

This two story vernacular house was built as a duplex. The framing timbers were virgin Chippewa pine, floated through Beef Slough to Frederick Laue's Lumber Mill where it was sawn. According to the present owner, the wall posts and studs extend from the foundation wall to the roof in one continuous length. Red bricks, manufactured at the Wilkie Brickyard in Alma, make up the exterior veneer. The original roof had wooden shingles, since replaced by ridged tin sheets. There is a two story, screened-in porch on the west and two underground vaulted cellars attached on the east side, accessible by both apartments. The most striking feature is the decorative barge boards and pendants hanging from the eaves. The windows have segmental arches.

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City: **Alma** County: **Buffalo** Surveyor: **Michael Wm. Doyle** Date: **Summer 1979**

Street Address: **811 South Second St. (F)** Legal Description: **(house on Lot 5) Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9, Block 10 Lower Addition** Acreage: **1 1/100 acre**

Current Name/Use: **Raymond Loesel Residence** Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: **Two underground vaulted cellars attached on east side, each one accessed by apartments on ground & upstairs level.**

Film Roll No. Owners' Name & Address: **Raymond Loesel**
 Negative No. **811 South Second St.**
Alma WI 54610

Facade Orient.: **West** Interior Visited? Yes No

South Second

Original Name/Use: **John L. Senn Residence** Source: **1**

Dates of Construction: **1885** Source: **1**

Architect/Builder: **Unk** Source:

Historical Data			
Owner	Dates	Uses	Sources
John L. Senn	1885-	Residence	

Architectural Significance:
 Represents Work of a Master
 Possesses High Artistic Values
 Represents a Type, Period, or Method of Construction
 Is a Visual Landmark
 Other:

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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)

1	Interview w/ Raymond Loesel in his house, 11 Sept. 1978 by neighbor & ex-teacher Mrs. Arda D. Guenzler
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Representation in Previous Surveys: HABS NRHP WRL Local Landmark

Opinion of Eligibility for National Register: Eligible Not Eligible Unknown

Other: **SHSW "Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places"** Initials: **BW** Date: **3-14-80**