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Location: 239-243 N. Burdick St., Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

USGS Kalamazoo Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates
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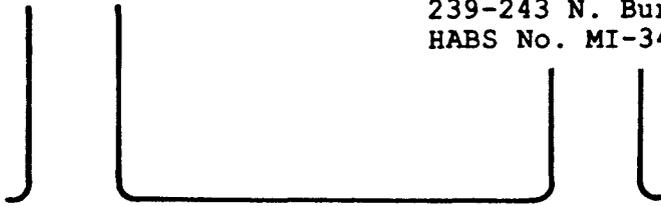
Significance: This Italianate style building is distinct for the high tinued ceiling in the interior with a large open plan with columns that was appropriate for an early retail operation.

Description: This two-story Italianate commercial building is built over Arcadia Creek. Windows are simple 1-over-1 double-hung sash with plain stone lintels and a continuous stone sill band along the front facade. Flat-arch brick lintels are found at the alley and rear facades. Upper level window openings have been altered to accommodate lowered ceiling heights. Portions of the ground floor interior have slender cast iron columns and a decorative pressed metal ceiling, but nothing remains of the original ground floor retail facade. The first floor plan was designed to accommodate two separate retail operations and provide a centered stairway access to the upper floor. Columns at the upper floor are boxed in and walls are furred out from the exterior masonry walls so that no early detail remains visible.

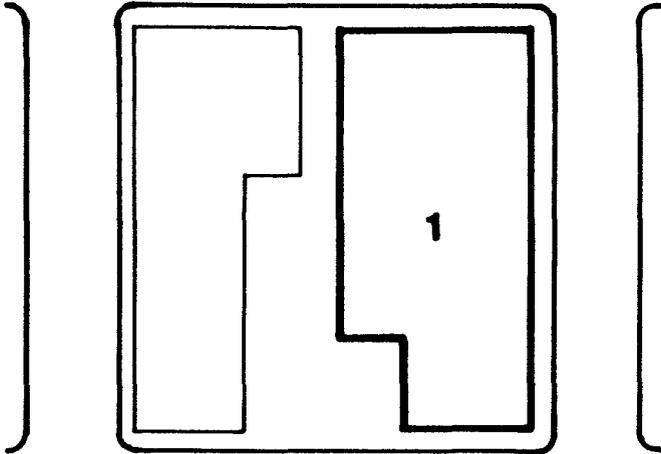
History: Originally built in 1862 by Henry Gale with proceeds from the California gold fields, the building all but burned to the ground on August 28, 1898. Rebuilt as a dry goods store that year, it was occupied by People's Outfitting until 1948, when it was bought and occupied by Leath Furniture Company. In 1965, it was bought and occupied by Kings Department Store. From 1975, until it was purchased by the Downtown Development Corporation in 1985, the building was occupied by variety of small businesses.

Source: Kalamazoo City and County Directory, 1873, 1897, 1905, 1921-42, 1948, 1960, 1965-70, 1975, 1980, 1985. Abstract of Title and Mortgages, 239-243 North Burdick St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Historian: Victoria Hardy, ArtSoft Management Services
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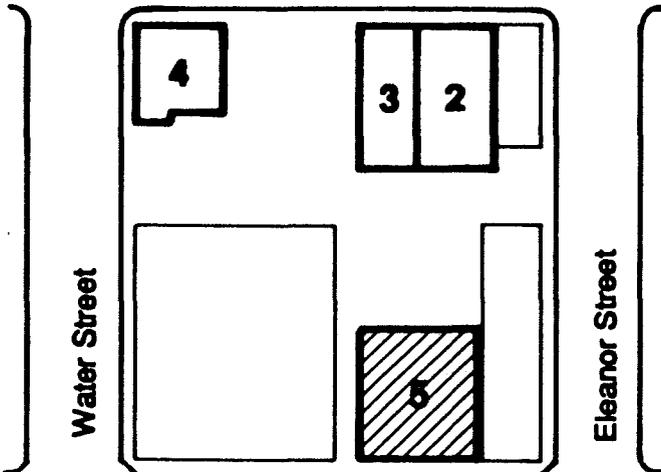
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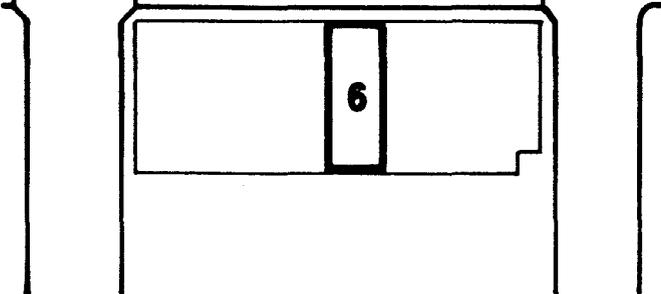
Building Key:

- 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

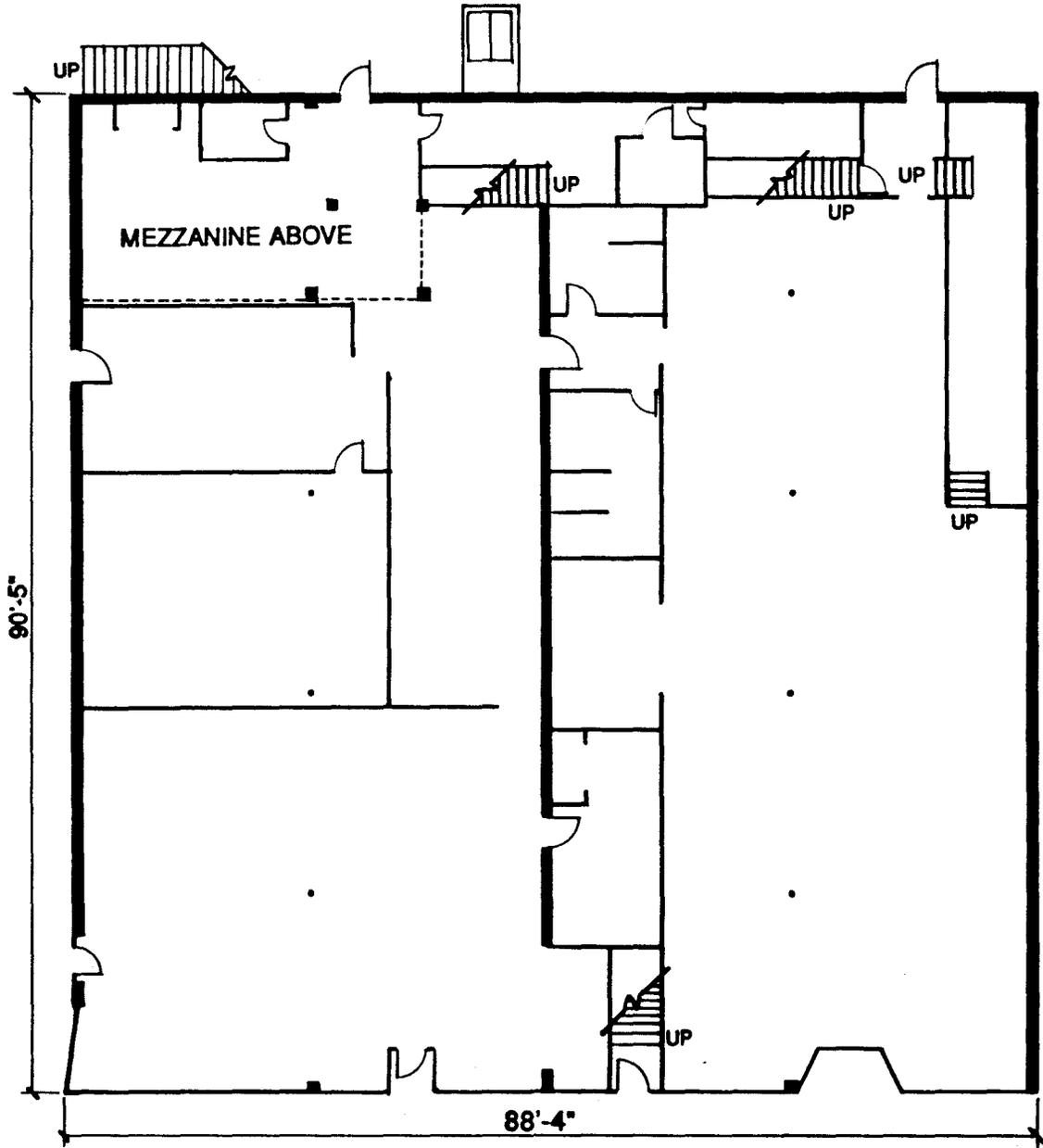
Rose Street



Burdick Street

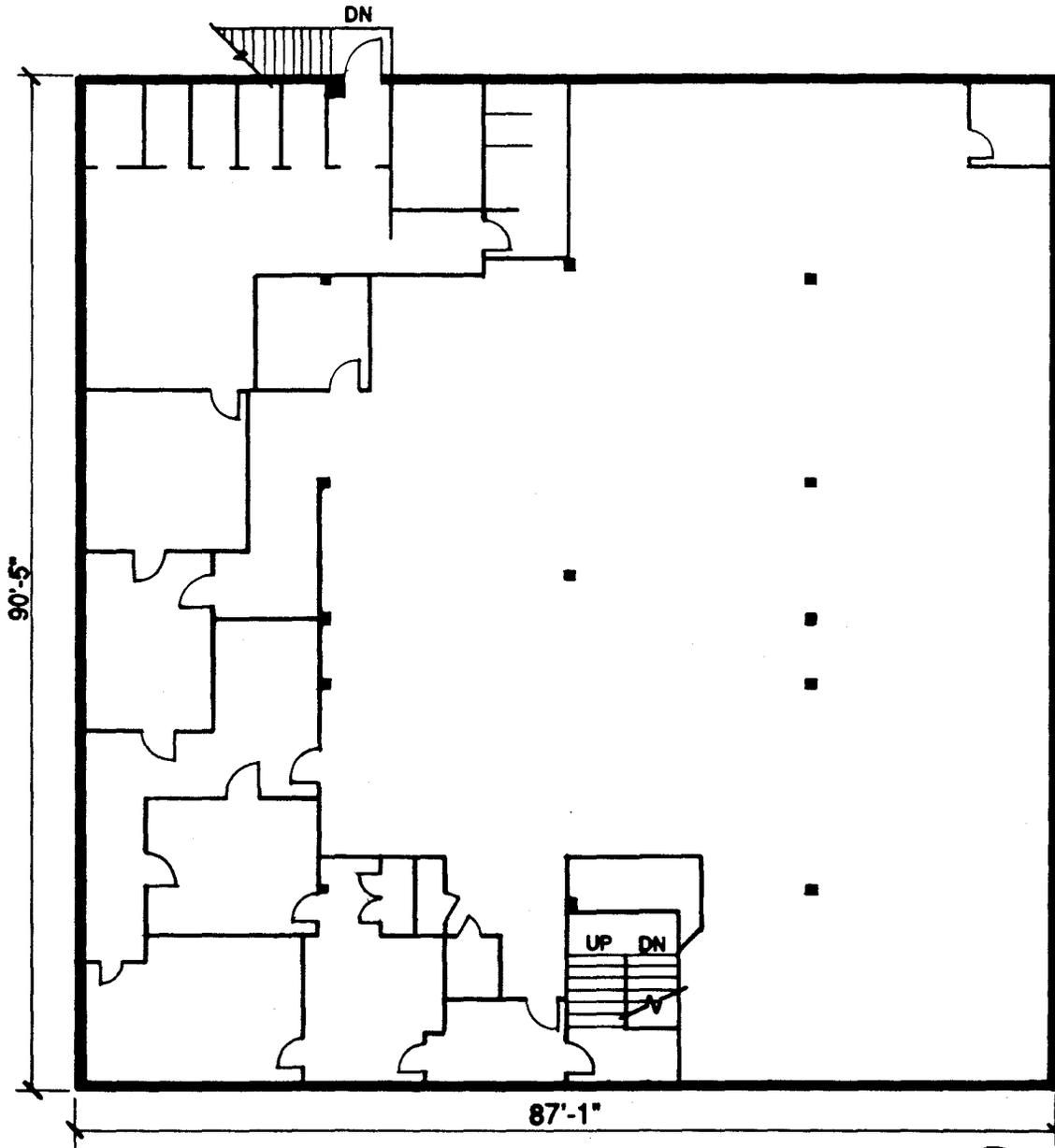


Location Map



First Floor Plan

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Second Floor Plan