

232 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Commercial Building)
Scranton
Lackawanna County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 232 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444150.4584110

Significance: 232 Lackawanna Avenue is one of a row of late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial buildings that made up the heart of Scranton's business district during the city's greatest period of prosperity. The building is one of the few on the street that retains its mid-nineteenth century appearance, most of the district having been rebuilt later.

Description: The building is a three story stuccoed brick structure facing Lackawanna Avenue. Arches link the second and third stories of its facade's three bays. Above is a wooden ornamental cornice in the Italianate style. The present storefront is recent, but the original (or at least an early one) is partially shown in a circa 1890s photograph of the Traders National Bank that formerly stood to the south of 232. The rear, which has a two story section with a corbelled cornice, is brick and faces Bogart Place and the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad viaduct.

History: 332 Lackawanna Avenue was erected before 1877, probably in the post Civil War boom that created the first flowering of Scranton's business district. During its history it held a variety of businesses, including a boots and shoes store, a liquors store, and a restaurant.

The building was included in the Lackawanna Avenue Commercial Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The building is scheduled for demolition in February 1992.

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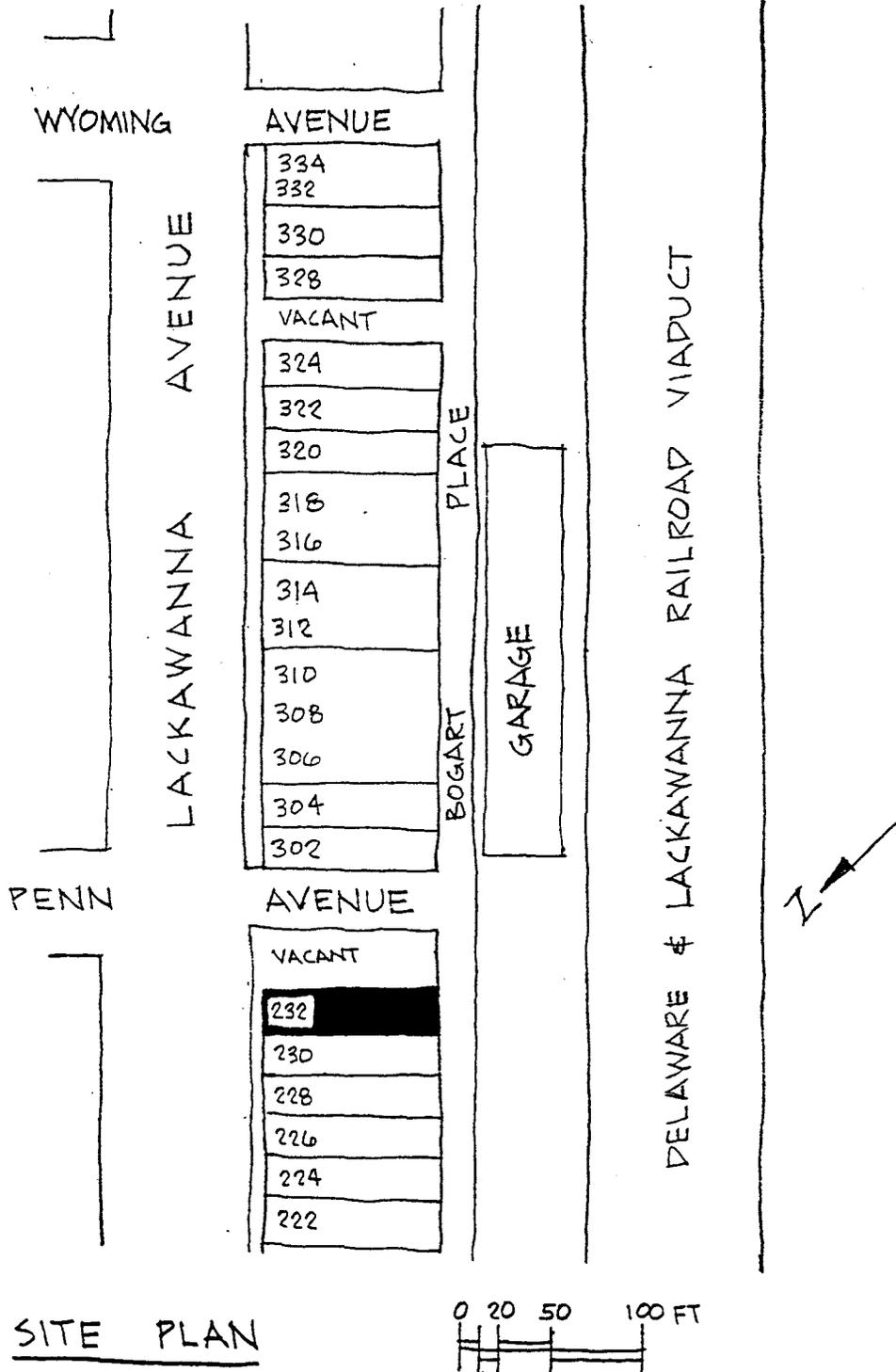
Sources:

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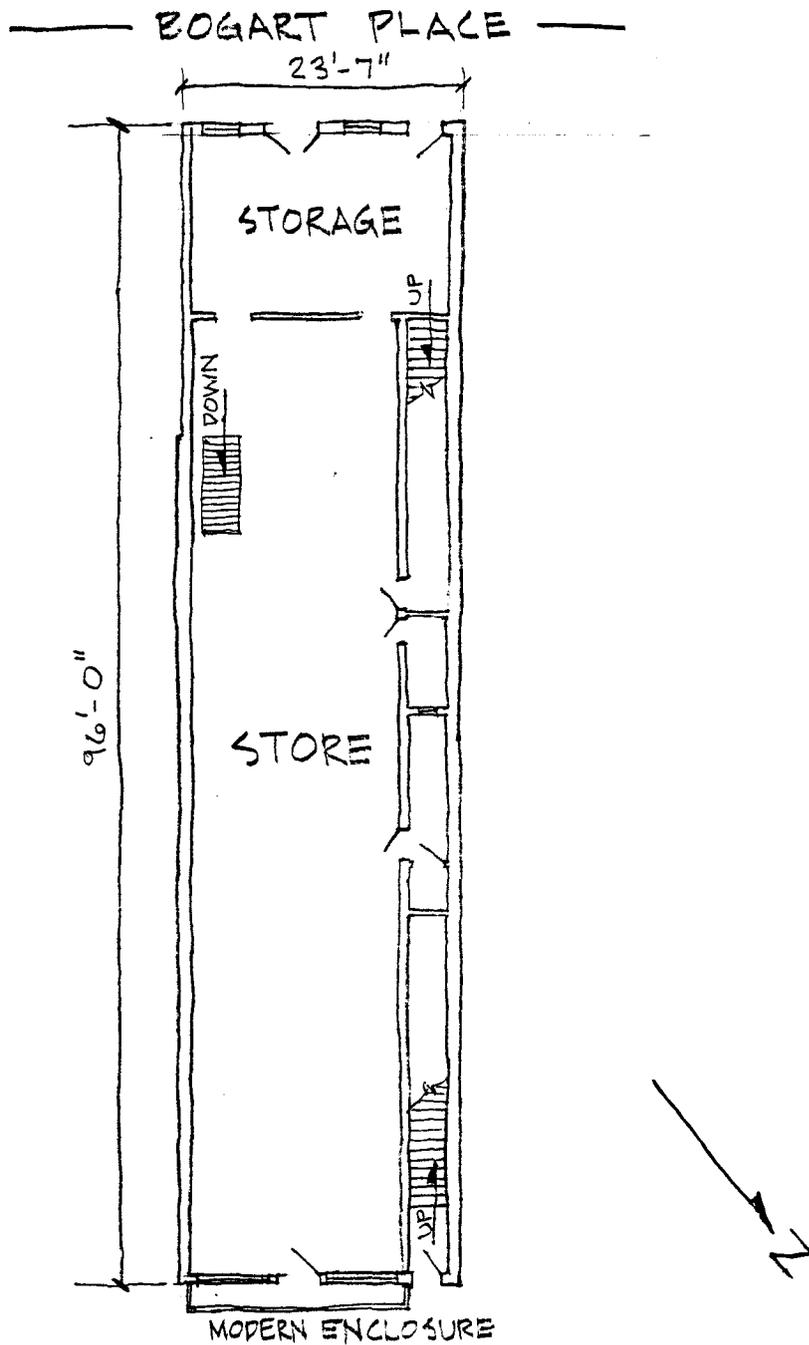
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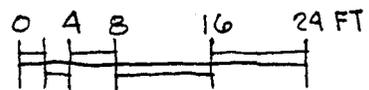


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