

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

State Inventory No. 09-00901

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 House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 220 2nd Ave. 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) N 54' 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		If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	<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)

01A Single Dwelling

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01C05 Garage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 09 Asbestos (Transite)

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)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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

Address 220 2nd Ave. 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 1910 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 1910 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with similar houses in Waverly built using this form from the end of the Civil War through the turn of the early 20th century. *Property Transfer Records show the entire lot sold to Margaret A. Ellsworth in August 1901 but not recorded until December 1909. By 1912, city directory listings show three houses on the lot still held by Mrs. Ellsworth. 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 Gable Front and Wing, 2-story house form built shortly after the turn of the 20th century. The house has a smooth finished concrete block foundation suggesting it replaces an earlier foundation. The walls are clad in asbestos shingle or Transite™ siding. The house has an L-shaped plan with an intersecting gable roof with moderate width eaves. The west slope of the gable end facing 2nd Avenue SE has been extended to form the roof for the front porch. The original porch was about half the size of the present one and was tucked in the left-hand ell. The present porch has a concrete foundation and two square wood porch supports.

Fenestration in the house includes a mix of original and replacement windows. Tall and narrow 1/1 double-hung windows and smaller 1/1 windows appear in singles and pairs. A Classical style window group is on the north gable end, upper level. It has a tall double-hung window with diamond lights in the upper sash flanked by shorter fixed sash with geometric tracery. An ocular window is located to the left of the window group. Replacement sash include a group of three tall, single light sash on the first floor of the east gable end. They likely replaced a cottage style window with a Classical design.

The house has a detached frame garage that pre-dates the 1927 Sanborn Map. It has a single bay, front-gable roof, medium width wood clapboard siding, corner board trim, and an early tongue and groove tilt style garage door. At an unknown time, a carport was installed along the west side of the house in front of the garage. It has a fiberglass roof and horizontal board siding.

Alterations: Transite siding (undated); carport added (undated); porch alteration and concrete block foundation added (undated); window changes (undated).

8. Significance

The house at 220 2nd Avenue SE was built in ca. 1910 and is a poorly preserved example of a Gable Front and Wing, 2-story house with Classical detailing. By 1912, it was one of three houses built on Lot 1 in Block 16 owned by Margaret A. Ellsworth. Though the house has suffered some loss of integrity the basic form and a feature remain intact. It is likely that the original clapboard siding survives beneath the Transite siding as well. This house and the other two undertaken by Maggie Ellsworth are examples of dense residential development in the neighborhood and provide evidence of how widows made their way. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

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The owner-builder of the house at 220 2nd Ave. SE was Margaret A. (Hill) Ellsworth, widow of Gorham E. Ellsworth. The couple were married on May 11, 1868 in Bremer County, and Gorham died just seven years later. Maggie was left to raise her family, which included three children. On August 27, 1901, Maggie purchased Lot 1 in Block 16. It is possible that the house was already constructed and that its ample size was suitable for her family. By 1912 Maggie was listed as residing in one of three houses on the lot, a small house at the far south end of the property at 310 3rd Street SE. It is likely that she held the other two houses including the house at 220 2nd Ave. SE and the house at 308 3rd St. SE as rental properties. The 1912 city directory lists 220 2nd Ave. as occupied by Roy Smith and his wife Emma. Roy worked as a buttermaker for Fosselman's, a bottling works and dairy.

Maggie Ellsworth continued to own Lot 1 until she split it and sold two unequal halves to separate owners in 1920. The north 54 feet was sold to Harry Armstrong.

9. Sources

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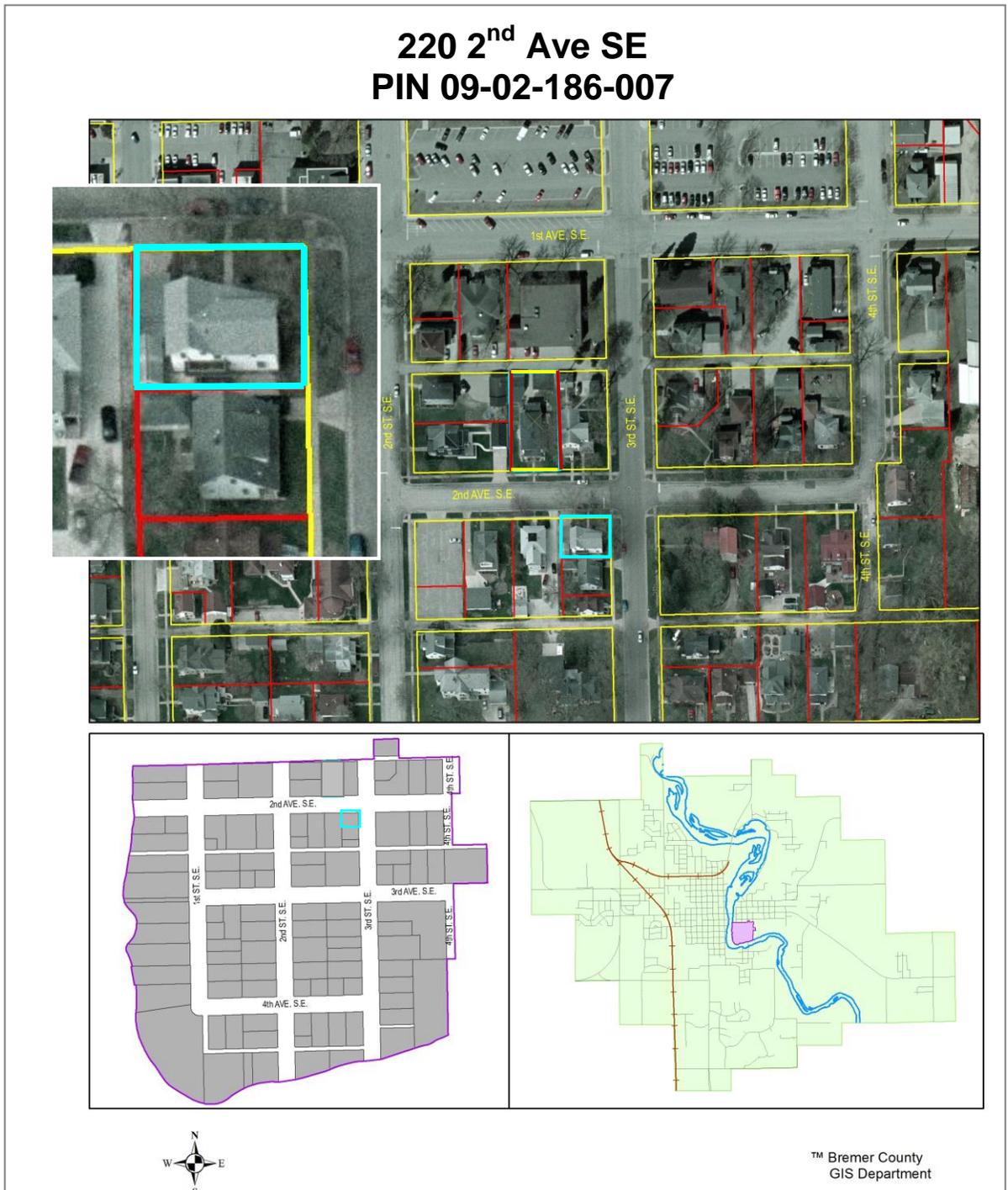
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.



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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 220 2nd Ave. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902186007&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/3/2012.

