

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00751 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 Alonzo J. and Matilda J. Lamphere House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-037

• Location

A) Street address: 603 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 Washington Block(s): 3 Lot(s): 1

• 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>	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

B) Current functions

01A01: Domestic / residence

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01C04: Domestic / storage shed

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

A) Architectural Classification

B) Materials

09A01 Front-gabled Roof

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

walls (visible exterior): 02: Wood / weatherboard

Roof: 05F: Steel

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

1869 *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 two-story frame gable-front house on the south side of W. Jefferson Street on the southwest corner with Avenue E. It sits on a stone foundation partially clad in stucco, and the house is clad with narrow wood weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with steel. There is a wrap-around porch on the north and east sides of the house. The windows are wood with wood surrounds and some have aluminum storm / screens. There is a one-story rear section, with a covered back porch and basement entry. A small frame outbuilding sits near the southwest corner of the rear of the house.

The façade, the north elevation, is spanned by the porch that wraps around the northeast corner and continues along the east side. The porch was built in the 1910s (between 1909 and 1917 maps), replacing an earlier front porch. The porch has wood steps at the right/west side of the porch, and the hip roof is supported by square wood columns. A square wood railing with square wood balusters runs around the perimeter of the porch. The entry is located in the right/west bay of the first story, and it has a solid wood door and has no storm / screen door. To the left of the entry, there are two evenly distributed four-over-four-light double-hung wood windows with aluminum storm / screens. On the second story, there are three equally distributed six-over-six-light double-hung wood windows with aluminum storm / screens. The muntins in the lower sash of the center window are missing.

The east elevation consists of the two-story main section and the rear one-story section. The wrap around porch extends to the south end of the two-story section. There is an opening in the porch railing near the south end of the porch, but no steps descending to the lawn. A concrete walk leads from the approximate location of the phantom steps around to the rear of the house, and also leads east away from the house and then turns and leads to the public sidewalk in front of the house. Under the porch roof there are two evenly spaced four-over-four-light double-hung wood windows. These windows have no storm / screens. On the second story, there are two evenly distributed six-over-six-light double-hung wood windows. The left window has no storm / screen, but the right window has an aluminum storm / screen. The one-story rear section has a four-over-four-light double-hung wood window with an aluminum storm / screen.

The west elevation likewise consists of the two-story main section and the rear one-story section. On the left/front, there is a small fixed wood window with a wood, one-by-one-light, storm window. On the far right/south of the two-story section, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window with an aluminum storm / screen. On the second story, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window above this first story window, and it has no storm / screen. There are two fixed two-light wood basement windows on this elevation, each with a wood storm window.

The south elevation, the rear of the house, has a one-story rear section, which appears to be original to the house. It appears on the first Sanborn map for this block in 1909. The one-story section sits on a stone foundation, has a steel covered hip roof, and has a shed roof porch which extends south. The shed roof is supported by three square wood posts, and the remains of a trellis are located at the west end of the shed roof, between the left hand post and the house. There is a set of wide wood steps leading up to a wood porch, and to the left of the porch there is a basement entry with a wood surround and wood door. On the right side of the porch, a section of wood railing remains between the porch

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post and the house. Within the porch, there are two entries, each with a wood door with two vertical windows in the upper half of the door and two vertical wood panels below the windows. The doors also have aluminum storm / screen doors. To the left/west of the left/west entry and above the basement entry, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window. To the right/east of the right/east entry, there is another six-over-six-light double-hung wood window. These windows do not have aluminum storm / screens. On the second story, there are windows spaced widely, outside the pitch of the hip roof of the one-story section. At the far left/west, just above the porch roof, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window, and at the far right, again just above the porch roof, there is another six-over-six-light double-hung wood window. Both these windows have aluminum storm / screens.

There is a small one story frame outbuilding southwest of the southwest corner of the house. This outbuilding appears on the earliest Sanborn maps. The foundation is not visible. It has a gable-front roof covered with asphalt shingles. The wood weatherboard siding is the same size as that on the house, and there is an entry on the east side that opens onto a small concrete slab. There is no door on the east elevation. There is a boarded up window to the right/east side of the south wall, and another two-over-two-light double-hung wood window centered in the north wall of the building. The west elevation has a centrally located door made of vertical wood boards. The original use of this building is unconfirmed. Sanborn maps show a garage at the southeast corner of the lot and another outbuilding to its west, both of which have been demolished.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Alonzo J. and Martha J. Lamphere House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. The house was built during the early period of development of the neighborhood in the 1860s and 1870s, and it clearly reflects this period in its architecture. The house retains a high level of historic integrity, and the 1910s porch is a common update to houses in the neighborhood in this period.

The house may be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architecture. The house retains a high level of historic integrity on the exterior, though the interior has not been assessed. Further evaluation of the interior and comparison with other early homes would solidify this determination. The outbuilding is also a somewhat rare example of an early domestic outbuilding. More research is also recommended to fully evaluate the significance of Alonzo J. Lamphere.

History / research summary of property

The first sale for Lot 1 in the transfer book is E. Wilcomb selling the lot to A.J. Lamphere on May 31, 1869. The 1869 birds-eye view shows a two-story side-gable house on this lot. The 1874 Atlas of Washington then shows a house with a simple rectangular footprint, oriented more like the current gable-front house. The style of house and type of windows in the house suggests early construction, likely in the 1860s. Alonzo J. Lamphere was a carpenter, and thus it is likely that he built this house

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around 1869. It is possible that the birds-eye view was done while this house was under construction, thus showing it incorrectly. Lamphere owned a number of houses in Washington when he died on March 17, 1895. According to his obituary, he was born in Arkport, Steuben County, New York on October 13, 1826. He married Matilda Hill in 1853, and they moved west in 1862. They lived in Rock Island, Illinois, and then moved two years later to Washington. He was a carpenter by trade, though only building his own houses in recent years ("A.J. Lamphere," *Gazette*, March 22, 1895, 4; "Alonzo J. Lamphere," *Evening Journal*, March 18, 1895, 1). Census records from 1870 list the family as A.J. Lamphere, age 41 and a mechanic, his wife Matilda, age 40, son Frank, age 16 and a telegraph operator, daughter Saffronia, age 14, and son Scott D., age 12 living in Washington's 4th Ward. They are listed between Joseph Keck (504 W. Washington) and Emily Shields. The 1874 Atlas of Washington shows a house on this lot with a simple rectangular footprint matching the current house. The family is not listed in the 1880 census. The 1885 Iowa census identifies the family as Anderson (sic.) Lamphere, age 54, occupation illegible, with his wife Matilda, age 53, and daughter Suffronia, age 28, living on South Street (now Madison). Thus, though they continued to own this property, they did not live in this house by 1885. The 1894 city directory lists J.A. Kephart living at 603 W. Jefferson, and J.J. Lamphere at 604 W. South (Madison). Lamphere died on March 17, 1895, and the 1895 census indicates that he was 69 and a carpenter, with a line through the listing and a "D" for died. Matilda J. is listed as 67, born in New York. She died on January 13, 1900 at her home on the corner of South (Madison) and Jackson (Avenue D). Her obituary notes that she moved to Washington with her husband in 1864. She was born on October 6, 1828 in Buffalo, New York, and married A.J. Lamphere at Horneisville, New York. They moved to Rock Island, and then to Washington. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She was survived by children Frank E. of Davenport, Phronia (Mary Sophronia) of Washington, and Scott of Ashton, NE. ("Mrs. M.J. Lamphere," *Evening Journal*, January 13, 1900, 2).

Frank E. Lamphere et al sold the property to H.H. Ross on Dec. 24, 1900. The 1903 city directory lists Harry Ross, painter, living at 609 W. Jefferson with his wife May and their daughter Pearl. The 1909 Sanborn map, the earliest map to show this block, has a two story house with a one story rear addition and a full front porch on this lot, and notes the previous address as 609, changed for this map to 603 W. Jefferson. The 1910 census identifies the Ross family as Harry, age 27, home owner and a house painter, his wife Estelle, age 22, and their daughter Pearl, age 13. The 1910-11 city directory lists the family as Harry H. (wf. Estella M.) contract painter living at 609 W. Jefferson. The 1917 Sanborn map shows the earlier front porch replaced with the current wrap-around porch. In 1920, the census lists Harry H. Ross, age 46, a painter, his wife May, age 41, and daughter Pearl, age 23 and working as a saleslady at a dry good store, all living at 603 W. Jefferson Street. The 1926 telephone directory also lists Harry Ross at this address. The 1930 census identifies the residents here as Harry A. Ross, age 57, a painter, his wife Estella May, age 51, and a boarder, Grace Schilling, age 14. The house is valued at \$1,000. Harry Ross died in October 1930.

The Ross family continued to own the house and use it as a rental. In 1935, P.E. Thomassen is listed at 603 W. Jefferson. The 1940 census lists the occupants as Edward Blattner, age 35, a renter and working as a bookkeeper at the button factory, his wife Mae, age 37, and two daughters, Doris Jean, age 3 and Donna Mae, age 1. The 1941 city directory lists John Wietzke living at this address. He is the owner of the Coast-To-Coast store, and lives here with his wife Irene and son John Edwin, age 34

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On June 28, 1944, Pearl Ross Heins sold the property to Bernard H. and Dorothy McCarthy. They lived on the east end of E. Washington, and they used this property as a rental. The 1954 city directory index lists V.A. Sladek living here, and that name also appears in the 1954 telephone directory at this address, but not in the 1956 telephone directory. The occupants of this property are unknown until 1964 when the city directory identifies the family as Howard E. Gier, a truck driver, and his wife Mary A., a nurses aide at the United Presbyterian Home. By 1967, the residents are Wayne Robinson, a farmer, his wife Sandra who works at McCleery-Cumming Co., and their children Terry, Kristine, and Timothy. They are also listed in the 1969 city directory. Bernard McCarthy died in 1970, leaving his wife Dorothy and twelve children. They lived a block west at 208 S. Avenue F at the time.

At the time of the 1972 city directory, the address is listed as Vacant. The 1973 city directory lists the occupants as John A. and Karen Goodlander. He works at the Crane Foundry, and she works at Washington Manufacturing. They are still living at this address in the 1976 city directory, and the only change is that Karen is now working at the Captain's Table restaurant. John and Karen Goodlander transferred interest in this house on April 1, 1977 to James and Patricia Davison. Dorothy McCarthy then also transferred her interest in the house on August 31, 1978 to James and Patricia Davison. They then sold the property to Mark and Peggy Baumert on August 31, 1978. They continued to own the property until 1983.

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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)

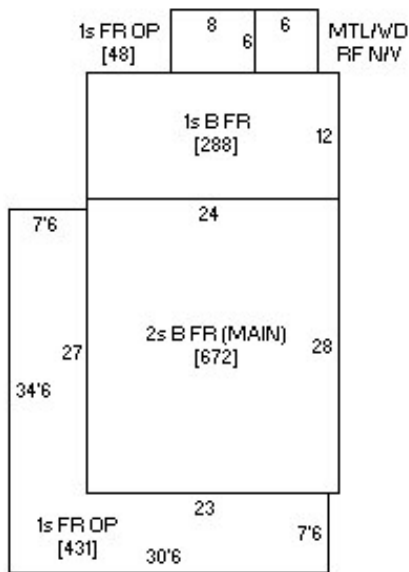


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00751-001 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00751-003 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00751-004 - House and shed, looking north (December 2014)