

Property Address: 1127 Lake Avenue
Historic Name: Bull's Cottage
Year Built: Circa 1881 & 1906
Architectural Style: Victorian Shingle
Significance: Architectural
Designations: Contributing property to the 11th, 12th, Lake and Main City of Racine Historic District.

Distinguishing features:

West Façade (front): Wood decked porch having two square columns each having a bead topped by a capital-type detail (with neck and Normanesque abacus) supporting square beams and a flat canopy roof. The beams are tied into the main structure and rest on halved pilasters of the same detail as the full columns. The porch columns are spanned by a low balustrade having turned spindles, a bottom rail and top rail. The original main structure is supported by a partially exposed brick foundation. First level exterior walls are clad 4 ½ inch width clap-board siding penetrated by five double hung, two-over-two windows, and a panelized entrance door. The first level cladding is separated from the second level by a continuous horizontal belt. The second level is clad in shingles for two-thirds of its height being flared at the belt then quickly returning to a vertical surface until it meets with a non-ornamental frieze at the plane of the soffit. Two-thirds up the gabled portion of the west façade the second level wall surface has a half timbered detail consisting of a tapered (from center) horizontal member and four equi-spaced vertical members. This second level is penetrated just below the horizontal timber by three double hung windows separated by mullions, and whose upper lights are divided by muntins creating an elongated diamond pattern. The central window being a third wider and having ten diamond shaped lights, and flanking windows having seven. The lower lights are single. A isolated shingled, hipped wall dormer protrudes through the plane of the sloped roof and its eave and contains one double hung window with upper pane having muntins arranged in a diamond pattern.

South Façade: The gable end wall area is partially obscured by a two story garage addition thought to have been added circa 1906. The original structure contains the siding details of the west façade and the first and second levels each contains two two-over-two double hung windows. The garage addition west façade features two large at grade openings and two second level clap board sided, gabled wall dormers having double light windows.

East Façade: A collection of later additions lacking distinguishing architectural features.

North Façade: Partially obscured by a later flat roofed addition. The original structure features narrow clap board siding penetrated by a single double hung window. The moderately sloped roof is penetrated by a shingled, hipped dormer having double-hung windows with upper panes two having muntins arranged in a diamond pattern.

Roof: Original structure is cross gable with two hipped dormers, normal slope.

Note: All lower level windows are surrounded with side casings, a sill and lintel with a beveled cornice.

