

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

State Inventory No. 09-00898

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 Clark-Pomeroy House

other names/site number Babcock, Albert, House

**2. Location**

street & number 322 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) 7 & 8

**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)

01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A0 Gabled-Front and Wing (2-story)

foundation 04 Stone;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.

County Bremer  
City Waverly

Address 322 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE

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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 1878  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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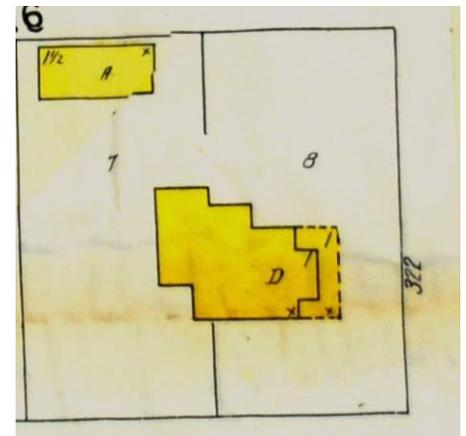
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## 7. Description

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 ca. 1875 to 1910. Property Transfer Records show all of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 16 held by David Clark prior to 1869 and transferred to his wife Mary in 1875. Three years later the property passed to Charlissa Pomeroy. Newspaper accounts reportedly state that in 1878 Dr. Pomeroy moved his family “into the Clark house” suggesting the residence was already constructed at that point in time. The house appears on the 1894 Sanborn Map. In 1896 newspaper accounts note that Dr. Pomeroy built an addition and a bathroom for his house. In ca. 1904 soon after the house changed hands again, the new owner apparently built the wraparound porch on the east façade.

The Clark-Pomeroy House is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing 2-story house form. The house has stone foundation with parging on some sections and rock-faced concrete block for the foundation of the front porch. The walls are clad in medium-width wood clapboard siding and cornerboard trim. The house has a front-gabled roof facing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and two gabled wings facing north and south. The rear gabled wing extends west with a hipped roof enclosed porch filling the ell on the south façade and projecting out several feet. This porch replaced the original enclosed porch that was flush with the south façade of the main house as is shown in the 1927 Sanborn Map (to the right). In ca. 1905 a small porch tucked in the right hand ell at the southeast corner was replaced by a larger porch that wrapped the front and north corner of the house.



That porch still present in 2012 has a rock-faced concrete block foundation and concrete deck with matching concrete block pedestals evenly spaced along the outer edge. Heavy, turned porch roof supports rest on each pedestal and balustrade spans with closely spaced turned spindles extend between each block pedestal. The steps are at the south end of the front porch opposite the front entrance.

Fenestration in the house includes a mix of window sizes and configurations. Each of the windows has a pediment shaped lintel with a double wide pediment over paired sash. The original windows retain 4/4 double-hung configurations. Replacement sashes such as the single window in the front gable have a 9/9 double-hung unit. Windows in the sunroom/porch on the south side have tall and narrow 6/6 units installed when the original porch was rebuilt in ca. 1942. The house’s original operable shutters remain on the front façade openings.

As originally constructed the house had first one and then two 1½-story city barns. By 1927, the barn that stood closer to the house in historic photo had been razed and a second barn moved to the site stood at the northwest corner of the lot along the alley. That barn has been razed also and in 2003 a new 2-story garage was attached to the northwest corner of the house. It has a gable roof with openings in the long side facing the alley to the north. The roof pitch, siding, corner board trim and windows match those of the main house.

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Alterations: Front porch addition (ca. 1911); south porch rebuilt as sun room (ca. 1942); garage/loft addition (2003).

## 8. Significance

The Clark-Pomeroy House at 322 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE was built in ca. 1878 and is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing 2-story house form. It was built for the David and Mark Clark family and then occupied by Dr. Joseph and Charlissa Pomeroy for over 20 years. The house individually qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

The first owners of at least the central portion of this house were David and Mary Clark, early immigrants to Bremer County. A brief biography of David Clark appears below:

David Clark, son of John and Jane Clark, was born Delaware County, Ohio, November 3, 1831. He came with his parents to Bremer county, in the fall of 1849. Mr. Clark received a liberal education and in the winter of 1853-54, taught school in Polk township, completing an unfinished term. This was the first school taught in Polk township. On coming to the county, he made a claim, but did not live upon it, remaining at home with his parents, until 1858, when he located at Waverly, engaging in the boot and shoe trade, and operating a tannery at the same time. In this line of trade he continued about one year. From 1859 to 1869, he was in the real estate business, and subsequently, for about five years in the hardware trade. On account of failing health, he has not been very actively engaged for some years, spending much of his time in Nebraska. In 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Lyman, a native of Pennsylvania. They have five children, two girls and three boys-Mary, the oldest, living at home; John L. now at Eagle Grove, in the drug business; Ernest C., Grace and Arthur B. Mr. Clark has been assessor of the town, a member of the school board, deputy collector of internal revenue of this district, and has held various other offices of honor and trust. He has taken an active part in every enterprise looking to the advancement of the city of Waverly, and has sacrificed great personal interests for its benefit. (*History of Bremer Counties, Iowa*, 1883; available at <http://iagenweb.org/bremer/BremerHistory.htm>; accessed 3/5/2012)

Dr. Joseph C. Pomeroy and his wife Charlissa occupied the house beginning in 1878 along with their 15 and 19 year old daughters Martha and Minnie. According to the 1885 Iowa Census records, other individual residing with the Pomeroy's included a housekeeper, a clerk and a "stock" worker. Prior to 1870 J.C. Pomeroy operated a drug store in Waverly so it is possible that he was letting rooms to employees or perhaps the large house was simply available for rooms to rent. Dr. Pomeroy was a physician and surgeon with offices in downtown Waverly over the Post Office in 1899.

In 1904 following Dr. Pomeroy's death in 1901, Charlissa Pomeroy sold the house to Albert Babcock and his wife Dora (Hohnbehm). The 1913 city directory listed Albert as a laborer and local history records the Babcocks moving to this house when their former house in northeast Waverly was razed to allow construction of the Chicago Great Western Railroad through that part of town. Babcock

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reportedly moved the barn from his former 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE residence to the new 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE property. Reportedly during fair time, the Babcock's barns were overflowing with horses and buggies. Death records show Bert passing away in 1919 and Dora in 1937 though she had removed from this house a number of years before then.

## 9. Sources

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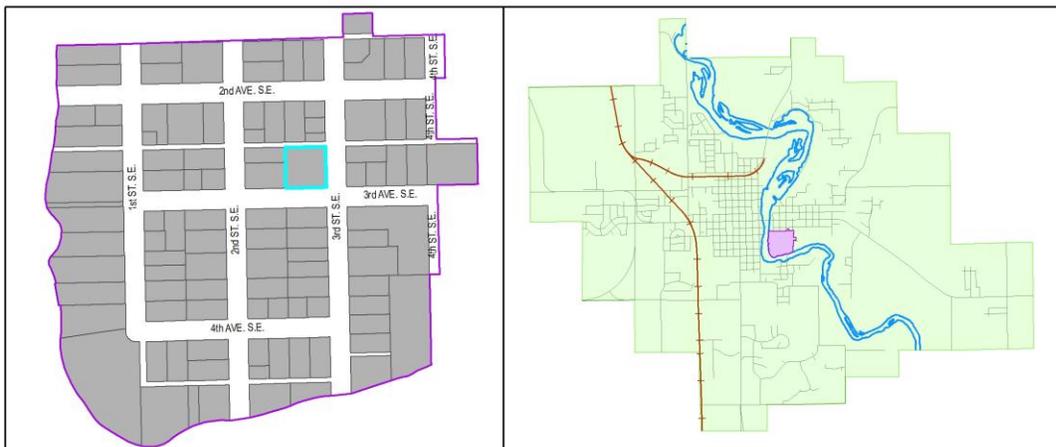
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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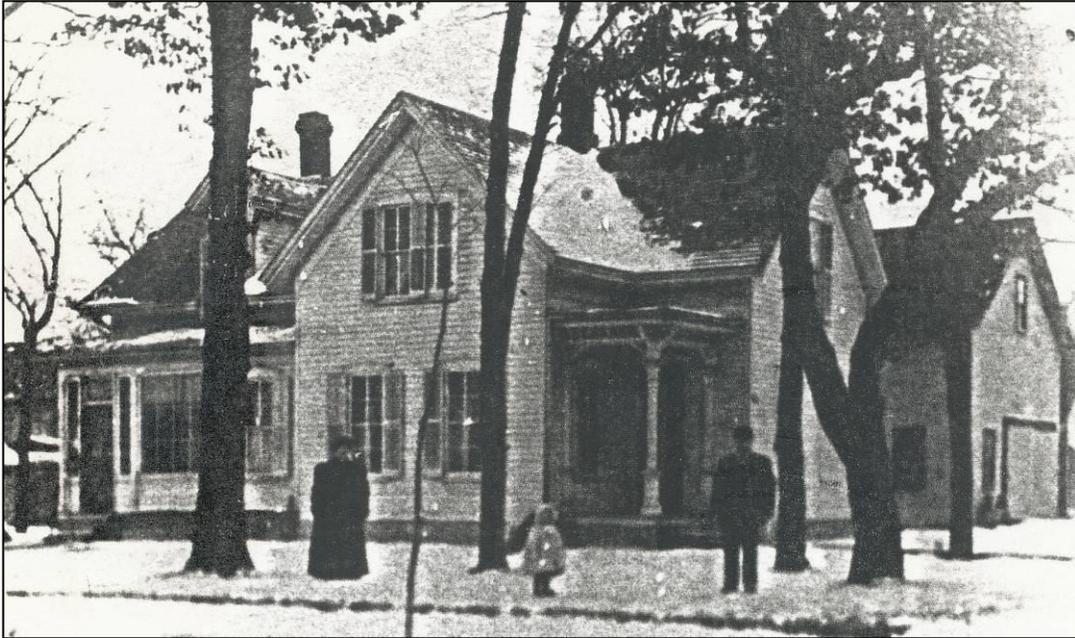
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**Historic Views:** looking northwest (top), with original porches at southwest corner and southeast corner tucked in ell, undated; looking northeast (bottom) with new porch under construction (block foundation in place) at southeast corner and original southwest porch still in place, ca. 1905 (Waverly Public Library Photo Collection)



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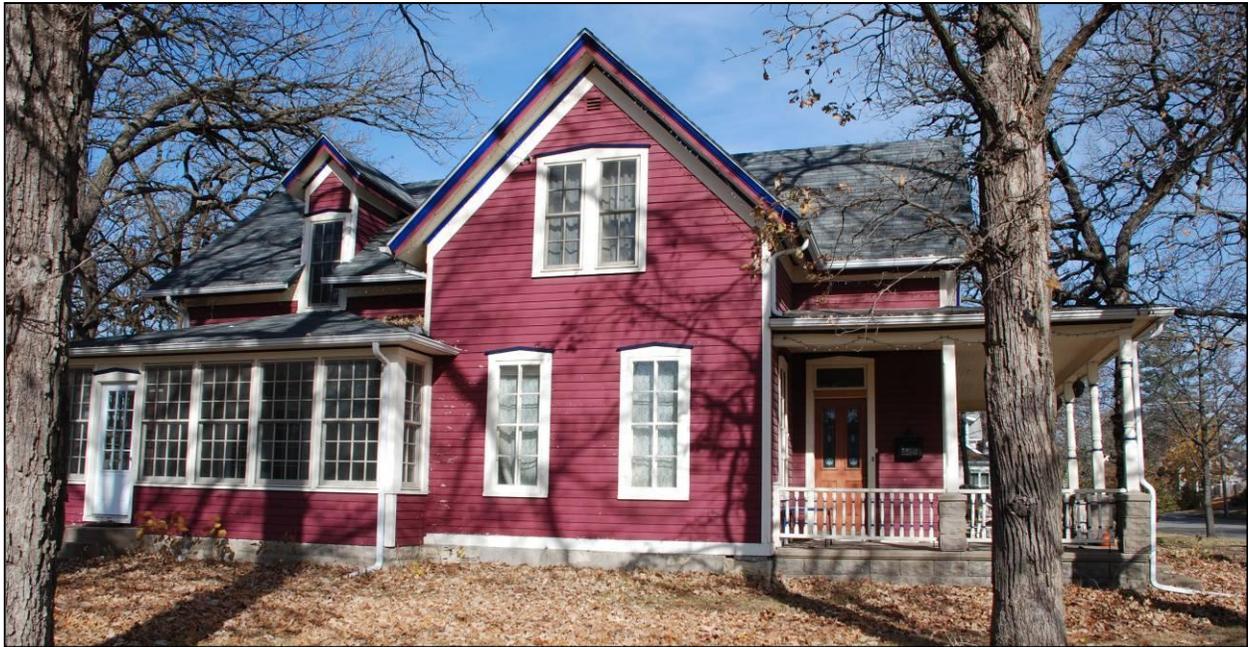
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**Photographs:** 322 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE, garage/loft, looking west and south, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 322 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneider.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902186010&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/5/2012.

