



- [Home](#)
- [Properties](#)
- [About the Program](#)
- [Rehabilitation](#)
- [Search](#)

[Property Information](#)

[Printer-friendly Version](#)

Backe, Nicholas and Agnes, House



106 Group

10/1/2007

Site Address: 412 Elm St W

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 2803020210041

SHPO Inventory Number: [WA-SWC-1707](#)

Construction Date: [1894](#)

Builder: _

Architect: _

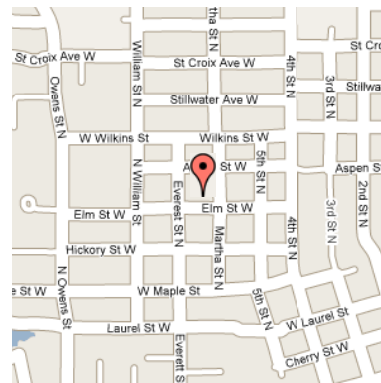
Architectural Style: [Queen Anne](#)

Narrative:

This Queen Anne style house was built in 1894 for Nicholas H. and Agnes Backe. Mr. Backe held a number of jobs over the years. In the late nineteenth century he worked as a clerk at the Stillwater Hardware Company, then as a clerk at a local store through the

1910s, and finally as a stove repairman throughout the 1920s and 1930s. Nicholas and Agnes Backe resided here until 1931.

According to the 1942 city directory, salesman Sherman A. Backe and his wife Olga resided in the house. The one-and-a-half story frame residence rests on a stone foundation, is clad with clapboard siding, and is covered by a cross-gable roof. The steeply pitched roof, scalloped shaped shingles in the gables, and ornate porch that features turned columns, decorative brackets, and spindlework in the balustrade and frieze, are characteristics of the Queen Anne style style that was popular in the United States in the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries. Later additions to the house include the one-story addition on the east and the two-story addition behind the original structure. The land on which the house sits is part of the Staples and May's Addition, which was surveyed in 1871 and officially recorded in 1873. This plat has a noteworthy layout with lots on the south half of the block oriented along east-west streets and lots on the north half of the block aligned along the north-south streets. The fact that this house was built more than twenty years after this area was platted, shows how slowly this area developed.



Property information and narrative was compiled by: The 106 Group