

1 City, Village or Town: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAUKESHA	County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAUKESHA	Surveyor: HNTB	Date: 2/10/82
Street Address: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 223 Wisconsin Avenue		Legal Description: Addendum	Acreage: Less than one acre
Current Name & Use: Orthopedic Associates of Waukesha/Offices		Current Owner: 223 Wisconsin Ave. Partnership	

Film Roll No. WK-48
 Negative No. 28
 Facade Orient. N



Current Owner's Address: 223 Wisconsin Ave.
 Special Features Not Visible In Photographs:
 UTM: Zone 16
 Easting: 399780
 Northing: 4762390
 USGS Waukesha Quadrangle/Scale: 1:24,000
 Interior visited? Yes No

2 Original Name & Use: (preferred) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank H. Putney House	Source A
Dates of Construction/Alteration: 1901	Source B
Architect and/or Builder: Newspaper articles refer to a "Philadelphia architect" but do not specify name.	Source B

Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source

3 Architectural Significance
 Represents work of a master
 Possesses high artistic values
 Represents a type, period, or method of construction
 Is a visual landmark in the area
 Other: _____ None

4 Historical Significance
 Assoc. with lives of significant persons
 Assoc. with significant historical events
 Assoc. with development of a locality
 Other: _____
 None

Architectural Statement:
 See Continuation Sheet

Historical Statement:
 See Continuation Sheet

- 5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above)
 Waukesha Freeman, Dec. 3, 1914
A Vol. LVI No. 49 Obituary
B Waukesha Freeman, Nov. 7, 1901 p. 1
C Milwaukee Free Press, Dec. 1, 1914
D
E
F

6 Representation in Previous Surveys
 HABS NAER WIHP NRHP landmark
 other:
 7 Condition
 excellent good fair poor ruins
 8 District: _____
 pivotal contributing non-contributing
 initials: _____ date: _____
 9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility
 eligible not eligible unknown
 national state local initials: DE/CC

Wisconsin Avenue
 223
 LOTH
 RANGE
 SECTION
 Map Name
 Waukesha City Map
 Map Code
 48/28

FRANK H. PUTNEY HOUSE (223 Wisconsin Avenue)
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT:

Description: The Frank H. Putney house was designed in 1901 by a Philadelphia architect in the "English" style. (B) The Putney house is two stories, plus attic in height, and now serves as doctor's offices. Change in function has not affected the exterior of the building. The asymmetrical massing of the building is achieved through juxtaposition of gable-roofed blocks. Large gable roofed sections project to the east and west, clusters of gables are placed on the facade. The main entrance to the Putney house is located in a one story gabled porch (enclosed). Stacked on this is another section of equal size, which overlaps the main gable end of the building. A smaller gable adjoins this grouping and is preceded by a shallow two story bay window. A shallow oriel occurs in the main gable end. The first story of the Putney house is finished with blocks of native stone (bushhammered surface) laid in random courses. The second story projects slightly beyond the first story, and is covered with decorative half timbering and stucco, which provides an interesting contrast with the first story treatment. Wood elements, suggesting beam ends, are placed beneath the overhang. A porte cochere projects to the west from the side of the building.

Significance: The Putney house is an early example of English-inspired design; the Tudor Revival style was not commonly employed in Waukesha until the late 1920's. Following its construction in the early 1900's, the Putney house quickly became a local landmark and when Frank Putney died in 1914 local newspapers stated "his home at 215 (now 223) Wisconsin Avenue, the grandest in the city, is of English half-timbered construction and the most prominent architects consider it the most true to its type in this country." (B) The Putney house remains as a significant example of period revival design. The high quality of the stone work contributes to the distinctive quality of the building.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT:

Frank H. Putney was a local businessman and politician who built this home late in his life. He moved to Waukesha in 1850 with his parents, Foskett and Clarissa. Foskett Putney owned and operated the old Exchange Hotel at Main and Grand and, in 1870, built a three story stone addition at 802 N. Grand which became the first section of the Putney Block. (A, B, C) Frank received his schooling in Milwaukee and at Carroll College. In 1859 he moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan and from there, joined the Union forces in the Civil War. At the end of the war he returned to Waukesha, read the law and was admitted to the bar. As a local attorney, Putney became prominent in Republican politics and became involved in several local business enterprises. He eventually became a director and then vice-president of the Waukesha National Bank and president of both the Waukesha American Gas Company and the Waukesha Electric Light Company. (A, C) In 1876, he was appointed private secretary and military secretary to Governor Ludington. From 1878 to 1882 he was assistant Wisconsin Secretary of State. From 1882 to 1886 he was elected a County Judge. He was also Village President and Postmaster during his career. Frank Putney was responsible for construction of the Putney Block at 301 N. Main in 1882 and The New Putney Block at 816 N. Grand. (A)

Addendum

Legal Description: Pt Lots 4, 5 & 14 Blk C Cutler & Dakin's Add. Pt
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 3 T6N R19E Com N 11 Lt 5 5' E of NW cor; E to pt 4' E of NW cor
Lt 4; S 80'; E 1'; S 30.5'; E 4.5'; S 47'; W 11.76'; S 43.95' W 100'; N 51'; E 5'
N 150' to beg.