

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00374 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: William and Ida Hood House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-062

• **Location**

A) Street address: 515 W. Washington Blvd

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

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Quarter: _____ of Quarter: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Subdivision of Out Lot 3 Block(s): _____ Lot(s): 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	<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

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

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

Walls (visible exterior): 08A: Asphalt shingle – faux brick

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

1898 *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 two-story frame, Queen Anne house with a cross gable roof, built in 1898 on the south side of W. Washington Boulevard. The house sits on a stone foundation and the walls are clad in asphalt shingle/composition tiles in a faux brick pattern. The cross gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has wide eaves with brackets at the corners. All windows retain wood surrounds and wood sashes, and some have storms/screens on the windows. There is an open porch on the front. A detached frame garage, built in 2004, is behind the house and is accessed from the street.

The façade (north elevation) has a one story, open porch that spans most of the front. There are five round columns supporting the roof, which has a gable pediment centered on the flat roof. The porch foundation, deck, hand rails and ceiling are wood. On the house, the right/west half is setback from the left/east half. On the first story of the west half, there is an entry with a solid wood door and storm door with two windows on the left. To the west/right of the entry, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window centered on this half. On the east/left half, which is projected somewhat, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the first story. On the second story, there is a set of paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows. The east half terminates in a front gable, which also has wide wood eaves. The gable is clad in wood siding and there is a triangular window with rounded edges.

The west elevation of the house has a small gable over the third bay. On the north/left/front end, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on each story. To the right/south, there is a one-light small window with a sill similar to the other first story window and a one-over-one-light double-hung window with an arch transom above it between the first and second stories. To the south/right, under the small gable section, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the first story and a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung window on the second story with a sill higher than typical. At the south/rear/right end of the west side, there is a narrow double-hung window that has been replaced with a small single-light window on the first story, and there is a pair of narrow one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the second story. The gable on this side also has wide wood eaves, wood siding, and a vent. There is a basement window under the second set of windows.

The east elevation of the house is divided into three sections by a center two-story bay window with a gable roof. On the north/front/right, there are one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first and second stories, as well as a basement window. The two-story bay window has angled walls on the first story and square corners on the second story with the side gable. On the first story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window in the center and on each of the angled sides. On the second story, there are one-over-one-light double-hung windows in the center and on the north and south sides. There is a basement window on this section as well. The gable has wide eaves, wood siding, and a triangular window with rounded edges matching the front gable. On the south/left/rear, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the first and second stories, as well as a basement window.

On the rear of the house (south elevation), there is a one-story enclosed porch with a flat roof on the west/left half. There are concrete stairs with metal hand railings leading up to the entry on the porch. West/left of the entry, there are two paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows. On the east side of the porch, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window. On the east half of the first story, there is a one-story hip-roof addition with a one-over-one-light double-hung window that appears on the 1931

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Sanborn map. On the second story, there is an entry with a wood door and a storm door on the left/west half. On the east/right half, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window. There is a brick chimney extending from the roof on the rear section of the house. There is a concrete patio off the southwest corner of the house.

A large detached frame, three-car garage is located on the rear of the property and faces north towards W. Washington. It was built in 2004 per the assessor. The foundation is a concrete slab. The garage has a cross-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. It has a modern double-car overhead door on the east half of the north side and a pedestrian door and single-car overhead door on the west half. The pedestrian door is wood and has a 9 light window. In the middle of the front gable, there is a four-over-four-light window. On the east and west sides, there is a four-over-four-light window in the gables. The driveway runs from the garage entrances (north side) and along the east side of the house to the street.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The William and Ida Hood House appears to contribute historically to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The house was built during the late 19th century period of development of the neighborhood with large homes for successful businessmen. The house was built for William (Deacon) Hood, who then tragically died. Ida Hood continued to live here for several years, and then it was sold to John T. Matthews, who lived here with his family from 1904 to 1921.

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

History / research summary of property

This property, lot 3 in the subdivision of Out Lot 3, transferred from James D. Chilcote et. al. to Ida F. Hood on October 16, 1897. The Chilcote family owned and lived in the house to the east at 503 W. Washington on Lot 1. According to the August 10, 1898 *Washington Press*, "Deacon Hood has moved into his new pretty home on Gospel Ridge, and will be a distinct addition to the moral energies that the religious dynamos exert in that spot." William (Deacon) Newman Hood died on September 14, 1898. According to his obituary in the *Washington Press* and a detailed dedication to him printed in the *Washington Democrat* (September 21, 1898), Mr. Hood was killed by a train at the depot. "Just a few weeks before, he had moved into the new house, the building of which had given him many happy thoughts and days..." He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on July 21, 1858 to Walter and Sarah Hood. He was brought up in the newspaper business; his father was one of the most prominent country newspaper men in Ohio. Mr. Hood came to Iowa in 1876 and lived with his uncle and aunt, Michael and Kitty Wilson. He worked for the *Washington Gazette* and the *Washington Press*. In 1879, he and Lobanno Watters purchased the *Washington Democrat*. "Mr. Hood was a hard worker in the early days of the Democrat's struggle for existence..." He was publisher of the *Democrat* from 1882 to 1898. He was a member of the city council for two terms. During his tenure, Washington got electric lights and water works. In 1893, he was appointed postmaster. William Hood married Ida Farmsworth of Muscatine on October 11, 1882. They lived in a rented house for a couple years, then bought and

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rebuilt a little house in southeast Washington. He was a Knight Templar and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Ida F. Hood is then listed in the 1900 U.S. Federal Census and the 1903 City Directory at 515 W. Washington Street. The 1900 census lists that Ida is 40 years old, a widow, born in Iowa and owns the home. She lived here with children Grace W. (16) and Walter S. (10). There are also two borders living there. The *Washington Press*, August 31, 1904 reported that "Mrs. Ida Hood has been selected Preceptress in a ladies' dormitory in the state normal school at Lewiston, Idaho and will start at that place next Monday....Her family will be scattered over the whole country. Her sister Miss Farnsworth goes to New York to teach, Winnie (daughter) enters North Western at Chicago, and Walter (son) starts tomorrow to Winona Lake, Indiana where he will be in school this winter..." Ida Hood died on November 4, 1923 at the home of her daughter, in New York City. According to her obituary, Ida Farnsworth Hood was born November 25, 1860 in Muscatine, Iowa to Azel and Hannah (Sherfey) Farnsworth. She lived there and in Washington during her girlhood and early married life, her later years being spent in Boston and New York. During her residence in Washington, Mrs. Hood was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, of the P.E.O. society, and was one of the founders of the Fortnightly club.

The property transferred from the Ida F. Hood to J. T. Matthews on Sept 3, 1904. Articles in the *Washington Press* (September 7, 1904) cite the sale of Mrs. Hood's house on Gospel Ridge for \$3,900 to Dixon and & Co with correction (September 14, 1904) to show purchase was by J. T. Matthews. The *Press* reported on October 5, 1904 that he moved into the house. The 1909 and 1917 Sanborn maps show a two story house with a porch on the front and the back. The 1910 and 1920 U.S. Federal Census shows John T. and Alfaretta Matthews living at 515 West Washington Street. In 1910, John was 48 years old, born in Pennsylvania, married and a real estate agent; Alfaretta was 46 years old, born in Iowa, married and had 2 children. The children were living with them, including Harvey F. (17) and John T. Jr. (2). Eliza Fisher (Alfaretta's mother, widow) and Susan Fisher (sister of Alfaretta, dressmaker) also lived with them. John T and Alfaretta Matthews are listed in the 1910-11 City Directory living at 515 W. Washington. John worked for B.F. Dixon Co. John T. Matthews and John Jr. are listed in the 1917 City Directory. John is in real estate, and John Jr. is a student. In the 1920 census, John was 57 years old, a widow and employed as a notary public, living here with sons Harvey (27) and John Jr (12). John's sister Jennie Acheson (52, widow) and brother William Matthews (61, minister) also lived with him. John T. Matthews died on November 2, 1928. According to this obituary, John Telford Matthews was born September 2, 1860 in Indiana County, Pennsylvania to Samuel and Eliza (Oram) Matthews. In 1865 the Matthews family moved from Pennsylvania to Iowa. John attended country school and graduated from the Washington Academy in 1885. He graduated from Monmouth College in 1887. He became an instructor at the Washington Academy and was principal there for 7 years. In 1898 he entered the farm real estate firm of B.F. Dixon and Company. In 1901 he was elected to the office of the clerk of the district court and held the office for 2 terms. John again associated with Mr. Dixon and later became secretary of the Washington Canadian Land Company. He served several years on the Washington County Hospital board. He was an active alumni of Monmouth College. He facilitated the compilation and publication of a history of Washington County in the world war. Mr. Matthews was a life-long member of the United Presbyterian Church. On August 26, 1890 John married Alfaretta Fisher. Alfaretta died December 10, 1915. According to her obituary, Alfaretta was born December 23, 1863 on a farm outside of Keota to Robert and Eliza Jane (Akins) Fisher. The Fisher family moved to Washington in 1876 when her father was elected county treasurer. She graduated from Washington High School and attended the Washington Academy. She taught at

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country schools for several years, at the Red Oak school one year and at the Washington public schools for four years. Her friends knew her as "Tette".

The property transferred from J.T. Matthews to D.C. Griggs on February 28, 1921. According to the 1920, 1930 and 1940 U.S. Federal census, Dewitt Clinton Griggs was a farmer and lived in Cedar Township, Washington County, Iowa. Thus, D.C. Griggs appears to have used the property only as a rental. The 1926 City Directory and 1930 U.S. Federal Census list the house rented to Gino and Marie Cantoni and daughter Anna May. Gino was a merchant - Candy Kitchen. The Cantoni's immigrated from Italy. The 1930 census notes that they rented the house for \$30 per month. The 1931 Sanborn map reflects the same house and now include a garage in the southeast corner of the property at 515 West Washington Street. The 1935 city directory lists Walter Lislie and Flieta (Garretson) Rukgaber at 515 W. Washington. Walter was owner/operator of Rukgaber Hardware. Gerald and Virginia Howard also lived at this address. Gerald was clerk at Rukgaber Hardware.

On March 21, 1936, D.C. Griggs sold the property to Nettie J. Mayhew. The 1938 city directory lists William Calvin and Nettie (McFarlane) Mayhew. William was a retired farmer.

On March 7, 1940, Nettie J. Mayhew et al sold the property to S.E. and Effie Israel. The 1940 census lists Samuel Israel (67, retired) living at 515 W. Washington with wife Effie (61). The 1941 city directory likewise lists them living here.

On February 7, 1944, S.E. and Effie Israel sold the property to John W., Ida May, Nellie F., James R., and Carrie Ann Davis. The property then transferred between siblings (established by will) John W. Davis to James R. Davis (July 7, 1947); Ida May Davis to James R. Davis (July 17, 1947); Nettie Davis to James R. Davis (Sept 25, 1947); and James R Davis to Carrie Davis (May 26, 1948). According to their obituaries, the parents of the Davis siblings were James and Sarah Ann Davis. The Davis family moved from New Athens, Ohio to Fairfield, Iowa (circa 1870) and then moved to Jackson Township, Washington County, three years later (circa 1873). They lived in the Bethel community northeast of Washington and were members of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. John William, Ida May, Nettie and Carrie moved to Washington in the spring of 1944. John, Ida May and Nettie died at their home at 515 W. Washington street. John "Will" Davis died on August 22, 1944. He was born October 31, 1865 in Ohio. He served as an elder at the church for 20 years. Ida May died on August 22, 1945. She was born October 5, 1869 in Ohio. She was a member of the Bethel Missionary Society and the Friendship Club. Nettie Florence died on May 29, 1946. She was born May 2, 1874 in Jackson Township. She was a member of the Bethel Missionary Society and the Friendship Club. The City Directories for 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962 and 1964 list Miss Carrie A. Davis living at 515 West Washington Street. Carrie died on April 16, 1969. She was born December 11, 1882 in Jackson Township. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Washington.

The property transferred from Carrie A. Davis to L. A. Duncan on December 30, 1964. The 1967 city directory lists Larry A. Duncan, owner of the Kiwi Car Wash and agent for Northwestern Mutual Life, living here with wife Ann, a teacher.

Duncan & wife sold the property to Joseph J. and Sue Ellen Kaesbauer on August 1, 1969. They then sold it to Thomas and Shirley Lasser on January 8, 1971. The property sold again in 1972 and 1975.

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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)

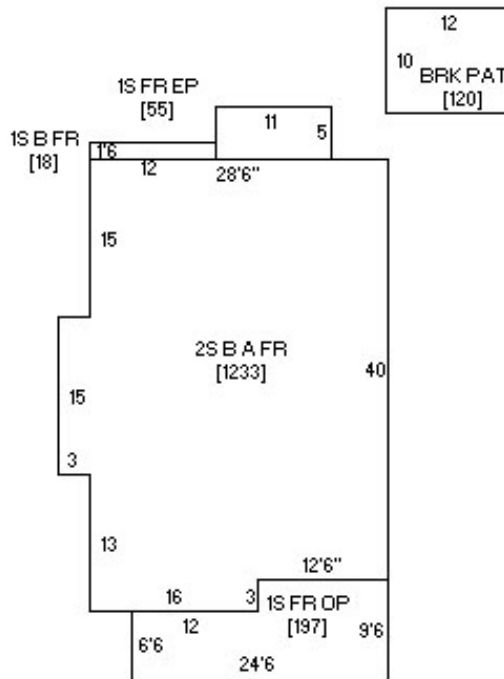


Photo from assessor's website



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House in early 20th century (Washington County Historical Society)

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Early 20th century view of 500 block (Washington County Historical Society)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00374-001 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00374-004 - Garage, looking southwest (December 2014)