

# Draper Park School

***Draperville, Utah's  
Cradle of Education***

1850



*Phoebe Draper Brown*



**Draper's illustrious educational history begins**

# 1850's

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**The Vestry**



Joshua Terry and family

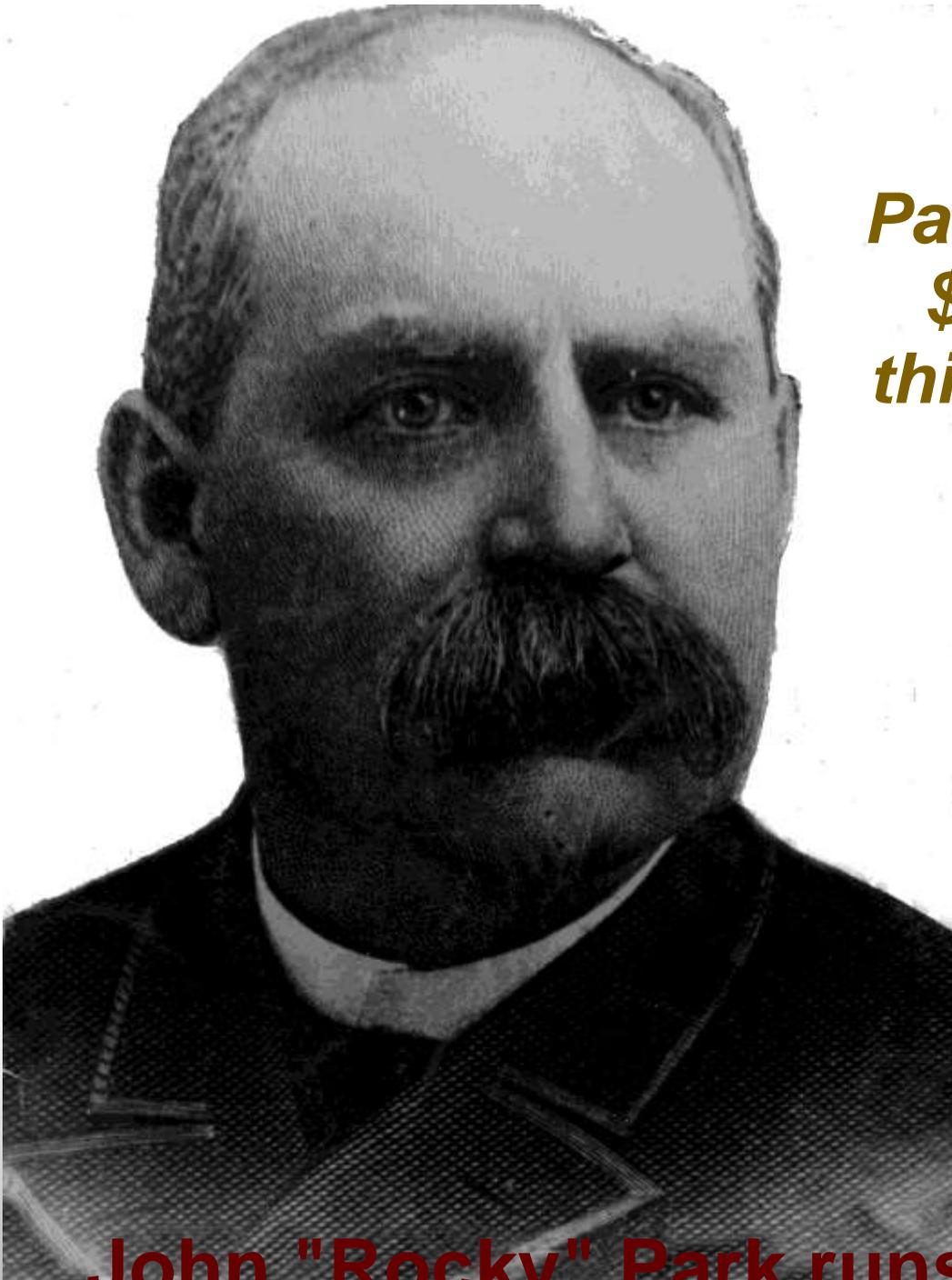


Lauritz Smith

# 1860's

*Park was hired at a salary of \$60 - one third cash, one third potatoes and one third wheat.*

*"Charts and maps covered the walls of the small schoolhouse with displays of every type of flora and fauna classified meticulously by species and category. On the tables were rocks and minerals classified by age, order and use. Samples of industry revealed the skill of the carpenter, wheelwright, blacksmith, tanner . . ."*

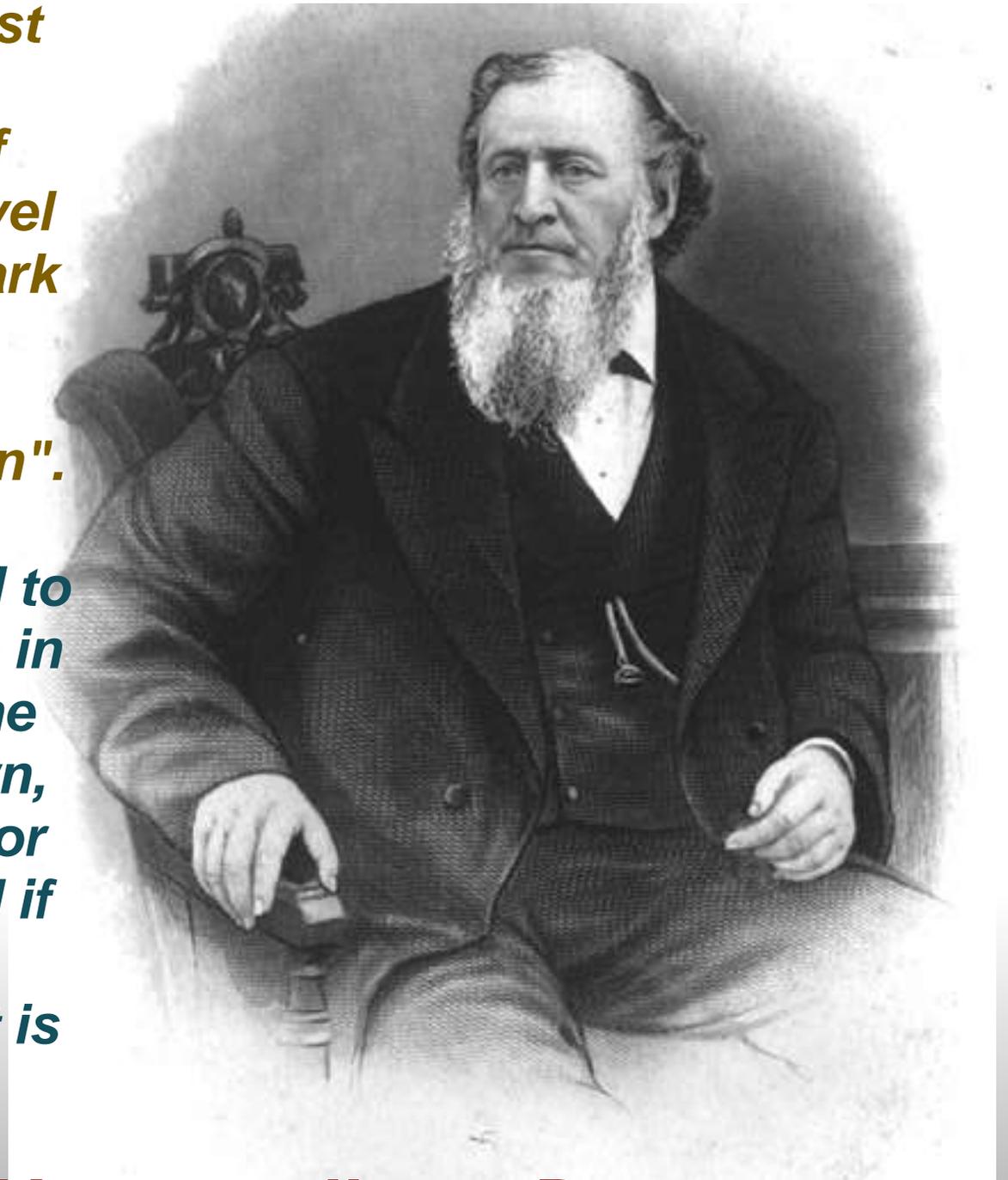


**John "Rocky" Park runs into Absalom Smith**

***"Parks' school was the best he had seen in all the settlements. The level of education was truly a marvel and the mind of John R. Park was behind it all.***

***Draper became known as "The Cradle of Education".***

***Brigham Young determined to build a magnificent college in Draperville - pointing to the hills south and east of town, saying "That is the place for the Church University, and if you brethren will lay the foundation, we'll see that it is finished."***

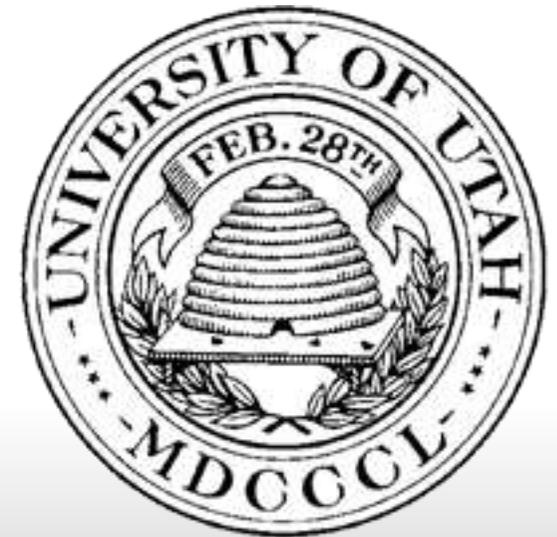


**Brigham Young calls on Draper**

# 1869



*Park served for 23 years, the longest tenure - plans were laid to move the U to it's larger, present location before his retirement*



**Young chooses Park as the 1st President of the University of Deseret**



**Central School**



**Southside School**

1883





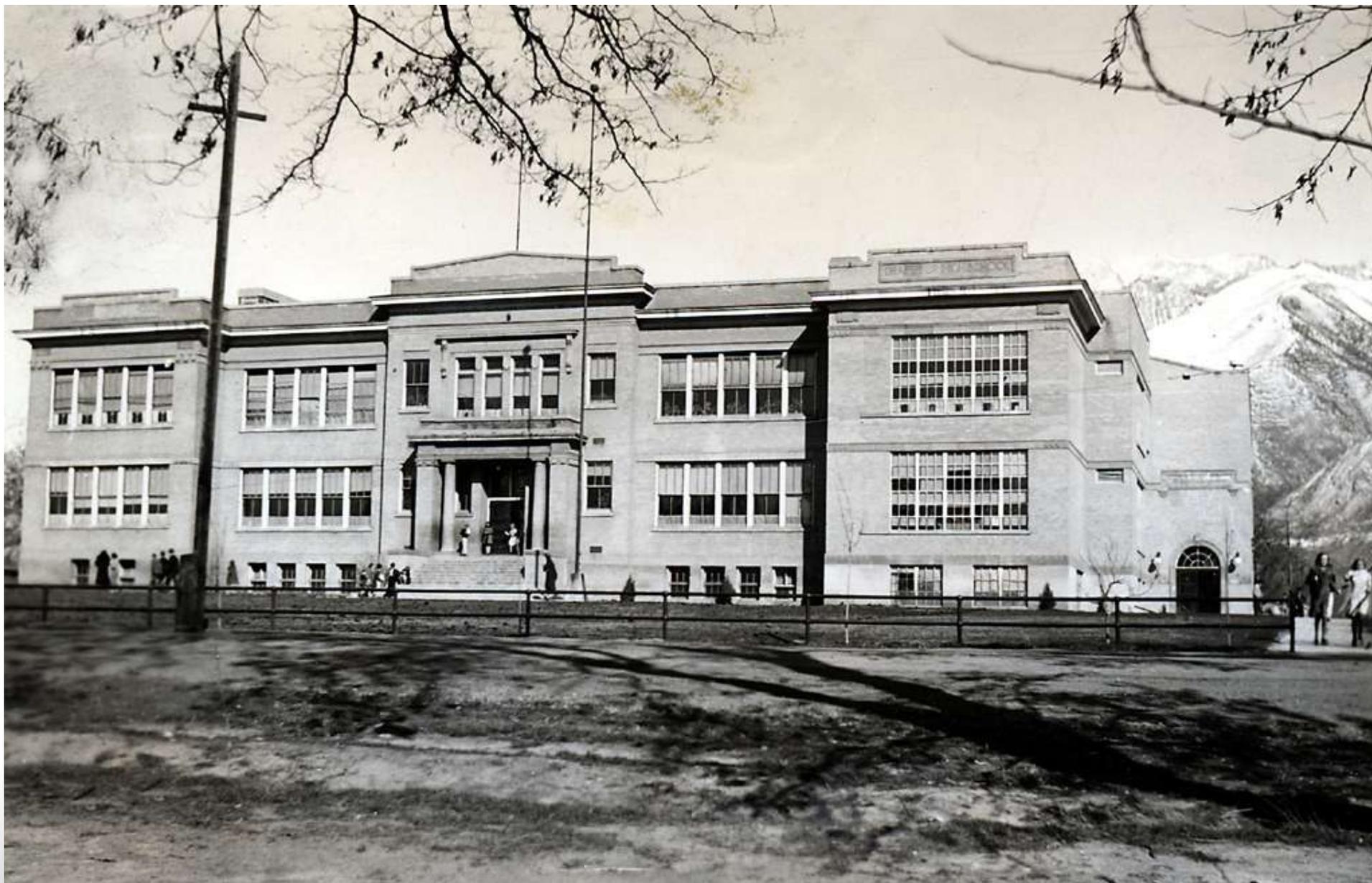
**Park School abt. 1915**



**W.H McCartney 8th Grade - 1915**



**1922 Classroom**



**Park School addition in 1928, photo c 1935**

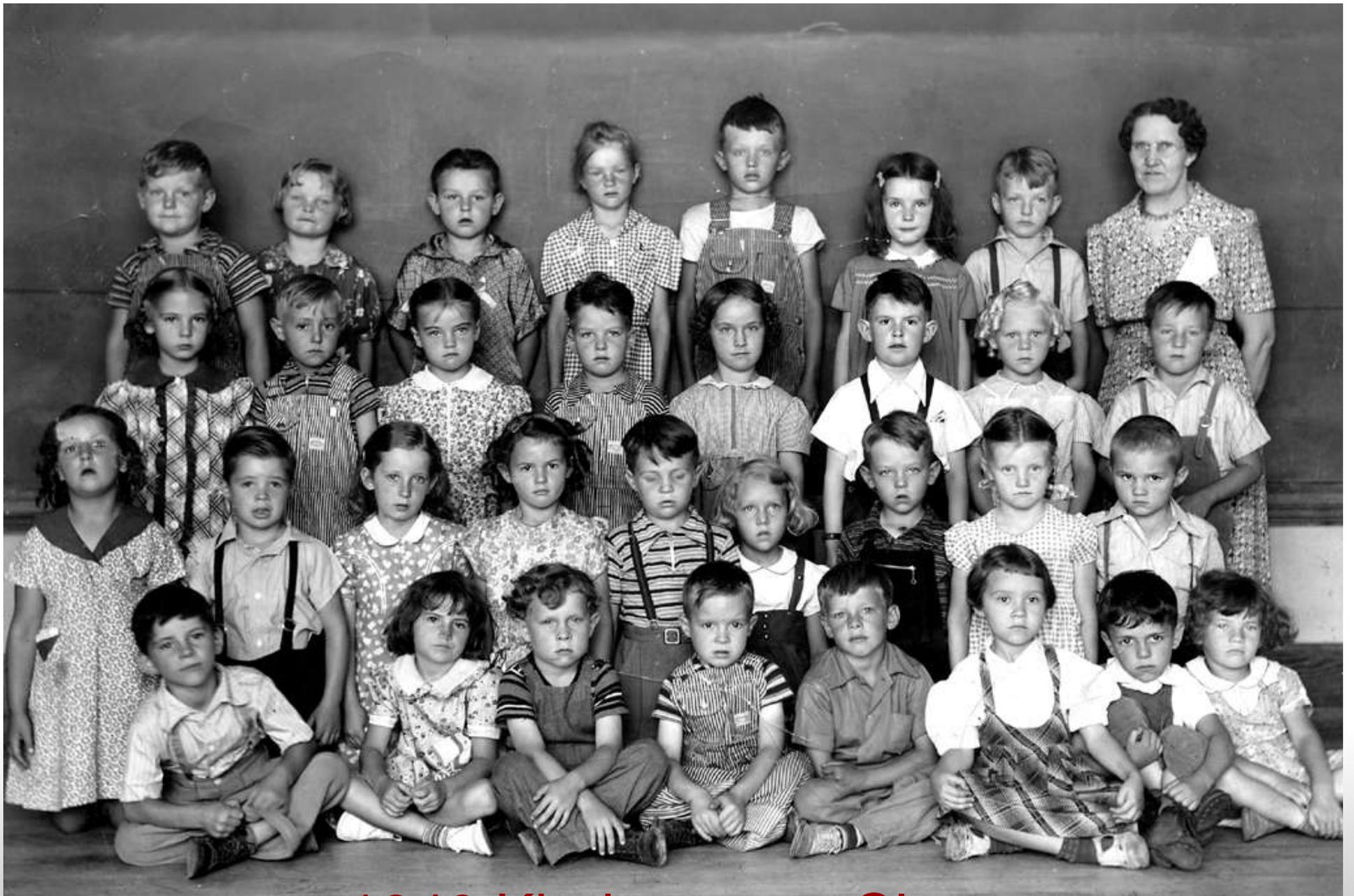


**Reid Beck & Faculty, 1935**



**WPA Mural Project, Education in Draper - 1938**



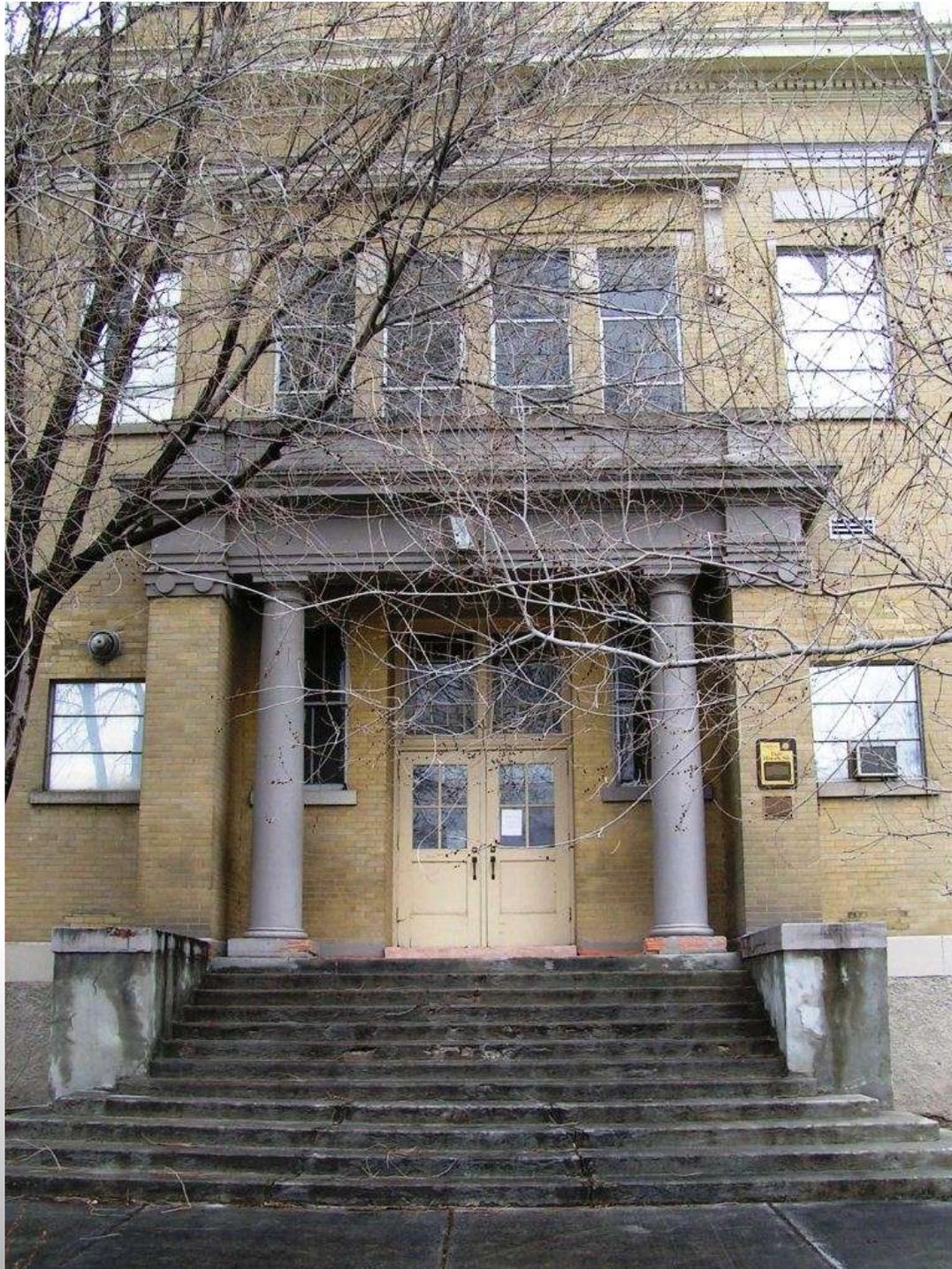


1940 Kindergarten Class





**1976 School Body**



# 1988

National Register



## Utah Historic Site

### DRAPER PARK SCHOOL

Designed by school district architect Niels Edward Liljenberg, the Draper Park School was constructed in 1912, replacing an 1883 school on this same site. The building was named in honor of Dr. John R. Park, a leading figure in Utah's educational history and an early school teacher in Draper. The school originally accommodated both elementary and junior high school students. Additions were made to the south of the building in 1928 and to the east in 1963. In 1938 a mural depicting the history of education in Draper was painted on the interior by artist Paul Smith as a WPA project. The school was converted into the Draper City Hall and community center around 1980 and is the home of the Draper Historical Society.

Marker placed in 1988

Division of State History

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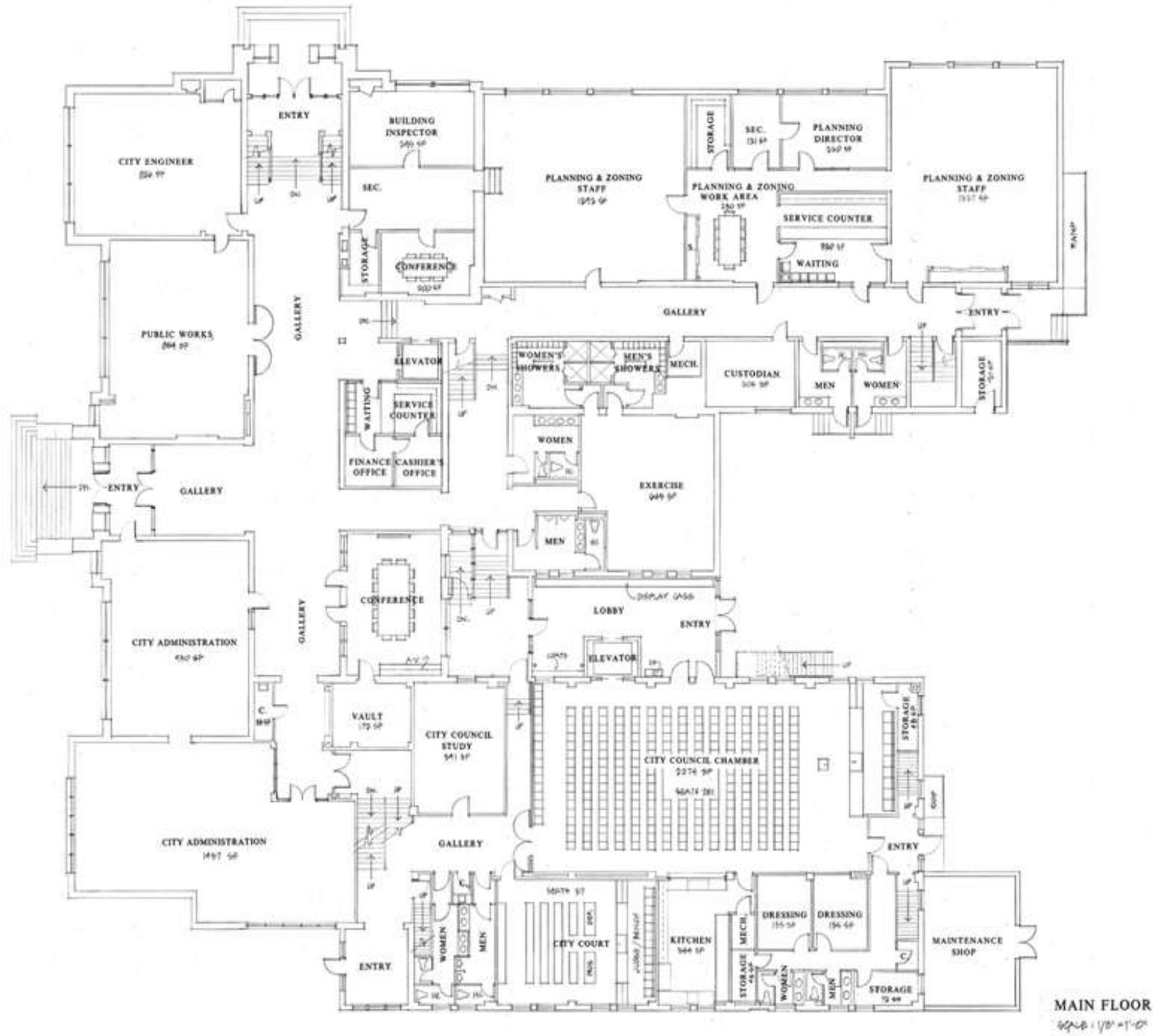
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1997



**Round 1 - Park School as  
City Hall and Community Center**



MAIN FLOOR  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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DRAPER CITY HALL

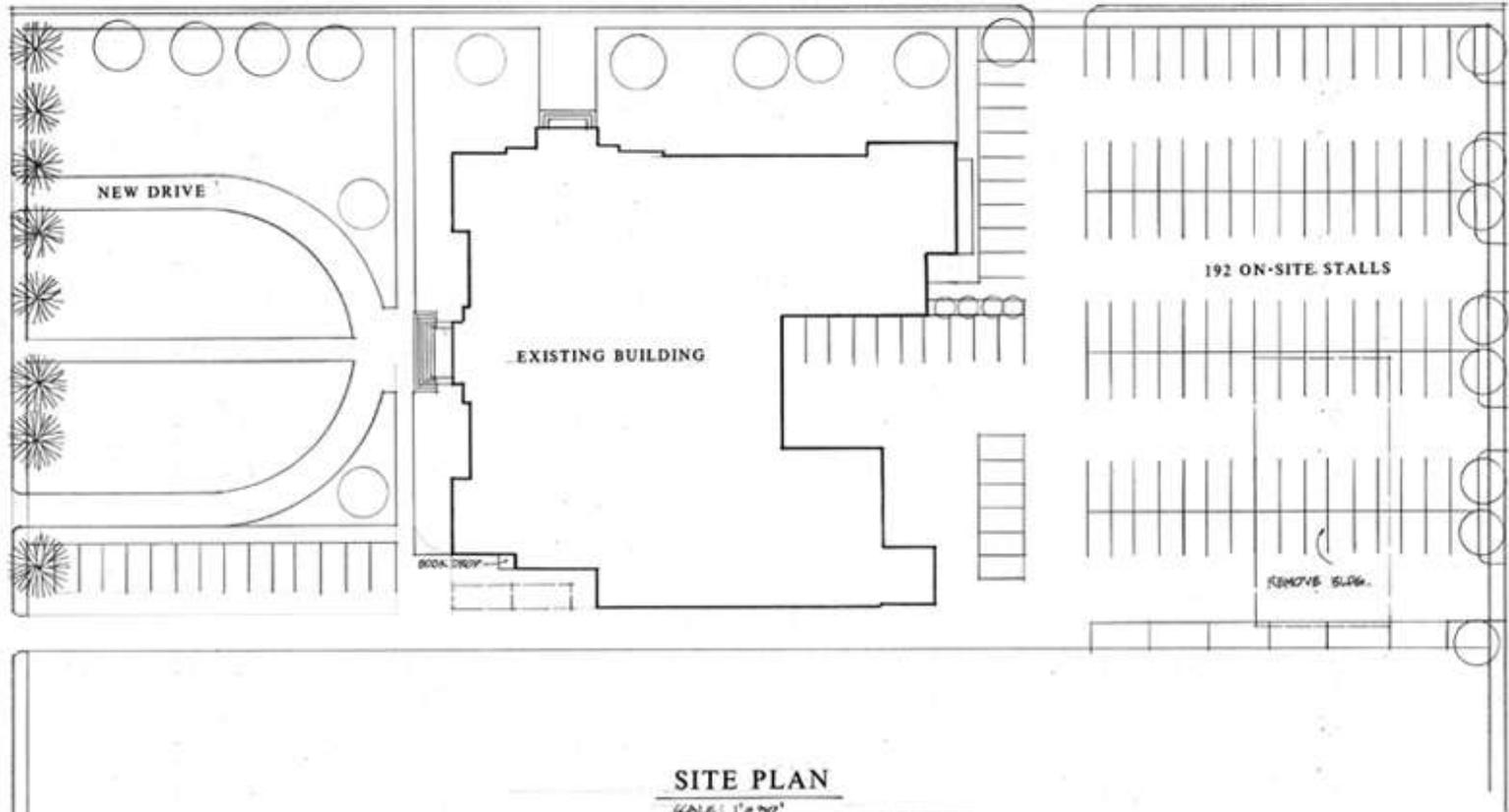
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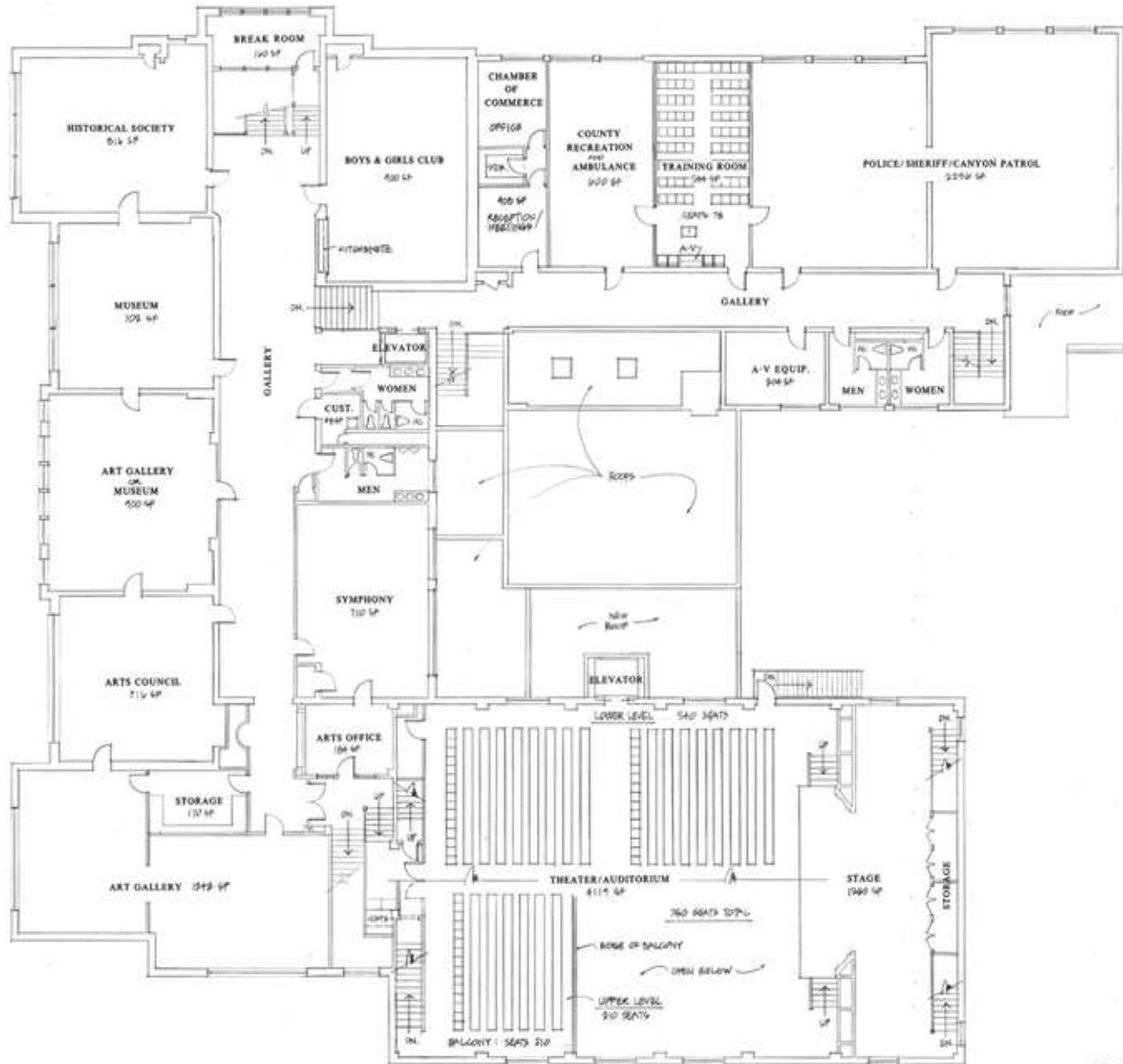
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41 ON-STREET STALLS



**SITE PLAN**

SCALE: 1" = 30'



SECOND FLOOR  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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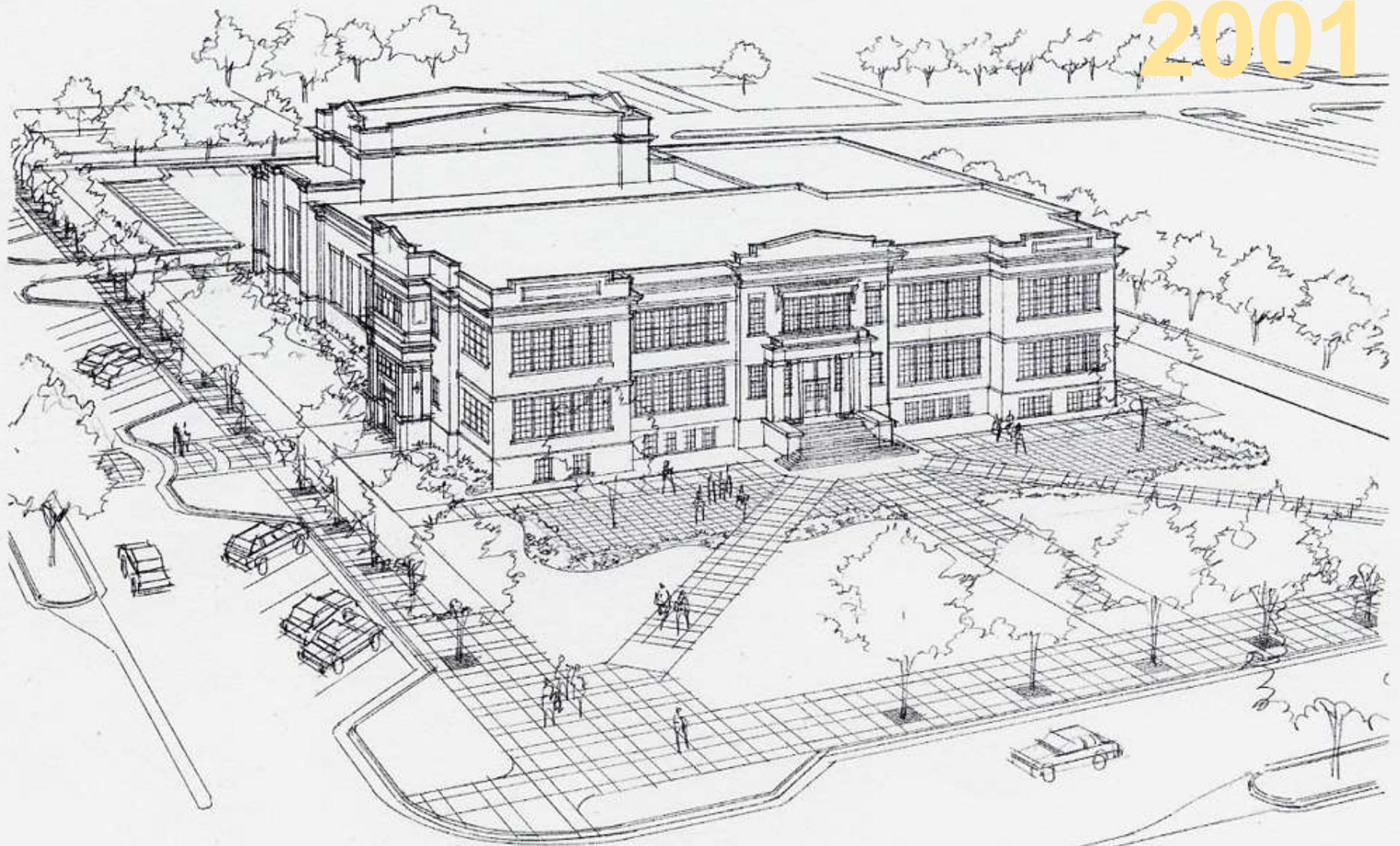
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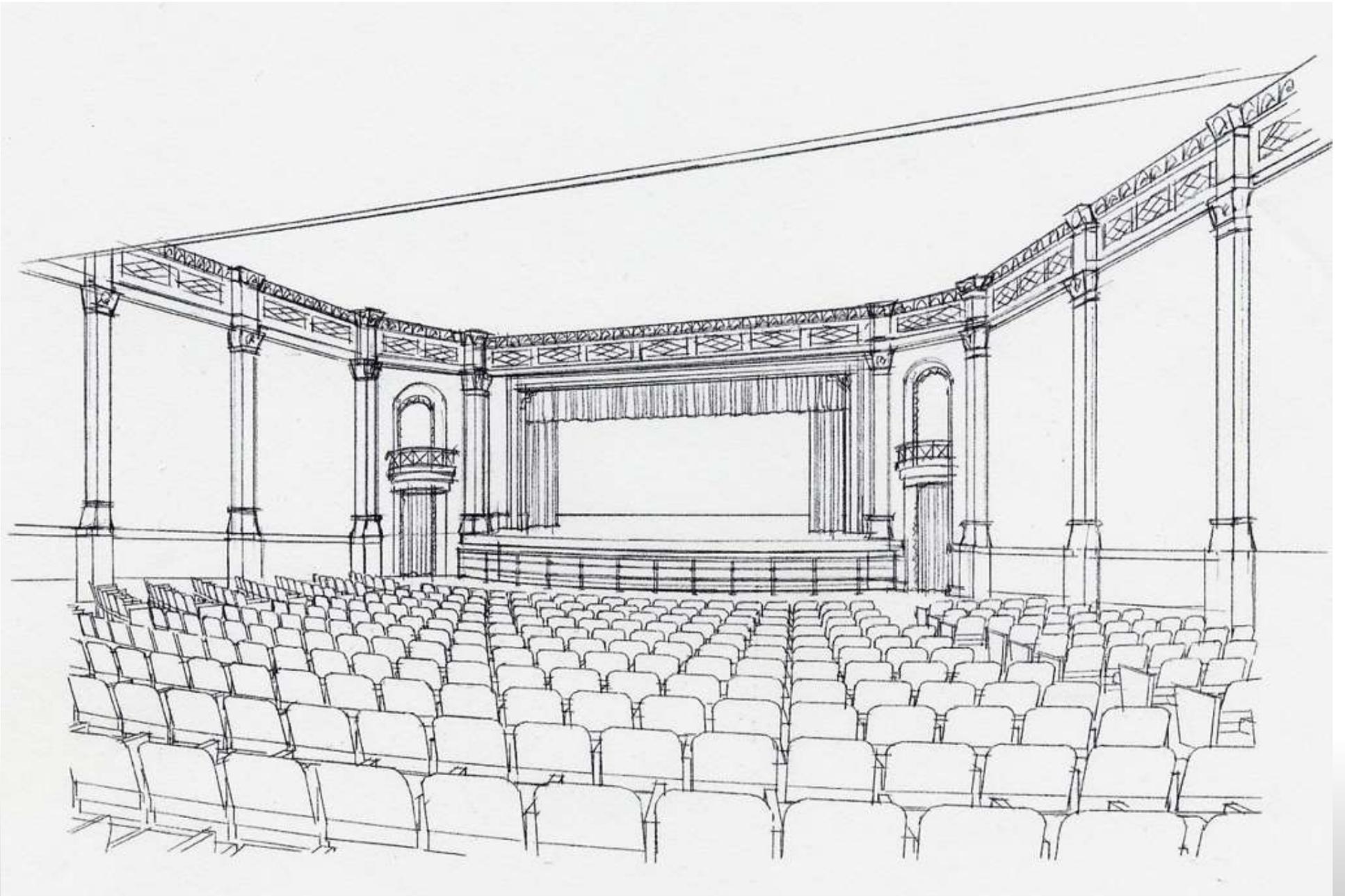
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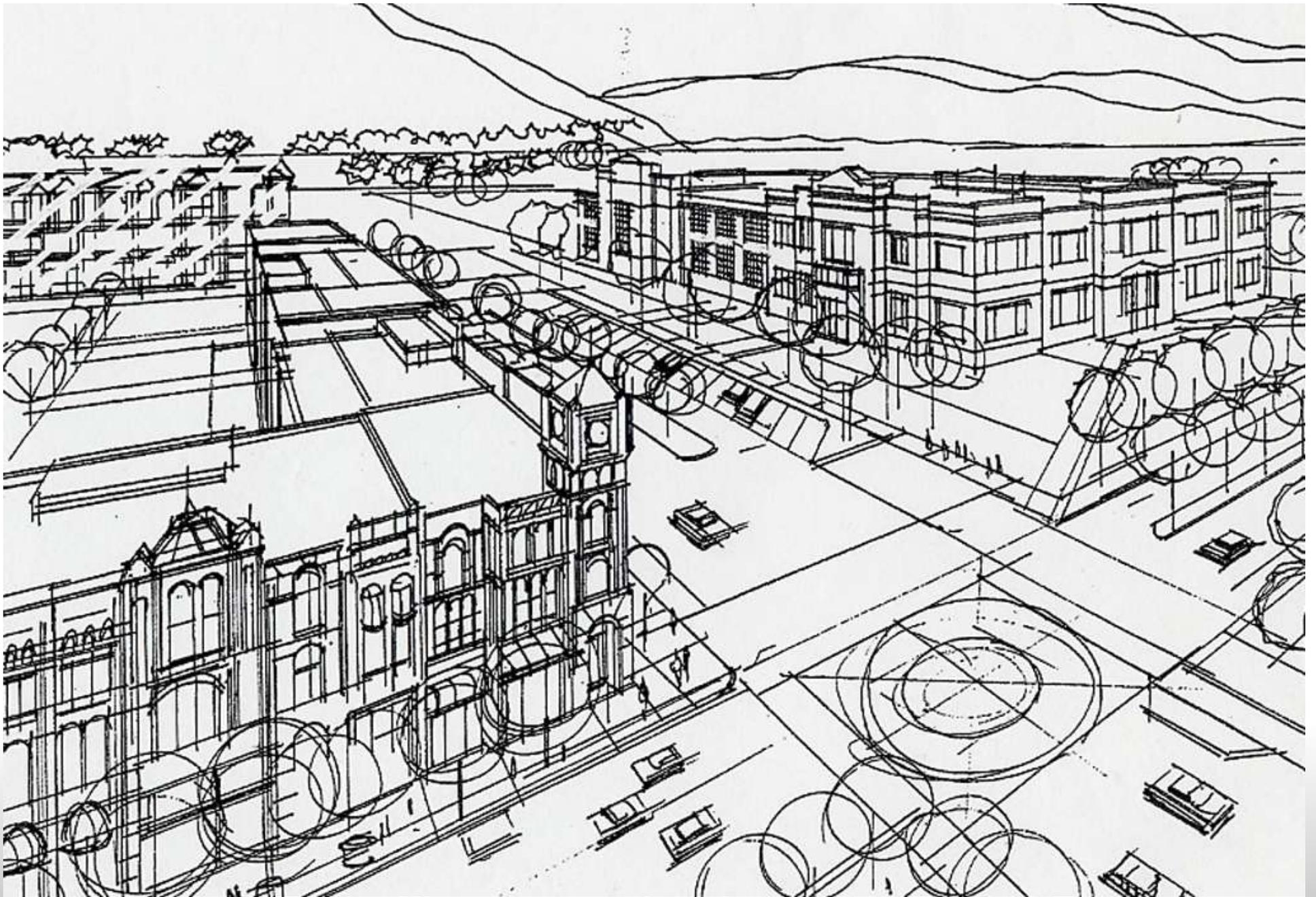
2001



**Round 2 - Park School as state-of-art community arts, museum, senior and rec center.**



New construction provides ample theater and support space.



Renting City office space in ideal new Town Center construction is part of the plan and brings opposition.

# Deseret News

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008



***Many in Draper, including members of the Historic Preservation Commission, are worried that city officials will fail to take steps to preserve the Draper Park School . . . .***

**Round 3 -  
New CDC plans RFP for  
public/private partnership  
& school preservation**

## Draper Panel Has High Hopes for 1912 School - By Amy Choate

Nielsen Deseret News

When the Draper Park School was built in 1912, it was the center of the community, a focal point where children came dressed and pressed and ready for class. Those were different times.

These days, many of the school's hallways are empty or filled with storage. There are areas where the furnace burns and pipes are exposed, which seem a little scary. And there's a hefty utility bill that demands thousands of dollars every month . . .

Members of Draper's Historic Preservation Commission are worried that the city is losing its affection for the neglected old school that they're desperate to save. The commission recently renewed its efforts to preserve the school by meeting with Draper's newly established Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit agency that focuses on preserving Draper's historic and cultural heritage. The development corporation will make a presentation at today's City Council meeting to ask for the city's support in creating a land-use plan for the area that will preserve the school.

"The question shouldn't be whether the school should be razed or not, the question is how should we move forward," said Don Ballard, president of the Community Development Corporation. "We have a brand new City Council, and they're wanting to address the issue of the school ... right off the bat, and there are some underlying currents that they're going to move forward on this issue and move forward quickly. There are people on the council that would like to get rid of it once and for all."

The Historic Preservation Commission has identified preserving the Park School as their No. 1 concern for this year, but the decision won't ultimately be made by the committee. All the commission can do now is gather support for the school and encourage those who can make a

2010

Senior Apartments / Commercial Center  
The Park School Property - Draper, Utah



**Round 4 - Preservation Commission  
seeks a worthy partner and a fitting use.**



Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake



*Elizabeth MacLennan*

The plan, providing 79 residential units for age 55+ and the disabled = many new patrons for local shops and services.



*Elizabeth Mackinnon*

The proposal offers ground-floor, needed commercial uses and pedestrian friendly, 24 hour residential transit-oriented design.



**Round 5 - Draper City puts out it's own RFP - twice - preserve or demolish, doesn't matter.**

Still - the only response is from the Housing Authority of Salt Lake County