

## EXCAVATION EXT-W2 (ORIGINAL NORTHWEST CORNER)

A section of the house's west wall was entombed in the early nineteenth century when the west wing was raised. To gain entry to the sealed attic space, we made a hole through the wall of room 210, incidentally discovering a **window opening** likely dating to the c.1800 remodelling of the main section (the square opening in **photo 36**). The sash had been removed and the window opening blocked up when the west wing was added.

The attic bisects the line between the original, early 18th century house (**C** in **photos 37 and 38**) and its lean-to addition (**A** in the same photos). The **northwest corner of the original house** is located **approximately at the black line in photo 35**.

At the corner of the main section, the weatherboards of the side wall (**C**) merely abut the beveled flush boards of the rear wall (**B**), which are more fully illustrated in **photos 40 and 41**. The ends of the weatherboards are carefully scribed to the flush boards, however, to ensure the tightest possible fit. The other corners were likely treated in the same way, although this was the only one actually seen during the investigation.

When the lean-to (**C**) was added in the late eighteenth century, its beveled sheathing boards were left exposed and unsided, just as in the photograph. The surface of the sheathing is moderately weathered, indicating an exposure of years if not decades. The toothpicks mark the nail-holes of weatherboards, which covered the whole exterior after the c. 1800 remodellings, but were removed from this area when the west wing was raised.



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