## Architectural Description and Significance:

This building is an Italianate commercial building of cream brick on a limestone foundation. Four brick pilasters on the first story frame three Roman arched openings. The outer pilasters continue above the capitals framing the facade to the cornice which has a pair of corbelled brackets equidistant with brick dentil molding between. Above the corbells brick Chevron molding continues across the facade and around the side of the building. A narrow band of Chevron molding separates the first and second floor on the facade. Windows on the first floor facade have brick hood moldings, at the spring of the arch, from the capitals of the pilasters. The two outer openings have six paned glazed windows panelled beneath the sill to the foundation. The center opening is a recessed entry of double doors with six light transom above. On the second floor facade two Roman arched windows of four over four double hung sash with limestone sills have brick hood moldings springing from corbells. This treatment is repeated on the south facade for the four windows of the second floor which has a simple unadorned door with sill and lintel of limestone. It is reached by a covered open wooden staircase from Allen Street.

The interior first floor is a large open room which has had some remodeling. There are no significant nineteenth century details remaining in the interior first floor.

This building is significant for architecture because it is a good example of a simple Italianate commercial building in a small Wisconsin community. It is also significant because it is the only building in Clinton's business district which is largely unaltered. The building still possesses its nineteenth century openings and decorative brickwork. And, while the building is only in fair condition, it retains a high degree of integrity, and the quality of workmanship has allowed the building to survive over one hundred years of use as a commercial structure. Because of its detailing and its high degree of integrity, the Crosby Block stands out among the commercial structures of Clinton.