

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

State Inventory No. 09-00844

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 Levy, Leopold and Mathilda, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 317 1st Street 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) 17 Lot(s) N 1/2 Lots 5 and 6

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

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural MPD

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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01C08 Carriage House

01C05 Garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

05D Queen Anne

foundation 04 Stone

09A02 Gable-Front-and-Wing

walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard; 15B Vinyl

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)

- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- 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.

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 1893 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

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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 2-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1893 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Property Transfer records show the parcel transferring from Lina Herman and husband to Leopold Levy on April 26, 1886 suggesting that the house could have been built by Levy prior to 1893. The date range is consistent with the architectural style of the house.

This frame house is an example of a 2-story Queen Anne Style Gable-Front-and-Wing house form. This pattern book variation retains features an extended slope on the side-gable section to form the roof over the porch tucked in the right-hand ell. The house has a stone foundation with narrow-width clapboard-style vinyl siding covering the original wood siding on the first and second levels. The front gable retains the original finishes that include a semi-circular panel with square inset panels and radiating wood panels infilling the balance of the semi-circle. Vinyl shingle siding is used in the side gable peaks. The house has a moderate-pitched intersecting gable roof with shallow eaves and a low-pitched hipped roof attic dormer centered on the front slope over the porch.

The roof porch projects forward from the main block and originally had semicircular arches along the front and south sides according to an historic photograph. At an unknown date the original arched detailing, porch posts, balustrade and raised decking were removed and replaced with the current porch finishes. These include a concrete slab set at-grade, square posts extending to the roof edge, and concrete pre-formed steps set at the entrance.

Fenestration includes 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes throughout most of the house. A pair of four-light fixed sash are in the front dormer and a large single-light fixed sash is in the parlor opening to the north of the porch replacing an earlier 1/1 double-hung window. The house has a 2-story gable-roofed barn located to the rear along the alley. A double-bay overhead door is in the west gable end with single 6-light windows in the gable peak. An upper level hay mow door faces the alley. The barn is undated but likely was constructed soon after the house was erected.

Alterations: exterior changes include the addition of vinyl siding (undated); interior changes for apartment conversion and single-family remodeling (1941 and 1950); and removal of porch trim, balustrade and decking (post-1989).

8. Significance

The Levy House at 317 1st Street SE is an example of a moderately preserved Queen Anne Style pattern book house form. It was home to Leopold Levy, a clothing store owner, and his wife Mathilda from the time it was built in ca. 1893 until they sold it in 1904. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under the Criterion C.

Leopold Levy was a native of New York state where he worked as a clothier before moving to Des Moines and then Waverly in 1881. Levy acquired this property in 1886 from Lina Herman and her husband when the Herman's subdivided the Lots 5 and 6 to separate owners. He opened his own clothing emporium located at 200 E. Bremer Avenue (see building photo below). His business

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advertised the sale of men's clothing, gents furnishing goods, hats and caps. While residing in Waverly, he served a four year term as trustee for the Iowa College for the Blind in Vinton beginning in 1894 as well as other local boards. Mathilda Levy served on the Waverly Library Board when the Carnegie Library was under construction in ca. 1904.

In June 1904, the Levy family sold their house to Katherine Sullivan. She resided in the house for nearly 30 years during which time she served as principal of the Waverly High School. In July 1941 the house was sold to Ed Guiney who converted the house to a rental duplex. In 1950 it was sold to George Redick who with his wife remodeled the interior and converted it to a single-family residence again.

9. Sources

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Photographs: 317 1st St. SE, looking east and northwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 317 1st St. SE, looking southeast; barn, looking southeast; and window and stone foundation details, looking east, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Historic Photographs: 317 1st St. SE, looking southeast, from *Semi Centennial Souvenir of Waverly*, 1896 and L. Levy Clothier Store, ca. 1900, E. Bremer Ave. and 1st St. NE, looking northeast (Waverly Public Library Historic Photograph Collection).



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Floor plan, 317 1st St. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&Q=1880639321&Key=Value=0902184003>; accessed 1/2/2012.

