

Your application for the property at 427 NW 21<sup>st</sup> street has been received. Additional documentation is required.

1. Remove back door and window and replace with pair of French doors. Please provide elevation drawing of both existing and proposed condition including dimensions. Provide clearer photographs of the existing.

RESPONSE:

From the inside, you can see that an original window has been removed to accommodate a prior renovation. This would have made the exterior symmetrical when looking towards the house. Once we remove the additional window and install French doors, the symmetry that was original to the back of the house will be restored. See below for the current and proposed elevation drawings.





ORIGINAL REAR ELEVATION



PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION

2. Use existing back window to install in basement hobbit door. Please provide elevation drawings of both existing and proposed condition of hobbit door location including dimensions. Provide clearer photographs of the existing hobbit door location with storm door opened. Is excavation required to remove the door?

RESPONSE:

No additional excavation is required as the stem walls are already been removed and re-poured.

From the picture below, you can see the alterations made to a slab door that included an exterior kick-plate approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  the height of the door (right at the bottom hinge). The door was kept longer on the interior side when the concrete steps were poured in on the original descending exterior stairwell.



3.

You can also visualize the new concrete that was poured to fill in that stairwell.





ORIGINAL RIGHT ELEVATION



PROPOSED RIGHT ELEVATION

4. Remove shutters. Please provide more photo documentation of shutters and a full shot of each side of the house where shutter exist. Describe materials of shutters. Please document why you believe the shutters are non-historic.

RESPONSE:

The shutters are only on the front side of the house. They are made of a lightweight wood with what appears to be a plastic coating. We believe they are not original to the house for the following reasons:

- The shutters show little signs of wear. Exposure to weather and exterior elements would have led to some cracking and damage over the last 100 years.
- The shutters also do not show any signs of having multiple layers of paint. Again, if these were original, they would show some signs of the changes that would have taken place over the last 100 years.
- The original lights on the porch are centered to the window frames and not the shutters. Had the shutters been original, the lights would have been centered to the shutter frame.









ORIGINAL FRONT ELEVATION