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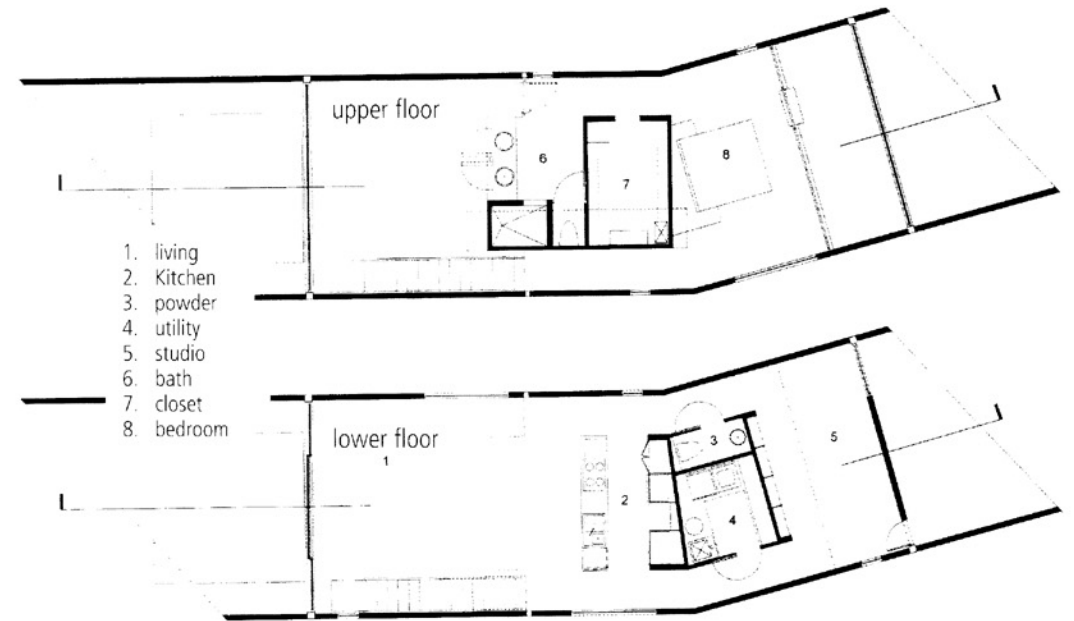
## Desert Loft: Schibley Residence

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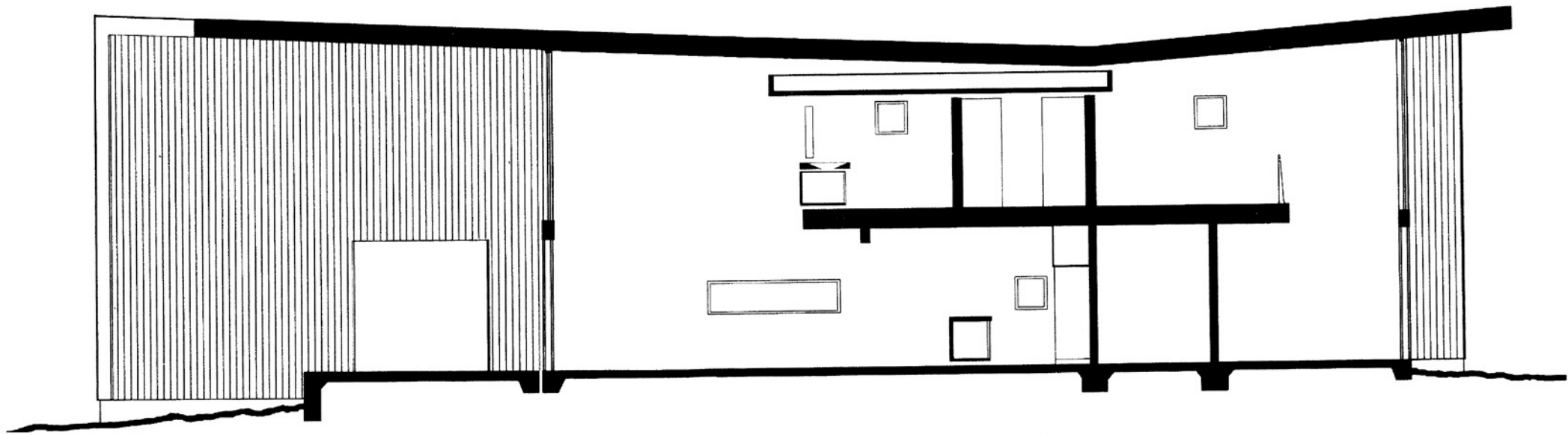
The clients of this house requested a loft in the desert to downsize their lifestyle while “supersizing” their view. With a simple program and a dramatic site, the project reinterprets an urban building type to the open desert.

Creasing and folding the rusted metal skin in plan and section directs views in two distinct directions to capture magnificent mountain and city vistas. This informal and improvisational geometry, not unlike the shards of stone found on the site, allows high points of the roof line to stretch out into the desert to shade the window wall from harsh summer sun. Foreground saguaros found along nearby streambeds and hills are experienced from smaller square and rectangular windows positioned along the sidewalls.

Private functions of the Loft are relegated to the core of the structure and do not touch the outer walls or high ceiling to establish a flow of circulation and view that belies the small footprint.

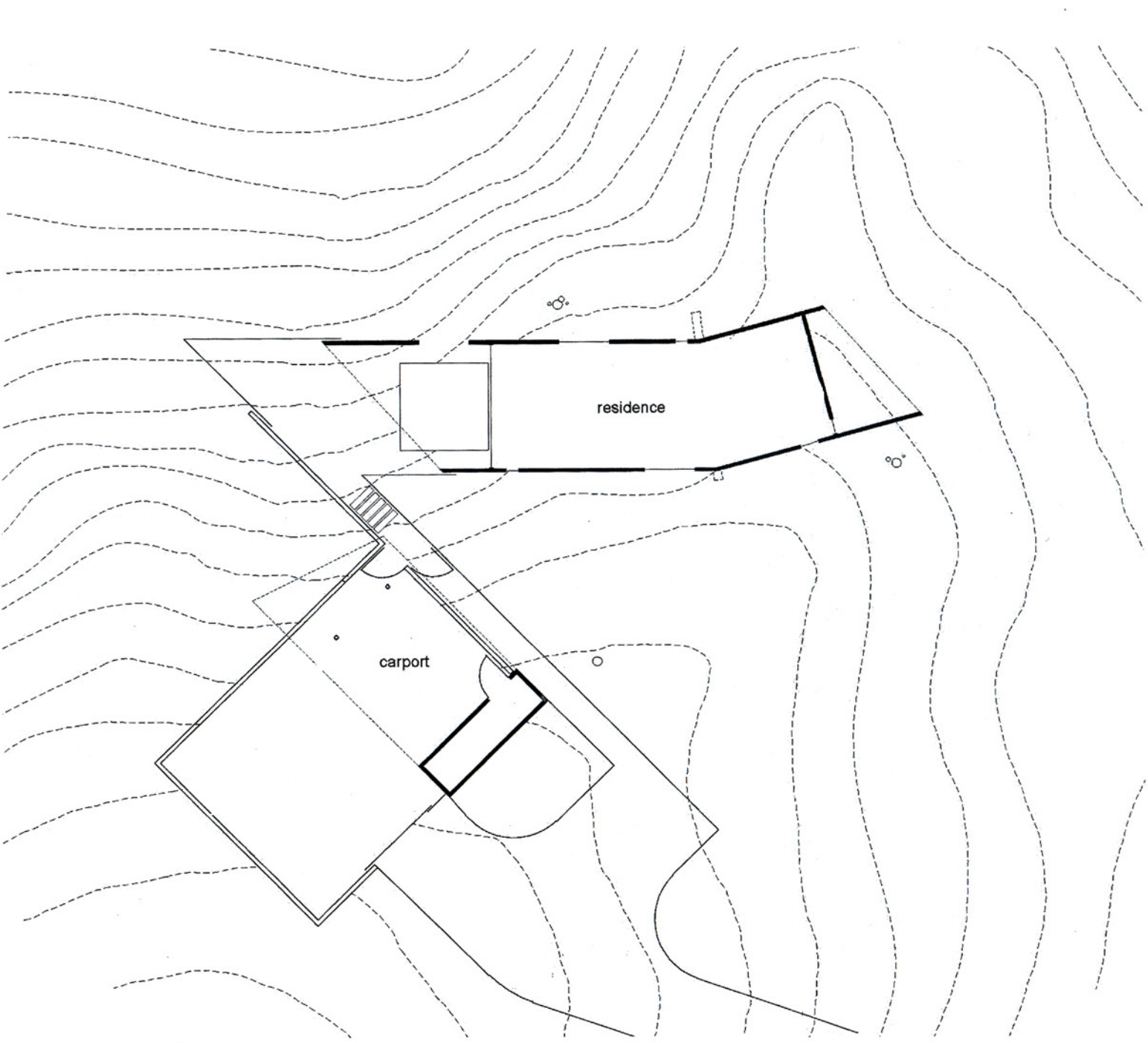


*Floor Plans*



*section*

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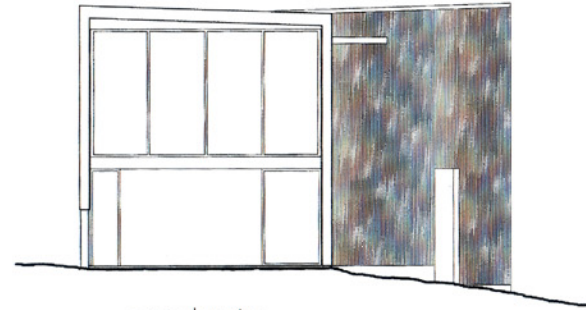


site plan

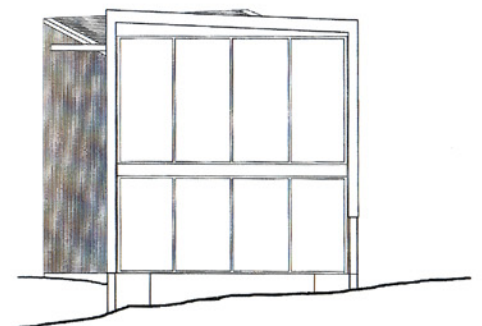
0 ft. 3 ft. 9 ft. 18 ft.



- 1. carport
- 2. residence



east elevation



west elevation

