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shingled roof, and from the northwest slope of the intersecting gable to the rear. Windows in both brick and half-timbered stories occur randomly throughout, usually doubled and tripled. Picturesque bays with leaded casements occur on the second story of the front facade, and in bracketed overhangs on the first and second stories over the rear court. The English flavor is strongest in the rear, where an open porch-cloister and a variety of window units and overhangs suggest a fragment of a Tudor village. The dark oak interior includes an intercom system composed of one and one-half inch piping in the walls.

The E. K. Schuetz House (1922), 930 Franklin Street, Wausau Map 2, G  
Mr. and Mrs. John Schofneman *Correction: letter of 2/28/80* Acreage: 0.578  
930 Franklin Street  
Wausau, WI 54401

The C. H. Wegner House (1922-1924), 906 Grant Street, Wausau Map 2, E  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Karrells Acreage: 0.443  
906 Grant Street  
Wausau, WI 54401

The E. K. Schuetz and C. H. Wegner Houses are the most regular of the Eschweiler residences. More modest than the other Wausau homes, both are Neo-Colonial, two-story plus attic gable-roof houses. Each has a small, gable-roof porch with simple columns at the center front entrance. The Schuetz House is sheathed with clapboards. The multi-paned, double-hung windows on all facades are enclosed by louvred shutters. Tall, exterior brick chimney stacks rise from both gable ends between quarter round windows in the attic. A large addition at the northeast corner was located in opposition to a similar original extension at the northwest corner; both are two-story and clapboarded, and fenestrated identically to the main rectangular mass. The Palladian motif of the front porch achieved by doubling columns to either side of the semi-circular center arch is repeated in the semi-circular transom and sidelights around the front door itself. Inside, rooms are regularly-disposed to either side of the center hall and stairway, in the colonial manner. Interior distinctions include a finely-carved wood mantel around the living room fireplace, and the handsome open dog-leg stair. The kitchen and second-story rooms have been remodeled.

The C. H. Wegner House shares many features of the Schuetz residence. As previously mentioned, it, too, is a five-part, two-story plus attic Colonial design. The stairway in the center hall is also a dog-leg type, with a similar open balustrade.

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Although the porch canopy outside is a simple gable, the Palladian motif is used in the large window on the stair landing inside. The living room, again to the left of the entrance hall, is graced by a fireplace with a carved mantel. A one-story glazed sunroom is substituted for the two-story extension on the Schuetz house at the northwest corner. Most strikingly different, the Wegner House is clapboarded only on the second story front facade; the lower story and gable ends are coursed stone. A number of notable and practical features of the original kitchen have been retained: the breakfast nook with its wooden booth, a butler's pantry with built-in cupboards, and two-sided ice box and incinerator. Much of the rest of the house is in its original condition.

The C. F. Dunbar House (1926), 929 McIndoe Street, Wausau      Map 2, F  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westgate      Acreage: 0.95  
929 McIndoe Street  
Wausau, WI 54401

Designed after the Eschweiler sons had joined the firm, the C. F. Dunbar House and D. C. Everest House are large, period revival residences of the 1920s. The Dunbar House, with its long, sweeping front gables, is a Neo-Elizabethan design. The expansive plan is irregular, in keeping with the picturesque quality of the house. Constructed in brick, the exterior is faced with stucco, with half-timbered overhangs over the side entrance and the garage on the east end. Stone voussoirs trim the arched front entrance and the leaded casement windows. Composition shingles cover the roof gables. A tall, stuccoed exterior chimney rises on the front facade to the west of the large projecting gable framing the entry. Interior appointments include dark oak woodwork throughout, a glazed dining room, elliptical-arched living room fireplace with architect-designed screen, and an impressive stairhall with beamed ceiling and turned-wood balustrade. Storage areas are fitted into the gables in the interior. Except for kitchen and bathroom remodeling, the house remains in original condition.

The D.C. Everest House (1925-1928), 1206 Highland Park Blvd., Wausau      Map 2, H  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Riordan      Acreage: 1.08  
1206 Highland Park Boulevard  
Wausau, WI 54401

Three years in construction, the D. C. Everest House is the most consciously romantic of the Eschweiler buildings. The three-story English-Spanish Baroque "estate" occupies a block-large sloping hillside site overlooking Wausau. The

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8. Significance (continued)

DAVID CLARK EVEREST

Members of the Wausau Group were involved in the construction of a dam across the Wisconsin River at Rothschild to power the Marathon Mills Paper Company. At its first meeting in 1909, the company appointed David Clark Everest of Pine Grove, Michigan as general manager. During his forty-six-year career with Marathon Paper, Everest was associated with further expansion and development of the paper industry, including the purchase of the D. J. Murray Manufacturing Company in 1921, and the establishment of industrial insurance firms. He and other Wausau Group members also became the civic and social leaders of the Wausau community through their membership in local clubs and organizations.<sup>8</sup>

E. K. SCHUETZ

With a partnership that included Karl Mathie and others, E. K. Schuetz of Wausau helped found the Wausau Motor Parts Company in October, 1923. Its machinery and inventory transported from the Menominee Piston Ring Company in Michigan, the firm was part of the enlargement of the area's industrial scene in the 1920s.<sup>9</sup> Schuetz was the son-in-law of C. F. Dunbar (of the C. F. Dunbar House), whose property adjoins his to the rear.

C. H. WEGNER

C. H. Wegner (of the Wegner House) was a "well-known man in Wausau."<sup>10</sup> A German immigrant, he was a prominent merchant who owned a dry goods and general merchandise store in Wausau.

CLAIRE B. BIRD

Claire B. Bird was a lawyer, politician, and judge, and practiced law in Wausau before and after his tenure as State Senator from 1918-23. A conservative Republican, he was elected president of the Wisconsin Bar Association from 1913-14, and served as circuit judge of the sixteenth judicial circuit from 1940-42. In addition to his distinctions in the legal area, Bird was active in a number of fraternal organizations in Wausau.<sup>11</sup>

At the time that it was commissioned, the roll of membership in the First Universalist Church read like a Who's Who in Marathon County. Karl Mathie was president of the board of directors; C. H. Wegner was a trustee. Cyrus C. Yawkey, who was a member

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