

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00163  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 Dr. Gerhard and Sophia Eiskamp House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-102

## • Location

A) Street address: 415 W. Main 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: Addition to 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>2</u>	Buildings	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>2</u>	<b>Total</b>	—	<b>Total</b>

**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

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

**A) Architectural Classification**

**B) Materials**

05D: Queen Anne

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete block

walls (visible exterior): 15E: Wood fiber board

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 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*

1905  *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 on the south side of W. Main Street. It sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and it is clad with wide wood board siding. The combination hip and cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A full front porch spans the north side of the house. There is a two story bay window on the east side of the house, and a small enclosed back porch on the south, the rear of the house. The windows are wood with aluminum storm / screens. At the south end of the property there is a frame garage with access from W. Main Street. Dr. Eiskamp owned the property from 1897 to 1914, and the house was built by 1909. The rusticated concrete block foundation likely places construction after 1903.

The façade, the north elevation, has a gable-roof section that projects from the main section of the house, with the entry to the right along the recessed section. The front porch spans the width of the projected gable-roof section and wraps around to the entry, which has an aluminum storm / screen door. The style of the columns suggests that the porch dates to the early 20th century, perhaps as early as construction around 1905 or an early modification in the 1910s or 1920s. A porch is shown on the 1909 Sanborn map. The porch floor, railings and tapered square columns are all wood. The porch has concrete steps with wrought iron railings. There is a gable above the steps, and vertical wood siding extends from the railings to ground level. On the projected gable-front section, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on each story. The gable has a small single-light window and gable returns. The historic wood front door, located in the recessed portion of the façade to the right, has a window in the upper half of the door, with carved and applied decoration in the lower half. There is a small entry vestibule that extends onto the porch. On the first story to the right of the entry, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window located between the first and second story, likely associated with interior stairs.

The east elevation is divided into three sections by the two-story centered bay window. To the right/north/front, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on the first story and one on the second story. The center section is a wide two story bay window. The two angled walls facing northeast and southeast each have a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on the first story and the second story. The center of the two-story bay window has a wider one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on both the first and second stories. The first story of the third section of the house to the rear of the bay window has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window to the right/north and an entry door on the left/south. The entry has concrete steps leading up to a small concrete stoop at the door, and it has a front gable roof over the steps and stoop which is supported by two wood braces and two wrought iron columns. On the second story, there is a group of four smaller one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with sills higher than typical for this house. This area corresponds to the change seen on the 1931 Sanborn map, from a one story rear section to a two story rear section. It may have been a sleeping porch that was enclosed.

The west elevation is also divided into three sections. The left/front/north section has no fenestration. The second section has a half bay window (angled side facing the street, but the wall never returns to that plane) with a gable roof. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on the angled wall of the bay facing northwest on both the first and second stories. There is also a one-over-one-light

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double-hung wood window in the center of the bay on the west elevation on both the first and second stories. The bay does not return to the plane of this elevation, but rather the wall continues flush to the rear, with the gable roof extending into this section. To the right/south, at the south end of the third section, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on both the first and second stories. Between the first story window and the center bay window, there is a small single-light window located high on the wall. There are two basement windows on this elevation, one below this small window and one to the left on the "bay window" section.

The south elevation is the rear of the house. The shed-roof rear porch is partially enclosed, with a wood door into the rear of the house. The steps are concrete, the porch floor is wood, and there is a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles and supported by the enclosed section on the left/west and by a square wood post on the right/east. There is also a square wood railing with square wood balusters on the right. A historic wood porch column is located where the porch meets the house. To the right of the porch there is a smaller than typical one-over-one-light double-hung wood window (likely kitchen window). A one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a wood full length screen is found on the east/right half of the first story. A plywood basement bulkhead is roughly centered on the rear elevation. On the second story above it, there is one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. In the rear attic gable, there is also a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. On the right/east half of the second story, there is a group of four one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows which have sills higher than typical for this house, and they match the windows on the east side of this section.

A frame garage sits at the southwest corner of the lot, with a gravel driveway leading north to W. Main Street. The garage sits on a concrete block foundation, and it is clad with vertical wood board and batten siding. The gable roof is covered with steel, and it has a clipped front gable and exposed rafter tails under the eaves. On the north elevation, facing the street, there is a single garage door, offset to the left/east. The east and west elevations have no fenestration, and the south elevation has a centered boarded up window.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Dr. Gerhard and Sophia Eiskamp House appears to contribute historically to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. The house is one of a number of large two-story houses built in the historic district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by prominent businessmen in Washington. Dr. Eiskamp lived here from 1897 to 1914, and he was a prominent physician in Washington throughout this period. The house sits on an early rusticated concrete block foundation, one of several in this neighborhood.

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

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

The 1894 Atlas of Washington map shows a different house. It has a one story rear section on the 1909 and 1917 maps, and then becomes a full two story house on the 1931 map. The out building in 1909 has two stories, and in 1917 it is larger and has one story. An auto garage appears on the 1931 Sanborn map, and is the same on the 1943 map.

An earlier house sat on this lot, which appears on the 1874 and 1894 atlases. Owned by Lucetta McGuigan and her husband in 1880, the property changed hands quickly for a number of years. On April 19, 1880, it was transferred to J.M. Denny, who was involved in a lumber company and real estate (listed as lumber dealer in 1870 and a money lender on the 1880 census). Denny sold it to Abigail Mealey on June 25, 1883, and she sold it to Mrs. J. M. Stiles on October 4, 1889. W.A. Stiles and wife transferred it back to Mealey on February 4, 1890. The 1885 census lists Abigail Mealey as a 71-year-old widow living on Madison. In August 1895, Abigail Mealey (widow) sold it to M.P. Miller. The current house appears on the 1909 Sanborn map, the first Sanborn map to include this block. The overall form and style of the house suggests construction in the 1890s or first decade of the 1900s. Per the "Men Who Make a City," *Washington Gazette*, January 6, 1893, Miller & Daugherty operated the New York Store, a large dry goods store that was 134 by 60 feet with an upstairs room for carpets and curtains. They had done a large business in last year. M.P. Miller also operated a dry goods store in Waterloo. He may likely lived in the earlier house on the lot.

M.P. Miller transferred the property to G.H. Eiskamp on October 2, 1897, with the sheriff providing a deed on December 28, 1897. Gerhard H. Eiskamp was a physician and a German immigrant. He and his family appear on the 1900 census as Gerhard, age 44, Sophia E. his wife, age 33 and born in Iowa, a son Ehler, age 3, a daughter Marguerite, age 1, and Myrtle Haegler, a servant age 20, and an illegible entry for a 27 year old male whose occupation was hostler. Unfortunately, the 1902 Sanborn map shows the north side of this block, but not the south side. The 1903 city directory also lists the Eiskamp family at 415 W. Main St. as Dr. G.H. Eiskamp, physician, wife Mrs. S., and children Ehler and Marguerite. This house appears on the 1909 Sanborn map, with a one-story rear section. While it is possible that the house was built around 1898, the rusticated concrete block foundation suggests construction in the early 1900s. J.J. McKeone bought the first concrete block machine in fall 1903, and he is credited with the first concrete work in the county (*Evening Journal* – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, April 26, 1913, 27). By May 1904, he was advertising concrete masonry, hollow concrete blocks, and concrete foundations as a contractor, in addition to sidewalks and curbs (*Evening Journal*, May 11, 1904, 2). Thus, this house was likely built after this date, and circa 1905 is used as the date of construction. Newspaper articles were not identified during the research for this project to better confirm a construction date. The house does appear on the 1909 Sanborn map, confirming construction by this time. The 1910 census lists the residents of 415 W. Main as Sophie Eiskamp, head of the household, a widow, and home owner, a son Ehler, age 13, and a daughter Marguerite, age 10, along with lodger Chancy Myers, age 37, a single male who lists his occupation as County Auditor. The 1910-11 city directory lists the family as Mrs. Sophie E. Eiskamp (wid G.H.), Ehler, a student, and George J. Breitenbach, an abstractor for Pollard Abstracts.

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On July 2, 1914, Sophia Eiskamp sold the house to Charles Atkinson. The 1917 county directory identified the family at 415 W. Main as Charles Atkinson, retired, wife Laura, and Ethel, Alice, and Dale USA. The 1920 census lists Charles Atkinson, home owner, age 71, his wife Laura, age 67, and daughters Ethel, age 39, and Alice, age 33 and working as a bookkeeper in a doctor's office. The 1917 Sanborn map continues to show the same footprint as the 1909 map, and 1 1/2 story outbuilding sat at the southwest corner of the lot. On February 23, 1920, the property was transferred to Russell Davis, who appears at this address in the 1926 telephone directory. The 1931 Sanborn map shows the rear section of the house increased from one to two stories, and the front porch appears to have been updated in the 1920s as well. The current garage was also built in this period, with the garage shown on the 1931 Sanborn map.

The property was transferred to John P. Wood on November 30, 1928. The 1930 census lists two families living at 415 W. Main. John Wood, age 48, home owner and chief clerk at the railroad, his wife Martha I., age 47, and his mother-in-law Sarah Smith, age 91, a widow. The house was valued at \$6,000. The other family at this address (also 415) consists of Stuart Haseltine, age 34, a commercial salesman for an implement factory, his wife Lois M., age 23, and their niece Dorothy Lawson, age 12. They rented their portion for \$35 per month. There is a 1932 telephone directory listing for J.P. Wood at 415 W. Main. In the 1935 city directory, however, the residents at this address are F.D. Maasdam and H.L. Biklen.

John P. Wood sold the property to Raymond and Bertha Minick on September 27, 1938. The Minick family listing in the 1940 census name Raymond Minick head of the household at age 28, the owner/operator of a beauty shop, his wife Bertha, age 27, the operator of a beauty shop, and a daughter Mary Ruth, age 5. Also in the household is Irene Dobras, a maid, age 19. At 415 1/2 W. Main are Charles Barkley, age 29, assistant cashier at State Bank, and his wife Virginia, age 21. The 1941 city directory lists Raymond Minick (Bertha) owner Raberta Beauty Shoppe, Mary Ruth, 1 1/2 yrs, Miss Irene Dobras, maid Raymond Minick home, Chas. Barclay (Virginia) asst cashier Wash State Bank. The Minicks operated Raberta Beauty and Barber Shop since 1933 on the east side of the square – only beauty and barber shop in Washington per the 1936 newspaper (*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936, page 61). They continued to operate it until selling to Don and Ethel Dayton in 1951 (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 107).

The property was transferred to Donald H. and Ferne Minick on February 2, 1948, and, on the same day, sold from Minick to Edward Leo and Martha Frances Nardy. Leo Nardy is listed in the 1952 telephone directory at 415 W. Main. The 1954 city directory lists Edward Nardy and Robert Poyser at this address, but the 1954 telephone directory gives a different address for Robert Poyser. Telephone directories from 1956 through 1962 continue to list Edward Nardy at this address. The 1964 city directory identified Edward L. and Martha Nardy, and children Dennis, Douglas, Drew, and Tom living at 415 W. Main. Nardy is a punch press operator at Washington Manufacturing Co. In 1967, the listing has changed somewhat with the addition of a son Joe, and Nardy's occupation is now foreman at Washington Manufacturing Co. In addition, Mrs. Nardy is now M. Frances Nardy. The 1969 city directory provides the same information. By 1972, the family of Edward and Frances Nardy lists children Drew, Tom, and Joe. Dennis and Douglas Nardy, also living in the house, are clerks at

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Fareway Grocery. Nardy is still a foreman at Washington Manufacturing Co. In 1976, the listing is for Edward and Frances Nardy. He is leadman at Washington Manufacturing Co., and Drew, Tom, and Joe are living here. The Nardy family owned the property until 1989.

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**Location map**



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



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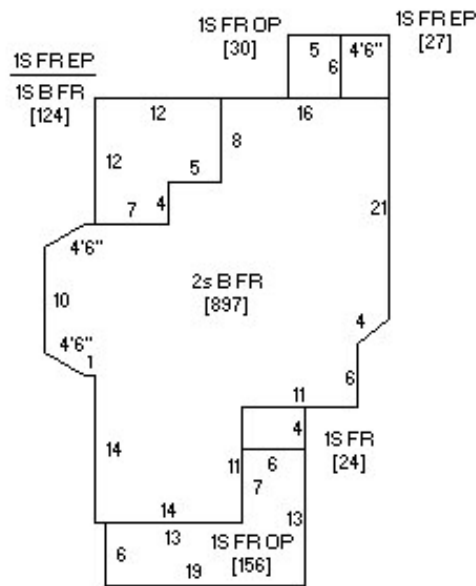
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**



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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00163-001 - House and garage, looking southeast (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00163-002 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00163-003 - House, looking north (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00163-004 - Garage, looking northeast (December 2014)**