

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00783  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: Lucy Dempsey House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-123

• **Location**

A) Street address: 610 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): 4 Lot(s): W 1/2 of Lot 7 and E 1/2 of Lot 6

• **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>	<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

**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

01C05: Domestic / garage

**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**

10C: Ranch

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete block

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**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E) Significant dates**

*Construction date*

1950  *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 1950 on the north side of W. Main Street. The house sits on a concrete block foundation, and the walls are clad in vinyl siding. The cross-gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The windows retain original horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood sashes and have storms/screens. A garage sits behind the house along the alley.

The façade (south elevation) is divided into three sections by a center projected cross-gable section. The left/west section includes a large picture window with an adjacent one-over-one-light double-hung window to the right. The left flanking window is found around the corner. The right (east) section has the entry with wooden shutters, and it has a small wood deck with a wood rail. The central section has a front gable with a set of three two-over-two-light double-hung offset to the right, with shutter to the left/west and an adjacent double-hung window on the east side of the projected section to the left.

The east elevation is composed of the gable side of the house, the side of a connecting passage, and the side of the rear room. The left/front/main section has an oriel window with center picture window and two-over-two-light double-hung windows on each of the angled sides of the oriel window. To the right (rear) of the bay window, there is a band of windows consisting of a large picture window with a narrow two-over-two-light double-hung window to either side, and a pair of horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung windows adjacent to the north. The center/passage section has entry with an aluminum door and two concrete steps. The right/rear/north section has two horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows with wood shutters.

The west elevation is similarly composed, with the side of the main section of the house on the right/south and the side of the rear extension on the left (setback toward the east side). The right/main/south section has a horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood window at each corner, adjacent to windows around the corner. A third horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood window is roughly centered on the wall. The left/rear section (rear) has two horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows with wood shutters. The central/passage section has an entry with an aluminum door.

The north elevation has three sections, with the main house split by the rear extension. The left/east section (main section of house) has picture window and a horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows that continues the band from around the corner. The center section (rear extension) has two horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows at each corner with wood shutters on the inside side. They likewise are paired with windows around each corner. The right/west section (main section of the house) has a set of three horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows on the left/east and a single one-over-one-light double-hung window with wooden shutters on the right/west. A concrete patio extends from the northwest corner of the house to the west side of the rear extension and is surrounded by a wooden fence.

A single-car frame garage constructed in 1960 per the assessor sits in the northwest corner of the property. It is clad in wood siding and sits on a concrete foundation. The gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Lucy Dempsey House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The ranch house was built during the post-World War II development of the neighborhood when a number of similar houses were built, and it is significant within this period of later development of the neighborhood. The period of significance for the historic district is anticipated to extend through 1965, so it would fall within this period. The house retains a number of original features characteristic of houses in this period, particularly the horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows and windows placed at corners

This house does not appear eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The house does not appear to have particular historic or architectural significance individually.

*History / research summary of property*

This parcel (west ½ of Lot 7 and east half of Lot 8) was owned as part of the property to the west from 1870 to 1950. On March 20, 1950, Leonard T. and Mary A. McKeone transferred this part of the property to the estate of Mary Dempsey through her executor Lucy Dempsey. The assessor lists a construction date of 1950. Lucy Dempsey then appears to have built a house on this parcel, and the address is first listed here in the 1952 city directory with Lucy Dempsey as resident. The 1954 directory also lists her sisters Alice, Cecile, and Bertha Dempsey. According to her March 24, 1978 obituary, Lucy was a lifelong resident of Washington and was described as a longtime secretary of the National Bank of Washington until her retirement in 1963. According to her November 30, 1970 obituary, Alice lived and worked in Omaha before returning to Washington. According to her November 19, 1975 obituary, Bertha did charity work in Cedar Rapids and St. Louis before returning to Washington and working at McCleery-Cummings and Co. Kathryn Dempsey and Nell Dempsey had both moved to 610 W. Main by 1956 according to the city directory. According to her November 14, 1972 obituary, Nell worked as a secretary in Omaha before returning to Washington after her retirement in 1954. According to her November 6, 1982 obituary, Kathryn was a teacher in Sioux City and Pisgah before returning to Washington. Directories through the 1960s and 1970s list the sisters living here through their retirements until their deaths.

The estates of Lucy and Kathryn Dempsey sold the property to Michael J. and Judy A Redlinger in October 1978.

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**Location map**



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

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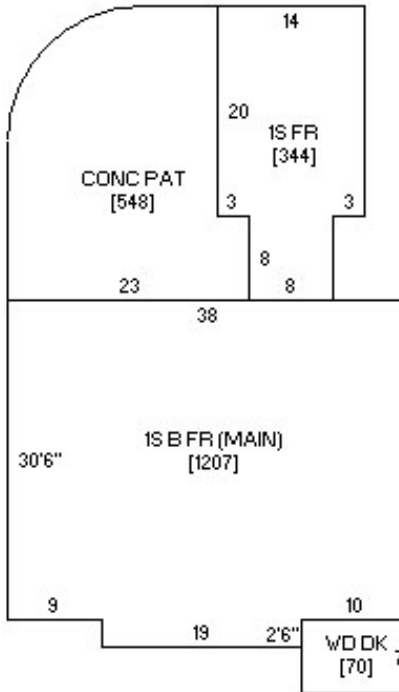
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**



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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00783-001 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00783-002 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00783-003 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00783-004 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00783-005 - Garage, looking southwest (July 2015)**