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Location: 304 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444190.4584100

Significance: 304 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 retains the scale and character of the post Civil War business district, in contrast to the twentieth century structure next door at 306-310 Lackawanna Avenue.

Description: This three story stuccoed brick structure faces Lackawanna Avenue. While the facade's first story has a recent storefront, its upper two stories retain their original segmentally arched windows with label molds at the heads. A heavy wooden cornice crowns the facade. The rear, which faces Bogart Place and the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad viaduct, is stuccoed brick with segmentally arched windows.

History: According to city atlases, this structure dates from 1884 to 1898, probably closer to the earlier date, to judge by stylistic evidence. An earlier building stood on the site as early as 1873. From 1873 until at least 1925 the site was occupied by the Goldsmith Brothers (at first Morris and Meyer and later Morris and Rudy), boot and shoe merchants.

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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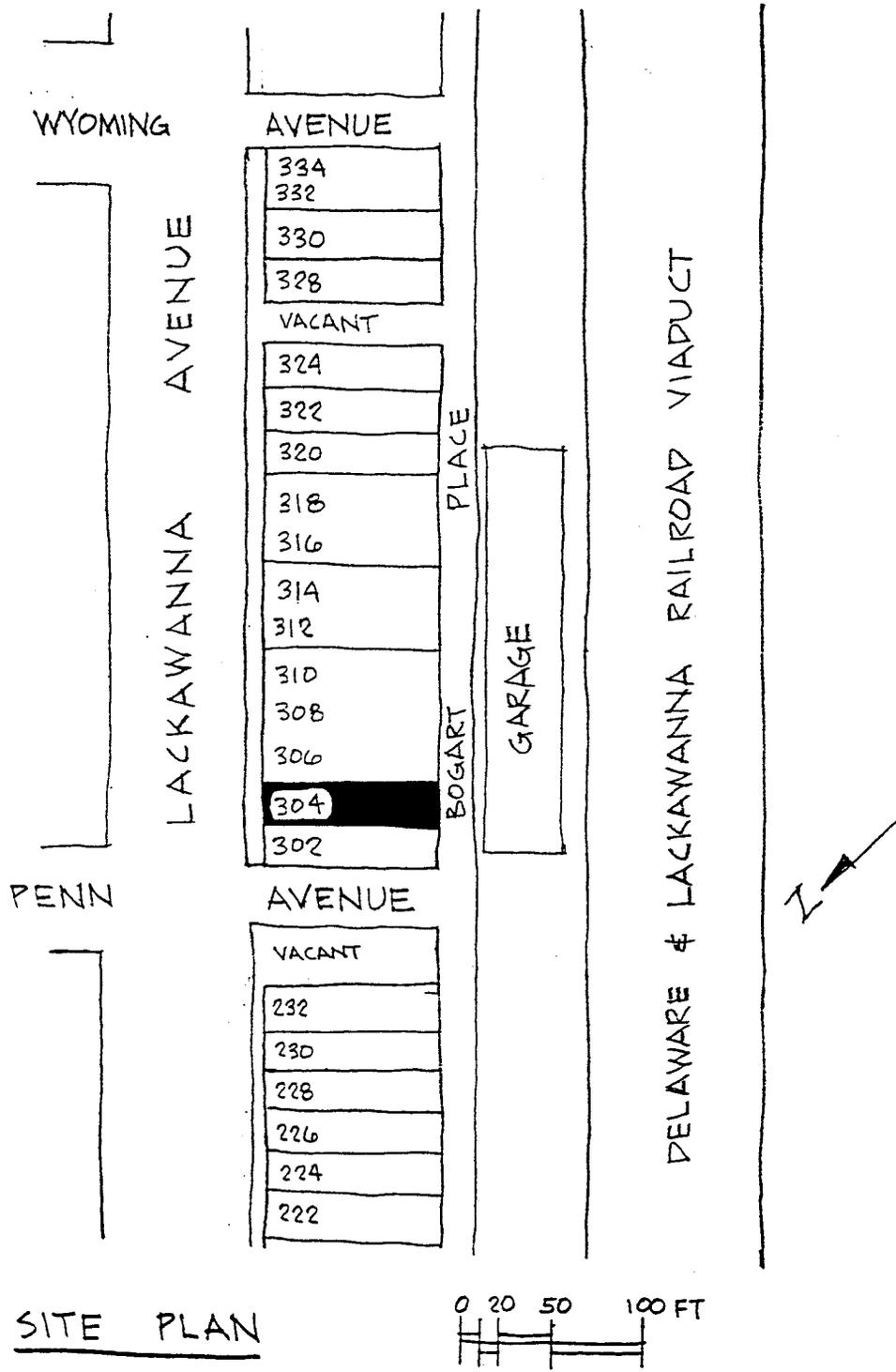
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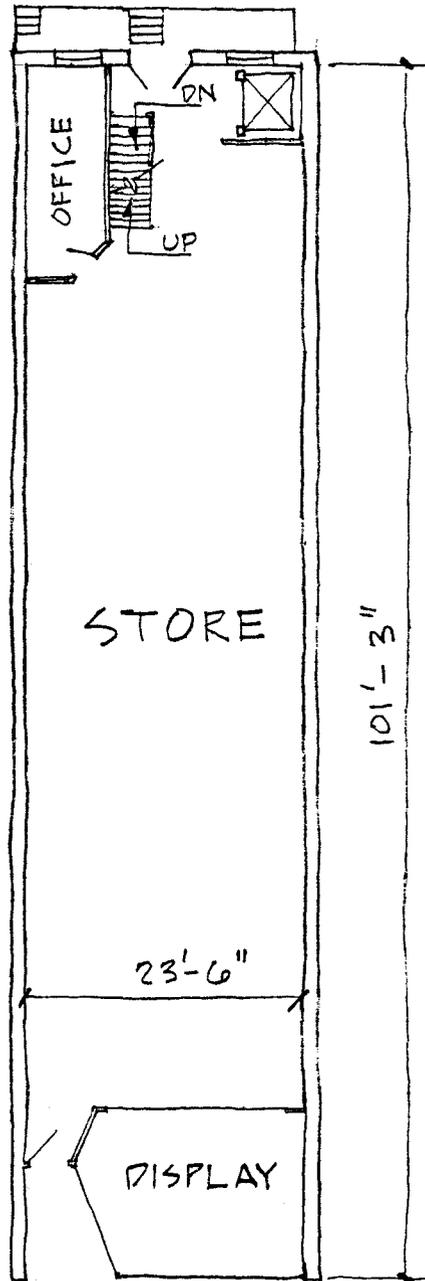
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