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7. Description

The house at 220 2nd Street SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1908 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. The 1913 city directory lists the house in place by that time and the date of 1908 is consistent with the building's form and design. The house is an example of a Craftsman Style Hipped Roof, 2-Story house form. The design also incorporates Tudor Revival and Mission Style elements. The building has a stone block foundation with narrow-width wood clapboard siding on the walls and stucco cladding on the dormer. It has a low pitched bell cast hipped roof with very wide eaves. Attic dormers on the front and side slopes have Palladian-shaped parapet style fronts with starburst-pattern multi-light sash flanking the centered semi-circular 1/1 double-hung window.

A hipped roof porch spans the front façade and incorporates a porte-cochere at the north end. Mottled reddish brown brick and tinted red mortar is used for the large piers that are evenly spaced across the porch front and along the porte-cochere. Each of the piers has square stone inserts on the front with Craftsman Style brackets supporting the frieze on sides. At the entrance steps, larger brackets face forward supporting the heavy beams that visually define the low-pitched pediment that is centered on the front porch. The tympanum has stucco cladding and curvilinear half-timbering. The balustrade has a design consisting of diagonal and vertical wood members. When originally built, the house had a 2-story hipped roof wing that contained a sleeping porch on the upper level. In 1931 the rear double-bay, 2-story hipped roof attached garage was added. [Note: This addition was likely built in anticipation of the conversion of the house for use as funeral home later that year by Fred Koch. This use continued until 1989 when it was reconverted to use as a private residence.]

Fenestration provides an important design element for this house. On the front façade, lower level the entrance is centered with a surround consisting of a single door surrounded by panels, battered pilasters, and narrow single-light sidelights and no transom. On each side, paired French doors have Craftsman Style geometric-patterned lights. On the upper level of the front façade are three widely spaced pairs of double-hung units with 6 lights in each of the shorter height upper sash. The 1/1 storm windows camouflage this subtle window feature. Elsewhere the upper level 6/1 double-hung windows continue to appear in pairs. Lower level feature windows include a shallow hipped-roof canted bay window on the north façade that has a cottage window in the center bay with a stained glass design in the upper sash. On the south façade, the feature window group is a rectilinear bay with narrow 1/1 double-hung units flanking a cottage window in the center bay and in the side walls. The flat roof has a balustrade that matches the front porch balustrade except in a reduced scale, also with a stained glass upper sash. The house has a three-story exposed brick chimney on the south façade. The property has a 1-story, single-bay hipped roof free standing garage constructed in 1908 located at the northwest corner of the property in line with the porte-cochere. It has moderate width eaves, a wide cornice, stucco cladding, and tongue and groove paneled sliding bypass doors facing east. The garage is considered contributing.

8. Significance

The Watkins House at 220 2nd Street SW derives individual National Register significances under Criterion C as an example of a Craftsman Style Hipped Roof, 2-Story house form that incorporates Tudor Revival and Mission Style elements. The building's high level of integrity adds to its significance. The garage is also considered contributing. The property is significant as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under both Criteria A and C as well. The historic district qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a well-

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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 lowa 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 lowa 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. County 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 county 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 Watkins House at 220 2nd Street Avenue SW

The house at 220 2nd Street SW Street is estimated to have been constructed in 1908 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. This date is consistent with the architectural style, form and materials of the building. The 1913 city directory confirms that this house was in place and occupied by R.R. Lydia Watkins

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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and his wife Lydia. No employment was listed for Ralph at the time. Other local research indicates that he was affiliated with the M.M. Watkins ice, coal and lumber business. He was also a land owner of some consequence and president of the Waverly Building and Loan Association. A biography for Ralph R. Watkins taken from the 1914 Bremer County History follows:

Ralph R. Watkins

The news of the death of few citizens of Bremer county has carried with it such a sense of personal sorrow and bereavement as did that of Ralph R. Watkins, who spent the greater part of his life in this county. People liked him as a boy and respected and honored him as a man and their regard was the result of his many sterling traits of character. He was honorable and upright in every relation of life and sought to make his advancing years a period of greater usefulness and service to his fellowmen.

He was born in Solon, Illinois, December 4, 1854, but the following year was brought by his parents to Bremer county and his youth was spent as a farm boy with the usual experiences of the lad who divides his time between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. Sterling traits of character were developed in him as he grew to manhood and he became one of the helpful and progressive citizens of the county. Early in life he engaged in farming, to which he devoted a number of years. He afterward removed to Waverly, where he became a partner of his father, M.M. Watkins, in the ice, coal and lumber business. They established the enterprise in the early '80s and continued together in the successful conduct and management of the business until the father's death in 1892. Ralph R. Watkins afterward disposed of the lumber and coal yard and his family removed to the farm, where he continued to work at the carpenter's trade for a number of years. At length he returned to this city, establishing his family in a comfortable home in Waverly, where he continued to reside from 1904 until his death, living practically retired during that period, although he was president of the Building & Loan Association of Waverly. He was also the owner of some valuable land in the Hood River valley of Oregon, a district worldly famous for its fine apples and other fruits. He likewise owned land in this county and from his investments derived a substantial income.

On his twenty-second birthday, December 4, 1876, Mr. Watkins was united in marriage to Miss Lydia J. Chambers, a daughter of Daniel H. and Mary L. (Lawrence) Chambers. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were born two children. Willie Austin, born September 30, 1877, married Miss Rose Scully and resides in Waverly. He is manager and superintendent of the Willow Lawn Farm. Faith Eleanor, born January 2, 1879, is the wife of Herbert Murray.

The death of Ralph R. Watkins occurred July 5, 1913. He passed away at his beautiful home in Waverly, a house which he had erected and which is one of the finest in the city. He was one of the trustees of Des Moines College and was interested in all that pertained to the intellectual and moral progress of county and state. As he prospered in his undertakings, he gave generously in support of many worthy public movements, taking a lively interest in the development of the city and in assisting with advice and funds those whom he deemed worthy of help. He never entered into any compromise with wrong in the slightest degree and it was ever his earnest desire to see the right triumph. He gave most generously to aid the church work and cooperated in many movements resulting in the moral progress of the community. He had been a conscientious member of the Baptist church since 1877 and had taken an active and helpful part in various branches of the church work. He was filling the office of deacon and was superintendent of the Sunday School and also president of the board of trustees at the time of his death. He gave most liberally to support the church work and did not hesitate to put forth earnest personal effort for its upbuilding. He was a man of strong conviction, always fearless in defense of what he believed to be right. To his family he was a devoted husband and father and was ever a faithful and loyal friend. Mrs. Watkins

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still lives in Waverly and is a member of the Woman's Club of the city, where she is prominent socially. The friendship which many entertained for Mr. Watkins during his boyhood days continued through life and the number constantly increased as the circle of his acquaintance broadened. He had the good qualities which in every land and clime awaken respect and admiration and many years will pass before those who knew him will cease to mourn his loss. Perhaps no better estimate of his life and character can be given than by quoting from the Standard, a Baptist newspaper, of August 2, 1913, which said: "Ralph Watkins of Waverly, who passed to his reward on July 5, 1913, was a man who filled a large place in his own community and in the more extended blessings of the kingdom of God. Always generous of heart, he did not become selfish in the use of wealth when it came to him. His pocketbook was always open to the local church in all its enterprises and to Des Moines College, of which he was a valued trustee. Everyone who knew him loved him and the number attending his funeral was an evidence of this. His pastor, J.W. Griffith, paid an eloquent tribute to him on the day of the funeral. Mr. Watkins was more than half a Baptist and less than a Baptist and a half - he was a whole Baptist spelled with a capital B. Strong in his convictions of truth, he stood like a cube of granite; but in sympathy for every good cause he was tender as a mother. The temperance forces lost a loyal soldier in him and he fought the saloon with all his mind, might and money. At one time he gave Des Moins College five thousand dollars and other gifts. He carried the school in his heart and rejoiced in every evidence of its prosperity. His brave wife stood by him always and encouraged him in every worthy enterprise. His loss is inestimable, but she remains to carry on the work he would have done had he lived. As we close the tribute we cannot suppress the prayer; "God give us more men like Ralph R. Watkins."

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In 1931, the house was sold to F.C. Koch, owner of a furniture and undertaking business. The house had the 2-story addition completed at that time and connected three rooms on the main floor with French doors so that their adjoining space could be used for funeral services seating as many as 200 people. By 1939, Koch retired to a new house built next door and the funeral home business was sold to Harold Cleveland who continued its commercial use as the Cleveland Funeral Home eventually passing it to his son Jeffry. The business continued here until 1989 when the house was transferred to Tom and Lois Leary who used it for a family residence. They in turn sold it in 1996 to Kathryn Kleinhaus, a professor of religion at Wartburg College, and her husband, Alan Schultz, a Lutheran minister. The couple continued to own and occupy the house in 2010.

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Additional Information:

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

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Full Legal Description: WM. STURDEVANT'S ADDITION LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 5.

Site Map

Aerial map available at Bremer County Assessor's website at: http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID =330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=1&PageID=2344&Q=902140280&KeyValue=0902156006; accessed **11/29/2010**. Historic resource is designated by the red star.





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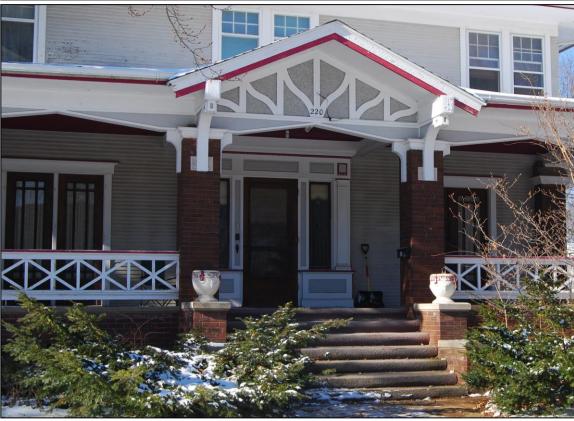
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