

SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

GROUND LEVEL SURVEYS

MICHIGAN ABOVE-GROUND SURVEY FIELD FORM

ADDRESS

Number: 111

Direction: South

Street: Washington

City/Village: Owosso

Township:

SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: -----

Common Name: American Speedy Print

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: prior to 1894

Source of Date: directories

Style: Victorian two part, two story commercial block

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: brick

Walls: brick

Roof:

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

During the 1980's, the 111 building was restored by the daughter of the previous owner revealing the original stained glass over the door.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

Louis Steadman sold cigars and wine here in 1894 and lived above the business. John T. Walsh purchased the building and ran a candy and tobacco shop here from the 1920's. The business passed to John's son Harry and Harry ran the shop until 1950. Mrs. Jane Walsh Barton restored the building along with her husband David.

COMMENTS

PICTURE INFO

File Name: P1236391

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Photographer: Paul Heimnick



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Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: Richardson Block

Common Name: Nail Boutique

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: 1898 ca

Source of Date: city directory

Style: Three story single block - Victorian

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: brick

Walls: brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

North facing wall is parged because it was originally an interior shared wall with a building to its north which was demolished. Brick exterior.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

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COMMENTS

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File Name: P2196973

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Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: ----

Common Name: Big City Dogs

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: prior to 1894

Source of Date: directories

Style: Victorian

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: brick

Walls: brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Twin to 111 next door. Restoration done to 111, don't know about 113.

Brick two story building.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

Bartz's Meat Market in 1928.

COMMENTS

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SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: Moses Keyte Harness Shop

Common Name: Nail Boutique

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: 1892 ca.

Source of Date: city directory

Style: three story commercial block - victorian

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: brick

Walls: brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Stone windowsills, stained glass in upper portions of windows. Brick exterior has been painted to simulate red brick.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

Moses Keyte, believed to be the first occupant of this building, had a harness shop here until 1921. This then became the Amos Juhl Billiards parlor from 1921 through 1938. This was the long time business called Irving's Men's Clothing Store until the 1980's.

COMMENTS

PICTURE INFO

File Name: P2196975

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MICHIGAN ABOVE-GROUND SURVEY FIELD FORM

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Number: 115-17

Direction: South

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City/Village Owosso

Township:

SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: J. C. Penney's

Common Name: Risto's

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: 1922

Source of Date: history

Style: two story commercial block

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: concrete block

Walls: brick with window walls facing west

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Plain front with some wood sheathing on second story.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

none

HISTORY

Built in 1922 for J. C. Penney's. Purchased by Risto Nicevsky and his wife, Betty, in the 1980's for their restaurant and bar.

COMMENTS

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SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: Freddie's

Common Name: Freddie's

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: 1899 ca.

Source of Date: city directory

Style two story single commercial block

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: brick

Walls: brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Brick exterior, windows at street level replaced with modern display-type windows at some time in building's past. This building is largely unchanged from its earliest history because of the long-term occupant Freddie Spaniola and his J. Spaniola, Grocery store.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

Originally a saloon in 1899. In 1914 John Spaniola moved his family—all 12 children—into the second floor and began a confectioners shop on the street level. His business evolved into selling fruit and then groceries. His son Freddie continued the business here under the same name, "J. Spaniola, Grocery" until Freddie's death in 2008.

COMMENTS

The new owners, Dawn and Vince Gonyou, have restored as much as possible in the interior of this long-time downtown grocery store using the oak ice-boxes and oak candy counters.



PICTURE INFO

File Name: P2196977

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Number: 118

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Street: Washington

City/Village: Owosso

Township:

SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: ----

Common Name: ----

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: ??? prior to 1880

Source of Date: City Directory

Style: Victorian two story commercial block

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: ?

Walls: brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Incised carving on building's parapet.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

This was a long -time saloon, as was the building to the south of it and at some time the building to the north of it as well! From our records this was a Saloon from 1896 until 1914 when it became a dry goods store. In 1921 a family named Spagnuolo bought the building and had a fruit market on the street level, while living upstairs. This family was no relation to the Spaniola family who lived at 116 South Washington.

COMMENTS

From early photos, we know that this remaining building is only a part of the original building which was probably demolished with the building to the South of it to accommodate the new Sears Store in 1963.

PICTURE INFO

File Name: P2196978

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MICHIGAN ABOVE-GROUND SURVEY FIELD FORM

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Number: 120

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Street: Washington

City/Village Owosso

Township:

SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: James Eaton

NAME

Historic Name: Sears Store

Common Name: Jade Buffet

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: 1963

Source of Date: citizen

Style: modern, commercial

Property Type: commercial

MATERIALS

Foundation: concrete block

Walls: blond brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Blond brick, glass walls facing south and east, with an indented center entry.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

None.

HISTORY

Built for Sears Roebuck in 1963 by Perrin Construction for Robert Brewer who had to demolish the historic buildings at this location for the new construction. Sears utilized this store for catalogue orders and pick-up as well as an appliance sales center.

COMMENTS

None

PICTURE INFO

File Name: P1296979

Directory: Photos Block 8

Photographer: Paul Heimnick



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SURVEY INFO

Survey Date: 5/25/10

Surveyor: Lorraine Weckwert

NAME

Historic Name: Wildermuth Hotel

Common Name: Indian Trails Building

DATE/PROPERTY TYPE/STYLE

Date Built: 1871

Source of Date: history

Style: Victorian

Property Type: commercial/hotel

MATERIALS

Foundation: ?

Walls: brick

Roof: ?

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Third floor windows different than rest of building. Third Floor windows have stone hoods.
Storefronts at street level obviously not original to the building, but modern commercial adaptations.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES

HISTORY

The Wildermuth Hotel was built in 1871 to replace the Schneckelburger Hotel which had just burned the year before. Wildermuth Hotel was well known for their wonderful meals state-wide. The hotel was enlarged in 1909 by the addition of a third floor, by the son-in-law who had assumed management of the hotel, Edward Hoffman. Indian Trails rented depot space for their bus line since 1928 and purchased the building in 1952. More interesting history about Indian Trails Bus Lines, itself to be found in historic district research.

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