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### 7. Description

The Curtis-Osincup House at 204 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1888 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. The house is an example of a Late Victorian Italianate Style House using a variation of the Italian Villa form. The 2-story house with 3-story tower has a gabled-ell plan with a stone foundation, medium-width wood clapboard siding on the walls, and corner board trim. The house has a low-pitched cross-gabled roof with a square tower set in the right-hand ell and 2-story wrap around porch surrounding the tower. The tower also has a cross-gabled roof but with a steeper pitch for the gables. The current configuration of the 2-story porch is a modification made sometime after the original construction. An historic photo of the original house shows a 1-story wrap around porch with a low-pitched hipped roof surrounding the tower which had a shallow hipped roof set between the second and third levels. The porch's original turned posts, spindled frieze, low pediment above the entrance steps, and low balustrade composed of turned spindles has been replaced by the current porch. The design and individual features may have been installed as early as the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with changes made to porch columns and the balustrade at a later date. The 1927 Sanborn map, the first to depict the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, shows the 2-story porch in place.

The main roof of the house has deep eaves with no brackets typical of Italianate Villa forms. However, smaller brackets with scroll-cut designs do appear on the eaves of each of the house's three rectilinear bay window groups located on the lower level of the east, north and south gable ends, Each of the bays has a low-pitched shed roof lined by a dentil molding with curved brackets at the corners and along the long edge. The north and south bays have the original narrow 1/1 double-hung windows in the side panels and a pair in the center panel. The east bay's center panel has been replaced with a large single light in place of the pair of 1/1 windows. Elsewhere, double-hung windows retain 1/1 configurations with the proportions of the windows tall and narrow and usually in pairs. When the second level porch was added one of two closely spaced windows on the east side of the tower was converted to an entrance for the screen porch. This level has a closed balustrade clad in matching clapboard siding with a continuous row of vertical screen panels – six on each side of the wrap around porch.

The house is set well back from 4<sup>th</sup> Street and has no garage. A small parking area opens onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW.

#### 8. Significance

The Curtis-Osincup House at 204 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW derives significance under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a Late Victorian Italianate Style residence built using the Italian Villa form. The building's well-executed design as well as its overall high level of integrity add to its architectural significance. The house is also significant under Criterion B for its association with the career of Dr. Frank Osincup whose long medical practice and work in establishing the CaPhenin Chemical Co., a manufacturer of over-the-counter medicines, marked him as an important figure in Waverly's history.

The house is also significant as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under both Criteria A and C. 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

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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 Waverly<sup>1</sup>

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 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Curtis-Osincup House at 204 4th Street SW

The Curtis-Osincup 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-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The historical background information is largely drawn from the *Waverly, Iowa: An Architectural Heritage,* (Waverly, Iowa: City of Waverly), 1977.

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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 Curtis-Osincup House at 204 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1888 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. Sanborn maps do not provide dating assistance as the parcel is not depicted until the 1927 map. The style of the house suggests that it was a late example of the Italianate Villa form (1870 -1890) and the use of 1/1 double-hung windows rather than 2/2 windows suggests that it was near the end of this period.

The first occupants of the house were Edward H. Curtis and his wife Carrie (Hunt) Curtis. Oral history associated with the couple notes that on July 23, 1881 they affianced couple met with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Hunt, both prominent business families, to share their plans to marry that day. As the parents discussed the news, Edward and Carrie eloped. The *Waverly Republican* reported after the fact that "On being appraised of their intention the pater families of both the young people raised a stiff breeze and vowed the children were too young, etc. etc. Both fathers got together at the bride's residence and argued all the points in case while Ed and Carrie adjourned to another part of the house...The bridegroom and bride took advantage of the deep consultation of the parents and ... drove to our sister city [Shell Rock], and were married." A month later, property transfer records show that the parcel on which this house stands was conveyed to Carrie by her family. It is not known if the house was present or not at the time. A news account in 1891 is the first reference to the house noting that an addition was being constructed suggesting that the house had likely been in place for some time.

In 1894, the house was sold to Dr. Frank Osincup and his wife Alma. Frank was a medical doctor in Waverly, at the time and by 1913 was one of seven physicians and surgeons practicing in the county seat town. In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Osincup helped to organize CaPhenin Chemical Co., a manufacturer of medicines in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. During his more than 50 years of residency in Waverly, Dr. Osincup was mayor for 18 years from 1915-1933. The family business brand name continued into the 1950s. In 1952 the Osincups sold the house to Arben Young, an attorney. A brief biography<sup>2</sup> of Osincup follows:

**FRANK A. OSINCUP, M.D.**, has a fine record of service as a physician and surgeon at Waverly, but his chief distinction in that community rests upon his sixteen consecutive years of service in the office of mayor. Only in his first election was there any active opposition to his candidacy. The community has been more than satisfied with the progressive administration he has given to municipal affairs. Doctor Osincup has the real interest of the town at heart, has his own home and property investments there, and people recognize that his acts are regulated by his public spirit, a conservative policy and by complete unselfishness, and during these years he has set a progressive record in the matter of constructive improvements. During this time a complete sewer system has been built, dam and water works constructed and an extensive program of street paving carried out.

Doctor Osincup was born at Vestal Center, New York, August 1, 1862, son of Rev. Asbury and Hester (Fairbrother) Osincup. Both his parents were born in New York State. His grandfather came from Germany. Asbury Osincup gave many years to the ministry of the Gospel, but depended on his farm for the support and rearing of his family. He lived to be sixty-seven years of age, and his wife died at the age of sixty-eight. They reared two sons and three daughters, one daughter having died

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Harlan, Edgar Rubey, A Narrative History of the People of Iowa. Vol IV, Chicago: American Historical Society, 1931; available online at: <u>http://iagenweb.org/history/peopleofiowa/vol4/o.htm</u>, accessed 2/21/2015.

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in infancy. One of the sons, Wesley H., was a contractor at Binghamton, New York, but died about 1920.

Frank A. Osincup attended public schools in New York, took a business course in the Lowell Business College at Binghamton, and spent two years with his pre-medical studies in Cornell University. In 1894 he was graduated M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago and had one year of interne experience and training in Saint Mary's Hospital. He paid all his expenses while in medical school, working during summer vacations at the carpenter's trade. A friend of his was a Baptist minister who has been a pastor at Waverly, Iowa. It was at his suggestion that Doctor Osincup came to this Iowa Community. For a number of years he specialized in surgery, and his reputation as a skillful surgeon extended far beyond the borders of Bremer County. Soon after coming to Waverly he was called upon to perform a major operation in surgery. It was the first successful operation of the kind in this section of the state. Doctor Osincup was unsparing of his energy and strength in his devotion to his work, and finally his health failed and for five years he completely retired from practice. When he resumed his professional work it was as a general practitioner.

Doctor Osincup some years ago founded the Caphemin Chemical Company, for the manufacture of tablets and other preparations recognized as standard by the medical profession. This business is now conducted by his two sons, Lynn C. and F. Wilard, who grew up in that line of work.

Doctor Osincup received first political honor at the age of twenty-one, when he was elected justice of the peace at Vestal Center, New York. In addition to his long continued labors as mayor he served two terms on the Waverly School Board, part of the time as chairman. He is a member of the Bremer County Medical Society, Austin Flint Society, the Iowa State and American Medical Association. He has been a sincere student of Masonry and is affiliated with the Lodge, Royal Rach Chapter, Knights Templar Commandery, thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine and Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of the Maccabees, is a member of the Rotary Club, Community Club, a Republican and a Methodist.

Doctor Osincup married, in New York, Alma M. Chamberlin, daughter of Samuel and Caroline Chamberlin. She died in 1911, leaving two sons, Lynn and Willard. Willard during the World war was at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago. After the death of his first wife Doctor Osincup married Mrs. Mary Burlington Woodring, whose father was a Baptist minister. By her first marriage she has a daughter, Carol, now the wife of A. M. Stoeber, of Sioux City.

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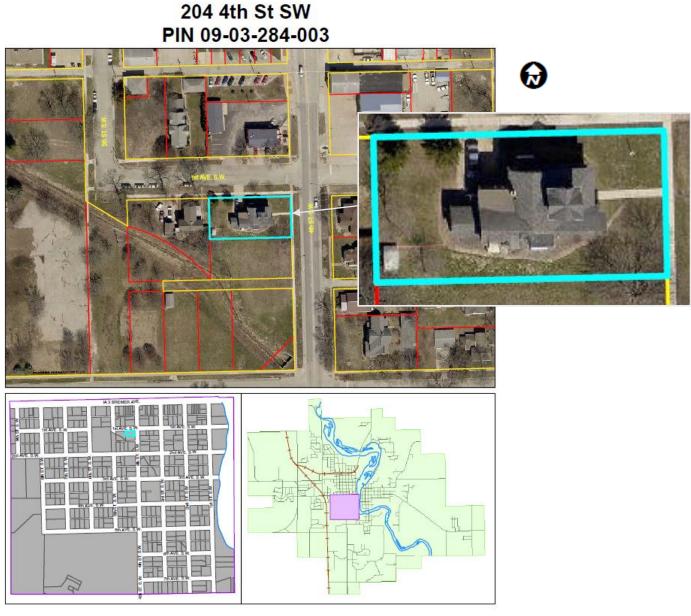
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### Additional Information:

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





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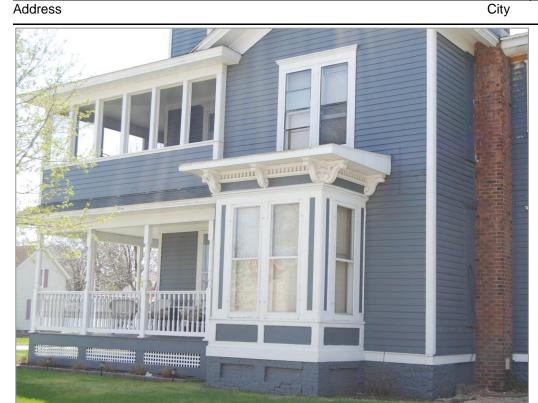
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