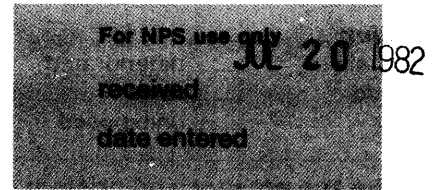


United States Department of the Interior  
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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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



1. Name

historic W.J. Aughenbaugh House  
and/or common Masonic Temple

2. Location

street & number 831 NE 3rd Avenue N/A not for publication  
city, town Waseca N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~ N/A  
state Minnesota code 22 county Waseca code 161

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Tuscan Lodge #77 AF & AM  
street & number c/o Max Hopkins 701 4th Avenue NE  
city, town Waseca N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds - Waseca County Courthouse  
street & number 307 North State Street  
city, town Waseca state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1981  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- Fort Snelling History Center  
city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

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## 7. Description

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

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The J.W. Aughenbaugh House, now the Masonic Temple, was built in 1897. It is located on the northwest corner of Ninth Street and Third Avenue N.W. in Waseca, Minnesota, in an area of town in which several large houses were built by prominent Waseca businessmen around the turn of the century.

The two-and-one-half story Renaissance Revival style house is constructed of tan brick, with a rusticated stone foundation. The most prominent feature is the one-story porch which spans the front, wraps around the east side, and is balanced on the west side by a carriage porch. The porch features balusters and paired fluted columns.

The front entry is arched with glass panels, which radiate around the shape of the door. Most of the windows have single upper and lower lights with stone sills and and flat brick arch with brick keystone.

A second-story double window on the south side is surrounded by a brick or stone band with beadlike detailing and a rosette in each corner. There is a one-story bay window on the west side. Between the second story and the attic story is a horizontal stone band. Dentils are incorporated into the fascia at the roof cornice. The roof is hipped, and is pierced by an chimney on the east side.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      1897                      **Builder/Architect**      Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Aughenbaugh House is significant as the foremost example of domestic architecture related to the flour milling industry in Waseca, Minnesota.

J.W. Aughenbaugh was the master miller, and partner to William Everett in the EACO Flour Mill. Aughenbaugh entered the milling business in 1865 at Faribault, later practicing in Warsaw, Waterville, and Freeborn, joining in partnership with William Everett at Waseca in 1877. Aughenbaugh, as the principal miller, was an innovator in the art of the middling purifiers. With his skills, the EACO Mill became one of the more notable commercial milling operations in southern Minnesota.

The stately, brick residence retains complete exterior and interior integrity and stands as a prominent example of late 19th Century residential architecture in Waseca.

Tuscan Masonic Lodge bought the estate for \$5,000 in 1931 and has been responsible for maintaining its probity.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Child, James E. Child's History of Waseca County, Whitney & Luers, Publ., Owatonna, MN., 1905.  
History of Steele and Waseca Counties, Minnesota, Union Publ. Co., Chicago, 1887.

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Meriden Quad. Minn.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A 

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B 

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G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lakeside Addition to City of Waseca; Lot 1 except North one hundred feet and Lot ten, Block one.

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

state n/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Peggy Korsmo-Kennon, Director; Jan Brown, Curator

organization Waseca County Historical Society date May 1, 1982

street & number P.O. Box 314 telephone 507-835-7700

city or town Waseca state Minnesota 56093

## 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/9/82

For NPS use only

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

Anna Lee Orngel

date 8-21-82

Chief Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Emma Jane Saxe

date 8-23-82

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*for* Keeper *Helena Lynn*  
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Aughenbaugh, W. J., House in  
Waseca County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 82003068

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Waseca

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Aughenbaugh, John W., House

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**