

Record No. 53-03

INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Name of Property: Roethlisberger house
Address: 205 N. Grove Street
City: Barneveld

Owner: Harold Roethlisberger Date: 1986
Owner's address: same
County: Iowa

*160 NRHP Certification

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

165 NRHP Certification Date

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

*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Barneveld

180 NRHP List Name Roethlisberger House

*200 Level of Significance local

*190 District Classification _____

*210 Applicable Criteria C

(Architecture)

*215 Criteria Considerations

*220 Area of Significance

architecture

230 Period of Significance circa 1880.

60 Verbal Boundary Description

Simpson's Addition, Lot 7

70 USGS Quad Map Barneveld

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

16/263800/47663 10

85 Listed Acreage less than 1 acre

340 Review Board Date 7-18-86

*use code tables for response

Record No. 5303

Address 205 North Grove St.

ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] c. 1880

460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source]

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480 Builder [source] -

* 490 Designer Type (a) -

490 (b) - (c) -

500 Designer Name [source] (a) -

500 (b) - (c) -

* 510 Style or Form Vernacular - gabled_ell

510 Queen Anne

* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType

520 Residence

* 530 Wall Material wood_clapboard

* 532 Trim Material wood

* 535 Foundation Material stone

* 537 Roof Material asphalt_shingles

* 540 Interior Visited yes

* 550 Structural System [source] -

* 560 Plan Configuration ell-shaped

* 570 Number of Stories two

* 580 Roof Shape gabled_with_ell

590 Additional Description Decorated_gable,

590 colored_glass_windows, porch

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590 -

* 620 Condition good

* 650 Related Buildings -

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HISTORY

430 Current Name Roethlisberger House

435 Current Function residence

440 Historic Names [source] -

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440 -

660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) -

660 (b) -

665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) -

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

680 (b) -

685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) c. 1880 - present

685 (b) -

* 687 Cultural Affiliation -

688 Cultural Subgroup -

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DESCRIPTION

This vernacular clapboarded house is a classic gabled ell form, with a two-story front-gabled portion perpendicular to the street and a single story ell to the south, parallel with the street. The single story portion has a shed roofed addition to the rear. A shed roofed porch supported by five milled posts extends the full width of its street side. Two doors enter the house from this porch, one into the two-story section and the other in the center of the one-story ell. The door into the one-story wing features an oval window with beveled edges surrounded by carved scrolls. This door is very similar to that on the house at 302 Front street, known to have been built by John Lewis, but the builder of this house has not been documented. The front windows in the two-story section of the house are Queen Anne--the upper panes surrounded by small panes of multi-colored glass. Another Queen Anne embellishment is in the gable end above, detailed by rows of shaped shingles and a fan-shaped motif in the lower angles.

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE

The architectural significance of the Roethlisberger house is that it is the best example of a type of construction that once was quite common in Barneveld. Many other vernacular gabled ell houses remain in Barneveld; there were even more before the tornado. But all have been altered by the application of aluminum siding, replaced windows, and the loss of woodworker's details. The shed addition at the rear of this house was probably built early in this century. Other than that, the house still looks very much the same as when it was built. It is nominated as the best and most intact remaining example of a type, period and method of construction: the gabled ell frame house, common throughout the mid-west during the latter half of the 19th century.

690 BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

- (A) Plat map of Iowa Co., Barneveld insert, 1915.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

No documentation on this house was made available for research. Oral history tradition among Barneveld residents is that it is one of the oldest houses in Barneveld. However, the fact that it is in the Harvey Jones Addition rather than the Original Plat of Barneveld indicates that it was probably constructed in the 1880s after the railway came through. (A)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE