

CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Address: 711 South First St.

Inventory No: WA-SWC-1361

Historic Name: Stephen & Mary Ann Doyle **County:** Washington

Current Owner: Jeff & Rita Ross

City/Township: Stillwater

GEO CODE: 3303020110018

Township: T30N R20W, Section 33 (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4)

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

U.T.M.: 15-515500 4988260

Architect/Contractor:

Style: Vernacular

Date Built: 1871

Photo Number(s): 014587

Frame(s) 14

Survey Name: East 1/2 of Churchill, Nelson & Slaughter's Addition HPPA

Form prepared by: Donald Empson, Empson Archives

Date Surveyed: February-June, 2003

Physical Description: A plain three-bay gable front with an added 1900's enclosed front porch.

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: Peaked

Structural System: Wood

Windows: 1x1

Foundation: Limestone

Wall Treatment: Wood siding

Alterations:

Legal Description: Churchill, Nelson & Slaughter's Addition
Block 1 Lot Lots 26 & 27

Historic Information: The *Stillwater Gazette* in its issue of November 14, 1871, made a list of improvements to demonstrate how the city had grown the past year. Noted under "Nelson's Field" (as the South Hill was then called) was a 24-foot by 32-foot house constructed by S. Doyle. In September of 1872, Stephen & Mary Ann Doyle; he was a "riverman" (working with the logs in the river) took out a \$208 mortgage on Lots 26 & 27, Block 1. The mortgage was with Hersey, Bean & Brown, a sawmill and lumber company located on South Main Street below the bluff, and this mortgage almost certainly financed the construction of the house at 711 S. First Street. The mortgage was satisfied a year later, but in October, 1874, James Kelly, a stone mason who lived on the corner of Fourth & Churchill Streets, filed a lien against Doyle for \$60.75 "to do the stonework at \$1.25 per perch and to do the brick work and cement the cistern for what would be a reasonable price..." This, however, was the least of the Doyle's troubles, for there was no deed recorded to the Doyles. Fayette Marsh reclaimed the property — despite the Doyle's efforts — and resold the house and lots to William Stein, a jeweler who lived on Pine Street. Stephen Doyle had emigrated from New Brunswick; his wife, Mary Ann was born in Pennsylvania. By 1880, the Doyle household consisted of Stephen and Mary Ann, a son, Edmund, 7; Elizabeth, 5; Austin, 1; and their mother-in-law, Elizabeth Austin from Ireland. The Doyles, apparently fond of the neighborhood, moved south in the early 1880's to 1017 South First.

Sources:

I Mtgs 342; A Liens 110; Stillwater City Directories 1877-1887; SAM 7, Roll 3 & subsequent; 1880 Federal Census for Stillwater, Family #299

Open to the public: Yes No Limit