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Physical Description

This two-story house echoes the simple boxy massing crowned by shallow hipped roof with overhanging eaves characteristic of the popular American Foursquare house. In this version however, the details are Craftsman influenced rather than Colonial Revival. The structure is faced with narrow weatherboards. Distinguishing the front elevation is the porch with broad triangular pediment infilled with pseudo half-timbering with brackets and supported by large brick piers. A shed roof extends from this pedimented portico across the south side of the front. Two widely spaced gable roofed dormers, also enriched with pseudo half-timbering, enliven the roofscape. A three- corner bay window with decorative transoms embellishes the front elevation to the north of the entrance portico. Other than a centrally located pair of windows on the second story, the sash windows lighting the interior are grouped in threes on the front elevation. All feature upper lights with muntins arranged in a decorative diamond shape while the lower panes are divided by a single vertical muntin.

Statement of Significance

The Puddephatt House designed by Charles L. Thompson circa 1911 is an example of the firm's transitional work with Foursquare and Craftsman designs. Although basically Foursquare in massing, the verticality of the Foursquare is toned down by the application of Craftsman elements. The use of the unbroken roof line with its low overhanging eaves which is repeated by the roof line of the porch and the low pitch gable of the portico and dormers helps create a horizontality associated with the more up-to-date Prairie Style. Thompson continued this reinforcement by the horizontal grouping of the windows throughout the house. The Puddephatt House is an important component in the Thompson firm's transition from the traditional house plan to the more modern residence plan represented by the Craftsman and Prairie designs.



