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Survey of UW Campus Buildings that may be eligible to be designated as Madison Landmarks

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In the early 1990s Science Hall and the Old Red Gym on the University of Wisconsin campus were designated by the National Park Service as National Historic Landmarks, a federal designation reserved for the most important nationally significant buildings and historic sites in the United States. Because of their importance to the history of not only the nation, but also to the City of Madison, the Landmarks Commission decided in 1995 to consider designating those buildings as Madison Landmarks. At the request of the University of Wisconsin, the landmark designation was placed on hold until a comprehensive study could be undertaken of all university buildings that might have the potential to be designated as Madison Landmarks.

At the time, the Landmarks Commission developed an informal, unwritten agreement with the University of Wisconsin that if the City of Madison designates as landmarks buildings erected for university use, it will not install a local landmark plaque on the building. This agreement was in response to a concern that many buildings on campus already have various identifying signs and commemorative markers, making additional plaques unnecessary and possibly adding to visual clutter.

The second part of the agreement was that the City would consider designating only buildings that contribute to the fabric of the Madison community at large, and not delve into the heart of the campus where the loss or alteration of a building would visually affect only surrounding campus structures. Thus buildings on regularly traveled city streets were included in this study, whereas structures in the interior of the campus, no matter how historically important they may be, were not included.

At the time, the University of Wisconsin-Madison was also undertaking a comprehensive master plan for its campus. The comprehensive master plan, which was adopted ca. 1996, recommended possible areas of expansion that could adversely affect historically significant privately constructed buildings in the surrounding neighborhood. These potentially affected buildings are also included in this study. Since this study was completed in 1999 the University has undertaken a new master plan, which as of this writing is taking shape. The new plan delineates somewhat different boundaries of expansion. Some non-university buildings that were mentioned in the 1996 plan as possible UW expansion sites are no longer threatened. These changes are noted in the analysis

below. As of this time, it appears that the new master plan will not call for demolition of other potentially historic non-university buildings. After the new plan is adopted, it is recommended that the plan be assessed to ensure that this remains the case for the near future.

Please note that there are two columns in the following charts where the word "eligible" appears. In the column headed "UW Master Plan recommendations and federal historic designations," the term refers to the University's assessment of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, which was made in cooperation with the Wisconsin Historical Society. The assessments in the column headed "Recommendation re eligibility for Landmark status," were made based on the Landmarks Commission criteria listed in the Landmarks Commission ordinance (Sec. 33.01(4)). No attempt has been made to assess the university campus for the important events and personages in the University's history, as opposed to the City's history. Such analysis is an on-going and extensive project for which the University and its faculty, students and alumni and the Wisconsin Historical Society are better equipped. That is why, for example, the Biochemistry Building is listed as not eligible to be a Madison Landmark, even though the research that was conducted in this building through the years is of major historic value. Whether or not the building should be retained for that reason or replaced by a new one is more appropriately decided by the University than by the City of Madison. Old Music Hall, on the other hand, is of value beyond its importance to the University because of its architectural value to the Madison community as a whole.

Buildings Constructed for University Use

| <i>Building</i> | <i>Date of Construction</i> | <i>Architect</i> | <i>UW Master Plan recommendations and federal historic designations</i> | <i>Recommendation re eligibility for Landmark status</i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Field House, 1450 Monroe St. | 1929 | Arthur Peabody | NRHP, UW plans to undergo historically compatible renovation in near future | eligible |
| Old Red Gym 716 Langdon St. | 1894 | Conover and Porter | NHL, recently underwent extensive renovation | eligible |

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| Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. | 1926 | Arthur Peabody | Bascom Hill NRHP historic district, UW plans for interior restoration activities and new elevator addition on west addition in near future | eligible |
| Science Hall, 550 N. Park St. | 1887 | Koch & Conover | NHL | eligible |
| Music Hall, 925 Bascom Mall | 1878 | D. R. Jones | Bascom Hill NRHP historic district | eligible |
| Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State St. | 1901 | Ferry and Clas | NRHP | eligible |
| University Club, 803 State St. | 1908 | | UW says is eligible for NRHP, no plans in future to demolish all or part; proposed addition to Elvehjem will occur elsewhere | eligible |
| Barnard Hall, 970 University Ave. | 1912 | Arthur Peabody | UW says eligible for NRHP | eligible |
| Lathrop Hall, 1050 University Ave. | 1908 | Arthur Peabody | NRHP, UW recently completed historic structures report | eligible |
| Heating Station, 1225 University Ave. | 1908 | Arthur Peabody | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for Science Opportunity Center | not eligible |

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| University Hospitals Complex, 1300 University Ave. | 1918-1930 | Arthur Peabody | UW says is eligible for NRHP, plans to retain original buildings on University Ave., but remove some additions on the north half of the site | not eligible |
| Old Forest Products Laboratory, 1509 University Avenue | 1909 | Arthur Peabody | NRHP | eligible |
| Mechanical Engineering, 1525 University Ave. | 1929 | Arthur Peabody | UW says is eligible for NRHP, rear addition under construction | eligible |
| Stock Pavilion, 1675 Linden Dr. | 1908 | Arthur Peabody | NRHP | eligible |
| Dairy Barn, 1915 Linden Dr. | 1898 | J. T. W. Jennings | nominated for NHL | eligible |

Buildings constructed for non-university purposes

| <i>Building</i> | <i>Date of Construction</i> | <i>Architect</i> | <i>UW Survey Priority, Master Plan recommendations and federal historic designations*</i> | <i>Recommendation re eligibility for Landmark status</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| Old Governors' Residence, 130 E. Gilman St. | 1856 | unknown | NRHP | designated Landmark |
| Presidents' House, 130 N. Prospect Ave. | 1912 | Ferry and Clas | University Heights NRHP historic district | University Heights historic district |

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| Brittingham House, 6021 S. Highlands Ave. | 1915 | Frank Riley | unknown | eligible |
| DiSalvo's Grocery, 802 Regent Street | 1923 | | no longer in UW campus planning area | determined eligible in Downtown Pres. Plan |
| Washington School, 545 W. Dayton St. | 1939 | John Flad | no longer in UW campus planning area, although block on which it sits is cited in plan for redevelopment | Designated Landmark |
| First Central Bank Co., 901 University Ave. | 1928-1929 | Weary and Alford, Chicago and Frank Riley | demolition approved by City | not eligible |
| Max Kaplan Men's Clothing Store, 1301- 1303 University Ave. | 1922 | | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for Discovery Center | not eligible |
| Mintz Bros. (tailors) Bldg., 1305-1307 University Ave. | 1921 | | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for Discovery Center | not eligible |
| Rogers Bldg., 1313- 1317 University Ave. | 1909 | | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for Discovery Center | not eligible |
| Royston Bldg., 1319- 1325 University Ave. | 1921-1923 | | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for Discovery Center | not eligible |
| Rennebohm Offices and Store, 1353-1357 University Ave. | 1925 | J. Glaettli, Jr. | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for Discovery Center | eligible |

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| Kelley and Meier Grocery, 1401 University Ave. | 1905 | Ferdinand Kronenberg | no longer in UW campus planning area | not eligible |
| Kelley/Morgan House, 1014 W. Dayton St. | ca. 1864 | | UW says is not eligible, plans to demolish for new academic building in future | not eligible |
| Biochemistry Building, 420 Henry Mall | 1912; additions in 1938, 1954, 1965 | Arthur Peabody | In Henry Mall NHRP historic district, 1938 addition contains John Stuart Curry murals | not eligible |

Addendum to UW Survey

St. Francis House, University Congregation of the Episcopal Church, 1001 University Ave.

1925-1929

Eschweiler and Eschweiler

In campus planning area; identified as to be acquired when
it becomes available, needs clarification

eligible

Luther Memorial Church, 1019 University Ave.

1921-1923

Claude and Starck

In campus planning area; identified as to be acquired when

it becomes available, needs clarification
eligible

Abiel and Mary Brooks house, and the Wesley Foundation Chapel, 1121-1127 University Ave.

ca. 1851 and 1916-1928

Childs and Smith (1916 section)

In campus planning area; identified as to be acquired when
it becomes available, needs clarification

Brooks House too altered to be eligible, Wesley Foundation Chapel eligible

Conklin House, 309 N. Mills St.

1887 and 1905

1905 design by Claude and Starck

In campus planning area; identified as to be acquired when
it becomes available, needs clarification

eligible