

1101 South Main Street

1883¹

John Steiner Store.

John Steiner had this two story red brick veneered building built in 1883 for his general store.² The exterior features triple arch facade with the arches filled in, a parapet wall with bracketed cornice, and S braces to tie the veneer to the building. It used to have a veranda balcony on the 2nd level.³ John Steiner died in 1885³ and for a short time the building was occupied by Mike Rupp's soda water factory. In 1902 Emil Lehman bought the building and moved in. Emil Lehman was born in New Orleans, coming to Alma in 1857. In 1879 he married Anna Harry and they opened a truck and dairy farm on Lehman's island below town. They did a lucrative business supplying passing steamboats with wood for fuel as well as milk, ice and fresh vegetables. He was forced to leave the island due to poor health, so he leased the island to his nephew Fred Harry and purchased this house and moved in. He died in August of 1902⁴ but it remained the residence of his wife until her death in 1933.

¹ Buffalo County Journal May 24, 1883

² Ibid

³ Ibid December 23, 1886

⁴ Ibid August 21, 1902

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City: **Alma**
 County: **Buffalo**
 Street Address: **1101 South Main Street (G)**
 Present Name/Use: **Geneva Feuling**
 Owner: **Geneva Feuling**
 1101 South Main
 Alma, Wisconsin
 54610

Surveyor: **Barbara Anderson-Sannes**
 Date: **Summer 1979**
 Legal Descrip. **BEINER'S Lot 1 BLOCK A ADDITION**
 Acreage **11/100 acre**
 Special Features Not Visible In Photographs:
interior has been altered a number of times
 Interior Visited? Yes No

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Original Name/Use: **John Steiner Store** Source: **1**
 Dates of Construction: **1883** Source: **1**
 Architect/Builder: **UNK** Source: **1**
 Architectural Significance:
 Represents Work of a Master
 Possesses High Artistic Values
 Represents a Type, Period, or Method of Construction
 Is a Visual Landmark
 Other:

Historical Data			
Owner	Dates	Uses	Sources
John Steiner	1883 - 1886	Store	1
Elisa Steiner-Reidt	1886 - 1897	residence	2
William Kaufman	1897 - 1902	"	"
Emil Lehman	1902 - 1902	"	"
Anna Lehman	1902 - 1933	"	"
Emma Hopkins	1933 - 1946	"	"

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Statement of Architectural Significance:
(over)

Historical Significance:
 Associated With the Lives of Significant Persons
 Associated With Significant Historic Events
 Associated With Important Cultural Pattern
 Other:

Sources of Information (Reference To Above)
Buffalo County Journal 5/24/1883
Buffalo County Journal

Statement of Historical Significance:

Representation in Previous Surveys:
 NRHP WRL Local Landmark HABS
 Other: **Wisc. Inventory of Historic Places**

Opinion of Eligibility for National Register:
 Eligible Not Eligible Unknown
 Initials: **BW** Date: **3-14-80**