

258 FEDERAL PLAZE WEST (COMMERCIAL BUILDING)  
Youngstown  
Mahoning County  
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**Location:** 258 Federal Plaza West, Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio

USGS Youngstown Quadrangle

Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:

17.529120, 4549810

**Significance:** Youngstown, which had major commercial and industrial development during the last two decades of the nineteenth century and the first two decades on the twentieth century, is remarkable for the number of buildings with terra cotta facades. This building, with two of three stories of facade terra cotta surviving, is particularly distinguished in the colors of orange and aqua that are included in the terra cotta cornice and cartouches.

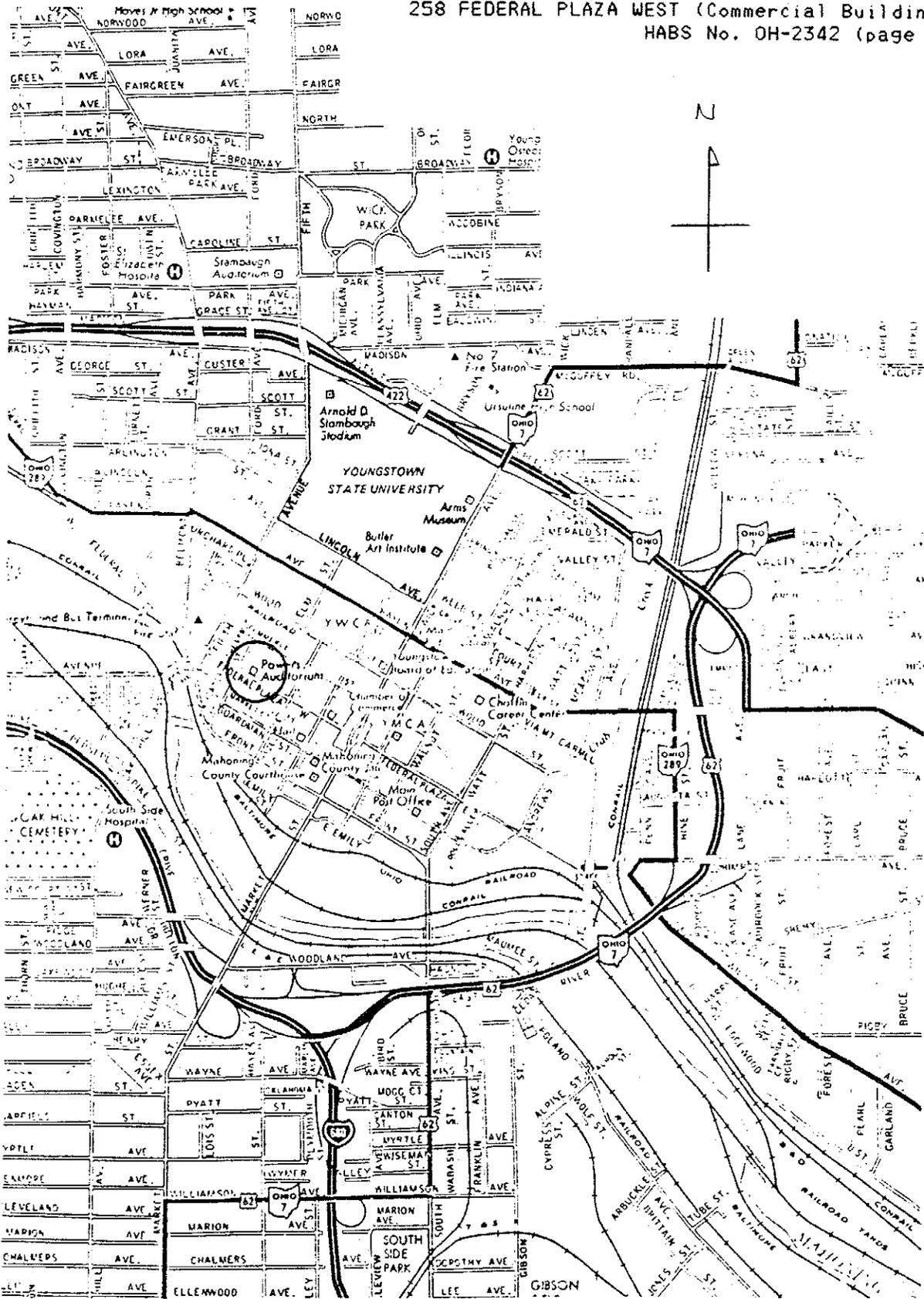
**Description:** This three-story brick and tile bearing wall building shares a party wall with its northwest neighbor and originally shared a party wall on the southeast. Its southwest facing facade has a first-story of 1950s aluminum storefront and cornice and, on the upper two floors, a veneer of terra cotta tile of cream color highlighted with orange and aqua in the building's neoclassical cornice and third-story swag garland with two asymmetric baroque cartouches. The front elevation has original, wooden sash in the second and third floor stationary and side, pivoting windows. The rear elevation has steel framed glazing on the upper floor. The building has a full, basement with concrete floor. The structural system is eight bays of wooden joists supported by intermediate steel I-beams. The floor is wood on a wood sub-floor. The interior finish is plaster on brick. The interior has been gutted. Each floor is accessible by open, interior wooden stairs on the northwest wall on the building. The rear two bays are accessed by rear stairs on the southeast wall.

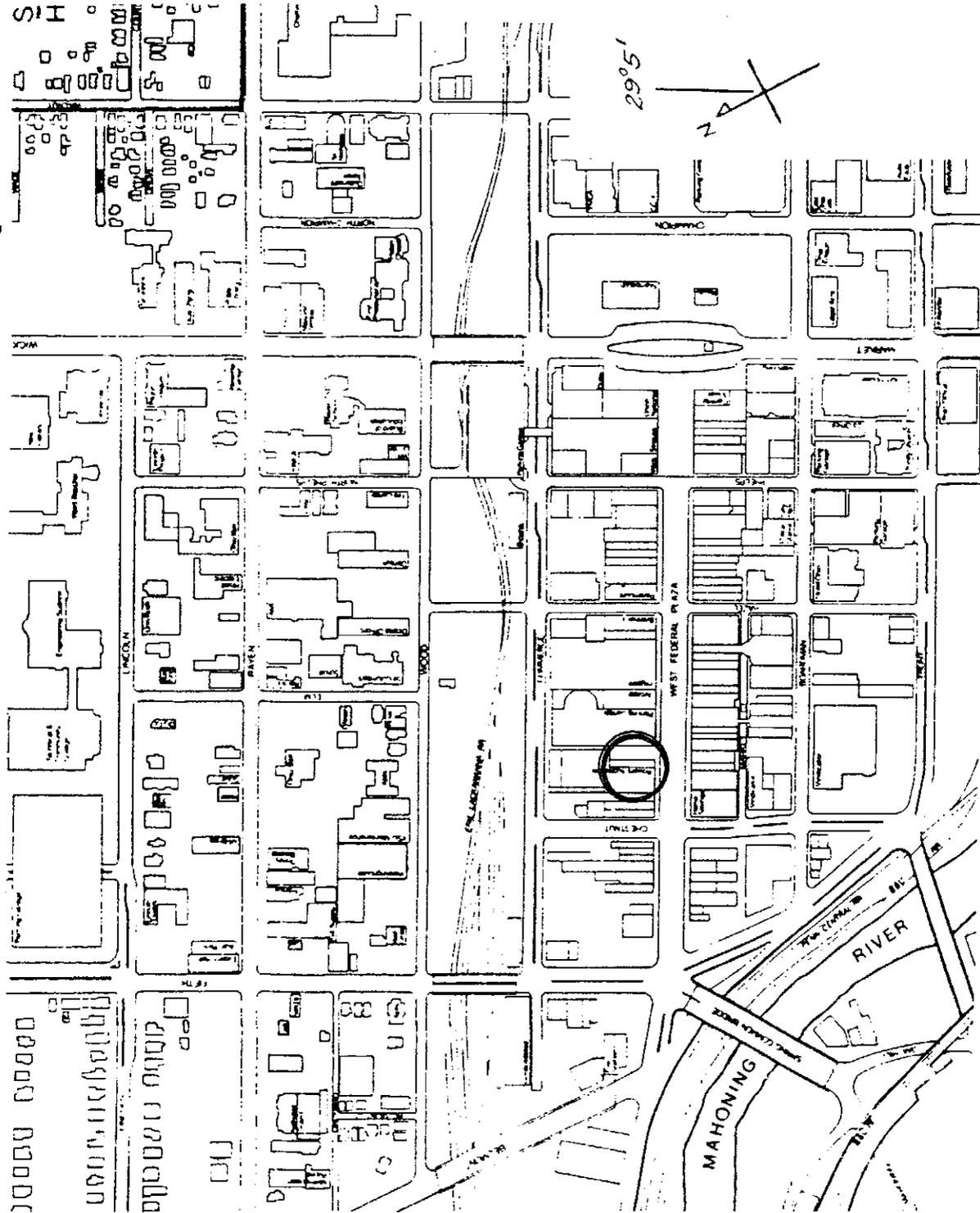
**History:** This building was constructed in the early 1920s with office and commercial uses on each of the three floors. Similar small commercial, service and retail uses occupied adjoining buildings on this, one of the busiest and most distinguished blocks in Youngstown's city center. Originally named West Federal Street, the street was renamed in the 1970s. There is no record of designer, contractor or original owner of this building.

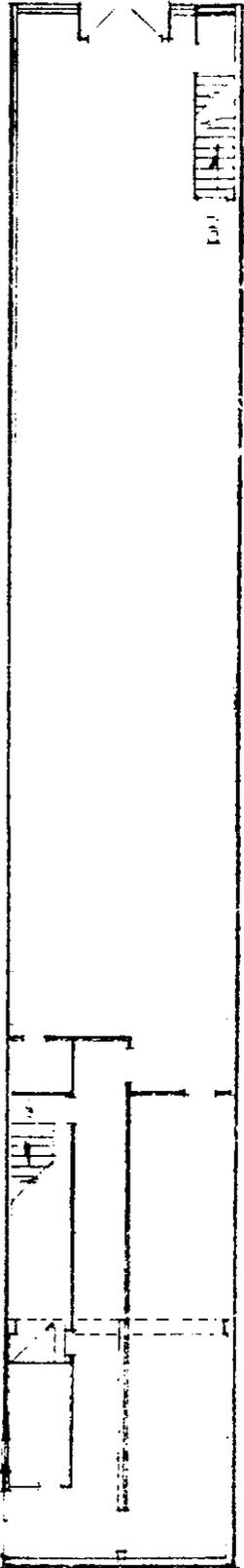
**Sources:** Benjamin D. Rickey & Co. Downtown Youngstown Preservation Plan. Part I. Columbus, Ohio. 1986.

Youngstown City Directories, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924.

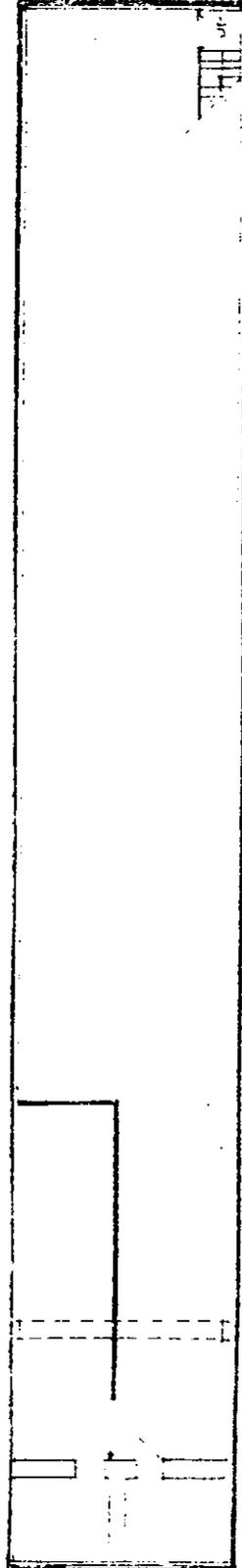
**Historian:** Rebecca M. Rogers  
Preservation consultant to the City of Youngstown, Ohio.  
October, 1990.







FIRST FLOOR  
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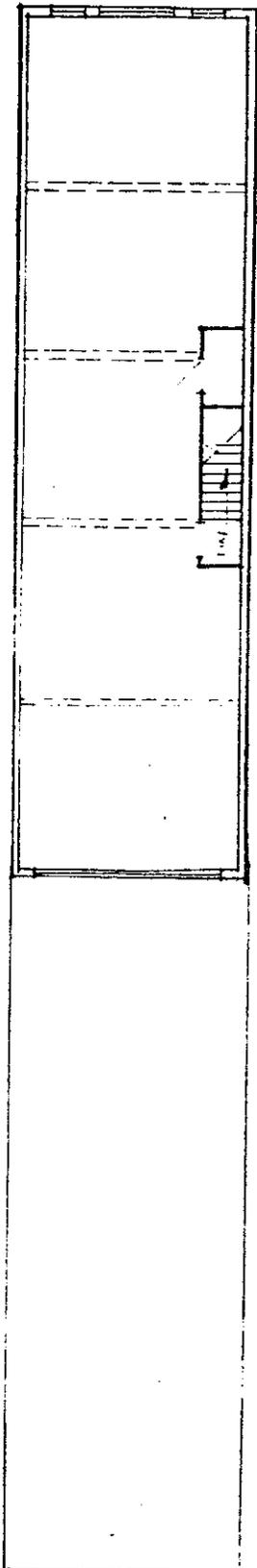


BASEMENT  
CEILING HGT 112"

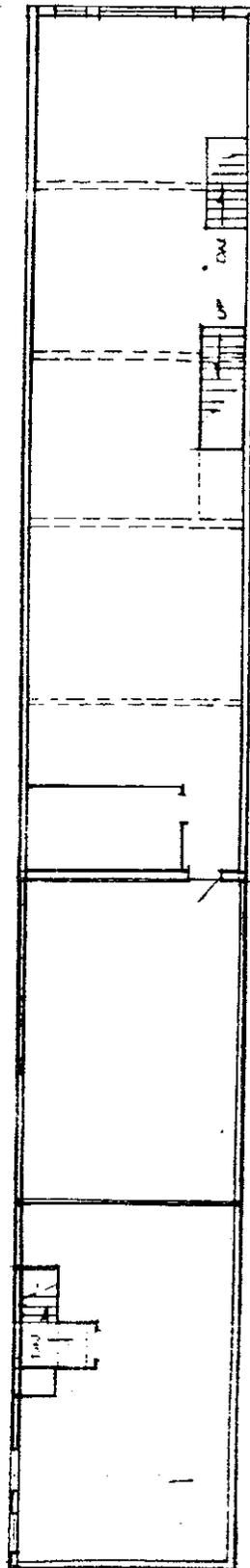


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THIRD FLOOR  
CEILING HGT. 132"



SECOND FLOOR  
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