Site Inventory Form New Supplemental State Inventory No. 09-01465 State Historical Society of Iowa Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00961 Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing (November 2005) 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 Teigler, Frederick and Sophia, House other names/site number 2. Location street & number 202 7th St SW Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name Township vicinity, county <u>Bremer County</u> Township No. Range No. Section Quarter of Quarter Block(s) 20 Lot(s) 1 (If Urban) Subdivision Wm. Sturdevant's Addition 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 Eligible Property, enter number of: building(s) If Non-Eliaible Property ⊠ district Enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing □ site buildings 1 1 buildings □ structure sites sites structures object structures objects objects 1 Total 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 SW Quadrant Hist. & Arch. Survey HADB 09-031 6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) 01A01 Single Dwelling 01A01 Single Dwelling 01C05 Garage 01C05 Garage 7. Description Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) **Materials** (Enter categories from instructions) 09A02 Gable-Front-and-Wing, 11/2-Story foundation 10A Concrete Block walls (visible material) 02A Wood Weatherboard 08A Asphalt roof 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 А Property is associated with significant events. ☐ Yes ⊠ No ☐ More Research Recommended В Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. Yes No More Research Recommended С Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.

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# 7. Description

The Frederick and Sophia Teigler House at 202 7th St SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1898 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. The house footprint is not present on the 1875 Bremer Atlas Map but a house is depicted on the 1894 Sanborn Map. The Teigler House has a form and design typical for a house from the 1880s through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Property transfer records show Lillie (Ellis) Clarke and her husband Allen Clarke holding this property from 3/12/1895 through 4/13/1900. It was held for brief periods during the next six years with Henry Clausing, a lumber dealer, and Christian Sundermeier, a real estate dealer, holding it from 12/1903 through 2/1905. It is likely that the two built the house on speculation or handled the newly built house for re-sale. They sold the property to Marie Krause on 2/16/1905. It was sold again on 10/15/1906 to Sophia M. Teigler who with her husband Frederick occupied the address until 5/2/1919. Use of rock-faced concrete block for the foundation suggests either a date after 1905 when such block was first used or the replacement of an earlier stone foundation prior to ca. 1940 when such block was discontinued. Based on this information, it is likely the house was completed sometime between 1895 (with a stone foundation replaced by block later) or as late as 1906 (with an original concrete block foundation). The long period of the house occupied by the Teigler family provides its historic name.

The Teigler House is an example of the vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing, 1½-story house form, a residential form built from the 1870s through the 1920s in Waverly. Medium-wide wood clapboard siding and corner board trim cover the walls of the house with the foundation featuring rock-faced concrete block. The house has a moderately pitched intersecting gabled roof with a clipped gable on the south gable end and a gabled wall dormer centered on the east façade of the south wing. The north wing has traditional gabled peaks. The front porch has a hipped roof and fills the left hand ell. The roof is supported by turned posts that may or not be original and both the balustrade with turned spindles and the sheet lattice for the skirting are more recent replacements. The entrance steps and front door are tucked in the inner corner of the porch ell.

Fenestration includes single and paired 1/1 double-hung windows with wide lintels with topped by crown moldings. On the upper level of the north façade, single-light horizontal sash accommodate the shorter height of the eaves. The house has a detached frame garage with a broad, side-gabled roof with wide clapboard-style siding. It was built in 1977 according to Assessor records.

## 8. Significance

The Frederick and Sophia Teigler House at 202 7th St SW is significant as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under Criteria A and C. The 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 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. The garage is considered noncontributing because of its relatively recent construction.

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## 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 Teigler House at 202 7th St SW:

The Frederick and Sophia Teigler House at 202 7th St SW 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.

<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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The Teigler House is estimated to have been constructed in1898 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. This date is within a range of years consistent with the public records, overall form and design of the house discussed previously. Property transfer records show Lillie (Ellis) Clarke and her husband Allen Clarke holding this property from 3/12/1895 through 4/13/1900. It was held for brief periods during the next six years with Henry Clausing, a lumber dealer, and Christian Sundermeier, a real estate dealer, together holding it from 12/1903 through 2/1905. It is most likely that the two built the house together on speculation or for Marie Krause who purchased the property from Clausing and Sundermeier on 2/16/1905. It was sold again on 10/15/1906 to Sophia M. Teigler who with her husband Frederick occupied the address until 5/2/1919. As noted above, the long period of the house occupied by the Teigler family provides its historic name. During the time the Teigler occupied the house, Frederick was employed as city engineer.

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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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# Photographs: 202 7th St SW, looking southwest and south, 4/7/2014, Andrew Bell, Svendsen Tyler, photographer.





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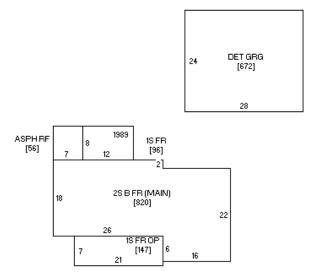
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**Plan:** Bremer County Assessor website photograph and map available at: https://beaconbeta.schneidercorp.com/ Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&KeyValue=0903281004; accessed 7/5/2015.





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