

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00002 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 James F. and Colletta Duffy House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-031

• Location

A) Street address: 529 W. Jefferson 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: Subdivision of Outlot 4 Block(s): _____ Lot(s): 5

• 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> | Total | — | 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

01A01: Domestic / residence

01C05: Domestic / garage

B) Current functions

01A01: Domestic / residence

01C05: Domestic / garage

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural Classification

09A06: Hipped roof / Foursquare

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A: Concrete block

walls (visible exterior): 02A: Wood / weatherboard

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

1915 *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 |
|------|---------|----------|-----|------|---------|----------|-----|
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| 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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Narrative Description

This is a two-story frame Foursquare house on the southeast corner of the intersection of W. Jefferson Street and S. Avenue E. The house sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and it is clad with narrow wood weatherboard siding. The hipped roof flares at the lower edge, and it is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a hip-roof dormer on the roof on the north side of the house. There is a wrap-around front porch on the north and east sides of the house. There is a staircase oriel window on the west side of the house, and a two story bay window on the south half of the east elevation. The windows are vinyl replacements and they have no storm / screens. There are two garages located on the property, one attached through an addition to the house and one at the southwest corner of the lot that appears to date to the 1920s.

The façade, the north elevation, has a wrap-around porch which extends across the facade, around the northeast corner of the house and along roughly half of the east side of the house. At the west end on the north side, there are wide wood steps leading up to a wood porch floor. The railings and balusters are square wood, and the wood columns are tapered and square. There is wood vertical lattice below the porch floor. The entry is on the west/right half of the first story. It has a historic wood door with a full length beveled glass window, and a wood Victorian style screen door. On the left/east half, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window. On the second story, there are two evenly distributed six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl windows. At attic level there is a hip-roof dormer with a pair of small six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl windows.

The porch continues around to the northeast corner to the east elevation. Within the porch on the right/north half of the first story, there is a six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window. There is a similar window on the second story. The porch ends at the middle of the elevation. To the left/south of the porch, there is a two story bay window on the south/left half of this side. There are narrow six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl windows in each of the angled sides of the bay on both the first and second stories. The center section of the bay on both stories has a rectangular six-light vinyl window located high on the wall.

The west elevation is divided into three sections by a centered staircase oriel window. The square oriel window is located between the first and second story. There is a wide six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window in the oriel window. Below it, there is a side entry with a wood screen door clad with opaque reinforced plastic. Above the oriel window, there is a small six-light vinyl window. The left/north/front section has a six-light vinyl window on the first story, and a six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window on the second story. The right/south/rear section has a smaller six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window with a sill somewhat higher than is typical for this house. There is no window on the second story in this section.

The south elevation, the rear of the house, is largely obscured by a later rear addition, which attaches the rear of the house to the two-car garage to the southeast of the house. The assessor lists 1995 as the date of construction of the addition. A wood deck can be seen at the west end of the first story. The second story has a small six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window to the left. There is a small wood balcony outside a second story entry. The door appears to be wood with four panes in the upper part of

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the door and an aluminum storm / screen door. There is a six-over-six-light double-hung vinyl window to the right of the entry. The attached garage is clad with T-111 wood siding, and has two single aluminum garage doors which face south, toward the alley. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a small wood fixed window in the east side of the garage.

An older garage sits along the alley at the rear/south end of the lot. It does not appear on the 1917 Sanborn map, but it is here on the 1931 map. It is a frame two-car garage facing east, with access from the alley to the south. It sits on a poured concrete foundation, and is clad with horizontal V-groove wood siding. There are two wood sliding garage doors on the east elevation, and the west and south elevations each have a centrally located four pane wood window. The hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the exposed rafter tails are found under the eaves on all sides.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The James F. and Colletta Duffy 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 in the early 20th century with large homes for successful businessmen and residents. The house appears to have been built by contractor J.F. Simpson around 1915 and then sold to James F. Duffy, owner of the Ford dealership in Washington. The Luers family then owned the property from 1925 to 1993. The house retains a number of historic features, including the cubical form, porch, oriel window, bay window, wood siding, and dormer. The garage likewise is a good example of a historic garage from the 1920s, retaining a high level of integrity.

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. The garage has potential significance under Criterion C for its architecture.

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

The 1909 Sanborn map shows Lot 4 as a vacant lot. J.R. Campbell then sold the lot to contractor John F. Simpson on May 11, 1912. He lived in the house that he built in 1910 two blocks to the north at 509 W. Main. He likely built the house in 1914 or 1915. J.F. Simpson then sold the property to J.F. Duffy on September 3, 1915. Duffy is listed in the 1917 county directory as living at 527 W. Jefferson Street with his sons Lionel and Lyle. He is the Ford dealer, with a showroom and garage located on North Iowa Avenue. The 1920 census identifies the family living at 527 W. Jefferson Street as James F. Duffy, head of the household and home owner with no mortgage, age 38, an employer and dealer in automobiles. His wife Coletta is 26 years old, and their three sons are Lionel, age 13, Lyle, age 9, and Carrol, age 1 ½. A servant, Nellie Vacha, age 40, also lives here. The Mace Motor Company was started as a Ford dealership by J.F. Duffy. G.E. Mace started working for Duffy in 1920, and he became assistant manager in early 1922 and then bought it in October 1922 (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 60). The family was listed in Los Angeles in the 1930 census.

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J.F. Duffy sold the property to Carolina Luers on March 28, 1925. The family is not listed in the 1926 telephone directory. The 1930 census lists Henry D. Luers, head of the household, home owner of a house valued at \$4,000, living at 529 W. Jefferson Street. He is age 64 and working as an insurance agent. His wife Carolina, age 55, also lives here. The 1935 city directory lists the residents at this address as R. Boice Kurtz, a meat cutter at Kurtz Market, and his wife Arline. Kurtz is also listed here in the 1938 telephone directory. Luers are not listed in Washington in this period. The 1940 census identifies Henry D. Luers, now 74 years old, as home owner, living at this address with his wife Carolena, age 65. The 1941 city directory describes the family as H.D. Luers insurance agent and home owner, his wife Caroline, and Harold Luers, a jr. student at Washington High School, and LeRoy Luers, a sophomore student at the high school. H.D. Luers is listed at 529 W. Jefferson Street in the 1952 telephone directory.

Henry and Carolina Luers transferred the property to son Lloyd Adam Luers on June 18, 1952. The 1954 city directory index lists Raymond Rowe and Donald Pencil living at this address, but there is no listing in the 1954 telephone directory for Luers or Rowe or Pencil.

Harold A. Luers and wife, with others, transferred the property to Ruth Ella Luers on May 29, 1954, and the Lloyd A. Luers estate transferred ownership of the property to Ruth E. and Raymond Dean Luers on January 31, 1955. During this time period there are no listings for Luers at this address. By 1957, there is a telephone directory listing for Mrs. Ruth Luers, and she continues to be listed through the 1963 directory. In the 1964 city directory, the listing is for Mrs. Ruth Luers, widow of Lloyd, and this listing is repeated in the 1967 directory. The house is listed as Vacant in the 1969 city directory. The 1972 city directory lists Georold E. Goodwin, a masonry contractor, and his wife Kathy J. living at 529 W. Jefferson Street with their children Jean, born in 1959, Georold, Jr. born in 1960, Ronald, born in 1966, and Matthew, born in 1971. The Luers family continued to own the property through 1993.

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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)

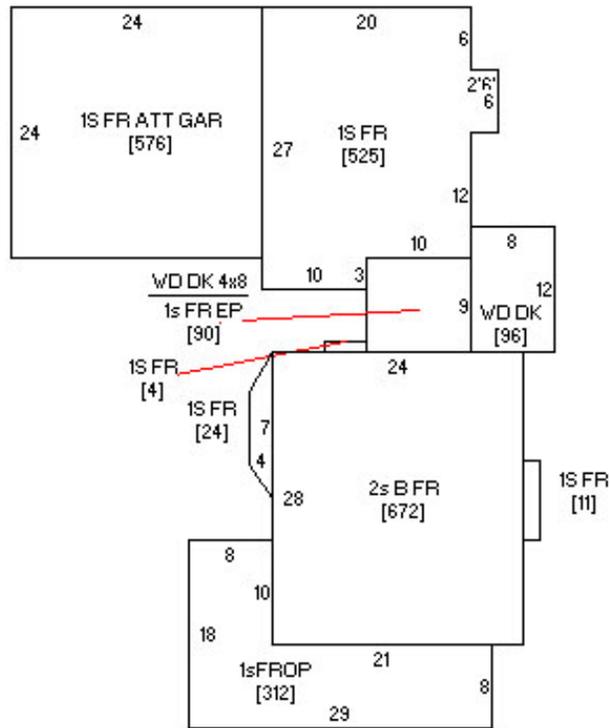


Photo from assessor's website



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Photograph 92-00002-001 - House, looking south (December 2014)

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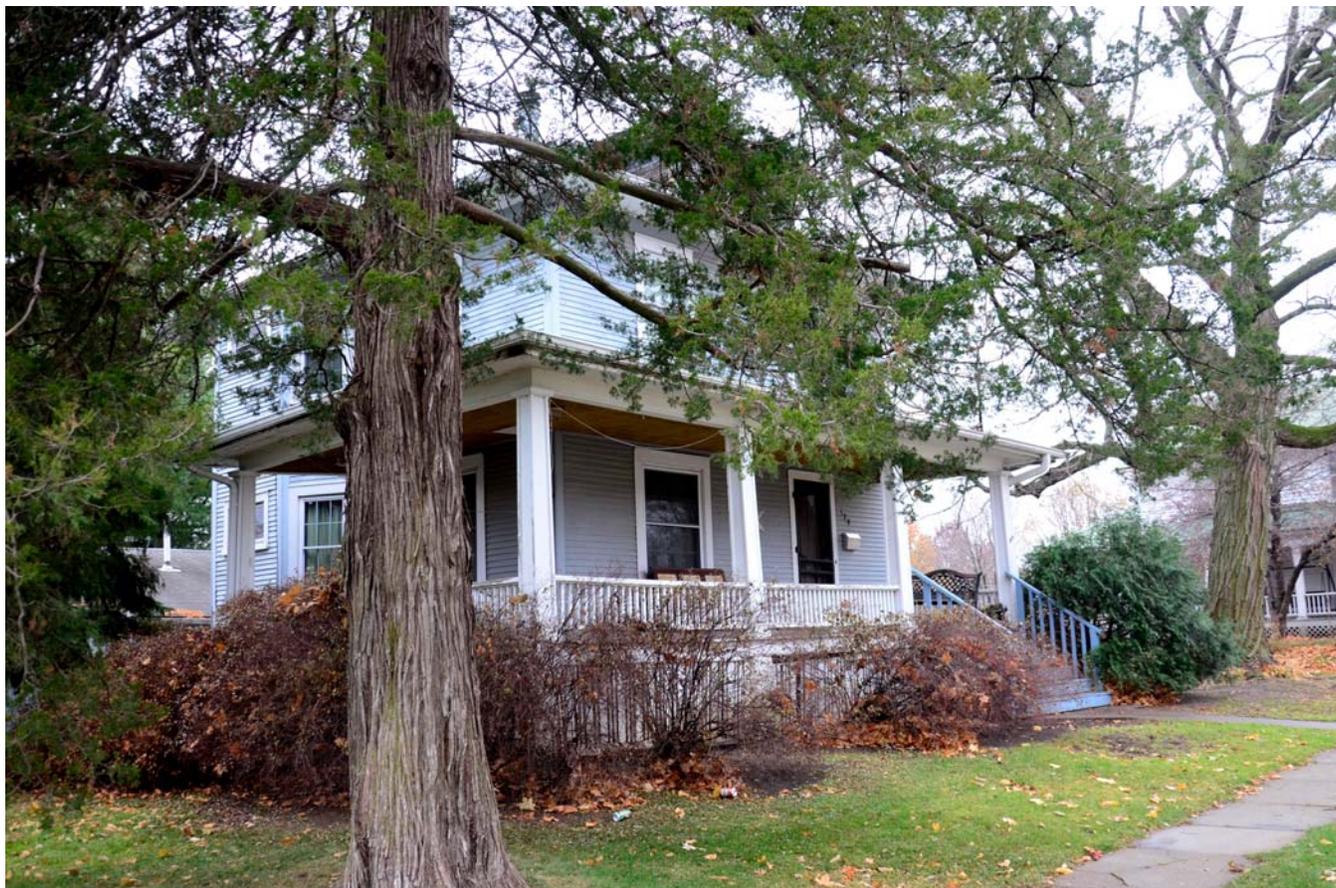
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Photograph 92-00002-002 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00002-003 - House, looking southwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00002-005 - Garage, looking northwest (December 2014)

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Photograph 92-00002-006 - Garage, looking northeast (December 2014)