

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name Wayside House

historic Hilgen-Schuette House

and/or common Wayside House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number W61 N439 Washington Avenue not for publication

city, town Cedarburg vicinity of congressional district 9th

state Wisconsin code 55 county Ozaukee code 089

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Quentin F. Schenk

street & number Box 2335

city, town Cedarburg vicinity of state Wisconsin 53012

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Ozaukee County Courthouse

city, town Port Washington state Wisconsin 53074

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Presently, the Wayside House is a two-story building with brick-veneer, cross-gable front facade meshed through a fieldstone side wall to a fieldstone wing to the rear. The low gable roof over the front portion is joined to the shed roof to the rear in a salt-box profile; probably covered with wood shingles in the nineteenth century, the roof is now covered with composition shingles. Three brick chimneys rest on the roof, two along the ridge of the gable and a third at the rear of the stone wing. Sometime after the house reached its present appearance, a shed-roof dormer was added to the center of the rear slope of the roof, lighting the stairway inside.

The front facade is composed of early cream brick; an open porch with wood posts supporting a standing-seam roof with wood valence spans the center of the ground story. The windows in the building are predominantly segmental-arch casements with louvred shutters, regularly placed, but those in the rear addition are large, rectangular, double-hung 6/6 sash. Aside from the visual contrast of fieldstone with brick, and the shutters, the house's only decorative accents are small stone radiating voussoirs and thin wood cornices and eaves.

Conflicting structural evidence and the lack of dated records make constructing a chronology of construction/alteration difficult. Heavy timbers visible in the northeast half of the basement of the rear full stone wing only, with an unexcavated half to the south, suggest that the earliest dwelling was one-story, of coursed faced fieldstone. A vertical scar on the northeast side wall (with salt-box profile) indicates that the rear portion was joined with the two-story portion to the front, with an extension of the fieldstone wall; the roof was then pitched over the center of the two-story front, and extended over the original house. The two-story "addition" included the cross-gable facade, southwest side wall, and a segment of rear wall, all of brick. (Structural inconsistencies such as random use of nail types, machine-sawn lumber, timber framing, and a section of clapboard in the attic can only be explained as make-shift construction techniques.) The Sanborn-Perris Insurance Map of 1900 indicates that the current plan and structural composition was achieved by that year.

The interior spaces of the house are well-integrated but still show evidence of several periods of construction. The basement, for example, is a mixture of concrete, brick, and rubble. The floors of the interior are also a mix of wide pine boards with narrower maple strips. The staircase to the second floor consists of curved wood treads, varying in width, set between curved wood walls and enclosed by a short, turned-wood balustrade on the second story. Additionally, much of the early twentieth-century plumbing and all of the original wiring have been retained and, like the rest of the house, are in sound condition. The modest character of the dwelling, despite several alterations, has been retained, pointing up the pleasing texture of the materials and the serviceability of the sequential design.

Due to much subsequent development, the Wayside House is now near the southern edge of Cedarburg. Situated at an oblique angle to the street, the house sits at the top of a sloped, wooded site in close proximity to neighboring houses. The commercial core of the town lies several blocks to the north of this densely-settled and well-vegetated area.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1846;¹ pre 1900² **Builder/Architect** Frederick Hilgen³

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Once the home of Frederick Hilgen, known as "Father Hilgen" in Cedarburg lore for his role in the founding and development of that city, the Wayside House is architecturally significant locally as an unusual and revealing evolutionary residence representing several types and periods of nineteenth century construction.

Strikingly sited on a wooded knoll on the main road through Cedarburg, and offset at an angle from the typical line of construction, the Wayside House is a visual landmark distinctly different from other historic buildings in the city. The house's earliest visible portion is constructed of locally-quarried stone, the characteristic type of high-quality construction of early German settlers in the four-county (Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, and Milwaukee) area in the early to mid nineteenth century. Less characteristic is the one- and-one-half-story cross-gable front section, representative of late Victorian-era vernacular domestic design. Virtually unaltered since second owner John Schuette's time, the house illustrates both the early local building tradition and the change in taste several decades later.

Frederick Hilgen (1805-1879), the builder, was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1832. Before moving to Milwaukee in 1843 he worked as a clerk and served in the state militia. In 1844 Hilgen purchased several hundred acres of undeveloped land northwest of the city of Milwaukee; after selling some of the parcels, the land which he held (including the site of the Wayside House) was platted and developed as the commercial area of the village of Cedarburg.³ With William Schroeder, Hilgen built a grist mill over the Cedar Creek in 1845 and a road to market in Milwaukee. His greatest contribution to the growing community, however, was establishment of the Cedarburg Mill (NRHP 1973) and the Hilgen and Wittenburg Woolen Mill (NRHP 1978) which were to become the dominant employers in the town and among the major industries in the state.

The Wayside House was recognized as a local landmark in 1972.

¹ Ozaukee County Historical Society, Early Ozaukee County: Historical Sketches, p. 12.

² Dates of the alterations made to the Wayside House are unknown. The plan of the house appears in the 1900 Sanborn-Perris Insurance Map of Cedarburg with its current configuration and structural composition.

³ For biographical sketches of Hilgen and his role in the founding of Cedarburg, see C. W. Butterfield, History of Washington and Ozaukee Counties, p. 533-535; Cedarburg Bicentennial Committee, Cedarburg History: Legend and Lore, p. 38-39.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel #2 of Lot 14 of Block 19 of the Assessor's Plat of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, being part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 21 East, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By (continued)

name/title Diane H. Filipowicz, Architectural Historian,
Historic Preservation Division

organization State Historical Society of Wisconsin date June, 1980; June, 1981

street & number 816 State Street telephone (608) 262-2970

city or town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Richard Henry

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin date 7/2/81

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Bruce Van Den Berg</u>	date <u>3/2/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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Port Washington, 1967.

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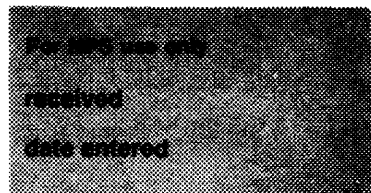
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COUNTY CODE

Correct street address is W61 N439 Washington Ave.

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SIGNED, SHPO OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE