

422 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Commercial Building)
Scranton
Lackawanna County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 422 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444350.4583950

Significance: 422 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. What remains of the
 original facade recalls the great openness and the
 classical revival styling typical of that period.

Description: This four story commercial building retains its
 brick and sheet metal facade on the third and
 fourth stories, complete with delicate
 colonnettes, classical moldings, and a balustraded
 parapet. The first and second stories have a
 recent storefront. The rear is brick with
 segmentally arched windows.

History: As recorded on the orb in the fourth floor
 tympanum, the building's present form dates from
 1901, when it was owned by the First National
 Bank. The detailing on the rear suggests that at
 least parts of an older four story building
 survive. This earlier Italianate building (which
 appears in a photograph of the 1890s) had been
 occupied for decades by Coursen, Clemens & Co.,
 crockery dealers. The building has housed various
 stores during the twentieth century.

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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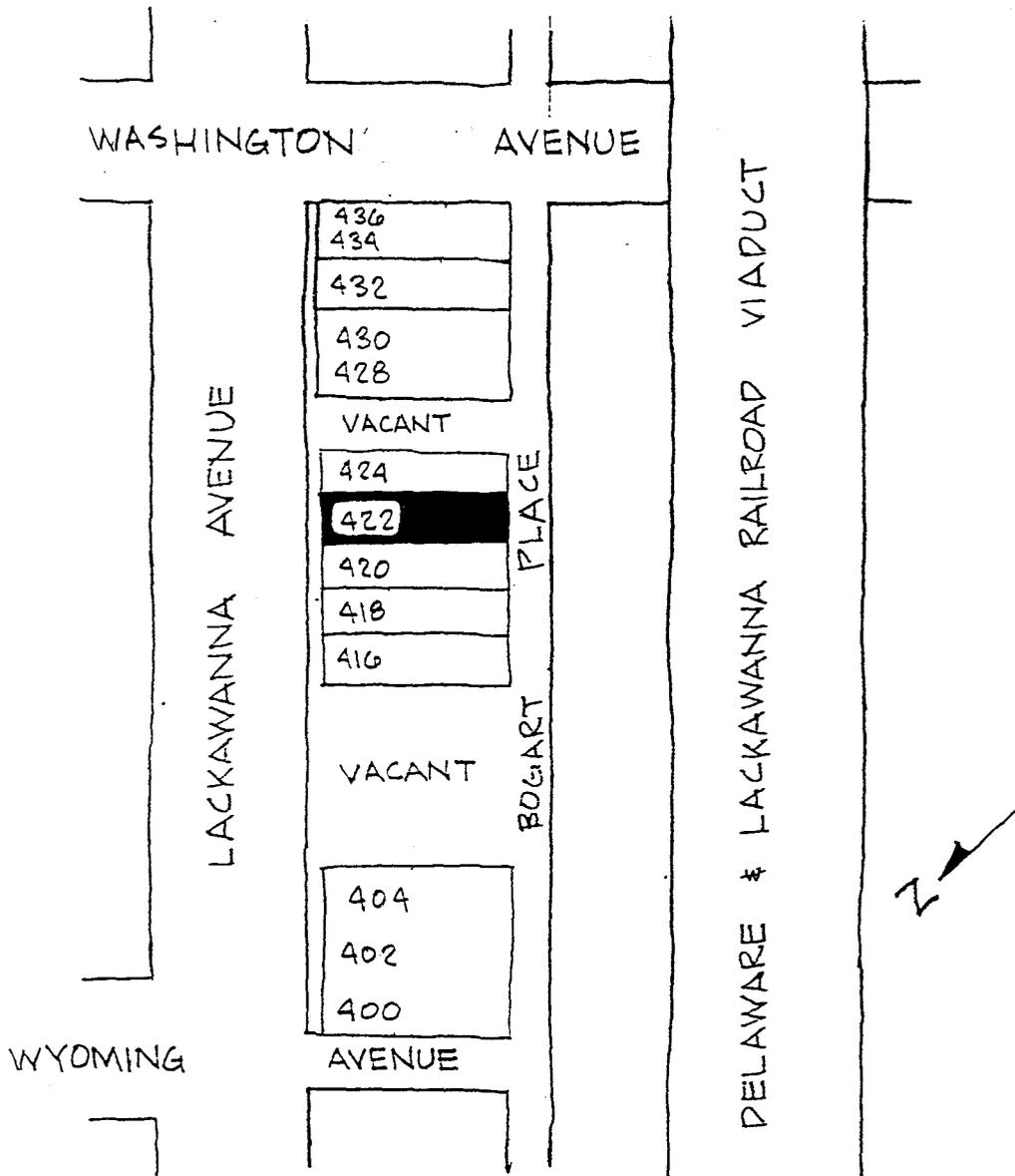
Sources:

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- G.M. Hopkins, Atlas of Scranton, Philadelphia, 1877.
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- Photo of Lackawanna Avenue from Washington Avenue, northwest, Lackawanna Historical Society # STSC 91-P, c. 1890.

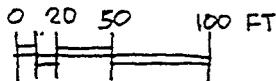
Historian:

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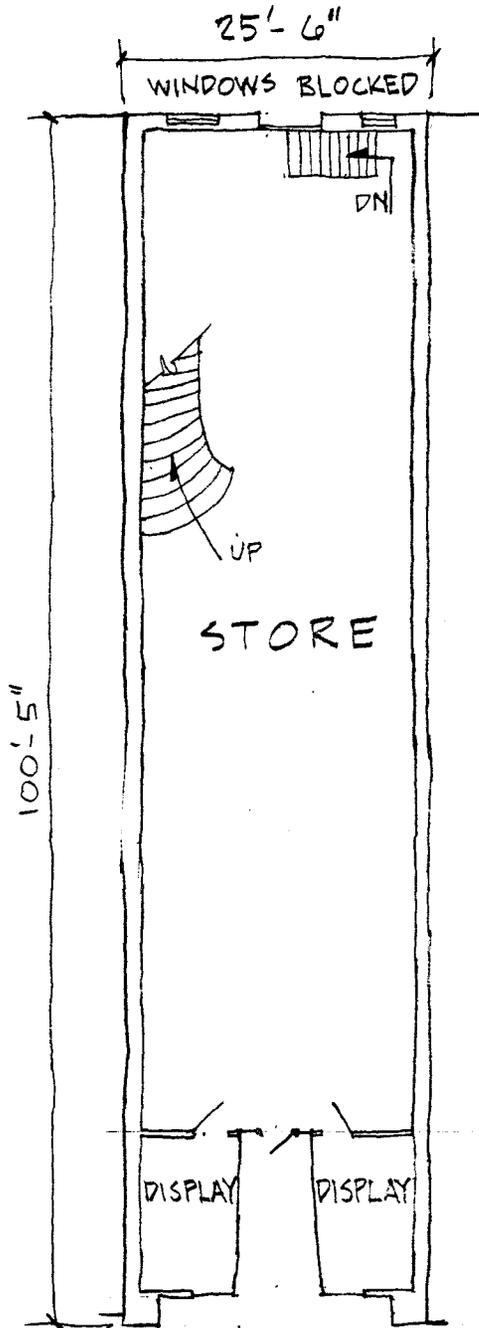
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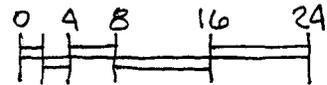
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