

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 32-6  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME:  
LOCATION: 72 Tenth St.

COMMON NAME: Cafe Elysian  
BLOCK/LOT

MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken  
USGS QUAD:  
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Hudson  
UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Northing/Easting

## DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1893-1898

Source of Date: historical maps

Architect:

Builder: plaster ceiling on 1st fl.  
by Flechteler, of 1271 Park Ave.,  
Form/Plan Type: N.Y., N.Y.

Style: Beaux-Arts

rectangular

Number of Stories: 5 1/2

Foundation: stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: beige brick

Fenestration: copper tripartite window bays, double-hung sash, attic-storey rectangular windows

Roof/Chimneys: 2-one on eastern wall, one on northern wall

Additional Architectural Description: a cast-iron window bay survives on the first floor, Washington St. side, as well as a decorative railing at the areaway. corners have brick quoining; cornice is of copper; in the corner room on the ground floor is a bar--the ceiling is a fine neo-classical fresco w. plaster relief, along the walls of the room are impressionistic seaside murals. The bar itself is handsome; it is Art Deco, and has dark wood and bronze (?), and features a model of a ship. The bar is said to have come from an ocean liner--during the prohibition, the original bar was removed. The "back room" also on this floor has a superb molded-plaster ceiling and moldings depicting birds, flowers, rabbits, in a rustic theme.

Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

on corner of Washington St. and Tenth St. (n.e. corner) Directly to the north is the Elks Club, which post-dates the Elysian by about 5-8 yrs. and is of similar height. To the east by one block is the Elysian Park, from which the cafe derives its name. A handsome and intact row of 3-storey buildings is directly to the east.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐  
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐  
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

This building houses one of the most interesting interiors in the city, and is publically-accessible. The features, as described on the reverse side of this form, are the two ceilings--one frescoed, the other a sculptural plaster ceiling--and murals on the walls of the tavern, a rare, surviving cast-iron bay window on the ground floor, and the Art Deco bar. The building, although altered on the corner, seems to have undergone reversible changes. It is a handsome structure in which care was given to create an elegant appearance through the use of different tones of brick, classical detailing of the windows and cornice ornamentation. It has weathered well also--the patina of the copper and mellow tone of the beige brick contrast with the darker shade of the dbrack used for the corner quoining and second storey. Before the Elysian Park was formally established, a larger area surpassing the present park in size was clacalled the Elysian Fields, from which the tavern derives its name.

ORIGINAL USE: tavern/restaurant(?), residential PRESENT USE: tavern/res.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☒

No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Appearance of corner tavern entry could be vastly improved by opening the walls which have been bricked in. re-

A paint-analysis should be done on the plaster ceiling of the back room to determine the original surface treatment.

REFERENCES:

interview with Robert Quinn, son of the owner of the building, summer, 1980.

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SOUTH SIDE



(Bloomfield to Garden Sts.)  
151-155 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-19



157,159,161,163,165,167 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-20

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SOUTH SIDE



(Bloomfield to Garden Sts.)  
159,161 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-22



161,163 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-23



165,167 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-24

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SOUTH SIDE



(Garden to Park Ave.) 205-219 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-31



207,209 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-32

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SOUTH SIDE



211, 213 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-33



213 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-34



215, 217 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-35

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SOUTH SIDE



(Park to Willow Aves.) 251,253 Tenth St.  
neg. # 23-28



253, 255 Tenth St.  
neg. # 23-27

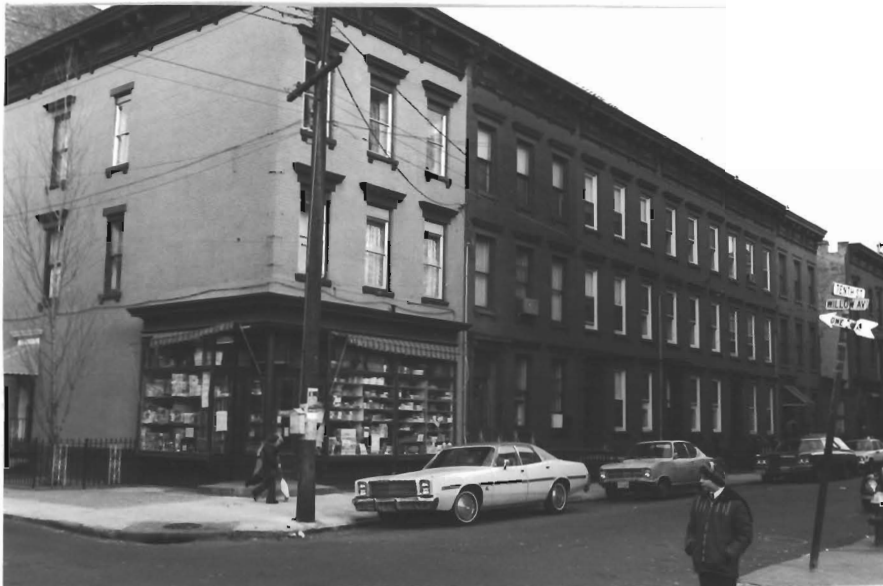
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257 Tenth St.  
neg. # 23-26



NORTH SIDE



(Park to Willow Aves.) 268-250 Tenth St.  
neg. # 33-7



268,264 Tenth St.  
neg. # 33-6

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NORTH SIDE



262,260 Tenth St.  
neg. # 33-5



258,256 Tenth St.  
neg. # 33-4

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NORTH SIDE



256-250 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-37



254,252 Tenth St.  
neg. # 33-3

NORTH SIDE



(Bloomfield to Garden Sts.)  
160-150 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-15



160 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-18



156, 154 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-16

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SOUTH SIDE



(Hudson to Washington St.) 51-63 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-7

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SOUTH SIDE



(Hudson to Washington Sts.) 65 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-9



65,67 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-8

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NORTH SIDE



(Hudson to Washington Sts.) 70-64 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-3

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SOUTH SIDE



(Washington to Bloomfield St.) 107-113 Tenth St.  
neg. # 32-14

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