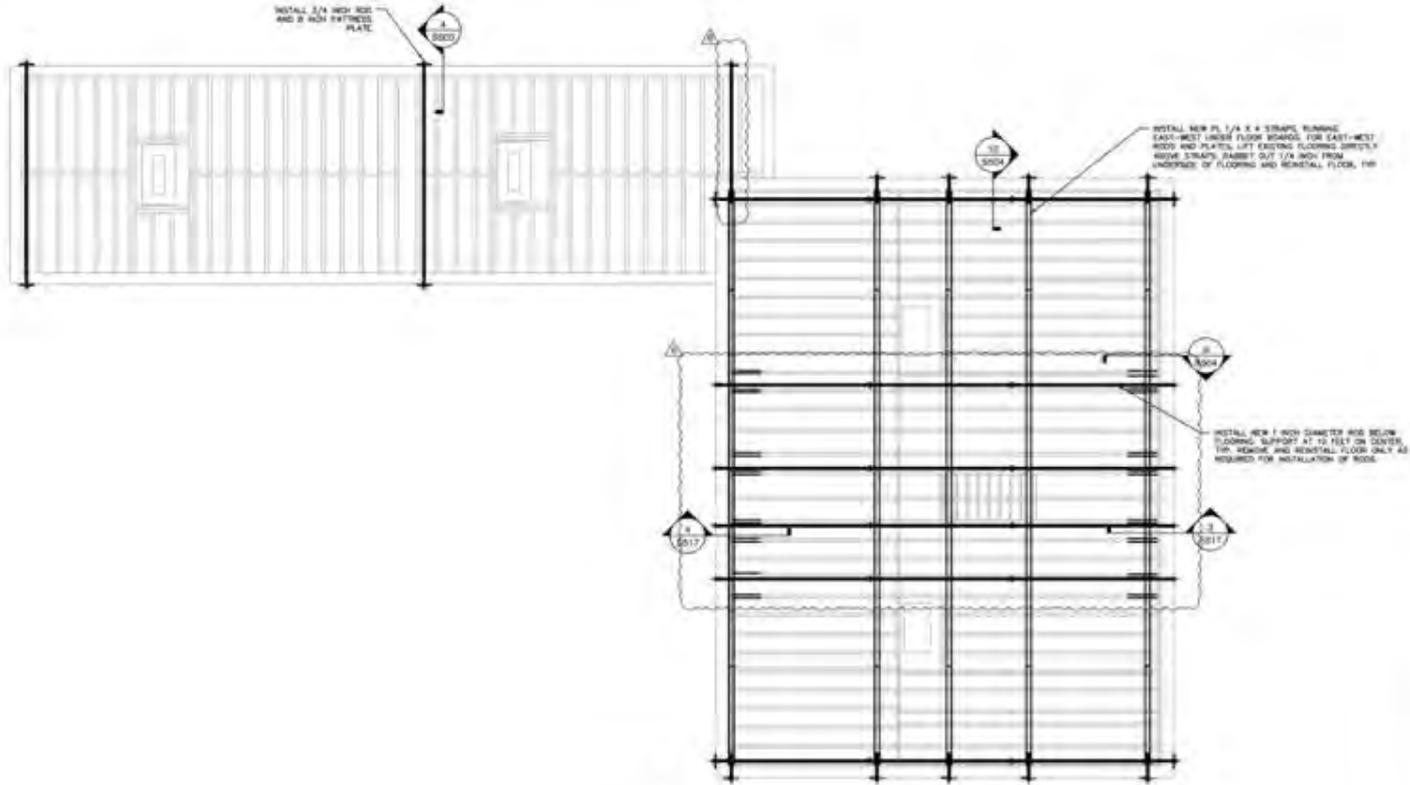
1 Second Floor Plan
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12 Bull Exterior Repairs
Second Floor Plan

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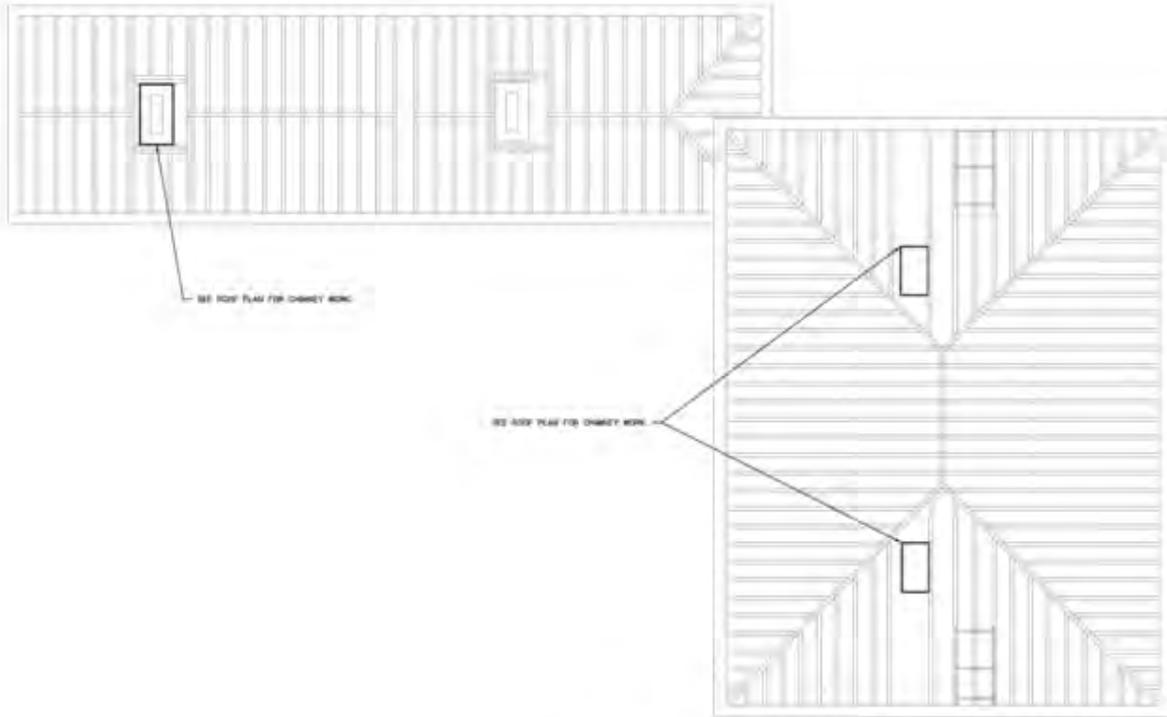
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SEE ROOF PLAN FOR CHIMNEY WORK

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1 Roof Framing Plan



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12 Bull Exterior Repairs
 Root Framing Plan



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DOCUMENT GEOMETRY OF EXISTING MASONRY
DISASSEMBLE THE TOP SEVEN COURSES AND
REBUILD WITH EXISTING BRICK, ADDING
STAINLESS STEEL ARM REINFORCING THROUGH
THE INTERIOR OF THE CHIMNEYS AS FAR DOWN
AS POSSIBLE (MINIMUM OF 24 INCHES DOWN
PART THE LAST COURSE UNDISTURBED) INSTALL
NEW CHIMNEY CAPS (SEE ARCHITECTURAL)
REPORT EXTENT OF CHIMNEY COMPLETELY
DOWN TO ATIC FLOOR, SEE CLEARANCES FOR
CHIMNEY WORK, SEE SPECIFICATIONS

REPORT CHIMNEY DOWN
TO ATIC FLOOR, SEE
SPECIFICATIONS

ADD CHIMNEY CAP

1 Roof Plan
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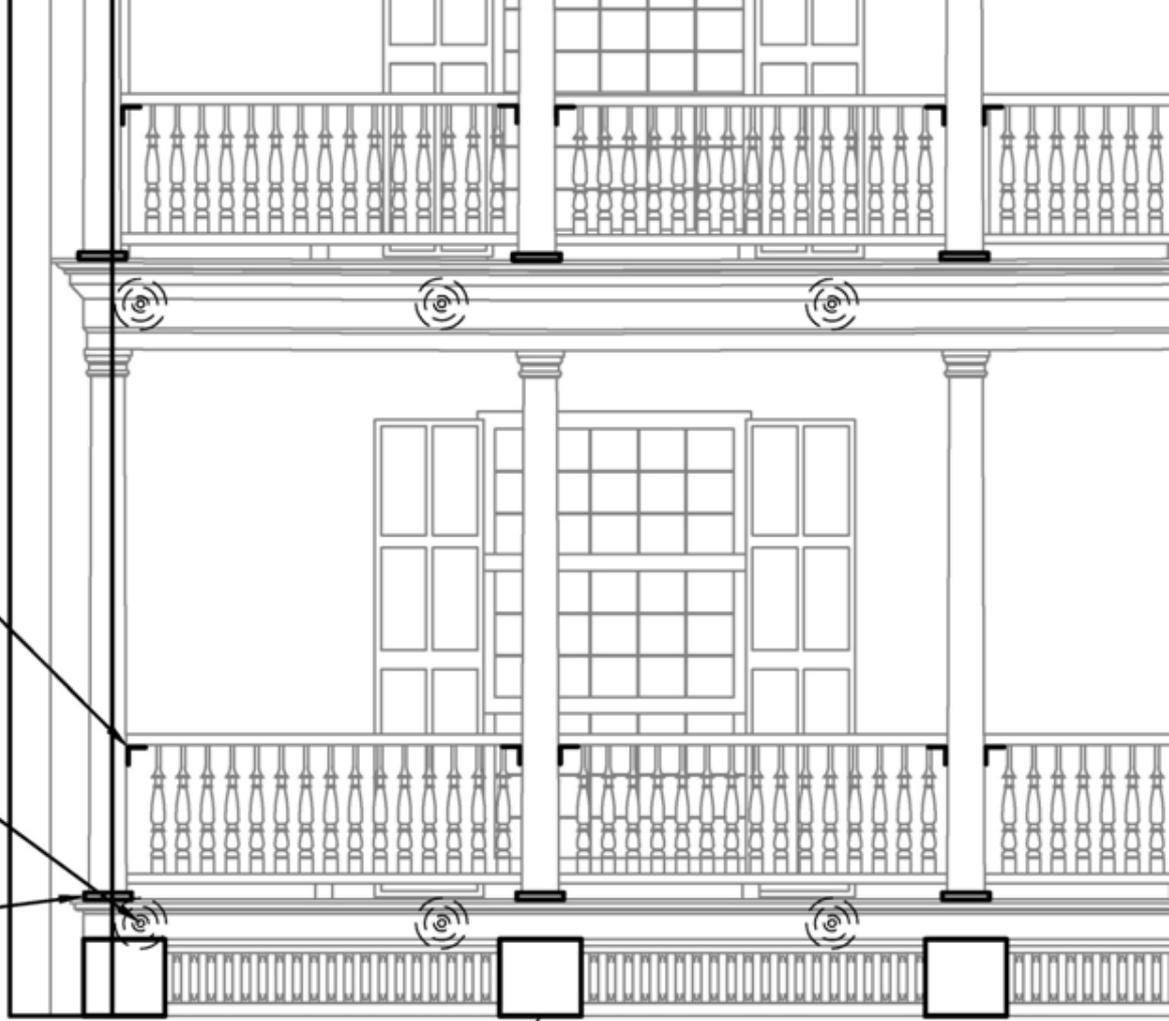
FOR HANDRAIL
STRENGTHENING,
SEE DETAILS. TYP
ALL HANDRAILS.

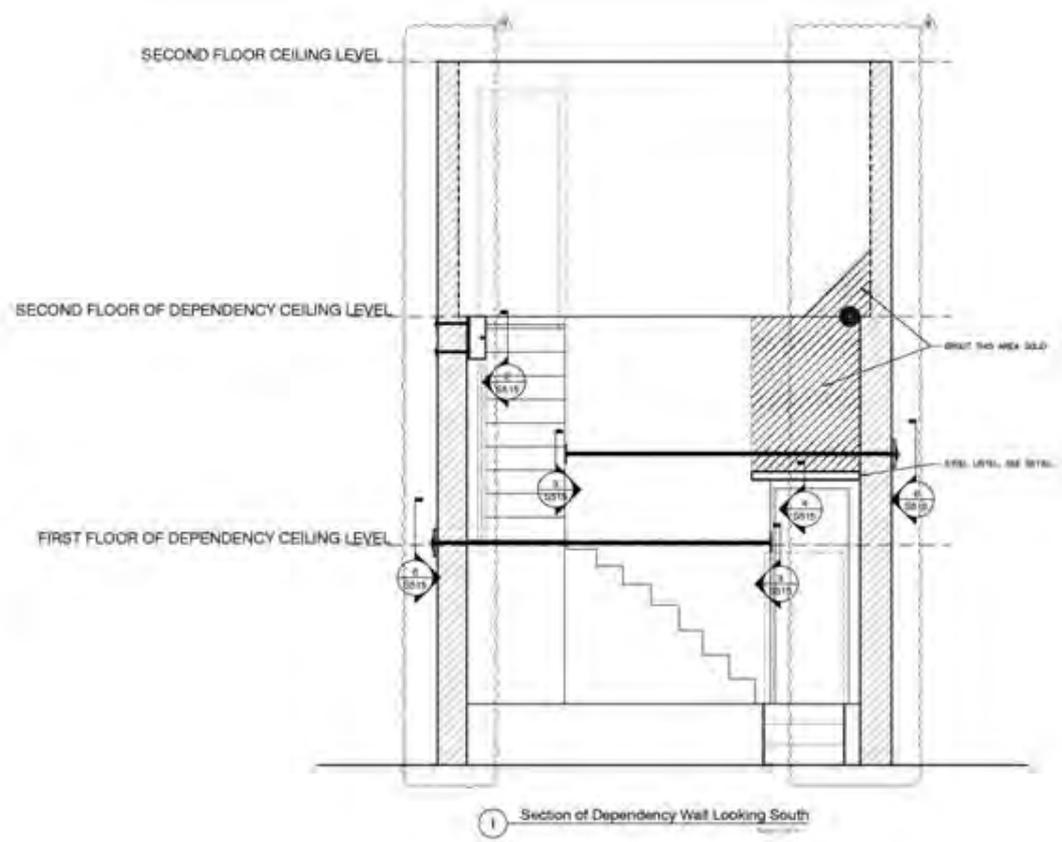
TIE RODS AND PATRESS
PLATES STOP AT MASONRY
WALL BEYOND PORCHES, TYP.

SEE PLANS AND DETAILS FOR
PLINTH BLOCK REPLACEMENT,
TYP ALL PLINTH BLOCKS.

RESTUCCO. SEE PLANS.

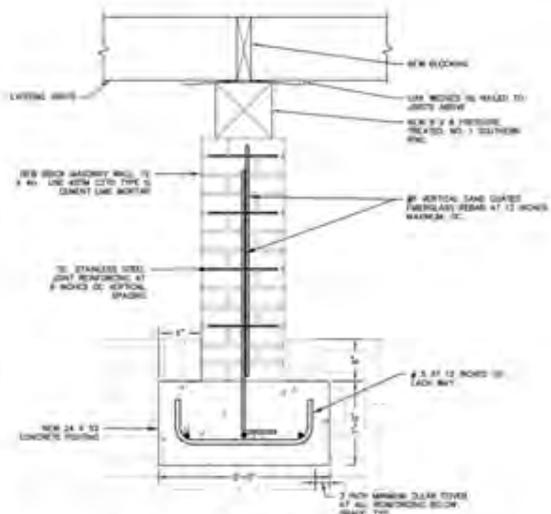
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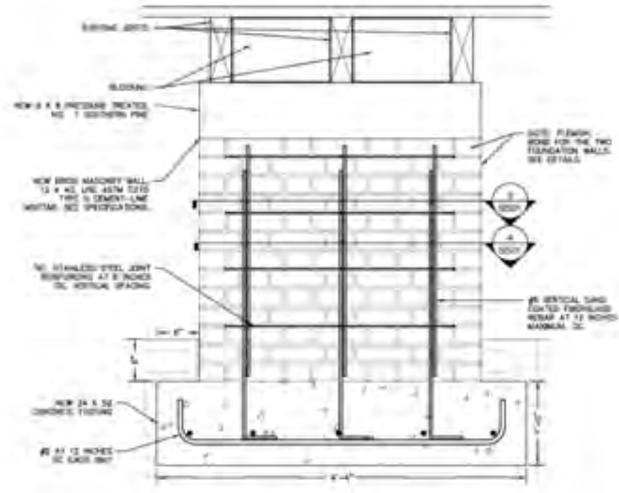


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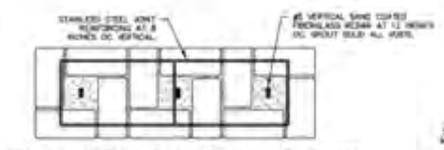
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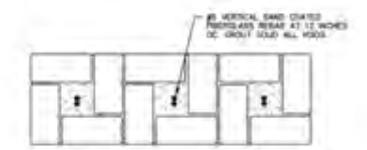
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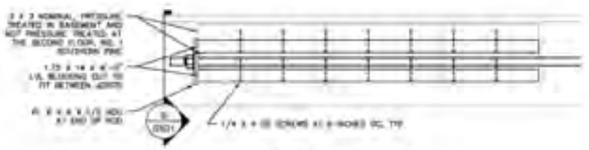
2 Brick Masonry Wall Section



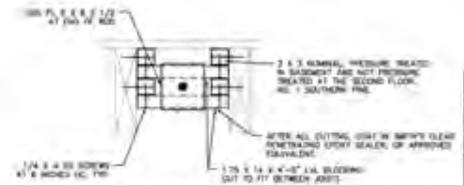
3 Flemish Bond - Course 1 with Joint Reinforcing



4 Flemish Bond - Course 2

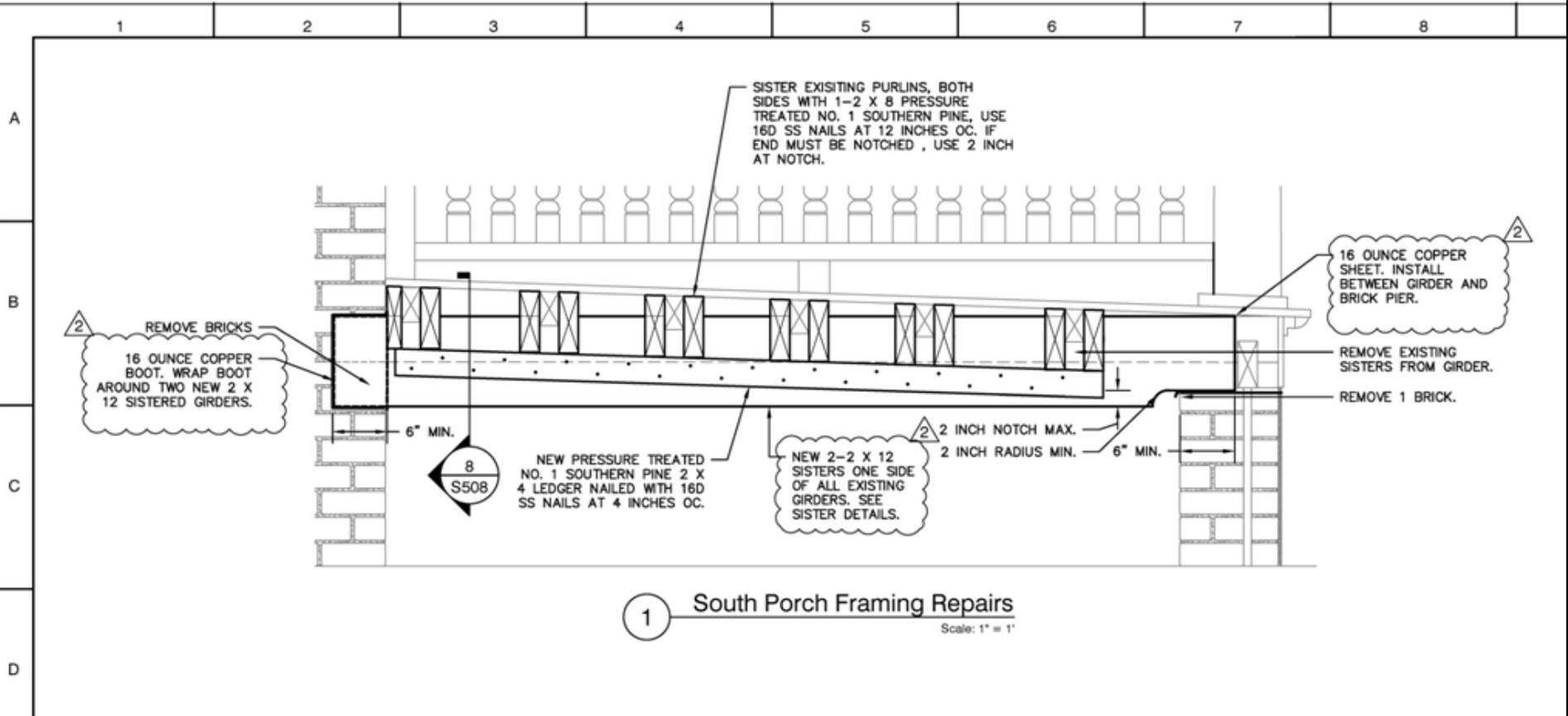


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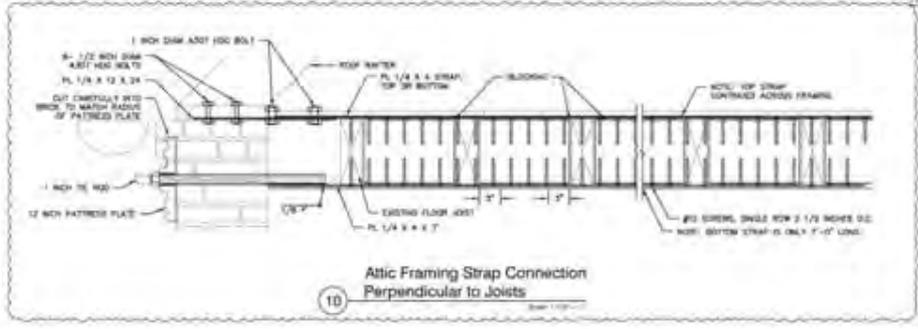
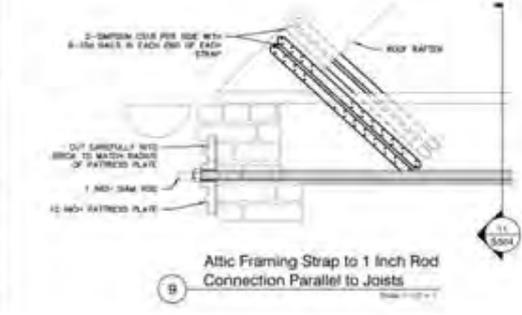
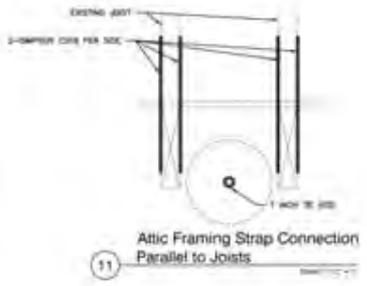
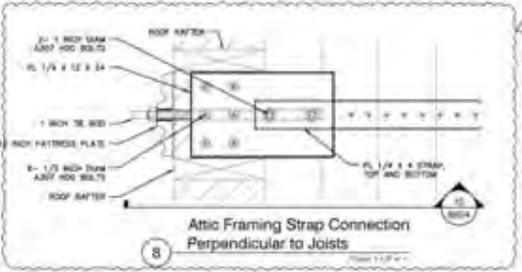
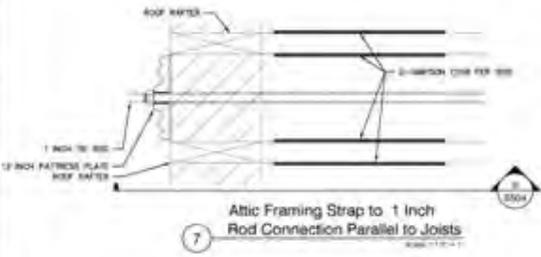
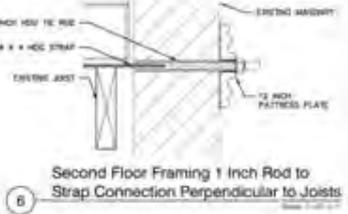
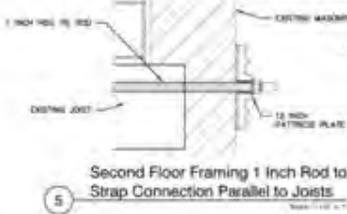
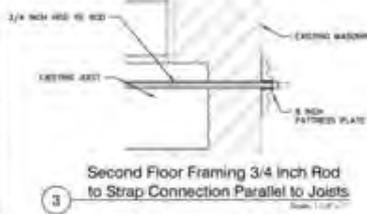
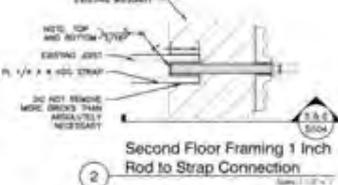
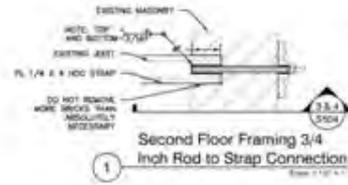
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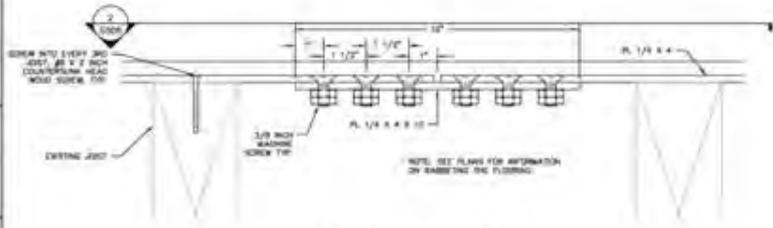
1 South Porch Framing Repairs

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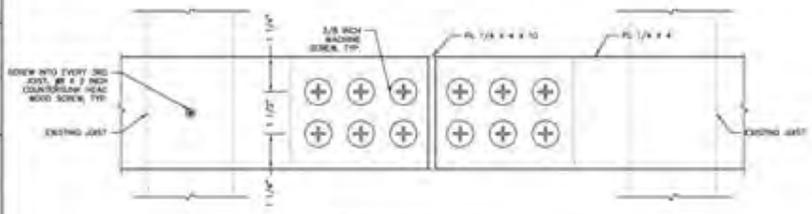


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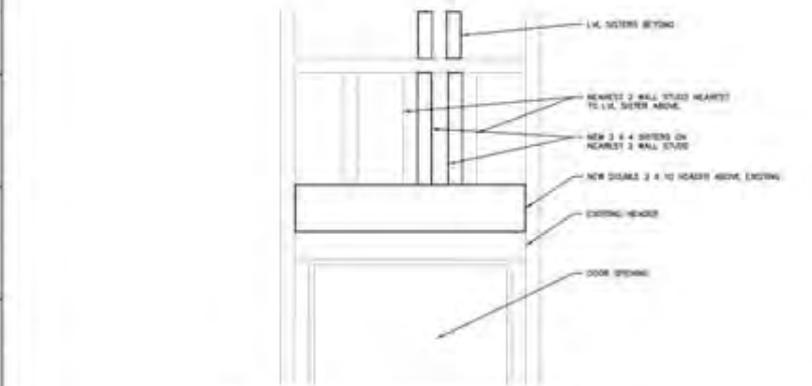




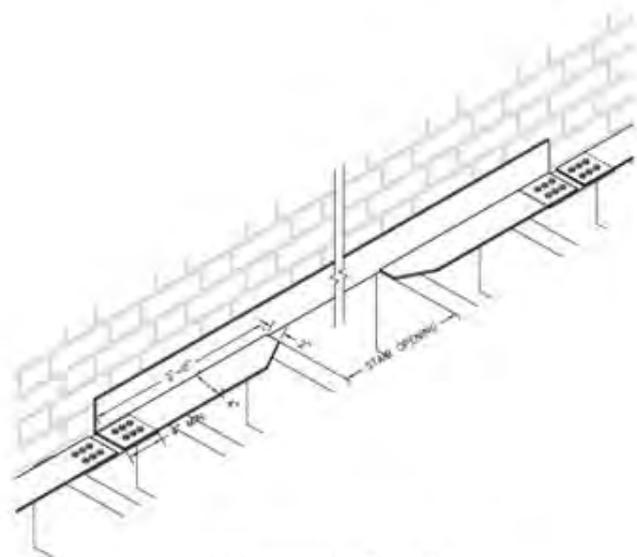
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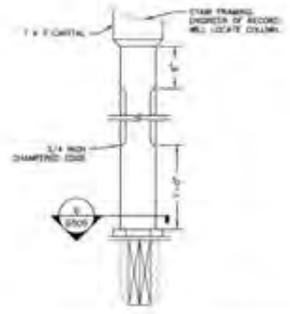
2 Plan of Strap Splice
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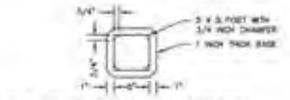
4 Elevation of Stud Sizing over Door Opening
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3 Connection of Strap to Angle
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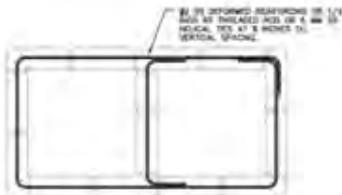


5 Section of Interior Stair Support Column
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6 Interior Stair Support Column
Scale: 1/2" = 1'

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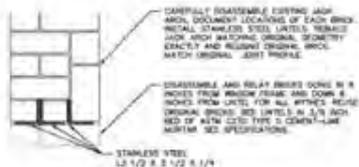
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2 Chimney Reinforcing
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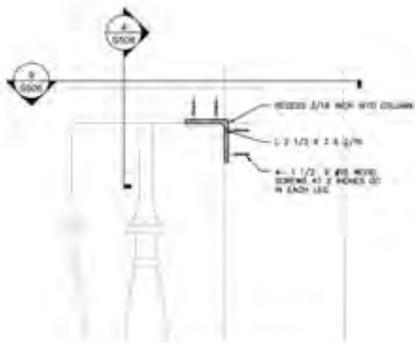
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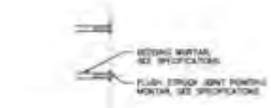
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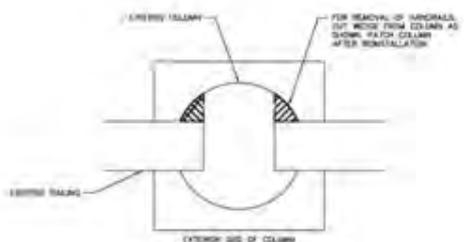
5 Steel Lintel Detail 2 Wythes
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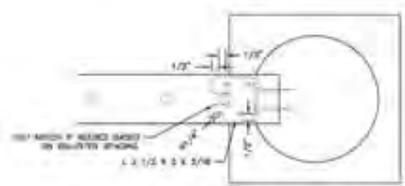
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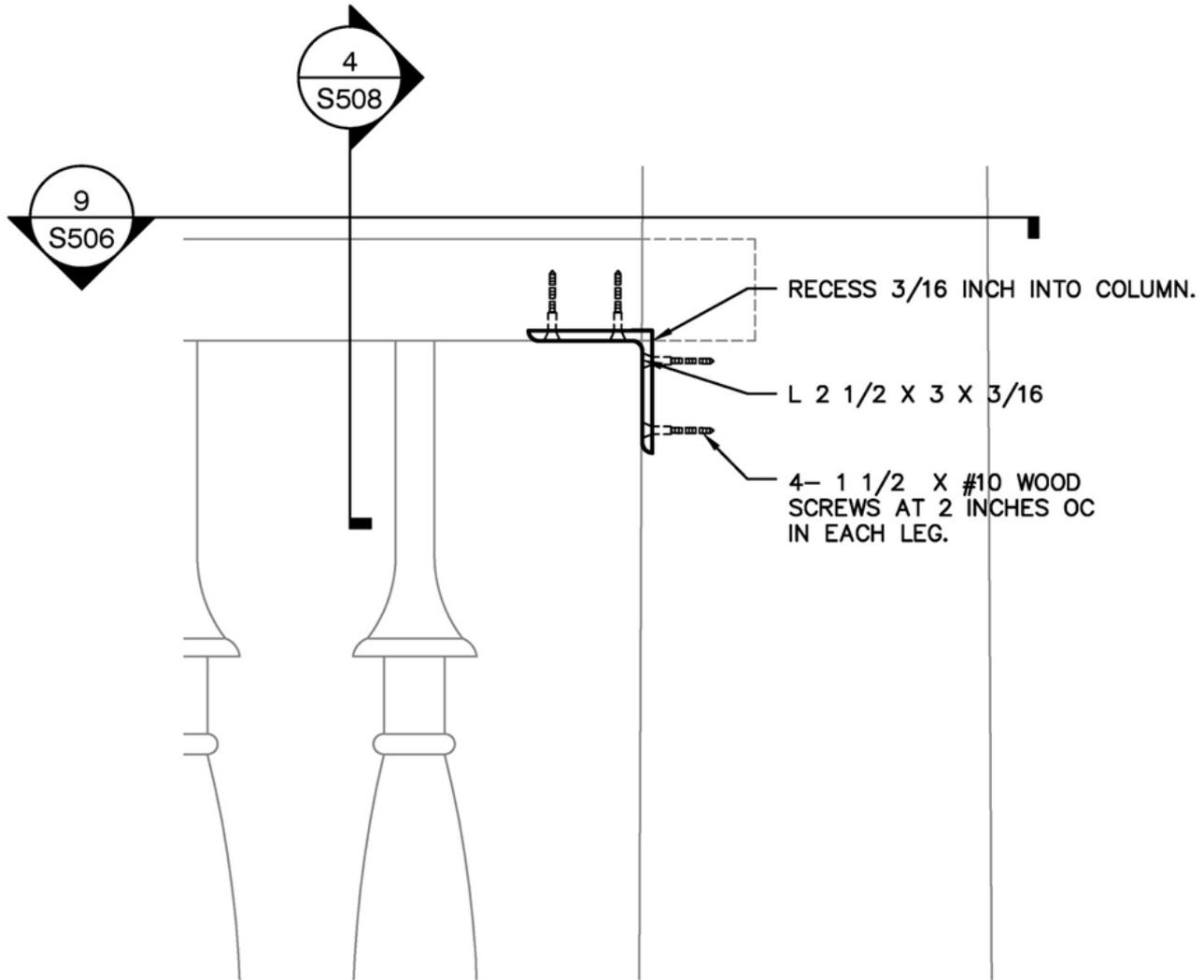


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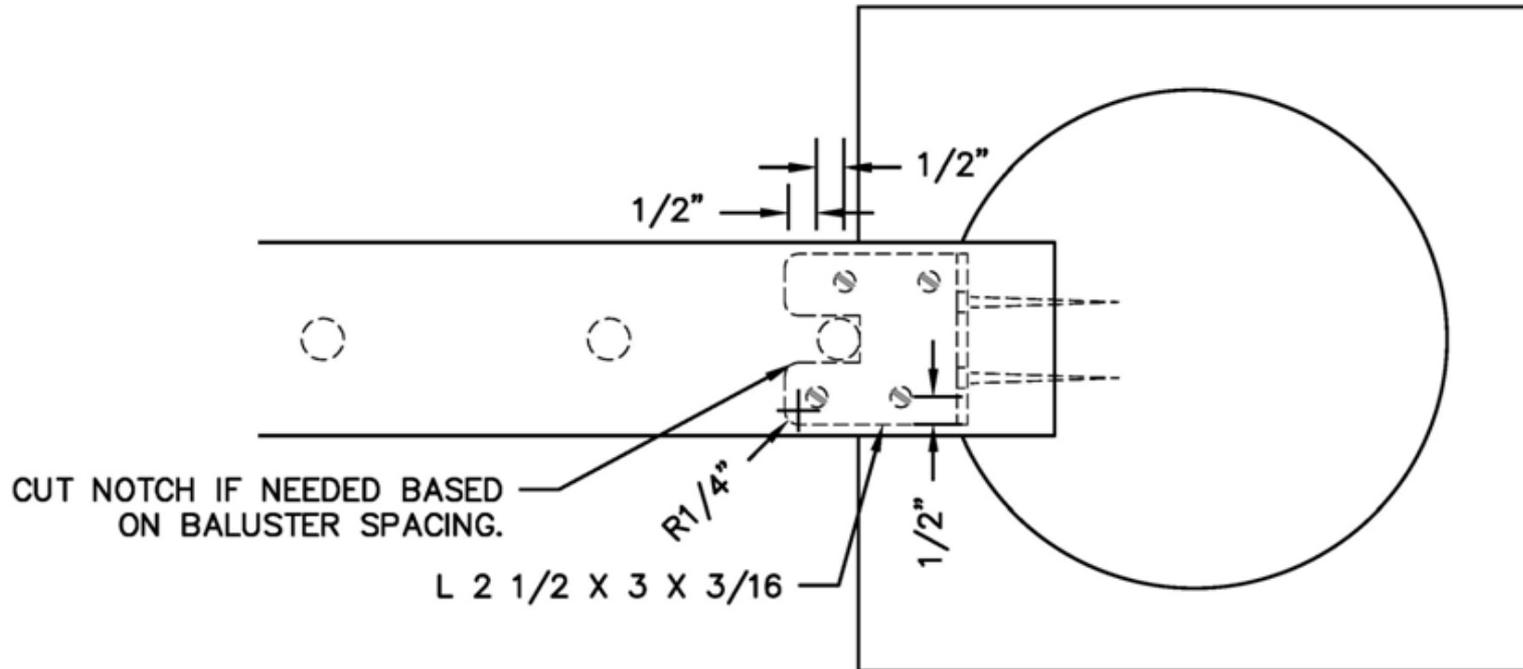
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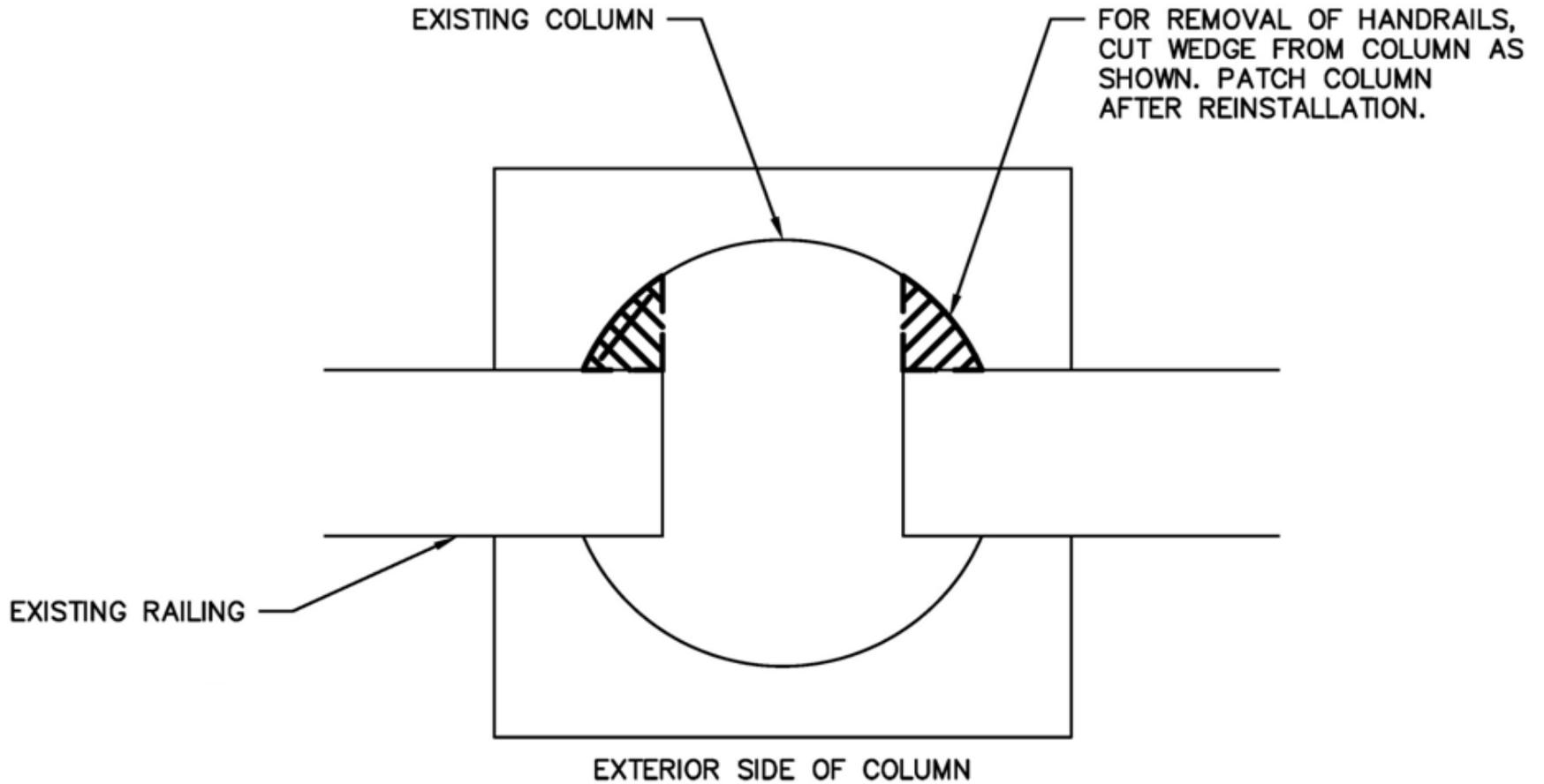
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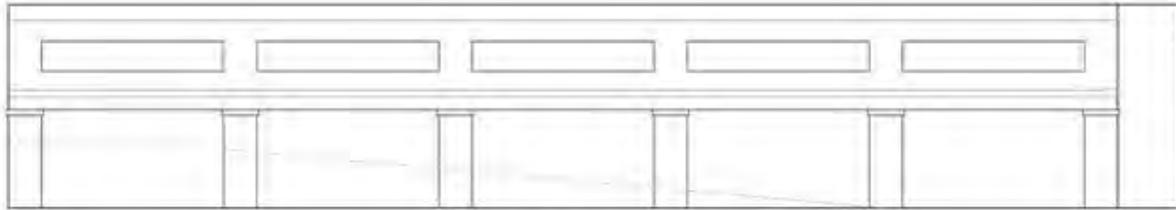
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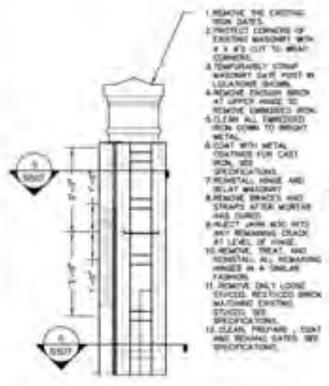
Column and Handrail Repair

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1 West Elevation of the East Wall

REMOVE ALL VEGETATION FROM ALL SIDES OF WALL. LEAVE WALL FOR LOOK, STUDY, AND REMOVE ALL LOOSE STUCCO FROM WALL IN ALL AREAS OF SECTION OF REPAIRED STUCCO. RAKE JOINTS BACK TO REPAIRED DEPTH AND METHOD. SEE SPECIFICATIONS.
PAINT IN QUANTITY: 200 SQ. FT. REMOVE UNIT BRICK FOR STAIRS.



1. REMOVE THE EXISTING IRON GATE POST.
2. REMOVE EXISTING COURSE OF EXISTING MASONRY WITH 4" x 8" CUT TO BRACK CORNER.
3. TEMPORARILY CHOP MASONRY GATE POST IN CLEANING BRICK.
4. REMOVE EXISTING BRICK AT UPPER END TO REMOVE UNREPAIRED WORK. REMOVE ALL EXISTING BRICK DOWN TO BRICK METAL.
5. COAT WITH METAL CONTAINER FOR CAST IRON. SEE SPECIFICATIONS.
6. METAL BRICK AND BRICK MASONRY REMOVE BRICKS AND STUCCO AFTER WORKER HAS CURD.
7. BRICK JOINTS WITH ANY REMAINING STUCCO AT LEVEL OF FINISH TO REMOVE, TRAIL, AND REINSTALL ALL REMAINING BRICKS IN A SIMILAR FASHION.
8. REMOVE ONLY LOOSE STUCCO. REMOVE BRICK MASONRY EXISTING STUCCO SEE SPECIFICATIONS.
9. CLEAN, PREPARE, PAINT AND REPAIR GATE POST SEE SPECIFICATIONS.

2 Gate Post West Elevation

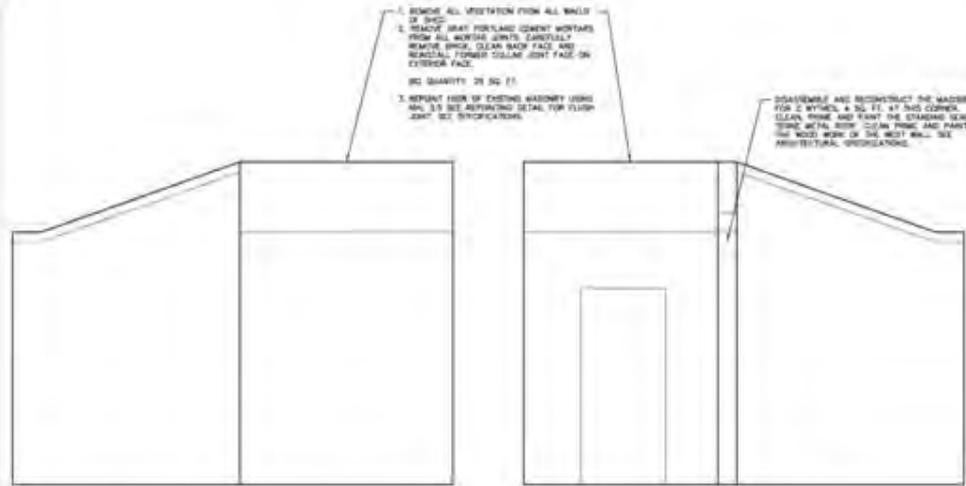


5 Gate Post West Plan



6 Gate Post West Plan

1/2" HIGH STEEL ANCHOR BOLT SHALL BE INSTALLED IN WALL AS TEMPORARY TENSION TO BRACK METHOD.



3 Shed Wall East Elevation

4 Shed Wall West Elevation

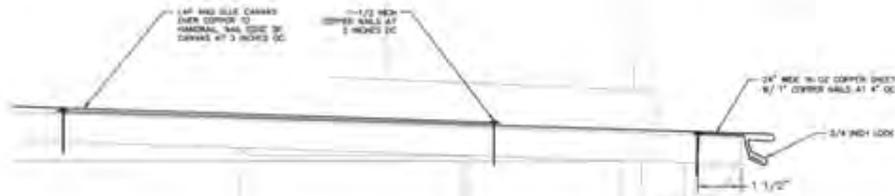
1. REMOVE ALL VEGETATION FROM ALL WALLS OF SHED.
2. REMOVE BRICK PORTLAND CEMENT MORTARS FROM ALL MASONRY JOINTS. CAREFULLY REMOVE BRICK, CLEAN BACK FACE AND REINSTALL FORMER SOLAR JOINT FACE ON EXTERIOR FACE.
3. REPAIR JOINTS OF EXISTING MASONRY USING MTL 3.5 SET ACCORDING DETAIL FOR FLUSH JOINT. SEE SPECIFICATIONS.

DISASSEMBLE AND RECONSTRUCT THE MASONRY FOR 2 BY 20'S & 20' FT. AT 20' CORNER. CLEAN BRICK AND PAINT THE EXTERIOR LEAVE SOME METAL BRICK CLEAN BRICK AND PAINT THE INSIDE WORK OF THE WEST WALL. SEE ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS.

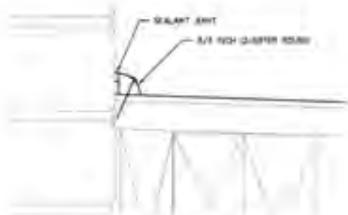


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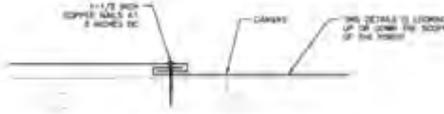
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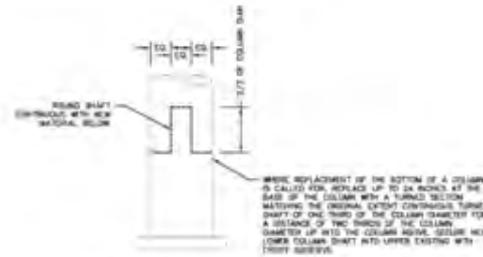
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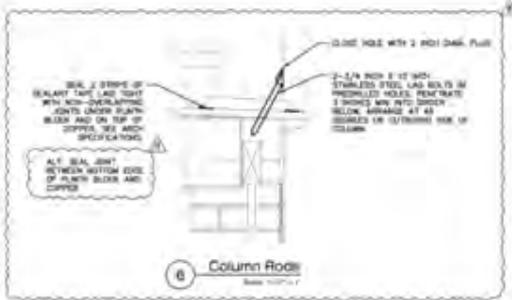
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4 Handrail Connection



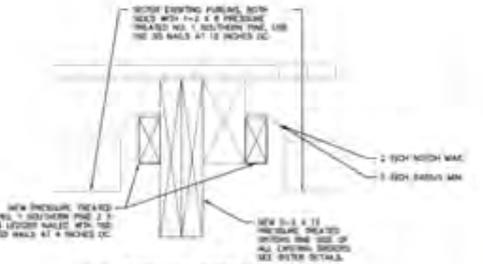
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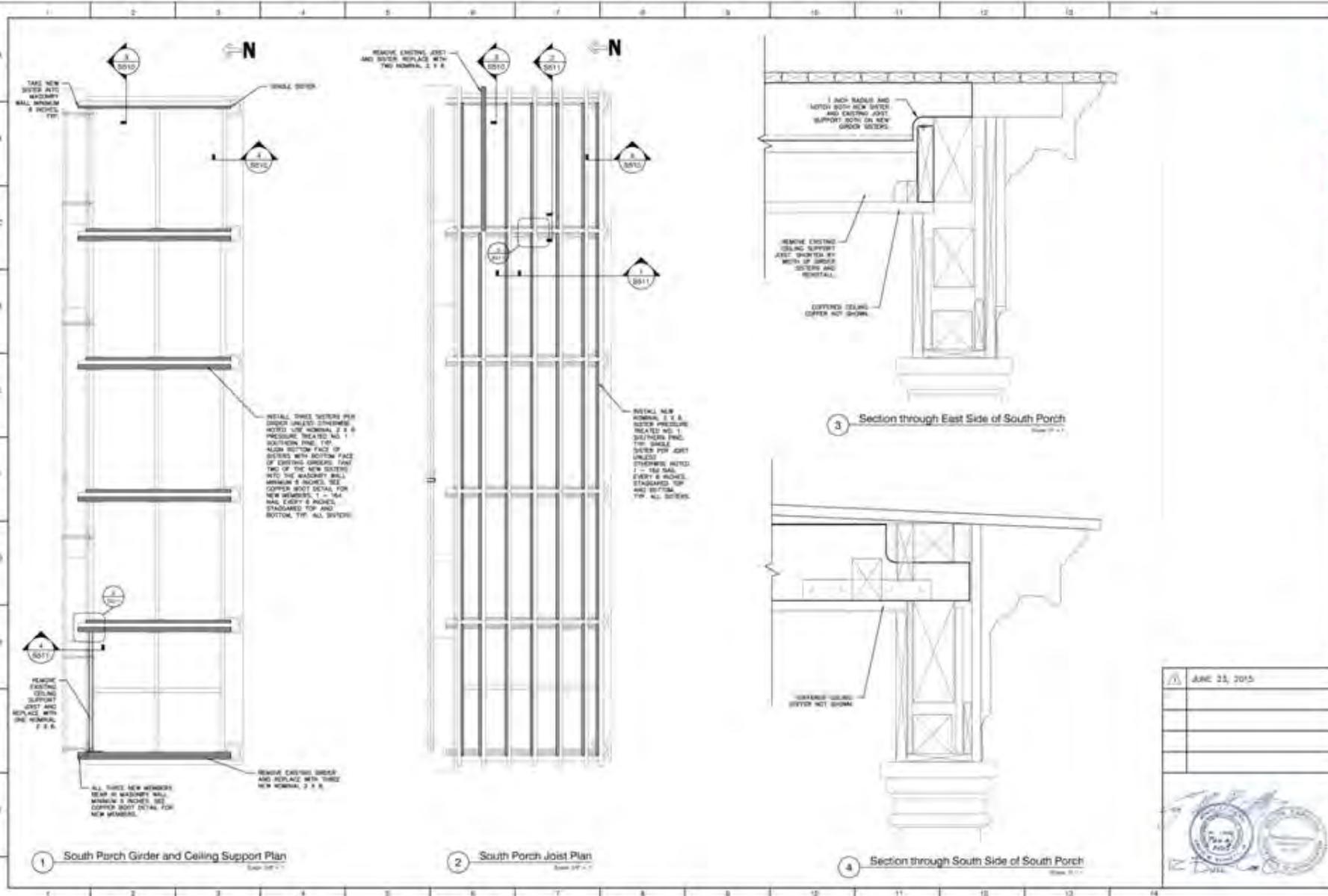
6 Column Rods



7 Column Rods



8 First Floor Porch Connections

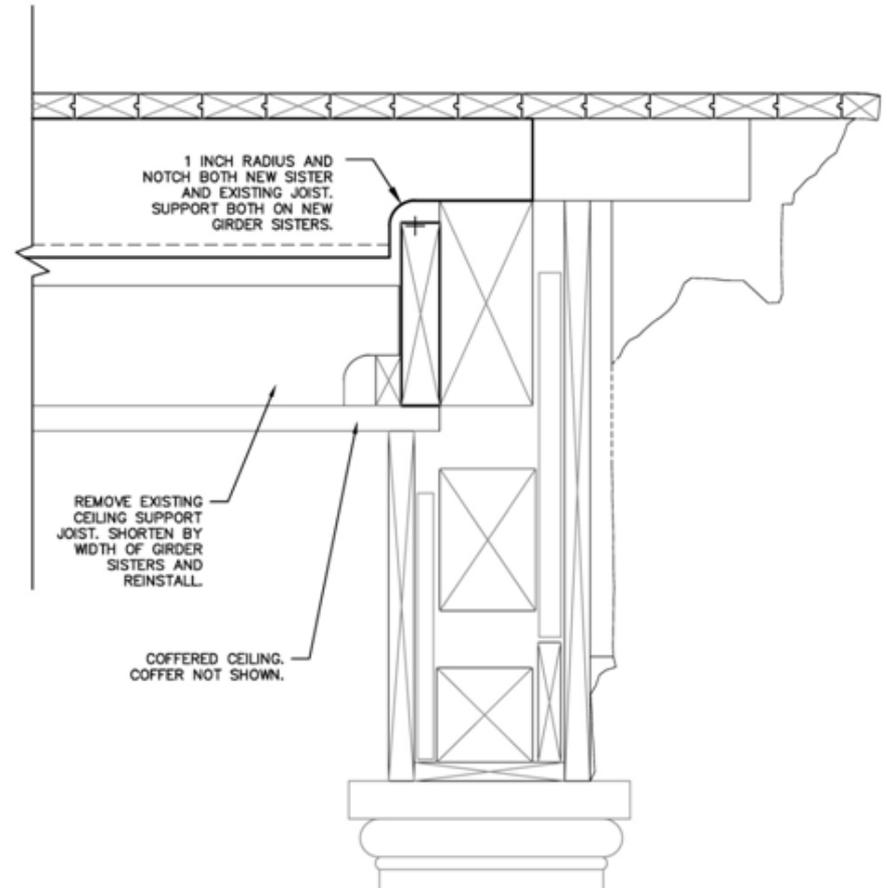
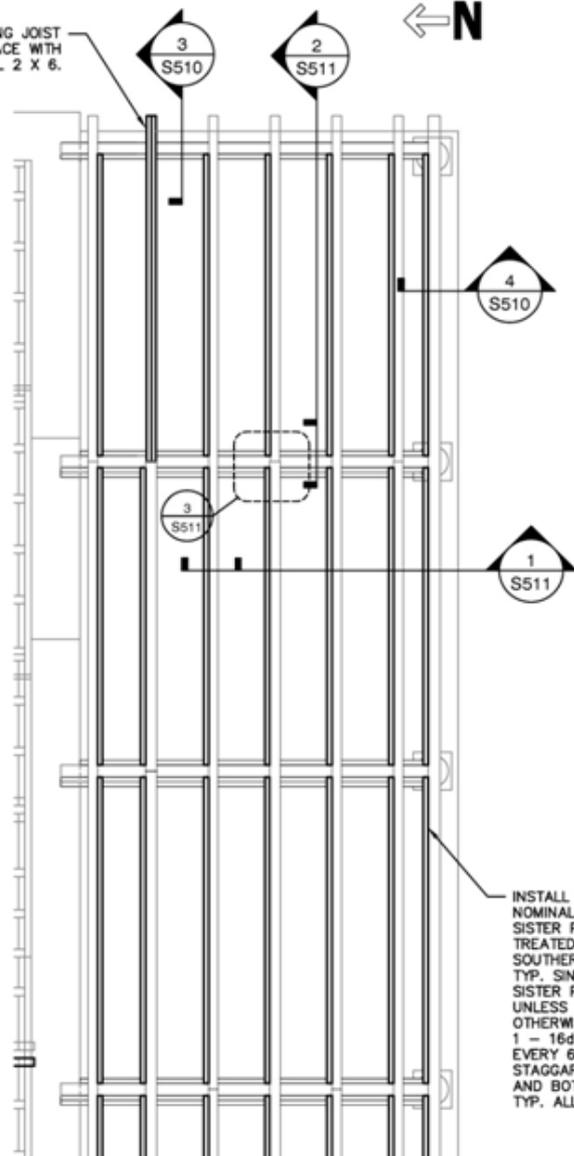


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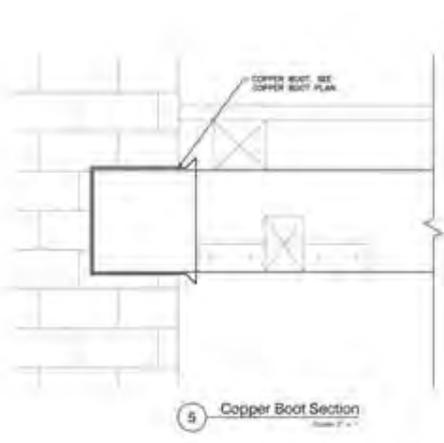
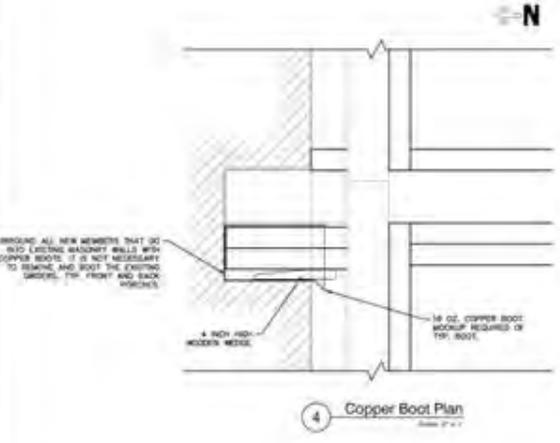
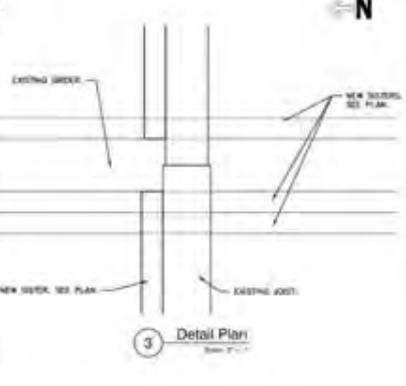
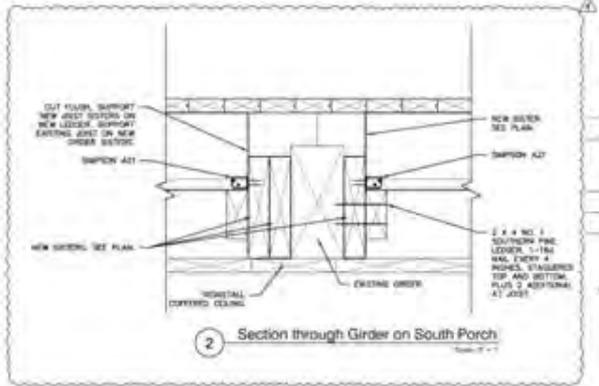
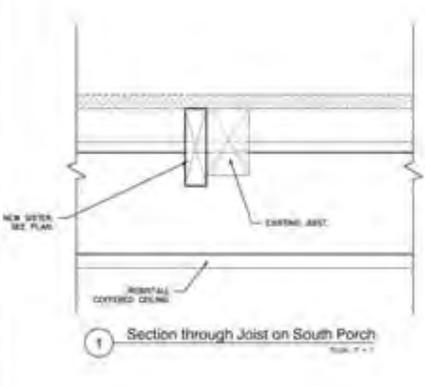
REMOVE EXISTING JOIST
AND SISTER. REPLACE WITH
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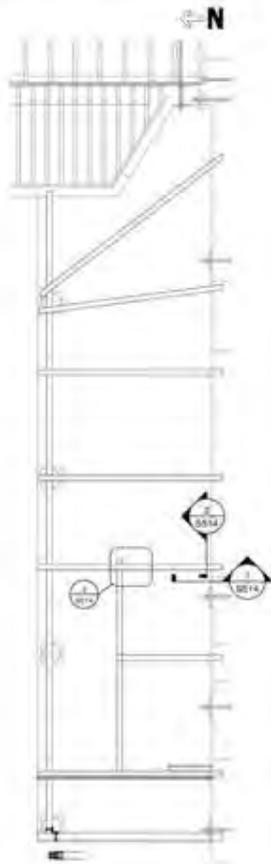
Section through East Side of South Porch

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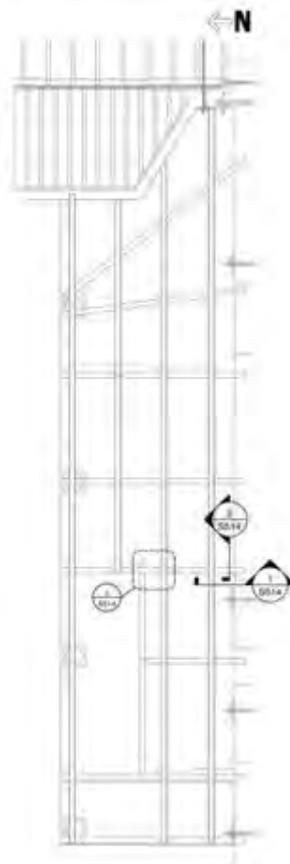


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1 Existing North Porch Girder Plan
Scale: 1/8" = 1'



2 Existing North Porch Joist Plan
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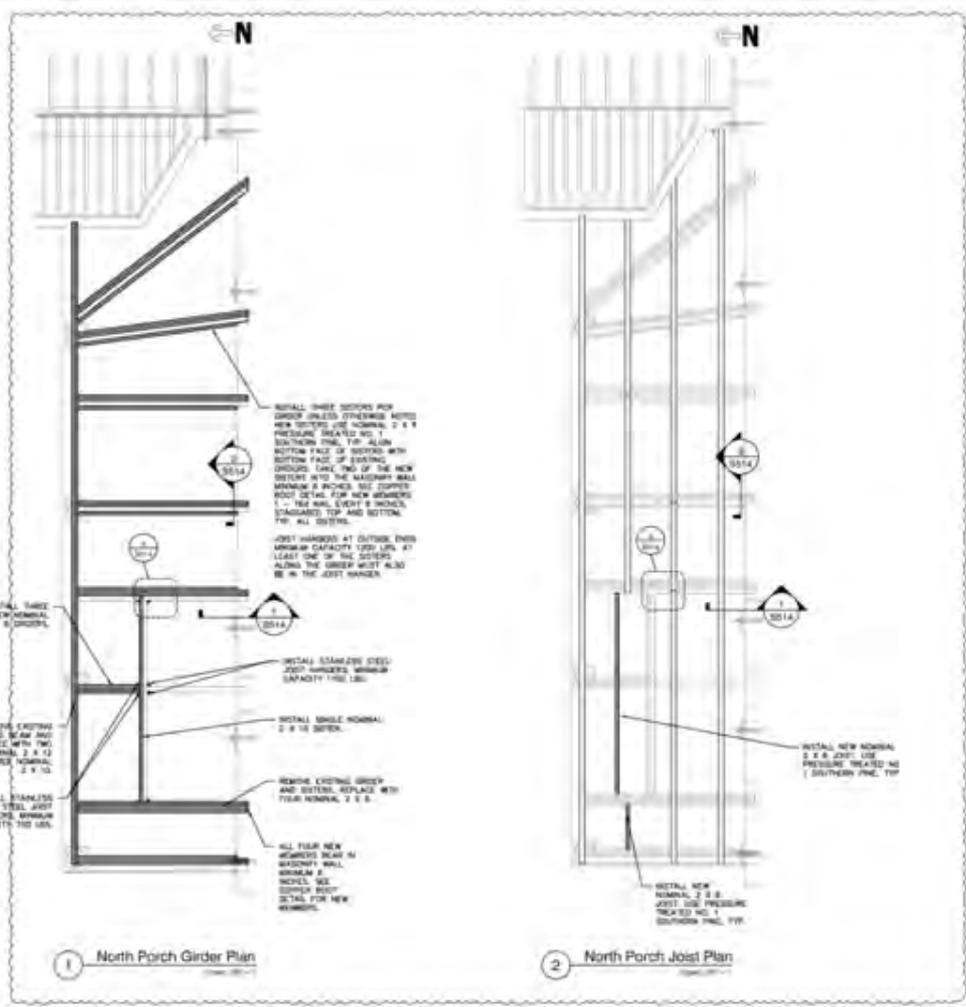
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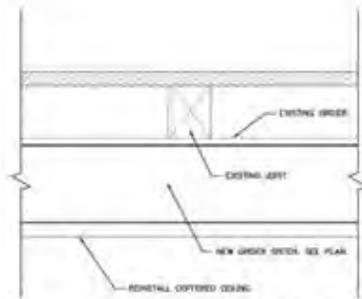
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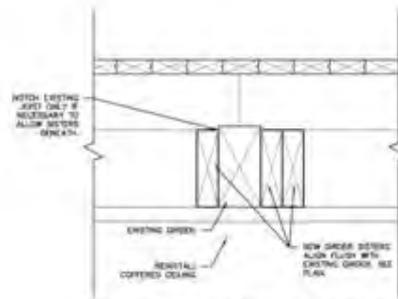


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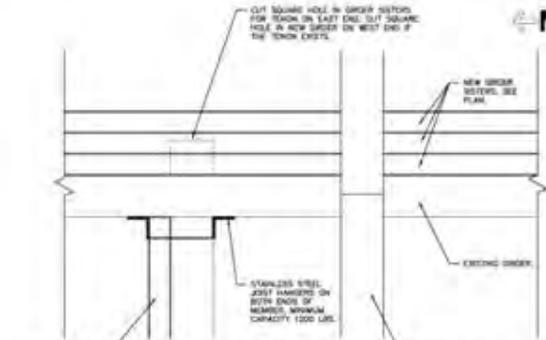




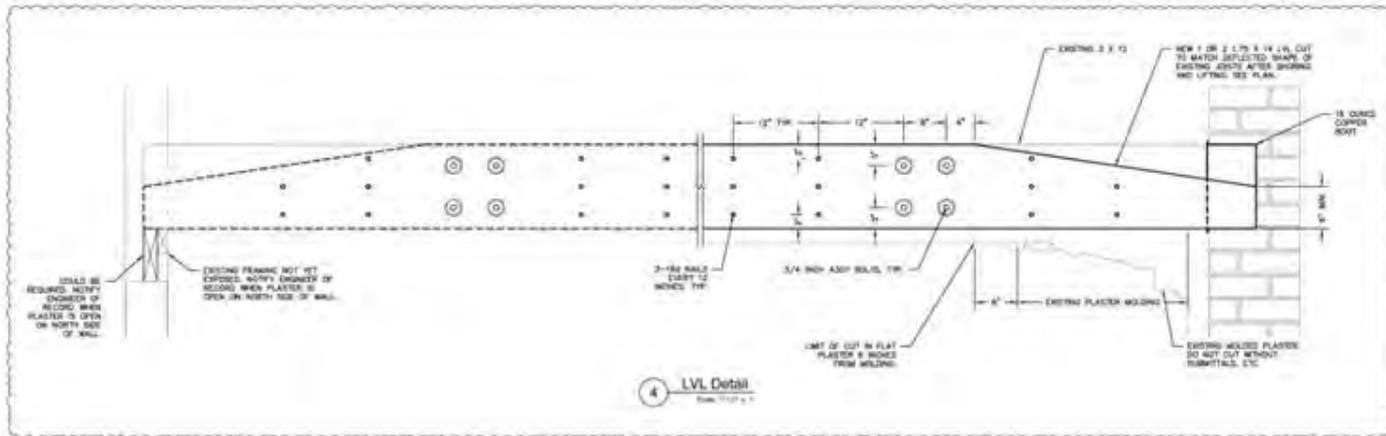
1 Section through Joist on North Porch
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2 Section through Girder on North Porch
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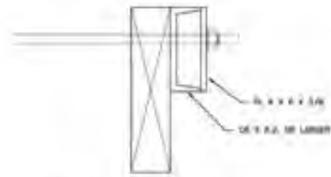


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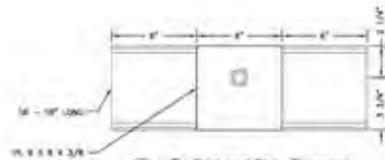


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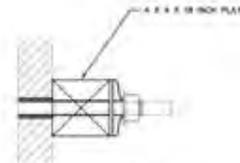
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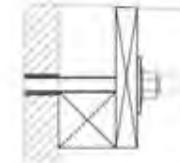
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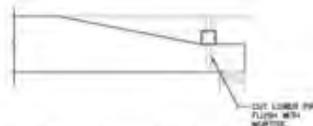
2 Tie Rod and Plate Elevation
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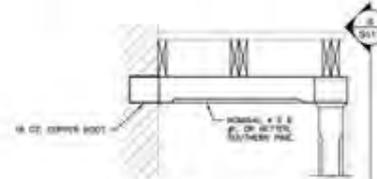
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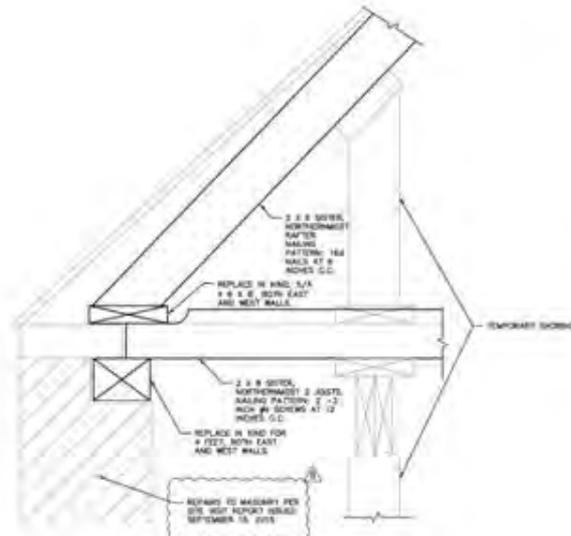
6 Detail at Second Floor Stair Framing
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7 Stair Framing Section Looking East
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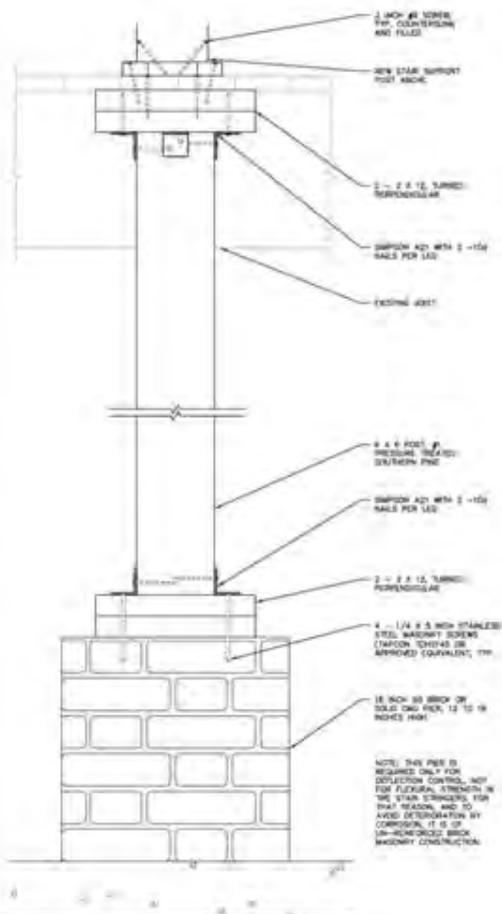


8 Stair Post
Scale: 1" = 1'



5 North Dependency Attic Framing
Scale: 1" = 1'

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1 Basement Level Stair Support Post
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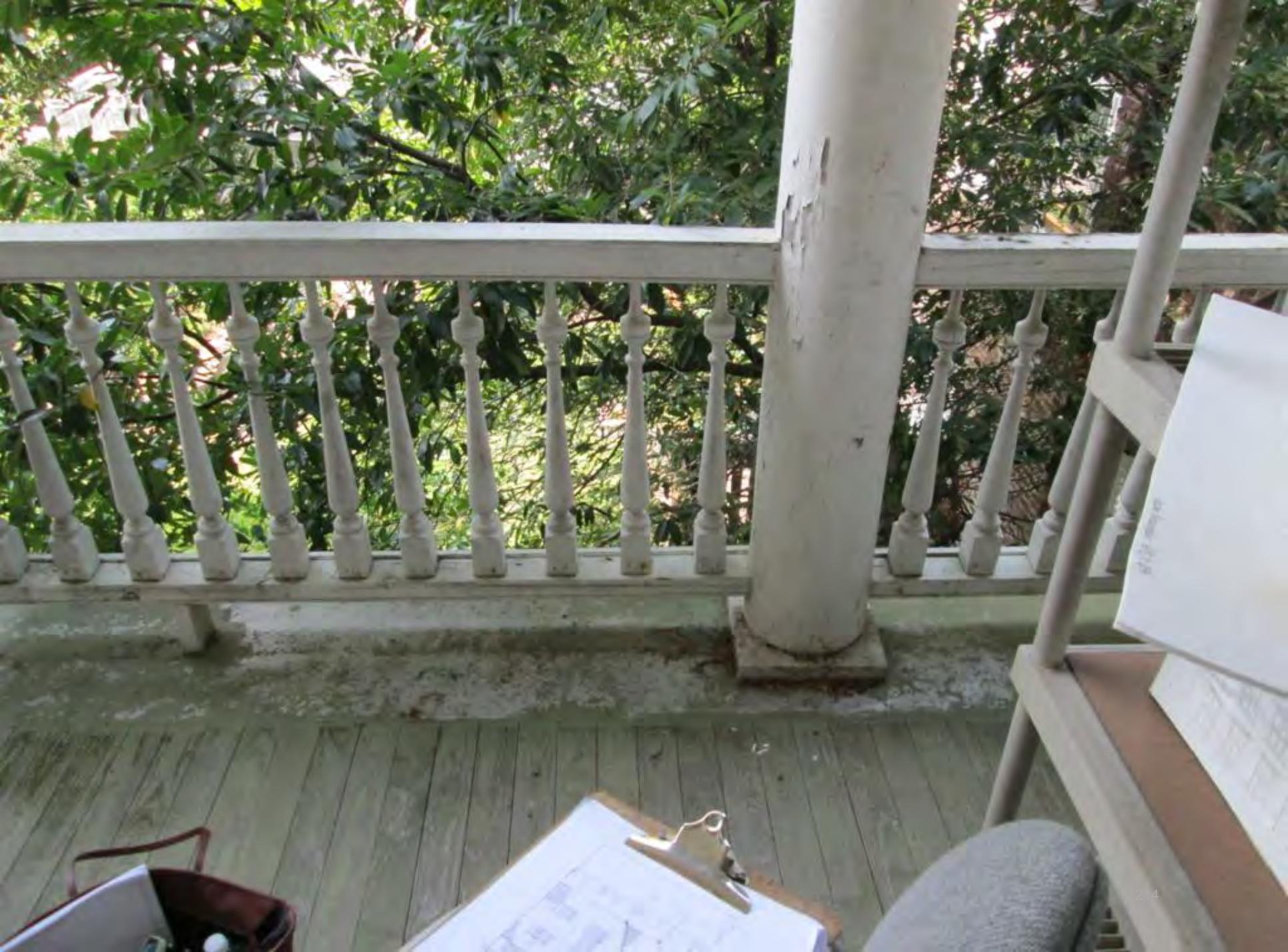


SIZE: 11 1/2 X 48
TYPE: REVERSIBLE

















































































































































































































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Recommendations on making porches last with minimal deterioration

- Copper or other metal coverings over the edges
- Coverings over the deck









































































Summary

- Why? - Life safety, maintenance of historic structures
- Repair and strengthening – Sister members, strengthen connections
- Protect the users - Tie the handrails into the columns
- Long term - Protect the porches from weather

Thank you.

Questions?

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