

1 City, Village or Town: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAUKESHA	County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAUKESHA	Surveyor: HNTB	Date: 2/10/82	Street White Rock Avenue			
Street Address: 1616 White Rock Avenue		Legal Description: Pt SW 1/4 Sec 35 T7N R19E Lot 7 & N 10' Lot 6 White Rock Ridge	Acreage: Less than one acre		Number 1616		
Current Name & Use: Hennig Residence		Current Owner: Douglas T. & Katherine Hennig		Town White Rock			
Film Roll No. WK-5		Current Owner's Address: 1616 White Rock Avenue					
Negative No. 29		Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: UTM: Zone 16 Easting: 400690 Northing: 4764010 USGS Waukesha Quadrangle: 1:24,000					
Facade Orient. E		Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No					
2 Original Name & Use: (preferred) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. A. Welch House	Source A	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source	Range	
Dates of Construction / Alteration pre 1890	Source A						
Architect and/or Builder: Not known	Source						
3 Architectural Significance <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"/> Is a visual landmark in the area <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> None	Architectural Statement: See Continuation Sheet		4 Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input checked="" type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: <u>Commerce (spas, sanitariums)</u> <input type="radio"/> None Period of significance: 1890-	Historical Statement: 1930 See Continuation Sheet		Section Map Name Waukesha City Map	
5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above) A Waukesha City Directories 1890 B Phillips, Charles R., "A King's Mixer," Landmark, Summer-Autumn, 1970, pp. 9-12 C Waukesha City Directories 1912, 1914 D Interview with Doug Hennig by Steele 7/23/82 E "Diabetes Treated at Still Rock Spa" Freeman Centennial Edition, Sec. K p. 10 F	6 Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> NAER <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> landmark <input type="radio"/> other:		7 Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input checked="" type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins		8 District: _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing initials: _____ date: _____		Map Code 5/29
9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility <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 initials: DS/CC							

C.A. WELCH HOUSE (1616 White Rock Avenue)
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT:

Description: The Welch house, later known as the Stillrock Sanitarium is a fine example of late Queen Anne design, in Waukesha. Built on a cut stone foundation, this frame house is fairly contained in plan but porches and bay windows do extend from the basic rectangle. The massing of the building is not particularly dramatic but is carefully balanced and nicely articulated with classically inspired ornament. The building stands two stories plus attic and is covered by a steeply pitched hip roof. Gable roofed blocks project from the rectangular mass of the building and, on the east and south are adjoined by one story porches. The facade is also enhanced by a cylindrical turret, adjoining the front porch, and a bay window set diagonally to the southeast corner of the building. The Welch house was originally constructed as a single family residence; however from 1909 to 1913 Dr. Hodgson operated the building as a spa. Beginning in the early 1920's the house was divided into two units which functioned as company housing for the White Rock Mineral Springs Company. (D) The interior was modified during the 1920's remodeling, but remains in excellent condition with important features carefully preserved (fireplaces, stained glass windows, staircase). (D)

Significance: A fine example of the Queen Anne style in Waukesha, the Welch house combines the asymmetrical massing identified with the style with a more restrained classical form of decoration. The Welch house is considered significant as an example of the local interpretation of the style. Other comparable nominated examples of the Queen Anne style in Waukesha are detailed with a profusion of turned elements (as in the Jones House 501 W. College WK 37/2; the Dwinell House 442 W. College WK 37/28; or the residence at 603 West Avenue WK 39/15) or with oversized classical ornament (such as the Mann house 346 Maple Avenue WK 39/18). The design of the Welch house successfully merges the picturesque and classical strains.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT:

Charles A. Welch was the manager and later President of the White Rock Mineral Spring Co. He arrived in 1882, so the presumption is that the house was built between that date and its listing in the 1890 Directory. Between 1909 and 1913 this building housed the Still Rock Sanitarium (or Spa), which was operated by Dr. Albert Hodgson for treatment of diabetes and kidney disease (treatment included strict regulation of diet and liberal use of mineral water). As the fame of the sanitarium spread, larger quarters were required and the sanitarium was relocated to the Park Hotel (since razed). (B, C, E) After the spa left, the house was acquired by the White Rock Mineral Springs Company and converted into company housing for the bottling plants employees (in the 1920s). The property is significant to the city's history for its association with Welch, as the Still Rock Sanitarium, and as company housing for the White Rock company.