

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

State Inventory No. 09-00830

New  Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00621

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 Demdoerfer, Rev. John and Catherine, House

other names/site number Zimmermann, Rev. August and Ernestine, House

**2. Location**

street & number 323 6<sup>th</sup> St NW

city or town Waverly  vicinity, county Bremer

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

(If Urban) M.N. LeValley Add. Block(s) 59 Lot(s) N 1/2 Lots 1 & 2

**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>2</u>	—
—	sites	—	—
—	structures	—	—
—	objects	—	—
—	Total	<u>2</u>	—

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 Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A03 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)

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof (1½-story)

foundation 04 Stone (parged)

05D Queen Anne

walls (visible material) 02A Wood/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)

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

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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  
1894  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
Garage – ca. 1925

**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 1896 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Bremer County Property Transfer Records show John Demdoerfer acquiring Lots 1 & 2 in July 1893 from J.J. Cooke and his wife Julia. Demdoerfer held the property until 1912 during which time he was listed as residing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward in the 1895 Iowa Census. In the 1899 city directory he was listed living at 315 N. Aspen (6<sup>th</sup> St NW). A construction date of ca. 1894 is consistent with public records for this property.

This 1½-story frame house is an example of a Queen Anne Style Front-Gable house form. The house has a parged stone foundation with narrow width wood clapboard siding on the walls and a wide belt course between floors in the gabled ends at the front and rear. The house has a moderate pitched front-gable roof with short side-gabled (lower height than front-gable) projecting wings on the north and south facades. Both the main house block and the projecting gabled wings have wide, returning cornices, modillions set at the diagonal corners of bay windows, and dentil moldings along the cornices. The open front-porch is set on the right half of the front façade and has a shed roof with a pediment above the entrance steps. The original porch supports and balustrade have been replaced with decorative wrought iron members but the dentiled cornice and dentiled tympanum along with the clapboard clad porch skirting remain intact. The left half of the front façade has a bay wall and window group. The south angled corner is topped by modillions along the soffit while the north angled corner is set beneath the porch roof.

Fenestration throughout the house includes tall and narrow 1/1 double-hung windows in singles and pairs. A feature window on the front façade is the cottage window located in the center section of the bay. It has a large square fixed sash topped by a horizontal fixed sash, both single light sashes. Windows are arranged to provide maximum light to various interior rooms and along the landings of the staircase located along the north wall.

A detached single-bay front-gabled roof garage is at the rear directly west of the house. It has medium width wood beveled weatherboard siding, cornerboards, four-light fixed sash, and an early replacement overhead garage door with wood panels and a row of vertical lights across the upper row. It was estimated to have been built in ca. 1910 according to Assessor records but was more likely constructed in the 1920s.

Alterations: garage door replaced (undated); porch posts and balustrades replaced (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Rev. John and Catherine Demdoerfer House at 323 6<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1894 and is a good example of a small-scale Queen Anne Style Front-Gable house form. 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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Property transfer records show John Demdoerfer acquiring Lots 1 & 2 in July 1893 from J.J. Cooke and his wife Julia who held several lots along 6<sup>th</sup> St NW. Demdoerfer held the property until 1912 during which time he was listed as residing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward in the 1895 Iowa Census. In the 1899 city directory he was listed (J. Deindoerfer) as living at 315 N. Aspen (6<sup>th</sup> St NW) and employed as either an educator or editor. John's wife was Catherine according to burial records. Rev. August Zimmerman acquired the property in 1918 and transferred it to his wife Ernestine the following year. August, the minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, died in 1920. His widow, Ernestine, sold the south half of the two-lot parcel in 1927 while continuing to hold this house and residing here until 1933. The 1926 and 1931 telephone book listings confirm that Ernestine resided here.

Ernestine Zimmermann transferred the south half of the two-lot parcel in Block 59 of M. N. LeValley's Addition in 1927 to Cora Ebert where Cora's father, George Ebert, built another house at 317 6<sup>th</sup> St NW. Then in 1933, Ernestine sold the north half with her own residence to Henrietta Zimmermann, most likely her daughter. Ten years later, Henrietta Kaeberle (likely Henrietta Zimmermann) and her husband sold the house to Albert and Helen Karsten who held the property briefly reselling it in 1945 to Paula Vivian Cotterman. She in turn sold the house in 1947 to K.O. and Lydia Schiek who resold it after a few months to W.F. Nolte. The house was transferred by trustee in 1958 to Leo and Dorothy Gogg. The Goggs resided at this address as tenants for some time prior to their purchase. Leo owned Gogg's Food Market at 316 W. Bremer Ave. After Leo's death in 1959, Dorothy continued to hold the property until she sold it in 1990 to Richard and Barbara Gohlke.

## 9. Sources

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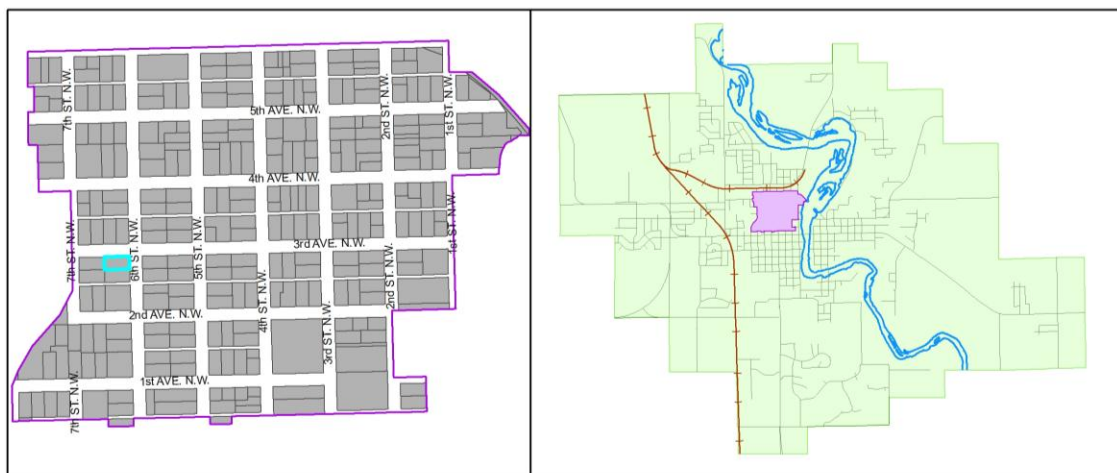
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**Site Map:** Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

**323 6th St NW**  
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**Photographs:** 323 6th St NW, looking northwest and west, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/16/2011.



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**Photographs:** 323 6th St NW, house and garage looking southwest and gable detail, looking south, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/16/2011.





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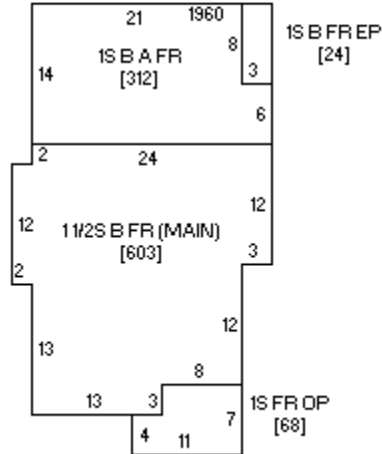
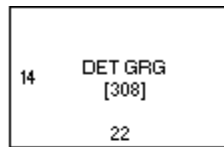
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 323 6th St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903237002&index=0&size=0>; 6/18/2013.



Sketch by [www.camavision.com](http://www.camavision.com)