

City, Village or Town: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waukesha		County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waukesha	Surveyor: HNTB	Date: 2/10/82
Street Address: 915 N. Hartwell Avenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Legal Description: see Addendum	Acreage: 6.24 Acres
Current Name & Use: New Tribes Bible Institute			Current Owner: New Tribes Mission, Inc.	
Film Roll No. WK J5		Current Owner's Address: 915 N. Hartwell Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186		
Negative No. 7		Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: UTM: Zone 16 Easting: 400560 Northing: 4762800 USGS Waukesha Quadrangle/Scale: 1:24,000		
Facade Orient. W		Interior visited? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Street Number: N. Hartwell Ave. 915

Original Name & Use: (preferred)	Source	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source
2 Resthaven Hotel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A				
Dates of Construction /Alteration 1905	Source A				
Architect and/or Builder: John H. Foster & Sons, Builder	Source A				

Town Range

3 Architectural Significance

Represents work of a master

Possesses high artistic values

Represents a type, period, or method of construction

Is a visual landmark in the area

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  None

4 Historical Significance

Assoc. with lives of significant persons

Assoc. with significant historical events

Assoc. with development of a locality

Other: Assoc. W. Commercial Development of Waukesha

None

Section

Architectural Statement:

The Resthaven Hotel is a large Y shaped building detailed with classical motifs. The building is veneered with brick and stands three stories above a raised basement. A hip roof rises above the third story and is punctuated by a series of hip roofed dormers.

The primary entrance to Resthaven is through a portico composed of four columns. The lobby area is circular with staircases sweeping down on either side. Simple columns with

Historical Statement:

Resthaven is significant as the last of the large resort hotels built in Waukesha during its Springs Era. Its period of significance was 1905-1919. The concept behind the development of Resthaven was that it would be a place for overworked businessmen to rest and restore their health. It was a hotel but had many of the characteristics of a private club and a

Map Name: Waukesha City Map

5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above)

A Koenig, G.H. "The Times Killed Resthaven Hotel" Freeman, 9/26/80

6 Representation in Previous Surveys

HABS  NAER  WIHP  NRHP  landmark

other: \_\_\_\_\_

7 Condition

excellent  good  fair  poor  ruins

8 District:

pivotal  contributing  non-contributing

initials: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Map Code: 5/7

9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility

eligible  not eligible  unknown

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marble shafts remain as vestiges of the original grandeur of the hotel. The majority of the interior has been remodeled.

#### Historical Statement: continued

health sanitarium. Its investor's included several business leaders from Waukesha, Milwaukee and Chicago. For example, Waukesha investors included Henry Blair, Dr. Wilbur O. Carrier of Carroll College and Andrew I. Frame. Those from Milwaukee included Frederick Pabst and Charles Pfister. (B)

The hotel offered a full range of recuperative and theraputic activities including curative baths, a swimming pool, gymnasium and solarium. Golf, tennis and lawn games were also available. The furnishings were plush throughout and it was seen, at the time, as the logical hotel to replace the Fountain Spring House which closed the year Resthaven was built. (A, B).

Unfortunately, Resthaven was built too late to be successful. The Springs Era was dying and the wealthy visitors stopped coming in large numbers. Resthaven began to have financial trouble from the beginning. After only ten years, the owners tried to sell the hotel but were unable to. In 1919, the hotel was sold to the Veteran's Administration as a recuperative hospital and later a tuberculosis hospital. The hospital was closed in 1958. After several years of vacancy, the building became the home of the New Tribes Bible Institute which it remains at present. (A/B)

#### Architectural Significance:

Resthaven is a large scale structure, sited on the crest of perhaps the most prominent hill in Waukesha. The scale and siting contribute to the building's significance as a visual landmark in the community.

(continued below)

#### Addendum: Legal Description

Sec NW2 T6N R19E &: Anderson's Sub Lts 9-15 & Pt Lots 8, 16, & 17; Hickory Grove Add Blk Alts 5-9, Blk Blts 5- 8 & Pt Lt 9, & Pt Vac Alley, Begg's Add Blk APt Lt 3, Blk BPt Lt 6, & Pt 25' strip; & pt Vac Nat' LAV & Greenbush St. V945 P247 of Deeds

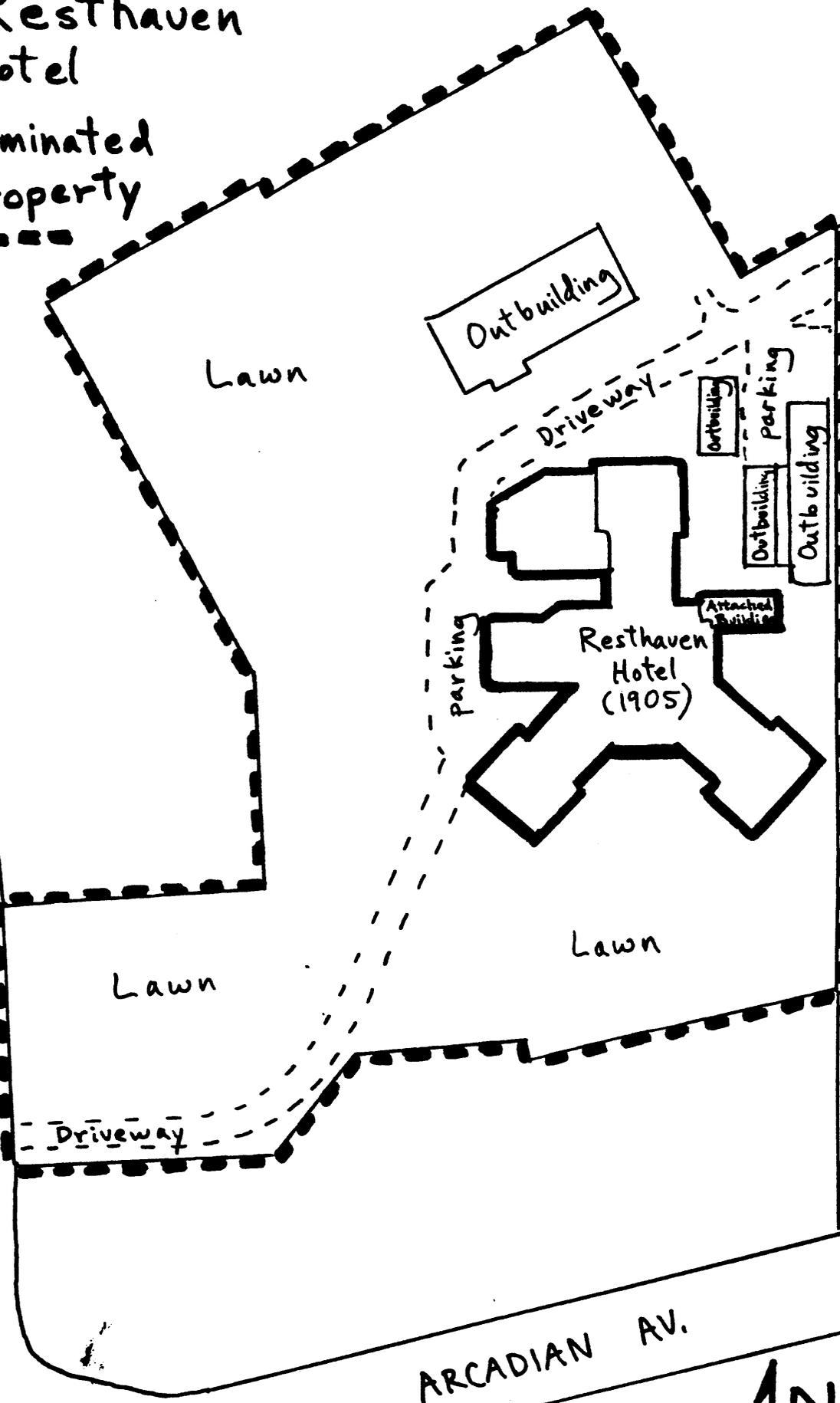
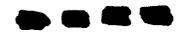
#### Architectural Significance (continued):

In addition to its importance as a visual landmark, the design of Resthaven reflects a classical influence, well suited to the monumental scale of the building. Apparently the Classical Revival style was employed for a number of the large sanitariums erected in Waukesha in the early twentieth century (Waukesha Springs Sanitarium-razed; Grand View Health Resort-500 Riverview Avenue-43/9). Resthaven is a significant example of this period of construction, and retains a greater amount of integrity than Grandview Health Resort, the only comparable structure.

In addition to the original hotel, a one-story outbuilding made of corrugated metal is attached to the east side of the building. Three small, one-story detached buildings lie to the east of the main hotel. And a large metal-sided butler-type building lies directly north of the hotel. None of these buildings contributes to the significance of the nominated property.

# Resthaven Hotel

Nominated Property



N. HARTWELL AV.

NATIONAL

ROSEMARY ST.

ARCADIAN AV.

1N

Scale: 1" = 100'