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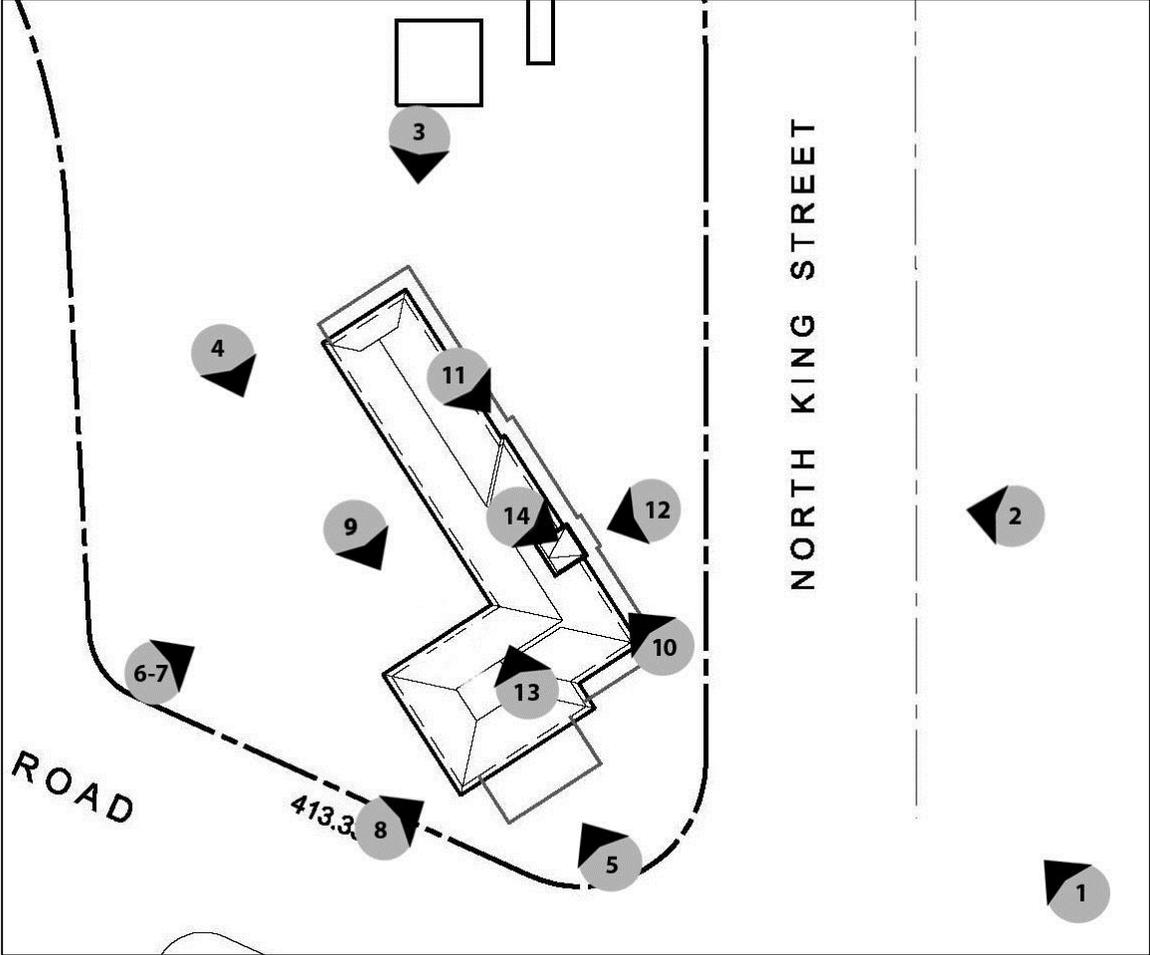
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Location: 333 North King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.
UTM Coordinates (NAD83)
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Significance: The Oahu Railway and Land Company Terminal, Depot is locally significant for its association with the Oahu Railway & Land Company (OR&L). OR&L developed Oahu's rail system, providing transportation for the sugar and pineapple plantations, the military, and residents of Oahu, and spurred development across the island. The Depot is also significant as an example of the Mediterranean Revival Style, which embodied the distinctive characteristics of many of Honolulu's Territorial era public buildings.

Description:

The Oahu Railway and Land Company Terminal, Depot is located on the periphery of downtown Honolulu, in Iwilei. It is sited on the corner of North King Street and Iwilei Road, on a five-and-one-half acre parcel that also contains the OR&L Co. Land Department Office and Document Storage Building (1914), an open parking area, and an abandoned filling station (1940). The property is enclosed by a painted metal fence set onto a low curb.

The two-story Mediterranean Revival Style terminal building is constructed of stuccoed concrete with a gable-on-hip roof that is covered in red barrel tile. In plan, the building is reverse L-shaped, with the long, northeast wing measuring approximately 185', and the short, southeast wing measuring approximately 100'. An outset arcade with arched openings extends around most of the building. There is a porte-cochere on the southeast side, and on the northeast side is a large clock tower with a crenelated battlement. The clock tower extends approximately a full story above the roof and at its base is the main entry to the building. Windows include 1/1 double-hung, ten-light and fifteen-light casement types, as well as casements surmounted by multi-light arched transoms, some of which have been boarded up.

At the southwest side of the building are two large concrete bumpers, against which trains rested when stopped at the terminal. These mark the historic location of two of the tracks that came to the Honolulu Depot. The interior of the building was almost entirely renovated to accommodate offices in 1975. Some flooring has been retained as have the ceiling beams in the second floor lobby area.

History:

See HABS No. HI-573 for information on the history of the property on which the Depot is located.

The Depot was constructed from 1924 - 1925 to replace an earlier 1889 wooden terminal building, and was the main Honolulu rail terminal for OR&L's passenger operations. The building was designed by local architect Guy N. Rothwell, and construction began in 1924. The contract to erect the terminal was officially given to the Hawaiian Contracting Company (a company that was owned by the Dillingham family), though much of the work was performed by OR&L's in-house construction crews.

Upon completion, the building had dual functions, with the second floor providing offices for the company's daily railroad operations, and the first floor accommodating passengers. The offices upstairs were occupied by OR&L's president, general manager, superintendent and treasurer, as well as the station's dispatcher. The first floor layout included a porte-cochere, a ticket office and lobby with a restaurant and bar, as well as a news stand. Both floors also included spacious restrooms for travelers and employees. As soon as the building was completed, an extension was constructed on the north side, to accommodate the company's growing freight department. The company continued to use the building as a terminal well after rail passenger operations ceased at the end of 1947.

The property was acquired by the State of Hawaii in 1961. After OR&L moved off of the premises eighteen months later the building was used as office space. A 1975 renovation completely reconfigured the interior of the building for office use, and an elevator and expanded stairwell were added at an unknown date.

Various state organizations have occupied the offices, with the current users being the Division of Accounting and General Services, Department of Human Services in the terminal building.

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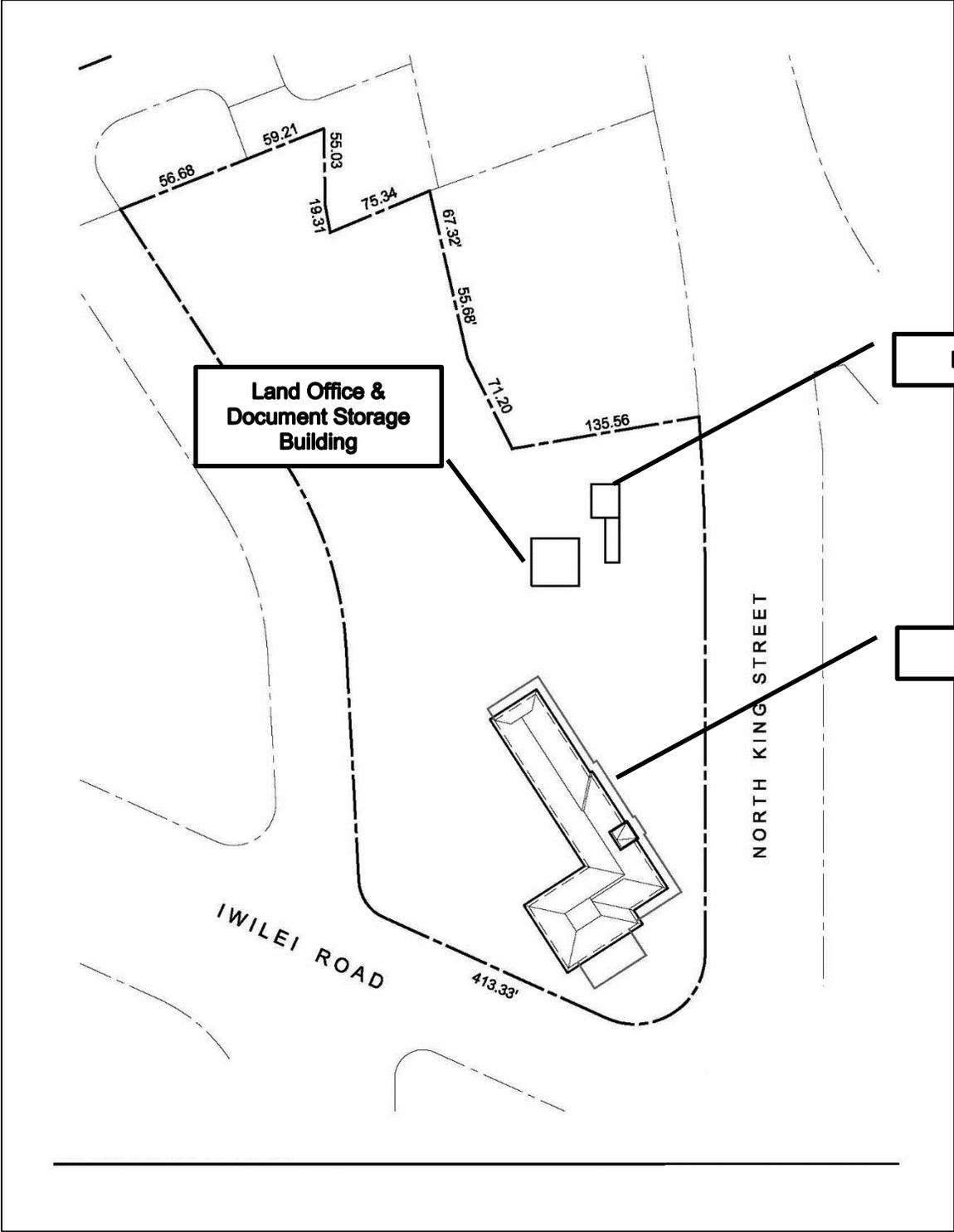
Lesleigh Jones, Mason Architects, Inc. January 2016.

Project Information: This report is part of the documentation for properties identified as incurring an adverse effect from the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) in the City and County of Honolulu. This documentation was required under Stipulation V.C. (1, 2) of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Programmatic Agreement (PA), which was signed by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration, the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Officer, the United States Navy, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. After consultation with the City and County of Honolulu, the National Park Service, Pacific West Regional Office, in a letter dated June 29, 2011, specified the details of the required documentation efforts, including documentation for this and other properties affected by the H RTP. The field work was conducted in December 2015, and the initial report prepared in January 2016. The report was finalized in _____ 2016.

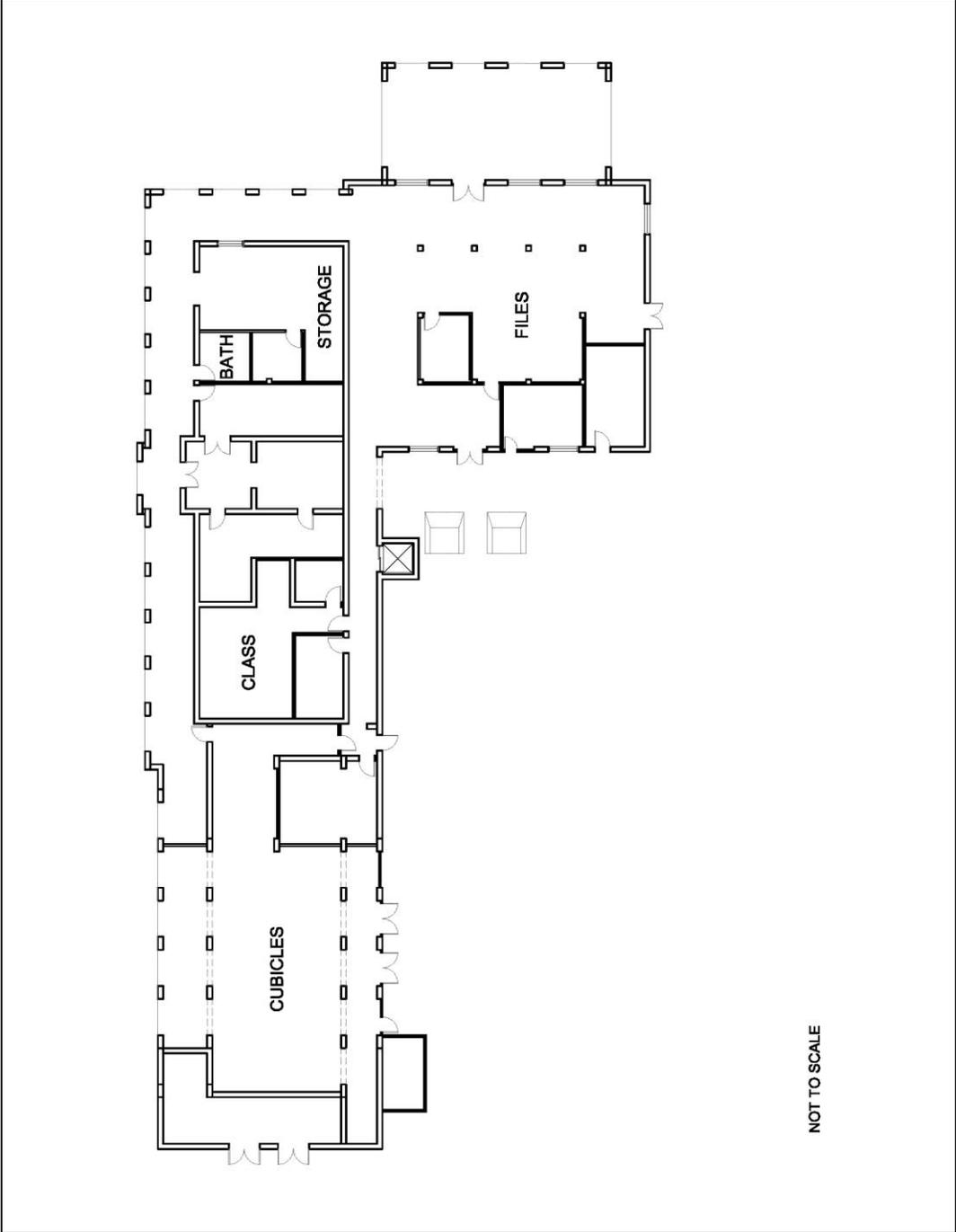
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OR&L Terminal Site Plan

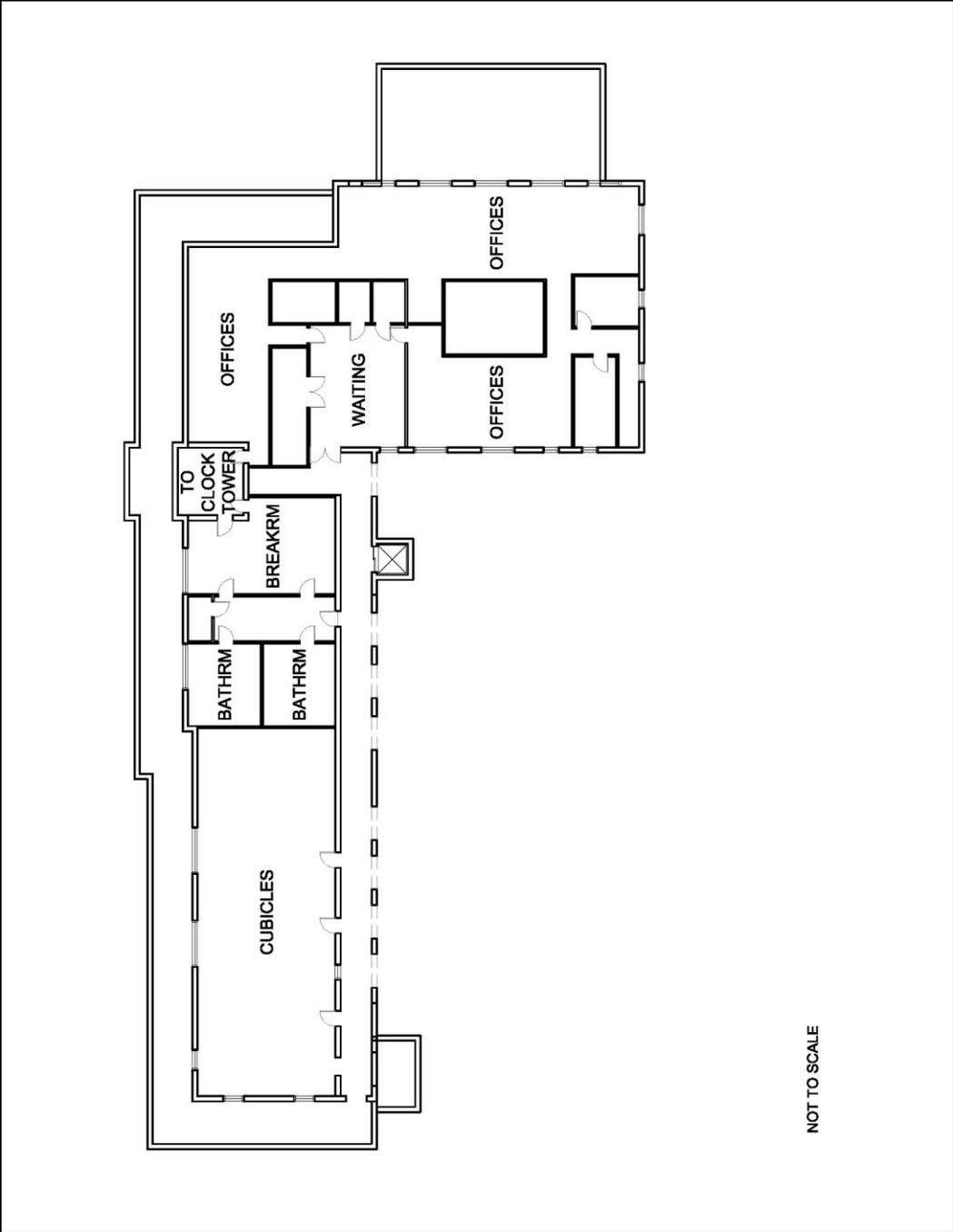


First Floor Sketch Plan



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Second Floor Sketch Plan



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FIELD NOTES

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In 1975, the State of Hawaii DAGS produced alteration drawings for the OR&L Depot as the "Kalihi/Palama Multi-Service Community Center." This drawing set included a demolition plan that indicated the layout of the OR&L Depot at that time. Stan Kumura traced and further annotated these drawings for the Hawaiian Railway Society, in an effort to document the Depot's historic appearance. The Hawaiian Railway Society's drawings include floor plans, elevations, sections, window types and some details.

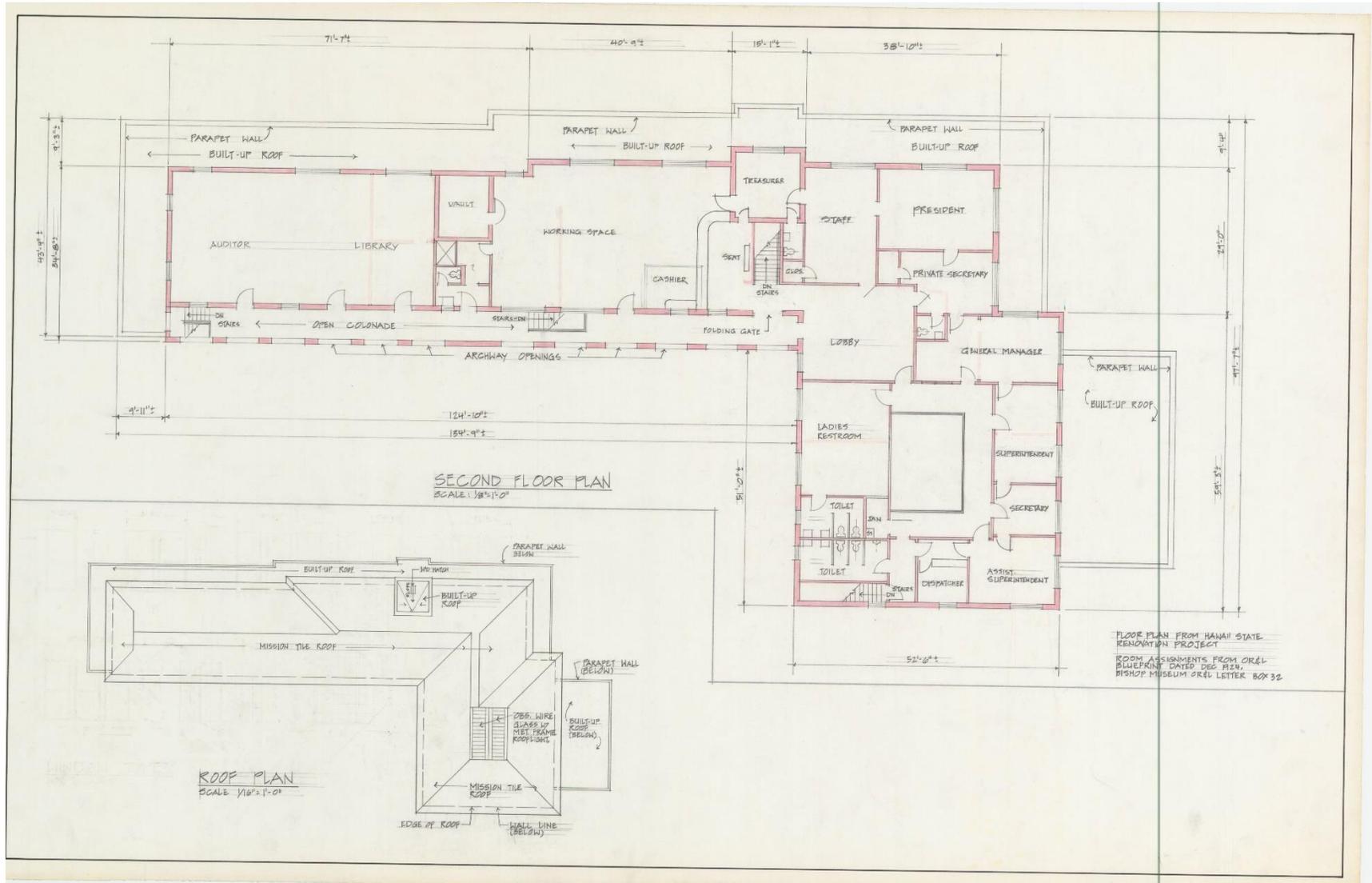


Figure 2: Tracing of 1975 Second Floor demolition drawing with original room functions added. Courtesy Hawaiian Railway Society.

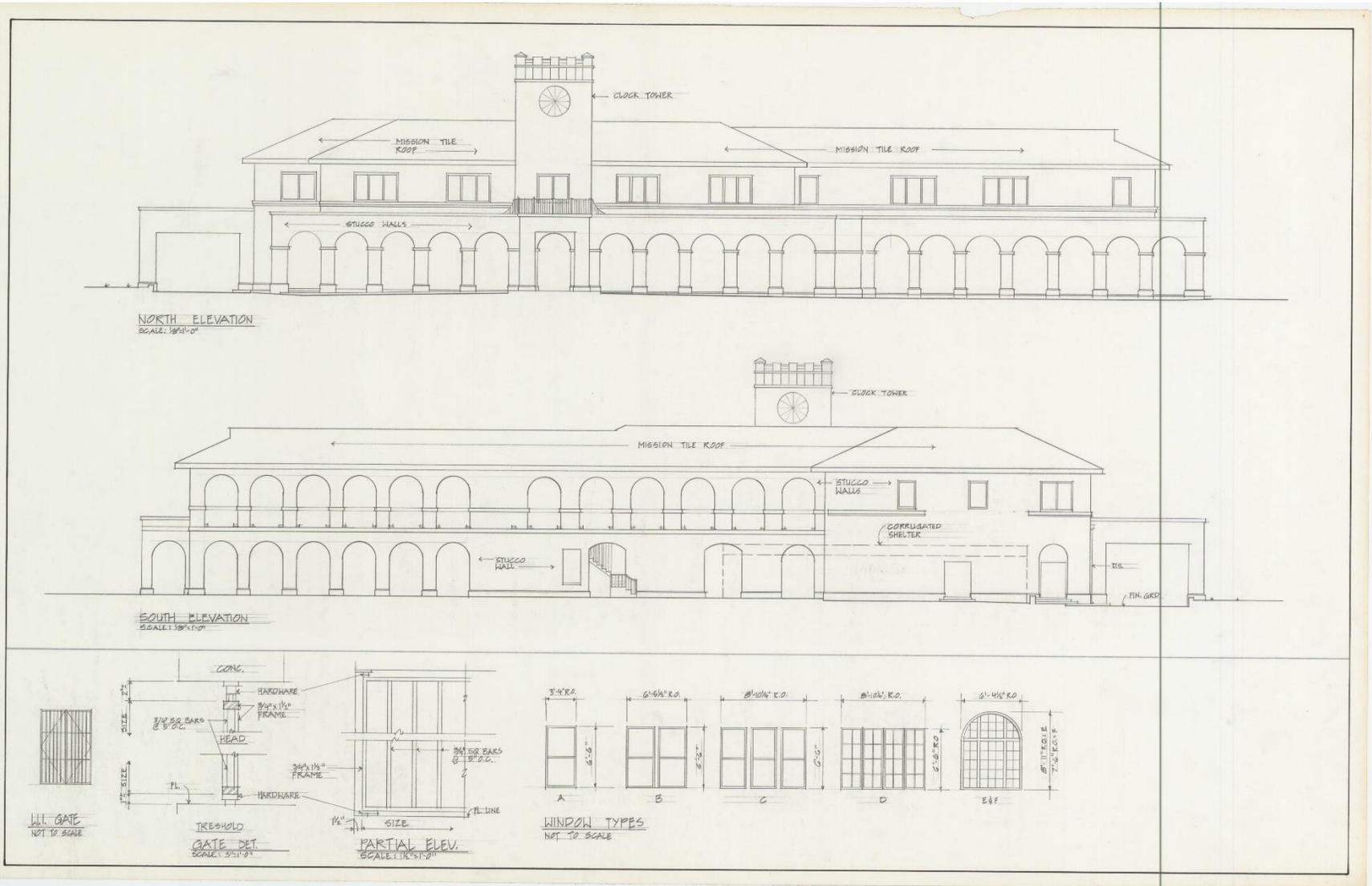


Figure 3: Tracing of 1975 existing condition elevation drawing. Courtesy Hawaiian Railway Society.



Figure 4: Tracing of 1975 existing condition elevation and section drawing. Courtesy Hawaiian Railway Society.

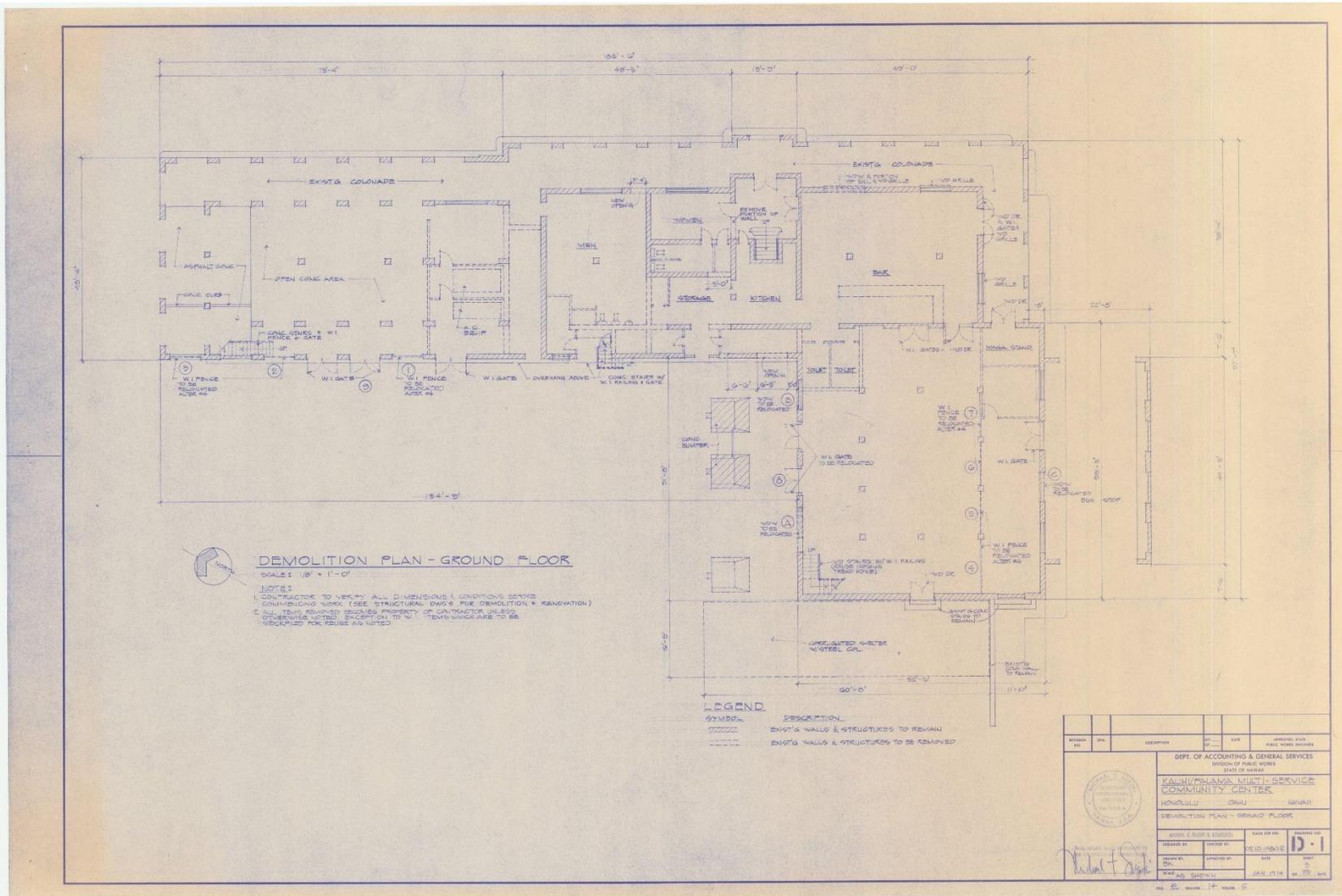


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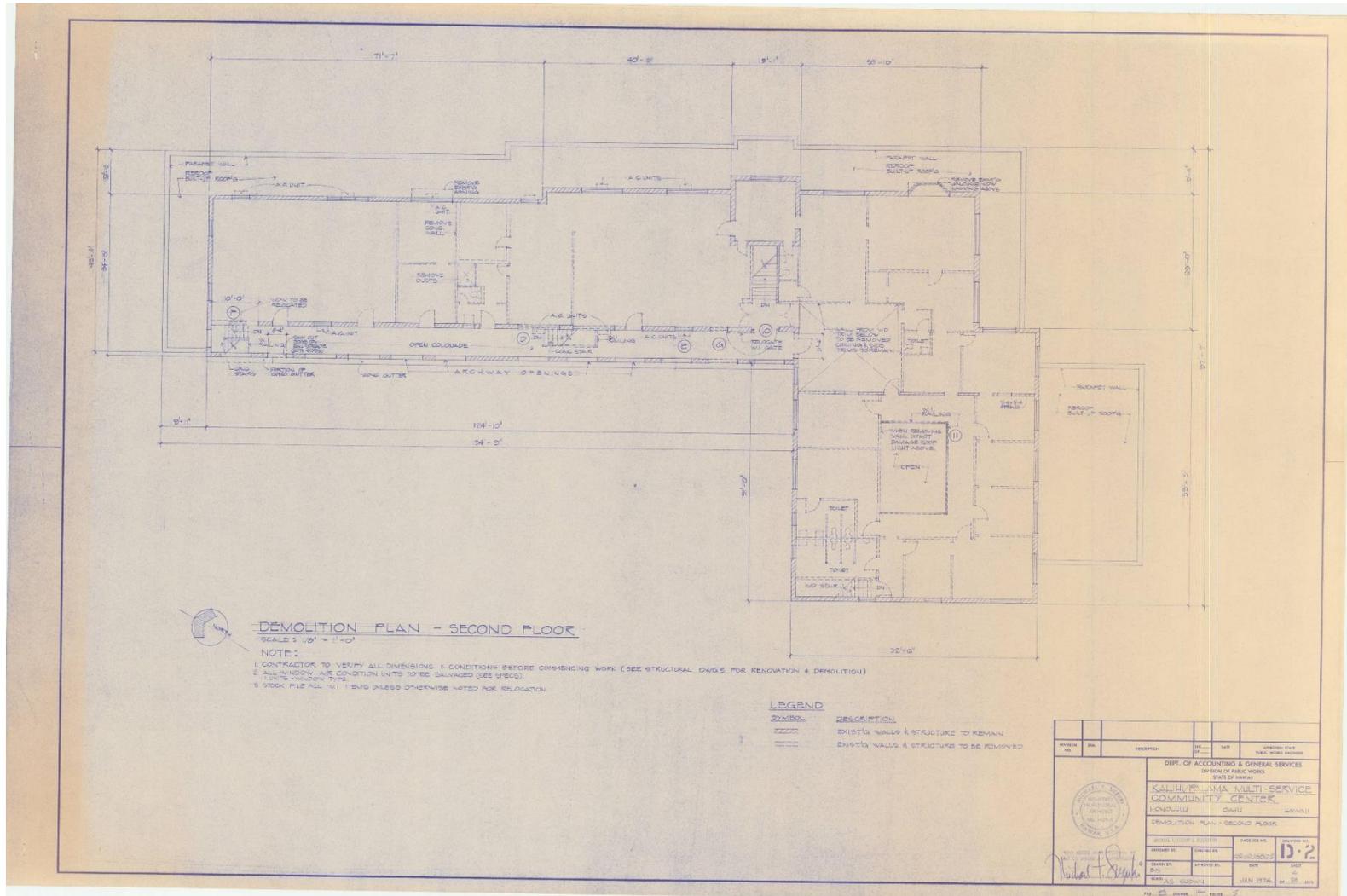


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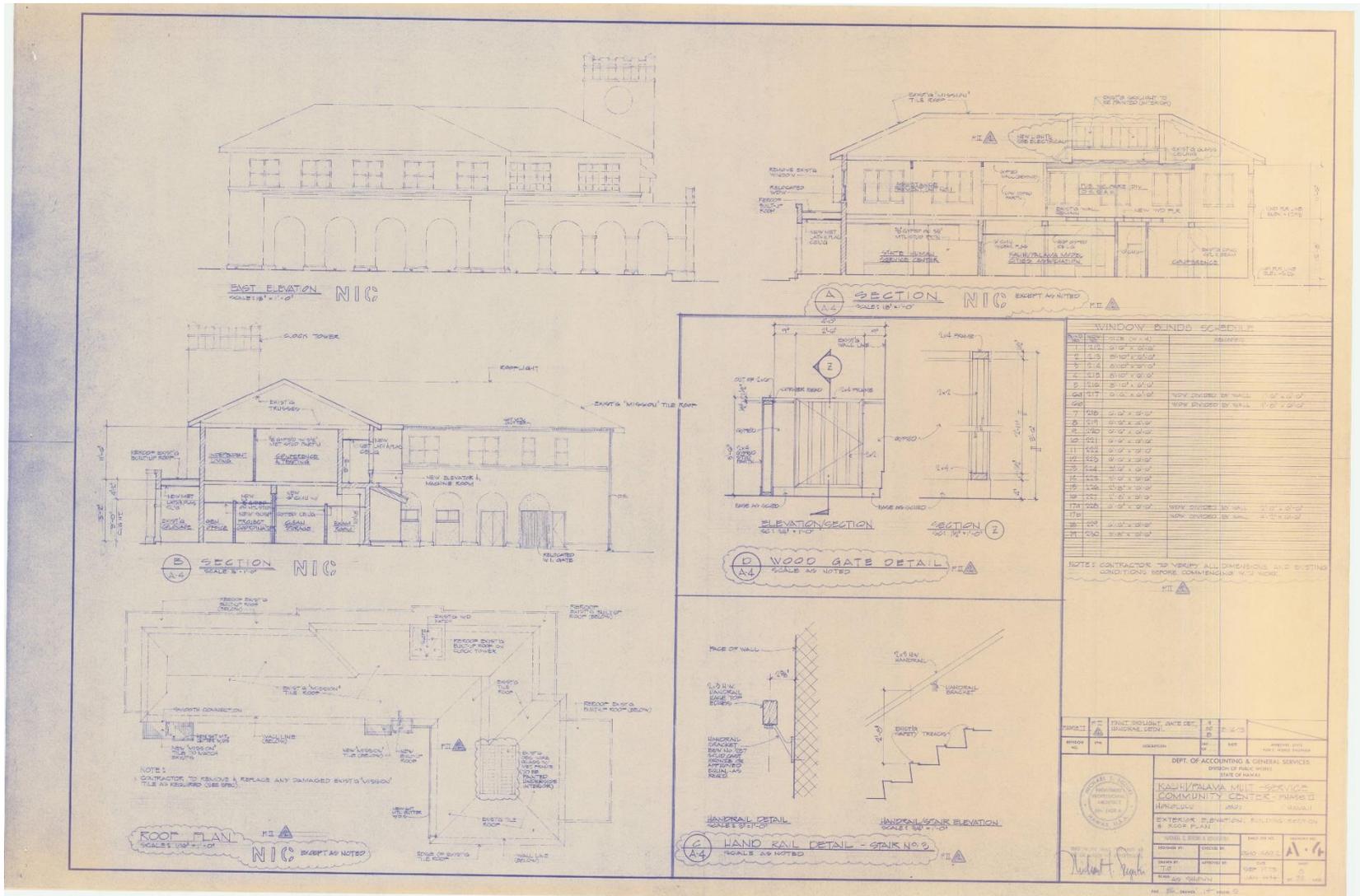


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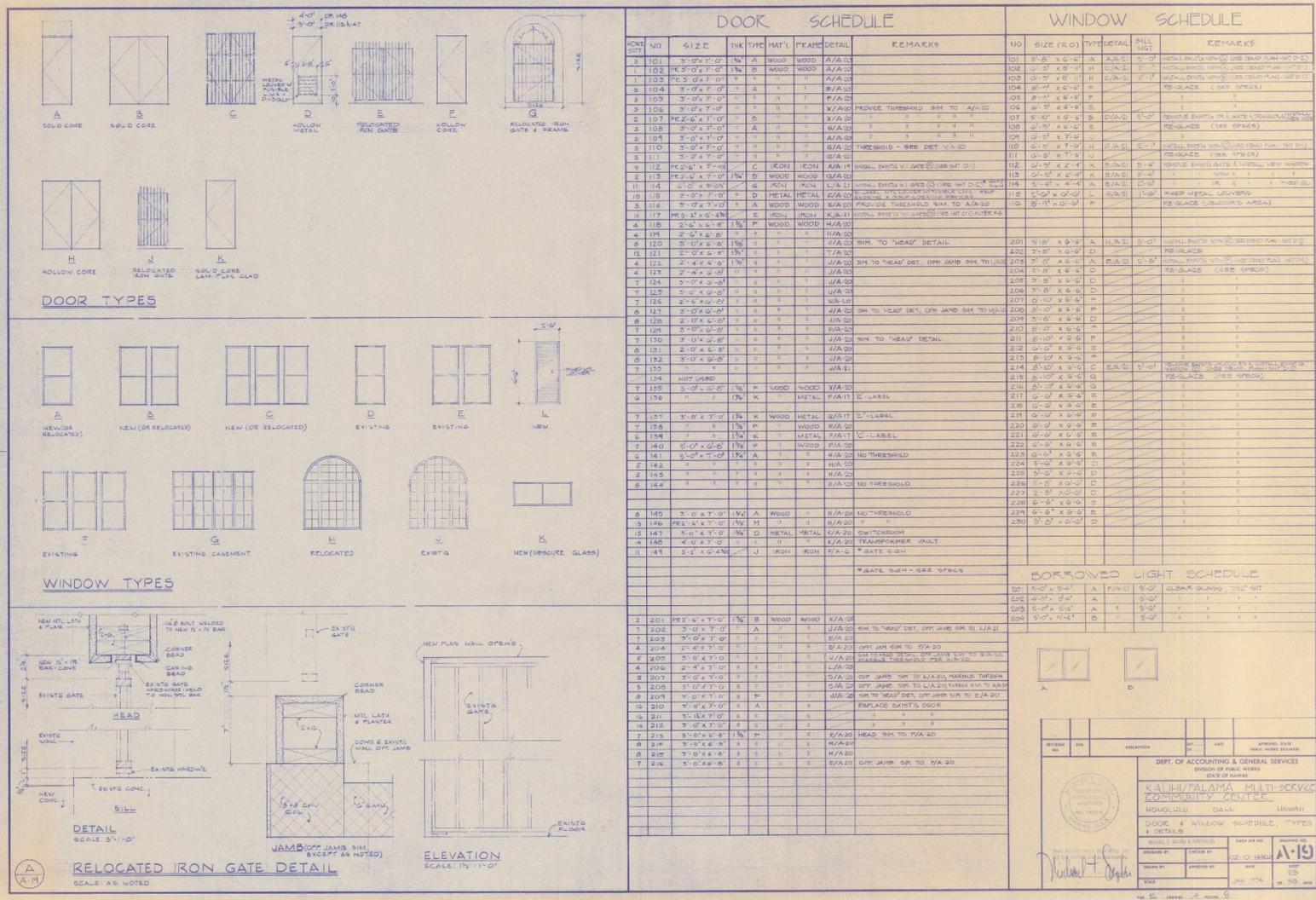


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