

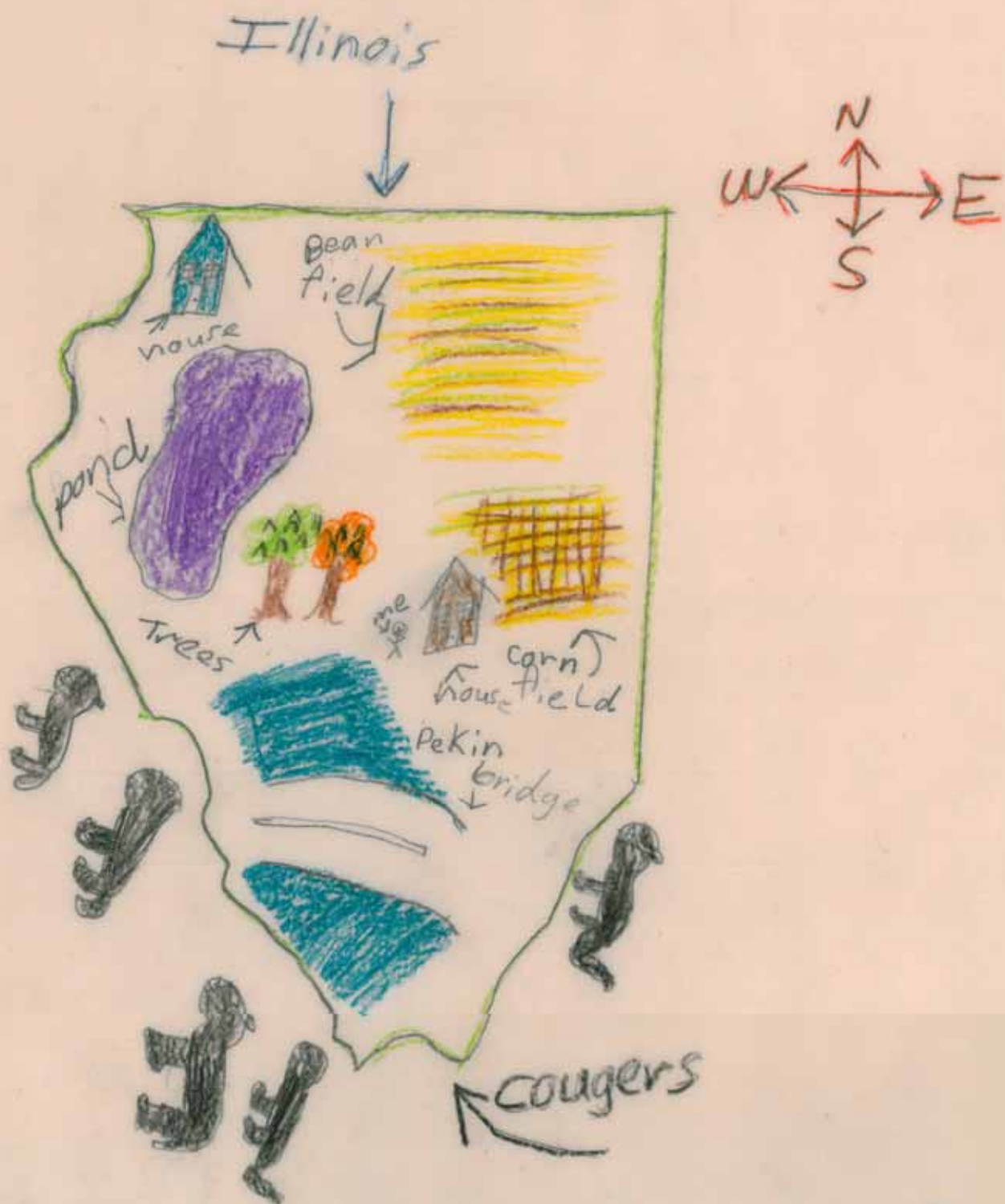
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BLACK CAT



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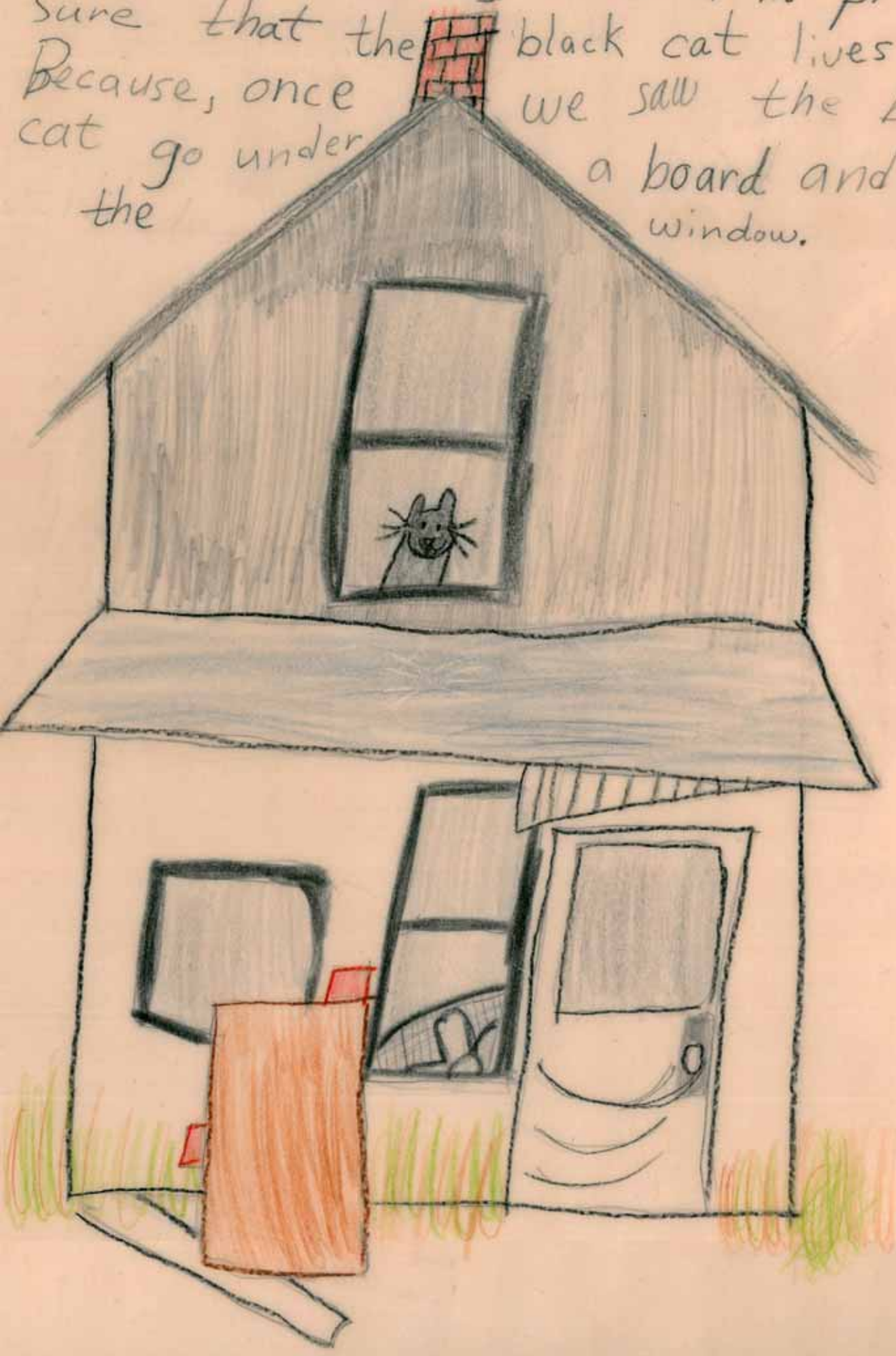
There is a big black scary cat that's
been hanging around our house. My family and I
don't know what it is. We think it might
be either a bobcat, cougar or a really big house
cat. My Dad said that cougars have been
migrating towards Illinois and that is kinda
scary.



The other day my sister Emma and I were playing catch outside and I went to get the ball, as I bent down to pickup the ball, I saw the scariest animal paw print that I had seen ever! I pinched myself to make sure I was not having a dream "I said OUCH that hurts" and the paw print was still there!



There is a abandoned house across
the field from my house. I'm pretty
sure that the black cat lives in there.
Because, once we saw the black
cat go under a board and threw
the window.



One time my neighbor lady went in the abandoned house and she said there were snake skins hanging from the stair way. That is so gross! My little sister calls it the animal house.



There is also a big fat raccoon that lives in the abandoned house. I bet there are tons of mice in there! I bet that black cat tries to eat the mice in there. I wonder if the animals have a party at night? Maybe they are all best friends?



One time, me and my sisters came in from playing outside, and we were looking out the window to make sure that we did not leave anything out. We saw the black cat, and we got scared because we thought maybe it had been watching us the whole time!



This cat has been hanging around our house for... about a year now. We have seen it in our back yard before and that is kinda scary! I've also seen it lurking around neighbors' houses before. I wonder where it came from? I sure hope it's packing up its suitcase to go find a new home!

