

322 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Commercial Building)  
Scranton  
Lackawanna County  
Pennsylvania

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Location:      322 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County  
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.444240.4584050

Significance:      322 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. This building, constructed  
                         in the early twentieth century, displays the  
                         period's fondness for large areas of glass and  
                         minimal structure on commercial facades.

Description:      Tall and narrow, this six story building, with its  
                         facade of stone and sheet metal, faces Lackawanna  
                         Avenue. The first story front is recent, but the  
                         original facade survives above. It has a  
                         composition that accentuates its height: the first  
                         story stands (and always stood) alone; the next  
                         two stories are linked into one; while the top  
                         three stories are similarly linked; making each  
                         successive unit progressively taller. The  
                         horizontal composition also has rhythm, with  
                         alternating wide and narrow bays and large and  
                         small piers. A hint of the orders in the  
                         detailing cannot hide the essentially modern  
                         delight in undecorated structure, common in tall  
                         building design in this era. The rear elevation  
                         is made of brick and faces Bogart Place and the  
                         Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad viaduct.

History:      The building was constructed soon after 1910 and  
                         has contained a variety of commercial  
                         establishments during its history. It replaced a  
                         four story structure erected in the late  
                         nineteenth century, which in turn replaced a three  
                         story, mid-nineteenth century building.

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.

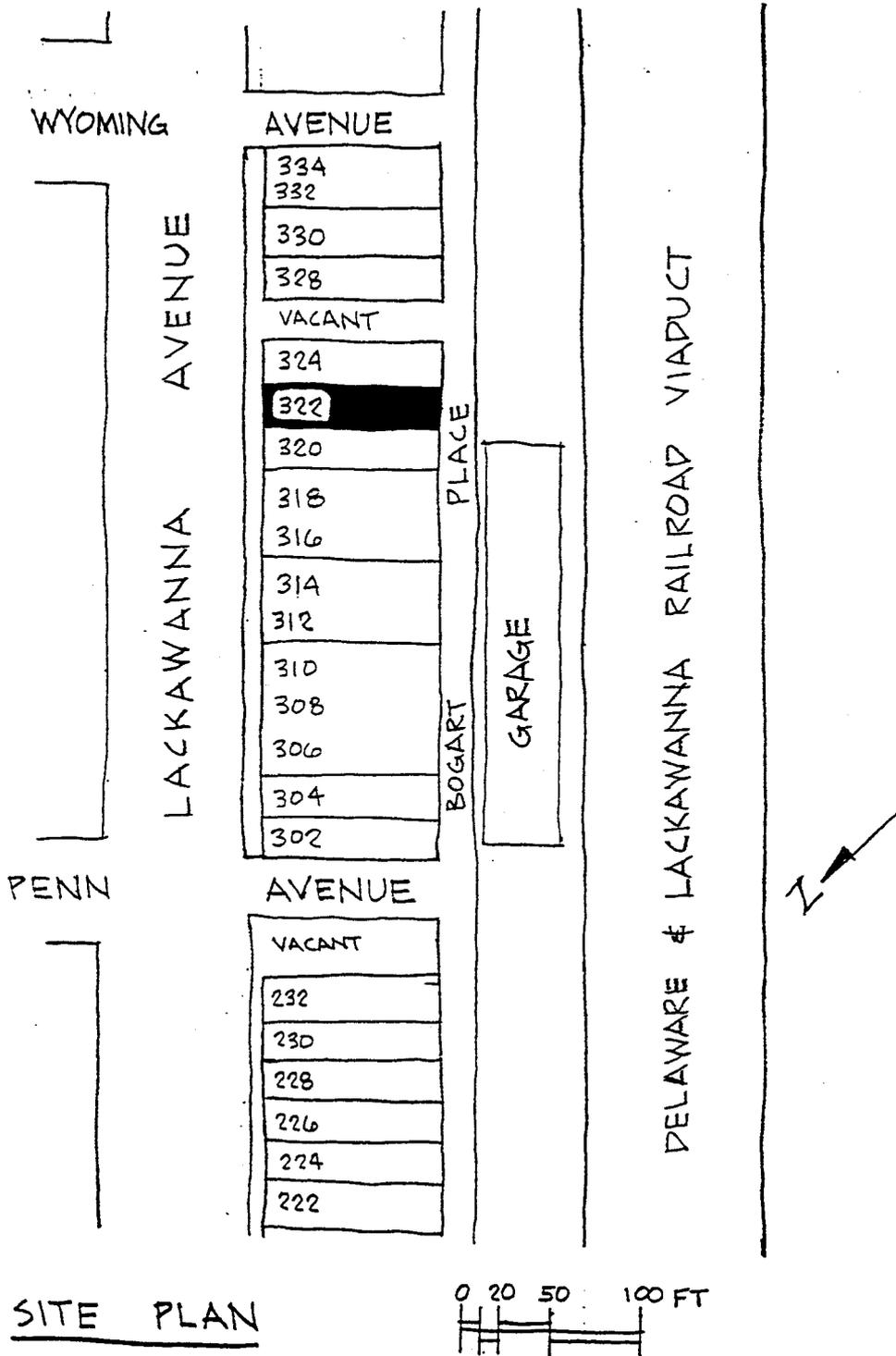
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Sources:

- Lackawanna Avenue Commercial Historic District. National Register of Historic Places nomination form, 1983.
- Sanborn Atlases of Scranton, Sanborn Map Company, 1955 (updated to 1973), 1898 (updated to 1910), and 1884.
- Photo of Parade, c.1902-05, Lackawanna Historical Society, #STSC 91-P.
- Scranton City Directories, 1956, 1925, 1902, 1884, 1873.

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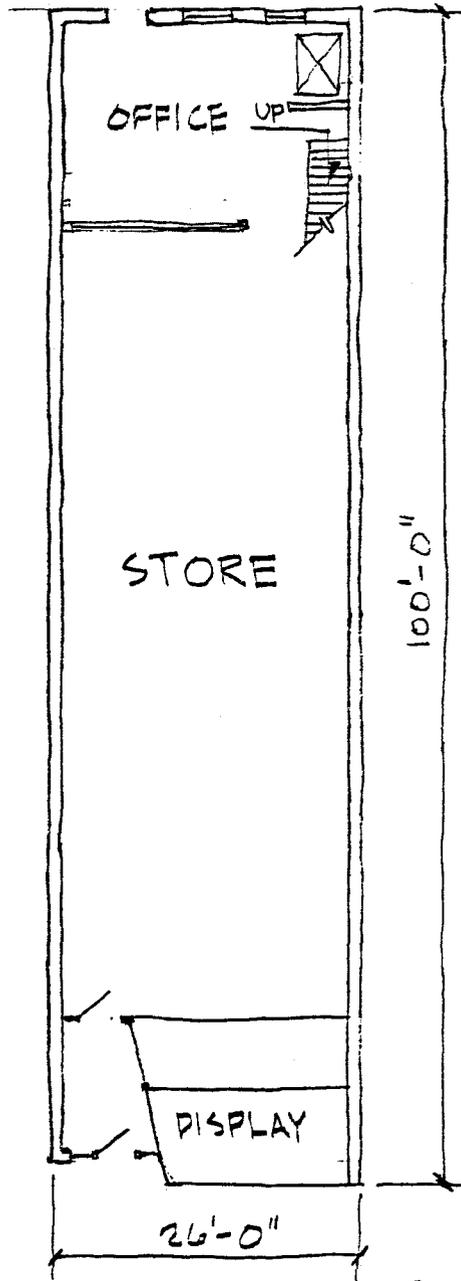


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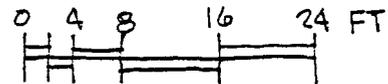
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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— BOGART PLACE —



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