

324 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Commercial Building)
Scranton
Lackawanna County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 324 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444250.4584040

Significance: 324 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. The building's style is a
 simplified classical revival mode characteristic
 of the era.

Description: This four story building, with a brick and terra
 cotta facade, faces Lackawanna Avenue. The first
 story front has been recently altered, but the
 upper stories retain their original features,
 including brick pilasters with terra cotta trim
 and a classical modillioned cornice. The brick
 rear, with segmentally arched windows, faces
 Bogart Place and the Delaware and Lackawanna
 Railroad viaduct.

History: The present building was erected between 1898 and
 circa 1902 by Frank L. Crane, Furs, remnants of
 whose sign survive on the side elevation. It
 replaced a three story brick commercial building
 with a mansard roof, also occupied by Frank and
 Harry Crane, dealers in furs, which was probably
 erected in the middle third of the nineteenth
 century.

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.

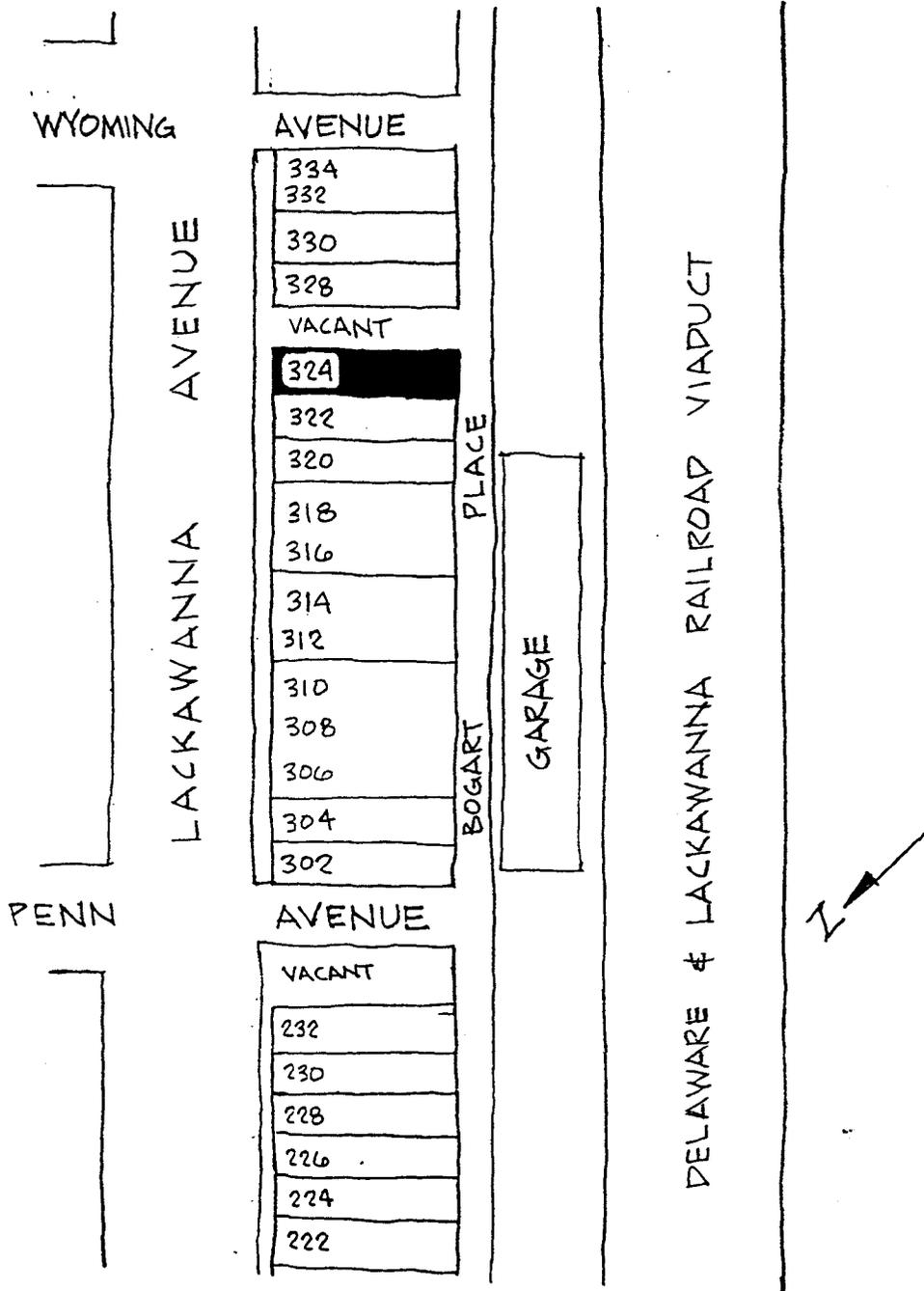
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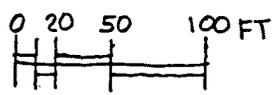
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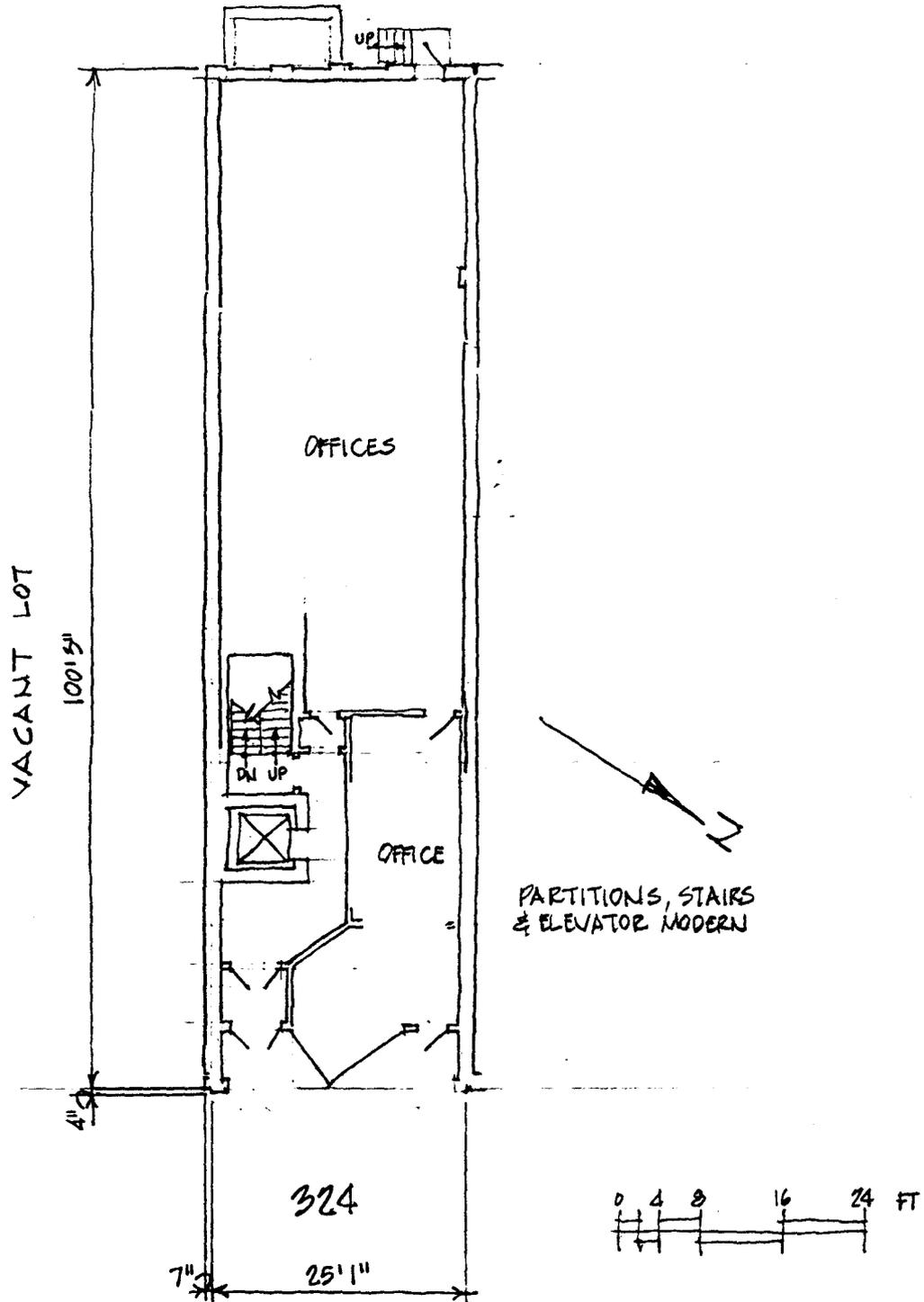
SITE PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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BOGART PLACE



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