

Introduction

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Prologue: Destruction



Site of the old Mechanics' Institute on Post Street, 1906
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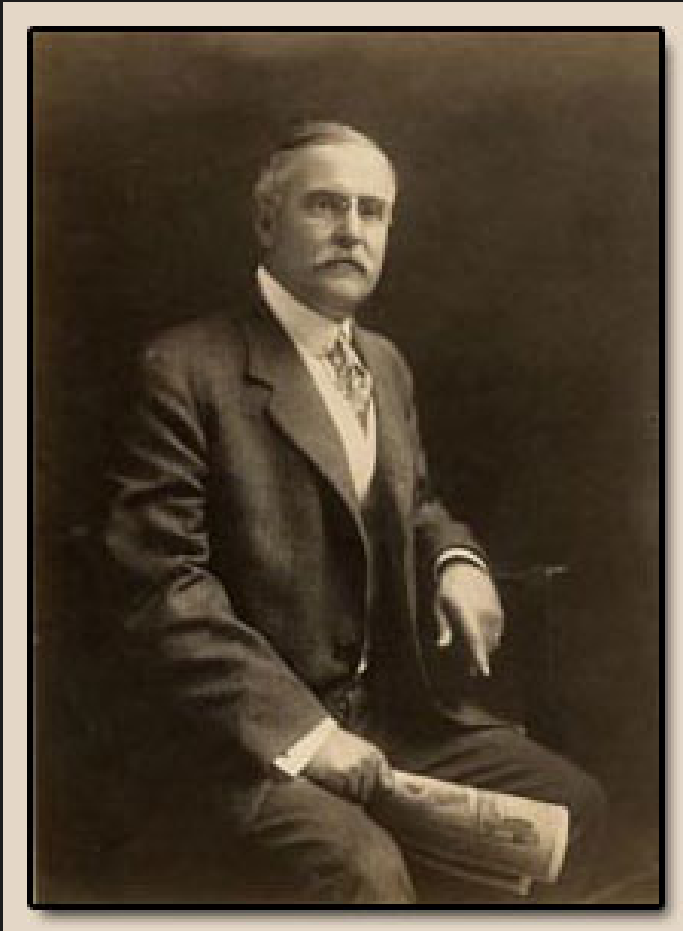


Mechanics' Pavilion, Grove & Larkin streets,
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Prologue: Earthquake Aftermath



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First temporary Mechanics' Institute Library
Larkin and Grove streets, 1906
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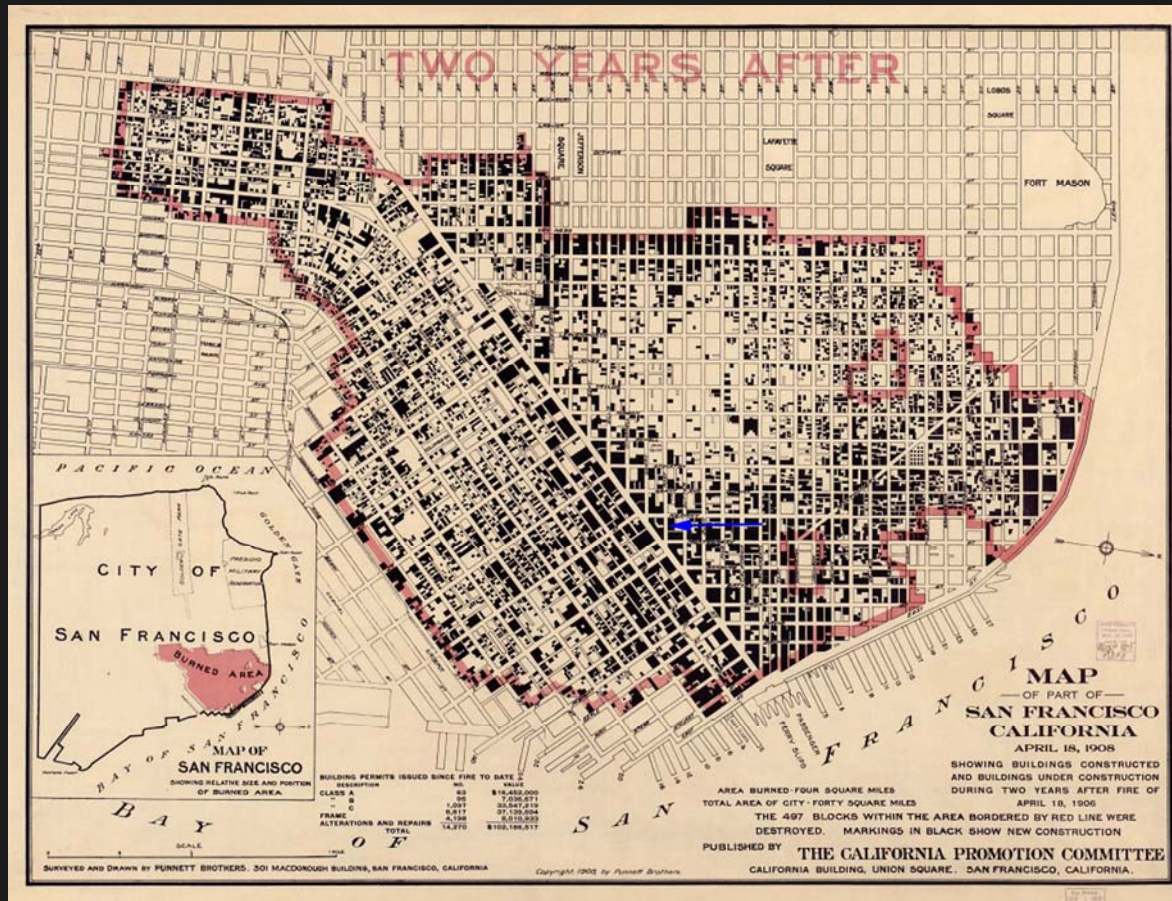


Second temporary Mechanics' Institute Library
99 Grove Street, 1906
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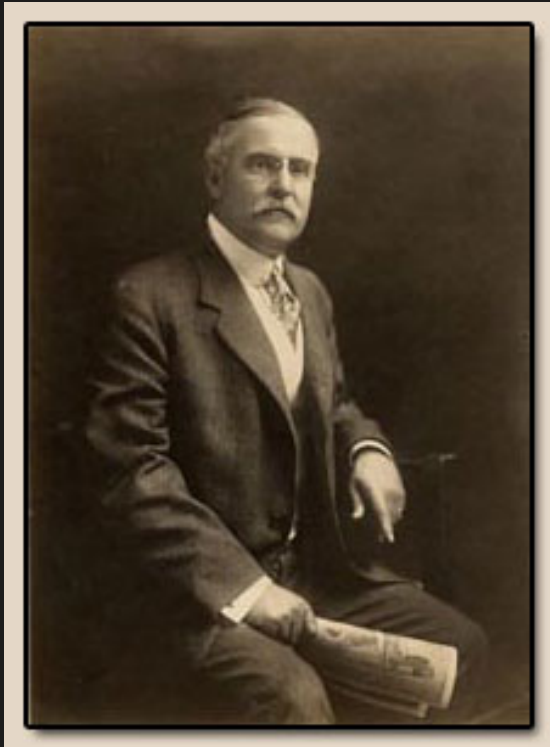


"Two Years After," 1908
Map drawn by the California Promotion Committee

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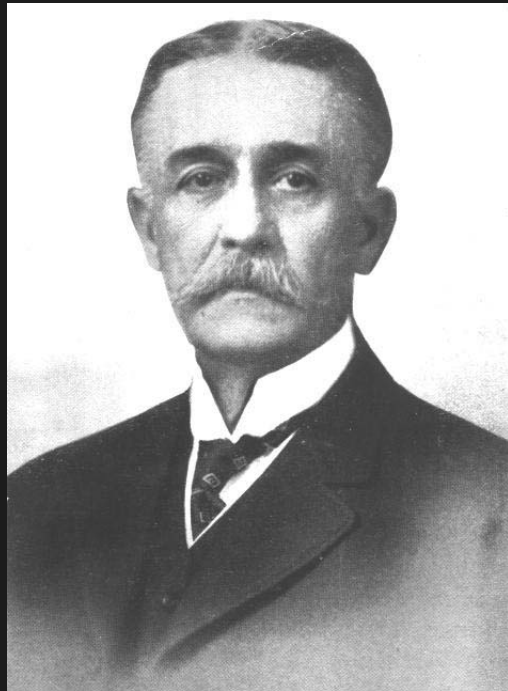


Byron Mauzy
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Piano Company

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Albert Pissis
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Hibernia Bank and Jones St. bldg. from Market St.
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Hibernia Bank Building
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Interior of the General Society
Building, New York
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Exterior of the General Society
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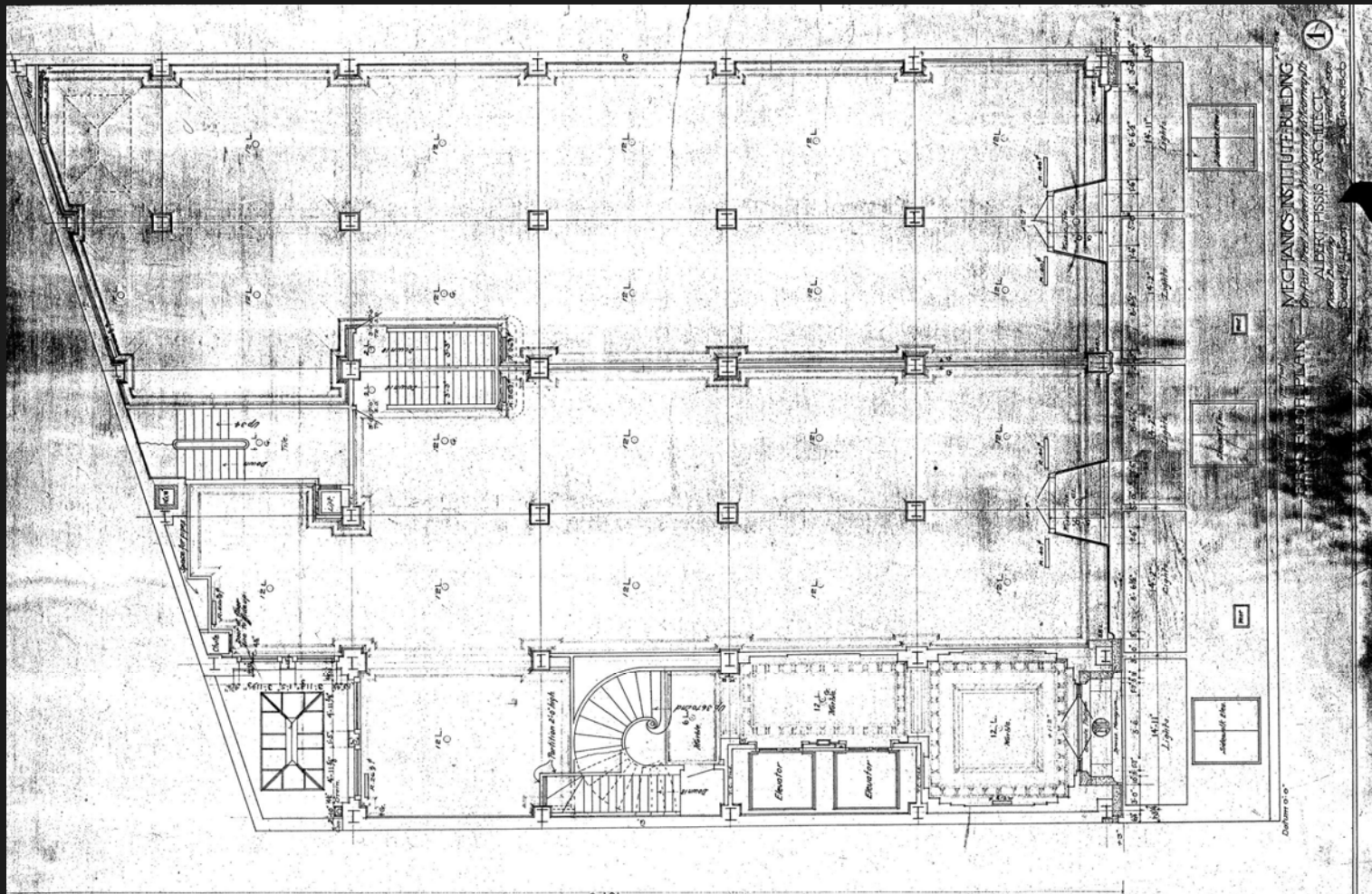
Albert Pissis' 1909 rendering of the
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1st floor plan

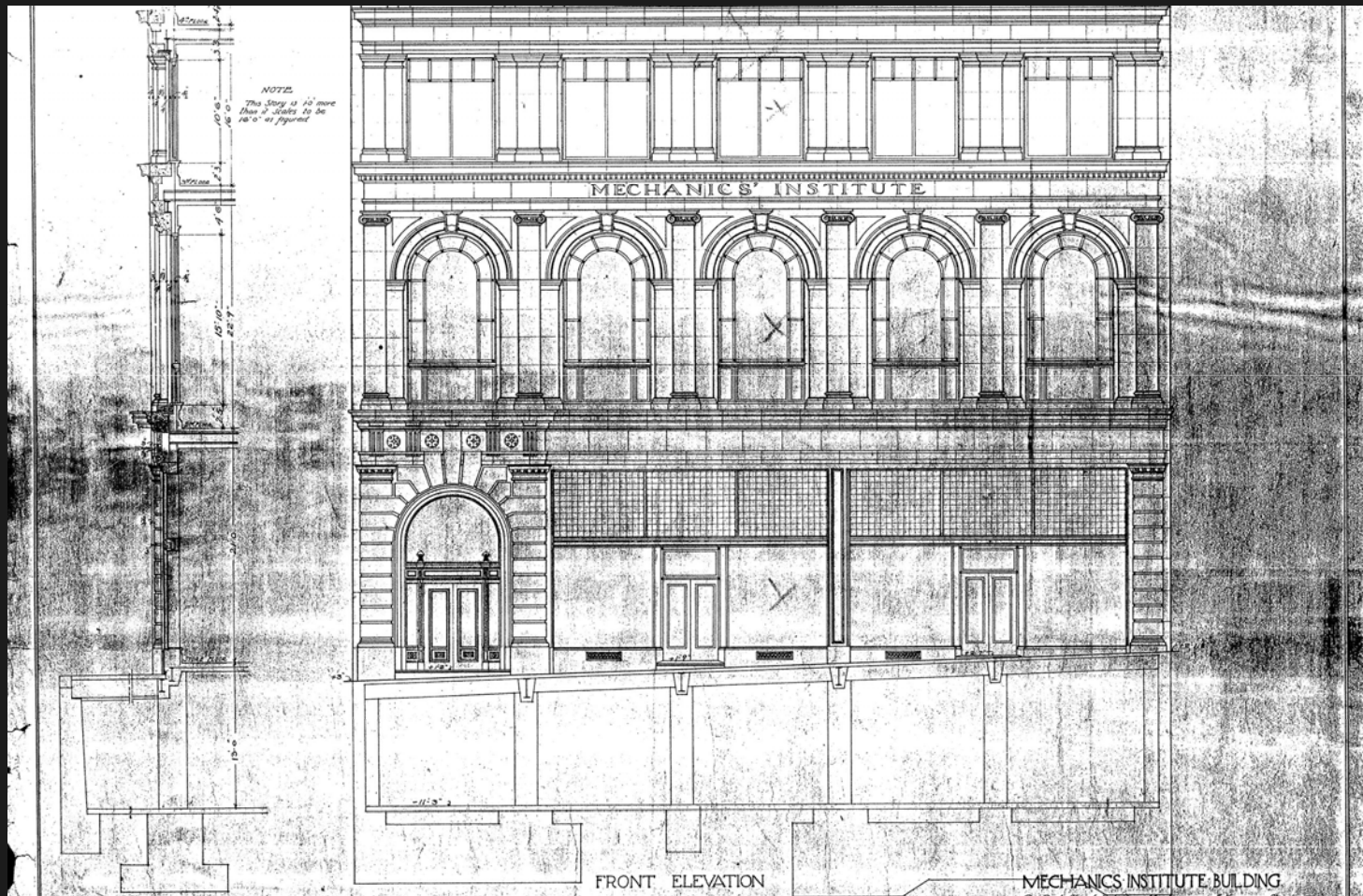
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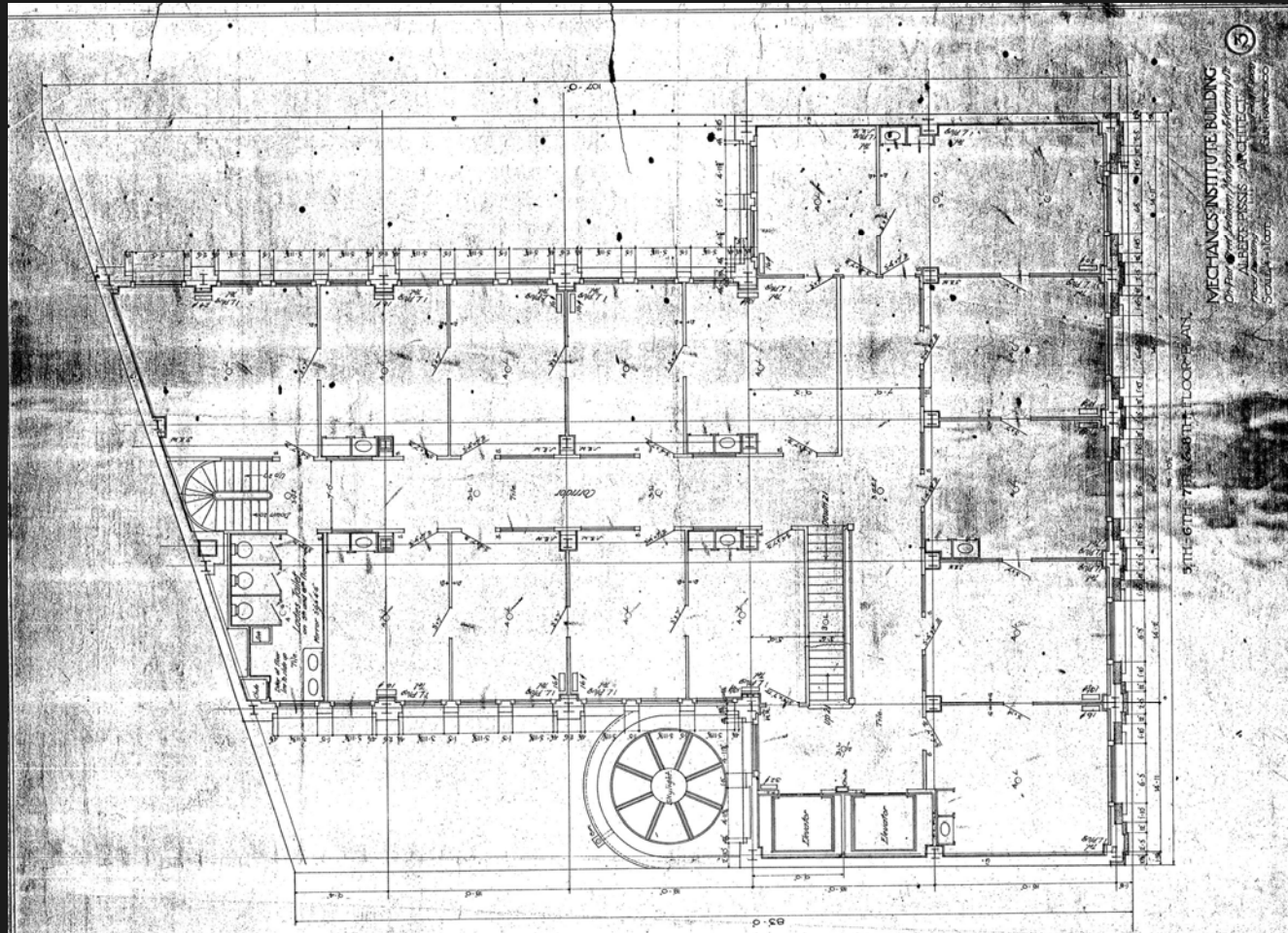


Detail of façade showing storefronts and 2nd and 3rd floors

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Typical office floor: floors 5-9

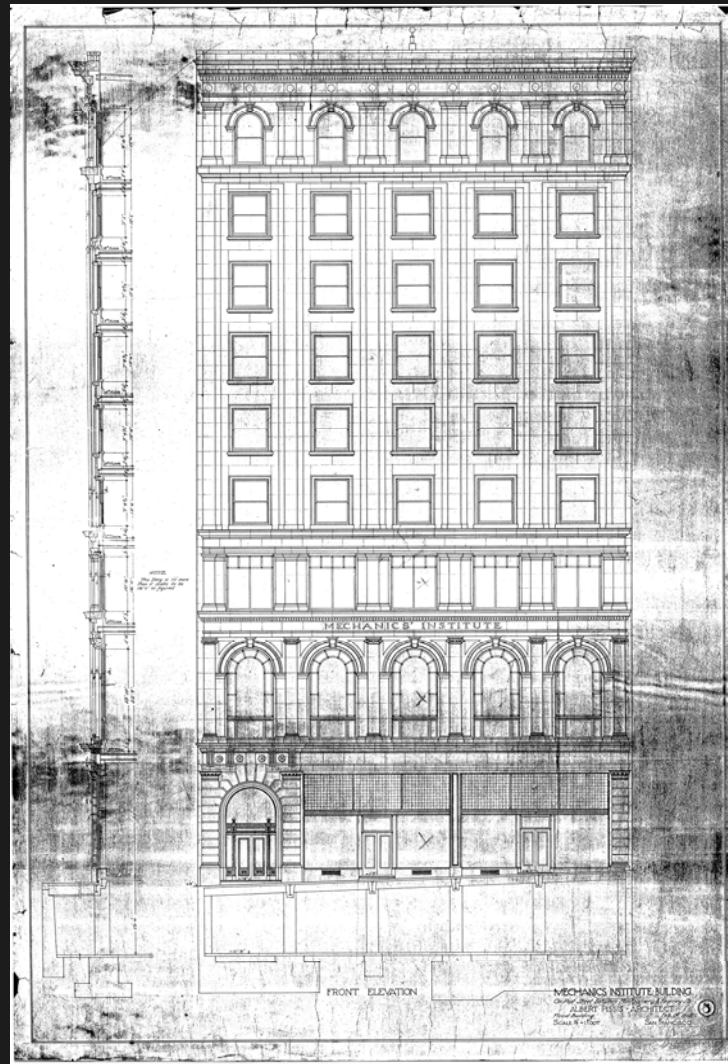
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Primary façade

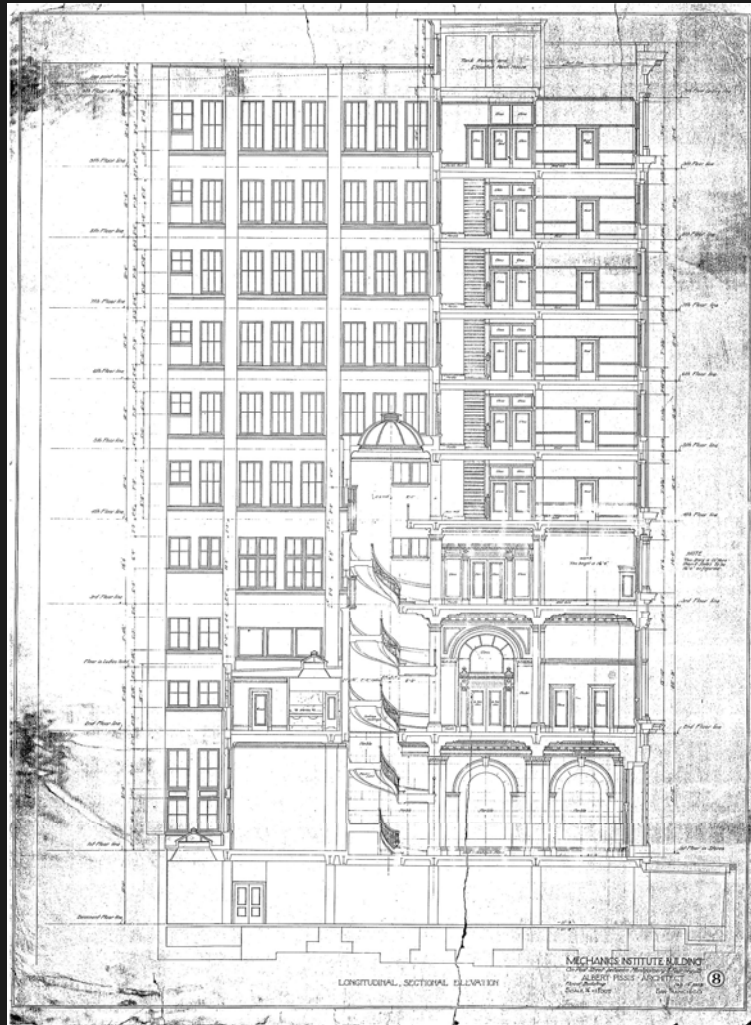
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Section showing stairs and light wells

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Steel frame being erected
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Laying of the cornerstone, September 5, 1909
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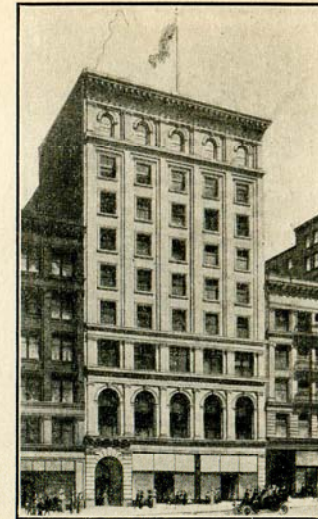
Architect, Albert Pissis

Constructors, Lewis A. Hicks Co.

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1854-1909

SAN FRANCISCO



Laying of Corner Stone
Sunday, September 5, 1909

Corner Stone Laying Ceremony Brochure
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Dedication



2nd floor reading room
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Spiral stair
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Primary entrance, n.d.
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Mechanics' Institute, ca. 1915
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