

CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Address: 1224 S. Third Ave.

Inventory No: WA-SWC-1067

Historic Name: William/Mary Danforth **Current Owner:** Mary Jeans

County: Washington

City/Township: Stillwater

GEO CODE: 34-030-20-23-0050

Township: T30N **Range:** R20W, **Section 28 (SW 1/4)**

U.S.G.S. Quad Map: Stillwater, Minn-Wisc., 1967, photorevised 1993

U.T.M.: 15 514 498

Architect/Contractor:

Style: French Empire

Date Built: 1882

Photo Number(s): 013731

Frame(s) 21

Survey Name: Hersey Staples & Co. Addition HPPA

Form prepared by: Donald Empson, Empson Archives

Date Surveyed: February-May, 2000

Physical Description: A smaller French Empire house with a mansard roof. An ungainly porch has been added to the front of the house and odd shutters detract from the appearance.

Significance: This house is ____ is not__X_ preliminarily eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.

Statewide Historic Contexts: St. Croix Triangle Lumbering, 1843 -1914.

Local Historic Context: Development of Residential Neighborhoods in Stillwater, 1850s-1940s.

National Register Eligible (prelim.): ____ Yes __X__No

Date listed on the National Register:

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Present Use: Residential, single family

Zoning District: RB-2 family residential

Integrity:

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☒ Fair

☐ Poor

Condition:

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

Stories: 2

Roof style or shape: Mansard

Structural System: Wood

Windows: 2x2

Foundation: Limestone

Wall Treatment: Aluminum siding

Alterations:

Legal Description: Hersey, Staples & Co. Addition

Block 9 Lot 6,7

Historic Information: It appears Jacob Bean had this house built in 1882, but the following year, he sold it to William and Mary Danforth who lived there for a decade. The story is that Cynthia, Jacob Bean's wife, got so impatient with Jacob for not building a house, that she whimsically built this miniature spoof on the Second Empire pretensions of her husband's competitors. Whatever the truth of this story, the fact is that Jacob Bean had built a large house on the Northeast corner of Third and St. Louis in 1874, the same year his partners, Edward Brown and Dudley Hersey built homes on Third Ave. S. When built, Bean's 1874 house was valued at \$2,500 and his barn at \$1,100. This house and barn can be seen on the 1879 Bird's Eye View Map. Today this is the site of a newer house at 1229 Third Ave. S. Bean built several houses in the area, including the one next door at 1230 Third Ave. S. which he also built in 1882. Apparently he built them on speculation.

Sources: Washington County Tax Assessor's (yearly) records: SAM 7, Roll 4; 1879 Bird's Eye View Map; Stillwater City Directories.

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