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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bay Isle Commercial Building  
other names/site number N/A / 8 Hi 725

2. Location

street & number 238 East Davis Boulevard N/A not for publication  
city, town Tampa N/A vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Hillsborough code 057 zip code 33606

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date June 16, 1989  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register 8/3/89  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade/Professional

Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade/Professional

Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Mediterranean Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Hollow Clay Tile

Stucco

roof Composite & Terra Cotta

other Concrete: Loggia

Concrete: Reliefwork

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheet

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1925-1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1925  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hampton, Martin L.  
Cooper, Grayburn H. (Contractor)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See Continuation Sheet

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

City of Tampa. Division of Inspectional Services. Building Permit Ledgers, 1925-1932.

Polk's Tampa City Directory. New York, R.L. Polk Publishing Co., 1925-1986.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Tampa, Florida. New York, Sanborn Map Co., 1915-1931.

Tampa Tribune 31 May 1925; 14 March 1926; 22 April 1926.

Checked by: [Signature]  
Date: 10/15

N/A  See continuation sheet

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Less than one

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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N/A  See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 1-4, Block 100, South Park Section of Davis Islands

N/A  See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

All of the historic elements of this property are confined to the above described boundaries.

N/A  See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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The Bay Isle Commercial Building is located at 238 East Boulevard in the South Park Section of Davis Islands at the corner of Biscayne Avenue and E. Davis Boulevard. The two-story, L-shaped building is set back from the street to form a central courtyard crossed with brick walkways and planters. The building is constructed of stuccoed hollow tile resting on a continuous poured concrete foundation. Truncated hip roof towers are found at each corner of the main facade. The intervening roof area is flat and surrounded by a plain parapet pierced by tile vents. The low hip roofs are covered with clay tile.

At ground level one finds a continuous arcade of stilted arches that embraces the northeast facade and southeast elevation and shelters the six commercial units of the first floor. The second floor contains offices. The second story of the building is distinguished by false balconets with wrought iron balustrades and decorative stucco relief work confined mainly to the cornices of the wood casement windows of the balconets and the blind arcade friezes of the towers.

The fenestration of the building is regular and is comprised mainly of double hung wood sash windows covered with "Bahama" louvered blinds. The towers have wood double casement windows. The interior of the building has been remodeled several times, most recently in the 1970s. The reception area in the crux of the ell has a modern steel and concrete curving staircase, columns instead of bearing walls, and a dropped ceiling.

Photographs

1. Bay Isle Commercial Building, 238 E. Davis Blvd., Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands
2. Tampa (Hillsborough County), Florida
3. Donna Hole
4. 1988
5. Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board
6. East Elevation, Looking Northwest
7. Photo No. 1 of 1

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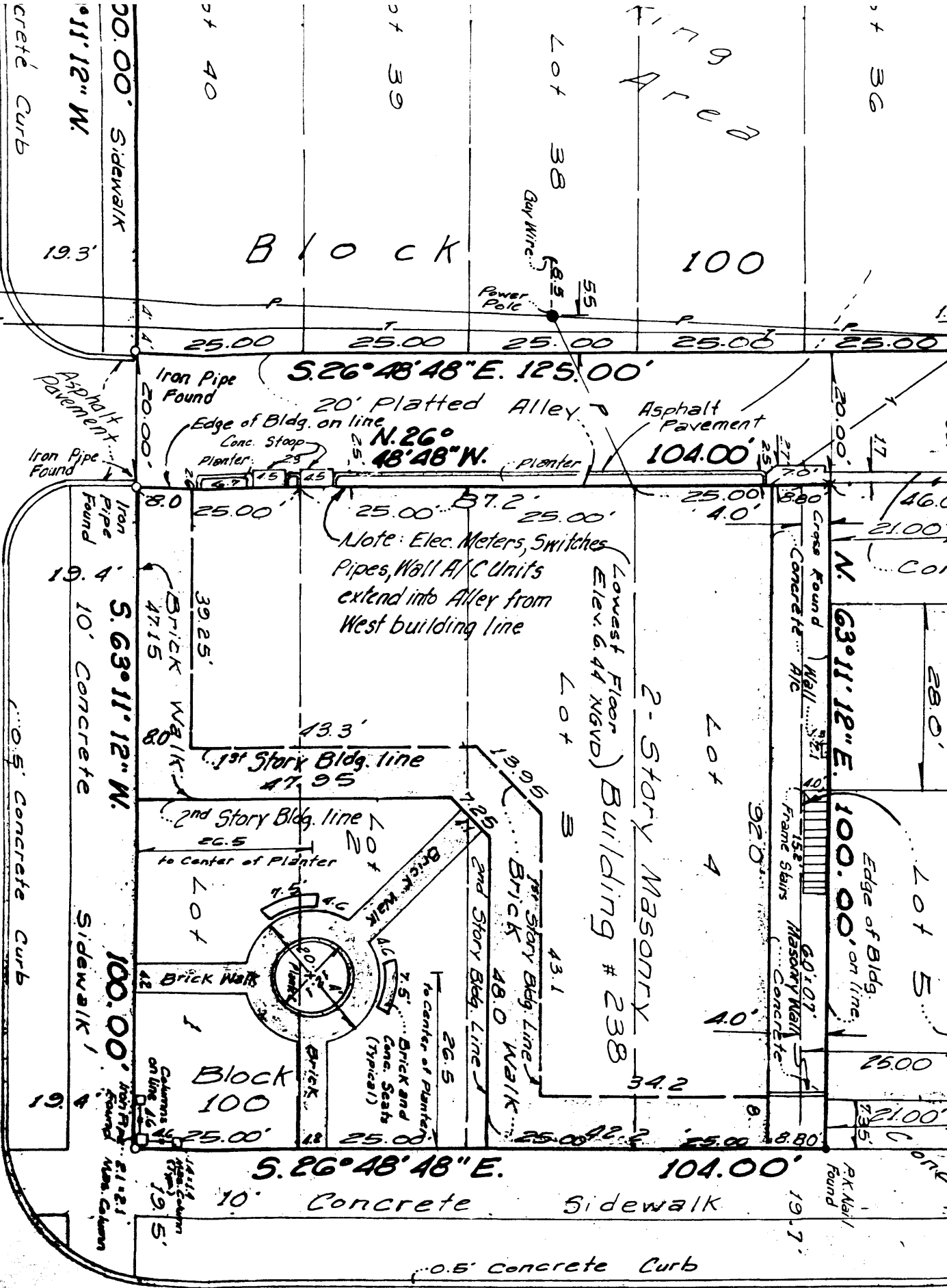
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Statement of Significance

The Bay Isle Commercial Building is significant for its adaptation of the Mediterranean Revival style to a small commercial building within the context of the Davis Islands development. It is the only commercial/professional building to be constructed during the period of significance, although D.P. Davis intended other such structures for his comprehensive community. The building was designed by Miami architect Martin L. Hampton with Tampa architect Franklin O. Adams, Jr. working as the supervising architect. Grayburn H. Cooper was the contractor for the \$75,000 structure.

Plans for the "business block" were announced in late May, 1925, soon after the subdivision's administration building was completed and a number of houses were rising from their foundations. Construction of the building began in August of that year on Lots 1-4 of Block 100 in the South Park Section of Davis Islands. By April of 1926 the building was ready for occupancy. When Stone and Webster took control over of the development of the subdivision from D.P. Davis, the engineering firm established its offices in this building. The building has had a number of owners and tenants since it was completed.

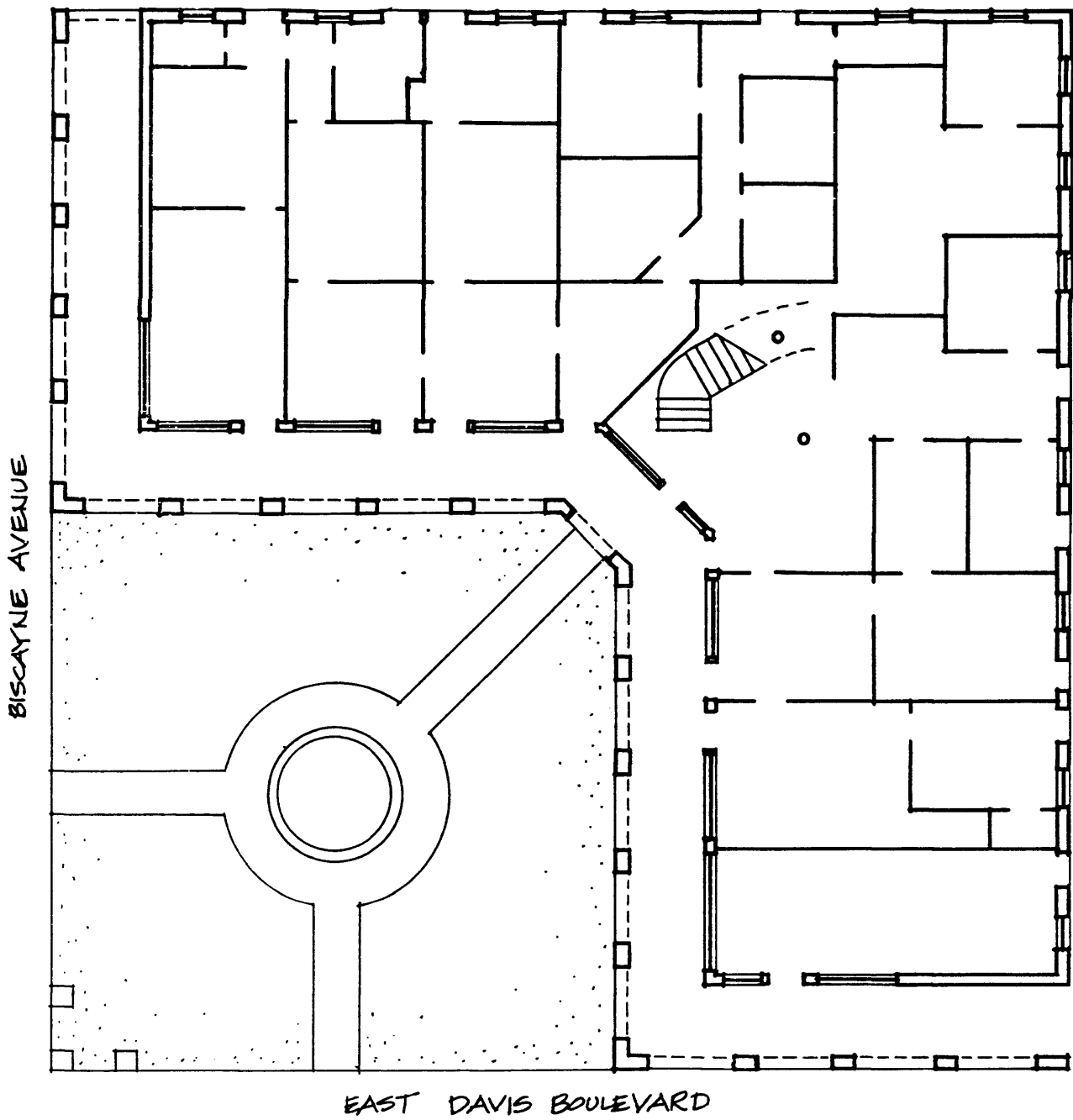
# BISCAYNE AVENUE



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60' Asphalt Pavement

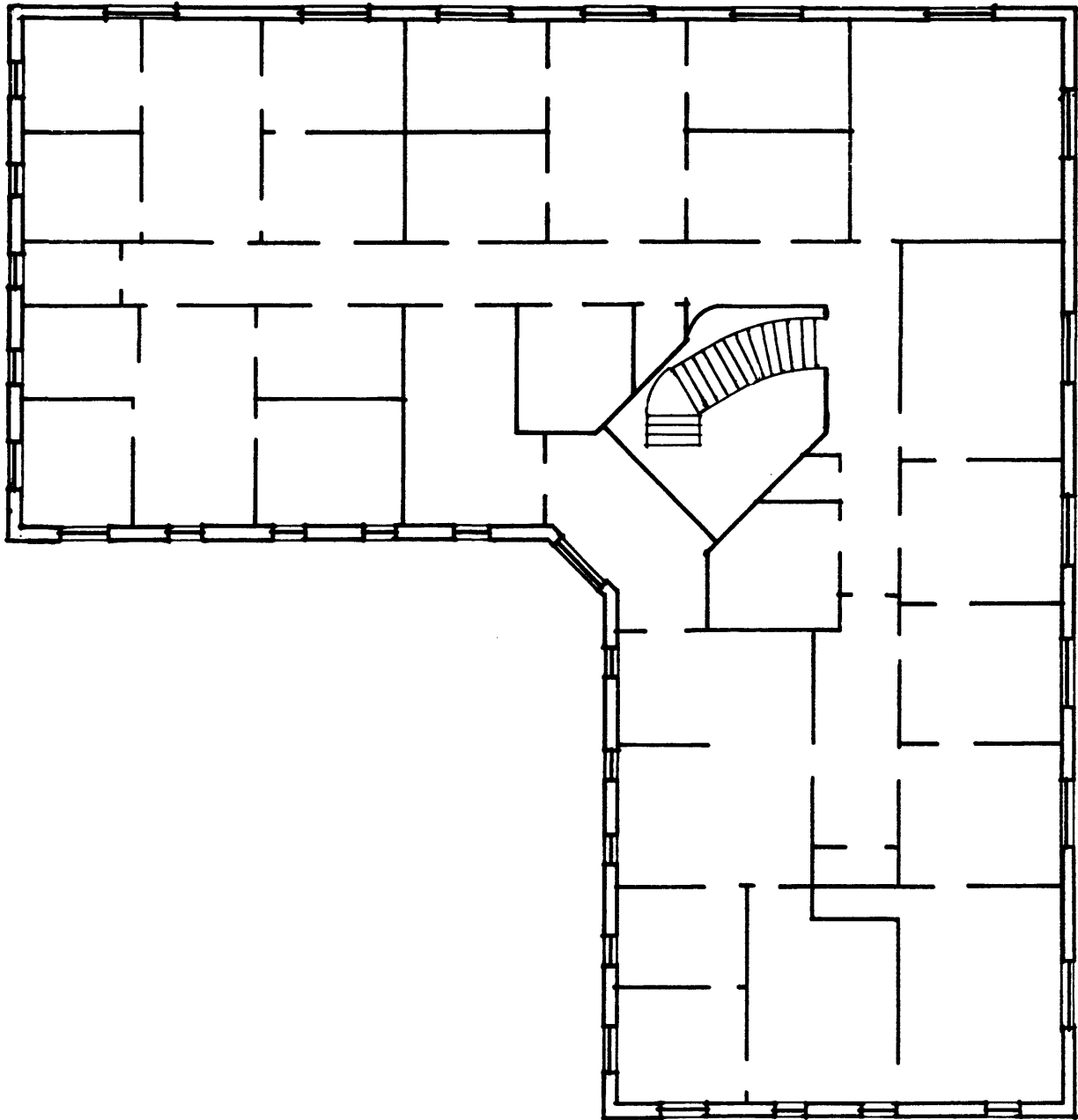
# EAST DAVIS BOULEVARD



238 EAST DAVIS BOULEVARD:  
FIRST FLOOR  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"







238 EAST DAVIS BOULEVARD

SECOND FLOOR  
SCALE:  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

