

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

State Inventory No. 09-00946

New  Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Lovejoy, Augusta, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 614 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW

city or town Waverly  vicinity, county Bremer County

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

(If Urban) Subdivision Ira Sturdevant's Addition Block(s) 4 Lot(s) N 37' Lot 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

Hist.&Arch Recon.Report for 2008 Flood-Affected Properties in Waverly

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

HADB 09-020

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A01 Single Dwelling: residence

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A01 Single Dwelling: residence

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09A05 Pyramidal or Hipped Roof, 1-Story

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 06 Stone

walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard

roof 08 Asphalt

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 1905  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

**Architect/Builder**

Architect unknown  
Builder unknown

**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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organization Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division telephone 715/469-3300  
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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

The Unidentified Rental House at 614 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1910 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. The date is likely slightly earlier given the fact that the house has a stone foundation. Similar small houses were built in Iowa from the 1890s through the 1920s. Property transfer records show Allen Sewell owning the property beginning in 1881 and accepting a quit claim deed on it on 5/30/1892 – a legal transfer typical when a clouded title was being cleared prior to an improvement such as a house being constructed. The 1894 Sanborn Map shows this parcel as vacant. By 1913, the city directory shows Augusta Lovejoy, a member of the Sturdevant family, residing at this address as a tenant suggesting it was built sometime between 1894 and 1913. Together this information suggests a date of ca. 1905 for this dwelling.

The house is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof, 1-Story house form. The house has a rubble stone foundation with medium-width wood clapboard siding and corner board trim on the walls. The house has a moderate pitched pyramidal roof with medium width eaves. A flat roofed porch spans the front with four turned posts evenly spaced across the front edge. The small footprint for this house measures 20 feet on a side with a 10 by 10 foot addition on the rear providing a total of just 500 square feet.

Fenestration includes 1/1 double-hung windows with a feature window to the left of the centered entrance an example of a small cottage window with an operable lower sash and a single-light horizontal fixed-sash above. Widely spaced 1/1 windows are on the north and south facades. The house has no garage.

## 8. Significance

The August Lovejoy House at 614 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW derives significances under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a small vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof, 1-Story house form. It dates from the turn-of-the 20<sup>th</sup> century and its modest size and simple finishes are typical of small houses from this period.

### *Historical Background for Waverly<sup>1</sup>*

Waverly was established in 1853 along the Cedar River in Waverly Township located in southeastern Bremer County. It was designated as the county seat for Bremer County the same year that the county was officially organized and was formally incorporated in 1859. Like most Iowa towns established before the Civil War, growth during the early 1860s was deferred until after the war came to a close. Waverly's first railroad, the Cedar Falls and Minnesota Railroad was extended to Waverly in 1864. Eventually track was also laid for other branch lines and an electric interurban. By 1917 track for branch lines was absorbed by the Chicago and Great Western Railroad and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. Track for the electric interurban – the Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and Northern – was laid in 1910 but usage was never as substantial as predicted.

Waverly grew in the manner typical of other Iowa county seats in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Its commercial center extended along the east-west route of Bremer Avenue on both sides of the Bremer Avenue Bridge that crossed the L-shaped course of the Cedar River as it passed through the center of town. The

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<sup>1</sup> The historical background information is largely drawn from the *Waverly, Iowa: An Architectural Heritage*, (Waverly, Iowa: City of Waverly), 1977.

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county courthouse was located outside of the commercial area on a slight prominence at the east end of Bremer Avenue. Residential districts grew up in the four quadrants formed by the intersecting main street and river. The broad, generally flat profile of both the business district and early residential neighborhoods saw the regular occurrence of flooding resulting in the gradual replacement of most first generation frame building stock. German immigrants were among the largest ethnic group to populate Waverly during the 19<sup>th</sup> century establishing religious institutions with ethnic affiliations such as St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the northwest quadrant, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in southeast quadrant, and the German Methodist Church. Bremer County and its county seat of Waverly prospered during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century becoming a retail and professional services center for Bremer County and sections of adjacent Butler County. The county's standing as the "Dairy Spot of Iowa," gave rise to a number of dairy industries including a manufacturing plant operated by the Carnation Milk Products Company for the production of condensed milk in the 1920s. Population stood at 16,300 people in 1900 before the growth rate slowed before World War I. By 1930 population topped 17,000. Expansion of a Lutheran seminary in Waverly first located in the community in 1879 through the relocation of Wartburg College to the community in 1939 was a cultural and economic stimulus for the community. Waverly continued to add a 1,000 people per decade until 1950 when the post-War boom saw growth accelerate to more than 21,000 by 1960. During the past 50 years population has slowed somewhat topping out at 23,325 in 2000.

### *Historical Background for the August Lovejoy House at 614 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW*

The August Lovejoy House is located in the southwest quadrant of Waverly that includes additions platted by early Waverly settlers, Ira Sturdevant and his son William Sturdevant. The Sturdevant family moved to the unsettled area along the Cedar River in the mid-1850s. Ira received a 40-acre federal land grant based on his military service in the War of 1812. William acquired 80 acres of adjoining land to the north of his father's 40-acre parcel. In 1857 the William Sturdevant's Addition was laid out and in 1860 the Ira Sturdevant Addition was platted. Growth remained relatively slow in these subdivisions until after the Civil War.

The house is estimated to have been constructed in 1910 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records however the use of stone rather than concrete block suggests a date prior to 1905. The building's materials, design and form are consistent with small house plans from the 1890s through the 1920s. Similar plans were distributed for construction of such small houses as "kits" for use as lakeside cottages and cabins by such firms as the Gordon-Van Tine Company of Davenport and Sears, Roebuck and Company. Property transfer records show Allen Sewell owning the property beginning in 1881 and accepting a quit claim deed on it on 5/30/1892 – a legal transfer typical when a clouded title was being cleared prior to an improvement such as a house being constructed. The 1894 Sanborn Map shows this parcel as vacant. In 1911, Allen Sewell died so a date prior to 1910 is more likely for this house.

By 1913, the city directory shows Augusta Lovejoy (1847-1930), widow of Ambrose E. Lovejoy (1842-1909), residing as a tenant at 612 S. Linn St. (3<sup>rd</sup> St SW). The Lovejoy family was related to the pioneer Waverly family of Ira and William Sturdevant. Also residing at this address was Verne Lovejoy who worked at the Anton De Heus Steam Bakery. Subsequent occupants have not been identified.

### 9. Sources

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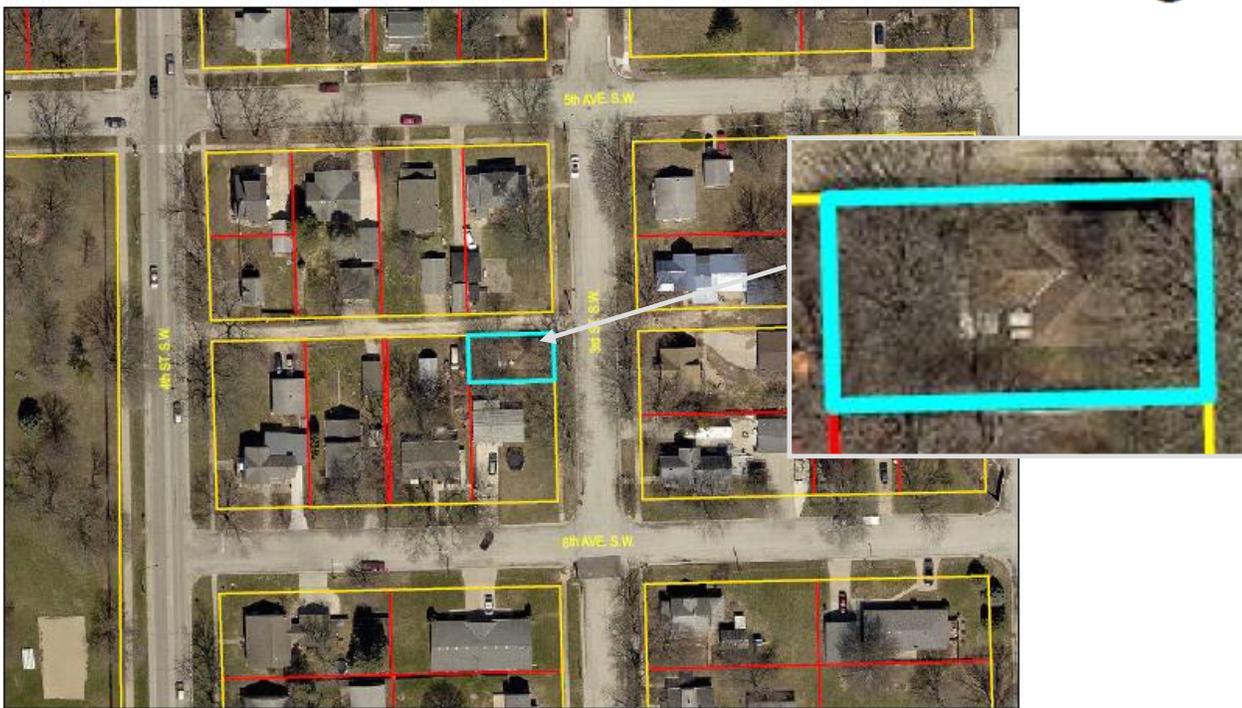
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**Additional Information**

Waverly Southwest Quadrant Historical and Architectural Survey Map (Bremer County GIS Department, 3/26/2014).

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**Additional Information:**

Full Legal Description: IRA STURDEVANT'S ADDITION N 37' LOT 8, BLOCK 4.

**Site Map** Aerial map available at Bremer County Assessor's website at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&Q=2018135956&KeyValue=0902304018>; accessed 12/20/2010. Historic resource is designated by the red star.



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**Photograph and Sketch Plan:** Bremer County Assessor website photograph and map available at:  
<http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&Q=2018135956&KeyValue=0902304018>; accessed 12/20/2010.

