

3 Winding Way (House)
West side of Winding Way
Binghamton
Broome County
New York

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Location: 3 Winding Way (west side of street)
Binghamton, Broome County, N.Y. 13905
UTM QUADRANGLE: BINGHAMPTON WEST
UTM REFERENCE: 18 424190 4661690

Present Owner: Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency (BURA)
4th Floor, City Hall
Governmental Plaza
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

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Present Occupant: None, to be demolished

Significance: 3 Winding Way is one of the largest of the "Dwightsville" cottages built by Walton Dwight during the early 1870's. This house is characterized by Swiss Gothic architecture and details. The roof is moderately peaked and displays a cross-tie ornament which was common to several of the cottage structures. There are two original porches, one in the front of the house and one along the north side of the structure each of which are decorated with lattis work, brackets and patterned vergeboards. During an undetermined period of time the building was divided into three apartments fixtures, were removed and many plaster board walls were added to change the original layout of the house. Still intact, however, are tin ceilings in various rooms throughout the house.

HISTORY OF 3 WINDING WAY

3 Winding Way is one of the largest of the "Dwight Place" cottages that was designed and built by Truman I. Lacey in 1873. Like the other houses and apartment buildings constructed in this development, 3 Winding Way was meant to provide affordable quality housing to the working class. The houses that were built along this street in particular "were especially designed for mechanics' houses."

For several years this property was rented on the basis of simple interest on its cost, after the turn of the century (approx. 1906) however, the property was sold and became an owner-occupied home until 1972, at which time it was purchased by the current owner and divided into 2 separate apartments.

PART II - ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: On the exterior this two-story structure is a good example of the Swiss-Gothic architecture that emerged between 1873 and 1876 in the Dwightville area.
2. Condition of Fabric: The exterior of this building is sided with clapboard, painted blue-grey with white trim. The siding and trim on this structure needs painting and some replacement along the foundation level (rotting developing). The roof is shingled with asphalt shingles that are in fair condition. The brick chimney is in good condition. The front porch is in good condition but, the lattice-like porch base has been removed due to vandalism & replaced by plywood, the upper trim along the porch roof remains intact. The cross-tie centerpiece that is characteristic to this style is intact but needs maintaining. The interior has been broken up into 3 apartments and was gutted almost completely after the tenants vacated the premises.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The layout of this structure is rectangular in shape. There is a front porch having a width of nineteen (19) feet, six inches and a depth of six (6) feet, zero (0) inches. The actual building face width measures twenty-two (22) feet, zero (0) inches; the overall width of the structure is thirty-four (34) feet, zero (0) inches. There is a porch along the north side of the building that is three (3) feet, zero (0) inches in width and ten (10) feet, six (6) inches in length. Excluding the front porch the building is forty-four (44) feet in depth. The approximate height of this structure is thirty-two (32) feet from level ground to the peak of the roof.
2. Foundation: Concrete, one (1) foot, six (6) inches thick.
3. Walls: Wood-frame with light members, sided with clapboard and painted blue-grey with white trim. The building is accented with a cross-tie centerpiece at the peak of the roof and decorative trim above several windows.
4. Structural System: Wood-frame with light construction; balloon construction.

5. Porch: Wood construction, ornamental strip along the porch roof line is the only decorative feature kept. Roof (asphalt shingled) is supported by four (4) posts all in fair condition. Side porch is constructed and decorated in the same method.
6. Chimney: Brick, rectangular shaped and centrally located.
7. Openings: Refer to Drawings 1-4 for locations and widths of various openings. All windows and doors are trimmed with three (3) inch wood molding that is painted white and has no distinct detail.
8. Roof: Gabled roof, two slopes having the same pitch.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans: Refer to Drawings 1-4 for room dimensions and original uses.
2. Stairways: There are two stairways in this structure: front entry and attic (refer to Drawings 1-4 for locations). The front entry stairs are hardwood in construction and include a complete spindle bannister, the stairway has been painted several times and steps show extreme wear. The attic stairs are pine with a narrow pine railing, they are unpainted and worn. Access to the basement is through a ground level door in the rear of the building.
3. Flooring: Basement floor is concrete. First and second floors have hardwood floors in all rooms except the kitchen areas (linoleum) and bathrooms (tile or linoleum), all are in poor condition. The attic is only partially floored with pine boards, the remainder of the attic is open rafters.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finishes: The original walls and ceilings were hard finished horse hair plaster which over the years were painted or wallpapered.
5. Openings: (See Drawings 1-4 for locations & widths).
 - (a) Doorways and Doors: All of the doorways in the house are eight (8) feet in height and surrounded by 3-5 inch, carved or layered wood moldings. At the top of each door frame, there are 2-1/2 inch medallion shape carvings in each corner.

(b) Windows: Sash type windows, all measuring approximately five (5) feet in height from the bottom of the window to the top (molding width included). Each of the windows begin twenty-one (21) inches from the floor level. All windows are surrounded by three (3) inch molding.

6. Decorative Features and Trim: While remodeling the building all decorative features were removed and plasterboard walls were put in place. One tin ceiling remains in the dining room on the first floor, it has a rectangular pattern.

7. Hardware: Hardware on doors and windows include common window latches and hinges. All other hardware is modern.

8. Mechanical Equipment:

(a) Heating: The original heating system was a coal burning furnace that distributed warm air throughout the house by way of air ducts on all levels of the structure except the attic. This system was later replaced by a gas burning furnace.

(b) Lighting: Designed with gas lighting on all floors and was later replaced with electricity.

(c) Plumbing: Had complete plumbing service from time of construction to present use, included: hot and cold running water, sewer and waste water hookups. Original pipes were galvanized steel pipe and later replaced by copper.

PART III - SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Original Architectural Drawings: None available.

B. Early Views:

1. Birds Eye View of Binghamton 1882 - provided building locations and early street configurations.

C. Interviews: None.

D. Bibliography:

1. Primary and Unpublished Sources:

- a. Broome County Historical Society. Dwightsville Historic File. Located at: Roberson Center for the Arts, Binghamton, N.Y.
- b. Foote, Keith G. Sanford O. Lacey. SUNY Binghamton, Department of Art History. 1980.
- c. Office of Developmental and Community Services. Dwightsville Historic File. Located in: City of Binghamton Planning Division, 4th Floor, City Hall, Binghamton, New York 13901

2. Secondary and Published Sources:

- a. Binghamton Daily Times. "Dwight Place". Binghamton Daily Times, March 9, 1974.
- b. Blumenson, John J.G. Identifying American Architecture. Nashville: American Association for State and Local History. 1973.

E. Site Inspection: This structure was visited by staff members and complete notes and measurements were taken at this time. February 3-5, 1986.

PART IV - PROJECT INFORMATION

This structure lies within the eastern end of the Clinton Street Redevelopment Project area and this 4.4 acre portion of the parcel will be used for a commercial plaza project. The following is a physical description of this project:

Project Name: Dwight Block Supermarket Project

Development Group: Nat C. Rose, Incorporated
Walter Rose, Developer

Project Location: Parcel at the eastern end of the Clinton Street Redevelopment Project Area, located near the northwestern intersection of Front Street and Clinton Streets. (see map on following page)

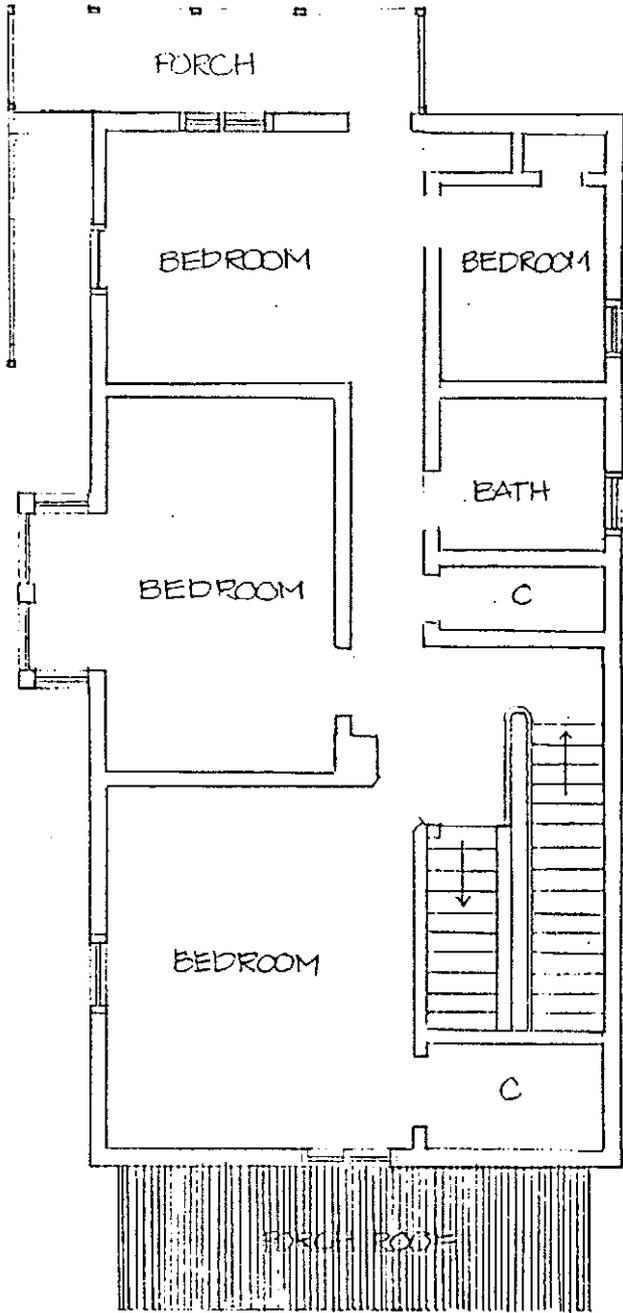
Business Type: Commercial Plaza to include:
Supermarket 35,000 sq. ft.
Drugstore 15,000 sq. ft.
Total 50,000 sq. ft.

Parking Spaces: 300 total spaces.

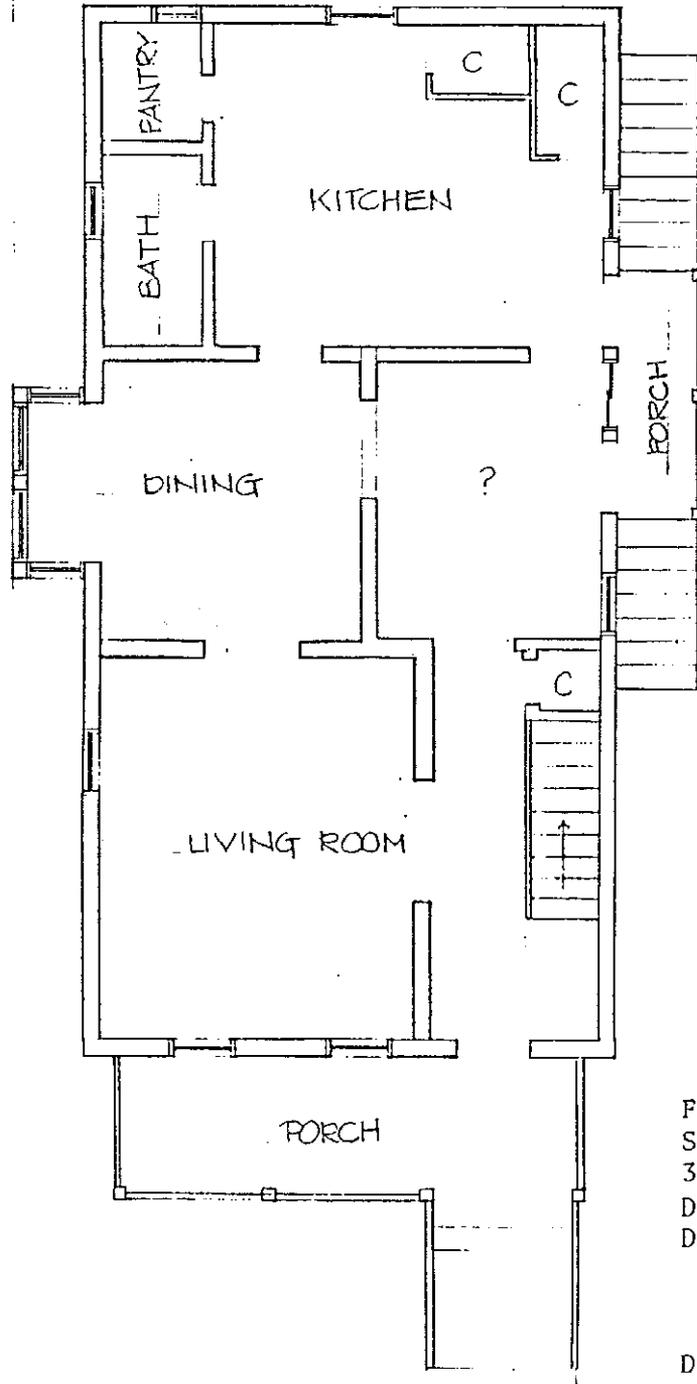
City Agency Involved: Urban Renewal Agency (BURA)

Federal Involvement: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Federal Funds needed to acquire site and for residential and commercial relocation.

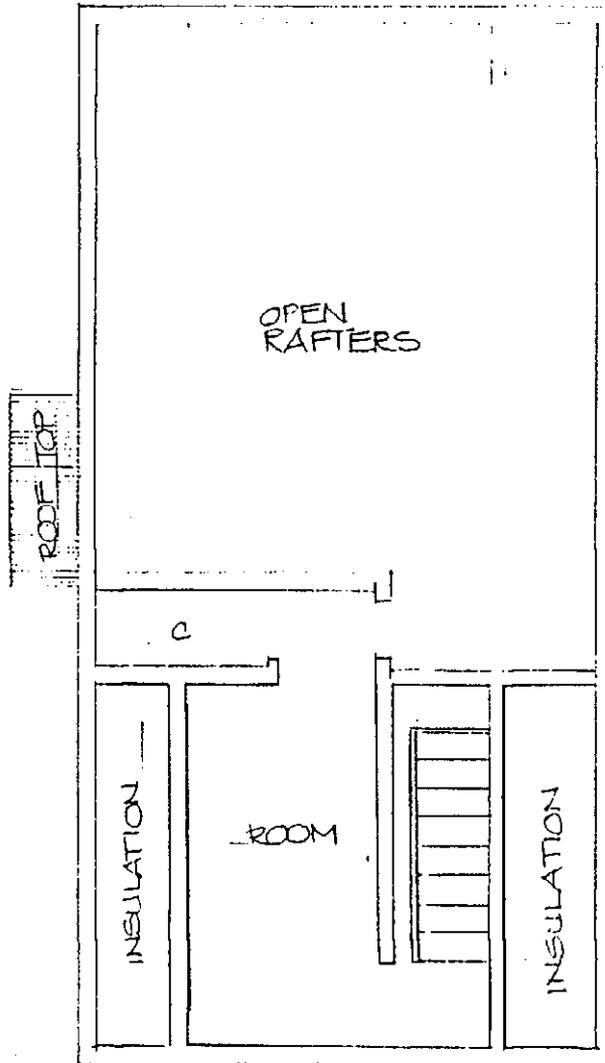
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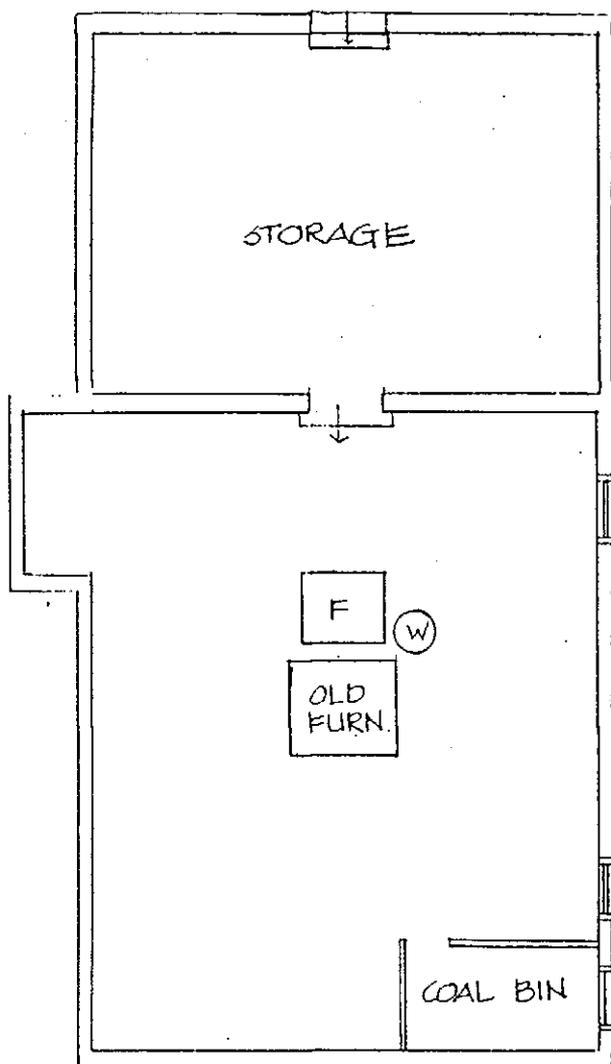
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Scale: 1/8" = 1'0"
3 Winding Way
Drawn by Laurie Kimball
Date: 6/27/86



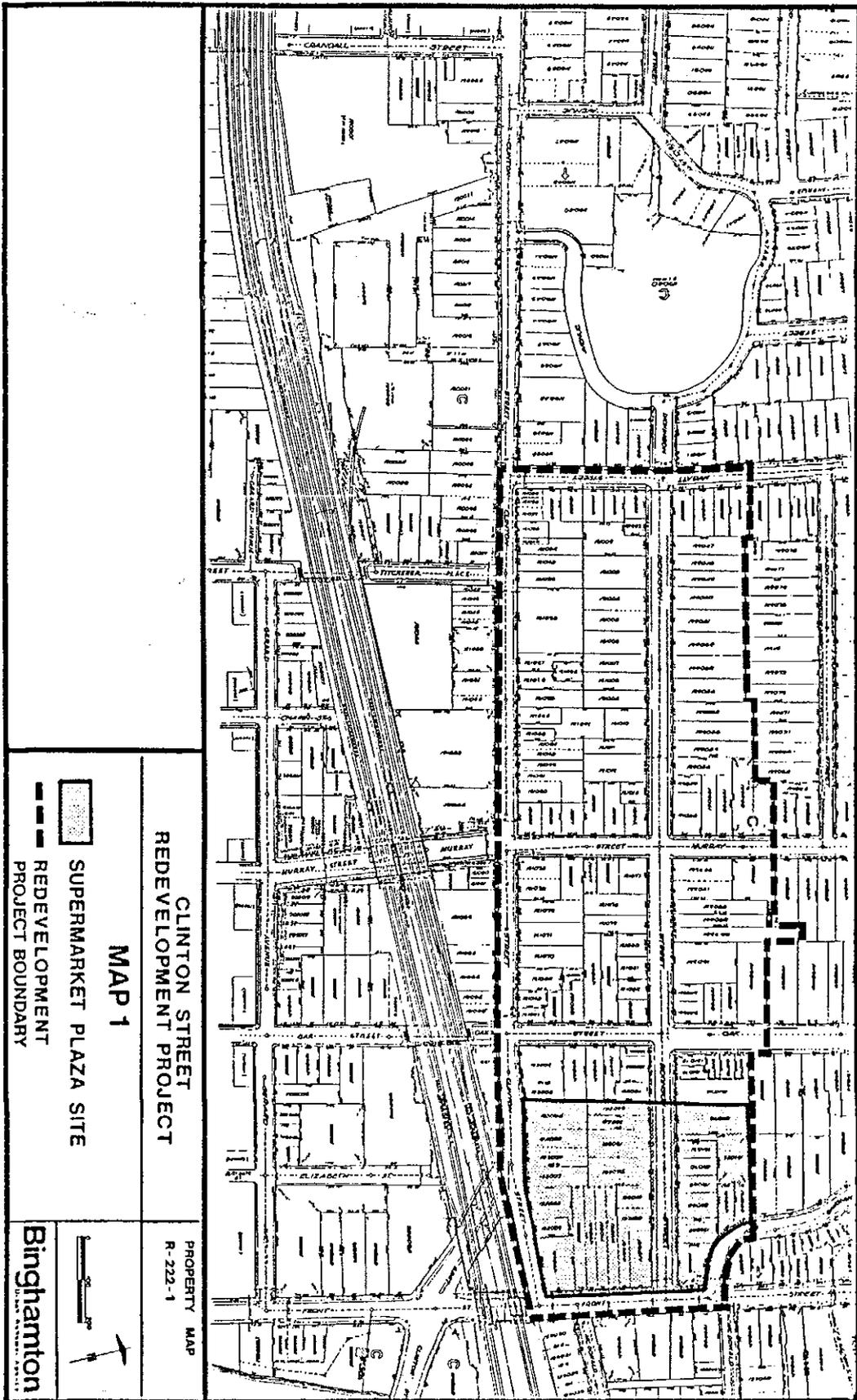
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Basement Plan
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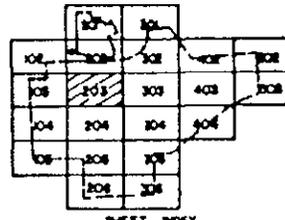


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- INDIVIDUAL TREE
- TREE AREA
- FENCE
- DRAINAGE
- SWAMP
- RETAINING WALL
- BUILDING
- RAILROAD
- POLE
- PARKING AREA
- POOL

COORDINATE GRID BASED ON NEW YORK STATE
 PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, CENTRAL ZONE.
 MAPPING IS BASED ON THE TRANSVERSE
 MERCATOR PROJECTION.

Location Plan 3 Winding Way



**City of
 BINGHAMTON**
 BROOME COUNTY NEW YORK
 PLANIMETRIC MAP

