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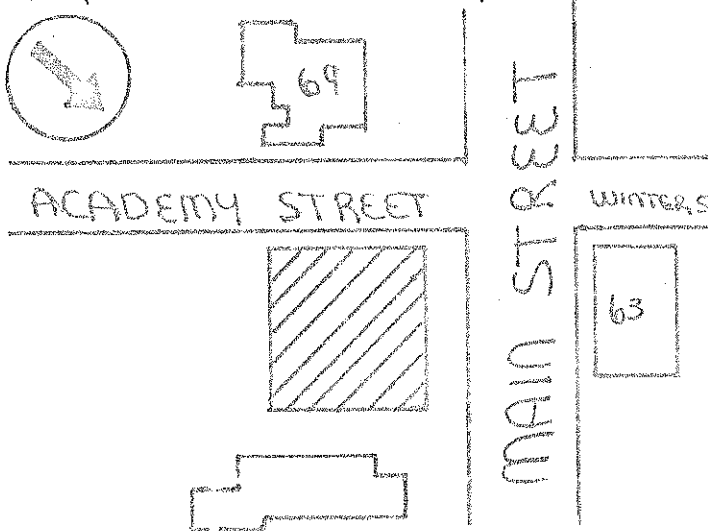
TOWN: Rochester	COUNTY: Strafford
SURVEY NUMBER: 68	
COMMON NAME: The Odd Fellows Block	
HISTORIC NAME: The Odd Fellows Block	
LOCATION: 91-95 South Main Street	
OWNER: Odd Fellow Building Assce.	
ADDRESS: 91-95 South Main Street Rochester, NH	
MAP & PARCEL #: 51/128 125-182	
DATE: c. 1875	
SOURCE: Inspection	
STYLE: Late Victorian Commercial	

UTM: Z 19 /E 338 050 /N 4705 978
USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial
PRESENT USE: Commercial
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site Moved Date
Major Alterations & Date:
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. State Local X

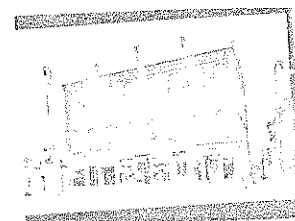
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 3 # Bays 8X4 Approx. Dimensions 75 X 40 Window Sash 2/2
 Roof Style: Gable Hip X Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
 Monitor Sawtooth Other
 Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys X
 Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
 Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other X Storefronts
- FOUNDATION: Random Rubble Cut Granite X Brick Concrete Concrete Block
 Other
- WALL STRUCTURE:
 Wood Frame: Post & Beam Balloon Frame Other
 Load Bearing Masonry: Stone Brick X Concrete Block Other
 Metal: Iron Steel Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap
 Aluminum Novelty Stucco Stone Brick X Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles
 Vinyl Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle Standing Seam Tin Slate X
 Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Gravel Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Negative File Number:

Photographer:

Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

A 3 story 8X4 bay building, the Odd Fellows Hall exhibits many features characteristic of Victorian commercial architecture.

On the upper stories, 2/2 sash windows are topped by segmentally-arched brick window hoods. The facade and side elevations are framed by brick piers. Ornamental brick corbelling articulates the roofline on all elevations. Six tall, brick chimneys add to the vertical appearance of the building.

An inscription stone reading IOOF, 1875, is centered on the facade. Notably, the storefronts remain intact. Each one is characterized by cast iron piers, plate glass display windows and transom panels. The piers rise from rock-faced granite foundation stones which are part of the storefront design. A wooden cornice and sign architrave run above the storefronts. The entire storefront composition is painted a light grey which helps emphasize the intactness of the storefront design which is one of the buildings most significant assets.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

Separated from the commercial center, the Odd Fellows Block is the southernmost commercial building on South Main Street. Larger than the structures on either side, the building corresponds in scale to the shoe mills located further down South Main Street.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Odd Fellows Hall was built in 1874, with commercial space on the first floor. This building has been wonderfully well preserved and has the best surviving cast iron storefronts in Rochester.

Before this building was constructed, the Odd Fellows Hall had been in the former Rochester Academy, a 2 story brick residence immediately behind the new building. This was a factor in selecting the site of the present structure.

REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee

MAP DATA: 1877-Birds Eye

1884-Birds Eye

1892-Atlas-IOOF

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land___Woodland___Scattered Bldgs___Moderately Built Up___
Densely Built Up___Residential___Commercial___Industrial___Agricultural___
Roadside Strip Development___Other___

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 80' X 95'

Recorded By:

Date: