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City of Madison Landmarks Commission
LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (1)

I. Name of Building or Site

(1) Common

(2) Historic (if applicable)

City Horse Barn

II. Location

(1) Street Address

(2) Ward (available @ City Clerk)

200 North Blount Street

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III. Classification

(1) Type of Property (building, monument, park, etc.)

Building

(2) Zoning District

(3) Present Use

PUD

Business Office/Residential

IV. Current Owner of Property (available at City Assessor's office)

(1) Name(s)

Madison Mutual Housing Association and Cooperative

(2) Street Address

(3) Telephone Number

200 North Blount Street

(608) 255-6642

V. Legal Description (available at City Assessor's office)

(1) Parcel Number

(2) Legal Description

0709 133 10250

Lot 10-16, Block 120, Original Plot

VI. Condition of Property

(1) Physical Condition (excellent, good, fair, deteriorated, ruins)

Excellent

(2) Altered or Unaltered?

(3) Moved or Original Site?

Altered

Original Site

(4) Wall Construction

Brick

(5) On a separate sheet of paper, describe the present and original physical construction and appearance (limit 500 words).

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LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (2)

VI.(5) Describe Present and Original Physical Construction and Appearance:

The municipal barn at 200 North Blount Street is a rectangle in plan, constructed of brick. It is two stories tall with a gable roof facing the front. There are three dormer windows, two facing south and one facing north.

The barn has a simple fenestration. On both ends there are large doorways on the second floor providing access to the hayloft. The west end contains a large sliding garage door at ground level and an arched hayloft doorway on the second floor. The east end has two regular doors at ground level, while the second story hayloft access is also an arched doorway. The south facade has nine single pane rectangular windows with protruding brick sills. The north facade may have had a similar window arrangement; all window openings had been bricked up.

There were probably nine horse stalls, one under each of the windows and the wagons and gear were stored on the other side.

The barn was neglected during its years of disuse. The roof was not maintained and the interior of the building suffered extensive damage.

The barn has been converted to first floor office space and two apartments on the second story. The roof was repaired and a dormer window was added to the north elevation. A door (providing access to stairs to the second story) and a window were added at the ground level. On the front of the building (the east end), a door, window and balcony were added on the second story under the arched hayloft access area. On the ground level, the south doorway was moved and a window added. The second story on the west end also has had windows, a door and a balcony added under the arched hayloft access area. The sliding garage doors on the first floor were removed; windows and a doorway were added. Many of the windows on the south elevation had been bricked up. They have all been restored. One window has been added to the second story.

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LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (3)

VII. Significance

(1) Original Owner City of Madison	(2) Original Use Horse Barn
(3) <u>Architect</u> or Builder J.F. Icke, City Engineer	(4) Architectural Style NA
(5) Date of Construction ca. 1910 - 1914	(6) Indigenous Materials Used None
(7) On a separate sheet of paper, describe the significance of the nominated property and its conformance to the designation criteria of the Landmarks Commission Ordinance (33.01), limit of 500 words.	

VIII. List of Bibliographical References Used

1. Madison City Directories
2. Sanborn Perris Maps for Madison
3. Common Council Proceedings
4. Wisconsin State Journal 3/18/10
5. Lot 4915, Iconography Collection, State Historical Society (Lucille Miller's Photos)
6. "Two Major Horse Barns Remain in City of Madison", Update/ The Quarterly Newsletter of the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, August 1984
- 7.
- 8.

IX. Form Prepared By:

(1) Name and Title Anna Paul, Historic Researcher	
(2) Organization Represented (if any) Madison Mutual Housing Association	
(3) Address 200 North Blount Street	(4) Telephone Number (608) 255-6642
(5) Date Nomination Form Was Prepared January 12, 1989	

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LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (4)

VII.(7) Significance of Nominated Property and Conformance to Designation Criteria:

The municipal horse barn at 200 North Blount Street is significant as the last building of this type in the City of Madison. Before the automobile, horses were the most common mode of transportation. Also common in the early urban landscape were the buildings used to house their horses. As a municipal building, the horses housed here were used to pull fire and police wagons as well as other city vehicles. When the automobile became widely available, horses ceased to be a common part of our city. The once-plentiful liveries and barns began to disappear.

The barn was used to house municipal horses probably through the 1930's and 1940's. The barn remained a municipal building and was converted to office space by 1946. Several city agencies serves as tenants, including the Madison Board of Park Commissioners, the City Welfare Department and the Madison Area Council on Retardation.



