

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00761  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: Howard and Gertrude Stewart House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-060

• **Location**

A) Street address: 205 S. Avenue D

B) City or town: Washington ( Vicinity) County: Washington

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Township No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_ of Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Urban: Subdivision: of Out Lot 3: N 67' of Lot 1 Block(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_

• **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

**B) Current functions**

01A01: Domestic / residence

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

**A) Architectural classification**

10C: ranch

09A05: pyramidal/hipped roof 1 story

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: concrete poured

Walls (visible exterior): 15B: Vinyl siding

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*

1954  *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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Address	City

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**Narrative Description**

This is a one-story, hip roof, frame, ranch house built likely in 1954 on the west side of South Avenue D. The house sits on a concrete foundation, and the walls are clad in vinyl siding. The hip roof is covered in asphalt shingles. All windows retain wood surrounds and wood sashes, and they have storms/screens on the windows. The main window style is two-over-two-light double-hung sashes with the two light oriented horizontally, as common in the 1950s. A garage with a carport is attached to the south side of the house and is accessed from the street.

The façade (east elevation) has a patio, with a metal railing, that extends from the entry to the south side of the house. A sidewalk leads from the entry to the city sidewalk. The entry is slightly off center to the left/south, and it has a wood door with a decorative vertical window and a storm/screen door. There are shutters along each side of the door. The paired horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung windows to the south/left are located at the south corner, with a shutter along the north side. The windows to the north/right of the entry include a picture window with a one-over-one-light double hung window on each side. There are also shutters on each side of this window grouping.

The south elevation of the house is visible under the carport, with the garage attached to the west/rear half. At the right/east corner, there is a set of paired horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung with a shutter on the left/west, complementing the windows on the east side of this corner. There is also a pair of three-light casement windows with shutters to the left/west. The carport has a flat roof and metal column supports, with the one-car garage at the west end. On the east side of the garage, within the carport, there is an entry to the right/north with a screen/storm door and an aluminum overhead one-car garage door. The driveway runs from the garage to the street. On the south side of the garage, there is a single one-over-one-light double hung window.

The north elevation has three sets of windows. On the east/left, there is a picture window with one-over-one-light double hung windows on each side. There is a smaller, single one-over-one-light double hung window with shutters in the center. At the west/rear/right corner of the house, there are paired horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows with a shutter along the east side.

The rear of the house (west elevation) has two complementary windows on the north corner, paired horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung windows with a shutter on the right/south side. In the center of the rear wall, there is a set of paired horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows. On the south/right, there is a single one-over-one-light double-hung window.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Howard and Gertrude Stewart House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The earlier house on this lot was demolished by 1943, leaving a vacant lot in the neighborhood. The lot was then subdivided, with two houses constructed in 1954 and 1955. This development is significant within the post-World War II development of the neighborhood that increased the density by subdividing earlier larger parcels. The house retains several characteristic features of homes built in this period, including paired horizontal two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows, corner windows, and a carport with garage.

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

*History / research summary of property*

Lot 1 in the subdivision of Out Lot 3 was owned for many years by John and Rebecca Chilcote and their children. An earlier house is shown here on the 1874 and 1894 maps of Washington, and the 1880 census lists John and Rebecca Chilcote with children Jennie, Martin, Ella, Maggie, James, and George. James D. Chilcote, carriage trimmer, is listed at 501 W. Washington in the 1894 city directory, James and Ella are listed here in the 1910-11 city directory. The various children/heirs transferred Lot 1 to Rachel Ella Chilcote in 1923-1925, and she is listed at 503 W. Washington in the 1926 telephone directory. The house is still shown here on the 1931 Sanborn map. The executor of her estate sold the property to Carrie Dill, widow, on February 26, 1935. The 1935 directory lists the address as vacant, and the house is then gone by the 1943 Sanborn map.

Carrie Dill sold Lot 1 to contractor Donald Foss on May 13, 1952. He then split the lot into two parcels, selling the north 67' to Gertrude B. Stewart on September 28, 1954 and the south 65' to Ralph and Nellie Zeck on December 17, 1955. Thus, it is likely that this house at 205 S. Avenue D was built in 1954 and the adjacent house to the south built in 1955, which matches the dates listed by the assessor. The 1954 city directory does not list either 205 or 209 S. Avenue D.

Howard E. Stewart is listed in the 1955 Washington City Directory as living at 205 S. Avenue D. Howard died on September 21, 1955. According to his obituary, he was born November 8, 1885 in West Chester and his parents were Edgar Stewart and Marian Wolf Stewart. He married Gertrude B. Saltar on June 29, 1910 in Washington. Howard and Gertrude lived on a farm near West Chester from 1912 until 1940 and in the town of West Chester from 1940 until 1954. They moved to Washington in 1954. He attended the Methodist Church and was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at West Chester and the Masonic lodge at Keota. Gertrude B. Stewart (widow) she is listed in the Washington telephone directories from 1956 to 1960. Gertrude died on December 15, 1961. Her obituary cited that she recently lived at 205 S. Avenue D. According to her obituary, Gertrude Belle Saltar was born September 30, 1883 in Slater, MO, raised in Keota, and her parents were Thomas and Kate (Hardin) Saltar. She was a member of the Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, and the White Way Club.

The property transferred to sons Edgar and Keith on July 22, 1963. Edgar E. and Pauline V. Stewart were listed in the Washington city directories from 1964 through the 1970s. Edgar died on October 20, 1981. His obituary cited that he lived at 205 S. Avenue D. According to his obituary, he was born November 11, 1911 in Keota. He was raised in West Chester and married Pauline Gardner on May 14, 1932. They lived in Washington for the past 20 years. Edgar was director of the Washington County ASCS. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Washington Masonic Lodge, all three York Rite bodies of Washington, Eastern Star, White Shrine of Davenport and Washington Shrine Club.

Pauline V. Stewart continued to live in the house until she died on February 19, 1999. According to her obituary, she was born June 9, 1913 in Wellman and her parents were Roy and Blanche (Durst)

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Gardner. Pauline was a homemaker and member of the United Methodist Church. She was choir director at the West Chester Methodist Church before moving to Washington. She was past president of Chapter E.I. of T.T.T. and belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Public Affairs of the Fortnightly Club, Eastern Star, the Questers and was a soloist for White Shrine. Pauline was also a member of the Daughters of the Nile Pyramid Temple at Davenport and a former 50 year member of the White Way Club at West Chester.

The property transferred from Pauline Stewart to Donald E. and Patricia A. Petersen on August 30, 1999. The property transferred from Patricia A. Petersen estate to Darla Schultz on July 30, 2013 (sale between family members or related parties).

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Washington County Assessor Records

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**Location map**



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

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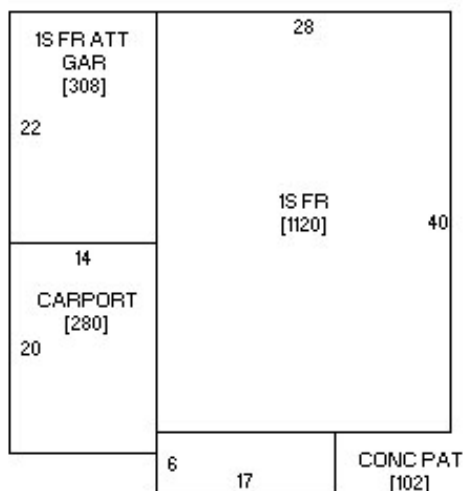
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**



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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00761-001 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00761-002 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)**