

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Project involves restoration of a window and door from an historic church for use as a public exhibit. As noted in the attached documents, the window and door are historic artifacts. Work involves stripping paint on window and door, refinishing window and door per original appearance to be ascertained by careful paint removal and examination and consultation with preservation personnel. The project will proceed in two phases – restoration and exhibit construction.

PHASE 1 - RESTORATION

- strip paint from window and door down to original finish
- reconstruct and stabilize structure of window and door
- construct support frame for window and door
- assemble window and door in support frames
- glaze window
- stain window and door per original stain scheme
- conduct seminar at home show in conjunction with preservation personnel re: methods being used to restore subject window and door

PHASE 2 – EXHIBIT CONSTRUCTION

- window and door are removed from support frames and constructed into exhibit structure
- exhibit structure is two 10' by 17' self-supporting studded wall units connected at a 90 degree angle
- interior side of exhibit unit is finished in dry wall and painted to specification
- exterior side of exhibit is finished in 4" lap siding and trim around window and door as demonstrated in historic photograph

ALTERNATE FOR EXHIBIT

- exhibit would be constructed of full dimension rough cut lumber
- interior exhibit wall would be finished in rough cut lathe and plaster with historic three-coat plaster finish
- a portion of interior exhibit wall would reveal underlying layers – rough-cut, full dimension studs, rough cut lathe, plaster layers, and constructed using forged historic nails

Contractor needs to be skilled with historic wood staining methods, reproducing historic millwork, historic window milling, and to be able to work with preservation personnel; bid should summarize contractor's experience in this regard. Bids are due on February 28, 2003, by 3:00 p.m. Submit bids to Sharlene Mitchell, Rapid City Planning Department, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. Inquiries regarding the project may be directed to Paul S. Swedlund, 342-1078 or 343-7784.



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BAPTIST CHURCH, RAPID CITY, S.D.

THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The year 1889 marks the birth of South Dakota to statehood. It also marks the birth of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City. In May, 1888, Dr. T. M. Shanafelt, a Christian minister and statesman, was appointed by the Home Mission Society as general missionary for South Dakota. In his report to the State Convention in Brookings 4½ months later, he says, "I have visited churches in 36 counties east of the Missouri River. I have especially desired to become acquainted with the whole field on this side of the river in order to be able, next spring, to visit the Black Hills and be ready, in behalf of the denomination, to be at the front when the tide of immigration crosses the river immediately after the opening for settlement of the Sioux Indian Reservation. And we are glad to report the appointment of Rev. F. Purvis of Narragansett, Rhode Island, who has been secured as itinerant missionary in the Black Hills, with headquarters at Deadwood." In reporting his visit to the Black Hills in 1889, Dr. Shanafelt says, "Not only is there gold in the Hills, but Baptists are scattered everywhere, and in nearly every locality are scattered like sheep not having a shepherd." This is the picture that inspired him to send Dr. Purvis to begin the work in the Black Hills, resulting in the organization of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City in June of 1889.

When Rev. Purvis arrived in Rapid City, he found 25 persons of Baptist faith. The first meeting was held in the Methodist Church and a committee appointed to find a permanent place of worship. On June 17, an organizational meeting was held in the Morris block on Main St. where the Behrens furniture store is now located. Ten persons signed their names to the membership roll that day; they were William McGee, Mrs. Rebecca McGee, Mrs. Martha Haynie, Mrs. Jennie Schriber, Mrs. Henry McGee, Mr. H. S. Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mr. Frank McGee, Mrs. E. H. Faulk, and Mrs. Jennie Brennan. Of this group, Mrs. Brennan was the only remaining charter member present at the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1939. During the first three months, the membership

grew to 40, 26 having been added by letter and 4 by baptism.

On July 16, 1889, Rev. G. S. Clevenger, the first pastor, arrived in Rapid City, and the church soon began to make plans for securing a house of worship. In February, 1890, they purchased from the Bergen Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church, two lots and a partially finished building, located on the corner of 7th and Columbus. This building was later sold to the Zion Lutheran Church and moved to the corner of 5th and Quincy. The Lutherans in turn sold the building to the Church of Christ, and it was again moved to the corner of 5th and St. Patrick where it still stands today. In a letter written by the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Smith, charter members, we read, "And if you ever go into it (the church) you will see the work of my father. He sealed the inside of that little church all alone. Was the only one who could do it. When the church was finished and dedicated, we had Dr. Shanafelt from Chicago; Mrs. Jennie Brennan was our organist, and choir was just picked up. Frank McGee, E. Farley, myself (Eva Smith) and Ida McGee were the first ones baptised, across the north side of town in the river. Nearly half of the town turned out to witness it, for it was the first immersion ever held in Rapid City."

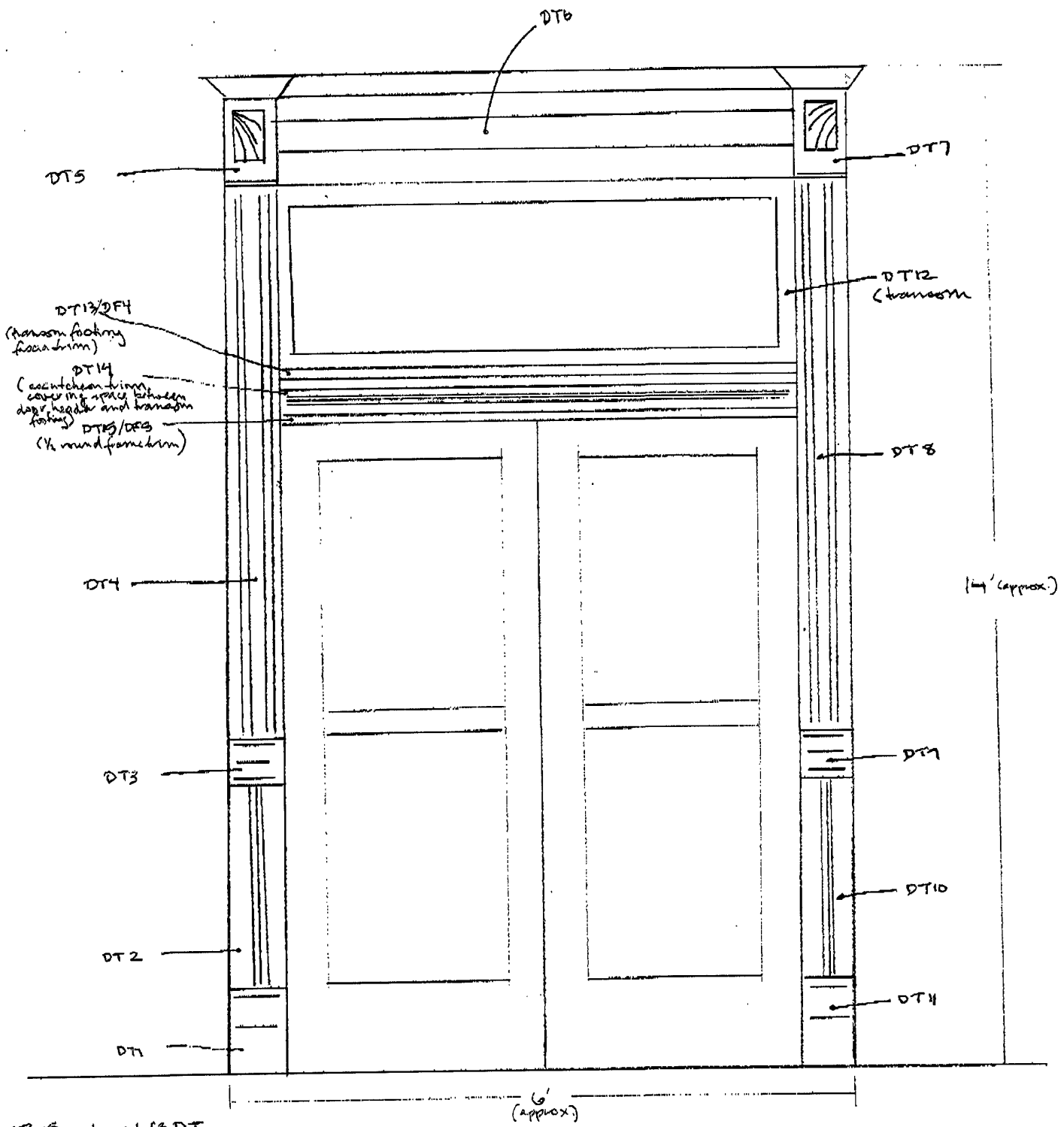
On March 17, 1891, this new church building was dedicated. It was valued at \$4500 and practically free of debt. It was the first Baptist Church building to be dedicated in the Black

The first building of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City. It was bought, unfinished, from the Scandinavian Lutherans in the '90s. Before that the Baptists worshipped in different places uptown.

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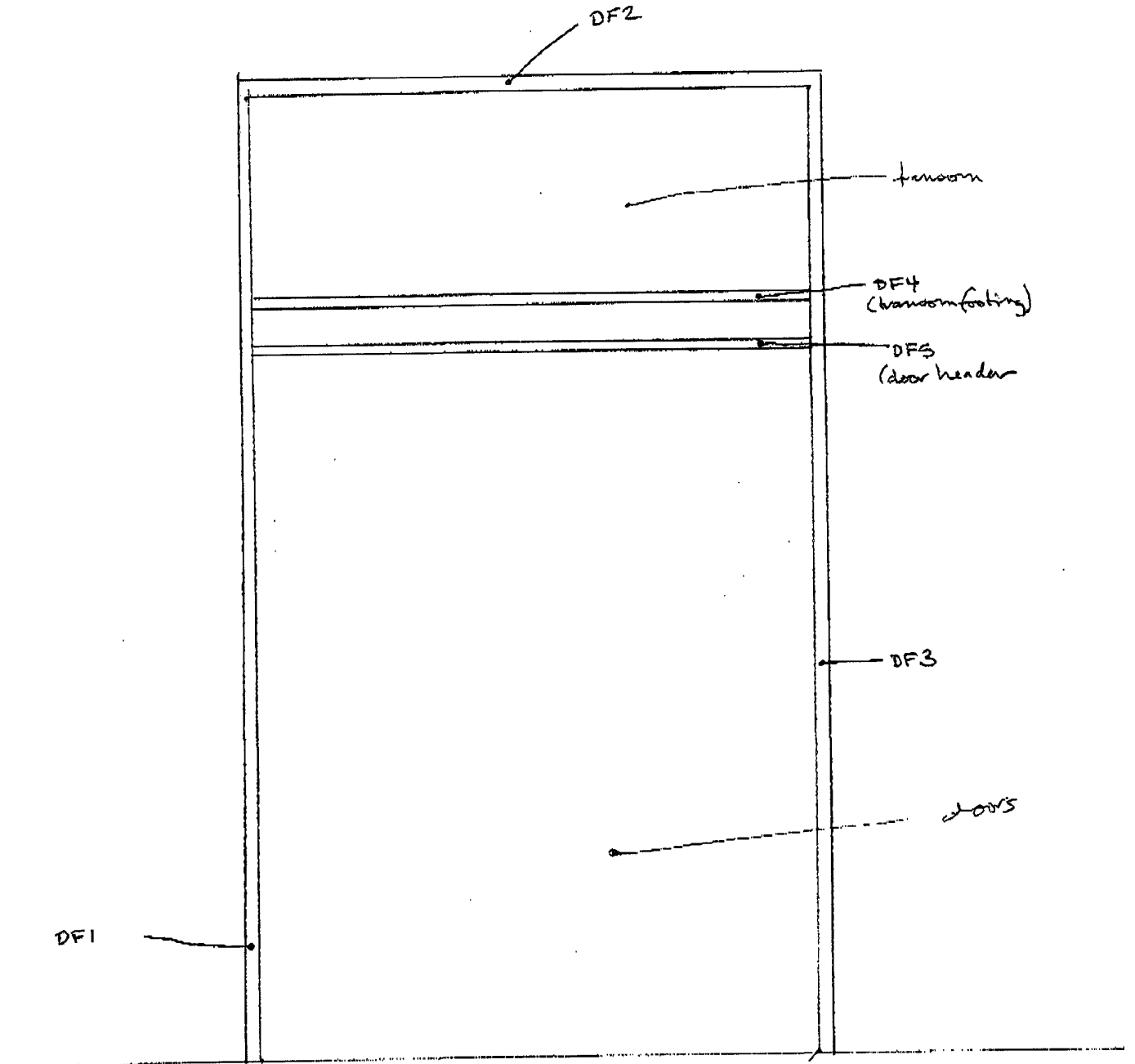
In 1893, panic and depression struck, and in the following year, Rev. Clevenger resigned as regular pastor. He continued to reside in the city and to supply the pulpit occasionally, and at this time the Baptist Young People's Union stepped in and provided worship services by the giving of Bible readings. The church was without a pastor until November, 1897 when Rev. A. E. Steuernagel came. The church took on new life and at the end of the first decade, 123 members had been added to the little group of ten who had first met and organized. Some of the events which took place and were sponsored by the Women's groups and the Young People were the Maple Sugar Festival given in April, 1890, the Doll Festival, and the Chrysanthemum Show in 1895.

When the Black Hills Association met in Rapid City in 1899, it met in an enlarged and newly decorated church building, for since the coming of Rev. Steuernagel, the Sunday School had increased, making it necessary for more space, so a lecture room and Primary room were added at a cost of \$900. The work continued to progress, and it was a severe blow to the church when Rev. Steuernagel resigned in 1900. In less than a month, the Rev. H. H. Gunderson arrived, serving until March, 1902, and he was followed by Rev. J. W. Swift who served for two years. Following his resignation, the church was at a low ebb, and it was not until 1906 that the pulpit was filled.



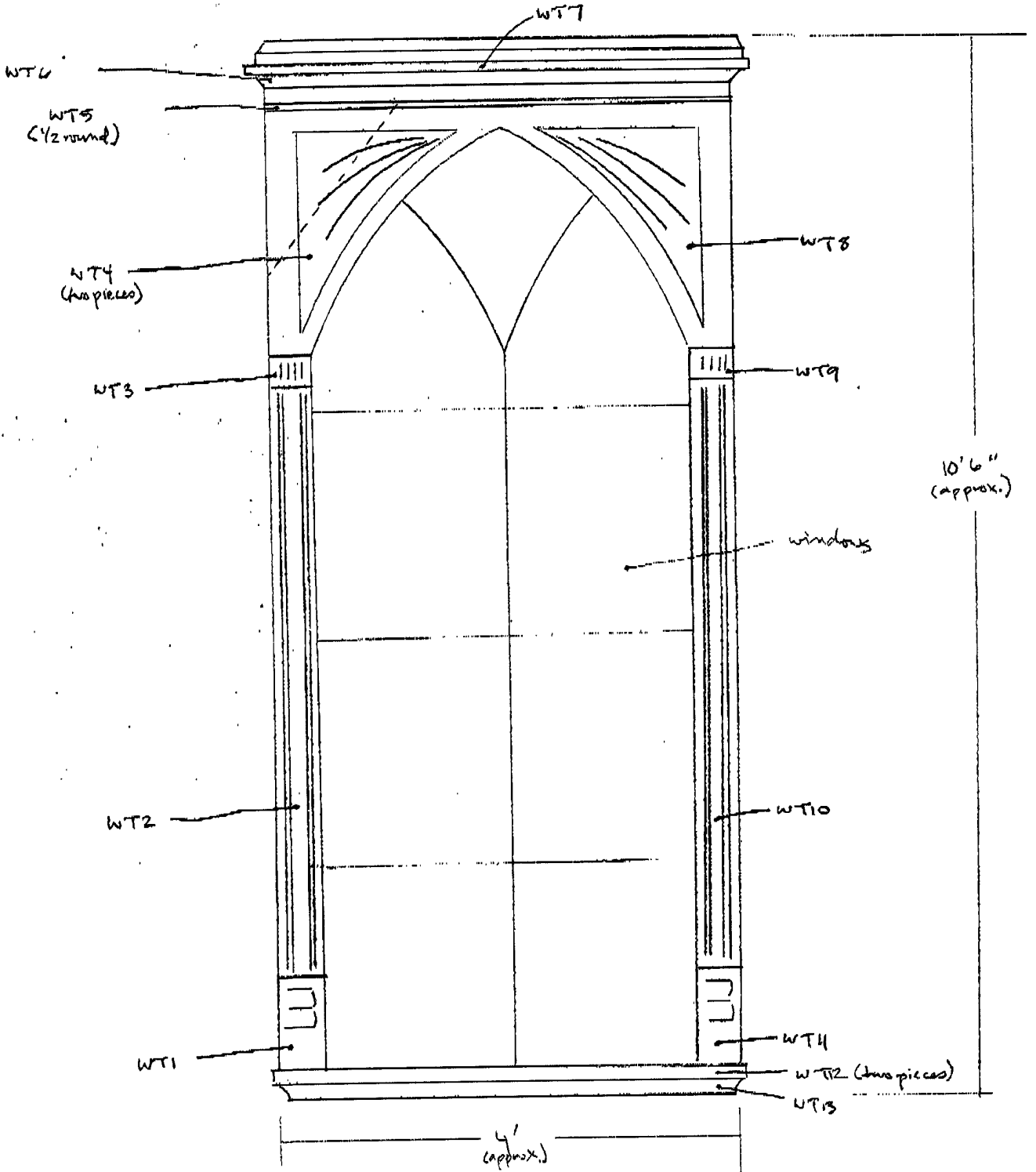
DT1-5, package 1 of 3 DT
 DT7-11, package 3 of 3 DT
 DT6, 13-15, package 2 of 3 DT
 DT12 separate piece
 DT13/14 separate pieces (Gordon hand
 has possession of door)

door trim = schedule
 (not to scale)



DF1 - 1 piece
 DF3 - 1 piece
 DF2,4,5 - 1 bundle

door frame schedule
 (not to scale)



WT1-3, 9-11, package 1 of 3 WT
 WT5-7, 12-13, package 3 of 3 WT
 WT4, 8, package 2 of 3 WT
 window sashes separate (top + bottom)
 window frame separate

window trim schedule
 (not to scale)