

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00786 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: Robert and Mary Glasgow House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-126

• **Location**

A) Street address: 634 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): Out Lot 11

• **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>	Total	<u>1</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

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

A) Architectural classification

09A01: Front-gabled Roof

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

Walls (visible exterior): 15B: Vinyl siding

Roof: 05: Metal

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

1866 *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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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 one-and-one-half-story frame gable-front house on the north side of W. Main Street. The house sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation and walls are clad in vinyl siding. The gable-front roof is covered in metal roofing. All windows retain historic wood surrounds, wood sills, and wood sashes, and they have aluminum storms/screens. A garage sits at the rear of the lot along the alley.

The façade (south elevation) has a shed-roof porch that spans the width. The porch has wood steps, columns, and railings. The entry is centered on the first story, and a one-over-one-light double-hung window is found to either side. The second story has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows. There is no decoration in the front gable, and it is unknown if there was historically.

The east elevation has two sections, the side of the main/front section of the house and the side of the rear/north section of the house. Both sections are present on the 1917 Sanborn map. The front/left/main section has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has two gable-roof dormers flush with the side wall, and each has a one-over-one-light double-hung window. The right/rear/north section (rear) has a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung window and a side entry on the east side.

The west elevation of the main/front/south section of the house has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows and two basement windows, which are boarded up. The second-story has no fenestration. The west side of the rear/north section has a shed-roof addition attached to the south half. The remaining wall has a one-over-one-light double-hung window. The addition has a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung window.

The north/rear elevation is the north side of the one-story rear section, with a portion of the second story of the main section visible above it. The first story of the rear section has an original two-over-two-light double-hung window on the left (east) and a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the right (west). The second story has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows.

A gable-front frame garage is situated on the northeast corner of the property. The assessor lists a construction date of 1984. The garage is clad in wide wood siding, and it has a gable roof covered in metal roofing. A double-car garage door is found on the north side, and a pedestrian door is found on the south side.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Robert and Mary Glasgow House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The house was built during the earliest period of development of the neighborhood, and the small gable-front design reflects its age. The gable dormers on the east side are also indicative of this period. Robert Glasgow was a successful farmer, who then moved into Washington. He served as a representative in the Iowa General Assembly in 1861-1862, served in the Civil War in 1864-65, and served as county treasurer from 1865-1873. He continued to live here until his death in 1894. His son Lorenzo Glasgow (grocer) lived here through this period as well, and he continued to live here with two sisters (Mattie, Alma S.

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White) into the early 1900s. From the late 1930s to 1960, Fred Burger, owner and operator of Burger's Produce, lived here. This history contributes to the significance of the neighborhood in these periods.

The house is likely not individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. Additional research on early homes in Washington, Robert Glasgow, or Fred Burger may provide further additional information on its potential significance.

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

Robert Glasgow is noted as owning the west half of Lot 5 in Western Addition in the first transfer book in the 1860s, as well as likely the outlots to the west to the corner of Block 4 in Western Addition. He appears to have acquired this lot with the larger tract of land from V.W. Andrus on April 13, 1866 (starting at southwest corner for Lot 5. Block 4 in Western Addition, north 8 1/2 rds (136'), W 8 rds (128'), south 8 1/2 rods and east to beginning – also west 1/2 of lot 5 Blk 4 in W. Add (Book E, pg. 165)). The 1874 atlas shows a house on the west edge of Lot 5 and extending into the outlots to the west, while the 1894 atlas shows a house further west on the outlots. The gable-front style of the house is consistent with construction through the 1860s and 1870s, and the side gable-roof dormers are similar to the house on the block west at 714 W. Main Street, believed to be built around 1866. It is possible that an earlier house was later moved to the west. The 1860 census lists the family in Jackson Township, Washington County. He then served in the Iowa General Assembly in 1861-62 and in the Civil War in 1864-65, returning to Washington and then serving as county treasurer for four terms starting in 1865 (1865-1872). The 1870 census lists Robert Glasgow (50, county treasurer) with wife Mary (50) and children William (22), Mattie M. (15), Lorenzo G. (14), and Alma (7). The younger two were born in Iowa, while the older two were born in Ohio. The 1880 census lists Robert Glasgow as the next household to Thomas S. Daugherty, who lived at 618 W. Main. The household includes Robert (60), wife Mary R. (59), Mattie (25), William F. (23), Lorenzo G. (21), and Sarah A. (18). The 1885 census lists three households in Block 4 of Western Addition on Main Street: Nicolas Smith (currently 602), Nannie Daugherty (currently 618), and Robert Glasgow (currently 634). Robert is listed as a widower, retired, and age 64. Three children continue to live with him: Mattie (30, keeping house), Lorenzo G. (24, druggist), and Sarah A. (21, artist). Robert died on March 16, 1894.

The 1887 *Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County* (page 189-190) includes a lengthy biography on Robert Glasgow. He was born in Adams County, Ohio, on April 12, 1820 (son of James and Mary), and he married Mary R. Finley (daughter of William Finley) in 1840. They moved to a farm in Washington Township, Washington County, in 1854. He served in the House of the General Assembly of Iowa from 1860 to 1862, and then he enlisted in the war, serving from March 1864 to summer 1865. He was then nominated and elected as county treasurer, serving for eight years. Mary Glasgow died on May 5, 1884. Five children lived to adulthood, James D. who then died in the Civil War. In 1887, William F. lived in Fort Madison, Lorenzo D. was a clerk in a drug store in Washington, Mary M. lived at home, and Sarah Alma was the widow of Rev. J.D. White, also living at home. The latter was noted as having developed an artistic talent to a high degree, with a number of fine oil paintings to her name.

The 1894 city directory lists L.G. Glasgow living at 612 W. Main St (later renumbered to 634). Title to the property appears cleared up with a quit claim deed to L.G. Glasgow on May 17, 1895. The 1900

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census lists L. Greer Glasgow (45, pharmacist), as living here with sister Martha M. (50), and sister Alma S. White (39, widow, art teacher). He is listed with James C. Coxe (618) and Nicholas Smith (602 after him, suggesting no other construction on the block in 1900 (no house at current 628). In 1902, Lorenzo G. Glasgow appears to have split his property and sold the house on the corner parcel (later known as out lot 11) separately from the parcel (likely with a new house) to the east (later known as out lot 10, also west half of Lot 5 in Block 4), which was sold to Nettie Simmons on September 16, 1902 who is listed at 628 W. Main in the 1903 city directory. The 1902 Sanborn map indicates four houses on this block, currently 602, 618, 628, and 634 (so 628 was then built by then). The 1903 city directory then only lists a J.D. and Cora Glasgow in Washington, and he is a druggist living at 215 W. Avenue C. Lorenzo Glasgow moved with his sisters to California, listed in the 1910 census in San Francisco (Lorenzo, 55, drug store; Martha M, 62; Alma S. White, 48, art teacher).

The transfer for sale of the corner lot from L.G. Glasgow has not been identified. The 1910-11 city directory lists Carl W. and Mildred Burris living at 634 W. Main, along with son Alfred L. (student). Carl was partner in Burris & Clancy, a restaurant and lunch shop at 104 N. Iowa Ave. The 1910 census lists the Burris family at 634 W. Main: Carl (38, proprietor of restaurant), Mildred (33), Alfred (12), Nathan (11), and Carlos (5). The census notes that they rented the house. Transfers for out lot 11 in Block 4 of Western Addition then start in 1910, with a transfer from C.E. Beatty to J.M. Kelly on December 1, 1910. John M. and Helen Kelly lived at the other corner of the block at 602 W. Main.

John M. and Helen Kelly sold the property at 634 W. Main (Out Lot 11) to William J. Southwell on February 25, 1913, who quickly sold it to Christina Warren on March 13, 1913. The 1920 census lists Leonard (29) and Martina (30) Bailey as renting 634 W. Main, living here with four young children. The 1926 city directory then list J.H. Warren living at 634 W. Main. The 1920 census had listed J.H. Warren (47, grocer) as renting at 603 W. Monroe with wife Ella (43) and two children.

J.H. Warren likely inherited the house from Christina Warren (believed to be his mother), as J.H. and Ella Warren then sold the property to Ida Bateman on March 4, 1927. She used the property as a rental house. The 1930 census lists the Bidwell family renting 634 W. Main for \$18 per month. Earl (47) was a button cutter at the button factory, and he lived here with wife Emma. The 1932 and 1935 city directories lists George W. and Rosella Hotle, and he was a janitor at the junior high.

The 1938 city directory lists Fred and Margaret Burger at 634 W. Main. The 1940 census lists them as owning the house, valued at \$2,000. The household includes Fred (44, owner of produce/poultry business), wife Margaret (43), Mable (21), and Donald (17). Transfer books show that they officially gained title to the property on June 8, 1942, purchasing it from Ida Bateman's estate. The 1941 city directory lists the family here, with Fred Burger as owner of Burger Produce at 116 N. Marion, buyer of eggs, poultry, cream, hides, and wool. The *Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 39 notes that Fred Burger is a cash buyer of cream, eggs, and poultry that would be in business for 15 years on March 1, located north of the square on N. Marion. He continued to live here until his death on November 17, 1960. His estate transferred the property to wife Margaret Pearl Burger on June 7, 1961.

Margaret Pearl Burger sold the property to Mary Gevock on December 8, 1961. The house is noted as vacant in the 1964 city directory. Mary then appears in all city directories from 1967 to 1976. She was listed as a house maid in the 1969 city directory and widow of Vincent.

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Mary's estate sold the property to Paul and Linda Goodwin on July 28, 1980.

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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)

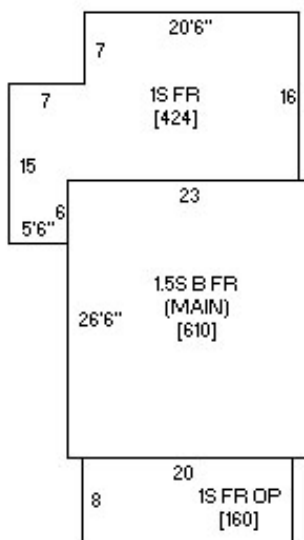


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00786-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00786-003 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00786-004 - Garage, looking southeast (December 2014)