

SLOVENIAN WORKMEN'S HOME

CLEVELAND LANDMARK NOMINATION

15335 WATERLOO ROAD



Slovenians to America

- Slovene settlement in Cleveland beginning in the 1880s
- Immigration heaviest in 1890-1914, 1919-1924 and 1949-60
- 1910 Census – 14,332 in Cleveland
- 1970 Census – 46,000 foreign born or mixed parentage Slovenes in Cleveland



Slovenes to America

- Original settlement in the Newburgh area
- By late 1880s – early 1890s a large community was settling along St. Clair Avenue
- Early 1900s saw another sizable community appear in the Collinwood area and into Euclid
 - Many worked at places like the Kuhlman Car Company, New York Central Railroad and the Collinwood Brick Yards.
 - Settled on Ivanhoe Road, East 152nd Street, Waterloo Road, and Holmes Avenue

Slovenes in Cleveland

- In the late 1890s and early 1900s, those who had come to America realized they would likely not return to Slovenia
- A rise in formation of national parishes, mutual insurance companies, singing and drama clubs, and businesses
- 1899 - First Slovene-language newspaper in Cleveland
- Increase in U.S. Citizenship
 - Large surge during World War I
- Held cultural events at local halls that were eventually deemed too small

Slovenian Workmen's Home

- First meetings for the establishment of the hall were in 1914
- Building was delayed as there was no agreement as to the location
 - Holmes Avenue
 - Waterloo Road
- May 3, 1916 – formation of the committee to create the new home
- November 1916 – delegates from the different lodges and clubs meet
- August 1917 – first step to build the home was to raise \$10,000

- 1917 – Committee organized a daily Slovenian newspaper, *Enakopravnost*, to help promote the building on national homes
 - *Favored the Waterloo site*
- January 26, 1919 – Singing Society SOCA held a meeting and announced they preferred the Holmes Avenue site
 - Split of the two sides and each would build their own hall
- 1920 – Lodges formed the Waterloo Club and began raising money for construction

- August 5, 1925 – Plans to start building
 - Total Cost - \$86,700 (\$1.35 million in 2021)
- Architect Alexander C. Wolf
 - Active from 1911 – 1954
 - Member of the City Planning Commission 1922-1927
 - Architect with Cleveland Transit System during WWII
- May 31, 1926 – Groundbreaking
- July 25, 1926 – Laying of cornerstone
- January 1, 1927 – Grand Opening

SLOVENIAN HALL
TO COST \$76,000

***Eighteen Societies Will
Lay Stone July 25.***

Eighteen Slovenian fraternal societies will unite in building a \$76,000 hall at Waterloo and Shiloh roads N. E., two stories high. It will be financed by a bond issue.

Lodge rooms will occupy the 60 by 150-foot basement, with an auditorium seating 400 on the first floor. Offices, janitor's suite and two lodge rooms will occupy the second floor.

Slovenian organizations from other cities have been invited to the cornerstone laying July 25. Several bands will be present.

John Rozence, 15721 Waterloo road N. E., is president of the representatives of the fraternal organizations.

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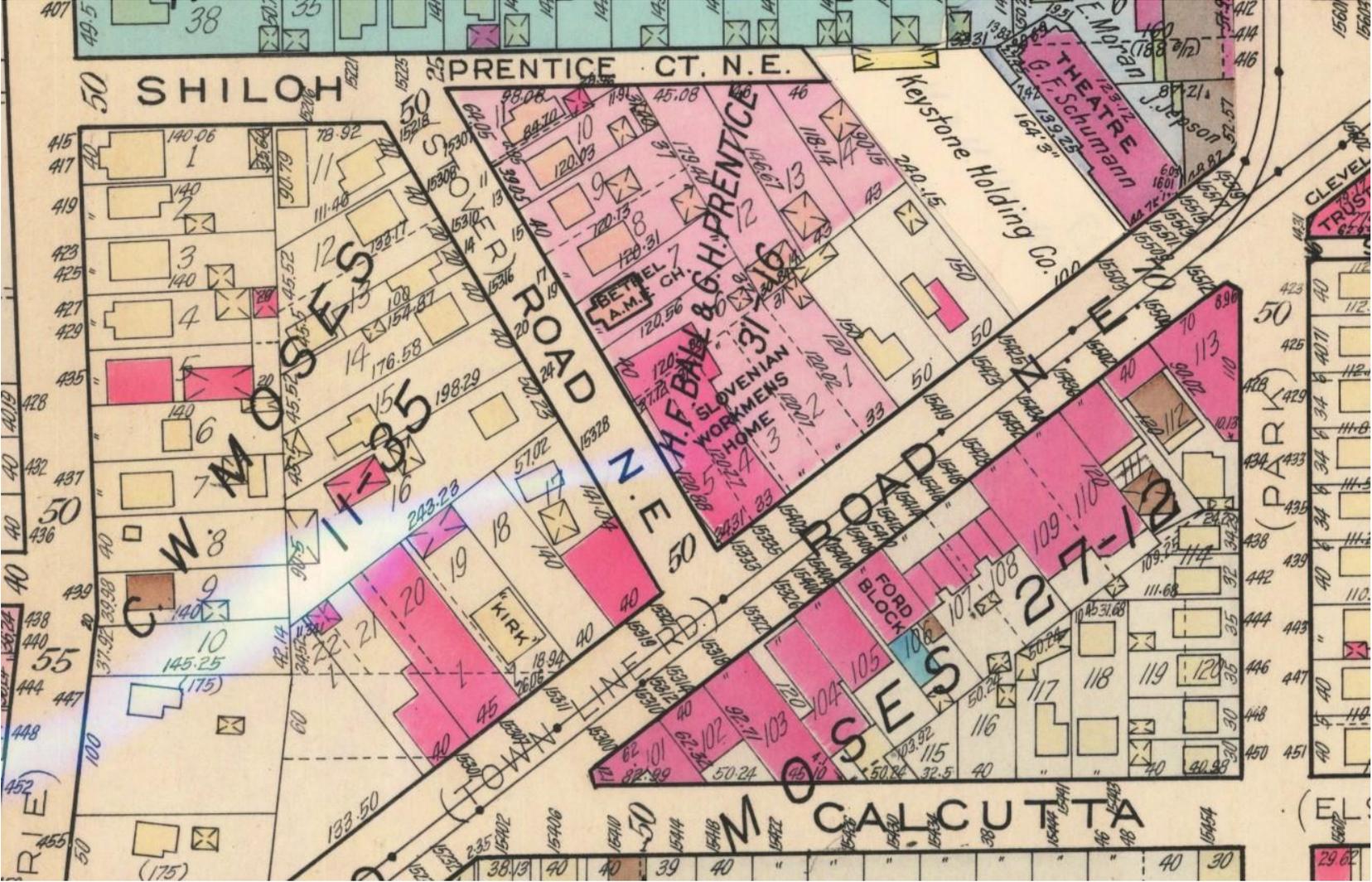
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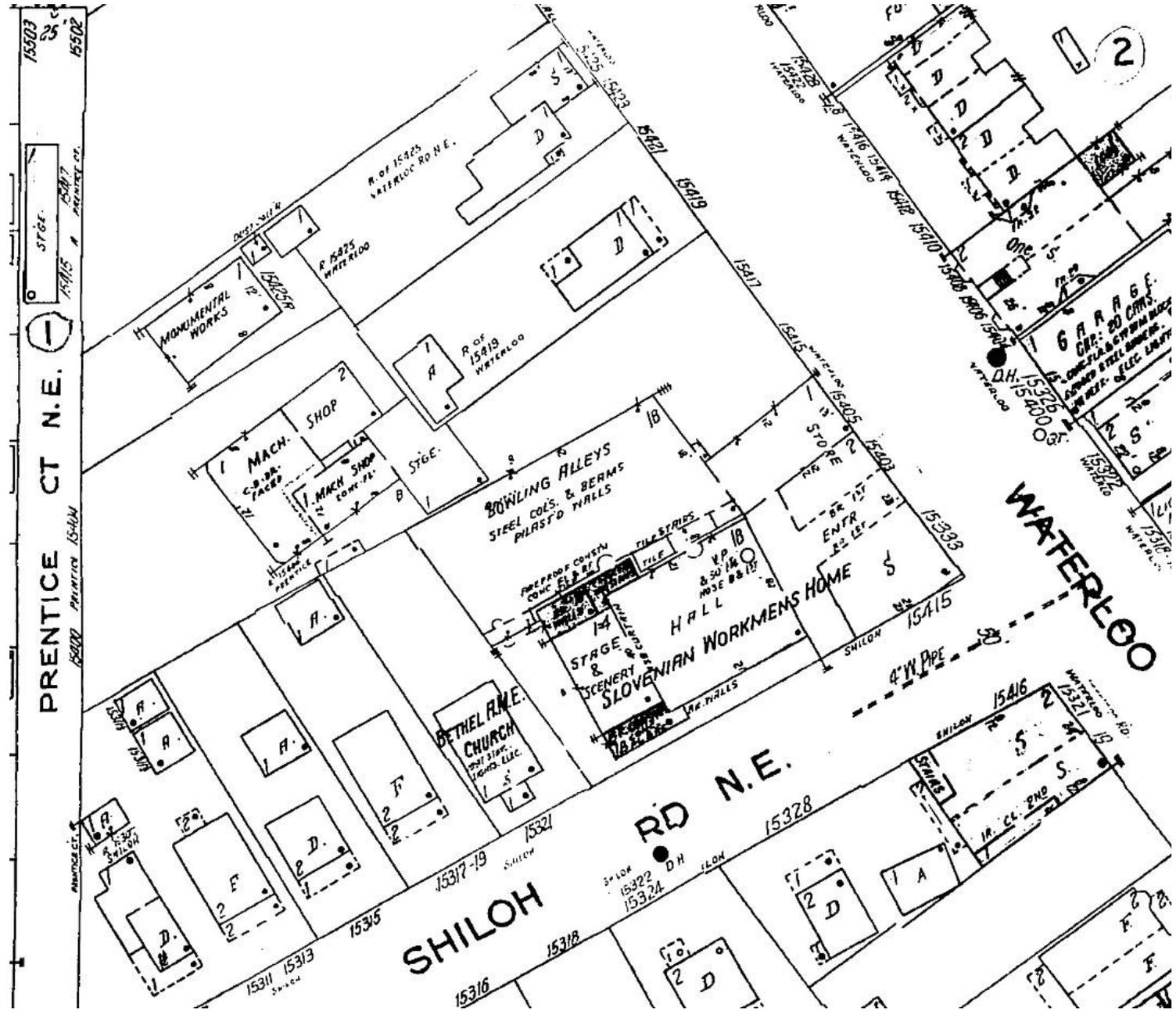
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- 1935 – Addition of Public Bar Room
 - R.P. Brosch (?)
- 1939 – Addition of Bowling Alleys
 - Architect Harry B. Hoener
 - Dedicated September 16-17, 1939
- 1945 – Ladies of the Progressive Slovene Women of America Circle No. 1 helped with the installation of the monument honoring the deceased war veterans
- 1973 – Purchased the property next door to tear down the house for parking

Map 1927



Map 1950



March 3. Northwestern at Evanston.

AMATEUR STARS ON MITT CARD

Morse Opper, chairman of the committee of the boxing show to be staged by the Collinwood Hebrew Unity Club at the Slovenian Hall, 15333 Waterloo Road, Wednesday night, has four claimants of city titles carded in the eight bouts.

In the 100-pound feature Poe Polumbo of the Knights of Columbus clashes with Joe Dienes of the Wargo A. C. Polumbo is a newcomer. However, he has been winning the majority of his bouts lately and at the present time is considered being one of the best boys in his class in the simon-pure ranks.

The best bout of the evening should be furnished by Nick Martin and Jack Sharky, both 160-pounders. Martin is the heavier hitter of the two.

Some of the other star bouts bring together Frank Chatterton, Preston A. C., and Tony Marcellino, Avon A. C., 135-pounders; Joe Botta and Vito Mazio, 112 pounds; Harry Thomas and Santa Wargo, 125 pounds.



Practice at the Geauga Bowmen's indoor range, a converted bowling alley at the Slovenian Workmen's Hall, 15333 Waterloo Road.

6 THE PLAIN DEALER SUNDAY MAGAZINE

Razprodaja čevljev

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ČEVLJI ZA OTROKE IN DEKLETA

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(Prej Anton Ogrinc Department Store)

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Waterloo Style Shoppe

15333 WATERLOO RD.

v Slov. del. domu

**OBLEKE ZA DEKLETA IN ŽENE
DO MERE 52**

Izdelujemo obleke po meri ter popravljamo obleke. Govorimo slovensko.

Samuel R. Siegel

Physician and Surgeon

announces

his release from active duty in the Armed Forces
and his return to private practice

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Slov. Workmen's Home

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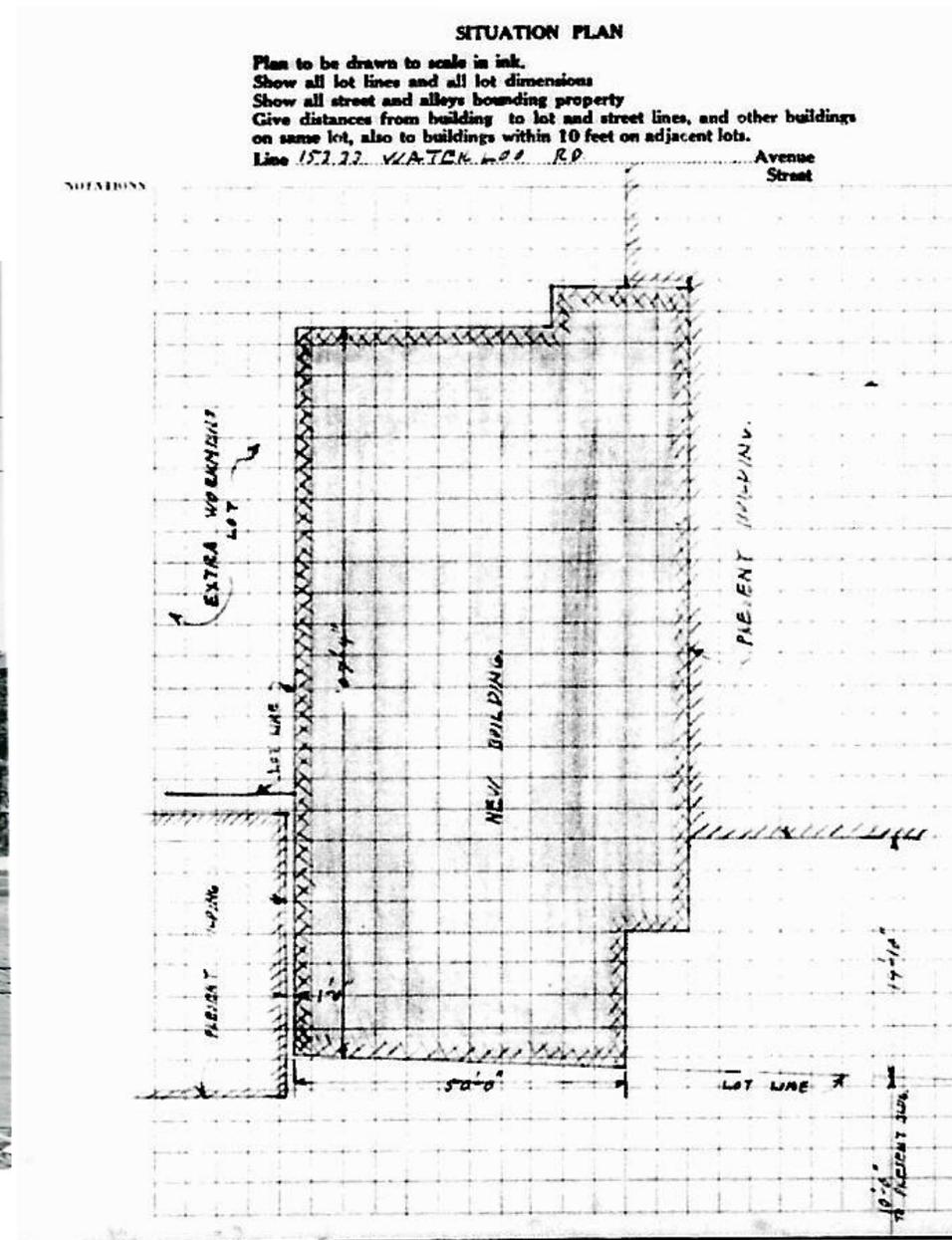
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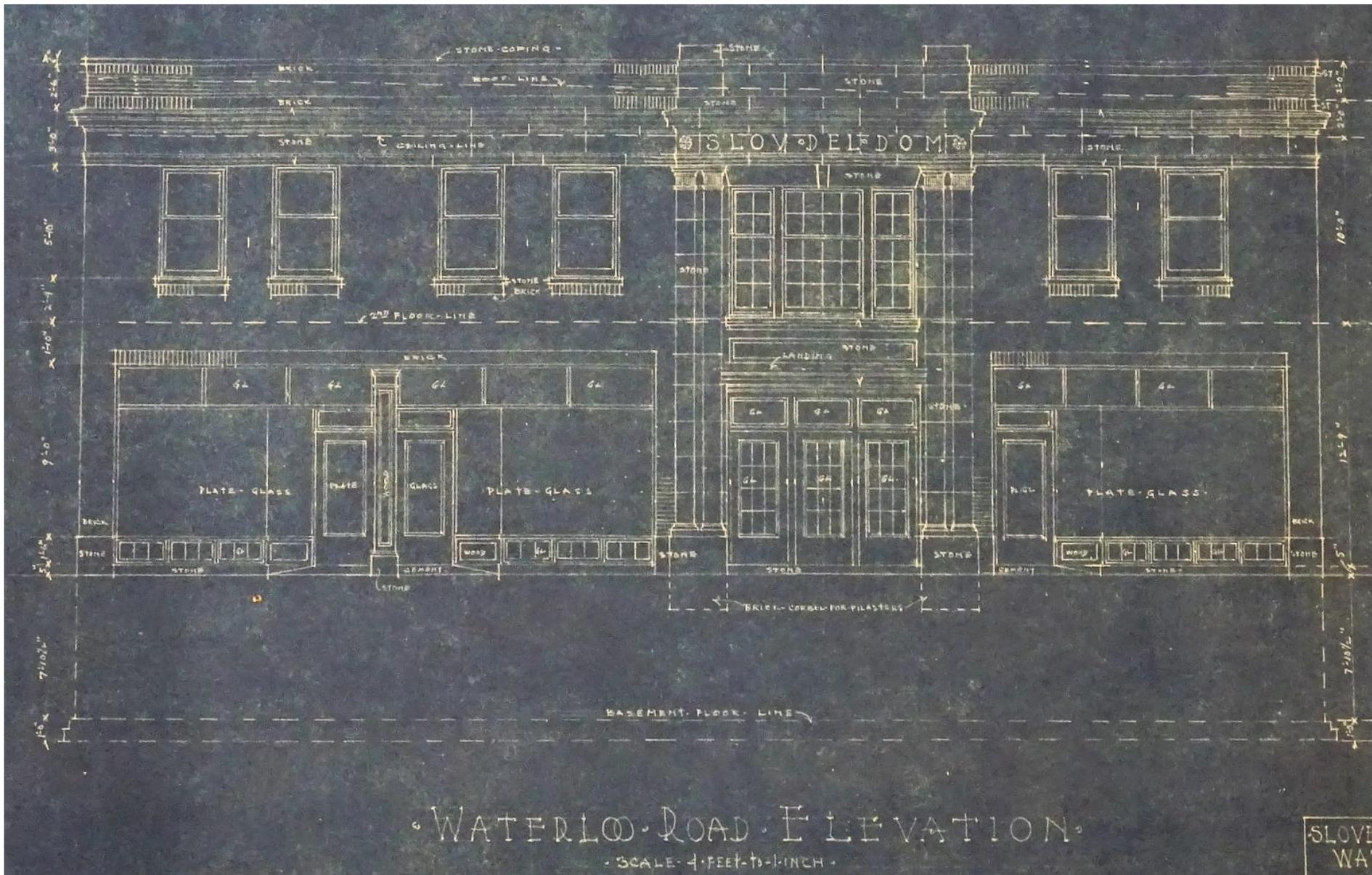
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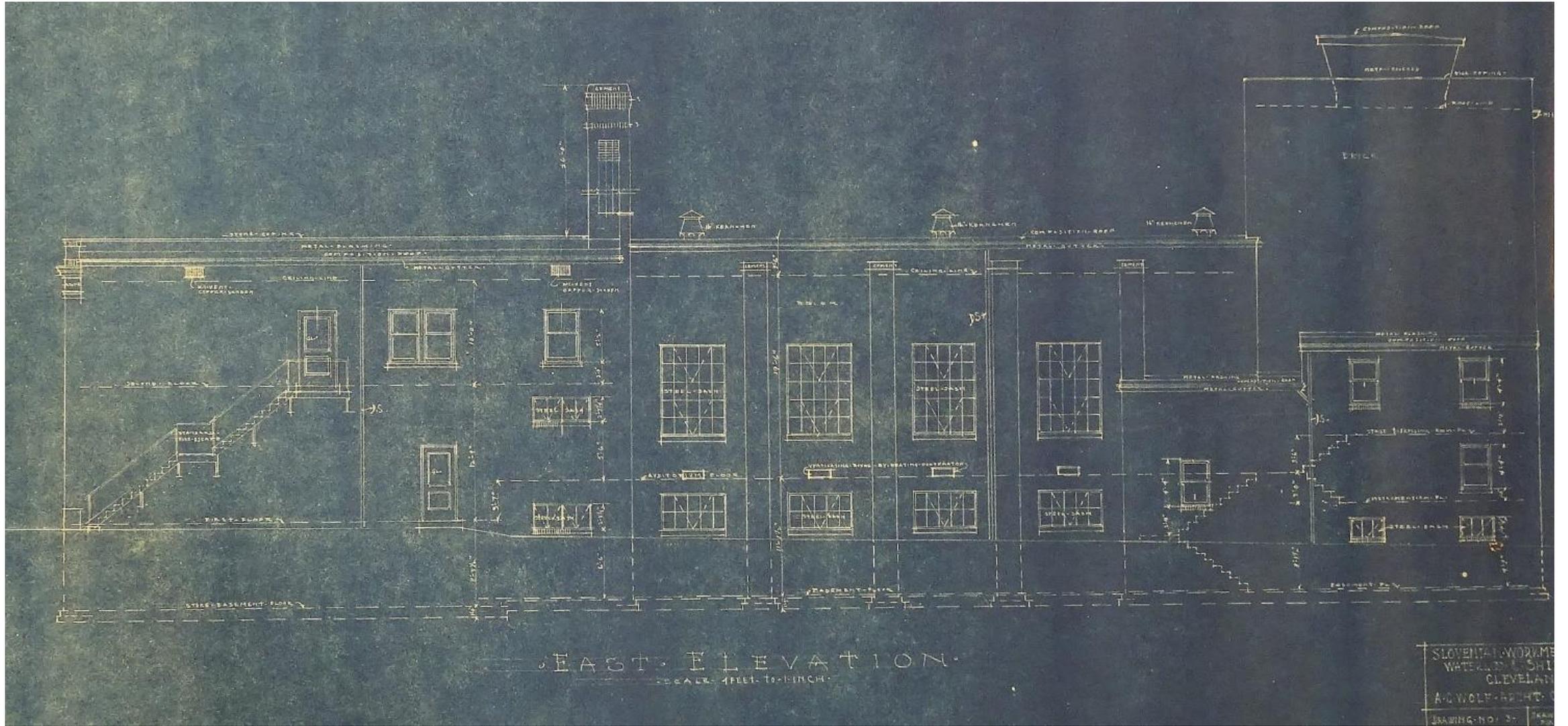
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- 1947 – Addition of second story to 1935 addition
 - Architects Paul Matzinger and Rudolph Grosel
 - Croatian Liberty Home (1949)
- 1958 – Storefront plate glass removed and replaced with glass block and brick face in tavern only
- 1977 – Alteration to west storefront to match
- 1980s – Murals in windows added
- 2014 – Removal of glass block for new storefront windows

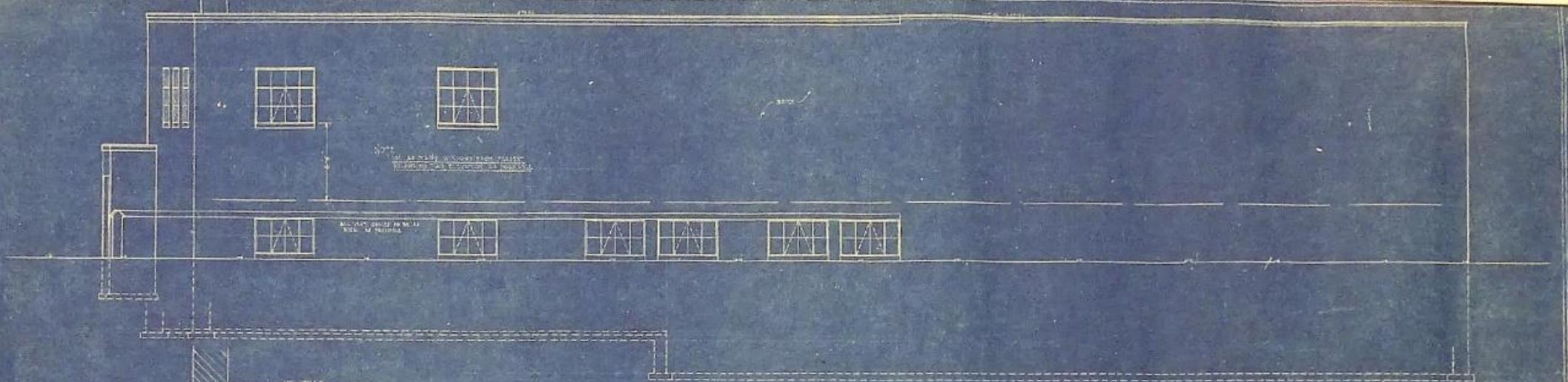




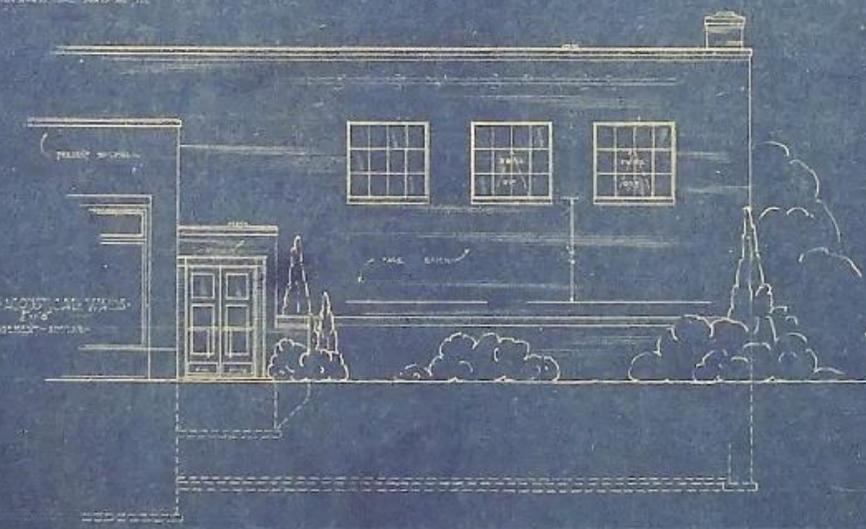


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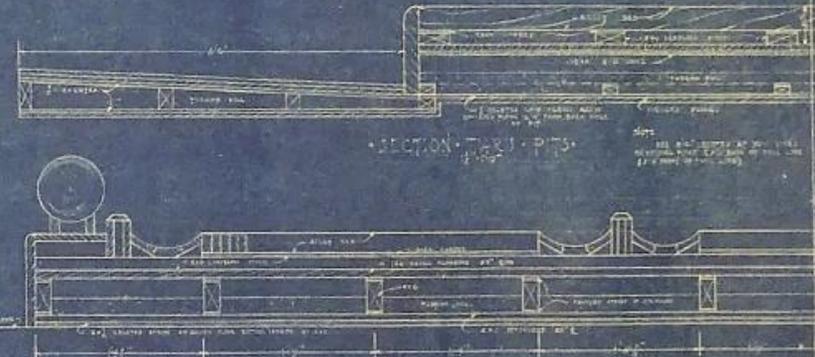
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•FRONT ELEVATION
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•SECTION-TAXI PITS
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•SECTION-TAXI BOWLING ALLEY-BEAM
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ADDITIONAL WORK SHEETS TO BE MADE BY ARCHITECT

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1	7/24/20	SECTION-TAXI PITS
2	7/24/20	SECTION-TAXI BOWLING ALLEY-BEAM
3	7/24/20	SECTION-ACRUSTAL WALLS
4	7/24/20	SECTION-ACRUSTAL BOARD OF PILL
5	7/24/20	FRONT ELEVATION
6	7/24/20	SIDE ELEVATION

Monument

- Gold Star
 - 14 Killed in Action
- 548 Service members from the neighborhood
 - Names on bronze plaques

Unveil War Memorial Sunday



One of the first monuments to be built in honor of World War II veterans will be dedicated Sunday by Slovene organizations meeting in the Slovene Workman's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd.

Financed by the combined lodges of the Slovene Workmen's Home, the monument is 13 feet high. A pillar eight feet high contains names of 14 men in the neighborhood who were killed in action. The 15th name is that of President Roosevelt.

The base of the monument contains four bronze plaques with names of 548 men of the neighborhood who served. The monument was built by Frank Kosich of 15425 Waterloo Rd.

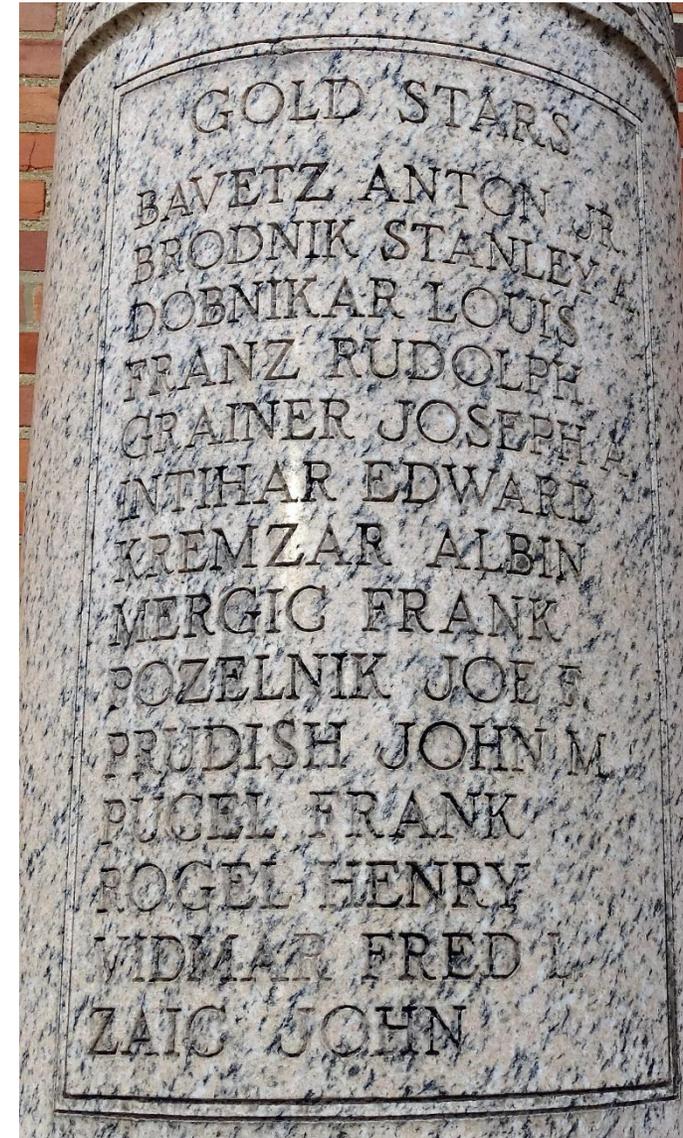
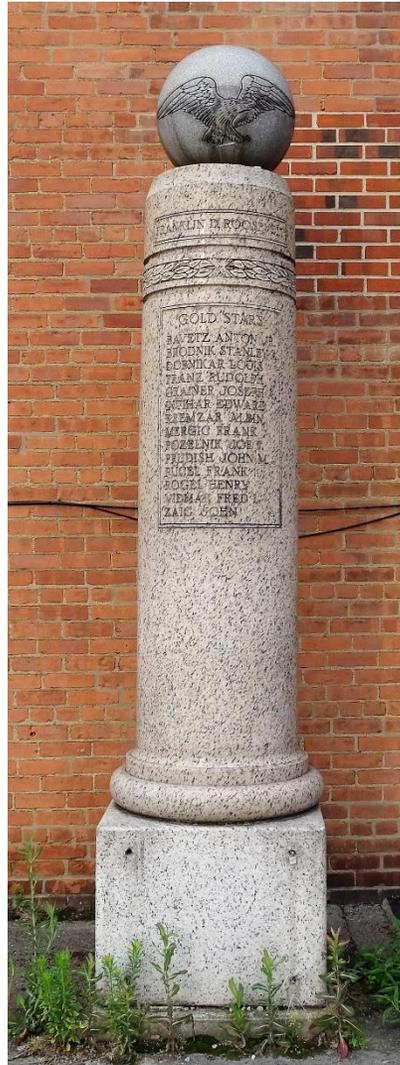
Sunday's dedication program will include a parade at 1:30 p. m. and a speaking program in front of the monument at 2 p. m.

FRANK KOSICH stands at the foot of the monument to servicemen to be dedicated by Slovenes Sunday at 15335 Waterloo Rd.

Monument



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GOLD STARS
BAVETZ ANTON JR.
BRODNIK STANLEY A.
DOBNIKAR LOUIS
FRANZ RUDOLPH
GRAINER JOSEPH A.
INTHAR EDWARD
KREMZAR ALBIN
MERGIC FRANK
POZELNIK JOE S.
PRUDISH JOHN M.
PUCEL FRANK
ROGEL HENRY
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Significance

- Its character, interest or value is part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or the United States.
- The historic property exemplifies the cultural, economic, social or historic heritage of the City.
- The historic property embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation.
- The historic property relates to other distinctive areas which are eligible for preservation activities, based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif
- The historic property's location or its singular physical characteristics represent the establishment or are a familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or City.

Sources

- Encyclopedia of Cleveland History
- 50th Anniversary Slovene Workmen's Home program (1976)
- Cleveland City Building Permits