

ALLEQUIPPA TERRACE, 2490-2498 WARING COURT  
Pittsburgh  
Allegheny County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

USGS Pittsburgh East Quadrangle  
UTM Coordinates: 17.058734.4477576

Significance: Constructed in 1939-41, Allequippa Terrace is among Pittsburgh's earliest low-income public housing projects. The structure at 2490-2498 Waring Court is typical of the apartment buildings throughout the complex.

Description: The building at 2490-2498 Waring Court is a three-story, red brick walk-up apartment, rectangular in plan. It has a flat roof. The front facade contains three entrances. Each entrance is flanked by paired double hung sash windows which are, in turn, flanked by small double hung sash. The sole decorative element is the pattern of raised bricks around each entrance. The other three facades are similar with monotonous ranks of double hung sash. All windows have vinyl or aluminum replacement sash. The flush steel entrance doors are painted brown and have rectangular window openings.

The building at 2490-2498 Waring Court contains twelve one-bedroom units and six three-bedroom units. Each apartment contains a living room, kitchen, bathroom, and either one or three bedrooms. Each outside entrance door leads directly to a stairwell. Each stairwell is double-loaded. The first, second, and third floor plans are identical. Most of the original fixtures throughout the building have been retained. The kitchens have open wood shelves above the sinks. The original sinks have hot and cold spigots and integral drainboards. The bathrooms contain the original bathtubs, sinks with oval basins, and built-in medicine cabinets. All walls, ceilings and hallways are painted off white. Entrance doors and trim are light brown. The floors are speckled beige and brown linoleum.

History: Allequippa Terrace was designed by Raymond Marlier, William Boyd, Edward B. Lee, and Bernard H. Prack and constructed in 1939-41 as low-income public housing. The apartments have remained essentially unchanged over the past sixty years. An early publication by the Pittsburgh Housing Association noted the minimal approach used in construction of the first public housing projects. The walls, floors and ceilings were initially concrete, either unpainted or painted with the cheapest grade of casein paint. The windows were steel sash. The windows have been replaced with double hung aluminum or vinyl sash, and the concrete floors have been covered with linoleum. However, the layout of the apartments and most of the original fixtures remain intact.

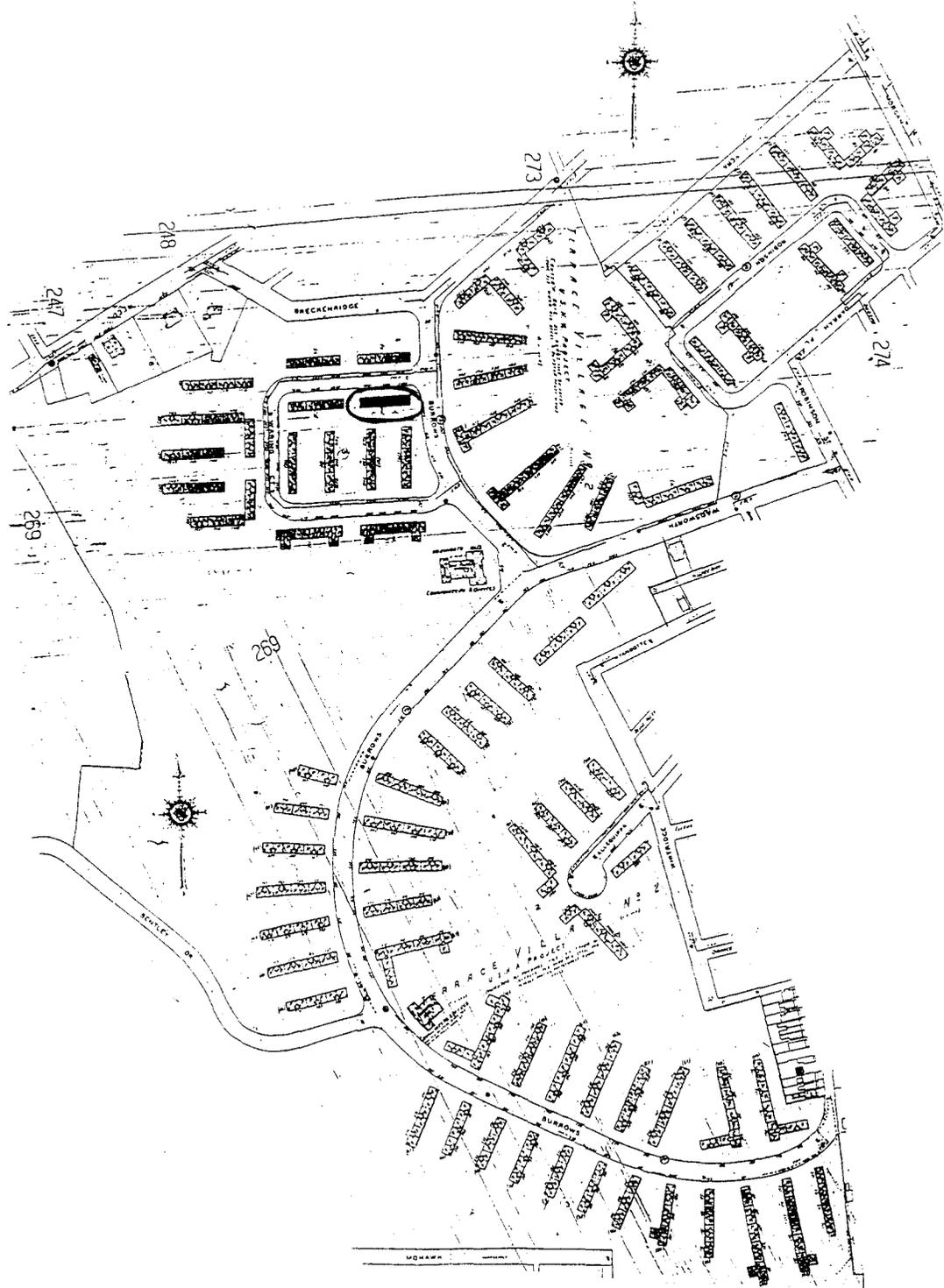
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Historians: Lauren Uhl and Tracy Walter, Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, 1997

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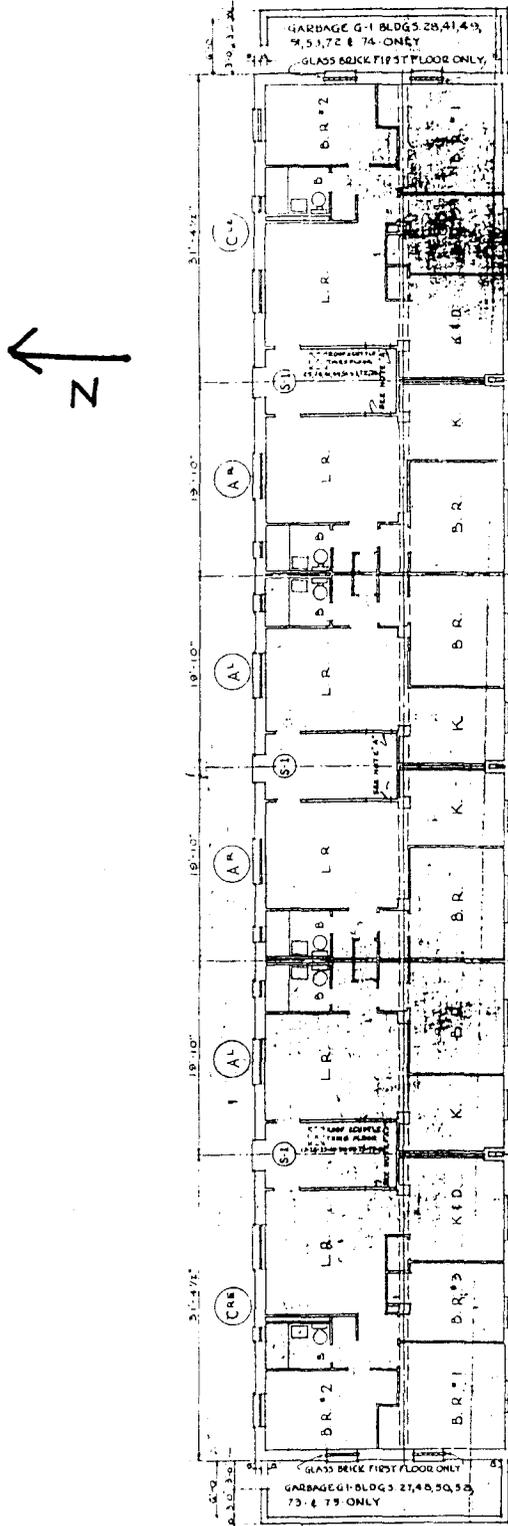


Location of 2490-2498 Waring Court

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

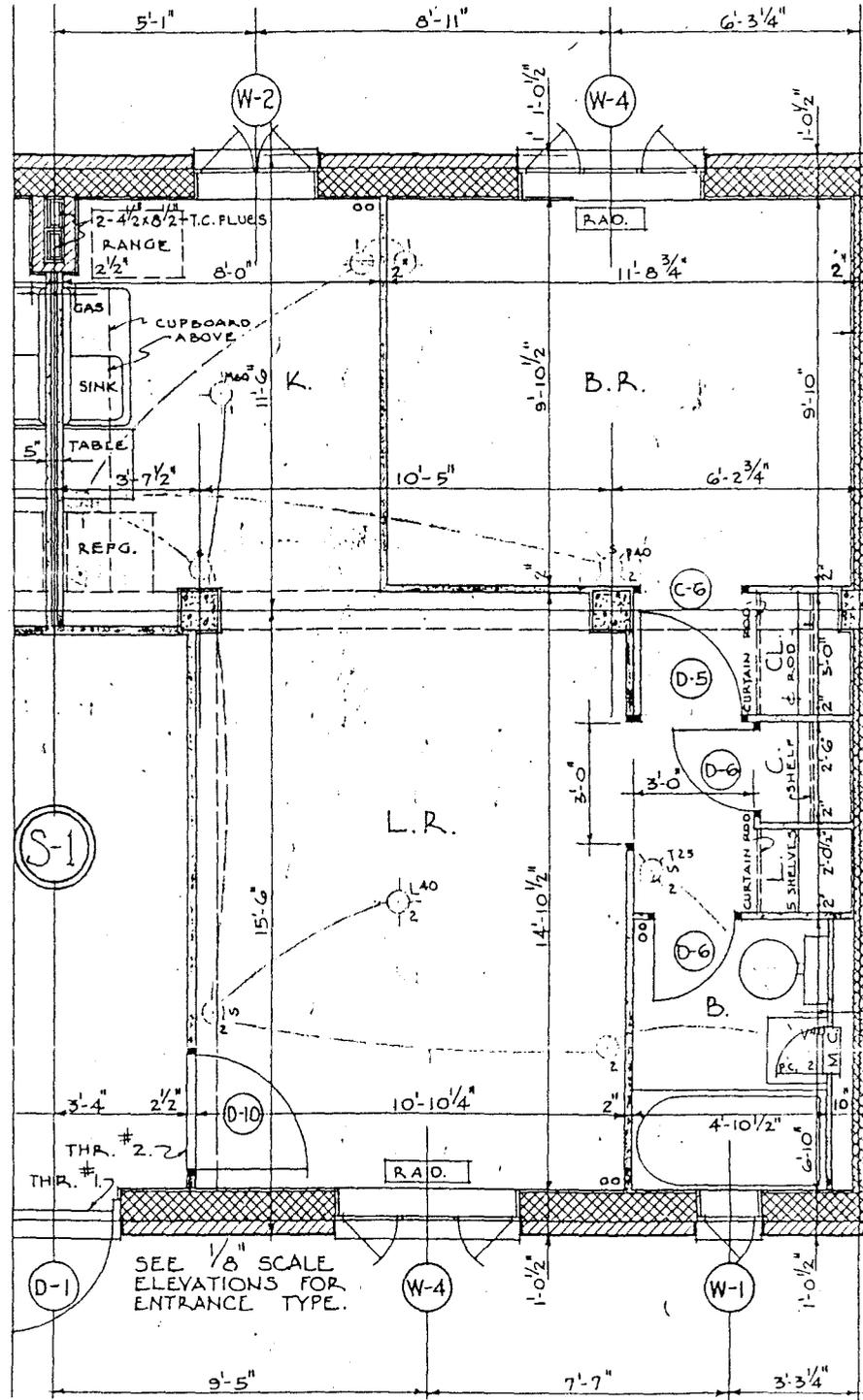
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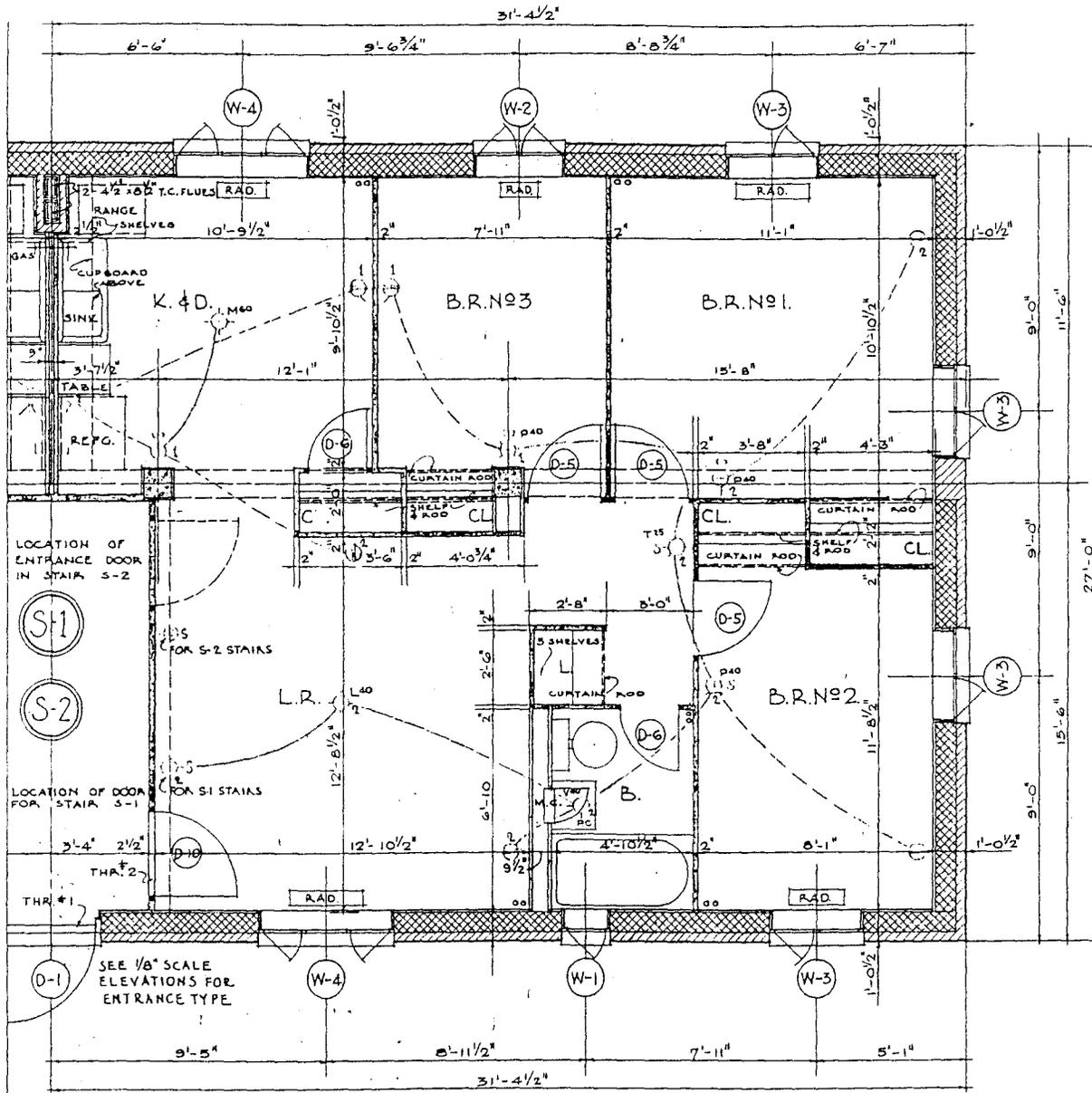
First, Second, and Third Floor Plans for 2490-2498 Waring Court

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Sample Floor Plan for One-bedroom Units  
Bernard Prack, architect, October 8, 1940

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Sample Floor Plan for Three-bedroom Units  
Bernard Prack, architect, October 8, 1940