

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Marathon
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Yawkey, Cyrus C., House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 McIndoe Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Wausau

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Marathon** CODE: **073**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Marathon County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 McIndoe Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Wausau

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
55

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Marathon County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Register of Deeds

CITY OR TOWN:
Wausau

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Vol. II, The Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973** Federal State County Local

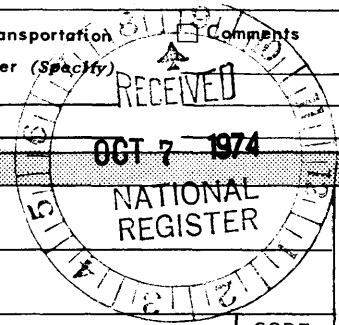
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE:
Wisconsin

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cyrus C. Yawkey house is an excellent example of the classical resurgence which occurred in the first years of the twentieth century in America. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame house with a giant pedimented Ionic portico. Other features of the house, such as its windows and sun porch echo the portico's heavy denticulated cornice and pediment. The house is pleasantly proportioned and handsomely detailed, and it has been well maintained. Blueprints and original floor plans indicate that the architects were Van Ryn and DeGelleke of Milwaukee, but perhaps the most interesting features of the house are by another architect. At some time after the original construction of the house the Prairie School architect George Maher of Chicago was called in to redesign the interiors of the den, the dining room, the library, and the bathrooms downstairs. There is also some exterior work by Maher, including the stone and iron work on the front and side porches and the two stone vases flanking the front steps. The interiors by Maher are extremely fine examples of the Prairie style. A number of colored-glass windows which remain in the house also appear to be by Maher. Original Maher blueprints exist for some of this interior work.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Association with</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>historically significant personality.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cyrus Yawkey house is important for four reasons. First, it is a good example of the classical revival mode of architecture in Wisconsin around the turn of the century.

Second, it was the home of Cyrus Carpenter Yawkey, an important Wisconsin businessman for over forty years. Yawkey's interests were national; he was involved in concerns which spread from Mississippi and Florida in the East to Minnesota and Oregon in the West. Yawkey began his career in Hazelhurst, Wisconsin in 1889 as a partner in a sawmill. His interests expanded steadily, and he later became president of the Yawkey-Bissell Lumber Company. He was a Wisconsin State Assemblyman in 1895-6. Yawkey helped to found the Northern Life Insurance Company and was an officer in numerous paper, masonite, and fiber companies until his death in 1943.

Third, the Yawkey house is important to its environment. It makes a substantial contribution to the Wausau streetscape. A number of houses across the street from the Yawkey house have been razed for modern buildings of a less significant scale. This house apparently stands as a gate stopping the flow of modern development from the west from reaching the residential area to the east. Thus the loss of the Yawkey house might mean a great deal to the character of Wausau.

Fourth, the involvement of the important Prairie School architect, George Maher, is perhaps the Yawkey house's most important architectural interest. Maher was involved in the design of four other houses in Wausau which until 1972 were unknown in his oeuvre. His interiors in the Yawkey house are intact and should be preserved in any event as an example of the work of the Prairie School in Wisconsin.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dean, Jeffrey, Architectural Evaluation, August 17, 1972.
 (unpublished staff report.)
 Yawkey, Cyrus, Carpenter, Wisconsin Necrology, Vol. XLIX, pp. 27-9.
 Original blueprints and drawings in the possession of the
 Marathon County Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	U.T.M.	
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

Degr Zone 16: 292,870 E.
 4,982,040 N. ds

UTM
OK
CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: June 12, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name James Morton Smith
James Morton Smith,

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date Oct. 1, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 31 1974

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 31 1974