


City, Village or Town: Eau Claire	County: Eau Claire	Surveyor: M. Taylor	Date: 11/11/81
Street Address: 527 N. Barstow Street		Legal Description: Lot 11 Blk 32 Huysen-Marfield Galloway, Merediths Add.	Acreage: less than one acre

Current Name & Use: Private residence	Current Owner: Patricia Heins
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Film Roll No. EC 3L		Current Owner's Address: 605 N. Barstow Street
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Negative No. 35, 36		Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: UTM: zone 15 Easting: 616460 Northing: 4963690 USGS Eau Claire West Quadrangle 1:24,000 Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Facade Orient. W	
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Original Name & Use: preferred Christine Eichert House (FCMRA)	Source A	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source
Dates of Construction /Alteration 1897-98	Source A				
Architect and/or Builder: Unknown	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)

A tax assessment rolls - UW-Eau Claire Area Research Center

6 Representation in Previous Surveys

HABS NAER WIHP NRHP landmark
 other: _____

B Barland, L. 1960. Sawdust City, p. 120

7 Condition

excellent good fair poor ruins

C Interview with Mrs. Pscheidt, former owner, June, 1982.

8 District: _____

pivotal contributing non-contributing

initials: _____ date: _____

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9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility

eligible not eligible unknown
 national state local initials: *met*

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N. BARSTOW STREET
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Plat Map #5

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CHRISTINE EICHERT HOUSE (527 N. Barstow Street)
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation sheet (1)

ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT:

Description: The Eichert house is located on the city's near north side in a residential section which borders a major commercial district to the south. Supported on a stone foundation, the two and a half story residence is clapboarded and shingle sided and covered by a truncated hip roof that is intersected by gables and a prominent corner octagonal tower. Sweeping around the first floor of the home is a veranda richly ornamented by turned wood balusters, turned spindles which form a valance pattern of alternating arches and pediments, and turned support posts. A wood lattice porch skirt conceals the area under the veranda. The centrally located main entrance is defined by a shingled gable which projects from the veranda roof and is supported by finely carved posts. Balancing the tower element is a steeply pitched gable that cantilevers over a second story bay window and rests on large sawn brackets. The gable is shingled and partially enclosed by a decorative wood strut. A pair of double hung windows punctuate the gable. Between this gable and the tower is a recessed area containing a small balcony. It is trimmed by a delicate spindle railing and valance. On the north and south facades similar gables, shingle covered and decorated with wood struts, are located above two story bay windows.

(1981 photo - 38/9)

Significance: The Christine Eichert house, a diminutive version of the John Walter house (NRHP 1982), is a significant contribution to Eau Claire's catalog of fine Queen Anne residences. Constructed for Walter's sister and located just a block from the Walter house and the Walter Brewery, it is one of the city's most decorated and most intact examples of the popular late nineteenth century style.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT:

Mrs. Christine Eichert, the sister of John Walter, was a partner in the Walter Brewery, which was established in Eau Claire in 1890 (B). According to a conversation with a former owner of the residence, Mrs. Eichert died only a few months after moving into the home (C).