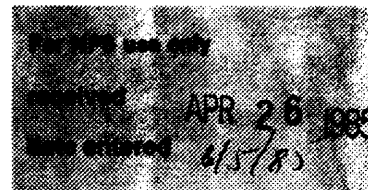


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South Bend Remedy Company  
220 W. LaSalle  
141-56150-598  
d. 1895

OWNER: Bruce Hammerschmidt  
205 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
South Bend, Indiana 46601

Description:

Photo #39; Building #21

The South Bend Remedy Company building is located mid-block on LaSalle between Main and Lafayette Streets. The structure is isolated and surrounded by parking lots on the east, west and south.

The Queen Anne/Classical Revival transitional structure is two stories high and is constructed of brick and limestone. The main or north facade exhibits the majority of the architectural detailing. The slightly raised foundation is of rock-faced ashlar limestone and is separated from the first floor by a limestone string course.

The first and second floors are also divided by a limestone string course and further contrasted by a variation of materials, smooth faced ashlar below and brick above.

The raised, recessed entrance is surrounded with smooth limestone accented by decorative incised bands. The entry appears to be a double leafed door but the left side is fixed. Both sides have a square panel and window and are topped by transoms. Above the entrance is a round turret with a conical roof punctuated by an arcade of three windows. The base of the turret is foliated limestone. The second floor center windows have the same arcade pattern that is used in the turret.

A wide frieze band of garlands and torches is topped by a denticulated cornice on the main facade. The pedimented gable over the arcaded windows contains an oculus window with a decorated limestone surround.

Significance:

The South Bend Remedy Company building was built in 1895 by Albert H. Kelley to house the office and laboratory of his mail-order patent medicine business. The company specialty was "Magnolia Blossom," a remedy for "women's complaints."

The company ceased to exist in 1928 after the death of Albert Kelley in 1924, and his son in 1928. Subsequent uses of the building have included political headquarters, architect's and engineer's offices, an apartment, and auto parts storage.

The excellent masonry example of the Queen Anne style, which displays outstanding Classical details, is unique in that it is the only commercial building in downtown South Bend which was constructed to look like a residence.

UTM ReferenceL 16/562190/4614180

Acreeage: Less than one acre

Legal:

Lot 234 Original Plat of South Bend  
42 feet East end, 50 feet North side  
Parcel #18-1012-0462