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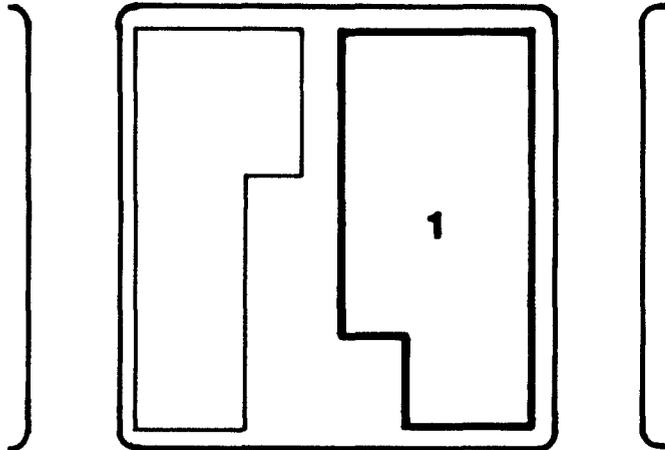
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- Location: 240 N. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan
- USGS Kalamazoo Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
16.616720.4683100
- Significance: This building is a brick commercial type which reflects turn of the century construction in a commercial district.
- Description: This mid-block building has a three-story corbeled brick front facade, with plain limestone lintels and sills set flush with the brick. Nothing remains of the original ground floor retail facade. The building interior has been altered very little since its construction for industrial use. Other than light frame partitions to enclose offices and storage space near the front of the building, most of the space is open across the full width of the building. This is accomplished by wood joists bearing on beams spliced at third points, and suspended by steel rods in tension threaded through the beams into a large nut and hooked onto the steel trusses at the roof. As the south wall pre-existed construction of this building, columns were erected against the wall, with the additional height of the brick building enclosure bearing on the brick wall below it. The north brick bearing wall has brick piers projecting into the space which support the roof trusses. A partition at the front of the second floor separates an office area from the storage use. The third level of front windows serves as a clerestory, providing natural light into the storage area. Skylights let additional natural light into the rear of the building.
- History: Built approximately 1890, this brick commercial building disguised its industrial function with a three story conventional storefront design that concealed a large interior space that was used for a variety of purposes, mostly industrial. The original function was a "junk" shop, or second hand store operated by People's Outfitting. Subsequent businesses included primarily sheet metal, tool-and-die operations, and small manufacturing. It has been the site of Waber Tool since 1955.
- 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, 240 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. John Waber, present owner.
- Historian: Victoria Hardy, ArtSoft Management Services
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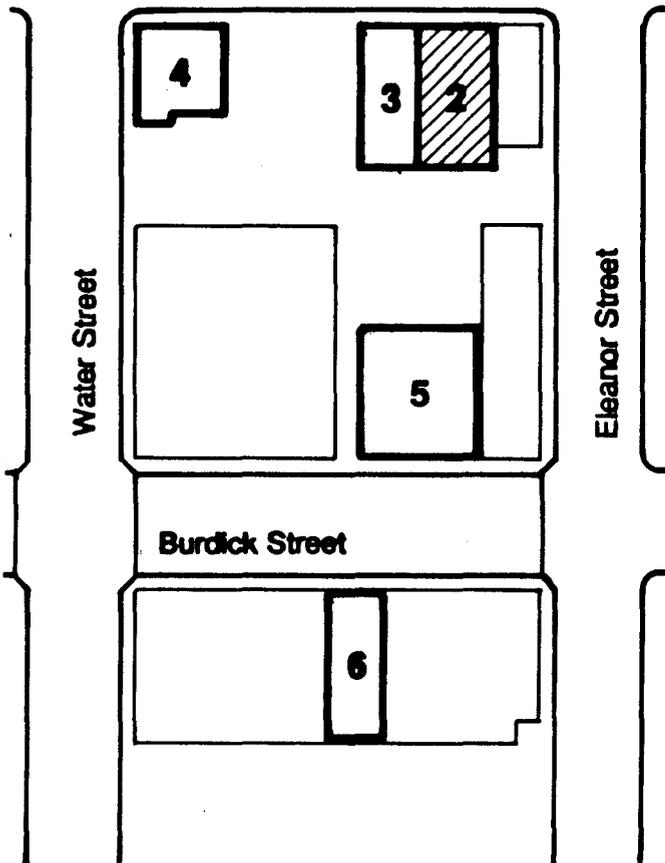
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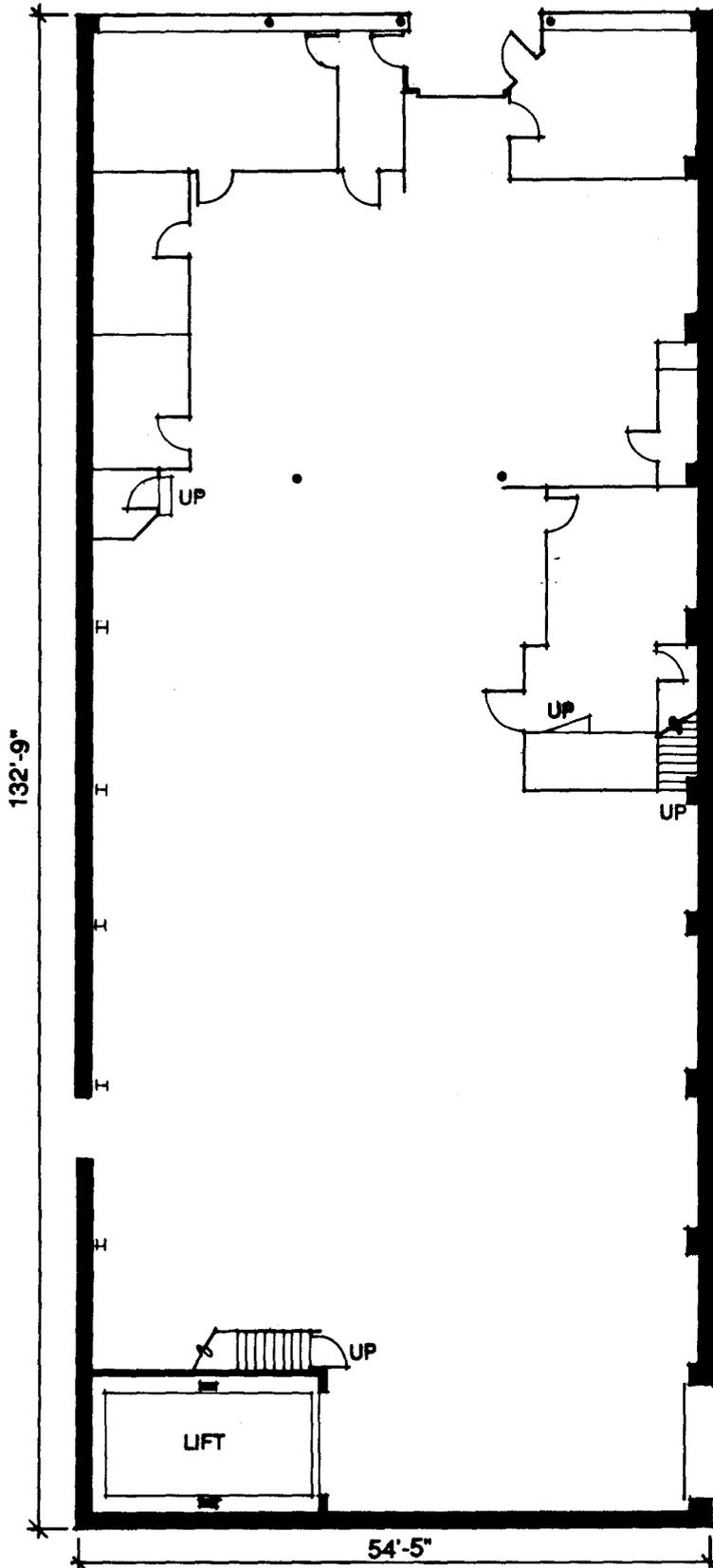
Building Key:

- 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

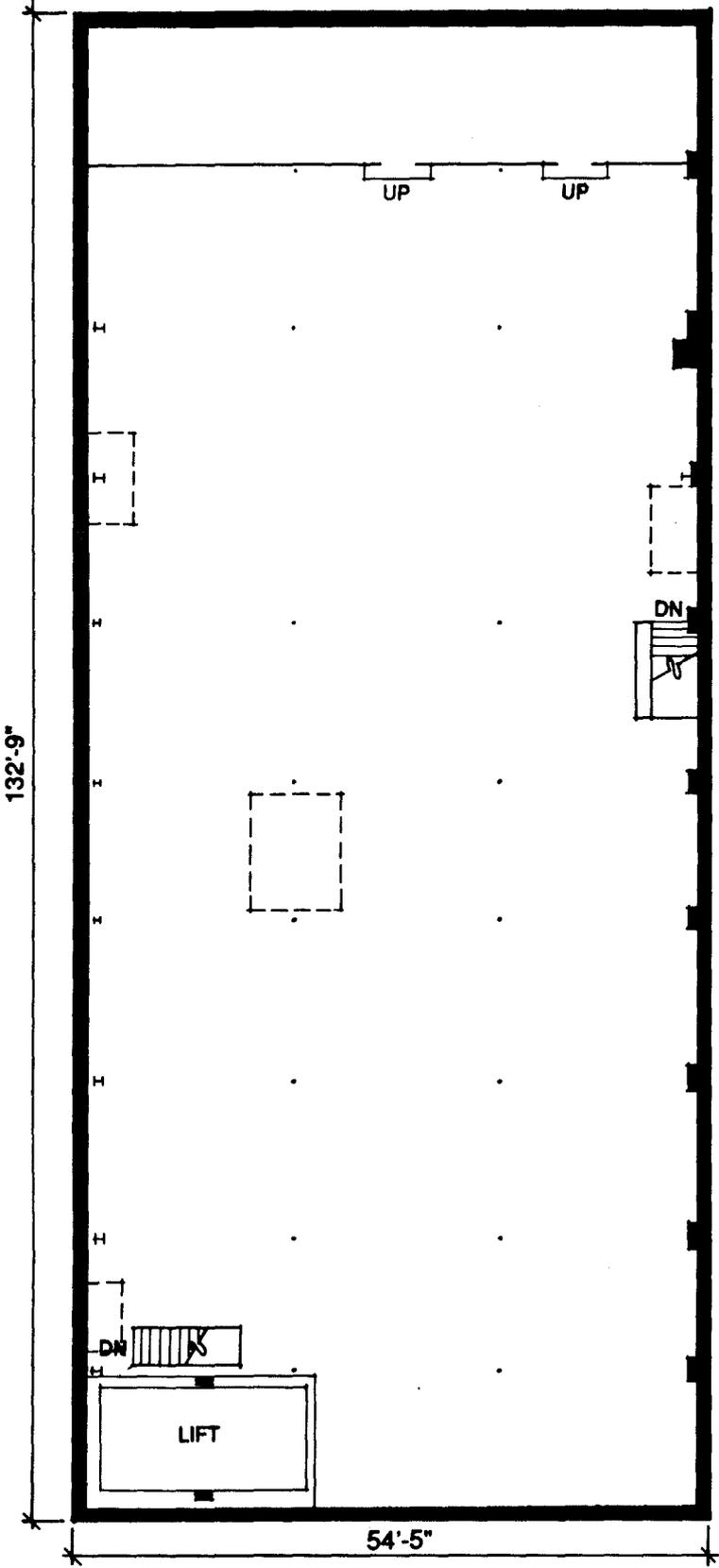


Location Map



First Floor Plan

240 N. Rose Street



Second Floor Plan

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