

214 Madison Street (House)
Fairmont
Marion County
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Location: 214 Madison Street
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of the East Side of Madison Street, approximately 600 feet north

Low-Level Bridge, Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia

USGS Fairmont West Quadrangle,
Universal Mercator Coordinates:
17.573840.4370740

Present Owner: Jack R. Delligatti
1115 Morgantown Avenue
Fairmont, West Virginia 26554

Present Use: Bar
Purchase by City: Summer, 1985
Demolition scheduled: Summer, 1985

Statement of Significance: 214 Madison Street is architecturally significant as a surviving example of a late 19th Century Italianate style house.

PART 1. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Circa 1880
2. Original and subsequent owners: The following is an incomplete chain of title to the land on which the structure stands. Reference is to the Clerk's Office of the County of Marion, West Virginia.

1956 September, 1956 in Deed Book 766, page 64

Albert Hishmeh

To

Jack R. Delligatti

1950 May 5, 1950 in Deed Book 488, page 47

Estate of Lulu Criss (wife of M. B. Criss)

To

Albert Hishmeh

1923 September 27, 1923 in Deed Book 263, page 284

L. F. McCray

To

M. B. Criss

1920 August, 1920 in Deed Book 237, page 505

W.E. Watson, Jr.

To

L. F. McCray

1919 October, 1919 in Deed Book 231, page 369

W. E. Watson, Jr.

To

L. F. McCray

1917 March 19, 1917 in Deed Book 213, page 448

William E. Watson, Sr.

To

William E. Watson, Jr.

1904 May, 1904 in Deed Book 133, page 113

T. F. Watson Improvement Company

To

William E. Watson, Sr.

1904 April 20, 1904 in Deed Book 133, page 79

John F. Conway

To

T. F. Watson Improvement Company

- 1901 April 10, 1901 in Deed Book 103, page 265
Thomas B. Carpenter
To
John F. Conway
(In this deed, the structure on the lot was called a brick house.)
- 1899 December 11, 1899 in Deed Book 90, page 423
L. N. Lough (Trustee for B. F. Swisher)
To
Thomas B. Carpenter
- 1866 April 2, 1866 in Deed Book 15, page 383
Jacob Beeson
To
B. F. Swisher
- 1865 February 14, 1865 in Deed Book 13, page 330
Henry Showalter
To
Jacob Beeson
- 1861 May 25, 1861 in Deed Book 11, page 380
John H. Showalter
To
Henry Showalter
- 1857 October 1, 1857 in Deed Book 9, page 151
Albert Kidwell
To
John H. Showalter
- 1853 October 4, 1853 in Deed Book 6, page 314
Benjamin Burns' (deceased) heirs
To
Albert Kidwell

It is possible to trace the deed information for the site back to 1848, but the present structure was not reasonably estimated to exist any earlier than 1875, based on the evaluation of the director of the Historic Preservation Unit, Charleston, West Virginia.

3. Alterations and additions: It appears as if an original porch may have been enclosed on the front left side of the building. The foundation underneath this section is original so it is not thought that this is an addition.

No information on the time when this might have occurred is available.

B. Historical Context:

The only accurate information available on the use of the structure currently known as the Club Deluxe is that from the early 1950's to the mid 1960's it was a restaurant facility. From the late 1960's until the present, it has been used as a bar, first under the name of the Men's Progressive Club and then as the Club Deluxe. The building was originally a house, and it is one of very few residential buildings remaining in the downtown area.

PART 11. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: 214 Madison St. is a late 19th Century Italianate style building with elaborate bracketed cornice and window hoods.
2. Condition of fabric: As of 1982, there was no evidence of any structural fatigue. Moisture was observed at the northeast corner at the top and bottom and along the base of the wall.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The house is a two story structure with a half basement and measures 45' x 60'.
2. Wall construction: Exterior walls are masonry.
3. Structural systems, framing: Exterior walls are all load bearing. The floors are of wooden joist construction, tongue in groove. The roof is flat, constructed of 2" x 10" wood planks built up with layers of tar.
4. Chimneys: There are two chimneys.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: There are two doors on the front of the

building, which are original to the building.

- b. Windows and shutters: There are seven windows and one store window on the front of the building. The windows are tall, double hung and segmentally-arched; these are principal design elements of the Italianate style. The windows of projecting bay facing the street have heavy window cornices with elaborate molding.

6. Roof: According to the 1984 inspection report, the roof is tin.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. Basement: There is a half basement under the southern portion of the building only.
- b. First floor-fourth floor: Floor plan drawings are attached.

2. Stairways: The stairs are wooden with a curving wooden banister and turned balusters.

3. Flooring: Wooden

4. Walls and ceiling finish: Wall finish is plaster covering brick; ceilings are plaster.

D. Site:

General setting and orientation: The house faces a west south westerly direction. It is on Madison Street which is a connecting street between the bridge bringing traffic from the east side and Jackson Street, heading toward the west side of the City.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Architectural Drawings: None known.

B. Historic Views: Searched, none found.

C. Interviews: Rodney S. Collins, Director, Historical Preservation Unit, Department of Culture and History, Charleston, West Virginia, February 7 and 8 and March 19 and 21, 1985.

D. Bibliography:

1. Deed Books, Marion County Courthouse, Fairmont, West Virginia.
2. Greater Fairmont City Directory, (various years), R.L. Polk & Company, Publishers, 2910 W. Clay Street, P.O. Box 27546, Richmond, Virginia, 23261.

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: 1) early editions of Fairmont newspaper, known as the "Old Index" 2) possible future book by local historian, Glenn Lough.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

This building is part of a downtown improvement project to clear blighted property that has not been occupied or repaired for several years and to create parking to replace parking space that will be taken by new construction in the City of Fairmont. Community Development Block Grant funds (FY'84) were received to complete this activity, including demolition of 214 Madison Street.

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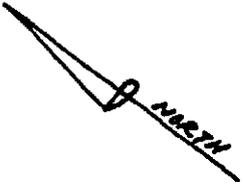
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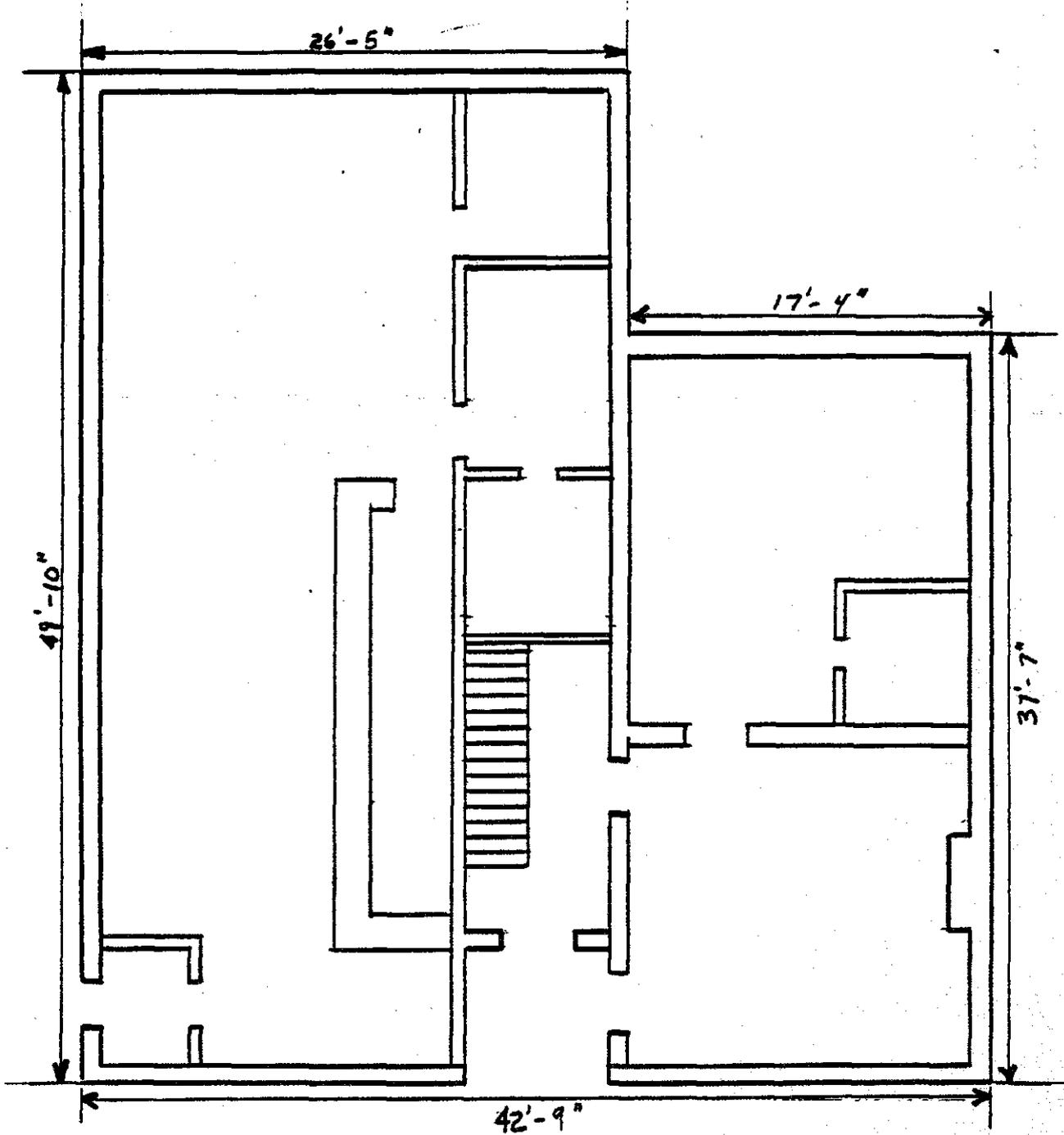
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Date: April, 1985



FIRST FLOOR PLAN





SECOND FLOOR PLAN

