

## ***304 West Park Street***

***Historic Name:*** Edgar S. Bailey House

***Other Name:*** Geo Buss (salesman)

### ***PROPERTY FEATURES:***

***Year Built:*** 1916

***Additions:***

***Survey Date:*** 1978

***Historic Use:*** house

***Architectural Style:*** Prairie School  
(Period Colonial Revival)

***Property Type:*** Building

***Structural System:***

***Wall Material:*** Clapboard

***Architect:***

***Other Buildings On Site:*** 0

***Demolished?:*** No

***Demolished Date:***

### ***DESIGNATIONS:***

***National/State Register Listing Name:*** West  
Park St. Historic District

***National Register Listing Date:*** 2000-06-29

***State Register Listing Date:*** 2000-01-21

***National Register Multiple Property Name:***

### ***NOTES:***

***Additional Information:*** Additional Infor-  
mation: Bailey was President of the Marsh-  
field Publishing Co.

***Bibliographic References:*** Marshfield Walk-  
ing Tour brochure, 2000.



*Additional Wisconsin Historic District information at: <http://preview.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=Nrc:id-4294966367%7cid-5,N:4294963828-4294963814&dsNavOnly=N:4294966362&dsRecordDetails=R:HI55746>*



### ***304 West Park Street and its Owners***

*2-story Colonial Craftsman style home, built by Edgar S. Bailey between 1915-1916. Mr. Bailey was originally born in Columbus, WI. When he was 16, he entered the government railway mail service. He switched to newspaper work and in 1893 was engaged as a newspaper reporter at Napa, California.*

*Returning to WI, he was connected with the Wausau Daily Record and Central Wisconsin at Wausau in 1901. Since then his home has been in Marshfield, first with the Marshfield Times and in 1920 with the Marshfield News. He was a former President of Marshfield Publishing Company and was a forerunner in the merger between the Wisconsin Hub and Marshfield News to establish the Marshfield Daily News, the city's first daily newspaper.*

*The home and land value in 1932 was \$8,500. Mr. Bailey passed away in 1935 and is buried in the Hillside Cemetery Block D. His wife Eva continued to live in the home until 1947 when she sold it to George and Evelyn (Blum of Blum Bros. Box Company) Buss. George and Evelyn had three boys, Jack, David and Bruce. George worked 23 years with the Hercules Powder Company and since 1954 was a salesman for the W. H. Barber Oil Company of Minneapolis. George passed away the end of August of 1970 and is also buried in the Hillside Cemetery in Block B. Evelyn continued to live in the home until she sold it in January of 1991 to Daniel Williams. It was later sold to the City of Marshfield in 1998 and escaping the need for land to build the new Holiday Inn was sold in 1999 to Marilyn Dawson.*

*The home currently has about 2,263 feet of living space, has had entryway work done in 2004, air conditioning added in 1976, a new 2-car garage in 1973, porch-work in 1971 and a remodeled kitchen in 1966.*

*In August of 2011, it was bought by its current owner, Paul Evans.*

*(From the Kick-off Event for Historic Preservation Month, Walking Tours of Historic Homes of Marshfield, May 1, 2013, Marshfield, WI.)*