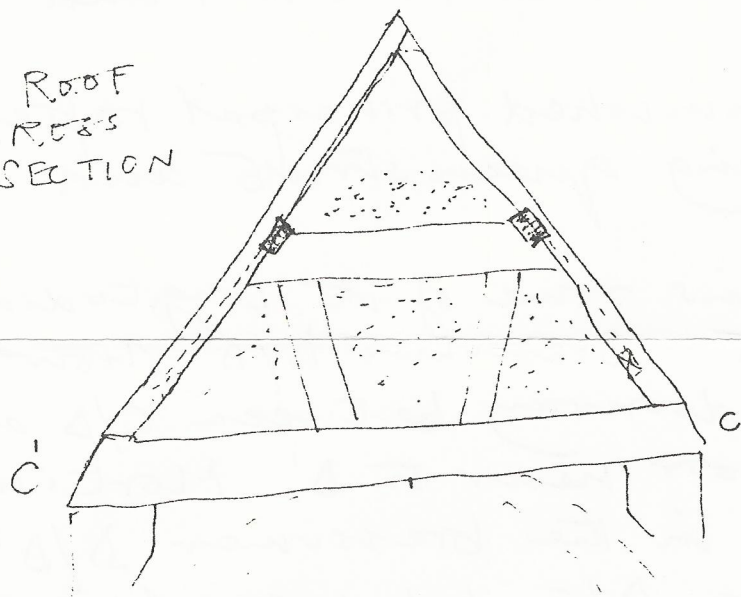


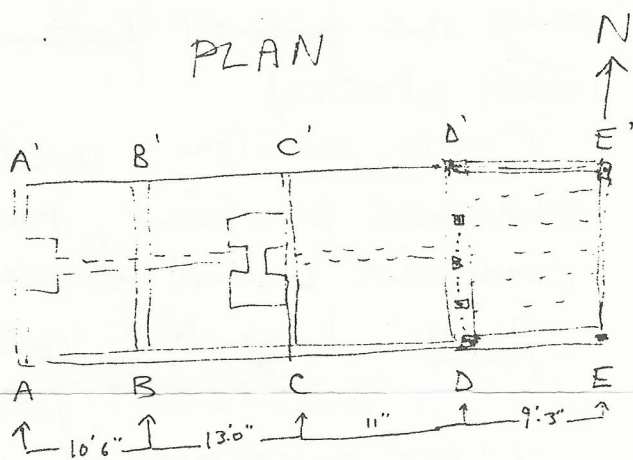
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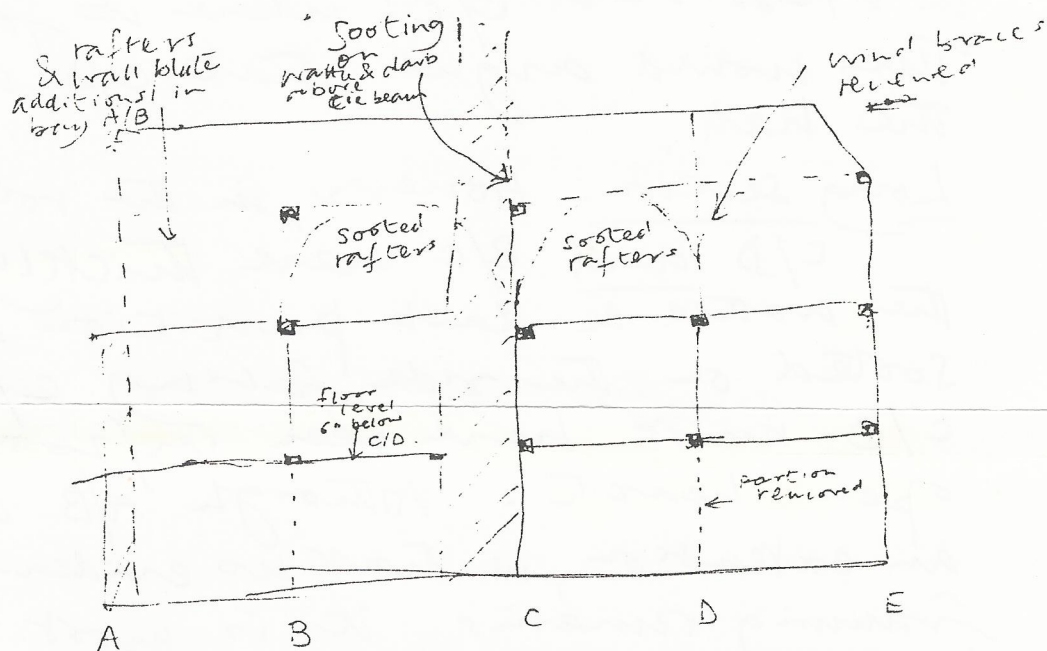
ROOF
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PLAN



LONG
SECTION



A 3 or 4 bay hall house of the early 16th century, with curved arch braces in both elevations and large panel framing (apparently only one panel ~~between~~ between mid-rail and wall plate).

Cross section: undiminished principal rafters clasped purlins, raking queen struts and curved wind braces.

Plan: bay D/E retains some of its longitudinal & medieral joists. Bressumer D/D' shows clear evidence of a doorway between C/D and D/E on the ground floor near to D'. Mortises for joists are found in the bressumer D/D' where it faces bay D/E but not where ~~the~~ it faces bay C/D. Nor are there mortise in bressumer C/C' where it faces bay C/D. This would argue that C/D was originally the hall.

Long section: However, in the roof while both bay C/D and B/C have thickly sooted rafters the wattle & daub partition at C/C' is sooted on the side facing C/D. Therefore, C/D must have been unfloored with an open hearth. Although A/B could have been an extension, in that no evidence of the original framing remains, it is most unlikely for a hall to be the end bay of a house.

The chief mystery of this house is how could be hall and kitchen, both with open hearths yet separated by a partition. If so, roughly similar examples occur at Preshaw & Compston.