

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(July 2014)

State Inventory Number: 92-00778 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 and Patricia C. Harris House

B) Other names: West side survey map #WS-118

• **Location**

A) Street address: 623 W. Main 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: Western Addition Block(s): 6 Lot(s): W 29' Lot 1 and E 46' of Lot 2

• **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>—</u>	Buildings
<u>—</u>	Sites	<u>—</u>	Sites
<u>—</u>	Structures	<u>—</u>	Structures
<u>—</u>	Objects	<u>—</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	<u>—</u>	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

E) Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD title: Architectural and Historical Survey of the "west side" residential neighborhood in Washington Historical Architectural Data Base #: 92-013

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

A) Historic functions

01A01: Domestic / residence

B) Current functions

01A01: Domestic / residence

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

A) Architectural classification

10C: Ranch

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Poured Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 15E: Wood fiberboard

Roof: 05: Metal

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 archaeology/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: Property 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

1958 *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 sheets for the list of research sources used in preparing this form*

• Geographic Data *Optional UTM references* *See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments*

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 one-story frame ranch house built around 1958 on the south side of W. Main Street. The house sits on a poured concrete foundation, and the walls are clad in wide wood siding. The hip roof is covered in aluminum. All windows are aluminum with storms/screens. A non-historic wood shed is located in the rear portion of the lot.

The façade (north elevation) has an aluminum single-car garage door is on the right (west) portion. An aluminum door with windows is located to the left/east, which has a poured concrete stoop with a metal railing with two steps to the west. Near the center of the façade, there is a five panel bow window with five tall single-light windows. A small one-over-one-light double-hung window is located to the left (east) of the bay window, and a larger one-over-one-light double-hung window is found at the left/east end of the façade.

The west elevation has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the left/north/front, and an aluminum storm door to the right/south/rear.

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

The four openings across the south elevation are evenly spaced, door/window/window/window. The rear entry is located at the left, with a pair of casement windows to its right/east. An air unit covers the next window, and there is a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the east/right end.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The James and Patricia Harris House appears to contribute historically to the potential residential historic district on the west side of Washington. The ranch house was built during the period of development of the former Hiram Scofield estate in the late 1950s, and it is significant within this period of later development of the neighborhood. The period of significance for the historic district is anticipated to extend through 1965, so it would fall within this period.

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

This parcel is part of a larger property owned for many years by the Hiram Scofield family. Hiram Scofield was a lawyer and involved in early banking in Washington, arriving here in 1856. Two of his brothers later moved to town, and he formed a real estate partnership with William, also a lawyer (H. & W. Scofield). Hiram married Amelia B. Wilson in 1866, and they had two children, Clara J. and Cora L (Burrell 1909, Vol. 2: 610-612). Hiram Scofield acquired Lots 1-4 (619-633 W. Main) in Block 6 of the Western Addition on March 15, 1870. The 1874 atlas shows his house spanning lots 3-4 at the west end of the block. He later bought lots 5-6-7 along W. Washington to the south of his house on January

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20, 1880. Small houses appear on each of these lots to the south on the 1894 atlas, but the houses on lots 5-6 are gone by the 1909 Sanborn map. The 1903 city directory lists Hiram (lawyer) and Amelia Scofield living at 633 W. Main Street, along with daughter Cora (teacher). Hiram Scofield died in 1906 in Seattle, Washington. Amelia continued to own this property until November 1925 when it transferred to Cora L. Scofield and Clara J. Patterson (Lots 1-7). The 1931 Sanborn map shows the house remaining at 633 W. Main on Lots 3-4, with no other houses on Lots 1-2 to the east or Lots 5-7 to the south. The 1943 Sanborn map shows the Hiram Scofield House demolished, with no construction on Lots 1-7. On April 25, 1946, Clara Patterson (widow) and Cora Scofield (spinster) transferred the property (Lots 1-7) to Carleton C. Wilson. He quickly sold the property (with alley) to St. James Catholic Church on May 6, 1946. The church also acquired the house on Lot 8 at 614 W. Washington in 1949, thus owning Lots 1-8 in Block 6 of Western Addition. That house on Lot 8 was then used as a convent. St James Catholic Church was located for many decades to the north at 606 W. Second, with the school across the street at 607 W. Second. They considered several plans for expansion in the 1950s, ending up demolishing their older church and building a new one on the same general property in 1961 (Fisher 1978: 170). They sold off these lots in Block 6 of the Western Addition for development in the late 1950s.

No listings are found in telephone directories for 623 W. Main Street until James Harris is listed here in the 1960 directory. St. James Church sold this property (west 29' of Lot 1 and east 46' of Lot 2) to Dallas and Virginia Chamberlin on May 11, 1956, as well as the larger property to the west (west 20' of Lot 2 and Lots 3-4). They appear to have built at house at the corner (633) in 1956, the center house (627) in 1957), and then this house to the east (623) in 1958. The assessor lists a construction date of 1958 for the house, so it was likely built while Chamberlins owned the property and then they sold the house. The 1958 city directory does not list this address. Chamberlins sold the property to James and Patricia Harris on April 23, 1959. They then lived here about three years, listed at 623 W. Main Street in both the 1960 and 1962 city directories. James Harris was manager of HyVee Food Store.

The Harris' sold the property to Martha C. Rotenburger on September 10, 1962. Martha is recorded as living at the address in the city directories from 1964 through 1976 and was listed as an assistant cook at Winga's Café, which operated at 106 W. Main Street between the 1950s and 2006 (Site Form 92-00539). Martha's June 23, 1989 obituary also listed her as working at the Washington Country club. The property was sold by the Martha Rotenburger estate to Mary C. Peiffer on September 29, 1989.

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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)

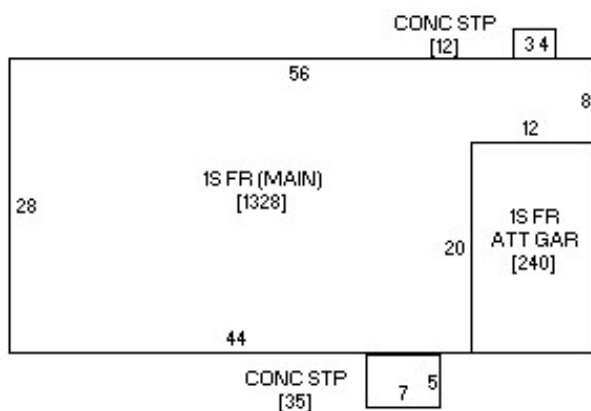


Photo from assessor's website



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