

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00391 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: Dr. William E. and Myrtle Anderson House (#2)

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-067

• **Location**

A) Street address: 516 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 Addition Block(s): _____ Lot(s): W 66' of Lot 12

• **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>2</u>	Buildings	<u>1</u>	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>2</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

01C05: Domestic/garage

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): 10A: concrete block

Walls (visible exterior): 02A: 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 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

1909 *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, Queen Anne frame house built in 1909 on the north side of West Washington Boulevard. The house sits on a stone block foundation, and the walls are clad in wood siding (weatherboard). The walls have cornerboards/pilasters at the corners, and the bottom of the second story siding is slightly flared out, a detail found on other homes in this neighborhood. The combination hip/gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. All windows retain wood surrounds and wood sashes, and they have storms/screens on the windows. There is an open porch on the front that continues around the east side. A detached historic rusticated concrete block garage is behind the house to the northwest and is accessed from the street to the south. It does not appear on the 1917 map, but it is on the 1931 map. A second detached garage, built in 2005, is behind the house and is accessed from the alley.

The facade (south elevation) is spanned by a wrap-around porch (continued around to the east side). The porch has six round columns supporting a flat roof with wooden eaves. Wood railings run between the columns. The foundation has wood lattice that intersects with block corners. Wood stairs, with metal-pipe hand railings set beside low concrete walls, lead up to the porch. On the first story, the west/left half consists of the entry and a narrow one-over-one double-hung window to the left. The wood door has a $\frac{3}{4}$ window and an aluminum storm/screen door. The east half of the first story has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows. There is also a one-over-one-light double window on the angled walls of the chamfered southeast corner. The second story has a one-over-one-light double-hung window centered under the front gable, with a smaller, rectangular window to the right/east. Another one-over-one-light double-hung window is then to the right/east. At the attic level, there are paired double-hung windows in the gable, with a decorative multi-light top sash. The peak of the gable is slightly projected and supported by small brackets.

The east elevation has the porch that wraps around the south half of the first story. Within the porch, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window and a smaller, high rectangular window. On the north half of the first story, is a bay window with a one-over-one-light double-hung window on each of the three sides and a metal awning over it. Below this window, a basement window is blocked off and includes a vent. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the south/left half and one on the north/right half. At the attic level, there is a pair of one-over-one-light double-hung windows in the gable. This gable peak is identical to the front gable, with a projected top section supported by small brackets.

The west elevation, has a centered side entry at the ground level. Above the entry, there is an oriel window between the first and second stories with a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the west side. The oriel window has decorative brackets under the corner, and it has a flared hip roof. On the first story, there are one-over-one-light double-hung windows to the north/left and south/right sides. The second story likewise has one-over-one-light double-hung windows to the north/left and right/south sides. At the attic level, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window in the west gable. Two-light basement windows sit in the rusticated block foundation, including two on the north/left and one on the south/right.

The rear of the house (north elevation) has a one-story hip-roof frame addition. A rear porch is shown here on the Sanborn maps. The east side has an entry door and a one-over-one-light window with a

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metal awning above them. The entry has a wood door with a window, and there is a storm/screen door. Concrete steps with wrought iron hand railings lead up to the entry. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung window in the center of the north side. On the second story, there are three one-over-one-light windows, with the center one slightly smaller. The west/right two are located under the rear/north gable. At the attic level, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window in the north gable. A brick chimney extends from this gable roof.

A single-car garage is located to the northwest of the house. The garage is constructed of rusticated concrete blocks, with smooth concrete blocks on the north/rear. It has a modern overhead single-car metal door on the south side. The garage has a hip roof with asphalt shingles. A driveway runs from the garage south along the west side of the house to the street. There is a small windows on the west side, and a high rectangular window on the north side.

A single-car garage built in 2005 is located behind the house along the rear alley. The garage is a detached frame building with exposed concrete blocks half way up and the rest is clad in vinyl siding. It sits on a concrete foundation. The garage has a gable-front roof with asphalt shingles. There is a modern overhead metal door on the east side. A driveway runs from east side (garage doors) to the alley. The east side also has a solid pedestrian door. There is a small window on the north side.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dr. William E. and Myrtle Anderson House (#2) appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The house was built during a period of development of the neighborhood in the early 20th century with large home for successful businessmen. This period also saw the development of earlier larger properties with new homes on smaller lots. This house is significant for both of these themes. The Queen Anne / Foursquare house retains a number of historic features, including the front porch, decorative gables, wood windows, bay window, oriel window, and flared wood siding.

The house may be individually eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion B for its association with Dr. William E. Anderson or under Criterion C for its architecture. Further evaluation of the interior integrity, comparison with other transitional Queen Anne /Foursquare homes, and research on Dr. William E. Anderson and his other homes would solidify this determination.

History / research summary of property

This parcel is part of the larger Out Lot 1 that was platted in Western Addition for Joseph and Elizabeth Keck's house at 500 W. Washington Blvd. It is shown as part of that property on the 1874 and 1894 atlases of Washington. Joseph Keck died on July 16, 1901. Keck's Addition was then platted to subdivide the larger property (Out lots 1 with Keck's house and Out Lot 2 to the west with 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 Keck house, lots 12 and 13 to the west, and lots 1 and 2 to the north along W. Main. The Keck house was then rented and used for several years as a sanitarium. W. E. Anderson and wife bought the west 66' of Lot 12 from Charles H. Keck on March 12,

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1909. Lot 14 with the house and part of the lot 13 transferred from Charles Keck and wife to George Peck on February 2, 1910. Then, Charles Keck sold the middle portion, the west 33.5' of Lot 13 and the east 16.5 of Lot 12, to C.A. Roberts on April 14, 1910.

This house on the west 66' of Lot 12 was built in 1909 after Anderson bought the lot in March. An article in June 1909 on residences under construction notes one being built for Dr. W.E. Anderson ("Some Building This Year," *Evening Journal*, July 8, 1909, 8). The May 1909 Sanborn map shows this property as vacant, and they sold their house on Main in October 1909. Dr. William E. and Myrtle A. Anderson are listed in the 1910-11 city directory as living at 514 W. Washington (earlier numbering, now 516). Myrtle Kerr, daughter of William E. Kerr, married Dr. W.E. Anderson in 1901, and they built a house to the north at 514 W. Main in 1902 on a lot that has been part of the Kerr property, living here until 1909. They are listed in the 1910 Federal Census at 516 W. Washington Blvd in Washington. The census shows that William was 49 years of age, born in Iowa, married for 8 years, and worked as a physician, and that Myrtle was 41 years of age, born in Iowa. No children are noted. The 1917 Sanborn map shows a two story dwelling with a wrap-around porch on the front and a porch on the back. The 1917 county directory lists Dr. W.E. Anderson, physician and surgeon, living at 514 W. Washington with wife Myrtle. They continued to live here until 1919. They are listed at 208 E. Main in the 1926 telephone directory. Dr. W. E. Anderson later died on May 7, 1941. According to his obituary, he was born June 26, 1863, in Dublin, Washington Co, Iowa to Robert and Nancy (Skinner) Anderson. The family moved to Washington where he attended school and the Washington Academy. He taught school in the Dublin neighborhood for four years. William attended the homeopathic department of the State University in Iowa City and graduated in 1892. The next year he attended the Hahnman College in Chicago, graduating in 1894. He established his practice of medicine in Washington and continued it for 47 years. He married Myrtle Kerr on April 23, 1901. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church for 34 years. Myrtle Anderson died on November 15, 1960. According to her obituary, Myrtle Kerr Anderson was born April 2, 1868 in Richmond to William E. and Violet (Bush) Kerr. She was reared and educated in Washington and attended the Washington Academy. She was a member of the PEO for 50 years and was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

The property transferred from W. E. Anderson and wife to Albert Dill on March 6, 1919. The 1931 Sanborn map shows that a small concrete block garage was built to the northwest of the house since 1917, and it was likely completed while the Dills owned the property. Albert and Carrie Dill were listed in the 1920 U. S. Census on 514 West Washington St. The census shows that Albert was 53, born in Iowa, and no occupation is listed. Carrie was 47, born in Iowa. Albert Dill died August 10, 1929. According to his obituary, Bert was born October 25, 1867 in Keokuk Co., Iowa to Daniel and Susan Greenlee Dill. He was living at 516 West Washington St. at time of his death. Daughter Mae Smith transferred her interest to Carrie Dill on November 15, 1930. The 1930 census then lists Carrie Dill (65, widow) at 516 W. Washington. The house was valued at \$3,000. The 1935 city directory lists the address as vacant. The 1940 census lists 516 W. Washington as rented by William D. (34, dentist) and Helen (29, dentist assistant), and June Lemley (17, maid) also living here. They are also listed in the 1941 City Directory as renting the house. City directories do not exist for the 1940s, and by the 1952 directory, Mrs. Bert Dill is again listed as living at 516 W. Washington. Both Carrie Dill and daughter Mae Smith are then listed here in the 1954, 1956, and 1958 city directories. Carrie Dill died on June 5, 1958. According to her obituary, Carrie Jane Palmer was born July 4, 1872 in Keokuk Co., to George and Isabele Copenhaver Palmer. She was living at 516 West Washington Street at the time

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of her death. Albert and Carrie were married on April 25, 1893. The family previously lived on farms in Keota and near Wellman before moving to Washington in 1919.

The property transferred from the Carrie Dill estate to Mae Smith (daughter) on June 30, 1959. Mae Smith (widow Everette) is listed as living at 516 W. Washington from 1960 to 1969 in the telephone and city directories. According to her obituary, Mae Dill Smith was born in Keota on June 18, 1894 to Albert and Carrie Dill. She married Everette Smith in March 1919. He died in October of 1932. Mae was a member of the Methodist Church, the Loyal Booster Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was living at 516 West Washington Street at the time of her death. She died in June 1969.

The property transferred from the estate of Mae Smith to James and Janet Peterson on September 19, 1969. James W. and Janet C. Peterson are listed here in the 1972 and 1976 city directories. James is listed as a wholesale horologist (time/watches/clocks) and Janet as a school teacher at the Stewart School. The Petersons are listed as the current property owners (2015).

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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)

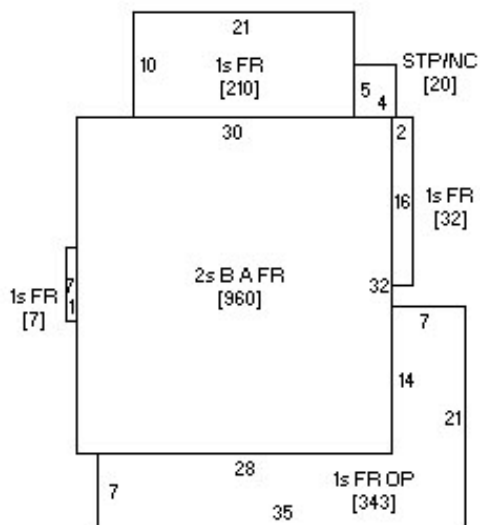


Photo from assessor's website



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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00391-001 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00391-002 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00391-003 – House and garage, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00391-004 - Garage, looking north (December 2014)