

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00803 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 Verice and Mary Beliel House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-143

● **Location**

A) Street address: 105 S Avenue H

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

C) Legal Description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Quarter: _____ of Quarter: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Northwest Addition Block(s): _____ Lot(s): N 170.95 ft. of Lot 26

● **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>	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**

B) **Current functions**

01A01: Domestic / residence

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01C05: Domestic / garage

● **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural Classification**

B) **Materials**

07E01: Bungalow

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete Block

walls (visible exterior): 15B: Vinyl

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
1928 *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			

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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 one-and-one-half-story frame bungalow built around 1928. It sits on the west side of S. Avenue H at the intersection with W. Main Street. The house has a rusticated concrete block foundation, and is clad with vinyl siding with vinyl shingle siding on the gable ends. The cross gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The windows are a mix of original wood and vinyl replacements, all with vinyl surrounds and aluminum storm / screens. There is a full front porch on the east side of the house, and a small enclosed side porch on the south side of the house. There is a one-story addition on the rear of the house. A three-car detached garage sits southwest of the house with access from S. Avenue H.

The façade, the east elevation, has a shed-roof porch that extends across most of the width. A set of wood steps leads up to a wood floor. The porch has an asphalt-shingled roof supported by columns on rusticated concrete block piers at each corner of the porch. The columns are composed of four square wood columns arranged in a square. There is a wood railing and balusters which are supported at the stairway opening at the center of the porch by a pair of short tapered wood columns with square caps. The gables of the porch have vinyl siding. The entry is offset to the right/north of center, and it has a wood door with three vertical windows in the upper section and two wood panels in the lower section, and it has an aluminum storm / screen door. To the right/north of the entry, there is a three-over-one-light double-hung wood window with vinyl surround. The section to the left of the entry door has a three-over-one-light double-hung wood window. The second story has a gambrel gable with a set of three two-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows centered in the gable, which has vinyl shingles. There is a one-by-one-light sliding vinyl basement window at each end of the façade, just beyond the porch.

The south elevation has a shed-roof side entry vestibule on the center/rear of the side. On the side of the house to the right/east/front, there is a pair of three-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with vinyl surrounds. The shed-roof vestibule section has only a pier foundation, is clad with vinyl, and has an aluminum storm / screen door. There are two small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl clad windows facing east, two matching windows to the right of the door and facing south, and two additional windows facing west. On the house to the left/west/rear, there are no windows. On the second story, within the gable, there is a pair of two-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds and vinyl shingle siding on the gable end. There are two one-by-one-light sliding vinyl windows in the basement, one in the right/east section of the wall and the other in the left/west section.

The north elevation, facing W. Main Street, is composed of the side of the main house and the side of the one-story rear addition, which extends slightly beyond the side of the house. There are two small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows on the west half of the first story on the north side of the house, just to the left of the addition. On the second story, centered in the gable, there is a set of three two-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows. The gable has vinyl shingle siding. There is no fenestration in north wall of the addition, but there is a small window on the short east wall.

The west elevation, the rear of the house, has a shed-roof rear entry vestibule on the south/right half that ends just before the southwest corner of the house and a larger shed-roof one-story rear addition on the north half (1996 construction date per assessor). The rear entry vestibule has a three-over-one-

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light double-hung vinyl window facing west and an entry facing south, which has an aluminum storm / screen door. The west elevation of the house has a small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window just past the south end of the addition. On the second story of the house, there are two small, wide, one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with vinyl surround.

The garage is located southwest of the southwest corner of the house, with access via a gravel driveway from South Avenue H extending by the south elevation of the house. It was built in 1995 per the assessor, and it sits on a poured concrete foundation. The garage is clad in vinyl siding to match the house, and it has an asphalt-shingled side gable roof. There are three single-car aluminum garage doors on the east elevation. The north side has a steel entry door near the east end, and a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window to the right of the entry. There is a large fixed window in the center of the west elevation, and a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the south elevation. The garage is counted as non-contributing in the potential historic district.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Verice and Mary Beliel House appears to contribute historically to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. The house was built along the south side of W. Main on what was then the north side of Sunset Park in 1928, with the parcels/lots to the east and west later acquired and incorporated into the park resulting in house lot extending within the park. The construction was part of the development of additional land in the neighborhood through the 1920s, increasing the density of housing and building smaller bungalow style homes.

The house does not appear to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The house does not appear to have particularly architectural or historical significance, and the vinyl siding and replacement windows have impacted the integrity.

History / research summary of property

The property was part of the John Graham farm west of Washington, seen on the 1894 Atlas of Washington County map south of the railroad and west of blocks 3 & 7 on W. Main Street. After Graham's death in 1891, his widow Laura retained this portion of the property. The 1906 map of Washington shows that Mrs. Laura Graham owned this lot (Lot 26) on the west side of the street as well as a finger of land extending west to the south, and she owned Lot 25 on the east side of the street. On July 21, 1914, she sold Lots 25 and 26 to A.P. Peterson. A transfer is then missing in the transfer book, as the next recorded transfer for Lots 25-26 is Howard Kerr and wife to J.N. Work on February 3, 1923.

On March 28, 1928, J.N. Work then sold only Lot 26 (west side of street) to Verice Beliel. The assessor list a construction date of 1928 for the home, so then Verice Beliel would have built this house after purchasing the lot. The Beliel family previously lived on a farm about a mile west of town. The 1917 county directory lists V. Beliel, farmer and dairy, 120 acres, west of Washington, route 5, with his wife

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Mary V., Charles, a farmer, Clara E., a domestic, Catherine, a student, Geo. Vincent, a farmer, and Francis. In 1920, the census lists the family as Verice (age 56), his wife Mary (age 49), son Charles J., (farm laborer on home farm, age 25), daughters Clara E. (dry good clerk, age 23), Mary C. (servant in own home, age 20), son George V. (farm laborer on home farm, age 18), and son Francis R. (age 12). The 1926 telephone directory lists V. Beliel with residence 1 ¼ mile west of RFD. A notice appeared in the *Evening Journal* on February 9, 1928 for an auction at the farm of V. Beliel, as he was retiring, had rented out his farm, and was selling all livestock and machinery (page 4). Thus, it appears that this property was purchased and house built for Verice and Mary Beliel for his retirement and moved into town.

By the time of the 1930 census, the Beliel family is living at an unnumbered location on Park Street, and nearby listings are from the 700 block of W. Main Street. At this time, the family consists of Verice, age 66, a home owner and head of the family; his wife, Mary V. age 59; and an unmarried son Charles J., age 35, laborer at a feed mill. The 1935 city directory lists Verice, a farmer, his wife Mary, and Catherine and Charles, a farmer, all living at 907 W. Main Street.

In 1935, Verice Beliel sold a portion of his property to the City of Washington, described as "Beginning at SE corner, N 16 ½ ft., W 130 ft., S 16 ½ ft., and E 130 ft. to beginning. Also beginning 130 ft. W of SE corner, N 49.5 ft., W 283 ft., S 49.5 ft., and E 283 ft. to beginning." This appears to be a right of way from Park Street (S. Avenue H) west to a new section of Sunset Park, and it likely is the strip to the west at south end of Lot 26 shown on the 1906 map. This area is occupied by the maintenance building at this time.

In the 1941 city directory, V. Beliel, wife Mary, and Charles are listed at 903 W. Main Street. Both Verice and Charles are listed as farmers. Morris Verice Beliel died on February 21, 1942. On April 12, 1942, Charles J. Beleil transferred his interest in the property to his mother Mary Beliel. They continued to live here. Mary Veriena Beliel died on September 17, 1956.

On November 6, 1956, Charles J. Beliel et al. transferred the property (Lot 26 except the south 16½ ft) thereof to George V. and Dorothy M. Beliel. Another family transfer occurred on June 27, 1957 from George J. Beliel to George V. Beleil and Dorothy M. Beleil. City directories and telephone books do not indicate who lived at this address from the 1950s through the 1980s, as S. Avenue H appears to have been skipped as a street.

The Beliel family subdivided Lot 26 in order to sell the south portion to Phillip D. and Shirley Chorpening on May 8, 1992. At that time, the south portion was described by the assessor as a vacant lot. About 18 months later, on September 22, 1993, the Beliels sold the north portion of the property with this house to the Chorpenings. The 1989 city directory lists Phillip, employee at Wilson Concrete, and Shirley, bookkeeper at Farmers Implement, living at 105 S. Avenue H. They continue to be listed at this address through the 1990s and in 2000. The house on the south half of the lot was then built in 2000. In 2001, their address is listed as 117 S Avenue H, and Mr. Chorpening is self-employed. On May 1, 2002, south portion of the lot with the house at 117 S. Avenue H was sold to Timothy and Recinda Widmer, and the Chorpening's are again listed at 105 and Timothy and Recinda Widmer, current residents, are listed at 117.

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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)

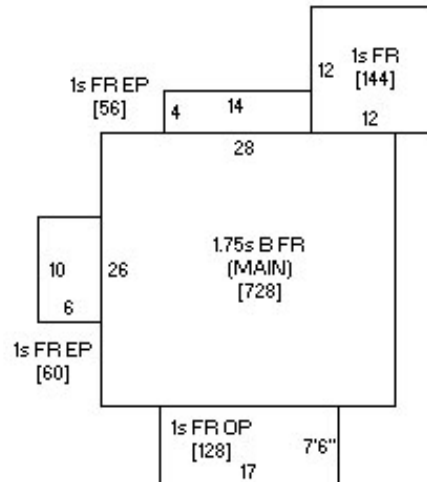


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00803-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00803-003 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00803-004 - Garage, looking west (December 2014)