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Scranton
Lackawanna County
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Location: 418 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Lackawanna County
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USGS Scranton, PA Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.444330.4583970

Significance: 418 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 classical cornice and openness of the facade are characteristic of turn of the century commercial design.

Description: The three story commercial building faces Lackawanna Avenue. Its late nineteenth century sheet metal cornice and brackets top a metal and brick front with large windows broken out to form a bay. The first floor storefront is recent. The rear, which faces Bogart Place and the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad viaduct, is brick with stone lintels over the windows.

History: The present building was probably constructed in the late 1890s, in an Italian Renaissance mode. Its original appearance is preserved in a photograph of about 1902. Prior to this an earlier Italianate structure, housing mostly drug stores, stood on the site. Only the cornice survives from the circa 1902 facade. The second and third floor front date from the early twentieth century, and the storefront is recent. During most of the first half of the twentieth century the building housed clothing stores.

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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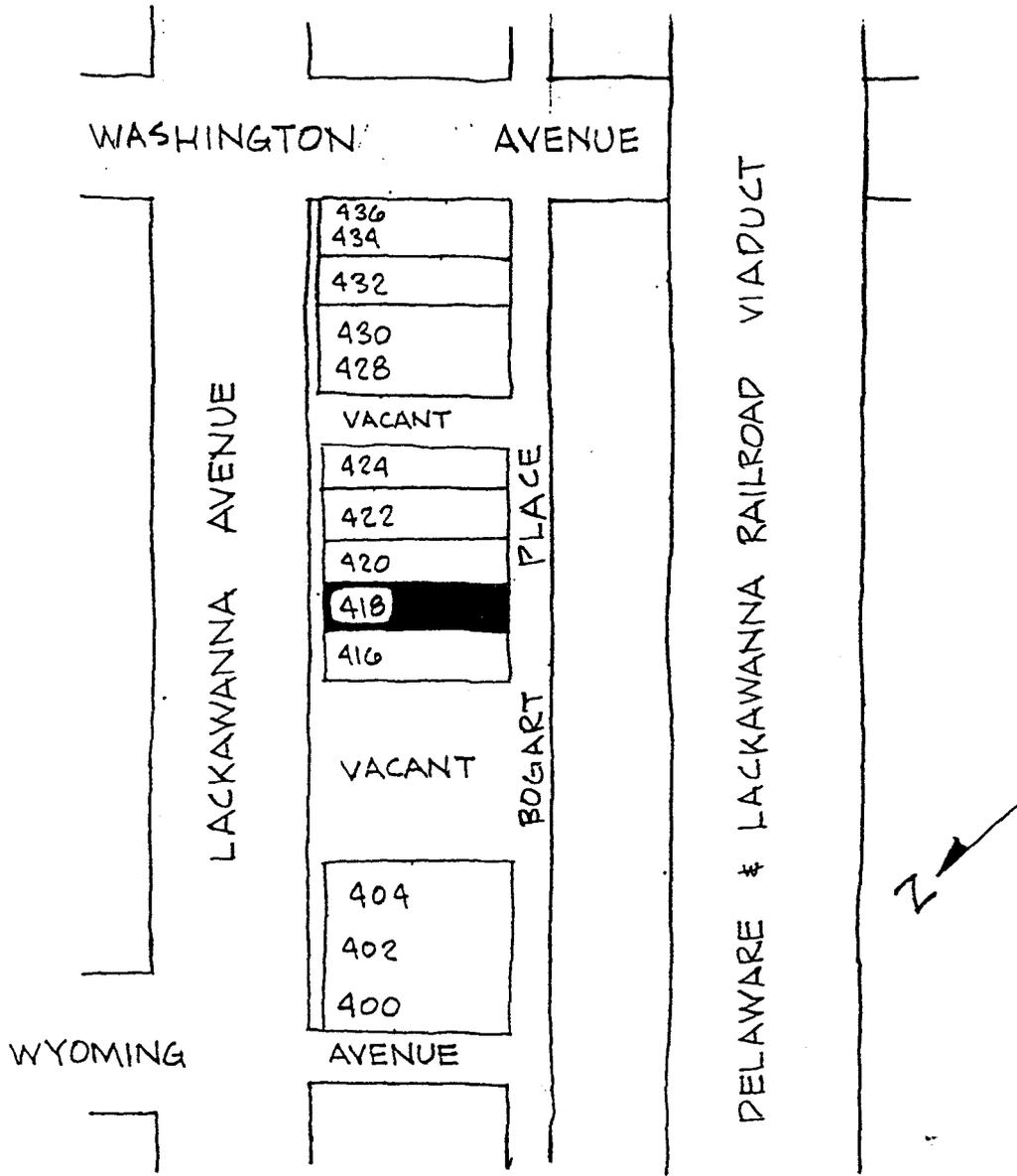
Sources:

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- Sanborn Atlases of Scranton, Sanborn Map Company, 1955 (updated to 1973), 1898 (updated to 1910), and 1884.
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- Scranton City Directories, 1956, 1925, 1902, 1884, 1877.
- Photo of Lackawanna Avenue from Washington Avenue, northwest, Lackawanna Historical Society # STSC 91-P, c. 1890.
- Photo of Circus Parade, c.1902-05, Lackawanna Historical Society, #1030 STSC.

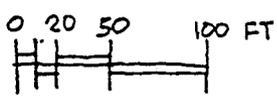
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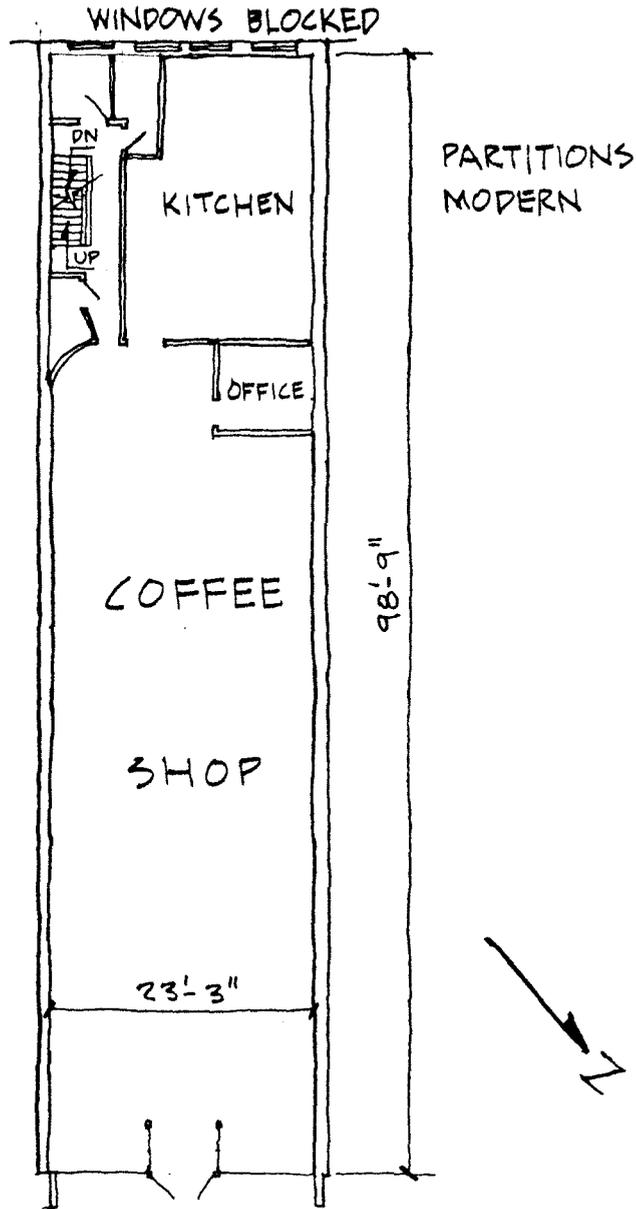
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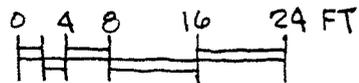
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