

332-334 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Commercial Building)  
Scranton  
Lackawanna County  
Pennsylvania

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Location: 332-334 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna  
County Pennsylvania

USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.444270.4584020

Significance: 332-334 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. This is one of the most  
prominent buildings in the district because of its  
corner site, strong Renaissance Revival style  
finely executed in stone, and its history as the  
home of one of Scranton's most important banks.

Description: This building has two stories and an intervening  
mezzanine and its three ashlar elevations were all  
clearly intended to be seen. Its front faces  
Lackawanna Avenue, but its side facade overlooking  
Wyoming Avenue is almost as finely treated, and  
its rear on Bogart Place and the Delaware and  
Lackawanna Railroad viaduct is also neatly  
finished with ashlar. The side facade survives in  
its original form, with projecting end pavilions,  
rusticated piers, and a full entablature at the  
top. The front was altered in the 1920s when the  
building was converted from a bank to stores. In  
its present form it has a very open treatment with  
large windows set in a delicate armature of metal  
spandrels and colonettes. The first story  
treatment is recent. Originally the front was  
treated much more monumentally with rusticated  
openings and a bracketed cornice over the entrance  
on the first story and a series of ornamental  
stone piers above, a treatment shown in several  
old photographs. The building was of fireproof  
construction.

History: 332-334 Lackawanna Avenue was constructed between 1898 and 1902 by the First National Bank of Scranton. It replaced an earlier Italianate style building of the same bank which was constructed in 1863. This earlier building also held a Masonic lodge. The present building also held a club hall on the upper floor, used at various times by the Moose Club and the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. In the 1920s the bank left the building and it was converted to stores and offices.

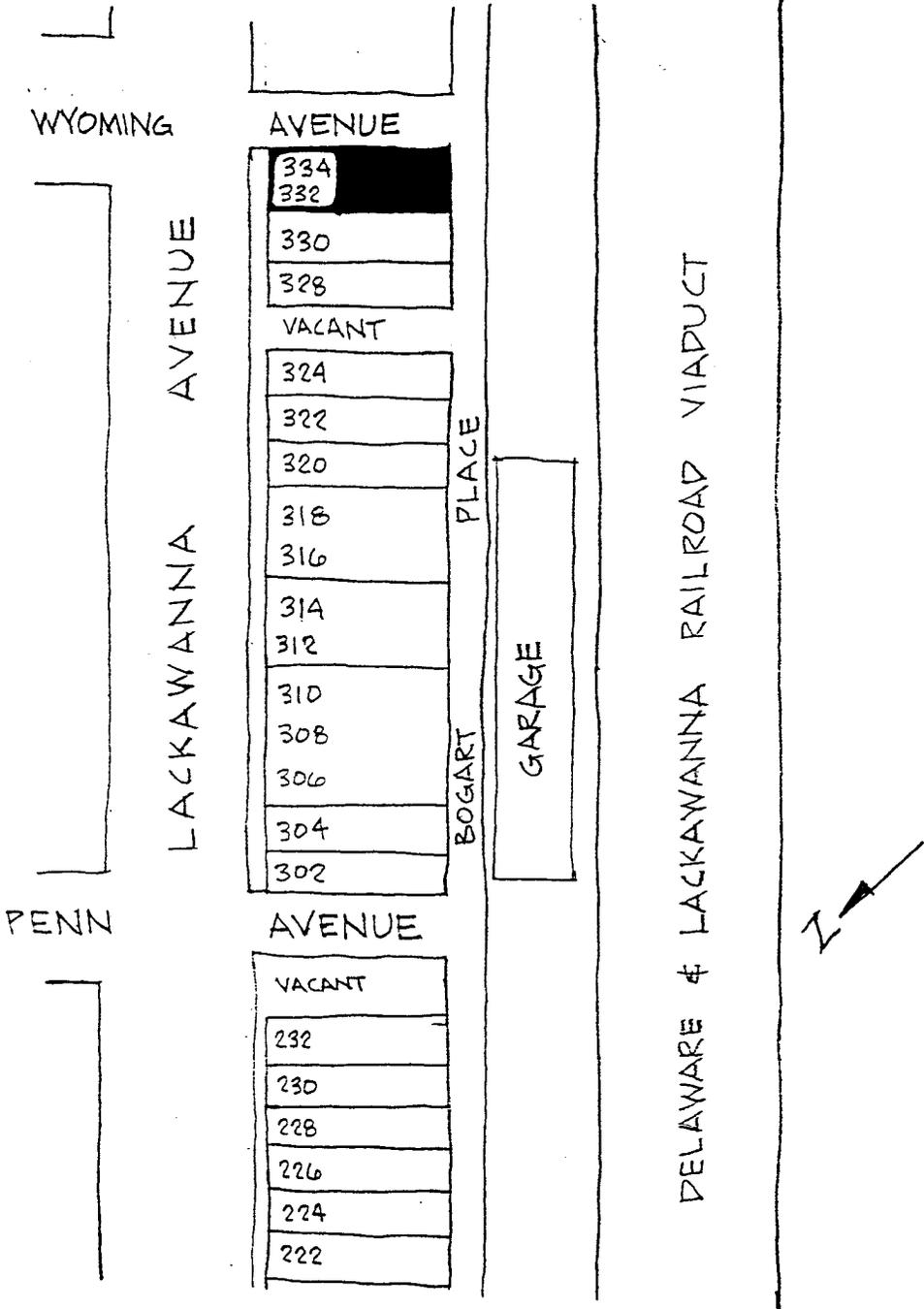
The building was included in the Lackawanna Avenue Commercial Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The building is scheduled for demolition in February 1992.

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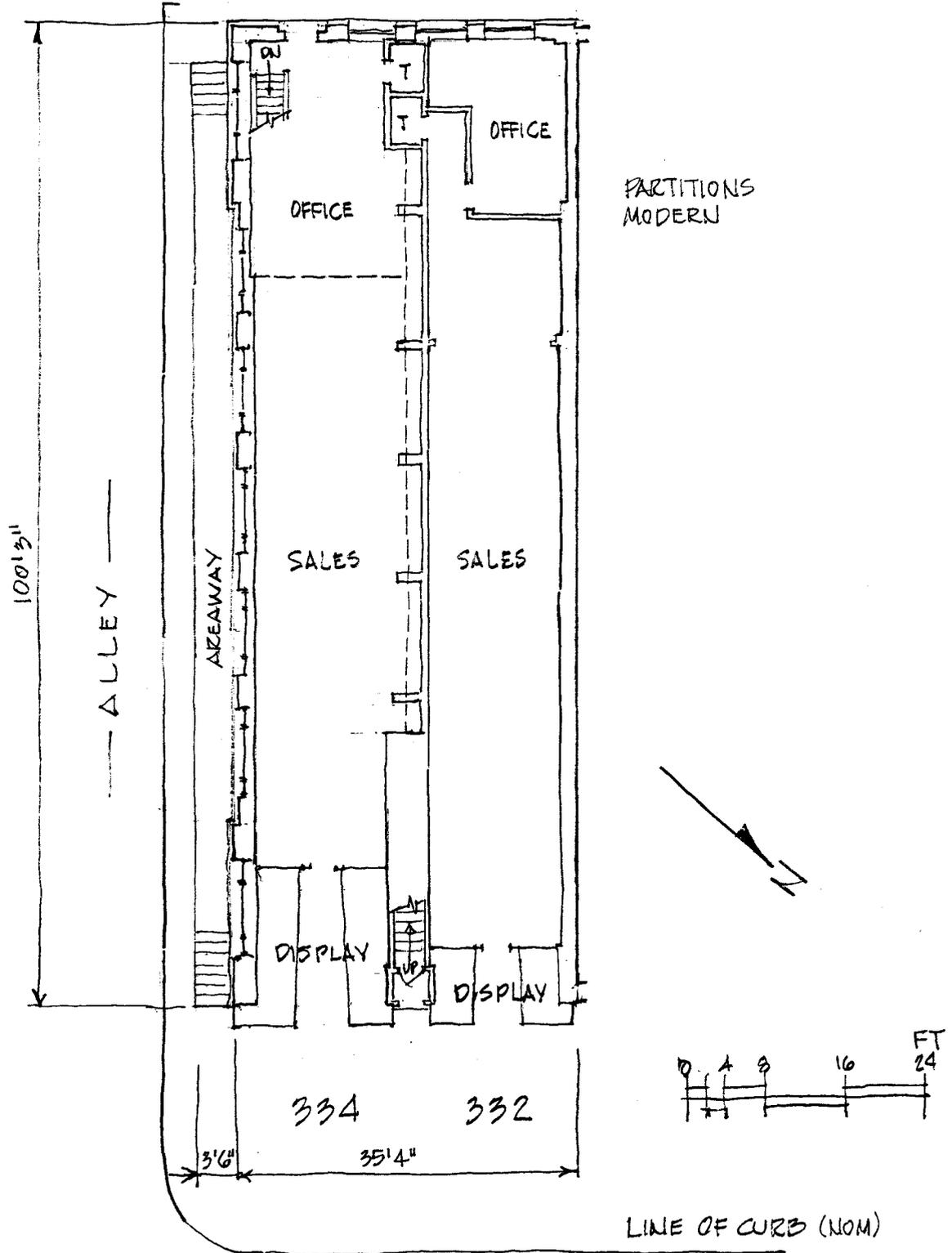


SITE PLAN

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

————— BOGART PLACE —————



100' 3 1/2"

ALLEY

AREAWAY

OFFICE

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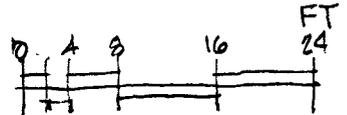
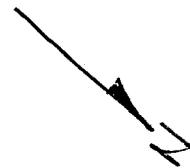
SALES

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DISPLAY

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PARTITIONS  
MODERN



334

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3' 6"

35' 4"

LINE OF CURB (NOM)

————— LACKAWANNA AVENUE ————— 9/91