

CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Historic Name: J. C. Gardner

Address: 618 W. Myrtle Street

Current Owner:

Inventory No: WA-SWC- 569

County: Washington

PIN: 11221-4600

City/Township: Stillwater

GEO CODE: 28.30.20.31.70

Township: T30N **Range:** R20W, **Section 28 (SW 1/4)**

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

U.T.M.:

Architect/Contractor:

Style: Folk Victorian

Date Built: 1873

Photo Number(s): 013192--013214

Frame(s) 2,3,4,5—5,6

Survey Name: Greeley HPPA

Form prepared by: Donald Empson, Empson Archives

Date Surveyed: February-May, 1997

Physical Description: An attractive front gable with wing. There is an enclosed front porch.

Significance: This house is ___ is not 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 No

Date listed on the National Register:

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Address: 618 W. Myrtle

Inventory No. WA-SWC-569

Present Use: Residential, single family

Zoning District: RB-2 family residential

Integrity:

Condition:

Excellent

Excellent

Good

Good

Fair

Fair

Poor

Poor

Stories: 2

Roof style or shape: Front and side gable

Structural System: Wood

Windows: 2/2

Foundation: Limestone

Wall Treatment: Wood lap siding

Alterations: Front porch enclosed in the 1920's; minor alterations.

Legal Description: Thompson, Parker & Mower's 2nd Addition

Block 6 Lot 10, 12, 14

Historic Information: This was one of the most expensive houses in the area when it was constructed in 1873. The tax assessor put its value at more than \$1,500 in 1874. Gardner was also one of the wealthiest men in the area with personal property of \$2,000 in 1874. Gardner, who is listed as a prison guard, lived in the house through the "80's at which time it was sold to George H. Sullivan, an attorney in the firm of Manwaring & Sullivan. He was still living there over 30 years later when, in 1924, he had local contractor, Frank Linner, make a \$1000 addition to this residence.

Sources: Washington County Tax Assessor's Records; Microfilm Roll SAM 7, Roll 4; SAM 7, Roll 5; Stillwater City Directories for 1877, 1887, and 1892; City of Stillwater Building Permit # 2036 . Interview with owner 4-20-1997.

Open to the public: Yes No Limited