

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

COUNTY:  
**Marathon**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE  
**DEC 31 1974**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Yawkey, Cyrus C., House**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**403 McIndoe Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Wausau**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**Seventh**

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Marathon** CODE: **073**

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)  | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress<br>Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |  |  |  |                                   |
|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government        | <input type="checkbox"/> Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial        | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious         |  |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific        |  |                                   |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Marathon County Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**403 McIndoe Street**

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**Wausau**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Marathon County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Register of Deeds**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Wausau**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Vol. II, The Inventory**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Madison**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |   |                               |                                       |   |                                    |
|-----------|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |   |                               |                                       |   |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                   |   |                               | (Check One)                           |   |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered |                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cyrus C. Yawkey house is an excellent example of the classical resurgence which occurred in the first years of the twentieth century in America. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame house with a giant pedimented Ionic portico. Other features of the house, such as its windows and sun porch echo the portico's heavy denticulated cornice and pediment. The house is pleasantly proportioned and handsomely detailed, and it has been well maintained. Blueprints and original floor plans indicate that the architects were Van Ryn and DeGelleke of Milwaukee, but perhaps the most interesting features of the house are by another architect. At some time after the original construction of the house the Prairie School architect, George Maher of Chicago was called in to redesign the interiors of the den, the dining room, the library, and the bathrooms downstairs. There is also some exterior work by Maher, including the stone and iron work on the front and side porches and the two stone vases flanking the front steps. The interiors by Maher are extremely fine examples of the Prairie style. A number of colored-glass windows which remain in the house also appear to be by Maher. Original Maher blueprints exist for some of this interior work.



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Association with</u>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>historically significant</u>                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>personality.</u>                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cyrus Yawkey house is important for four reasons. First, it is a good example of the classical revival mode of architecture in Wisconsin around the turn of the century.

Second, it was the home of Cyrus Carpenter Yawkey, an important Wisconsin businessman for over forty years. Yawkey's interests were national; he was involved in concerns which spread from Mississippi and Florida in the East to Minnesota and Oregon in the West. Yawkey began his career in Hazelhurst, Wisconsin in 1889 as a partner in a sawmill. His interests expanded steadily, and he later became president of the Yawkey-Bissell Lumber Company. He was a Wisconsin State Assemblyman in 1895-6. Yawkey helped to found the Northern Life Insurance Company and was an officer in numerous paper, masonite, and fiber companies until his death in 1943.

Third, the Yawkey house is important to its environment. It makes a substantial contribution to the Wausau streetscape. A number of houses across the street from the Yawkey house have been razed for modern buildings of a less significant scale. This house apparently stands as a gate stopping the flow of modern development from the west from reaching the residential area to the east. Thus the loss of the Yawkey house might mean a great deal to the character of Wausau.

Fourth, the involvement of the important Prairie School architect, George Maher, is perhaps the Yawkey house's most important architectural interest. Maher was involved in the design of four other houses in Wausau which until 1972 were unknown in his oeuvre. His interiors in the Yawkey house are intact and should be preserved in any event as an example of the work of the Prairie School in Wisconsin.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dean, Jeffrey, Architectural Evaluation, August 17, 1972.  
 (unpublished staff report.)  
 Yawkey, Cyrus, Carpenter, Wisconsin Necrology, Vol. XLIX, pp. 27-9.  
 Original blueprints and drawings in the possession of the  
 Marathon County Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | U.T.M.              | Degr | ds |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|------|----|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        |                     |      |    |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        |                     |      |    |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | Zone 16: 292,870 E. |      |    |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | 4,982,040 N.        |      |    |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |                     |      |    |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |                     |      |    |

UTM  
OK  
CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|--------|------|--------|------|
|        |      |        |      |
|        |      |        |      |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: June 12, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name James Morton Smith  
James Morton Smith,

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date Oct. 1, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 31 1974

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 31 1974

PROPERTY Yawkey, Cyrus C., House STATE Wisconsin

WORKING NUMBER 10.7.74.1660

Marathon

TECH REVIEW  
PHOTOS 1  
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW  
OK  
CM  
11.26.  
74

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Good #s. Since interiors are cited as significant, I'd like to have photos of them.  
Accept  
JCT  
12/4/74

ARCHEOLOGIST  
Accept  
Selovich  
12-9-74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF  
12/11/74

BRANCH CHIEF  
Accept  
Cole  
12/30/74

KEEPER  
WJ Murphy  
12/31/74

National Register Write-up 1/75

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 2-4-75

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered DEC 31 1974



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE

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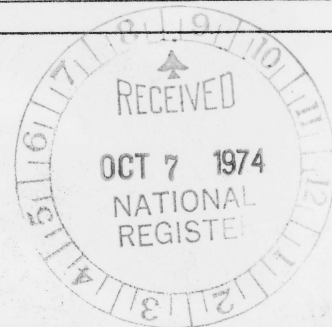
1973

State Historical Society  
of Wisconsin

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of the Yawkey house looking east-northeast



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

DATE

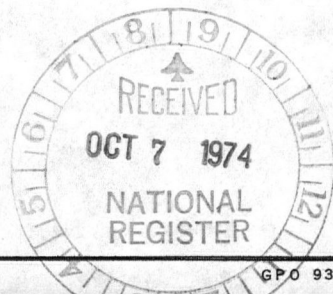
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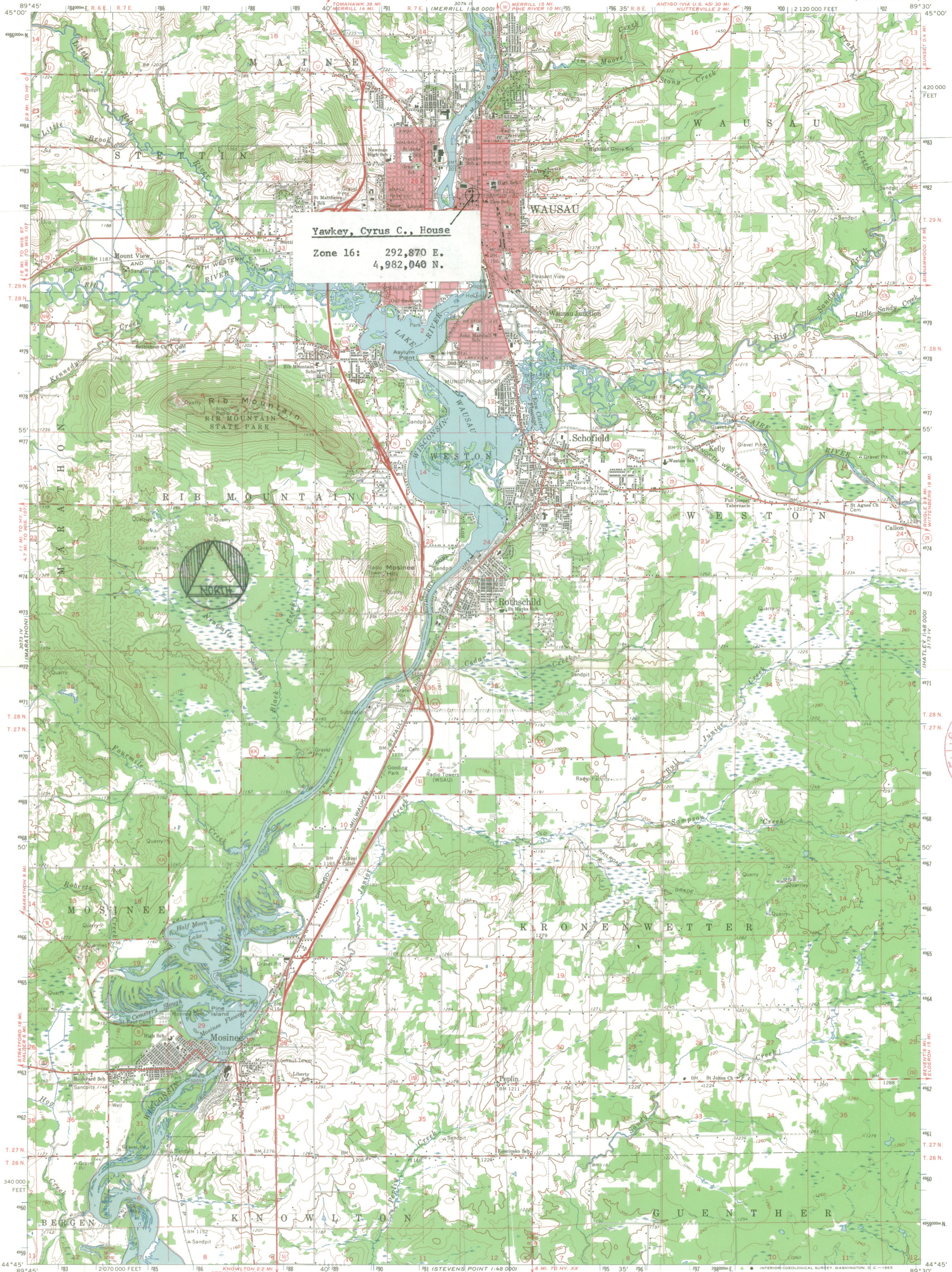
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, 15 min.  
ser. Wausau

1963

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW





Yawkey, Cyrus C., House  
Zone 16: 292,870 E.  
4,982,040 N.



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1962 and planimetric surveys 1963  
Polyconic projection: 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Wisconsin coordinate system, central zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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WAUSAU, WIS.  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE WISCONSIN

Date Entered DEC 31 1974

| <u>Name</u>                                 | <u>Location</u>                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| The Rockton Archaeological District         | Whitestown<br>Vernon County        |
| Burrows Park Bird Effigy Mound and Campsite | Madison<br>Dane County             |
| Hanson Petroglyphs                          | Stark<br>Vernon County             |
| St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral         | Milwaukee<br>Milwaukee County      |
| German, A. D., Warehouse                    | Richland Center<br>Richland County |
| St. Peter's Episcopal Church                | Ripon<br>Fond du Lac County        |
| Hay Valley Archaeological District          | Whitestown<br>Vernon County        |
| Yawkey, Cyrus C., House                     | Wausau<br>Marathon County          |

Also Notified

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Hon. William Proxmire                   | State Historic Preservation Officer   |
| Hon. Gaylord Nelson                     | Dr. James Morton Smith, Director      |
| Hon. Alvin Baldus                       | State Historical Society of Wisconsin |
| Hon. Robert W. Kastenmeier              | 816 State Street                      |
| Hon. Henry S. Reuss                     | Madison, Wisconsin 53706              |
| Hon. William A. Steiger                 |                                       |
| Hon. David R. Obey                      | Regional Director, Midwest Region     |
| Mr. Richard Leverty, Corps of Engineers |                                       |