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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88002116

Date Listed: 11/14/88

W.W. Shirk Building
Property Name

Delaware
County

IN
State

Downtown Muncie MRA
Multiple Name

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.

Patrick Andrews
for Signature of the Keeper

11/29/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination form contains two dates of construction for this building. Frank Hurdis with the Indiana SHPO has clarified that the correct date is 1906. The form is now officially amended to reflect the correct date.

DISTRIBUTION:

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W. W. SHIRK BUILDING
Canopic Apartments
219 East Jackson Street
1906

Owner: Hastings Realty
219 East Jackson Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

DESCRIPTION:

Bldg. #178, Photo #41

This commercial and residential structure occupies the southwest corner of Jefferson and Jackson streets. It is three stories in height and sets on a quarter block. It is L-shaped in plan with a heavy corniced parapet masking the hip roof line.

The building is of brick masonry construction. The Jefferson and Jackson street facades are faced with a tan pressed brick and limestone detailing. The more utilitarian portions of the building are of common red brick. The limestone is used as quoins, keystones, lintels and sills throughout the facade. The main residential entrances are on Jefferson street. The major entry is in the center bay in an arched, keystone opening. There is a second arched entrance in the southern most bay that is similar in appearance, but the earlier noted entry makes the strongest statement due to its placement and the finial bearing the buildings name at the top of the cornice line.

There are two secondary residential entries at the Jackson Street side, but they are simple in form and lack the arched elaborateness of the other two. To the rear, on the inside of the L, are the porches for the residential units. The porches are of wooden construction with stairs leading to the ground.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Built by William Shirk in 1896, shortly before his death, the Canopic Apartments were the most prestigious downtown address at the time. The building is a fine example of early twentieth century interpretation of Italian renaissance palazzo design.

Shirk was a hardware dealer who made a small fortune during the gas boom. He was interested in real estate and this building

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represents his last and largest commercial development effort. The building was erected at a cost of \$70,000 and when completed boasted the names of many of the city's elite as its occupants.

Geographical Data:

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 16 537520 4450 180

Boundary: Map #11-15A, Block #102, Parcel #003