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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Hoffmann House Hotel

and/or common Haberdashery Pub and Eatery

**2. Location**

street & number 200 West Grand Avenue  not for publication

city, town Port Washington  vicinity of

state Wisconsin code 55 county Ozaukee code 089

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Edwin C. Manske/ Owners under Land Valery Manske / Contract dated 1/83 AND James Curtis/ Title holder until Land Contract matures (address P.O. Box 446 Hyannisport, MA 02672)

street & number 200 West Grand Avenue state Wisconsin

city, town Port Washington  vicinity of

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Ozaukee County Courthouse, 109 W. Main Street

city, town Port Washington state Wisconsin

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1975  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison state Wisconsin

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Completed in 1901, the Hoffmann House Hotel is a three story structure built of cream brick, with a two story oriel on the southeast corner. The first floor rises from a water table of ashlar sandstone. Its windows have cut sandstone sills and segmental arches, with the exception of one window that has a wooden lintel. Second floor windows also have cut sandstone sills and segmental arches, but these arches are tied together by a string course. The third floor has transom windows with cut sandstone sills and semi-circular arches, again tied together with a string course. The building is crowned by a decorative cornice.

The two story oriel is covered with sheet metal and contains decorative panels that divide the second and third floor windows, as well as ornamental swags that "hang" over the third floor windows. Its simple cornice seems to be supported by decorative brackets with panels in between.

The interior retains several of its original elements, although much has been remodeled. The old tavern, hotel lobby and dining room, now all part of the present restaurant, have retained their original, decorative sheet metal ceilings. The sitting rooms, which were also on the first floor, are now storage areas. The second and third floors, the floors containing the guest rooms, have had their ceilings dropped, but they retain their original spaciousness and their original transom doorways. The dropped ceiling covered no decorative features. The stairway has also retained its original width, although it has been enclosed to meet fire codes.

The only changes to the hotel's exterior since its construction include the removal of its main porch on the south side, a small porch on the west side, and a balcony on the east side. A small covered entryway has been added on the east side.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600-1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ humanitarian
___ 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1921	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
period of significance		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates 1901<sup>1</sup> Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Statement of Significance:

The old Hoffmann House Hotel is significant because it represents a major commercial enterprise of turn-of-the-century Port Washington. This was Port's "boom period" and followed the founding of its two largest industries, the Wisconsin Chair Company and the Gilson Manufacturing Company. As one of Port Washington's four turn-of-the-century, first class hotels, it is a major contributor to the city's architectural heritage in that its exterior retains the most original elements of those four hotels that remain.

Commerce:

Founded in 1833, Port Washington quickly grew into a manufacturing center. Early industries included a brickyard, sawmill, brewery and smut machine manufacturer.<sup>2</sup> Aided by the transportation facilities provided by its Lake Michigan location, as well as the railroad which reached the town in 1873, Port continued to attract industries.<sup>3</sup> Paul Wolf's tannery was established in 1854, Kemp and Poull's Malt House was founded in 1868, the Schumacher and Johnson foundry came in 1872, as did the Crowns door factory in 1883. Perhaps the two most important industries to come to Port Washington were the Wisconsin Chair Company in 1888 and the Gilson Manufacturing Company in 1893. They were the city's number one and two employers respectively, at the turn of the century.<sup>4</sup> The Wisconsin Chair Company alone had such an impact on the community that Port's population increase from 1659 in 1890 to 3010 in 1910 is attributed to its success.<sup>5</sup>

Hotels played an important part in Port Washington's development as a manufacturing center. Its first hotel was built by Aurora Adams in 1837. Initially, hotels were needed to house all those who had just arrived in Port seeking to labor in its industries, while they sought more permanent housing. As a result, early Port Washington had nineteen hotels.<sup>7</sup> Then as the city and its industries grew and matured, hotels were needed for the constant flow of businessmen and salesmen that worked for and called on these industries. This led to the establishment of the city's four, turn-of-the-century era, first class hotels - the Wisconsin House in approximately 1890,<sup>8</sup> the Wilson Hotel in 1892,<sup>9</sup> Thill's Hotel in 1902,<sup>10</sup> and the Hoffmann House Hotel in 1901.<sup>11</sup>

F. Louis Hoffmann began buying the land for his hotel in 1895, and made his final acquisitions in 1897.<sup>12</sup> Construction began sometime thereafter, and was completed in 1901. An addition was built on the west end of the hotel in 1908.<sup>13</sup> With the completion of the addition, the hotel could accommodate sixty guests. Its rooms were considered "large, airy and clean."<sup>14</sup> The hotel provided such amenities for its guests as carriage service to

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .29

Quadrangle name Port Washington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	6	4	29	3	1	0	4	8	0	4	0	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The East forty-four (44) feet of Lot Ten (10) and the South ninety (90) feet of Lot Eleven (11) and the South seventy (70) feet of Lot Twelve (12) all in Block Twenty-three (23), Original Plat, of the City of Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin -- continuation sheet

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title John N. Vogel, Consulting Historian

organization N/A date October 13, 1983

street & number 301 North 73rd Street telephone (414) 258-6598

city or town Milwaukee state Wisconsin

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. N. Vogel*

title Director, Historic Preservation Division, SHSW date JAN. 25, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*J. M. ...* Entered in the National Register date 3/1/84  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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the train,<sup>15</sup> sitting rooms, a tavern and dining room capable of seating fifty persons. The dining room, according to the Jobber and Retailer, a publication for traveling people, "is ideal in the things that appeal to guests - order, courtesy, good taste, promptness of service, and plenty of the best palatable food, with frequent changes and variations."<sup>16</sup> The Jobber and Retailer summarized that the Hoffmann Hotel "easily is in the lead of Port Washington's four first class hotels."<sup>17</sup>

The hotel passed from F. Louis to his son Henry in 1921, after a period of joint ownership. It was sold by Henry Hoffmann in 1946, and has since undergone a series of transfers and name changes.<sup>18</sup> It now operates under the name of the Haberdashery Pub and Eatery. Its guest rooms are maintained as a residential hotel.

First class hotels are a specific type of building, as, for example, are railroad depots and churches. Port Washington initially had four buildings of this type, today only three remain - the Hoffmann House Hotel, the Wilson Hotel, and Thill's Hotel.<sup>19</sup>

Although each of these buildings largely retain their turn-of-the-century character, both the Wilson Hotel and Thill's Hotel have undergone some changes that call their overall integrity into question. The Wilson Hotel, for instance, has had all its windows replaced with aluminum combination windows. It has had plastic shutters installed on the first floor windows on the south exposure, and the entryway on the west exposure has been reworked to include a sheetmetal canopy. Thill's Hotel has also had the windows in its upper two floors replaced by aluminum combination windows. In addition, a substantial portion of the northwest corner entryway has been bricked over, and three first floor windows have been reduced in size.

The Hoffmann Hotel by comparison has simply lost the main entrance canopy, a small west exposure porch and an east exposure balcony. These are not changes that call the building's architectural integrity into question, however. A small brick entryway has been added to the east exposure, but that is the only non-historic feature affecting the building's facade. Of the first class hotels, therefore, the Hoffmann House Hotel, with its medieval and Queen Anne references, has the facade that retains the most original elements.

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup>Tax Assessments: 1900&1901, Deeds and Records of Ozaukee County, Port Washington, Wisconsin.

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<sup>2</sup>Port Washington Centennial: 1835-1935 One Hundred Years of Progress,  
(Port Washington: 1935), pp. 3, 20.

<sup>3</sup>Port Washington Pilot, August 1, 1935.

<sup>4</sup>Port Washington Centennial, p. 20; Sister M. Jane Frances Price  
S.S.N.D., "The History of Port Washington, In Ozaukee County, Wisconsin,"  
(Master's Thesis, DePaul University, 1943), pp. 60, 64.

<sup>5</sup>Price, "The History of Port," p. 59.

<sup>6</sup>Port Washington Centennial, p. 4.

<sup>7</sup>Jeanette Barr, "History of Port Washington," Early History of Ozaukee  
County, Wisconsin, (n.d.).

<sup>8</sup>Jobber and Retailer, June 1910, p. 15.

<sup>9</sup>H. Russell Zimmerman, The Heritage Guidebook: Landmarks and Historical  
Sites in Southeastern Wisconsin, (Milwaukee: Heritage Wisconsin Corporation,  
1978), p. 219.

<sup>10</sup>Ibid., p. 222.

<sup>11</sup>Tax Assessments: 1900&1901, Ozaukee County.

<sup>12</sup>Deed from Gregor Cloos to F. Louis Hoffmann, 4 March 1895, Ozaukee  
County; Deed from Wm. Nehf and wife to F. Louis Hoffmann, 11 November 1897,  
Ozaukee County.

<sup>13</sup>Tax Assessments: 1900, 1901, 1907, 1908, Ozaukee County.

<sup>14</sup>Jobber, p. 15.

<sup>15</sup>Ozaukee Press Bicentennial Collection, December 23, 1976, Sec. 2, p. 29.

<sup>16</sup>Jobber, p. 15.

<sup>17</sup>Ibid.

<sup>18</sup>Deed from F. Louis Hoffmann to Henry G. Hoffmann, 1 February 1921,  
Ozaukee County; Deed from Henry G. Hoffmann to Edgar Sauer and Henry G.  
Huiras, 21 May 1946, Ozaukee County.

<sup>19</sup>An earlier home of the Wisconsin Hotel still exists in Port  
Washington, but the hotel's turn of the century, first class building  
has been destroyed.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - Item 10

Excepting Therefrom That part of Lot Ten (10) of Block Twenty-three (23) described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 10, thence West, along the North line of said Lot 10, 44.00 feet; thence South, along a line 16.00 feet East of the West line of said Lot 10, 120.00 feet; thence East, along the South line of said Lot 10, 3.00 feet; thence Northeasterly, to a point 35.40 feet West of the East line of said Lot 10, 37.00 feet; thence Northeasterly, to a point 33.60 feet West of the East line of said Lot 10, 51.00 feet; thence Southeasterly, to the East line of said Lot 10, 33.60 feet; thence North, along the East line of said Lot 10, 33.00 feet to the point of beginning.