

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (November 2005)

State Inventory No. 09-01424 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) **09-00961**
 Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
 National Register Status:(any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE
 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____
 Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Stockwell-Farwell House
 other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 309 2nd Street SW
 city or town Waverly vicinity, county Bremer County
 Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____
 (If Urban) Subdivision Wm. Sturdevant's Addition Block(s) 3 Lot(s) S 1/2 Lots 3 & 4

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property		
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).
 Title Waverly SW Quadrant Hist. & Arch. Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number HADB 09-031

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A01 Single Dwelling: residence</u>	<u>01A01 Single Dwelling: residence</u>
<u>01C05 Garage</u>	<u>01C05 Garage</u>
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A09 Cross-Gabled Roof, 2-Story</u>	foundation <u>04 Stone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>05E Aluminum</u>
_____	roof <u>08 Asphalt</u>
_____	other _____

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	A Property is associated with significant events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County Bremer
City Waverly

Address 309 2nd Street SW

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District Number 09-00961

Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

02 ARCHITECTURE

Significant Dates

Construction date 1893 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect unknown
Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet # _____	Frame/slot # _____	Date Taken _____
Roll/slide sheet # _____	Frame/slot # _____	Date Taken _____
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- See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.
- Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
 - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
 - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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7. Description

The Stockwell-Farwell House at 309 2nd St SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1906 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. Property transfer records show the parcel held by William Stockwell and his wife Catherine beginning in 12/13/1892. The following month the newspaper reported that Stockwell had purchased an empty lot and a barn, presumably the same parcel. The following spring and summer various newspaper accounts reported progress on the Stockwell house.

The new residences of O. Babcock and W. L. Stockwell in the third ward are now enclosed and when completed will add materially to that part of town.

On 5/4/1893 Stockwell was reported as "drawing rock" for the basement for the house; On 6/1/1893 progress was reported in the enclosing the house (at left). Six weeks later on 7/27/1893, inside work was progressing on both houses. The final account of the construction for the Stockwell home identified the house being completed on 8/24/1893

with occupancy by Stockwell and his family at the same time. The 1894 Sanborn Map shows the building in place and the 1895 Iowa Census shows family members residing in the Third Ward, all confirming its construction. Catherine died a few years later and Stockwell died in February 1902. Frank E. Farwell and his wife Julia purchased the house from his heirs, who according to a newspaper account (below) in the *Waverly Republican* on 7/16/1903, paid \$3,300 for the house. The Farwells

F. E. Farwell has bought the Stockwell residence in the Third ward from the heirs of the late W. L. Stockwell. Consideration, \$3,300.

owned the house from 7/23/1903 until 6/12/1916. Together this public information confirms that the house was completed in 1893 by the Stockwells and acquired by the Farwells in 1903. The early occupancy and prominence of both families gives the house its name.

The Stockwell-Farwell is an example of a vernacular Cross-Gabled Roof 2-story house form. The design incorporated a wrap-around porch along the front façade and left side. The porch area has had its roof modified and is now permanently enclosed. The building has a stone block foundation with wide-width clapboard-style aluminum siding on the walls. There are no dormers on the roof slopes but shed-roofed projections are in place on the upper level of the north façade including a space over the porch and a second shed-roofed area at the end of the gable wing above the angular bay window. It is possible that the second shed-roofed space is original but that two or three of the original windows present have been closed. The porch roof is now a combination of a low-pitched hipped form with a low-pitched pediment above the porch entrance. The porch walls have matching aluminum siding on the walls with continuous 1/1 windows in the upper wall areas.

Fenestration includes a mix of single and paired 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes with paired windows in each of the upper level gable end walls. The front gable peak has a horizontal window with a perimeter border of square colored glass lights. On the north wall a series of windows are stair-stepped along the main stair case steps and landing. The detached two-bay garage is located at the rear but faces south. It has a broad front-gable roof, narrow vinyl siding and was built in 1987. The garage is considered noncontributing.

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8. Significance

The Stockwell-Farwell at 309 2nd St SW is significant as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under both Criteria A and C as well. The historic district qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a well-preserved collection of mid and late 19th century and early 20th century architectural styles and vernacular house forms located in Waverly's southwest residential neighborhood. The neighborhood developed as a middle class and working class residential district from the late 1850s through the mid-20th century. The garage is considered noncontributing.

Historical Background for Waverly¹

Waverly was established in 1853 along the Cedar River in Waverly Township located in southeastern Bremer County. It was designated as the county seat for Bremer County the same year that the county was officially organized and was formally incorporated in 1859. Like most Iowa towns established before the Civil War, growth during the early 1860s was deferred until after the war came to a close. Waverly's first railroad, the Cedar Falls and Minnesota Railroad was extended to Waverly in 1864. Eventually track was also laid for other branch lines and an electric interurban. By 1917 track for branch lines was absorbed by the Chicago and Great Western Railroad and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. Track for the electric interurban – the Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and Northern – was laid in 1910 but usage was never as substantial as predicted.

Waverly grew in the manner typical of other Iowa county seats in the late 19th and early 20th century. Its commercial center extended along the east-west route of Bremer Avenue on both sides of the Bremer Avenue Bridge that crossed the L-shaped course of the Cedar River as it passed through the center of town. The county courthouse was located outside of the commercial area on a slight prominence at the east end of Bremer Avenue. Residential districts grew up in the four quadrants formed by the intersecting main street and river. The broad, generally flat profile of both the business district and early residential neighborhoods saw the regular occurrence of flooding resulting in the gradual replacement of most first generation frame building stock. German immigrants were among the largest ethnic group to populate Waverly during the 19th century establishing religious institutions with ethnic affiliations such as St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the northwest quadrant, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in southeast quadrant, and the German Methodist Church.

Bremer County and its county seat of Waverly prospered during the late 19th and early 20th century becoming a retail and professional services center for Bremer County and sections of adjacent Butler County. The county's standing as the "Dairy Spot of Iowa," gave rise to a number of dairy industries including a manufacturing plant operated by the Carnation Milk Products Company for the production of condensed milk in the 1920s. County population stood at 16,300 people in 1900 before the growth rate slowed before World War I. By 1930 population topped 17,000. Expansion of a Lutheran seminary in Waverly first located in the community in 1879 through the relocation of Wartburg College to the community in 1939 was a cultural and economic stimulus for the community. Waverly continued to add a 1,000 people per decade until 1950 when the post-War boom saw county growth accelerate to more

¹ The historical background information is largely drawn from the *Waverly, Iowa: An Architectural Heritage*, (Waverly, Iowa: City of Waverly), 1977.

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than 21,000 by 1960. During the past 50 years population has slowed somewhat topping out at 23,325 in 2000.

Historical Background for the Stockwell-Farwell House at 309 2nd St SW

The Stockwell-Farwell House at 309 2nd St SW is estimated to have been constructed in ca. 1906 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. This date is slightly late for the architectural style, form and materials of the building. Property transfer records and newspaper accounts indicate a more likely date of ca. 1893 when it was first owned by William Stockwell and his wife Catherine (Tripp). As noted above, a newspaper account in the summer of 1893 identifies Stockwell and his family moving to their new house in the Third Ward. The 1895 Iowa Census confirms that the Stockwells (ages 68 and 64 respectively) were residing in the Third Ward as well. William was listed as a retired farmer. Their two children, Kate and Stephen, resided at home with their son working as a teacher in 1895. The family's Baptist affiliation may have encouraged them to choose South Elm Street in the Third Ward because of its proximity to the First Baptist Church just a few blocks to the northwest.

Second owners of the house were Frank E. and Julia Farwell who had been married just a year at the time they acquired the ten year old house on 7/23/1903 according to property transfer records. Frank was a locally prominent attorney in partnership with Fred P. Hagemann in the firm Hagemann and Farwell at the time. The Farwells transferred the house in June 1916 to the Colburn family and in 1918 it was transferred again to Charles S. Colburn, part of the family that operated the Colburn and Hicks Elevator. He retained the house until 1944 when it was sold to the State Bank of Waverly and eventually back to Laura Ellison and Anna Colburn in 1948.

Brief biographies below are for both Stockwell and Farwell providing some details about their families and careers.

Stockwell, W.L.

W.L. Stockwell, moved to Iowa in 1868 and in this state successfully followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. Stockwell was born in Windom county, Vermont, December 28, 1827, his parents being Lot and Nancy (Talbot) Stockwell. With them he moved to Livingston county, New York, in 1835, and after eight years came west to Boone county, Illinois, where the mother (Nancy) died in 1858 and the father (Lot) in 1863. W.L. Stockwell married on 3rd of May, 1854, Miss [Catherine] Tripp, a daughter of James D. and Angeline (Maxon) Tripp. In 1868 they moved to Bremer county, Iowa, and on his farm north of Waverly, Mr. Stockwell passed away February 24, 1902.

History of Bremer County, Iowa Vol. II 1914

Farwell, Frank E.

Frank E. Farwell, a leading attorney and prominent citizen of Waverly, has for the past seventeen years been engaged in the practice of law in association with Senator Fred P. Hagemann. His birth occurred in Iowa Falls, Hardin county, Iowa, on the 6th of February, 1870, his parents being William W. and Anna (Doying) Farwell, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of eastern Canada. William W. Farwell, an agriculturist by occupation, came west to Iowa about 1867, locating near Iowa Falls temporarily and subsequently taking up his abode near Alden, where he became an

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extensive landowner. There he continued to reside until about 1893, when he put aside the active work of the fields and moved into the town of Alden. About 1905 he went to Concord, New Hampshire, and has remained there continuously since, enjoying the evening of life in honorable retirement. His wife was called to her final rest in March, 1902. At the time of the Civil war William W. Farwell joined Company C., Thirteenth New Hampshire Regiment, enlisting as a private for nine months' service. A wound received at the siege of Port Hudson necessitated his confinement in a hospital.

Frank E. Farwell, the third in order of birth in a family of six children, obtained his early education in a district school near Alden and subsequently pursued a commercial course at Iowa City. He next spent a year and a half at Ellsworth College of Iowa Falls and completed his preparatory course at the Iowa City Academy, from which institution he was graduated. The following three years were spent in the mastery of the collegiate course at the State University of Iowa and on the expiration of that period he there took up the study of law, winning the degree of LL.B. in 1896. During the periods of vacation he had taught school for a number of terms and also assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. Thoroughly equipped for the practice of his chosen profession, he came to Waverly and here opened an office in partnership with Fred P. Hagemann, who had been his classmate at the university and who has remained his associate to the present time. For about six years, for 1898 until 1904, D.A. Long was also a member of the firm. They are engaged in the general practice of law and have built up an extensive and enviable clientage. Mr. Farwell's success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury, and concise in his appeals before the court.

Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted. Mr. Farwell is a stockholder and director in the State Bank of Waverly and is officially connected with the Interurban Railway. He is the owner of valuable residence property in Waverly, and his prominence in local affairs is further indicated in the fact that he acts as president of the Industrial Association of Waverly.

On the 29th of September, 1902, Mr. Farwell was united in marriage to Miss Julia F. Leary, who was born in Waverly, Iowa, on the 29th of May, 1871, the fifth of the eight children of John and Julia Leary, natives of Ireland. Her father, who followed farming on the Emerald isle, has been an agriculturist of this vicinity for many years. He is now over eighty years of age and is living practically retired, making his home two miles south of Waverly. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell have one child Katherine, whose natal day was November 1, 1903.

In his political views Mr. Farwell is a republican. He attends the services of the Episcopal church and has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias at Waverly. He is likewise a member of the Sons of Veterans. He stands high in professional and social circles of this community and his progressive spirit and the sterling qualities of his character have won him the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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Additional Information:

Waverly Southwest Quadrant Historical and Architectural Survey Map (Bremer County GIS, 3/26/2014).

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