

City: **Alma** County: **Buffalo** Surveyor: **Barbara Anderson-Sanna** Date: **Summer 1979**

Street Address: **809 North Main Street (B)** Map Used: **6 1/100 acre**

Current Name/Use: **Burlington Hotel** Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: **wainscoting
brass footrail on bar
with large mirror behind
mirror framed with
pillars**

Film Roll No. **owner:** **Marie Hagen**
Negative No. **1004 S. Second**
Facade Orient.: **Alma, Wisconsin**
West **54610**

Interior Visited? Yes No

N. Main St.

Original Name/Use:		Source	Historical Data			
Dates of Construction:		Source	Owner	Dates	Uses	Sources
Burlington Hotel		1	Andrew Joos	1891 - 1905	hotel	1
1891		1	Hovland & Skrief	1905 - 1913	"	2
Architect/Builder:		Source	Herman Kockenbecker	1913 - 13	"	
Ulrich & Anton Walser		1	George Janett	1913 - 30	"	
Architectural Significance:			William Klose	1930 - 40	"	
<input type="checkbox"/> Represents Work of a Master <input type="checkbox"/> Possesses High Artistic Values <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Represents a Type, Period, or Method of Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Is a Visual Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			Leon Cal Emerson	1940 -	"	

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Statement of Architectural Significance:

(over)

Historical Significance:

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

legal description
 part of Government Lot #2 Section 2, Township 21 North of Range 13 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian: to-wit commencing at a point bearing South 45° ea 506 feet to the southeast corne of Ferdinand Walter's dwellin house; thence No. 24° West 67 feet; thence No. 66° East 417 feet, thence So. 24° East 67 feet, thence So. 66° West 417 feet to the point of beginning

No. Sources of Information (Reference To Above)

1	Buffalo County Journal Feb. 19, 1891
2	Journal April 13, 1905
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Representation in Previous Surveys: NRHP WRL Local Landmark HABS

Opinion of Eligibility for National Register:
 Eligible Not Eligible Unknown

Other: **SHSW** **Wisc. Inventory of Historic Place** Initials: **BW** Date: **3-14-80**

In 1891 Andrew Joos sold his store and hotel business and building to John Bernet and Anton Liesch and came to Alma.² He purchased this lot that was at that time located across from the depot and hired the Walsers brothers, Anton and Ulrich to build this hotel for him the same year.³ It is a two story frame building with brick veneer, the first floor being 12' high and containing the barroom, office, dining room and kitchen. The second floor is 9' high, containing 12 large bedrooms. The original part is 45' by 43', with an addition 20' by 36', two stories high built in 1894 by the Walsers Brothers. Andrew Joos named the hotel the Burlington at a gala opening dance and supper. It proved to be an appropriate name since it was largely patronized by railroad employees and people the railroad brought to Alma in addition to the steady customers from Alma. Andrew Joos continued to operate the hotel until he sold it in 1905 due to his poor health.⁴ The brick has been painted gray and the front porch with pillars and 2nd story veranda were taken down in the 1950's but it still retains much of its original appearance with keystone arch windows, a parapet with decorative brackets and a sheet metal cornice.

¹ Buffalo County Journal May 7, 1891

² Ibid January 22, 1891

³ Ibid February 19, 1891

⁴ Ibid April 13, 1905