



Landmark Nomination

1. Name

historic Thomas Bassett House

and/or common Bassett House / Whitewater Federation of Womens Clubs

2. Location

street & number 708 West Main Street

city, town Whitewater

congressional district

state WISCONSIN code 055 county Walworth

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Whitewater Federation of Womens Clubs

street & number 708 W. Main Street

city, town Whitewater

vicinity of WI state ZIP 5319 0

5. Location of Legal Description (In County Courthouse)

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Walworth County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Elkhorn

state Wisconsin

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

file Nat'l Register of Historic Places (district nomination survey)

date pending

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

PRESENT: Two-story, 19th century cream brick house, oriented south.

Front porch wraps to west; east bay window and two-story east side porch.

Story and one-half addition on north, with attached single story, single stall garage on north.

Stone lintels & sills of windows unpainted; windows shutterless.

Front door on south side; second, smaller door on east.

ORIGINAL: An Italianate dwelling with several Greek Revival features.

Built during spring/summer of 1857 for Thomas Bassett on property he purchased from P.H. Brady during spring of 1856 (F.L. PRATT'S ADDITION).

Italianate features:

- 1) form: simple hipped roof, low-pitched; facade openings are typically three-ranked.
- 2) eave overhang, bracketed with single brackets; all eaves bracketed, including that of one story garage in rear of home.
- 3) Triple bay window, w/bracketed eaves and denticulated cornice.

Revival features:

- 1) windows; stone lintels larger than stone sills, common in masonry examples of Greek Revival homes. No Italianate arch or curve or elaborate enframingent.
- 2) front door: single with elaborate surround of full transom light.

Alterations:

WR 1 Augu 1878: Mrs. T. Bassett has put a two-story addition on west side of her house, adding very greatly to the appearance of the building and also to the convenience of its interior arrangements. A new roof has also been put on whole building.



Notice of Designation

Notice is hereby given that the Landmarks Commission of the City of Whitewater has designated the following building as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmarks Ordinance, Title 17, Whitewater Municipal Code:

Bassett House 708 W. Main St.

Exterior construction or alteration of this structure or grounds require prior approval by the Landmarks Commission.



Grafton H. Hull, Jr.
Chairperson
Landmarks Commission
August 22, 1985

cc: City Clerk
Building Inspector
City Assessor
Plan Commission
Owners of Record of property within 300 feet
of above structure