



HISTORIC STRUCTURE OR HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION  
APPLICATION TO THE  
CITY OF APPLETON  
100 N APPLETON STREET  
APPLETON, WI 54911

APPLICATION # 1-00-H

File Date

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HISTORIC or COMMON NAME: (if any) JOHN HART WHORTON HOUSE

SITE ADDRESS 315 W PROSPECT AVE, APPLETON, WISCONSIN, 54911 TAX MAP #(s) 31-2-0209-00

LEGAL DESCRIPTION APPLETON PLAT 2WD LOT 2 BLK 17

PROPERTY OWNER (s) KRISTENE SAGER, ANN SAGER, KENNETH SAGER (LIFE ESTATE) TELEPHONE 733-3270

ADDRESS/ZIP 315 W PROSPECT AVE, APPLETON, WISCONSIN, 54911 FAX

APPLICANT ANN SAGER

ADDRESS 315 W PROSPECT AVE TELEPHONE (920)-733-2370

CITY/ZIP APPLETON, WISCONSIN, 54911 FAX

ZONING: EXISTING R 1-B ONE FAMILY DISTRICT

USES: EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY

PROPOSED SAME

PARCEL DIMENSIONS 18,035 SQUARE FEET

STATE REASONS & JUSTIFICATION FOR HISTORIC STRUCTURE OR HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION

John Hart Whorton was an Appleton pioneer and one of the city's most influential businessmen. Over a working career that spanned 45 years he was connected with the lumber, wood-working, flour, paper and banking industries. He started life in Wisconsin in 1855 as a lumberman and ran a successful saw mill in Appleton's Third Ward with his brother William. In 1881 he helped organize the Commercial National Bank of Appleton and served first as vice-president and then president of this enterprise. Mr. Whorton was also instrumental in the organization of the Fox River Paper Company and served as general manager of this corporation for years. He was a member of the board of trustees of Lawrence University and president of the board of the Methodist Church of Appleton.

The Whorton house at 315 W. Prospect Ave. was built in 1870 and is one of the finest examples of a High Victorian Italianate Villa style home in Appleton. It was designed by noted architect William Waters of Oshkosh, Wis. The home added was added to the National and State Registers of Historic Places on November 19, 1974. The following is a description of the house as written in the National Register nomination form:

"The Whorton house is a two-and-one-half story house with a three-story tower. Constructed of cream-colored brick it is decorated with carved wood details. The front facade is asymmetrical. On one side of this facade is a two-story bay with a heavily corniced gable. There is a round attic window decorated with prominent stone keystones and raised bricks. The cornice is supported by elaborately carved wooden brackets. On the other side of the facade is a three-story bay, the third being a square tower with a flat roof visually supported by wooden brackets. Across the front of the house is a one-story porch supported by six wooden columns. The roof above overhangs and is decorated with dentils. Above there is a balustrade marked by posts topped with ornamental finials. The house has a wide variety of fenestration. The main entrance is through arched double doors. There are paired stilted arch windows to one side of the door and a single stilted arch window on the other side, all ornamented with hoodmolds."

References-

Appleton Crescent, July 23, 1870.

The Columbian Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of the Representative Men of the United States, Wis. Vol., Chicago: The Lewis Pub. Co. 1895, pg. 275-279.

Biographical Dictionary of Representative Men of Chicago and Wisconsin, Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co. 1895, pg. 585-587.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9 day of November, 20 00

Notary Public, Win. County

Nancy Eubank  
Signature

Christine R. Sager  
Signature of Property Owner (s)

Ann D. Sager  
Frank R. Sager

My Commission Expires 4/3/2001 (SEAL) Date 11/19/00

Preapplication Conference 11/19/00 Application Complete 11/16/00 Donald R. Hart  
Fee \$ 0 Acct # NA Receipt # NA Date Paid 1/1

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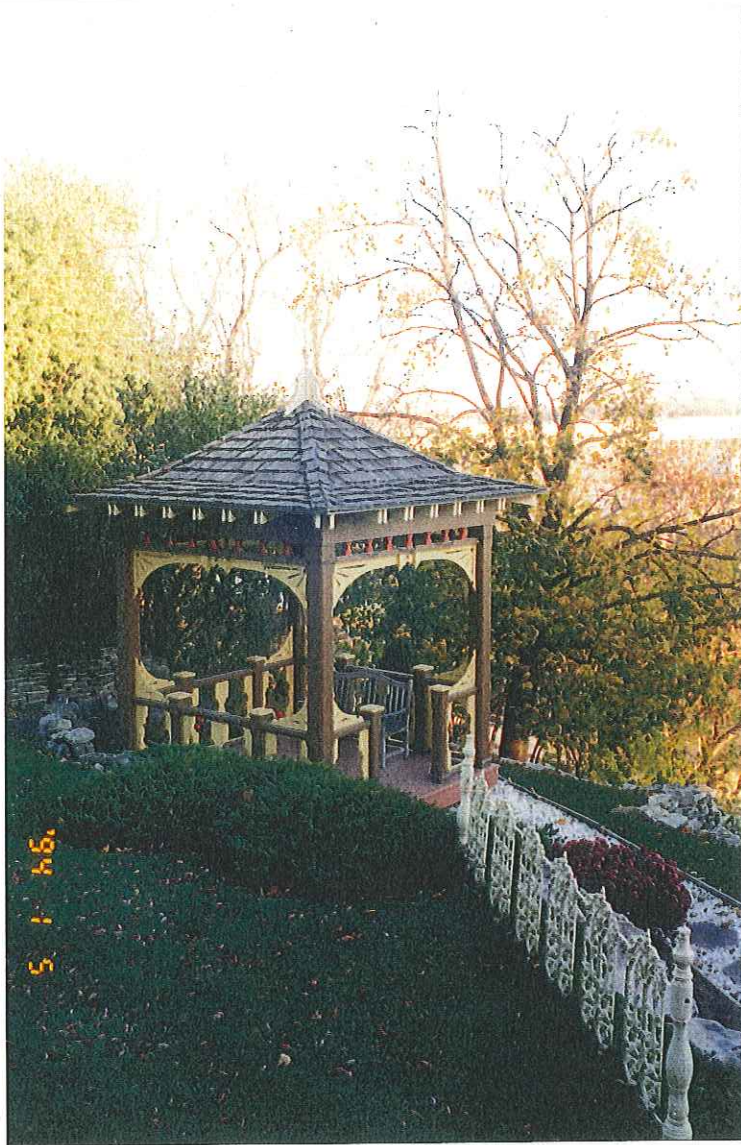




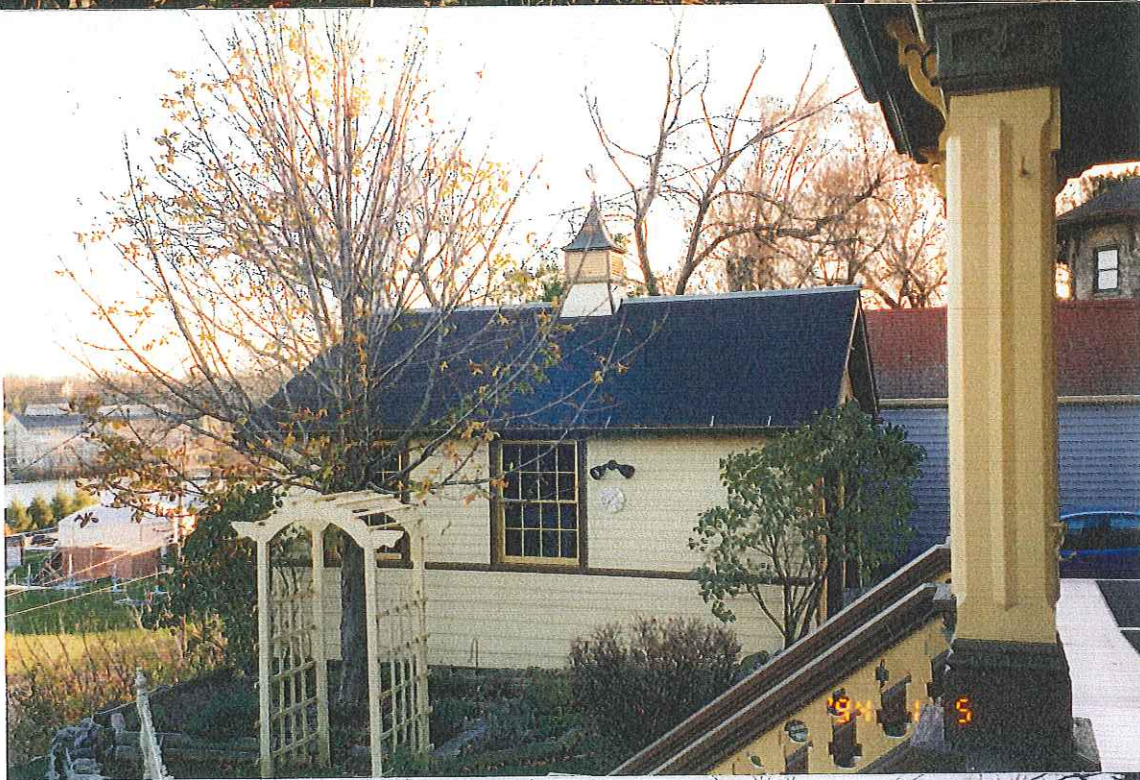
















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**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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January 24, 2001

Ann, Kristene and Kenneth Sager  
315 West Prospect Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54911

Dear Sagers:

This is to inform you on January 17, 2001, the Common Council adopted the following recommendation of the Community Development Committee:

Designate the John Hart Whorton house located at 315 West Prospect Avenue as a local historic structure as it complies with Section 23-337 Historic Structure Designation Criteria **BE APPROVED.**

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Please be so advised.

Sincerely,

Don Harp  
Principal Planner II

DH:bb

cc: Cindi Hesse, City Clerk  
Jim Dallman, Inspections Supervisor  
Dawn Washatka, City Assessor