

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00772  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 Ira W. and Helen Shenefeldt House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-089

● **Location**

A) Street address: 111 N. Avenue B

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): 6 Lot(s): N 50' of Lot 8

● **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**

**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**

10B: minimal traditional

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete block

walls (visible exterior): 05E: Aluminum

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*

1947  *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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Name of Property	County
<u>111 N. Avenue B</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Address	City

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**Narrative Description**

This is a one-story side gable frame minimal traditional house built around 1947 on the west side of S. Avenue B. The house sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and it is clad with aluminum siding. The roof is covered with corrugated steel. There is a concrete porch at the front entry. The windows are wood with aluminum storm / screens. At the rear of the property there is a two car frame garage with access from the alley.

The façade, the east elevation, has a set of concrete steps leading up to a concrete porch which has metal railings. The wood entry door has a window in the upper part of the door, and an aluminum storm / screen door. To the left of the front entry, at the left/south corner of the house, there is a large fixed wood picture window with a wood awning above it. To the right of the entry, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window with an aluminum storm / screen. There is a basement window located below the picture window.

The north elevation, facing the alley has two six-over-one-light double-hung wood windows evenly distributed on the wall. Above and between them, below the peak of the gable, there is a six light sash above an attic exhaust fan vent.

The south elevation has a large fixed wood picture window at the east/right edge. A window with a wood screen is roughly centered on this side. To the left, there is a pair of windows with wood screens. At the attic level, there is a window below the peak of the gable which has ventilation slats in the lower sash. All the windows on this elevation have wood slat awnings above them, including the attic window. There are three basement windows, one below each of the first story windows. A small shed-roof addition extends to the west, with the south side slightly recessed from the main section of the house. The south side has a side entry with low shed roof overhanging the door, supported by a wood brace, and a small, low concrete step up to the door. The door has a window in the upper half of the door, and an aluminum storm / screen door.

The west elevation, the rear of the house, has a two six-over-one light double-hung wood windows, one at the left/north end and one centered. There is a basement window below the center window. To the right, immediately beside the rear addition, there is a small six-over-six light double-hung wood window with a wood screen. The small shed-roof addition is found at the south/right end of the elevation. The west wall of the addition has a six-over-six-light double-hung wood window with a wood screen. The south wall of the addition has the previously described rear entry door. The north facing elevation of the addition has no fenestration.

The two-car gable-oriented frame garage sits on a poured concrete foundation, is clad with vinyl siding, and has a corrugated metal roof. The aluminum double-car garage door faces north, toward the alley. There is a wood entry door toward the right side of the south elevation. There are no windows in the garage. It appears that the garage was built after the end of the period of significance for the potential historic district, so it is tabulated as non-contributing.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Ira W. and Helen Shenefelt House appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. The house was built around 1947 during the post-war period of development of the neighborhood. It is one of a few minimal traditional houses in the neighborhood, and it retains several original features including large corner picture windows and six-over-one-light double-hung wood windows.

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*

Howard Crozier owned all Lot 8, having purchased it on May 2, 1940. He was living in the house at 302 W. Main Street on the south half of the lot. On August 15, 1946, he sold his back yard, the north 50 feet of Lot 8, to J.M. White. Jim White was manager of the Washington Lumber and Fuel Company, and he then built a house on this portion of the lot. The assessor lists a construction date of 1947 for this house. A note in the *Evening Journal* on August 8, 1948 notes that scarcity of building materials in this period delayed the completion of the house ("Ramblings and Remnants," *Evening Journal*, April 8, 1948, 4). He then sold it to Everett L. Hammen on December 12, 1947. Hammen quickly resold the property for \$10,500 to Helen Shenefelt on January 3, 1948. They previously lived at 403 W. Washington from 1931-1942 and then owned the house at 509 W. Jefferson from 1942 to January 2, 1948, when they then moved to this new house. Ira W. Shenefelt, or Tink, sold automobiles for several years in Washington, retiring around this time. The 1952 telephone directory lists I.W. Shenefelt living at 111 N. Avenue B. The listing continues unchanged until the 1969 city directory listing which identified the resident at this address as Helen E. Shenefelt (widow Ira), a nurse's aide at the Washington City Hospital. She sold the property for \$37,500 to the current owner Kenneth H. Wagner, on December 10, 1986.

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**Location map**



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

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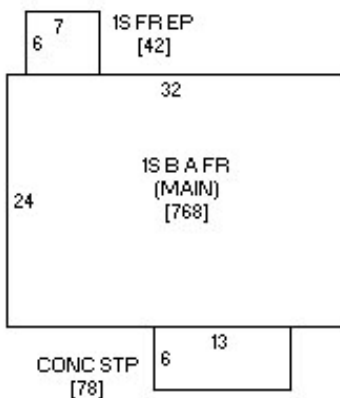
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**





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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 92-00772-001 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)**



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**Photograph 92-00772-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)**

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