Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office (July 2014)

State Inventory Number: <u>92-00383</u> □ New ⊠ Supplemental 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____ □ Non-extant Year: _____

Read the lowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website: <u>http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/statewide-inventory-and-collections/iowa-site-inventory-form.html</u>

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Property Name	
A) Historic name <u>James M. and Kate D. Wilson House</u>	
B) Other names: <u>George F. and Cornelia L. Morrison Hous</u>	e, West side survey map #WS-045
Location	
A) Street address: <u>314 W. Washington Boulevard</u>	
B) City or town: <u>Washington</u>	(□ Vicinity) County <u>Washington</u>
C) Legal Description: <i>Rural:</i> Township Name: Township No.: Range No.	: Section: Quarter: of Quarter:
Urban: Subdivision: Original Plat Bl	ock(s): <u>15</u> Lot(s): <u>6</u>
Classification	
	esSitesStructuresObjectsTotal
 D) For properties within a historic district: □ Property contributes to a National Register or local certified histo ☑ Property contributes to a potential historic district, based on prof □ Property <i>does not</i> contribute to the historic district in which it is I 	essional historic/architectural survey and evaluation.
Historic district name: West side residential historic district	Historic district site inventory number: <u>92-00350</u>
Name of related project report or multiple property study MPD Title Architectural and Historical Survey of the "west side" residential n	Historical Architectural Data Base #
Function or Use Enter categories (codes and terms) from the second	-
A) Historic functions	B) Current functions
01A01: Domestic / residence	01A01: Domestic / residence
	01C05: Domestic / garage
 Description Enter categories (codes and terms) from the lov A) Architectural Classification 	va Site Inventory Form Instructions B) Materials
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09A06: Foursquare	Foundation (visible exterior): <u>04: Stone</u>
05D: Queen Anne	walls (visible exterior): <u>02A: Weatherboard</u>
	Roof: 08A: Asphalt shingles
	Other:

C) Narrative Description SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED

Site Number: <u>32-00305</u> Address. <u>314 W. Washington Diva</u> Ci	ty. washington County. washington District Number. <u>92-00550</u>
Statement of Significance	
A) Applicable National Register Criteria: Mark your opin Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant pe Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archeology/	X Yes No More research recommended rsons. Yes No More Research Recommended Yes No More Research Recommended
 B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special cons A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious put B Removed from its original location. C A birthplace or grave. 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 <u>1913</u> 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 CONTIN Bibliography See continuation sheet for the list of reserved 	earch sources used in preparing this form
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Street address: <u>City Hall, 215 E, Washington St</u>	Telephone: <u>319-653-6584</u>
City or Town: <u>Washington</u>	State: <u>lowa</u> Zip code: <u>52353</u>
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION Submit the following	
unique photo number. 3. Photo key showing each photo number on a map number to indicate the location and directional view	berty/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and band/or floor plan, using arrows next top each photo
B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, hi	storic districts and farmsteads, and barns:
See lists of special requirements and attachments in th	e Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.
State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Be	elow This Line
The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with ab	

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 cross gables built in its current form/size/design on the north side of W. Washington Boulevard in 1913. The house sits on a cut stone foundation, and it is clad with narrow wood weatherboard siding. The combination hip and cross gale roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a historic brick chimney in the southeast portion of the roof, and a full front porch spans the façade. The windows are wood with wood surrounds and aluminum storm / screens, except those windows on the one story frame rear addition built in 2000 (vinyl casement windows without storm windows). A single car garage is built into the rear addition.

The façade, the south elevation, has two sections, defined by a front gable over the east half. The front porch has wide, low rise, concrete steps flanked by those rusticated concrete block walls. The porch floor is carpet over wood, and the railings and square balusters are wood. The nearly flat, porch roof, is supported by large square fluted wood columns sitting on rusticated concrete block piers. There are three columns at each corner of the porch, and a pair of columns, near the middle of the porch, just to the right of the steps. The historic wood entry door has a full-length beveled glass window, with an aluminum storm / screen door and wood door surround. To the right of the entry, there is a large picture window consisting of a center wood picture window with transom flanked by narrow one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. There are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. There are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. The gable is clad with vertical wood board and batten siding. There is decorative dentil molding below the gable, with decorative corbels at the lower edges of the verge boards, which are also decorated with lozenges and scroll work at the ends.

The east elevation has two sections on the main house, defined by a gable over the right/north half. On the left/front/south half, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. Above it, on the second story, there is a one-over-one, light double hung wood window, which is not as wide as the first story window. Two two-light basement windows are found on this section. On the right/north half under the gable, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows on the first story. Under the first/left/south window, there is a metal coal chute door and under the right/north window, there is another two-light basement window. On the second story, above the left/center first story window, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. The gable is clad with vertical wood boardand-batten siding. There is decorative dentil molding below the gable, with decorative corbels at the lower edges of the verge boards, which are also decorated with lozenges and "scroll" work at the ends. The east side of the one-story rear addition added in 2000 projects further east from the side of the house. The east elevation has a set of four large vinyl double casement windows with transom windows the length of the addition. The south side of the addition has a single casement vinyl window with a fixed transom above it. The second story of the original rear section of the house is visible above the addition, and it has a set of three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows located toward the right half of the section.

The west elevation has three sections. The main section of the house is the front/south portion, with a gable over the south/right half of this section. On this front/south half, there is a horizontal fixed wood window with leaded glass. On the second story, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood

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windows. The gable above is clad with vertical wood board-and-batten siding. There is decorative dentil molding below the gable, with decorative corbels at the lower edges of the verge boards, which are also decorated with lozenges and "scroll" work at the ends. The left half of this section has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on each story. There are three one-by-one light wood basement windows on the west elevation, one pair located under the leaded window near the front of the house and the other under the second window. The second section of the west elevation is the side of the rear ell, and it is setback somewhat. On the first story, there is a small, narrow one-over-one-light double-hung wood window in the far right corner where the rear wing meets the main body of the house, and this window has glue chip glass. There is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window to the left/north. Above it on the second story, there is a set of three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. There is a small fixed wood window located high on the wall to the right of this set of windows, close to where the rear ell meets the main section of the house. The short north wall of the main section of the house has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on each story. The west elevation is the third section on the west side, and it has no fenestration.

The north elevation, the rear of the house, has the one-story frame addition built in 2000 covering the first story of the north/rear side of the rear ell. On the second story, there is a set of three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows just to the right of center.

The rear addition, built in 2000, extends across the rear/north side of the rear section and wraps around to east side of the rear section. The addition sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation, is clad with wood siding, and has asphalt shingles on the gable roof. The north elevation has an aluminum, single-car garage door to the right/west. Just to the left of center, there is a double vinyl casement window with a sill somewhat higher than typical for this house, and a fixed transom above the window. On the east/left end, there is a steel entry door with a full, length window and concrete steps leading down to ground level.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The James M. and Kate D. Wilson House appears to contribute historically to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. The house is a late transitional Foursquare / Queen Anne style, with decorative cross gables on a hip roof. An earlier house on the lots was demolished for a new home in 1913, during the period of development of the neighborhood with large homes for successful businessmen.

The house does not appear to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or C. The house may be eligible under Criterion B for its association with George F. Morrison. Further research on him and his accomplishments during their residency in this house would solidify this determination. Further assessment of the interior would also fully evaluation the historic integrity, and perhaps periods of construction, of this house.

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History / research summary of property

An earlier two-story house on this lot appears to have been replaced by a newer two-story house in 1913, with a similar footprint. Per the *Evening Journal* in April 1913: "J.M. Wilson has acquired possession of the large house just west of the Colonel Palmer residence and is tearing it down preparatory to build anew" ("Building for 1913," *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, 3). That would be this property, with James M. Wilson purchasing it in 1911 and Col. Palmer living to the east. With the similar footprint, it is possible that it was rebuilt on the same foundation, reusing some part of the foundation or floor joists. The structure and design of the current house, however, reflects the construction in 1913 and history of the property subsequent to this point. The history of the earlier house has been included briefly below, as an interesting part of the earlier history of the neighborhood.

Andrew Damer and Jane Damer sold Lot 6 in Block 15 to David Crandall on February 11, 1859. The 1856 Iowa Census lists David Crandall, living in Washington, age 38, and a carpenter. His household included wife E.H. Crandall, son Eugene (3), and son Edgar (1). However, the 1860 census lists the family in Jackson Township, Keokuk County: David (43, carpenter), wife Elizabeth (39), son Edgar (12), and son Eugene (8). The 1869 Bird's Eve View map shows a house on this lot, a side-gable house with a rear ell on the east portion of the rear. Under the front portion of the current house, floor joists run north to south and are split hand-hewn logs and some of the logs are not split, indicating this early house incorporated to some degree into the current house. The 1874 atlas appears to show this early side-gable house with a rear ell from the east portion of the rear. The 1870 Census continues to show David Crandall (53) and his family, wife Lizzie (50), son Eugene F. (17), and son Edgar (22) living in Jackson Township, Keokuk County, Iowa. David is a farmer, and Edgar and Eugene list farm labor as their occupation. Eugene F. Crandall (21) and Luella C. Keck (18) were married in Washington, Washington County, Iowa on September 20, 1877. The current owner has a copy of a history compiled by local historian Edna Jones. She wrote that the house was built by Crandall and wife Luella C. Keck, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Jackson Keck (banker). It is possible that the current house was then built in 1877 for the newlyweds on the property that David Crandall continued to own in Washington, expanding on or replacing the earlier house. However, there is no confirmation at this time that they lived here. Per the 1880 census, Eugene F. Crandall (27) and his wife Luella C.(25) resided in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, with their son Charles E. (1). Eugene lists his profession as bank cashier.

David and Elizabeth H. Crandall sold the property to Mary J. Young on March 13, 1884. Mary J. Young transfers the property to Mary A. Young (daughter) on December 15, 1884. Mary A. Young (daughter) by her will transfers the property to her mother Mary J. Young (widow) on July 1, 1885 by the will but the estate is not administered until January 20, 1886. The executor is William H. Young (son of Mary J and sister to Mary A.). Mary Jane Adams married John Young (son of James and Nancy Smith Young) and they moved to Washington, Iowa in 1843, settling four miles NW of Washington. John and Mary J. Young had nine children: James Alexander, Robert Smith, John Newton, Nancy Steele, Mary A., Sarah Ann, William Harvey, Cordelia, and Agnes Adelaid. The 1880 Census lists John Young (69) a farmer, residing in Franklin Township, Washington County, Iowa with his wife M. J. Young (61, keeping house), daughter Mary A. Young (18), and granddaughter E. (Ella) M. (6, in school). The 1885 census indicates the family residing on Washington Street in Washington: Mary J. Young (67) is

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widowed and head of the household and keeps house, Mary A. Young (23) and single, Ella Young (11) and Ann M. McAnulty (68, widow, likely sister of Mary J.).

Mary J. Young (widow) sold the property to S. N. McClain on January 9, 1888. There is a notation that reads "grantor can occupy premises during grantors lifetime." The local history per Edna Jones notes: John Young (Mr and Mrs) lived there. After he died, Mrs. Young made the house into a two family dwelling. Mrs Young in half and Dr. and Mrs. McClain in the other. He (Dr. McClain) tried to patent a gun and actually borrowed a lot of money from Mrs. Young. The patent fell through when some other man got the patent. Dr. McClain was a medical doctor." In the list of businesses in Washington in 1888, Samuel N. McClean, M. D. is practicing over H. H. Dawson's Store. By 1892, Samuel N. McClain, homeopathic physician, had his office and residence on W. Washington Street, the fourth house west of First National Bank. By 1895, McClain and Anderson have an office over the Klein's Clothing Store at 101 ½ W. Washington Street. The 1894 city directory lists S. N. McClean, MD residing at 304 W. Washington Street. The 1892 Sanborn map shows a house with the footprint similar to the current house, indicating the house has been expanded or rebuilt since 1874. The remodel was also noted as believed to be completed in the late 1880s by Dr. McClean per the local history by Edna Jones.

According to the 1887 *Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County, Iowa*, Samuel N. McClean, M. D. was born in Louisa County, Iowa January 7, 1858. He was the son of John McClean and Elizabeth Aitken. His father died and his mother remarried Thomas Nicholson. Dr. McClean secured a practice in his first year and he was quite successful. The 1880 Census indicates Thomas Nicholson (66) as head of the household residing with son C. Nicholson (12), Samuel McClean (23) step-son and single, Edward B. Nicholson (9) son and Elizabeth Nicholson (36) wife all residing Washington, Washington, Iowa. The 1885 census lists Elizabeth W. Nicholson (61) as head of the household with Sam N. McClean (26, homeopathic physician) and Alexander C. Nicholson (17). The 1894 city directory lists S.N. McClean, MD, residing at 304 W. Washington Street. The 1895 Census lists Samuel McClean (37) as head of the household and residing with Sarah McClean (33) his wife and daughter Clara McClean (5). Dr. S.N. McClean left town in approximately 1898 for Ohio to pursue his gun passion. Small tidbits in the *Washington Press* on March 9, 1904 and July 13, 1904 talk about Dr. McClean going to Washington D. C. and his success and Mrs. McClean visiting town. The community was interested in Dr. McClean even after he had left town. The 1905 Washington County Chautauqua booklet notes there there would be a batch of machine guns for demonstration.

Notations about Samuel N. McClean from the Springfield Armory Museum Collection Record are as follows: "Although the ultimate design of the Lewis gun rests with Isaac Lewis, the basic invention was not totally his own concept. Many of the theories of this weapon are credited to Dr. Samuel N. McLean, a Cleveland, Ohio inventor. Born in Iowa on 7 of January 1857, Samuel N. McClean received his medical degree from the University of Iowa. He practiced medicine in Washington, Iowa for the next eleven years, until his increasing interest in ordnance development took him completely away from medicine. McLean left Iowa for Cleveland, Ohio in the 1890's. McLean's initial ordnance patent was granted 5 April 1898. With financial backing from some wealthy Cleveland investors, Dr. McLean founded McClean Arms & Ordnance Company in 1900. By this time the forty-three-year-old physician turned gun inventor was already a recognized figure in the ordnance research field, with forty-four U. S

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and many foreign patents to his credit. Working with an Army ordnance expert, the innovative Samuel McLean produced his prototype light machine gun. It weighed only nineteen pounds, and had fewer operating parts than the then standard Benet-Mercie. Its inventor claimed that the barrel could be changed in half the time required by other guns. Discussing his invention with reporters, McClean said: "A machine gun is a noble thing as the mechanism which accomplishes the greatest amount of human destruction in the shortest possible time with the least difficulty." The amazed reporters wondered how so much destruction could possibly be called noble. The smiling inventor explained that his device would shorten wars and create peace because of its awesome power. Said McLean: "Gentlemen, the machine gun may make war obsolete, for what rational man would throw his life away senselessly in front of one." Samuel McClean spent several hundred thousand dollars on design development to perfect his machine gun. In addition to nearly a half-million dollars of investor money for an automatic cannon. As his failure to impress military buyers increased, his economic plight became more unstable. Like many other designers, he was forced to relinquish control of his ideas for cash. By 1906 he had not lost financial control of McLean Arms & Ordnance Company to his investors.

Per Historynet.com: "The most successful light machine gun of World War I was the brainchild of Dr. Samuel N. McClean, who conceived a gas-operated, water-cooled machine gun, and Colonel Isaac Newton Lewis, a U.S. Army artillery officer, who in 1911 modified it into a much simpler, lighter and more reliable air-cooled weapon. Festering animosity between Lewis and Brig. Gen. William Crozier, head of the U.S. Army Ordnance Department, led to the gun being rejected out of hand, so Lewis left the Army, moved to Europe and offered his design to the British, who accepted it for production by Birmingham Small Arms (BSA). The .303-caliber gun entered service as the Model 1914/Mark I Lewis."

Though Dr. Samuel and Sarah McClean moved to Ohio around 1898, they continued to own this property in Washington until 1907. The 1902 Sanborn Map indicates the same building and same two outbuildings as the 1897 map. The address has shifted from 304 to 314. The house appears to have been rented the property. In 1903, Schuyler Livingston, an attorney, his wife Alice, son David and daughter Louise lived at 314 W. Washington, along with Esther Dill a student. The transfer book indicates that S.N. McClean and wife sold Lot 6 to Carleton C. Wilson on November 29, 1907. However, there was also a tax sale to R. T. McCall Jr. for \$392.54 on December 2, 1907 (title tax and paving tax due of the amount of \$366.67, cost \$.20, penalty \$25.67 with a total of \$392.54). Carlton C. Wilson later filed a petition for quit claim deed on January 22, 1908 and dated April 2, 1908 to clear up the title for the property. The property appears to have been used as a rental since 1898 and continued to be used as such through the 1910s. Dr. Samuel and Sarah McClean lived in Flint, Michigan per the 1910 census, and then moved to Detroit by 1920.

C.C. Wilson et al then transferred the property to James M. Wilson on October 27, 1911. James M. Wilson (wife Kate) are owners of Wilson Heating Co. residing at 220 W. 2nd St. in the 1910-1911 City directory. Carlton C. Wilson resides at 921 E. Washington according to the 1910-1911 City directory In 1910-1911 city directory Mrs. Fern Bidwell, a seamstress, lived here, as well as Jasper E. Bidwell (who owned a livery at 201 North Iowa) and his wife Mary, Merle and John (who work at the livery) and Marie and Ruth A. (students). As noted, the *Evening Journal* in April 1913 notes: "J.M. Wilson has acquired possession of the large house just west of the Colonel Palmer residence and is tearing it down preparatory to building anew" ("Building for 1913," *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, 3). The 1917 county

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directory lists James M. Wilson residing on W. Washington Street but no house number. He is the owner of Wilson Heating Co and his wife is Kate. The 1917 Sanborn map shows a deeper porch, though otherwise the same footprint. The overall cubical form of the house and the Craftsman porch reflect the construction in 1913.

On March 29, 1918, there is a transaction from James M. and Kate D. Wilson to E. G. Gardner for \$8,000.00. They guickly sold it to George F. and Cornelia L. Morrison for the same price. The 1920 census lists George F. Morrison at 314 W. Washington, age 35, and a lawyer. His family included wife Cornelia (30) and son George (9 mo). A second family, George and Nettie Breitenbach, also lived here per the census, and George was a bank teller. The 1926 City Directory lists George F. Morrison residing at 316 W Washington Street and working as a lawyer. The 1930 Census lists George Morrison (45) residing at 314 W. Washington, and he is a lawyer and head of the household. Others residing in the household are: Cornelia (41, wife), George G. (10, son), Donald L. (7, son), and Ira F. (5, son). The 1932 telephone directory, 1935 city directory 1938 telephone book, and 1941 city directory list George and Cornelia Morrison residing at 314 W. Washington Street. The 1940 Census verifies the family still lives at 314 W Washington: George F. Morrison (56, attorney), Cornelia (51), G. Gifford (21, spray painter for decorating), Donald (18, painter for decorating), and Ira (15). The 1931 and 1943 Sanborn Maps show no changes. George and Cornelia continue to be listed here in the 1952 telephone directory. By the 1954 city directory also residing the home is Mrs. Ella Gifford. The 1954 telephone directory, 1956 telephone directory just list George F. Morrison residing at 314 W. Washington Street. The 1958 telephone directory, 1960 telephone directory, and 1962 telephone directory list George F. Morrison, attorney, and Ira F. Morrison, attorney, residing at 314 W. Washington Street. The 1964 city directory list George F. Morrison and Ira F. Morrison, as well as Ira's wife Eleanor J. and children Ann, Thomas, and Mary, all residing at 314 W. Washington Street. The 1967 city directory, the 1969 city directory, the 1972 city directory all list basically the same information. The 1972 directory does not list George and Ira is listed as a judge. In 1976 city directory lists Ira F. Morrison, judge, wife Eleanor J., Mary Morrison, student, and Thomas Morrison, special agent Rock Island RR, at 314 W. Washington. Cornelia Lansing Morrison transferred the property to George F. Morrison on May 7, 1980. George F. Morrison transferred the property to Ira F. Morrison on May 7, 1980.

Ira F. and Eleanor J. Morrison sold the property to Deborah L. Krotz-Dieleman and Jeffery A. Dieleman on February 11, 1989 for \$35,500. They are the current owners. The home was a dental office on the main floor from 1989-1998 and then in 1998 it became a single family dwelling again.

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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)

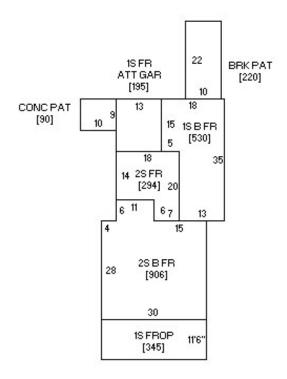


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