# **Iowa Site Inventory Form** State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

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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-</u> preservation/statewide-inventory-and-collections/iowa-site-inventory-form.html

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C) Areas of Significance Enter categories from instructions Community planning and development	D) Period(s) of significance
E) Significant dates Construction date <u>1890</u> ⊠ check if circa or estimated date Other dates, including renovations	F) Significant person Complete if Criterion B is marked above
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Organization/firm: Washington Historic Preservation Co	
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The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with ab	ove 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 one-and-one-half-story gable-front frame house built on the south side of W. Jefferson Street. The house sits on a stone foundation which has been clad with stucco, although some has fallen off to reveal the stone. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the house is clad with vinyl siding. The windows are also vinyl. The assessor photograph shows the house before these recent modifications, and the windows were historically two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows. There is a full front porch on the front of the house, and an enclosed porch and wood deck at the rear of the house. There is a small outbuilding at the south end of the lot next to the alley.

The façade, the north elevation, has a hip-roof front porch. It has square wood columns and a single centered step. There is a centered entry with a vinyl door and an aluminum storm / screen door. On either side of the entry, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. On the second story, there is a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered below the peak of the gable.

The east elevation has two evenly distributed one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows.

The west elevation has a one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on the right/south/rear half of the house. There is a small basement window, also located toward the rear of the house.

The rear of the house, the south elevation, has a one-story rear addition on a concrete foundation. The 1917 Sanborn map does not show a rear addition, but it is present on the 1931 map. To the right/east of the addition on the south elevation of the house, there is a wider one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window with a sill somewhat higher than typical for this house. On the second story, there is a typical size one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered below the peak of the gable. The rear addition has a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on its west elevation, and another one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window on its east elevation. On the south, there is an entry at the right/east and a roughly centered one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window. A wood deck sits to the south of the enclosed porch. It has wood railings and balusters, floor, and steps leading down to the yard.

At the south end of the lot there is a side gable outbuilding clad with aluminum siding. An outbuilding is noted here on the 1931 and 1943 Sanborn maps, not labeled as a garage. The foundation is poured concrete, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Exposed rafter tails are found under the side eaves. The south elevation has two wood half doors, one at each end of the building (like for horses in a barn). There is a small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window near the peak of the east gable, and a small fixed wood window near the peak of the west gable. The north elevation, facing the house, has wood door just to the left of center.

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#### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mark and Johanna Pratt House appears to contribute historically to the potential "west side" residential historic district in Washington. This simple gable-front house was likely built in the 1890s for rental income on property owned by Sarah Beaty, a widow who lived in the corner house. A similar arrangement existed with a secondary house for the property on the northeast corner of Jefferson and S. Avenue D. The house was sold in 1912 after her death to Mark and Johanna Pratt, who then lived here until their deaths in 1956 and 1965.

This house does not appear eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The house does not appear to have particular historic or architectural significance individually.

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

The 1869 birds-eve view and the 1874 atlas show a vacant lot here. On October 26, 1867, David P. Sturges and wife sold a part of Out Lot 4 to John S. Beaty, described as starting 126 feet west of the northeast corner (now northeast corner of Lot 3), then south 132 feet, west 138 feet (including lots 3 and 4 currently), the north 132 feet, and east 138 feet to beginning. John S. Beaty is listed as owning other land in Out Lot 4 in the early entries in the transfer book dating to pre-1866, which appears to be the property to the east including the corner house. The 1856 census lists the family as living in Cedar Township, Washington County: John S. (45), Sarah A. (41), and six children, including Rebecca (5). John Beaty died on January 31, 1879. The 1880 census lists Sarah (66) and Rebecca (29) living on Jefferson Street in Washington. The 1885 Iowa census lists Sarah Beatey (69, widow), living on Jefferson St with Rebecca (33). The household after them is that of Ralph Dewey, who lived across the street on the north corner, and the household before them is laborer Lodwig and Morfel Morton, perhaps the house on Lot 2. The previous household then appears to be a different block. Rebecca married Henry Sanford in 1891 (who had lived with his parents on the block to the north). The 1894 atlas then shows the footprint of a simple gable-front house here on Lot 3, as well as two houses to the east on Lots 1 and 2. The corner house on Lot 1 (demolished) was the residence of Sarah A. Beatty, who is listed at 503 W. Jefferson in the 1894 city directory. The directory then lists a Mr. Guthrie at 505 W. Jefferson, which appears to be the earlier house on Lot 2 (replaced c.1921). No other listings were then identified for the 500 block. Thus, this house appears to have been built for rental income by the Beaty family, sometime between 1874 and 1894, perhaps around 1894. The assessor lists an estimated construction date of c.1890. The earlier assessor photograph of the house shows two-overtwo-light double-hung wood windows, which would be consistent with the 1880s or 1890s. The 1895 lowa census lists Sarah Beaty (80), living with Henry M. Sanford (45, livery man) and Rebecca (44) likely in the corner house. The 1900 census continues to list the three living together, with no address included to identify the family in this house to the west. The 1903 city directory lists George A. and Marie Graff living at 515 W. Jefferson. The house appears with the simple rectangular footprint on the 1909 Sanborn map. Sarah A. Beaty then died in 1910, and her property on this block was inherited by her children. No resident was identified in this house in the 1910-11 city directory.

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On September 28, 1912, Henry M. Sanford et al (heirs of Sarah) sold this property (now described as the east 66 feet of Lot 3 in Out Lot 4) to Johannah Pratt. In the 1910-11 city directory, Mark Pratt and his wife Hannah are living at 320 North Avenue C., and he is a driver for E. Bovee, a drayman. The 1915 Iowa census lists Mark Pratt, a city marshall, living in Ward 4. He values his home at \$1,000 and lists no encumbrance on it. The 1917 county directory lists Mark Pratt and his wife Johanna living at 515 W. Jefferson Street, noting he is employed by the Gas Company. The 1920 census lists Mark Pratt. head of the household and home owner with no mortgage, age 42 and working as a bridge carpenter. His wife Hannah is 37 years old, and a nephew Henry Little, age 8, is living with them. The census in 1930 again lists the family as H. Mark Pratt, head of the household, and owner of a house valued at \$1,000. He is 53 years old, and working for a transfer line as a drayman. Johanna, his wife, is 48 years old. He is also listed in the 1932 telephone directory at this address, and in the 1935 city directory, which notes he is working as a drayman. The telephone directory listings for Pratt at this address continue through 1962. The 1940 census again lists the residents at 515 W. Jefferson Street as Mark Pratt, age 63, and his wife Hannah, age 58. He is working for the city police. The 1941 city directory lists Pratt as a night policeman for the city of Washington, and he and Johanna are still living at this address. Pratt died in January 1956, and Hannah continued to live in the house. She was listed in the 1964 city directory as Mrs. Hannah Pratt, widow of Mark, and owner of the property.

Henry A. Little, conservator for Hannah Pratt, transferred the property to Jane T. Bruders on December 13, 1966. The city directory for 1967 lists Jane T. Bruders living at this address, with her children Sharon and Sheila R. In the 1969 city directory, the residents here are Jane T. Bruders, widow of Roy, and Sheila R. Bruders, and this listing is repeated in the 1972 city directory. Only Jane Bruders was listed here in the 1976 directory. The current owner is Sheila Bruders Harper.

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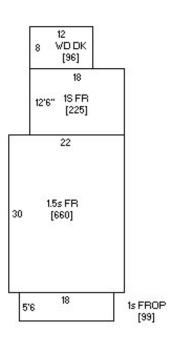
#### Location map



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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#### Photo from assessor's website



earlier photograph showing 2/2 wood windows

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## **Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00744-001 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00744-002 - House, looking northeast (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00744-003 - Garage, looking southwest (December 2014)

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