

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00806 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 Alexander and Elizabeth Duff House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-147

• Location

A) Street address: 314 W. Madison 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: Original Plat Block(s): 25 Lot(s): Lot 6 and west 1/2 of Lot 7

• 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
<u>—</u>	Sites	<u>—</u>	Sites
<u>—</u>	Structures	<u>—</u>	Structures
<u>—</u>	Objects	<u>—</u>	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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• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural Classification

B) Materials

09A06: Foursquare

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: Stone

05D: Queen Anne

walls (visible exterior): 02A: Wood

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

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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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, three bay frame Foursquare / Queen Anne house on the north side of W. Madison Street. The overall cubical form reflects Foursquare houses, with decorative gables that are a carryover from the earlier Queen Anne style. It sits on a stone foundation and has wood siding and wood shingles on the gables. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The windows retain historic wood surrounds, and wood sashes, and there are aluminum storm / screens on all windows. A one-story addition at the rear of the house is connected to a three-car garage which extends to the alley.

The façade, the south elevation, has a full front porch. The porch has a wood floor, railing, square columns, and three sets of steps, one in the center of the porch and one at each end. The entry is centered and has an aluminum storm / screen door. On the first story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window to the left/west and to the right/east. On the second story, there are three one-over-one-light double-hung windows, each located above a first story opening. The second story windows are narrower than the first story windows. The gable on the roof spans the west two-thirds of the house, and it has fishscale shingles with a band of plain wood shingles above a small decorative window centered in the gable.

On the west elevation, the first story has two widely spaced one-over-one-light double-hung windows. On the second story, there are also two one-over-one-light double-hung windows, and again they are narrower than the first story windows. The west gable spans the north/left two-thirds of this side, and it has fishscale shingles with a band of plain wood shingles over the small decorative window centered in the gable.

The east elevation is divided into three bays. The left/south/front bay has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on each story. In the center of this side, there is a ground level entry with an aluminum storm / screen door. This door has a flat roof and trellis screen attached to house over the door. There is a staircase one-over-one-light double-hung window over the entry between stories. The third/north/rear/right bay has a small vinyl casement window with a vinyl surround on the first story. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window above this window. The east gable on the roof spans the north/right two-thirds of this side, and it has fishscale shingles with a band of plain wood shingles above a small decorative window centered in the gable.

On the north elevation, the rear of the house, there is a one-story addition on the east/left two-thirds with a deck to the west. On the first story exposed on the original house to the right/west, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the right/west side of the addition. On the second story, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung windows, one on the east side and one above the first story window on the west side. These two upper story windows have slightly higher sills than the other upper story windows. There is no gable facing north. The rear addition has a gable roof with asphalt shingles, permastone cladding, and sits on a concrete foundation. On its west elevation, it has a small one-over-one-light double-hung window nearer the house, and two sliding patio doors to the left/north. There are also two sliding patio doors facing north, and two more sliding patio doors facing east. The east elevation also has a small one-over-one-light double-hung window on the left/south side near the

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house. There is a small wood deck with wood steps down to the ground level on the north and east sides of the addition. There are two skylights on the east side of the roof.

The garage abuts the northwest corner of the rear addition, and it faces east and extends from the house addition north to the alley on the west side of the lot. The assessor lists a construction date of 1974. The first section, with interior space and a single-car garage door, has a lower gable roof than the north/right section, which two single-door garage doors on the east side. On the east side, the garage is clad in permastone to match the addition. The north and west sides are clad in aluminum siding. The garage has a steel roof. On the south section nearest the house, there is steel entry door with nine small windows, and just to the right of the entry is a sliding two-light window with a high sill. To the right of the window is the first single car steel garage door. Farther to the right, there are two single-car steel garage doors with decorative windows near the tops of the doors.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Alexander and Elizabeth Duff House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential “west side” residential historic district in Washington. The house was built during the period of development of the neighborhood around the turn of the century with large homes for successful residents, often replacing earlier smaller dwellings. The house retains good historic integrity and a number of original features. It is an interesting transitional house between the Queen Anne and Foursquare styles.

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 particular architectural or historical significance.

History / research summary of property

Alexander Duff, a tailor, moved from Ohio to Iowa sometime in the 1860s. He purchased Lots 5 and 6 in Block 25 in April 1868. No transfer record was found for Lot 7 except an 1874 quit claim deed for the west half of Lot 7. The 1869 Bird's Eye View of Washington shows one house on the north side of South Street approximately in the center of the block (likely on lot 6). The 1874 Atlas shows a house on Lot 6, and there are no others on that side of the street. The 1880 census lists Alexander Duff, tailor, age 53, his wife Elizabeth, age 55, and a daughter, Maggie J., age 12, living in the city of Washington. The 1894 Atlas shows a house in the same location, and the 1894 city directory lists Alexander Duff at 308 W. South Street, now Madison Street. In the 1885 Iowa census, Alexander Duff, Elizabeth V., and Margaret J. are living on Jefferson street. The 1897 Sanborn map has this earlier one-and-one-half story dwelling on lot 6, and the property includes Lot 5 at the west end, Lot 6, and the west half of Lot 7 to the east. The 1900 census lists Alexander Duff, tailor, age 74, his wife Elizabeth, age 75, and two daughters, Isabelle, a nurse, age 42 and Belle J. (should be Margaret), a bookkeeper for a clothing store, age 32. Houses built in 1901 included a home for A. Duff (“New Residences the Past Year,”

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Evening Journal, January 2, 1902, 2). By 1902, the current house was then built on Lot 6, with a house also built on Lot 5 to the west.

Alexander Duff sold Lot 5, the corner lot, to Agnes C. Stewart and Lynne Logan on March 18, 1901. This sale may have then financed construction of a new house on Lot 6 for the Duff family. The 1902 Sanborn map shows a two story house with a full front porch and a rear porch. Alexander Duff transferred Lot 6 and the west half of Lot 7 to Margaret Duff on September 22, 1902. The 1903 city directory lists Alex Duff, his wife Elizabeth, and daughter Margaret, a book keeper, at 314 W. Madison street. Alexander Duff died on November 6, 1903, and Elizabeth died on February 29, 1904. The 1909 Sanborn map shows the same house at that address. Miss Margaret Duff, cashier at K.K.K. (Klein Klotting Kompany) is listed here in the 1910-11 city directory. In the 1917 county directory, Miss Margaret Duff, bookkeeper, is listed as living on W. Madison; there is no house number given. The 1920 census lists Margaret Duff, age 50, at 314 W. Madison Street as a bookkeeper at a coal office. The 1930 census lists Margaret J. Duff, age 63, single, as living at 314 W. Madison, and the house is valued at \$3000. Her occupation was noted as census taker for the United States Census Bureau. She died on January 15, 1935.

John A. Duff, executor, transferred the property to Mrs. Goldie Mayo on February 6, 1939. As early as 1926, O.R. Mayo operated Mayo's Home Bakery at 116 E. Washington Street. The bakery later moved to 115 S. Marion Avenue. It was last listed in directories in 1935, the same year the city directory first lists O.R. Mayo living at 314 W. Madison. They are listed as living here in the 1938 telephone directory, and then they are listed on a farm in the county in the 1940 census. The 1940 census lists Burr B. Bordwell, age 53, living at this address, along with his wife Midred, age 50, and their children Richard W., age 15, Mary J., age 14, and Burr B. Jr. age 10. They are still living here in the 1941 city directory, and Mr. Bordwell is the owner of Bordwell Feed. There is not another directory until 1952. In the 1952 telephone directory, O.R. Mayo is listed as again living in the house. He continues to be listed in city directories and telephone books here then until 1969.

On July 2, 1969, Goldie Mayo and husband transferred the property to Robert A. Kennedy. The 1972 city directory lists Darrell L. Borchardt, a farm sales supervisor with Northrup King & Co., his wife Jayne, a secretary with Northrup King & Co., and their children Timothy, Tamera, and Thomas living in the house. Kennedy then sold the property to Darrell L. and Jayne A. Borchardt in January of 1973.

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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)

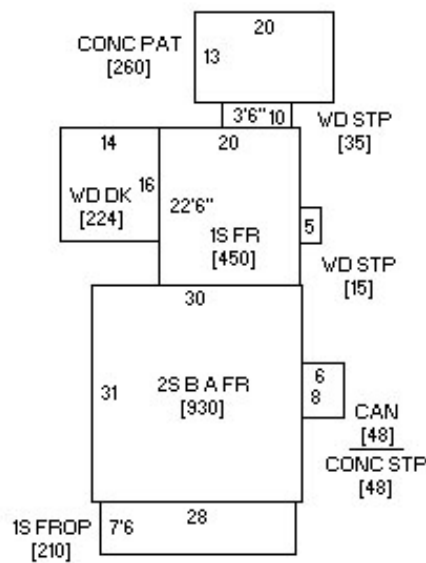


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00806-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00806-003 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00806-004 - Garage, looking southwest (December 2014)