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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

HISTORIC

George F. Winslow House

AND/OR COMMON

Winslow-Arnold-Giffen House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

210 Oakwood Place

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Eau Claire

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 54701

CODE

55

COUNTY

Eau Claire

CODE

035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dana and Glenn Giffen

STREET & NUMBER

210 Oakwood Place

CITY, TOWN

Eau Claire

VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 54701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Eau Claire County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

201 West Grand Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Eau Claire

STATE

Wisconsin 54701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1973

___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

Built in 1894, the Winslow house is a two-and-a-half-story frame dwelling. A massive exterior corner chimney is the distinctive feature of the house. Resting on a raised stone foundation, it is composed of smooth red brick with terra cotta ornament. A round-arched plate glass window with a delicate fan-light pattern in the arch is set within the brick chimney.

At the opposite corner of the facade is an unusual corner porch which wraps around half of the front and half of the side and which is trimmed by spindled balustrades, curved soffits, miniature Tuscan columns and simple brackets. A round gazebo with a conical roof and an octagonal turret above further embellish the southeast corner.

A second floor balcony over the front entrance features a bowed balustrade of solid shingles pierced by three plain rectangular openings.

The first floor is clapboarded; the second story and gables are shingled, with decoratively-shaped shingles highlighting some surfaces. Projecting from the west side of the house are a two-story polygonal bay crowned by a triangular gable supported by plain board brackets; an oriel window with a gable roof and diagonally-boarded surfaces; and a simple porte cochere supported by grouped Tuscan columns. The wall surfaces are broken by vertical and horizontal stickwork. The upper parts of many windows contain delicate leaded and bevelled glasswork in various patterns. The east side is similar to the west side with one large, gabled wing ending in a two-story polygonal bay. The house has always been painted white or a light cream color.

The interior (see floor plan) retains many of its original features, including all doors and wood trim. The woodwork in the parlor and the sitting room is of yellow birch, finished in its natural color. In the reception hall and the dining room, the woodwork is stained oak. A many-leveled stairway with Eastlake-style newel posts, spindled banisters, and paneling dominates the front hall. The hall and the dining room feature paneled wainscoting. All four fireplaces remain in original condition and are Queen Anne in style with glazed tiles and classically-detailed carved wood mantels. The original ornate combination gas and electric fixtures light the parlor. One of the bathrooms upstairs retains its original fixtures, a white tile floor and wainscoting.

In 1917, Mrs. Winslow converted part of a side porch into a bath and replaced the original sliding doors between the sitting room and the parlor with French doors. After purchasing the home in 1921, the Arnolds built a garage, added a concrete driveway, concrete floors in the basement, and fiberboard ceilings on the first floor. The rear chimney was removed in 1946. The roof also appears to be of a later date.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1894-5¹

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George F. Barber²

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Winslow house is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style. It is among the finest late-19th-century houses in Eau Claire, a city known for its majestic Victorian residences.

The house was designed by George F. Barber, an architect in Knoxville, Tennessee, who ran an extensive pattern book and mail order business from about 1888 to 1920. It is a representative example of the increasingly popular practice of middle class Victorian home buyers of building an architect-designed house by mail-ordering the plans and specifications for a modest fee. The design for the Winslow house originally appeared in the Cottage Souvenir of ca. 1888 and was featured in subsequent books by Barber. According to Sprague, the design was one of Barber's more popular plans.³ Certainly the distinctive chimney makes it easy to identify. Other houses from the same design have been located in Jacksonville, Oregon; Calvert, Texas; and Belevedere and Ottawa, Illinois.

In July of 1894 Carrie Winslow bought the lot on which the house was to be built. Mrs. Winslow was the daughter of Nathaniel Foster, a very prominent and successful lumbering and railroad businessman from Fairchild. She married George F. Winslow in 1889. Early in his career, Winslow published the Woodsman Journal. But his major business activity was the manufacture and distribution of "camp remedies" to the lumbermen of northern Wisconsin. These patent medicines included such concoctions as Winslow's Cough Medicine, Magnetic Oil Linament, Blood Purifier, and Magic Bomb. Winslow also owned a drug store which later became a wallpaper and decorating store. In 1912, the Winslows were divorced. Mrs. Winslow continued to live in the house until shortly after World War I when she moved to California.

In 1921, Louis G. Arnold and his wife purchased the property. Arnold was a successful civil engineer and road building contractor. In 1975, Mrs. Arnold passed away and the Giffens bought the property. The owners are requesting nomination so that they may apply for a grant to restore the chimney, which is pulling away from the house.

1. Eau Claire Tax Records for the years 1893, 1894, and 1895.

2. George F. Barber, "Design No. 73," New Model Dwellings, Knoxville, 1894.

3. Letter, Paul E. Sprague to Jack E. Arnold, August 18, 1975.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.6

QUADRANGLE NAME Eau Claire East, Wis.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 618960 4961840
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See warranty deed.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Katherine E. Hundt, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

July 7, 1978

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 X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Murray

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

9/12/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Charles A. ...*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
Lucy P. ...
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

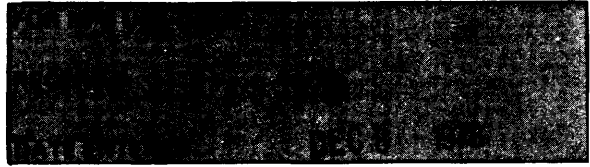
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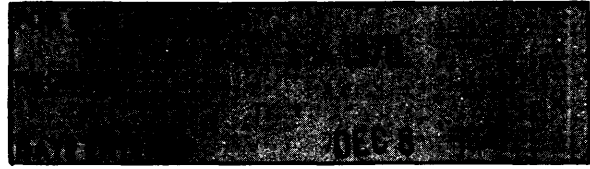
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Designated Eau Claire Landmark
1976 Local
Eau Claire Landmarks Commission
Eau Claire Wisconsin 54701

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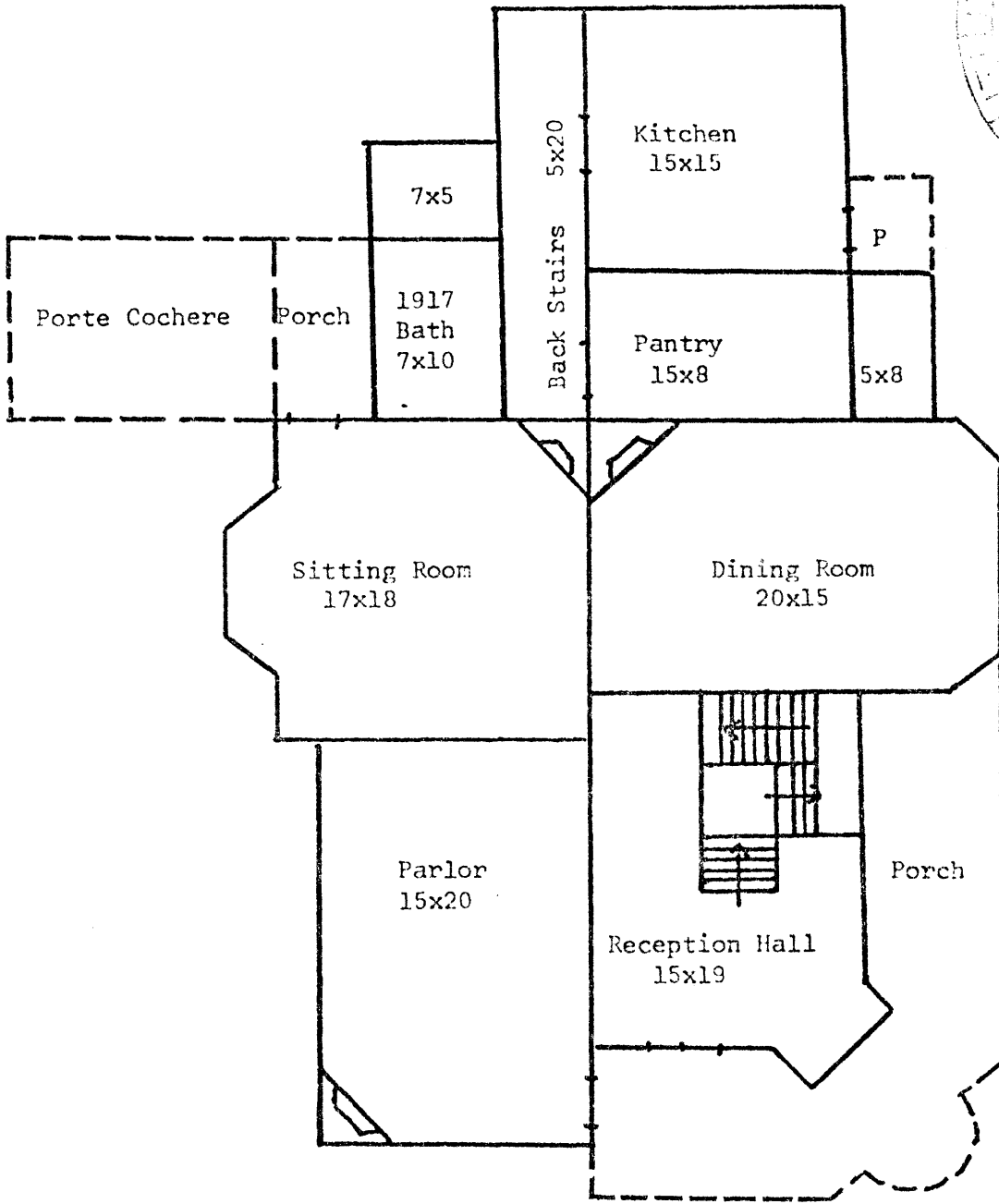
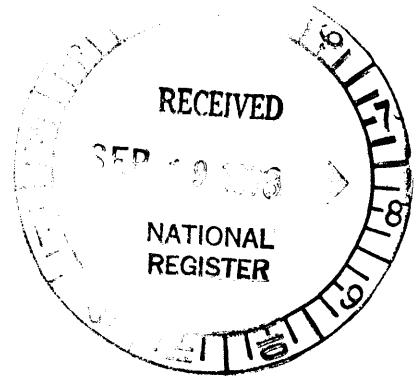
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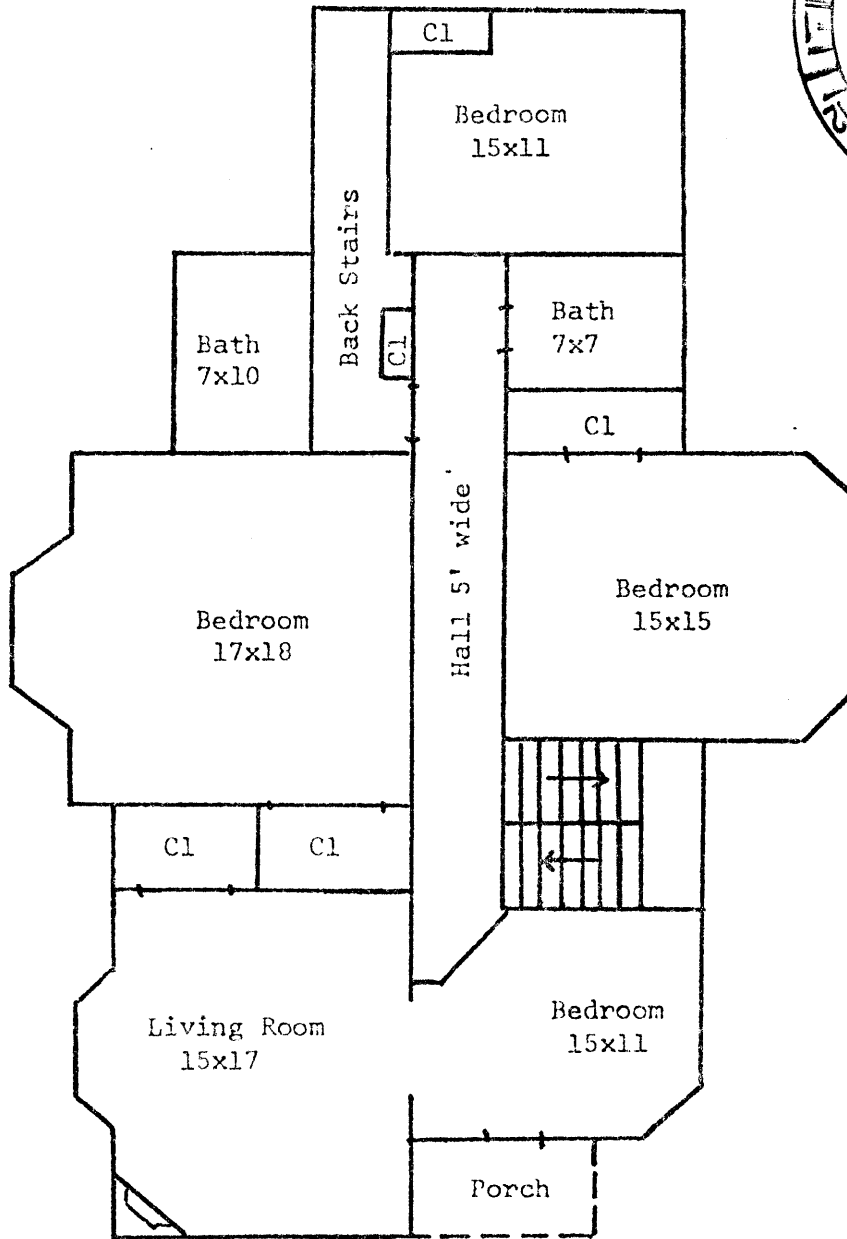
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Eau Claire, Wisconsin
FIRST FLOOR



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SECOND FLOOR