

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00425  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 Harry and Belle Shrader House (#1)

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-019

● **Location**

A) Street address: 221 South Avenue C

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

C) Legal Description:

Rural: Township Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Township No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_ of Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Urban: Subdivision: Addition to Washington Block(s): 4 Lot(s): S 1/2 of Lot 8 and S 1/2 of Lot 7 except W 7 ft.

● **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>	<b>Total</b>	<u>1</u>	<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**

09A06: Hipped roof, 2 stories

Foundation (visible exterior): 04: stone

walls (visible exterior): 15E: fiberboard

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*

1897  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*  
Harry Shrader

**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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**• 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 Foursquare house on the northwest corner of the intersection of S. Avenue C and W. Jefferson Street. The house faces S. Avenue C to the east, following the pattern of homes to the north of south of this lot. The house sits on a cut stone foundation, and it is clad with wide wood fiberboard shingles. Between the first and second stories of the house, there is an area of skirting or flared siding that has also been clad in the later siding. The hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and it has three wide hip roof dormers which are clad with vinyl siding. There is a nearly full front porch, an oriel window on the south side of the house, an staircase oriel window on the north side of the house, and a wood deck off the rear of the house. The windows are wood with aluminum storm / screens except those in the dormers. A three-car garage with attached car port sits at the west side of the lot with access from W. Jefferson Street.

The façade, the east elevation, has a front porch that spans from the south corner to the middle of the bay window at the north corner. The porch appears to date to the early 20th century, with a gable-front roof and round paired columns. The front gable is clad with vinyl siding. The porch railing, square balusters, and columns are all wood, as is the vertical grating below the porch floor. The porch steps and floor are carpeted. The porch steps are located to the right/north and lead directly to the entry, which is slightly off center to the right/north. It has a historic wood door with a full window and an aluminum storm / screen door. To the left/south of the entry, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. To the right/north of the entry, there is bay window, whose southeast angled wall is where the porch railing meets the house. The center wall has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. On the second story, there are two evenly distributed one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. At the attic level, there is a wide hi- roof dormer with a pair of decorative diamond-pattern wood windows.

The south elevation faces W. Jefferson Street. On the right/east/front, there is a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. The center section has a square oriel window supported by eight wood brackets. There are four narrow one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows in the oriel window. The roof of the oriel window is in line with the flared siding at the mid-house level on this side. The third/rear/west section has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window in each of the sections of this elevation. The south hip-roof dormer has three decorative diamond-pattern wood windows.

The north elevation likewise is visually divided into three sections by a staircase oriel window at the center of the elevation. Below the oriel window, there is a ground level entry with a wood door with a window in the upper half of the door and an aluminum storm / screen door. The oriel window has a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a stained glass transom above it. The dormer above the oriel has three decorative diamond-patten wood windows. The first/left/east/front section has a narrow one-over-one-light double-hung wood window at the far left/east end of the wall, and a wide one-over-one-light double-hung wood window toward the center of the section. A similar one-over-one-light double-hung wood window is above this second window on the second story. To the right/west/rear of the oriel window, the third section has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window which has a sill slightly higher than typical for this house. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-

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light double-hung wood window. There are two basement windows on this side of the house, both closed with T-111 siding.

The west elevation, the rear of the house, has a porch on the left/north half of the first story, which is enclosed at the north/left end with an open porch that extends about two-thirds of the way to the southwest corner of the house. A hip roof covers both the enclosed and open sections. The enclosed porch has no fenestrations on its north elevation, a narrow double-hung wood window with decorative diamond-pattern sashes on the west elevation, and an entry which has been closed with T-111 plywood on the south elevation. To the right/south of the enclosed porch, there is a vinyl patio door on the house, and immediately to its right is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with a somewhat higher sill than typical for this house. On the south/right section, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window to the left, above the enclosed porch, and another one-over-one-light double-hung wood window to the right, above the south first story window. Beside the house, a set of concrete steps leads from the open porch to ground level where there is a closed basement window. To the west of the porches, there is a wood deck that has wood floor and railings, and wood steps leading down to the driveway.

The three stall frame garage sits at the west end of the lot, facing W. Jefferson Street. It sits on a poured concrete foundation, and is clad with T-111 siding. It appears to have been built in the 1970s, replacing an earlier smaller garage oriented oppositely on the Sanborn maps. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the gables are clad with vinyl siding. There is an open car port at the right/east end of the garage, nearest the house. On the south elevation of the garage, the three garage stalls have single fiberglass doors. The east elevation has a centered four-light wood window flanked by shutters, with a wood entry door to the right of the window at the corner of the garage. The west elevation has a matching four-light wood window with shutters. The north elevation of the garage has three four-light wood windows evenly distributed across the wall.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Harry and Belle Shrader 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 businessmen, and the house contributes to that period of significance. Though clad in later siding, the house retains its original form and a number of historic features including oriel windows, bay window, front porch, dormers, and decorative windows.

The house may be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for its association with Harry Shrader. Shrader lived here during 18 productive years of his building career from 1897 (age 37) to 1915 (age 55), then moving to a new bungalow at 416 W. Washington where he lived until he died in 1931 (age 71) (see Iowa #92-00387). Further research on Shrader and evaluation of the interior integrity would solidify this determination. Removal of the later siding may also be required for sufficient exterior integrity, and if the siding were to be removed the house should be re-evaluated under Criterion C for its architecture as well.

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*History / research summary of property (chronological order, by owner/period):*

Lots 7 and 8 were platted to face W. Jefferson to the south, instead on an east / west axis to face S. Avenue C to the east. D.H. Ballard purchased Lots 7 and 8 from the Independent School District of Washington on September 14, 1867. He sold the north half of Lots 7 and 8 on September 1, 1870, and then sold the south half of the lots to Catherine E. Cullen on April 16, 1873. C.E. and W.F. Cullen then sold the south half of the lots to A.W. Chilcote on May 3, 1873, who then sold them to R.B. Taggart on March 24, 1874. The 1874 atlas shows a L-shaped house on the south half of the lots, along with a rectangular house on the north half of the lots. The 1894 atlas shows a square house on this corner property, likely replacing the earlier house and similar in footprint to the current house. R.B. Taggart sold the south half of the lots to Mary A. Christopher on March 1, 1876, and she sold the property to local banker Joseph Keck on January 21, 1878. Keck sold the property to Viola Phelps on March 4, 1878. The 1880 census lists Albert and Viola Phelps as the listing after Hugh Smith, who lived on the corner to the south. The household includes Albert Phelps, age 38, lawyer; Viola I., age 28; Bessie, age 6; and Florence, age 4. The 1885 census likewise lists them along W. Jefferson, including Albert Phelps (43, lawyer), Viola (22), Bessie (11), and Florence (9). By the 1890s, the family was spending time in Minneapolis. They were not listed in the 1894 city directory in Washington. By 1900, they were living in Minneapolis.

On April 22, 1897, Viola I. Phelps and husband sold the south half of Lot 8 and the south half of Lot 7 except 7 feet off the west side to Harry Shrader, a local building contractor. The assessor lists 1911 as the estimated construction date of the house, which is inaccurate as the house clearly appears on the 1909 Sanborn map. The early 20th century seems appropriate for a Foursquare home, which the cubical form of this house suggests. However, the form is also similar to Shingle style houses built in the 1890s to 1900s in Washington, and the apparent flared siding between the first and second stories is also found on Queen Anne and other homes built in the 1890s to 1900s. It is unclear if the footprint depicted on the 1894 atlas is this house or the earlier house. It seems logical that contractor/carpenter Harry Shrader would have built a new house on this property in 1897 after he purchased it. Thus, c.1897 is used as the construction date for this property. If the later wide wood fiberboard siding were to be removed, the underlying siding would provide additional information on the date of construction and style of the home. Assuming that this house was built by Shrader around 1897, then other homes noted with the flared mid-house siding would likely have been also built by him. He is noted as contractor for the 1893 home of Frank Stewart at 603 W. Washington, a Queen Anne house that has this feature. It is also possible that he built himself a new house a few years after originally purchasing the property.

The 1900 census lists Harry Shrader next to John Morton (414 W. Jefferson), so he was living at this property by this date. He is head of the household, a home owner with no mortgage, age 40 and working as a carpenter. His wife Belle is 41 years old, and a neighbor boy, Claire Dewey was present and included in the census taker's report with a note "son of No. 7". The 1903 city directory lists Harry Shrader living at 219 S. Avenue C with his wife Belle and a child Abbie. He is listed in the 1904 and 1908 telephone directories, although with no street address given. The 1909 Sanborn map, the first to show this block in detail, shows the house as it is today. The rear porch is not yet enclosed, and there

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is a small outbuilding just off the northwest corner of the house. Harry Shrader was born in Washington on May 6, 1860, the son of early contractor Philip Shrader. They worked as Shrader & Son by the 1880s. Harry Shrader is then listed on his own by 1890, and he built many buildings and homes in Washington from the 1890s into the 1920s. In the 1910 census, the address is 219 South Avenue C, and the residents are Harry Shrader, age 50 and a home owner with no mortgage, working as a contractor building houses, his wife Belle, age 51, and niece Abbie, age 15. The 1910-11 city directory confirms the census information and adds that Shrader has a shop at 122 North Avenue B. Shrader sold the property to W.S. Eldridge on September 25, 1915. On September 27, 1915, Maxwell sold the property at 416 W. Washington to Harry Shrader, and a new bungalow was on this lot by the 1917 Sanborn map (see Iowa #92-00387). Shrader lived there until his death on May 7, 1931.

As noted, Shrader sold his older home on Avenue C to W.S. Eldridge on September 25, 1915. The 1917 Sanborn map shows the house at 221 S. Avenue C on the south half of lot 8, with a small rectangular outbuilding to the rear on the south half of lot 7. The 1917 county directory lists Will S. Eldridge of Godfrey & Eldridge living at 219 South Avenue C with his wife Jennie and children J. Earl, an agent for Willard Battery, Evelyn, a student, and Glen. The 1920 census lists William Eldridge, head of the household and a home owner with a mortgage, age 51 and working as a real estate agent, living at 221 South Avenue C with his wife Jennie, age 48, son Earl, age 21 and working in electrical supplies, daughter Evelyn, age 20, and son Glen, age 16. The 1926 telephone directory has a listing for W.S. Eldridge at 221 S. Ave. C, and a listing for Glenn Eldridge at 409 S. Iowa Avenue. By the 1930 census, the family consists of William S. Eldridge, home owner of property worth \$6,000, age 61 and working as a real estate agent, his wife Jennie V., age 58, and son William G., divorced at age 26 and working as a mail carrier. Eldridge is listed at this address in the 1932 telephone directory. The small outbuilding depicted on the 1917 map is labeled A for auto on the 1931 Sanborn map and appears again on the 1943 map.

Eldridge transferred the property to Carl J. Roberts on February 27, 1932. The 1935 city directory lists Wm. P. Barth, a bulkman for Phillips Petroleum Co., living at 221 S. Avenue C with his wife Hulda. Barth is also listed at this address in the 1938 telephone directory. The 1940 census describes the residents here as William P. Barth, a renter paying \$25 a month and working as the manager of a bulk oil plant, age 49; his wife Hulda, age 41; children William, age 14; Mary Lou, age 13; Betty Jean, age 10; Lawrence, age 6; and his brother Frank, age 53, working as a truck driver for a bulk oil plant. The 1941 city directory confirms the same information.

Roberts sold the property to W.P. Barth on March 30, 1944. The current siding was likely installed after this date. Barth is listed at 221 South Avenue C in the telephone and city directories from 1952 through the 1972 city directory. His listing changes to retired in 1964, and the last listing, in 1972, lists Mrs. Hulda L. Barth, widow of Wm. P. The property was transferred from William Barth to Hulda Barth on February 7, 1973.

The current owners purchased the property from the Hulda Barth estate on May 30, 1974. The 1976 city directory lists the residents here as Ron Allison, pressman at the *Washington Evening Journal*, his wife Dorothy A., an Avon representative, and children Kristine (1963) and Jacqueline (1966).

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**Location map**



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



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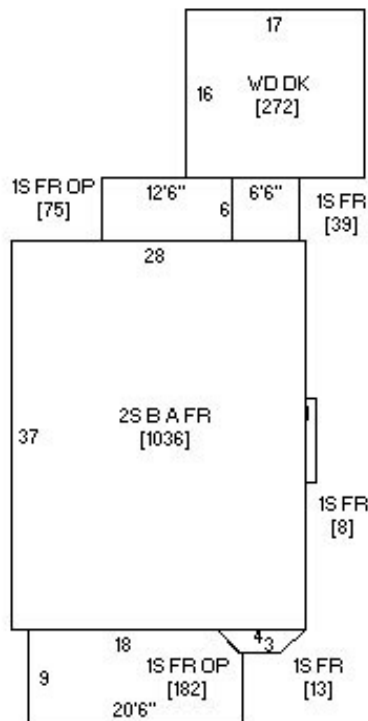
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**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



**Photo from assessor's website**



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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00425-001 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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**Photograph 92-00425-002 - House, looking northwest (December 2014)**



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Photograph 92-00425-003 - House, looking southeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00425-004 - House, looking east (December 2014)



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**Photograph 92-00425-005 - Garage, looking west (December 2014)**