

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name May, Dr. H. A., House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

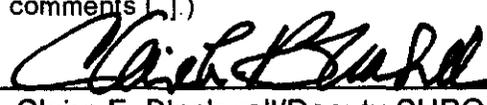
street & number 402 Jefferson Street [N/A] not for publication

city or town Washington [N/A] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Franklin code 071 zip code 63090

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

 8 August 2000

Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date _____

[] entered in the National Register.
See continuation sheet [].

[] determined eligible for the
National Register.
See continuation sheet [].

[] determined not eligible for the
National Register.

[] removed from the National
Register.

[] other, (explain:)
See continuation sheet [].

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

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Number of contributing resources
previously listed in the National
Register.

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Health Care: Clinic
Domestic: Single Family

Current Functions

Domestic: Single Family

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Late Victorian: Queen Anne

See continuation sheet [].

Materials

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other _____

See continuation sheet [].

Narrative Description

See continuation sheet [x].

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See continuation sheet [x].

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

See continuation sheet [x].

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

* _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

* _____

Areas of Significance

Architecture _____

Period of Significance

ca. 1904-1944 _____

Significant Dates

ca. 1904 _____

Significant Person(s)

N/A _____

Cultural Affiliation

N/A _____

Architect/Builder

unknown _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State Agency

Federal Agency

Local Government

University

Other:

Name of repository:

Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	637200	4269260			

C. Zone	Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing

[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Becky L. Snider, Ph.D.
 organization Private Consultant date March, 2000
 street & number 1008 Sunset Drive telephone 573-256-1105
 city or town Columbia state Missouri zip code 65203

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FOP for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FOP.)

name Timothy & Lona Roewe
 street & number P. O. Box 1045 telephone (636) 390-4129
 city or town Washington state MO zip code 63090

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7. Description, continued.

Summary:

The Dr. H. A. May house is located on the southeast corner of Jefferson Street and East Fourth Street in downtown Washington, Missouri. Built ca. 1904, the May house is a two and one-half story frame Queen Anne style house. The house faces Jefferson Street and sits back approximately eight feet from the sidewalk. The house, which retains its original weatherboard siding, has a complex plan, a wraparound porch, and a projecting front gable with clipped corners. The house has four one story rear ells and one two story side ell. One rear ell may have been built when the house was constructed; the others are additions. However, all but one addition was completed before 1926, and the latest addition appears to have been in place for at least fifty years. A large one story frame garage, which sits to the south of the house, dates to the 1920s. The house and the garage are in very good condition.

The May house is representative of the Property Type D: Victorian: Subtype High Style. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Submission cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri." The house served as the residence and office of Dr. H. A. May from the time it was built until the 1940s. Today, it functions solely as a single family dwelling. The May house is very much intact and appears much as it did throughout the period of significance. Both the house and the garage are contributing resources, and they are the only resources on the property.

Elaboration:

The May house is located at 402 Jefferson Street, which is a primarily commercial street in downtown Washington, Franklin County, Missouri. The house, which faces west, sits on a level lot a few houses from the western boundary of the proposed Locust Street Historic District, and is approximately three blocks south of the Downtown Washington Historic District. A large hip-roofed garage, which is located south of the house, has early or original weatherboard siding and one early or original set of hinged garage doors. The garage can currently accommodate four cars. On the north elevation, there is a modern double garage door and also a set of early or original hinged doors; on the west elevation, there is a single modern garage door. (See Photo No. 11)

The May house is a two and one-half story Queen Anne style house with a hipped roof, a front cross gable and a curved wraparound porch. There are four one story frame additions to the back of the house and one two-story side addition. The house sits on a stone foundation and has frame walls sheathed with early or original weatherboard siding. The patterns of fenestration and the exterior trim are very much intact, but new vinyl one-over-one windows have

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been installed throughout the house. The new windows are close to the original windows in size and configuration.

The facade of the May house features a projecting polygonal bay with a front facing gable and clipped corners. (See Photos 1, 4) The pent gable is sheathed with fishscale shingles and weatherboards. The clipped corners are ornamented at the roofline with scrolled wooden banding and pendants. Each side of the three-sided bay has a one-over-one window on the first and second floor; narrow wooden banding wraps the bay just below the window sills.

The main block of the house, which sits to one side of the front bay, is three bays wide. On the first floor, the wraparound porch shelters the front door and two one-over-one windows. The front door, which is new, is surrounded by an oval transom and sidelights. A window on the south elevation and a door in the west wall of the side addition are also sheltered by the wraparound porch. The porch has a curved shed roof, turned wooden posts, and a curved wooden balustrade with turned spindles. The second floor of the facade features three equally-spaced windows in line with the openings on the first floor.

The side and rear elevations of the May house are basically unadorned. (See Photo Nos. 2, 3) The two story side ell has a hipped roof; two of the one story rear additions have hipped roofs and two have shed roofs.¹ A gable-roofed stoop cover shelters the back door.

The interior of the May house is intact and in excellent condition. Much of the original interior trim is intact, and many of the early or original four panel doors are in place. The house has a complex plan composed of the original house, a side wing, and four rear ells. The front door opens to a wide hallway which contains the stairs to the second floor. (See Figure Two) The staircase, carved newel post and most of the turned spindles are original. (See Photo No. 5) The living room and dining room are located to the south of the main hallway. Pocket doors connect the living and dining rooms. (See Photo No. 6) The laundry room and a half bath are located in rear additions off of the dining room. To the south of the dining room, the first floor of the side addition contains the kitchen. (See Photo No. 7) The rear addition off of the kitchen is used as a mud room.

To the north of the main hallway, doors lead into an office, and a sitting room. (See Photo No. 8) The rear addition off of the sitting room contains a half bath, and the interior stairs to the basement are reached from the sitting room. In between the office and the den, there is a small room, which is currently used as a den.

At the top of the stairs, the hallway on the second floor of the May house leads to adjoining bedrooms, a bathroom and a master suite. (See Photo No. 9) The master suite, which contains a bedroom, a large bathroom and a large walk-in closet, was created by

¹ See the chronology for a the sequence of additions.

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combining three bedrooms. However, the plan of the second floor was not significantly altered in the process; only one doorway was closed and no walls were removed. A narrow enclosed staircase at the front of the second floor hallway leads to an unfinished attic on the third floor.

Overall, the May house appears today much as it did when Dr. May lived and worked there. It is very much intact, both inside and out. Although the building no longer functions as a doctor's office, it continues to serve its original primary function as a single family dwelling.

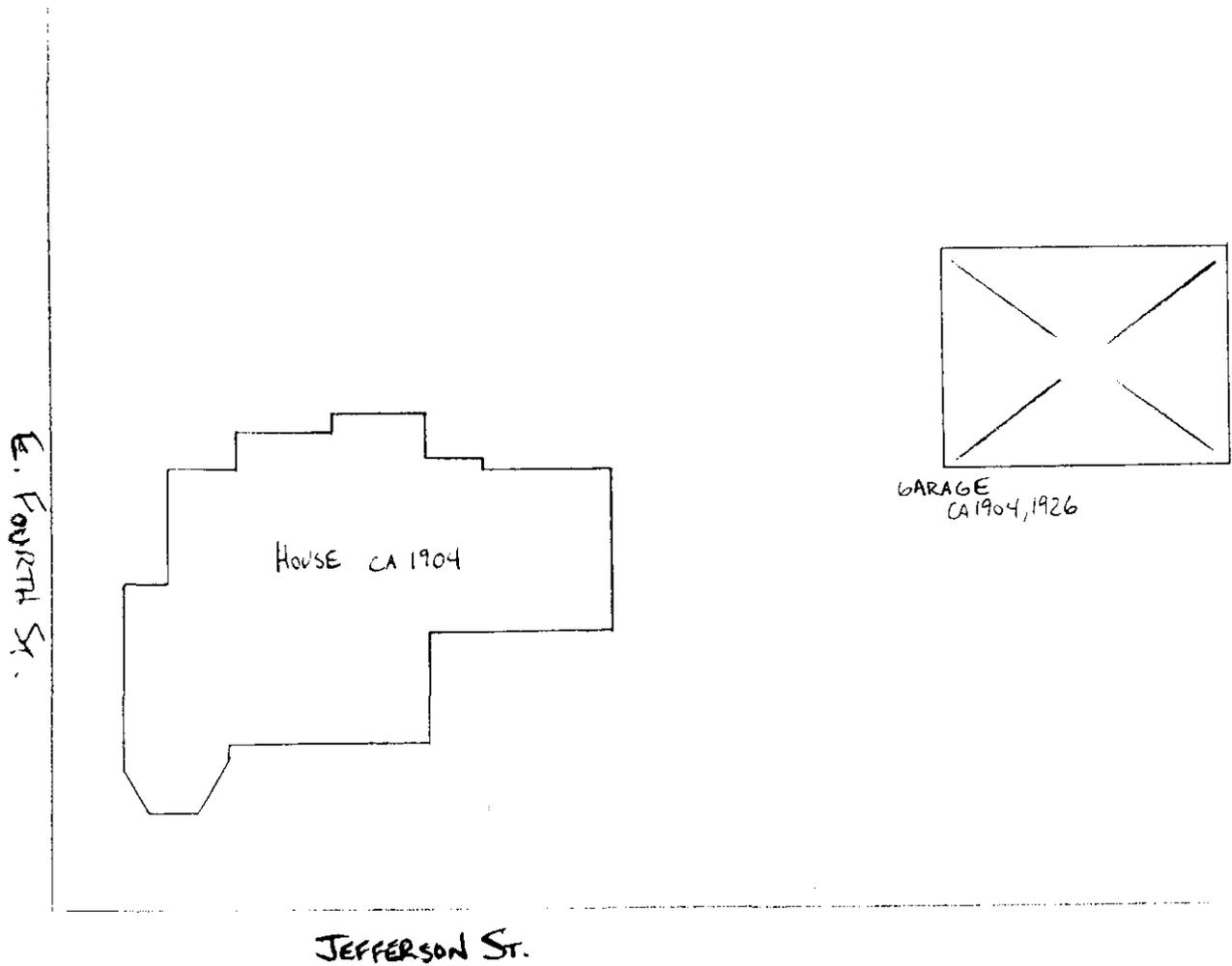
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Figure One: Site Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



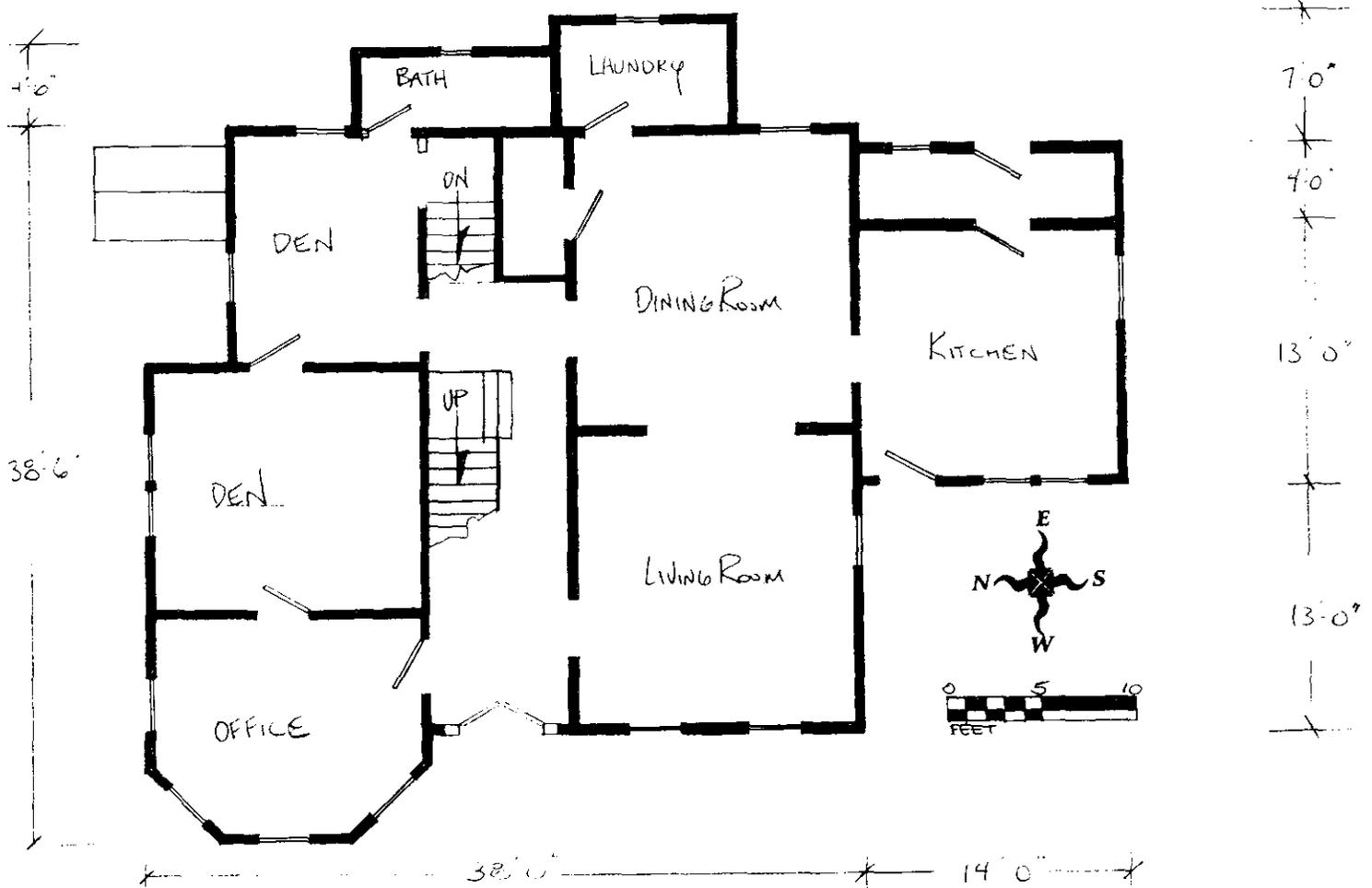
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Figure Two: First Floor Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



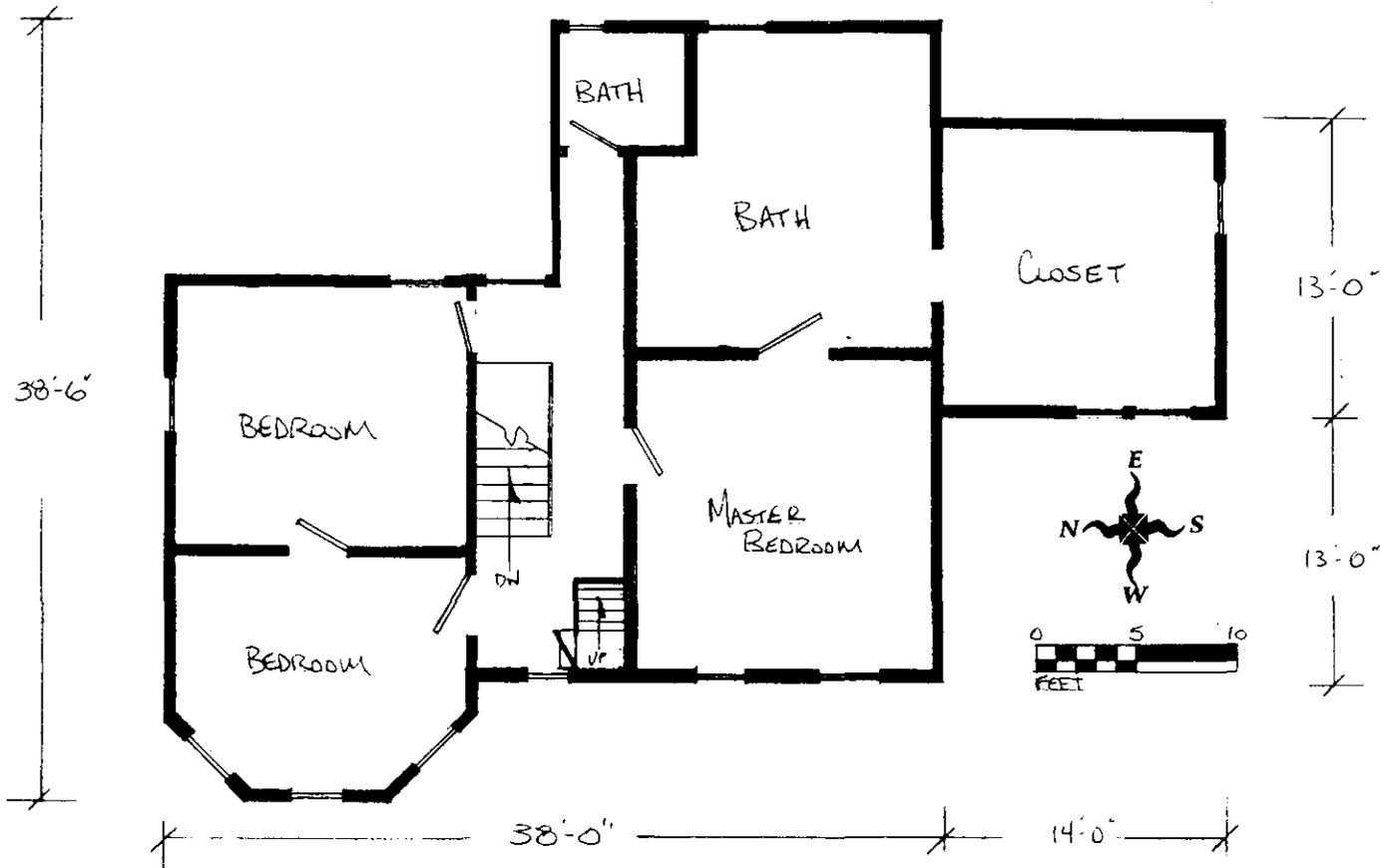
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Figure Three: Second Floor Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



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Summary:

The H. A. May house, at 402 Jefferson Street, is a fine example of a Queen Anne style residence in Washington, Missouri. The house is a highly intact example of Property Type D: Victorian : Subtype: High Style. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri" and falls under the historic context "Architectural Development: 1839-1950." As such, it is significant under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE.

The period of significance runs from ca. 1904, the year the house was constructed, until 1944, the year of H. A. May's death and the approximate year the house ceased use as a physician's office. The May house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Both the house and the garage are contributing buildings; they are the only two resources on the property.

Elaboration:

The May house is an excellent example of a Queen Anne dwelling. Its irregular plan, complex rooflines, and projecting bay are all hallmarks of High Style Victorian buildings. The house's wraparound porch and patterned wall surfaces are particularly characteristic of Queen Anne buildings. Although the May house is a somewhat restrained example of the Queen Anne style, decorative elements such as turned posts and balusters, fishscale shingles, and wooden banding confirm the building's stylistic allegiance. Only a few examples of high style Queen Anne houses can be found in Washington; the greatest concentration of them can be found along Cedar Street including the area within the Tibbe Historic District. This house is notable as a rare frame example and it is one of the few intact Queen Anne style houses outside the Tibbe Historic District.

Dr. Henry A. May was a physician in Washington for more than fifty years.² May began practicing medicine in town in the 1890s.³ In 1895, he was appointed Washington's city

² Ralph Gregory. *A History of Washington, Missouri*. (Washington, MO: Washington Preservation Inc., 1991) p. 86-87.

³ May does not appear in the 1889-90 *Missouri State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, but was appointed city physician in 1895.

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physician.⁴ The same year he married Clara Ming.⁵ Between 1896 and 1904, before having the house at 402 Jefferson built, Dr. May lived and worked in the Stephen M. Jones Building at 108-110 Jefferson. (The Jones Building is also being nominated individually as part of the initial Multiple Property Submission.) In October, 1896, the local paper announced that "Dr. H. A. May is moving his household goods and office to the Jones Building on Jefferson Street which has just been vacated by the family of Frank Sargent."⁶

Dr. May apparently stayed in the Jones building until 1904 when he had his Queen Anne style house and office constructed at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson. The 1898 Sanborn shows a smaller house at that location. However, the tax assessment for 1905 shows a change in ownership from Anna Firstein to H. A. May as well as an increase in the property valuation from \$500 to \$1200. By 1908, the current house appears on the Sanborn map. Later Sanborn maps from 1916 and 1926 show the addition of the side and rear ells.

Dr. May continued to live and work in the house on Jefferson until his death in 1944. The May house is a fine example of a High Style Queen Anne dwelling. Although it no longer functions as both a doctor's office and residence, today the house is still used as a single family residence. The house is in excellent condition and very much intact, inside and out. It is immediately recognizable as a Victorian building and provides a significant example of the High Style subtype.

⁴ Die Washingtoner Post, January 8, 1895. (Kiel Files, p. 24325, Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO).

⁵ Marriage License-Henry May and Clara Ming, (Kiel Files, p. 24352 Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO).

⁶ Die Washingtoner Post, October 9, 1896. (Kiel Files p. 24352, Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO).

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Chronology:

From Land Tax Assessment Books, City Directories, Washington Historical Society Collections and local histories noted in the bibliography.

- 1895 Tax Assessment - Anna Firnstein North's Addition, Block 9, Lot 4 \$500
1895 Dr. H. A. May was appointed city physician and married Clara Ming.
1896 Dr. H. A. May moved his household and office to the Jones building on Jefferson.
1898 Sanborn - A smaller house in a different location is shown on Block 9, Lot 4.
1899 Tax Assessment - Anna Firnstein North's Addition Block 9, Lot 4, \$510
ca. 1904 - **House Built**
1905 Tax Assessment - Hay A. May North's Addition Block 9, Lot 4 \$1200
1908 Sanborn - The house first appears on the Sanborn. At this point, the porch does not wrap around, only one rear ell has been built and the side addition has not been built. Several connected outbuildings exist in the southeast corner of the lot.
1910 Tax Assessment - H. A. May, North's Addition Block 9, Lots 3, 4 \$1570
1916 Sanborn - The side addition, three of the four rear ells and the wraparound porch are in place by this year. The outbuilding cluster has increased in size, with one section labeled as a garage.
1922 Directory - Dr. H. A. May - 402 Jefferson
1925 Tax Assessment - H. A. May, North's Addition, Block 9, Lots 3, 4 \$1500
1926 Sanborn - One of the three rear additions has been expanded by 1926. A large garage which is drawn as a single building rather than a cluster of small outbuildings appears on the map this year.
1931 Directory - Dr. H. A. May - 400 Jefferson
Henry A. May - 402 Jefferson
1941 Directory - Dr. H. A. May - 400 Jefferson
Carl Schueller - 400 Jefferson
1944 Henry May died
1955 Directory - 402 Jefferson - Burns, J. C. owner
Ballman, J. P.
Connors, Mrs. Lula
Overschmidt, J. G.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description: Lot 4 of Block 9 in the Original Town of Washington, Missouri.

Boundary Justification: The boundaries represent all of the property currently associated with the building.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs:

May, Dr. H. A., House
Washington, Franklin County, Missouri
Debbie Sheals & Becky Snider
December, 1999
Negatives on file with the State Historic Preservation Office
101 East High Street
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

List of Photographs

Camera Angles are indicated on the Photo Key Map

1. Front(west) elevation, facing east.
2. North and east elevations, facing southwest.
3. South and east elevations, facing northwest.
4. South and west elevations, facing northeast.
5. Entrance hall and staircase
6. Living room
7. Dining Room
8. Office
9. Bedroom
10. Second floor door
11. Garage

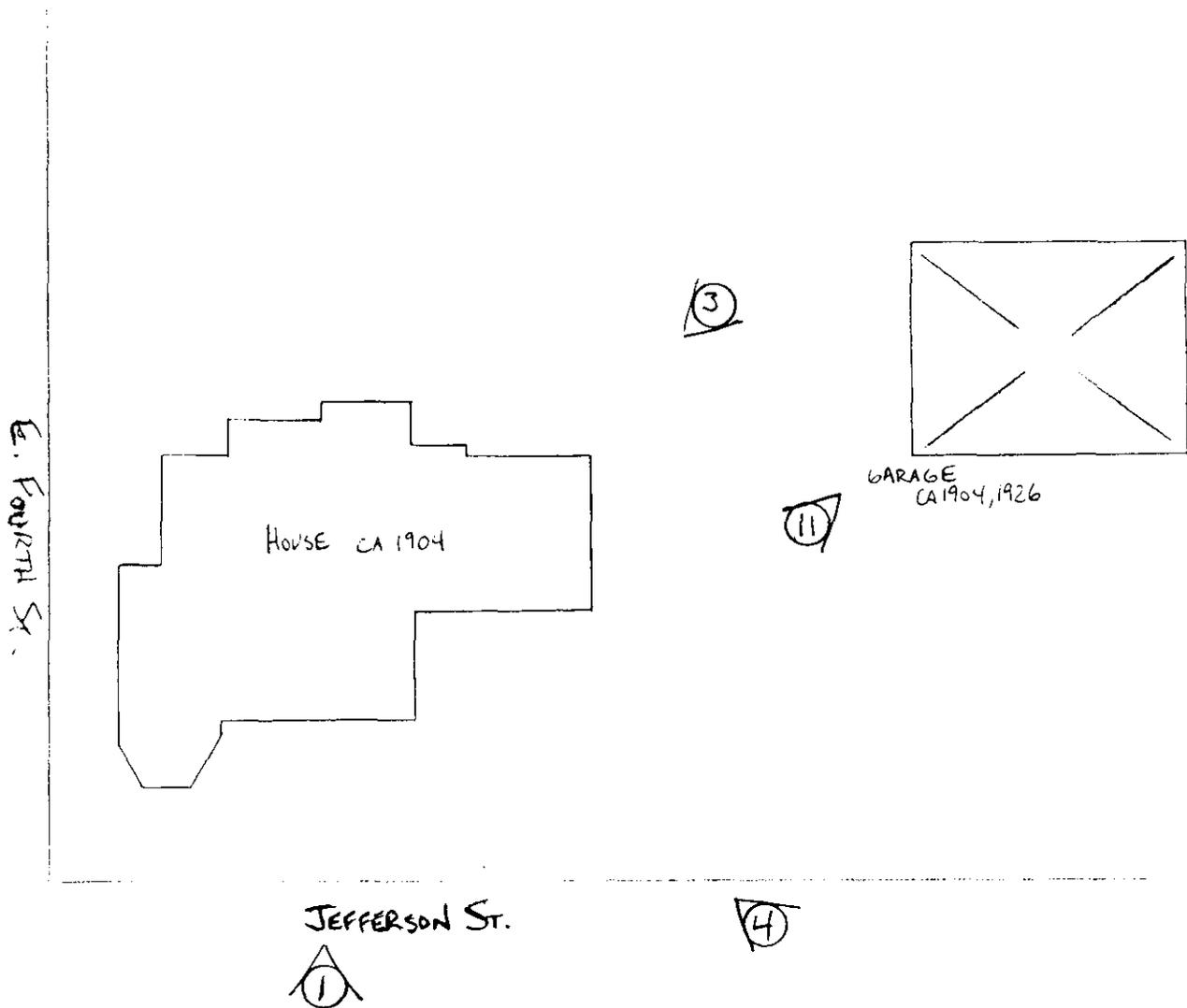
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Figure Four. Photo Key Map - Site Map. Drawn by Becky Snider



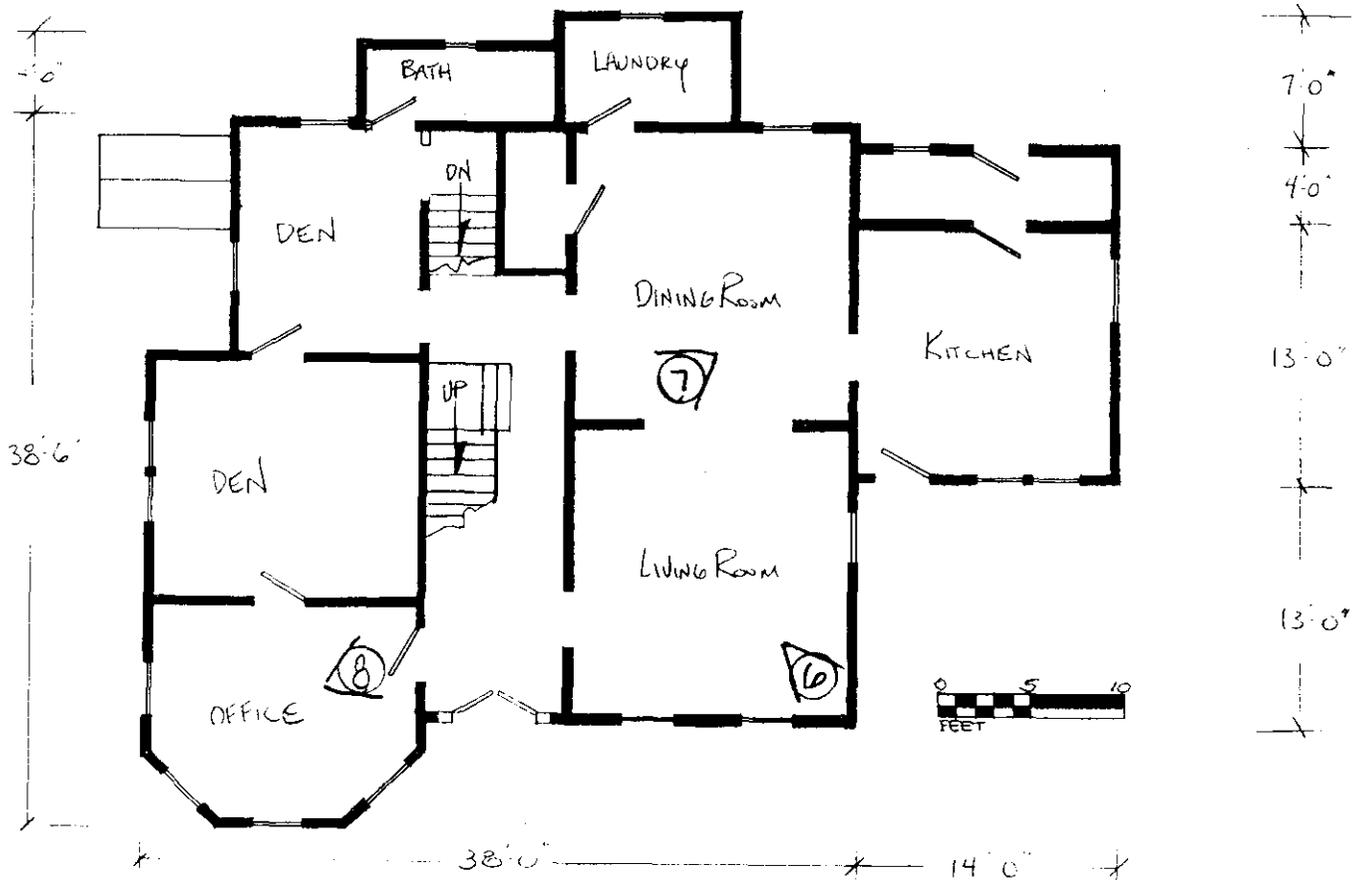
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Figure Five. Photo Key Map - First Floor. Drawn by Becky Snider



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Figure Six. Photo Key Map - Second Floor. Drawn by Becky Snider

