

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00755 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 Ira and Edna Miksch House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-041

• Location

A) Street address: 627 W. Jefferson 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: Southwest Addition Block(s): 3 Lot(s): 5

• 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
<u>—</u>	Sites	<u>—</u>	Sites
<u>—</u>	Structures	<u>—</u>	Structures
<u>—</u>	Objects	<u>—</u>	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

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

10C: Rambler / Ranch

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete Block

walls (visible exterior): 05E: Aluminum

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

1957 *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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City or Town: Washington State: Iowa Zip code: 52353

• **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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Name of Property	County
<u>627 W. Jefferson Street</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Address	City

Narrative Description

This is a one-story frame ranch house built on the south side of W. Jefferson Street around 1957. The house sits on a concrete block foundation, and it is clad with aluminum siding. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There are decks on the north, east, and south sides of the house, and a detached two car frame garage at the north end of the lot with access from the alley. The original horizontally-oriented two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows were recently replaced by vinyl one-over-one-light double-hung windows.

The façade, the north elevation, has a wood front deck roughly centered on the elevation. It has wood steps, floor, and a wood railing with wood grating instead of balusters. On the deck, the entry is slightly off-center to the left, and it has a wood door with three horizontal windows in the upper part of the door and an aluminum storm / screen door. Just to the right of the entry, there is a small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with a high sill. The left/east section has a large picture window with a large single-light center window flanked on each side by a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. To the right of the deck, toward the right/west corner of the house, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window.

The west elevation has two widely spaced windows. Near the left/front/north corner of the house, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. At the far right/south/rear side of the elevation, there is another one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. There are two single-light fixed basement windows, one under each first story window.

The east elevation has a pair of one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows on the north/right/front half. Below the pair of windows, there is a single-light basement window. On the left/south/rear half of the elevation, there is a small wood deck which matches the front deck, having all wood components and wood grating below the railing. This deck leads to a side entry, which has a wood door with three horizontal windows in the top half of the door. To the left of the entry, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window.

At the rear of the house, the lot slopes significantly, with a walk-out basement. Two low poured concrete retaining walls are located at each end of the house and angle out to the south. The south elevation's basement level is under a full width wood deck. The deck has wood supports, floor, and railing like the other two decks, but also has square balusters below the railing. The basement level has a single-car aluminum garage door at the far left. A one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window is roughly centered on the basement level. A rear entry door is located father to the right, with a wood door and an aluminum storm / screen door. The wood door has three horizontal windows in the top half of the door. At the east/right end of the basement level, there is another one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. On first story level above, there are sliding glass patio doors at the right/east end. To the left/west, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window, smaller than typical and with a higher sill. A typical one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window is then located to the left/west, with another matching window at the left/west end.

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The garage sits on a poured concrete foundation at the south side of the lot, with access from the alley. The assessor lists a construction date of 1995. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The garage faces south, and it has a double-car aluminum garage door on the south side, located to the left/west of center. The east elevation has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered on the wall. The west elevation has a steel entry door at the left/north side of the wall and a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered on the wall. The north elevation, facing the house, has two one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Ira and Edna Miksch House appears to contribute historically to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. The ranch house was built during the period of development of the neighborhood in the 1950s and 1960s with construction of additional houses on previously undeveloped lots and portions of larger parcels, and it is significant within this period of later development of the neighborhood. The period of significance for the historic district is anticipated to extend through 1969, so it would fall within this period.

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

History / research summary of property (chronological order, by owner/period):

Lots 5 and 6 were jointly owned by Charles Dodd from 1900 to 1952, and he lived with his family in the house to the west on Lot 6. His executor, Ed M. Dodd, sold Lot 5 separately to Eva Blake on February 25, 1953. She transferred ownership to Aurilla R. McCutchen and husband on December 29, 1955. There are no directory entries for Blake or McCutchen at this address. McCutchen sold Lot 5 to Ira L. Miksch on July 9, 1957, and Ira L. Miksch is listed in the 1958 telephone directory living at 627 W Jefferson. The assessor lists 1957 as the construction date for the house, which appears to be accurate. Ira and Edna Miksch are listed here in 1960 and 1962. By the 1964 directory, the listing has shifted to Edna Miksch, widow of Ira. She is listed here in 1967, 1969, and 1972 as well.

The property was sold by the Ira L. Miksch estate on August 5, 1974 to Ray E. and Frances A. Sojka, who lived there until 1987.

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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)

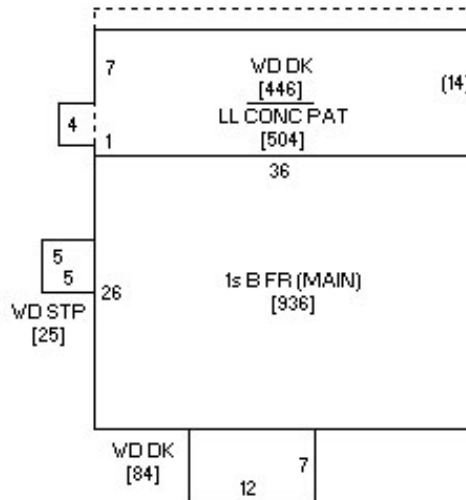


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00755-001 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00755-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00755-003 - Garage, looking east (December 2014)