
Landmark Nomination

1. Name Richard and Caryl Yasko

historic

and/or common

2. Location

136

Street & number:

~~135~~ Whiton Street

City, town:

Whitewater

County:

Walworth

State:

WI

code

county

Congressional district:

3. Classification

Category

district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

public
 private
 both

Public Acquisition

in process
 being considered

Status

occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property

Name:

Richard and Caryl Yasko

Street & number:

135 Whiton Street

City:

Whitewater

State: WI

Zip: 53190

5. Location of Legal Description

Attached

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

None

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good

deteriorated
 ruins

Check One

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

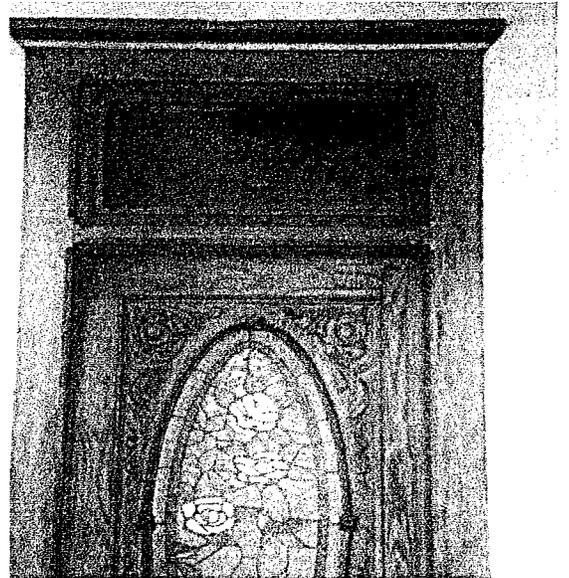
There have been no exterior modifications done to the house since its original construction.
Please see attached photographs.

7. **Description (cont.)**

The following photographs were taken by R. Helmick on March 16, 2011. There has been no physical alteration to the exterior of the house since its original construction.



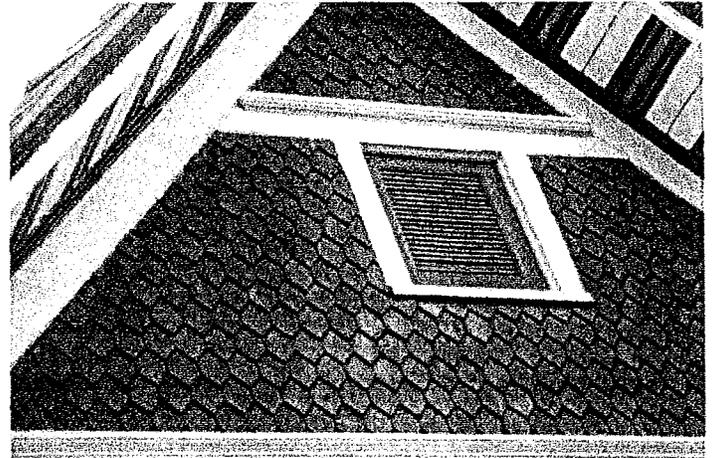
Front of house as viewed from Whiton St.



Front door detail showing original transom.



This is the side entrance used by patrons to Kiernan's Candy Kitchen.



Detail of the scalloping used on the three gables.

Government Survey showing Sec. 5-T. 4-R-15-E., Walworth County, Wisconsin. No. /

WISCONSIN STATES

Duplicate Certificate, No. 924. Dated March 5, 1874.

Consideration, Full Payment.

Official Abstract of the United States Land Office, Wisconsin, the following described real estate situated in Walworth and State of Wisconsin, was purchased by the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 5 Town 2 Range 15 contains 160 ac.

regarding
45.25
48.70

Part of

Sec. 6 Sec. 5

Sec. 6

Sec. 4

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Sec. 4

WALWORTH COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
WALWORTH COUNTY,

ABSTRACT OFFICE
OF

Walworth County Abstract Co.
ELKHORN, WIS.

Abstract of Title

TO

Commencing on the W. line of Whiton Street at a point where it intersects with the N. line of Conger Street and running thence N. on the W. line of Whiton Street 70 ft. thence W. and parallel with the N. line of Conger Street to the E. line of land formerly owned by Mrs. D. Sykes, thence S. on the E. line of Mrs. D. Sykes land 70 ft. to the N. line of Conger Street, thence E. on the N. line of Conger Street to the place of beginning; all in Hanford A. Conger's Subdivision of Block 6 in Birges Addition to the Village (now City) of Whitewater, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

Shown by Nos. / to 68 inclusive

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 checked="" 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
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Specific dates: See below

Builder/Architect: Unknown

Statement of Significance

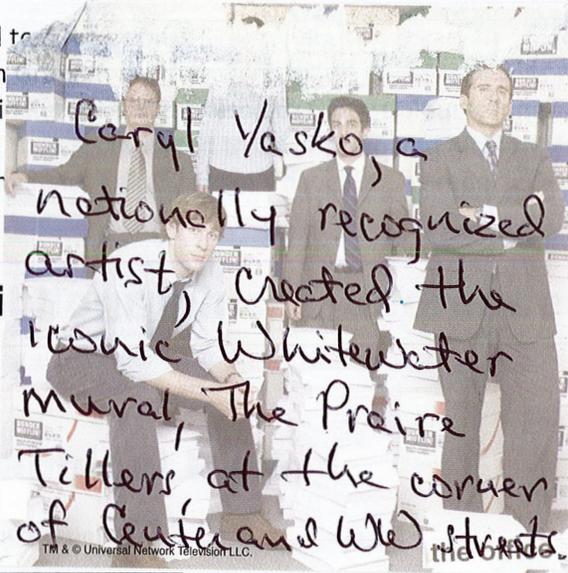
Yasko Nomination for Landmark Status
136 Whiton Street
Chronological Listing of Property Ownership
(information gleaned from title abstracts)

- 1840 Property purchased by William Birge (wife, Mary Birge). This is a large tract of land named the Birge's Homestead. This tract is latter subdivide. One subdivision is named the Conger's Subdivision. Block 6, lots 20-21-19 of this subdivision is the eventual location of the Yasko property at 136 Whiton St., at the corner of Whiton and Conger Streets.
- 1843 Leander Birge (William and Mary's son?) is listed as joint owner along with William Birge.
- 1853 Leander Birge, upon his death, wills the property to his second wife, Frances Birge, and his two sons, James and Charles Birge. James is 14 and Charles is 11.
- 1854 Prosper Cravath is appointed as guardian for James and Charles.
- 1856 Prosper Cravath sells the property on November 14 (for James and Charles?) to Hanford A. Conger and his brother, Henry M. Conger. The two brothers use the property to start a nursery business. (An ad in the Whitewater Register, dated 5/13/1861, testified to the quality of plantings available through the Conger Nursery.)
- 1855 The entire property is sold to the Village of Whitewater. (It is assumed that the nursery and its stock are still under the ownership of the Congers who may be renting the land.)
- 1869 The village of Whitewater subdivides the land on December 31.
- 1870 H.A. Conger sells the nursery and its stock to Fred E. Day.
- 1874 On December 1, lots 20, 21, and a section of 19 are plotted for sale. This is the land upon which the Yasko house is built. James Y Chatterton purchased the lots.
- 1878 James Chatterton sold the lots to Orlando Gault.
- 1882 On Oct. 13, Warren Cole (acting as administrator for Orlando Gault) mortgages the property to Brian Moore for \$1700. (Given the amount of the mortgage, it is assumed that the present house was built on this property prior to this date - between 1878 and 1882.)
- 1888 Jane McLane, recent widow of Daniel McLane, buys the property on April 5 from Bryon and Mary Moore. Mr. McLane had two, sizable life insurance policies at the time of his death (from Woodman's Insurance). It is assumed she used this money to purchase the house. Jane McLane had six children. One of her children was Katherine McLane who later married Elmer Kiernan. Upon Jane McLane's death, Elmer and Katherine Kiernan inherit the property.
- 1913 Katherine Kiernan's son, Elmer, receives the property upon her death in 1913. Elmer's wife, Erika Kiernan establishes "Kiernan's Candy Kitchen" and sells confections from the house. Customers would enter from the side porch (see picture).

1976

The property is sold to Richard and Caryl Yasko who still own it.

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lmick, Oct. 2010.
Caryl Yasko and Richard Helmick, March 2011.

9. Major Bi

10. Geogr

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Quadrangle name

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UMT References (Optional)

A	Zone	Easting	Northing	B	Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

Name/title: Richard Helmick

Organization: Whitewater Landmarks Commission **Date:** April 6, 2011

Street & number: 227 S. Boone Ct **Telephone:** 262-473-7884

City or town: Whitewater **State:** WI **Zip:** 53190

12. Municipal Data

Zoning District: R-2 Aldermanic District: 3rd

Parcel Number: _____

13. Commission Actions

Hearing Approved: _____ Hearing Date Set: _____

Landmark Designated (Date): _____ Number: _____

Certified By: _____
Commission Chairman

Date: _____

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.

Kiernan Candy Kitchen

136 Whiton Street

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

Carol Christ,

Landmarks Chairperson

Cc: City Clerk

Neighborhood Services Director

Assessor

Plan Commission members

Owners of record of property within 300' of above structures