

15-27 N. Main St. (Commercial Buildings)
Rahr Saloon
25 N. Main St.
Oshkosh
Winnebago County
Wisconsin

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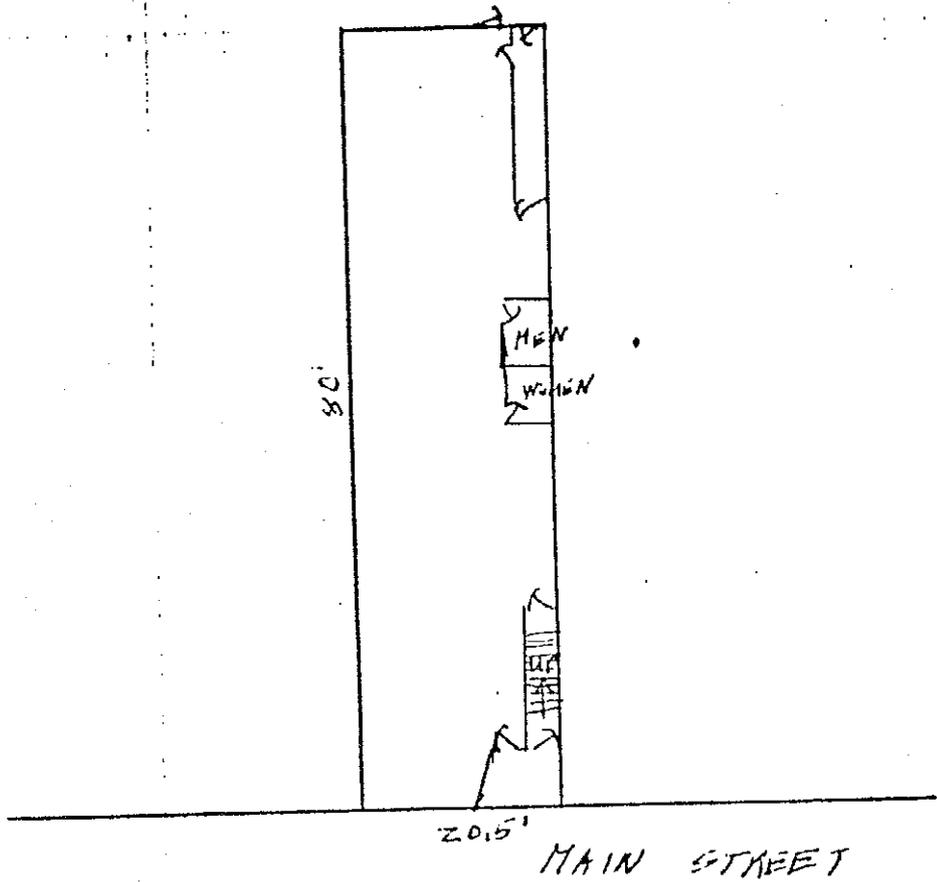
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 ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Wisconsin	COUNTY Winnebago	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Oshkosh
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 15-27 N. Main St. (Commercial Buildings) Rahr Saloon (Source: Winnebago County Register of Deeds files)		HABS NO. WI-287D
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Good Knight's Bar		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 25 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1912-City of Oshkosh Tax Assessment Records and City of Oshkosh Directories	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The commercial building is of little significance on its own. Its significance lies in the scale of the two-story structure and its location between two significant buildings in the overall Main Street streetscape. Historical ties to the defunct RAHR Brewing Company and its long-time use as a saloon are interesting.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) 12" solid brick on 8" and 16" stone foundation walls. No basement but a shallow crawl space.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two-story 20.5' by 80' structure. See attached sketch and appraisal.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Simple two-story brick building with a band of brick corbelling along the cornice.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See attached sketch and appraisal sheets.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A building permit to repair fire damage was taken out in 1967. Repairs were limited to the rear portion of the building where the damage occurred.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Overall fair condition, used as a tavern until recently acquired by the City of Oshkosh, now vacant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The City of Oshkosh has purchased the building and intends to clear the site as part of a redevelopment project to build a hotel/conference center.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The Keeper of the National Register has determined that the Main Street commercial streetscape is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Phil Rosengquist, Associate Planner, City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin	DATE December 2, 1981	



SCALE 1" = 20'

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The improvements include a two story, no basement, solid brick wall building 20.5 feet by 80 feet with 1,640 square foot area on each floor and a 410 square foot stone paved rear parking lot.

This is an inside building with the east and west walls exposed. It is over 80 years old. It has been used as a tavern for over 30 years. Walls are solid brick 12" and 8" on 16" stone foundation walls. There is a shallow crawl space.

The front has 14" concrete at base then 12" of painted brick then 6' high plate glass set in wood then 4'6" high glass panels above plate glass then 24" metal panel then painted brick up to the brick cornice and parapet with stone coping.

There is a 3'6" by 6'8" flush wood door for access to the barrroom and another wood door opening into a stairs to the second floor. These doors are in a recessed area 6 feet deep and 8 foot wide with concrete floor up 8" above public sidewalk. There are two double-hung wood windows at second floor level.

The rear wall is painted brick with a rear door to the tavern and a rear door to the stairs to the second floor. The door sills are up 10" above the stone paved parking area. There is one wood double-hung window south of the entrance door and two wood double-hung windows at second floor level. There is a 6" box gutter across the back at roof level and

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11 feet of 6" downspout from roof level.

The first floor has a tavern, 2 toilet rooms, two stairwells, a closet. All of the tavern equipment is owned by the tenant and has been appraised separately by S. M. Dix and Associates Inc.

The floor is carpet and asphalt tile new in 1977 and 1979. Walls are wood panel. Ceiling is 11 foot height 2' by 4' acoustic drop panel, 3 years old. There is a ceiling hung gas-fired furnace not in use. There is a CO-RAY-VAC radiant gas heating system in the ceiling 3 years old owned by the tenant.

The Men's toilet room has ceramic tile floor, 6" tile base, drywall ceiling 8'6" height, white toilet, lavatory and urinal, drywall walls, ceiling light, vent fan.

The Women's toilet room is the same except no urinal.

There are two closet areas under the stairs.

Lighting is fluorescent and incandescent.

The first floor is in fair condition.

The second floor is only used for dead storage. It has 6 rooms, a hall, closets, an unused toilet room with toilet and lavatory connections.

Floors are wood and in poor condition.

Walls and ceilings are old plaster in poor condition.

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Wood ceiling joists and wood roof rafters are visible in some areas where plaster has fallen.

The second floor is in fair to poor condition.

The rear of the lot has stone pavement used for parking.