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Location: 414 Ludington Street
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USGS Escanaba, Michigan Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
16.495870.5065570

Significance: The first bank built in Escanaba, this two-story rectangular brick building is an example of late 19th Century commercial construction, highlighted by a facade at street level of glass and cast iron supporting a second floor richly articulated with recessed brick panels with stone belt coursings. A deep cornice caps the facade.

Description: The building faces Ludington Street, a through street one-third block east of North 5th Street, on the east end of downtown Escanaba's unique linear retail corridor which stretches some 23 blocks east and west. The brick framed structure has exposed brick on the east side of the building, however, the west side has been covered with a thin cement top coating. Originally there were buildings on both sides of the structure as well as the entire City block. The Delta Hardware Building was a two-story, 28,000 square foot brick structure located on the east side and encompassed 400-412 Ludington Street. This building was demolished in 1990. On the west side was a two-story wooden frame structure owned by Napoleon LaChapelle and built in 1880. It was also demolished at an unknown time. The height of the subject building is 37' high, 70' in length and 25' wide. There is 3,500 square feet of space in the building. The windows are wooden framed. The first floor interior is highlighted by floors of old ceramic tiles. Two of the three offices on the first floor also display decorative vault doors. Ceilings are made of lath and plaster materials, with the exception of the front office area which has an original ornate stamped copper ceiling that has been painted. The front and rear office area also retains an embossed linoleum wall covering that covers the bottom 6' of the 15'2" walls. The front office area is also highlighted with a decorative red marble fireplace and a vault door. Wood work is original carved victorian style. The second floor rooms have plaster painted walls, with victorian painted wood work.

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History:

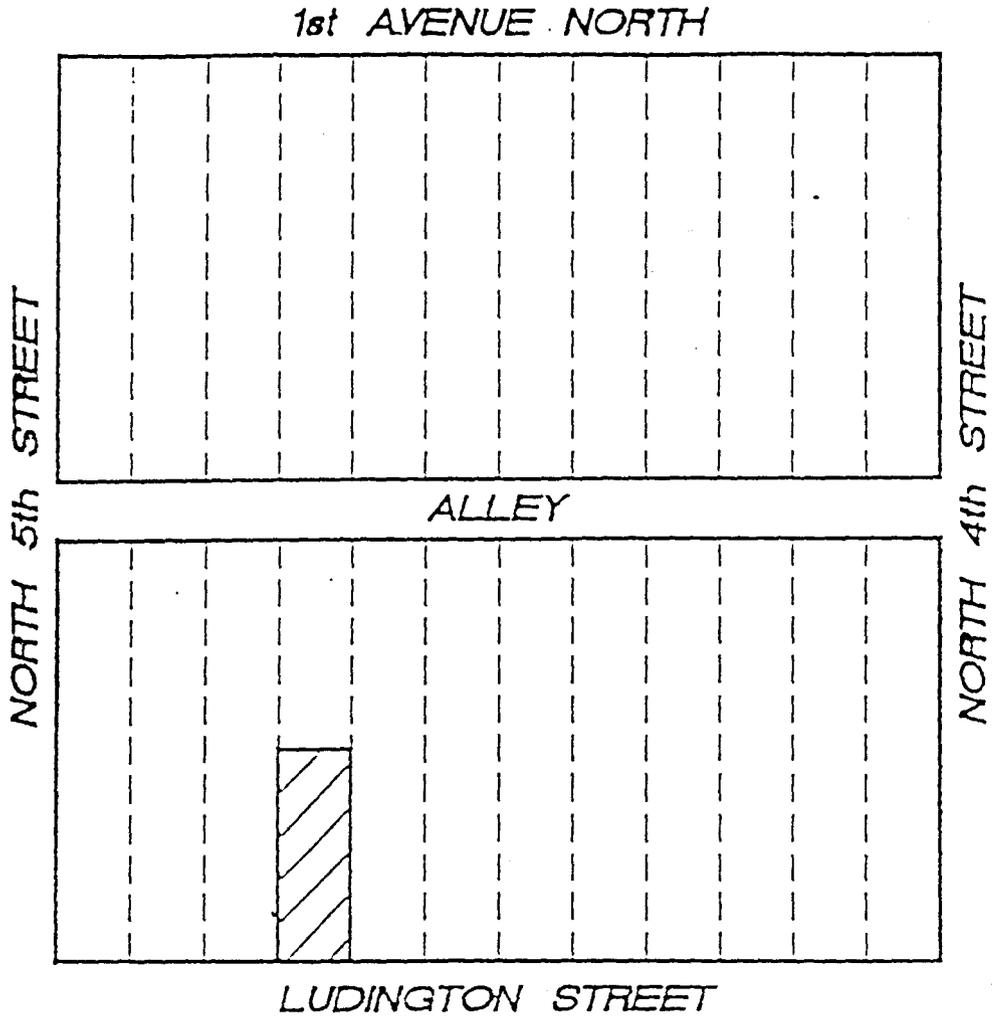
According to City tax records, the structure was built in 1886. Both floors were used for offices of the First National Bank until 1918. The bank vaults remain, but teller windows and other original bank decor were removed sometime after 1918. It is believed, but not confirmed that between 1918 until 1930 that the building housed a candy shop and later a Pet Shop. In 1930, the Sawyer-Stoll Timber Company began occupying the building and remained there until November 1993. The City of Escanaba purchased the building and the City block on February 15, 1990 as the site for a new City Hall. The building will be demolished in order to allow construction of a New City Hall/Library Complex at the 400 block of Ludington Street.

Sources:

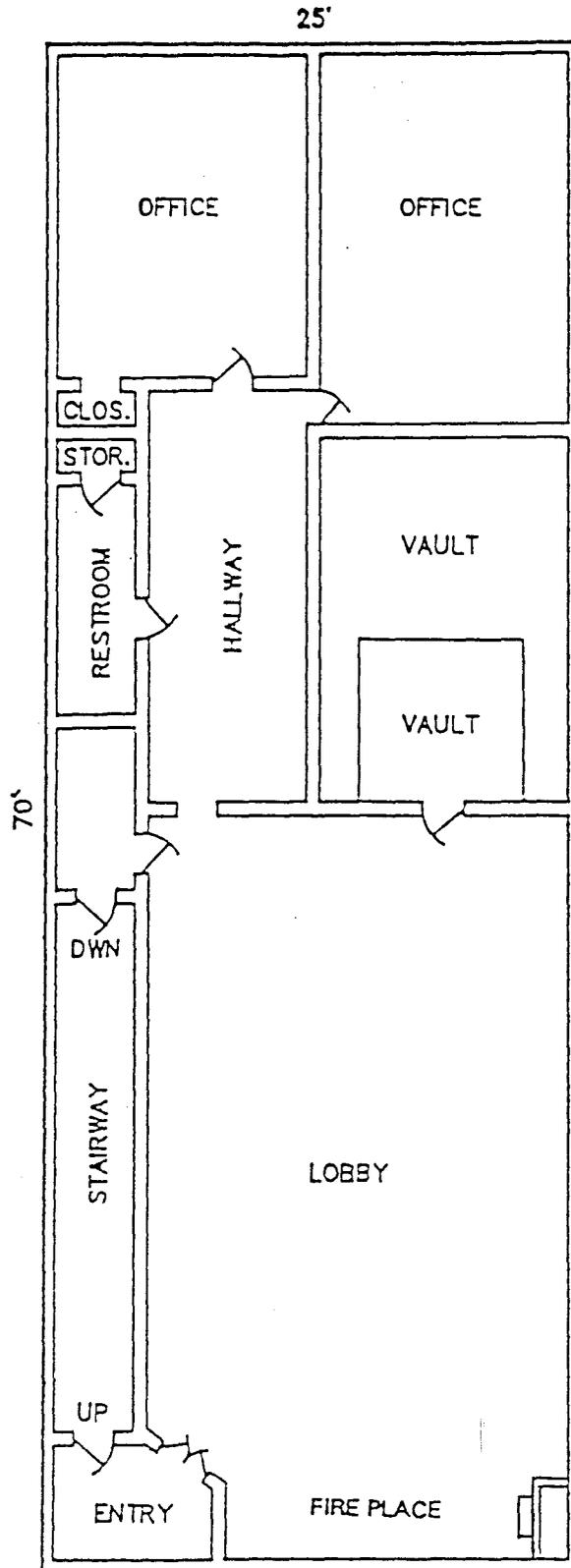
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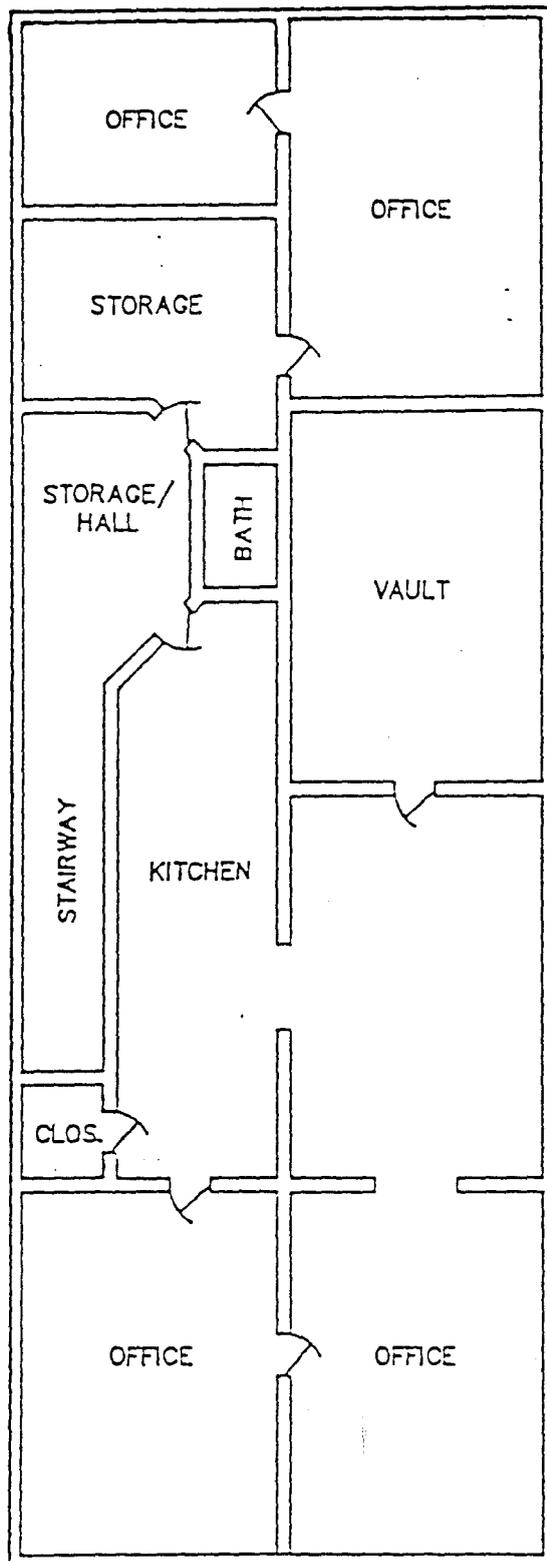


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1st Floor Plan

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2nd Floor Plan