

County Bremer
City Waverly

Address 204 3rd Ave NW

Site Number 09-00684
District Number 09-00621

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
1920 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
Garage - 1991

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

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 _____
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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 1919 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with similar houses in Waverly built using this form from ca. 1890 to 1920. Property Transfer Records show this property held by Henry Hartmann and transferred to Sophia Klages, his mother-in-law in 1914. Construction began in 1919 and an April 16, 1920 account in the *Bremer County Independent* notes that "Fred Kluges got the carpenters to work on his fine new residence on Webster street Thursday morning. When completed, Mr. and Mrs. Klages will have a fine modern home." A construction completion date of 1920 is confirmed for this house.

This house is an example of a vernacular Hipped Roof, 1-story house form. The house has a parged concrete block foundation and the walls are clad in narrow-width vinyl clapboard-style siding. The house has a steeply pitched, flared hipped roof with moderate eaves. The broad gabled wall dormer centered on the south roof slope has returning cornices as does a similar dormer on the north slope. A flat roofed porch is set off-set on the front façade with no pediment above the entrance steps on the right. Now enclosed with a clapboard balustrade and parged foundation, 1/1 window screens fill the upper walls and square half-height columns rest on stucco clad pedestals at the outer corners. Fenestration for the house includes a mix of single and paired 1/1 double-hung windows of similar size. The dormer has a pair of 1/1 double-hung units centered between the wide returning cornices.

The house has a 1-story double-bay frame garage constructed at the rear along the east-west alley. The garage was built in 1991 according to the Assessor records and has matching vinyl siding and a broad low-pitched front-gable roof with narrow eaves.

Alterations: vinyl siding, undated; porch enclosure, undated; and garage, 1991.

8. Significance

The Friedrich W. and Sophia Klages House at 204 3rd Ave NW was built in 1920 as a retirement home for the couple and is an example of a vernacular Hipped Roof, 1-story house form.. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Friedrich W. (Fred or Fritz) Klages, a retired farmer from Warren Township, and his wife Sophia purchased this property in her name in 1914 from Henry Hartman, their son-in-law. Fred was born in Milwaukee and Sophia in Kiel, Germany. Construction on the retirement home began in October 1919 when the *Bremer County Independent* reported on October 24th that "Fred Klages is excavating for the cellar of a new house he will build on the lot he recently purchased of Henry Hartman in the Second ward. Sickness of Mrs. Klages has interfered with the work as Mr. Klages has been kept at home, but it is hoped the work will be completed soon, as Mr. and Mrs. Klages hope to have the house ready for occupancy by the first of March, when they will move to town."

It appears the construction process was slowed further as further work was not reported until the following spring when the *Bremer County Independent* reported on April 16, 1920 that carpentry work was progressing on the Klages' new residence on Webster Street (3rd Ave NW). Fred died in 1934 and

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Sophia continued to reside here until her death in 1944. The Klages daughter, Mary, and her husband Henry Hartmann resided next door throughout this period at 202 3rd Ave NW.

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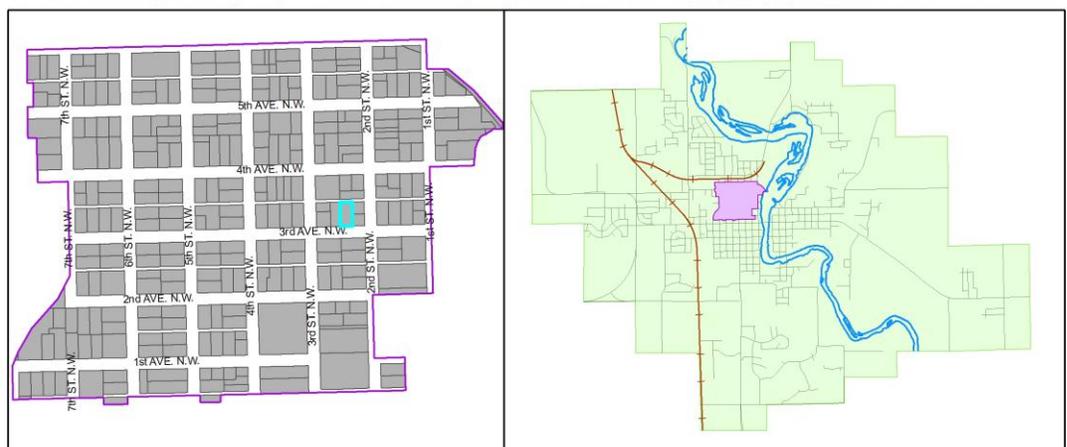
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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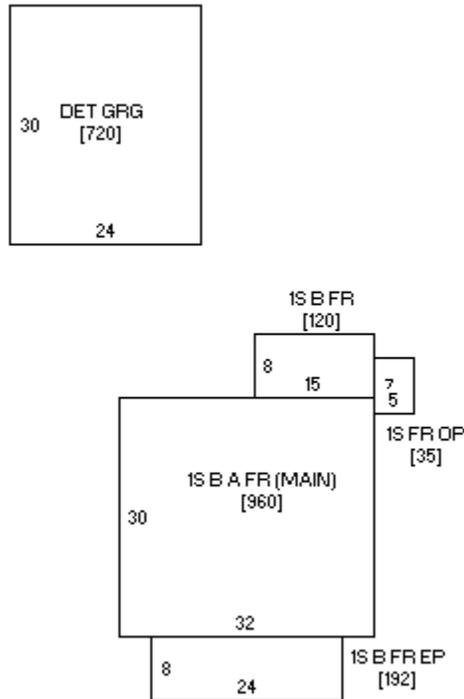
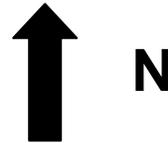
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Floor Plan: Bremer County Assessor's website; available at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902106008&index=0&size=0>; accessed 12/26/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com