

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Structure/Site Information Form

Significant Site #27

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 33-35 N. Main Street

UTM: 12/356425/4237350

Name of Structure: Odd Fellows Hall/Beaver Drugstore
(Beaver MRA)

T. R. S.

Present Owner: I.O.O.F. Lodge

Acreage: Less than one

Owner Address: Beaver, Ut. 84713

Year Built (Tax Record):
Legal Description

Effective Age:
Kind of Building:

Tax #: B-104-B

Com 101.06 ft N of SE Cor Lot 1, Blk 28, Plat A, Beaver City Survey;
Th N 27.5 ft; W 138 ft; S 27.5 ft; E 138 ft to Beginning.

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: ^{Probably} Charles C. Woodhouse

Construction Date: 1903

Demolition Date:

Original Use: Commercial/Social

Present Use: Same

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography: Date of Slides: 1931 Slide No.: Date of Photographs: Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Field work |

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

Beaver County Records (1933 tax photo):

Beaver Press, November 7, 1940. Newspaper clipping located in the "Beaver File,"
Utah State Historical Society Library.

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Brick, frame

Building Type/Style: Commercial

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:
(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The Odd Fellows Hall is a two story brick commercial building constructed between two other commercial structures. The first floor is composed of a store front with an indented entry and large display windows, and a door on the north side which leads to the second story. The second story is faced with pressed metal, now painted white, that was made to resemble stone. A pressed metal cornice bears the initials of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows - IOOF. Two pairs of double hung windows are centered on the facade.

From a 1933 photograph it has been determined that the second story of the building is essentially unaltered. Several major changes have been made to the first floor, but unlike many remodeled commercial buildings whose first floors have been completely obliterated by siding and modern displays, the basic form of the first floor of the Odd Fellows Hall is still intact. It still retains the indented entrance and large display windows characteristic of late nineteenth century commercial buildings. The frame moldings and base of the store front have been replaced with aluminum stripping and green brick (date of alteration unknown). A row of transoms which spanned the width of the building were covered (post-1930s). The original door to the second story has been replaced, and the transom above it has been covered (date unknown).

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date: 1903

The Odd Fellows Hall, built in 1903, is significant as one of only four commercial structures on Main Street that retain historic integrity, and as the only building in Beaver documenting the importance of secular fraternal lodges and societies in the development of the town. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows ranked as an important nineteenth and twentieth century fraternal organization, who served a vital social function in many towns throughout the country. The eventual acquisition of this building by the Beaver Grand Lodge symbolized the adherence of this social order to the town of Beaver.

This commercial structure was built in about 1903, probably by Charles C. Woodhouse. Scant records indicate that the structure served as a commercial property on the first floor and housed meeting rooms and social space on the second. In 1926 the IOOF Beaver Lodge, who had apparently been utilizing the second floor of the facility, decided to purchase the property as their own. The building was mortgaged and finally paid off in November, 1940. It continues to be owned by the IOOF Lodge.

An original 1917 Sanborn map and an updated map of 1931 indicate that the structure housed a drug store on the first floor. It continues in that function as the home of Beaver Drug.