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Wisconsin Historical Society: Madison Saddlery Company listed on the State Register of Historic Places

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Madison, WI. – The Wisconsin Historical Society announces the listing of the Madison Saddlery Company in Madison, Dane County, on the State Register of Historic Places.

The Madison Saddlery Company has been added to the State Register for its construction as an industrial loft at the turn-of-the-century. The commercial building was designed in the Romanesque style by Alvan Small, an architect who briefly trained under Louis Sullivan. The building is four stories tall with wood-frame and masonry walls highlighted by an open floor plan and decorative brickwork on the primary façade.

The Madison Saddlery Company was founded by Carl Hoebel as a manufacturing warehouse and sales facility. Once a regional distributor of leather goods, and the only company of its kind located in Madison, it closed in 1929 following the rise of the automobile and the Great Depression. The building is significant for its association with local industry in the early 20th century as one of few remaining industrial lofts in the Madison area with a high degree of architectural integrity.

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.

To learn more about the State and National Register programs in Wisconsin, visit: www.wisconsinhistory.org.

About the Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.