

INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM Historic Preservation Division State Historical Society of Wisconsin

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1 City, Village or Town: <b>Sturgeon Bay</b>		County: <b>Door</b>	Surveyor: <b>PHA/Krviskey</b>	Date: <b>18 Feb. 82</b>	Street South Third Avenue Number 37-45
Street Address: <b>37-45 South Third Avenue</b>		Legal Description: <b>Assessor's Map Sly 45' of Lot 4, Blk. 5</b>		Acreage:	
Current Name & Use: <b>Thorval T. Toft Law Office</b>		Current Owner: <b>Thorval Toft</b>			
Film Roll No. <b>DR- 6</b>	Current Owner's Address: <b>45 S. Third Avenue, Sturgeon Bay</b>				
Negative No. <b>33</b>	Special Features Not Visible In Photographs:				37-45
Facade Orient. <b>E</b>					
		Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			

2 Original Name & Use: <b>Joseph F. Stroh Block</b>		Bakery/Rest. Dry Goods "The Commercial Hotel"	Source <b>A/B</b>	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source	Town Range Section
Dates of Construction /Alteration <b>1890</b>		Source <b>B/C</b>	<b>Peter Larch</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>D</b>		
Architect and/or Builder: <b>Joseph F. Stroh</b>		Source <b>B</b>						

3 Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Is a visual landmark in the area <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> None		4 Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> None		Map Name Sturgeon Bay-District
Architectural Statement: An ornately detailed cornice of pressed metal, capped by a one-bay-off-center pointed arch pediment accents this double commercial block. The cast lintels and the intact iron and wood storefront (North side) show the richness of the original detailing. Modification to the larger storefront (South side) and the neutralizing effect of a monochromatic painting scheme camouflage this building's original architectural quality, what remains, however, is significant as an example of a once common commercial style within the District.		Historical Statement: (C) The Commercial Hotel was on the second story of this commercial block and dominated its function through the turn of the century. Prior to 1890, the property noted above was owned by Mrs. Peter Larch. Mrs. Larch had a building on her property but it is not possible to determine where, as she owned several contiguous lots. In 1889 Mrs. Larch sold the South 45' of Lot 5 to the Trossen Estate. The Trossen Estate property was valued at \$325. In 1890, Joseph Stroh acquired the property and erected a building which raised the property's value. (OVER)		

5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above)		6 Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> NAER <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> landmark <input type="radio"/> other: _____		Map Code 6-33 3rd/Downtown
A Carved stone at the cornice		7 Condition <input checked="" type="radio"/> excellent <input type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins		
B Kahlert, Early Door County Buildings, p. 92		8 District: <u>Third Avenue/Downtown</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing initials: _____ date: <u>18 Feb. 82</u>		
C Sanborn Perris Maps of Sturgeon Bay 1885-1891		9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility <input checked="" type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input checked="" type="radio"/> local initials: _____		
D Tax Rolls - The City of Sturgeon Bay				
E Beers, Biographical Record of Door Co. p. 566				
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*Historic Statement Continued:*

*to \$2,200 by 1891. Stroh was partner of C. Leonhardt's in the hotel, sewing machine and construction businesses.*