



AMERICAN CAN CO./SEATTLE TRADE CENTER 2601 ELLIOTT

CITY OF SEATTLE LANDMARK NOMINATION
OCTOBER 15, 2025

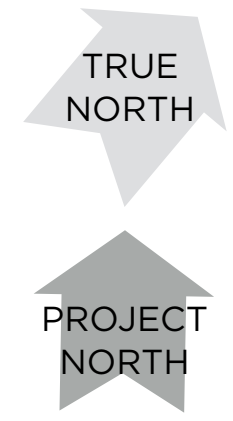
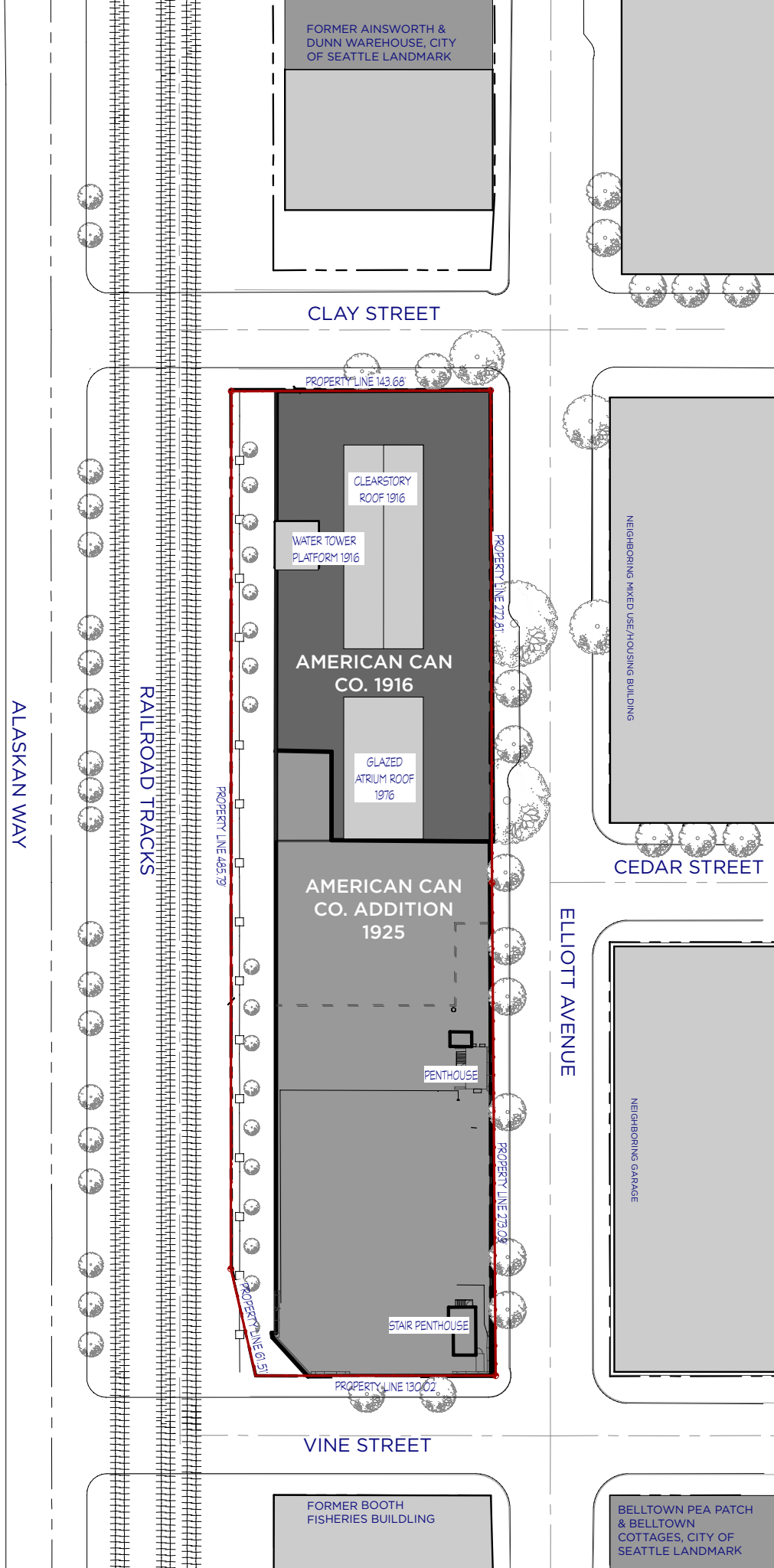
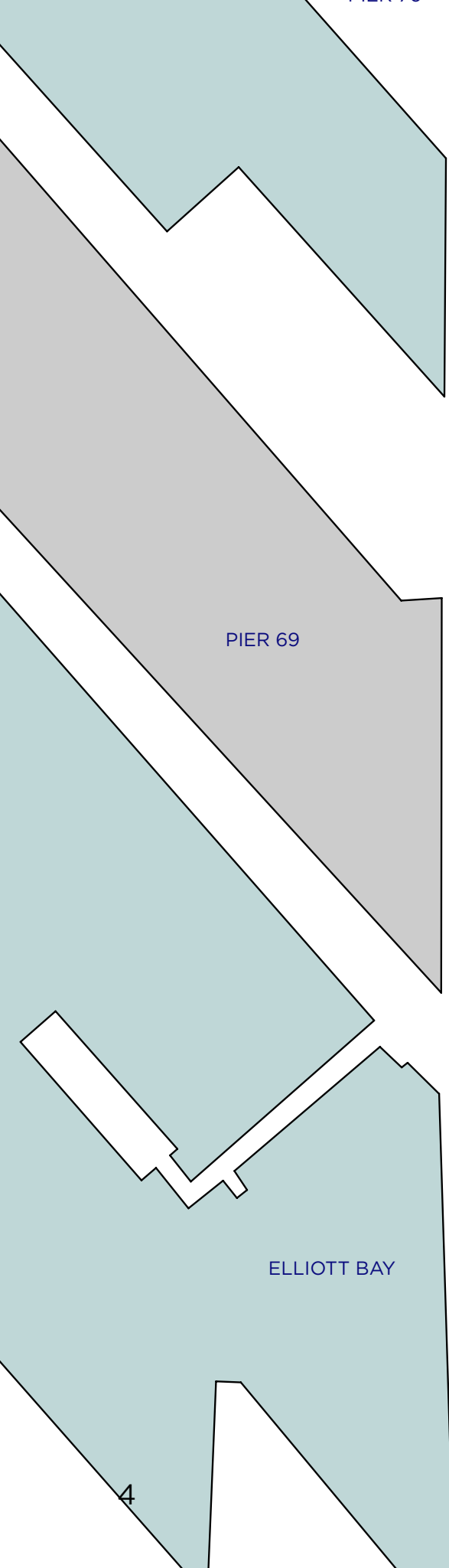


Landmarks near the subject site:

- The Seattle Labor Temple at 2800 First Avenue
- New Pacific Apartment Building 2602 1st Ave
- Ainsworth & Dunn Warehouse at 2815 Elliott Ave
- **Subject Site**
- Belltown Cottages 2512 Elliott Ave







Site Plan



1916
WATERTOWER
PLATFORM
concrete
structure

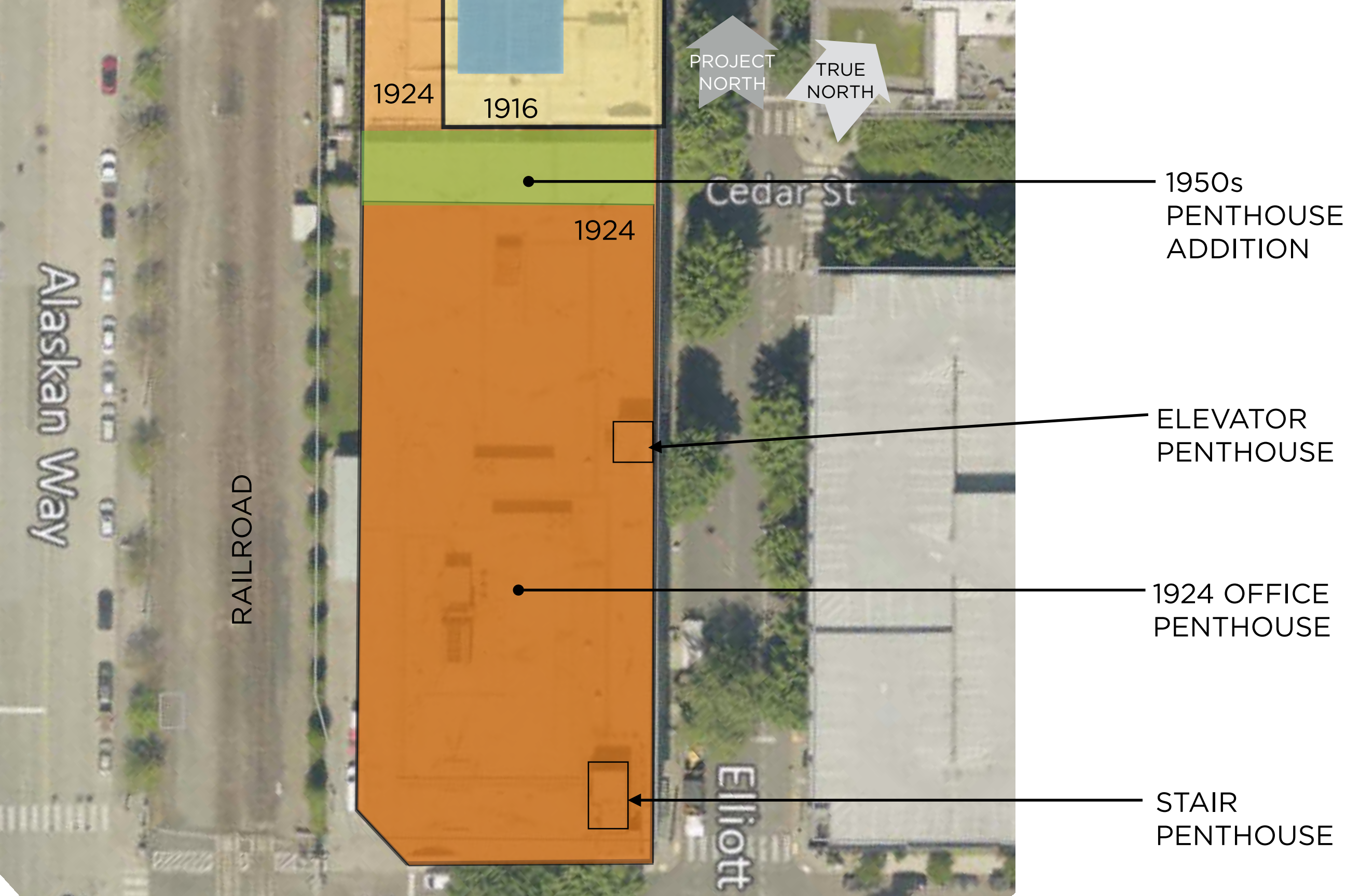


1916
CLEARSTORY
ROOF
Butterfly
section w/
thin concrete
roof & parapet



1976 GLAZED
ATRIUM ROOF
Gable section
w/ steel
structure and
glazing

NORTH END - 1916



































PHYSICAL INTEGRITY

An object, site or improvement which is more than twenty-five (25) years old may be designated for preservation as a landmark site or landmark if it has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state, or nation, if it has integrity or the ability to convey its significance.



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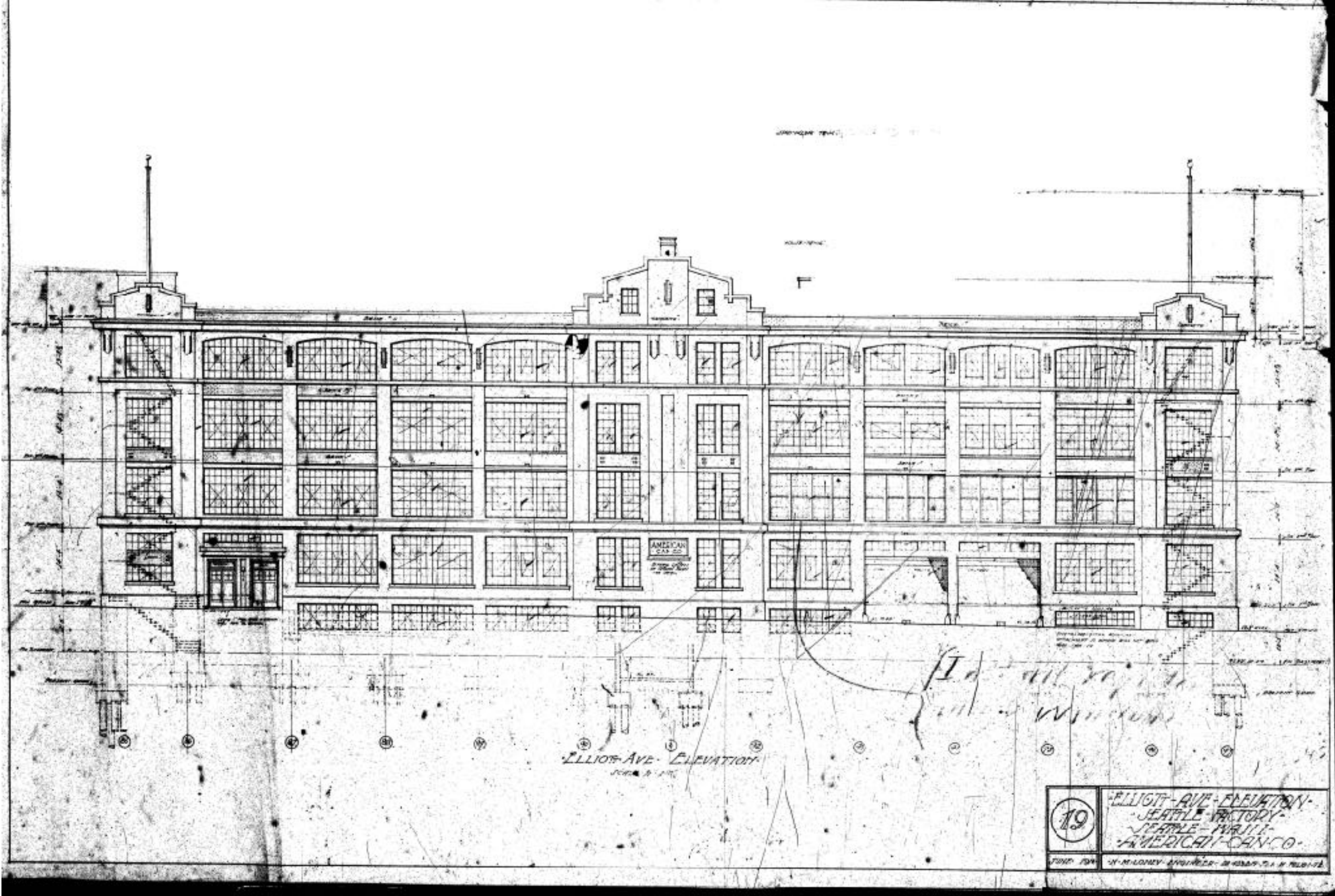
1918

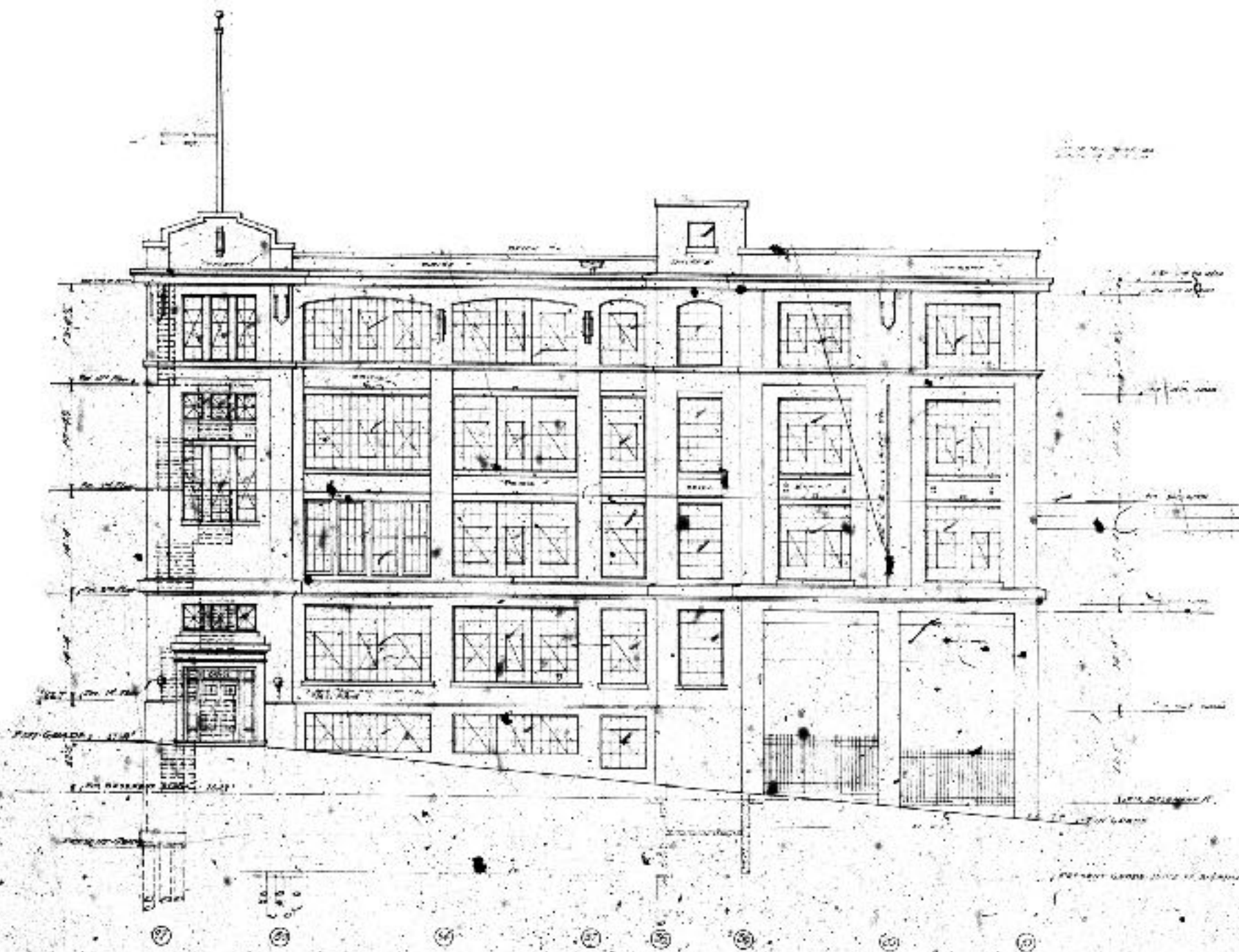
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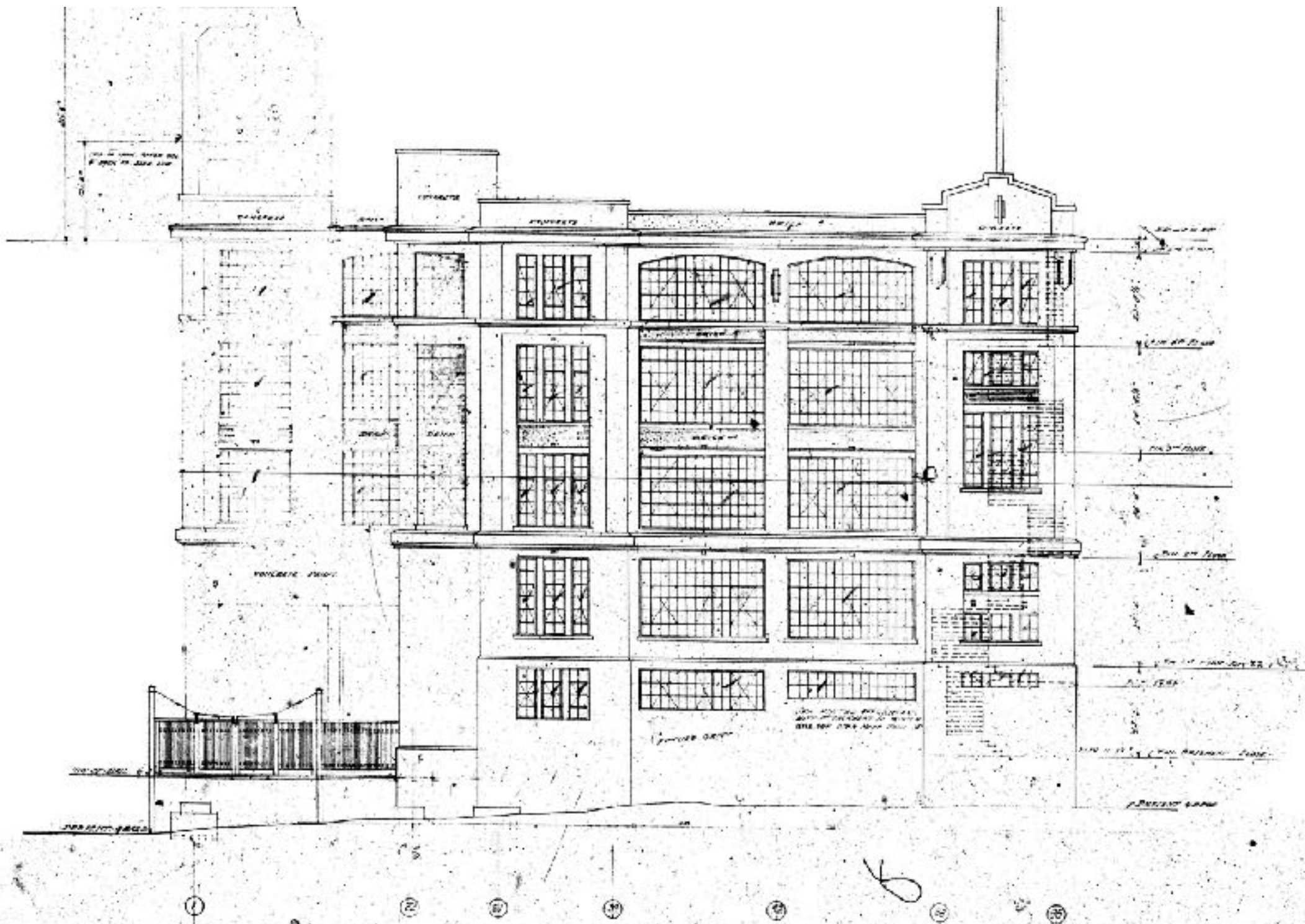
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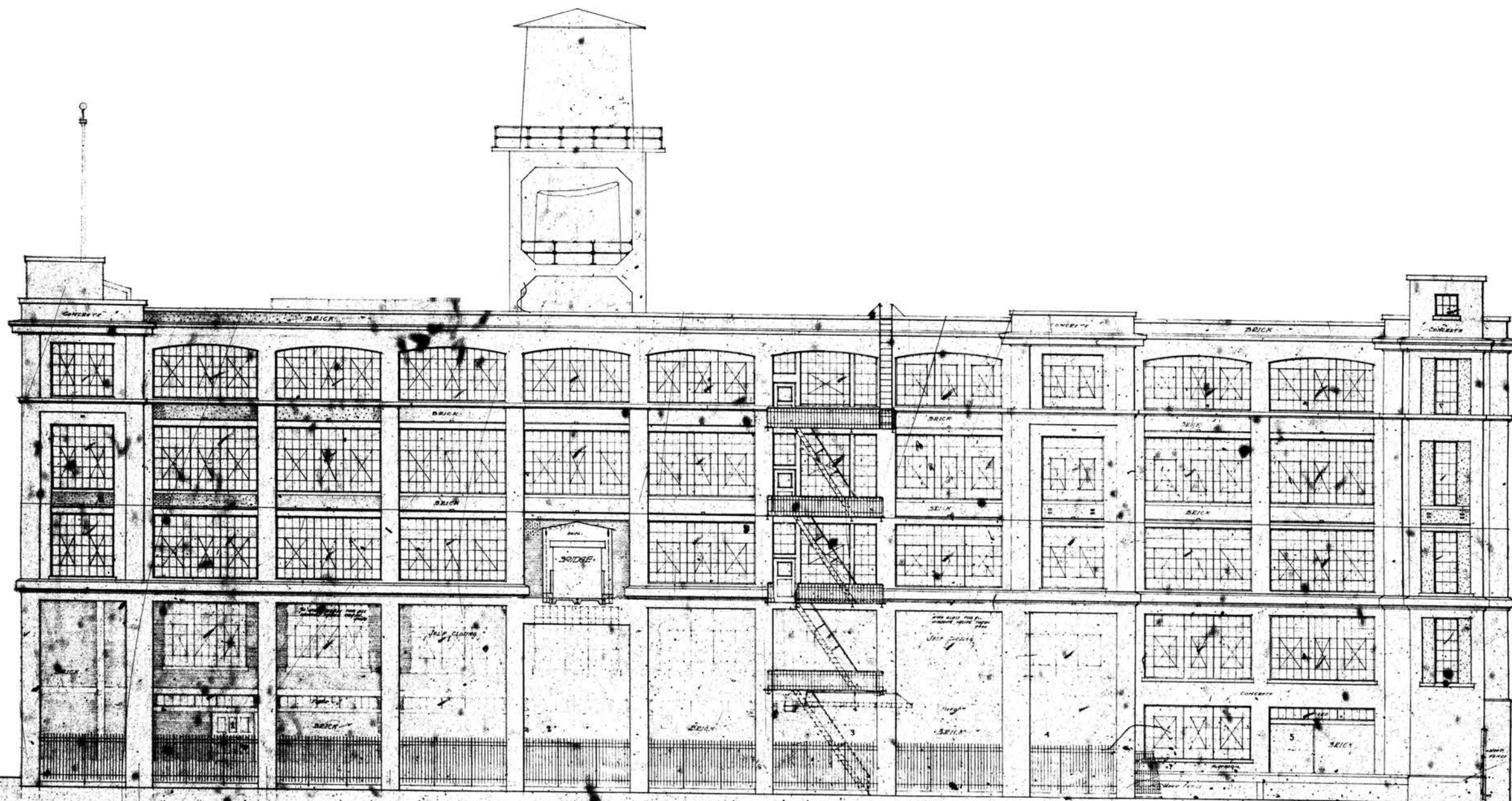
CLAY STREET ELEVATION
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"





CEDAR STREET ELEVATION
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

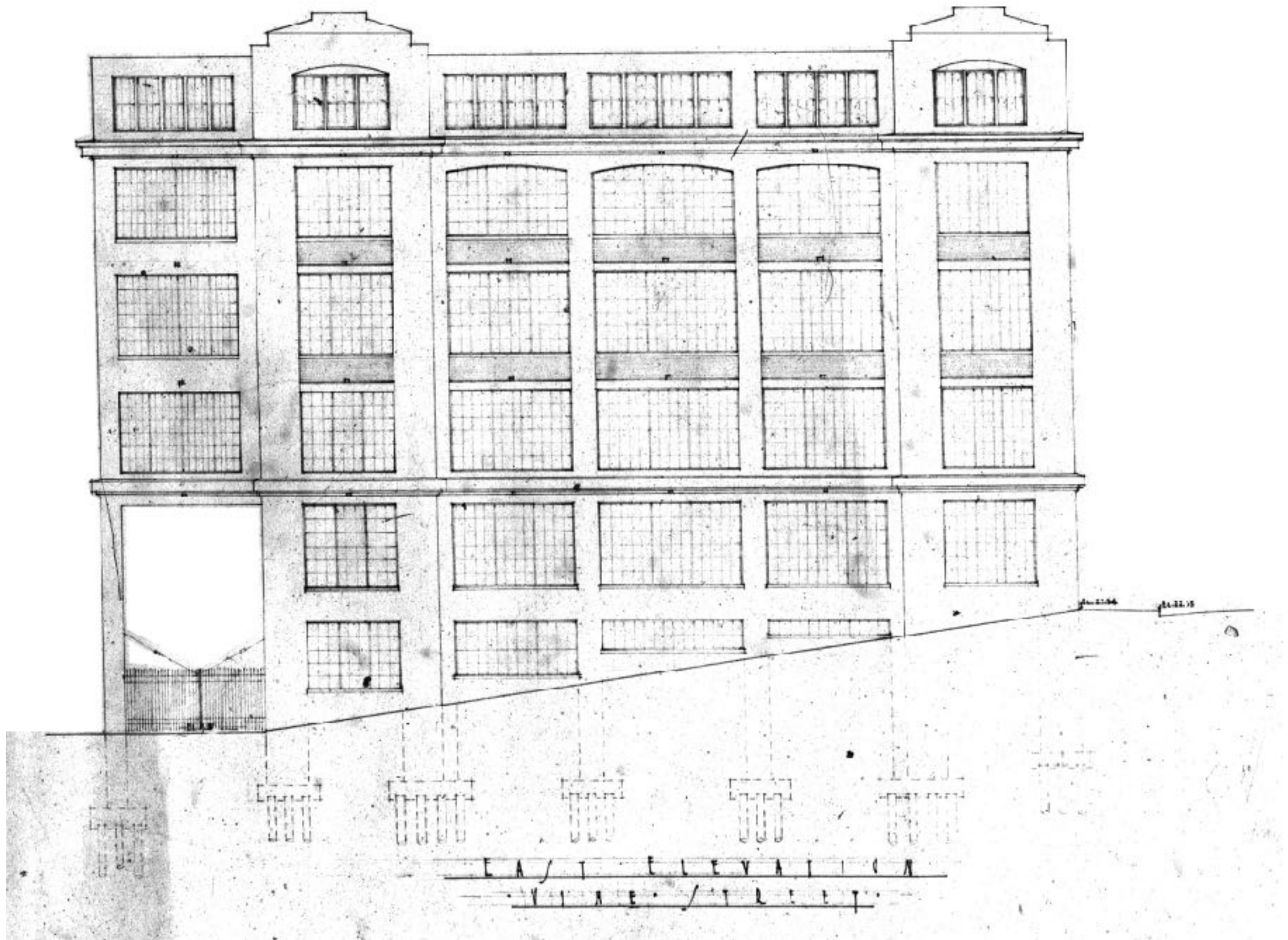
20	SEATTLE-FACTORY SEATTLE-WA AMERICAN-CAN-CO. CEDAR ST. ELEVATION		
	J. C. JONES ARCHT.	DR. 1000-20-10-10	1910

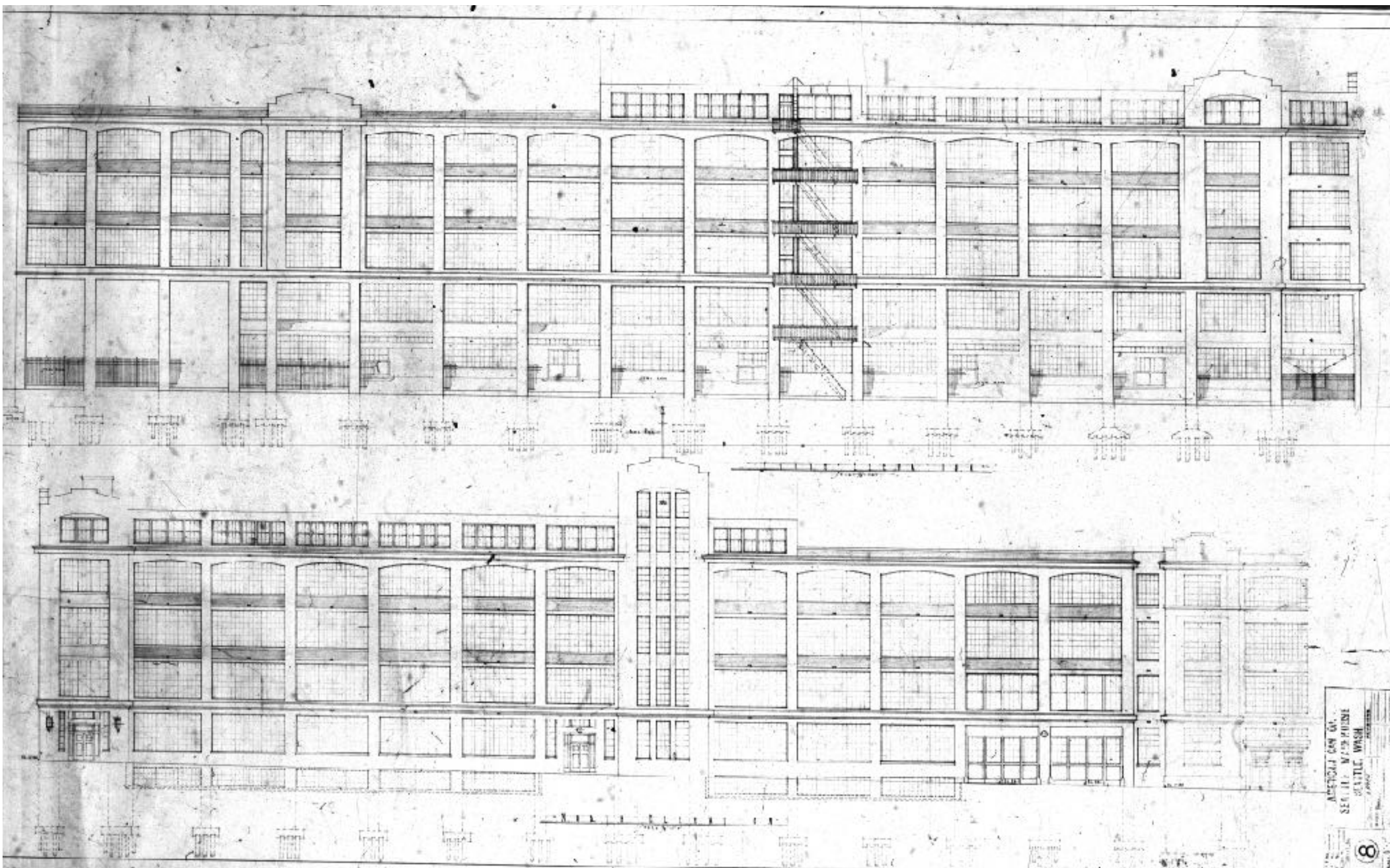


RAILROAD AVE. ELEVATION
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"

22	SEATTLE FACTORY SEATTLE - WASH. AMERICAN CYANAMIDE COMPANY RAILROAD AVE. ELEVATION	
	JULY 3, 1916	DR. 433-B-22 FILE H. SEQUOIA 1-73
	H. M. JONES ENGINEER	

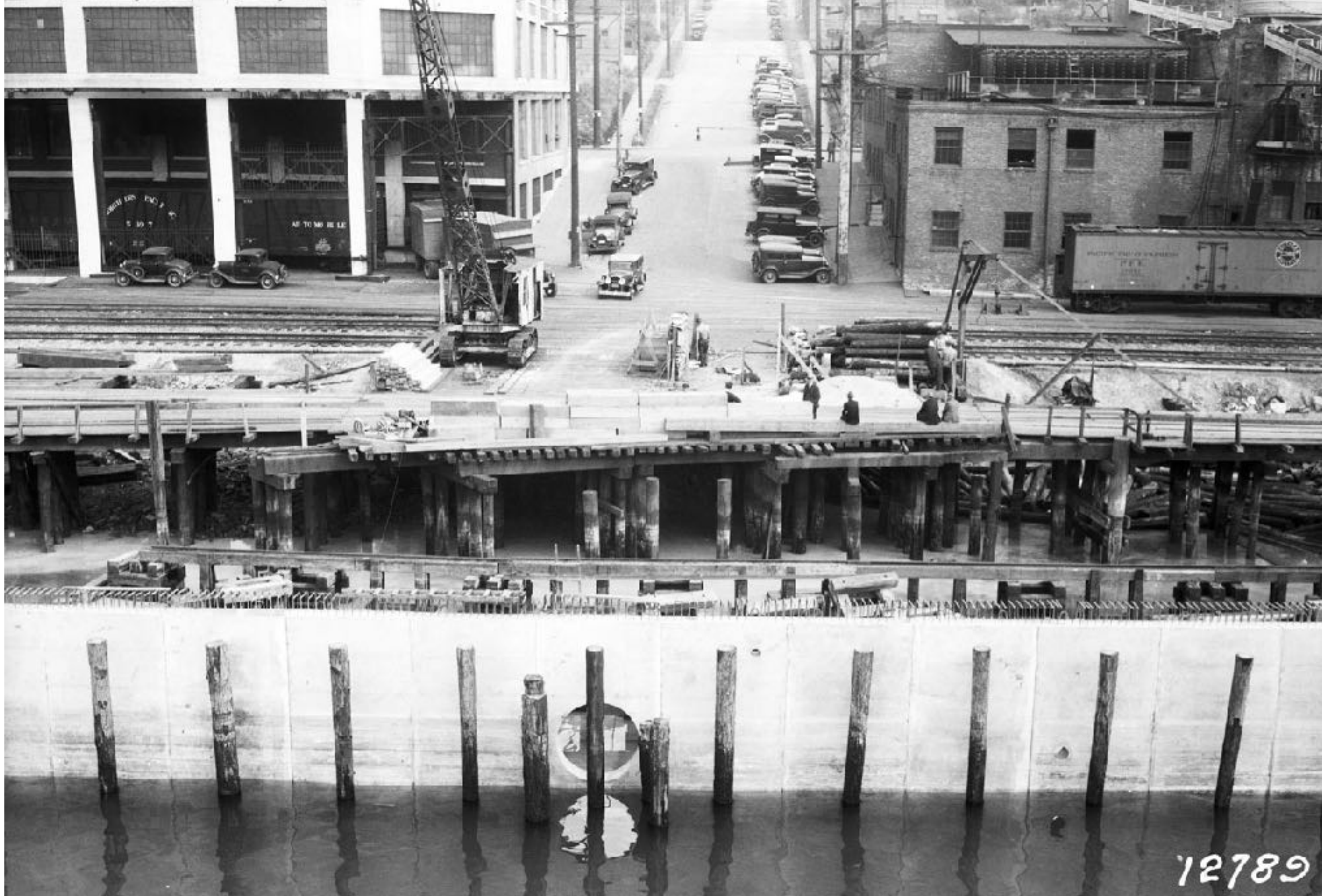






AMERICAN CAN CO.
SEALED AIR MACHINERY
SEATTLE WASH
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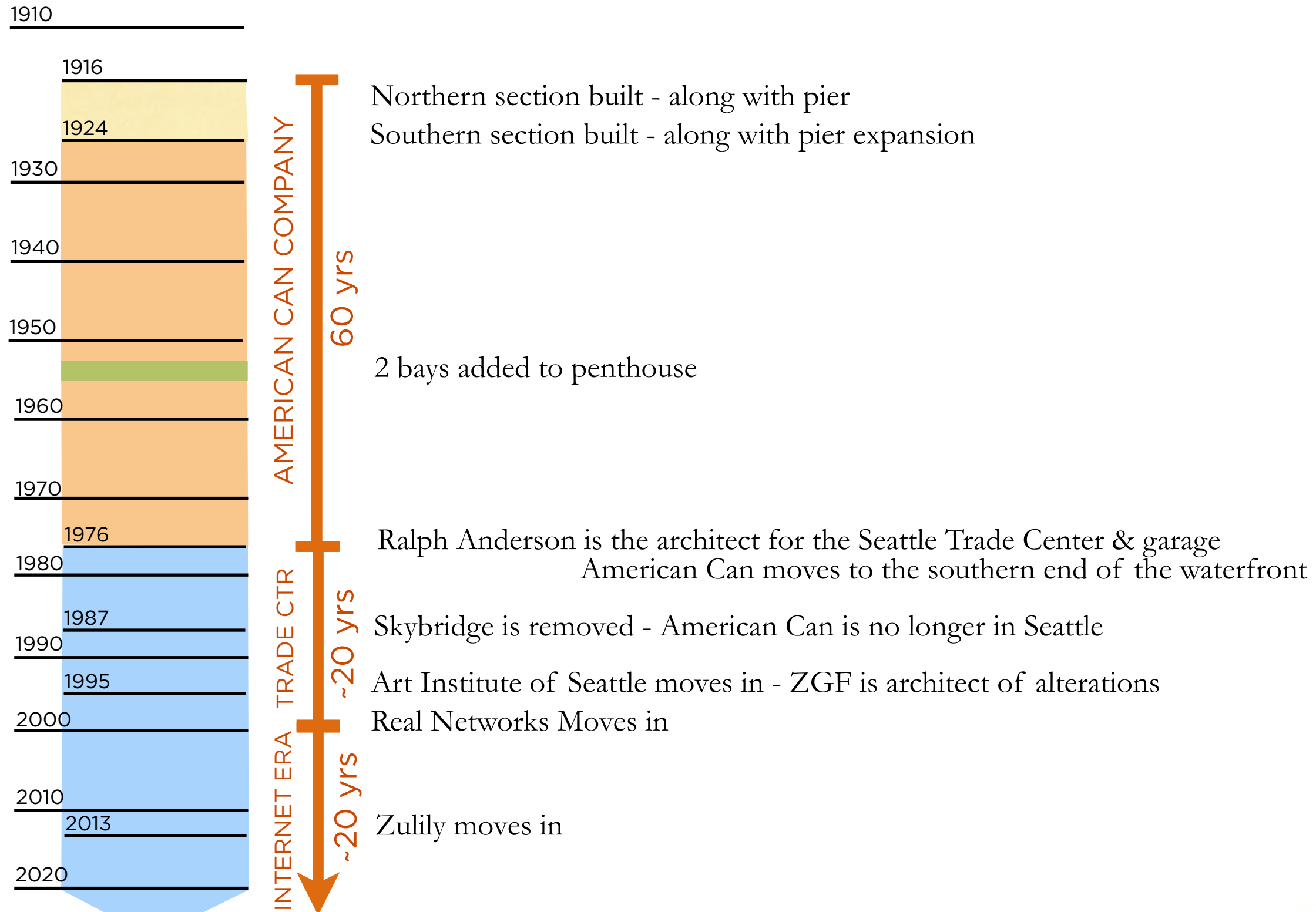
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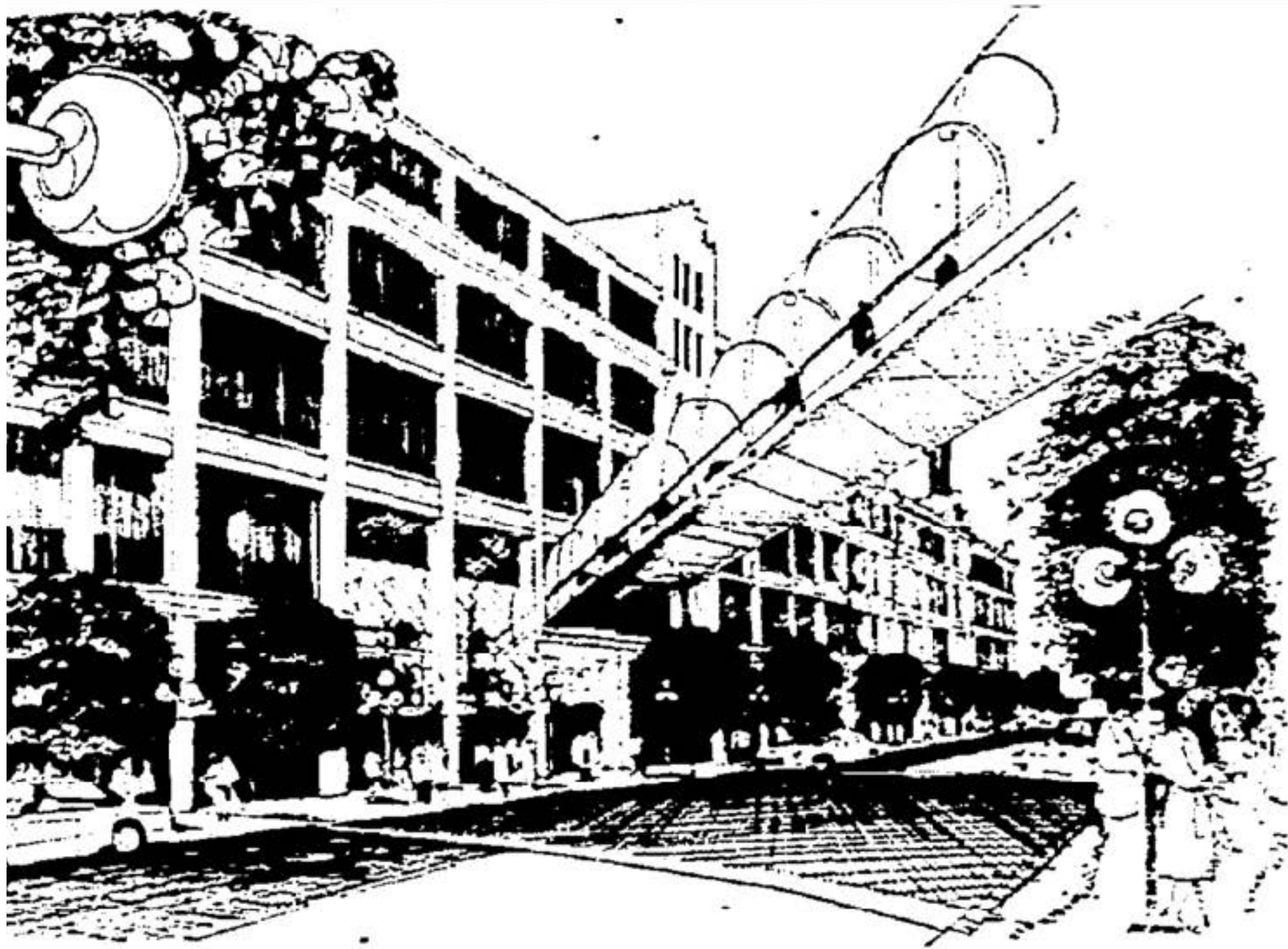
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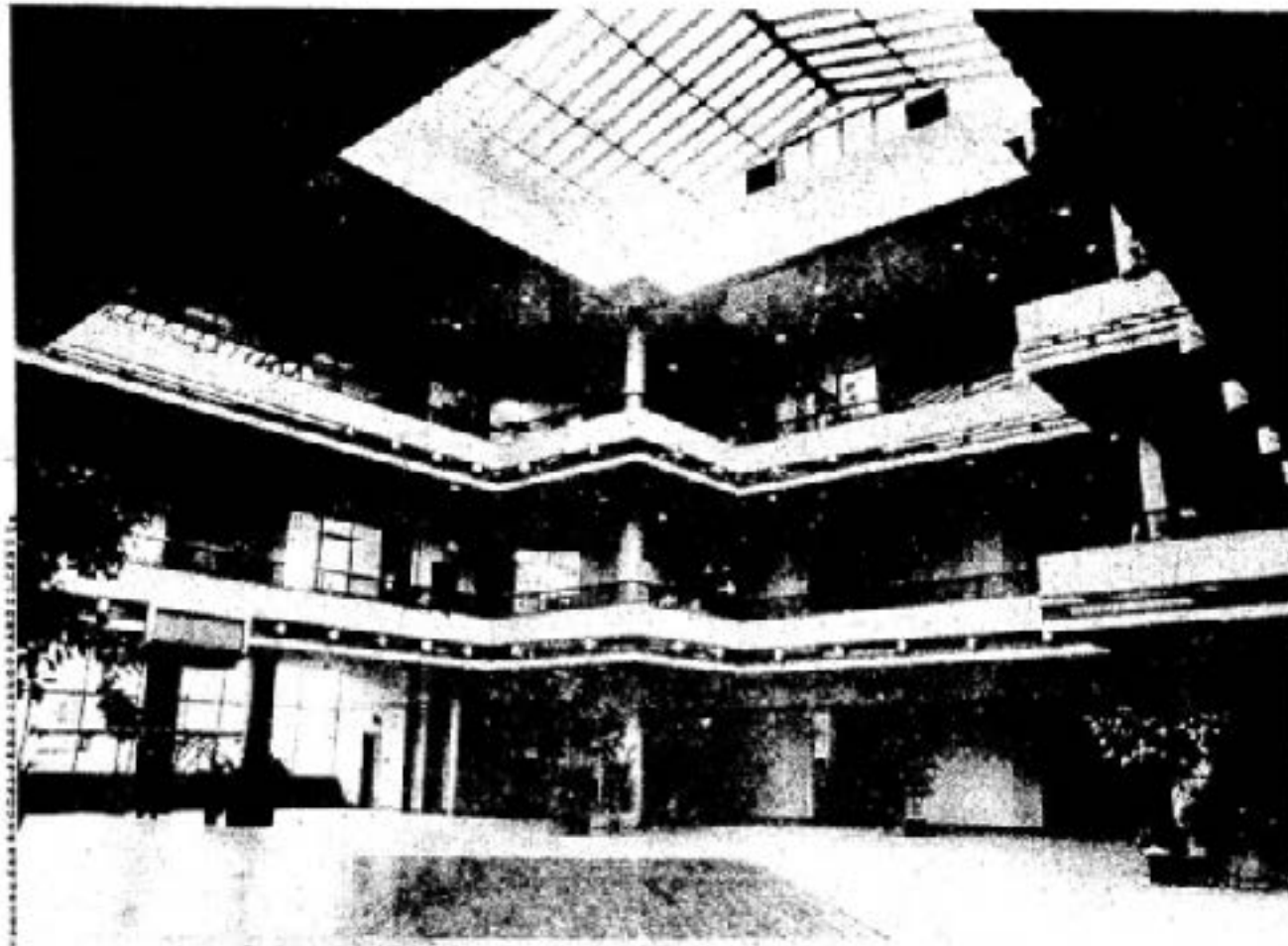
1934

TIMELINE



1976





The fourth and fifth floor balconies of the new **Seattle Trade Center** look down upon the atrium level (third floor). Office areas off these three floors will house permanent tenant manufacturer's agents and representatives serving the apparel fields. The lower

two levels of the 5½-story merchandise mart are for representatives attending apparel market weeks or other display shows. — Staff photos by Richard S. Heyza.

Trade Center opens

By JOAN McDONELL

Some 700 buyers of women's and children's clothing from Alaska to Northern California will be sitting down to breakfast and a fashion show today in the new \$16.5 million **Seattle Trade Center**.

(The building, formerly the American Can Co. plant, is on El Scott Avenue between Clay and Vine Streets.)

There won't be enough "sit-down" room for the other 200 buyers who are expected to line the fourth and fifth level balconies to watch the show.

The breakfast and show is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Apparel Assoc. to mark the one-



Diane Doan, right, Pacific Northwest manufacturer's representative for Jody of California and J.T. Dress Co., both women's apparel lines, displayed new items for the Holiday 77 Market Week at **Seattle Trade Center**. The buyers









1916
N. M. Loney, Engineer

1924
C. G. Preis, Engineer

1950s
unknown Can Co
engineer

1976
Ralph Anderson

SIX CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION

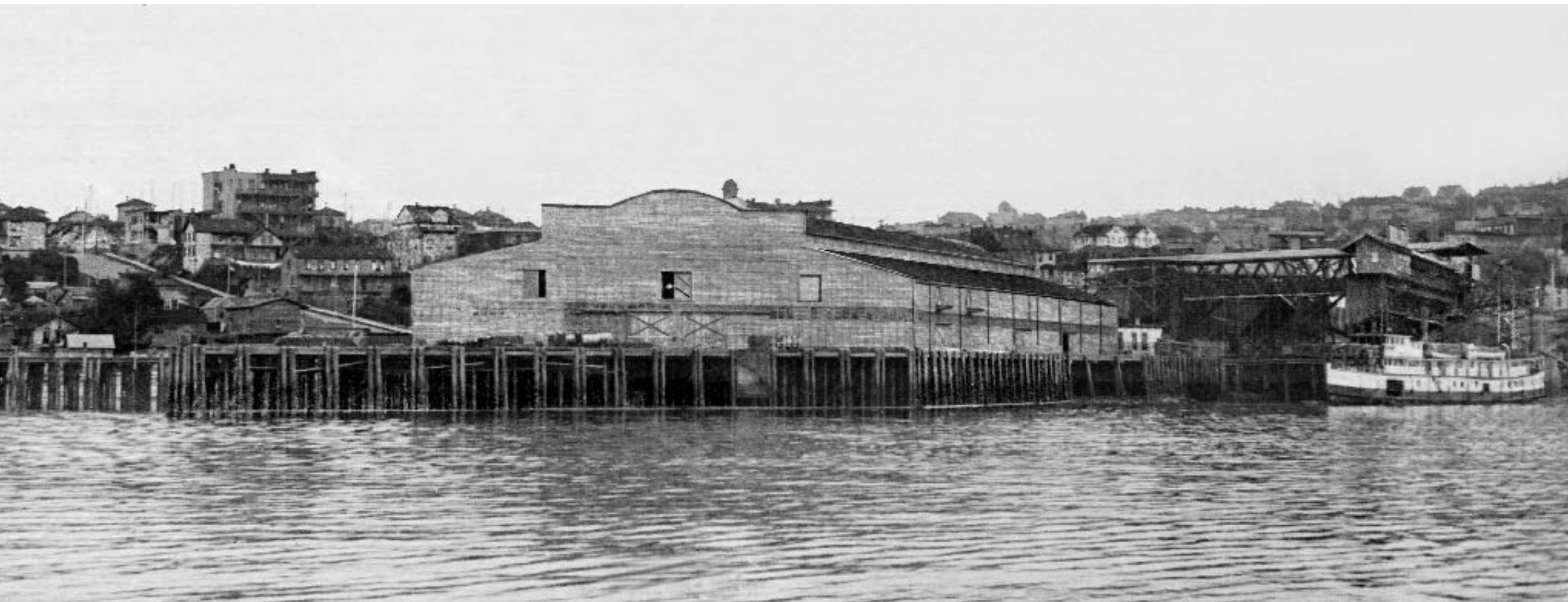
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DEVELOPMENT OF IN THE SUBJECT NEIGHBORHOOD





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1901

Pier 70 (Ainsworth & Dunn)



1916



1919



1922



1916



1927



1937

SELECTED CITY OF SEATTLE LANDMARKS IN THE SUBJECT NEIGHBORHOOD

Belltown Cottages/
Cannery Cottages

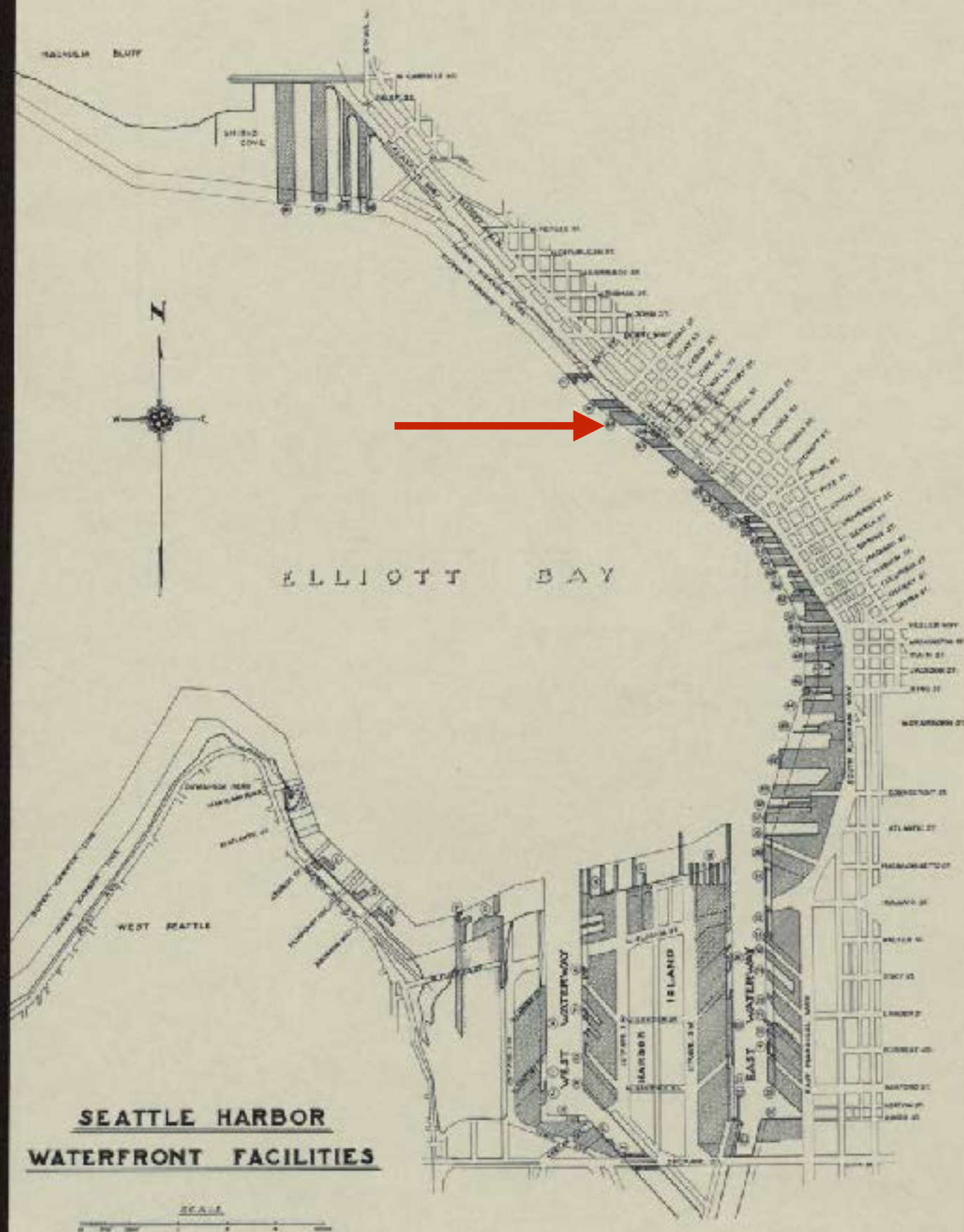


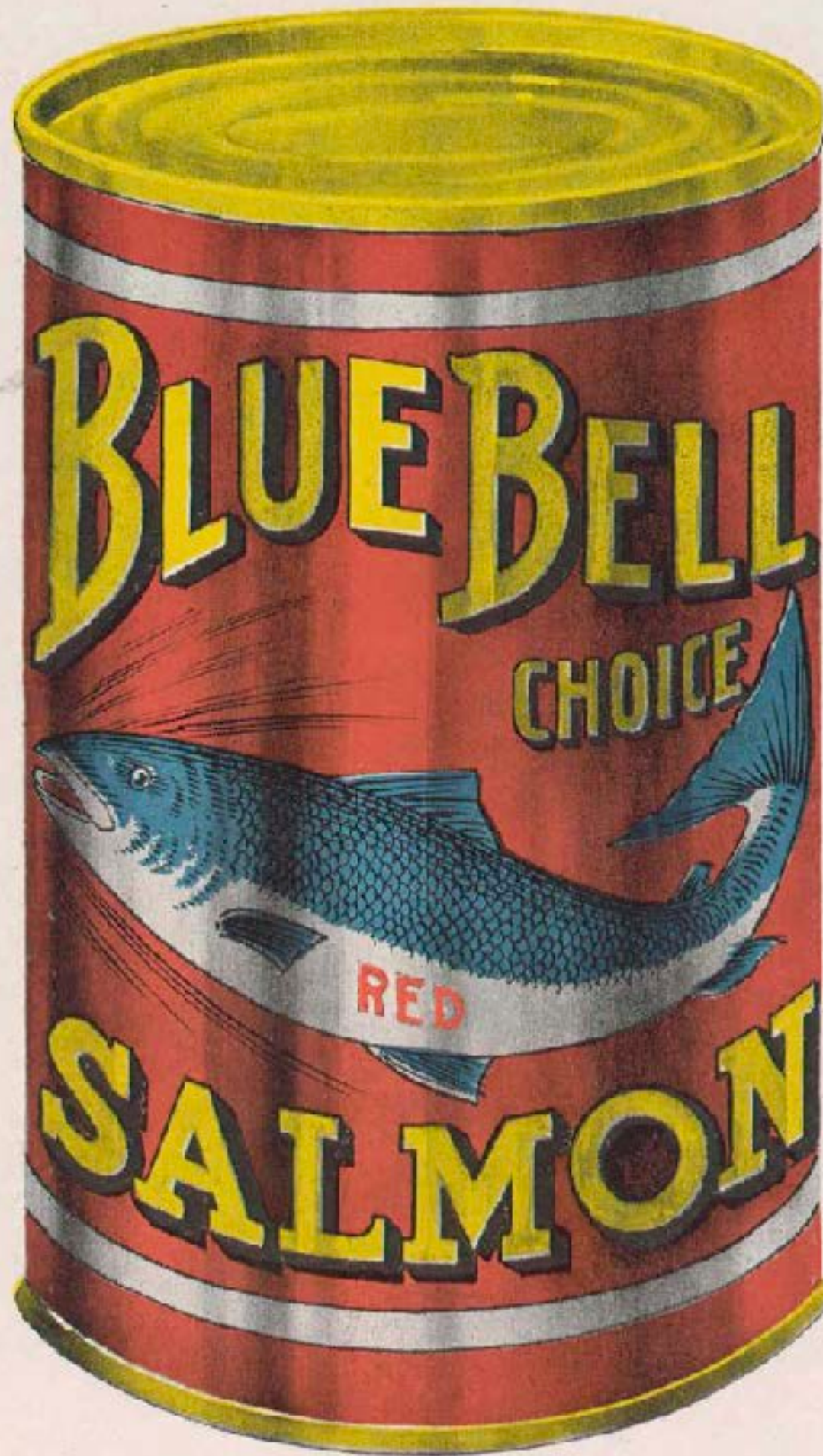
Ainsworth & Dunn Warehouse



Labor Temple







1918 -
lithographed
can made at the
American Can
Co. Seattle



Beer bottled in
at the American
Can Co.



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Interior, Salmon Cannery on Puget Sound, Washington.

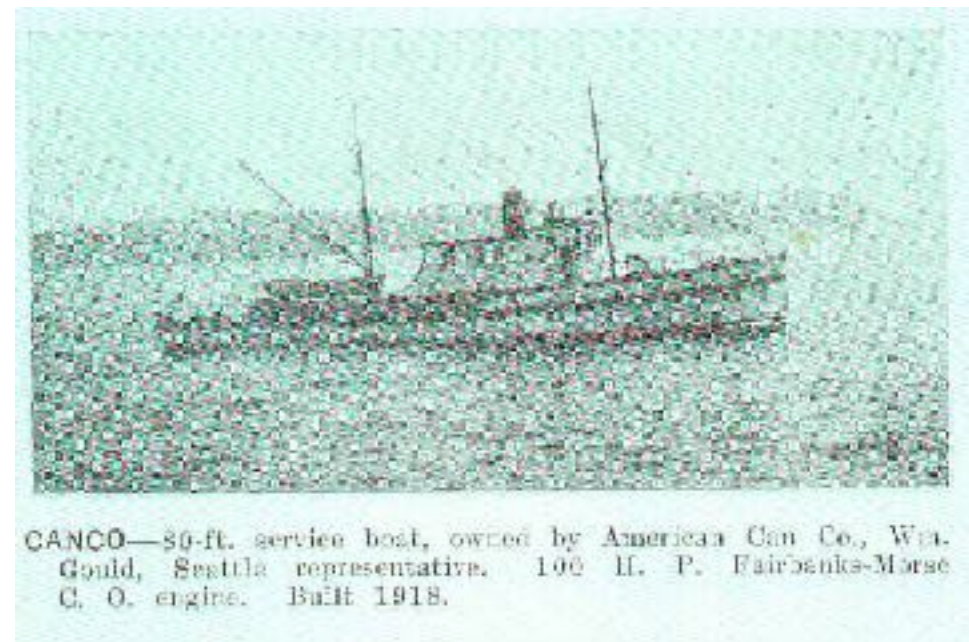
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1910



F&W 12,935

1930s



CANCO—80-ft. service boat, owned by American Can Co., Wm. Gould, Seattle representative. 100 H. P. Fairbanks-Morse C. O. engine. Built 1918.

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1918



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Kirkland Cannery
1936, Works Progress Administration

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SEATTLE FACTORIES

URM w/ Heavy Timber



The Rainier Brewery, 6000-6004 Airport Way (early 20th century City of Seattle Landmark)

URM w/ Heavy Timber



The Black Manufacturing Building (1914, Andrew Willatsen, City of Seattle Landmark)

Concrete





The Lake Union Steam Plant at 1179 Eastlake Avenue E
(1914, Daniel Huntington, City of Seattle Landmark)

Concrete w/ brick veneer



The Ford Assembly Plant Building at 1155 Valley Street
(1914, John Graham Sr., City of Seattle Landmark)

Concrete



National Grocery Company Warehouse (1930, The Austin Company)



The Coca-Cola bottling plant (1939, Jesse M. Shelton and John Graham Sr., Graham & Painter, City of Seattle Landmark)

WATERTANKS



Ainsworth & Dunn (1937)



Water tower at Bell Street Pier
(Port of Seattle HQ, 1915)



Elements to identify American Can Co. as a 20th century warehouse building:

1. Concrete structure
2. Large windows
3. Defined bays
4. Arches or relieving arches at top of bay
5. Stepped Parapet
6. Relationship to transportation routes
7. Water tank support structure

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Ralph Anderson (1976)



Zimmer Gunsel Frasca (ZGF, 1996)



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The American Can Company in Baltimore, MD (1913, Loney)



The American Can Company in Honolulu, HI (1920, Loney)



The American Can Company in Ogden, UT (1914, Loney, National Register)

C. G. Preis, Engineer (1924)

The American Can Company in San Francisco, CA
(1915, alt 1924 C. G. Preis)



The American Can Company in Cincinnati, OH (1921, C. G. Preis, National Register)

Ralph Anderson (1976)



Broback Residence, Medina, Washington (1964, Ralph Anderson)



Gordon K. Schowe Residence (1965, Ralph Anderson)



Runion residence (1971-72, Ralph Anderson)

Ralph Anderson (1976)



Grand Central Building/Squire Latimer Building (1890, Nelson Comstock and Carl Troetsche, alt 1971-73, Ralph Anderson)



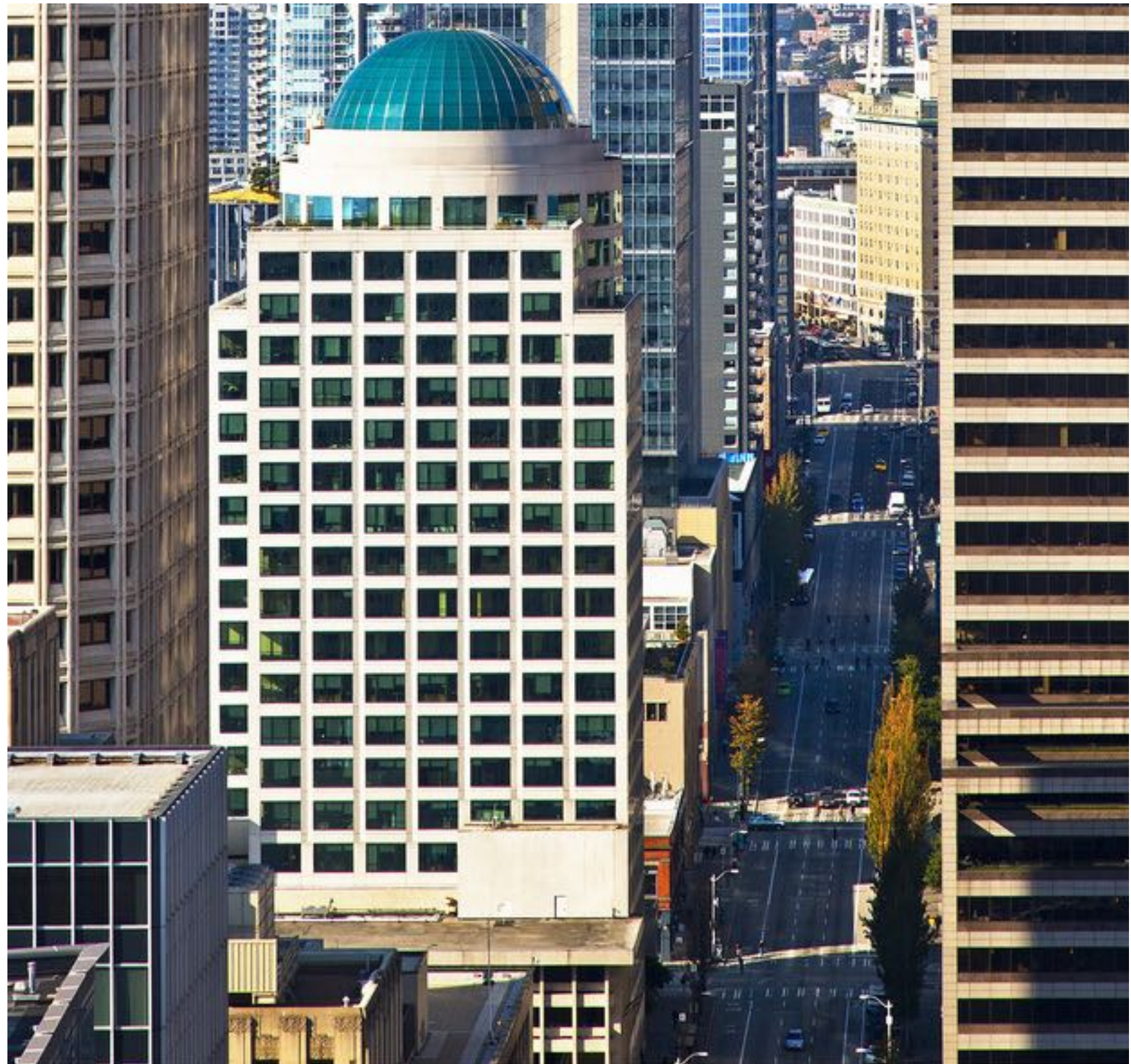
Union Trust Building Pioneer Square, Seattle (1893, Skillings and Corner and 1902, Saunders & Lawton, alt. 1965, Ralph Anderson)



Pioneer Building (1892, Elmer Fisher, alt. 1973-74, Ralph Anderson)

Zimmer Gunsel Frasca (ZGF, 1996)

Second and Seneca Building, Seattle (1990-1992,
Zimmer, Gunsel, Frasca Partnership)



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WATERFRONT
AREA
CONTINUES



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