

312-314 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Commercial Building)
Scranton
Lackawanna County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 312-314 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444210.4584080

Significance: 312-314 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. Its facade combines the
period's twin desires for large expanses of glass
and historic revival styles, in this case an
Adamesque mode.

Description: The four story commercial block faces Lackawanna
Avenue, with its rear on Bogart Place and the
Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad viaduct. The
facade, composed of stone piers and sheet metal
decoration defining large areas of glass, is
divided bilaterally, reflecting the interior
structural division. Each half has a tripartite
division. The upper two floors have delicate
applied orders ornamented with Adamesque swags.
The first story storefronts are modern. The rear
elevation and the party walls are brick.

History: The present building dates from circa 1902-05. It
was probably built by the Household Outfitting
Company which later expanded into 306-310
Lackawanna, to which it now connects internally.
Earlier the site had been occupied by two attached
three story Italianate style stores of J.D.
William & Brothers, confectioners (shown in an
1889 advertisement).

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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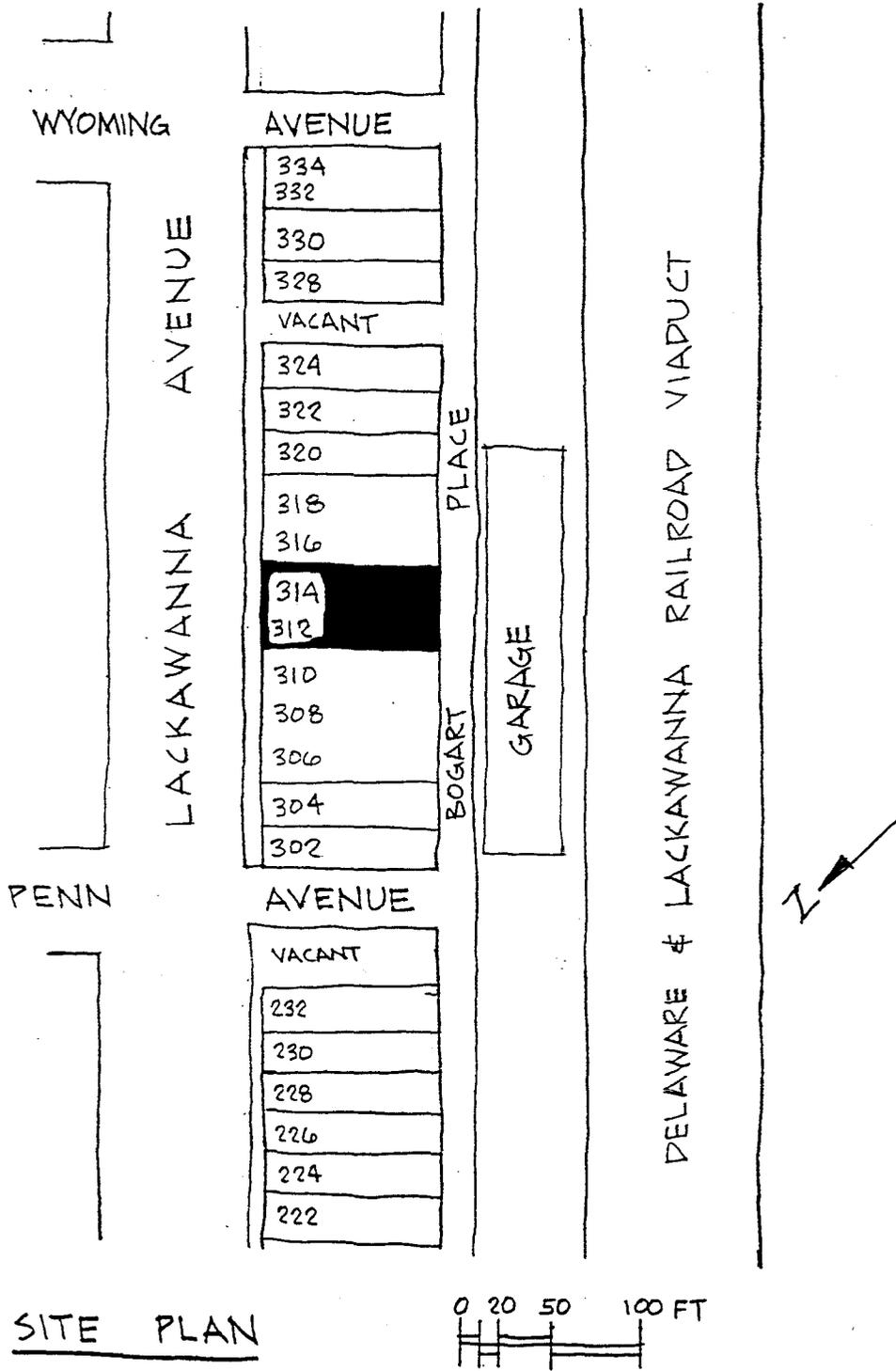
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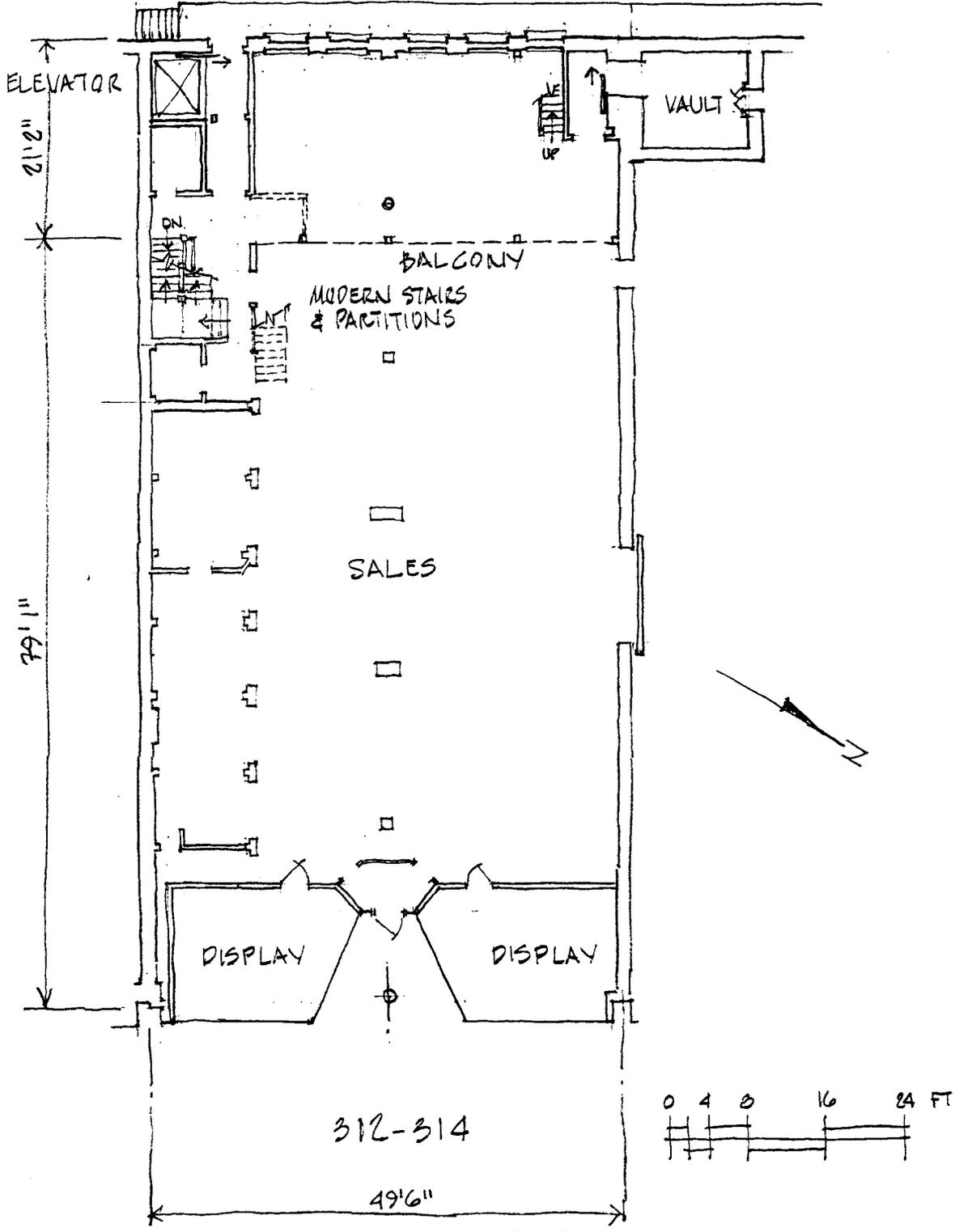
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BOGART PLACE

BLOCKED WINDOWS

LOAD PLATFORM



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