

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

State Inventory No. 09-00664

New Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00621

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 Platte, Otto and Cecelia, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 309 2nd St NW

city or town Waverly

vicinity, county Bremer

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____

Township No. _____

Range No. _____

Section _____

Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision Harmon & LeValley Add.

Block(s) 34

Lot(s) N 1/2 Lots 7 and 8

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)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

— buildings
 — sites
 — structures
 — objects
 — Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

1 1 buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
1 1 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

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural Survey

09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A Single Dwelling

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01C05 Garage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

07E01 Bungalow

foundation

10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 05E Aluminum

roof

08A Asphalt/Shingle

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)

- Yes No More Research Recommended

- A Property is associated with significant events.
- B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
- C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
- D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County Bremer
City Waverly

Address 309 2nd St NW

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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
1932 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1932 - garage

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

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

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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:

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| 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

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1932 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the 1920s and 1930s. Property transfer records show Cecelia Platte acquiring the parcel in December 1927. In 1932 Otto Platte transferred it to Cecelia & Margaret Mary Platte. The 1927 Sanborn map shows this address as vacant and by 1943, the house is in place. A newspaper account from July 1931 lists Otto Platte erecting a house on 2nd Street NW making 1932 a likely completion date for the building.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a Bungalow Style, Side-Gable Roof house form. The house has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with wide clapboard-style aluminum siding. A broad, moderate-pitched side-gable roof has large gable roof attic dormers on the front and rear roof slopes. The house originally had an open porch at the northeast corner as shown on the 1927 and 1943 Sanborn maps, but this was enclosed most likely at the time the house was sided. The porch also had a concrete block foundation. A fireplace or wood stove chamber and chimney clad in aluminum siding has been added to the south façade.

Fenestration throughout the house includes grouped, paired and single 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes. On the first floor to the left of the entrance, a large 1/1 window is flanked by narrow 1/1 units windows. On the south façade, a shed roofed rectilinear oriel projects slightly from the wall and contains three narrow 1/1 double-hung units. A group of three smaller 1/1 windows are in the gabled dormers.

A detached frame 1-story garage is located at the rear of the property northwest of the house. It has a broad front gable roof, double-bay overhead door, beveled wood siding and corner board trim. The building was constructed in 1932 according to Assessor records but Sanborn maps suggest the original garage was only a single-bay building. The garage is considered noncontributing because of modern day alterations including the overhead door.

Alterations: siding (undated); porch enclosure (undated).

8. Significance

The Otto and Cecelia Platte House at 309 2nd St NW built in ca. 1932 is an example of a Bungalow Style, Side-Gable Roof 2-story house form. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C and the garage is considered noncontributing.

Property transfer records show Cecelia Platte acquiring this parcel on December 30, 1927. A newspaper account from July 1931 lists Otto Platte (husband of Cecelia Platte unknown) erecting a house on 2nd Street NW. The following year in 1932 Otto transferred ownership to Cecelia Platte (wife) and Margaret Mary (daughter) Platte. The deed was not recorded until 1941 and may have been related to Otto's entrance into military service (Otto's tombstone lists his service as a private in the U.S.

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Army during World War II). Otto was employed as a laborer doing various jobs including as a steel worker. Cecelia was a homemaker and seamstress.

In 1943 the house passed to O.C., a physician, and Olga Hardwig. They remained here until 1955 when the house was sold to Max and Hulda Poorman. Max operated an advertising specialty company and Hulda opened a beauty salon in the north front room of the house. In 1965 the house was transferred to Bill and Dorothy Westender who continued the beauty shop here. Bill was a city policeman and barber until he was elected sheriff and the couple was forced to relocate to the apartment in the courthouse. In 1973 they sold the property to Darrel and Ramona Whitney. Darrell worked as a farmer, welder and trucker and Ramona was a beautician. After 1984, Ramona became the sole owner until 1995 when she married Bill Strottman (owners of the house in 2012).

9. Sources

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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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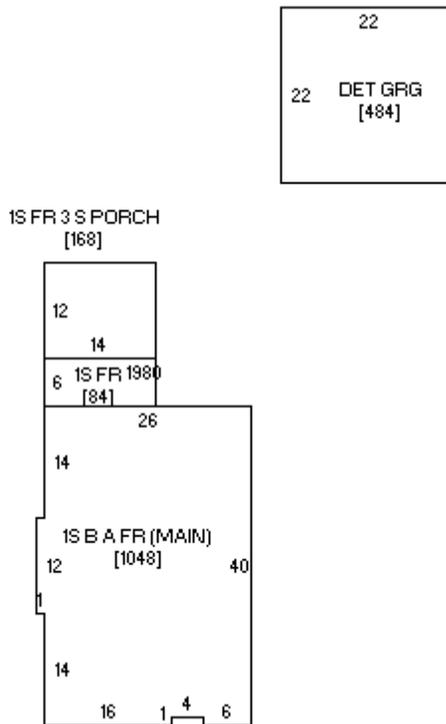
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 309 2nd St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902110007&index=0&size=0>; accessed 11/16/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com