

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
118 Bragg Street (House)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 118 Bragg Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 118 Bragg Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story duplex with a front gable form and a large addition off of the east and north walls. The original cottage was built from a design by architect William Waters that suggests the Shingle Style of architecture (see page 9-10 of the narrative overview for additional information). The cottage has an intersecting gable roof with green asphalt shingles and green tin, a rock-face concrete block foundation, an enclosed front and side porch. The building measures 22 feet, 3 inches on the front wall, 22 feet, 3 inches on the side walls, and 38 feet, 7 inches on the back wall. The east side ell measures 13 feet, 2 inches on the front wall and 182 feet, 10 inches on the side wall. The house is covered with clapboard siding, and the front gable and dormer are covered with wood shingles in an imbricated pattern. Windows are single-light double-hung sashes. The front gable has a band of narrow, multi-light windows. (See photographs WI-323-D-1 and WI-323-D-2)

Wood and glass entry doors lead to each unit of the cottage. The west unit has a long living room, with a kitchen and bath behind it. Behind the kitchen are two bedrooms and another bath. The east unit has a small living room, bathroom, and a bedroom. The kitchen was shared by both units and the kitchen cabinets have plain wooden doors and drawer fronts that are painted and have simple metal hardware. The flooring is oak and the wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings painted white. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the kitchen, toilet, and bathroom. Used as housing for two married couples for much of the twentieth century, this cottage has been vacant for some time and is in poor condition.

History: This cottage was built around 1890 from the design by William Waters. The addition was constructed later. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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