


1 City, Village or Town: Kaukauna County: Outagamie Surveyor: M. Betz Date: 4/19/83

Street Address: 1018 Sullivan Avenue USGS Quad and UTM Reference: See Continuation Sheet Acreage: Less than one acre

Current Name & Use: House divided into two apartments Current Owner: Ronald Siebers

Film Roll No. old: 16 new: 21 Negative No. old: 7 new: 10, 11 Facade Orient. W



Current Owner's Address: 1014 Sullivan Avenue

Legal Description: See continuation on rear

Sullivan Avenue

1918

2 Original Name & Use: Klein Dairy Farmhouse Source: _____

Dates of Construction/Alteration: 1892 Source: A

Architect and/or Builder: Unknown Source: _____

Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source

Town

Range

3 Architectural Significance

- Represents work of a master
- Possesses high artistic values
- Represents a type, period, or method of construction
- Engineering
- None

Architectural Description and Significance: See Continuation Sheet

4 Historical Significance

- Assoc. with lives of significant persons
- Assoc. with significant historical events
- Assoc. with development of a locality
- Other: Agriculture
- None

Period of significance: 1892-1933

Historical Background and Significance: See Continuation Sheet

Interior visited? Yes No

Section

City Engineer

5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above)

A Pioneers of Outagamie County, pp. 288-89.

B Commemorative Biographical Record, p. 650.

C History of the Streets of Kaukauna, p. 35.

D Telephone conversation with Cyril Klein - 5/8/83

E _____

F _____

6 Representation in Previous Surveys

HABS LDMK WIHP NRHP

other: _____

7 Condition

excellent good fair poor ruins

8 District: _____

pivotal contributing non-contributing

9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility

date: 4/19/83 initials: MB

eligible not eligible unknown

national state local

16/7

Klein Dairy Farmhouse
House at 1018 Sullivan Avenue
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

Architectural Statement:

Description: Now situated on a small lot near a large apartment complex, this house is the lone reminder of the once vast Klein Dairy farm. A central turret with a finial distinguishes this two story frame Queen Anne which retains its original porch, exterior siding, and fish-scale shingles. Small multi-colored glass panes with incised designs depicting animals (deers, etc.) and plants adorns some of the upper and lower floor windows. Most of the fenestration is original although some openings have been altered when the house was converted into two apartments. This change in function also necessitated the addition of a back staircase and the revamping of the interior. However, the curved oak staircase and most of the interior bullseye door and window moldings remain intact. A room once used to store dairy products (located off the kitchen of the lower apartment) remains intact.

Significance: Although some changes have been made to this house, it still retains many of its original features including its turret, exterior siding, and interesting multi-colored glass panes with incised designs. The house is one of the best examples of the popular Queen Anne style.

Historical Statement:

Associated with Agriculture: 1018 Sullivan Avenue is the surviving farmhouse of the first dairy in Kaukauna. Dairying is a key local and state industry and was prominent among the Dutch and German farmers of the Kaukauna area. The Klein family, however, went one step further and actually delivered milk door to door.

This farmhouse represents three generations of agriculture-related industry on the part of one of Kaukauna's pioneer German-American families. It was built in 1892 by Michael Klein, the son of pioneer Michael Klein (1803-1889), who came to America from Germany in 1842 with his brother Mathias and six other German farmers who settled in the Town of Buchanan south of Kaukauna.^(A) Pioneer Michael bought 40 acres of wild land, and by 1888 he owned an accumulated 120 acres of well improved land including the present Eden and LaFollette Parks on the south side riverbank.^(B)

In the second generation, Michael began the dairy business at the homestead farm and Joseph began a large flour and feed mill business on the north side.^(B) Joseph and Michael platted Klein's Addition on the south side.^(C) The second generation Michael also had two sons named Joseph and Michael.

The third generation, Joseph and Michael, continued the dairy business according to Joseph's son Cyril. Cyril recalls that a can of milk was placed on a horse-drawn cart and customers along the route would bring out a container and request milk from a pint dipper or a quart dipper.^(D) The third generation Michael took over the business after his father's death in 1921, and it was "Klein's Dairy" in the directories of the 1930's and 1940's with impressive outbuildings such as a milkhouse and icehouse, now destroyed.

The second and third generation Michaels Klein, assisted by the third generation Joseph Klein, brought a new type of agriculture-related industry to Kaukauna, based at this handsome Klein farmhouse.

Klein Dairy Farmhouse
House at 1018 Sullivan Avenue
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (2)

USGS Quad and UTM Reference:

UTM: Zone 16
Easting: 398000
Northing: 4902560
USGS Kaukauna Quadrangle
1:24,000

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property is a rectangle described as follows: Beginning at a point 440' south of the northwest corner of Lot 1, replatted Block 6, Blackwell Brothers Addition, proceed east (northeasterly 18°) 205.89', then proceed north 137.23', then proceed west 162.47', then proceed south to point of beginning, part of Government Lot 8 as described in 939M 29, Section 22, Town 21N, Range 18 E, in Kaukauna, WI.