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Bellefonte STATE	VICINITY OF	231 COUNTY	CODE
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<b>3</b> CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY OWNERSHIP	STATUS		PRESENT USE
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\_\_EXCELLENT

#### CONDITION

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\_\_DETERIORATED

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X ORIGINAL SITE

\_\_GOOD \_\_RUINS
XFAIR : \_\_UNEXPOSED

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brockerhoff Hotel is a large, brick building measuring approximately 170' by 60' in plan with a stone foundation, full basement, commercial street story, two hotel stories, and a capacious attic story (which is unfinished). The original building was built in 1866 in an Italianate style. In the 1880's the hotel was renovated to a mansard roof with dormers. The present appearance of the top story owes to a remodeling in 1890. This roof is an example of late 19th century eclecticism (drawing inspriation from Queen Anne and Second Empire styles) and is strikingly bold. The roof is slate, with colored (bright red and also green, white, and cream) slates making up various patterns and contrasting color areas.

The first story of the building has changed considerably with modern store fronts along the entire length. The installation of a large retail store at the southern end of the building ended in the removal of several partitioning walls. The stairway leading to the hotel floors is also of modern vintage although an early back stairway remains north of the mainlobby.

The hotel floors are distinguished by wide hallways and high ceilings. Doorways display wide, eared moldings; and rooms are conveniently arranged. The second floor features a dining room at its northern end and a very large kitchen. A bar room also exists on the second floor toward the northeast quarter of the building. The third floor is laid out into guest accomodations and a proprietor's apartment. The attic story is unfinished although wall study had been erected.

Perhaps the most outstanding interior feature os the hotel beyond its ample size and convenient layout is the fact that most partitioning walls are brick. Bellefonte's history of disasterous fires no doubt lie behind this provision.

The building today stands empty above the first story. Although most desparately in need of repair, the Brockerhoff Hotel is in good structural condition.

PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

\_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE \_\_COMMUNITY PLANNING \_\_PREHISTORIC \_\_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC \_\_RELIGION \_\_1400-1499 \_\_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC \_\_CONSERVATION \_LAW \_SCIENCE \_\_ECONOMICS \_\_LITERATURE \_\_1500-1599 \_\_AGRICULTURE ....SCULPTURE XARCHITECTURE \_\_1600-1699 FOUCATION \_\_MILITARY \_\_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN \_\_ART \_\_1700-1799 \_\_ENGINEERING \_\_MUSIC \_\_THEATER X 1800-1899 Xcommerce \_\_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT \_\_PHILOSOPHY \_\_TRANSPORTATION \_\_COMMUNICATIONS \_\_1900-\_\_INDUSTRY \_\_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT \_OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_INVENTION

SPECIFIC DATES

1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Henry Brockerhoff

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brockerhoff Hotel is a building closely identified with the prosperity of Bellefonte in the 19th century and is one of the principal architectural landmarks of the town.

Architecturally, the hotel is a building of exceptional character and imposing proportions. Physically at the center of historic Bellefonte, it has a commanding presence and adds an enormous part to the atmosphere and visual charm of the town. Few buildings in the area so amply suggest great Victorian elegance and prosperity.

Henry Brockerhoff was born in Dusseldorf. As a young man he went into service as a clerk (or under secretary) for Napoleon I of France. At the defeat of Napoleon, Mr. Brockerhoff sailed for Australia and because of a wreckage, wound up in Philadelphia. In 1825 he came to Bellefonte. In the 1860's he was an original stockholder and President of the Centre County Banking Company. On the site of an older hotel, Brockerhoff began to build a new hotel. It was completed in 1866. The hotel has remained in the Brockerhoff family to the present day and its tradition of elegant accomodation is well-known.

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