SECOND FLOOR FRAMING

The plan at right, probably drawn by former curator Nancy Rexford c. 1981, is our only complete record of the framing between the first and second floors. The locations of the major elements have been confirmed during the present investigation, some through excavation.

THE CHIMNEY

We did not conduct more than a casual examination of the chimney; its basic development had been explained by two previous investigations, and gathering more evidence would have required a deeper excavation than resources allowed. A thorough excavation would still be instructive and would best be conducted during the exhibit planning phase.

The Rexford drawing was based upon an investigation conducted in 1981. The large fireplace opening and remains of an oven facing room 102 clearly identify that space as the original kitchen. The room ceased being a kitchen c. 1800, when the fireplace was reduced in size, a Federal-style mantel added, and a cupboard built in front of the oven.

The present kitchen fireplace and oven were added when the lean-to was built, in the third quarter of the 18th century.

