

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00424 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 Fred L. and Nellie Stewart House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-008

• Location

A) Street address: 320 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: Original Plat Block(s): 16 Lot(s): 5

• 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

01A01: Domestic / residence

B) Current functions

01A01: Domestic / residence

01C05: Domestic / garage

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

A) Architectural Classification

05D: Queen Anne

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

walls (visible exterior): 15B: Vinyl siding

Roof: 08A: Asphalt shingles

Other: _____

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
 D A cemetery achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of Significance

Enter categories from instructions

Community planning and development

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1904 *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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City or Town: Washington State: Iowa Zip code: 52353

● **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 Queen Anne house built on the northeast corner of W. Washington and S. Avenue C. The house sits on a stone foundation, and it has been recently clad in vinyl siding (summer 2015). The base of the second story siding flares out slightly. The combination hip and gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house retains many of the features typical of Queen Anne style, including asymmetrical design, decorative windows, a turret, bay windows, a wrap-around porch, and an elaborate dormer. There is a historic brick chimney. The windows are wood with wood surrounds and most have aluminum storm / screens. An iron fence extends along the property on the south and west sides, a reproduction installed in the 1990s. Behind the house, facing west, is a new three-car frame garage with access from South Avenue C.

The facade, the south elevation, has a full front porch that wraps around the southwest corner and continues on the west side. Wide wood steps lead up the east end of the porch, which has a wood floor, round wood columns, and a wood railing and balusters. The porch has dentils along the frieze, and a triangular pediment with decorative detailing over the steps. The right/east half of the facade is a two-story bay window with a gable roof. The historic entry, located on the left side of the bay window in the only square corner, has a wood door and a modern steel storm / screen door. To the right of the door, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window, and farther to the right, on the angled southeast corner of the bay window, there is another one-over-one-light double-hung window. The second story has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on each of the three sides of the bay window, and the center one is wider. The gable has a continuous return and a decorative oval wood window with a decorative wood surround. There is dentil detailing on the gable. Dentil molding under the gable continues to the west and around the turret. On the second story, between the bay window and the turret to the west, there is an oval decorative leaded glass window with a decorative surround and a plexiglass storm window. The southwest corner of the house has a turret that continues above the roof with an attic story and octagonal roof. Three one-over-one-light double-hung windows are found in the first story of the turret, one facing south, one facing southwest, and one facing west. Three one-over-one-light double-hung windows are likewise found around the second story. The attic story has five leaded glass decorative windows, dentil detailing above the windows, an octagonal roof clad with asphalt shingles, and a decorative metal lightning rod.

The west elevation faces South Avenue C. The porch continues around to the gable-roof section on the middle of the west side. At this north end of the porch, there is another set of wide steps leading up to the porch, with a pediment matching the one at the front of the house over the steps. On the first story, the right section is the turret. The middle section is the projected gable-roof section, which has a side entry access from the porch on the short south wall on the first story. The entry has a historic wood door and a wood storm / screen door. A one-over-one-light double-hung window is above this entry on the south wall of the second story. The west side of this section has an oriel window with three double-hung windows on the first story. The windows have decorative leaded glass top sashes. It is covered by a hip roof with asphalt shingles, and there are four decorative wood brackets below the oriel window. There is a two-light wood basement window centered below the oriel window. A pair of one-over-one-light double-hung windows are above the oriel window on the second story. The gable on this side is identical to the front gable, with a decorative oval wood window with decorative wood surround

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and dentil detailing under the eaves. On the short north wall of the projected gable-roof section is a half circle decorative leaded glass window on the first story and no openings on the second story. The left/rear/north section is the west side of the rear section of the house. On the first story, there is a pair of one-over-one-light double-hung windows whose sills are somewhat higher than the typical windows. On the second story, there is a pair of decorative wood windows at the far right/south side, also having higher sills that typical for this house. The wide frieze with dentils continues under the eaves on this section as well.

The east elevation is divided into three sections by a round oriel window like a half turret between the first and second stories (interior stairs). The first story of this side of the house has vinyl siding. The left/front/south section has an oval decorative wood window with decorative wood surround on the first story. This window is not centered but offset to the north/right. A one-over-one-light double-hung window is centered on the second story. The oriel window on the center section of this elevation has asphalt shingling on the conical roof and three decorative brackets under the window. The wide frieze and dentils extends around the feature under the eaves. There is a large curved window with a stained glass transom. There are two small single-light windows centered below the oriel window. To the right of them, there is a ground level entry with a five panel wood door and an aluminum storm / screen door and a small one-over-one-light double-hung window above it. At attic level above the oriel window on the center section, there is a large gable-roof dormer with two single-light wood windows flanked by three wood pilasters. There is a small gable above the windows, and dentil detailing under the eaves within and under the gable. The right/rear/north section has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the first story and on the second story. Below them, there is a two-light fixed basement window.

The north elevation, the rear of the house, has an enclosed rear porch on the east two-thirds of the first story. It has a stone foundation and wood siding, matching the house. The west elevation of the porch has no windows. The north/rear elevation has a one-over-one-light double-hung window with a somewhat higher sill on the right/west. To the left of that window is a rear entry flanked by a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window on each side. The entry has a wood door with an aluminum storm / screen door. Below those windows, the siding is vertical bead board. There are wood steps from the door to the ground. The east side of the porch has two six-over-six-light double-hung wood windows with beadboard siding below. No windows are found on the first story to the west of the enclosed rear porch. The second story of the north elevation has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows, spaced but both offset to the west/right. The north gable also has a one-over-one-light double-hung window centered in it. The gable has gable returns and dentils along the wide frieze.

The side gable garage, located at the north side of the lot beside the alley, has access from South Avenue C. It is a new frame, three-car garage built in 2012. It is clad in vinyl siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The façade has three steel one-car garage doors on the west elevation. On the north elevation, the alley side, there are no doors or windows. The east elevation has two windows. The south elevation, facing the rear of the house, has a pedestrian door on the right and one window.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Fred L. and Nellie Stewart House appears to contribute architecturally and historically to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. The house was built in the early 1900s on this corner during the period of development of the neighborhood with large homes for successful businessmen. Fred L. Stewart had run his hardware store since 1892, and he continued to be associated with it until retiring from the business in 1950, which was continued by his son. Fred L. Stewart was also vice president and later chair of the board of the National Bank of Washington. The house is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style, retaining a number of characteristic and original features, prior to recent cladding in vinyl siding in summer 2015.

The house also appears to be potentially individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for its association with Fred L. Stewart and/or under Criterion C for its architecture. Further research on Fred L. Stewart, evaluation of the interior integrity of the house, and comparison with other Queen Anne homes in Washington would solidify these determinations.

History / research summary of property (chronological order, by owner/period):

The 1894 Atlas of Washington shows a different, smaller rectangular house on lot 5. The 1897 and 1902 Sanborn maps also show this earlier house. Fred Stewart, owner of Stewart Hardware, purchased the property on February 3, 1902. The 1903 city directory lists the F.L. Stewart family (wife Nellie F., children George and Hazel) living at 715 W Monroe Street. Fred L. Stewart operated a hardware and implement business at 114 North Iowa Avenue. He then built the current Queen Anne house on this northeast corner of W. Jefferson and S. Avenue C. The 1909 Sanborn map shows the current house on lot 5, with a two story barn at the alley. The 1910-11 city directory lists the family at 320 W Jefferson Street as Fred L. Stewart, Nellie F. his wife, and Miss Hazel F., a student. He was proprietor of Washington Plumbing and Heating at 212 S. Iowa Avenue. The 1910 census lists Fred L. Stewart, age 37, Nellie Stewart, age 36, Hazel, age 15, and George, age 12. He was a retail merchant in the plumbing and heating business. There is an additional outbuilding between the barn and the street on the 1917 Sanborn map. The 1917 county directory lists Fred L. Stewart, heating and tin work, with Nellie F., and Hazel Stewart, a teacher. In the 1920 census, the family consists of Fred, age 46, a hardware merchant; Nellie, age 46; George, age 22, a salesman in a hardware store; Jane, age 9; and William, age 5. By the 1930 census, the family is composed of Fred, age 57, a hardware merchant, Nellie, age 56, F. Jane, age 19, and William, age 15. The house is valued at \$5,000. On the 1931 Sanborn map, the barn has been replaced by an auto garage, and the additional building has been demolished. Fred L. Stewart continues to be listed here in the 1932, 1935, and 1938 directories. The centennial edition of the *Evening Journal* in July 1936 notes that Fred L. Stewart Hardware was established in 1892, and son George Stewart assisted him (not to be confused with the George W. Stewart hardware store). The August 1939 centennial edition of the *Evening Journal* (page 35) notes that officers of National Bank of Washington include R.E. Dougherty, president; Frank C. Crone, executive vice president; Fred L. Stewart, vice president; E.F. Milck, cashier; C.P. Weldin, assistant cashier. It also noted that the Fred L. Stewart Hardware store had been in business since 1892 (page 59). The 1940 census identifies only Fred, age 67, a hardware store owner, and Nellie, his wife, age

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66, living at this address. The 1941 city directory lists Fred L. Stewart, owner of Stewart Hardware and Implement, and Nellie, his wife. Telephone directories in 1952 and 1956 list Fred L. Stewart at 320 W Jefferson. Officers of the National Bank in 1953 included Fred L. Stewart, chairman; Frank C. Crone, president; C.P. Weldin, cashier; Marion S. George and Richard L. Weeks, assistant cashiers (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 12). Fred L. Stewart Hardware continued to operate in town as well, with son George buying the store from his father in 1950. His son Clint joined the business in 1945 (page 75).

In 1958, the directory listing changes to Mrs. Fred L. Stewart, and on March 13, 1958, the property transferred to Nellie F. Stewart by will. Mrs. Stewart continued to live in the house, as she is listed here in the 1958, 1960, and 1962 telephone directories. The 1964 city directory lists the Maynard J. Reitzler, a construction lineman with Iowa Southern Utilities, his wife Delores, an employee at McCleery-Cumming Co., and children Larry, Judy, and Mike living in the house.

The property was transferred by Robert Day, executor for Nellie Stewart's estate, to Henry Donald and Audrey B. Burlingmair on November 2, 1965. City directories from 1967 until 1972 list Donald H. Burlingmair as a district technician for Iowa Southern Utilities. In the 1976 city directory, he is listed as retired. The Burlingmairs continued to own the property until 1995.

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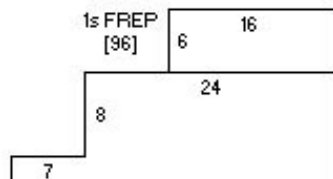
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House in background, undated photo (Patterson collection)

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Photograph 92-00424-001 - House, looking north (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00424-002 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00424-003 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00424-004 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00424-005 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00424-007 - Garage, looking southeast (December 2014)