

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00738  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 Edward C. and Gertrude Carris House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-023

## • Location

A) Street address: 215 South Avenue D

B) City or town: Washington ( Vicinity) County Washington

C) Legal Description:

Rural: Township Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Township No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_ of Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Urban: Subdivision: Subdivision of Out Lot 3 Block(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): N 66' of Lot 9 & 10

## • 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	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>2</u>	<b>Total</b>	—	<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**

09A13: House – cubical house - front gambrel roof

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete block

walls (visible exterior): 02: 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  
 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*

1901  *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 with a gambrel roof on the west side of S. Avenue D. The house sits on a concrete block foundation, and it is clad with narrow wood weatherboard siding. The front gambrel roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and there are square wood shingles on the gable/gambrel ends. There is a staircase oriel window on the north side of the house, a small oriel window on the south side of the house. A full front porch spans the east side, and a small enclosed porch is found on the rear/west side. Most of the windows are wood with aluminum storm / screens. There is a one story frame garage west of the house with access from South Avenue D. The assessor lists a construction date of 1967 for the garage.

The façade, the east elevation, has a full front porch spanning the width of the house. It has wide carpeted steps towards the right/north side of the porch. The handrails and balusters at the steps are vinyl, as is the lattice below the porch floor. The porch has a carpeted floor, broad flat wood railings and square wood balusters, and square wood columns with fluting on each side of the column. A band of dentil molding is located on the frieze just below the eaves. The entry is on the north/right half of the first story, and it has a historic wood door with wood panels below the window in the upper half of the door and a single wood panel above the window. There is also an aluminum storm / screen door at the entry. On the left/south half of the first story, there is a vinyl picture window with a large fixed central window flanked by narrower casement windows. On the second story, there are two evenly distributed one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows flanked by shutters. At the attic level, there is a small one-over-one-light double-hung wood window centered below the peak of the gable. The gable/gambrel is clad with square wood singles, and a wide board crosses the gable end at the angle of the gambrel.

The south elevation has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on the right/east half of the first story and a small vinyl angled oriel window on the left/west half. The oriel window has multi-light windows and a pair of decorative wood braces below the window. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window above each of the first story windows. On the roof at the attic level, there is a hip-roof dormer with a small one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. There are two basement windows, one below each of the first story windows.

The north elevation is divided into three sections by a centered staircase oriel window. There is a ground level entry below the oriel window, which has a wood door with a window in the upper part of the door. This door also have a single wood panel above the window with three wood panels below it, and an aluminum storm screen door. The square oriel window between the first and second stories has a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window and two wood braces under it. To the left/east/front, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on both the first and second stories. On the right/west/rear, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a sill somewhat higher than typical for this house. On the second story, there is a typical size one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. There are two basement windows on this side of the house, again below each of the first story windows.

The rear of the house, the west elevation, has a small enclosed porch on the the left third of the first story. The porch has a shed roof with asphalt shingles, wood weatherboard siding, and two one-over-

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one-light double-hung vinyl windows on both the north and west sides of the porch. The south side of the porch has an aluminum storm / screen door, and carpeted wood steps with wrought iron railings leading down to the concrete driveway. The lattice below the porch floor is vertical wood strips. The first story has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on the right/south side of the elevation. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window above the rear porch, with a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung wood window just to its right/south. The smaller window also has a sill higher than typical for this house. On the right/south, above the first story window, there is another one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. At the attic level, there are square wood shingles covering the gable/gambrel end, and a small one-over-one-light double-hung wood window centered below the peak of the gable. A wide board spans the width of the gable at the gambrel angle. There is a basement window below the first story window.

A frame garage sits to the west and slightly south of the house on a poured concrete foundation. It is clad with vinyl siding, and the front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is an aluminum double garage door facing east, and the north elevation has a vinyl entry door toward the right of center. There is no fenestration on the south or west elevations. The assessor lists the construction date as 1967, which would place the garage as built within the period of significance for the historic district, assuming the end date remains as 1969.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Edward C. and Gertrude Carris House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. The house was built in the early 20th century during the period of development of the neighborhood with large homes for successful businessmen. Edward C. Carris was a drug store owner at the time that he built this house, transitioning into a manufacturing business that became his main focus from the 1910s to 1951. Carris Manufacturing Company was one of a handful of manufacturers in Washington, and the company was successful through this period. While Foursquare homes are found throughout the neighborhood, the incorporation of the gambrel roof form is somewhat unusual.

The house appears to potentially be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for its association with Edward C. Carris and/or under Criterion C for its architecture. Further research on Edward C. Carris and the Carris Manufacturing Company, evaluation of the interior integrity of the house, and comparison with other Foursquare and gambrel roof homes would be needed to solidify these determinations.

*History / research summary of property*

Ralph Dewey owned Lots 9 and 10 in Out Lot 3 by the 1860s. He transferred Lots 9 and 10 to his son Seneca B. Dewey on September 23, 1885. He immediately transferred the north 66 feet of Lots 9 and 10 in the subdivision of Out Lot 3 to Sarah A. Coppock on September 23, 1885. The 1885 census lists the family in Section 31 of Franklin Township, Washington County: Thomas (41, farmer), Sarah A. (37),

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Laura (16), Emma (15), Joseph (13), Mahuldah (10), Thomas E. (8), Lelia (5), Rachel (3), Sadie (0). Sarah A. (Smith) Coppock appears to have then died, and Thomas married Mary C. Rubey in Fairfield on December 30, 1891. The family lived in Fairfield. S.B. Dewey continued to own the south half of the lots, and he may have built a house on the north half of the lots as well, prior to officially becoming owned again in 1901. In an article titled "Building Statistics," published in late 1890, the Washington Press listed new buildings built by various local carpenters, and included this: "S.B. Dewey, house ... \$1,500" under work done by Wylie & Connor. In the 1893 contractors' list, "S. Dewey, dwelling ... \$1,900" is also listed under contractor Harry Shrader's list. The 1894 Atlas of Washington shows a Queen Anne footprint on the south half of Lot 10 and a L-shaped house footprint on the north half of Lot 10. However, the L-shaped footprint seems to indicate an earlier house on this lot.

S.B. Dewey purchased the north 66 feet of both lots from Thomas Coppock et al on April 1, 1901. The family was listed in Fairfied in the 1900 census. S.B. Dewey sold the north 66' of Lots 9 and 10 to Gerturde Carris on February 4, 1903. However, houses built in 1901 included a home for E.C. Carris ("New Residences the Past Year," *Evening Journal*, January 2, 1902, 2). It appears that this house was built for Carris prior to the official sale, perhaps part of the financing. The 1902 Sanborn map does not include detail for this block. The 1903 city directory lists E.C. Carris, druggist, and his wife Gertrude and children Kenneth, Ida, and Leland living at 215 South Avenue D. The 1909 Sanborn map shows the footprint of the current house, and it remained unchanged through the 1943 map. No garage is ever depicted on this property through these years. The 1900 census lists the family as Edward C. Carris, head of the household and home owner with a mortgage, age 36, manufacturer of match safes, his wife Gertrude, age 37, and children Kenneth, age 15, Ida, age 14, Leland, age 10, and Clarence, age 4. Also living with the family at the same address is Maggie R. Robertson, mother-in-law. In the early 1900s, several ads for E.C. Carris & Co, the drug store on the east side with popular prices, appear in the newspapers. The 1910-11 city directory lists the family at 215 S. Avenue D, and also lists the Carris Novelty Co. (E.C. and J.C. Carris), manufacturers of an automatic match safe and doing other job work, at the rear of 208 N. Marion Avenue. Per Burrell's history in 1909, Ed Carris had invented and was manufacturing a one-match delivery box, and he also did a variety of job work at his machine shop (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 434). The 1917 county directory lists the family as Edward C. Carris, foreman at the Wilson Heating Plant, with Gertrude, his wife, Ida, a stenographer, Leland, a clerk, Clarence, a student, and Kenneth, a farmer. E.C. The 1920 census lists the family at 215 South Avenue D as Edward Carris, head of the household, a home owner with no mortgage, age 46 and working as a machinist in his own shop, his wife Gertrude, age 47, his son Leland, age 20, working as a bookkeeper in his father's shop, and a son Clarence, age 14. Carris is listed at this address in the 1926 telephone directory, and the Carris Manufacturing Company is listed at 110 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The *Washington Evening Journal* on April 3, 1926 notes that Carris Manufacturing Company also builds machines for Washington Manufacturing Company, which manufactured machines for cutting button blanks for the American Pearl Button Company (page 13).

The 1930 census lists the residents at this address as Edward C. Carris, head of the household and owner of a house worth \$4,000. He is 57 years old, and manufactures a button cutting machine. Others in the house include his wife Gertrude, age 58, Leland D. age 30 and single, also manufacturing button cutting machines, and Clarence P., single and age 24, a machinist making button cutting machines. Manufacturer listings in the 1934 city directory in Washington include: Washington Bottling Works,

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American Pearl Button Company, McCleery Calendar Factory, Wilson Concrete Company, Carris Manufacturing Company, and Curran Company. The family continues to be listed in telephone directories in 1932 and 1938 at 215 South Avenue D. The 1935 city directory describes the family as Edward C. Carris, President of Carris Manufacturing Company, and his wife Gertrude. Also living here are "Jerry", C.P. Carris, an employee at Carris Mfg., and Leland, the secretary – treasurer at Carris Mfg., and his wife Jewell. The 1940 census again lists the Carris family at this address. E.C. Carris is head of the household, now age 66, the manager in a light manufacturing facility. His wife Gertrude is 67 years old. Kenneth is living with the family again, and is 45 years old and the proprietor of a metal repair shop. Leland, age 40, is living here with his wife Jewell, age 32, and he is the proprietor of a light manufacturing facility. By 1941, the city directory lists Ed Carris, owner of Carris Mfg, and Gertrude, also an owner of the company, with Kenneth Carris, an employee at Carris Mfg. and L.D. Carris, secretary – treasurer at Carris Mfg., and his wife Jewell. A new Washington Manufacturing Company was founded by Robert K. Goodwin in 1951, and he bought building and equipment of Carris Manufacturing Company at E. 5<sup>th</sup> St and N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 12). Gertrude died on October 31, 1954. The Gertrude Carris estate transferred the property to Edward C. Carris on August 29, 1955. Telephone and city directories through 1958 list E.C. Carris living at this address. Edward C. Carris died on November 23, 1958.

Kenneth Carris, single, et al. sold the property to current owners Marvin L. and Patricia A. McClure on April 16, 1959. The 1964 city directory lists Marvin L. McClure, owner of the West End Grocery, his wife Patricia A., and their children Gary, age 9, Sue Ann, age 8, and Janie, age 4, living at 215 South Avenue D. The city directory in 1967 is nearly the same, except Patricia is working as a teachers' aide at Washington High School. By the time of the 1969 city directory, Marvin is working as a salesman for Yoder Feeds, and another daughter, Judy, is listed. The listing in 1972 remains the same, and in the 1976 city directory, the only change is that Sue Ann is working as a bookkeeper at Sellars Insurance Agency, and Gary is living elsewhere.

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**Location map**



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



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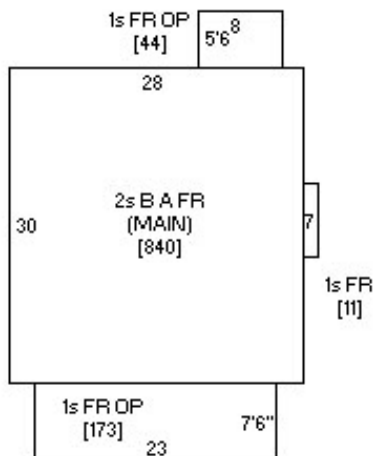
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**



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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00738-001 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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**Photograph 92-00738-002 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**

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**Photograph 92-00738-003 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)**