

STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

Historical Information

A. NAME Lodge Building C. NUMBER 237 0046  
B. ADDRESS PO Box 243 Greenville IN 47124  
D. UTM References LL LLLL LLLL LLLL

E. Abraham Coffman, one of the area's earliest settlers & first millers operated a horse-mill on this site. A brick structure was erected in 1840 by John B. Ford\* who sold it to John Korb. It burned to the ground but was rebuilt by Mr. Korb who operated it for 8 or 10 years. Keithley & Brown bought it from Korb & were operating the mill & a cooper shop in the early 80s.

J.B. Ford also operated a grocery & dry goods store, saddlery shop & had wagon teams peddling "pie safes", all supposedly housed in this building. Other businesses in the building have been blacksmith shop, buggy (mfg.) sales, farm machinery, fertilizer, several groceries. Around 1900 Mr Husing ran the post office here.

This is actually two buildings & the one on the west (Oddfellows) is thought to be the oldest. over

\* John B Ford began his career in Greenville, founded major businesses in New Albany particularly a glass works. He went on to found Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES Larry Roberts / History of Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church 1974 / History of the Ohio Falls & their Counties, 1882

G. PREPARED BY Carol Jobe

H. DATE 7-22-76

The upper floors of the building were used by fraternal organizations. The Oddfellows\* used the west building & their emblem on the front is dated 1894, evidently when they began meeting there. Several signs & relics are displayed inside the present Antique Shop. This building is the more sophisticated architecturally than the other.

The east building was used by the Masons\*. Their emblem on the front of the building is dated 1879.

Around the turn of the century & later the upstairs hall of the west building was used for church suppers, socials, dances, plays, & later movies.

\* Greenville Lodge Oddfellows 344 Oddfellow org. 1870

\* Greenville Lodge Masons A16 org. 1868

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