



Landmark Nomination

1. Name

historic Starin Mansion / Green Shutters Restaurant

and/or common Green Shutters Restaurant

2. Location

street & number 507 W. Main Street

city, town Whitewater

congressional district

state WISCONSIN code 055 county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 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 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

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____ ZIP _____

5. Location of Legal Description (In County Courthouse)

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Walworth County Courthouse; Elkhorn Wisconsin

street & number

city, town _____ state Wisconsin

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date pending _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
XXXXX excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	XXXX unaltered	<input checked="" 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

PRESENT: Two-story, 19th century cream brick house, oriented north, with two 20th century add-ons, one from SW corner, other on South and East sides. Large, two-story frame wrap-around porch on East, North, and West sides, added between 1912 and 1924. Front gable pediment removed. Eaves and porch in deteriorated condition. Stone lentils & sills of windows painted white.

ORIGINAL: A Greek Revival dwelling with Italianate decorative features. Built during spring/summer of 1860 for Jacob John Starin, on property he owned by 1857.* (WR 19 May 1860, Early Annals, p.131)

Revival features:

- 1) form: central block which is double cross-gabled, extending wings outward, slightly, the width of paired windows, for light & ventilation, front-gabled, 4 gables in all, which were all pedimented, originally.
- 2) low pitched roof
- 3) windows: stone lentils larger than stone sills, common in masonry examples of Greek Revival homes.

Italianate features:

- 1) paired eave brackets, which were also added to large front porch
- 2) paired windows on east & west cross gables
- 3) round arched doors, front: front door(double) on west, smaller door(single) on east, pedimented.
- 4) small entry porches, single story height on each north side door, not extant but scars visible, esp. on west door.
- 5) small, frame "porch" below 2nd story front windows
- 6) full-height brick pilasters across front facade

Moderate eave overhang, c12", is more pronounced than Greek Revival, and less than Italianate.

Italianate style dominated American houses constructed between 1850 & 1880 and was particularly common in the expanding towns & cities of the midwest, especially Main Street of Whitewater. Starin home is a Romantic transitional structure, with very traditional, clean and simple statements...

Wrap porch is a full-colonnaded Greek Revival living porch or verandah. Columns: with eave brackets added to complete look.

* Centennial booklet, 1937, p.56 incorrectly attributes this house to Mr. Parker from 1860, on 125th Anniversary booklet, 1962, p. 64 incorrectly dates this house to 1841.

Whitewater Historical Society House statement may also date house incorrectly. This house is an exact duplicate of the one built on SW corner of Center & 4th (Lowrey home)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1860

Builder/Architect

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Well kept example of interesting, but not rare, Romantic style house, with well balanced Greek Revival and Italianate details. (see preceding page) Front gallery or verandah is an interesting architectural detail, added much later than the period, but thoughtfully, a well chosen, executed detail.

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Built for and inhabited by Jacob John Starin, b. 16 Aug 1825; d. 4 Jan 1899., nephew of Henry J. Starin, with whom he arrived in Whitewater in 1840. From 1844 until 1865, J.J. Starin was involved in mercantile business, first clerking for Philander Peck, then establishing his own, P.H. Brady, J.J. Starin, and D.S. Cook, & CO.

on corner of Main & 1st, one of the oldest businesses in town, trade in general merchandise, including boots, shoes, dry goods, groceries, hardware, crockery...

"I have known customers to wait and wait for the pleasure of buying goods of Jacob. His memory of names & faces was remarkable. He knew and could call by name nearly every man living within 10 miles of WW, and many customers came to him from 20 miles away. He was warm-hearted and helpful to the sick and needy, personally by word & deed reaching homes and hearts of those in sorrow or in want; always attentive to the sick, sympathizing w/the bereaved. He was known to be seen replacing fallen blanket on back of shivering horse. Mr Starin was almost the last of the pioneers. His death causes vacancy no man can fill." (D.S. Cook, partner)

House inherited by next two generations of J.J. Starin; sold in early 20's to Sander Hoyum who established Green Shutters restaurant there c.1924. Also sold antiques. Then owned by Dawson family, and run successfully. Sold by Mrs. Dawson in early 1970's to succession of people, who failed to keep business successfully. Sheds in rear housing antiques razed c. 1975-1976.

Former mansion served community as well-respected restaurant for some 50 years, almost as long as structure served as family home for member of one of city's founding families.

ECONOMICS SIGNIFIC:

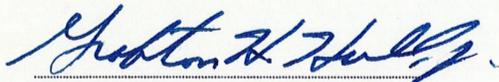
NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

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

Green Shutters
507 W. Main St.

Exterior construction and alteration of this structure or grounds requires approval by the Landmarks Commission

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



Grafton H. Hull, Jr.
Chairperson
Landmarks Commission