

CLEVELAND LANDMARK NOMINATION

FORMER CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
ENGINE CO. 26 STATION

Nominated August 26, 2021

History

- Property at Kinsman Street and East Madison Avenue (East 79th Street) sold to the City of Cleveland by Susan T. and Jacob B. Hawkins in 1883.
- December 16, 1895 – Resolution No. 9279
- “The committee on fire met yesterday and recommended the erection of an engine house on Kinsman Street, near Woodland Hills Avenue (East 93rd Street)” *Plain Dealer*, January 26, 1896

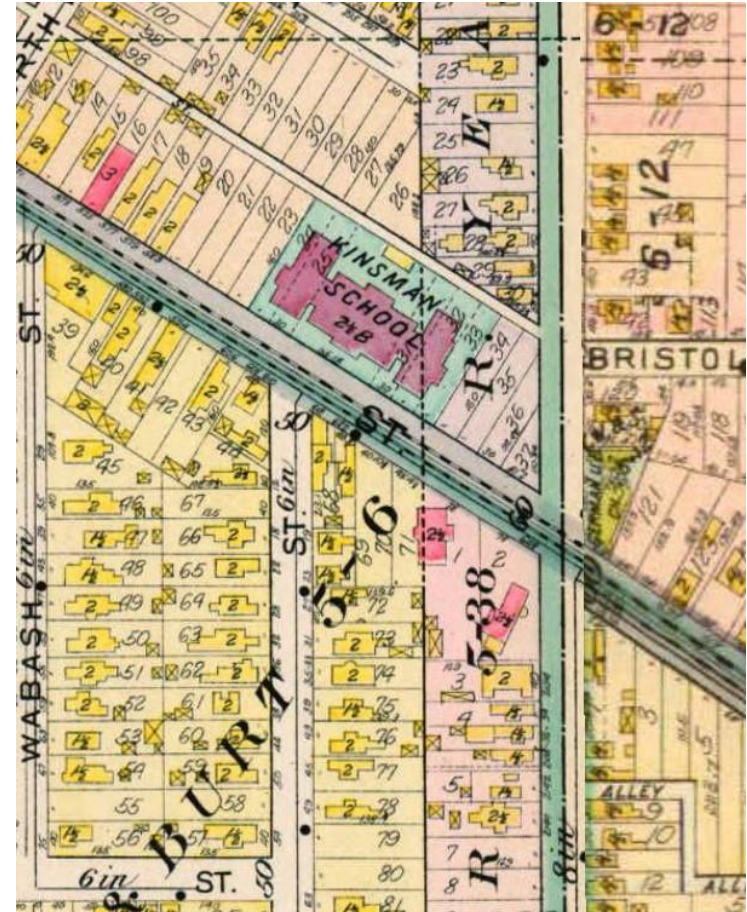


History

- This plan was not approved however, on January 1, 1897 Cleveland City Council adopted Resolution File No. 14492: That the Director of Fire be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the erection of a fire engine house on Kinsman Street near East Madison Avenue, on the vacant lot now owned by the city.
- The first proposals were rejected, and new bids were requested.

History

- Contracts approved on September 20, 1897
 - Mason – M.J. Kelley
 - Carpenter – G. A. Cook
 - Glazing – Cleveland Window Glass Co.
 - Plastering – J.W. Smith
 - Roofing – J. Callaghan & Son
 - Plumbing – R.E. Albin
 - Construction, Iron and Steel – T. H. Brooks
- Contract approved on October 11, 1897
 - Heating & Ventilation – Chafer & Becker



History

Building dedicated on Tuesday, March 8, 1898.

“The new station is an exceptionally fine structure of its kind, built of brick, with stone trimmings, with two stories, a large attic and a tower of particularly artistic design. Within, the building is finished in white enamel brick, with Georgia Pine woodwork and wainscotting and a ceiling done in cherry.” -*Cleveland Plain Dealer* March 9, 1898

John A. Rees, Captain

David M. Dieterich, Lieutenant

Vincent Seidel, Engineer

Martin A. Donnes, Assistant Engineer

George B. Shibley, Fireman

John J. Dienst, Fireman

Dan S. Kennedy, Fireman

Joseph G. Glyde, Fireman

Fred G. Fuerst, Fireman



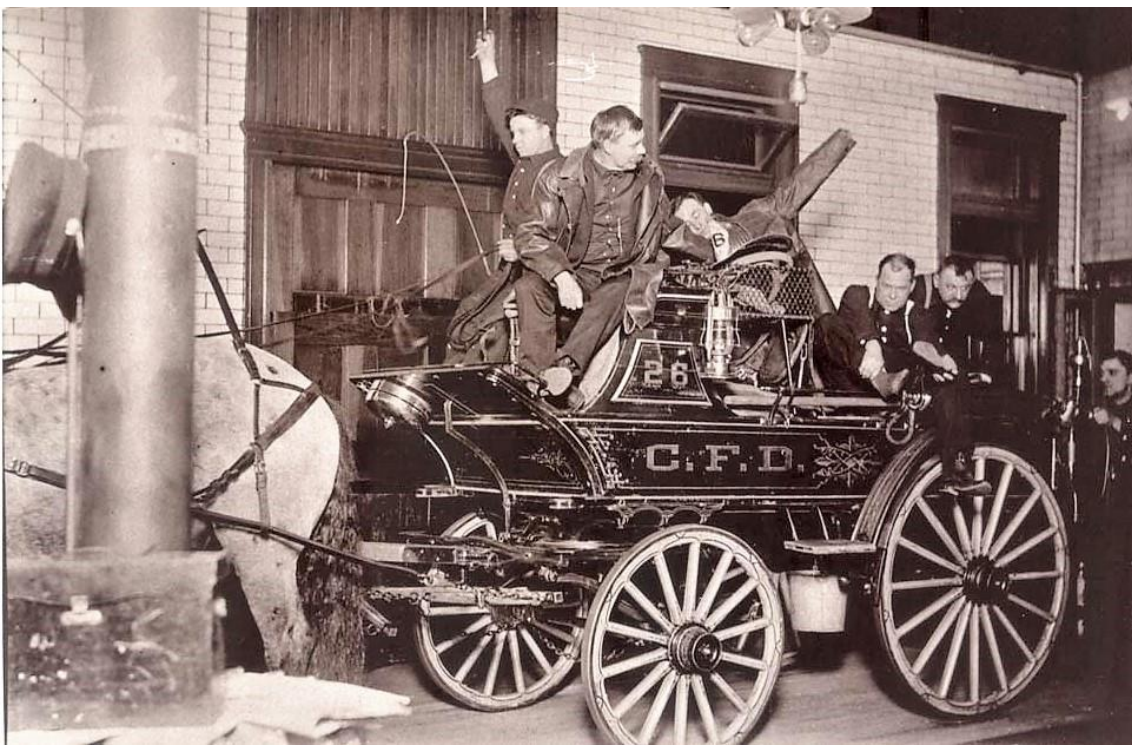
NEW ENGINE HOUSE No. 26, KINSMAN STREET.
First Engine House Built in This City Within Estimate and Without "Extras."

Architect

- William Ruggles Watterson (1867-1929)
- Raised in Cleveland
- Studied at Columbia University
- Returned to Cleveland as a local representative for George B. Post
- Practiced on his own from 1895 – 1903 and as a partner with Charles Schneider from 1903-1908

Architect





Courtesy of Zack Miklowski



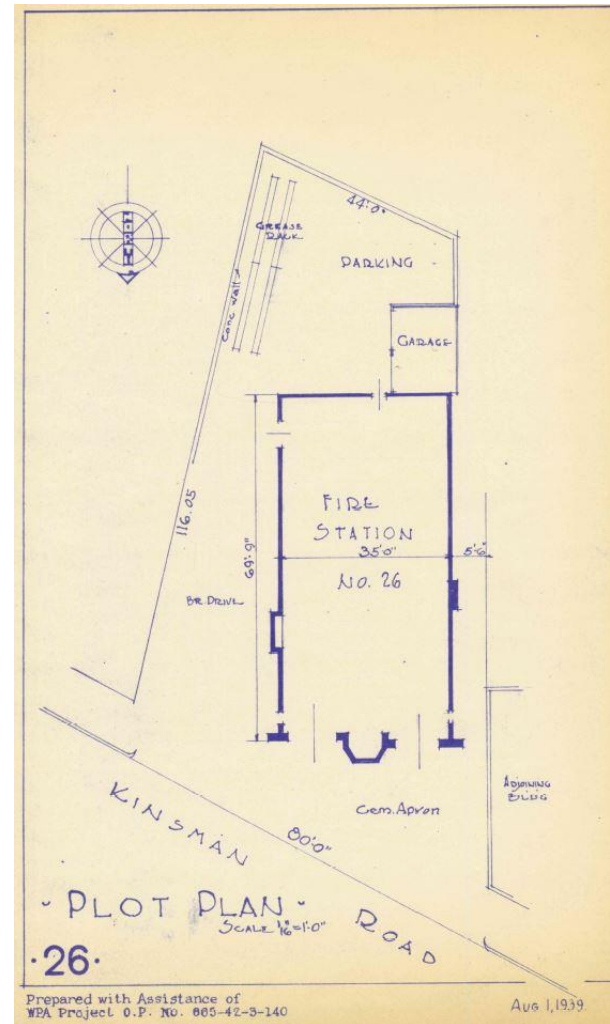
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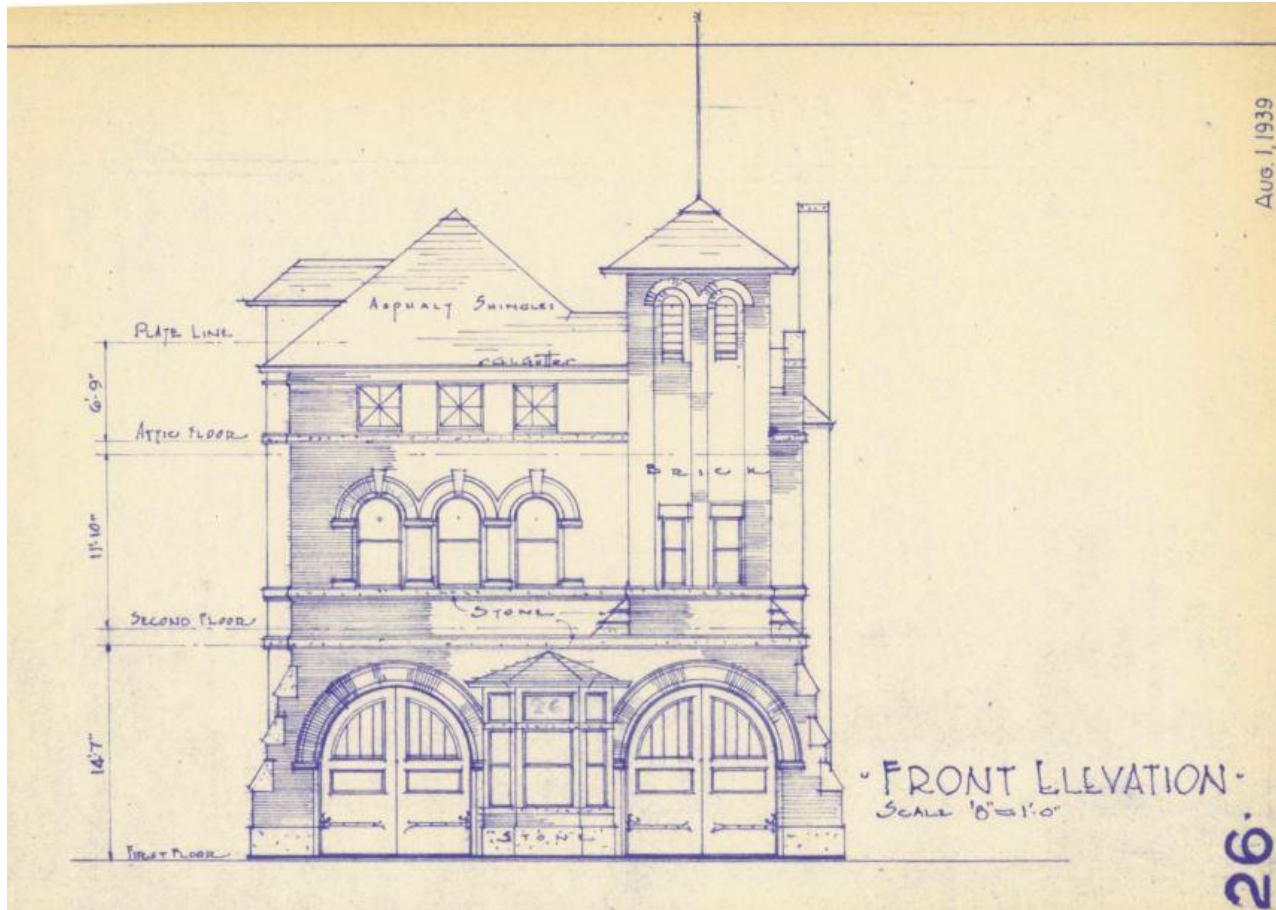
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A portion of the original land purchase was exchanged for a small triangular section on the east side of the property on Kinsman on June 1, 1898.

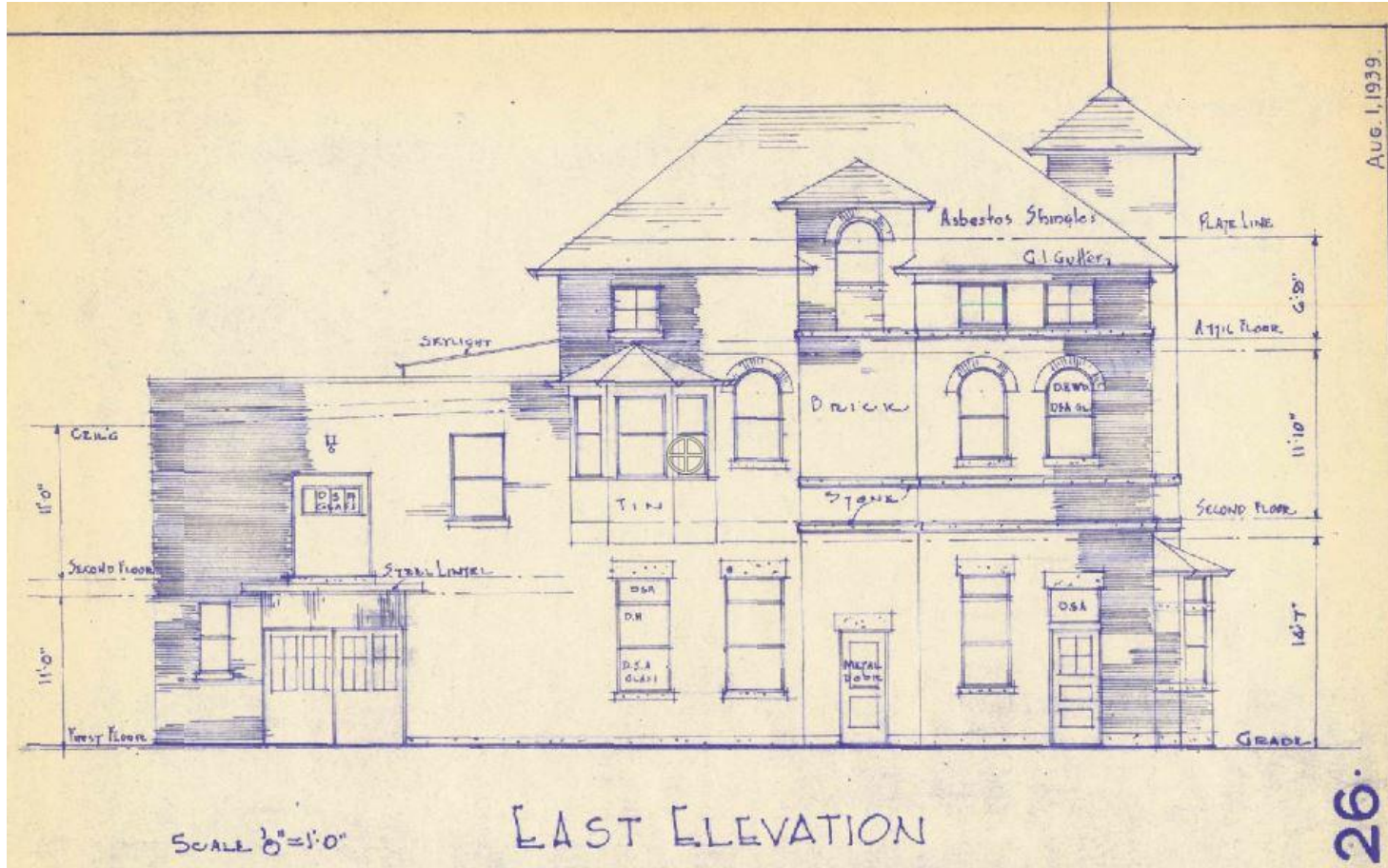
In the late 1930s all the alarm bells were removed from stations through the city.



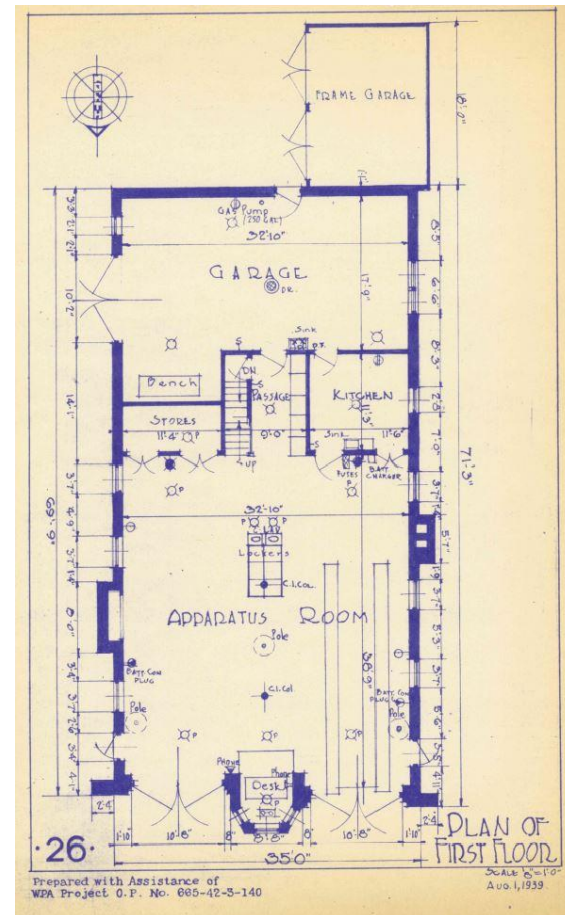
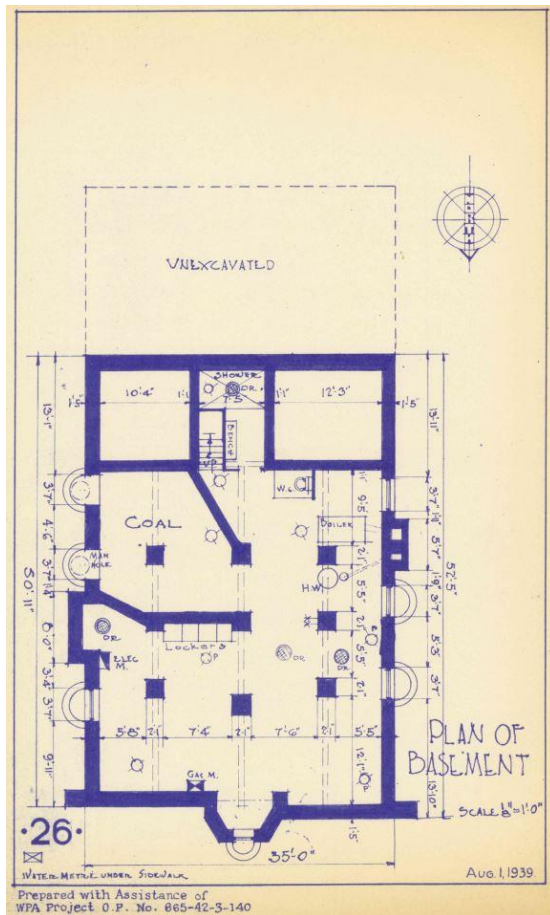
1939 Alteration



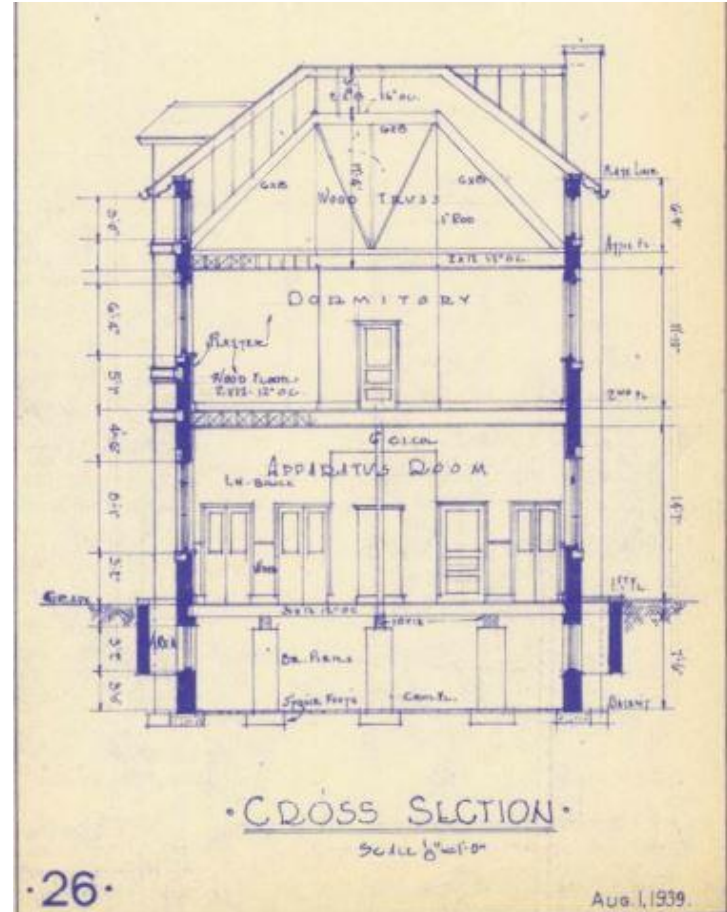
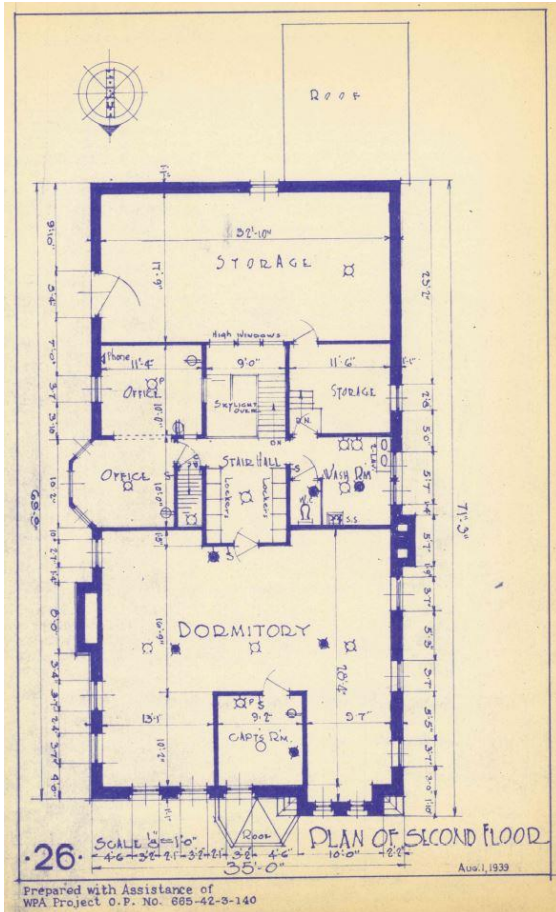
1939 Alteration



Floor Plan



Floor Plan



1940

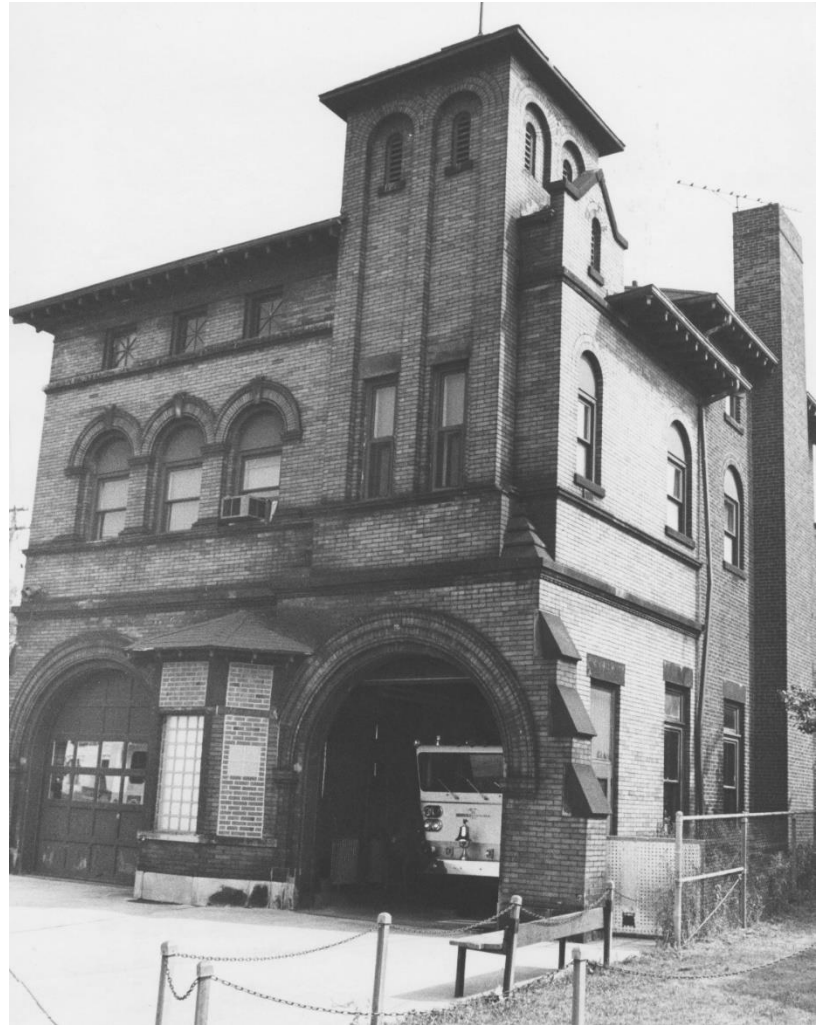


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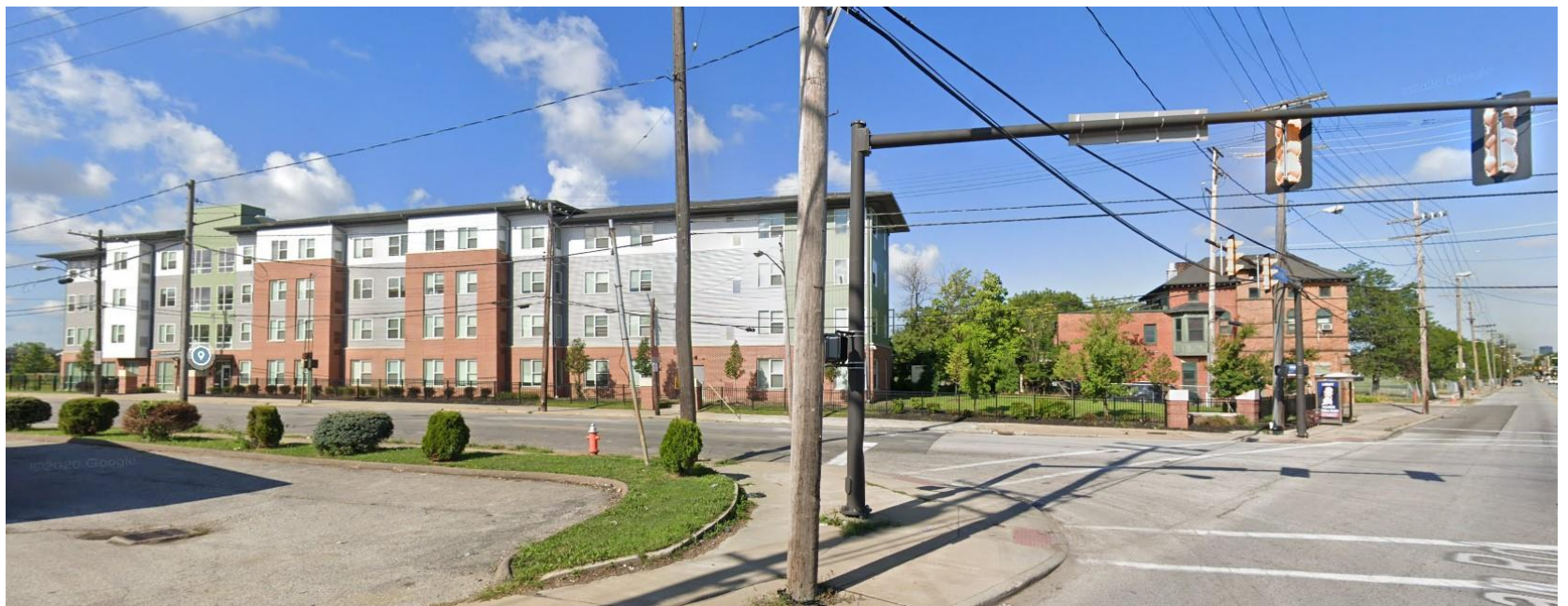
1975

By the 1970s alterations to the doors and front windows had occurred.



Site Visit

January 2020





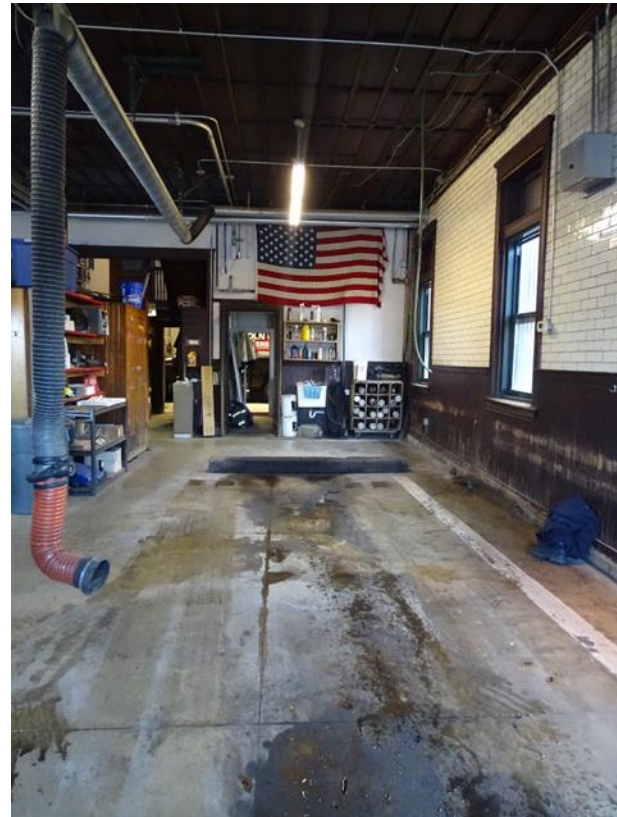
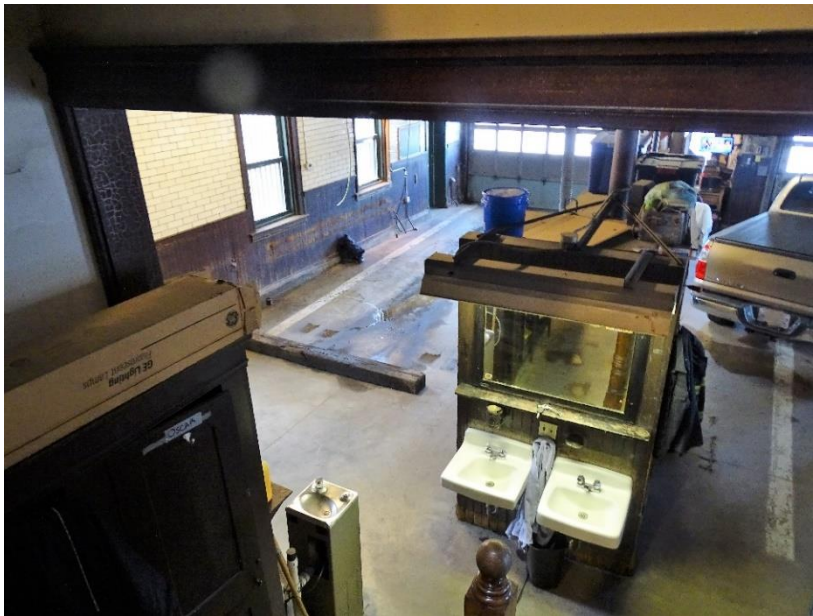


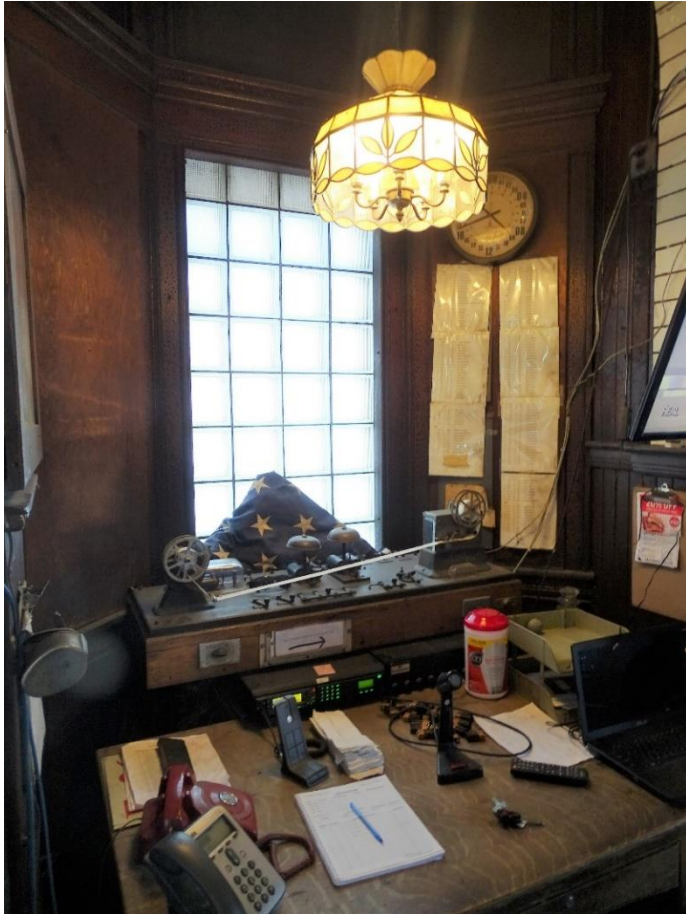


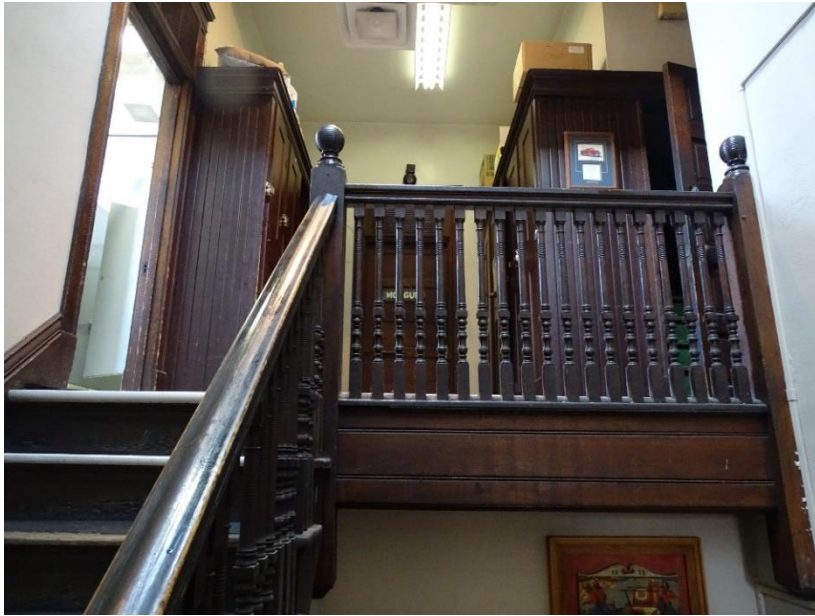
Basement



Apparatus Room







Kitchen and Lounge

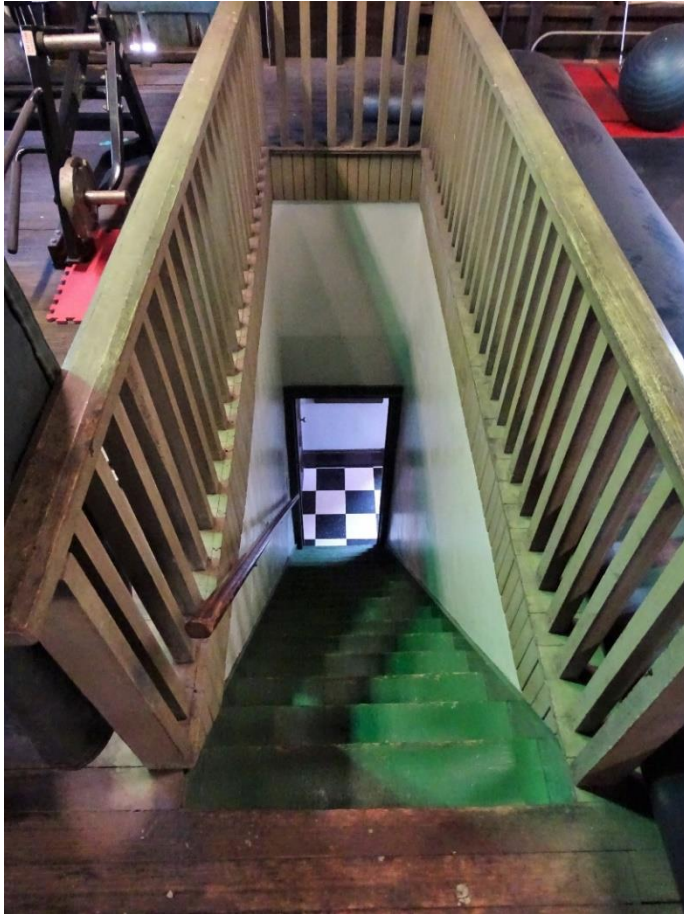


2nd floor Crew Quarters





3rd Floor Attic









The Batcave





FIRE STATION 26 GRAND OPENING SEPTEMBER 4TH



The original Fire Station built in 1898 just down the street at E. 79th & Kinsman Ave. will be open for tours also!

COME JOIN US 2 - 7 PM

- Mayor Justin Bibb opening dedication at 2:30 pm.
- Light snacks & beverages
- Tour the community's newest response facility.
- Meet the Firefighters & Paramedics.
- Face Painter for the kids.

OPENING DAY

SEPTEMBER 4TH 2-7 PM

LOCATION

9026 Kinsman Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44104

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THANK YOU

