

Hastings CBD Heritage Inventory Project



HERALD TRIBUNE BUILDINGS



LOCATION:

Street and Number: 201-209 Queen Street East
Location: Corner Queen Street East and Karamu Road North
City / Town: Hastings
Region: Hawke's Bay

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 20967, Lots 1, 2 DP 8279
Certificates of Title: HBW4/519 & HBW4/510

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Architectural Value:

The Herald Tribune Building is a rare example of Edwardian architecture in the city, surviving the earthquake albeit in damaged form. Its rich modeling and the colour and texture of the brickwork are in stark contrast to the smooth plastered concrete buildings of the 1930s elsewhere in the CBD. While many changes have perhaps compromised its integrity, these constitute an interesting picture of its history over 100 years.

Historic Value:

The Herald Tribune Buildings is strongly associated with the development of the newspaper industry in Hastings.

Aesthetic Value:

The Herald Tribune Building is located at a prominent corner site in the Hastings CBD. It stands in close association with a number of other period buildings in Queens Street, and it adds richness to the variety of style in this part of the CBD.

HISTORY:

In 1886 the first paper of Hastings was established. This paper was called the *Hastings Star* and was short lived due to the economic depression.¹ The *Hastings Standard* was established in 1896 with Mr. W. D Arnott as the editor.² In 1907 it was sold to William Whitlock and Alfred Cairncross.³ In 1910 Cairncross retired and William Nelson suggested forming a company (The Tribune Limited) to publish the newly named Hawke's Bay Tribune.⁴ The Tribune Buildings were constructed in 1911 on the corner of Queen Street East and Karamu Road North.⁵ The company continued to publish the Hawke's Bay Tribune until the 1931 earthquake, when much of the building was damaged and the upper storey (consisting of office space) had to be removed.⁶ After the earthquake, Whitlock made an offer to Dindale, Walker and Company Limited (publishers of the Hawke's Bay Herald) to print their paper as their Napier building had been destroyed.⁷ This offer was accepted and Dindale, Walker and Company leased rooms across the road from the Tribune buildings.

In 1932 a company called Hawke's Bay Newspapers took over The Tribune Limited and received funding to repair the ground floor of the building.⁸ This company subsequently merged with Dindale, Walker and Company Limited, while maintaining their separate newspapers. However, by 1937 the two papers also merged to become the Hawke's Bay Herald-Tribune.⁹ In 1999 the Hawke's Bay Herald-Tribune merged with Napier's Daily

¹ Fowler, M 2007 *From Disaster to Recovery: the Hastings CBD 1931-35*, Michael Fowler Publishing Limited, Havelock North pp. 62-67.

² *Hastings: the Hub of the Hawke's Bay*, 1917

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⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ Johncock, R.F *A Brief History of Napier and Hastings Newspapers 1857-1991*

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Telegraph to become Hawke's Bay Today, which remains in 2012.¹⁰ The current owners are Overton Holdings, who obtained the building from APN New Zealand in 2007.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Architect: Rush and James (original building), C. Tilleard, Natusch & Sons (1931 alterations), Edmund Anscombe and Associates (1936 reinstatement of business premises)

Builder: T. Styles (original building), C. Palmer (1936 reinstatement of business premises)

Date of construction: 1911

Construction details: Brick masonry, timber joinery.

Description: This is an unusual building in Hastings, being built of brick masonry. It survived the Hawke's Bay Earthquake, but was damaged and the work of C Tilleard Natusch in 1931 included repairs to the masonry. Later the glazed addition of the first floor altered its appearance dramatically, so that today it is a distinct mix of Edwardian and modernist styles.

The building takes advantage of its corner site with an arched opening to a porch and entrance doors right on the corner; there are four windows set in deep reveals along each of the elevations to Queen Street East and Karamu Road North.

There is quite a complex history of change, repair and adaptation to this building which would reward careful study – extant documents relate to the three main architecturally designed phases of construction as set out above, but also to several small scale changes, all reflecting the changing use and ownership of the building.

ELEMENTS OF ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Element	Significance
Brick masonry and plasterwork	Aesthetic, technical
Wrought iron grill	Aesthetic, technical

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES:

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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

NZHPT Register: Not registered.

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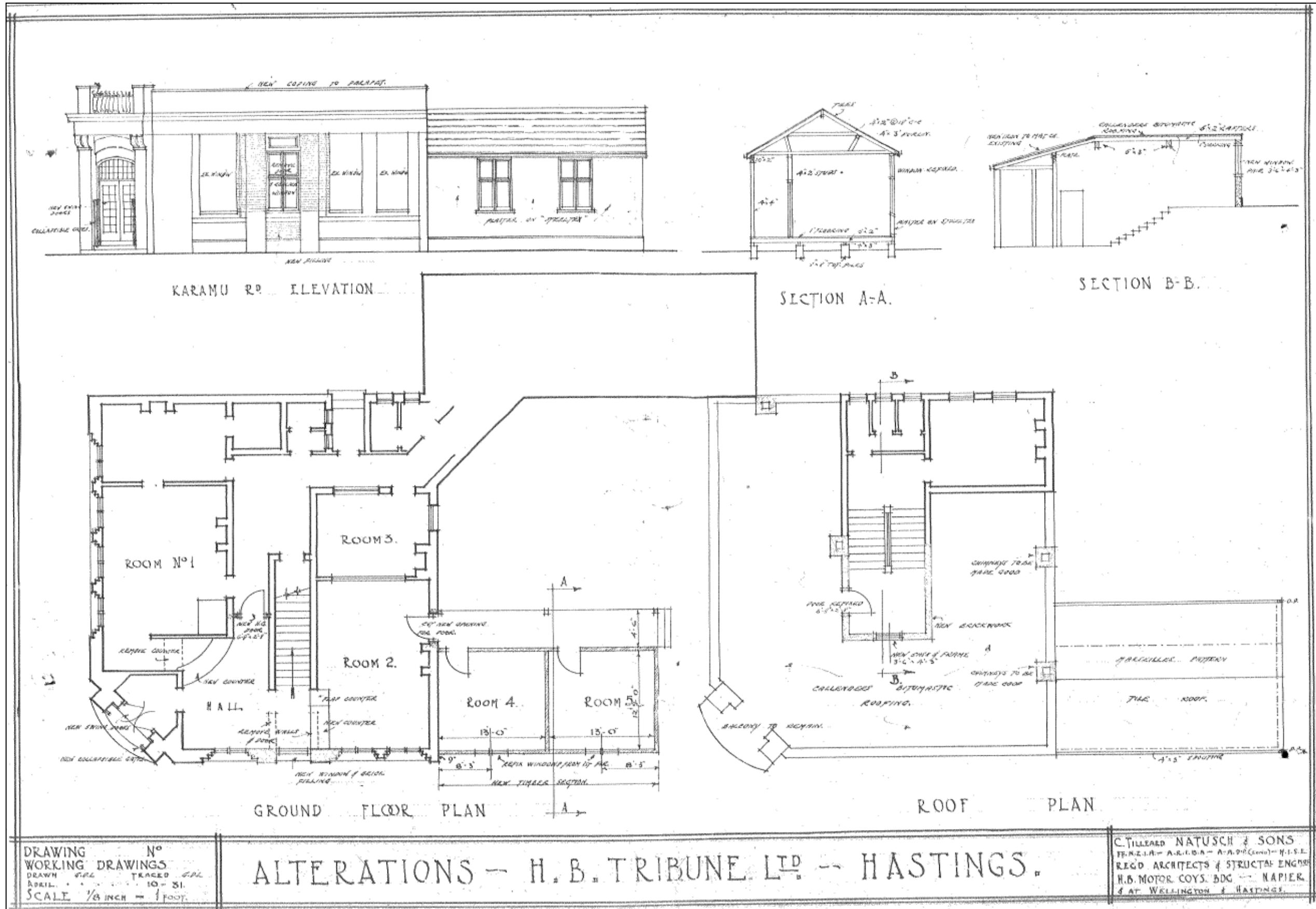
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District Plan: The building is not specifically listed as a Heritage item in the Hastings District Plan but is located within the Central Character Precinct.

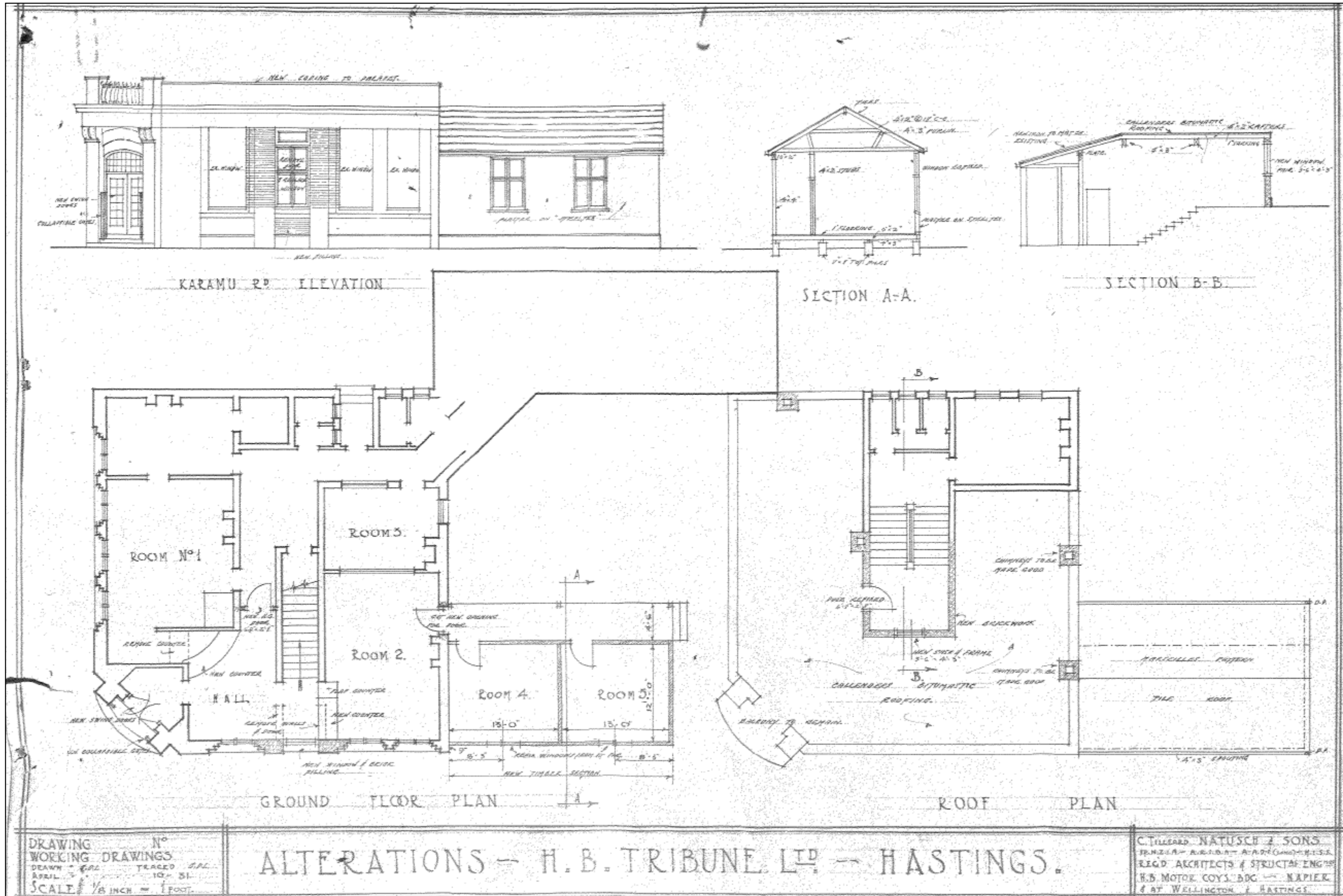
New Zealand Historic Places Act 1993: This site has been identified as a potential archaeological site under Section 2 of the New Zealand Historic Places Act 1993.

ARCHIVE PLAN(S):

Alterations, H.B. Tribune, by C. Tilleard, Natusch & Sons Architects, Sheet 1 (1931) (TRIM Ref: 21343#027)



Alterations, H.B. Tribune, by C. Tilleard, Natusch & Sons Architects, Sheet 2 (1931) (TRIM Ref: 21343#027)



Reinstatement of Business Premises, Queen St Hastings, For Hawke's Bay Newspapers Limited, (1936) (TRIM Ref: 21343#044)

Sheet No. 12

SECTION ON LINE A-A

EAST ELEVATION

SOUTH ELEVATION

ELEVATION TO QUEEN ST.

ALL EXTERIOR WOODS AND METAL
 SECTION CALCULATED ACCORDING TO
 THE BR. SPEC. OF 1934.

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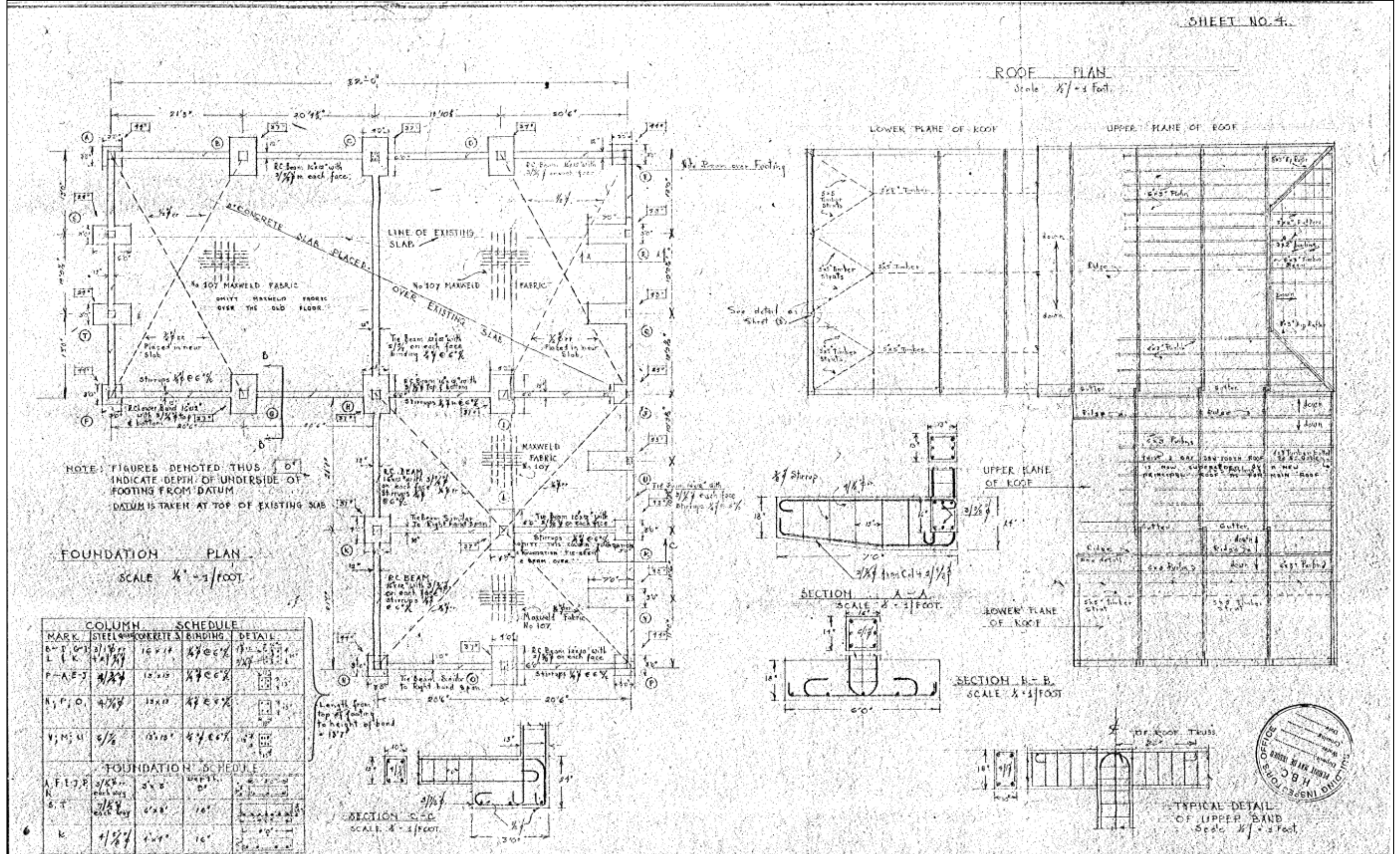
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REINSTATEMENT OF BUSINESS PREMISES - QUEEN ST.
 HASTINGS - H.B. FOR HAWKES BAY, NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

AT THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE BUILDING AND THE REPAIRS TO THE BUILDING SHALL BE AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

SHEET NO. 4.

ROOF PLAN
 Scale 1/4" = 1 Foot



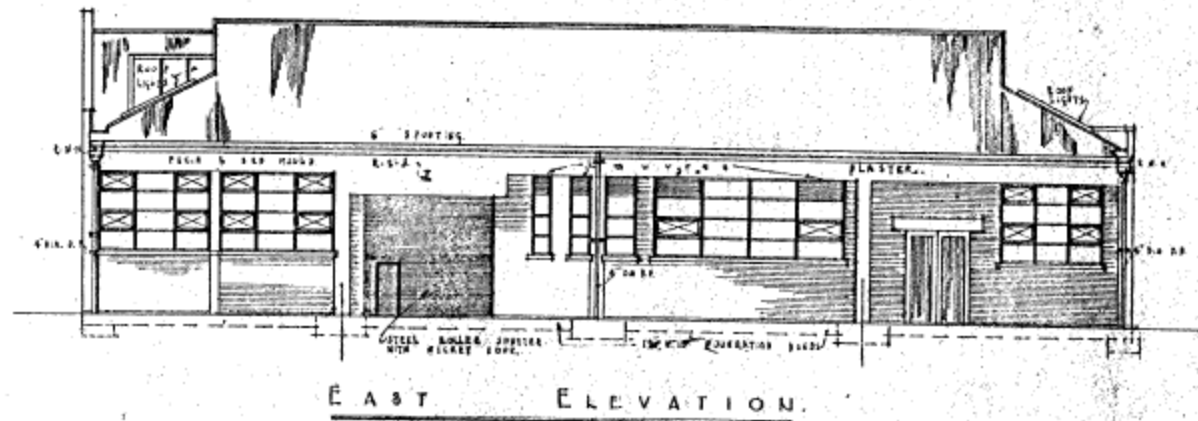
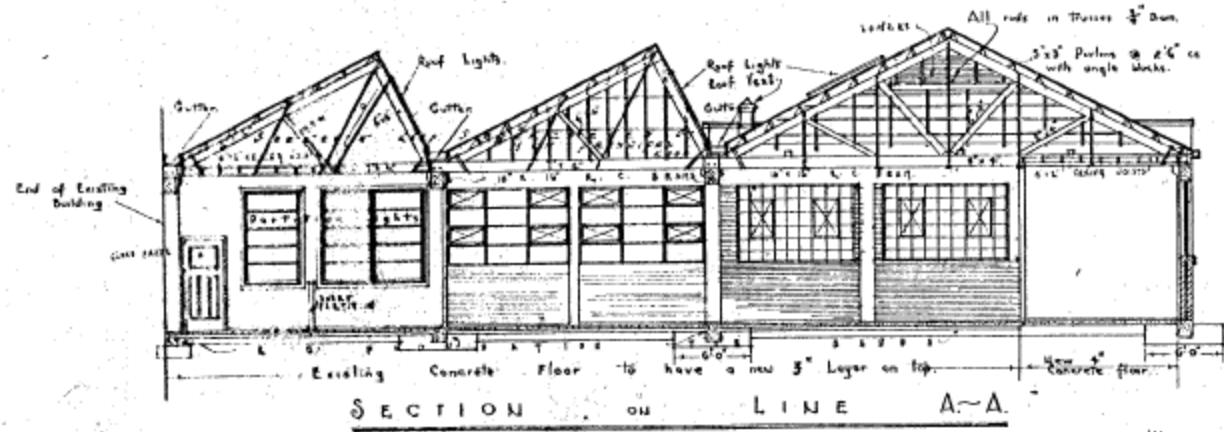
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B-1, G-1	3/4"	16x18	4/8 @ 6"	18" x 18" x 18"
L-1, K-1	1/2"	10x12	4/8 @ 6"	10" x 12" x 12"
F-A-E-J	1/2"	10x12	4/8 @ 6"	10" x 12" x 12"
N, P, O	1/2"	10x12	4/8 @ 6"	10" x 12" x 12"
V, M, U	1/2"	10x12	4/8 @ 6"	10" x 12" x 12"

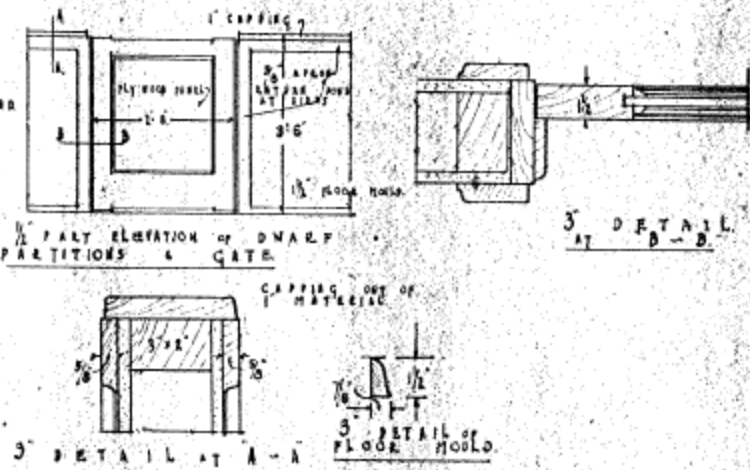
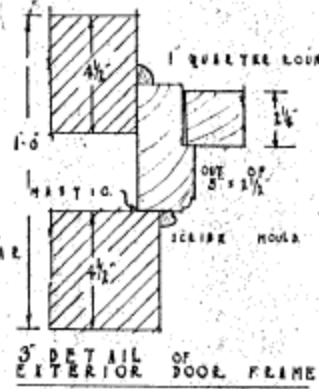
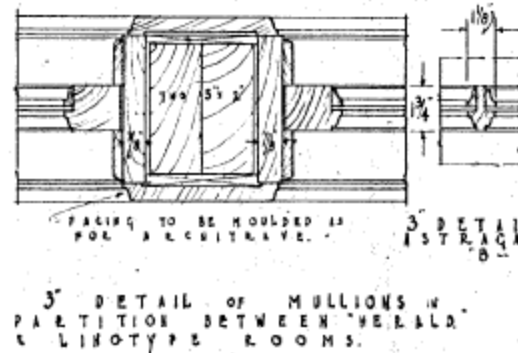
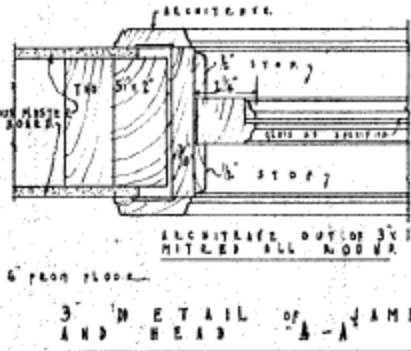
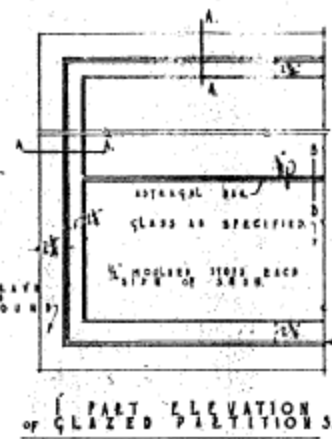
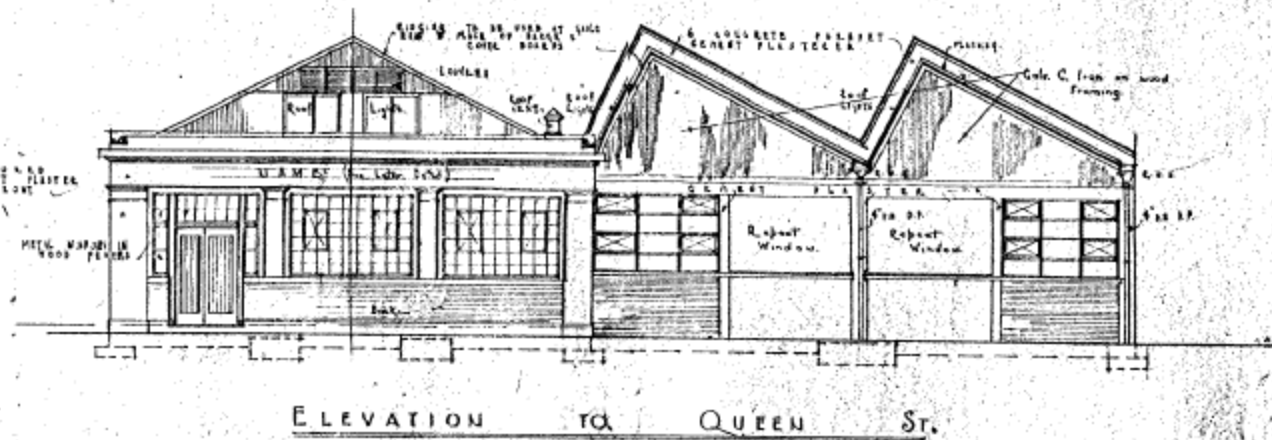
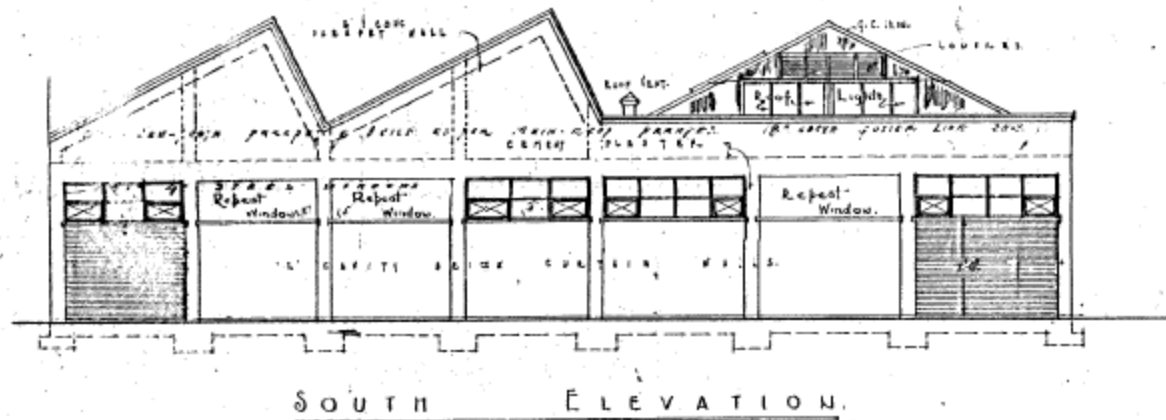
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S, T	3/8"	6x8	0"	6" x 8" x 8"
Q	1/2"	10x12	0"	10" x 12" x 12"



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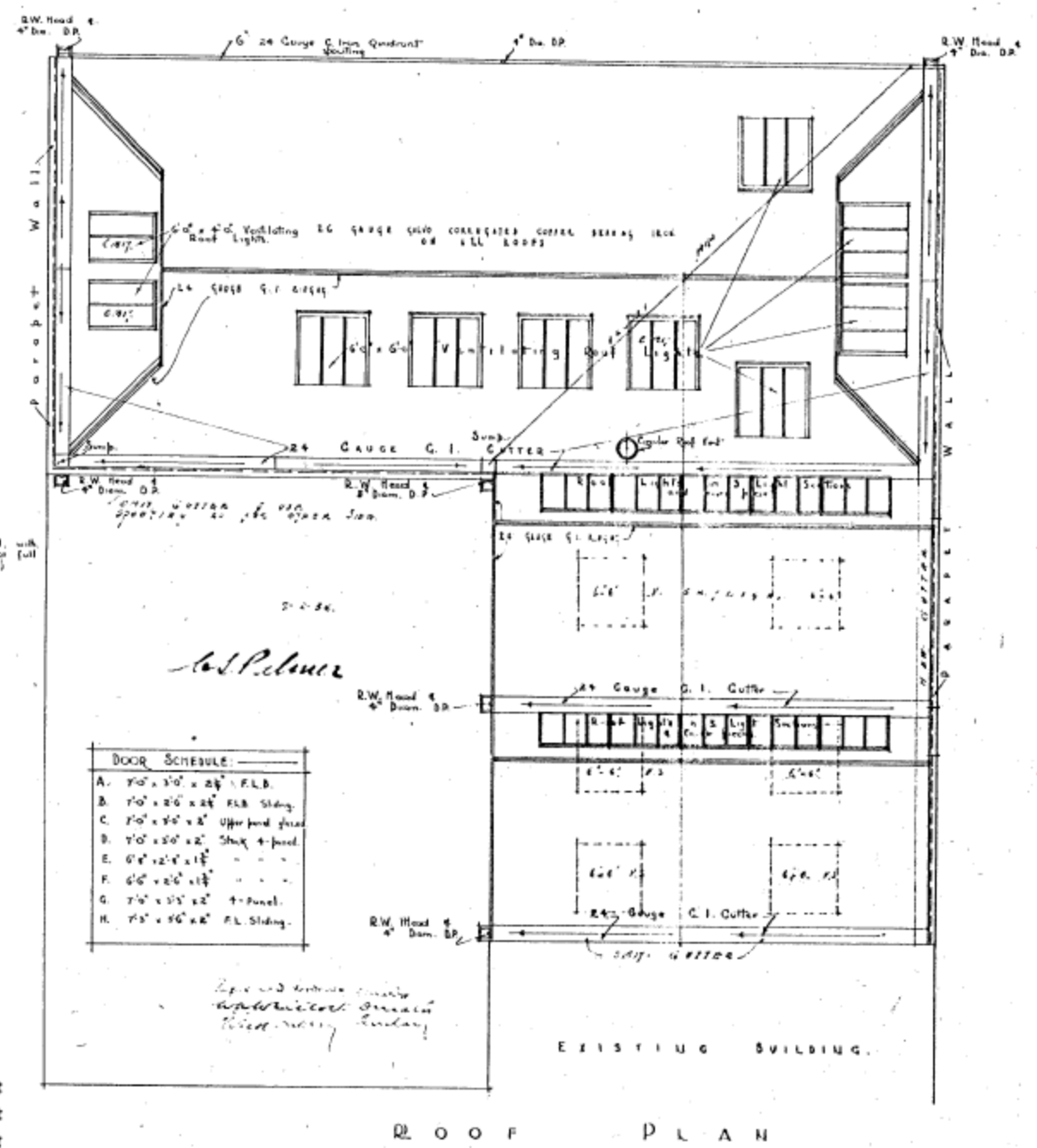
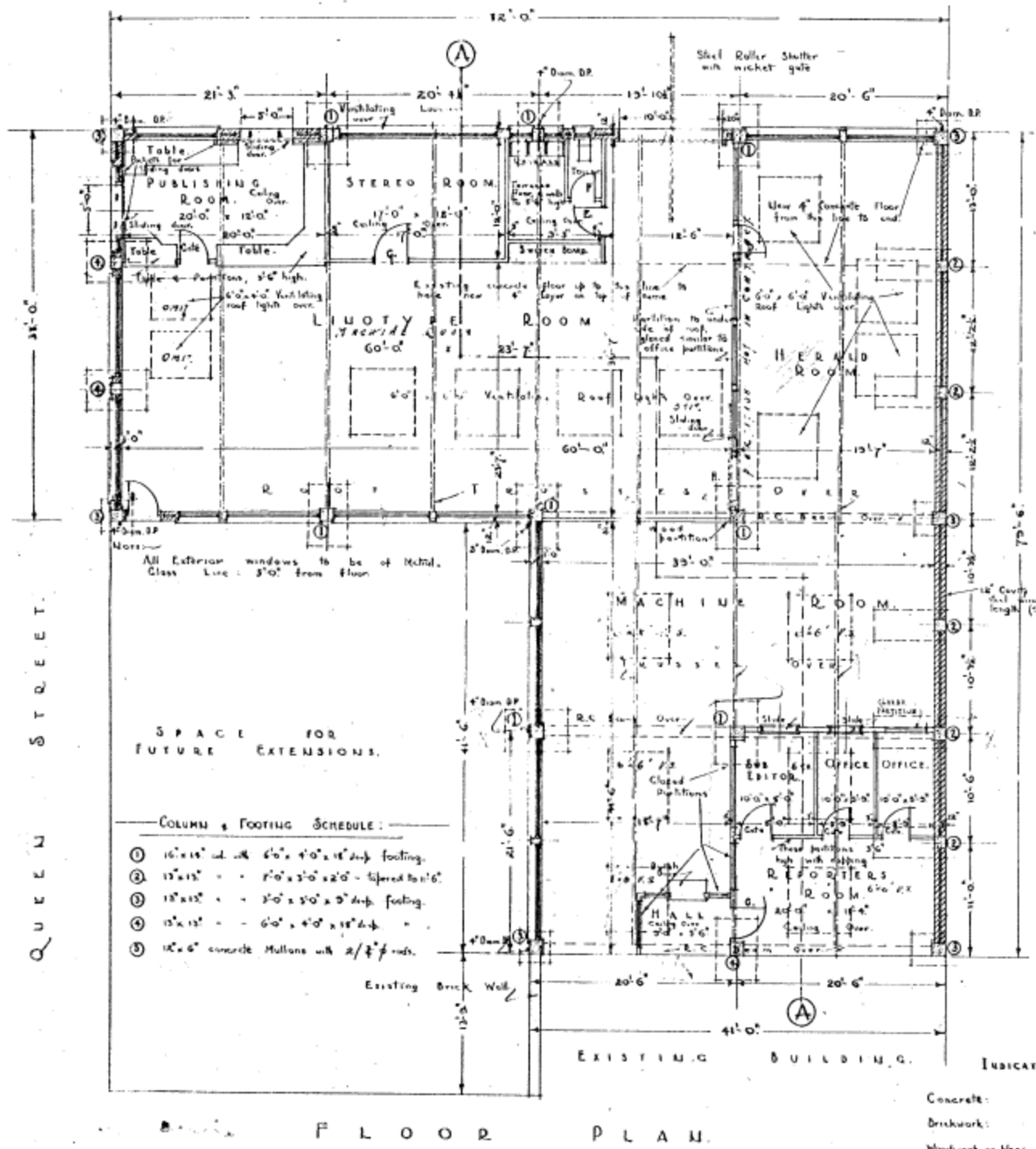


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