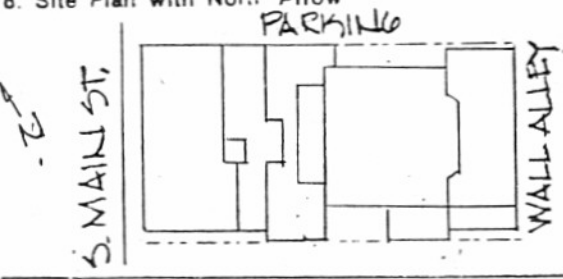


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
Columbus, Ohio 43211

1. No. <u>8/BUT-125-8</u>		4. Present Name(s) <u>COMMERCIAL BLDG., COLONIAL THEATRE</u>	
2. County <u>BUTLER</u>		5. Other Name(s) <u>SORG OPERA HOUSE</u>	
3. Location of Negatives <u>CITY OF MIDDLETOWN</u>			
6. Specific Location <u>53-67 S. MAIN ST. (LOT 19, PARCEL 35, WARD 1)</u>		16. Thematic Category <u>C, E, N</u>	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity <u>MIDDLETOWN, OHIO</u>		17. Date(s) or Period <u>1890 11</u>	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design <u>RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE</u>	
9. Coordinates Lat. <u>39°31'N</u> Long. <u>81°24'W</u> U.T.M. Reference <u>16 723066 41377057</u>		19. Architect or Engineer <u>Samuel Hannaford & Sons, Cinti.</u>	
Zone Easting Northing <u>16 723066 41377057</u>		20. Contractor or Builder <u>CADWELL & SEMINGER</u>	
10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent <u>OPERA HOUSE</u>	
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use <u>MOVIE THEATRE, OFFICES, COMMERCIAL</u>	
12. Is it Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>H.A. FINKELMAN</u>	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known <u>COMMERCIAL REALTY CO. 400 CENTRAL AVE. MIDDLETOWN, OHIO 45042</u>	
14. District Potent'l? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		25. Open to Public? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Name of Established District <u>S. Main Street Historic District</u>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization	
42. Further Description of Important Features <u>RED AND WHITE LIMESTONE FACADE FIRST FLOOR FACADE ALTERED - MARQUEE COVERS STONE ARCHED ENTRY</u>		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <u>NATIONAL REGISTER</u>	
43. History and Significance <u>MIDDLETOWN'S FIRST THEATER, BUILT BY PAUL J. SORG, INDUSTRIALIST, OPERA, STAGE PLAYS ETC, 2 BALCONIES.</u>		28. No. of Stories <u>4</u>	
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings <u>TRAFFIC NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG MAIN ST.</u>		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
45. Sources of Information <u>FIELD SURVEY MIDDLETOWN PLANNING STAFF RESEARCH GEORGE CROUT 8/76</u>		30. Foundation Material <u>STONE</u>	
		31. Wall Construction <u>BRICK & STONE</u>	
		32. Roof Type & Material <u>FLAT ASPHALT & GRAVEL</u>	
		33. No. of Bays Front <u>5</u> Side	
		34. Wall Treatment <u>RUSTICATED STONE</u>	
		35. Plan Shape	
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
		37. Condition Interior <u>GOOD</u> Exterior <u>VERY GOOD</u>	
		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road <u>PROP. FRONT. 100'</u>	
		46. Prepared by <u>LINDA WIENEKE</u>	
		47. Organization <u>CITY OF MIDDLETOWN</u>	
		48. Date <u>7/21/75</u>	
		49. Revision Date(s) <u>J.W. HOWARD</u>	

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BUTLER

COMMERICAL BLDG.

SORG OPERA HOUSE



51. Condition of Property

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good/Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed/Burned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | Date _____ |

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Corn Crib or Shed <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke House <input type="checkbox"/> | Privy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Summer Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> | Spring House <input type="checkbox"/> | Garage <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Silo <input type="checkbox"/> | Ice House <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Designed landscape features <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) _____ one _____ multiple

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

54. Farmstead Plan

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42. (Cont'd)

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