


INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM Historic Preservation Division State Historical Society of Wisconsin

1 City, Village or Town: Kaukauna ✓		County: Outagamie ✓	Surveyor: M. Betz	Date: 4/11/83	Second Street (East) 137-139-141
Street Address: 137-139-141 East Second Street		USGS Quad and UTM Reference: See Continuation Sheet		Acreage: Less than one acre	
Current Name & Use: Elk's Club Lodge		Current Owner: John McVey, c/o Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates The Heritage of Kaukauna			
Film Roll No. 16		Current Owner's Address: 6415 W. Capitol Drive - Milwaukee			
Negative No. 30			Legal Description: Lots 10 and 11, Block 6, Ledyard Plat		
Facade Orient. N					

2 Original Name & Use: Lindauer and Rupert Block ✓	Source A	Previous Owners (Lot 10) A. Galmbecher	Dates 1887	Uses	Source A	TOWN RANGE SECTION
Dates of Construction /Alteration 1895	Source B	H. Baumgartner (Lot 10) Luther Lindauer	1893-1894		A	
Architect and/or Builder: L. Lindauer	Source B	Jacob Rupert Luther Lindauer	1895-1917		A	
	Source B	Elks Lodge - EPOE Club	1918-1981		A	

3 Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Engineering <input type="radio"/> None	4 Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input checked="" type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: <u>Commerce</u> <input type="radio"/> None
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Architectural Description and Significance:  See Continuation Sheet	Historical Background and Significance:  See Continuation Sheet
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Interior visited?  Yes  No

5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above) A Kaukauna tax assessment rolls 1887-1922	6 Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> LDMK <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> other: _____
B Date on building	7 Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input checked="" type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins
C Commemorative Biographical Record, pp. 498-500.	8 District: _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing
D	9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility date: 4/11/83 initials: MB <input checked="" type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input checked="" type="radio"/> local
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Lindauer and Rupert Block (137-139-141 East Second Street)  
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

Architectural Statement:

Description: Presently occupied by the B.P.O.E. #962 Elk's Club, this two and a half story building (measuring 90' x 50') exemplifies commercial Romanesque architecture. It retains many of its original features including its storefront, pedimented gable with four conical turrets (two turret "caps" have been removed) and pinnacle crowning the top of the building. Stone belt courses define the three levels while pilasters balance the composition by creating three vertical divisions. A row of transom lights top the second floor double hung windows. On the third level, the semi-circular opening is partially obscured by a ventilation board.

The building was constructed by Luther Lindauer in 1895. Lindauer, an enterprising gentlemen who served as Mayor of Kaukauna from 1890-1893, concomitantly owned the Kaukauna Stone Company and the Kaukauna Brick Yard. Materials from these places were used to construct the building.

Soon the building will be restored and converted into a mini-shopping mall. Restoration will follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects. Final plans and specifications have been approved by the Preservation Division of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, March, 1983. There will be no extensive changes made to the exterior of the building. The brick caps will be replaced and new thermal window panes will be used to conserve energy. Signage will be of a compatible design and scale with the building and will not project into the street. Most of the changes will be made to the interior. At present, the building is divided into two wings (east and west) with separate entrances. There is also an entrance in the center of the building which opens to an enclosed staircase leading to the upper floors. After restoration, this stairway will be removed in order to provide the main entranceway for the mini-mall. Traffic will then be directed through the building via this central passageway. Depending upon demand, two to six stores will be set up on the first floor. A new stairway will be constructed at the south end of the building, and for handicap accessibility, an elevator will be put in. Plans for the future include converting the second floor into office space.

Significance: The former Elk's Club Building is the best example of Kaukauna's prevalent commercial Romanesque Revival architecture. Its nearly complete integrity, its fully developed design, and its imposing size all contribute to its significance as an architectural landmark. Furthermore, the proposed restoration of the building will be sympathetic to its original design.

Historical Statement:

Associated with Commercial history of Kaukauna and  
Associated with the development of a locality: Luther Lindauer "has seen and aided in the progressiveness of Kaukauna, and has been an eyewitness to its growth from a hamlet of but three modest buildings, on the South side, to a bustling, live city of six thousand inhabitants. Among the buildings he himself has added toward its development may be mentioned the Lindauer and Rupert Block, a fine two-story brick structure on Second Street, having a frontage of fifty feet with a depth of ninety-four feet."(C)

Lindauer and Rupert Block (137-139-141 East Second Street)  
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The Lindauer and Rupert Block is a building representative of the boom which followed the railroad into Kaukauna's south side and has been a landmark since its creation on Second Street in 1895.<sup>(B)</sup> It best reflects the varied business activities of Luther Lindauer, a leading Kaukauna citizen in the late 1800's, and was a capstone for the development of the south side commercial district.

Despite the fact that he lost his left hand in a planing mill accident in his youth, Lindauer multiplied his skills and business interests after moving to Kaukauna in 1880, driving a team for the hub and spoke factory, working on the canal, and then buying and selling stone. In 1884 he began dealing in lime, mortar, and sand, helping literally to build south Kaukauna. In 1886 he added the ice business with an ice-house near the lock, supplanted by a larger ice house on Wisconsin Avenue in 1889. He had also begun dealing in wood and coal in 1886.<sup>(C)</sup>

In 1887 Lindauer and a Mr. Rhode began an extensive brickyard at the north end of town near the city limits, averaging 34,000 cream-colored sand brick a day and employing 20 men in the brickyard besides teamsters. In 1890 Lindauer became owner of the Kaukauna Stone Quarry Co.<sup>(C)</sup> In that year he also began the first of three terms as Mayor of Kaukauna, after having served as fourth ward alderman and county supervisor.<sup>(C)</sup>

In addition to developing the native materials of the area to create buildings for local industry and commerce, Lindauer was the contractor for projects directed by the growing city. He built four miles of city sewerage and did all masonry work connected with the Lawe Street Bridge and its approaches.<sup>(C)</sup>

The Lindauer and Rupert Block, besides reflecting the growth of Kaukauna's south side business district and the career of one of its most energetic citizens, had a long second use as a meeting hall for the local Elks. From 1918 to about 1981 the building was the Elks' Club, a beacon for cooperation between local businessmen long after Luther Lindauer's death.<sup>(A)</sup>

USGS Quad and UTM Reference:

UTM: Zone 16  
Easting: 398540  
Northing: 4903290  
USGS Kaukauna Quadrangle  
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