

City, Village or Town: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>WAUKESHA</b>	County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>WAUKESHA</b>	Surveyor: <b>HNTB</b>	Date: <b>2/10/82</b>
Street Address: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>434 Madison Street</b>		Legal Description: <b>Addendum</b>	Acreage: <b>Less than one acre</b>

Current Name & Use: <b>Family Practice Clinic</b>	Current Owner: <b>City of Waukesha</b>
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Film Roll No. <b>WK-7</b>		Current Owner's Address: <b>201 Delafield Street</b>
Negative No. <b>12</b>		Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: UTM: Zone 16 Easting: 399220 Northing: 4762890 USGS Waukesha Quadrangle/Scale: 1:24,000 Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Facade Orient. <b>SW</b>		

<b>2</b> Original Name & Use: (preferred). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Senator William Blair House</u> Dates of Construction/Alteration <b>1877</b> Architect and/or Builder: <b>Samuel Dodd, builder</b>	Source <b>A</b>	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source
	Source <b>B</b>				
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<b>3</b> Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Is a visual landmark in the area <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> None	<b>4</b> Historical Significance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> None
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Architectural Statement: <b>The Blair House was constructed by Samuel Dodd who was one of the leading contractors in Waukesha from approximately 1867 to the 1890's. Dodd was born in England in 1840 and emigrated to New York in 1863. He initially worked as a carpenter and contractor in 1867 and is listed as an architect in the 1890 Waukesha City Directory. He erected a number of important buildings in Waukesha, including the Northwestern Depot and structures at the Industrial School and Carroll College. (See Continuation Sheet)</b>	Historical Statement: Period of significance: 1877-1880 <b>See Continuation Sheet</b>
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<b>5</b> Sources of Information (Reference to Above) <b>A</b> Blair, Georgia, "Old Homes and Their Owners" Landmark Vol. IV No. 4 p. 3 <b>B</b> Waukesha Freeman Vol. XIX No. 24 June 14, 1877 p. 3	<b>6</b> Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> NAER <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> landmark <input type="radio"/> other: _____
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<b>C</b> Portrait and Biographical Record, pp. 348-9, 1894 <b>D</b> Waukesha Freeman, July 15, 1880	<b>7</b> Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input type="radio"/> good <input checked="" type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins
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<b>E</b> <b>F</b>	<b>8</b> District: _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing initials: _____ date: _____
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<b>9</b> Opinion of National Register Eligibility <input checked="" type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input checked="" type="radio"/> local initials: <b>DS/KC</b>
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Street: Madison Street  
 Number: 434  
 Town: Waukesha  
 Range: City Map  
 Section: Waukesha City Map  
 Map Name: Waukesha City Map  
 Map Code: 7/12

SENATOR WILLIAM BLAIR HOUSE (434 Madison Street)  
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT:

Description: Located on a prominent hill north of Waukesha, the Blair house is a fine Italianate style, brick dwelling. The building rises two stories above a stone water table and foundation and is asymmetrically composed, with one story porches, a bay window and a one story wing (to the northeast) contributing to the irregular plan. The intersecting gable roofs of the two story section of the building are decorated with cusped bargeboards. Windows appear in regular rows and are surrounded by brick frames which are surmounted by segmentally arched heads. Further ornamentation includes stone sills and keystones, the latter with incised patterns. Now occupied by the Family Practice Clinic, the Blair house has been remodeled with windows replaced and porches partially enclosed. In 1977, a one story addition was appended to the garage wing. This area now serves as examining rooms.

Significance: Distinguished by fine masonry work as well as high quality ornament, the Blair house is architecturally significant as an example of a period of construction and is a visual landmark in Waukesha. The Blair house shows the influence of the Italianate style and is an important corollary to other cream brick residences constructed in the 1870's-80's, many of which appear more cubical and contained than this design.

See: Moore House 307 E. Main Street WK 42/14  
Frame House 507 N. Grand Avenue WK 1/15  
Street-Waite House 348 Wisconsin Avenue 4/24

The interior of the Blair house has been remodeled and is not considered significant.

ADDENDUM

Legal Description: Sec Ne T6N R19E & North West Add Blk Y Pt Spring Brook Lt  
Com west line Delafield St & North line Madison St; NW 314.3'  
to East line Randall St; NW 184.8'; NE 264.3'; SE 106.5'  
& 61.8'; SW 293' to beg. -- exc. Pt in Delafield.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT:

This building is historically significant because of its association with William E. Blair, pioneer industrialist and businessman. Blair, a native of Dundonald, Ayrshire, Scotland, was born on July 31, 1820. He arrived in Prairieville in 1845 trained as a machinist. He entered into partnership with one Amos McLachlan to produce agricultural implements. He opened a foundry in 1851 and purchased W. D. Bacon's machine shop in 1853. The Blair Foundry was the largest industry in the Village during this period. In 1855, Blair was one of the founders of the Waukesha County Bank, and, in 1866, became its President. In 1866, he founded the large woolen mill called the Waukesha County Manufacturing Company of which he also remained President until his death in 1880. (C/D) During his life he was the most prominent businessman in the city. He was also politically active serving five terms as Village Trustee, four terms as Village President and three terms as State Senator. In 1876, Blair built his hilltop home but was only able to enjoy it for three years before his death on July 13, 1880 at the age of 60. (C/D) The period of significance for the Blair house is 1877 to 1880, the years Blair lived there. Although this structure only served as Blair's residence for the last three years of his life, it is nominated for its association with him as the last reminder of his career. Both the foundry and the woolen mill have long since been demolished. The Waukesha County Bank building associated with his presidency was demolished in 1902 to make room for the present structure and his original home was razed for the property nominated here. Thus, this home remains as the only building clearly and intimately associated with his career in Waukesha.