

~~Building at~~
510-516 Ohio Street
d. 1891-92

Owner: Woodburn Printing Co.
510-16 Ohio Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Description:

Photo #6, Bldg. #64

This large brick commercial structure, built between 1891 and 1892, is a relatively restrained version of the Italianate style. It has a rectangular plan and a flat roof, and features decorative detailing of stone, pressed metal, and cast iron. The building was purchased by its present owner in 1964 and renovated in 1975.

The main facade of this three-story structure, which faces south onto Ohio Street, contains the bulk of the building's architectural detailing. The ground floor area of this facade is divided into five equal bays by cast iron pilasters; the three westernmost pilasters are highly decorated while those to the east are slimmer and lack this detailing. These pilasters support a frieze and a small cornice which stretches across this facade just above the ground floor level. The present ground floor fenestration is the result of a relatively recent remodeling. The second and third floors of the building are identical, divided into three major sections by piers faced with rusticated limestone, centered over the three westernmost pilasters, ascending from the ground floor cornice to the building's frieze. The two smaller units to the west contain three identical segmental arched windows each, per floor. The larger eastern unit contains five window openings on each floor. The center openings contain a double window unit surmounted by a single segmental arch, while the other openings contain segmental-arched windows identical to those in the western bays. The facade terminates with a pressed-metal frieze and bracketed cornice.

Significance:

The building at 510-516 Ohio Street is architecturally significant as an intact and representative example of late 19th century brick commercial architecture with cast-iron detailing—a significant local type associated with the city's rapid growth in the late 19th century. This building type became particularly popular in Terre Haute because the necessary cast-iron elements were readily available from fabricators in nearby Evansville. This particular structure, built in 1890-91 for Julia Patrick, still retains its cast-iron pilasters, as well as its stone detailing and upper story fenestration. Originally, this building housed the Hunter and Pickley livery and Sam Frank's clothing factory; since 1964 it has been owned by the Woodburn Printing Company, which undertook a rehabilitation in 1975.

Geographical Data:

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16/464660/4368340

Boundary: Map #1806-21, Parcel #015, Block #476