

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00791 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 John G. and Mary L. Stewart House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-131

● **Location**

A) Street address: 735 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: Northwest Add: N 187' of Lot 23: also Western Add Block(s): 7 Lot(s): W 45' of Lot 5 and W 45' 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	<u>1</u>	Buildings
	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
	Objects	—	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

Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD Title

Historical Architectural Data Base #

Architectural and Historical Survey of the "west side" residential neighborhood in Washington 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 / stucco

walls (visible exterior): 02: Wood / weatherboard

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 archeology/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 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

1899 *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 sheet for the list of research sources used in preparing this form*

• **Geographic Data** *Optional UTM references* *See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments*

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

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 frame Queen Anne house built on the south side of W. Main Street around 1899 for successful farmer and stock dealer John G. Stewart. The house sits on a stone foundation clad in stucco, and the cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house is clad with wood weatherboard siding, and it has one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. The windows and doors all have wood surrounds. There is a wrap around front porch on the north and east sides of the house, and a two story bay window on the east side. A reconstructed turret is located in the roof valley at the northeast corner of the house. There is a large round porch at the rear of the house. A detached frame garage built in 1994 sits to the east of the house.

A wrap around front porch extends around the gable-roof front section of the north (front) elevation of the house to the recessed section on the east side and recessed section on the west side. The porch has wood steps on the east side, leading up to a plywood porch floor. There are slim round wood columns supporting the porch roof. The first recessed section of the façade, at the far left, has a wood entry door with three panels above a single fixed light, decorative wood carving above and below the light, and two over two wood panels in the lower half of the door. The panels at the top and bottom of the door are unequal in size, creating an asymmetrical design. On the second story, there is a boarded up door above the first story door, and in front of the door, there is a square wood post supporting the edge of the roof. At roof/attic level of this corner, there is an octagon turret with boarded up walls and an octagonal, pyramid roof. Historic photographs show a square turret here originally, though the current turret appears historic. The main gable-oriented section of the north elevation extends the depth of the room to the north from the entry to the left. Centered on the first story, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. Above it on the second story, there is another wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a wood storm. The gable is clad with wood fishscale shingles, and it has a single fixed light at the center of the gable. The third section to the west is recessed about a foot from the main gable-front section, and it has the main entry door, which matches the secondary entry door in the first/east section. It has asymmetrical panels above a window in the upper half of the door, and decorative carving above and below the window, with two rows of asymmetrical panels below. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window above the first story door. The fourth section, to the right of the entry/third section, is recessed somewhat. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window here with a sill higher than typical for this house. There are no windows on the second story.

The east elevation is divided into three sections. The front/north section is the side of the gable-oriented main front section, with the wrap around porch. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the first story close to the entry. The entry vestibule has a single light fixed window with a sill higher than typical for this house on its east side. A one-over-one-light double-hung is centered on the second story. The center section is a wide two-story bay window with a gable roof. The windows on the angled walls are one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows on both stories, and the wider center windows have been boarded up. There is vinyl fishscale shingling on the gable, with a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered below the peak of the gable. The rear/south section of the east elevation has a pair of one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows at the center of the wall. On

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the second story, there are no windows, but on the right, there is a square section of wall which extends out a foot.

The west elevation is likewise divided into three sections. The front/north section has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window located between the first and second stories on the right, near the center of the house. The second section is defined by a gable roof over a slightly projected section with a square north corner and angled south corner. It has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window toward the left side of this section also slightly lower than the second story height. Toward the right/south, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on each story. The third section is the west side of the rear gable-roof section of the house. At the first story level, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window toward the right. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window towards the left.

The south elevation, the rear of the house, has a large round (U-shaped) porch that extends south from the east two-thirds of the rear of the house. The porch has a stone pier foundation with vertical wood grating between the piers. There is a wood floor, and the roof is supported by square wood posts. On the first story of the house within the porch, there is vinyl patio door at the right side of the wall, and a wide one-over-one-light vinyl window just to the left of the patio door. The first story wall around the patio door and adjacent window is covered with wood shingles. On the second story, there is a pair of windows on the left/west. Just to the right of center, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with a sill higher than typical for this house. At the far right, there is a single fixed rectangular window, again with a sill higher than typical for this house. A square window is found centered in the gable.

The two and a half car frame gable-oriented garage sits east of the house with access from W. Main Street via a driveway of historic brick pavers. The assessor lists a construction date of 1995. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and it has a small wood cupola on the ridge. The garage sits on a poured concrete foundation, and it is clad with vinyl siding. The north elevation, facing W. Main, has two single-car aluminum garage doors with four-light windows in the upper row of door panels. The west elevation, facing the house, has a steel entry door with nine light window at the north end. To the right, there is a large vinyl casement window, and then there is another door which has a full window. To the right of that door, there is another large vinyl casement window. The east elevation has no fenestration. The south elevation of the garage has a six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window centered in the wall.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The John G. and Mary L. Stewart House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. The house was built around 1899 for John G. Stewart, a successful retired farmer and stock dealer. The family moved into town at this time, living here from 1899 to 1906. Thus, it reflects the late 19th century development of the neighborhood and historic trend of farmers moving into town upon retirement. The house also reflects a number of

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characteristic Queen Anne features, including the wrap around porch, bay windows, gables, turret, decorative wall surfaces, and decorative doors/windows.

More research would need to be completed to fully evaluate if the John G. and Mary L. Stewart House would be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for association with John G. Stewart or under Criterion C for architecture. Additional research would need to be completed on John G. Stewart to fully assess his potential significance, and comparison would need to be made for his farm in Franklin Township as a property better associated with his productive life. Likewise, while the Queen Anne architecture is good, there have been some modifications and a number of other Queen Anne houses remain in Washington. Further evaluation of the interior and comparison of the other houses would need to be completed. The house does not appear to be individually eligible under Criterion A.

History / research summary of property

John Watson bought the entire 700 block on the south side of W. Main and north side of W. Washington (Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) on December 27, 1890. He then built a house at 717 W. Main Street. The 1894 map shows that house as the only one on these lots. He sold the W 45' of Lots 5 and 6 on September 27, 1898 to Mary L. Stewart. This house was then likely built in 1899. The 1900 census includes Mary L. Stewart, age 55, in the household of husband John Stewart, age 57, home owner, with income from being a landlord, and Elizabeth Bradford, age 79, his mother-in-law and a widow. The 1903 city directory lists John G. Stewart, retired farmer, at 731 W. Main (this house, early numbering). The 1887 *Portrait and Biographical Album* of Washington County includes a biography of John G. Stewart, then farmer and stock dealer in Section 9 of Franklin Township (page 331). He was born in Maryland in 1842 and moved with his parents William G. and Hannah Stewart to Washington County in 1844. He married Mary L. Bradford in 1864, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Scranton) Bradford (Lewis is descendent of William Bradford, of Mayflower). They moved to their farm in 1867, living there in 1887. They had two children: Charles W. and Mary Corinne, both who were pursuing advanced studies. His farm was known as the Clemmon's Grove Farm, and was noted as one of the finest stock farms in the county. He served for three terms as the president of the Washington County Agricultural Society and two terms as vice president. He also was a census taker in Franklin Township and served several times as Trustee by 1887. The construction of this house then reflects his retirement from farming and move into the town.

On October 29, 1906, John G. Stewart sold the property to Matilda Marie. The Marie family appears at 731 W. Main in the 1910-11 city directory which names John Marie, a dentist with an office at 123 ½ W. Washington, and his wife Matilda. The 1910 census lists the Marie family living on W. Main Street as John Marie, age 40, a dentist in general practice, home owner, and head of the household, his wife Matilda, age 38, and Josephine Harmeier, age 68 and mother-in-law of the head of the house. The 1910-11 city directory gives the Marie's address as 731 W. Main. The 1917 Sanborn map, the first map to include this part of Washington, shows the house with a wrap around front porch, a full rear porch, and a small porch, visible in the historic photographs, located on the east side of the house. This small porch is not shown on the 1931 or 1943 Sanborn maps. The 1917 county directory lists Dr. John A.

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Marie, physician, and wife Matilda at 731 W. Main. The 1920 census, taken in January of that year, lists the family at 731 W. Main as John A. Marie, dentist and home owner, age 48, Matilda, his wife, age 41, and mother-in-law Josephine Harmeier, age 78.

On March 10, 1920, the property, described as Lot 6 and part of Lot 5, 45 feet off the west side, was sold to Matilda Braunhausen. Two days later, the Maries bought the property to the east, the bungalow later renumbered to 731 W. Main Street. The 1930 census identifies John Braunhausen, head of the household, age 69, born in Germany, and his wife Matilda, age 56, born in Iowa of German parents, living at 735 W. Main. The house is valued at \$6,000. There is a listing for John Braunhausen at this address in the 1932 telephone directory, and the 1940 census again lists John Braunhausen, owner, now age 80, his wife Matilda, age 66, and Helen Breese, a lodger, single and age 34 living here. Helen is a clerk at a retail pharmacy. The 1941 city directory lists John Braunhausen at 735 W. Main.

Sheriff H.M. Putnam transferred the property to Clarence G. Adrian on September 12, 1945, and three years later, in September 1948, Adrian sold it to Vernon E. and Bernice Wittrig. The 1954 telephone directory lists Vernon E. Wittig living at 735 W. Main. A transaction on March 3, 1954 transferred the south 110 feet of the west 45 feet of Lot 6 to James F. and Nancy Lou Seifert. Wittrig continues to appear at this address in the 1956, 1958, 1960, and 1962 telephone directories.

The 1964 city directory lists the occupants of 735 W. Main as Kenneth N. Weidner, an employee of North American Van Lines, his wife Vera L. and their children Sherry, age 12, Larry, age 10, Bruce, age 8, and Steve, age 5. On March 20, 1968, the property was purchased by Kenneth and Vera Weidner, and three years later, Weidner sold it to William H. and Phyllis A. Hazelett. The 1972 city directory identifies the Hazelett family as William H., an aisleman at HyVee Food, his wife Phyllis, and children Brian, born in 1966, and Bradley, born in 1969. The 1976 city directory repeats this information and adds another son, Brent, born in 1973.

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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)

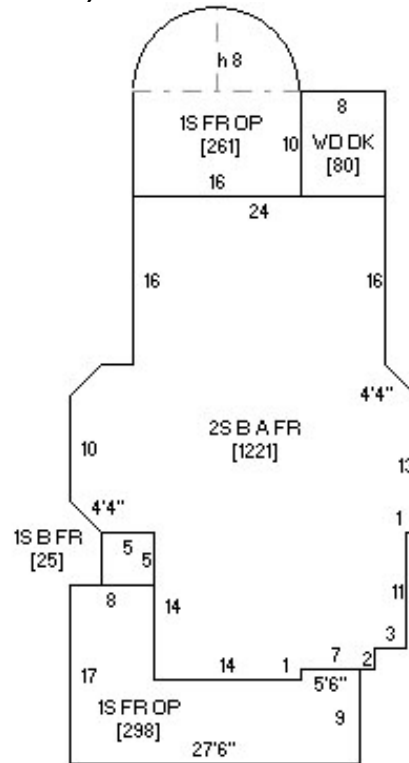


Photo from assessor's website



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House with Stewarts and Mrs. Bradford (Patterson, #8E4B)

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Photograph 92-00791-001 - House, looking south (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00791-003 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00791-004 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00791-005 - Garage, looking southwest (December 2014)