

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

State Inventory No. 09-01392 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) **09-00961**
 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 Spalding, Mason and Lucia, House
 other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 220 1st Ave 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 Wm. Sturdevant's Addition Block(s) 2 Lot(s) W 1/2 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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	— buildings	1	— buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	— sites	—	— sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	— structures	—	— structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	— objects	—	— objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	— Total	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 Waverly SW Quadrant Hist.&Arch Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number HADB 09-031

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A03 Single Dwelling: residence with garage</u>	<u>01A01 Single Dwelling: residence with garage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A02 Gable-Front-and-Wing, 2-Story (clipped gable)</u>	foundation <u>10A Concrete Block</u>
<u>07E02 Craftsman</u>	walls (visible material) <u>02A Weatherboard</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt</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

Address 220 1st Ave SW

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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

07 COMM.PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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

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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 Mason and Lucia Spalding House at 1st Ave SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1899 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. Property transfer records show that Mason F. Spalding owned the Lot 5 in Block 6 from 1882 until 1913. The house footprint is depicted on Sanborn maps in 1892, 1897, 1905 and 1927. As a result it is not clear when the house was first built but it is likely that given the design and detailing, it was updated sometime before WW I, perhaps when it was transferred from M.F. Spalding to his son George Spalding. The Spaldings resided in the Third Ward in the 1895 State of Iowa Census. As a result of these public records, a first construction year is likely sometime between ca. 1892 and 1913, or ca. 1905.

The Spalding House is an example of the vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing, house form with clipped gabled ends and Craftsman Style detailing. Medium-wide wood clapboard siding covers the walls and a wide cornice board lines the eaves; a wide water table board and corner boards round out the trim. The house has a block foundation and a moderate pitched front-gabled 1½-story wing and a side-gabled 1-story wing, each with clipped-gable peaks and moderate depth eaves. A wide, shed-roofed wall dormer extends along the west façade. A low-pitched side-gabled/shed roofed enclosed entrance porch is in the right-hand ell along with several other small appendages. The porch has been enclosed with a paneled balustrade and continuous 1/1 double-hung windows above the rail.

Fenestration includes single and paired 3/1 double-hung windows of various sizes, all with vertical lights in the upper sashes. These windows are intact throughout the house making it difficult to determine if they were original windows if the house was built later during ownership by George Spalding after 1913 or were an upgrading of the house with Craftsman Style improvements done sometime by George prior to W.W. I. In either case the combination of Craftsman windows, cottage-scale form, detailing and clipped gable roof ends give the house a distinct Craftsman look. The house has no garage.

8. Significance

The Spalding House at 220 1st Ave SW derives significance as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under both Criteria A (Community Development) and C (Architecture). The historic district qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a well-preserved collection of mid and late 19th century and early 20th century architectural styles and vernacular house forms located in Waverly's southwest residential neighborhood. The neighborhood developed as a middle class and working class residential district from the late 1850s through the mid-20th century.

Historical Background for Waverly¹

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,

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

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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 19th and early 20th 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 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 19th 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 19th and early 20th 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 Spalding House at 220 1st Ave SW

The Spalding 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 Spalding House is estimated to have been constructed in 1899 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. As noted above, property transfer records show that Mason F. Spalding owned the Lot 5 in Block 6 from 1882 until 1913. A similar house footprint is depicted on Sanborn maps in 1892, 1897, 1905 and 1927. As a result it is not clear when the house was first built but it is likely that given the design and detailing, it was either built or updated sometime before WW I, perhaps when it was transferred from M.F. Spalding to his son George Spalding in 1913. The 1895 Iowa Census confirms that the Spaldings resided in the Third Ward and at this time. Mason was working as the City Assessor in 1895 and also served as the enumerator for the 1895 census throughout most of Waverly. By 1913 when Mason transferred the house to

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his son, he and his wife Lucia were still residing at 220 1st Ave SW with Mason continuing to work as the City Assessor. George and his wife Caroline resided next door at 212 1st Ave SW (nonextant) with George working as a commercial traveler.

In January 1921, George sold his parents' former house to B.F. Marsh. They resided here according to telephone directories and sold the property in 1942 to Allie May Knott who had served as a nurse in World War I. She occupied the house at least into the 1960s and it was sold after her death in 1974. The property sold to Donald and B. Jean Canfield August 1974 and was resold to Martin and Beverly Vollmer in November 1974.

9. Sources

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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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PIN 09-02-152-008



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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=742701433&KeyValue=0902152008>; accessed 2/28/2015.

