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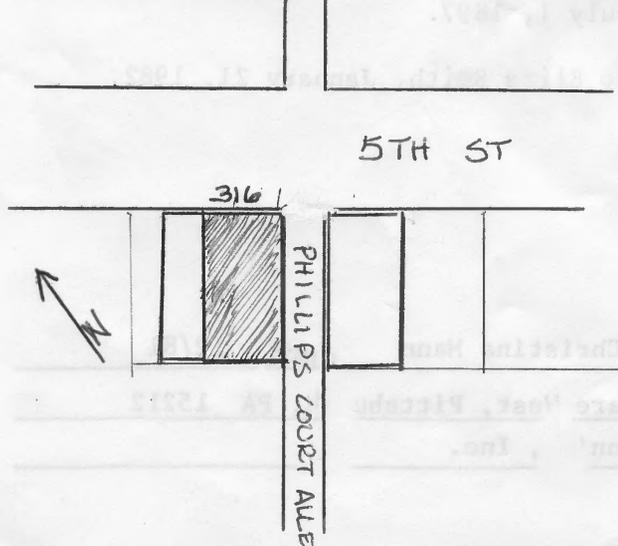
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DISTRICT . SITE . BUILDING . STRUCTURE . OBJECT

- 1. NAME(S), historic/common: Sharon Lodge #28 I.O.O.F.  
*(Downtown Parkersburg MA)*
- 2. LOCATION, street/road: 316 Fifth St. (W corner of 5th St. & Phillips Court)  
TAX MAP - LOT # 93-20  
city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101  
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION, present: commercial/social hall (lodge) (public/private restricted)  
original: social hall (lodge)
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: I.O.O.F. address above (public/private)  
original: Sharon Lodge #28 I.O.O.F.  
310 Ninth Street, Parkersburg
- 5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R2-F15  
8201-R1-F 12-16
- 7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



- 6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):
- 8. ACREAGE (approx):



40' x 85'

COUNTY: WOOD  
Survey Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning District: \_\_\_\_\_

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric

stone trim \_\_\_\_\_  
 brick Pompeian \_\_\_\_\_  
 concrete \_\_\_\_\_  
 stucco \_\_\_\_\_  
 weatherboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 clapboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 board & batten \_\_\_\_\_  
 shingle \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Structural System

masonry X \_\_\_\_\_  
 frame \_\_\_\_\_  
 log \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 foundation stone \_\_\_\_\_

c. Roofing Material

wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 slate On tall hip roof over front \_\_\_\_\_  
 tile \_\_\_\_\_ portion \_\_\_\_\_  
 asphalt \_\_\_\_\_  
 composition \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 dependencies \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated \_\_\_\_\_  
 alterations 1st and 2nd story \_\_\_\_\_  
brick infill \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 additions \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Condition:

excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
 good \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair X \_\_\_\_\_  
 deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_  
 abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

g. Threats:

None apparent.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

- a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:  
Harry R. Warne, Arch.  
J.M. Charfer, Builder
- b. Style/Period: Romanesque/  
Eclectic
- c. Date(s): 1897 (datestone)

This building incorporates an eclectic combination of Romanesque features, including broad stone arches, squat colonettes, and deep medieval corbeling. It is the earliest known work of a significant West Virginia architect.

While marred by 1st story front elevation alterations, the building as a whole reflects significant late Victorian design features that have nearly disappeared from the downtown. The vertical emphasis of the Dutch stepped parapet and steep hip roof, is characteristic of two important turn-of-the-century buildings: Parkersburg City Hall (demolished) and Wood County Courthouse. Architect H. Rus Warne (1872-1954) of Parkersburg and Charleston later attained statewide fame for his buildings and public commissions and as an organizer of professional architects.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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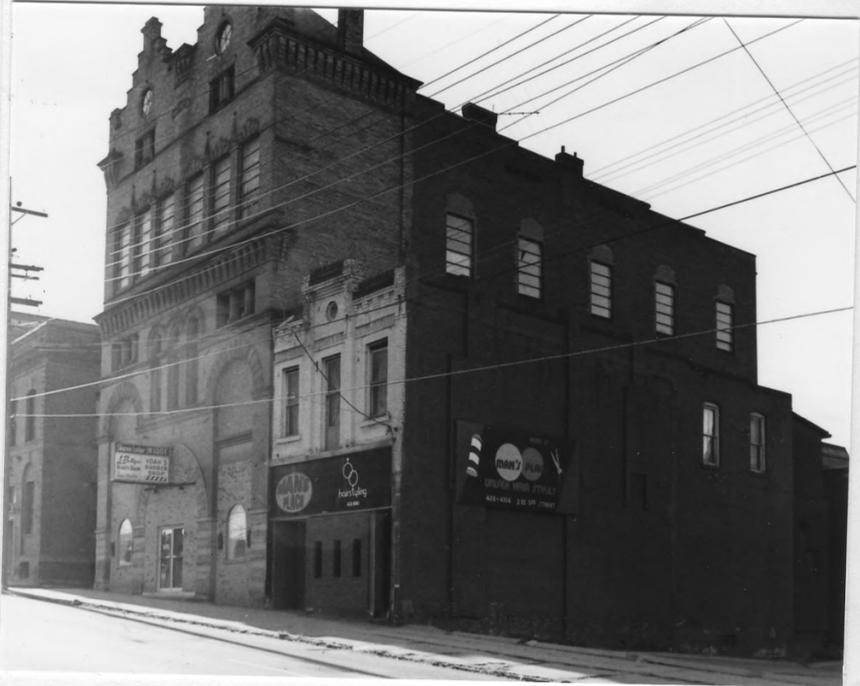
12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann, DATE 12/81

a. Address Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

b. Organization Landmarks Plann, Inc.

Sharon Lodge #28 I.O.O.F.  
316 Fifth St. (W corner of 5th St. & Phillips Court Alley)  
93-20

This 5-story building incorporates an eclectic combination of basically Romanesque features. Its 2 to 3 bay facade is crowned by a deep Chateausque hip roof over the front portion, fronted by 2 stepped gable parapets; the gables contain oculars above paired d/s with colonettes; cornice-level corbeling flanks the gables and wraps around the sides of the building. The 4th story features 6 d/s windows with relieving arches, separated by pilaster strips and resting on a continuous sill course. Above the 3rd story is a deep corbeled cornice; the central bay contains a lowered triad of stilted arched windows (transomed 1/1) whose pilaster strip capitals and sill course continues as a sill course for the triad d/s with squat colonettes in the flanking bays. The 1st and 2nd stories, having a broad arched aperture flanked by 2 tall narrow ones, are now mostly filled in with brick. The rear is inaccessible, but appears to be quite plain.



Sharon Jackson 428 E.O.O.F.  
316 Fifth St. (W. corner of 5th St. & Phillips Court Alley)  
93-20

This 2-story building incorporates an eclectic combination of basically  
Romanesque features. Its 2 to 3 bay facade is crowned by a deep  
Gothic arch over the front portion, flanked by 2 steeply gabled  
pilasters; the gables contain oculi above pairs of windows; cornice  
level corbeling flanks the gables and wraps around the sides of the building.  
The 4th story features 6 1/2 windows with relieving arches, separated by  
pilaster strips and resting on a continuous sill course. Above the 3rd story  
is a deep corbelled cornice; the central bay contains a lowered triad of  
arched windows (triglyphs), those pilaster strips, capitals and sill  
course continues as a sill course for the triad with spandrel colonnettes in  
the blanking bays. The 1st and 2nd stories, having a broad arched opening  
flanked by 2 tall narrow ones, are now mostly filled in with brick. The  
roof is inaccessible, but appears to be quite plain.

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