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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 Club Harbor
HISTORIC Fuhrman's Hotel
AND/OR COMMON Club Harbor (preferred)

2 LOCATION Jct. of WI 151 and WI W
STREET & NUMBER Northwest corner of STH 151 & CTH "W"
CITY, TOWN Pipe Village VICINITY OF Sixth
STATE Wisconsin CODE 55 COUNTY Fond du Lac CODE 039

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 Mr. and Mrs. Steven York
STREET & NUMBER Route 1, Box 103
CITY, TOWN Malone VICINITY OF Wisconsin 53049

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Fond du Lac STATE Wisconsin 54935

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places
DATE 1974 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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fuhrman's Hotel, an early picturesque structure, is located on the corner of STH 151 (Old Military Road) and CTH "W" in the Village of Pipe. The large 2-story and attic building has been a major landmark in the area since its construction about 1850. The inn is rectangular in plan and is built of red brick that has been painted. It rests on a fieldstone foundation. Massive six foot timbers, centered and spaced in the long axis of the floor plan support hand hewn black walnut beams. Framing and interior paneling is also of black walnut. The gable roof features cornice returns and is covered with asphalt shingles.

A wooden porch with a shed roof supported by slender posts originally extended the length of the facade. The floor has been replaced by a concrete stoop at the main entrance. The porch roof remains, now supported by oversized scroll brackets. In 1965 a one story addition with a roof-top dining area was added on the back (west) wall.

Segmental arched windows surround the building. Fenestration of the front and back (east and west) walls is asymmetrical. The side (north and south) walls feature four windows at both the first and second stories and two windows in the gables.

The facade of the hotel was originally equipped with two entrances. The entrance to the men's barroom, near the southeast corner, is now bricked in. The remaining entrance, slightly south of center, is segmental arched with side lights. A multi-paned fan light has been altered to accommodate an air conditioner.

Three brick chimneys accent the roof ridge. The central, principal chimney services the basement heat source; the others serve additional heating units for the second and third floors. Illumination for the third floor is provided by five small gable roofed dormers with segmental arched windows. Three of the dormers are on the front slope, while two are on the rear.

The building is sparsely decorated. Louvered shutters once accenting the windows have been removed. Two large oak trees shade the west wall of the inn and soften its appearance. Metal hood awnings shade the first floor windows of the north and west walls.

Many of the interior features of Fuhrman's Hotel were altered during the 1941 remodeling. The first floor, divided by a central hall with staircase to the second floor ballroom, was once composed of two large public rooms. Double doors opened into the men's barroom in the south half. These doors, along with their original latches fashioned by a Green Bay craftsman, remain in the hall. The north half of the first floor was once the women's parlor. This hallway and staircase were removed in 1941 and the two rooms opened into one, which is now used as a public bar and grill. A door on the north wall of the barroom opens into the stairwell to the second floor. The dining room is reached through a archway in the west wall of the barroom.

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The second floor originally featured a dance hall and seven rental rooms. Five of the rooms, including the original dance hall, have been modernized for the present owners' use. The third floor remains largely unchanged; a two-room bridal suite and eleven small rooms are still without electricity. Doors for most of these rooms have been missing since the depression years. The hotel is no longer used for lodging, but remains a popular dining establishment.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 c. 1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fuhrman's Hotel played a significant role in the early history of the Fond du lac area. Situated as the only stopping place between Green Bay and Taycheedah on a major transportation route, the tavern at Pipe served as a center for commerce, transportation, and settlement for many years.

Pipe, originally known as Calumet Harbor, was first settled in 1838 by Reverend George White from Green Bay. White conducted a general store near the natural harbor and, later, a post office. Recognizing the agricultural potential of the area, he purchased much of the surrounding land for the early settlers. Calumet Harbor soon became a haven for German immigrants, many of whom spread the news of the fertile country to relatives overseas. One of these letters was published in an 1846 issue of the German publication, Barmer Zeitungin, where it attracted the attention of Carl de Haas. De Haas arrived in the Town of Calumet a year later. There he purchased land and wrote a book, Nordamerica, Wisconsin, Calumet. Winke fur Auslanderer. In the book he describes the beauty of the land, its picturesque views and fertile soil. He also writes that, upon his arrival, he stayed at the only hotel in the area. The hotel was located in Pipe Village, where the proprietor was also a lawyer and a farmer.

At the time of de Haas' visit the tavern had already stood for two years. It was built in 1846 as the only hotel and stagecoach stop on the military road between Green Bay and Taycheedah. The innkeeper was Rufus P. Eaton, a native of New Hampshire. Eaton settled at Pipe in 1843 as a farmer. There he began the study of law on his own. He was examined and admitted to the bar in 1846, and to the Supreme Court in 1847. For ten years of his stay at Pipe Eaton acted as proprietor and lawyer. Later, he moved on to Appleton, and died in Manitowoc in 1885.

Jacob Henry Fuhrman, a young Bavarian immigrant, took over ownership of the tavern after Eaton's departure in 1856. Under his guidance the tavern flourished and eventually became well known as Fuhrman's Hotel. When Fuhrman died intestate in 1899, his wife Elizabeth ran the hotel for only five years before selling it in 1903.

Fuhrman's Hotel derived much importance from its location on the Military Road. Although poorly constructed and at times difficult to follow, the road provided a badly needed route from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien. Upon its completion in 1838 it linked the important posts of Ft. Howard, Ft. Winnebago, and Ft. Crawford. The tavern at Pipe witnessed much westward movement in close alliance with the Military Road.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see continuation sheet)

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.15

QUADRANGLE NAME Brothertown, Wis.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 39,45,0,5 4,86,29,7,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Also commencing at a stake on the East and West quarter line of Section 26-17-18 at a point in the center of the so-called Military Road 78 feet West of the center of said Section 26, thence along center of said road North 24° East 4 rods, thence West 24° North 20 rods thence South 24° West 13 (cont.)

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

Patricia Mueller

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Division, SHSW

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-3390

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 Murray

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE 10/24/79

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

W. Ray Luce
for KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1/22/80

ATTEST: *Emma Ann Saxe*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
Regional Coordinator

DATE 1/22/80

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8. The construction of a plank road in 1852 from Sheboygan to Fond du Lac added to the number of travelers in the area. For many years Fuhrman's Hotel was a major stopping place for the John Frink & Company Stage Line, serving the Fond du Lac-Sheboygan Road as well as the heavily traveled northern segment of the old Military Road.

The tavern's proximity to a natural harbor made it an ideal focus for passengers and freight travel on Lake Winnebago. Boats from Oshkosh brought wheat and other supplies to Pipe, there to be sent on to Sheboygan and Green Bay. Three excursion vessels, the Thistle, the Paul L., and the Leander Chat later kept Fuhrman's Hotel well supplied with guests.

Club Harbor, as the tavern is now called, is notable for its 130-year continuum as a public house. Although Fuhrman's Hotel no longer offers lodging, it remains a popular dining spot for weekend travelers and a center of social activity in the area. The old Military Road, STH 151, lies adjacent to the hotel's facade and retains its original role as a major route from Green Bay to Taycheedah.

9. DeHass, Carl, North America, Wisconsin, Hints for Immigrants, 1848, p. 25
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Maurice McKenna, History of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, Chicago, 1912, pp. 183-4
William A. Titus, "Historic Spots in Wisconsin," Wisconsin Magazine of History, June 1924, Vol. VII, No. 4, pp. 445-458
Reed, Parker McCobb, The Bench and Bar of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 1882, p. 282
Abstract of Property
Manitowoc Pilot, March 26, 1885
10. Verbal Boundary Description (continued)
- rods to the East and West quarter line, being the South line of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 26, thence East on said quarter line 21 rods and 20 links to the place of beginning, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 Section 26-17-18.