

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name Walter-Heins House

historic Walter, John, House

and/or common Walter-Heins House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 605 North Barstow Street not for publication

city, town Eau Claire vicinity of Third congressional district

state Wisconsin code 55 county Eau Claire code 035

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. William A. Heins

street & number 605 North Barstow Street

city, town Eau Claire vicinity of Wisconsin 54701 state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Eau Claire County Courthouse

street & number 201 West Grant Avenue

city, town Eau Claire vicinity of Wisconsin 54701 state

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Wisconsin Inventory of
title Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison vicinity of Wisconsin 53706 state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Walter-Heins Home was constructed in a residential stretch of Barstow Street several blocks east of the Chippewa River in the city of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. To the north and south along the street are business districts of mixed nineteenth and twentieth century character. A generous lawn surrounds the house on all sides, and tall trees typical of those found throughout the city shade the property.

The exterior design of the house is dominated by a tall octagonal tower and wide veranda at the southwest corner, and a multitude of windows. Asphalt shingles cover the irregular roof of the two-and-one-half-story structure, whose clapboard walls were covered with asphalt siding in the early 1960s. A rock-faced cut stone foundation supports the building, fronted on the southwest corner by a wood lattice porch skirt. An asphalt roof fans around the tower and over a gable marking the entrance on the west facade, supported by paired turned wood columns on paneled pedestals spanned by turned wood balusters and alternating arches and pediments of turned spindles. Wood struts and shingles trim the gable itself; slender ornately-carved columns below strongly suggest that the unit was stock-ordered. Bracketed gables break from the roof on the west and south sides, overhanging two-story bay windows below. Filled wood struts frame the peaks of the gables and paired double-hung windows within. Windows, largely grouped into bays or in the tower, are double-hung sash or large plates with stained-glass overlights. Moulded brick chimneys frame the ends of a tiled ridge on the roof.

Plans of the two principle floors and basement inside are nearly symmetrical. Rooms are disposed to either side of vestibule or halls running east to west. A paneled oak dog-leg stair parallels the parlor in the corner tower on the first floor. Mantles on the corner fireplaces in the parlor, sitting room (northwest corner), and dining room are of carved birds-eye maple, maple, and oak, respectively; each is overhung by a mirror and filled with glazed tiles and a black iron coal grate. The dining room contains a built-in oak sideboard, crowned by a wide, flat carved oak molding like those above each doorway in the house. The first floor also includes a study, baths, closets, and a kitchen (remodeled in 1960) at the east end. A second-floor parlor in the southwest tower room corresponds to the one below. Bedrooms are separated by closets and the center hall. The former servants' bedroom in the northeast corner was converted to a kitchen prior to the present ownership. In 1979, work was completed converting the attic to an office and study. A laundry room, furnace room, baths, and closets are located in the basement.

A square, 1930s-vintage stucco and brick garage is located on the southeast corner of the site. The parapet roof is raised above an inscription stone labeled "GARAGE" centered between two overhead doors, and again at the corners to form piers. Five adjoining multi-paned casements with half-size overlights are centered in the side walls.

Present owners of the Walter-Heins Home hope to remove the asphalt siding to expose the original clapboards on the exterior, and to replace and repair deteriorated elements of the exterior and interior.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1897¹ **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located in Wisconsin's lumber country, the Walter-Heins Home is an artful illustration of the decorative potential of wood in realizing the intricacies of Queen Anne Style. The 1897 structure still bears the original grand veranda and ornamented gables with their abundance of turned spindles, columns, and struts. Broad handsome surfaces of birds-eye maple and oak in the interior show an appreciation for quality materials and workmanship.

The house at 605 North Barstow Street was constructed for John Walter, local brewer. Born in Germany in 1853, Walter arrived in Eau Claire in 1889. He purchased the Sommermeyer family brewery in the same year, and re-opened it as the Walter Brewery in 1890. Still in operation today, the enterprise survived a fire and rebuilding in 1909. After her husband's death in 1932, Mrs. Walter lived in the house until 1942.

Presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Heins, the house was co-named the Walter-Heins House for its owners when registered as an Eau Claire Landmark in 1978.

¹ Assessor's Records, City of Eau Claire.

9. Major Bibliographical References

City of Eau Claire Landmarks Commission Nomination, The Walter-Heins House, 1978.

Tour of the Sawdust City, Eau Claire Landmarks Commission, 1977.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Eau Claire West, Wis.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 8 and 9, Block 39, Heysen-Marfield-Galloway-Meredith Addition to the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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date February 1980

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city or town Eau Claire

state Wisconsin 54701

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Richard Murray

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

date 1/19/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register date

3/19/82

Melona Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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