


1 City, Village or Town: Kaukauna		County: Outagamie	Surveyor: M. Betz	Date: 4/28/83	Division Street (East) 309	
Street Address: 309 Division Street		USGS Quad and UTM Reference: See Continuation Sheet		Acreage: less than 1		
Current Name & Use: Private Residence		Current Owner: James E. Beatty				
Film Roll No. 1			Current Owner's Address: 309 E. Division Street			
Negative No. 11A			Legal Description: Lots 17 & 18, Block 3, Lawe, Meade, & Black's Add., Ward 2			
Facade Orient. N						

2	Original Name & Use: Captain Matthew J. Meade House	Source A,B	Previous Owners M.J. Meade	Dates 1884-1896	Uses Residence	Source A,B
	Dates of Construction / Alteration 1884	Source A,B	Harriet Meade	1897-1910	Residence	A
	Architect and/or Builder: Unknown	Source	Sophie Beaumont	1911	Residence	A
			J.C. Mitchell	1912-1940	Residence	A
			Thos. J. Misliński & Ione	1941-1973	Residence	A
		James E. Beatty & wf.	1974-1982	Residence	A	

3	Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Engineering <input checked="" type="radio"/> None	4	Historical Significance <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
	Architectural Description and Significance: See Continuation Sheet		Historical Background and Significance: See Continuation Sheet
Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			

5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above)	6 Representation in Previous Surveys
A Kaukauna tax assessment rolls 1886-1982.	<input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> LDMK <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP
B History of the Streets of Kaukauna, p. 38.	<input type="radio"/> other:
C Old photograph	7 Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input checked="" type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins
D Residential appraisal card	8 District: <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing
E H.J. Mulholland ms., Outagamie Historical Society Collection, p. 1.	9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility date: 4/28/83 initials: MB <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

City Engineer

1/11A

Captain Matthew J. Meade House
House at 309 Division Street
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

Architectural Statement:

Description: Situated on a hill that slopes down to the Thilmany Paper Mills and the Fox River, this picturesque residence is "L-shaped" in plan and has a large three-story square tower which makes up the central portion of the building. Aluminum siding now covers the original clapboarding and decorative brackets that once supported the overhanging eaves. Although the house originally had three porches (one extending the length of the south facade; one located to the east of the building; and one a screened porch wrapping around the tower) only the latter one remains. Gable roofs face both the Fox River and the Street. An old photograph reveals that the residence once had two corbelled chimneys projecting from the roof's surface.^(A) The house has irregular fenestration (window sizes vary) and a newer two-story north wing. The interior plan consists of ten rooms.^(D) Some loss of architectural character make this ineligible for architectural significance, but enough integrity has been retained to convey its historical association.

Historical Statement:

Associated with the life of a significant person: The Meade House was built by Captain Matthew J. Meade in 1884 and was his home until his death in 1896.^(B) Captain Meade was an important land and water power developer in the Fox Valley and a political leader of Wisconsin territory and state. He was born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania in 1823 and came to Green Bay in 1840, where he became County Clerk and Register of Deeds in Brown County, which at that time included the Fox Valley. He was commissioned Captain of Company F, 32nd Wisconsin Volunteers on September 25, 1862, and went to the front at Memphis, Tennessee. He later accompanied Sherman on the famous march through Georgia and was discharged for disability just before the end of the Civil War. In the fall of 1865 he was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate.^(B)

Matthew Meade was a large landholder in the Fox Valley; together with George W. Lawe of Kaukauna, his family donated land for the campus of Lawrence University in Appleton. In Kaukauna his large real estate holdings included the Islands in the Fox River, and in 1880 together with Captain N.M. Edwards, he began to build a water power canal, which was finished in the following year.^(B) The Meade and Edwards Canal produced about 2,500 horsepower, about half of which was used by 1886 by the Union and Kelso Pulp Mills.^(E) Meade sold his interest in the power canal to the Van Nortwyck family, who owned paper and pulp mills in Batavia, Illinois, Kaukauna, and whose Appleton Paper and Pulp Company mill housed the first Edison hydroelectric plant from 1882-85. The Matthew Meade home on the north bank of the Fox River overlooks the islands, the site of the early mills and the Meade and Edwards water power canal, the ship canal and present Thilmany Pulp and Paper Company.^(B & C) The home itself is historically significant for its association with the career of Meade, who made important contributions to the development of the city and the harnessing of its water power.

USGS Quad and UTM Reference:

UTM Zone 16
Easting: 399 210
Northing: 4903860
USGS Kaukauna Quadrangle
1:24,000