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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME *Caradine Building*

HISTORIC

Wells Block

AND/OR COMMON

Caradine Building (preferred name)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1007 - 16th Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE

55

COUNTY

Green

CODE

045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Alma P. Caradine

STREET & NUMBER

2639 - 6th Street

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Green County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1869, the Caradine Building is a two-story cream brick commercial structure located between two other commercial blocks on the west side of the courthouse square in Monroe.

The original first floor storefront configuration is intact, with a narrow doorway leading to the second floor at the far right. The stairhall is lit by a large transom light over the door. Originally this door was recessed but now it is flush with the transom light. The rest of the first floor facade is symmetrically arranged with a central recessed entryway between two large French plate glass windows, the first in Monroe.¹ Above these windows are two smaller lights.

Thin cast iron columns support a denticulated brick cornice between the first and second stories. Above, three round-arched windows are trimmed with elaborate brickwork. The central window trim is the most complex, with brick side pilasters supporting a curved triangular pediment of several layers of molded bricks. The side windows are simpler, with a square design of molded brick resting on corbels at the springing of the arch. The upper third of glazing on the windows is original, but the original four light sash below has been replaced by plate glass.

The composition is topped off by an elaborate brickwork cornice of many corbels supporting a course of denticulation. A central parapet also of brick originally decorated the roofline, but it was removed in 1946.

The north and south brick walls are twelve inches thick firewalls built on the adjoining properties. The building is 23' x 100' on the first floor. The second floor extends 60' to the west. The back has two doors on the first level and three windows on the set-back wall above. Two of the original ten chimneys remain. The interior has been altered through the years to accommodate its changing uses. The basement, in which the stone foundation is visible, still has a dirt floor. Recent work on the sidewalk and old photographs reveal that an outside areaway with stair once led to the basement.

¹History of Green County, 1884.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1869¹

BUILDER/ARCHITECT G. F. Schultze²

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Caradine Building is an excellent example of Victorian commercial architecture. It is among the few to retain its original storefront, including its glass windows. It is the oldest surviving structure on the west side of the courthouse square in a community that has been the political and commercial center of Green County since the 1840s.

History

The Caradine Building was constructed in 1869 for Elisha Mosher, a prominent early settler.³ Mosher was born in New York State in 1800 and arrived in Green County in 1846.⁴ He purchased a steam sawmill which he operated for several years until he sold it to enter the mercantile business. He took an active interest in the political affairs of the county and held several political offices.

When he built the Caradine Building, the local residents were pleased to see that the structure would be of brick, since many of the earlier wooden buildings had already been destroyed by fire.⁵ When it was completed in early 1870, Mosher and Squire Bridge opened a commission and auction store in the building.⁶ Since 1923 the first floor has been a bakery operated by the Miller family.⁷ The second floor has been a dental office since 1907 when the first of three generations of Caradines began their practice of dentistry in this building. Dr. W. H. Caradine graduated from Northwestern University's first class of dentistry in 1897. He purchased the building in 1915 and it has remained in the Caradine family ever since. The first Dr. Caradine was also prominent in the construction business, building many of the houses on the northwest side of Monroe. He was also instrumental in the construction of the F. F. White Block, which concurrently is being nominated to the National Register. Caradine's son, H. B. Caradine, practised dentistry from 1918 to 1955 and his grandson, John F., from 1947 to the present.

The Caradine Building has served the community and county continuously since 1869. It remains as one of the few early reminders of Monroe's continuing importance as a local trade center.

Architecture

The Caradine Building is one of the finest remaining examples of mid-Victorian commercial architecture in the state. Its design is a smaller version of the three-story Baker-Fredendall Block built in Janesville in the same year, in which central

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2300 sq. ft. (.053 acres)

QUADRANGLE NAME Monroe, Wis.-Ill.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 116 28134310 47197810
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The south 23 feet of the north 29 feet of lot 17 of Lybrands Addition to the City of Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. John (Sue) Caradine and Mrs Leland (Orene) Lamboley

ORGANIZATION

Women's Club of Monroe

DATE

May 28, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

608-325-2757

CITY OR TOWN

Monrow

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE x

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Remy

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

3/6/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5.8.79

ATTEST:

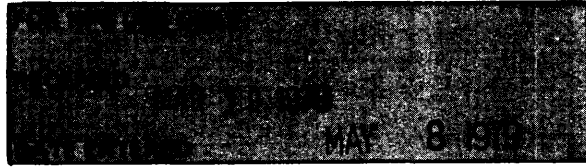
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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

5.3.79

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windows of identical design are flanked by two windows on each side similar to those on the Caradine Building. This five-window composition is repeated to make a ten-window facade. All other details are exact duplicates, down to the cast iron columns, which on both buildings are stamped "RRIW [Rock River Iron Works, Janesville], 1869." The Janesville building was designed by G. F. Schultze, an architect who had just arrived in Janesville after having previously practiced architecture in Milwaukee and Germany.⁷ Schultze's design is highly unusual; most contemporary structures are more obviously derived from historic styles and are therefore often quite similar. But the careful, virtuoso handling of molded brick created an original and lively facade which exemplifies both the commercial architecture of the Victorian period and the German tradition of brick craftsmanship.

¹ Abstract, Ekum Abstractors.

² Attribution based on similarity to Fredendall Block, Janesville (1869), by Schultze.

³ Abstract.

⁴ History of Green County, 1884.

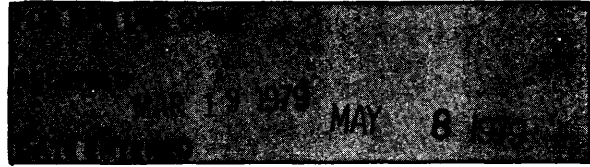
⁵ Monroe Sentinel, February 16, 1870.

⁶ Mrs. William Miller, wife of operator.

⁷ Monroe Sentinel, February 16, 1870.

⁸ Holland's Janesville Directory, 1870-1871, and letter from N. B. Douglas to K. E. Hundt, September 18, 1978.

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