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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000111

Date Listed: 3/20/92

Hotel Calumet  
Property Name

Fond Du Lac  
County

WI  
State

#### Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Bob Boland  
Signature of the Keeper

6/9/92  
Date of Action

#### Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8, Significance: the date 1905 falls outside the period of significance and refers to the original building, encased in the current hotel; it is hereby deleted from the Significant Date blank.

The statement in Section 7 (p. 3) that the building is currently under renovation is incorrect. The renovation is complete, as stated in Section 8 (p. 5).

This information was confirmed by Jim Draeger of the WI SHPO staff.

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REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register form (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only archival paper (20 pound, acid free paper with a 2% alkaline reserve).

1. Name of Property

historic name Hotel Calumet

other names/site number Forest Avenue Hotel

2. Location

street & number 170 Forest Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Fond du Lac N/A vicinity

state Wisconsin code WI county Fond du Lac code 039 zip code 54935

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

No. of contributing resources  
previously listed in the  
National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

X [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/22/92  
Signature of certifying official  
State Historic Preservation Officer-WI

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet [Signature: Beth Boland] 3/20/92  
\_\_\_\_\_  
determined eligible for the National Register. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet  
\_\_\_\_\_  
determined not eligible for the National Register.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
removed from the National Register.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/hotel  
DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

VACANT/NOT IN USE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

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Classical Revival

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foundation concrete

walls brick

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roof asphalt

other stone

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hotel Calumet, known historically as the Forest Avenue Hotel, is a large three-story painted brick building sitting in a neighborhood of mixed uses approximately four blocks west of downtown Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Around the hotel is a small, nineteenth century residential neighborhood. Directly southwest of the hotel is the old Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot, which is being renovated for a new use. To the west of the Depot is an area of light industrial buildings. The hotel occupies a corner lot at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Harrison Place and its principal facades face on to these streets. The building fills its lot and there is no lawn and no landscaping. On the Forest Avenue side of the hotel, the city has planted young trees at intervals in the sidewalk in front of the building.

The Hotel Calumet was built in two phases. The northeast corner of the current hotel is a frame-constructed, brick-faced structure that was originally attached to an older frame building that was the first hotel on this site. Both the original frame hotel and the expanded building were named the Forest Avenue Hotel. Between 1920 and 1922, this hotel was remodeled and further expanded with two large reinforced concrete additions, extending both the Forest Avenue and Harrison Place facades. At this time the old frame building was demolished. The additions more than doubled the size of the building and created its U shape. Renamed the Hotel Calumet, the building is decorated with simple Classical Revival details.

The hotel has a flat roof and there is a plain sheet metal cornice that runs around the entire building at the roofline. A belt course of similar design also separates the first and second floors of the building. The building is faced with brick, and its third story has a smooth wall surface with brick corbelling at the corners that suggest quoins. The second floor, and some areas of the first floor, have a rusticated appearance created by wide brick bands that are separated by narrower, recessed brick bands.

The windows of the upper floors of the two main walls are all single-pane double hung sashes. On the Forest Avenue facade of the building most of these windows are hung in pairs. These windows are aluminum-framed units that recently replaced the original wood-frame windows. They were custom-produced to fill the historic openings and have the appearance of the original windows. On the third floor the windows are decorated with rock-faced ashlar stone jack-arch lintels. On the second story the windows are decorated with smooth jack arch lintels and stone sills. The windows on the rear walls, as well as the windows on the south-facing wall, are all smaller, single-pane double hung sashes that are undecorated.

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Over time, most of the historic glazing on the first floor was lost when the original window openings and storefront display window openings were bricked shut. Smaller oblong-shaped modern windows were then inserted into some of these openings. Using the Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Rehabilitation, and a historic photograph, the first floor openings and storefronts are currently being restored to their historic size and appearance.

The exteriors of the first floors of both the Forest Avenue and the Harrison Place facades are divided into several sections. At the far west end of the Forest Avenue facade is a remodeled first-floor storefront, last used as a tavern. This storefront now projects out from the rest of the main wall of the building and features small modern windows, modern entrances, and vertical aluminum siding. This inappropriate remodeling is being removed and the historic storefronts in this area of the building are being restored. The main entrance to the building on the Forest Avenue wall is deeply recessed and has a modern double metal and glass door under a transom. This entrance is also decorated with a stone architrave supported by a pair of stone Tuscan order columns. The entire entrance opening is then flanked with pilasters that feature alternating courses of rock-faced and smooth-finished stone. These pilasters can also be found flanking window openings and at the corners of the building on the first floor on both the principal walls.

The first floor and the Harrison Place wall has two entrances. One entrance leads to the first floor lobby, while the other leads to a small apartment. The entrance that leads to the lobby is identical to the main entrance in the Forest Avenue wall. The other entrance consists of a recessed wood and glass door placed under a semi-circular brick arch having stone corbel stops. The tympanum under this arch has been partially filled in with vertical wood siding. Flanking this entrance are two semi-circular arched windows. These arches are larger but identically detailed to those over the entrance and are filled with large multi-paned fanlights. Under the fanlights are pairs of multi-paned casement windows flanked by multi-paned sidelights.

The arched entrance on Harrison Place and the fanlight-decorated windows are part of the 1920-22 addition to this part of the building. Probably an entrance that led to commercial or restaurant space originally, this area now fronts a three bedroom apartment. Directly behind this apartment, is the rear, or south, wing of the building. It is filled with hotel rooms.

Through the main entrance on Forest Avenue is a lobby that is about two-thirds larger than the lobby shown on historic Sanborn-Perris maps. The lobby has tile

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floors in a checkered pattern, plain plastered walls, plastered columns, and simple wooden moldings. There are some very narrow classically decorated pressed metal moldings in the ceiling.

The lobby resembles a modern post-World War II office. It may date to the early 1950s when part of this building was an office for the National Farmers Loan Association. Off of the lobby, a central staircase leads to the upper floors. The wooden staircase has square, fluted posts with simple classical motifs and a spool and spindle balustrade. This staircase probably dates to the c. 1905 construction date of the first brick portion of this building. The staircase in the south wing of the building consists of terrazzo stairs and a balustrade made of metal piping.

The Forest Avenue, or north-facing, wing of the first floor of this building was originally divided into several separate commercial spaces. In recent years, most of this space was taken up by a large tavern. The current renovation is replacing the hotel rooms in the south wing and the commercial space in the north wing with studio and one or two bedroom apartments. The existing three bedroom apartment will be retained, and the lobby will be renovated.

The second floor is currently divided into 39 hotel rooms of varying sizes. In the oldest part of the building, the rooms are relatively small. In the two wings built in the 1920s, the rooms are generally larger, particularly in the south wing. The third floor is divided into 36 hotel rooms, also of varying sizes. The floorplan of the two floors is similar, but the location of the varying room sizes are not identical from floor to floor.

The hallways of both floors in the oldest part of the hotel consist of oak flooring, plaster walls, and simple cornice moldings and woodwork. Entrance doors are generally multi-paneled wood doors with simple brass hardware. Light fixtures are ceiling mounted individual incandescent lights. Rooms in this part of the hotel are small with oak floors, wide but simple window moldings and sills, and similar woodwork. Turn-of-the-century steam radiators heat the rooms.

The hallways in the newer section of the hotel feature asbestos tile floors, plaster walls, and simple moldings and woodwork that is similar to but not identical with that found in the older part of the hotel. Lighting the hallways are large institutional type fluorescent lights. The windows in the rooms of the newer section are smaller with narrow moldings and sills. The rest of the woodwork in these rooms is also narrower than the woodwork in the older section of the hotel. Smaller steam radiators heat the rooms.

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The hotel is in only fair condition. In the 1960s, the hotel was converted largely into a rooming house. Many of the rooms were maintained at a minimal level and particularly in the older portions of the building, the rooms have deteriorated. The building is currently in the process of renovation. This renovation will return the exterior of the building to its historic early twentieth century appearance. Working from an old photograph, much attention will be paid to returning the exterior openings and storefronts of the building to their historic appearance and eliminating the inappropriate remodeling of the first floor.

The interior renovation is transforming the hotel space and most of the commercial space into studio and one or two bedroom apartments. An existing three bedroom apartment will be retained. The conversion of the hotel rooms into apartments will closely follow the current floorplan in that existing walls will largely define the spaces in the apartments, even though some walls will be removed. Therefore, even though the building will not be used as a hotel, it will retain the basic plan of the 1920 hotel. The renovation of this building, along with the renovation of the neighboring historic Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot will be a boost to this near-downtown neighborhood.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:    \_\_\_ nationally           \_\_\_ statewide            x  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria    \_\_\_ A    \_\_\_ B     x  C    \_\_\_ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)    \_\_\_ A    \_\_\_ B    \_\_\_ C    \_\_\_ D    \_\_\_ E    \_\_\_ F    \_\_\_ G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1921-1922 (1)

Significant Dates

c.1905,

1921-22 (2)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hotel Calumet is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C, architecture, for its local significance as a good example of Fond du Lac's larger historic hotel buildings, a building type which, due to demolition and remodeling, has been reduced to just a few extant examples in the city. In fact, of the larger, prominent hotels built in Fond du Lac in the nineteenth and early twentieth century, the Hotel Calumet is one of only three hotels that are still extant. The Hotel Calumet is also one of the oldest surviving hotel buildings in the city and it has the best integrity when compared with other buildings of its size and type.

The Hotel Calumet also derives some significance from being the largest and best preserved of a number of hotels that were once located near the main railroad depot in Fond du Lac. As a "railroad hotel," the Hotel Calumet served the travelling public near their point of arrival and departure. While historic sources indicate that the Hotel Calumet also competed with the downtown hotels in Fond du Lac, its location suggests that much of its clientele were short-term travellers who desired good, convenient lodging during their stay in Fond du Lac.

Historical Background

The first hotels were established in Fond du Lac in the 1830s. The Fond du Lac House was erected in 1836, but was merely a double log building. Another hotel was built in 1838. The Temperance Cottage was built in 1846 along with the Badger House. In 1847 the first large hotel was erected in Fond du Lac. Called the Exchange Hotel, it was three stories in height and, at the time, was the largest building in the entire community. In 1846 Robert Wyatt built the Eagle Hotel, but  x  See continuation sheet

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he moved it in 1849 to a downtown location and enlarged it to three and one-half stories. It was rented to J. C. Lewis and although it was soon operated by other persons, it retained the Lewis House name into the twentieth century. Of all of these early hotels, only the Lewis house was a contemporary of the old Hotel Calumet, then known as the Forest Avenue Hotel, but the Lewis House was demolished sometime in the twentieth century. (3)

In the late nineteenth century other larger hotels were built in Fond du Lac. Henry Shattuck built the American House, a three-story wood frame building, in 1861. It was replaced by a larger building in 1875 but did not survive into the twentieth century. Prior to the construction of the multi-story Hotel Retlaw in the 1920s, the Patty House, known as the Palmer House in the twentieth century, was the largest and most elaborate hotel building in Fond du Lac. Built prior to 1900, the Palmer House was considered to be the leading hotel in the city, according to the 1912 Fond du Lac County History. The old Palmer House is still a large and prominent building in downtown Fond du Lac, but it has been remodeled to such an extent that it does not reflect its historic use or style. Other minor hotels were built in the nineteenth century but they either did not survive into the twentieth century as hotels or in the case of the Erving Hotel, have been demolished. (4)

The Hotel Calumet began as the Forest Avenue Hotel in a frame building, probably a house, that was remodeled around 1900. The 1898 Sanborn-Perris Fire Insurance Map shows a frame house on this site, but the 1902 Sanborn-Perris map indicates the house had been converted to the Forest Avenue Hotel. The placement of the hotel on the lot and the original placement of the house on the lot suggests that the old Forest Avenue Hotel was a remodeled house.

The Forest Avenue Hotel was not listed in the 1901 city directory, but it is listed in the 1903 city directory. Between 1902 and 1908, a three-story brick building was attached to the northeast corner of the old frame hotel. The Sanborn-Perris map for 1915 shows that the lobby of the enlarged hotel was located on the first floor at the far northeast corner of the new addition. To the west of the lobby there was a large barber shop, and next to this was a large tavern. Behind the office and barber shop was a large dining room. The upper floors consisted of hotel rooms.

During its early history the Forest Avenue Hotel changed hands many times. The early owners were all from out of town (primarily from Chicago) and the hotel may have been constructed as an investment property. The hotel changed hands in 1907, 1908, 1909, and 1912. In 1916, the hotel again changed hands and the new owners announced a plan to enlarge and remodel the building. However, it was not until

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1920 that plans for the renovations and additions were specifically detailed in the press. (5)

In September of 1920, the Forest Avenue Hotel Company, under the proprietorship of J. P. Walsh, announced an expansion and remodeling effort that would make the hotel over twice as large and raise it by an additional story. This remodeling and expansion effort took two years to complete and did indeed double the size of the building, although much of the proposed decoration on the exterior was not executed, nor was the projected fourth story (see attached copies of newspaper drawing and historic photograph). But, although the originally completed building was not as elaborate as planned, it was greatly enlarged and given its present appearance at that time. To cap off the changes to the hotel, the new owners changed the building's name to the Hotel Calumet. (6)

The opening of the remodeled Hotel Calumet in 1922 was noted with some interest in the local newspaper. According to the account, 200 of the city's "prominent citizens and business men" attended an elaborate banquet in the hotel's "beautiful banquet hall." Several speakers lauded the opening of the newly expanded hotel, especially given the poor economic climate of the immediate area at the time. The tone of this article and the comments of the people who spoke at the banquet suggest that the business community saw the new Hotel Calumet was an important civic and business improvement in Fond du Lac. (7)

Little change took place in the Hotel Calumet until after World War II. Having a location next door to the main railroad depot in the city probably accounted for the continued success of the hotel during the pre-war years. But after World War II, as the travel habits of Americans changed, the need for hotel rooms declined in favor of motels on the edges of town, and it became increasingly difficult to operate the Calumet as a traditional hotel.

The early 1960s ushered in three decades of changing uses for the Hotel Calumet. In early 1962, the Fond du Lac County Board discussed converting the Calumet into a county home for the elderly. This plan never reached fruition, but a year later the hotel was sold to owners who converted it into a permanent residential facility for county welfare recipients. Four years later, the hotel was again sold to a new owner who planned to convert the building into senior citizen housing. This owner also planned extensive remodeling of the restaurant and tavern space in an effort to upgrade the hotel and give it a new image. (8)

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The Calumet Hotel remained a permanent residential facility in the 1970s and 1980s under several different names; the Downtown Hotel, Forest Place Boarding House, Depot Apartments Boarding House, and Harrison Place Rooms. Just recently, the last tenants from this era vacated the building for the now completed renovation. While the new apartments will be larger than the rooms that existed in the past, the building will be a moderately-priced apartment house that will provide upgraded housing for near-downtown residents.

Architecture

The Hotel Calumet is significant for architecture in Fond du Lac for two reasons. First, it is a good example of early twentieth century hotel construction in Fond du Lac. It is also one of only three larger-scale hotel buildings that are still extant in a city that once had numerous large and small hotels built in both the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Second, this hotel is a good example of a moderately-priced facility catering to short-term travellers, many of which came and went via the next-door Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot. The hotel rooms were primarily small and simple, and had minimal decoration that appealed to those persons looking for economical, yet good quality temporary lodging near the railroad depot. But, the Calumet was also much larger and more elaborate than the cheaper "railroad" hotels located around the depot. And, when the hotel was remodeled in 1920-22 remodeling effort, the owners hoped that the Calumet would successfully compete with the city's downtown hotels.

In 1907, right after the construction of the new brick portion of the old Forest Avenue Hotel, there were 21 hotels listed in the Fond du Lac city directory. In 1921, during the time the Forest Avenue Hotel was being remodeled into the Hotel Calumet, the number of hotels in Fond du Lac's city directory had dropped to 11. In 1924, 15 hotels were listed in the city directory. Using these directories and other historical information, a survey of extant historic hotels in Fond du Lac was conducted as part of the research for this nomination. The results of this survey indicated that most of these hotels have either been remodeled, lost considerable integrity, are very much smaller or of a different type of hotel building than the Hotel Calumet, or have been demolished. In fact, most of the hotels listed in the directories between 1907 and 1924 have been demolished.

Of the hotel buildings that are still extant in the city, four are located in downtown Fond du Lac and three are "railroad" hotels or boarding houses in the vicinity of the old Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot, near the Hotel Calumet. Of the downtown hotels, only one hotel even comes close to the size or has the

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integrity of the Calumet. It is the Hotel Retlaw (13 E. Division St.), built in 1922-23 and listed in the National Register in 1984. The eight-story Retlaw is very stylish and is the tallest building in downtown Fond du Lac. It is difficult to compare the Calumet or any other of the historic hotel buildings in Fond du Lac to the Retlaw, which is much larger and more elegant, and has the appearance of a hotel that would be found in a much larger city than Fond du Lac. The Calumet is not as decorative or as large as the Retlaw and it cannot really be compared to it because they are different types of hotels that were designed to satisfy different needs. It is of interest that at one time both hotels were owned and operated by the Schroeder Hotel Company of Milwaukee. It is not probable that the hotel company would have owned and operated both hotels if it thought that they served the same purpose.

The Calumet is, however, far superior in size and/or integrity when compared to the other extant downtown hotels. As has been discussed earlier, the Palmer House (at the corner of Main and Sheboygan Streets) has been completely remodeled and now has no historic appearance. The other two extant downtown hotels include the Fountain City Hotel (7-9 N. Main St.) and the Carey House (41-43 N. Main St.). The Fountain City Hotel is a simple double storefront commercial building that probably housed a small hotel in its second story. The Carey House is another double storefront commercial building that has been totally remodeled. In fact, the entire historic facade of the old Carey House location has been covered over with modern materials.

Of the hotels or boarding houses that were once located around the old railroad depot near the Calumet, only three are still extant. They are the Northwestern Hotel (177-79 Forest Ave.), the Central Hotel (251 Forest Ave.), and the Railroad Center Hotel (177 W. 2nd St.). Of these three buildings, only the Northwestern Hotel has any historic integrity, but it is only a two-story, single storefront brick commercial block that is dwarfed by the nearby Hotel Calumet. The Northwestern Hotel predates the Calumet and is, perhaps, typical of the small railroad hotels of Fond du Lac, but it is in no way similar to the Calumet.

The Central Hotel is a two-story gabled ell frame building with a "boomtown" commercial front on the main block. Possibly a large house that was later remodeled, the Central Hotel is much smaller than the Calumet and has a severe loss of integrity due to late twentieth century remodeling. The Railroad Center Hotel appears to be a simple frame commercial block attached to a frame house. Like the Central Hotel, it is much smaller than the Calumet and also suffers from a severe loss of integrity due to late twentieth century remodeling. Both of these hotels probably began as boarding houses for railroad travellers or railroad crews and grew

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into hotels. In any event, all three of the "railroad" hotels do not favorably compare to the Hotel Calumet.

Of additional significance is the fact that the Hotel Calumet was, in part, a "railroad" hotel, serving the public who used the old Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot next door. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad (C & NW) was a major railroad in Wisconsin and was the most important railroad line in the eastern part of the state. Fond du Lac became a major terminal point for the C & NW and at one time the railroad operated a large car repair shop in North Fond du Lac. In 1890, the C & NW ran 46 passenger trains and 54 freight trains through the city every day. The traffic was so heavy that the fine passenger and freight depot the C & NW constructed in 1891 was doubled in size in 1916. (9)

In retrospect, when the old Forest Avenue Hotel was doubled in size and became the Hotel Calumet in 1922, train travel had peaked in Wisconsin. In 1922, with the personal automobile in its infancy, especially for long-distance travel, trains were the most important mode of transportation in the country. A large hotel next to a major railroad depot was logical, because no one could have foreseen the decline of train travel in the future and that hotel use would change so radically that the need for a hotel the size of the Calumet, right next to the railroad depot, would become obsolete. It is likely that the Calumet continued on as a hotel into the 1960s only because Fond du Lac was such an important stop along the Chicago and Northwestern line and because the C & NW railroad kept the depot open for both passenger and freight service well into the 1970s.

The Hotel Calumet, then, represents a hotel building that is not only important in the history of hotel development in Fond du Lac, as has been discussed earlier, but that also represents the era of rail passenger travel and the hotels that served them. It is, as shown by the hotel survey results discussed above, the best example of a "railroad" related hotel in Fond du Lac, but in fact, the Hotel Calumet was unique in the community. Its location next to the C & NW depot conveniently served railroad travellers, and also provided a level of elegance that attracted patrons who might have stayed in the more elaborate downtown hotels in the city.

The Hotel Calumet was never elaborately decorated, but its Classical Revival details and the original first floor exterior was attractive. The remodeling of the first floor exterior lessened the building's integrity somewhat, but these changes have been reversed by the renovation of the building that has recently been completed. The renovation has restored the exterior of this building to its early twentieth century appearance, and in particular, the restoration of historic openings and

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storefronts that are seen on the old photograph of the building. It was the goal of the renovation of this building to return the Calumet Hotel to its appearance in 1922 when prominent Fond du Lac attorney John P. McGalloway referred to the hotel as a "beautiful monument of our progress."

Notes to Section 8:

1. The period of significance reflects the date when the last major rebuilding took effect.
2. The c. 1905 date was based on an analysis of Sanborn-Perris Fire Insurance Maps, on file in the Archives of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, city directories for Fond du Lac, on file in the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, and "Is Sold Again," Fond du Lac Daily Reporter, 10 June 1908, p. 4. The 1920-22 date is from "The New Forest Avenue Hotel," Fond du Lac Daily Commonwealth, 17 September 1920, p. 4 and "New Calumet Formally Opens; Lauded as Fine Enterprise," Fond du Lac Daily Commonwealth, 13 June 1922, p. 5.
3. Maurice McKenna, ed., Fond du Lac County Wisconsin Past and Present, Vol. 1, Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1912, p. 323.
4. Ibid.
5. "Hotel is Sold," Fond du Lac Daily Reporter, 7 November 1907, p. 4; "Is Sold Again;" "Hotel Changes," Fond du Lac Daily Reporter, 25 March 1909, p. 5; "Hotel Changes Hands Again," Fond du Lac Daily Reporter, 19 April 1909, p. 5; "Lease on Hotel," Fond du Lac Daily Commonwealth, 28 September 1912, p. 8; "Will Enlarge the Forest Ave. Hotel," Fond du Lac Daily Commonwealth, 25 July 1916, p. 5.
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

- Primary location of additional data:
- State Historic preservation office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The verbal boundary consists of the property's legal description: Slocum's Addition, Block 2, the north 110 feet of Lots 1 and 2.

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Boundary Justification

This boundary encompasses the entire historic setting of this property.

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CALUMET HOTEL, 170 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin.  
Photos by C. Cartwright, October, 1989. Negatives at the State Historical Society  
of Wisconsin. Views:

- 1 of 11: View from the northeast.
- 2 of 11: Forest Avenue facade, view from the northeast.
- 3 of 11: Site view from the southeast.
- 4 of 11: Harrison Place facade, view from the northeast.
- 5 of 11: Window detail of Harrison Place facade.
- 6 of 11: Interior view, lobby.
- 7 of 11: Interior view, main staircase.
- 8 of 11: Interior view, main staircase balustrade.
- 9 of 11: Interior view, hallway in older part of hotel, second floor.
- 10 of 11: Interior view, room in older part of hotel, second floor.
- 11 of 11: Interior view, hallway in south ell or newer part of the hotel, second floor.

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

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Photos by Joe DeRose, July 30, 1992  
Negatives located at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

The above information applies to all of the following photographs:

- Photo 1 of 5 Exterior, east (Harrison Place) facade, view looking southwest
- Photo 2 of 5 Exterior, east (Harrison Place) facade, view looking southwest
- Photo 3 of 5 Exterior, east (Harrison Place) facade, view looking northwest
- Photo 4 of 5 Exterior, north (Forest Avenue) facade, view looking southeast
- Photo 5 of 5 Exterior, south and west facades, view looking northeast