



Landmark Nomination

1. Name

historic Delta Zeta Sorority House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 604 Main Street

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 checked="" 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 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 Delta Zeta Housing Corporation

c/o Carol Valley

street & number Route 3, Box 202A

city, town Columbus _____ vicinity of state Wisc. ZIP 53925

5. Location of Legal Description (In County Courthouse)

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

street & number P. O. Box 1001

city, town Elkhorn state Wisconsin 53121

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The present exterior appearance is generally the same as when it was built in 1876. We assume the original porch was altered or torn off and the present porch added. Inside most of the rooms have been converted to student housing bedrooms except for the two large rooms on first floor which are large living areas. Over the past few years, some of the members of Delta Zeta Sorority have spent some time stripping the many layers of white paint on mantles and woodwork to restore them to their original finish. Over the years, there has been modernization of bathrooms and kitchen areas.

Attached is a reprint of an article from the Whitewater Register, describing the house as it was when first occupied in 1876.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

H. C. Koch

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

Land was first owned by Freeman Pratt in 1837 - one of first settlers in Whitewater area.

Home built by George W. Esterly in 1876. Ran Esterly Harvester Works with his father. That company was Whitewater's major employer.

Home purchased by Easton Johnson, banker, attorney and district attorney in 1919. In that same year, Johnson sold house to University President Hyer and moved barn away from home and converted it to his home.

The house was designed by a well known court house architect, H. C. Koch. It has roof pediments and cast iron cresting over bay windows which are rare for this area of the country.

Whitewater Register

October 5, 1876

G. W. ESTERLY'S NEW HOUSE

A SPLENDID EDIFICE

As Mr. G. W. Esterly has this past week moved his family and household possessions into his new residence on Main Street the occasion is a favorable one for giving a brief description of the building itself, which is unquestionably the finest and most costly of all the elegant buildings for which the residence portion of our town is so justly noted.

The building is what is generally known as a "square house" having a hall through the center with parlor and sitting room in front. Its walls are of solid brick 12 inches thick; those of the main building are veneered with pressed brick. The basement of same is veneered with Waukesha stone, all having tucked or raised, white joints. The mason work contract was let to Messrs. C. and E. Bonnett, of this place, and was done in a most perfect and workmanlike manner.

The house has two full stories, besides the basement, and all the partition walls are of brick, each commencing at the ground and extending through to the attic, in stating the size and arrangement of the rooms on either floor, one gets the general arrangement of all.

Entering at the front door we find ourselves in the Vestibule 6½x8 feet paved with English tiling from the establishment of Charles L. Page and company of Chicago. The Vestibule has a convenient coat closet connected with it. Through folding doors we pass into the main hall, 8x30 feet, at the back of which is a fine black walnut stair case leading to the second floor. At our left is a pair of doors opening into the Parlor 15 ft. 9 in.x21 ft. 6 in.—arranged for grates. There is a bed room immediately over this, similarly arranged, and a billiard room underneath, all of same size. At our right, is another pair of folding doors opening into the sitting room, 15 ft. 9 in. x 17 feet, besides the bay windows, 5 x 10 feet. This is a two story window, thus accommodating the bed room over this room which is of the same size. Both rooms have open grades.

The Library is immediately over the Vestibule in the second story and separated from the front hall by a pair of glass doors.

Back of the sitting room, at the right of the hall, is a bed room 13x16 feet, having a bath room and closets off the same. Over this is a bed room and underneath the preserve cellar.

The dining room is on the opposite side of the hall, back of the parlor — 13 ft. 6 in. x 17 ft. 6 in., having an open grate. Over this is a bed room, and under it the coal cellar.



The basement hall is enclosed and thus made the receptacle of the justly celebrated "Gold's Steam and Hot Water Heating Apparatus" which is a most perfect arrangement and beyond a question has no superior for heating purposes. This was put in by Goodman and Mooers of Milwaukee.

The main building above described is finished throughout with black walnut and butternut, having inside blinds of same, all of which, together with the ash finish for rear wing, stair cases c. was manufactured by Palmer, Fuller & Company of Chicago. The trimmings in the main building are of Antique Bronze.

The rear wing consists of a kitchen, furnished with a brick set range, pantry, sewing room, rear hall and stairs, closet c., having bed rooms overhead and vegetable cellar and laundry beneath. The laundry has three stationary wash tubs supplied with hot and cold water, which is likewise conducted to all the principal bedrooms in the house. There is also a water closet on each floor. The Plumbing and Gas-fitting was done by Hoffman, Billings & Co., of Milwaukee.

There are five marble mantels now in the house, namely: one pink Knoxville; one drab Knoxville; one blue Vermont; one green Vermont; and one dark Tennessee, all of which together with the five stationary wash stands were furnished by The Chicago Marble Manufacturing Company.

The carpenter work was done under the personal supervision of our fellow townsman Chas. M. Sykes, and is executed in his usual, most satisfactory manner. His work on this building will doubtless add much to his favorable reputation.

The filling and oiling of the inside wood work, which will not be finished until another season, is in the hands of Peter Rivers and J. H. Goodearle. The Architect was H. C. Koch, of Milwaukee. Mr. Esterly however, superintended the work, and purchased his materials himself.

The building is finely proportioned, and presents a very handsome and imposing appearance. It is set well back from the street, and the front part of the lot has been graded and seeded, making a fine lawn. The lot itself, like those adjoining, extends back about 100 rods and is about six acres in extent, affording ample pasture grounds and garden spot and room for outbuildings.

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Esterly upon having so delightful a home, and hope that they may enjoy its pleasures and comforts for many years to come.

*W. J. Nelson
Secretary*

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

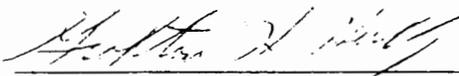
Notice is hereby given that the Landmarks Commission of the City of Whitewater has designated the following buildings as landmarks pursuant to the Landmarks Ordinance, Title 17, Whitewater Municipal Code:

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