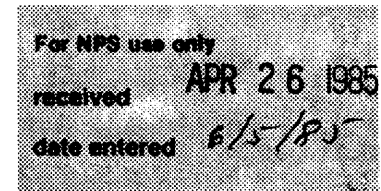


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The Second St. Joseph Hotel
117-119 W. Colfax
141-56037-598
d. 1868

Owner: Jim Cook
Coldwell Banker
Anchor-Doolittle
P.O. Box 1020
South Bend, Indiana 46624

Description:

Photo #1-3, Building #1

The Second St. Joseph Hotel is located midblock on Colfax between Main and Michigan Streets. The building is flanked by the Palais Royale (#29) on the east and the J. G. Kerr Building (#2) on the west.

The three-story structure is brick with a gable roof; the front or south facade has been stuccoed. On the front facade, the windows are double-hung 9/9 sash with stone sills and lintels. The window in the third bay from the east is wider than the other windows and contains two 4/4 double-hung sash.

The placement of the windows divides the structure into two commercial establishments. The east end of the building has five windows with the paired 4/4 in the center directly over the entrance to 117 W. Colfax. Scars on the wall indicate that the entrance once had an arched hood similar to the one at the 119 entrance.

The wider space between the second and third bay of windows from the west provides a separation for the two establishments. The western half of the structure (119 W. Colfax) is two bays wide with a center entrance. A segmental arched stone hood surmounts the recessed entranceway. A stained glass transom is located over the door.

The parapet cornice line on the front facade is a later addition and appears to have been added c. 1890 in an attempt to modernize the building to Italianate. The brackets and projecting eaves have since been removed.

On the east facade a large loft door has been cut on the third floor. The timber-framed opening has two diagonally sided doors, a six-pane transom light and large metal hoist. The majority of original windows are extant on the east facade.

Significance:

The Second St. Joseph Hotel is significant not only because of its age—it is the oldest extant commercial structure in the city of South Bend and the second oldest building in the Multiple Resource area—but also because of its association with some of the city's leading entrepreneurs and its architecture style.

The building was constructed in 1868, at least 20 years before any of the other extant commercial buildings in South Bend's Central Business District. The only other structure in the Multiple Resource Area older than the Second St. Joseph Hotel is the Second County Courthouse from 1854.

In addition, its style is unusual when compared to other commercial buildings of that era in South Bend. Rather than the typical Italianate commercial building with its flat roof and heavy cornice, the Second St. Joseph Hotel is more of a federal style

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building with its gable roof that was originally punctuated by gable dormers. Timothy Howard comments in his History of St. Joseph County that the hotel, which was built by a Pennsylvanian named David Greenawalt, "reflects the peculiar Pennsylvania ideas of architecture."

The Second St. Joseph Hotel is one of only a few remaining structures in the Federal style in South Bend and the only commercial building in that style. The building, which was planned and built as a hotel, opened on September 10, 1868; it changed hands frequently until 1876 when it was closed. The hotel stood empty for four years until Marvin Campbell (later owner and president of Campbell Box & Tag Company) leased the building for a hardware store. After Campbell left the building in 1884, the structure was subsequently occupied by a number of small businesses, including hardware merchants, commission merchants, printers, bookbinders, furniture dealers, and electrical manufacturers. Included in the past occupants of the building was the South Bend Bait Company, one of the nation's leading fishing plug manufacturers, which had their factory on the second floor between 1912 and 1917. The most recent occupant, Sonneborns Sport Shop, a leading area sporting goods concern, was in the building for almost 40 years until their closing in 1983.

UTM Reference: 16/562330/4614080 Acreage: Less than one acre

Legal: 66' East End of Lot 7 original plat of South Bend
Parcel #18-1008-0306