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Kalamazoo County
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Location: 202-208 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

USGS Kalamazoo Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
16.616720.4683040

Significance: This building was designed in the Italianate style, continuing in the mid-19th century trend in downtown Kalamazoo. The round arches and decorative hoods of the visible window openings of the second and third floors are distinctive remaining facade elements.

Description: This three-story building of Italianate style is the remaining portion of the structure which continued along Water Street. Door openings and a rough portion of the brick facade indicate a connection to a structure which has been removed. Brick piers at the exterior side of the north wall identify this as an interior wall of an older structure which has previously been demolished, and to which this commercial building was attached. Round arches and decorative hoods embellish all remaining visible window openings at the second and third floors. Cast iron columns support the first floor lintel and articulate a typical commercial storefront at the corner. Interior decoration has obscured all original storefront detail and materials. The upper two floors are divided into numerous rooms accessed off a central hall with a skylight providing natural light into the hall and open stair.

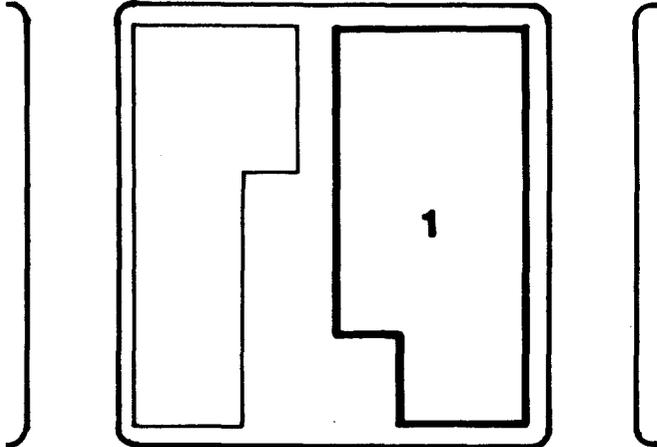
History: This building was built by Nicholas Baumann in 1881 and purchased by William Shakespeare in 1889. It became the home of the Shakespeare Company, world renowned for the invention of the modern reel and other pieces of fishing tackle. Following the move of the Shakespeare Company to bigger headquarters in 1952, the building was occupied by the Ideal Floor Covering Company; a succession of cocktail lounges rented the space from 1970 until purchase of the building by Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc., in 1990.

Source: Kalamazoo City and County Directory. Years - 1899, 1910, 1921, 1950, 1952, 1960, 1970-73, 1981, 1985. Abstract of Title, 202-208 N. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Historian: Victoria E. Hardy, ArtSoft Management Services
September 12, 1990



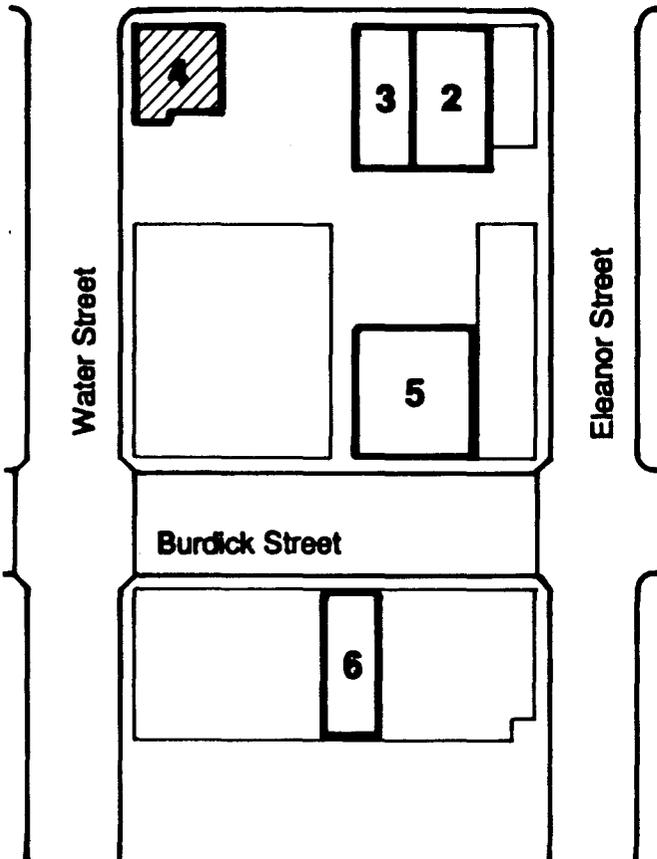
Church Street



Building Key:

- 1. 239-249 N. Rose Street
- 2. 240 N. Rose Street
- 3. 230 N. Rose Street
- 4. 202-208 N. Rose Street
- 5. 239-243 N. Burdick Street
- 6. 224-228 N. Burdick Street

Rose Street



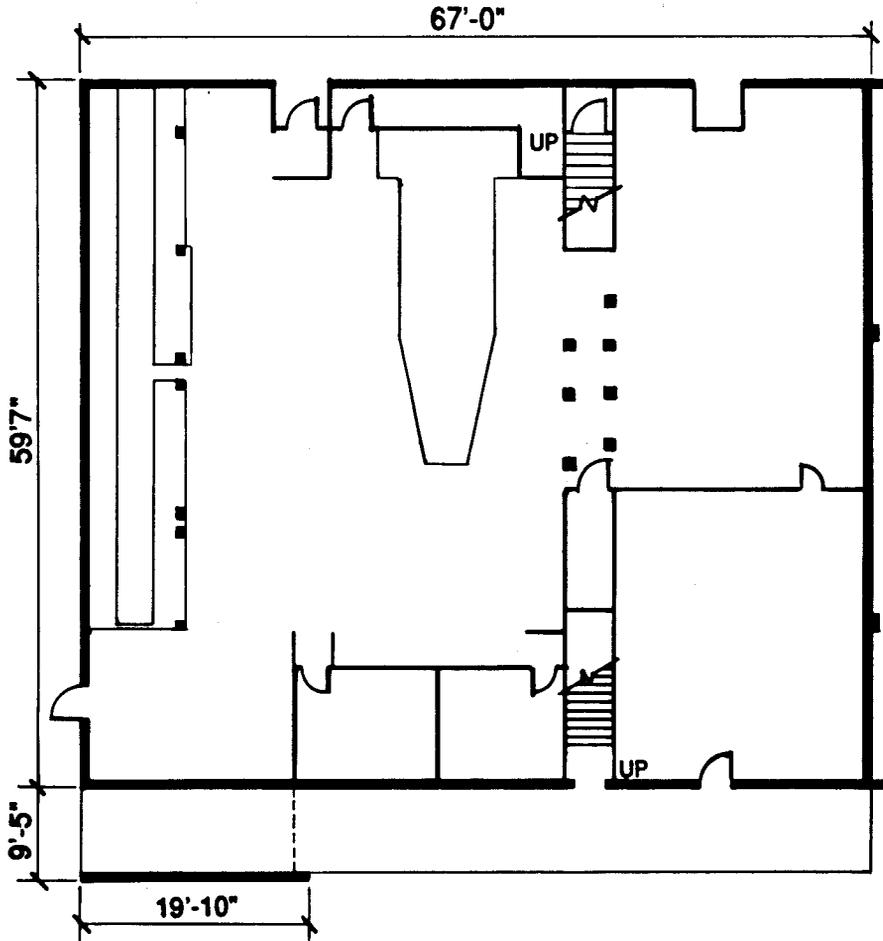
Water Street

Eleanor Street

Burdick Street

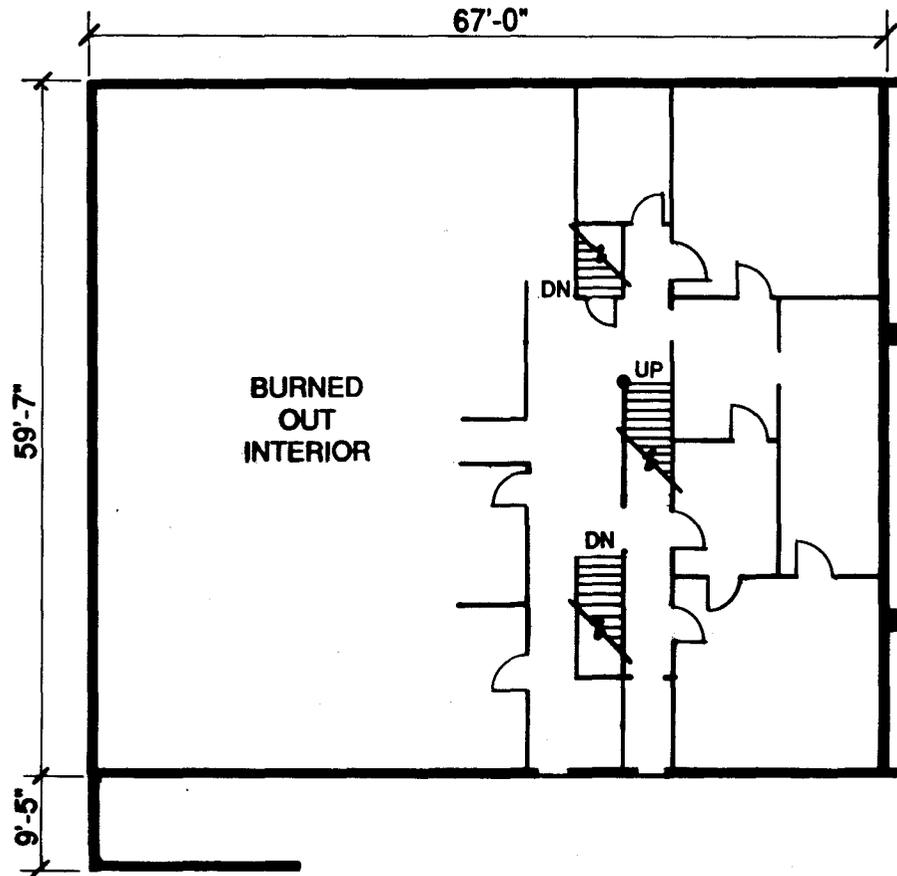


Location Map



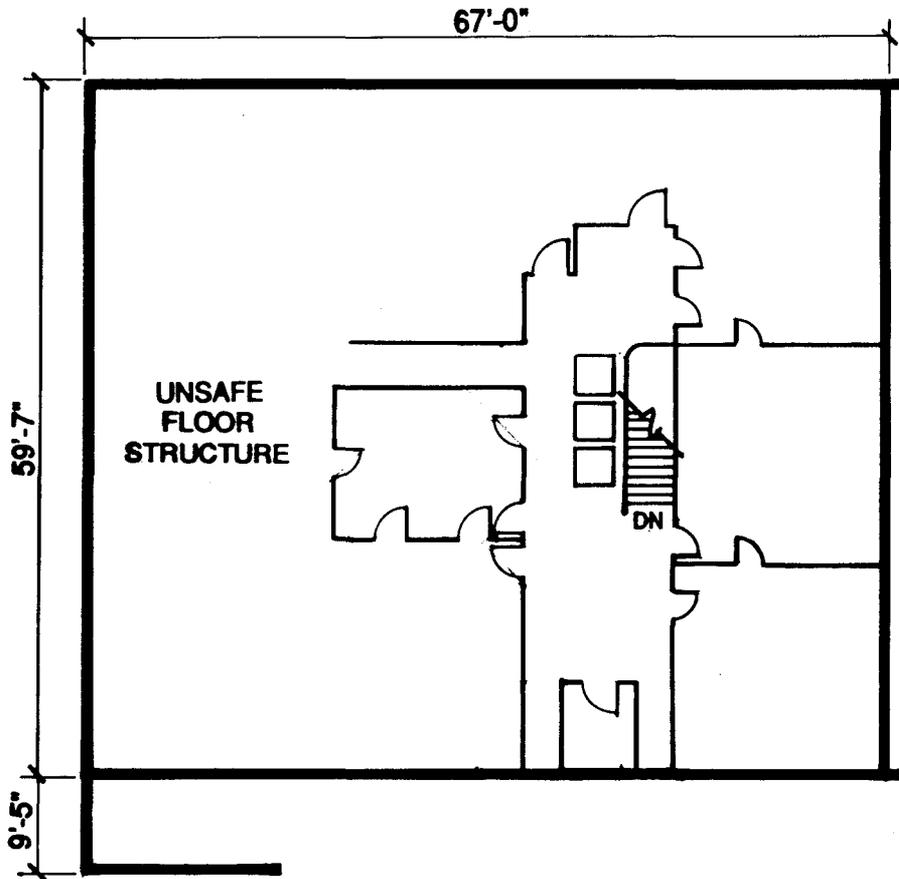
First Floor Plan

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Second Floor Plan

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Third Floor Plan

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