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(Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company), Building 47)
South side of Prospect Street
West side of Church Street
Amsterdam
Montgomery County
New York

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Location: Prospect Street
Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York
Quad: Amsterdam, New York, 1:24,000
UTM: 18.566350.4754220

Present Owner: Industries For Amsterdam, Inc.
P.O. Box 823
Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York 12010

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The existing building was built as a part of Sanford Carpet Company in 1893 and was used for wool yarn storage. Sanford Carpet Company was one of the largest carpet plants in the United States at one time. This building was sold in 1929 and became part of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company. It was then sold in 1955 to the Grossman Company.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date(s) of erection: 1893
2. Architect: Unknown
3. Original and subsequent owners: Sanford Carpet Company, S. Sanford & Sons; Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, Grossman, Industries For Amsterdam.
4. Builder, Contractor, Suppliers: Unknown
5. Original plans and construction: Not available
6. Alterations and additions: None

B. Historical Context:

This building was built in 1893 and was used for wool yarn storage.

This building was built of brick and is 70' x 55' x 24' high.

Wool yarn stored in this building was used to make carpet that was used world wide to cover floors in private homes, hotels, theaters, trains, airplanes and cruise ships.

This building had the latest equipment needed for the storage of wool yarn.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: Building #47 is a two story factory structure located in a cluster of mill buildings of the same style.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: The entire structure is 24' high x 70' long x 55' wide. Each story is 14' high.
2. Foundations: Foundation walls are rough cut limestone ashlar. Interior basement column foundations are also rough cut limestone ashlar.
3. Walls: The walls are entirely common brick both interior and exterior. The walls are reinforced with brick pilasters. Pilasters project to the exterior and interior with rounded corners. The walls are unadorned except for corbeled series of triangular brick projections forming a frieze under the corbeled brick cornice.
4. Structural System Framing: The brick walls are load bearing on both interior and exterior, with wooden posts in the interior. The framing is of wood trusses and wood beams.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and Doors:
 1. Entry doors are pairs of panel type doors in arched brick openings. Buildings #46 and #47 connect by use of a common wall.
 - b. Windows:
 1. Windows are rounded top, double-hung, inset in three brick high rowlock coursed brick arches.
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The roofs are flat, sloping away from the facades and are built up coal tar felt covered with a coating of pitch. Roofs pitch down to the Chauctanunda Creek East of the building.
 - b. Cornice: The cornice is a continuous horizontal brick band made up of four courses of brick corbelled to set out from the top of the wall over the frieze.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans:

- a. Main Floor: Divided into open bays by wood columns spaced approximately thirty feet apart.

2. Flooring: Flooring is concrete.

3. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The walls are exposed common painted brick surfaces. The wood columns, beams and ceiling boards have a painted finish.

4. Openings:

- a. Windows: There are no windows in this building.

- b. Doorways and Doors: These openings of double panel type doors have rounded brick corners and arched lintels and lead to Building #46.

5. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features of this building.

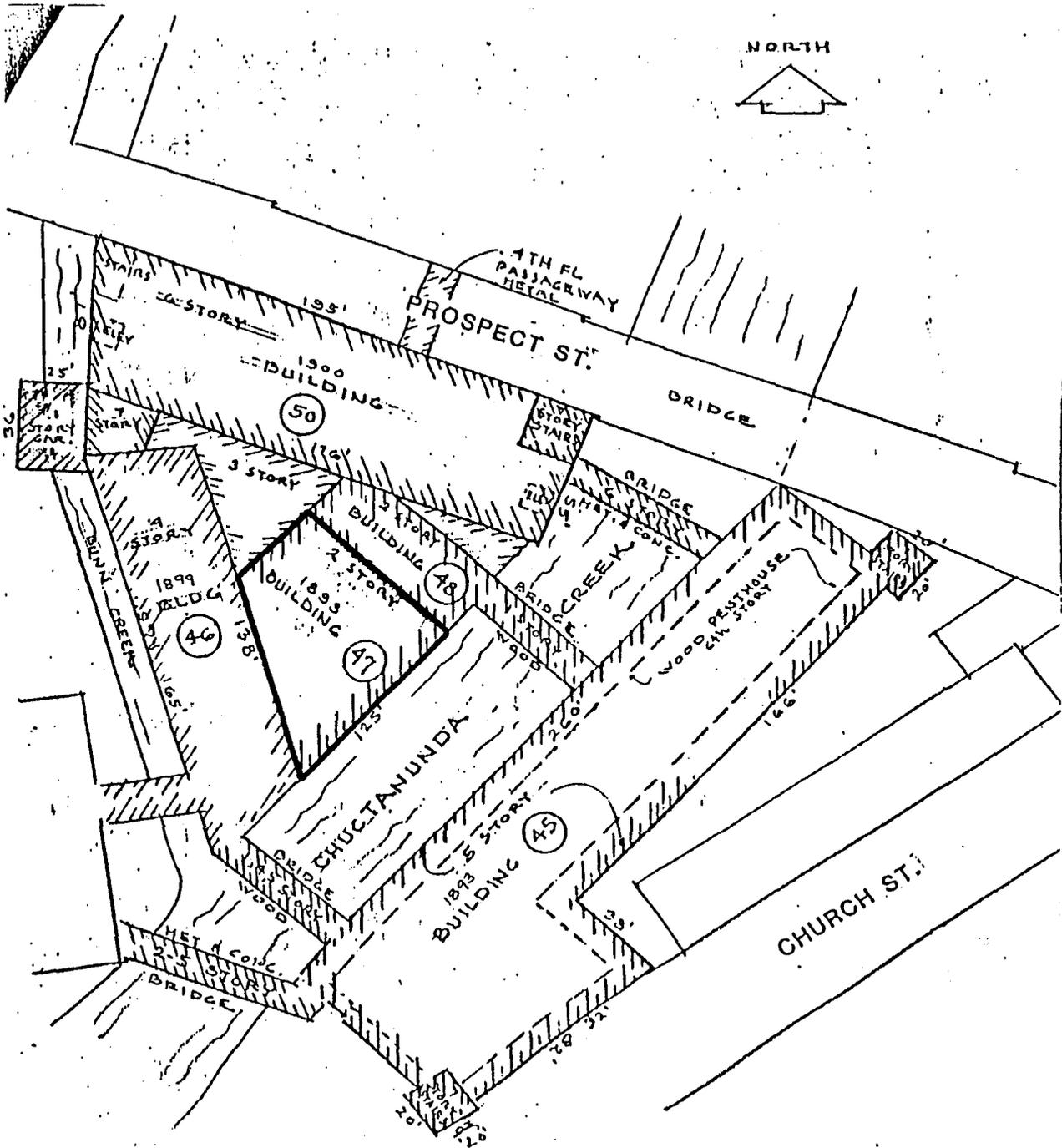
6. Hardware: Little hardware is evident.

7. Mechanical Equipment: Original heating was from parallel steam piping with steam supplied from a central boiler plant. Little of the old radiator piping is in evidence.

Project Information

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SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1"=50'

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