

# CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

**Address:** 904 South Second St.

**Inventory No:** WA-SWC-1418

**Historic Name:** Herman Drews

**County:** Washington

**Current Owner:** Unlisted

**City/Township:** Stillwater

**GEO CODE:** 3303020110091

**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.:** 15-515400 4988070

**Architect/Contractor:**

**Style:** Queen Anne

**Date Built:** 1894

**Photo Number(s):** 014584

**Frame(s)** 23

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

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**Date Surveyed:** February-June, 2003

**Physical Description:** A large cross gable double front gable with a turreted peak one one gable. Fish scale shingles, a screened in wrap around porch, and a corner entrance distinguish this attractive house.

**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:** 2-1/2

**Roof style or shape:** Peaked

**Structural System:** Wood

**Windows:** 1x1

**Foundation:** Limestone

**Wall Treatment:** Wood lap siding

**Alterations:**

**Legal Description:** Churchill, Nelson & Slaughter's Addition  
**Block 14 Lot 1 & 2**

**Historic Information:** In the spring of 1872, Watson Hall, a painter, bought Lot 1, Block 14, from Mortimer Webster, a local real estate speculator and developer. During the summer he had built his \$400 house that later took the number, 904 South Second Street. However he did not pay his carpenters, R. G. Blanchard and Dan Robinson, and they filed a lien against Hall and his property. The total of the lien was \$31.74, reckoned as a little over 10 days of skilled labor at \$3.00 a day. In October, 1894, Herman Drews applied for a building permit to have William Beiging build him a house on the south side of Churchill between Second and Third — on Block 14, Lot 1. The house was to be two-story, 26 feet wide by 46 feet deep, and costing \$1,700. (This house appeared to have had the number 117 E. Churchill Street.) On a December afternoon in 1904, there was a large fire in the house; the estimate of damage was \$2,241.32. The owner at the time was J. F. Thoreen. A building permit confirmed the cost of repairing the damage at \$600. In 1909, Thoreen spent \$250 and had indoor plumbing installed: a toilet, sink and bath tub. Three years later, he spent \$1,000 remodeling the house.

**Sources:**

W Deeds 160; A Liens 82; SAM 78, Roll 9; 1877 Stillwater City Directory; Fire Department records; City of Stillwater Building Permit #'s 828, 1199, 1362, 1501.

**Open to the public:**  Yes  No  Limit