

Walworth Co. 0010395 Whitewater 122 N. Esterly St



Landmark Nomination

1. Name

historic Esterly Carriage House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 122 N. Esterly Ave.

city, town Whitewater

congressional district

state WISCONSIN code 055 county

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Grafton H. Hull, Jr.

street & number 122 N. Esterly Ave

city, town Whitewater

vicinity of

state WI ZIP 53190

5. Location of Legal Description (In County Courthouse)

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Walworth County Register of Deeds

street & number Courthouse

city, town Elkhorn

state Wisconsin

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

Originally the carriage house for the residence to the south (604 Main Street), this tan brick house consists of a two story rectangular block with hipped roof and a one story enclosed porch addition at the north corner of the street (east) facade. On the south or front facade the outline of the original wide arched carriage entrance can still be seen behind the one story, pedimented entry portico with square columns and a low barred vaulted ceiling. Above the portico is a small double hung window centered in the original wide loading bay with brick arch and surround. Above the second story window is a broken pediment supported by brackets. The right and left bays have double hung windows; arched, with brick surrounds on the first story and simple rectangular double hung windows on the second story. Projecting from the street facade is an enclosed room with a brick base below closely grouped double hung windows rising to overhanging eaves and a flat roof. This room and the front portico were added about 1919 when the house was converted from a stable to its current use as a residence. There is some evidence that the structure was moved slightly to its present position at the same time. A basement was added also during this period.

The style of the house is a reserved Italianate.

8. Significance

(Continue on separate sheets if necessary)

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) <i>Prominent persons</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (Give specific sources for all statements of fact.)

This building was built as a carriage house by George W. Esterly, an early Whitewater industrialist. It was constructed in 1885, nine years after the main house was completed. The December 24, 1885 Whitewater Register, in a short news item said as follows:

'G.W. Esterly has built the finest barn in the city. It is of brick, in style similar to the house, is lighted with gas and finished off in better shape as to the doors and windows than many houses of considerable pretentiousness.'

The structure passed through the hands of several owners until 1919 when it was purchased by Easton Johnson, an attorney. (Johnson was in turn, District Attorney, and President of what is now the Commercial Bank). Johnson lived in the home from 1919 to about 1975.

The original builder/architect is not known. The remodelling work in 1919-1920 was done by George Pollack of Milwaukee.

It appears as though the structure may be one of the last brick carriage houses remaining in Whitewater or perhaps the only one.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References (Optional)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Grafton H. Hull, Jr.

organization Whitewater Landmarks Comm. date 9-9-83

street & number 122 N. Esterly Ave telephone 473-5746

city or town Whitewater state WI

12. Municipal Data

Zoning District: _____

Aldermanic District: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Commission Actions

Hearing Approved: _____

Hearing Date Set: _____

Landmark Designated (Date): _____ Number: _____

Certified By: _____

Commission Chairman

Date: _____

*W. J. Nelson
Secretary*

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

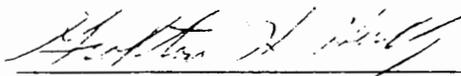
Notice is hereby given that the Landmarks Commission of the City of Whitewater has designated the following buildings as landmarks pursuant to the Landmarks Ordinance, Title 17, Whitewater Municipal Code:

604 West Main (owned by Delta Zeta Housing Corporation)

122 North Esterly Ave. (owned by Grafton H. Hull, Jr. and
Judith S. Hull)

Exterior construction and alteration of these structures require approval by the Landmarks Commission.

cc: ✓ City Clerk
Building Inspector
City Assessor
Plan Commission
Owner of record of property within 300 feet of above structures



Grafton H. Hull, Jr.
Chairperson
Landmarks Commission