


City, Village or Town: Trempealeau ✓		County: Trempealeau	Surveyor: Cartwright	Date: 1-12-1984	Street Third Street	
Street Address: ✓ 581 Third St.		USGS Quad and UTM Reference:		Acreeage: Less than 1.0		
Current Name & Use: Residence			Current Owner: John & Cynthia Martland			
Film Roll No. TR-16 TR-45			Current Owner's Address: 581 Third St. Trempealeau, WI 54661			
Negative No. 4 31/32			Legal Description: Noyes and Winklman's addition, Block 23, Lots 10 and E 1/2 lot 9			Number 581
Facade Orient. east/south						

2	Original Name & Use: ✓ Coman House	Source A/B	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source	Town Range Section
	Dates of Construction /Alteration c. 1865-1870	Source C					
	Architect and/or Builder: Unknown	Source					

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 type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> None Period of significance: 1865-1875	Section Map Name Trempealeau
	Architectural Description and Significance: see back		

5	Sources of Information (Reference to Above) Robert E. Jones to Helen M. Coman, 4/30/1862, <u>Deeds</u> , vol. 5, p. 249. Helen & Darius Coman to James Coman, 5/1/1872, <u>Deeds</u> , vol. 12, p. 303. Tax rolls for the Village of Trempealeau, 1863-1930.	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: _____	Map Code
A		7	Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input type="radio"/> good <input checked="" type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins	
B		8	District: _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing	
C		9	Opinion of National Register Eligibility date: 1-12-1983 initials: clc <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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Architectural Description and Significance

The Coman House is a brick Italianate, two-story, rectangular structure with a 1½ story wing. Some tan paint residue (applied at an unknown date) still remains on the original red bricks of the house. The house sits on a rubble foundation, and the hipped roof of the rectangular section is topped with a cupola decorated with paired brackets and pilasters. The wide eaves of the hipped roof section have paired brackets attached to a wooden frieze. The wing has a somewhat "federal" look with its parapet gable, and the wing has an unsympathetic renovation along the south facade which includes a newer sash window and vertical wooden siding. Current renovators have replaced the original windows of the main section with wooden frame sash windows of the same size and style as the originals. The first floor windows retain their wooden lintels topped with flat arches. The front entrance is a wooden, eight-paneled door decorated with sidelights, a transom, and a wood lintel. The side doorway on the south facade also has a wood lintel with a flat arch, and is currently shuttered.

The interior of this house is currently undergoing significant renovation with retention of the original floorplan as a guide. The entryway includes a staircase with an oak balustrade and leads to the main section of the house with two large living rooms and one small room. The second floor of this main section includes three bedrooms and a bathroom. The "kitchen wing" includes a kitchen-dining room and the original kitchen on the first floor, and three small bedrooms on the second floor. The floors throughout this house are constructed of wide-board pine, and the simple woodwork, which is being restored and reapplied to new wallboard, is also pine. The simple features of the interior will be retained throughout the house, according to the current renovators, including restoration of the original kitchen.

The Coman house is significant because it is the best example of the Italianate style in the village, as well as being the most elaborate residence in the community. Most of Trempealeau's housing stock consists of small, simple structures built during the mid to late 1800s. Devoid of significant architectural details, many of Trempealeau's houses, nevertheless, hint at the Italianate form in their rectangular shape, tall windows, and hipped roofs. The Coman House stands out among these residences with its size and more elaborate architectural detail. Since there are few houses of this residence's size in the entire village, it further stands out as an elaborate landmark in the village. While the building has suffered some from past neglect, its integrity is intact and current renovation plans suggest the house will be restored as much as possible to its original elegance and mid-1800s style.