

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00414 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 Jackson C. and Eliza M. Smith House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-098

• Location

A) Street address: 414 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): 6

• 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	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	—	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

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

09A00: Cross gable roof

05: Late Victorian

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

walls (visible exterior): 15E: Wood fiberboard

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
 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

1891 *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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Narrative Description

This is a one and a half story frame front gable house built on the north side of W. Main Street in 1891. It sits on a cut stone foundation, and is clad with wide wood fiberboard shingles. The cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a small front stoop with a front gable roof, and a larger enclosed side porch on the west. The windows are mostly vinyl replacements with vinyl surrounds. There is a one story addition at the rear of the house, with an attached single car garage at the northwest corner of the addition.

The façade faces W. Main to the south. The entry porch and entry are located at the corner of the cross gable plan. The entry is reached by concrete steps leading to a small wood porch with wrought iron railings. The floor is supported by concrete and brick piers. The historic wood entry door has a window in the top half of the door, and it has carved and applied wood decoration on the lower half. There are two turned wood columns supporting a front gable roof with asphalt shingles, and there is decorative detailing under the porch roof along the gable. The door also has an aluminum storm / screen door. The entry leads into a small vestibule that projects on to the porch. On the left/west, the first story has a small fixed window with wood surround centered in the wall. The right/east half is the projecting cross gable section. This section has two one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds on the first story, and a pair of smaller one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds under the peak of the front facing gable. The verge boards on the gable are decorated with curved ends.

The east elevation has three sections. At the left/south/front, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with vinyl surround. The center section is a bay window with a gable roof. It has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with vinyl surround located on each angled wall, and a fixed single vinyl light window in the center of the bay. The owner states a stain glass window was removed and sold when the vinyl was installed. The second story gable overhangs the angled walls, and there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with vinyl surround centered in the gable. This gable also has decorative verge boards with curved ends. Below the center bay window there is access to the basement via a small hatch on a concrete foundation. To the right/north, the third section, there is a window size area where the siding is a slightly different color, indicating a closed window.

The west elevation is composed of the gable-roof side of the main section of the house and the side of the rear section of the house. Most of the first story elevation is covered with the later attached porch. The porch sits on concrete piers behind wood grating, and it has a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles. Plywood covers the lower portion below the railing, and plastic sheeting on the screened upper portion of the house obscures the view of the house itself. There is a screen door at the front/south side of the porch, with a wood box serving as a step to the ground. There is also a screen door at the north end of the porch, with no step. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered in the gable. There are no verge boards on this gable.

The north elevation, the rear of the house, consists of three sections - the north side of the rear section of the original house, a gable-roof rear addition, and a gable-roof garage addition. The left section is the rear wall of the protruding east facing wing, which has no fenestration. The center section is the rear of

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gable-roof addition which has a sliding vinyl casement window with a sill somewhat higher than typical for this house. Below the window and to the left is a basement bulkhead entry. The right section, nearest the alley, is the gable-roof garage addition, offset on the northwest corner of the house. It has a single aluminum garage door facing north, with access from the alley. The garage also has a small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the west elevation, and a matching one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the east elevation.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Jackson C. and Eliza M. Smith House appears to contribute historically to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. The simple Victorian vernacular house was built in 1891 by grocer Jackson C. Smith for his family. After he died, his son later built another home in the neighborhood, and the family moved there. The house was used as rental property for several years, and then it was occupied by owner Richard and Sarah McCleery from 1927 to 1935. He was a prominent young citizen of Washington, recognized for his work with the Y's Men's Club during this period and partner with his father Hugh in the McCleery Calendar Company. The house retains sufficient integrity to convey this significance.

The house does not appear individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The later siding, replacement windows, and additions have impacted the historic integrity of the home for individual listing.

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

The 1874 atlas shows Lot 6 of Block 2 in the Assessor's Addition to Washington as a vacant lot. It was owned by the Jacob Davis family from 1867 until it was sold to J.C. Smith on November 3, 1890. The *Washington Press*, in an article on December 23, 1891, listed buildings for the year 1891, including “J.C. Smith, dwelling . . . \$1,600.” According to the 1895 Iowa census, the household included Jackson Smith, age 64, his wife Eliza, age 55, and their son Ralph M. Smith, age 28. J.C. Smith owned a grocery store on the west side of the square, and Santa was one of his customers, per an ad from the *Press*. The 1894 map of Washington shows a house with a cross plan footprint here. A note in the *Washington Press* on April 13, 1898 says, “Ralph Smith will probably build a fine house on Gospel Ridge this spring” but he was still living on W. Main Street in the 1900 census, which lists Eliza Smith, age 61 as a widow and head of the household, with her son Ralph, age 30, who is working as a grocer. In June of that year, he was married, and in July 1900 the newspaper mentioned the foundation of his house was finished.

On February 1, 1901, Eliza Smith sold the property to A.N. Alberson, and on June 5, 1901, the *Press* announced, “Ralph Smith got moved last week ... and Amos Alberson moved into the ex-Smith house ...”. The 1903 city directory lists A.N. Alberson, grocer, at 414 W. Main Street, his wife Mrs. A.N., and daughters Vera and Nina, a student. On December 3, 1904, Alberson sold the property to William Schofield (Schofield?). He could not be identified locally in census records or city directories, though

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other Scofields lived in town. The property appears to have been used as a rental by this period. The 1910 census lists the Samuel Gardner on W. Main (owner/occupant of 420 to the west), with the Henry Tollenaar family renting the house next door. The 1910-11 city directory confirms Henry and Minnie Tollenaar lived at 414 W. Main, and he worked as foreman for the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific railroad. Schofield sold the property to J.G. Miller on May 21, 1913. Mrs. Edith Miller is listed on W. Main in the 1917 county directory, but it is unknown if it was this house.

A pair of rapid transactions in late February and early March, 1919, and three additional transactions a year later, February 21, 27, and 28, 1920, put the property in the possession of Margaret Simpson. Throughout this time, a search of directories and census records shows all the individuals involved in these transactions live in other locations, not the W. Main Street address. Thus, it appears to continued to have been used as a rental. The 1920 census list Frank Gass renting the house. He was 50, born in Michigan, and a pharmacist. He lived here with wife Maude (46, teacher), son Herbert (18, manager of grocery store), and daughter Flora (17). The 1926 telephone directory lists the occupant of 414 W. Main as D.A. Glendenning.

The property was sold to Richard H. McCleery on March 1, 1927. McCleery was the son of Hugh McCleery, owner of the McCleery Calendar Factory in Washington. He married Sarah Lois Grimes on June 28, 1927, and the couple moved into the house. Richard had returned to Washington in June 1925 after finishing his education at Muskingum University in Ohio and entered into the family business in Washington ("Washington, IA," *Davenport Democrat and Leader*, June 28, 1925, 28). After also working at the local high school for a few years, Richard shifted to ull time for the company by 1928, and he would later become president after his father's death in 1946. During the period from 1927 to 1930, Richard served as an international director of the Y's Men's Club, serving also as the president of the local chapter. In 1931, he became international president, and he traveled extensively in this role for the organization. He organized a series of ongoing Y's Men's plays locally ("Richard H. McCleery, 80, dies," *Washington Evening Journal*, October 22, 1983, 1). The 1930 census lists Richard H. McCleery (age 27), as partner in a calendar factory. He lived here with wife Sara (26) and son Richard L. (1). The house was valued at \$4500. An article in the *Waterloo Courier* in February 1932 noted that Richard McCleery of Washington – president of international organization of Y's Men clubs – had spoke in Waterloo on problems of individual clubs and international organization on the 9th anniversary of the local club. The Y's Men's club performed a service to the community as well as to the Y.M.C.A. The organization was second to schools in educational value and second to the church in teaching religion. It was second to none in physical education ("Int'l President of Y's Men's Club Talks to Members," *Waterloo Daily Courier*, Waterloo, IA, February 16, 1932, 15). The 1935 city directory continues to list Richard and Sarah McCleery at 414 W. Main St. The 1938 city directory lists the family at 308 W. Washington, and by 1941 they moved into the family home at 615 E. Main Street. In the 1954, he moved in to a new house at 1229 S. Iowa Ave. Thus, this small house at 414 W. Main Street was the early home of the Richard McCleery during his early significant years of involvement with the Y's Men's Club. The family home at 614 E. Main and the later house at 1229 S. Iowa are better associated with his activity as president of McCleery-Cummings Calendar Company and later community activities.

Richard McCleery sold the house to Josephine Puckett on July 2, 1935. Puckett was not a resident of Washington. The 1941 city directory lists L.J. Miick, insurance agent for Prudential Insurance Company

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of America at this address. His wife Ruth and children Diane, age 5, and David, age 3, are also living here. Puckett's executor, Everett Stewart, transferred ownership to J.A. Crone on August 3, 1943, and Crone sold it to O.A. Kessler on Sept. 1, 1944. The 1954 city directory lists O.A. Kessler and Charles Van Drosic living in the house. Kessler continues to be listed in the telephone directories through 1962.

On March 30, 1963, Leona Snyder and husband, for the O.A. Kessler estate, transferred the property to Eunice Letts. The 1964 city directory identifies the residents as Kenny Marsh (Charlotte N.) a construction supervisor for Hogenson Construction, and their children Valerie, age 10, Nyla, age 9, Calvin, age 7, Kevin, age 6, and Margaret, age 3. By 1967, the city directory lists the house as vacant, but the 1969, 1972, and 1976 city directories named Eunice M. Letts, a nurses aide at the United Presbyterian Home, as the occupant.

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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)

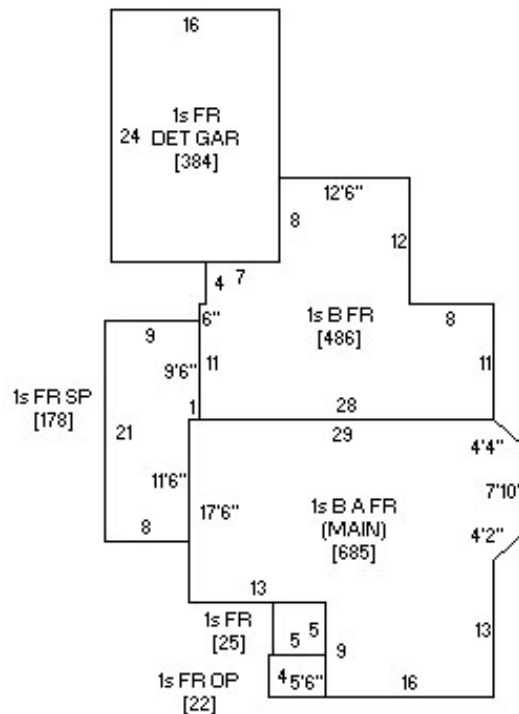


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00414-003 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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