

HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

1. Name

Historic: MIDTOWN TIEFENTHALER HOUSE

and/or Common: _____

2. Location

Street & number 2425 West McKinley Avenue

Aldersperson: Robert Bauman

District(s): 4th

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Present Use			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> park	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> religious	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>VACANT</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private-residence	<input type="checkbox"/> museum	

4. Owner of Property

Name: CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Street & number: 809 NORTH BROADWAY

City: MILWAUKEE

State WI

Zip 53202

5. Representation Existing Surveys

Inventory: RECOGNITION SURVEY CITY OF MILWAUKEE / WEST SIDE SURVEY

Date: 1983

federal state county local

Depository for survey records:

Organization CITY OF MILWAUKEE HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Street & number 200 E. WELLS ST. ROOM B-4

City MILWAUKEE

State WI Zip 53202

Previous historic designation: NONE

<input type="checkbox"/> National Register	Date _____	Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Milwaukee Landmark	Date _____	Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Name of Program _____		Date designated _____

6. DESCRIPTION

Condition:

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins

Check one:

- original site
- moved date
- altered
- unaltered

Building form:

Number of stories 2 1/2

Foundation:

- stone
- brick
- concrete block
- concrete
- other _____

Roof:

- gable (flank end cross)
- gambrel (flank end cross)
- hip
- mansard
- flat
- other _____

Walls:

- clapboard
- asphalt siding
- brick
- asbestos tile
- stucco
- aluminum siding
- stone
- artificial stone
- wood shingle
- slate
- terra cotta
- other _____

Written description: (Continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

The house at 2425 W. McKinley is a two and one-half story frame house with cross gabled roof. Its main façade faces north. The house sits on a stone foundation. The building is T-plan in form with a three-sided bay projecting from the east side of the building. The house is sheathed in clapboard siding. Decorative shingles form a band between the first and second stories on the main façade and also fill in the gable ends. There is an entry door at the intersection of the house and east bay. It is sheltered by a porch with slanting roof and has decorative spindles and ornamental post. A second door is located at the west end of the façade and is sheltered by a pedimented hood resting on brackets. An open deck with simple balustrade wraps around the north and east elevations. Windows on the front façade are grouped into three on the first story and two on the second. There are single windows on the bay and in the gable ends. Windows appear to have one-over-one sash. A chimney rises from the apex of the roof. The west elevation is plain with only a few windows arranged to meet the needs of the interior rooms.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Areas of significance:

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | _____ |

Date built or altered: 1886 (TAX ROLL)

Builder/architect: UNKNOWN

Written statement of significance: (continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

Leo Tiefenthaler, b. 7-3-1880 d. 11-10-1974 was the first Municipal Reference Librarian, 1911-1917. I remember a newspaper article referring to him as Mr. City Hall, because of his attendance at Common Council meeting over the years.

I personally remember seeing him getting into a cab in the mornings and wondering where in the world could this elderly frail man could be going EVERY day!

From the files at the Reference Library at City hall, I obtained newspaper articles that should be on microfiche at the Journal-Sentinel office. One general online search notes a controversy with him as a principal during the 1920s, activist teachers within the Milwaukee Teachers Association (MTA) engaged in a successful campaign to prevent widespread adoption of the "platoon school" model within their city's public school system. In the course of this campaign, MTA leaders had to develop skills as educational researchers, coalition builders, and policy advocates. Their struggle sheds light on discordant conceptions of effective urban education in early twentieth century America, and provides lessons for contemporary teachers on how to collaborate to advance their own visions of effective and equitable schooling.

Leo Tiefenthaler; was the 1963 honoree of the Milwaukee Press Club and given the Headliner Award.

Leo F Tiefenthaler; Wisconsin. Legislature. Legislative Reference Library.; Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association.; University of Wisconsin. Publisher: Madison, Wis. : Wisconsin Library Commission, Legislative Reference Dept., 1911. Records of a Milwaukee, Wisconsin, civic organization formed to study and promote better social, civic, and economic conditions. Minutes, correspondence, subject files, and scrapbooks document the club's activities. The bulk of the collection consists of background materials collected by study groups on many civic topics, including public finance, city and regional planning, transportation, public education, and health and social services. Also included are the personal papers of the club's civic secretary from 1917 to 1974, Leo Tiefenthaler, and files on the Outdoor Life Group and the Milwaukee Civic Alliance.

The park located at 24th Place and Cherry Street was named in his honor, post humorously.

8. Major Bibliographical References

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
TAX ROLLS 1880-1887

9. Property Description

Acreage: LESS THAN 1

Legal property description:

LYNDE'S ADDN No. 2 IN SW 1/4 SEC 19-7-22 BLOCK 10 LOT 7 - W 1/2 LOT 6

10. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Lois J. Redic

Organization: Midtown Neighborhood Black Club

Street: 2410 West McKinley Avenue

City: Milwaukee

State: WI

Zip: 53205

Telephone (days) _____ (evenings) 414.342.4133

Date: June 4, 2013



Return to: **Historic Preservation
City Clerk's Office
200 E. Wells St.
Room B-4
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Jim Owczarski
City Clerk

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Deputy City Clerk

June 20, 2013

Lois J. Redic
2410 West McKinley Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53205

Re: Application for Historic Designation
Tiefenthaler House
2425 West McKinley Avenue

Dear Ms. Redic:

I received your application for the historic designation of the Tiefenthaler House. It was missing some information and some portions were left blank. I entered that information for you. Please review the copy of the application enclosed, with the additional information filled in. If it meets with your satisfaction please let me know in writing or by e-mail. Since this nomination will be submitted by Alderman Bauman, it needs to meet all of the application requirements. Once I receive an approval from you, I will then give the application to Alderman Bauman so that he can formally submit it and start the nomination process.

If you have any questions or need further assistance please, do not hesitate to contact me at (414) 286-5722 or Carlen.hatala@milwaukee.gov.

Sincerely,

Carlen Hatala
Historic Preservation Planner



Hatala, Carlen

From: Lois Redic [loisredic@ymail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Hatala, Carlen
Subject: application for Tiefenthaler house

Dear Carlen,

Thank you for completing all the missing information that is necessary for the application to be submitted to my alderman, Robert Bauman. It meets my approval and satisfaction. Please proceed to the next step for historic designation of the Leo Tiefenthaler House, 2425 West McKinley Avenue. I sincerely appreciate your assistance and look forward to see the successful results of our teamwork.

Sincerely,

Lois J. Redic
2410 W. McKinley Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53205
414.342.4133