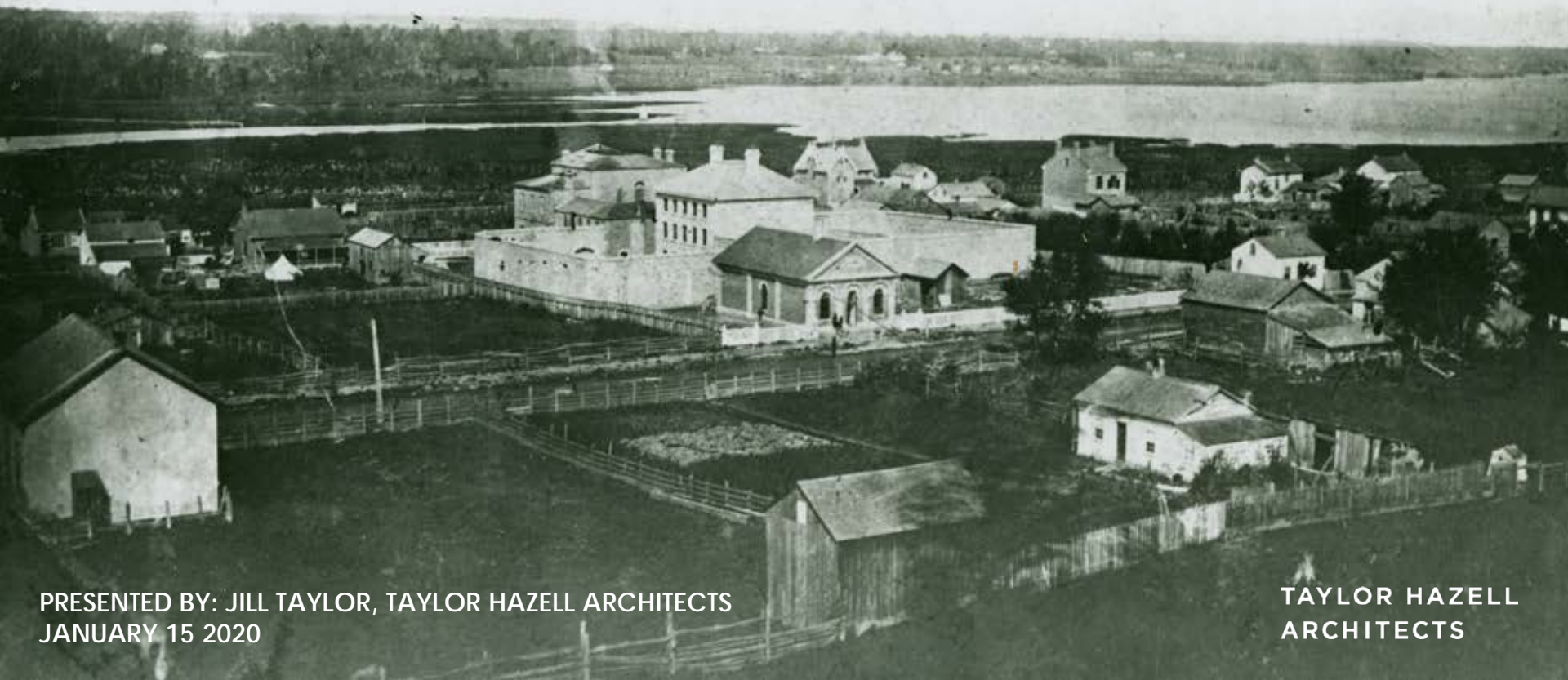


GREY COUNTY JAIL

1259 3RD AVE E, OWEN SOUND



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A FEW WORDS ON THE CONTEXT FOR OUR DISCUSSION

HISTORY OF JUDICIAL COMPLEXES IN ONTARIO

**COURTHOUSES, JAILS, GOVERNOR'S
RESIDENCES, LAW ASSOCIATION BUILDINGS
AND OTHER BUILDINGS.**



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HOW CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE IS DETERMINED

And,

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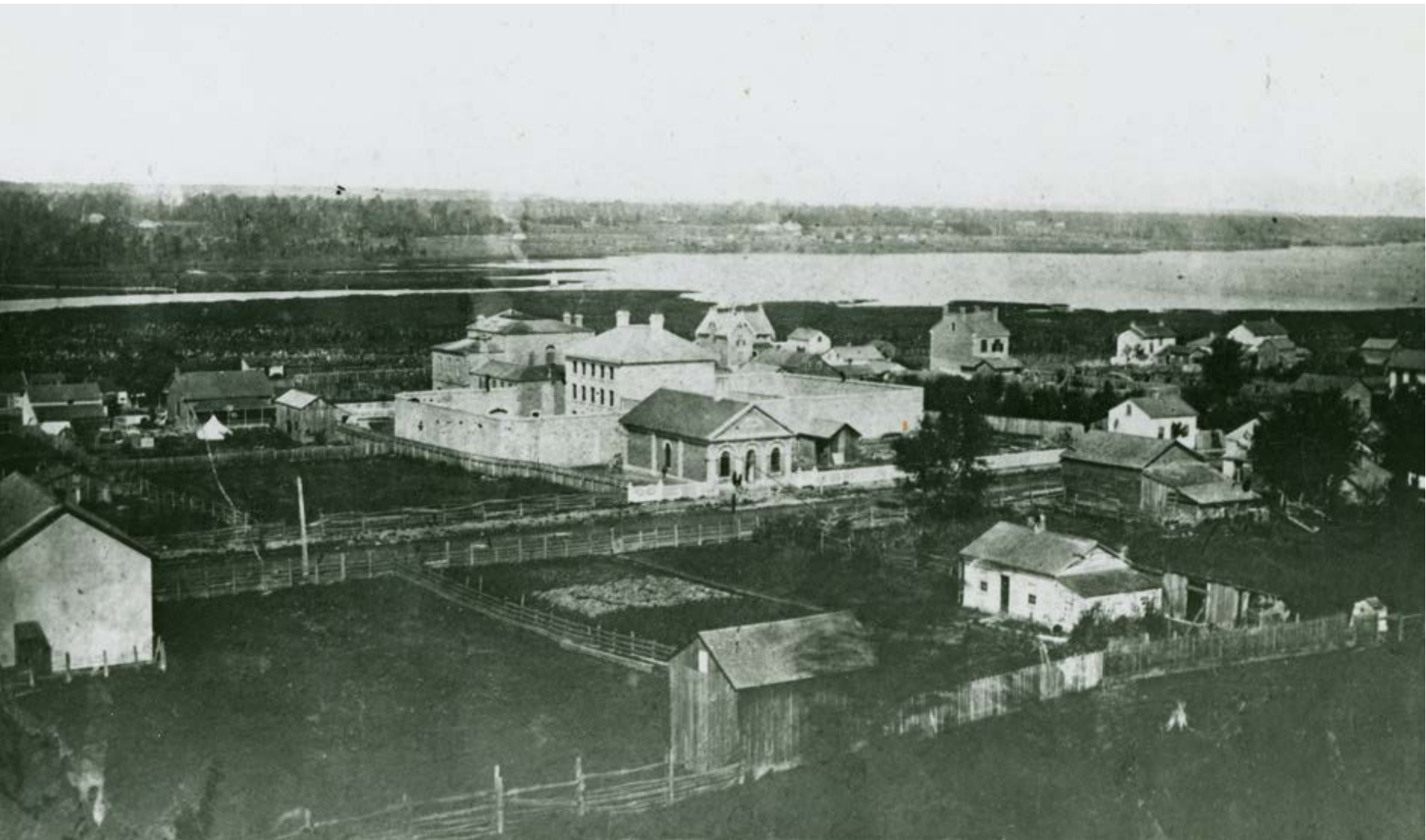
HISTORY Owen Sound and the 1850s-70s



Along the Sydenham River, date unknown. (Hepburn, Glenn G. (ed.). Preserving the Peace: A History of the Owen Sound Police Force, 1840-1990, 1990, p.19).

HISTORY OF THE JUDICIAL PRECINCT

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Owen Sound historic Jail and Jail Yard Walls, view from south east, c. 1870, Grey County Historical Society. (Annotated by THA)

WHAT WAS OUR MANDATE AND WHY

The Courthouse (1854 and its later additions) is a designated property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and is on a separate property from the Jail and Courthouse. (City owned)

The Jail (3 phases from 1854-1877) is on the same property as the former Governor's Residence (1889). They are both on the Heritage Register of the City of Owen Sound (listed). (City owned)

The North Grey Land Registry Office (1855) is on a separate property privately owned, and is on the Heritage Register of the City of Owen Sound (listed).

The City is trying to determine how to manage the owned properties in a way that will allow maximum preservation to occur at the designated Courthouse of 1854 with its additions.



WHAT WAS OUR MANDATE AND WHY (Cont'd.)

Our heritage consulting firm (Taylor Hazell Architects) was retained by the City with heritage structural engineers Tacoma Engineering, to

- Prepare a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for the Jail and Governor's Residence Property (CHER per the Ontario Heritage Act evaluation criteria). A Statement of Cultural Heritage Value was prepared (SCHV).
- Prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment that would evaluate the effects of removal or partial removal of the Jail and the Governor's Residence from the property, including the impact on the surrounding designated properties (Courthouse).
- Prepare draft options for removal or partial removal with recommendations.



CHRONOLOGY OF THE JUDICIAL PRECINCT/COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

County Courthouse constructed (1854)

Grey County Jail (1854)

North Grey County Land Registry Office (1855)

New Grey County Jail (1869)

Addition to the Grey County Jail (1877)

Jail Yard Walls (c.1869)

Governor's Residence (1889)

Courthouse moves from site (1960)

Owen Sound Police Department uses courthouse (1961-86)

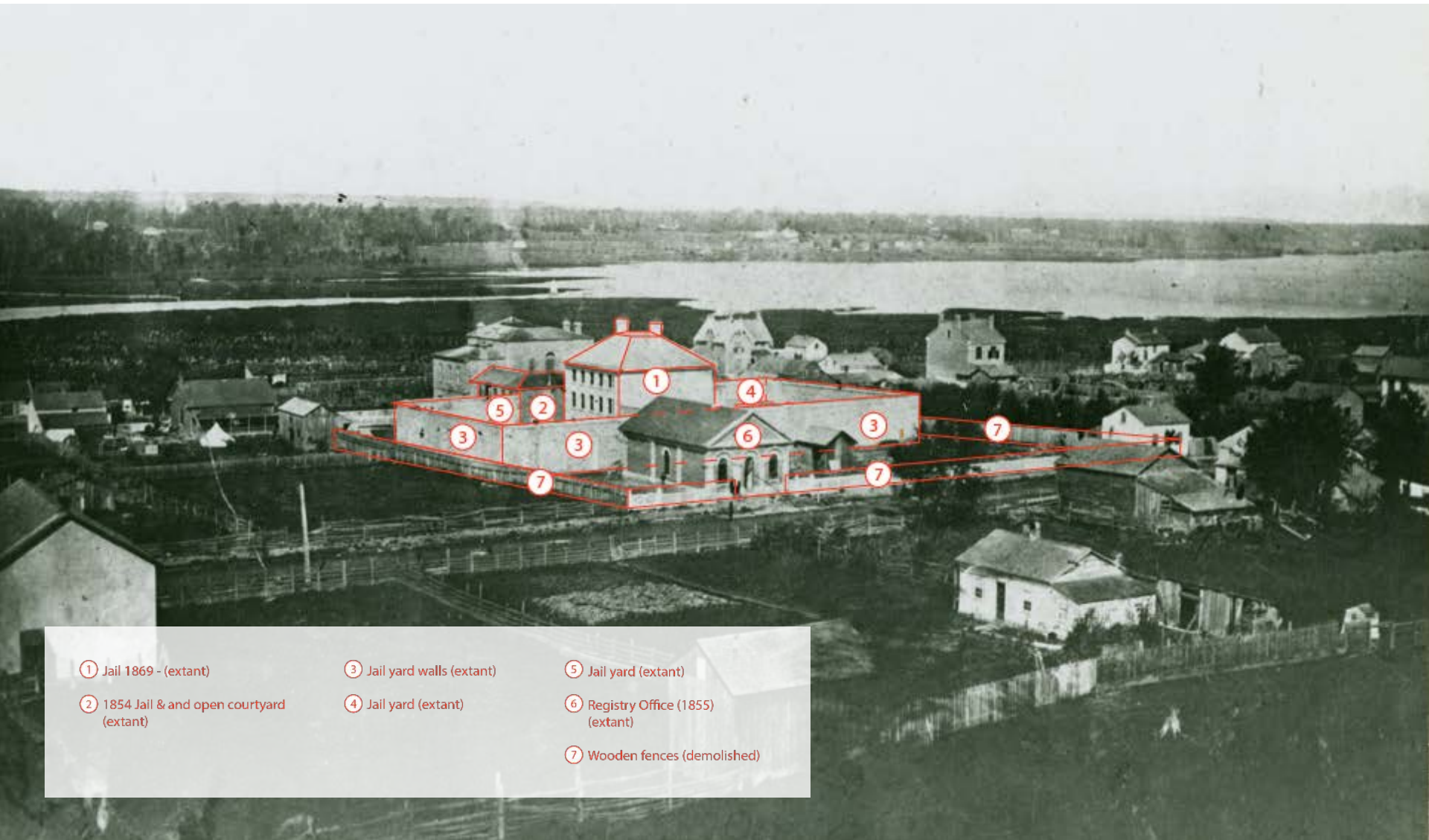
City tries interim measures to occupy and preserve the Courthouse, including restoration of parts and leases.

Ministry of Corrections vacates Governor's Residence and Jail (2011)

Site is now vacant (2011-2020)

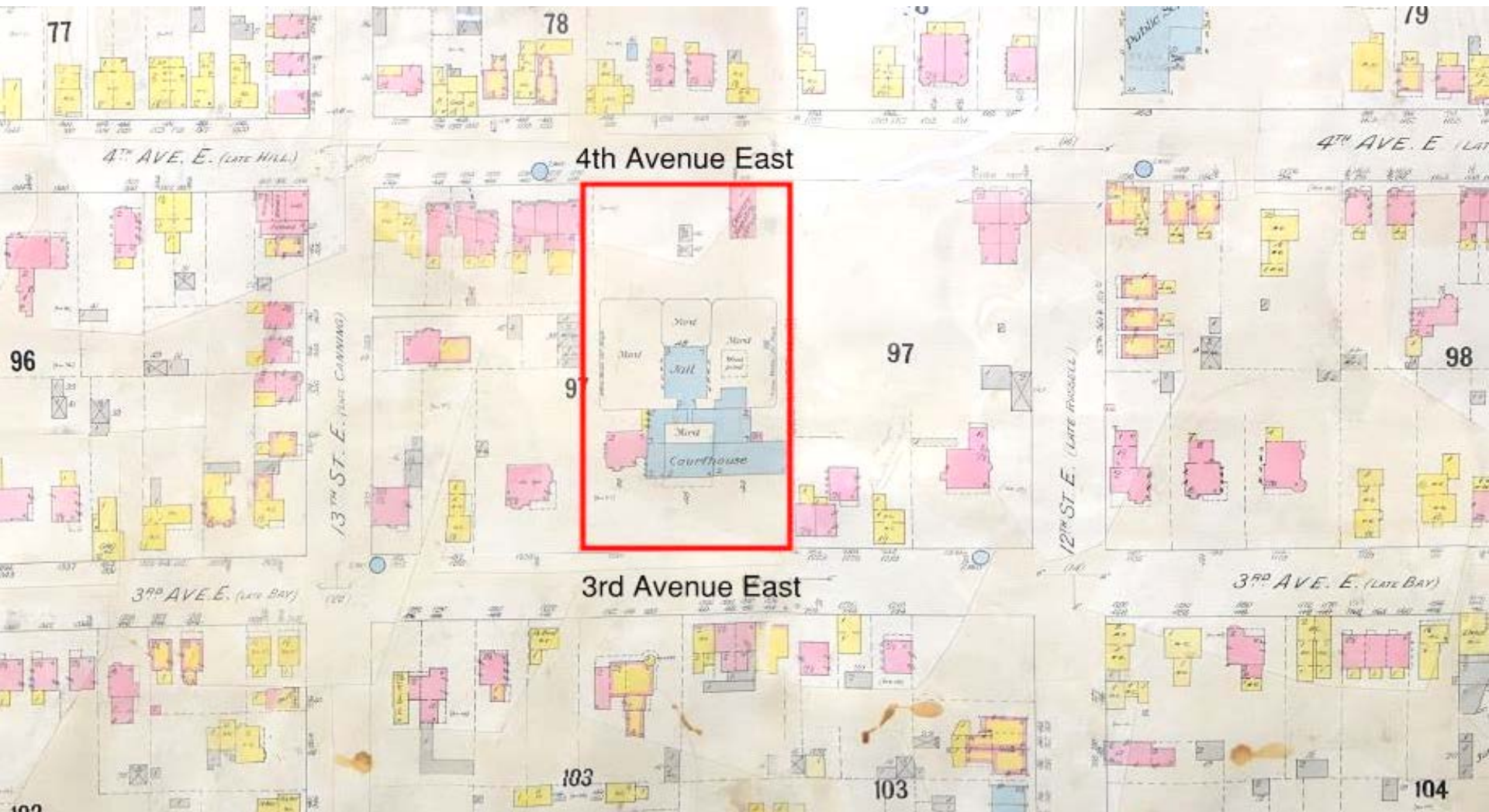
City declares Jail surplus (2014).

PROPERTY EVOLUTION



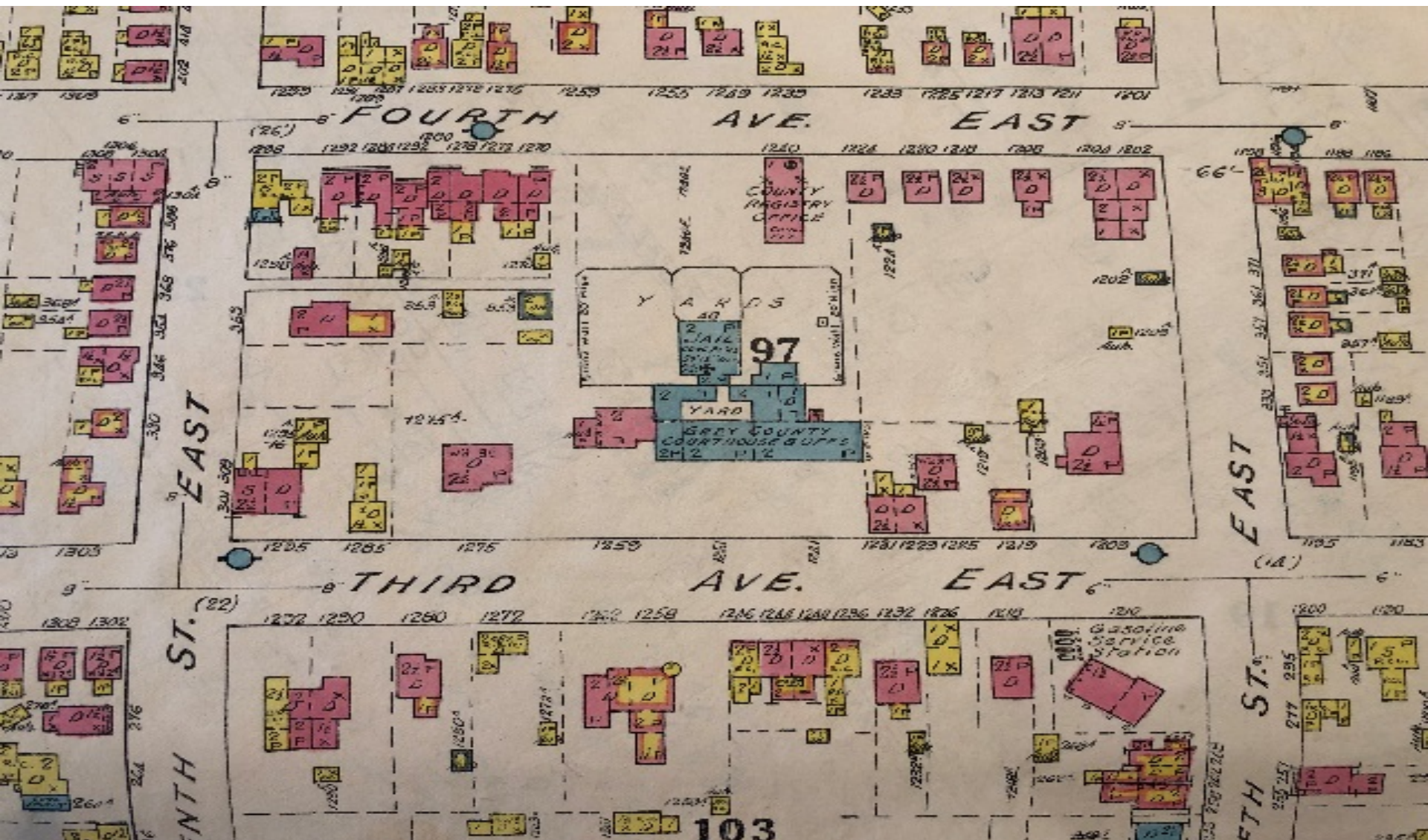
PROPERTY LOCATION: Historic County Judicial Complex (1911)

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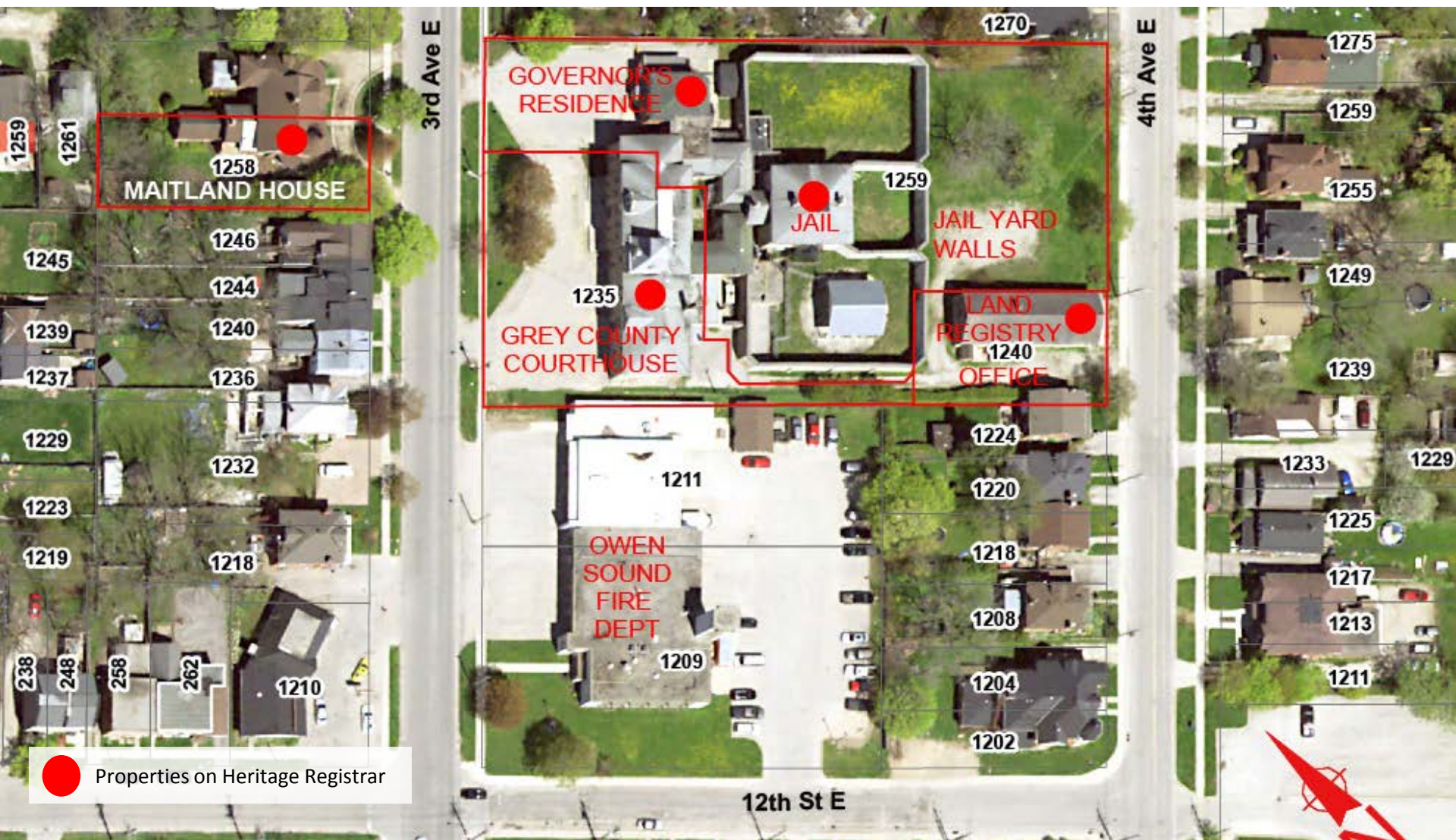


Goad, Chas E. Fire Insurance Map for Owen Sound, December 1907, and updated 1911, pp. 30-31.

PROPERTY LOCATION: Historic County Judicial Precinct (1923)

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PROPERTY LOCATIONS: 1235/1259 3rd Avenue E



Owen Sound historic Jail and Jail yard walls with attached and/or adjacent heritage properties noted. Municipal addresses shown. Aerial photograph neighbourhood context provided by City of Owen Sound Planning & Heritage Division, 2019, annotated by Taylor Hazell Architects.

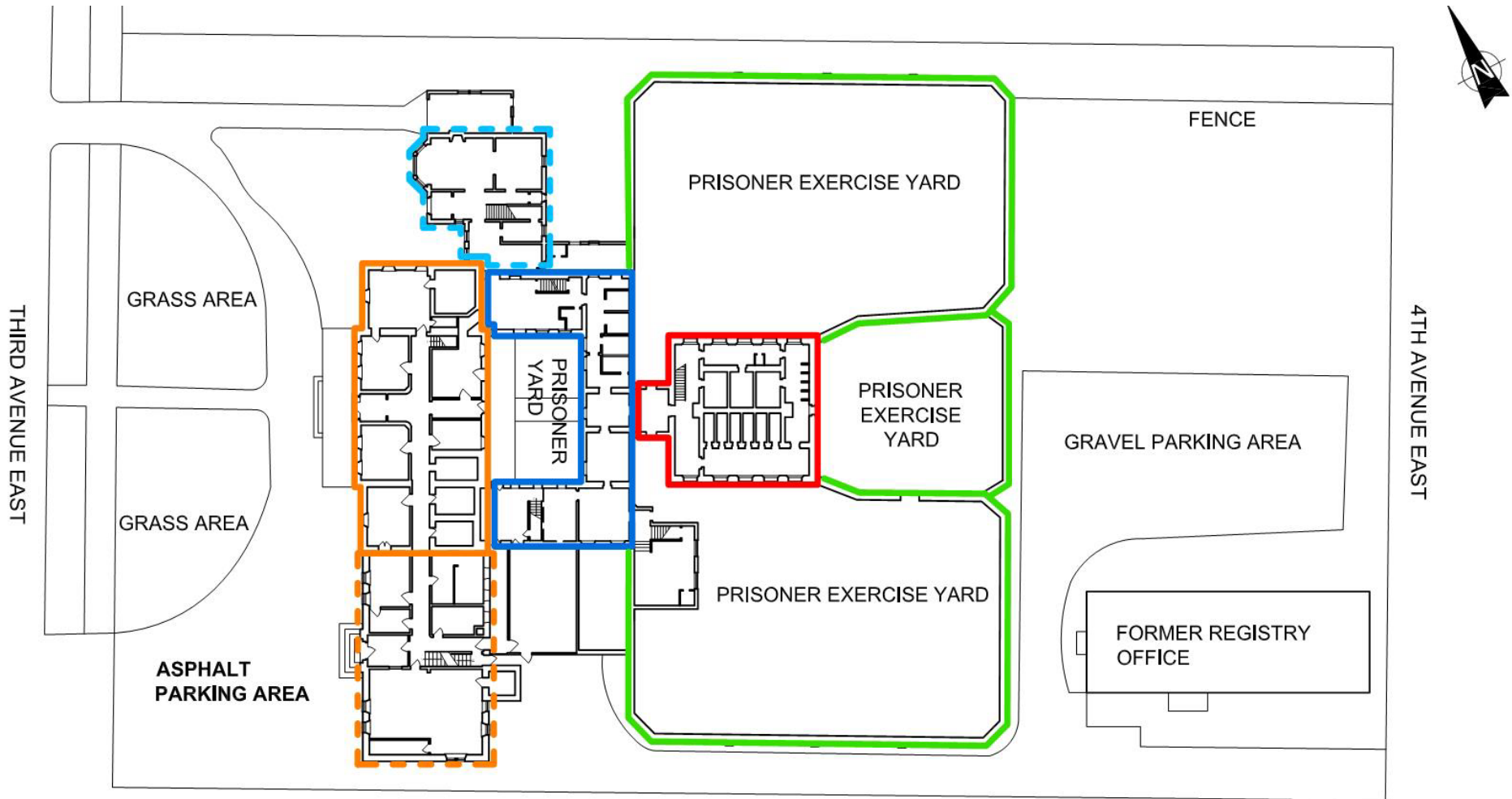
HISTORY – DESIGNATED COURTHOUSE (1854 WITH ADDITIONS)

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Grey County Courthouse Building, Front Elevation (West), c.1920-1930 (Grey Roots Archives).

SITE PLAN TODAY



HISTORY OF THE EARLY JAIL (1854)

*"Before Grey could separate from Wellington County, a Gaol and Court House had to be erected. The gaol and courthouse were built in 1853 and enclosed, and an attempt made to finish the inside during the winter of '54... **The Gaol proper was built in two L's and attached to the Court House.** The one on the North side had three cells and three debtors' rooms on the second floor. The South L for males had four cells and three debtors' rooms.*

"The three cells were complete in the women's side. The cells were built of elm logs, 8" square, half checked at the corners and intersections, jambs, 4" rock elm spiked to the end wood with 7" spikes, and were about 8' by 10' built inside stone walls. The windows were barred with four 1" bars set in the sill and lintel, no cross bars."

Hepburn, Glenn G. (ed.). Preserving the Peace: A History of the Owen Sound Police Force, 1840-1990, 1990, p.15.



1854 JAIL







1854 JAIL



COURTHOUSE AND JAIL JUNCTION (1854)





1854 JAIL WITH 1877 CONNECTION



1854 INTERIOR



EXIT

EXIT



JUNCTION: 1854 AND 1869/77 JAIL INTERIOR



THE 1869 JAIL

County records indicate plans to build a jail extension, resulting in the construction of a new two storey Jail building in 1869 comprised of cells on ground and second floor according to traditional style of county jails during the 1860s (such as at Picton and Lanark). The mass masonry structure of cut blocks of local limestone with dressed finish had circulation on four sides of its interior perimeter and a core of masonry bearing walls with narrow vaulted cells.

By 1877, a third storey of cells identical to the second was added to the Jail, with the hipped roof and chimneys seen today. The high stone exercise yard walls, enclosing two large yards on the north and south, and one small yard on the east facing 4th Avenue East were built

Hepburn, Glenn G. (ed.). *Preserving the Peace: A History of the Owen Sound Police Force, 1840-1990*, 1990, p.23-24.



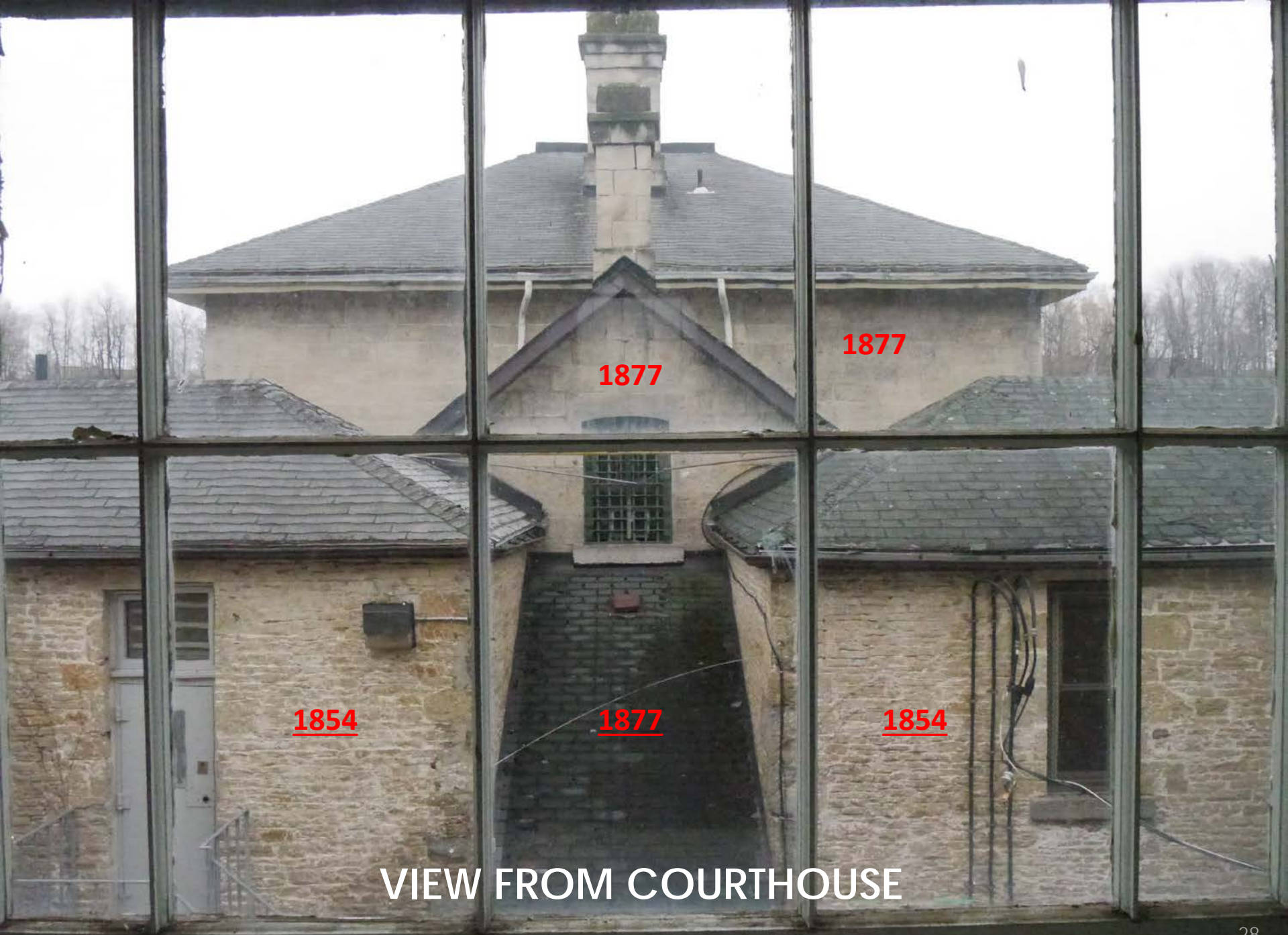
1869 JAIL WITH JAIL YARD WALLS



THREE YARDS



THREE STOREYS



1854

1877

1854

VIEW FROM COURTHOUSE

PANORAMA WITH CONTEXT ON 4TH AVENUE EAST

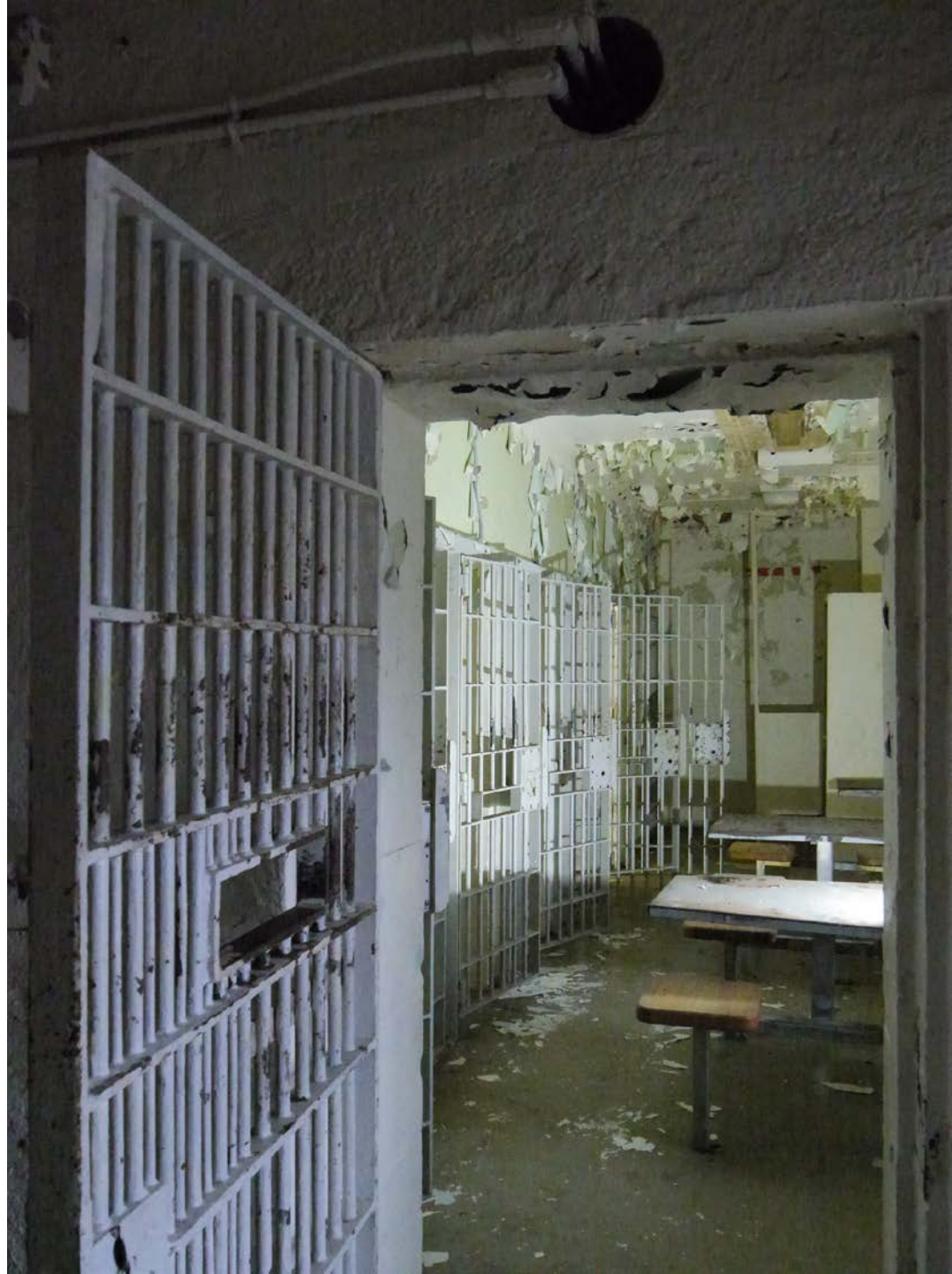






CURRENT INTERIOR CONDITION: 1869/1877 JAIL





JAIL YARD WALLS (c. 1869) FROM 4TH AVENUE EAST

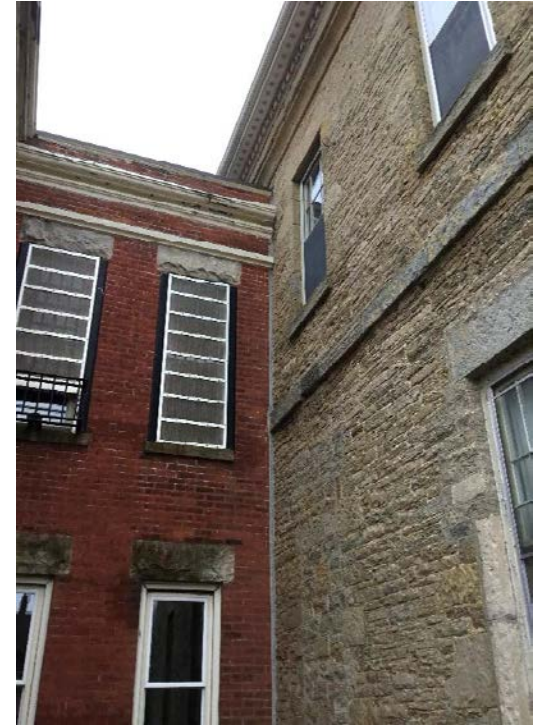


GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE (3RD AVENUE EAST)



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GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE



INTERIOR



EXTERIOR JUNCTIONS

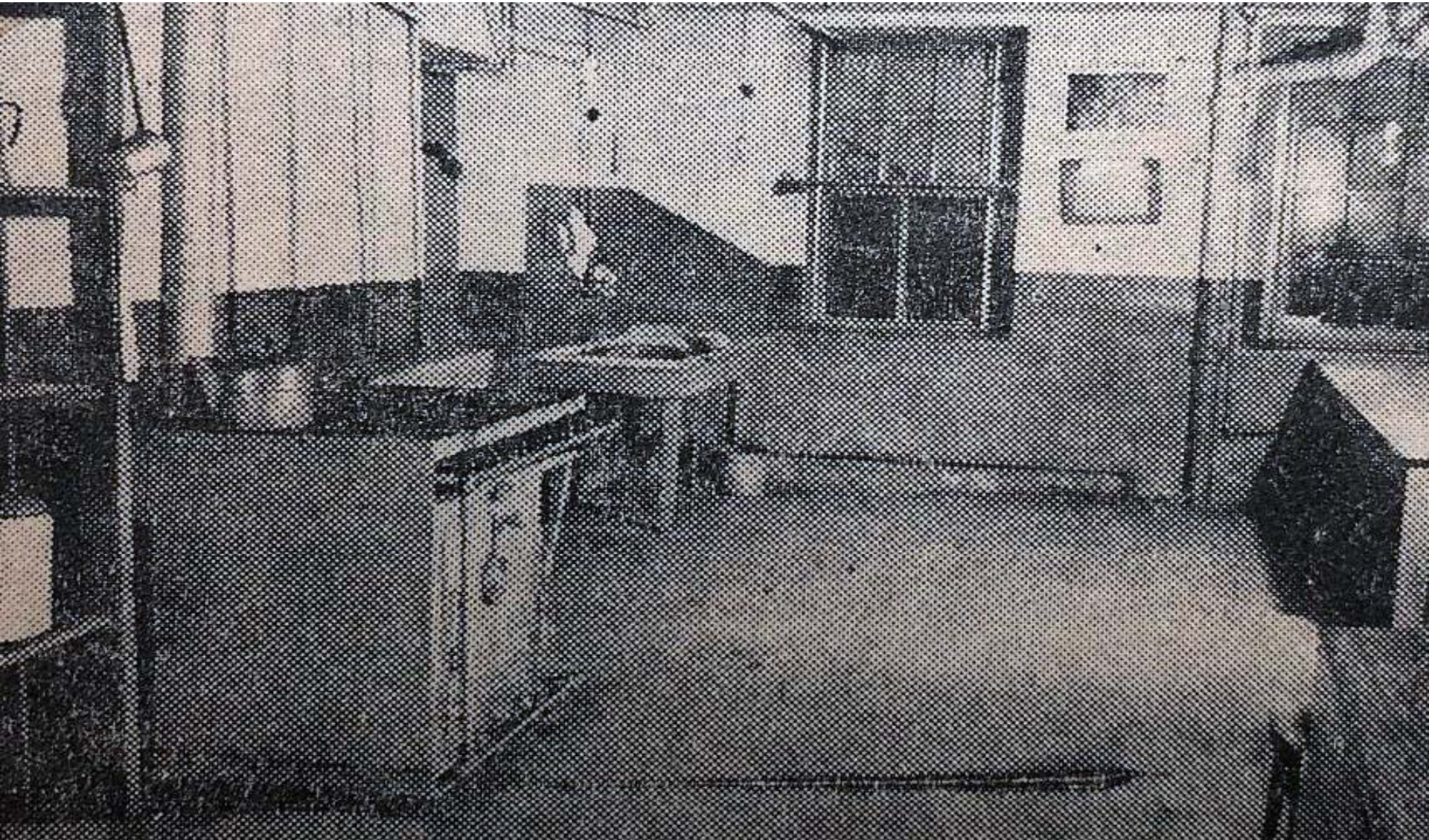


REAR ELEVATION

HISTORY OF USE AND SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND COMMEMORATIVE VALUE.



HISTORY OF USE



Jail kitchen referred to as the gaol kitchen, showing gas range on left and heavy iron bars at exterior windows. (Owen Sound Sun Times, April 23, 1946).

OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

According to the HIA, the removal of all structures on the Jail property would have significant impact on the integrity of the Judicial Precinct as an interconnected series of properties that can be defined as a historic place. The removal of the Jail buildings would have a significant impact on the cultural heritage value of the designated Courthouse (adjacent and connected). The HIA assesses the impact of four options for removal of one or more of the buildings on the jail property.



OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The options are as follows:

1. Remove the Governor's Residence and miscellaneous outbuildings; retain and conserve in a mothballed state, the 1854 and 1869 Jail and Jail Yard Walls (Overall impact high, with some positive impact for the site as a whole)
2. Remove the Governor's Residence, miscellaneous outbuildings and the 1854 Jail. The removal of these buildings from the property would have a higher overall impact to the cultural heritage value of the property, especially considering the age and intangible historic value of the 1854 Jail. The 1869 Jail and Jail Yard Walls would be retained and conserved in a mothballed state. (Overall impact high, with some positive impact for the site as a whole)



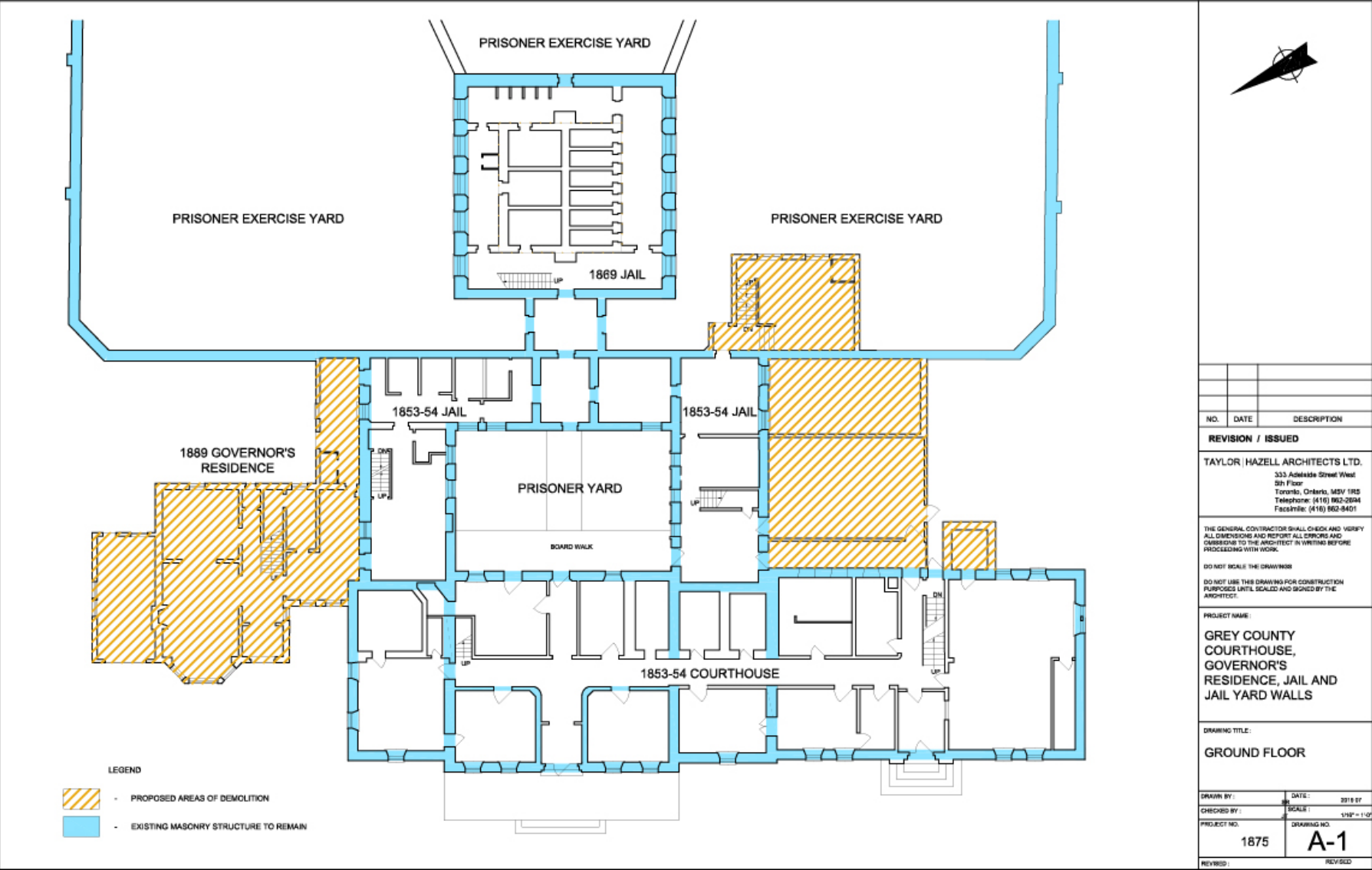
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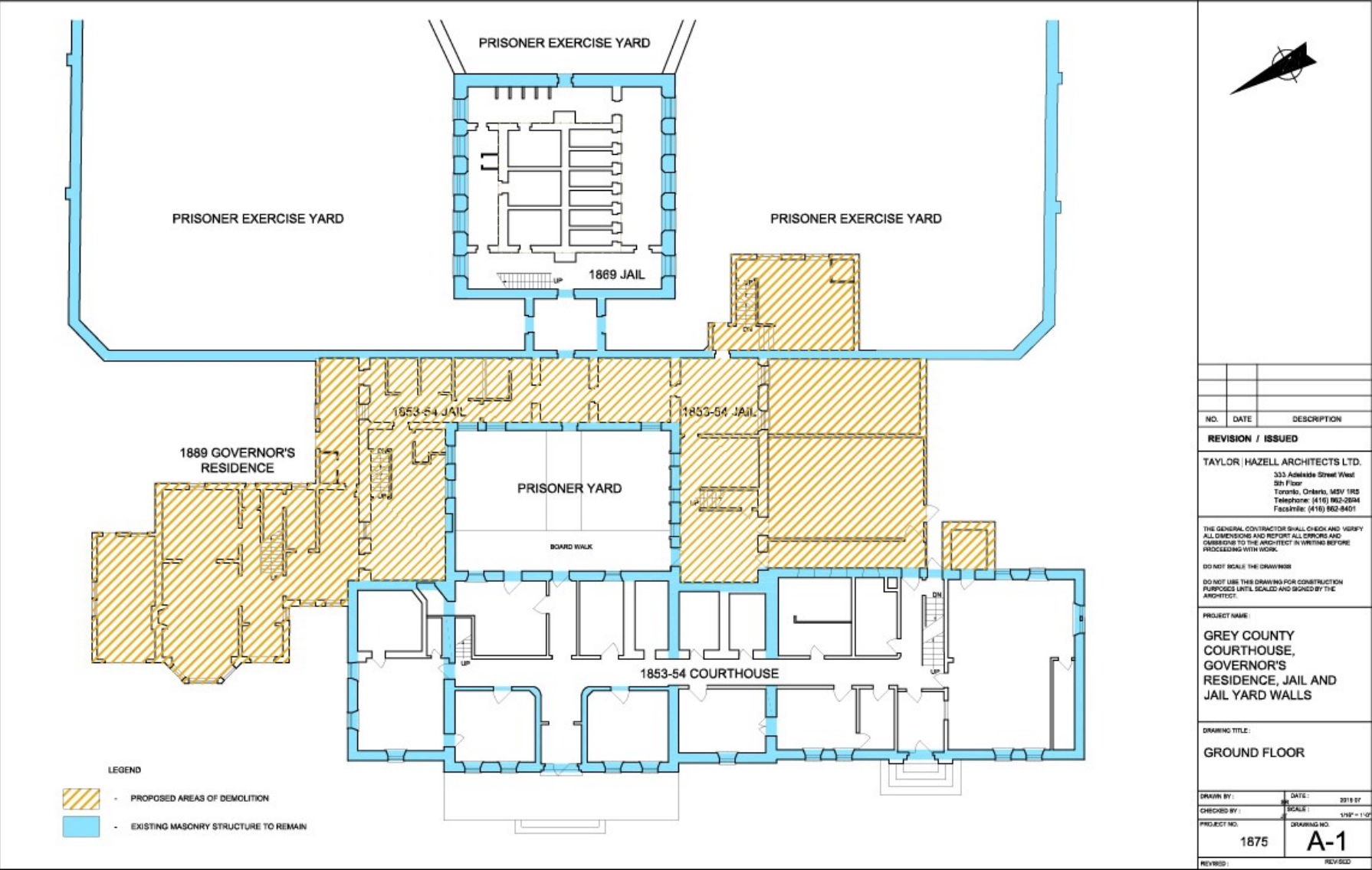
3. Remove the Governor's Residence, miscellaneous outbuildings, the 1854 Jail and some or all of the Jail Yard Walls. The removal of the 1854 Jail and the Jail Yard Walls would have the highest negative impact yet on cultural heritage value of the property. The 1869 Jail would be retained and conserved in a mothballed state. (Overall impact very high, with some positive impact for the site as a whole)
4. Remove all buildings from the property, including the Jail Yard Walls. The removal of the 1869 Jail, in combination with the 1854 Jail and the Jail Yard Walls would eliminate the cultural heritage value of the property, and would have a high level of negative effect on the heritage value of the adjacent sites. (Overall impact permanent and of greatest negative impact, very high, with some positive impact for the site as a whole)



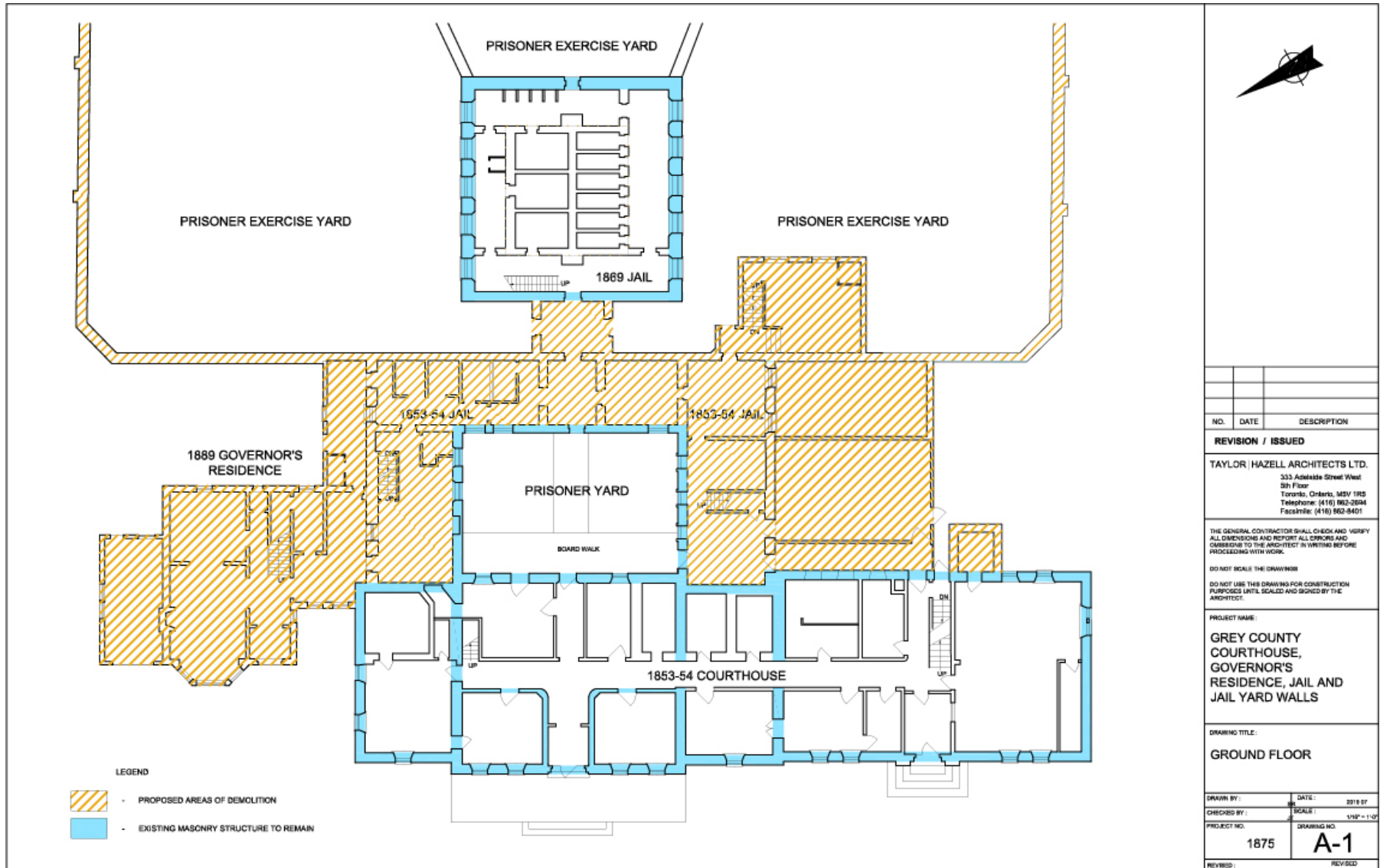
OPTION 1



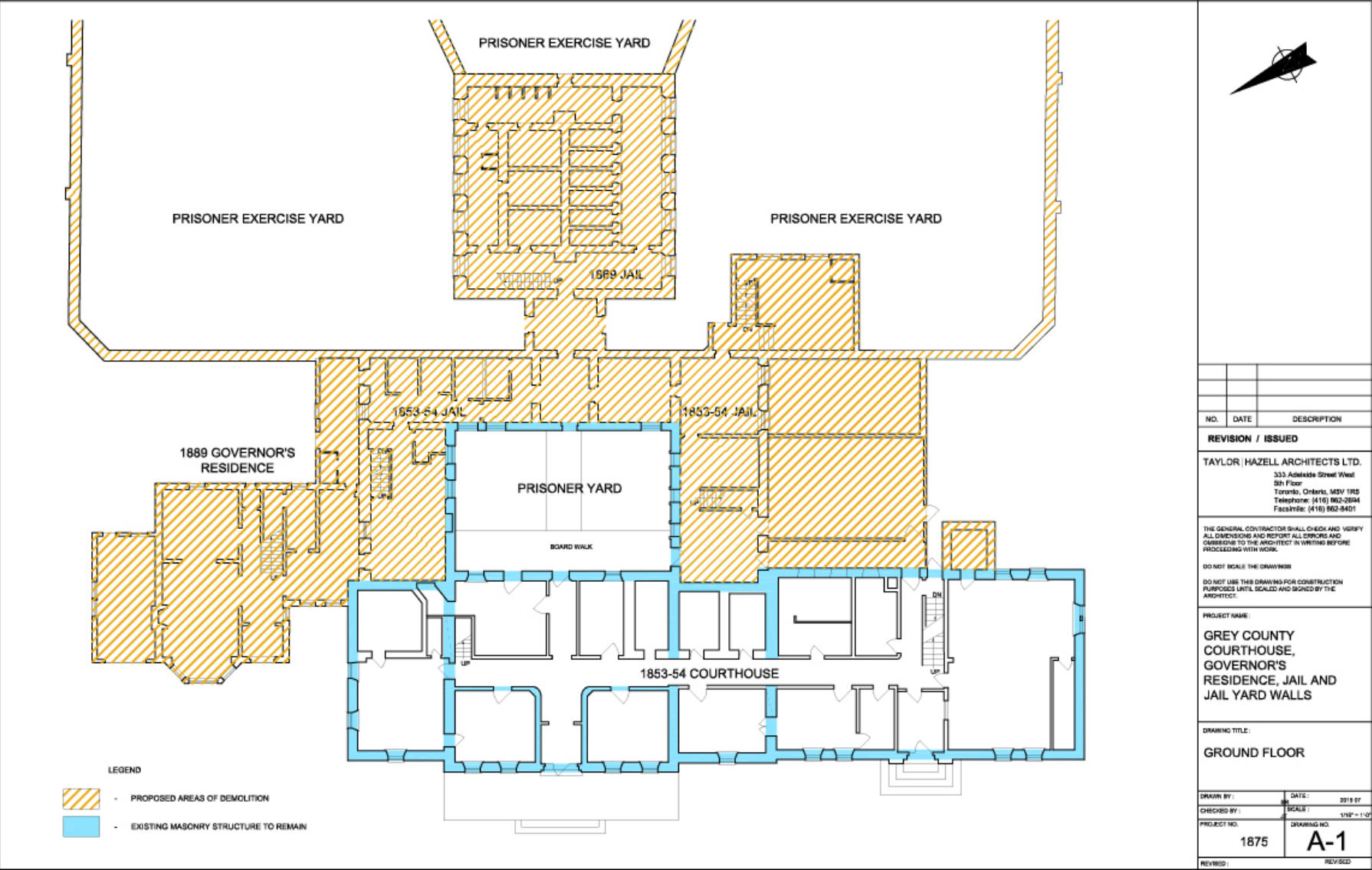
OPTION 2



OPTION 3



OPTION 4



OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The HIA also outlines mitigation measures that are recommended if any one of the above-mentioned options are selected. The HIA also sets out a series of general recommendations, including further technical studies that are required.



NEXT STEPS

From here, the City and THA will be undertaking public consultation to understand the public's response and preferences for the jail property and potential building removals.



QUESTIONS?

APPENDICES

PICTON COURTHOUSE

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ADJACENT PROPERTIES (HERITAGE)

Municipal Address	Property Name and Date of Construction	Protection Mechanism
1235 3 rd Avenue East, Owen Sound	Former Grey County Courthouse, 1853	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, By-law No. 1979-14 City of Owen Sound Register of Heritage Properties
1240 4 th Avenue East	Former North Grey County Land Registry Office, 1855	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Owen Sound Register of Heritage Properties
1258 3 rd Avenue East	Residence (Maitland House) on 3 rd Avenue East, 1874	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Owen Sound Register of Heritage Properties



Figure 2.4.1 – 1258 3rd Avenue East – Residence (Maitland House), 1874, heritage property adjacent to the Owen Sound Jail.
(image source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/snuffy/23869029768/lightbox/>)

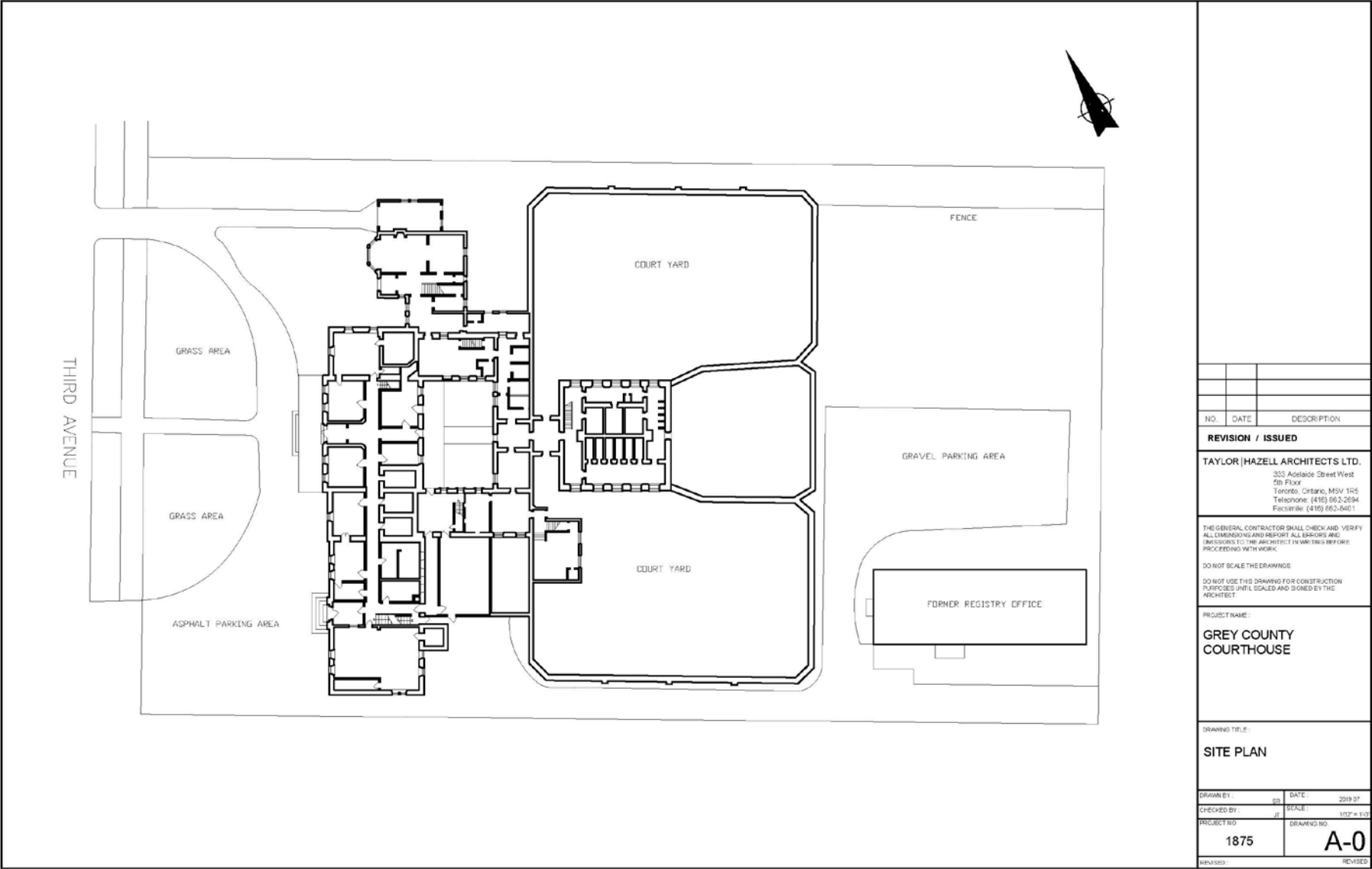


Figure 2.4.2 – 1235 3rd Avenue East – Former Grey County Courthouse, 1853.
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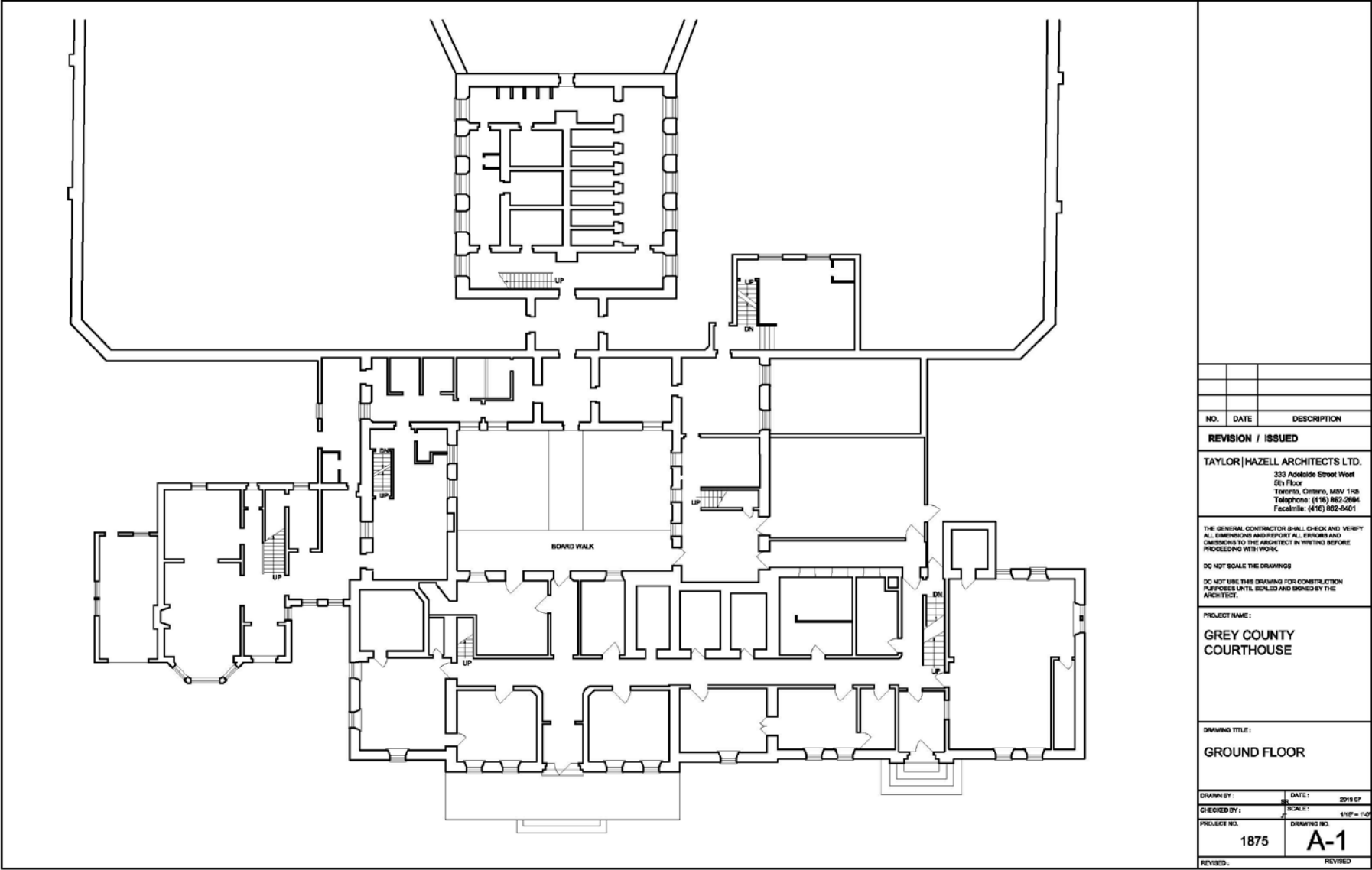


Figure 2.4.3 – 1240 4th Avenue East – Former Land Registry Office, 1855.
(image source: <http://www.auctionsfind.com/auction/7164>)

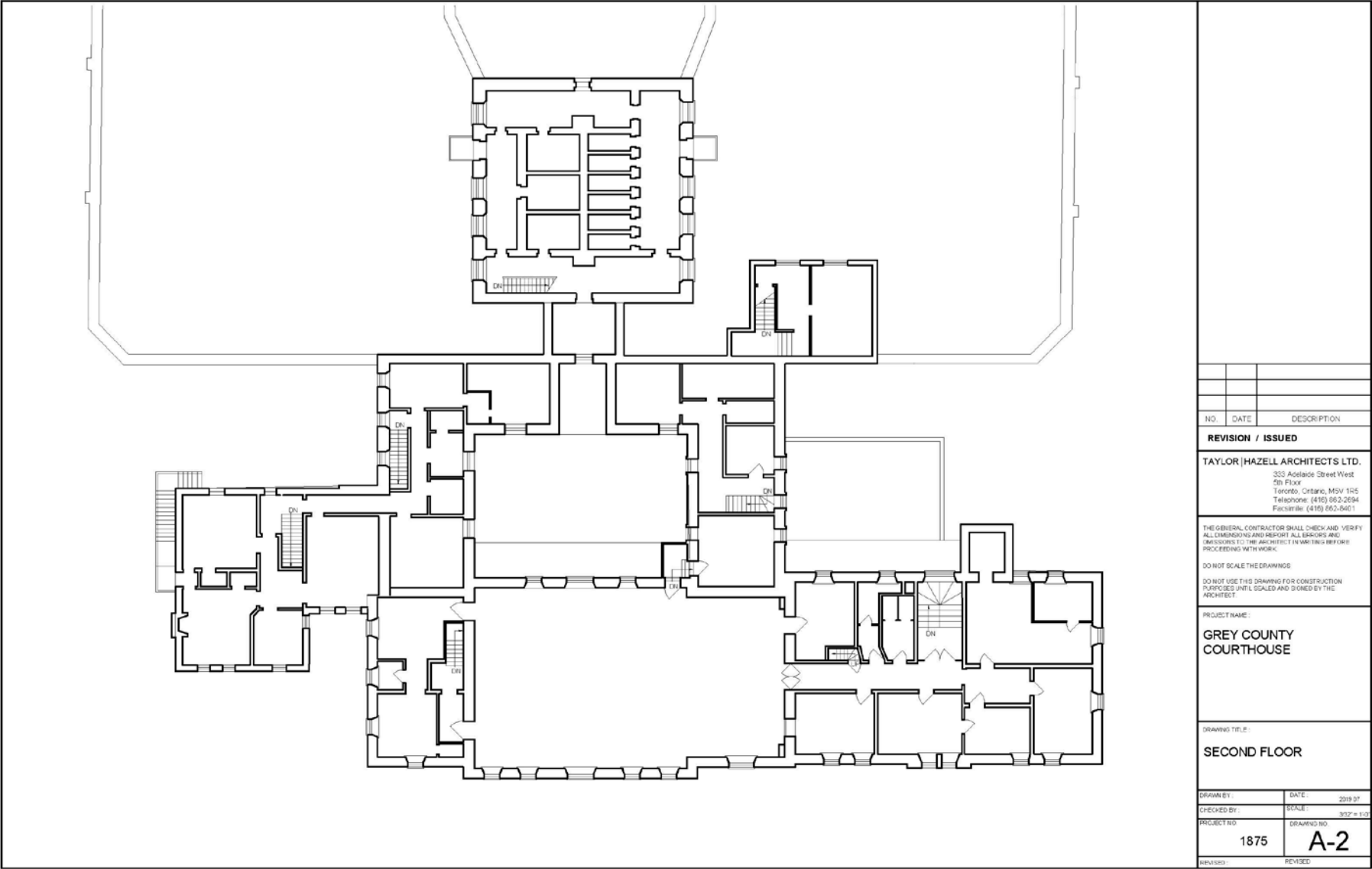
PLANS - SITE



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



THIRD FLOOR PLAN

