

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00179  New  Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: Joseph and Elizabeth Keck House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-065

## • Location

A) Street address: 504 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: Keck's Subdivision Block(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): Lot 14 and East 32.5' Lot 13

## • 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>	<b>Total</b>	<u>1</u>	<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

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**

05C: Second Empire

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick

Roof: 08A: Asphalt shingles (Mansard)

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*

1856  *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, brick house built around 1856 in the Second Empire style with a mansard roof and some Gothic Revival influence as well. Though it now has a W. Washington address, it faces S. Avenue D to the east. The house sits on a stone block foundation and the walls are brick. The mansard roof is covered in asphalt shingles. There are arch and triangular gable dormers, and the roof is crowned with iron railing. Most windows retain two-over-two-light double-hung wood sashes and stone sills. There is a decorative porch on the front and one each on the north and south sides. A detached garage, built in 2000, is behind the house to the northwest and is accessed from the street.

The front of the house (east elevation) is spanned by an open porch with a flat roof and ornate eaves. There are six square fluted columns across the front and two engaged columns to the house. There are two pairs of columns flanking the centered entrance and one each on the north and south corners. The columns set on 2-tier bases and are topped with decorative capitals. At the top, the columns are linked with flattened arches. On the porch roof, there are short columns/piers with ornate tops above the main columns, and they have a wrought iron railing running between them. The porch deck is wood, the stairs are concrete, and wood lattice is found under the porch floor. There is a wood railing running between the columns. The façade of the brick house is framed by brick pilasters at the ends and around the centered entry. On the first story, the entry is centered and has a half light wood door with a two-light arched transom. There is a storm door with two large windows. To the north and to the south of the entry, there is a two-over-two-light double-hung wood window with a segmental arch. On the second story, there are three arch two-over-two-light double-hung windows with brick surrounds. The center window has a larger brick arch and arch roof above it, while the two side windows have a triangular gable with trefoil vergeboard decoration.

The south elevation consists of the side of the main/east section of the house and the side of the one-story rear section. The side of the main section likewise has brick pilasters and inset panels. On the first story of the main section, there is a two-over-two-light double-hung window with a segmental arch lintel and a stone sill in the center. On the second story, there is an arch, two-over-two-light double-hung wood window with a stone sill. It has a triangular gable above it with trefoil vergeboard decoration. There is also a basement window. There is a one story rear section on the southwest corner of the house that has a hip roof, and it extends slightly further south than the side of the house. On the east side of this section, there is an open porch with three square fluted columns. The columns set on 2-tier bases and are topped with decorative capitals, matching the front porch. At the top, the columns are linked with arches as well. The porch deck is wood, the stairs are concrete, and the wood lattice is under the porch floor. There is a wood railing running between the columns on the east (right) side of the stairs. The entry faces east and has wood door with a large window. There is a full light storm door. To the west of the porch on the south wall of this section, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung window with a segmental arch lintel and a stone sill. A basement window is under this window.

The north elevation likewise consists of the side of the main/east section of the house and the side of the one-story rear section. The side of the main section likewise has brick pilasters and inset panels. On the first story of the main section, there is a two-over-two-light double-hung window with a segmental arch lintel and a stone sill in the center. On the second story, there is an arch two-over-two-light double-hung wood window with a stone sill. It has a triangular gable above it with trefoil

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vergeboard decoration. There is also a basement window. There is a one story rear section on the northwest corner of the house that has a hip roof, and it extends slightly further north than the side of the house. On the east side of this section, there is an open porch with three square fluted columns. The columns set on 2-tier bases and are topped with decorative capitals, matching the front porch. At the top, the columns are linked with arches as well. The porch extends along the north side of the rear section on this side, with the railing running from house and along the north edge. The entry into the rear section faces east and has wood door with a large window. There is a full light storm door. To the west of the porch on the north wall of this section, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung window with a segmental arch lintel and a stone sill. A basement window is under this window.

The rear of the house (west elevation) has the main two-story gable-roof center section, with the flanking one-story hip-roof sections to the north and south. On the gable-roof center section, there are two six-over-six-light double-hung wood windows with segmental brick arches and stone sills on each story. At the basement level, there are two six-over-six-light double-hung windows. Two brick chimneys, on the north and south sides of the rear part of the main roof are visible from this side extend from the roof in the main section of the house. On the north side, at the basement level there is sloped, steel cellar door. On the rear (west elevation) of north one-story section, there is a window opening filled with brick. On the rear (west elevation) of the south one-story section, there is a two-over-two-light double-hung window with a segmental arch lintel and a stone sill. At the basement level, there is a two-light wood window in the stone block foundation.

A two-car side-gable garage built in 2000 is located behind the house on the northwest corner of the property. The garage is clad in wood siding and it sits on a concrete foundation. The garage has a side gable roof, which continues north on the west half for the small rear section. A driveway runs south from the garage entrance along the rear of the house to W. Washington. There are two modern single-car overhead metal doors on the south side. There is a small four-over-four-light double-hung window to the east (right) of the garage doors. The east side has an entrance with two barn doors with three-light-windows that run vertical. At the attic level, on the east side there is a hayloft-like door with a three-light window above it. On the west side, on the first story and attic level, there are six-over-six-light double-hung windows. A stone retaining wall runs the length of the west and north sides of the garage. There is an alley behind the property.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Joseph and Elizabeth Keck House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 under Criterion C for its architecture. The house was cited as a very good example of a Second Empire / Gothic Revival house. Additional information can be found in the nomination.

The Joseph and Elizabeth Keck House also appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. This house was built during early development of the neighborhood in the 1850s and 1860s, and the house is an excellent example of a Gothic Revival / Second Empire home. The house is counted as a contributing building, while the later garage is counted as non-contributing.

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*History / research summary of property*

Per the history on the National Register nomination in 1978: "According to county records, this property was transferred to the heirs of John Jackson, Sr., in 1843. Among the heirs was Elizabeth Jackson, who married Joseph Keck in 1844. According to local accounts, there was a small house on the property, unfinished at the time of Jackson, Sr.'s death, in which Keck and his wife set up housekeeping. The property remained in the hands of Jackson's heirs until 1855, when the last of the heirs turned the property over to Keck. It is probable that the house, as it now exists, was constructed after 1855, once Keck obtained full title to the property. The house was featured in the 1875 Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of Iowa. Joseph Keck was born in Pennsylvania in 1819, and came to Washington, Iowa as a journeyman carpenter and cabinetmaker in 1842. He opened a shop in this community, and in 1856 platted a western addition to the town (most likely on land deriving from the Jackson estate). By 1859 Keck was in the banking business, and from 1863 to 1901 was president of the reorganized (1863) Washington State Bank. He also organized the First National Bank in Sigourney, and was locally known as a 'great financier.'"

Keck's son, Irving, wrote an article on Washington in the 1850s which included the details about the family homestead on the corner of Jackson and Washington streets. The article was first published in the *Washington Press* in 1901 and reprinted in the *Evening Journal's* Washington County Centennial edition in July 1936. Joseph Keck and Elizabeth Jackson were married on March 26, 1844. Irving wrote, "Their marriage occurred in the 'old kitchen' which stood just in front of what the present generation knows as the Keck home..... They immediately began housekeeping in the Smith house...I was born May 21, 1846...Here I lived until I was four years old, when we moved to what the family knows as the Stone house, built by Dr. Stone, on a site two blocks north of the present homestead, where we lived one year. Then we moved to the present homestead corner of Washington and Jackson streets [1851] which for fifty years has been our home." Irving further explained, "When we moved into the house on the corner of Washington and Jackson streets, 'The Old Kitchen' as the family knew it, was the one story north part and the two story part had two rooms below and two above. To this father added two rooms on the west till it was removed to give place to the present brick. Grandmother Jackson made her home with us. This house had been left unfinished because of the drowning of grandfather Jackson in 1840....Father bought the old place and completed and added to the house, father doing most, if not all, the carpentry, the plastering was done by Henry Parr...." Another excerpt from the centennial article in 1936, issue cites Henderson Wallace's estimate that the brick house was built in 1856. "Mr. Wallace says several brick houses were built in 1856, and this includes the old Kendall house....also the Andy Peterson house on South Iowa avenue." This date would align with Keck receiving title to the property in 1855. The house is clearly depicted on the 1869 birds-eye view of Washington, facing S. Avenue D (First Street) to the east. The 1874 and 1894 Atlases show a house on the corner of Washington and Jackson. The house was featured in the 1875 Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of Iowa.

According to his obituary and other genealogical records, i.e., census, marriage, Joseph Keck was born November 29, 1819 in Huntington County, Pennsylvania to Andrew and Rebecca Rotnick. He had four brothers and five sisters. The Keck family moved to Delaware County, Ohio and later to White County, Indiana. The family was originally German Baptist or Dunkards. Joseph was an apprentice to a cabinet maker for two years. He arrived in Washington, Iowa in 1842 and opened the first cabinet shop and worked the trade for eight years. He then started buying and selling land and became a success real

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estate man. He bought 40 acres of the Jackson farm on Gospel Ridge, and made a good deal of money out of the lots. In 1857, his net worth was \$25,000-30,000. In 1859 he was a stockholder and director in the State Bank and in 1861 was the president until the Banks merger with the First National in 1864. He was president of the First National Bank for years. He was also a major stockholder in National banks in Sigourney and What Cheer several years.

The 1856 Iowa census lists Joseph, 35 years old, born in Pennsylvania and occupation is a farmer, living with wife Elizabeth, 33 years old and born in Pennsylvania, and four children, all born in Iowa, Irvin (10), Mary C. (8), Viola (5) and Lenetta A. (1). The 1870 census lists Joseph Keck, 56 years old, born in Pennsylvania, a banker, with real estate valued at \$35,000 and personal property valued at \$7,000. His household included wife Elizabeth, 48 years old and born in Pennsylvania, and children Viola (18), Lula (15) and Charles (8). Elizabeth Jackson Keck died in February, 1876 (1<sup>st</sup> wife). According to Irving Keck's 1901 article and the *Portrait and Biographical Album* (1887), Elizabeth was born in 1822 in Pennsylvania to John and Jane Jackson. The Jackson family came to Washington in 1839 when Elizabeth was 17 years old. Elizabeth married Joseph Keck March 26, 1844. They had five children together. "Mrs. Keck was a lady highly esteemed for her social qualities" and a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1882, Joseph Keck married Fannie Hale. The 1885 Iowa census lists Joseph Keck (60), wife Fannie (50 and born in New Hampshire) and son Charles (22). Fannie Hale Keck died January 11, 1890 (2<sup>nd</sup> wife). According to her obituary and *the Portrait and Biographical Album* (1887), Fannie was born September 18, 1830 in Keene, New Hampshire to John and Amanda P. Hale. Fannie married Joseph Keck on July 30, 1882. The Hale family came to Iowa, first settling in Muscatine, and then to Washington in 1858. She gave private lessons in French and drawing at the U.P. College in Washington. "She was a woman of rare graces, kind, charitable and possessed a richly cultivated mind.

In 1887, officers of the First National Bank included Joseph Keck, President; Samuel H. White, Cashier; and Charles H. Keck, Assistant Cashier (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County 1887*: 667-68). Joseph Keck, formed a local bank in 1859 which was renamed and reorganized several times, ending up as First National Bank. His two sons, Charles and Irving, joined him at the bank, starting as tellers. Irving, the older son, went to Sigourney to open a bank, while Charles remained in Washington. Charles H. Keck became assistant cashier of the First National Bank in 1884, and he became vice president in 1890 ("Charles Keck Last of Early Bank Family," *Evening Journal*, May 4, 1955). On May 7, 1892, the Citizens Savings Bank was organized with Joseph Keck, president; Frank Stewart, vice, and Charles H. Keck, cashier (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 372). On December 20, 1893, the *Washington Press*, notes, "Frank and W.H. Stewart and C.H. Keck have moved into their beautiful new houses." Charles H. Keck lived a half block away at 410 W. Washington (State #92-00386). Irving's son Carl M. Keck married Helen Burrell in 1891, and he worked for the bank as cashier by the 1890s. He built a house in the late 1890s on the west edge of Out Lot 1 (Joseph Keck's property, then platted as Lot 11 in Keck's Addition) at 522 W. Washington (State #92-00392).

Joseph Keck married Minnie Rusch in 1891. The 1900 census lists Joseph Keck (80, born 1819), wife Minnie (46 years old, born 1854 in Iowa, married 8 years and has one child living), and daughter Katherine (4 years old, born 1895 in Iowa). Joseph Keck died on July 16, 1901. Per his obituary, Joseph Keck "was a close financier and drove a hard bargain, but not an unfair one, and his word was

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ever as good as his bond.” He died worth about \$150,000, “every dollar made by his own industry and frugality.” The property was left to his heir and then transferred to son Charles, and Minnie Keck moved back to Davenport. Minnie was born in November 1854 in Davenport, Iowa to Nicholas J. and Catherine (Hinrichs) Rusch. The 1906 Davenport City Directory lists Mrs. Minnie R. Keck living there and working as a clerk at Petersen’s Sons department store. Minnie Rusch Keck died in 1906 in Davenport, Iowa.

After Joseph Keck’s death, Keck’s Addition was platted, including all of Out Lot 1, Keck’s property, as well as Out Lot 2 to the west (Dodds House). Several lots transferred from the Keck’s estate through Ira M. Sproull to Charles H. and Minnie Keck on September 26, 1902, including lot 14 with the house, lots 12 and 13 to the west, and lots 1 and 2 to the north along W. Main. Charles Keck was Joseph Keck’s youngest son, and Ira Sproull was Minnie Keck’s brother. In 1903, the First National Bank was reorganized as the Citizens’ National Bank, with Charles H. Keck as president. The bank was short-lived, merging into Keck’s Citizen’s Savings Bank in June 1908. At the time of the merger, officers were C. H. Keck, president; C. M. Keck, Frank Stewart, and Ira Sproull, vice-presidents; and Frank R. Sage, cashier (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 372). According to the 1905 census Ira M. Spoull resides in Ward 1, Washington, is 34 years old, married and a banker. By 1910 Ira M. Sproull (39) resided in Waterloo, Iowa with his wife Eda Sproull (40) and sons Harry (14) and Henry (11). The new lots within the neighborhood were then platted and developed over the first two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

According to the *Washington Press* (January 20, 1904), “Asa Reid has rented the Joseph Keck house, as the hospital scheme was abandoned. We welcome that nice family to the head of Gospel Ridge.” Also reported in the *Press* that day, “Charles H. and Carl M. Keck, Frank Stewart, I. M. Sproull and Frank Sage were elected directors at the Citizens National Bank, the 12<sup>th</sup>.” The *Washington County Press* (March 1, 1907) and *The Evening Journal* (February 24, 1907) reported that the Keck house was now home to the new Pleasant View Sanitarium. “Dr. Sandy and Dr. Courtright leased the Joseph Keck property and equipped the building with suitable accommodations for the comfort of their patients....The name –Pleasant View Sanitarium – swings in bold letters across the front of the building. Centrally located on one of the prettiest streets in the city, it has long since been featured an ideal place for a sanitarium...” The Pleasant View Sanitarium is listed in the 1908 telephone directory. The 1909 Sanborn Map shows the Keck House with the one-and-one half story main house, the rear two-story section with one story additions on the north and south, a front porch and a porch off the rear of the north one-story section. The house is labeled as the Pleasant View Sanatorium.

The property with the house (the larger Lot 14) transferred from Charles Keck and wife to George Peck on February 2, 1910. The 1910 U.S. Federal Census lists George and Nida Peck living on South Iowa Avenue (date April 1910). George W. and wife Nyda Peck are listed in the 1910-11 City Directory living 123 South Avenue D (earlier address for this house), and George was working in real estate. The property (current description – Lot 14 and E 32.5 of Lot 13) then transferred from George Peck and wife to Rose A. Gardner on February 26, 1912. Per the 1915 census, Rose was 80 years old and a widow. She owned the house to the west at 510 W. Washington from 1914 to her death on December 30, 1918.

The property transferred from Rose Gardner (widow) to Mary A. and husband (Archie) McCulley on June 27, 1914. An article in the local paper (June 19, 1914) reported, “Arch W. McCulley has traded his lot on East Washington Street on the Gardner property on West Washington and South Avenue D.

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This is the old Keck house and is one of the prettiest places in town. Possession will be given Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. A. W. McCulley and wife Mayme were listed in the 1917 City Directory living at 123 South Avenue D (this house, earlier address). His occupation is listed as real estate. A World War I draft Registration Card, dated Sept 12, 1918, for Archibald Williard McCulley identifies his address as 123 S. Avenue D in Washington, Iowa, his age 42, birth date, September 15, 1875, occupation as real estate and wife as Mary A. McCulley. The 1917 Sanborn Map shows the Keck House with the two-story main house, the rear section with one story additions on the north and south, and the front porch. There is now an auto garage in the northwest corner of the property. Based on genealogical records, Archibald McCulley was born on September 15, 1875 in Warren County, Illinois to John and Emma (McBride) McCulley. Mary Victorine Anderson was born on March 29, 1876, in Iowa to John Thompson and Virginia (Cunningham) Anderson. Arch and Mary married on Feb 16, 1898 and lived in Washington. The McCulley's moved to Chicago about 1920. Archibald died on February 26, 1926 in Chicago, and Mary died 1930 in Iowa City.

The property transferred from the McCulleys to Marvin H. and Hattie B. Sartor on September 24, 1919. Per the *Evening Journal*, Washington County Centennial Celebration, July 1936, 27, Dr. M.H. Sartor and Mrs. M.H. Sartor were both chiropractors, starting in practice on March 4, 1913. They moved to Washington in 1913, and they opened Sartor & Sartor over Klein Klotting Kompany on the south side of the square at 101 1/2 W. Washington. They had been practicing in Washington for 23 years by 1936. The 1920 census lists Marvin, 42 years old, born in Missouri, married and a doctor/chiropractor; wife Hattie, 33 years old, born in Missouri and married, and four children, all born in Iowa, William (7), Helen (5), Ruth (3) and Lois (5 months). In 1930, the home value is \$8,000 per the census. The household includes Marvin, 50 years old, works as a chiropractor; Hattie B., 42 years old, works as a chiropractor; and children William M. (16); Helen (15); Ruth E. (13); Lois M. (10); Francis A. (8); and Caroline G.(5). The 1940 census lists Marvin (62 and works as a chiropractor); Hattie (52 and works as a chiropractor); Ruth (23); Lois (20); Frances (18); and Caroleen (15). In 1940, home value is \$4000. Marvin and Hattie Sartor are listed at 504 West Washington St in the City Directories for 1926, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1941, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, and 1962. Their business is listed as Sartor and Sartor Chiropractors, located at 101 1/2 W. Washington. The 1931 and 1943 Sanborn Maps show the house with the two-story main house, the rear section with one story additions on the north and south, the front porch, and an auto garage in the northwest corner of the property. Dr. Marvin H. Sartor died on June 30, 1964. According to his obituary, he was born January 6, 1878 in Callaway County, Missouri to William and Nancy (Thrasher) Sartor. He married Hattie Fenton on September 18, 1912. Dr. Sartor was a member of the Methodist Church; a 50 year member of the Odd Fellows; and the Iowa Chiropractic Association. He was a doctor of chiropractic for over 50 years. He was a forester in Wyoming before becoming a chiropractor. Dr. Hattie Sartor died on February 18, 1981 in Anamosa, Iowa. According to her obituary and census records, Hattie Bell was born in 1888 in Missouri. Hattie graduated from McGee Bible College in Missouri where she taught Latin and Greek. Later she graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic and practiced in Washington a number of years before and after her marriage to Dr. Marvin Sartor. It was through her influence he too became a chiropractor. She raised six children and was active in the WCTU, the Methodist Church, the Women's Missionary Society, and Delta Alpha Sunday School Class.

The property transferred form the Sartors to John E. and Rosemary Elliott on August 1963. John E. and Rosemary Elliott and family are listed in the 1964, 1967, 1969, 1972 and 1976 City Directories living at 504 West Washington Street. John is listed as a salesman at McKesson-Robbins. Their children John,



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Lynette, Timothy and Elizabeth are also listed. The Elliott nominated the house for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. John Edwin Elliott Sr. of 504 West Washington Street died on December 12, 1981. According to his obituary, he was born on June 22, 1929 in Burlington, Iowa to John Edwin and Dorothy (Nelson) Elliott. He was raised in Burlington. He married Rosemary Scully on July 20, 1951. They moved to Washington about 1962. Mr. Elliott was a retail account manager for Foremost McKesson and Robbins Drug Co. for 25 years. He was a former county chairman for the Democratic Party and active at district and state levels. He was also active in the St. James Catholic Church where he taught religion classes, served as lector and minister. He was a coach of teams at the Y and served as a chief in the Indian Guides several years. Rosemary Elliott died on October 4, 2009. According to her obituary, Rosemary she was born on September 5, 1928 in Henry County to William Thomas and Cecilia Eleanor (Cornick) Scully. She grew up in Henry County and lived there until moving to Burlington where she graduated from St. Paul's High School. She married John Edwin Elliott on September 30, 1951. She worked at Winga's Café. She previously worked at Atomic Energy Company and the National Bank of Burlington. She was a member of the St. James Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of America, St. Rita's Circle, and Fortnightly Antiques and Collectibles. She was a member of the Democratic Party and served as secretary and treasurer for the Washington County Democrats for many years.

The property transferred from Elliott to Svoboda on March 29, 1996; from Svoboda to Bank and Trust Co., IA State of Fairfield on August 28, 2012; from Bank and Trust to William D. and Elizabeth A. Watson on August 29, 2014. The Watsons are still listed as property owners (2015).

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**Location map**



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

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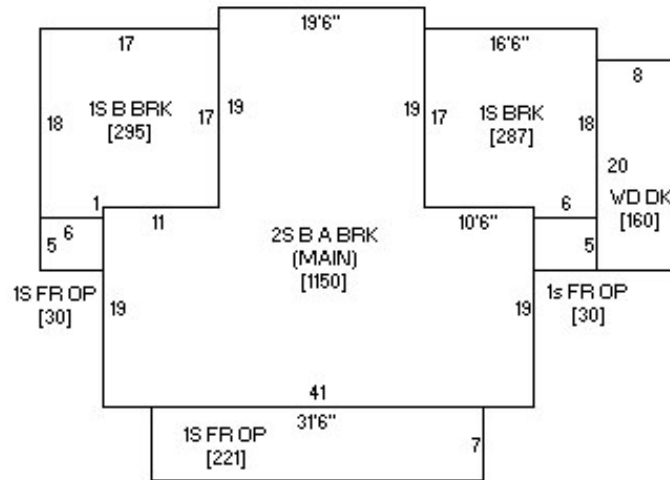
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**





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**Historic images**



*House in early 1900s (Washington County Historical Society)*



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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00179-001 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00179-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00179-003 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00179-004 - Garage, looking west (December 2014)**