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Wrexham
Flint
SJ 335 502**

**A
Photographic Survey**

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1. Introduction

Listed building consent has recently been granted for works to and a change of use of No.33 High Street, Wrexham, formerly a bank built around 1912 to the designs of Grayson & Old for the Bank of Liverpool. The building is Grade II listed. One of the conditions of the listed building consent was that:

No part of the development shall commence until an appropriate photographic survey (equivalent to an Historic England Level 2 Photographic Survey - Understanding Historic Buildings, 2016, 5.5, p.27) of the existing building/s has been carried out by an archaeological contractor, in accordance with details to be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The resulting digital photographs shall be forwarded on appropriate digital media to the Local Planning Authority and the Development Control Archaeologist (Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, Coed y Dinas, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8RP. Email: neil.bayliss@cpat.org.uk Tel: 01938 553670 / 552045). After approval by the Local Planning Authority, a copy of the photographs should also be sent to the Historic Environment Record Officer, Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust, Coed Y Dinas, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8RP for inclusion in the regional Historic Environment Record and an archive copy should be lodged with the National Monuments Record, RCAHMW.

1.1 Recording Levels

This Consultancy was commissioned to undertake a photographic record of the building prior to demolition to ensure an appropriate degree of ‘preservation by record’. A Level 2 survey, as per the guidelines of Historic England (2016) was stipulated. This includes sections 1-2 and 4 of the categories outlined elsewhere in that document, viz:

- 1. A general view or views of the building (in its wider setting or landscape if 2 (below) is also to be adopted).*
- 2. The building’s external appearance. Typically a series of oblique views will show all external elevations of the building, and give an overall impression of its size and shape. Where individual elevations include complex historical information it may also be appropriate to take views at right-angles to the plane of the elevation.*
- 4. The overall appearance of the principal rooms and circulation areas. The approach will be similar to that outlined in 2.¹*

¹ Historic England, 2016, *Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice*

1.2 The Photographic Survey

The photographic survey was undertaken in November 2023 using 12mp professional Digital D3 DSLRs and lenses using both JPEG and NEFF formats to suit whichever archiving is required by the LPA. The location of the individual photographic viewpoints are shown on the relevant floor plans below.

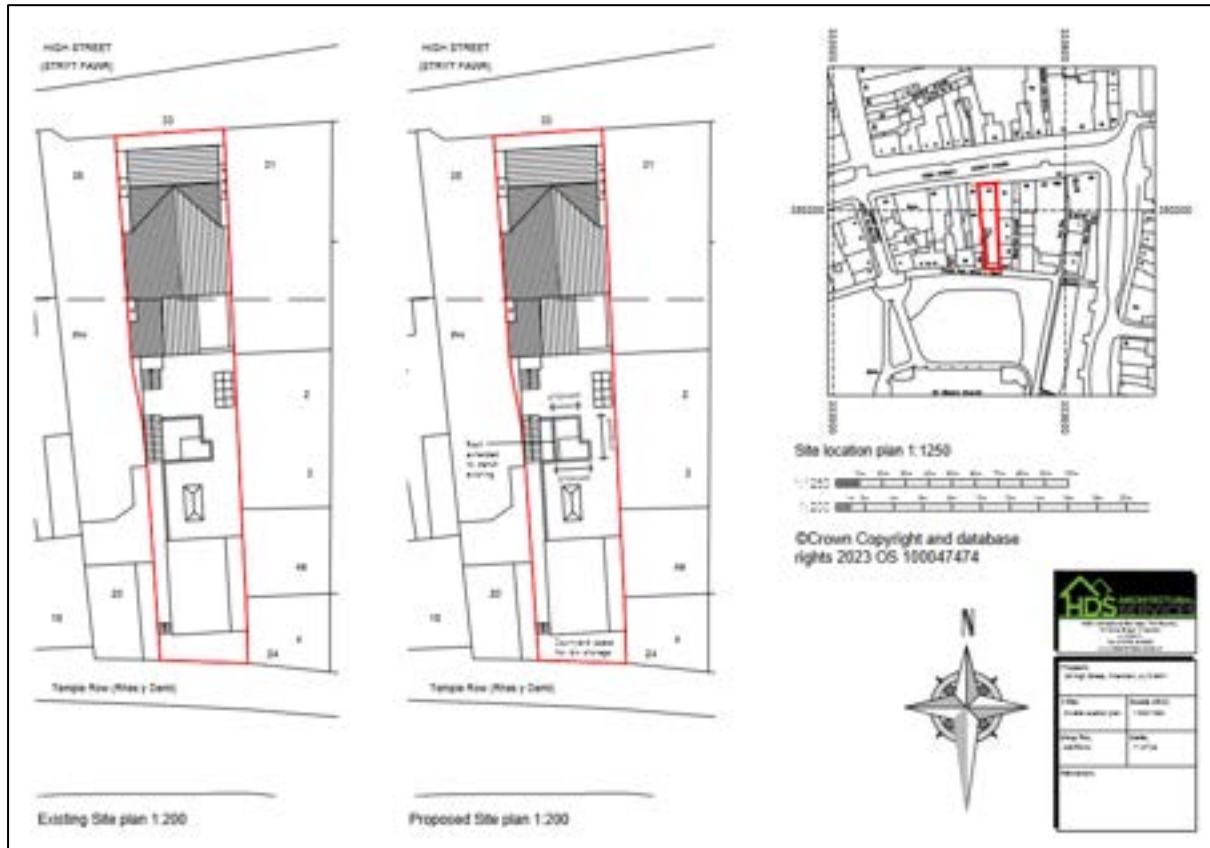


Fig.1: Location and block plan.

2. The Survey

2.1 Exteriors



Pl.1: High Street, looking west, No.33 arrowed (1307).



Pl.2: High Street, looking east, No.33 arrowed (1417).



Pl.3: The High Street, or north, elevation (1311)..



Pl.4: Detail of the main entrance to High Street (1313).



Pl.5: The rear elevation of the main frontage ranges (1386).



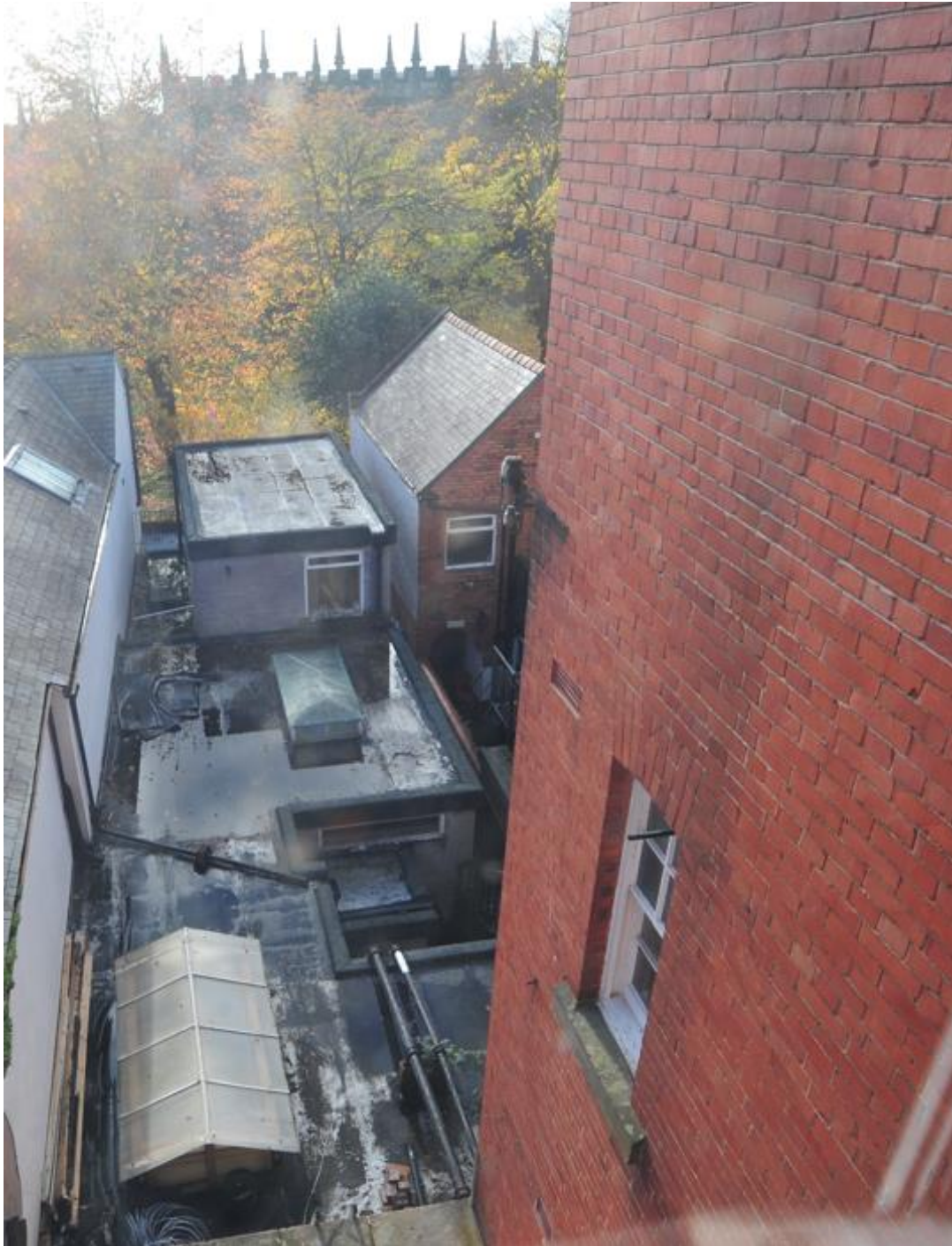
Pl.6: The rear of the site from Temple Row to the south (1420).



Pl.7: The rear elevation of the modern south range (1381).



Pl.8: Part of the rear yard and accretions, looking north (1383).



Pl.9: View across the rear ranges from the frontage range (1330).

2.2 The Interiors

2.2.1 The Frontage Section

2.2.1.01 The Ground Floor

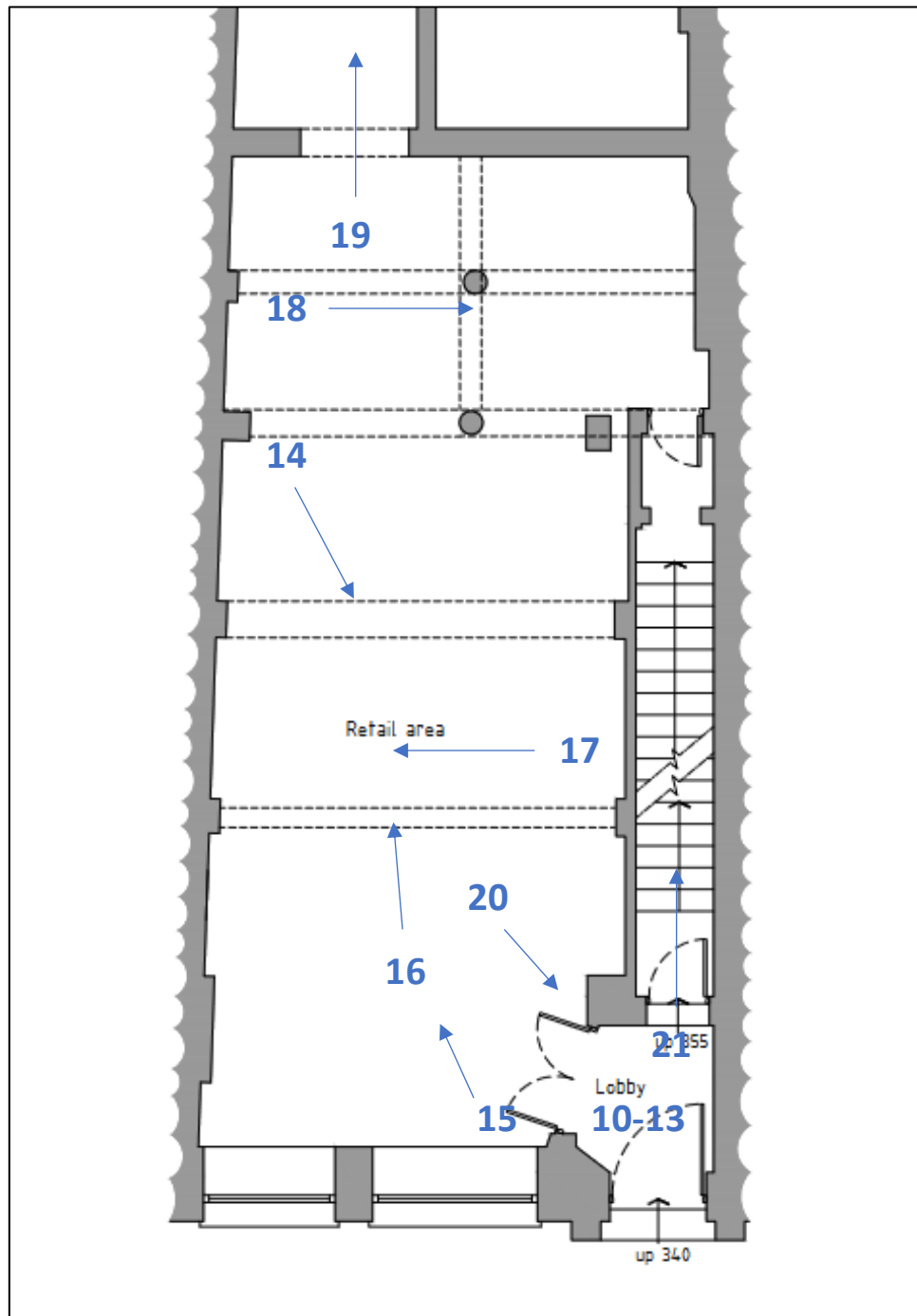


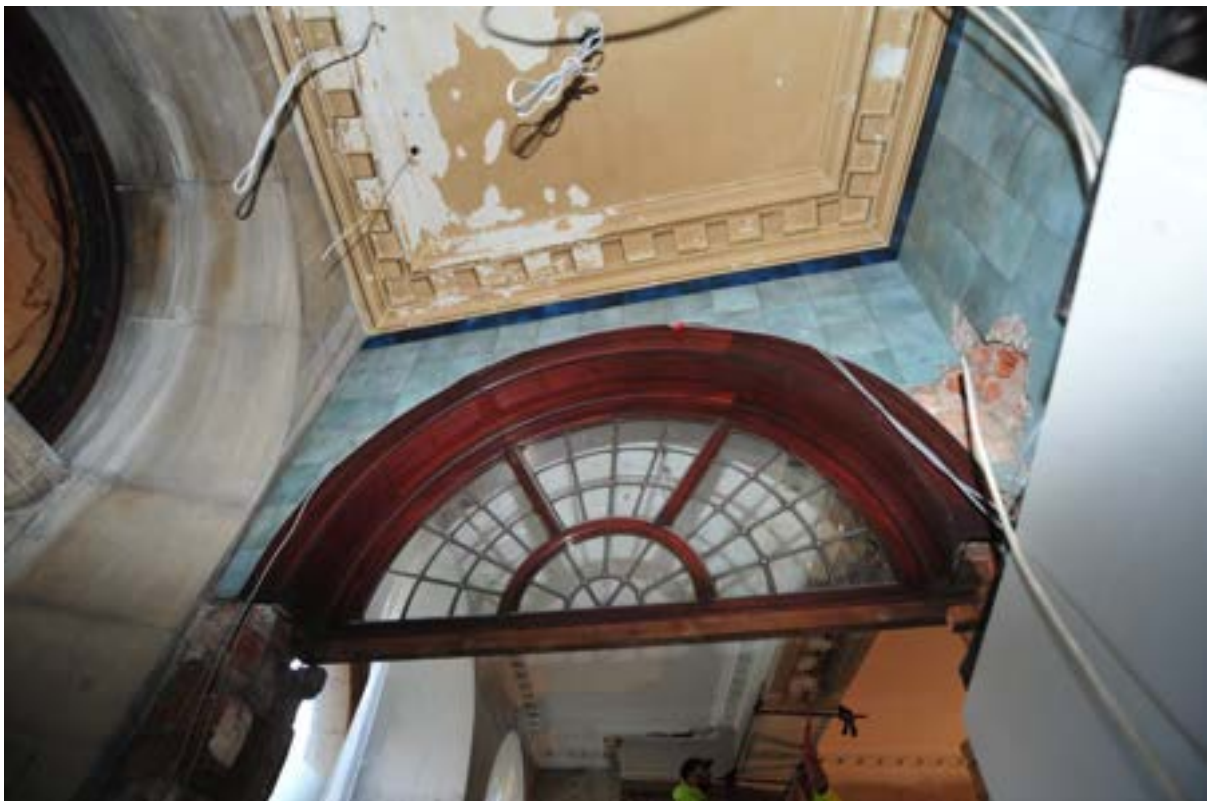
Fig.2: Ground floor photograph viewpoints (north to bottom).



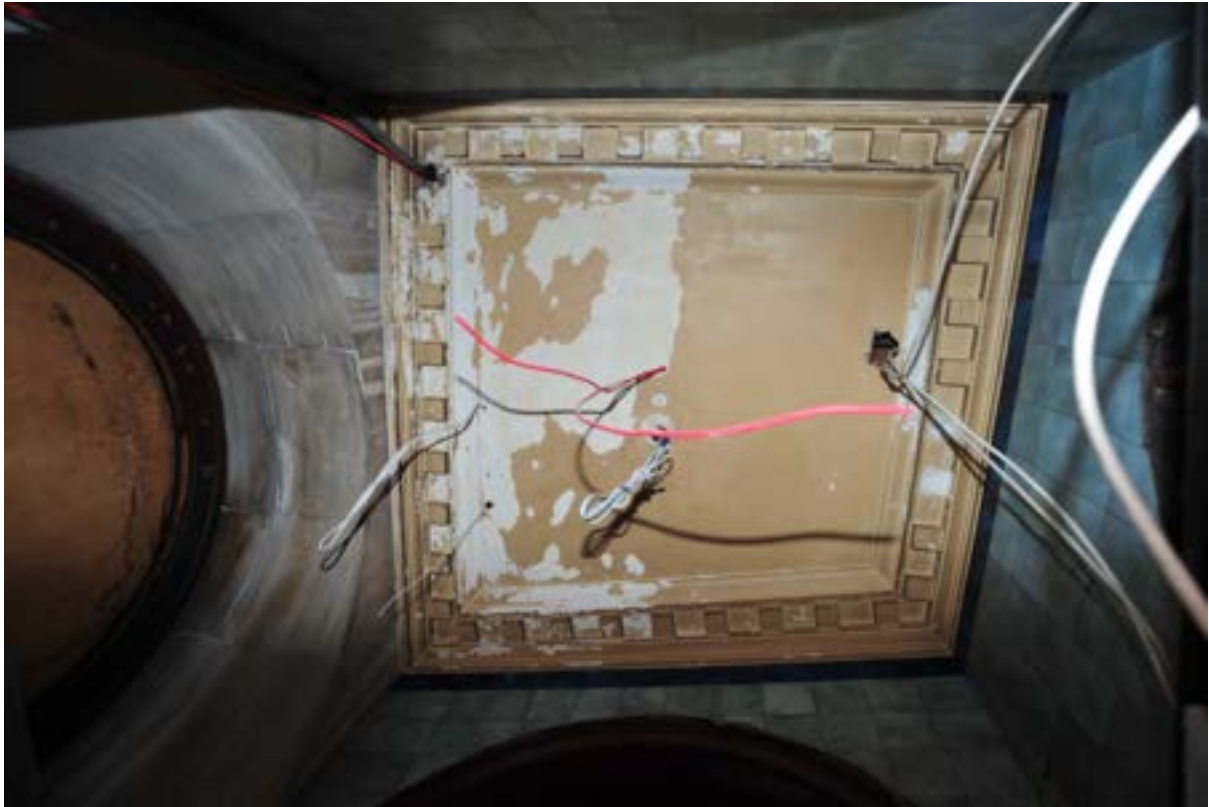
Pl.10: Inner face of front door (1369).



Pl.11: South side of the lobby (1371).



Pl.12: Detail of east side of lobby and fanlight (1372).



Pl.13: Ceiling of lobby area (1370).



Pl.14: Ground-floor of frontage range, looking north (1375).



Pl.15: Ground-floor of front range looking south-east (1373)



Pl.16: Ground floor looking south (1374).



Pl.17: East internal wall of the southern end of the frontage range (1414).



Pl.18: West internal wall of the rear portion of the frontage block (1379).



Pl.19: View south from frontage range to rear corridor (1377).



Pl.20: Detail of inner door off the lobby (1415).



P1.21: Main stairs from lobby (1368).

2.2.1.02 The First Floor

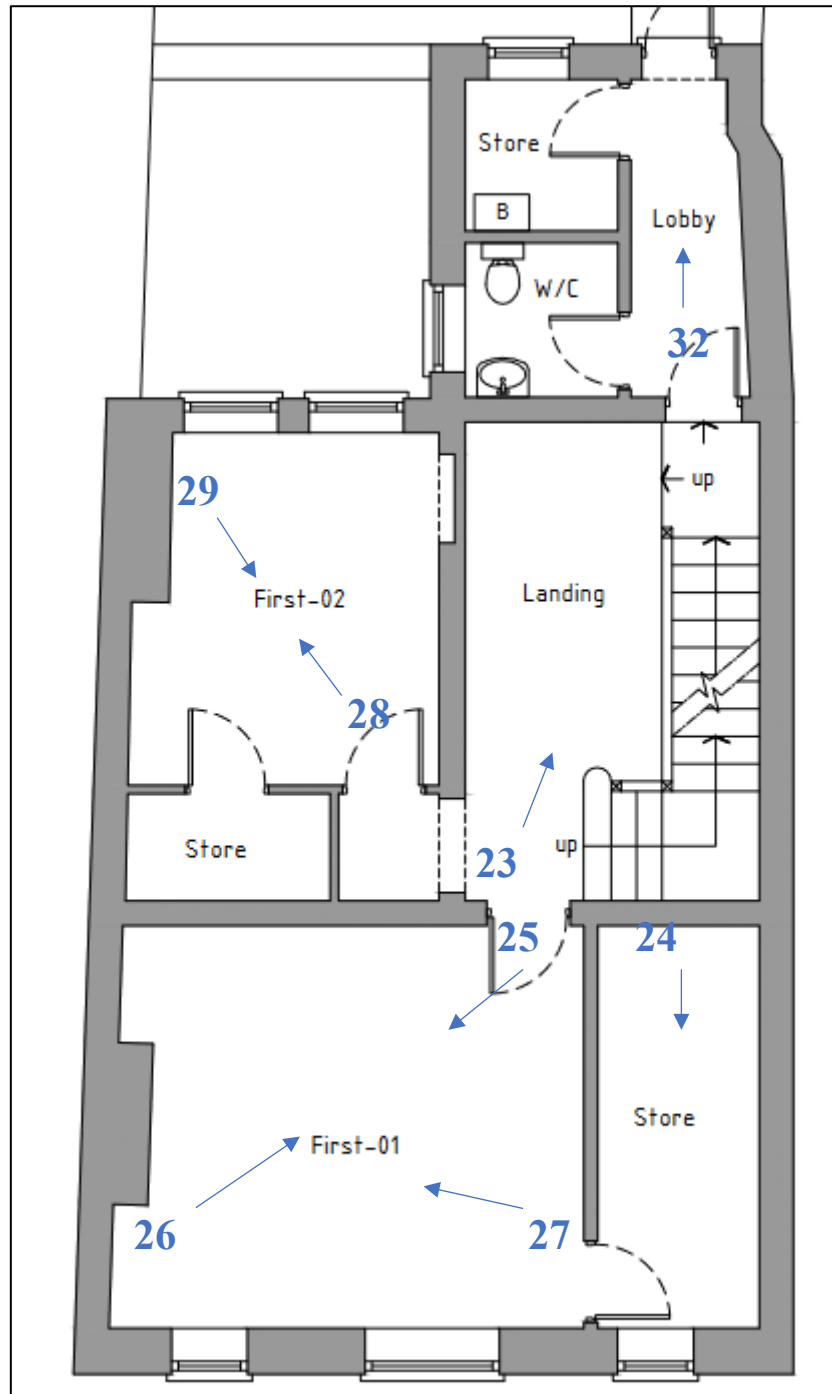


Fig.3: First-floor photographic viewpoints (north to bottom).



Pl.22: First-floor landing, looking north (1365).



Pl.23: First-floor landing, looking south (1355).



Pl.24: West front first-floor room (1357).



Pl.25: East front first-floor room looking north-east (1359).



Pl.26: East front first-floor room looking south-west (1360).



Pl.27: East front first-floor room looking east (1358).



Pl.28: East rear first-floor room looking south (1361).



Pl.29: East rear first-floor room, looking north (1362).



Pl.30: Original first-floor rear wing (1363).

2.2.1.03 The Second Floor

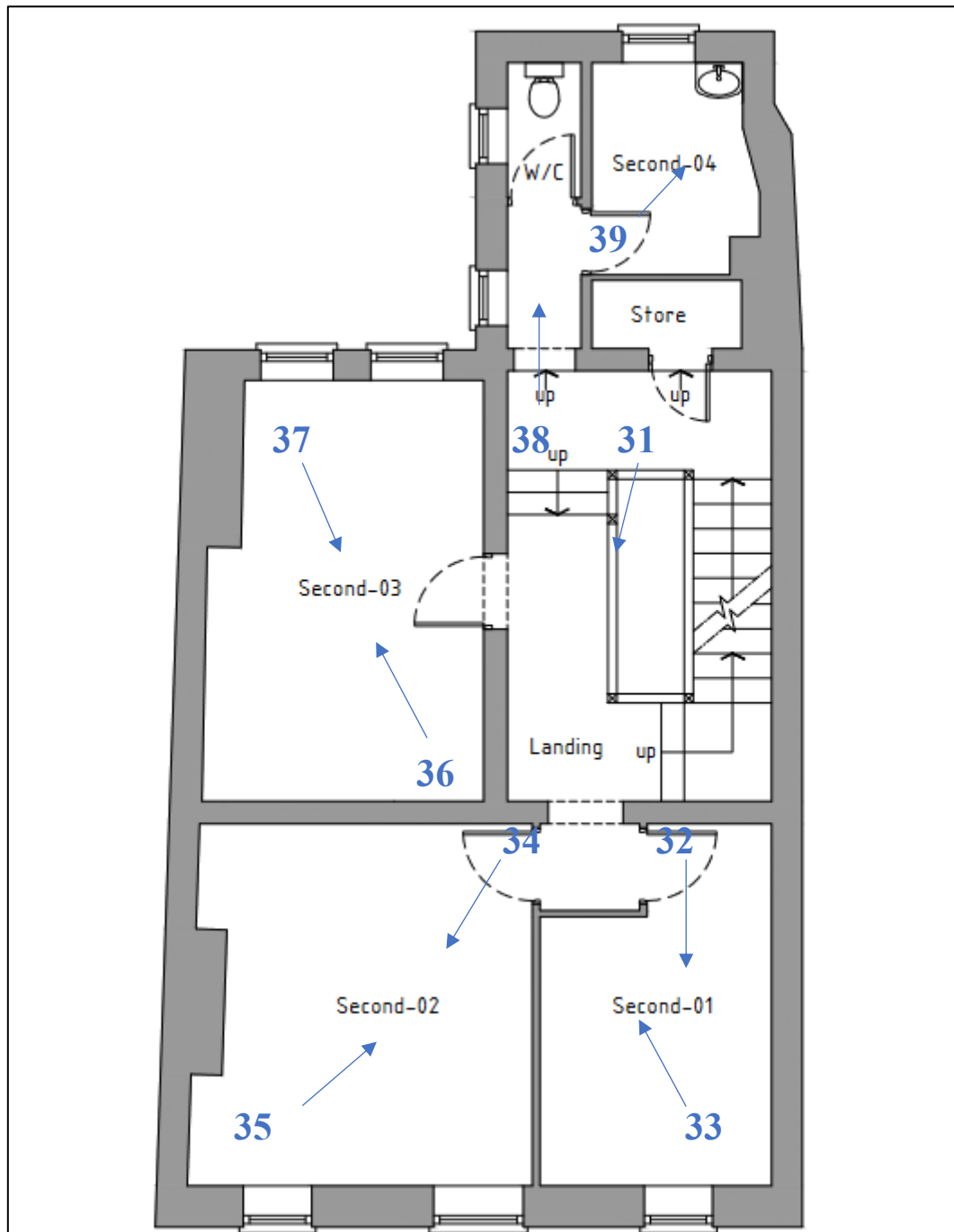


Fig.4: Second-floor photographic viewpoints (north to bottom).



Pl.31: The second-floor landing (1351).



Pl.32: West front second-floor room looking north (1341).



Pl.33: West front second-floor room looking south (1342).



Pl.34: East front second-floor room looking north-east (1344).



Pl.35: East front second-floor room looking south-west (1345).



Pl.36: East rear second-floor room looking south-east (1347).



Pl.37: East rear second-floor room looking north-west (1348).



Pl.38: Second-floor rear corridor looking south (1350).



Pl.39: Original rear wing, second-floor, looking west (1352).

2.2.1.04 The Third Floor

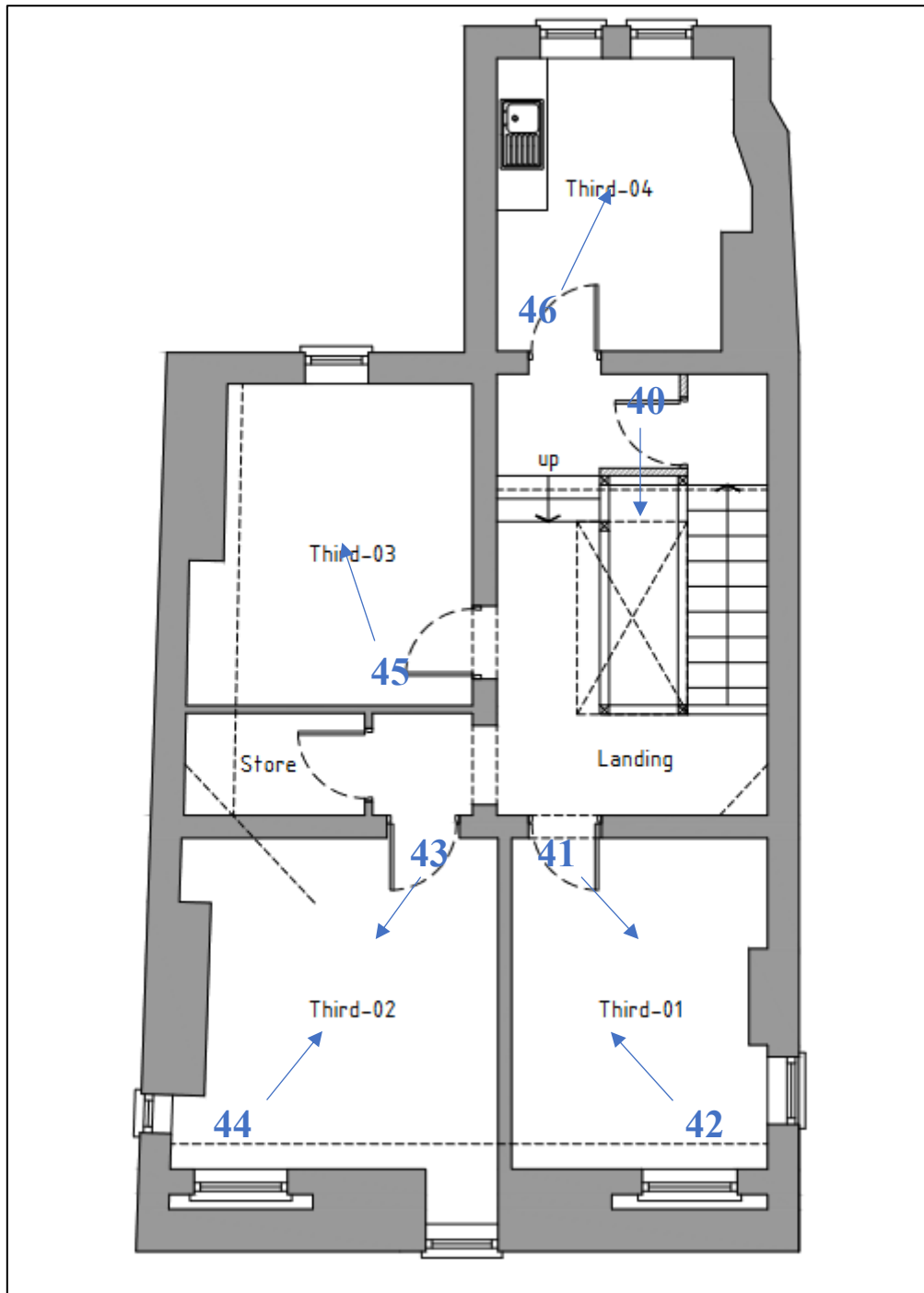


Fig.5: Third-floor photographic viewpoints (north to bottom).



Pl.40: The top of the stairs and the third-floor landing (1339).



Pl.41: West front third-floor room looking north-west (1332).



Pl.42: West front third-floor room looking south-east (1319).



Pl.43: East front third-floor room looking north-east (1322).



Pl.44: East front third-floor room looking south-west (1324).



Pl.45: East rear third-floor room looking south-east (1335).



Pl.46: Original third-floor rear wing, looking south (1337).

2.2.1.05 The Basement

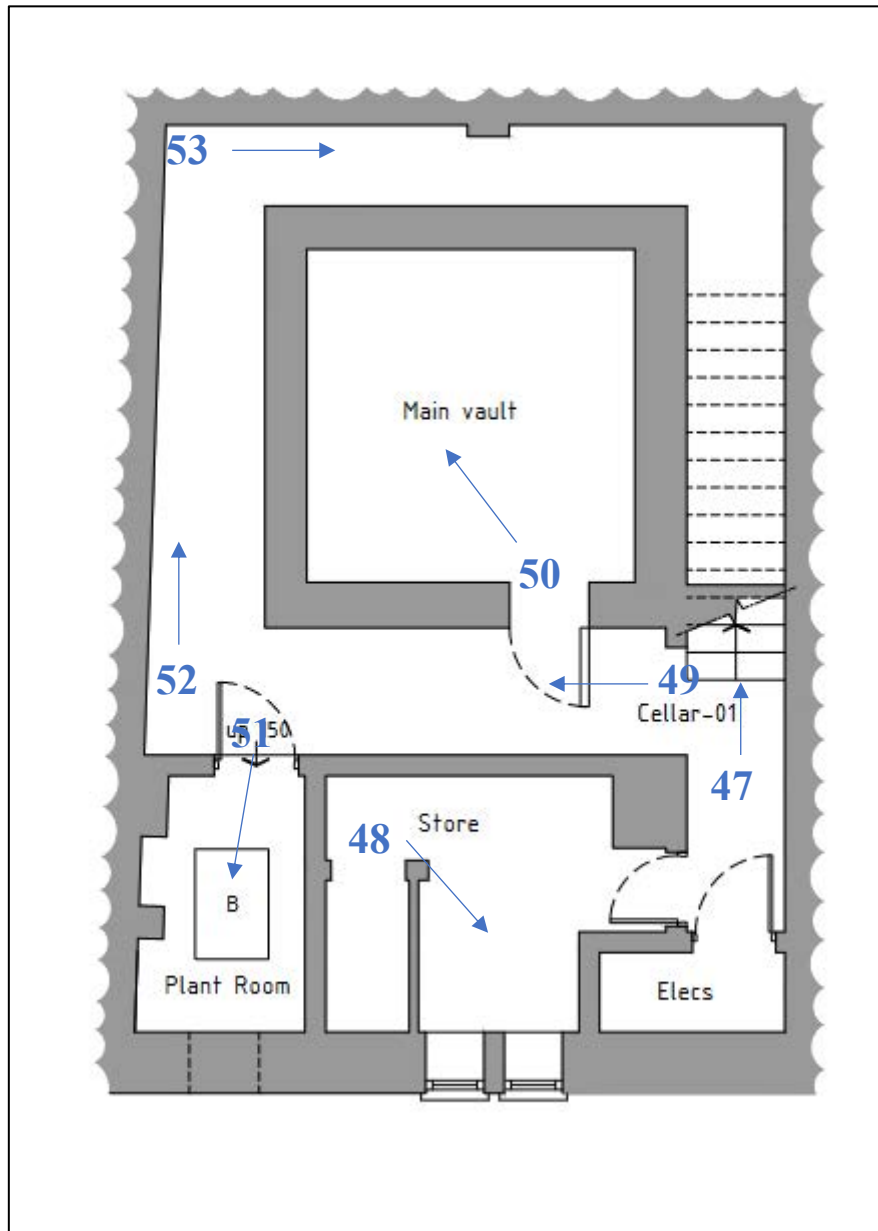


Fig.6: Basement photographic viewpoints, north to bottom.



Pl.47: Steps up from the basement (1391).



Pl.48: Main store at front of basement looking north-west (1396).



Pl.49: Northern corridor in the basement, looking east (1397).



Pl.50: Central vault in the basement (1403).



Pl.51: Plant room in basement looking north (1405).



Pl.52: Eastern corridor in the basement looking south (1409).



Pl.53: Southern corridor in the basement, looking west (1410).

2.2.2 The Rear Ranges

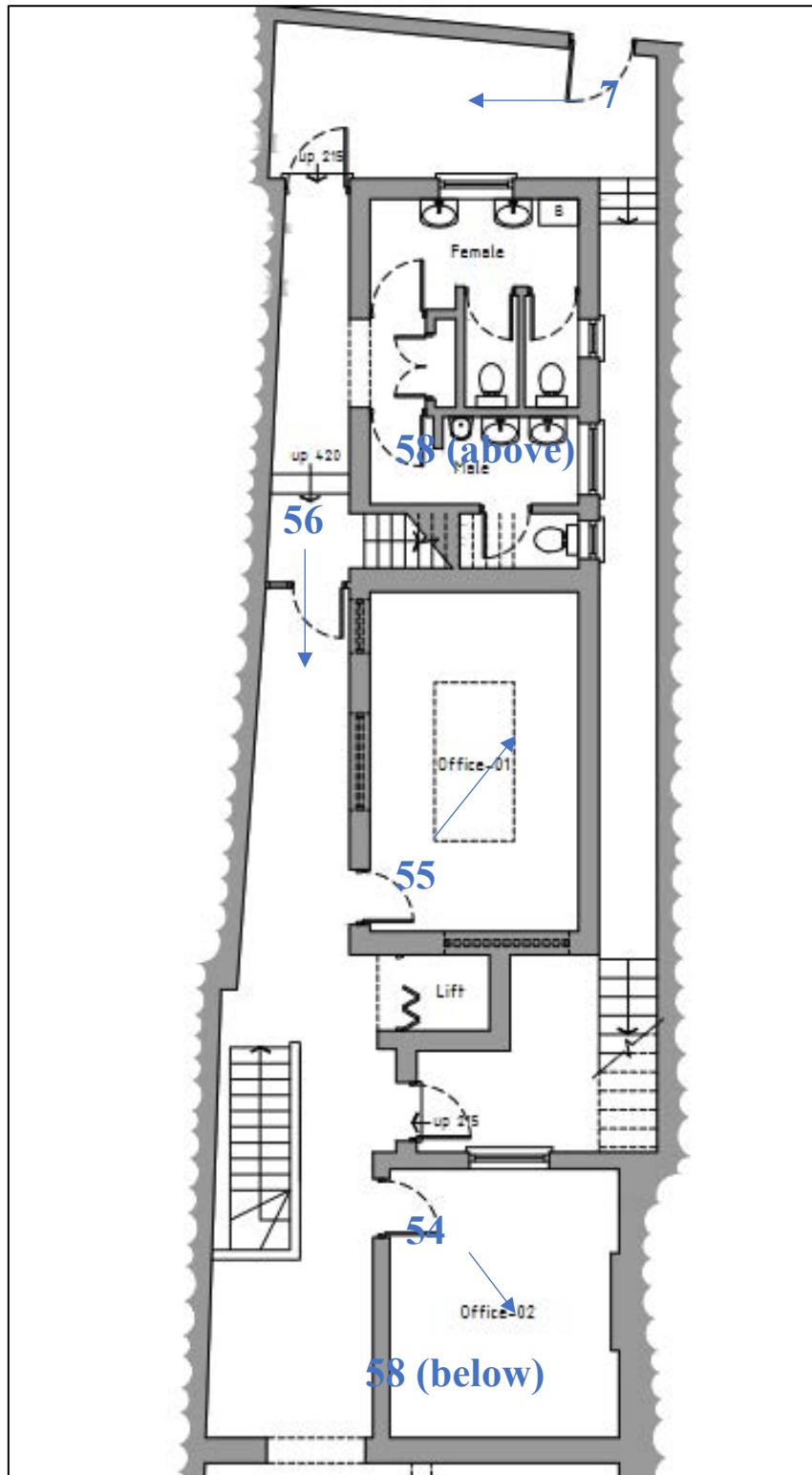


Fig.7: Rear range photographic viewpoints on ground floor plan, north to bottom.



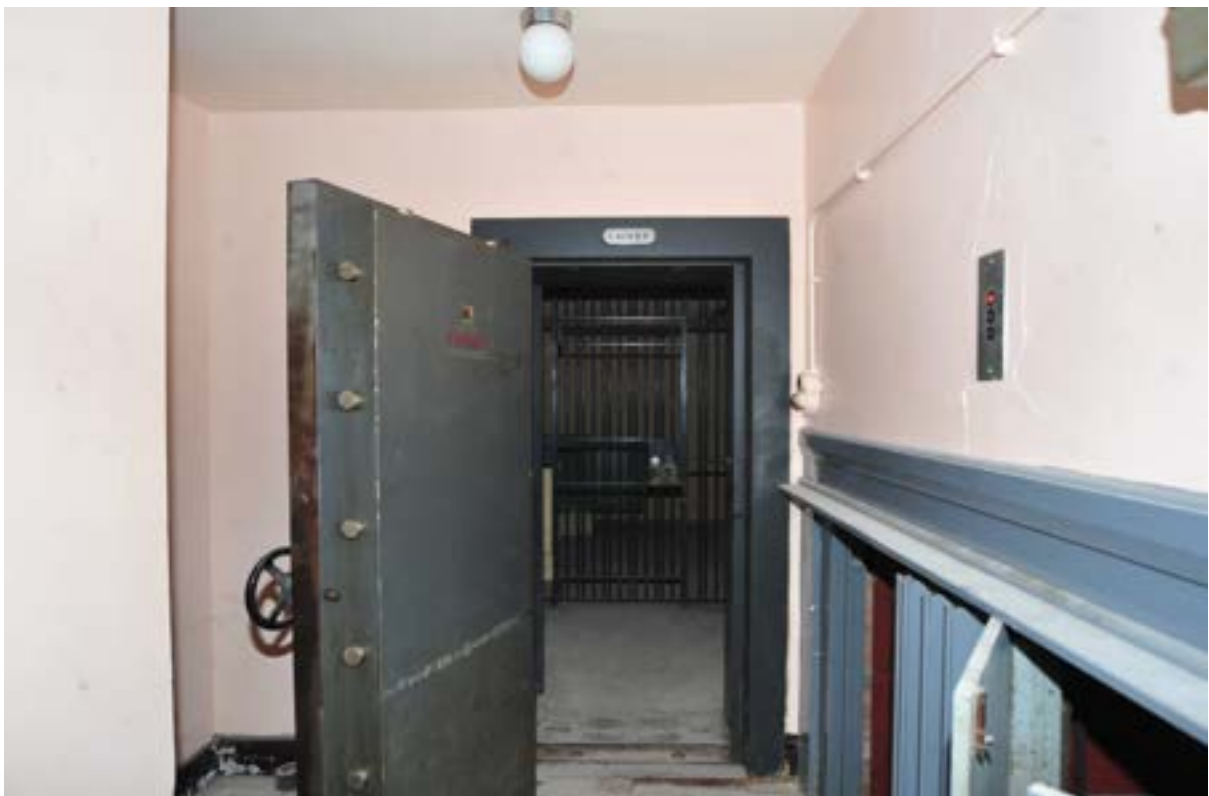
Pl.54: Ground-floor room in original rear wing, looking east (1378).



Pl.55: Ground floor office in the rear range (1379).



Pl.56: Rear corridor on the ground-floor looking north (1384).



Pl.57: Modern vault under the rear range (1314).



Pl.58: First-floor office at the southern end of the rear range (1387).