

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

State Inventory No. 09-01395 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 Griffith, W.I. and Katherine, House

2. Location

street & number 413 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) 11 Lot(s) N OF RUN Lots 3 & 4

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	<u>1</u> 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	<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 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>01A01 Single Dwelling</u>	<u>01B01 Duplex</u>
<u>01C05 Garage</u>	<u>01C05 Garage</u>
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A09 Cross-Gabled Roof, 2-Story</u>	foundation <u>04 Stone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>15B Vinyl</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt Shingle</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 413 1st Ave SW

Site Number 09-01395
District Number 09-00961

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
1900 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
Waverly Lumber Co.

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

The W.I. and Katherine Griffith House at 413 1st Ave SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1900 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. The house does not appear on the 1894 Sanborn Map but does appear on the 1905 map when property transfer records show the parcel was owned by Alma Osincup who resided next door to the east with her husband Dr. Frank Osincup until her death in 1911. The first long term occupants of the house were the Griffiths and as a result, the house has been named for the Griffiths. The public records for this property confirm a construction date of ca. 1900.

The Griffith House is an example of a vernacular Cross-Gabled Roof, 2-Story house form. The house has a stone foundation with narrow-width clapboard-style vinyl siding on the walls and a moderate pitched intersecting gable roof with shallow eaves. A flat-roofed porch is tucked in the left-hand (east) ell. The roof's eaves are devoid of ornamentation except for the returning cornices in each of the gabled-ends. The front entrance porch has had the original roof supports, balustrade and skirting replaced with a closed balustrade and below deck area clad in matching vinyl siding. The porch roof supports are decorative wrought iron posts.

Fenestration includes single 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes with wide spacing on both levels of each facade. The 1½-story garage has a moderate-pitched front gabled roof, an attic access door in the gable peak, and a shed roofed addition on the rear. Assessor records suggest an early date for the garage but it does not appear on the 1905 Sanborn Map.

8. Significance

The Griffith House at 413 1st Ave SW derives significance as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District, which qualifies for the National Register under both Criteria A (Community Development) and C (Architecture). The garage is considered non-contributing. The historic district is 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, 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.

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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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 Griffith House at 413 1st Ave SW

The Griffith 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 at 413 1st Ave SW was constructed sometime between publication of the 1894 and 1905 Sanborn Maps. During this time, property transfer records show the parcel was owned by Alma Osincup and her husband Dr. Frank Osincup who resided next door to the east. Alma died in 1911 but several years before her death, the house was sold to Bertha Philleo and her husband. It is not known if they resided here but in a few years, they sold the house to its first long term residents, W.I. and Katherine Griffith. W.I. Griffith served as superintendent of the Waverly city schools. It is likely that his office was located in the Waverly High School that was conveniently located a half block immediately west of the Griffith House. Dr. Frank Osincup served on the Waverly School Board for two terms and may have encouraged the superintendent to reside in this nearby home.

The second long-term family to occupy this house was George and Frances Schroedermeir. The couple bought the property in February 1928. After George's death, his wife continued to live here with the house passed to their son, Vernon, in 1950. It was sold by Vernon and his wife Ingaborg to Arnold Carrigan in 1955

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and likely became a rental property about this time. Proximity to the intermittent floods of the Dry Run that ran along the southwest corner of the property likely made it less valued as a single-family residence over time.

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 09-03-284-001**



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Photographs: 413 1st Ave SW, looking southwest and southeast, 12/5/2013, Andrew Bell, Svendsen Tyler, photographer.



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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=2035784339&KeyValue=0903284001>; accessed 2/28/2015.

