

Record No: _____

AUG 16 1988

INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

NATIONAL REGISTER

Name of Property: John A. Pratt House

Owner: Richard Schultz Date: _____

Address: N88 W15634 Park Boulevard

Owner's address: N88 W15634 Park Boulevard

Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

City: Menomonee Falls

County: Waukesha

*160 NRHP Certification

(a) _____ (b) _____

(c) _____ (d) _____

165 NRHP Certification Date

(a) _____ (b) _____

(c) _____ (d) _____

*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Menomonee Falls

180 NRHP List Name John A. Pratt House

*200 Level of Significance Local

*190 District Classification _____

*210 Applicable Criteria Architecture (C)

*215 Criteria Considerations

*220 Area of Significance

Architecture

230 Period of Significance Architecture: 1903

60 Verbal Boundary Description Pt Lot 19, Block 2,

Pratt and Stark's Addition, Pt SE 1/4, Sec. 3,

T8N, R20E Com SW Corner East 212.5 ft. The

BGN north 150 ft east 185.48 ft. south 150 ft.

west 183.25 fet. to BGN except east 25.25 ft.

except R480/737

70 USGS Quad Map Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

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

16-410260-4781040

85 Listed Acreage Less than one

340 Review Board Date _____

Nomination includes:

ONE Building. (contributing)

*use code tables for response

INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM

Record No. _____ Property Name: John A. Pratt House

LOCATION

*10 County Waukesha
20 City or Village Menomonee Falls
30 Civil Town _____
35 Unincorp. Community _____
40 Location N88 W15634 Park Boulevard
Town-Range-Section (Format: 9999W-99)
50 _____
55 Quarter Sections (Format: NW-NW) _____

60 Verbal Boundary Description Part of Lot 19, Block 2, Pratt and Stark's Addition; Part of SE 1/4, Section 3, Town 8 north, Range 20 east, Commencing SW corner east 212.5 feet. The beginning north 150 feet east 185.48 feet 150 feet west 183.25 feet to beginning except 25.25 feet except R 480/737.

PROGRAM REVIEW

250 Tax No. _____ Compliance No. _____
*270 A or D Grant _____
275 Covenant/Easement Dates _____
*320 Ownership Private
*330 Lead Agency _____
335 Local Agency _____

SURVEY

90 Photo Codes WK 93-25, 62-34; WK109-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; WK110-4, 5, 6
100 Survey Map Engineer's Map of Menomonee Falls
110 Map Code 93-25
120 Reconnaissance Surveyor Leonard Garfield
130 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979
*140 Intensive Survey Name Menomonee Falls Intensive Survey
150 Intensive Surveyor Rausch/Kilsdonk (Johnson 184
152 Surveyor Affiliation Architectural Researches,
155 Intensive Survey FY 1985
*235 Survey Eval. Eligible
*237 Survey District Classification _____
*240 Survey Level of Significance Local
*243 Survey Evaluation Criteria Architecture
245 Proposed District _____
280 NHL Date _____
290 HABS No. _____ 300 HAER No. _____
*305 Local Designation (date) _____
320 Local District _____
315 Associated Archeological Site(s) _____
215 _____



Number

Street

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ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] 1903^A

460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source] _____

460 Exterior aluminum siding: 1984^D

480 Builder [source] unknown

* 490 Designer Type (a) unknown

490 (b) _____ (c) _____

500 Designer Name [source] (a) unknown

500 (b) _____ (c) _____

* 510 Style or Form Neo-classical / Colonial

510 Revival

* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType

520 House - Building

* 530 Wall Material Aluminum siding

* 532 Trim Material Wood

* 535 Foundation Material Stone

* 537 Roof Material Asph. Shingles

* 540 Interior Visited yes

* 550 Structural System [source] -

* 560 Plan Configuration Rectangular

* 570 Number of Stories Two

* 580 Roof Shape Gable with dormers

590 Additional Description _____

590 See last page

590 _____

590 _____

* 620 Condition Good

* 650 Related Buildings _____

650 _____

650 _____

HISTORY

430 Current Name Richard Schultz House

435 Current Function House

440 Historic Names [source] John A. Pratt House^A

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440 _____

660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) John A. Pratt 1

660 (b) _____

665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) 1903-c.1920 1 2

665 (b) _____

670 Assoc. Events [source] (a) -

670 _____

670 (b) _____

670 _____

675 Dates of Events [source] (a) -

675 (b) _____

680 Historic Functions [source] (a) residence 1

680 (b) _____

685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) 1903- present 1

685 (b) _____

* 687 Cultural Affiliation _____

688 Cultural Subgroup _____

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

John A. Pratt, a businessman in Menomonee Falls, erected his residence on Park Boulevard in 1903.¹ Pratt situated his home in the Pratt and Stark Subdivision east of the Menomonee River, an area of the village which expanded between 1900 and World War I. Development of this prestigious neighborhood occurred along Park Boulevard in the early 1900s.^{3,5} Pratt sold his home to A.J. Jacobson in the 1920s.²

John Pratt worked as the cashier of the Citizen's State Bank from 1903 until about 1915.^{6,7} Participating as a board member, he assisted the funding of the bank. Pratt was also joint owner of the Menomonee Falls Telephone Company with Cameron Fraser. Sometime in the 1920s, Pratt left Menomonee Falls to live in Madison. He died in 1939.^{9,10}

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION

Originally covered by narrow clapboards which was covered by narrow gauge aluminum siding in 1984,^D the Neo-classical styled John A. Pratt House exhibits a symmetrically designed facade highlighted by a colossal portico with two-story Roman Doric columns on masonry bases. A second-story porch projects between the center porch columns. Symmetrically balanced in the facade along with a central entrance, the windows on the upper story are rectangular with multipaned upper sashes over single paned lower sashes, while the lower windows are Palladian style, accented by articulated keystones. The central entrance has multipaned side-lights and transom window or over-light in a diamond pattern. Multiple roof dormers with gable roofs and cornice returns, a red brick end chimney, pedimented gable ends, windows with multipaned upper sashes over single panes on the side and rear elevations, and exterior shutters also are features of this turn-of-the-century house. An enclosed flat-roofed porch is located at the rear of the house.

A low, flat-roofed double garage has been added to the west side of the house. A circular driveway originally led to the front door.

Although the interior surfaces are somewhat remodeled, the floor plan and architectural features, including fireplaces in the living room, dining room, and den^D and an open stairway, has been preserved.

Originally sited on five acres of land that was part of a 42 acre parcel purchased by John A. Pratt and Edward Stark in 1902 from E. L. Nehs for a residential development, this house was constructed in 1903 for John Pratt, a prominent local banker, businessman, and developer.^{A,C} The land holding was reduced to one lot by^B 1940 during the tenure of A. J. Jacobson.

700 STUDY UNITS (CODE)**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE**

The John Pratt house is covered by modern narrow gauge aluminum siding, which often diminishes the architectural significance of a structure. However, the Pratt house gains local significance because it is one of the few structures in the Menomonee Falls survey showing distinctive Neo-classical/Colonial Revival influence. Although the Mace Block, N88 W1665 Main Street (WK 94-19), exhibits the Neo-classical style, it is not as expressive of the style as the Pratt house.

The Pratt House is nominated as a fine local example of Menomonee Falls' early 20th century Period Revival architecture. Despite exterior alterations, the house remains a highly visible landmark residence representing Menomonee Falls early century residential boom and is one of the three best remain examples of large-scale historic period revival designs in the village.

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- C. Waukesha (Wisconsin) Freeman, 24 September 1902.
- D. Mrs. Richard Schultz telephone interview with Joan Rausch, 3 April 1986.

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7. Waukesha Freeman 1903: (12/23).
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9. Menomonee Falls News 1939 (7/6)
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