

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00753 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website: <http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/statewide-inventory-and-collections/iowa-site-inventory-form.html>

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name Harry and Belle Montgomery House (#2)

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS- 039

• **Location**

A) Street address: 615 W Jefferson Street

B) City or town: Washington (Vicinity) County Washington

C) Legal Description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Quarter: _____ of Quarter: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Southwest Washington Block(s): 3 Lot(s): 3

• **Classification**

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of Resources (within property)

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	<u>1</u>	Buildings
	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	<u>1</u>	Total

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) For properties within a historic district:

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
- Property contributes to a potential historic district, based on professional historic/architectural survey and evaluation.
- Property *does not* contribute to the historic district in which it is located.

Historic district name: West side residential historic district Historic district site inventory number: 92-00350

Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD Title

Historical Architectural Data Base #

Architectural and Historical Survey of the "west side" residential neighborhood in Washington 92-013

• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

B) Current functions

01A01: Domestic / residence

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01C05: Domestic / garage

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural Classification

B) Materials

07E02: Craftsman

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete Block

walls (visible exterior): 02A: Wood / weatherboard

Roof: 08A: Asphalt shingles

Other: 02B: Wood / shingle (2nd story)

C) Narrative Description **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Yes No More research recommended
- Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. Yes No More Research Recommended
- Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. Yes No More Research Recommended
- Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archeology/history. Yes No More Research Recommended

B) Special criteria considerations: *Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none*

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- B Removed from its original location. F A commemorative property.
- C A birthplace or grave. G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
- D A cemetery

C) Areas of Significance

Enter categories from instructions

Community planning and development

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1919 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Bibliography** *See continuation sheet for the list of research sources used in preparing this form*

• **Geographic Data** *Optional UTM references* *See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments*

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD	Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD
1	_____	_____	_____	2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____

• **Form Preparation**

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• **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** *Submit the following items with the completed form*

A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions:

1. **Map** of property's location within the community.
2. **Glossy color 4x6 photos labeled** on back with property/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and unique photo number.
3. **Photo key showing each photo number on a map and/or floor plan, using arrows next to each photo number to indicate the location and directional view of each photograph.**
4. **Site plan** of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:

See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More Research Recommended
- This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.*

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

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Narrative Description

This is a two-story frame gable-front Craftsman house on the south side of W. Jefferson Street. The house sits on a concrete block foundation, and it is clad with wood weatherboard on the first story and wood shingles on the second story. There is an addition on the east side of the house, built c.1970 per the assessor. The windows are vinyl replacements with wood surrounds (vinyl surrounds on the addition). There are wood shutters on the first story façade and one west facing window. There is an oriel window on the rear of the house. There is a small wood stoop at the front entry, another small stoop and entry on the west side of the house, and a screened-in porch at the rear of the addition. There is a two-car side gable frame garage at the south end of the lot with access from the alley.

The façade, the north elevation, is divided into two sections, the original gable-front house and the one story frame addition to the east (left), which protrudes slightly north/forward from the mass of the house. The entry at the right side of the façade is slightly inset. It has a small wood entry porch with wood steps and railings leading up to a wood floor. The entry has a wood door with an upper window and an aluminum storm / screen door. There is a narrow shed roof which runs as a continuation of the roofline from the addition on the east all the way west across the façade and provides a roof for the front entry. It is supported on either side of the entry by wood braces, and at the edge of the stoop by square wood columns. There may have been an earlier entry hood that was incorporated or replaced by the current feature. To the left/east of the entry on the first story, there is a triple window consisting of a narrow one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on each side of a wider, center one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. The window has wood shutters made from three vertical boards, two cross pieces, one at the top and one at the bottom, and a diagonally placed board from the upper right cross piece to the lower left cross piece. The second story has two one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows evenly distributed in the wall. The siding on the second story begins with narrow wood weatherboard just above the porch roof, and then changes to wide and narrow bands of wood shingles. On the front gable, there are vertical battens accenting the bands of wood shingles, and near the top of the gable are two small vinyl windows. There is a Craftsman style wood bracket under each corner of the gable. The one-story side gable frame addition, located to the left/east of the house where an earlier porch is depicted on the Sanborn maps, sits on a poured concrete foundation and is clad with vinyl shingling. There is a group of three one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows centered on the north side with matching shutters at each side of the windows.

The west elevation is divided into three bays. To the left, closest to the street, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with shutters which match the others on this house. These are the only shutters on this elevation. Above this window, on the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. The center section of this elevation has a side entry with a steel door at ground level, with a small wood stoop, and a hip roof supported by square wood columns and Craftsman style wood braces. Above the entry, between the first and second stories, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl staircase window. The third section has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window somewhat smaller than is typical for this house, with a wider than usual wood surround. Above this window, there is another typical size one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. The pattern of wide and narrow bands of wood shingles continues on this elevation, and rafter

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ends are visible under the eaves of the roof. There is a one-by-one-light sliding vinyl basement window below the first story window with shutters.

The c.1970 addition on the east elevation covers the first story of the house. The second story has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window to the right/north/front and a pair of one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows to the left/south. Again, the pattern of wide and narrow bands of wood shingles continues, and rafter ends are visible below the eaves of the roof. The addition has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window at the far left end of the east side. Farther to the left, there is a slightly set back wood screened-in porch that extends past the rear elevation of the house.

The south elevation, the rear of the house, consists of the rear of the original two-story house and the rear of the east side addition. On the original house on the left/west, there is a boarded up entry. The 1931 and 1943 Sanborn maps show a small rear porch at this location. The center has a small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with a sill higher than typical for this house. On the second story above this window, there is a typical size one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. The east/right half of the house has an oriel window with a hip roof with exposed rafter tails on the first story. There is a group of three single-light casement windows in the oriel. Above the oriel window on the second story, there is a group of three one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows. The second story continues the wide and narrow bands of wood shingles, and there are two small windows in the peak of the gable. The rear of the screened-in porch addition is located to the right of the house, and it leads to a smaller wood deck with wood floor and railings, which in turn descends to a concrete walk to the garage.

The one-story, two-car, side gable frame garage sits at the south end of the lot. The garage sits on a poured concrete foundation, and is clad with T-111 wood siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The south elevation facing the alley has two aluminum garage doors. The north and west elevations each have one fixed single light wood window, and the east elevation has a steel entry door. The door is located at the northeast corner of the garage, nearer the house, and it has a window in the upper half. There a single-light fixed wood window centered in the east wall.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Harry and Belle Montgomery House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. The Craftsman house was built around 1919 during a period of development of the neighborhood with large homes for successful businessmen. This was the second house for the Montgomerys, and they moved two blocks from W. Washington to this location on W. Jefferson. The Craftsman house retains a number of characteristic and original features, including the wood siding and wood shingles, wide eaves, brackets, and exposed rafter tails.

The house does not appear likely to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The house does not appear to have particular historical significance.

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While the house retains good historic integrity, the replacement windows, side addition, and front porch changes have impacted integrity for individual listing for architectural significance.

History / research summary of property

The 1917 Sanborn map shows Lot 3 as vacant. By the time of the 1931 Sanborn map, a two-story square house had been built, the current house. It had a porch at the north end of the east side, and a small back porch. Frank Stewart bought the lot on June 18, 1914, and he sold it to Belle F. Montgomery on October 31, 1919. Harry and Belle Montgomery had sold their house (built in 1902-03) at 409 W. Washington on October 15, 1919, suggesting that perhaps they bought a new house here, rather than simply a vacant lot. Frank Stewart was involved in real estate, as well as other business interests, and he lived a block to the north at 603 W. Washington Blvd. The 1920 census lists the family living at 647 W. Jefferson Street. Although the address is far from correct, it is the fourth house in the 600 block, and the first house is after the house at 527 W. Jefferson. The family in 1920 consists of Harry A. Montgomery, age 48, owner of the property and a hardware salesman, his wife Belle, age 45, a daughter Lucille, age 22 and a licensed nurse, and son Harry, Jr. age 6. Harry Montgomery is listed in the 1926 telephone directory at 615 W. Jefferson. The 1930 census identifies the residents at 615 W. Jefferson as Harry Montgomery, age 58, a salesman of hardware and implements, his wife Belle, age 55, and a son Harry, Jr. age 16. The house is valued at \$5,000. They appear in city and telephone directories in 1932, 1935, and 1938 at this address. In the 1941 city directory, Harry A. Montgomery is retired. The 1952 through 1956 directories list Harry A. Montgomery at this address.

On July 16, 1958, the property was transferred from the Belle F. Montgomery estate to Lucille Fitzpatrick and Harry A. Montgomery, Jr. The next day, Lucille and her husband transferred the property to Harry A. and Ruth Montgomery. The 1960 and 1962 telephone directories do not list the Montgomerys at this address. The 1964 city directory lists Marshall Peterson, a truck driver for Iowa City Transfer and Storage, and his wife Jeannett living here. In 1967, the city directory identifies the residents as C.P. Dold, manager of J.C. Penney Co. and his wife Dorothy, and their three children Patrick, Teresa, and Danny at this address. They continue to appear in every directory through 1976, and they purchased the property from Harry A. Montgomery and wife on June 5, 1976.

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Location map



2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building plan (from assessor's website)

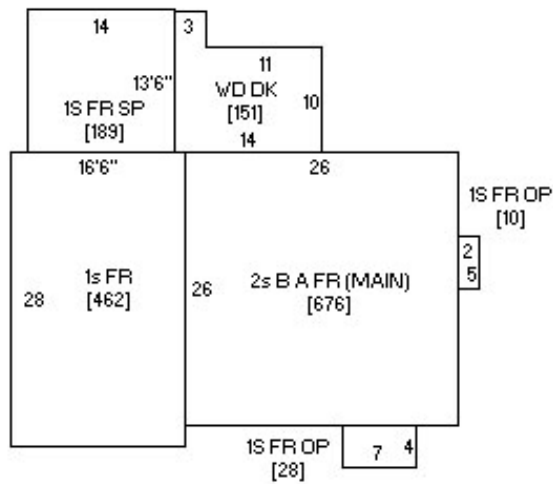


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00753-001 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00753-002 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00753-003 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00753-004 - House and garage, looking northwest (December 2014)