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Location: 230 N. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County,
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USGS Kalamazoo Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
16.616720.4683080

Significance: This building's contribution to downtown Kalamazoo is significant as a sign of the evolving commercial district. The building was extensively altered in 1916, according to the present owner whose grandfather was instrumental in this process, replacing much of the original ground floor retail facade.

Description: This two-story structure has a simple brick commercial facade fronting on Rose Street and a plain brick side articulated with numerous windows. There is extensive deterioration of the painted brick on the south wall. Nothing remains of the original ground floor retail facade. In the interior, cast iron columns at the front, wood columns at the middle, and an inverted tension cable support beams under the second floor wood joists. The joists are further strengthened by one inch boards attached to each side of the joists in the form of an arch.

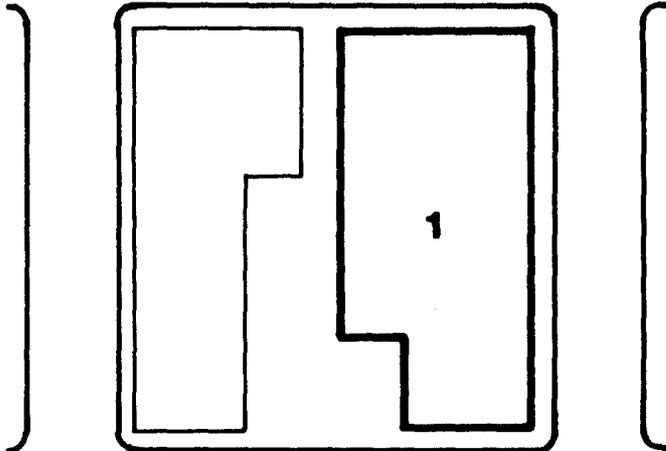
History: Built approximately 1887, this commercial building served as the home from 1899 to 1924 of the A&D Sheet Metal Works, which was a complementary business to the sheet metal work and tool-and-die operations at 240 North Rose. In 1916 the building facade was extensively altered to attract a new tenant, according to the present owner whose grandfather was involved in this process. For a short period of time the building was the home of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club. From 1956 until 1983, it was occupied by Menzie Carpet Co.

Sources: Kalamazoo City and County Directory, 1887-1888, 1889-1891, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1904, 1905, 1910, 1915, 1919, 1924, 1929, 1935. Title and Abstract of Deeds and Mortgages, 230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. John Waber, present owner.

Historian: Victoria Hardy, ArtSoft Management Services
November 16, 1990



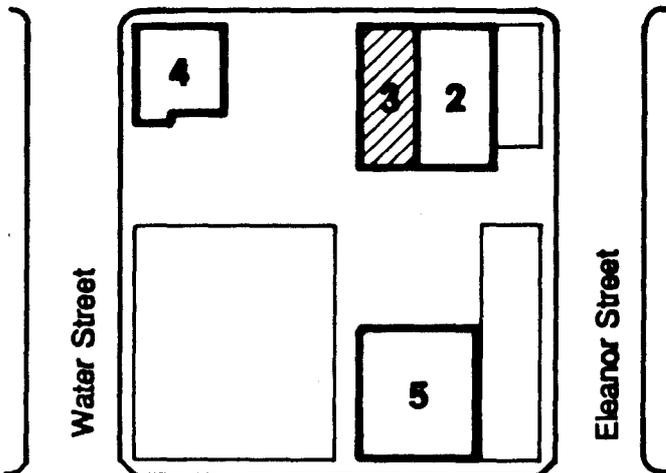
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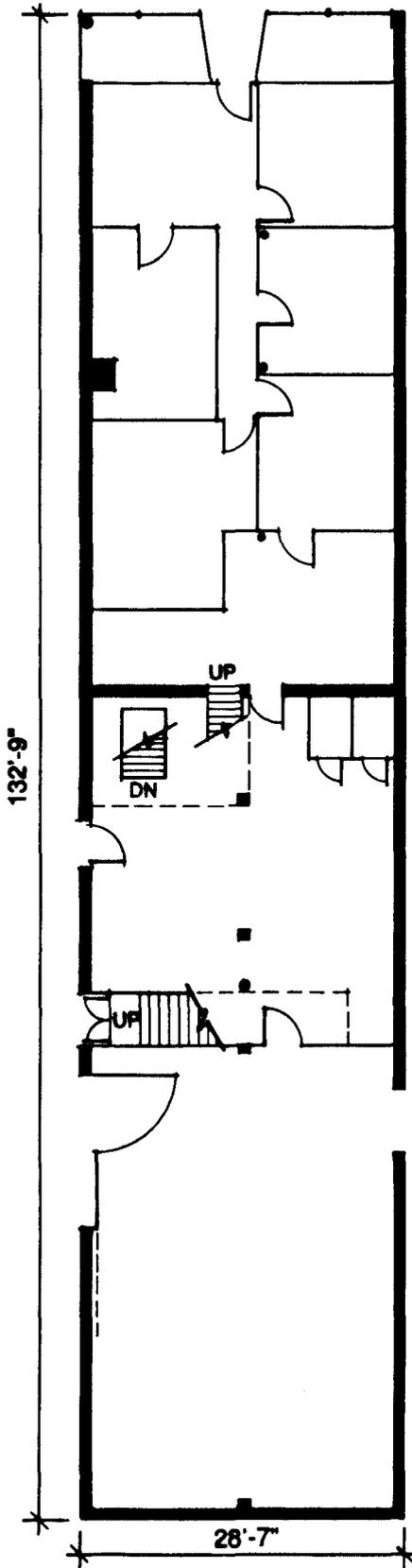
Building Key:

- 1. 239-249 N. Rose Street
- 2. 240 N. Rose Street
- 3. 230 N. Rose Street
- 4. 202-208 N. Rose Street
- 5. 239-243 N. Burdick Street
- 6. 224-228 N. Burdick Street

Rose Street

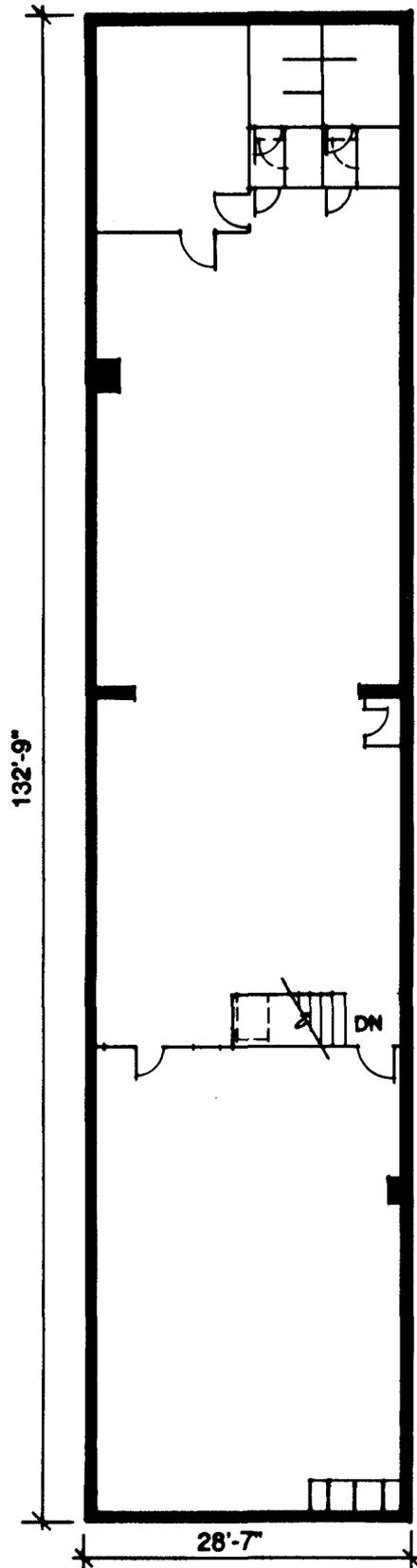


Location Map



First Floor Plan

230 N. Rose Street



Second Floor Plan

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