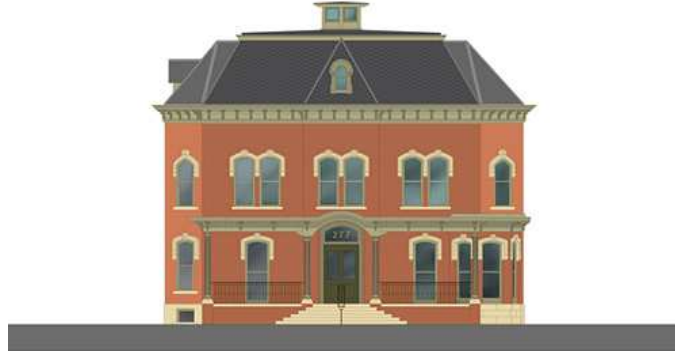


Andrew Jackson House

277 East Mill Street, Akron Ohio

c.1868



Project Location

The Andrew Jackson House is located at the corner of East Mill and Union Street in Akron, Ohio, adjacent to the University of Akron campus. The structure is a prominent building in downtown Akron across the street from the historic Hower House.

The Andrew Jackson House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

History

For the past 130 years, The Andrew Jackson House, aka The Odd Fellows Temple, has been an important downtown feature and reminder of Akron's strength as a powerhouse of American industrialism.

This handsome Second Empire style home was constructed between 1868 and 1870 as a merchant's residence for Andrew Jackson. Mr. Jackson was one of the founders of the reputable lumber firm Jackson, Buchtel and Company.

In 1900, the residence was acquired by John T. Johnson, general superintendent of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railroad Akron Division of the B&O Railroad, as his personal residence.

Then, in 1918, the house was purchased by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), aka The Odd Fellows, a fraternal group of Akron's leading professionals and officials. The Odd Fellows substantially renovated and updated the home, adding electricity, the mezzanine, and creating the grand meeting room by removing the seven original upstairs bedrooms. They used the house as their meeting lodge for close to 70 years before vacating in 1990.

The house has been vacant since that time and was condemned in 2006.

Key Facts

- Gross Square Footage: 15,558
- Levels: French Basement (usable 9 foot ceilings), First, Second, Mezzanine and Loft—5 Levels
- Parking: On site lot—40 cars, with 250 car adjacent parking owned by First Methodist Church
- Zoning: University with Conditional use for Office—zoned correctly
- Intended Use: Offices and meeting space for GAR Foundation and John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

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Renovation Plans

In June 2007, The Chesler Group, Inc. (TCG) purchased this landmark home to adaptively reuse it for commercial office space.

The renovation will incorporate environmentally friendly “green” design and construction strategies for energy use, lighting, water and material use. The Andrew Jackson House will be an energy-efficient and healthy office environment.

Finally, all restoration work will comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Renovation will start in August 2008 with an estimated completion date of September 1, 2009.

The design team includes: TCG www.cheslergroup.com, Dimit Architects, www.dimitarchitects.com, and Austrian & Associates.

Occupants

Once restored, the mansion will be headquarters for two private foundations serving Akron and Northeast Ohio. The anchor tenant is GAR Foundation. GAR will house its administrative and program staff, as well as provide public space for community events. www.garfoundation.org.

The building will also provide space for the Akron-based staff members of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, www.knightfoundation.org.