

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

historic name Marshall Field and Company Store (Additional Documentation, Boundary Increase)

other names/site number _____

Name of Multiple Property Listing _____

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

street & number 1136 - 1150 W. Lake Street not for publication

city or town Oak Park vicinity

state Illinois county Cook zip code 60607

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance: ___ national ___ statewide ___ local

Applicable National Register Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D

Signature of certifying official/Title: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date _____

Illinois Department of Natural Resources - DSHPO
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ___ removed from the National Register
- ___ other (explain:): _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		site
		structure
		object
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/department store

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/office

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Art Deco

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: CONCRETE
walls: BRICK, , Marble, Granite

roof: STONE/Slate, SYNTHETICS
other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity).

Summary Paragraph

The Marshall Field and Company Store in Oak Park, IL was listed in the National Register in 1988. The nomination includes a full description of the building at the northeast corner of Lake and Harlem Streets at the western edge of Oak Park. It was constructed as the first permanent suburban store for the merchandising giant Marshall Field & Company who prior to this only had their flagship store on State Street in downtown Chicago.

This additional documentation expands the boundary of the inventory to include the adjacent Oak Leaves Building as a part of the Marshall Field and Company Store. The original Marshall Field nomination mentions the Oak Leaves Building on page 2 of the description (section 7) as an expansion or annex of Marshall Field that occurred in 1949. Being adjacent to the east, the Oak Leaves building served an important role in the success of the growing department store as either additional sales floor space or storage depending on the floor. Without this available space to annex, the growth and continued success of this major retailer would have been limited as would have the development of the emerging downtown Oak Park commercial district.

Narrative Description

Marshall Field and Company Store (1144-1150 W. Lake St; 1929)

Following the nomination of the Marshall Field and Company Store in 1987, the building was converted to offices on the upper floors. The finishes from that time mostly remain on floors three through five and consist of drop ceilings with acoustical tile, florescent lighting and furred out drywall walls and partitions. Carpet exists on all upper floors. The two original stairwells on the east and north remain with their ornamental cast iron railings and decorative plaster ceilings (see included photos). The ground floor became a shoe store following the 1987 renovation and then a bookstore that occupied the ground and second floor from the years 2000 – 2011. The ground floor has been vacant since 2011. Other historic features that remain in the Marshall Field building include the terrazzo floors in the lobby entry and the original elevators. The original entries on Lake Street and Harlem Avenue retain their historic materials which include a bronze screen, terrazzo floors, marble walls and revolving doors. Photo documentation shows that original plaster ceilings and columns exists behind furred out walls in the main retail space on the ground floor.

The exterior of the Marshall Field building retains its original materials and appears as described in the national register nomination.

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Oak Leaves Building (1136-1142 W. Lake St.: 1929)

The five-story Oak Leaves building is square in form and fills the full lot. The primary south elevation is clad with ornamental limestone which wraps the eastern corner. The remainder of the east elevation is clad in common brick. The west side of the building abuts the five-story Marshall Field building which entirely obscures this elevation. The primary south elevation is symmetrically divided into three large bays, one central bay four windows wide and a bay on either side each four windows wide. The windows of the top three floors on this elevation all appear to be the same size, with the 2nd floor windows being larger. The storefront level has seen many changes over the years and is not symmetrical as originally designed and built. Everything above the storefront appears to be the original opening size and design.

The limestone façade of the Oak Leaves Building retains most of its original Egyptian Art Deco ornament. Most notable is the large, winged sun disk flanked by Egyptianized targets at the center of the parapet. Along the cornice is an interesting chevron motif which is interrupted by a stylized rosette relief above each row of windows below. The east and west 5th floor window heads of the center bay are decorated with winged scarabs. Verticality is expressed in these two rows of windows through the use of fluted jambs topped by winged griffin ornament. This beautifully rendered Egyptian detail that extend from the 2nd up through the 5th floor are believed to represent sceptres. These same bays of windows have the most protruding elements on the façade with their rounded 2nd floor sills. All other jambs on the south elevation connect the 2nd floor sills up to the 5th floor window heads in a more muted protruding jamb which further gives the façade a vertical feel. A variety of stylized windowsills and lintels are used to give the façade even more character. More traditional Art Deco relief panels are found at the spandrels, with the center bay spandrels being slightly more distinctive. The façade from the 2nd floor up is the primary character defining feature of this building and retains a great deal of integrity.

Today, the Oak Leaves Building has been returned to open floor plates following use as office space over that past three decades. The upper floors, cleared of finishes, appear today much as they would have when they were used as an annex to Marshall Field with open retail space except for some non-decorative plaster that has been removed. The original stairs in the center of the building and in the southeast corner remain. The stair near the center of the building extends from the basement to the roof via a small penthouse and accesses each floor. The southeast stair extends from the basement to the 5th floor with access at each floor including street-level. An elevator which was installed in the 1980s exists adjacent to the west side of the central stair corridor and accesses the basement up through the 5th floor. Otherwise, each floor is open with evenly spaced columns exposed. The 2nd floor has an additional entry at the northwest corner where it connects to a two-story building at the back of the lot and the parking structure beyond.

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From 1949 until 1984, floors two through five of the Oak Leaves Building either displayed merchandise or served as storage for the adjacent Marshall Field & Company store. Evidence of the connections, seen in Figure 1 can still be seen today. Most notable is the ceiling soffit and dentil detail (taken recently) in the east stair at the 4th floor. Figure 2 shows additional concrete structure on the west wall on the 4th floor of the Oak Leaves Building, presumed to have been added to frame and support a previous opening and connection. Curved terrazzo floor and bolts cut flush with the floor (presumably former support for a railing) at the 4th floor landing on the Marshall Field side are remaining evidence of these connections (Figure 3). Figure 4 shows concrete block and drywall infill of these previous connections on the 2nd floor which is typical of all infilled areas. Finally, Figure 5 shows a connecting passage stair into the Marshall Field & Company Building taken from the perspective of the fifth floor of the Oak Leaves Building.

The ground floor of the Oak Leaves Building is comprised of tenant space and entries to other parts of the building. As mentioned above, the ground floor originally had a central canopy and was symmetrical. Changes occurred to the storefront layout in the 1950s that have largely remained. One commercial space comprises the western third of the ground floor while the other space occupied the east two-thirds. In the southeast corner of the property is an original stair, accessed through a ground level door, as well as a hallway that runs along the eastern wall and provides access to the rear of the property. The main entry and lobby for the upper floors is slightly off-center to the west and has a flat segmented arch concrete surround from the 1980s and a column in the middle of the entry. Entrances to the two ground floor commercial spaces are adjacent on either side of this recessed primary entry. Storefront systems have been replaced with modern systems. Signage and canopies above the storefront have changed several times over the years. Currently there are no canopies on the building and signage is mostly flat panels above the storefront with protruding non-lit letters.

The roof of the Oak Leaves Building contains a rectangular penthouse that is roughly twenty feet by thirty feet and ten feet tall. It is centered east to west and aligns with the projecting portion of the parapet on the south. The penthouse is built of buff brick with terra cotta coping. The remainder of the roof is mostly flat and has terra cotta coping around the north, east and west. The south parapet projects higher than the others and contains cast stone copings and the ornament described above. The highest portion of the south parapet, at the center of the elevation, is built of red face brick with support piers that project north onto the roof. The original flagpole remains at the center of the south elevation behind the tallest portion of the parapet.

Integrity statement

The Marshall Field & Company Building retains very good integrity. The first-floor original plaster columns and ceiling remain intact above drop ceilings and behind furred-out drywall. Entry vestibules retain their original terrazzo floors, red marbled walls and bronze trim and grilles. The original ornamental iron stairs on both the east and north sides of the building remain intact and appear mostly unaltered.

The Oak Leaves Building exterior retains its original Egyptian Art Deco cast stone ornament on the primary south facade. Interior partitions and finishes from previous office use on the upper floors have been removed. The open layout of the upper floors of the Oak Leaves building have been returned to how they would have looked when Marshall Fields used the space as additional retail space or storage.

Photos and associated photo keys are included.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Commerce

Period of Significance

1929 - 1974

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation (if applicable)

Architect/Builder

Graham, Anderson, Probst, and White
Crowen, Samuel N.

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations).

The Marshall Field's store in Oak Park, Illinois was the first permanent suburban store to be opened by merchandising giant Marshall Field & Company. As the first of the major downtown Chicago retailers to build a suburban store, Marshall Fields recognized the importance of the growth of the suburbs following World War I and the pattern of development in the Chicago metropolitan area. As a result, a downtown Oak Park commercial district would develop and become a major shopping center for the entire western suburban area. The Oak Leaves Building, built in direct response to the Marshall Field building, would come to play an important role in the growth and expansion of this first suburban store as well as the greater development of the commercial district in downtown Oak Park.

The former Oak leaves Building at 1132-1142 Lake Street in Oak Park is a significant under Criterion A in the area of Commerce for its association with the growth and development of department stores and early chain stores along Oak Park's western Lake Street commercial corridor.

A proposed period of significance would begin in 1929 with the building's construction and end in 1974, the fifty-year end date. This period covers the building's association with and occupancy by Marshall Field & Co. (1949-1984).

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Oak Park was one the largest and fastest growing communities outside Chicago during the post World War I era. Oak Park's population grew by 105 percent to nearly 40,000 between 1910 and 1920. By 1930, the population reached nearly 64,000. This growth does not include the dozens of developments and smaller communities that extended beyond Oak Park through the reach of the automobile.

As Oak Park and its surrounding areas grew, demand for consumer goods expanded. During the 1920s, Oak Park had several local neighborhood commercial districts, but no single district served a central shopping area. One of the districts included a two-block stretch of Lake Street between Harlem Avenue on the west and Forest Avenue on the east, with a one block extension southward along Marion Street. Typical buildings in this district and others at the time were plain frame one- and two-story storefronts with locally owned and operated neighborhood stores that provided basic goods. However, for more varied shopping interests, residents needed to travel to Chicago.

New chain stores opened in Oak Park during the 1920s in response to demand for locally convenient retail options by the community's rapidly growing resident base. These new stores were owned and operated by larger corporations, and unlike existing neighborhood shops sold a wider variety of standardized, mass-produced, and often less expensive goods. Companies including Woolworth, Walgreens, Cutler Shoes, Feltman & Curme, the Hub, and Bata opened stores in Oak Park, which had the unexpected effect of attracting a wider customer base from beyond the local community. The Lake and Marion Street commercial district rapidly grew during the 1920s from a typical neighborhood shopping district into a primary shopping destination for customers across Oak Park and beyond.¹

The Lake and Marion Street commercial district grew so significantly that by the late 1920s, Marshall Field & Co. of Chicago was encouraged to build a new six-story suburban retail branch store at Lake Street and

¹ *Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Ways and Means... Seventy-Fifth Congress, Third Session on H. R. 1 A Bill Providing for an Excise Tax on Retail Stores*, Volume 1 (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1940) 1389-1391.

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Harlem Avenue to capture demand. In 1929, Marshall Field opened its first major store outside downtown Chicago in Oak Park. The company also planned a second branch store in Evanston that was to be practically identical to the Oak Park store.² Additional major Chicago department stores including The Fair and Wieboldt's (west side of Harlem Avenue in River Forest) opened on Lake Street around the same time or soon after the opening of Marshall Field & Co.

The strength of the Lake Street commercial district helped create a cycle of growth and commercial development in the community by creating a significant tax-based revenue source for improved municipal services. This cycle of population, retail, and revenue growth continued and supported Oak Park's growth through the Great Depression and into the 1940s.³

History of the Oak Leaves Building: From Office Space to Retail Destination

Built in 1929 and designed by Samuel N. Crowen & Associates, the Oak Leaves Building was initially completed as a speculative professional office building with a top, fifth-floor suite for Oak Park's *Oak Leaves* newspaper. Beyond serving as the main offices for the local newspaper, the building had no purpose except to satisfy a demand for office space, particularly for dentists and doctors, according to one early advertisement.⁴ The inclusion of ground floor retail was common use that had been typical for most buildings since the late nineteenth century. However, Lake Street was already in the process of becoming Oak Park's primary shopping destination. Upper floor retail was the answer to growing demand.

Early announcements for the Oak Leaves Building note its prime location "east and adjoining the new Oak Park home of Marshall Field & Co."⁵ The building was designed with four ground level commercial storefronts that flanked a central entrance to upper floor offices. The upper floors were accessible via two elevators and were left without major partitions, but ownership could, "subdivide floors to suit the needs of prospective tenants."⁶ Early speculative floor plans in advertising materials for the building's office space indicate where partitions could be built, but it is not clear how offices were typically arranged in the building. At minimum, each floor was provided with a small elevator and stair lobby; however, corridors were not part of the planned construction unless floor plates needed to be subdivided to accommodate multiple office suites.

During the 1940s, as Lake Street continued to grow and expand as a major regional commercial shopping destination, the Oak Leaves building shed its office space to become a significant retail building. In 1940, the offices of the *Oak Leaves* newspaper left the building's fifth floor. Five years later in April 1946, neighboring Marshall Field & Co. signed a lease for the entire fifth floor former Oak Leaves space.⁷ By this time, Marshall Field had begun to outgrow its purpose-built branch store from 1929 and required additional space to meet consumer demand in the Oak Park region. The Oak Leaves Building served as the easiest means for expansion as it was an existing and open space that was purposely designed with flexible floor areas free of large defined public circulation spaces, such as corridors. In contrast, the Marshall Field & Co.'s Evanston branch store was never expanded, but unlike the Oak Park branch store, it also did not benefit from as steadily an increasing consumer base, nor did it have adjoining existing commercial space that could be easily linked.

As part of the Oak Leaves Building lease, Marshall Field linked the fifth floor to the main adjoining Marshall Field & Co. building via a stairway from its fourth floor. This connection is noted in a Sanborn Fire Insurance

² Cheryl Inghram, *Marshall Field and Company Store*, National Register of Historic Places nomination form (NR# 87002510), 1988, 8-3.

³ *Ibid.*, 8-4

⁴ "Advertisement for the Oak Leaves Building," *Oak Leaves*, June 1, 1929, 15.

⁵ "Advertisement for the Oak Leaves Building," *Oak Leaves*, May 4, 1929, 15.

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ "West Suburbs," *Realty and Building*, volume 115, 1946, 80.

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Map published in 1948.⁸ Within the fifth floor space, according to historic photographs taken by Hedrich-Blessing in July 1946, Marshall Field opened a new household department, with display areas for appliances, housewares, China, and glassware.⁹ The 1946 photographs show that new terrazzo stairs were built in the Marshall Field & Co. building to reach the fifth floor space in the Oak Leaves Building. The new sales floor area was remodeled with new acoustic vinyl tile floors in a checkerboard pattern, while the walls and ceilings were treated with a flat plaster finish. Beams between the columns featured simple picture rail type moldings. Rows of plain lights with glass shades illuminated the space. Overall, the new household department was an open sales area with temporary cabinets and display racks. This space remains largely intact in volume and finish, with plaster finished outer walls, columns, ceilings, and ceiling beams. Decorative picture rail molding also remains intact.

The Oak Leaves Building was fully transformed in 1949 into a retail space. Marshall Field & Co. expanded its sales floors across the second, third, and fourth floors of the Oak Leaves Building and linked these spaces to the existing Marshall Field & Co. Building. It is possible that Marshall Field & Co. engaged the firm of Graham, Anderson, Probst, and White to design the remodeled space in the Oak Leaves Building. The firm was responsible for the branch store and several other projects with the retailer. The department store's expansion reflects the company's great need for sales space to meet growing consumer demand. The expansion went a step further and made the new sales floors in the Oak Leaves Building self-contained and only accessible from Marshall Fields. Because all upper floors in the Oak Leaves Building were now part of Marshall Fields there was no longer a need for a central elevator or for access from the building's original Lake Street entrance. According to a Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map published in 1950, the original elevators and stairs in the Oak Leaves Building were removed entirely, while connecting passages to the Marshall Field & Co. Building were made on all upper floors.¹⁰ This remodeling effectively transformed the upper floors of the Oak Leaves Building into a contained retail space that was only accessible from the Marshall Field & Co. Building.

The ground floor of the Oak Leaves Building originally featured four storefronts that flanked a central entrance to the building's upper floors. In 1949, with the greater remodeling of the upper floors for Marshall Field & Co., the ground floor was significantly remodeled for the F. W. Woolworth & Co. chain store. Woolworth created a new commercial space by combining three existing storefronts at 1136, 1138, and 1140 Lake, along with the Oak Leaves Building's original main entrance and lobby.¹¹ Woolworth's effectively occupied the eastern three-quarters of the ground floor storefront. A fourth remaining storefront at 1144 Lake (western end of the building) was separated from the new Woolworth space by a clay tile partition.¹² Woolworth also built a new one- and two-story addition at the rear (north) end of the Oak Leaves Building that both increased the sales floor and added storage and mechanical spaces.¹³ As part of the construction of the Woolworth space, all existing partitions, ceilings, and the original storefront were removed. A fragment of the building's original ceiling plasterwork that was not removed as part of the Woolworth remodel is visible in the former 1140 Lake Street space, which was occupied during the 1930s and 1940s by the Hylands store. Historic photographs show that Woolworth installed its characteristic red banner and gold lettered sign above its storefront. A vertical blade sign with the name "Woolworth's" was added to the front of the Oak Leaves Building by the 1960s, according to historic photo postcard.¹⁴

⁸ Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Oak Park, Illinois*, Sheet 31, 1948, Library of Congress.

⁹ Household department in Marshall Field & Company store in Oak Park (Ill.) annex store [graphic], Hedrich-Blessing photograph collection -- Marshall Field & Company series, Chicago History Museum.

¹⁰ Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Oak Park, Illinois*, Sheet 31, 1950, Library of Congress.

¹¹ "F. W. Woolworth Co.," *Chain Store Age*, 1949, 198.

¹² Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, 1950.

¹³ "F. W. Woolworth Co.," 198.

¹⁴ Lake Street, Oak Park, [n.d.] Post Card, Ebay; Lake Street east from Harlem Avenue, 1974, The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest.

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Marshall Field & Co. continued to occupy the upper floors of the Oak Leaves Building until 1984, and fully closed its Oak Park store in 1986. A new owner bought the Oak Leaves Building in 1985 and rehabilitated it for office use. As part of this work, a new elevator and stair, as well as a new Lake Street entrance and storefronts were created.¹⁵ In 1990, the F. W. Woolworth & Co. store closed.¹⁶ The ground floor retail has continued to change over the last three decades.

Conclusion

Marshall Field and Woolworth became the longest occupants of the Oak Leaves Building and helped define the building as it appears today. Despite being built as a grand Egyptian Art Deco office building, the Oak Leaves Building became a grand, multi-level shopping tower that housed two major retailers that grew substantially during the mid-twentieth century. This growth benefited from Oak Park's cyclical pattern of population, retail, and revenue growth that buoyed the area through the Great Depression and into the Post World War II boom period. The Oak Leaves Building facilitated the growth and expansion of these retailers in the Lake Street commercial district.

Marshall Field & Co. is significant on its own, and its adjoining purpose-built branch store is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, the Oak Leaves Building is significant for its association with this retailer in the building's capacity as a viable and much-needed expansion space. The building was not only conveniently adjoined to the Marshall Field Building, but it was designed with a flexible floor plan with limited public circulation spaces on upper floors. Partitions were built only to suit tenants' needs and Marshall Field & Co. needed open floor plates. Without the Oak Leaves Building, the landlocked Marshall Field & Co. would have needed to build an addition or move to another location.

The Oak Leaves Building has very good interior and exterior integrity of finish and design for its association with Marshall Field and Woolworth. Throughout the period that Marshall Field & Co. occupied the Oak Leaves Building, the sales floors were likely remodeled, refinished with new flooring, casework, and lighting systems to keep up with changing retail standards. Despite these changes, the upper floors remained open shopping spaces with circulation patterns defined not by permanent partitions but by typical department store fixtures, furniture, displays, and visual pathways. These transient finishes were fully removed during the building's conversion back to office space. Although new partitions were built as part of this rehabilitation, the overall spaces created by Marshall Field & Co. remain largely intact. Existing plaster wall, column, and ceiling finishes were revealed and maintained, while later 1980s-era partitions and dropped ceilings have been removed.

¹⁵ Harriet Vrba, "Redone Oak Leaves Building Debuts," *Oak Leaves*, May 7, 1986.

¹⁶ Eric Linden, "Downtown Woolworth's Closing," *Wednesday Journal*, July 19, 1989, 1.

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Lake Street east from Harlem Avenue, 1974. Photograph. The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than one acre

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage; enter "Less than one" if the acreage is .99 or less)

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1	<u>41.8888814</u>	<u>-87.8052068</u>	3	_____	_____
	Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lot One (1) in Block Two (2) in Ruben Whaple's Subdivision of the South West corner of the North West quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Thirty-nine (39) North, Range Thirteen (13) of the Third Principal Meridian, Also, Lot Twenty-two (22) and the South Thirty-five (35) feet (except the West Ten (10) feet thereof) of Lot Thirteen in Holley's Subdivision of Lots Two (2) to Twelve (12) inclusive in the Subdivision of Block Two (2) in Whaple's Subdivision in the South West corner of the North West quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Thirty-nine (39) North, Range Thirteen (13) East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois, Also, Lots 19, 20 and 21 in Holly's Subdivision of lots 2 to 12 inclusive in subdivision of block 2 in Whaple's Subdivision in the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 39 north, Range 13, east of the third principal, meridian, as shown on the plat thereof recorded December 30, 1871 in book 1 of plats page 13 document 7272, in Cook County Illinois

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Marshall Fields & Company's Oak Park location annexed the top four floors of the adjacent Oak Leaves Building in 1949 as additional sales room floors and storage. The wall between the two structures was opened at each of these floors, as indicated on the 1950 Sanborn map, to make it one contiguous store.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **GIS Location Map (Google Earth or BING)**
- **Local Location Map**
- **Site Plan**
- **Floor Plans (As Applicable)**
- **Photo Location Map** (Include for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map and insert immediately after the photo log and before the list of figures).

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Photographs:

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City or Vicinity: Oak Park
County: Cook **State:** Illinois
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Date Photographed: August 2024

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(Boundary Increase)

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Cook, Illinois

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Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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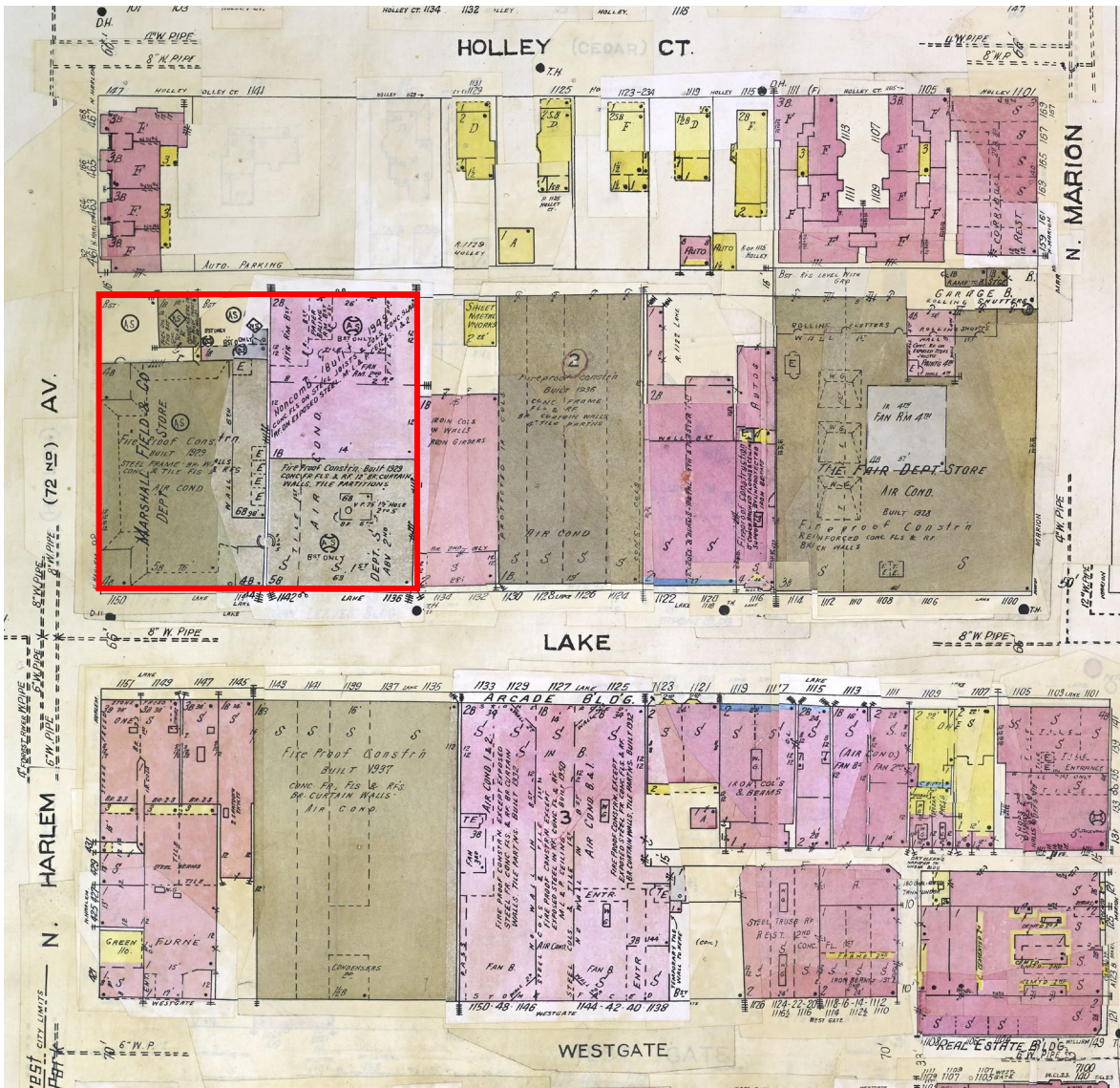
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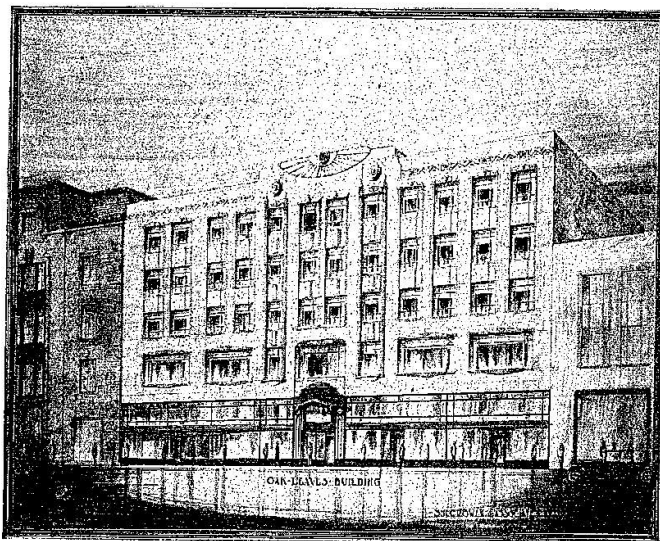


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3. Ad for the Oak Leaves Building, June 1st, 1929

Announcing
Shops and Offices for Rent
IN THE NEW 5 STORY
OAK LEAVES BUILDING

Now Under Construction at 1136-42 Lake Street



In the heart of the west side's new shopping center.

East and adjoining the new Oak Park home of MARSHALL FIELD & CO. now under construction.

The entire main floor of the Oak Leaves Building has been rented by the following tenants:

CUTLER SHOE COMPANY
WASHINGTON SHIRT COMPANY
WALK-OVER SHOE COMPANY
ANDY'S CHOCOLATE SHOPS

CONVENIENT TO ALL TRANSPORTATION

AMPLE PARKING FACILITIES

We are in a position to subdivide floors to suit the needs of prospective tenants.

Building equipped with two elevators, gas and air.

Desirable from the viewpoint of moderate rentals and thorough management and janitor service for offices, shops or studios.

READY FOR OCCUPANCY ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1st

Exclusive Agents

JOHN CUMMINGS LINDOP

CUMMINGS & FOREMAN
REAL ESTATE
CORP.

Wisconsin Avenue
at Pleasant Street
OAK PARK, ILL.

PHONES:
Village 8900
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4. 1940s, front elevation, looking east along Lake Street from Harlem. Showing four storefronts and original entrance



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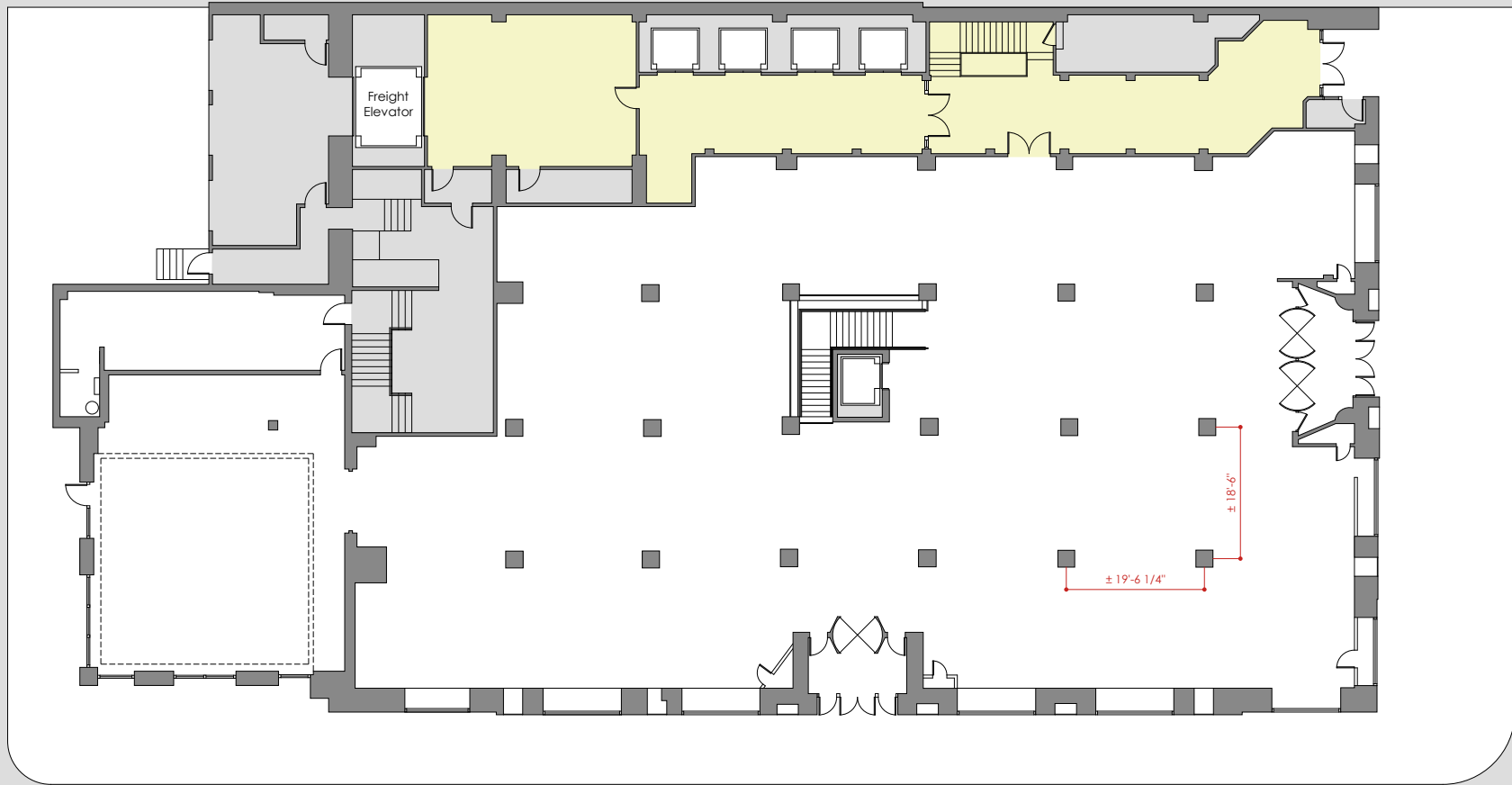
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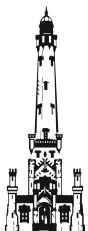
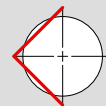
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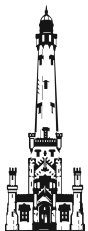
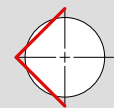
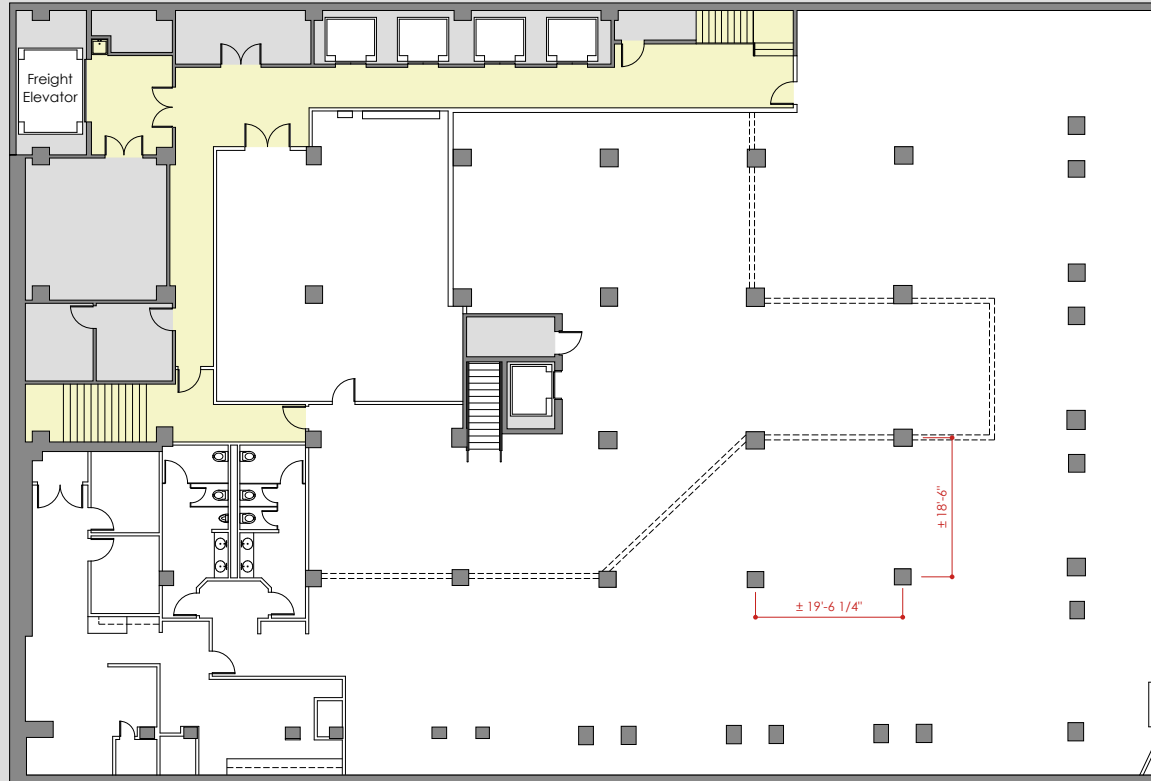


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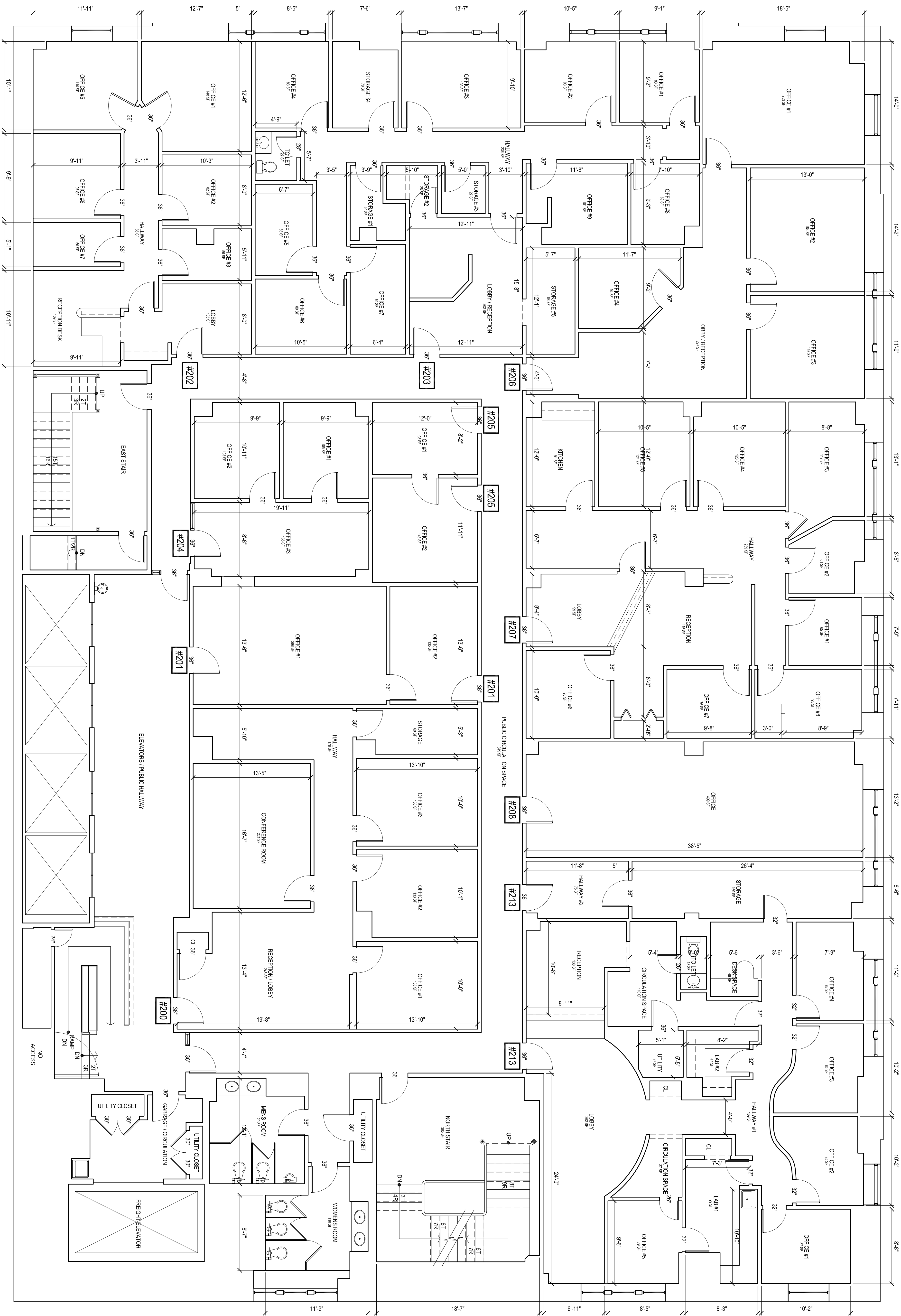


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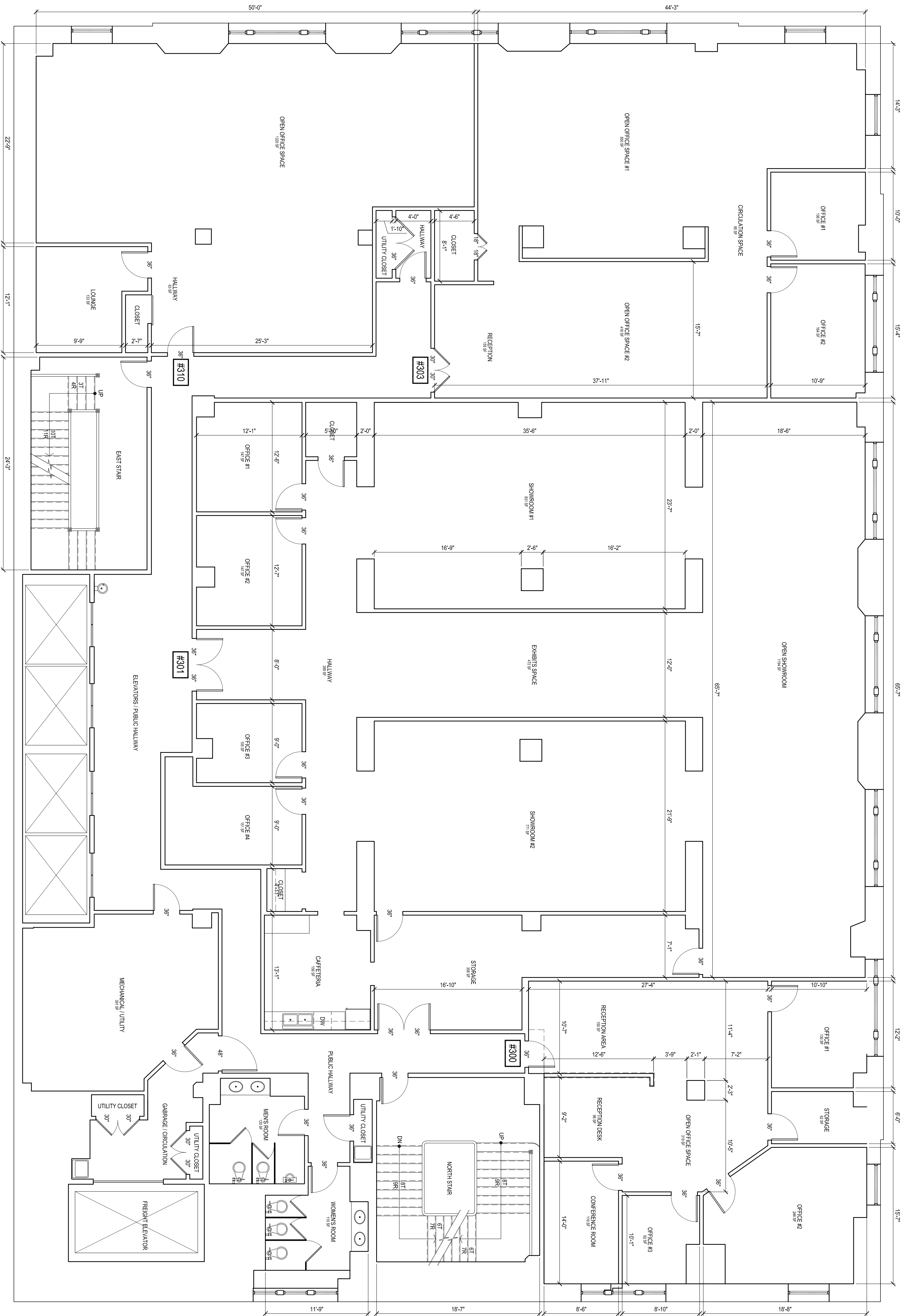
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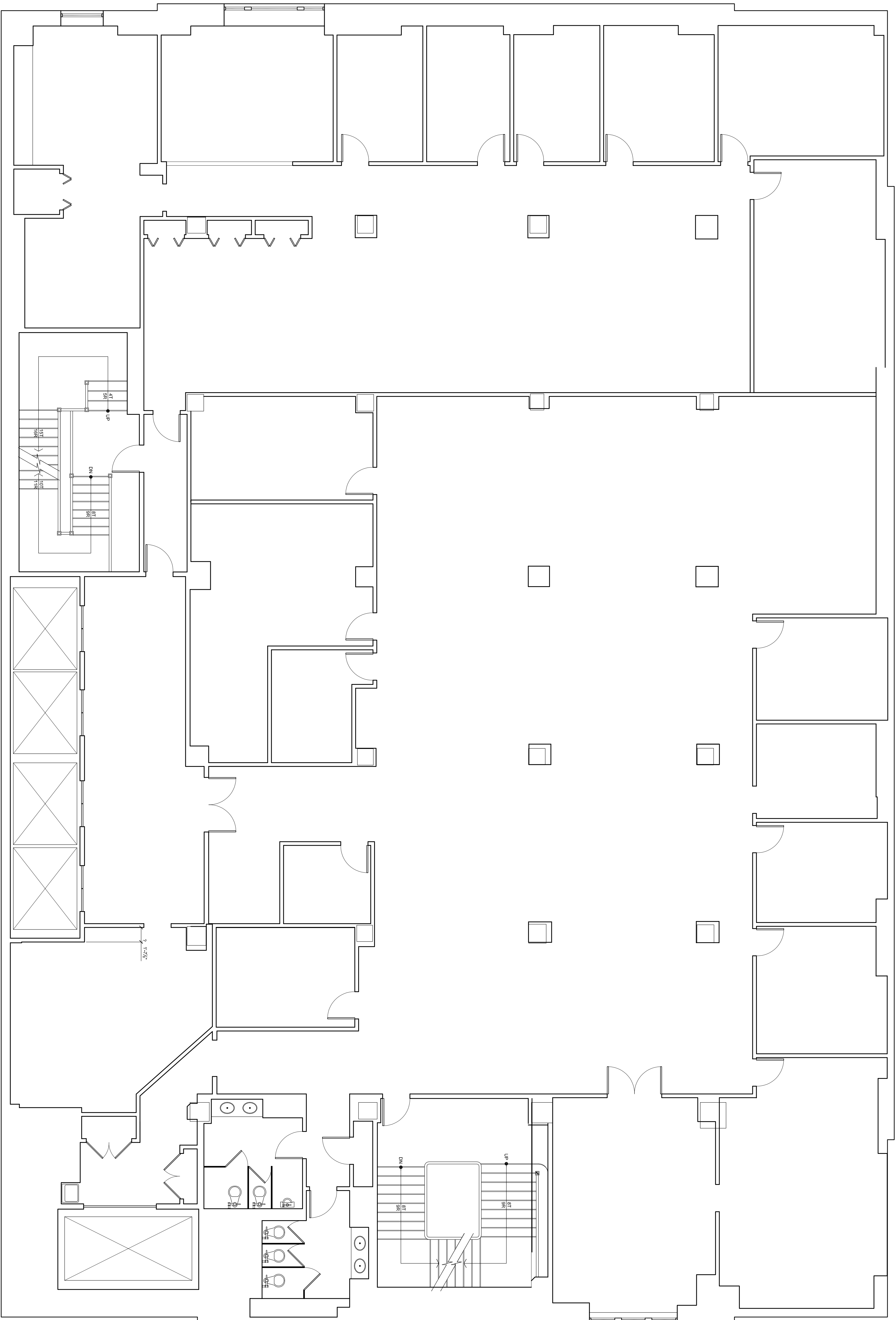
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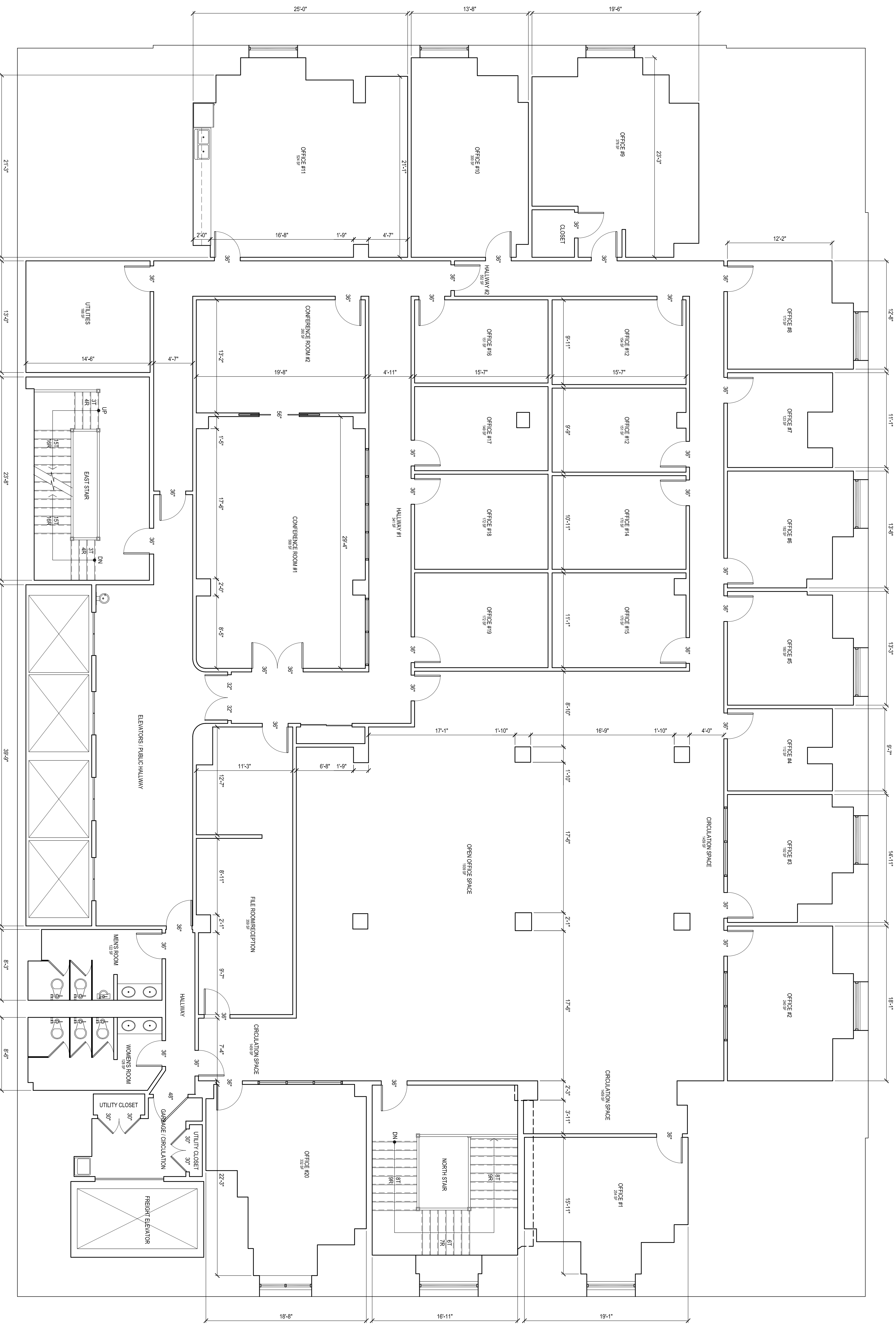


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