

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURE-HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Property Location			
Property Name:	I.O.O.F. Hall (Southern Half)	Inventory No.	ME-LTC-0186
Address:	223 Sibley Avenue North	County:	Meeker
City/Twp:	Litchfield	PIN	27-0751000
T-R-S Quarter:	T119N R31W Sec. 11 SW ¼	Block:	59
USGS Quad	Litchfield North, Minnesota	Lot:	22 and 23

Property Information			
Architect:	Unknown	Style:	Italianate
Date Const:	1886	Historic Context:	Railroad and Agricultural Development 1870-1940
Historic Use:	Social Hall	Present Use:	Commercial
Property Type:	Building	Survey Name:	Downtown Historic Resources Resurvey
NR Status:	Non-contributing	NR Recommendation:	Non-contributing
Prepared by:	William E. Stark, based on National Register nomination by Susan Granger and Kay Grossman (1996)	Survey Date:	October 2009

Description:

This two-story brick Italianate style building has been covered with stucco and has an altered storefront. Most of the southern façade and the rear are faced with cream-colored brick and have segmental-arched window openings with brick window hoods that are tied together at the springing block level by a course of decorative brickwork. A circa 1940 photograph of this block shows that this building once had a cornice very similar to that of the adjacent building at 225 N. Sibley Ave. The rear façade is covered with stucco and now has rectangular window openings with 1/1 sash. There is a one-story rear addition with a round-arched roof.

History:

The building was constructed in 1886 as part of a double building (with 225 N. Sibley) by Alex Carincross and John Palm for \$14,000. In 1887 this building housed a general store but would become a hardware store in 1892, which it remained under various ownership and management through 1956. The International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Hall was located on the second floors of this building and the adjacent building to the north between 1886 and about 1903. Between 1913 and at least 1956, this lodge hall was known as the Commercial Clubroom. The Coast to Coast store was located in the building by 1956 and remained here until 1992.

Evaluation:

This building is a non-contributing property to the Litchfield Commercial Historic District due to its alterations.

Integrity: Poor

The integrity of this property has been significantly compromised. The entire façade has been covered with stucco, obscuring the original brick facing and other details. The elaborate cornice has been removed, the second story windows replaced and resized, and the storefront remodeled.

Condition:

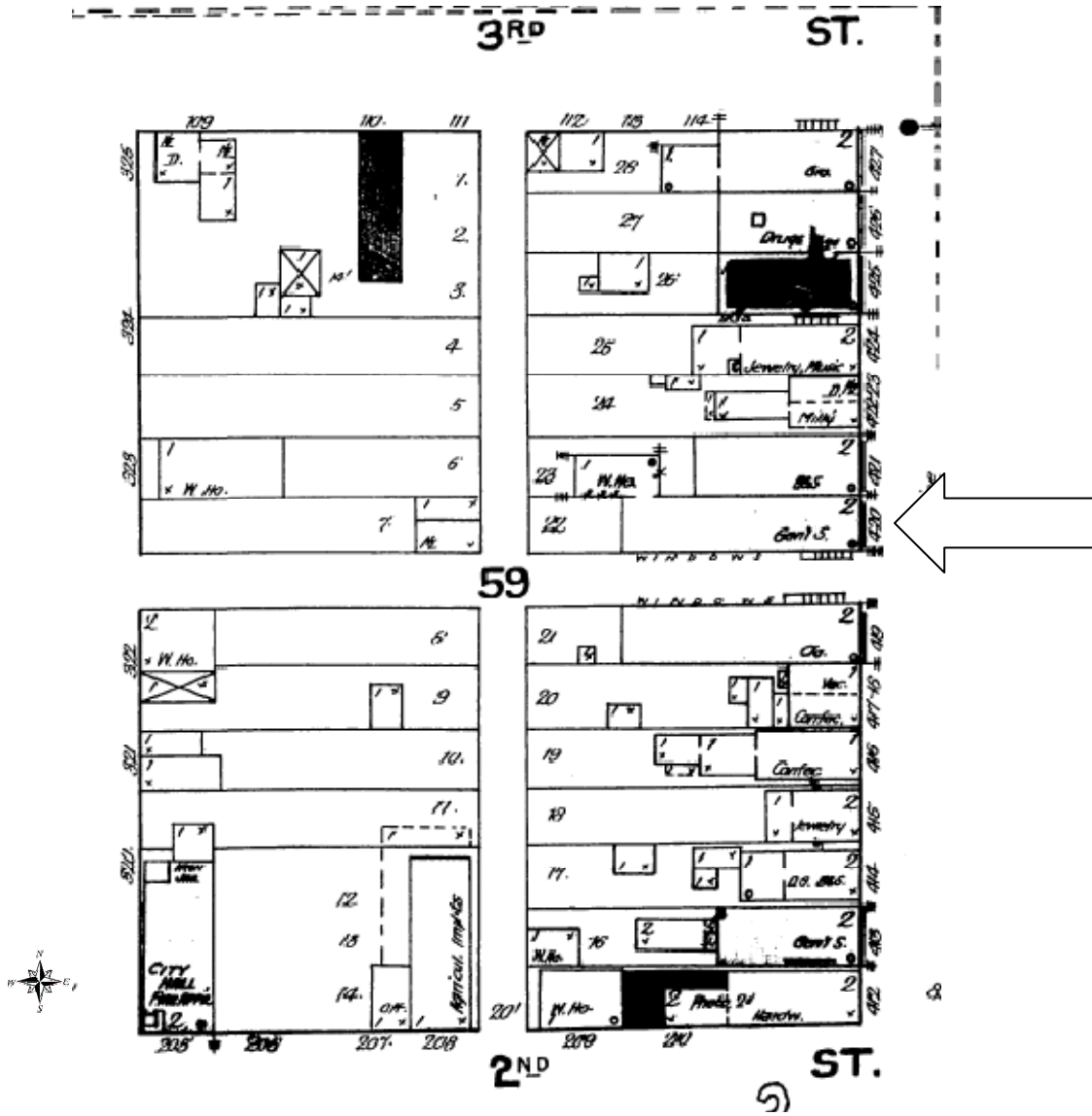
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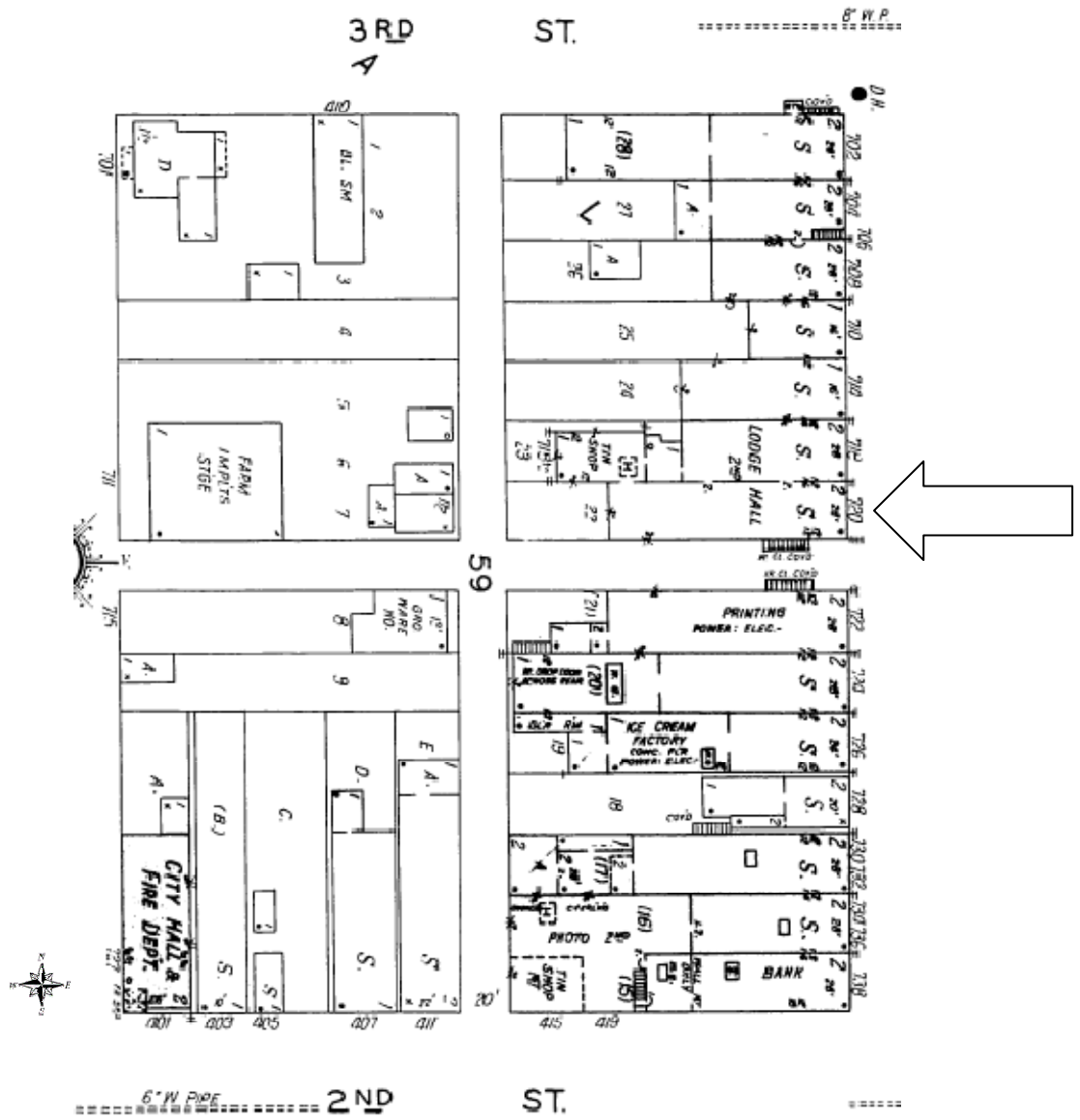
Facing NW



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1892 Sanborn Map



1930 Sanborn Map