

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

State Inventory No. 09-00840 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00962
 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 Curtis, Sidney H. and Sarah, House (east half)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 302 1st St SE

city or town Waverly vicinity, county Bremer

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Town Block(s) FR 5 Lot(s) E 86'8" Lot 1

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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>1</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's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural MPD Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A03 Single Dwelling with attached garage</u>	<u>01A03 Single Dwelling with attached garage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05D Late Victorian/Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>04 Stone</u>
<u>09A06 Hipped-Roof, 2-story</u>	walls (visible material) <u>02A Weatherboard; 02B Shingle</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt/Shingle</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

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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
1892 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
ca.1935 - garage

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

Corey, George (mason); Norton, Charles and Fahnstock, Gus (carpenters)

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 2-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1935 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Property transfer records show the property acquired by S.H. Curtis prior to ca. 1865 when he purchased Lots 1 and 2 in Fractional Block 5 of the Original Town. Newspaper accounts from April 1891 through January 1892 describe the house under construction on Water Street (1st Street) including one notice on January 21, 1892 describing the house as "finished." The April 23, 1891 *Waverly Republican* article notes that "Mr. Curtis new residence will be built from plans furnished by modern architects and will be spacious, comfortable and pretty."

This frame house is an example of a 2-story Queen Anne Style house of the Hipped Roof, Lower Cross-Gabled form. Historic photographs delineating porch detailing shows the house to be a Spindlework sub-type. It has a moderate pitched hipped roof on the main block with pent-gabled rectangular wings and angular bays set at lower heights. The rear façade has a 2-story gabled wing and 1-story attached gabled garage. A 1-story hipped roof porch wraps the front façade and a section of the north façade. The Curtis House has a stone block foundation with narrow-width wood clapboard for the first and second levels and cove-cut wood shingles in the gable peaks and for the flared belt course between the first and second levels. A series of rectangular panels extends along cornice beneath the wide eaves of the upper level.

The moderate-pitched hipped roof entrance porch is located between the projecting angular bay of the front façade and the rectangular wing on the north façade. A low-pitched pediment is set above the entrance steps at the north end of the front façade. Its tympanum has a panel filled with pointed moldings. A pair of elaborate double doors beneath the pediment features a series of narrow, horizontal panels and pointed moldings in the lower halves with beveled glass sash with square and rectangular lights in the upper halves. The current porch detailing includes narrowly spaced square spindles in the balustrade with smooth finished floor-to-ceiling columns, all installed sometime after 1961 according to a photo taken that year. Based on earlier historic photographs of the house, the original balustrade design and porch posts were turned rather than the Classical design now present. The porch skirting now includes closely spaced vertical boards rather than the original latticework set in curved arches.

Fenestration includes cottage windows and 1/1 double-hung windows with shorter upper sash with both located on the front façade. Similar double-hungs are located elsewhere. Decorative windows with Classical designs and ornamentation include a semi-circular sash with four fanlights in the front gable peak, a similar but larger sash with a double row of lights in the north gable, and two ocular windows with keystones and divided lights in the entrance area and above the front doors.

The house according to oral history accounts was originally part of a house nearly twice the size with the present building occupying the east half of a house for the Curtis' extended family. At an unknown date the two halves were separated and a new rear section was added to the house at 302 1st Street SE. That 2-story gable roofed wing is now clad in channel cut siding with a 1-story double car garage at the west end. Built in 1935 according to Bremer County Assessor records, it is possible that this is the date that the two house sections were divided. The west half of the original house was moved

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closer to the Cedar River and took 88 2nd Avenue SE as its address. The west half of the Curtis House remains in this location in 2012.

Alterations: porch element changes (undated); rear addition and garage (ca. 1935).

8. Significance

The Curtis House (east half) is an example of a 1890s era Queen Anne Style house form with Free Classic detailing and a 2-story, Hipped Roof with Lower Cross Gable form. The house was part of the main wave of homebuilding in the neighborhood that extended from the 1880s through World War I. Its owners, Sidney H. Curtis and his wife Sarah built the house in 1891-92. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places individually under Criterion C.

Sidney H. Curtis immigrated to Iowa from Erie County, Pennsylvania in 1855. He opened the first hardware store in Bremer County the same year. He became a civic leader and eventually was associated with the Republican Party. He held the position as a Bremer County Supervisor and was chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 1873. His sons joined him in the hardware business and continued it after his death in 1914. A brief biography taken from *The American Artisan and Hardware Record* in 1915 appears below:

Sidney H. Curtis of Waverly was a pioneer merchant of Northern Iowa, having operated a hardware store on the same site for fifty-nine years, passed away on October 25th.

He had been a member of our association since 1903. Sidney H. Curtis was born in Oneida County, New York, Oct. 19th, 1829; was apprenticed as a tinner at the age of fifteen in Erie County, Pennsylvania. He moved to Waverly in 1855 and opened the first hardware store in Bremer County and the business is still being operated on the same site by his sons.

A pioneer in business and in the civic upbuilding of his town and county, his name is prominently identified with all that goes to the upbuilding of the state. His activities were given to his business in preference to political preferment, although he was closely connected with the social centers of his community in church and Masonic work, being a charter member of his lodge and for fifty years a trustee of the Methodist Church.

In every way Mr. Curtis stood for what is best in the life of the town and county of which he was so eminent a representative.

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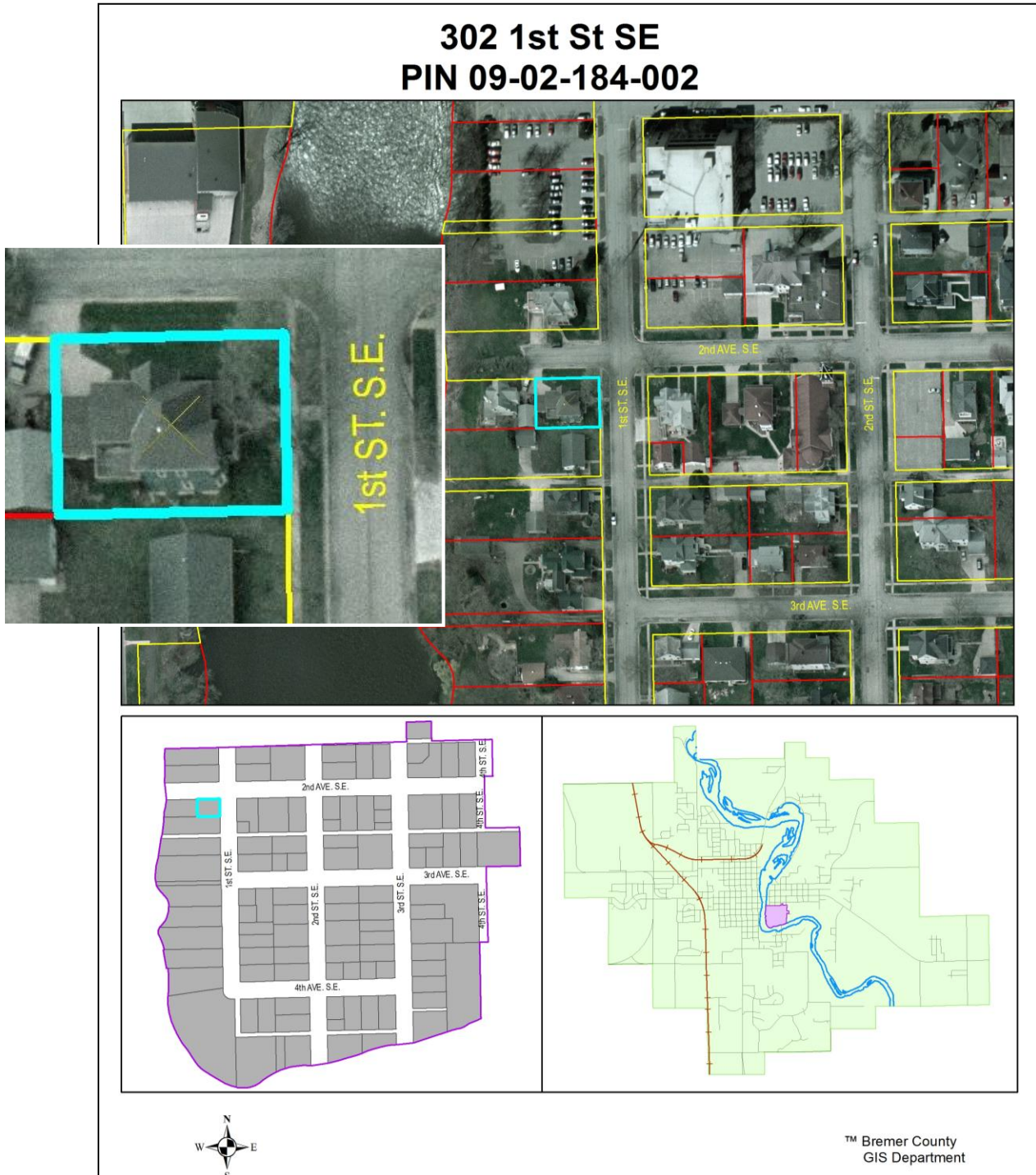
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.



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Photographs: 302 1st St. SE, front entrance doors, looking west, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 302 1st St. SE, winter streetscapes, looking northwest and west, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 1/24/2009.



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Photographs: 302 1st St. SE, looking southeast at rear addition and attached garage; looking south west at intersection, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, 4/23/2009.



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Historic Photographs: 302 1st St. SE, looking southwest, early winter 1906; from *Semi Centennial Souvenir of Waverly*, 1896 (Waverly Public Library Historic Photograph Collection)

