

**City of Eau Claire**



**Landmark Commission**

# **William Bailey House**

415 Gilbert Avenue

1874, Upright and Wing/Italianate



This is an excellent example of ordinary housing in middle class neighborhoods in the mid-1870s. Originally covered with narrow wooden clapboards, the house has been resided with asbestos shingles.

William Bailey, who owned a paint store on Graham Avenue and was a house painter, built the house. Josiah Cass, the last veteran of the Civil War in the county, purchased the house in 1886. For 68 years he operated a drug store at 315 Barstow Street and helped to organize the Grand Opera House Company in Eau Claire.