

103 South Central Avenue

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This property is a contributing member of the Marshfield Central Avenue Historic District under Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. It is representative of the Architecture Theme of the Wisconsin Cultural Resource Management Plan as an example of Commercial Vernacular architecture with Italianate details. The building's architectural integrity on the second story is high, while the first story alterations are reflective of continued use and changing stylistic preferences.

This property was the site of a hotel by 1884. In 1887, a new hotel was built after the fire of June 1887 destroyed the first one. In operation as the Thomas House Hotel until 1915 when the name was changed to Hotel Juneau by the new owner, Felix La Pointe. In 1920, C.E. Blodgett purchased the building. In 1925, the front of the building was occupied by an unidentified owner, while a rear addition [no longer estant] was a garage with a capacity of 24 cars. The original hotel was called "Travelers Home". From 1887 through 1915 this building was known as the "Thomas Hotel."



Jail House Arcade and Hard Drive N



The Uniform Cottage



Hard Drive N



Back of Hard Drive N

This property is a contributing member of the Marshfield Central Avenue Historic District under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places. It is representative of the Commerce Theme of the Wisconsin Cultural Resource Management Plan as an example of a retail building providing Goods and Services.

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Thomas House Hotel, Mid 2000's.



Thomas House Hotel, December 2013.