

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

**State Inventory No. 09-01462**     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 Smith, William Ward and Caroline (Carrie), House  
 other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 210 6<sup>th</sup> 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) 17    Lot(s) S 1/2 Lots 1 and 2

**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	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
	_____ Total	<u>1</u>	<u>2</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>
<u>01C05 Garage</u>	<u>01C05 Garage</u>

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A02 Gable-Front-and-Wing, 2-Story</u>	foundation <u>04 Stone</u>
<u>05E Stick/Eastlake</u>	walls (visible material) <u>15B Vinyl</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 210 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW

Site Number 09-01462  
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 1902  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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city or town Sarona

**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 _____
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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 William Ward and Caroline Smith House at 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1900 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. Property transfer records show William Ward Smith acquiring all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 17 on 3/3/1902 from Minnie Case and re-selling the north half with on 11-7-1905 while retaining the south half on which his personal residence was under construction according to an article in the *Waverly Republican* in January and March 1902. Finishing touches were underway on March 13, 1902 by contractor George W. Clark. These sources confirm a completion date of 1902 for the Smith's new residence.

The Smith House is an example of a Stick/Eastlake Style Gable-Front-and-Wing, 2-Story house form. This example uses a moderate pitched cross-gabled roof with returning cornices, a right-hand ell, and a front porch that extends across the front-gable wing into the ell. The foundation is constructed of limestone blocks. The house originally had narrow wood clapboard siding, medium-width corner board trim, and fish scale shingles in the peaks of the front-gable wing and other gables. The house is now clad in narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding with narrow corner board vinyl trim, and fish-scale vinyl shingle siding in all of the front-gable, all materials fabricated of vinyl.

The balance of the original frame porch detailing is original including decorative wood scroll-cut porch skirting panels, turned porch posts and Eastlake brackets, and turned spindles in the balustrade. The porch has a hipped roof with a pediment over the entrance steps. The pediment's tympanum is clad in narrow saw tooth shingle bands most likely fabricated of wood as well. A simple cottage window is placed to the left of the entrance door, which features horizontal wood panels above and below a square single-light sash in the upper half. A second door facing east is set back in the ell and it features two tall and narrow single lights above a series of horizontal panels.

Fenestration in the house includes single and paired large 1/1 double-hung units on the first and second floors. Each of the gable peaks has a horizontal window with six lights. The windows appear to be original throughout the house except for a pair of single-light casement windows in the upper level of the rear service wing.

Two gable-roofed frame garages are located at the rear of the property accessed via the alley. One built in 1935 has a side-gable roof with asbestos shingle siding, a single overhead door (replacement) on the long side, a pedestrian four-panel door, and a square four-light window for the workshop/storage area. A second, smaller garage built in 2003 is set at a 45-degree angle, has a narrow clapboard vinyl siding, and an overhead door in the front-gable end. Both garages are considered non-contributing because alterations and construction date.

## 8. Significance

The William Ward and Caroline Smith House at 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW derives significance as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under both Criteria A and C. The historic district qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a well-preserved collection of mid to 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 two garages are considered non-contributing resources.

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## *Historical Background for Waverly<sup>1</sup>*

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 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 growth accelerate to more 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 Smith House at 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW*

The William Ward and Caroline Smith House at 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1900 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. As noted above, newspaper accounts and property transfer records confirm that the house was completed in the spring of 1902 on property acquired from the Case family by Rev. William Ward Smith in 1902. The new house built on the south half of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 17 was first referenced in the *Waverly Republican* on January 1, 1902 before Smith had purchased the lots. It was noted that "George Blain and his men had completed the foundation for Ward Smith's new house in the Third ward." The house went up quickly and in the *Republican* on March 13, 1902 it was noted that

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

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Mrs. C. E. Hightshoe-Smith—daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Williams—was born in Jamestown, Grant County, Wisconsin, April 2, 1841, and died in Cuba, Mo., April 9, 1906, aged 65 years, 7 days. She was married July 29, 1862, to Rev. James Hightshoe, a prominent member of the West Wisconsin Conference who, after many years of illness, died of paralysis of the brain in Marble Rock, Iowa, January 26, 1886. To them was born one son—Lee Bates Hightshoe, who with wife and two little girls lives in Cuba, Mo. April 5, 1892, Mrs. Hightshoe was united in marriage to Rev. W. Ward Smith of the Upper Iowa Conference—living twelve years in Waverly, Iowa, and the last two years in Cuba, Mo. In early life she sought her Savior and to the end of her earthly journey was in every relation of life as daughter, sister, wife, widow and mother, a pattern of devotion. Her constant aim was in all things to adorn her Christian profession by exemplary life, earnest work, and cheerful presentation of the Gospel of Christ. She was greatly beloved by old and young—professed Christians and others. Many, we believe, will arise to call her blessed.

“Contractor George W. Clark is putting the finishings on W.W. Smith’s new house in the Third ward...” The new house was and occupied by the couple until 1904 when Rev. and Mrs. Smith relocated to her son Lee Hightshoe’s hometown of Cuba, Missouri. Carrie Smith died in 1906 and her obituary is to the left.

A short time later, Rev. Smith sold the house to H.G. Schell, a prominent grocer, and his wife Mabel. They resided here for ten years transferring the house on 2/20/1914 to Samuel Reed. His family owned the house until the late 1940s.

## 9. Sources

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**Additional Information:**

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



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**Photographs:** 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, looking west and porch detail, looking west, **4/7/2014**, Andrew Bell, photographer, Svendsen Tyler.



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**Photographs:** 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, looking northwest and southwest, 4/7/2014, Andrew Bell, photographer, Svendsen Tyler.



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**Photographs:** 210 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, rear, looking northeast; garages looking northwest, **4/7/2014**, Andrew Bell, photographer, Svendsen Tyler.



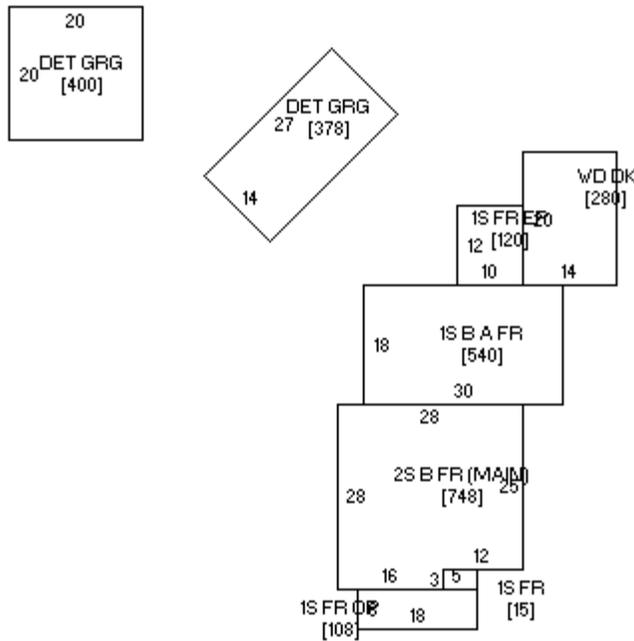
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**Photograph and Sketch Plan:** Bremer County Assessor website photograph and map available at:  
<https://beaconbeta.schneidercorp.comhttps://beaconbeta.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&KeyValue=0903282007>; accessed 6/30/2015.



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