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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 95000385

Date Listed: 4/20/95

Property Name: Squiers, J.E. House

County: Jackson State: Iowa

none
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

April 20, 1995
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8. Significance

National Register Criteria: Criterion B is hereby added as a qualifying criteria based on J.E. Squiers's contributions to the local community in "commerce."

Beth Foster, National Register coordinator of the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment on April 20, 1995.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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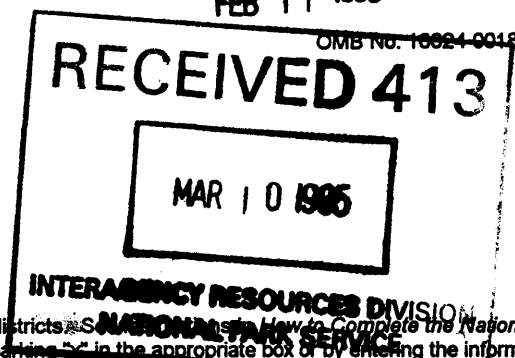
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. **How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form** (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name J. E. Squiers House

other names/site number Squiers House Bed and Breakfast

2. Location

street & number 418 W. Pleasant Street N/A not for publication

city or town Maquoketa N/A vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52060

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (see continuation sheet for additional comments).

[Signature] 3/1/95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historical Society of Iowa
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature] 4/20/95

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historical & Architectural Resources of Maquoketa, Iowa

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/hotel

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Queen Anne

Late Victorian/Stick-Eastlake

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestone

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from Instructions)

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1882-1911

Significant Dates

1882

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

J.E. Squiers

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Property Owner

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marlys A. Svendsen

organization Svendsen Tyler, Inc. date August, 1994

street & number Route 1, Box 388 telephone 715/469-3300

city or town Sarona state Wisconsin zip code 54870

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the complete form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Viril & Kathy Banowetz

street & number 418 W. Pleasant Street telephone 319/652-6961

city or town Maquoketga state Iowa zip code 52060

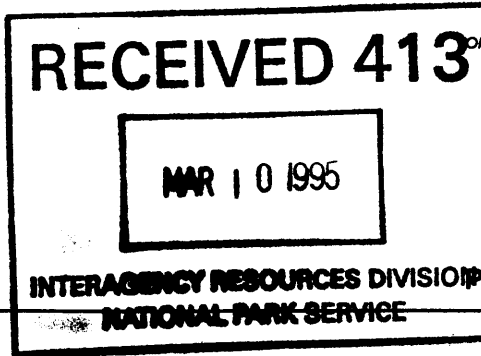
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Description:

The J.E. Squiers House was built in 1882 on a large, gently sloping lot at the northeast corner of the intersection of West Pleasant and Prospect Streets. The property comprises Lot 3 and portions of Lot 4 of Perin's Resurvey of Eddy's Addition to the City of Maquoketa. The Squiers House is located at the west end of the West Pleasant Street Historic District (National Register listed), a neighborhood known for its collection of house types popular in Maquoketa during the last quarter of the nineteenth century and first quarter of the twentieth century. Primary entrance to the house is from the south from Pleasant Street, a tree lined route befitting its name. The south facing front facade is set back approximately 80' from the sidewalk. The original carriage house, which has been converted to apartments, stands at the rear of the property and is now under separate ownership. It stands northwest of the main house facing Prospect Street and is not included in this nomination.

The Squires House has a central hall floor plan with a rectangular projecting bay on the west, a three-sided bay window on the southwest corner, a rectangular projecting bay attached at an angle at the southeast corner, and a kitchen addition on the north. A hipped roof over the central square of the house is intersected with gable sections on the north, west and southeast and a gable roof over the three-sided bay window on the southwest. The south elevation gives the gable-roofed bay the appearance of an abbreviated turret. Two roof dormers include an original gabled dormer on the east facade and a hipped dormer (perhaps a later addition) on the south. All roof surfaces are covered with asphalt shingles. A pair of original chimneys serves interior fireplaces with a third chimney over the kitchen. They extend above the roofline approximately 10' and feature simple corbeled patterns.

Throughout the house, open eaves display decorative saw cut rafters set on 18" centers. Large cross brackets are used sparingly as decoration for the gable sections - single brackets for the southeast gable and paired brackets on either side of the east roof dormer, the north roof gable and west roof gable. In addition, single brackets are used as roof supports for the extended eave located at the north end of the west facade. The gables above the rectangular projecting bays and roof dormer contain elaborate bargeboards. On the southeast gable, the bargeboard contains panels with a series of diamond shaped openings. For the dormer roof gable, scroll cut designs are contained in a semi-circular bargeboard. The remaining roof gables on the north and west contain larger versions of the same design treatment including trefoil openings in panels above the paired brackets.

The natural finishes of the masonry materials used in constructing the Squiers House provides a polychromatic effect. The foundation is constructed of a buff-colored limestone quarried from one of several quarries near Maquoketa and pointed with a light gray, soft-lime mortar. The ashlar stone has a rock faced finish and is laid up in three exposed courses with a dressed stone water table. Above the foundation, the walls are composed of a soft red brick set in a running bond pattern. Slender joints are pointed with a soft-lime mortar. A surface application of charcoal colored mortar has worn away from these joints except in several unweathered areas on the east side of the house.

The polychromatic effect is continued with the use of decorative belt courses several feet above the foundation and below the eaves. The upper belt course is composed of two parallel courses of dark brick stretchers separated by vertically positioned stretchers with alternating recessed and raised levels giving a corbeling effect. The second belt course located approximately 24" above the water table also uses two parallel courses of dark brick but with two courses of red brick stretchers in between.

Segmental window arches composed of three courses of red brick headers are used for all of the windows except those found in the angular projecting bay on the southeast corner of the house. Here, limestone lintels above the windows at both levels serve as

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belt courses as well. Brick corbeled designs are used in transom-like panels located over a pair of first floor windows and an even more elaborate pattern is found in the decorative frieze above the stone lintel separating the second and third floors.

Fenestration for the Squiers House is remarkably simple. Large double hung windows with 1/1 configurations are located in single units or pairs beneath segmental and flat arches. Limestone sills are used for windows throughout the house. The one exception is the double hung window with stained glass upper sash and etched glass lower sash on the second floor, north facade opening onto the rear landing of the upper hall. Modern combination storm windows have been installed on the exterior. All of the windows have interior shutters except for the kitchen and servant's quarters.

The Squiers House has four porches including the front porch (south), side porch (southwest corner), basement entrance porch (northwest corner) and back porch (north). Each porch contains a shed roof, turned posts and balusters, brackets, and decorative rafters. The front porch also contains a frieze consisting of a series of smaller brackets forming half-trefoils. The porch skirting panels contain a scroll saw pattern of repeating circles and tear drop designs. The front porch is in four sections extending between the four-sided bay and the angular bay. The west porch is in two narrower sections. Without the frieze detail, the placement of the brackets creates a semi-circular arch for each section that imitates the arch of the roof gable on the same facade.

The basement porch is the most unusual of the porches. At the lowest corner of the house, the slope of the shed roof begins beneath the lower beltcourse. Its abbreviated height nonetheless allows for shortened porch posts and a full scale balustrade. Though this feature has the appearance of a porch, it is actually just an elaborate covered basement entrance. Because of the slope of the lot, the rear porch has the highest elevation compared with the ground. It has been enclosed but retains the original balustrade and double set of entrance steps and railings.

The interior of the Squiers House is clearly Eastlake in design and remains nearly original in terms of plan and features. Entry is made via a vestibule to the central hall that contains pocket door openings to the library on the east and parlor on the west. The front entrance doors contain cut glass designs. The vestibule entrance includes a pair of doors that feature stained glass patterns and glass sidelights. The central hall walls have a butternut wainscot and the unaltered central stairs are constructed of walnut, butternut and oak. The balustrade contains a double row of turned spindles with intermediary rail. Corner posts and the newel post are square. The floor is oak with a border of walnut and the original gas light fixture remains.

The library contains an original fireplace with elaborate mantle piece and tile surround and an adjacent built-in secretary. Woodwork in the library is butternut and the floors are oak with a walnut border. The rectangular window bay contains butternut paneled window seats. The room adjoining to the north is now used as a guest bedroom with former closet space converted to a private bathroom. Floors match the library.

The parlor also contains an original walnut fireplace with tile surround, walnut woodwork and the same floor pattern. The designs for the tile surround include images of goddesses representing the four seasons and representations of the four elements - earth, air, fire and water. The dining room is located to the rear of the parlor and is accessible directly from the exterior via the west side porch as well as from the parlor and central hall. The dining room features cherry woodwork, a built-in sideboard and a fireplace with a tiered mantle piece. The floor pattern is oak with walnut borders. The kitchen has been modernized but the original maple, tiger maple and bird's eye maple floors have been restored here and in the adjacent butler's pantry and storage pantry.

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The second floor contains four original bedrooms converted to guest rooms, each with private bathrooms in place of the original spacious walk-in closets. The servant's quarters contain a fifth guest room with a private bathroom and the balance used as a laundry room. Floors in the second floor rooms are unfinished pine, woodwork is butternut with servants quarters in pine, and all rooms have been decorated with period wallpapers. No fireplaces are included in the bedrooms.

Alterations to the Squiers House include enclosure of the rear porch and basement entrance porch, conversion of former closet space to bathrooms to accommodate the adaptive reuse of the house as a bed and breakfast inn, and updating of the kitchen. A NPS Certified Historic Rehabilitation was completed in 1991.

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Significance:

The J.E. Squiers House is significant as a well-preserved example of late nineteenth century domestic architecture in Maquoketa's most prominent residential neighborhood and for its association with the life and career of James Emery Squiers, a prominent local businessman. Built in 1882 at the peak of Squiers' tenure as a dry goods merchant and a few years before he became president of the First National Bank of Maquoketa, this substantial and well-executed brick home is associated with his entrepreneurial success.

Squiers' business accomplishments paralleled the eras of Maquoketa's history identified as the "Boom Years" (1873-1899) and the "Comfortable Years" (1900 - 1922). Both historic contexts were identified during completion of a community wide survey of historical and architectural resources in 1990. Squiers' business career in Maquoketa extended from 1867 until shortly before his death in 1911.

Architectural Significance:

The J.E. Squiers House is one of four houses built along West Pleasant Street during the decade of the 1880s. It combines features of the traditional central hall floor plan residences popular throughout the mid-nineteenth century with features and finishes that came to be associated with the Queen Anne and Stick Style of architecture. Such features included the bargeboard treatments in the roof gables, the rectangular and three-sided window bays at each corner of the front facade, and the richly ornamented porches. The selective use of brackets and open eaves displaying saw-cut rafter details is uncommon.

The masonry work displayed in the Squiers House is one of its most distinguishing features. Brick work is well executed in the body of the building and the varied corbeling techniques seen in the belt courses, window transoms, friezes, and chimneys. The use of dark glazed brick as well as rusticated foundation stone and smooth stone window lintels combine with the basic red body brick to produce an effective polychromatic design. The Squiers House contains nearly all of its original millwork ornamentation. This includes the diamond cut bargeboard, tre-foil paneled bargeboard, unusual saw cut porch skirting panels and porch spindle work. Even in instances where the rear and basement entrance porches have been modified by enclosure, the original balustrades have been retained.

No architect has been identified with the design of the Squiers House but work done by an earlier architectural historian speculates that an architect must have been involved given the combination of "high style" elements present. The building's prominence was confirmed by nineteenth century contemporaries in 1889 when the *Maquoketa Excelsior* referred to the residence as the "Squiers Mansion" - a rare use of this complimentary description.¹

Historical Significance:

When James Emery Squiers and his wife Harriet built their West Pleasant Street house in 1882, they had been residents of Maquoketa for fifteen years. J. E. Squiers operated a retail dry goods business in downtown Maquoketa locating first in a building on the site of the former post office (non-extant) and later in the J.E. Squiers Building, 147 S. Main Street (1873) and the Squiers Block, 141 S. Main Street (1879).² Both buildings were located several blocks from the Squiers residence at the intersection of East Pleasant and Main Streets. Squiers continued to operate his dry goods business successfully from his Main Street location until he sold his operation in 1885 to Goller and Kenninger. In 1889 Squiers was elected president of the First National Bank of Maquoketa, a key leadership position he held until two months before his death in 1911.

Evidence of the affluence of the Squiers family by the time the West Pleasant Street house was built is the fact that no mortgage

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was recorded to finance its construction. A contemporary account noted that Squiers was "a good builder and believed in adorning nature." To that end, he was considered instrumental in work undertaken to redesign and improve Mount Hope Cemetery located at the southeast corner of Maquoketa.³

West Pleasant Street Neighborhood:

The J. E. Squiers House is one of two key structures which anchor the west end of the three-block long West Pleasant Historic District. The West Pleasant Historic District parallels West Platt Street, Maquoketa's central business district, and contains 26 private residences and the Maquoketa Public Library. The neighborhood provides a showcase of residential building types and styles from the "Boom Years" (1873-1899) and "Comfortable Years" (1900-1922) periods. The Squiers House is one of only eight key structures (six houses, two carriage houses) in the district. The district has been described by architectural historian and National Register nomination preparer Molly Naumann as "the best collection of middle-class and upper middle-class residences in the community."⁴ Residences in the neighborhood were constructed over more than a half century, resulting in a comfortable blending of styles and materials as well as a mixture of building scales and building setbacks.

The Squiers House is currently used as a bed and breakfast. The only secondary structure on the site is a small portable storage building (non-contributing).

Summary:

The J. E. Squiers House is significant because of its architectural qualities and historical association with one of Maquoketa's most prominent business leaders from the period identified with the community's early growth and prosperity. The excellent condition of the house and its location within an important residential neighborhood in Maquoketa enhance its significance. Because both business blocks constructed by Squiers and associated with his successful retail operation have been substantially altered, the relative importance of his residence is further enhanced.

Endnotes:

1 "West Pleasant Street Historic District, Maquoketa, Iowa," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, Molly Myers Naumann, preparer, June, 1990; *Maquoketa Excelsior*, November 2, 1889.

2 The latter buildings survive but have major storefront alterations. During the Timber City Preservation Project, a historical and architectural survey completed between 1988 and 1991, both buildings were determined to be ineligible by the surveyor due to these alterations.

3 "J.E. Squiers Passes Away," *Jackson Sentinel*, Maquoketa, Iowa, March 2, 1911, p. 1.

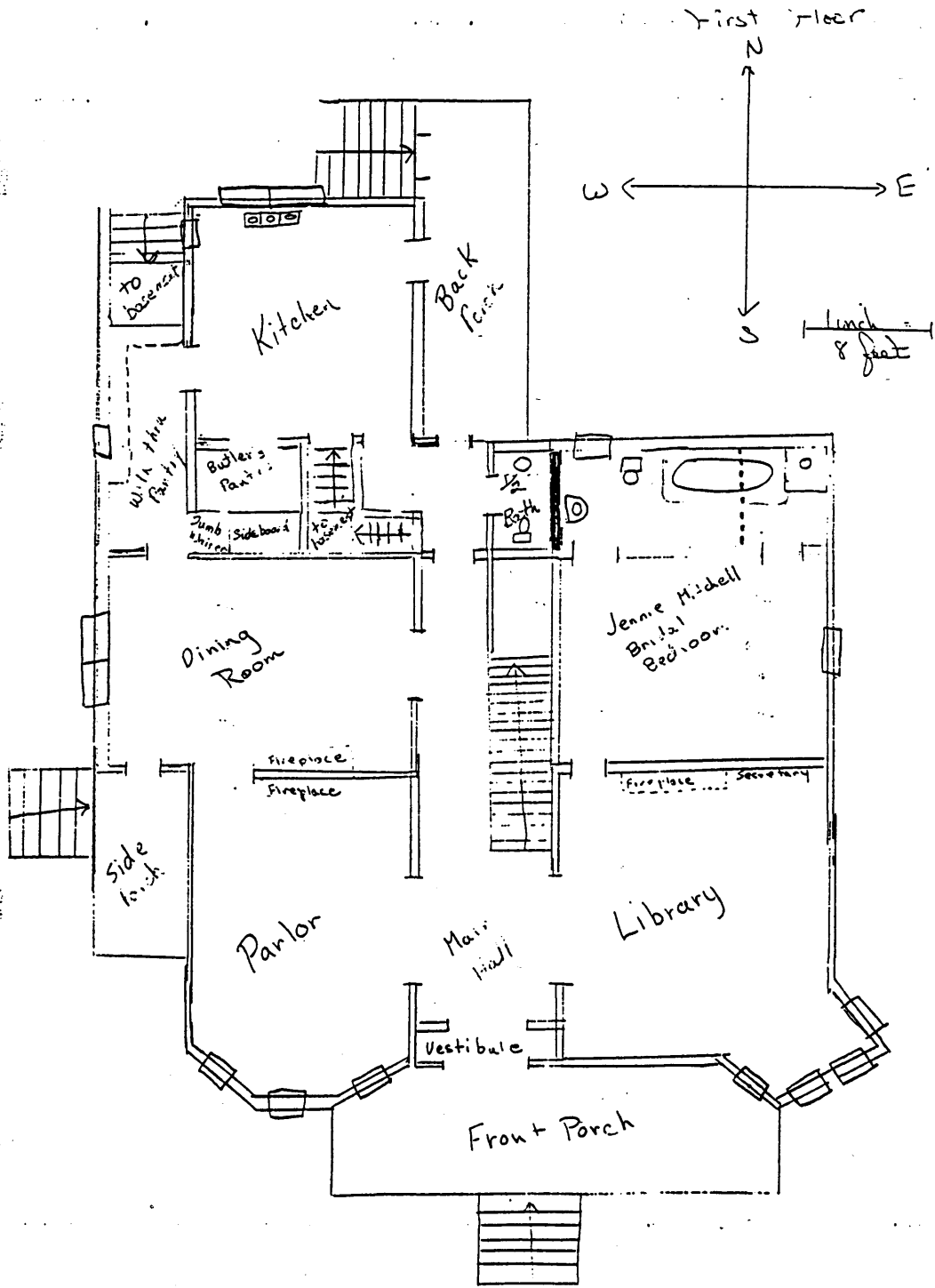
4 "West Pleasant Street Historic District, Maquoketa, Iowa," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, Molly Myers Naumann, preparer, June, 1990.

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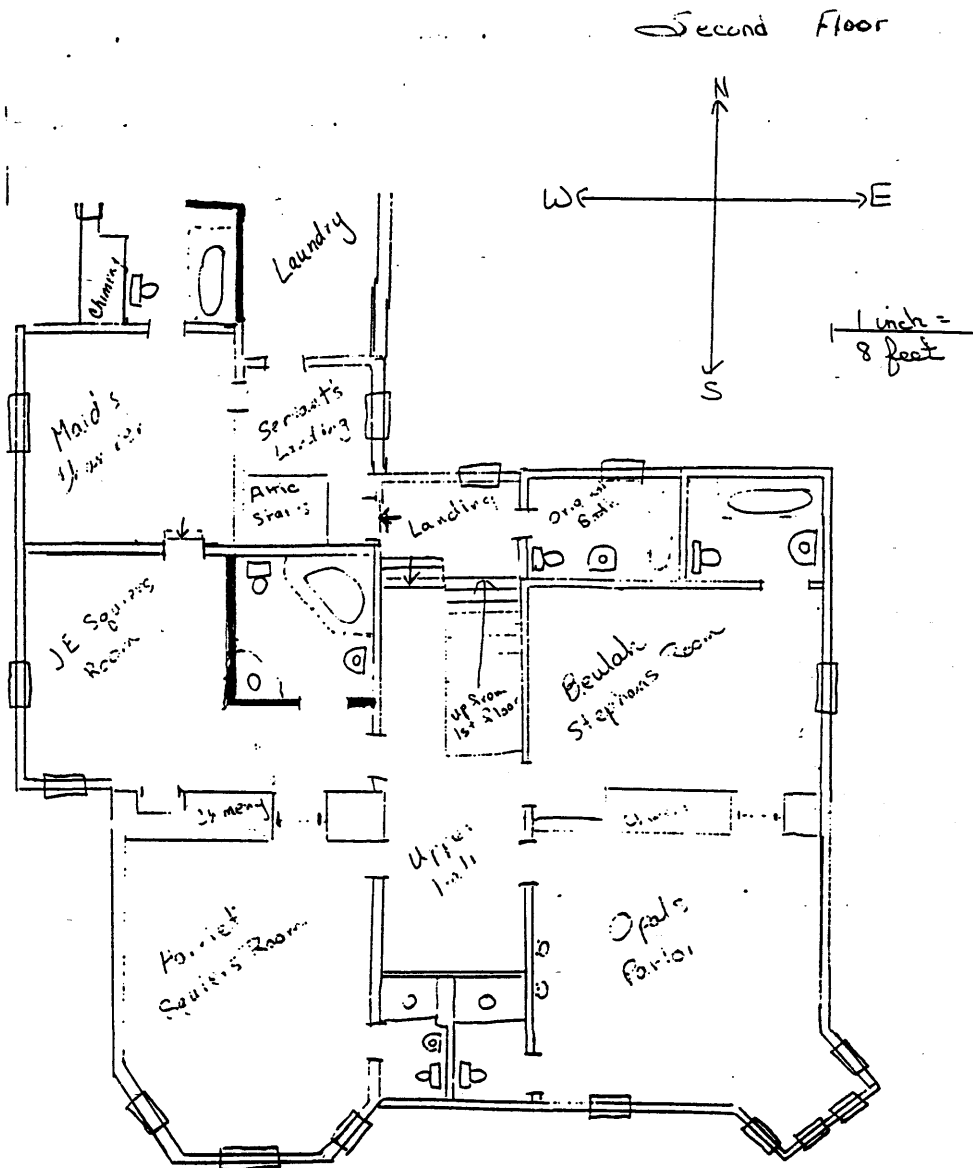


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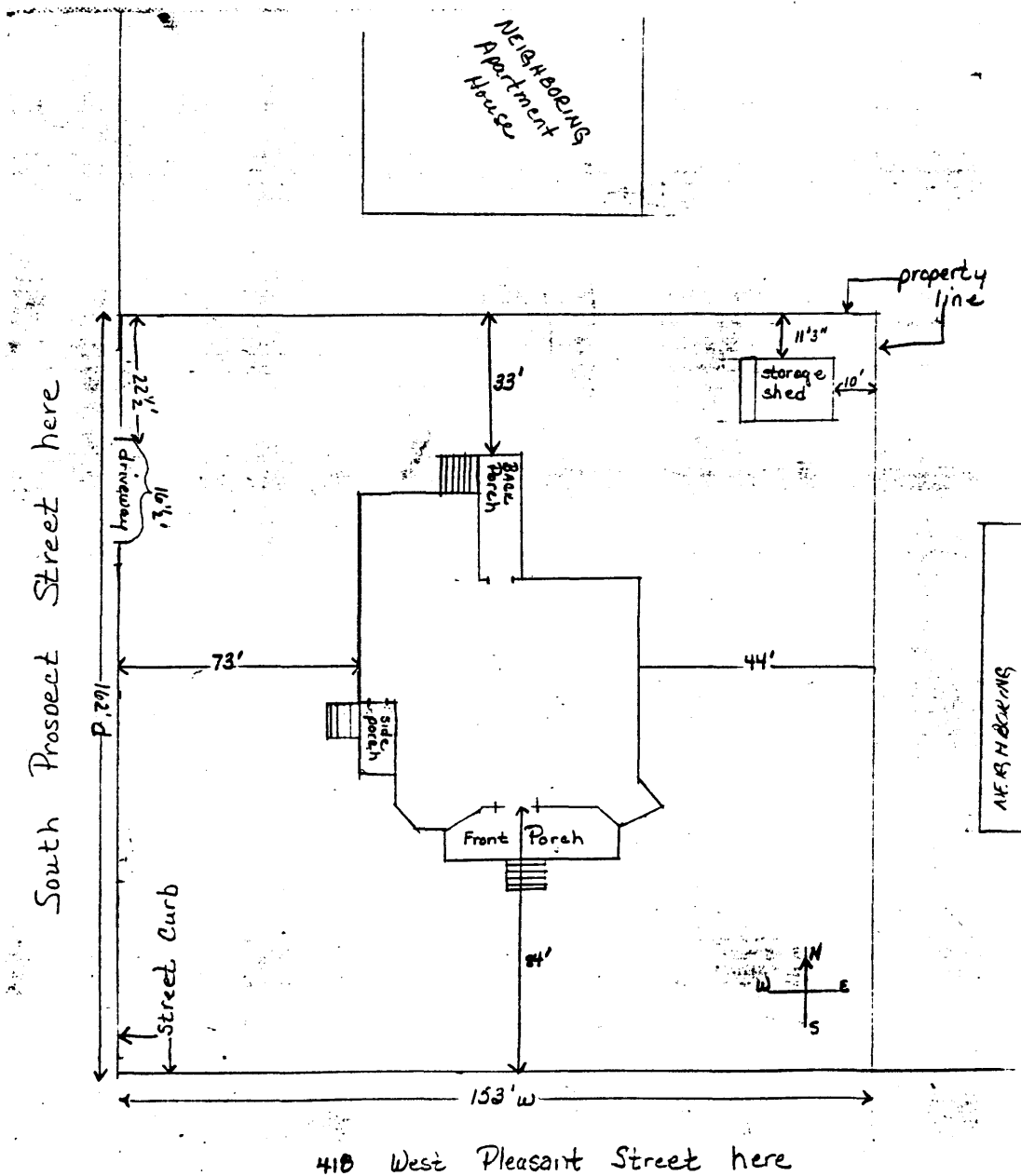


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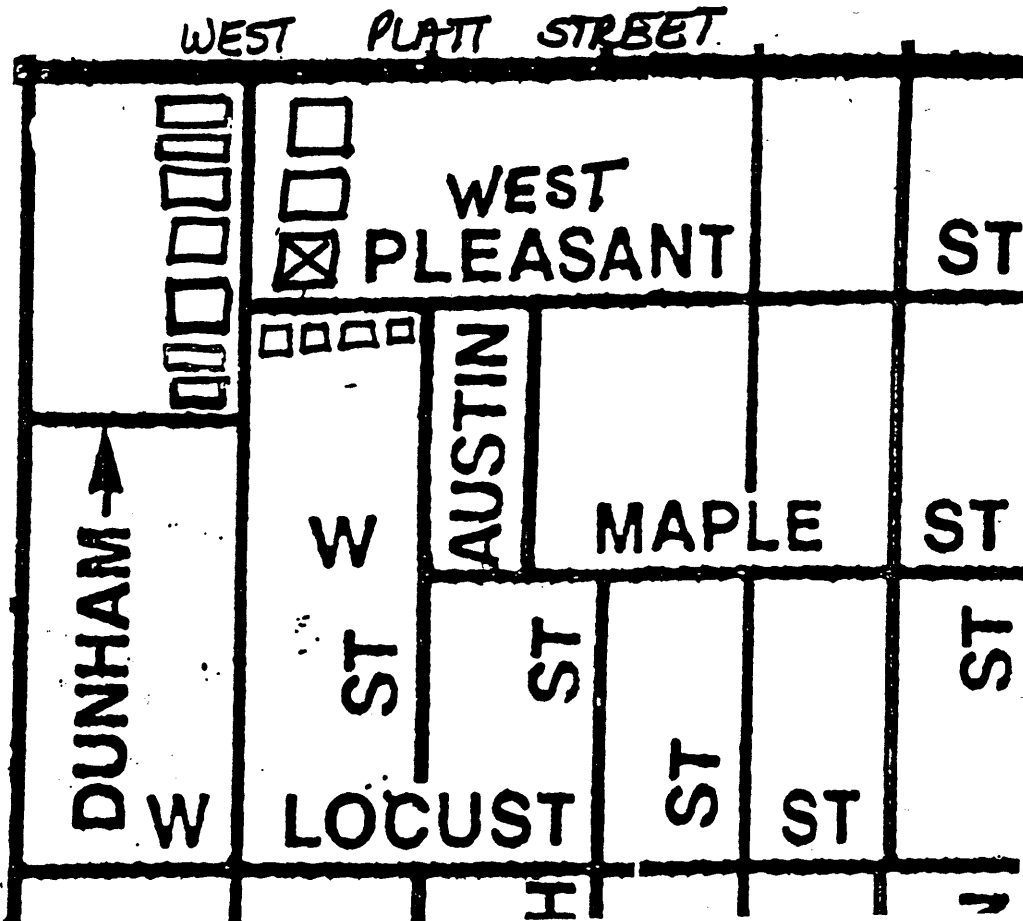
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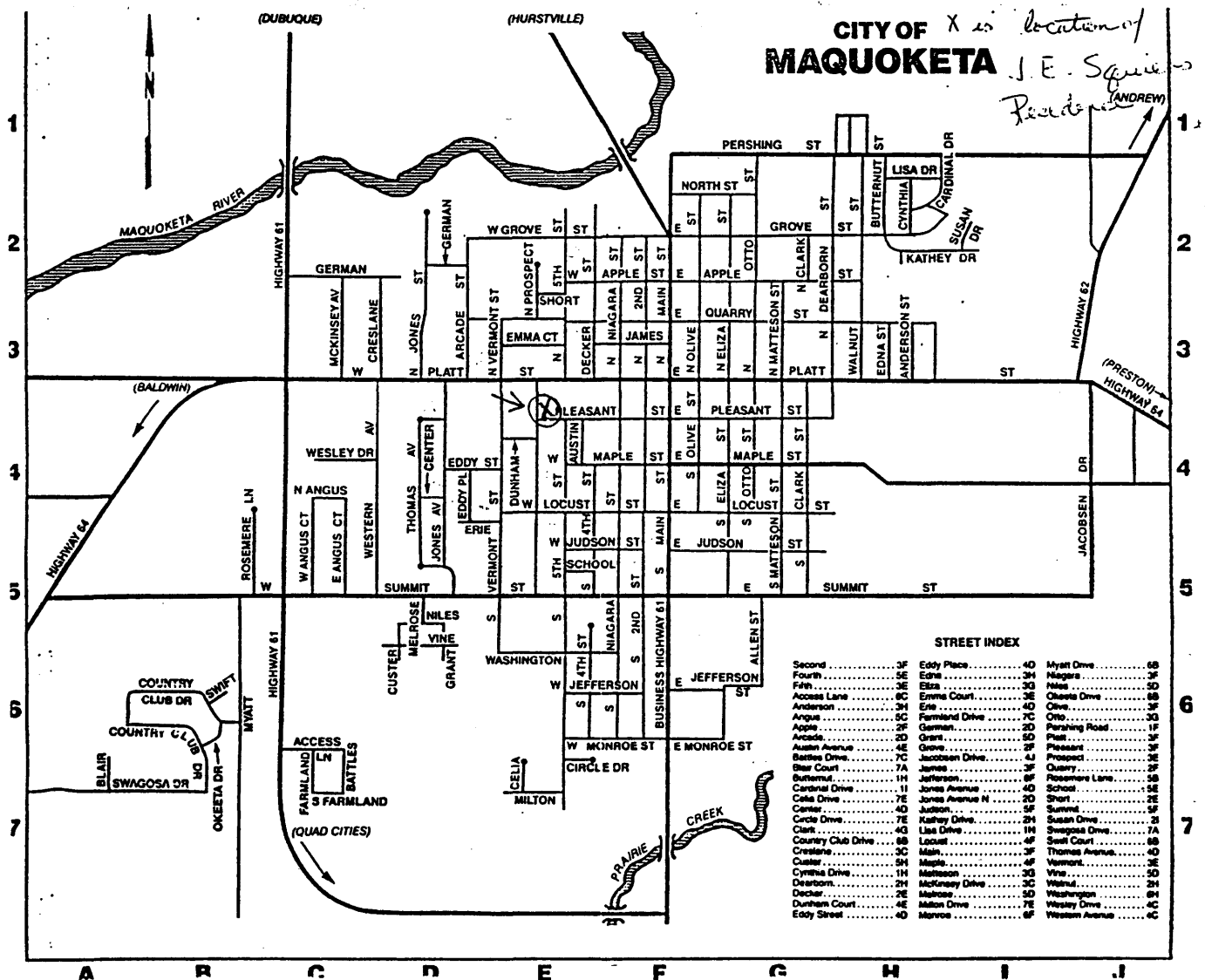


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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary for this property is concurrent with its legal description as follows: Lot Three (3) Perin's Resurvey of Eddy's Addition to the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, according to PLAT recorded in Book G, Page 339 of the Town Lot Deed Records of Jackson County, Iowa.

Also except: Commencing at a point on the West line of Lot 3, 60 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot Three (3); thence East to a point 60 feet South of the Northeast Corner of said Lot 3; thence South 2 feet; thence Westerly in a straight line to the place of beginning.

Also: Commencing on the line between the West half and the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 84 North, Range 2 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian, at a point 300 feet South of the center of Platt Street in the City of Maquoketa, Jackson County, Iowa, thence running westerly and parallel with Platt Street 85 feet, thence South to a point 156½ feet, more or less, North of the North line of Pleasant Street, thence East 85 feet to line first described, thence North to the place of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary selected is concurrent with the property currently associated with the J.E. Squiers House. Since the carriage house is now under separate ownership, this portion of the original Squiers property is not included.

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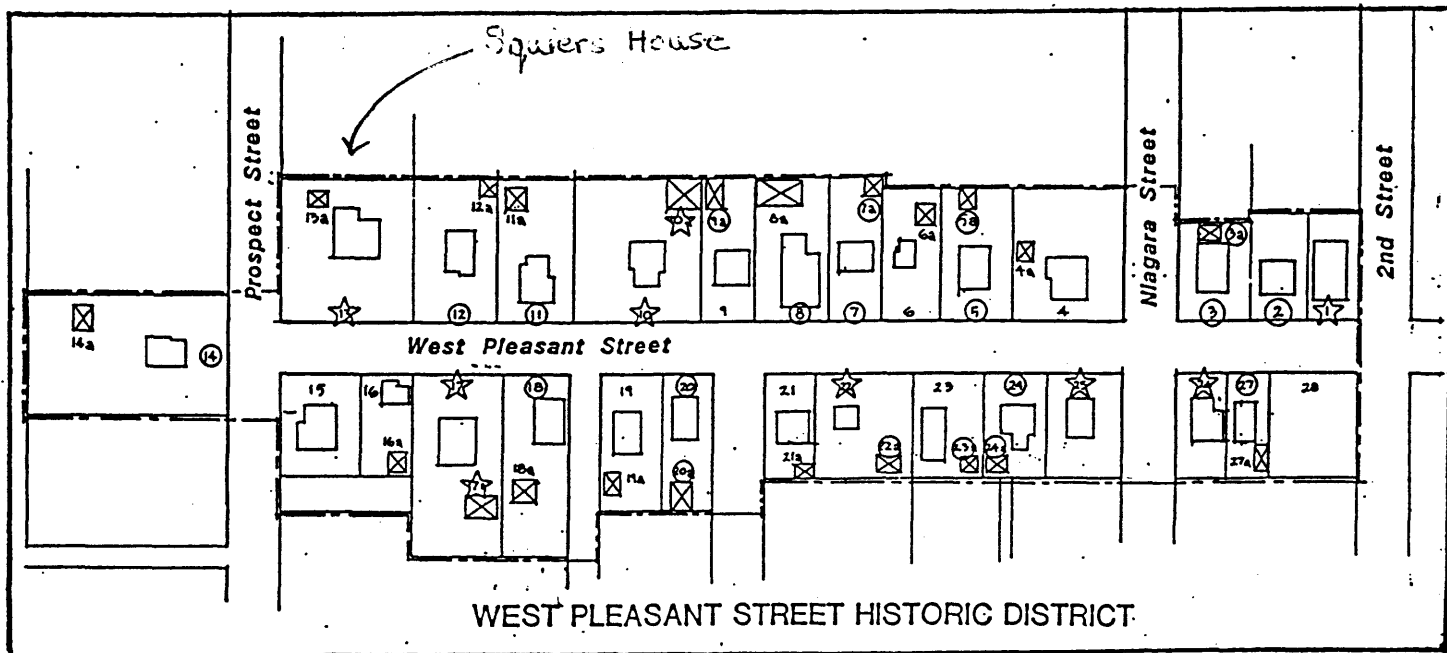
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Squiers House in relationship to other West Pleasant Street Historic District properties:*



Map including site numbers and classifications.



Key Structure



Contributing Structure

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Non-contributing Structure



House or building



Garage

16a

Garage site #

*"West Pleasant Street Historic District, National Register Nomination, Section Number 7, Page 12," (June, 1990).