

Record No. 52-24

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INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Name of Property: Cassidy farmhouse
500' W of Hwy. K, 1/4 mi. N of
Address: intersection with old Hwy. 18-151
City: Barneveld

Owner: Dr. F.P. Nause Date: 1986
Owner's address: 2407 N 3rd St., Sheboygan WI 53081
County: Iowa

*160 NRHP Certification

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

165 NRHP Certification Date

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(c) _____ (d) _____

*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Barneveld

180 NRHP List Name Cassidy farmhouse

*200 Level of Significance local

*190 District Classification _____

*210 Applicable Criteria (c) Architectura

*215 Criteria Considerations

*220 Area of Significance

architecture

230 Period of Significance c. 1860

60 Verbal Boundary Description

Part of the NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of sec. 3, T6, R 5E.
A rectangular lot, extending 500 feet
from East Main Street along the farm road,
and 50 feet in depth from the farm road.

70 USGS Quad Map Barneveld

80 UTM Coordinates (Format: 99/999999/9999999)

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85 Listed Acreage 5

340 Review Board Date 7-18-86

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ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] c. 1860
460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source]
460 c. 1970
480 Builder [source] -
* 490 Designer Type (a) -
490 (b) - (c) -
500 Designer Name [source] (a) -
500 (b) - (c) -
* 510 Style or Form Greek Revival
510 -
* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType
520 Residence
* 530 Wall Material limestone
* 532 Trim Material wood
* 535 Foundation Material stone
* 537 Roof Material wood shingles
* 540 Interior Visited yes
* 550 Structural System [source] -
* 560 Plan Configuration gabled - ell
* 570 Number of Stories 2
* 580 Roof Shape gabled with ell
590 Additional Description Well crafted
590 stone walls, inconsistant modern
590 alterations.
590 -
* 620 Condition excellant

* 650 Related Buildings -
650 pump house, small barns, corn crib all
650 to rear.

HISTORY

430 Current Name Cassidy Farmhouse
435 Curront Function residence
440 Historic Names [source] Cassidy Farmhouse
440 -
440 -
660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) Henry Cassidy
660 (b) -
665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) circa 1860
665 (b) -
670 Assoc. Events [source] (a) -
670 -
670 (b) -
670 -
675 Dates of Events [source] (a) -
675 (b) -
680 Historic Functions [source] (a) residence/farm
680 (b) -
685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) c. 1860-present
685 (b) -
* 687 Cultural Affiliation Yankee
688 Cultural Subgroup -

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DESCRIPTION

The Cassidy farmhouse was built of locally quarried limestone about 1860. The simple, rectangular Greek Revival house originally had two large rooms on each floor. The rough cut, regularly coursed exterior walls use mixed stone sizes, with the largest stones forming the window lintels and corner quoins. The sills of the six over six windows are each a single stone slab. The house has two additions: a frame perpendicular kitchen to the rear, and an enclosed entrance porch, both clad in board-and-batten siding. The roof is of wooden shingles. The house is built into a north-facing slope so that the full-sized basement can be entered through a back door at ground level.

Inside, the house has been modernized with plumbing and electricity added since 1970. The northernmost rooms have been partitioned both upstairs and down. The original interior fireplace and chimney constructed of massive stones is a focal point in the southern wall of the living room.

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE

The Cassidy farmhouse is significant as the oldest extant house in the village of Barneveld. Henry and Sarah Cassidy bought the 80 acre tract of land in 1850, and had the house built sometime before 1860. The Cassidys were among the earliest settlers in Barneveld, and the Cassidy name continued in local prominence until John J. Cassidy died in 1920. The Cassidy farmhouse is not only the oldest house, it is the only house in Barneveld built of stone. The vernacular Greek Revival design and substantial construction typify the mid-nineteenth century Yankee immigrant's values: unpretentious, durable, and dignified. The front and rear additions follow the Yankee tradition of simplicity of line and materials.

690 BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

Property deed, in possession of current residents, Eric and Anne Nause-Osthoff.

Robert Carman, architect for restoration: notebook in possession of current occupants.

Carl F. Arneson, unpublished historical sketch. (The Arneson family purchased the house from the Cassidy estate.)

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The 80 acre tract of land that became the Cassidy farm was originally granted to Edward Burrall in payment for military service. He sold it to Henry and Sarah Cassidy in 1850, when Barneveld was in its earliest stages of settlement. At about the turn of the century, the Cassidy's subdivided a strip of their property adjacent to the village of Barneveld into 12 lots fronting on East Main and Front Streets. This subdivision came to be known as Cassidy's Addition. The Cassidy name continued to be associated with the property until 1945, when the farm was sold to Anton S. Arneson at a sheriff's auction to settle the Cassidy estate. The current residents and owners are descendants of Anton Arneson.

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