

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00776 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: Etta H. Conner House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-107

• Location

A) Street address: 516 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: Western Addition Block(s): 5 Lot(s): East 33 Ft of Lot 7

• Classification

A) Property category: *Check only one*

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

B) Number of resources (within property):

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

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

MPD title: Architectural and Historical Survey of the "west side" residential neighborhood in Washington Historical Architectural Data Base #: 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

07E01: Bungalow

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete block

Walls (visible exterior):

Roof: 02B: Wood shingles house

Other: 08A: Asphalt shingles porch

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 archaeology/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: Property 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

1925 *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

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

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

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

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 one-story three-bay gable-oriented frame bungalow built on the north side of W. Main Street around 1925. The house sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and it is clad with wood shingles. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the rafter ends are exposed under the eaves. There is a historic brick chimney at the center of the house. The windows are original multi-over-single-light wood windows with wood surrounds and wood storm windows. There is a low shed dormer on the east side. A single car garage sits at the north edge of the property with access from the alley.

The façade, the south elevation, has a centered entry. A newer set of wood steps with wood railing goes up to a small wood porch. The entry has a gable-roof hood with beadboard in the gable supported by large triangular brackets and exposed rafter tails. The historic wood door has a window with two wood panels below. It has an aluminum storm / screen. To either side of the entry, there is a five-over-one-light double-hung wood window. Above the porch roof is a fixed three-light square window.

The west elevation has three openings. A four-over-one-light double-hung wood window is located on the front/south. In the center, there is a slightly smaller four-over-one-light double-hung wood window. A wood entry door with an aluminum storm / screen and a set of two wood steps is then found to the north/left.

The east elevation likewise has three sets of windows and a centrally located shed roof dormer. On the left/front, there is a four-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a wood storm window and wood surround. The middle section has a pair of four-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with wood surround and wood storm windows. Toward the rear of the house is a four-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a wood storm window and wood surround. A shed roof dormer with a pair of fixed three-light wood windows with a wood surround is centered on the roof on this side. The rafter tails of the dormer roof are exposed.

The north elevation, the rear of the house, has a centrally located enclosed rear vestibule/porch. No rear porch appears on the 1931 or 1943 Sanborn maps. The entry door is an aluminum storm / screen door, with an interior historic wood door with a window which leads from the vestibule into the house. The porch is clad in beadboard. A small wood deck with a wood ramp with a wood railing leads from the porch down to ground level. There is a small four-light wood window in the east side of the vestibule, and another matching window on the west side. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a wood storm window to either side of the rear entry on the house. Above the entry, there is a fixed three-light window with wood surround in the gable.

The interior of the house is noted to retain many historic features and trim.

There is a single car, modern garage with a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles at the alley. The garage door faces north. The garage is clad with reverse board and batten paneling. There is an entry on the east elevation near the left end, closest to the house. The assessor's date for the garage is 1980.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Etta H. Conner House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The house is significant within the development of the neighborhood in the first decades of the 20th century with smaller homes, particularly bungalows and Craftsman homes. This house reflects this history and retains a high level of integrity of original architectural features.

The house appears likely to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for architecture. The house retains a number of original features, including wood shingle siding, multi-over-single-light wood windows, front entry hood, and interior features. Further assessment of the interior and comparison with other bungalows from this period would solidify the determination. The house does not appear individually significant under Criteria A or B.

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

This parcel was part of the larger property owned by J.E. Kerr since 1891, including all of Lots 6-7-8 in Block 5, Western Addition. He built a house on the west half of Lot 7 and east edge of Lot 6 in 1892 (now 522 W. Main). He built a house for his daughter on Lot 8 in 1901, transferring this property to her in 1902 (now 514 W. Main). J.E. and V.B. Kerr then sold their house with lots 6 and 7 to James T. Risk on September 24, 1913. James T. Risk died on June 26, 1914, and his wife Louisa continued to live in the house. The 1917 Sanborn map shows this house to the west at 518 (now 522) and the house to the east at 514 W. Main. The 1920 census lists no household between 514 and 518.

On September 1, 1925, Louisa Risk sold east half of Lot 7 to Minnie R. and Etta H. Conner. This gable-front bungalow then appears in this location on the 1931 Sanborn map, either built by Risk in 1925 to sell or built for the Conner family in 1925 or 1926. The sisters were listed in the 1910 census living with their father at 219 W. Jefferson: Samuel Connor (85), son Robert A. (58, railroad flagman) and daughters Minnie (38, teacher) and Henrietta (36, landlady). The 1920 census lists Robert A. Conner (67) as head of the household with Minnie Conner (49) and Etta Conner (47). All three are unmarried siblings. Minnie R. Conner dies on March 9, 1926 at the age of 55. Prior to her death, there is a transfer of the property to Etta H. Conner on January 7, 1926 and the description says the seller owned an undivided half interest in the property. Etta H. Conner sells to R. A. Conner April 5, 1926 and again the undivided half interest in the property. Thus, Etta and Robert end up jointly owning this property in 1926 and likely building the house. The 1926 telephone directory lists Etta Conner living at 518 W. Main (this house). Robert Conner is not listed, and Louisa Risk is listed next door as 522 W. Main. The 1930 Census lists the household at 516 W. Main as Robert A. Conner (76), sister Etta H. Conner (57) and boarder Lou B. Mercer (68). Robert A. Conner is a watchman for the railroad. The house is valued at \$3,500. According to the 1932 city directory, Etta Conner is living at 516 W. Main. The 1935 city directory lists Etta H. Conner and Robert Alden Conner residing at 516 W. Main, and Robert's occupation is signal service CRT&P.

Etta H. and R. A. Conner sold this parcel (east 33 ft. Lot 7) to Ina L. McDowell on August 31, 1937. However, the 1938 city directory lists Etta H. Conner still residing at 516 W. Main. According to the

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1940 census, Ina L. McDowell, is an abstractor in a law office and resides elsewhere in town. Living at the residence at 516 W. Main is Marrett E. McDaniel (29), head of the household, with his wife Delores (25). Marrett E. McDaniel was a pharmacist in a Pharmacy.

Ina L. McDowell sold the property to Lawrence M. and Ruth K. Dewitt on November 13, 1940. The 1941 city directory lists Lawrence DeWitt and wife Ruth living at 516 W. Main. Lawrence is the parts manager for Tucker Chevrolet. According to the 1940 census Laurence DeWitt is a salesman for an auto garage, living with his wife Ruth DeWitt (27), a receptionist for a doctor's office, his sister Nellie (32), a book keeper for a garage, and his sister Pearl (17). The 1943 Sanborn map indicates the one story house unchanged and the address is still 516 W. Main St.

Lawrence M. and Ruth K. Dewitt sold the property to Della Miller and Winifred Schiebel on March 13, 1943. According to the 1940 census, Della Miller (69, widow) resides in Ward 1, Washington. Winifred Edella Miller Schiebel is married to Charles L. Schiebel and living in Franklin township, Washington County in 1940 with son Richard M. Schiebel (22). A series of tenants are listed at 516 W. Main. The 1954 city directory lists Max Workman residing at 516 W. Main. The 1964 city directory lists Mrs. Minnie Van Meter residing at 516 W. Main. Minnie is employed at Halcyon House and she is widowed. Minnie is still at this address as listed in the 1967 city directory. The 1969 city directory lists Sanford Mokleburst and wife Dorthy E. residing at 516 W. Main. Sanford is the owner of Mokleburst Carpentering and this same information is listed in the 1972 and 1976 city directories.

Charles and Winifred Schiebel sold the property to Teresa Hunzinger on November 21, 1980.

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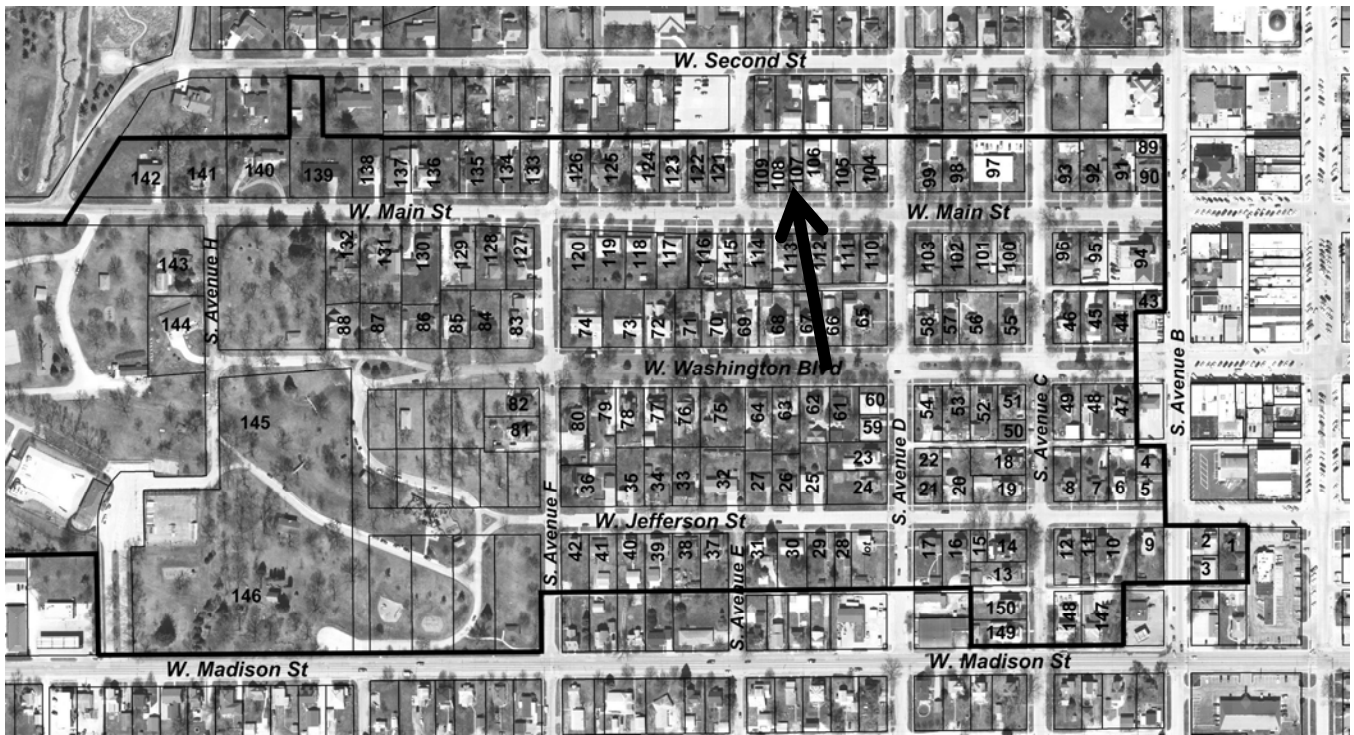
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Location map



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

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Building plan (from assessor's website)

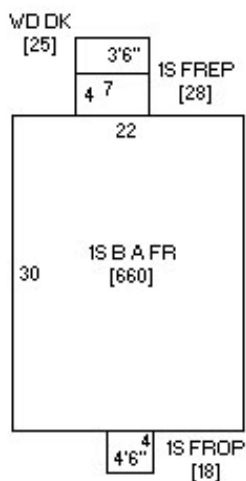


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00776-001 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00776-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00776-003 - House, looking south (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00776-004 - Garage, looking southwest (December 2014)