

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00780 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: Dallas and Virginia Chamberlin House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-120

• **Location**

A) Street address: 633 W. Main St

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): 6 Lot(s): Lot 4 and W 11' of Lot 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	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	—	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

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

A) Architectural classification

10C: Ranch

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Poured Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 15E: Wood fiberboard

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
 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

1956 *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 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 frame ranch house built around 1956 on the south side of W. Main Street. The house sits on a poured concrete foundation and the walls are clad in wide wood siding. The side gable roof has a cross gable at the west end, and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The house retains original horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows.

The façade (north elevation) is divided into three sections by variations in the depth. The left (east) section is the garage, and it is stepped forward a couple feet from the center section. The garage has an aluminum single-car garage door. The center section is recessed the furthest, and it has an extended roof that meets the roofline of the projected west section. A concrete patio and porch are situated below the overhang. On the left/east side, the patio is open while the right/west side has a poured concrete porch with two steps and an iron railing. The steps lead to the entry. A large window is located to the east/left on this center section, composed of a center picture windows and horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows on either side. This style of window reflects the house design/construction in the 1950s. The right (west) section is projected forward under the cross gable, and it has two horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows. The front gable is decorated with a half circle wood vent with horizontal wood slats. The gable is clad in vertical wood panels.

The east elevation has two windows, a horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood window on the right/north and a horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood window on the left/south. The east-facing gable is clad in siding and is undecorated.

The west elevation has a pair of horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows roughly centered on the side. Additional horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows are located on either side, towards the north/front and one towards the south/rear. A gable-roof dormer is found on the roof at the north end. The dormer is clad in siding, but is otherwise undecorated.

The south elevation is divided into two sections. The left (west) section is a gable-roof extension from the rear of the house, and it has two horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows. The east side also has a horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood window. The rear gable is decorated with a half circle wood vent with horizontal wood slats. The gable is clad in vertical wood panels. The right section is the south side of the main section of the house, and it has a rear entry on the right/east. A horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood window is located to its west/left. A pair of single-light casement windows are found further to the left/west. A concrete patio extends from the left half of the right section.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dallas and Virginia Chamberlin House appears to contribute historically to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The ranch house was built during the period of development of the former Hiram Scofield estate in the late 1950s, and it is significant within this period of later development of the neighborhood. Dallas and Virginia Chamberlin were the owners that developed this set of four lots along W. Main, and they built and occupied this house at 633 W. Main.

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The period of significance for the historic district is anticipated to extend through 1969, so it would fall within this period.

This house does not appear eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or B. The Chamberlins do not appear to have had a broader significance within the community, and it does not appear associated with other significant local history. The house is an excellent example of a ranch home from the 1950s, retaining several characteristic features of the style. Further assessment of other ranch homes in Washington and evaluation of the interior of the house would be needed for a full evaluation of the architectural significance of the house under Criterion C.

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

This parcel is part of a larger property owned for many years by the Hiram Scofield family. Hiram Scofield was a lawyer and involved in early banking in Washington, arriving here in 1856. Two of his brothers later moved to town, and he formed a real estate partnership with William, also a lawyer (H. & W. Scofield). Hiram married Amelia B. Wilson in 1866, and they had two children, Clara J. and Cora L. (Burrell 1909, Vol. 2: 610-612). Hiram Scofield acquired Lots 1-4 (619-633 W. Main) in Block 6 of the Western Addition on March 15, 1870. The 1874 atlas shows his house spanning lots 3-4 at the west end of the block. He later bought lots 5-6-7 along W. Washington to the south of his house on January 20, 1880. Small houses appear on each of these lots to the south on the 1894 atlas, but the houses on lots 5-6 are gone by the 1909 Sanborn map. The 1903 city directory lists Hiram (lawyer) and Amelia Scofield living at 633 W. Main Street, along with daughter Cora (teacher). Hiram Scofield died in 1906 in Seattle, Washington. Amelia continued to own this property until November 1925 when it transferred to Cora L. Scofield and Clara J. Patterson (Lots 1-7). The 1931 Sanborn map shows the house remaining at 633 W. Main on Lots 3-4, with no other houses on Lots 1-2 to the east or Lots 5-7 to the south. The 1943 Sanborn map shows the Hiram Scofield House demolished, with no construction on Lots 1-7. On April 25, 1946, Clara Patterson (widow) and Cora Scofield (spinster) transferred the property (Lots 1-7) to Carleton C. Wilson. He quickly sold the property (with alley) to St. James Catholic Church on May 6, 1946. The church also acquired the house on Lot 8 at 614 W. Washington in 1949, thus owning Lots 1-8 in Block 6 of Western Addition. That house on Lot 8 was then used as a convent. St James Catholic Church was located for many decades to the north at 606 W. Second, with the school across the street at 607 W. Second. They considered several plans for expansion in the 1950s, ending up demolishing their older church and building a new one on the same general property in 1961 (Fisher 1978: 170). They sold off these lots in Block 6 of the Western Addition for development in the late 1950s.

St. James Church sold a larger property (west 20' of Lot 2 and Lots 3-4) to Dallas and Virginia Chamberlin on May 11, 1956, as well as the parcel to the east. They appear to have built the house at the corner (633) in 1956 for themselves, and then had houses to the east built that they then sold (627 in 1957, 623 in 1958, 619 in 1959). According to Dallas' obituary in March 2000, he was born in 1919 and graduated from Wyman High School in 1937. He had a basketball team and coached at St. James School for several years. He was a car dealer and owned Chamberlin Brothers Sports Shop. Downtown research shows that Chamberlin Brothers Sports Shop was located at 100 W. Main Street from at least 1946 (*Washington Evening Journal*. May 9, 1946) to 1950 (Gibson 1950).

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Dallas and Virginia were listed as residents of the house in telephone directories from 1958 through 1962. Virginia Chamberlin is then listed as the resident of 633 W. Main Street in city directories between 1964 and 1976. The house was transferred to Virginia by court decree (divorce) on December 8, 1967, and she continues to own the property at the present. According to city directories, Virginia was an assistant cook at Saint James School in 1967 and 1968, a nurse's aid at Washington County Hospital in 1972, and a "sales lady" at Holtons in 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)

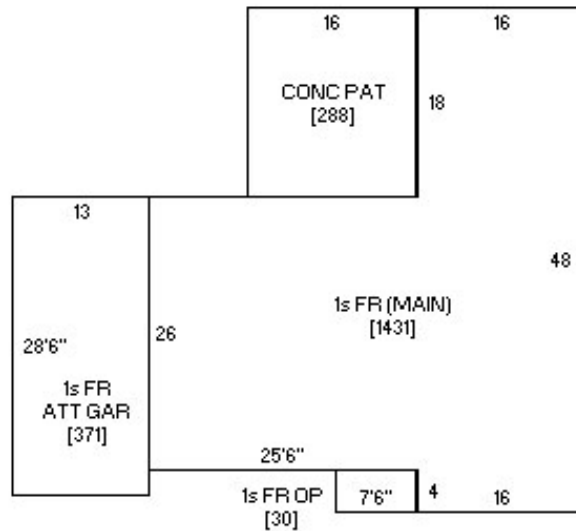


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00780-003 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)