


City, Village or Town: Galesville ✓		County: Trempealeau	Surveyor: Cartwright	Date: 10 Dec 83	West Ridge Avenue  807
Street Address: 807 W. Ridge Avenue ✓		USGS Quad and UTM Reference: Galesville 15/632380/4882220		Acreage: Less than 1.0	
Current Name & Use: Residence		Current Owner: John & Audrey McKeeth			
Film Roll No. R-43			Current Owner's Address: 807 W. Ridge Avenue Galesville, WI		
Negative No. 31			Legal Description: Gale's First Addition, Block 18, Lot 7, E. 148.5'		
Academy Orient. North					

Original Name & Use:	Source	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source
John F. Cance House	A				
Dates of Construction /Alteration 1908	A				
Architect and/or Builder: G. H. Carsley, St. Paul, Minn. Cass Gilbert Architectural Office	A/B				

<b>3</b> <u>Architectural Significance</u> <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"/> Engineering <input type="radio"/> None	<b>4</b> <u>Historical Significance</u> <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      Period of significance: 1908-1934
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Architectural Description and Significance:  see back  Interior visited? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Historical Background and Significance: This house was built for John F. Cance, a prominent 20th century Galesville businessman. When the house was constructed, Cance was Cashier at the Bank of Galesville, having rapidly worked his way up from an entry-level position. By 1930, he was named bank president and served in this capacity until his death in 1953. There is no evidence that he resided anywhere else in Galesville from the time this house was constructed until 1953. Besides his bank position, Cance was active in many community projects and businesses. (C)
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<b>5</b> <u>Sources of Information (Reference to Above)</u> <b>A</b> Blueprints in possession of owner, 1908 <b>B</b> St. Paul City Directories, 1896-1906 <b>C</b> Bank of Galesville, 100 Years 1883-1983 Bank of Galesville, 1983. <b>D</b> Murphy, P.A. Cass Gilbert. Minnesota Master Architect, pamphlet prepared for exhibition, no date. <b>E</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Representation in Previous Surveys</u> <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> LDMK <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> other: _____ <b>7</b> <u>Condition</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> excellent <input type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins <b>8</b> <u>District:</u> _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing <b>9</b> <u>Opinion of National Register Eligibility</u> date: 12/10/83      initials: clc <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
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### Architectural Description and Significance:

Built in 1908 in the then premier residential section of Galesville, this 2½-story house exhibits English Tudor details in its approximation of steeply pitched gables, its stuccoed half-timber second story, and its contrasting first story. The second story is covered in tan stucco with green painted wooden half-timbers. The first floor is red brick with a one-story screened porch framing the front entrance. Except on the attic half-story, aluminum storm windows have been installed. The house sits on a large open corner lot, typical for Galesville's larger turn-of-the-century homes. Directly to the south of the house is the original carriage house, a 1½ story shingled structure with a steeply pitched roof and decorative cupola. The carriage house has its original openings (except for the addition of a large aluminum garage door on the east facade), and is considered significant to the property.

The interior of this house has been little altered since its construction date. The central entry hall features a wooden staircase to the second floor. To the right of the entry hall is the dining room with the kitchen to the rear. The kitchen originally was small with a pantry room. At an unknown date, the kitchen and pantry were combined to form one large kitchen, which was tiled and remodeled. To the left of the entry hall is the living room with a small den/library to its rear. The upstairs includes four bedrooms and its plan mimics the downstairs plan, differing, however, in room size. The use of plain oak woodwork is extensive in this house, with woodwork not only surrounding doors and windows, but added to corners, ceilings and walls. The dining room is decorated with a matching oak built-in buffet and china cabinet.

This house is significant because it represents a style of house unique in Galesville, and because it may be linked with the architectural firm of Cass Gilbert, a noted turn-of-the-century architect. The Tudor Revival details of this house do not appear significantly in any other Galesville residence. Although it is not, by itself, an outstanding example of the architectural style, its uniqueness in Galesville, quality, and high level of integrity make it a significant property in the community. The architect, G. H. Carsley, worked for the Cass Gilbert firm from at least 1896 to 1906 (city directory available dates). At the time of this house's construction, most of the midwest work of the firm was being done by Gilbert's St. Paul staff, while Gilbert was working on major projects on the East Coast. The progressive nature of this design, however, suggests the progressiveism of the office, known to have disseminated popular eastern architectural styles to the midwest.

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