

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

State Inventory No. 09-00896

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 Ellsworth, Margaret, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 310 3rd Street 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) 16 Lot(s) S 28' of 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)

- 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 MPD

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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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof (1½-story)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard

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.

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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 1908 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

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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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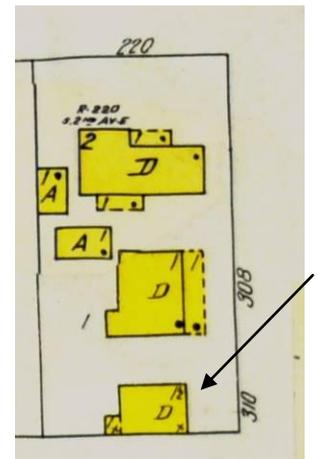
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7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1908 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with similar houses in Waverly built using this form from ca. 1910 to 1925. Property Transfer Records show all of Lot 1 sold to Margaret A. Ellsworth in August 1901 but not recorded until December 1909. By 1913, city directory listings show three houses on the lot still held by Mrs. Ellsworth. Newspaper accounts record her building two houses in the 4th Ward in 1911. She resided in one of the houses, which was located at 310 3rd St. SE, and the other two were held as rental properties.

This house is an example of a vernacular Front-Gabled Roof 1½-story house form. The house has rock-faced concrete block for the foundation. The walls are clad in medium-width wood clapboard siding. The house has a front -gabled roof with two large gable wall dormers on the north and south facades, all featuring returning cornices. An enclosed porch with a flat roof is centered on the front façade. It appears to have been added sometime in the 1940s and if that is true after publication of 1943 updates to the 1927 Sanborn Map at right, it was likely originally built as an enclosed space. It is also possible that the porch was present from the beginning just not properly recorded on the map. Entrance steps are offset to the right with groups of three 1/1 windows above the balustrade in the side walls and to the left of the entrance door. The railing for the steps has a balustrade composed of square spindles. The Ellsworth House is the bottom house on the right showing the full development of Lot 1 by the time the 1927 Sanborn Map was published.



Fenestration in the house includes a mix of sizes for 1/1 double-hung units with single windows in the upper level of the front gable and each of the gabled wall dormers. The house does not have an attached or detached garage. It is located immediately alongside the alley to the south.

Alterations: Porch enclosure (undated).

8. Significance

The Ellsworth House at 310 3rd St SE was built in ca. 1911 and is an example of a vernacular Front-Gabled Roof 1½-story house form. By 1913, it was one of three houses built on Lot 1 in Block 16 owned by Margaret A. Ellsworth a widow. This house and the other two undertaken by Maggie are examples of dense residential development in the neighborhood and provide evidence of how widows made their way by owning, developing, and leasing houses and apartments. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

The owner-builder of this house was Margaret A. (Hill) Ellsworth, widow of Gorham E. Ellsworth. The couple married on May 11, 1868 in Bremer County, and Gorham died seven years later. Maggie was

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left to raise her family of three children. On August 27, 1901, Maggie purchased Lot 1 in Block 16 and in April 1911, newspaper accounts list Maggie as building two houses in the 4th Ward. By 1913 she was listed as residing in one of three houses on the lot - this small house at the far south end of the lot. It is likely that she held the other two houses including the Reith House at 308 3rd St. SE and the house at 220 2nd Ave SE as rental properties. The 1912 city directory lists 308 3rd St. SE as occupied by Carl H. Reith and his wife Lydia. Carl was a partner in the business "Reith & Clark," a barbershop, pool hall and lunch room, located at 108 E. Bremer Ave.

Maggie Ellsworth continued to own Lot 1 until she sold two halves of the lot in 1920. The south 78 feet was sold to Lydia Reith. This parcel held not only the 50 foot wide parcel with the Reith House but Maggie's personal residence at 310 3rd Street SE.

9. Sources

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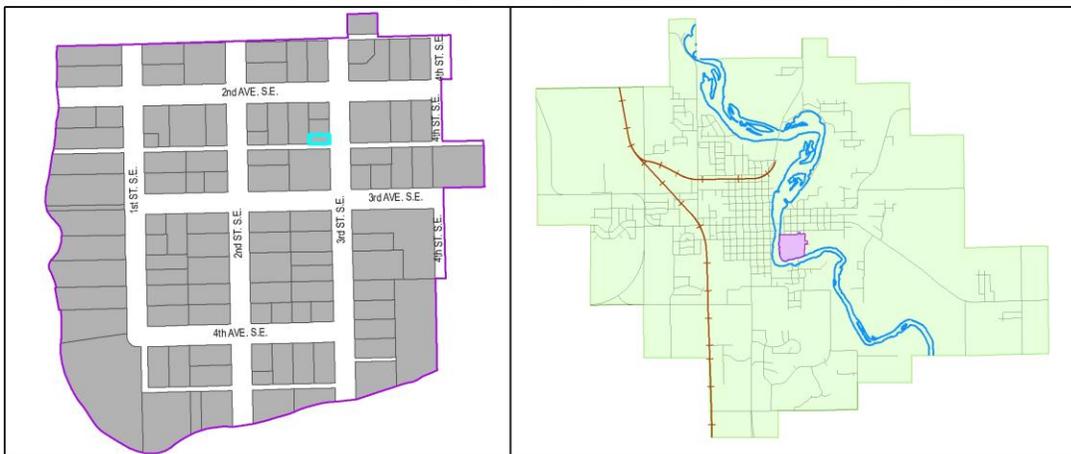
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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PIN 09-02-186-009**



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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 310 3rd St. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902186009&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/4/2012.

