

Workingmen's Houses,
Margaret Tracy House
682 Dodge Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
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Site Location: 682 Dodge Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.11
Cadastral grid: NW1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691500.4706750
Lot dimensions: 30'x 100': .07 acre
Lot description: Lot 14 of Newman, Cooper
and Smyth's Subdivision
of Out Lot 695

Present Owner: Anthony A. and Bette D. Helling
Present Usage: single family residence
Present Condition: fair

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 27'6"x 22'6"; front porch: 5'x 10';
rear porch: 7'6"x 11'; side addition: 11'x 3'.

Orientation: northwest

Architectural Description: Plan type: rectangular with three rear two-story addition
Foundation: stone perimeter walls with earthen basement floors.
Structure: wood frame
Ext. walls: brick-pattern asphalt roll siding installed over beveled wood siding.
Roofs: side-gabled, moderately pitched roof over main block, sheathed with 3-tab asphalt shingles; shallowly pitched hipped roof over front porch, sheathed with asphalt roll roofing.
Chimneys: none extending above roofline.
Dormers: none
Windows: 2/2 double hung, with slip sills and plain casings.
Openings: front entrance centered under porch; plain casings and sill.
Porches: single-story front porch, with roof supported by 4 asphalt-sided square columns; asphalt-sided closed railing; 5 concrete steps.
Details: boxed cornices; wood lattice around crawl space of front porch.

Construction Date: c.1879
Architecture Style: Side gabled box
Physical History: In 1869 Cooper, Newman and Smyth's Addition of the North Part of Out Lot 695 was platted into residential lots by three notable Dubuque

land speculators. Ten years later Margaret Tracy purchased Lot 14 of the subdivision from the developers, and it is assumed that she built this two-story house at about that time. Tracy retained possession of the property until selling it in 1891 to teamster Patrick Clancy. He in turn sold it for profit a month later. In 1895 Louis M. Kringle owned the house and took a mortgage for \$1000. Three years later Catherine Doyle, widow of miner John Doyle, acquired title to the property. The house has been occupied by members of the Doyle family until beyond 1970. During this extended occupation, the building has undergone extensive alterations, including construction of a side addition in 1941, sheathing the roof with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls with asphalt rolls in 1944, removal of the chimney and modification of the front porch.

Significance: With its side-gabled configuration, the Margaret Tracy House stands out as an architectural anomaly among the gable-ended boxes that face Dodge Street. It is otherwise similar in scale and materials to the surrounding residences of the workingmen's houses constructed along lower Dodge Street in the late 19th century.

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