

CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Address: 910 South Second St.

Inventory No: WA-SWC-1420

Historic Name: John Blake

County: Washington

Current Owner: Unlisted

City/Township: Stillwater

GEO CODE: 3303020110092

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 4988050

Architect/Contractor:

Style: Italianate

Date Built: 1880's?

Photo Number(s): 014584

Frame(s) 21

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 classic three-bay cube Italianate with a step down addition in the rear. There is a classic 1900's front screen porch and some original 4x4 storm windows.

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: Hip

Structural System: Wood

Windows: 1x1

Foundation: Limestone

Wall Treatment: Wood lap siding

Alterations:

Legal Description: Churchill, Nelson & Slaughter's Addition

Block 14 **Lot** Lot 3 & N 1/2 Lot 4

Historic Information: John Blake, listed as a laborer, may have built the house at 910 South Second Street, around 1875 before he actually obtained a Warranty Deed from Edmund Butts, an attorney and real estate speculator active in the neighborhood. The tax assessor put the value of the structure at about \$200, a small value even for those days. By 1877, Blake is listed in the Stillwater City Directory as living on "2nd s. Churchill." In 1882, the property passed to Fred Scott, the proprietor of the North Star Pharmacy. Given the style and size of the present house, it may have been Scott who rebuilt or enlarged the house to its present size and style. In the spring of 1910, a building permit was taken out for \$2,100 worth of work, among the items was to raise the ell and build porches. On a winter morning, shortly after the Christmas of 1917, there was a fire in the home; the loss was estimated at \$808.11.

Source:

1 Deeds 400; 8 Deeds 613; SAM 7, Roll 5; 1877, 1884 Stillwater City Directories; Fire Department records; City of Stillwater Building Permit #1525.

Open to the public: Yes No Limit