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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
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westgate
929 McIndoe Street
Wausau, WI 54401

Map 2, F
Acreage: 0.95

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
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Riordan
1206 Highland Park Boulevard
Wausau, WI 54401

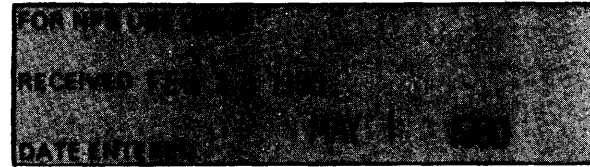
Map 2, H
Acreage:
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Three years in construction, the D. C. Everest House is the most consciously romantic of the Eschweiler buildings. The three-story English-Spanish Baroque "estate" occupies a block-large sloping hillside site overlooking Wausau. The

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variegated pantile-roof and brick building is U-shaped with a walled rectangular forecourt (with statue and fountain) in the angle. The projecting pavilions and connecting mass are all hip-roofed. Fenestration is varied throughout, with an abundance of custom-designed stained glass. Symbols of English heraldry decorate the dining room casements; musical motifs decorate the music room windows; Medieval dwarfs and playing cards compose the theme of the play room in the basement story. Full-length leaded windows in the sitting room and solarium were imported from England,¹ along with custom-designed brass chandeliers in the library (with silhouette of a wizard) and music room (with profiles of musicians). Roof tiles and decorative tiles inside were imported from Spain. Among the many other notable features of the seventeen-room house are the carved sandstone doorway with crest and engaged twisted columns, gargoyle-topped buttresses between the solarium windows, half-timbered overhang on the west end, and iron-railed balcony on the third story, rear. The entry hall is vaulted with wide ribs springing from Corinthian-capital corbels. Hand-hewn beams support the ceilings in the sitting room and music room. The third story includes five bedrooms and servants' quarters. A tile-roofed tea house with fireplace is set back to the north edge of the yard to the rear. Alterations to the original design include removal of the custom-designed English furniture and several of the iron balconies from the exterior.

¹Wausau Daily Herald, Wednesday, July 5, 1972.

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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.⁸

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.⁹ 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

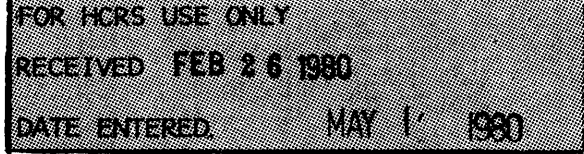
C. H. Wegner (of the Wegner House) was a "well-known man in Wausau."¹⁰ A German immigrant, he was a prominent merchant who owned a dry goods and general merchandise store in Wausau.

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.¹¹

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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10. Geographical Data

UTM References - Map #3

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Verbal boundary descriptions: 1. Joseph Dessert Library: NW 1/2 of Lots 13 & 14, Block 2, City of Mosinee; 2. Karl Mathie House: Government Lot 2 & 3 of Section 29-27-07 NW of Wisconsin River, SE of Water Street, NE of extended line between lots 4 & 5, Block 3 of City of Mosinee; 3. First Universalist Church: Lots 1 & 2 and West 4 feet of Lot 3 in Block 8 of Stewart, Manson, & Hinton's Addition to the City of Wausau, Marathon County, Wis.; 4. Marathon County Fairground: NW NW Section 35 and 29N R7E NE NE of Section 35 and 29 and R7E; 5. C. B. Bird House: NW SE Section 25 and 29N R7E; 6. C. H. Wegner House: W 1/2 of Lot 18, all of Lots 19 & 20, Block 2 of the A. Warren, Jr. East Addition to the City of Wausau; 7. E. K. Schuetz House: NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 25-29-07 S 1/2 of: commencing 450 feet E of SE corner of Lot 5, Block 1 of Dunbar & Parthers First Addition, E to the W line of 10th Street, N to S line of McIndoe Street, W along said street to a point due N of the beginning, S to the beginning; 8. D. C. Everest House: Lot A of Highland Park Addition to Wausau (According to Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 35, Public Records of Marathon County, Wisconsin, said Lot lying in and comprising a Part of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 25, T29N, R7E); 9. C. F. Dunbar House: Part of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 25-29-07. N 1/2 of: commencing 450 feet E of SE corner of Lot 5, Block 1 of Dunbar & Parther's First Addition to the City of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, E to the S line of McIndoe Street, W along said street to a point due N of the beginning, S of the beginning.

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