

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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File No.:
Theme(s): 23
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DISTRICT: SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Mather Building/
Franklin & DeHaven Jewelers

(Downtown Parkersburg MRA)

2. LOCATION, street/road: 405 Market St.

TAX MAP-LOT #

92-60

city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101
(Incorporated/~~unincorporated~~)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: commercial

(public/private,
restricted)

original: commercial

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Peter Janetos, Int.

(public/private)

2206 Lincoln Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101

original:

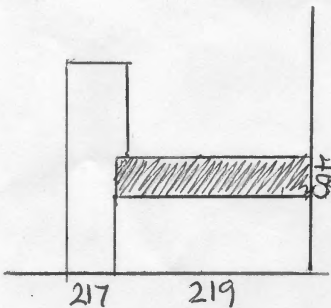
5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R4-F10, R5-F23-24,
8201-R2-F2-3

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):



MARKET ST

FOURTH ST

PARKING

BLENNER HASSETT

COUNTY: Wood
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric

stone facade
 brick red
 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 _____
 tile _____
 asphalt X
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations storefront

 additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None apparent.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

_____ ? _____

b. Style/Period: Classical

c. Date(s): 1898 (datestone)

This is a simple Classical design which forms part of a visually important cornerstone group with the Citizens National Bank and the Guaranty Building. Originally built as a jewelry store (Smith's?), it continues to operate as such. Interesting interior features include a fine tin ceiling and a built-in vault.

The Mather Building's light, rusticated sandstone facade reveals significant tooling features popular in the ornamentation of turn-of-the-century commercial building fronts. Rustication of this form accords the building companion status with its corner neighbors.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Hazel Batten, interview, 12/9/81.

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

a. Address Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.

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This 3 to 4 story row building is red brick with a banded stone facade. A datestone is the central feature of the parapet above a simple stepped cornice. The 3rd-4th story has 3 transomed d/s (1/1) windows framed by engaged Doric columns in antis. A cornice on brackets runs above the 2nd story, which has 2 large square d/s (1/1) windows. The 1st story, below a smooth stone cornice, has a modern recessed storefront.



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Mather Building / Franklin & Wellman Jewelers
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This 3 to 4 story red brick building with a band of stone facade.
A recessed is the central feature of the parapet above a simple stepped
cornice. The 3rd story has 3 recessed b/s (1/1) windows framed by
engaged Doric columns in pairs. A cornice on brackets runs above the 2nd
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