

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00417  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. William E. and Myrtle Anderson House (#1)

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-106

• **Location**

A) Street address: 514 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): 8

• **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
<u>-</u>	Sites	<u>-</u>	Sites
<u>-</u>	Structures	<u>-</u>	Structures
<u>-</u>	Objects	<u>-</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<b>Total</b>	<u>1</u>	<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

**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**

05D: Queen Anne

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

Walls (visible exterior): 15B: Vinyl

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 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**

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**E) Significant dates**

*Construction date*

1901  *check if circa or estimated date*

*Other dates, including renovations*

**F) Significant person**

*Complete if Criterion B is marked above*

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**G) Cultural affiliation**

*Complete if Criterion D is marked above*

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**H) Architect/Builder**

*Architect*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Builder/contractor*

**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 two story modified frame Queen Anne house built around 1901. The house sits on a rough stone foundation except for a concrete block foundation under the added small entry vestibule. The walls are clad with vinyl siding, and the combination hip / gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The windows are primarily vinyl replacements although a few original wood windows remain, and all windows have vinyl surrounds and aluminum storm / screens. A garage built around 1998 sits at the north edge of the property with access from the alley. A high vinyl fence surrounds the side and back yards.

The house faces W. Main Street to the south. It originally had a front porch across the south elevation that wrapped around the southwest corner to the side entry. This porch is shown on Sanborn maps from 1902 to 1943. It was removed after this date and a small entry vestibule built in its place on the center of the south elevation. It has a concrete block foundation, and there are concrete steps on the right/east side leading up to the entry. There is a high rectangular five-by-three glass block window on the south side. The first story to the left/west of this addition has a double-hung wood window with a leaded glass top sash. Above this window is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. To the right/east above the entry is a small fixed light window with a high sill on the second story. The southeast corner of the house is defined by a two-story round turret clad with vertically installed vinyl siding. There are three one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows placed at intervals around the turret on each story. They have vinyl surrounds and aluminum storm / screens. The south side of the cross gable section to the west has a short south elevation setback around the southwest corner. The first story has a side entry with an aluminum storm / screen door, concrete steps with metal railing, and small hip roof cover with asphalt shingles above the door. Above the side entry door, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window.

The west elevation consists of the side of the front section and the main side-gable west wing. On the front/south section, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on each story. On the gable-roof side section, there are two spaced one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the first story. Between the first and second stories, there is another one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window, and on the second story, there is a similar window over the north first story window.

The east elevation likewise consists of the side of the front section and a gable-roof defined east side section. On the front/south portion, just north of the corner turret, is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the first story. The second story one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window above is somewhat narrower than the window below. The gable-roof section protrudes to varying depths, with a rounded bay window on the first story, an overhanging second story, and a further overhanging gable. The rounded bay window has a triple window consisting of a large fixed light in the center with narrow one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows on either side. On the second story, there is a pair of centered one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows.

The north elevation, the rear of the house, has two sections. The right/west half is a gable-roof section with a gable with a continuous return. On the first story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the far left side. On the second story, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows, one above the first story window and one to the right. The left/east half is the north side of the east gable-roof section. An open porch shown on the Sanborn maps in this corner has been

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enclosed or replaced by a hip-roof enclosed rear entry vestibule. It has an entry on the right with a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window immediately to the left. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window just left of center on the second story.

At the northwest side of the lot there is a two car, gable-front garage with access from the alley. The assessor lists a construction date of 1998. It sits on a poured concrete foundation, and it is clad with vinyl siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is an aluminum double-car garage door facing east. An entry is found near the east end of the south elevation, with a one-over-one-light double-hung light double hung vinyl window near the middle of that side.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Dr. William E. and Myrtle Anderson House (#1) appears to contribute historically to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The house was built in 1901-02 for newlyweds Dr. William and Myrtle (Kerr) Anderson, whose father lived in the larger house to the west at 522 W. Main. The development is part of the construction of large homes in this neighborhood around the turn of the century and the subdivision of earlier larger lots. Though later modifications have impacted the integrity of the house, it retains sufficient integrity as a contributing building.

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

*History / research summary of property:*

The 1894 atlas shows Lot 8 in Block 5 of the Western Addition as a vacant lot. The December 1902 Sanborn map then shows this house on Lot 8, with an address of 514 W. Main Street. Lot 8 was part of a larger property (Lots 6-7-8) owned by William Latta from 1856 to 1889. His widow Lelia Latta sold the three lots to J.H. Elliott on October 6, 1890, who then sold them to V.B. Kerr on September 2, 1891. In 1892, W.E. Kerr had a house built, which is the house currently at 518. The 1894 atlas shows a house spanning lots 6 and 7 to the west, and the 1894 city directory lists W.E. Kerr living at 508 W. Main (later 518, now 522). According to the 1885 census, William Kerr (50) was a real estate agent. The 1895 census lists Violet B. Kerr (61) and William E. Kerr (61) in Ward 1 Washington, with their family Myrtle A. (25), Luella (22), Frank V. (17) and William E. (12). A marriage certificate notes the marriage of Myrtle Algora Kerr (33) to William E. Anderson on April 23, 1901.

On January 31, 1902, Lot 8 was transferred separately by W.E. Kerr to Myrtle A. Anderson. As noted, this house is then shown on the December 1902 Sanborn map, and it has a porch that wraps around the southwest corner, a tower on the southeast corner, and a rear porch on the northeast corner. There is also a stable shown to the north along the alley. The September 24, 1902 *Washington Press* notes that Dr. Anderson has moved into his fine new house in West Washington. According to the 1903 city directory, Dr. W. E. Anderson, physician, lives with wife, Myrtle at 512 W. Main. They continued to live here until fall 1909. W. E. Anderson and wife bought the west 66' of Lot 12 in Keck's Addition one block to the south from Charles H. Keck on March 12, 1909, and they built a house in 1909 on it at 516 W. Washington. Dr. William E. and Myrtle A. Anderson are listed in the 1910-11 city

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directory as living at 514 W. Washington (earlier numbering, now 516). They continued to live here until 1919. They are then listed at 208 E. Main in the 1926 telephone directory.

Dr. William E. Anderson later died on May 7, 1941. According to his obituary, he was born on June 26, 1863, in Dublin, Washington Co, Iowa to Robert and Nancy (Skinner) Anderson. The family moved to Washington where he attended school and the Washington Academy. He taught school in the Dublin neighborhood for four years. William attended the homeopathic department of the State University in Iowa City and graduated in 1892. The next year he attended the Hahnman College in Chicago, graduating in 1894. He established his practice of medicine in Washington and continued it for 47 years. He married Myrtle Kerr on April 23, 1901. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church for 34 years. Myrtle Anderson died on November 15, 1960. According to her obituary, Myrtle Kerr Anderson was born April 2, 1868 in Richmond to William E. and Violet (Bush) Kerr. She was reared and educated in Washington and attended the Washington Academy. She was a member of the PEO for 50 years and was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

On October 20, 1909, Myrtle Anderson and husband sold this house to Sidney S. Smith. The 1909 Sanborn map shows the same footprint as 1902 with an address of 514 W. Main. The 1910 census indicated Sidney S. Smith (30) is head of the household and married to Laura V. Smith (28). Sidney is a salesman for automobiles. In 1912, a building was constructed at 222 S. Marion a cost of \$30,000 for Sidney S. Smith & Company garage ("Building in 1912," *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, 1). His ad notes that Sidney S. Smith was an automobile dealer with garage and repair shop ("Building in 1912," *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, 10). The building was also constructed as the Armory for Company D of the Iowa National Guard. They occupied 4,800 square feet on the upper story of the Sidney S. Smith garage, used as drilling space. The 1917 county directory lists Sidney S. Smith and wife L. Viola residing at 514 W Main, and he operated a garage. The 1920 census lists Sydney S. Smith (40, no occupation), wife Ola Smith (38), and sons Stanley Smith (8) and Cloyd Smith (5) still living at 514 W. Main.

Sidney S. Smith and wife sold this house to J.E. Wells on February 24, 1920. The 1926 city directory lists Ed Wells at 514 W. Main. The 1930 census lists Edward J. Wells (53) as head of the household, wife Wade K. Wells (46) and children Walter W. Wells (17) and Curtis W. Wells (16). Edward J. Wells is a general farmer. The house was valued at \$6,000. The 1935 city directory lists Curtis W. Wells as residing at 514 W. Main. By 1938 in the city directory, J. E. Wells is living at 514 W. Main.

The heirs of Edward J. Wells sold lot 8 to L. Ivan and Ida E. Norton on August 10, 1939. They used the property as a rental, with several tenants listed here in the 1940s. The 1940 census lists Wendell L. Shaffer (25, pharmacist for retail pharmacy) and his wife Marjory A. (26) at 514 W. Main as well as Richard R. Johnston (27) and wife Martha A. (27). Richard is a manager for Production Credit Association and Martha is a stenographer for a law office. The 1941 city directory lists Wendel Shaeffer and wife Marjorie renting at 514 W. Main. Wendel is employed as assistant manager of Pioneer Drug. Tom Nicholson, a salesman for Matt Parrott and sons in Waterloo, and Keith Norton, single and employed by Evoready Plumbing, are also listed here.

L. Ivan and Ida E. Norton sold the property to Gladys C. Mace on February 25, 1950. According to the 1940 census, Gladys C. Mace was a lineotype operator for a printing office, divorced, and age 35. The 1954 city directory lists Mary Mace and Miss Gladys Mace residing at 514 W. Main, and residing at

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514½ is Hazel McCarty, Edna McCarty and Mrs. Belle McCarty. Gladys Mace continues to be listed at this address in the 1964 directory, and she is a compositor at McCleery-Cumming Co. The 1967 directory indicates Gladys C. Mace is a line operator at McCleery-Cumming and also residing at 514 ½ is Hazel J. McCarty. The same information is evident for the 1969 and 1972 city directories. Gladys C. Mace sold the property to Dennis A. Crawford on November 20, 1973.

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**Location map**



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

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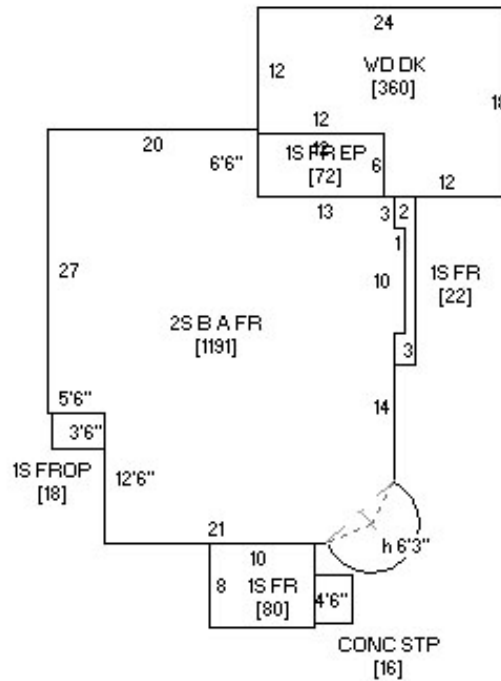
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**





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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00417-001 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00417-002 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00417-003 - Garage, looking southwest (July 2015)**