

# Alliance Historic Preservation Commission

504 East Main Street, Alliance, 44601

## Landmark Nomination Form

1. Specific Address or Location: Alliance YWCA
2. Owner's Name and contact Information: Address, Phone, email  
YWCA of Alliance, 239 East Market, Alliance, OH 44601 [ywcaofalliance@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:ywcaofalliance@neohio.twcbc.com)  
330-823-1870 (check #)
3. HISTORICAL INFORMATION
  - A. Date of construction c 1872 \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Style: Italianate \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Original Use: residence \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Architect or Engineer: unknown \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Present Use: YWCA \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. Contractor or builder: probably James C. Craven \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. Building type or plan: Side Hallway \_\_\_\_\_
  - H. Date(s) of alterations: 1926, 1939, 1946 \_\_\_\_\_
4. BUILDING INFORMATION
  - A. Foundation Material: sandstone \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Wall construction: brick \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Roof type: hip on 1872 portion, flat on 1939 portion \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Roof Material: asphalt \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Window type: 1/1 with hooded moldings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Small oval windows under cornice.
  - F. Exterior Wall Material (s): brick \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. Building Endangered? No \_\_\_\_\_
  - H. By What? \_\_\_\_\_
  - I. **Please note and describe any significant interior or exterior features:** One of the most elaborate surviving examples of Italianate architecture left in Alliance. Large, elaborate bracket cornice and hooded moldings over windows painted in historically correct colors; front tower dominates skyline of East Market although it has lost the original curved hip roof. Retains some original interior woodwork and fireplaces. The 1926 club room additions are well integrated into the original main house and feature French doors. The 1939 addition, an assembly room known as Haggart Hall is paneled in rare wormy chestnut and has been lovingly cared for. **The Interior Parlor, Reception room, club rooms and Haggart Hall should be designated.**
5. **Brief Statement of History and Significance**

Originally built by James C. and his wife Emma Wiener Craven, was an early Alliance businessman who operated a building supply warehouse adjacent to his home. The Lake Erie, Alliance and Wheeling Railroad crossed East Market next to the warehouse. The YWCA is the second owner, purchasing it in 1926, shortly after the Alliance chapter was formed. It has been the transitional home to many women and the site of numerous programs for women and girls. The Market / Columbia Street area where it is located is a potential historic district.

**6. Criteria for Designation: (Indicate one or more)**

- A. Associated with events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, or
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significance in the past, or
- C. Embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction , or
- D. Yielded or are likely to yield information important in the history or prehistory

**The property meets criteria A, B and C.**

**7. Describe how the property meets the criteria for designation as indicated above**

The property is associated with the early business development of Alliance and the civic history of the founding of the YWCA in Alliance. Many women who have been associated with significant events in the city have been involved with the YWCA. Additionally, the Alliance YWCA has always been a racially integrated organization. The architecture of the building is significant and further research may reveal that it was built from pattern books.

Photographs: Attach photographic views of the property that show all sides and any related structures such as garages or other buildings. Include any significant interior features such as woodwork, plasterwork or fireplaces.

8. Form prepared by \_Martha Crabill McLaugherty

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9. Date: May 21, 2012

Use space below for additional information or attach extra sheets