

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00415  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 Samuel and Eliza Gardner House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-099

## • Location

A) Street address: 420 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: Addition to Washington Block(s): 2 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
—	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

**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**

09A06: Foursquare

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

walls (visible exterior): 02A: 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*

1911  *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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Organization/firm: Washington Historic Preservation Commission E-mail: -

Street address: City Hall, 215 E. Washington St Telephone: 319-653-6584

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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**Narrative Description**

This is a two-story frame Foursquare house built on the northwest corner of the intersection of W. Main Street and S. Avenue D around 1911. The house sits on a stone foundation, and it is clad with wood weatherboard. The pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and it has three hip-roof dormers. Most of the windows are vinyl replacements with wood surrounds. A full porch spans the front elevation. There are two square oriel windows, one on the east and the other on the west elevations. A one story addition is located at the northwest corner of the house with a large wood deck to the east of the addition. There is a one story detached frame garage at the north edge of the lot with access from the alley.

The house faces W. Main to the south. A full front porch spans the width of the house on the south elevation, with wood steps and railings leading up to a wood porch floor. The porch railing is a low wall clad in wood weatherboard siding. Vinyl grating encloses the area under the porch, and the porch has a hip roof with asphalt shingles. Four round wood columns sit on the railing to support the roof. The entry door, located on the left/west half, is a historic wood door with a window in the upper two thirds of the door. To the right/east of the door, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with wood surround. On the second story, there are two wide one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows with wood surrounds evenly distributed across the façade. At the attic level there is a hip-roof dormer with a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window and wood surround.

The east elevation is divided into two sections. The left/south/front half of the first story has a wide one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with wood surround, with a similar window above it on the second story. The right/north/rear half has an oriel window with tapered, weatherboard clad bottom and hip roof. The oriel window has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows with wood surrounds flanking a smaller wood window with wood surrounds around each of them. The double-hung windows have wood storms, and the smaller window has an aluminum storm / screen. On the second story above the oriel window, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with wood surround. Centered at the attic level, there is a hip-roof dormer with a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window and wood surround.

The west elevation is divided into three sections by a side entry and oriel window between the first and second stories. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with wood surround in the oriel window. Below the oriel, there is a side entry with an aluminum storm / screen door. Above the oriel, at the attic level, there is a hip-roof dormer with a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window and wood surround. The front/south section of the west elevation has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window and wood surround on each story. The left/rear/north section likewise has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with wood surround on the first story, and similar window above it on the second story.

The north elevation, the rear of the house, has a one story, gable-roof frame addition on the west half of the house, and a wood deck extends across the remainder of this elevation. The addition sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation. It has a vinyl patio door centered on the north elevation, with a large stained glass window above the patio door. The west elevation of the addition has a one-over-

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one-light double-hung vinyl window toward the left end of the wall. The east elevation a steel door with a full window leading to the deck, and a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window just to the left of the entry. The deck, railing, and balusters are wood, with vinyl grating below the deck floor. Wood steps lead down to the ground level from both the entry door and the patio door. To the left of the addition, on the rear elevation of the house, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with wood surround, and a similar window but slightly narrower window is above it on the second story. On the second story, there is also a glass block window at the center of the wall which is nearly the same size as the other windows in the house, having a slightly higher sill.

A two-car gable-front frame garage is located at the north side of the lot, facing the alley to the north. The assessor lists a construction date of 1998. It sits on a poured concrete foundation. It is clad with vertical T-111 siding, with asphalt shingles on the roof. There are two single-car aluminum garage doors facing north, toward the alley. The south elevation has a steel entry door near the east (right) end of the wall, and a small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered in the wall. The east and west elevations have no fenestration.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Samuel and Eliza Gardner House appears to contribute historically to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. Similar to a number of other houses on this block, an earlier house was replaced by the current two-story home in the first quarter of the 20th century. This house reflects this development of the neighborhood through this period. Though the house has been clad in vinyl siding and has replacement windows, it retains sufficient integrity to convey this significance. It retain a number of historic features typical of Foursquare homes, including the full front porch, wide eaves, cubical form with a hip roof, and hip roof.

The Samuel and Eliza Gardner House does not appear individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C. The replacement of the windows and siding has impacted the historic integrity of the house for individual listing.

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

The 1902 and 1909 Sanborn maps showed a different house on this property, but this house appears on the 1917 map. Jennie Gardner and her daughter Aner purchased the property on November 11, 1896. The 1903 city directory listed S.C. Gardner, retired farmer, his wife Jennie, and Aner Gardner, a tailoress living at 420 W. Main. The 1900 census listed Samuel C. Gardner, head of the family, age 68 whose occupation was landlord; his wife Eliza, age 60, and daughter Aner, age 30. Their census entry was next to Eliza and Ralph Smith, owners of the property at 414 W Main at that time. In 1910, the census listed the same family members 10 years older, Samuel, Eliza, and Aner. The 1910-11 city directory also listed Samuel C. Gardner (wife Eliza J.) a retired farmer, and Mrs. Aner E. Gardner living at 420 W. Main. The current house was then built between 1909 and 1917, replacing the earlier house. The assessor lists a date of 1911, and this date is utilized as the date of construction. The 1917 county

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directory identified the residents at this address as Samuel C. Gardner, and Aner Gardner, housekeeper.

In 1918, both Samuel and Aner died and the property passed to Howard B. Gardner, son of Samuel and Eliza. He used the property as a rental. The 1920 census listed Henry S. Shields, age 37, proprietor of a coal yard, and his wife Edith, age 36, living at 420 W. Main. John Shields & Sons was a prominent lumber and coal company in Washington, dating its history back to 1874. John Shields died in 1936 and the business was carried on by his sons (*Evening Journal, Washington County Centennial Celebration, July 1936, page 9*). The 1930 census notes that Henry and Edith Shields rented this home for \$35 per month. He worked as a retail merchant at a coal yard, and she was a music teacher in a public school. The Shields family continued to appear in the 1940 census records at this address, with the only changes the addition of a housekeeper Ida Neff. By this time, the 1941 city directory lists Henry as the owner and manager of John Shields & Sons Co., his father's business, and Henry Shields, Jr. is a senior in high school. The Gardner family then sold the property to Henry Shields on September 19, 1944. He continued to live here.

Henry Shields sold the property to W.C. Sheets in September 1948. The 1954 city directory lists Walter and Florence Sheets living here, with Anna Sheets and Wilmer Sheets living across the street at 421 W. Main. Walter and Florence Sheets, retired, continue to be listed in the 1964 city directory at this address.

The next transfer was on January 3, 1966 when W.C. Sheets sold it to Burdell E. Martin. The 1967 city directory lists Burdell E. Martin and Mary d. Martin living at 420 W. Main. He is the assistant manager at Fareway Grocery Store, and they have a son Blaine A., born in 1962.

Martin transferred the property to Harold L. and Hazel V. Griggs on April 8, 1968. The 1972 city directory lists Hazel V. Griggs, widow of Harold, a clerk at Joe Falk Company. The city directory for 1971 lists her again at this address working part time as a butcher at HyVee grocery.

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**Location map**



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

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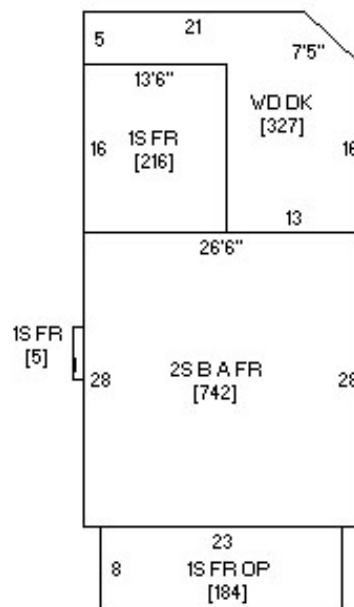
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**





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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00415-001 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00415-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00415-003 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00415-004 - Garage, looking northwest (December 2014)**