

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

State Inventory No. 09-00824

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 Woodring, Thomas and Emily, House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 221 6<sup>th</sup> 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) M.N. LeValley Add.

Block(s) 60

Lot(s) N 5 Rod E 8 Rod

**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 buildings  
 — sites  
 — structures  
 — objects  
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)

01A03 Single Dwelling

01A03 Single Dwelling w/attached garage

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing (2-story)

foundation

04 Stone

\_\_\_\_\_

walls (visible material) 15B Vinyl; 05F Steel

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 1885  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation \_\_\_\_\_

**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 1894 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form is typical of large houses built in Waverly from the 1880s through the 1910s in one or more phases. Bremer County Property Transfer Records show Thomas Woodring buying a section of the northeast corner of Block 60 from M.N. LeValley in 1873 and again ten years later in 1883. By the time the 1885 Iowa Census was published, Woodring and his wife Emily were listed as residing in a house at lots 1 and 2 in Block 60. The 1894 Sanborn Map depicts a house in place on these two lots that matches the footprint of the current house. Therefore, a construction date of ca. 1885 is consistent with public records for this property.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and Wing house form that became popular in the Midwest beginning in the decades after the Civil War. In this case, the house has an L-shaped floor plan with a left-hand ell filled with a hipped roof porch and an enclosed section that wraps the south side. The house has a stone foundation beneath the house's medium-width clapboard-style vinyl/steel siding. The house has a moderate pitched intersecting gable roof with pent gable ends. The porch has a concrete grade-level deck with wrought iron posts for roof supports and no balustrade. Fenestration includes single 1/1 double-hung windows with crown moldings. A large square single-light is to the left of the front entrance and small square windows are in the pent gable peaks. An attached double-bay garage is at the rear opening onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW built in 1990 according to Assessor records.

Alterations: garage addition (1990); siding (undated); porch trim and partial enclosure (undated); window changes (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Thomas and Emily Woodring House at 221 6<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1885 as one of the first houses in this part of the Harmon and LeValley neighborhood. It is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and Wing house form. Woodring was a cabinet maker and homebuilder. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show Thomas Woodring first acquired this property in 1873 and ten years later in 1883, the property transfer was recorded a second time. This suggests that the house was not erected until after the second transfer. This would be consistent with the 1885 Iowa Census which shows that Thomas Woodring and his wife Emily were listed as residing in a house at lots 1 and 2 in Block 60. The 1894 Sanborn Map also depicts a house in place on these two lots that matches the footprint of the current house. Thomas Woodring was listed in the 1885 Census as a cabinetmaker and in the 1895 Census as a merchant. He was one of several brothers with the firm Woodring Brothers, furniture makers and undertakers. In 1895, Emily died and it appears the house passed through Sheriff's Sale in 1898.

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Rozilia Woodring took ownership in 1899 and transferred the house in 1899 to William Cronin. In 1906 after William' death, the house passed to Mary Cronin, his wife. She was listed as residing at this address in the 1913 city directory as a widow along with her daughter Lida Cronin. Mary died in 1926.

### 9. Sources

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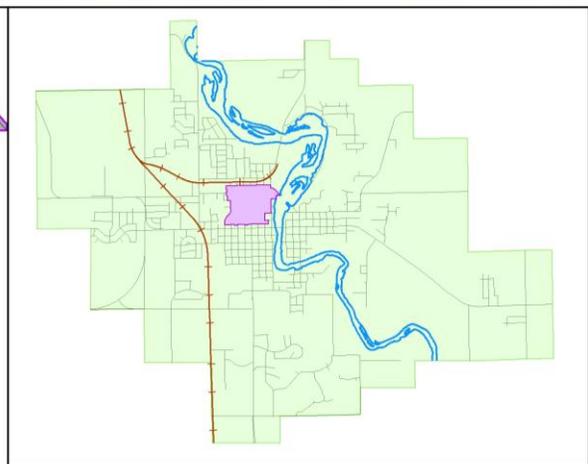
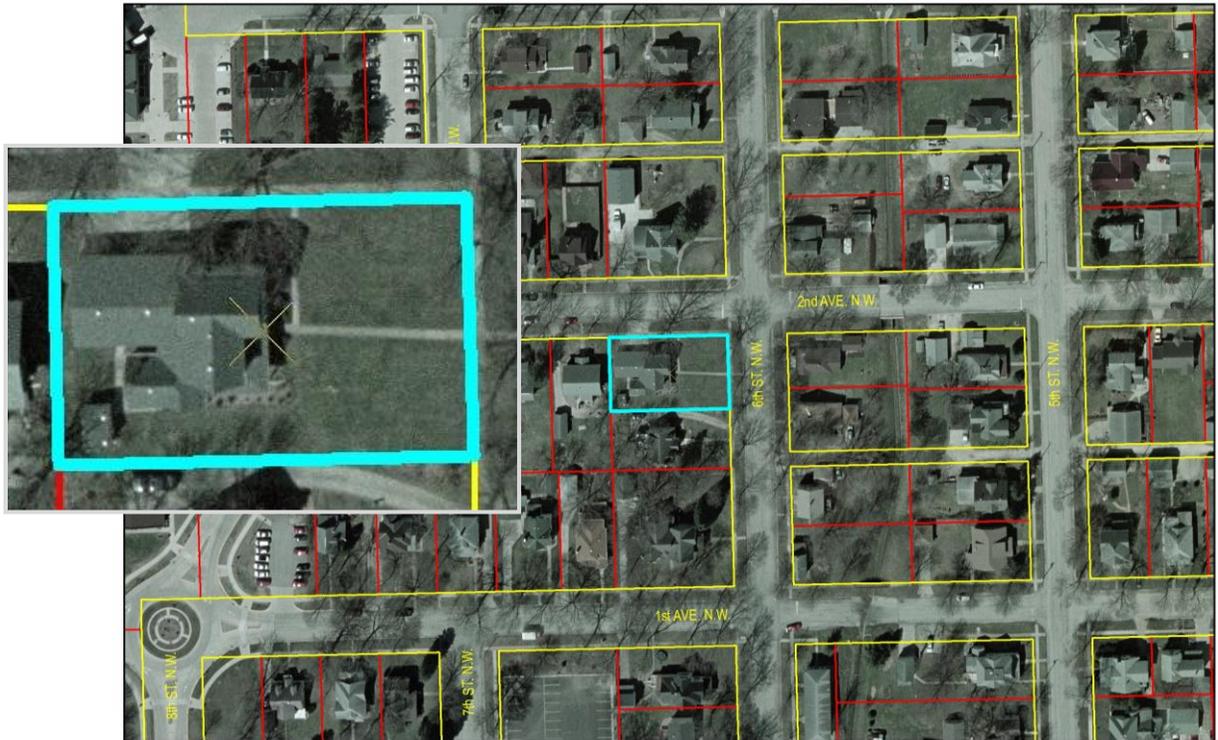
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**Site Map:** Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

**221 6th St NW  
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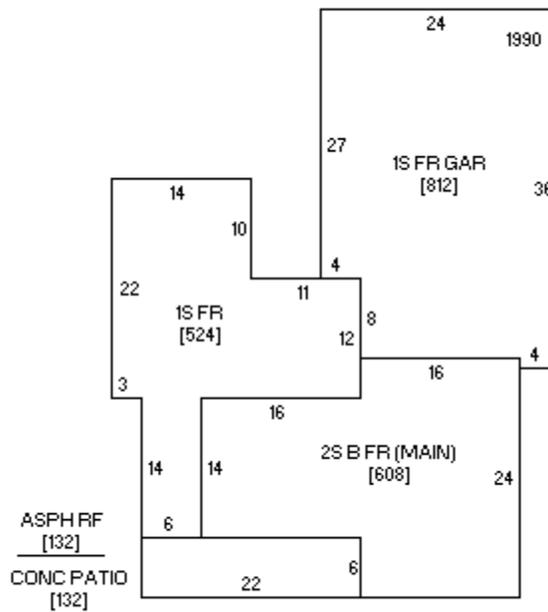
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 221 6<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903241006&index=0&size=0> 0; 5/21/2013.



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