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Scranton
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Location: 320 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444230.4584060

Significance: 320 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. Its facade combines the period's twin desires for large area of glass and historic revival styles, in this case an Adamesque mode.

Description: The building is four stories high and three bays wide. Its facade of stone and sheet metal faces Lackawanna Avenue. The first story front is modern, but the upper stories have their original large windows and attenuated applied orders. The uppermost frieze is decorated with Adamesque swags and a shell. The brick rear faces Bogart Place and the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad viaduct.

History: 420 Lackawanna Avenue was constructed between 1884 and 1898, probably late in that period, to judge by its style and comparison with other buildings on the block. Originally the building's parapet held urns and balls, linking it aesthetically with the earlier building at 316-318 Lackawanna. For most of its history the store held Matthew Brothers, wholesale and retail druggists. The present building replaced an earlier three story structure, also owned by Matthew Brothers, which was on the site as early as 1873.

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.

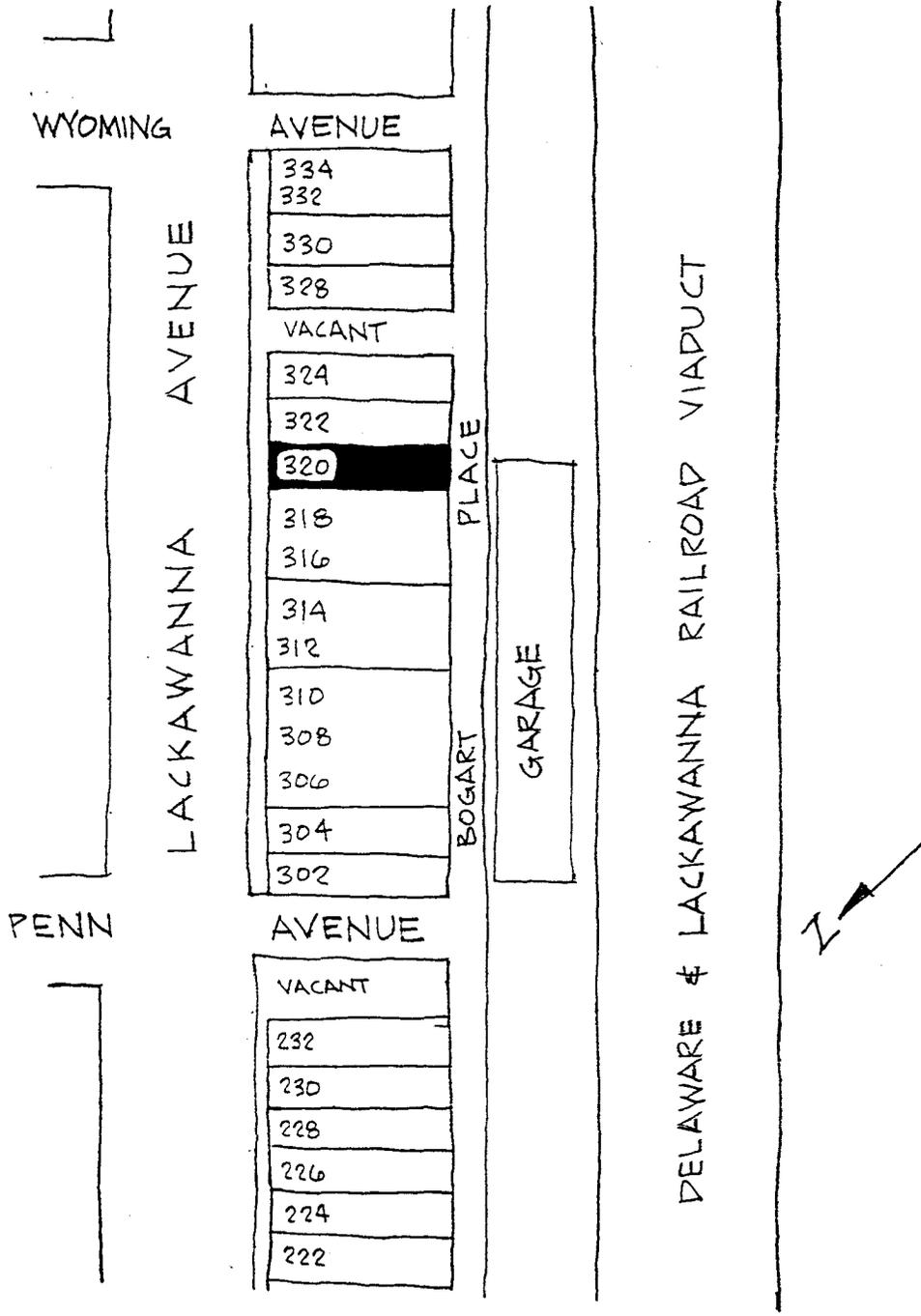
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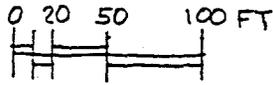
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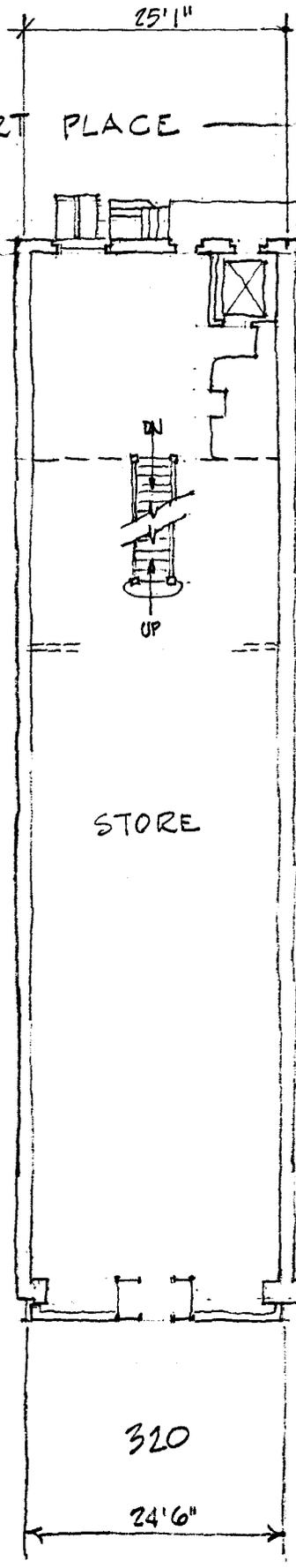
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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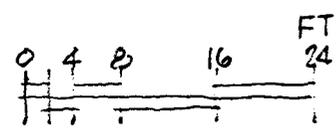


11'6"

STORE

320

24'6"



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