

City, Village or Town: <b>1</b> New Richmond		County: St. Croix	Surveyor: Stager Roberts	Date: 1983 1986	Second Street East  415
Street Address: 415 Second Street East			USGS Quad and UTM Reference: New Richmond South, Wis. 15/536838/4996380	Acreege: less than 1 acre	
Current Name & Use: residence and garage			Current Owner: Joseph and Janis Osterbauer		
Film Roll No. SC29	Affix Contact Prints		Current Owner's Address: 415 Second Street East New Richmond, WI. 54017		
Negative No. 26			Legal Description: Sec. 2, T30N R18W M & B, Outlot 18, City of New Richmond		
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<b>2</b>	Original Name & Use: Ezra Glover, Jr. House	Source A	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source
	Dates of Construction /Alteration 1907	Source B				
	Architect and/or Builder:	Source				

**3** Architectural Significance

Represents work of a master  
 Possesses high artistic values  
 Represents a type, period, or method of construction  
 Engineering  
 None

**4** Historical Significance

Assoc. with lives of significant persons  
 Assoc. with significant historical events  
 Assoc. with development of a locality  
 Other: Medicine  
 None

Period of significance: 1928-38

Architectural Description and Significance:  
  
See Attached

Interior visited?  Yes  No

Historical Background and Significance:  
  
See Attached

**5** Sources of Information (Reference to Above)

**A** New Richmond News and Republican Voice,  
4/24/07

**6** Representation in Previous Surveys

HABS  LDMK  WIHP  NRHP  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Abstract of Title

**7** Condition

excellent  good  fair  poor  ruins

**C** Katherine and Margaret McNamara's oral history (1973) at Friday Memorial Library

**8** District: \_\_\_\_\_

pivotal  contributing  non-contributing

**D** New Richmond Women's Club Tour Pamphlet (1968)

**9** Opinion of National Register Eligibility

date: 7/21/86 initials: Y.R.

**E** 1897 Plat Map and 1927 Sanborn Map

eligible  not eligible  unknown

**F** Interviews with Margaret McDermott and Grace McNamara (1983) by Claudette Stager

national  state  local

New Richmond Intensive Survey City Map 29-26

INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Name of Property: GLOVER, EZRA JR. HOUSE

Owner: J & J Osterbauer Date: 1/11/88

Address: 415 Second Street East

Owner's address: 415 Second Street E., New Richmond

City: New Richmond

County: St. Croix (Code #109)

\*160 NRHP Certification

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_

165 NRHP Certification Date

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_

\*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Historic Resources of New Richmond

180 NRHP List Name Glover, Ezra Jr., House

\*200 Level of Significance Local

\*190 District Classification N/A

\*210 Applicable Criteria C, A

\*215 Criteria Considerations

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\*220 Area of Significance

Architecture

Health/Medicine

230 Period of Significance Architecture- 1907

Health/Medecine - 1928-1938

60 Verbal Boundary Description

Sec. 2, T30N R18W M & B

Outlot 18 City of New Richmond

70 USGS Quad Map New Richmond South, WI

80 UTM Coordinates (Format: 99/999999/9999999)

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85 Listed Acreage less than one

340 Review Board Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Resources:

ONE Contributing Building

ONE Non-contributing Building (garage)

\*use code tables for response

DESCRIPTION

This 1907 house is a two story frame dwelling in Colonial Revival style. The plan is rectangular with a two story rear addition. The roof is hipped and bellcast with asphalt shingles. The roof has three dormers facing south (front) east, and west. Exterior sheathing is 3" wide clapboard with wide pilastered cornerboards. Side gables are fully pedimented with two one-over-one windows in each gable. A wood water table over a rusticated yellow sandstone foundation surrounds the house. Windows are wood frame one-over-one double-hung with entablature heads.

The front facade is nearly symmetrical, except that the east window is a shallow bay window and the front door is slightly off-set to the east. A full unscreened front porch stretches across the first story. The porch has a flat roof, balustrade railing, dentilled frieze, wood stairs, Tuscan columns and lattice work around the foundation. Flanking the front entry is a bay window to the east with three-part window assembly with a center fixed light and leaded glass transom. The flush-to-the-wall three-part window to the west also has a leaded glass transom. The second story front facade has a shallow rectangular projecting three window bay with heavy horizontal wood members separating the windows from the glass transoms. Flanking this and stepped back are two 20-over-one double hung wood frame windows. All second story windows are tied together by a wood header molding under a dentilled frieze with molded wood running course. The front attic dormer is bellcast with corner boards consisting of flat pilasters. Eaves are returned and the dormer has an arched Palladian window.

The interior is Tennessee oak woodwork. New owners have replaced oak crown molding in the living room and dining room at the west side of the first floor and rebuilt the fireplace in the living room within the past year or two. The oak front door leads into an oak vestibule and waiting room with turned oak balustrade stairway and free-standing Tuscan columns on oak bases. The interior was re-done after the house ceased to be a hospital in 1950. It is now undergoing restoration and updating at the hands of the new owners who opted to repaint rather than reside the house.

A new one story two car garage with hipped roof and clapboard siding has recently been built on the northeast end of the property. Foundation plantings are sparse and the house stands out as the best built and largest on the street. It faces south on the northeast corner of East Second Street and North Starr Avenue.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

According to the Abstract of Title and a notice in the New Richmond News and Republican Voice that the house was being wallpapered (4/24/1907), Ezra Glover built this house in 1907. Glover owned a general store and was cashier (ca. 1895-96) at the Manufacturer's Bank (Wisconsin State Gazetteer, R.L. Polk, 1895-6 and 1901). In 1892, Glover was mayor of New Richmond. An 1897 plat map shows Glover with a house here, but the local story is that it was moved and is now northwest of the present house facing N. Starr Avenue.

Record:     E    Address: 415 East Second Street

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, continued

The McNamara family moved here from a farm five miles northeast of New Richmond in 1921, purchasing the house for \$7,500 (Abstract of Title; interview with Grace McNamara). The family consisted of parents and two daughters, Katherine and Margaret. Katherine was an art teacher in St. Paul. Margaret was a registered nurse, having graduated from St. Paul's St. Joseph Hospital in nursing in 1916. She worked in St. Paul and later was a private nurse in New Richmond as well as caring for her mother. In 1928, Dr. Armstrong (376 West First Street) suggested that she take in a patient (Katherine and Margaret McNamara's oral history, 1973, On file at Friday Memorial Library). From this first patient began New Richmond's only hospital facility until Holy Family Hospital was opened in 1950. As a rule, only obstetrical care and minor surgery were performed here. More serious cases would be taken to the Twin Cities fifty miles away in Minnesota.

Margaret set up four beds in the living room and three in the dining room. The second story had four more rooms for patients, a delivery room and a nursery. The rear of the house shows that the one story porch off the kitchen had had a second story built above. This was the nursery. The McNamara sisters would often sleep on the front porch, in the attic, or at a neighbors when the house was full. When Holy Family opened, Katherine went to work there and the residence became a private home again (Ibid.). Margaret died in 1982 and Katherine lived in this house until two years ago.

## SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the house is significant as the only hospital in New Richmond from 1928 to 1950, but since the property probably does not meet the National Register criteria for exceptional significance, the period of significance has been ended at 1938. Architecturally, this is the premier Colonial Revival residence in the city. It has retained its original character and integrity except for balustrades around the front attic dormer and atop the front porch. Palladian and leaded glass windows, good proportions, and fine wood detailing all combine to produce an excellent and locally architecturally significant residence.

Health care was an important social concern during the late 19th and early 20th century. The Wisconsin Cultural Resource Management Plan notes that the primitive "house hospital" was not unusual for small communities, especially where the demand for services could not always justify the costly establishment of large, full-service hospital facilities immediately. Much of the responsibility for early health care seems to have rested with either home-care or the efforts of generous and concerned local citizens such as McNamaras. The New Richmond example is probably representative of this significant trend in the young and developing health care field and in New Richmond served as the solid base for later important developments.