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Description

Centre Market Square has a large majority of architecturally or historically significant buildings with the two Centre Market houses providing the focus. The District is located in a section of Wheeling named Center Wheeling and is approximately two blocks east of the Ohio River and is one block south of Wheeling Creek from 20th to 23rd Streets. The creek is the boundary between Center Wheeling and the Central Business District. The Centre Market structures, which are listed in the National Register, are mid-center of Market Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets on a north-south axis.

The architecture reflects the development of the District from 1850 to the present time with such styles as Greek Revival, Victorian Italianate, Gothic, Neoclassical and Personalized Contemporary. Over two thirds of the existing fifty-eight buildings were originally constructed in the nineteenth century. Although there are no nationally important buildings, except for perhaps the market structures, the District is an excellent example of architectural synergism.

Most of the buildings are brick with native sandstone foundations. Stone, moulded wood, stained glass and metal are some of the materials incorporated as facade ornamentation. The scale is relatively low with only two five-story buildings and church towers.

Since the 1850's there has been an unusual blend of commercial, institutional and residential uses so the character of Centre Market Square has remained constant for over one hundred and thirty years. These uses combined with an ethnic composition of working class people have created a distinctive neighborhood in an urban settings.

Wheeling was founded in 1769, survived British-Indian sieges during the Revolutionary War and subsequently began to expand with the first lots laid out in 1793. Nine years late: Wheeling became a town by an act of the assembly but the land south of the creek was not included. At that time it was a wilderness of trees interspersed with a few clearings for cornfields. Even though the area was platted in 1829 and was included as part of the City of Wheeling when it was incorporated in 1836, the area south of the creek was still sparsely settled. It was not until the 1850's that the area began to develop rapidly. Until 1851 it was a part of "South Wheeling" but that year became "Centre Wheeling".

The nearby iron and glass industries provided employment and in 1853 the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad terminated at the confluence of Wheeling Creek and the Ohio River. That same year the completion of the cast iron market house was the catalyst for growth. By 1860 there were small shops with living quarters, modest residence and four churches in the District.

In 1891 a second market house was completed and many of the existing buildings were then remodeled or had additions while others were replaced with larger, more substantial structures.

But by the depression Centre Market had declined and in 1933 the Federal Projects Association of Wheeling applied for federal funds which were administered by the Public Works Asministration. Part of the proposed plan, which was never executed, was to raze all the buildings between 22nd and 23rd Streets on Market Street and replace them with apartments and quarters for the Wheeling Fire Department. The plan also included

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rebuilding the old Market House to include a gymnasium, auditorium and a swimming pool.

Following World War II the Center Wheeling Business and Professional Peoples Association was working for the advancement of Centre Wheeling. Their c.1946 brochure included this statement.

Center Wheeling Market, even though in a disreputable state of repair, offers a place for farmers to bring their produce to sell directly to the people. Fridays and Saturdays in the Market are the shopping days when the farmers of the district meet the shoppers of the area at Center Market. Notwithstanding its age and dis-repair, the old Market attracts thousands on Market days and serves a definite need in the city.

During recent years some repairs have been made to the market houses and many of the surrounding buildings have been "modernized", especially on the ground stories. There are intrusions, the most obvious being the parking garage which is also Central Fire Headquarters. However, this garage occupies land through to Chapline Street which in turn is connected by a skywalk to the Ohio Valley Medical Center complex which is a known economic resource for the District. And the firemen are a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

It is recognized that the key to a successful revitalization of the District remains with the market structures. A Centre Market Program was formulated in 1983 which is an approach to the "recreation of an historical part of Wheeling's past through economic development". Currently private and public funds are committed to the instauration of the city owned Centre Market buildings. The city is also working with the property owners in the District who have enthusiastically expressed their willingness to participate in the rebirth of Centre Market Square.

(Detailed architectural descriptions of each building have been prepared by Tracy R. Stephens, A.I.A. They are filed with the West Virginia Department of Culture & History, Historic Preservation Unit and also with the Wheeling Landmarks Commission)

BUILDINGS OF NATIONAL. MAJOR. AND PIVOTAL SIGNIFICANCE (numbers refer to the numbers used on the maps)

1. SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1850. 20th and Market Streets. Greek Revival: 2-Stories and tower, no basement Current Use-WHEELING CHRISTIAN CHURCH Original Use -SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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- 4. WHEELING CATH(044C CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS-St. Alphonsus Building (East Wing) SCHOOL, 1875. 2111 Market Street Italian Romanesque Precedent: 3-Stories / part-basement / attic
- 5. ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, L887, 2111 Market Street.
 Italian Romanesque Precedent: 1-Story with balcony / basement except tower of 4 tiers / basement.
 Architects-Fr. Anthony Schuermann; E.W. Wells with the firm of Klieves Kraft and Co. (This church building replaced the 1859 St. Alphonsus church building on the same site.)
- 6. MARY A. REED BUILDING, c.1885. 2125 Market Street. Italian Revival: 2-stories (HABS 1976)
 Current Use: Wheeling Flower Shop
 1885 City Directory Supplement-John T. Reed, druggist
- 14. SHAEFER BUILDING, 1886. 2201 Market Street Wheeling Victorian: 3-Stories and basement Current Use-Medovic's-AG-Food Center City Directory 1886-Schaefer, F.F. cigarmaker
- 27. BELLINGER BUILDING, c. 1885. 2259-2261-2263 Market Street Wheeling Victorian with Italianate: 2-stories and basement Current Use: Odds & Ends 2259; City Glass Co. 2261; Top Hat Stoves 2263 City Directory 1888, Atlantic Tea Co. (James Henderson and James McCann) wholesale and retail dealers in teas, coffees and spices, fine teas a specialty
- 28. SCHMEICHEL BUILDING, c.1900. 2265-2267 Market Street
 Neqclassical with Victorian: 4-stories and basement
 Current Use-vacant: City Directory1900-02-Schmeichel F. & Son, furniture etc
 39&40. ZINK HOUSE, c. 1878. 2206 & 2208 Market Street.
 Late Victorian with Italianate: 2-stories and basement (HABS-1976)

Current Use: 2206 residence

2208 currently being rehabilitated by Friends of Wheeling
Original use: assumed to have been rental property

47. LOTZ BUILDING, c. 1873. 2226 and 2228 Market
Victorian Italiante: 2-stories and attic (rear addition of concrete
block: 2-stories 1980)
Current Use: 2226 Union Fish Market; 2228 Paradox Book Store

52. THONER HOUSE, c. 1877. 2240 Market Street
Wheeling Victorian Italianate: 2-stories, attic and basement (HABS-1976)
Current Use: Anne's Corner On The Market
John Thoner (1879 Pan-Handle History) wholesale and retail merchant,
residence same.

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56. CENTRE MARKET HOUSE (UPPER), 1853.

Architect: Thomas Pope (National Register 1975; HAER 1974)

Neoclassical (Roman Doric): One Story, no basement

(market house later enclosed and now has stacked bond concrete blocks)

Current Use: Public Market Original Use: Public Market

57. CENTRE MARKET HOUSE (LOWER), 1891

Architect: Edward B. Franzheim (National Register 1975; HAER 1974)

Romanesque precedent: one story, no basement

Current Use: Public Market Original Use: Public Market

BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Also Pivotal)

31. WHEELING PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1911. 2100 Market Street Neoclassical: 3-stories and basement, tall 1st story (third story a later

addition)

Current Use: Georgian Center (Banquet, Reception and Party Rooms) Original Use: Public Library
Historical Significance: The library is especially important because of its connection with the labor movement. The City fathers authorized a vote on a \$50,000. library levy to purchase a site and for books and maintenance in order that there might be a Carnegie Free Library in Wheeling. The proposed library had strong supporters from leading businessmen and prominent citizens. However, the members of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly were firmly opposed to a monument to Andrew Carnegie and worked vigorously for the defeat of the levy. On January 26, 1904, the levy was threed down by 201 votes. Wheeling became the first American city to reject a Carnegie grant. The Board of Education eventually voted to erect a library with its own resources which opened in 1911.

35. GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN ZION'S CHURCH, c. 1850. 2118 Market Street Eclectic: Gothic, Greek and Italian Revival: 2-stories / tower Note: The building was constructed as a Congregational Church and remodeled for use as a Lutheran Church in 1852. Ten years later a tornado struck the building. The roof fell in and the north and south walls were damaged. (Three children were killed and ten more injured.) The church was rebuilt and rededicated the following year.

Original Use: church

Current Use: Oglebay Institute-Towngate Theatre
Historical Significance: This is one of the oldest church buildings
in Wheeling, and the congregation was German. The church's history
relates its growth in membership was due to the constant arrivals
of new families from the Lutheran sections of Germany. Once settled,
these immigrants influenced their friends still in Germany to come
to Wheeling. These families must have had an important impact on
Centre Wheeling and the entire city. The building continues to be
an anchor in Centre Market Square with its current use as Oglebay

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- 16. RIEMENSCHNEIDER BUILDING, c. 1883. 2207 Market Street. Wheeling Italianate: 2-Stories
 Current Use: Chief's Club
 City Directory 1882-1883: A. Riemenschneider boots and shoes
- 17. KOEHLER BUILDING, c. 1875 2211 Market Street
 Italianate with Classic Precedent: 2-stories
 Current Use: vacant
 City Directory 1874-1875: Charles Kaler 2209 & 2211 bakery;
 Fred Kaler, boards 2209
- WIMS BUILDING, c. 1875 for Mary Jane Wims (William Harrison trustee)

 2215 & 2215 Market Street

 Wheeling Italiante: 2-stories

 Current Use: Triedstone Church of God In Christ

 City Directory 1877-1878: Martin E. Wims, wreck-supt B&O Railroad, residence 2215 and William E. Wims, nailfeeder, boards 2215 Market
- 19. RENNER BUILDING, c. 1875. 2227 Market Street
 Wheeling Italianate: 3-stories and basement
 Current Use: Duck Inn Club
 City Directory 1877-1878: Jos. Roth Produce Dealer; Jos. Roth saloon
- 20. RENNER BUILDING, c. 1875 alteration c. 1906 (Note: party wall with #19) 2235-2239 Market Street.
 Italian Romanesque Precedent: 3-stories and basement Current Use: Toni Zeakes' Dance Studio & apartments City Directory 1874-1875: Herman Renner Hotel; Herman Renner, proprietor
- 21. HENDERSON & McCANN BUILDING, c. 1894. 2243 Market Wheeling Italianate: 4-stories and basement Current Use: Katy's Corner
- 22. JOHN PARKER BUILDING, c. 1875. 2245 Market Street
 Wheeling Italianate: 3-stories and basement (Twin building with #23)
 Current Use: Garage
 Deed work refers to Parker Brothers known as the Market Square
 Checkered Front property.
 City Directory 1874-1875: Parker Brothers, wholesale and retail
 dealers in groceries, produce, hay feed &c. 2245 & 2247 Market.
- 23. MARGARET PARKER BUILDING, c. 1875. (Margaret Parker was John Parker's wife)

 2247 Market Street
 Wheeling Italianate: 3-stories and basement (Twin building with #22)
 Current Use: Commercial Printing Co, Inc.
 Old Use: same as #22
- WEINGERTER BUILDING, c. 1868. 2251 Market Street
 Wheeling Italianate: 3-stories and basement
 Current Use: Bud's Club
 City Directory 1874-1875 Hubbard, M&G, wholesale and retail dealers
 in groceries, grain and seed
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- 34. CARROLL HOUSE, c. 1885 2116 Market Street
 Wheeling Victorian Italianate: 2-stories and basement
 Current Use: vacant (known as the Central Apartments)
 Original Use: home of widow Margaret Carroll
- Romantic Revival, Romanesque Precedent: 3-stories
 Current Use: St. Vincent DePaul Store
 City Directory 1874-1875: Wm Zink & Son, manufacturers of furniture,
 chairs, etc. and dealers in carpets, bedding, looking glasses,
 oil cloths, window shades; Undertaking a specialty, coffins of
 all kinds; finest hearse in the city
- 41. HAZLETT-REMPE HOUSE, c. 1872 and c. 1894. 2210 Market Victorian Italiante: 2-stories and basement. Current Use: residence City Directory 1877-1878: Matilda Hazlett widow boards; Isaac Hazlett, carpenter City Directory 1892-1893: Miss Annie Rempe boards, F.J. Rempe boards, John F. Rempe, merchant tailor, residence same; Wm Rempe, salesman (Geo. E.S. & CO.) boards.
- Jesus 1880s 2210A Market Street (or 2210½ Market Street)

 Victorian: one-story wood frame small building

 Current Use: Saad's Bookeeping

 City Directories of the late 1890s list address as a barber shop
- 43. PHILIP METZNER BUILDING, c. 1867. 2216 Market Street
 Victorian Italianate: 3-stories and basement
 Current Use: Residences
 (City Directory 1874-1875: Philip Metzner, President Wheeling Furniture
 Co. but he did not live at 2216)
 City Directory 1880-1881: Albert Metzner, cabinetmaker; Mrs. Henrietta
 Metzner, widow
- 44. DAVID NEWHART BUILDING, c. 1869. Victorian and Italian: 3-stories Current Use: Residences
- 45. TREIBER HOUSE, c. 1900. 2220 Market Street.
 Victorian Italianate: 2-Stories and basement
 Current Use: Residence
 City Directory 1900-1902: Michael Treiber produce vender; residence same
- 48: CHRISTIAN LOTZ HOUSE, c. 1880. 2230 Market Street
 Victorian Italianate: 2-stories and basement
 Current Use: Busy Bee Enterprises
 City Directory 1880-1881: Christian Lotz (Schuehle & Lotz) residence-

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Wheeling is recognized for its architectural significance but it is in Centre Market Square that there is also a prevailing atmosphere of tradition. This distinctive neighborhood revolves around the two market houses with 1853 structure being the oldest cast iron market house in the country. The unusual combination of commercial, residential, and institutional uses has been retained for over one hundred years together with the ethnic makeup of the residents.

The District began as an English and native American section which was sparsely settled as a residential area along with a few industries on the banks of Wheeling Creek. In 1848, the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church moved south of the creek to the same location where their 1850 church stands today. By then Wheeling was flourishing with an industrial base with the iron mills and glass houses employing the greatest number of people.

The German immigrants had congregated in the area south of Wheeling Creek. The 1850 census records showed that one out of every five persons in Centre Wheeling was born in Germany.

That year Centre Wheeling residents demanded a public market be built in Centre Wheeling. One of their councilmen was John W. Gill. He was the wealthiest resident in Centre Wheeling and owned the largest silk factory in the United States. He was also president of the Wheeling Gas Company which was incorporated in 1850. City Council members finally agreed and the cast iron market, complete with gas lights, was completed in 1853. The architect was Thomas Pope from Wheeling and the columns were cast at the Wheeling foundry of Hamilton & Rodgers. The two block area expanded with the construction of small shops, homes and three more churches. They were the German Zion Lutheran Church in 1852, the Disciples Church in 1855 and St. Alphonsus (a German Catholic parish) in 1859.

During that period the Harding Family lived across from the Second Presbyterian Church. Richard Harding was city treasurer but it was his daughter, Rebecca Harding Davis, who became nationally famous as a pioneer social realist in literature. Her first published work (and the most famous), Life in the Iron Mills, is about Wheeling.

In the 1860 presidential election the voters from Ohio County showed a preference for the Southern candidates, Bell and Breckenridge. However, the voters from Centre Wheeling voiced their voting approval for Lincoln and Douglas by 57.6%. The following year the members of the Virginia Convention adopted an Ordinance of Secession on April 17, 1861. A delegate, Chester D. Hubbard, returned to his home in Centre Wheeling two days later and immediately raised the first two companies of troops to support the United States Constitution. On May 6 a man was almost hanged for saying 'Hurrah for Jeff Davis" and on May 23 only 5 of a total of 517 votes from

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Centre Wheeling were for secession. In June, the members of the convention from the western counties of Virginia were meeting in Wheeling. They signed the <u>Declaration of the People of Virginia</u>. This action ultimately resulted in the creation of West Virginia. Three of the six delegates from Ohio County to this convention were from Centre Wheeling. Andrew Wilson's home still stands in the District at 2114 Market Street. Later there were war meetings at the market house which also served as an assembly spot for troops. Centre Wheeling residents continued to be strong supporters of the Union and for West Virginia statehood. Even after the War of the Rebellion, feelings were still running high and during a meeting at the market house a resolution was passed to remove the returning former residets who were rebels.

By 1888, the Wheeling Business Directory reveals that the merchants in Centre Market Square were almost entirely German. From approximately 53 names, only 8 appear to be of other national origins. An "Apotheke" sign on the building at 2153 Market Street remains from that era. The Atlas published the following year shows only one vacant lot. Therefore, it can be assummed Centre Market Square was thriving. This is reinforced with the knowledge that the second orket house was completed and occupied early in 1891.

The Maxwell property at 2100 Market Street was purchased by the Board of the Wheeling Independent. School District. The building on the site was remodeled and in 1898 became the first Wheeling High School. The adjoining property to the north was also Maxwell property which had been given to the YMCA. The mansion had been remodeled and a gymnasium added to fit the needs of the YMCA.

In 1910 the new YMCA facility had replaced the Maxwell mansion and a year later the Wheeling Public Library had replaced the other Maxwell structure. At that time the roads were mostly mudholes but Centre Wheeling was on the line of the Traction, Panhandle and City street car companies. It was also only a very short distance from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station where more than 100 passenger trains stopped daily.

According to oral history, World War I was very difficult for the German people in Wheeling, It is believed it was then that the issues of the German newspapers were destroyed and the word "German" stricken from the names of banks, churches, etc. The Wheeling City Directories, under the heading of churches, list in 1917-18 the First German Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. Alphonsus German Catholic Church. In 1919-20 it was the Zion Evangelical Church and in 1921, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

By the 1930s, the ethnic origins of people in the District had changed. Tebanese, Polish, Greek and other nationalities had joined the neighborhood. 1932 some of the names were Janke, Shia, Maroon and Saad.

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