

The Laue family may have first become fond of work of the Walser Brother carpenters when they finished this dwelling for Fred, Jr. in the fall of 1896.<sup>1</sup> The two story second Empire style house was unusual for Alma, (and this is the only one of its kind in the city) although houses of this type had been built much earlier in other nearby rivertowns such as Winona. It features the characteristic mansard roof with concave sides and slightly projecting windows. The eaves are bracketed. There are two leaded glass transom windows on the west first story. The front foundation wall has been covered with glazed brick. A side porch on the southeast has spindles and spools along its porch frieze. Around the east back yard is a small frame structure which served as a summer kitchen and servants quarters. Inside, the house ~~had~~<sup>has</sup> ten foot ceilings, oak trim throughout, and leaded glass French doors on a built-in bookcase. The house has an elegant feel, which one would expect for the namesake and co-partner of local lumber baron, Fred Laue, Sr. In 1912, Fred, Jr. became sole proprietor of the Laue Lumber Co. and managed its three yards in Alma, Nelson and Cochrane. He served as Alma's mayor during the First World War.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Buffalo County Journal, 6 Aug. 1896; 27 Aug. 1896; 1 Oct. 1896.

<sup>2</sup> Personal interview with Fred Jr.'s niece, Miss Esther Tbach, on 29 March 1979.

<sup>3</sup> History of Buffalo & Pepin Counties, Wis., (pp. 230-1).

City: **Alma** County: **Buffalo**

Street Address: **109 South Main St. (H)**

Property Name/Use: **Patrick No11 Residence**

Roll No. Owners' Name & Address:  
**Patrick L. No11**  
**1109 South Main St.**  
**Alma WI 54610**

Assessive No.

Map Sheet Orient.: **West**

Surveyor: **Michael Wm. Doyle** Date: **6 April 1979**

Legal Description: **Lot 4, Block "A", Beiner's Addition** Acreage: **11/100 acre**

Special Features Not Visible In Photographs:  
**Interior: 10' ceilings, oak trim**  
**leaded glass French doors on built-in bookcase**  
**Summer kitchen/servant's quarters in separate building east of house**  
**Cistern**

Interior Visited?  Yes  No

Street: **S. Main St.**

Number: **1189**

Original Name/Use: **Fredrick Laue Jr. Residence** Source: **1**

Year of Construction: **1896** Source: **1**

Architect/Builder: **Irish & Anton Walser** Source: **2**

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
Fred. Laue, Jr.	1896-	Residence	1

Architectural Description:  
**(over)**

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

Statement of Historical Significance:

Sources of Information (Reference To Above)  
**Buffalo County Journal: 6 Aug., 27 Aug., & 1 Oct. 1896**  
**Interview w/ Esther Ibach, Fred Laue Jr.'s niece & lifelong Alma resident, on 29 March 1979 at her house.**

Representation in Previous Surveys:  HABS  NRHP  WRL  Local Landmark

Other: **SHSW "Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places"**

Opinion of Eligibility for National Register:  
 Eligible  Not Eligible  Unknown

Initials: **BW** Date: **3-14-80**