

September 26, 2016

A Voice
FOR
PRESERVATION



Mr. Bill Moore, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
City Hall
474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**RE: 147 Spring Street – Side Yard Setback and Distance to Principal Building
Variances**

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation has reviewed the application for variances to construct a new two-car garage at 147 Spring Street.

The Queen Anne style house located at 147 Spring Street was constructed circa 1867. Research indicates that the house originally shared the lot with 143 Spring Street and had several accessory buildings, including a large stable. The building that the applicant is proposing to demolish was constructed between 1876 and 1888 when it first appears on the 1888 Burleigh Bird's Eye View Map. Please see enclosed documentation. The other two accessory structures no longer exist, but one still remains on the property. The house and accessory building are "contributing buildings" to the East Side Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Foundation objects to the demolition of the historic accessory structure. Carriage houses throughout Saratoga Springs are threatened with demolition-by-neglect and removal. They are important cultural resources of the history and development of our community and should be preserved to the fullest extent possible.

The Foundation respectfully requests that the Zoning Board of Appeals seek an advisory opinion from the Design Review Commission as to whether the historic building may be demolished prior to considering the various variances requested.

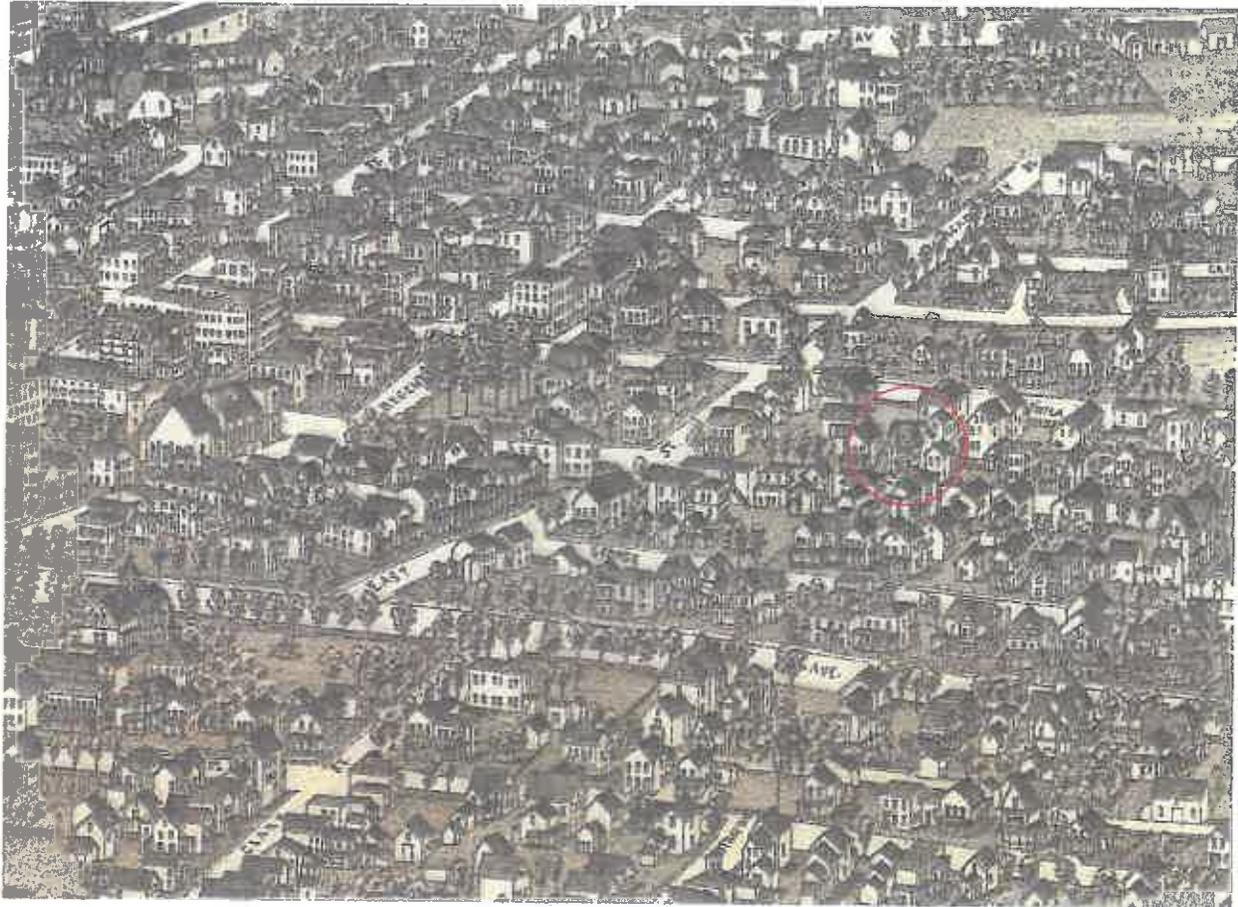
Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,


Linda Harvey-Opiteck
Vice-President


Samantha Bosshart
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Obstarczyk, Owner
Tonya Yasenachak, Agent
Susan Barden, Senior Planner
Bradley Birge, Administrator of the Office of Planning and Economic Development



147 Spring Street

1888 Burleigh Birdseye View

Oct. 1889
SARATOGA
N.Y.

118

EAST

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SPRING

PHILA

SHEET

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1889 P. 18
SANBORN MAP

MAY 1896
SARATOGA
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COURT (EAST)

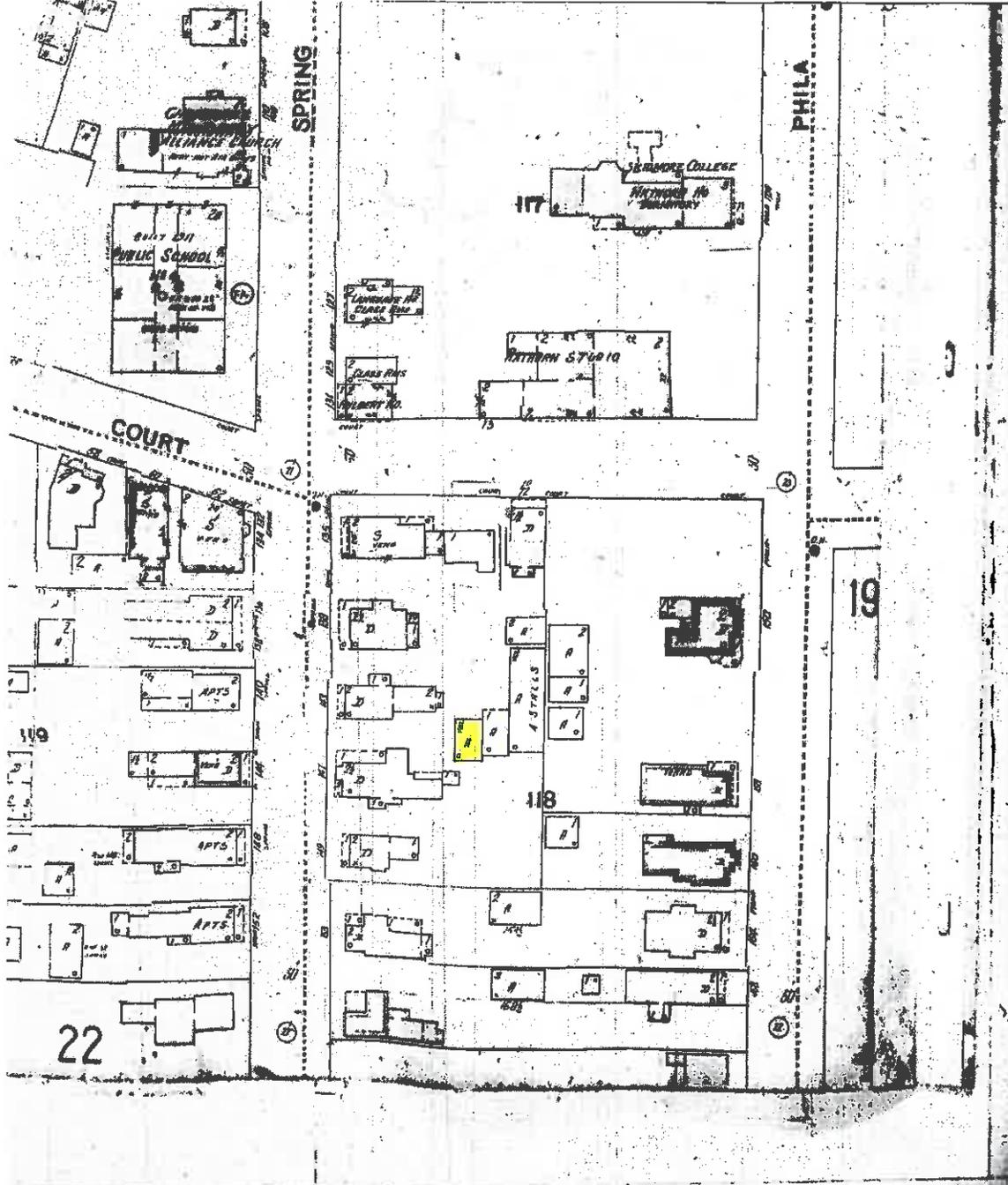
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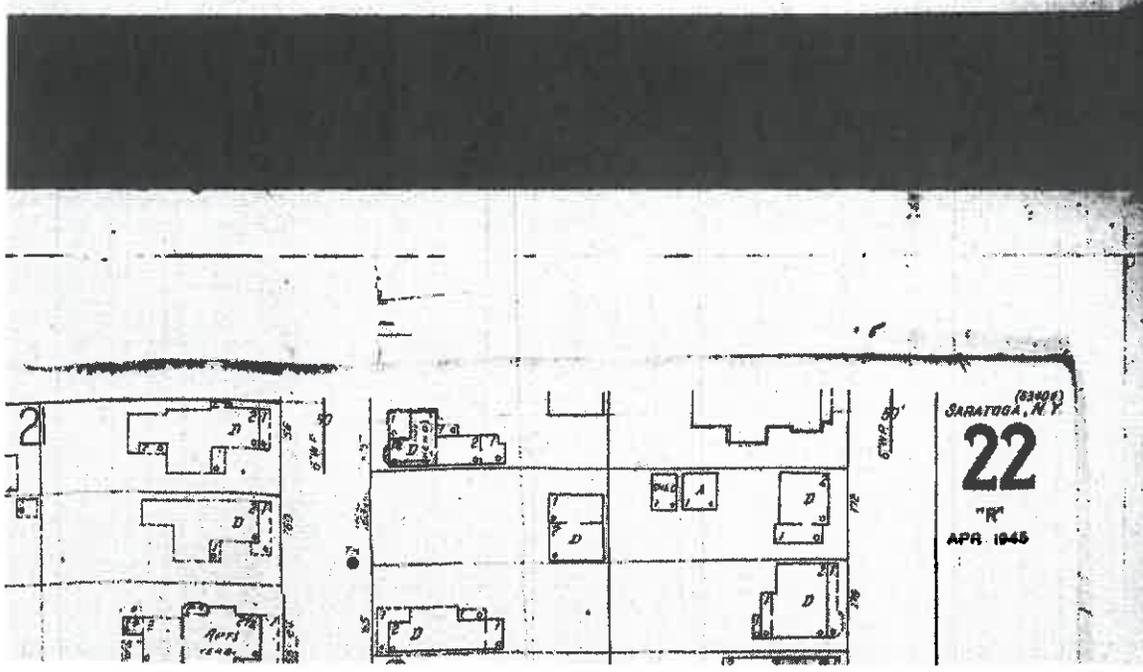
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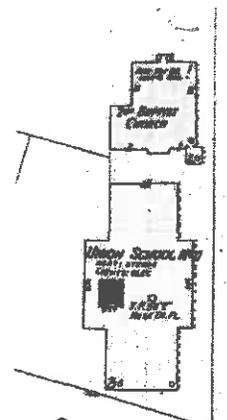
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SANBORN MAP



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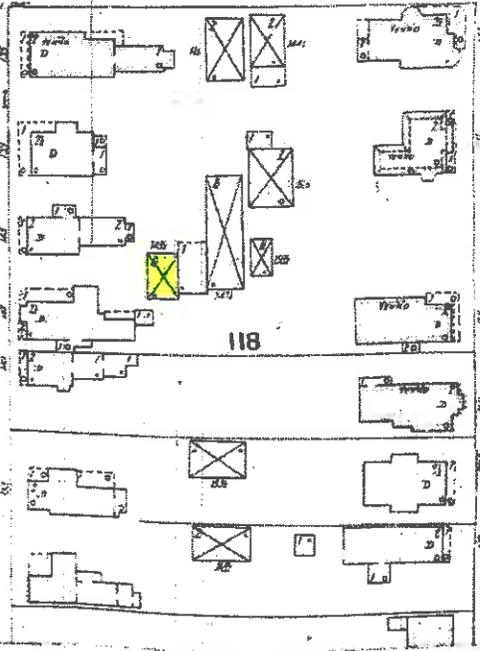
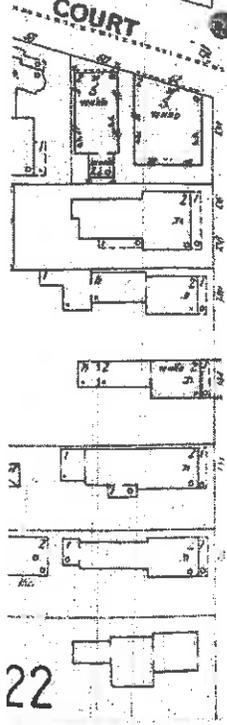
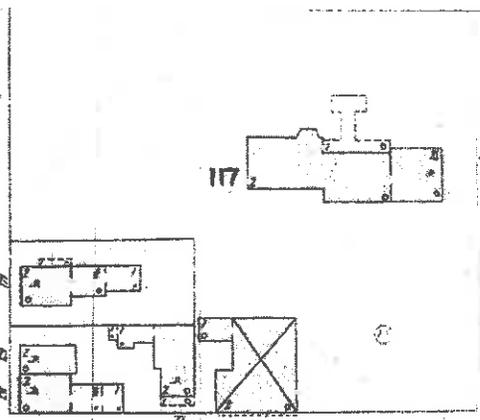


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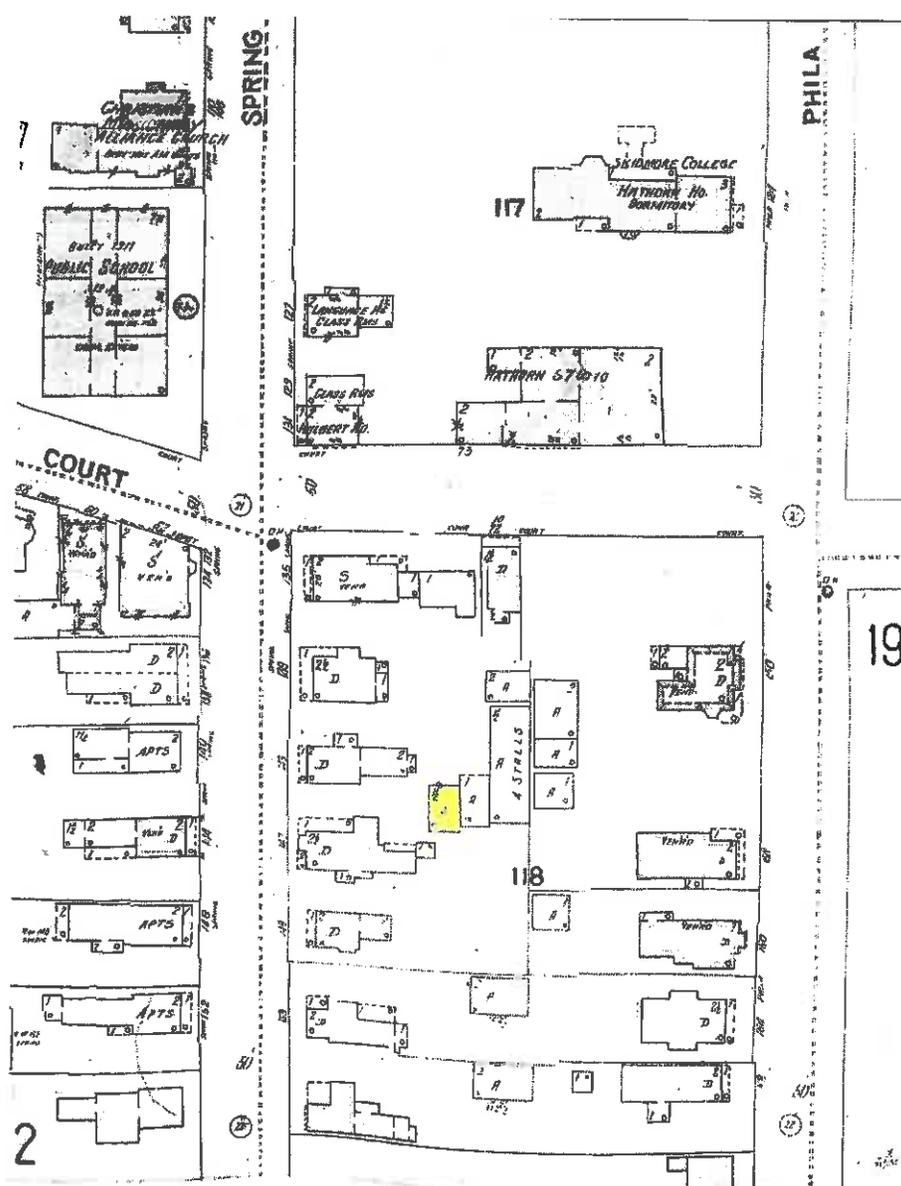
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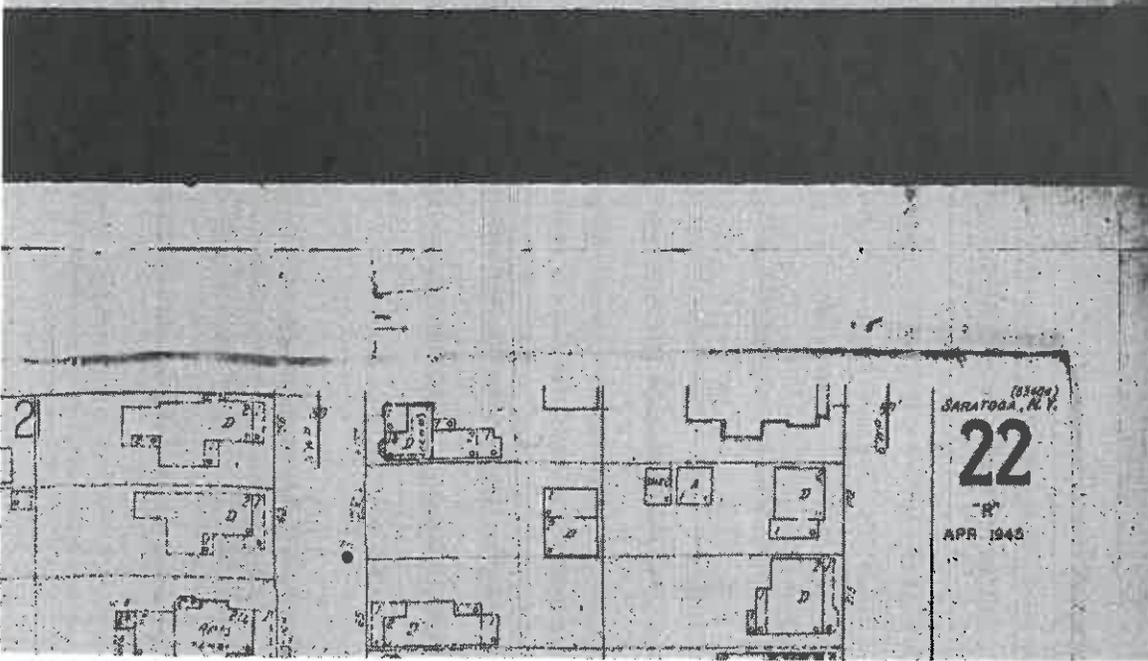
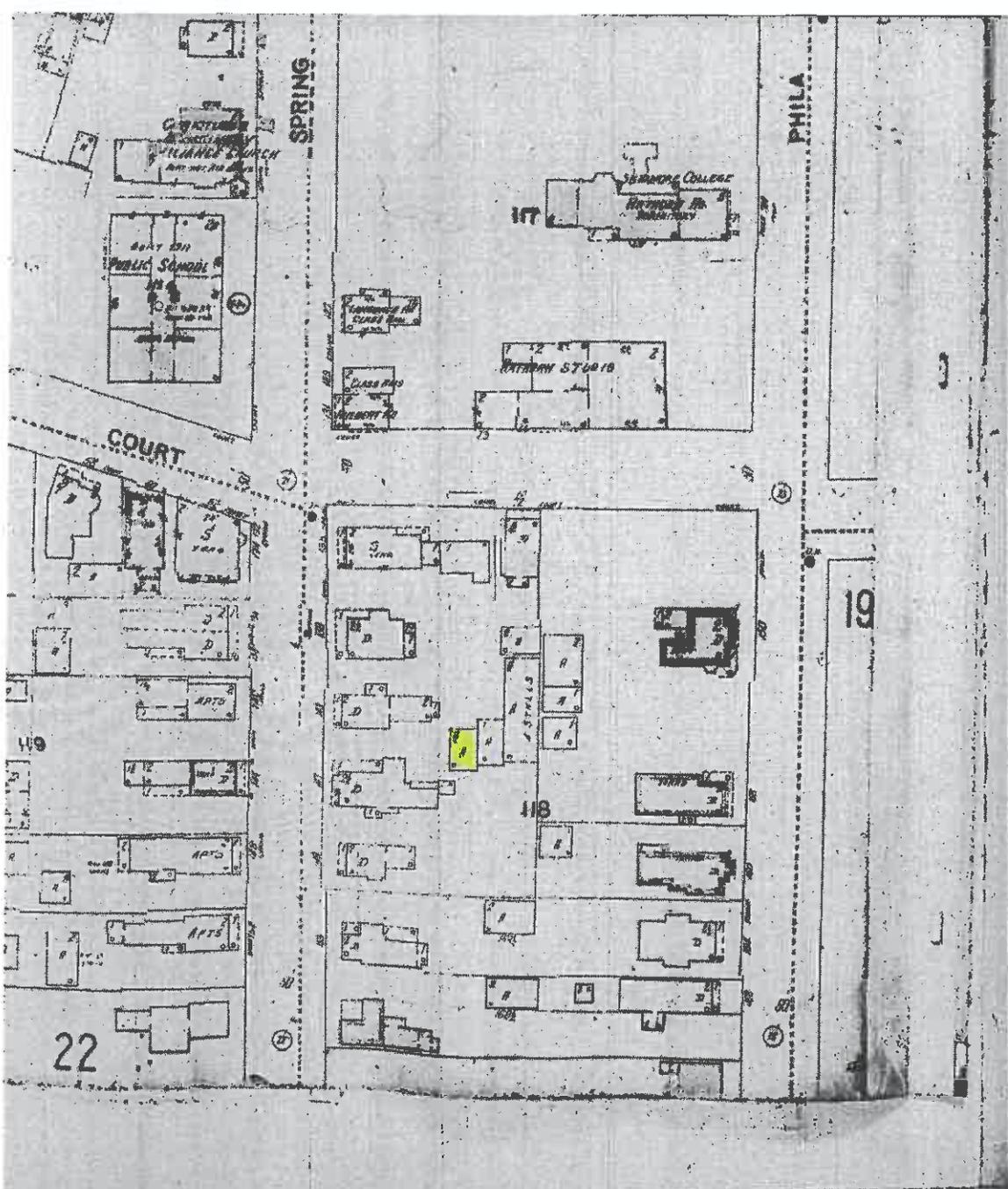
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1933 21

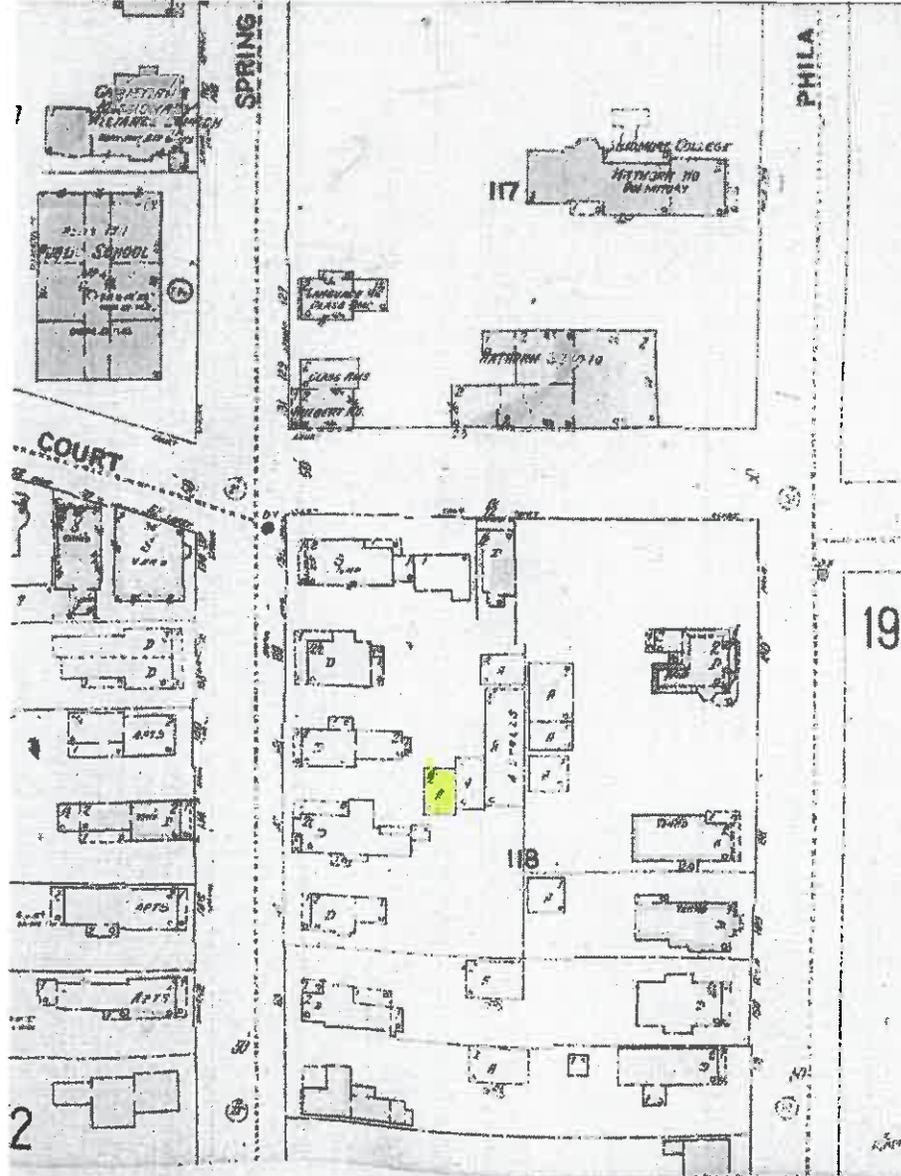


SANBORN MAP

1950

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Saratoga, N.Y.
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APR 1945



SANBORN MAP
C. 1964
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