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ELI HOOVER HOUSE & CONFECTIONERY Owner: Jay N. Stillwagon
316 West Main Street 222 East Main street
Muncie, Indiana Muncie, Indiana 47305
1899

DESCRIPTION: Building #307, Photo #65

This Queen Anne house is constructed of red brick with limestone details. The roof line is very irregular, and built of many gables of varied height and pitch. The building is two and one half stories, and features a corner entrance at the southeast corner that is commercial in flavor. This feature is clearly an early alteration and indicates that the structure was used both as a private residence and for commercial purposes. the building also has a projecting bay which extends from the first through the second floor. The gable ends are covered with slate fishscaling. The structure is three bays across and five bays deep. The windows are double hung with the exception of the commerical storefront area which feature a multi-light panel.

The structure also has a porch featuring round columns with Corithian capitals located in the southwest bay. The condition of the structure is fair to good. It is currently being used as a commercial office.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house was built in 1899 by Eli Hoover, a native of Delaware County and a member of one of the county's pioneer family. It is a representative example of Queen Anne residential architecture. Hoover began cigar and confectionery trade in 1893. Prior to that he was in the employ of various local merchants. The house served as both the Hoovers' residence and their place of business. The storefront was added about 1900. Eli Hoover is also notable because he served as a member of the Safety Board, the Police Board, and was a charter member and the first Exalted Ruler of the Odd Fellows Lodge, the Red Mens' Club, and the Knights of Pythias.

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At the time of his death in 1927, he was a director of The Western Reserve Insurance Company, which he helped to organize.

Geographical data;

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16 637 120 4450 300

Map Boundary: Map #11-9G, Block #485, Parcel #011