

THE NORTHWESTERN HOTEL
322 Williams Street 1890

Common Name: Club 400

**FIELD SURVEY AND NOMINATION FORM
LANDMARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF WAUKESHA**

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1. NAME

- a. Historic Name: Northwestern Hotel
b. Common name: Club 400

2. LOCATION (Provide street number and name or a description of location if number and name are not available.)

322 Williams Street

Waukesha, WI 53186

3. CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY (Check one item in each category)

Type

Ownership

Status

- ☒ Building
☐ Structure
☐ Site
☐ District
☐ Object

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Other (describe)

- ☒ Occupied
☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in Progress

Accessible

- ☐ Yes: Restricted
☒ Yes: Unrestricted
☐ No

Present Use

- ☐ Agriculture
☐ Commercial
☐ Educational
☒ Entertainment
☐ Government
☐ Industrial
☐ Military

- ☐ Museum
☐ Park
☐ Private Residence
☐ Religious
☐ Scientific
☐ Transportation
☐ Other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: MN & P Inc. (President - Daniel J. Pokwinski)

Address: 138 S. East Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: Waukesha, WI 53186

Telephone Number: 549-5064 work: 548-9900

If responsible party is other than owner, please provide the same information for responsible party.

4. (cont'd)

Name: Daniel J. Pokwinski

Address: 138 S. East Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: Waukesha, WI

Telephone Number: 549-5064 work 462-3200

5. DESCRIPTION (Check one item in each category)

| | <u>Condition</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Site</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered* | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed | * Note: (Recently Restored) | |

In the space provided below describe in detail the present and original (if known) physical appearance. Unique details or unusual features should be noted. Attach photographs that clearly reveal the major points covered in the description.

The Northwestern Hotel is a two-story Queen Anne-styled brick commercial structure located opposite the Victorian-styled Milwaukee and Madison Depot, known locally as the Depot Restaurant, now owned by "Saz and Pep". The Northwestern Hotel is commonly known as the Club 400. It's facade is dominated by a splendid metal cornice which culminates in a rounded pediment. The eaves line below the cornice features a series of heavy brackets, punctuated by several highly detailed rosettes. Stone lintels support the 3 tall, symmetrically located front-facing windows, while decorative brick work calls attention to the semi-circular spandrels which cap them. Stone corbel stops adorn the base of the spandrel arch as well.

The first floor has undergone some substantial remodelings over time. The most recent one was done with a design prepared by consultant Robert Hartmann of Racine, WI. at the direction of the Landmarks Commission. The first floor area is consequently much improved, and the building's owner, Daniel Pokwinski, has faithfully followed the recommended historic paint scheme. As a result, the historic Northwestern Hotel has retaken its' rightful place among Waukesha's best and brightest historic resources.

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Hotel

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Depot

WILLIAMS

Hotel

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DAVIS

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HEDLEY'S D.

Hotel

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ARLINGTON

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Public

School

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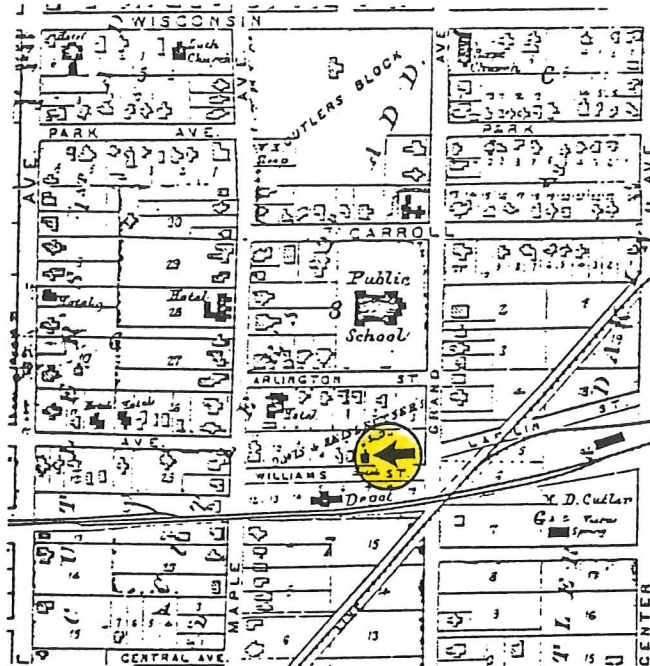
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LAFAYETTE

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6. MAP

Provide a sketch map, drawn to scale if possible, showing locational details of the subject with respect to the lot on which it is located and to the immediate surrounding area.



7. SIGNIFICANCE

Period

- ☐ Prehistoric
- ☐ 1400-1499
- ☐ 1500-1599
- ☐ 1600-1699
- ☐ 1700-1799
- ☒ 1800-1899
- ☐ 1900-1999
- ☐ 2000-

Areas of Significance--Check And Justify Below

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music - Les Paul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | |

Specific Dates: 1890

Property owner: _____

Builder: _____

Architect: Valentine Imig

Other: _____

In the space provided below, provide an explanation of and justification for the significance attached to the subject as noted above

It was the first hotel to be built away from the downtown. It has a significant amount of tin work, of which Waukesha doesn't have a lot. With the brick and tin work it is a fine period building.

Also the significance of having Les Paul's father and brother start up the Club 400 in 1948, and having Les Paul appear with Mary Ford in concert at the Club in 1948. Les first got his start playing to customers at the Club 400.

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (Use a standard bibliographical listing to note specific sources consulted in preparing this form, especially items 5 & 7.

City of Waukesha - Intensive Survey, 1982

Private Research and Communications - Daniel J. Pokwinski

9. FORM PREPARED BY

Name Daniel J. Pokwinski/LC Staff

Date: October 3, 1990

Organization _____

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