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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE GARAGE  
(Vehicle Maintenance Facility)  
135 A Street (northeast corner A and  
West 1st Streets)  
South Boston  
Suffolk County  
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-1298

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(Exterior Views)

- MA-1298 -1 General overview showing west facade (front) and southwest corner; view to northeast.
- MA-1298 -2 General view showing south and east sides looking across "Haul Road"; view to west.
- MA-1298 -3 General oblique view showing building in its setting among warehouses and industrial landscape of Fort Point Historic District; view to northwest.
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(Interior Views)

- MA-1298 -12 General view just inside A Street vehicle entrance showing ramp leading to second floor maintenance area; view to east.

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(Architectural Drawings)

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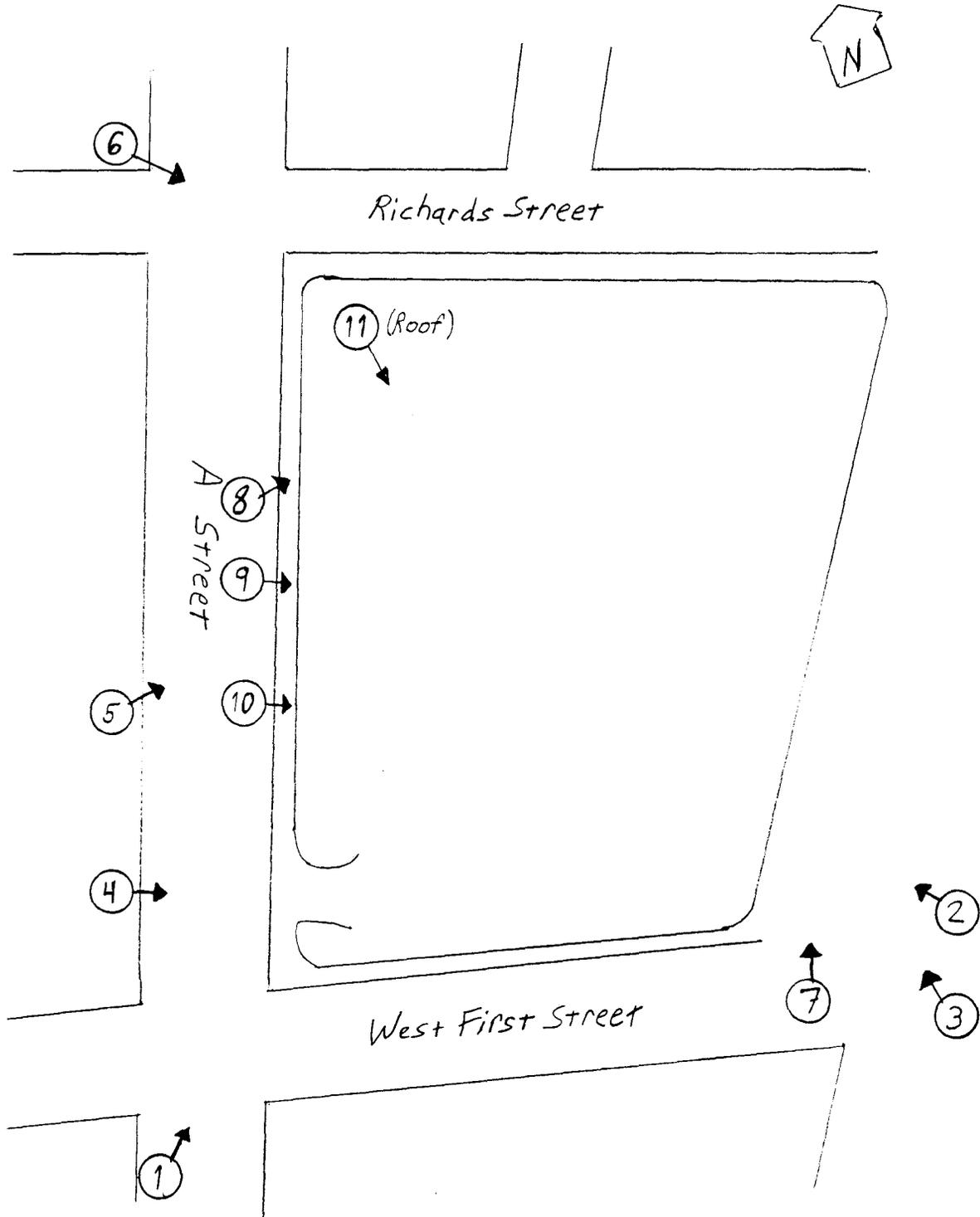
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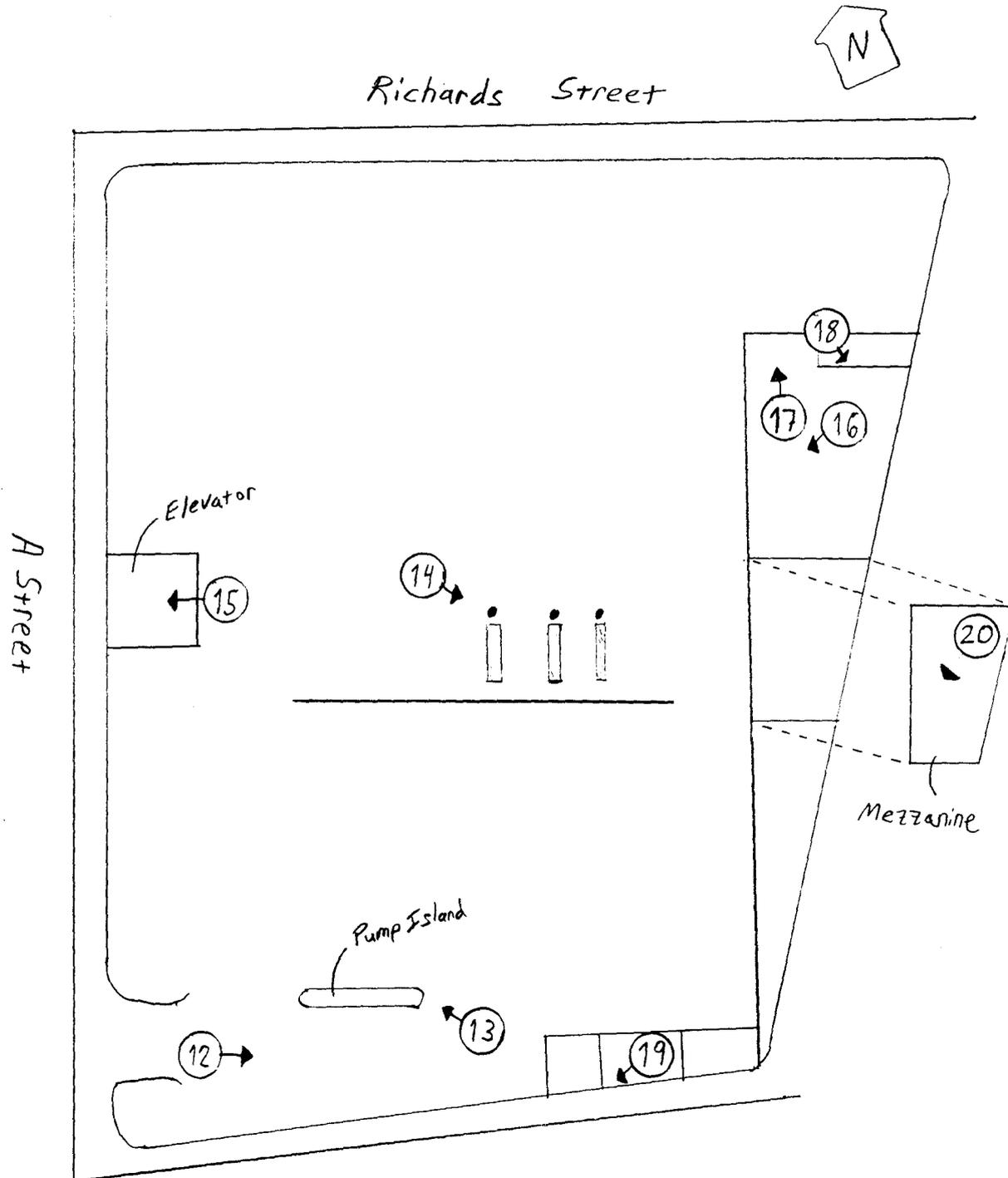
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Exterior



Interior - First Floor



Interior - Second Floor

