


1 City, Village or Town: Kaukauna		County: Outagamie	Surveyor: M. Betz	Date: 4/25/83	Wisconsin Avenue (West) 705
Street Address: 705 W. Wisconsin Avenue		USGS Quad and UTM Reference: See Continuation Sheet		Acres: 1.96 acres	
Current Name & Use: Private Residence		Current Owner: Thomas Zwicker			
Film Roll No. 17		Current Owner's Address: 705 W. Wisconsin Avenue			
Negative No. 3		Legal Description: Lot A, Block 5, Stovekin Plat, Ward 1			
Facade Orient. N					

2 Original Name & Use: Charles W. Stribley House	Source A	Previous Owners Charles W. Stribley	Dates 1910-1940	Uses Residence	Source A	Town
Dates of Construction/Alteration 1910	Source A	Alphonse Lang	1942-1951	Residence	A	
Architect and/or Builder: Van Ryn - DeGelleke, Milwaukee, Wis.	Source E	Joseph A. Schouten	1953-1972	Residence	A	Range

3 Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Engineering <input type="radio"/> None	4 Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: <input checked="" type="radio"/> None Period of significance:	Section
Architectural Description and Significance: See Continuation Sheet	Historical Background and Significance: See Continuation Sheet	
Interior visited? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Map Name City Engineer

5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above) A Kaukauna tax assessment rolls 1898-1919.	6 Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> LDMK <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> other:	Map Code 17/3
B A History of Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co., 1977, p. 2.	7 Condition <input checked="" type="radio"/> excellent <input type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins	
C Conversation with Mrs. Thomas Zwicker April 21, 1983.	8 District: <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing	
D Old photograph, circa 1910.	9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility date: 4/25/83 initials: MB <input checked="" type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input checked="" type="radio"/> local	
E Original blueprint drawings.		

Charles Stribley House
House at 705 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

Architectural Statement:

Description: Fronting the Fox River to the South and facing Wisconsin Avenue to the North, the three-story red brick house, built in 1910, is the largest and most elegant residential structure in Kaukauna. The Milwaukee architectural firm of Van Ryan and DeGelleke designed the house in 1910. A low brick wall (originally a cast iron fence)^(D) surrounds a portion of this two acre estate. The carriage house has a tile roof and upper level apartment with fireplace. A fountain with statuary is also located on the grounds.

Characterized by its symmetrical composition and central plan, the main house has dormers projecting from the steeply pitched "barrel tile" roof, brackets beneath the overhanging eaves, a large central chimney, and bay windows on both the first and second floors. The one-story Colonial Revival porch has an upper balcony, Doric columns, and an entablature with dentils. A projecting gable emphasizes this entranceway.

Beyond the front door is a vestibule with stained, leaded, and zinc glass panels. A marble threshold - one of many throughout the house - is located between the vestibule and the large reception room. This area has an oak floor and paneling, and an oversized fireplace. Flanking the reception room are four rooms with 12' ceilings: a music room and dining room to the east, and a library and formal parlor to the west. Sliding oak pocket doors are located between the rooms. The formal parlor has a beamed ceiling and an elaborate hand-carved fireplace from Germany (certified as an antique in 1910, thus making it today at least 173 years old). The dining room is paneled in cherrywood and has a cross-beam ceiling. Behind this room are the conservatory with a tile floor, a butler's pantry with original cabinets, and a kitchen which has a picturesque view of the Fox River.

There are five main rooms (some have cut crystal door knobs) on the second floor. The large master bathroom has a six foot tub, a "sitz" tub, and a shower with an elaborate water system consisting of numerous sprays. This shower is made entirely of marble. The third floor has a large ballroom (now used for storage) as well as two additional bedrooms and a walk-in cedar closet.

There are several other uncommon features in this early Twentieth Century house, including a central vacuum system, an intercom telephone line, and closets with automatic lights that turn on when the door is opened. According to the current owner, the original owner, Charles W. Stribley, was able to learn of this innovative electrical feature through his associations with Thomas Edison.

Significance: Few houses in Kaukauna possess the craftsmanship - or the size - of the former Stribley residence. Its sumptuous interior reflects the gracious lifestyles of both the past and present owners. The antique hand carved German fireplace, zinc and leaded glass, solid marble shower, and advanced electrical and communication systems are just a few of the many unique features. The building is unquestionably the most elegant private residence in the City, a unique combination of Romanesque and Craftsman elements designed by the distinguished Milwaukee architects Van Ryn and DeGelleke.

Charles Stribley House
House at 705 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (2)

Historical Statement:

Charles W. Stribley was hired as a bookkeeper by Oscar Thilmany in 1897, and quickly rose to prominence as an officer and member of the management team of one of Kaukauna's key industries, the Thilmany Mills. When Mr. Thilmany retired and returned to Germany in 1901, C.W. Stribley became a member of the Board of Directors of Thilmany Pulp & Paper Company and stayed with the company until his death in 1941 as "a production man, a man of great energy and a tireless promoter of new products."^B Mr. Stribley was also a community "booster" in Kaukauna. For example, he donated the land for the Outagamie County Teachers' College after helping to write the proposal which won the school away from Appleton, the county seat.^C His historical contribution to the industrial development of Kaukauna, however, is best represented by the Thilmany complex.

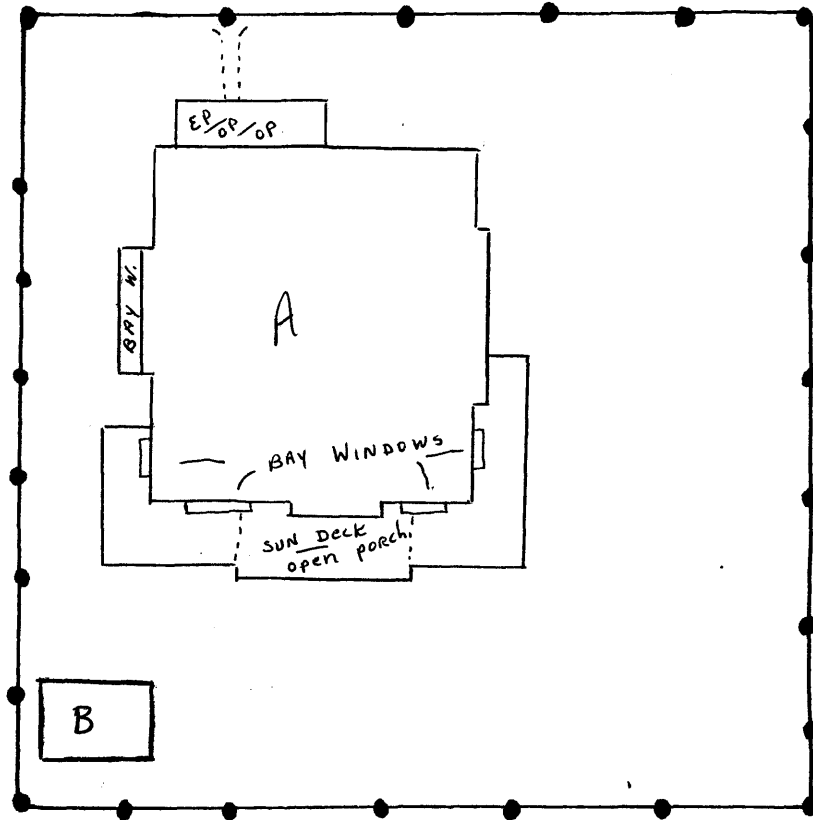
USGS Quad and UTM Reference:

UTM: Zone 16
Easting: 398110
Northing: 4904040
USGS Kaukauna Quadrangle
1:24,000

STRIBLEY HOUSE

705 W. Wisconsin Ave. - Kaukauna

W. Wisconsin Ave.



Fox River

- A. Orig. Bldg
- B. Carriage House with apartment on 2nd floor for servants. Now used as garage with storage space.

*Note - had independent phone or intercom system.

●—● = nomination boundaries