

County Bremer
City Waverly

Address 216 3rd St NW

Site Number 09-00697
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
1885 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1999

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:

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 1890 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with similar houses in Waverly built using this form from the 1880s to the 1910s. Property Transfer Records show this property held by Leighton Foster for some years prior to his death in 1901 when the property was transferred to Seth L. Foster. The 1885 Iowa Census shows Foster and his wife Clarissa residing at this address and the 1899 city directory shows L. Foster residing at 214 Linn St. (3rd St. NW), likely the same building. However, Sanborn maps for 1905 show a 2-story house while the 1915 map shows a 1½-story house. This is most likely the same house, however. If so, the house was built as a retirement home for the Fosters sometime before ca. 1885.

This house is an example of a vernacular Hipped Roof, 1-story house form. The house has a rock-faced concrete block foundation and the walls are clad in asbestos shingle siding. The house has a moderate pitched hipped roof with a flattened peak, narrow eaves, and broad, gabled wall dormers centered on each slope. A low-pitched hipped roofed porch spans most of the front façade with a low-pitched pediment above the centered entrance steps. Its tympanum has a curvilinear scroll-cut design. Four full-height turned posts are spaced across the front and with closely spaced turned spindles in the balustrades. The porch skirting retains a diagonal lattice pattern.

Fenestration for the house includes a mix of 1/1 double-hung windows sizes. The dormers have full-height 1/1 double-hung units and the side facades have tall and narrow 1/1 double-hung windows in singles and pairs. The windows on original front façade beneath the porch roof include a large four-light unit to either side of the off-set entrance.

The house has a 1-story, double-bay frame garage constructed at the rear along the east-west alley built in 1999. The garage has medium-width synthetic clapboard-style siding with a single-overhead door. The roof has a broad, low-pitched front gable roof facing 3rd St NW.

Alterations: Asbestos siding, undated; garage, 1999; new porch skirting, undated.

8. Significance

The Leighton and Clarissa Foster House at 216 3rd St NW was built in ca. 1885 and is an example of a vernacular Hipped Roof, 1-story house form. Leighton was a farmer and retired farmer during the family's occupancy of the house. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Leighton Foster and his wife Clarissa occupied a house at this location by 1885 according to Iowa Census records. Originally listed as a farmer, ten years later Leighton was listed as a retired farmer, at age 85 and Clarissa was deceased.

In 1901 following Leighton Foster's death, the house was transferred to Seth Foster and then sold to Charles H. Russell. Russell had a construction business and eventually became a manufacturer of concrete blocks. He held the property until 1903 selling it to George Hirlleman. The 1913 city directory

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shows Cora Hirleman, a worker at CaPhenin Chemical Co., and Carl Hirleman, a bookkeeper at the First National Bank residing here. They are believed to be siblings.

In 1918 the house was sold by George Hirleman to Leonora Garling. Telephone books list her residing here during the 1920s and 1930s. It remained her property until her death in 1982.

9. Sources

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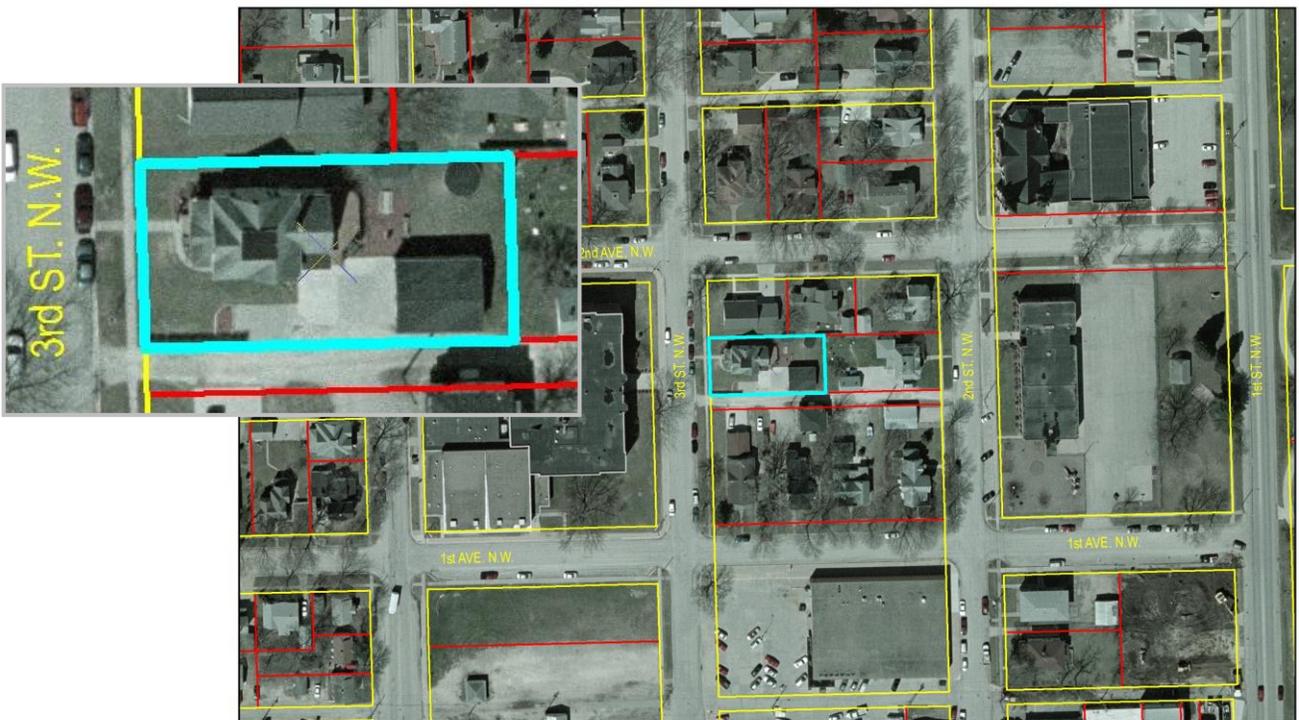
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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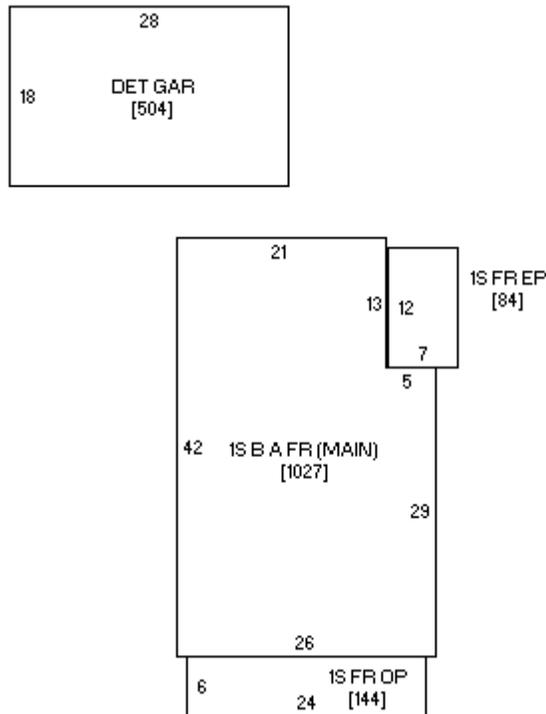
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Floor Plan: Bremer County Assessor's website; available at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0535367001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 12/21/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com