

# CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

**Historic Name:** Frank & Elizabeth Raiter    **Address:** 115 N. Harriet Street

**Current Owner:** James & Susan Lund    **Inventory No:** WA-SWC- 514

**County:** Washington    **PIN:** 9028-2350

**City/Township:** Stillwater    **GEO CODE:** 28.30.20.31.3

**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 514650 4988900

**Architect/Contractor:**    **Style:** Queen Anne

**Date Built:** 1880's

**Photo Number(s):** 013192--013214    **Frame(s)** 17, 18—11, 12

**Survey Name:** Greeley HPPA

**Form prepared by:** Donald Empson, Empson Archives

**Date Surveyed:** February-May, 1997

**Physical Description:** A hipped roof structure with lower cross gables. Includes dormers, a mansard roofed tower with plain and fish scale wood shingles on its roof as well as iron cresting, and a wind vane with the letter "R" cut out. A two story bay, lots of fretwork, window crowns, and an unusual hipped roof with ridge. The garage (carriage house) is new.

**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; Early Agriculture and River Settlement, 1840-1870.

**Local Historic Context:** Development of Residential Neighborhoods in Stillwater, 1850s-1940s.    Stillwater Town Planning and Development, 1844-1945

**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 with ridge

**Structural System:** Wood

**Windows:** 1/1

**Foundation:** Limestone

**Wall Treatment:** Lap siding' some composition siding

**Alterations:** Several

**Legal Description:** Thompson, Parker & Mower's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition  
**Block 8 Lot Unplatted**

**Historic Information:** This is a difficult house to date exactly because its builder, Frank Raiter, owned several pieces of property in this area, and because the area is not platted into lots. Therefore the assessor's records are not always clear in which structure or house they are assessing. According to the owner, Raiter bought this piece of property in 1881. My guess would be that the main structure was built in the mid 1880's, and the tower and some other decorative elements added in the 1890's. The Assessor's record for 1894 records an \$1,800 house on the lot which would indicate a home about the present size. Raiter, along with his brother (?) Gustav, a carpenter, were involved in several homes in the area, most notably 102 S. Harriet—which has a similar style roof. Frank is recorded variously as a Foreman and a saloon keeper before his death around 1892. Whatever his occupation, he was fairly wealthy; in 1891, his personal property was listed at \$1,117. This would be an interesting subject for further research.

**Sources:** Washington County Tax Assessor's Records; Microfilm Roll SAM 78, Roll 14; SAM 7, Roll 19; Stillwater City Directory for 1882, 1892 and 1894. See also sources for 102 S. Harriet. Interview with owner, 4-27-1997.

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