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## INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Name of property: David W. Howie House

Owner: Steven C. Wangard

Address: 3026 West Wells Street

Owner's address: 12655 West North Avenue

City: Milwaukee

Brookfield, WI 53005

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

160 NRHP Certification (date)

- Listed in NRHP (LI)
- Determined eligible in DOE process (DD)
- Determined eligible in nomination process (DN)
- Additional documentation added to nomination (AD)
- Boundary increased (BI)
- Boundary decreased (BD)
- Delisted (DL)

170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name (code)

180 NRHP List Name David W. Howie House

190 Level of Significance

- national (NA)
- state (ST)
- local (LO)

200 District Classification

- pivotal (P)
- contributing (C)
- non-contributing (NC)

210 Applicable Criteria

- event (A)
- person (B)
- architecture/engineering (C)
- information potential (D)

215 Criteria Considerations

- religious property (A)
- moved property (B)
- birthplace or grave (C)
- cemetery (D)
- reconstructed property (E)
- commemorative property (F)
- less than 50 years old (G)

220 Area of Significance (code)

Architecture

230 Period of Significance

The date of construction is c.1886.

340 Review Board Date \_\_\_\_\_

70 USGS Quad Map

SW/4 Milwaukee 7.5 min 1:24,000

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

16-422410-4765640

85 Listed Acreage less than one acre

60 Verbal Boundary Description Assessment subdivision No. 1

etc. in northeast quarter section 25-7-21, lot 15.

**STREET:** W. Wells Street

**NUMBER:** 3026

**SHSW INTENSIVE  
SURVEY FORM**

**LOCATION**

10 County Milwaukee  
20 City or Village Milwaukee  
30 Civil Town \_\_\_\_\_  
35 Unincorporated Community \_\_\_\_\_  
40 Location 3026 West Wells Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
50 Town-Range-Section \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
55 Quarter Sections \_\_\_\_\_  
60 Verbal Boundary Description Assessment Subdivision No. 1,  
etc. in northeast quarter section 25-7-21, lot 15.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

250 Tax Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
260 Compliance Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
270 A or D Grant  Yes  No  
275 Covenant/Easement Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
320 Ownership  
 private (P)  
 local-public (L)  
 state-public (S)  
 federal-public (F)  
 mixed, private-public (M)  
330 Lead Agency (code) \_\_\_\_\_

**SURVEY**

90 Photo Codes MI 110-28  
100 Survey Map 388  
110 Map Code 110-28  
120 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979  
130 Reconnaissance Surveyor Wenger/Hunton/Jensen  
140 Intensive Survey Name (code) Westside  
150 Intensive Surveyor Wenger/Hatala  
155 Intensive Survey FY 1983  
235 Survey Evaluation  
 eligible (E)  not eligible (N)  
237 Survey District Classification  
 pivotal (P)  non-contributing (NC)  
 contributing (C)  
240 Survey Level of Significance  
 national (NA)  local (LO)  
 state (ST)  
243 Survey Evaluation Criteria  
 event (A)  architectural/engineering (C)  
 person (B)  information potential (D)  
245 Proposed District \_\_\_\_\_  
280 NHL Date \_\_\_\_\_  
290 HABS No. \_\_\_\_\_ 300 HAER No. \_\_\_\_\_  
310 Local Landmark (code) \_\_\_\_\_  
315 Associated Archeological Site(s) \_\_\_\_\_



DESCRIPTION

The David W. Howie House is a high style Queen Anne residence. It is two stories with an attic level and sits on a foundation of rock-faced, coursed ashlar limestone. It is a large scale assymmetrical house and its plan centers on a massive rectangular block with a steeply pitched hip roof.

The Howie House is of frame construction and the exterior is sheathed in Milwaukee cream brick. Wood is used extensively as trim in the gable ends, window treatments and the front porch. The brick is laid in common bond. The architectural character of this structure is derived from its decoration and detailing. The front porch has a steeply pitched hip roof and an overhanging entry gable that is inset with wood spindle work. The porch is supported by turned and incised posts. The double leaf paneled entry doors are sheltered by the porch. The windows in general are wooden, double-hung and fixed sash that are of various configurations. On the first floor, the windows flanking the front porch are set in arched openings with transoms and segmental brick lintels. On the second floor is an elaborate lunette with intricate Queen Anne stained glass. In the attic level the gable ends are highly decorated with wood shingles, fish scale shingling and sunburst panels. All of the elements combine to produce an elegant, but restrained Queen Anne design.

The Howie House is located in what was once a gracious neighborhood of upper class 19th century housing. The house is sited on the front one-third of the 55 x 250 foot lot, with ample front yard and a spacious backyard. There is little landscaping.

Changes to the Howie House have been minimal. The exterior is virtually intact with little or no change to the form, design and details.

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The David W. Howie House is locally significant as a fine example of Queen Anne Style residential architecture. Although no architect has been attributed to its design, the Howie House demonstrates a clear understanding of Queen Anne design principles suggesting that an accomplished architect or master builder was involved in its design. In the context of Queen Anne houses in Milwaukee, The Howie House compares favorably with the city's finest examples.

690 BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES (SOURCES)

- (A) Milwaukee City Directories, 1885-1898
- (B) Milwaukee Blue Books, 1892-1911
- (C) Gurda, John. The West End. Milwaukee: Milwaukee Humanities, University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, 1980 p. 92.

700 STUDY UNITS (CODE)

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360 Demolished

360 Date Demolished

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### ASSOCIATED HISTORY

David Howie was an agent for the Northwest Fuel Company, a wholesale and retail coal dealer. He lived in this house from 1886 to 1897 when he moved to Elm Grove in rural, Waukesha County. The Howie House was one of the major residences built along this part of Wells Street when it was a fashionable new upper middleclass residential street. Howie could commute to his downtown office via the West Side Railway Company's Wells Street horsecar line. (A,B,C)