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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Waverly House

AND/OR COMMON Bremer County Historical Society Museum

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
402 West Bremer Avenue (Intersection of Highways 3 & 218)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Third

CITY, TOWN
Waverly

VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa

CODE
14 19

COUNTY
Bremer

CODE
017

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Bremer County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER
% J. W. Lynes, President

CITY, TOWN
Plainfield

VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Bremer County Courthouse - County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Waverly

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Waverly House is a three and one-half story simple rectangular brick structure with a two story ell. Five bays wide and three bays deep it has a gable roof and a limestone foundation. For the most part, all openings are of equal size and arranged symmetrically with the exception of those on the east side which are staggered. All double hung sash windows have eyebrow arches of brick and simple stone sills. The double doorway at the center is surmounted by a decorative metal hood. On the interior, walls are finished in plaster and the millwork is oak. Some original wall paper and paint remains. Rooms are arranged along a central hall and stairway. Presently, there are five rooms of nearly equal size on the first floor, four small rooms (former bedrooms) and a ballroom on the second, seven small bedrooms on the third and two in the attic. There is evidence that in a 1905 conversion of the use of the building (from hotel to chemical office) several rooms were enlarged. Also at some point a new stairway was installed from the first to the second floor. Originally, too, a porch with balcony extended across the front of the structure. In 1968 one of two original chimneys was removed, the other having been removed earlier, and the roof, which was at that time a composition shingle material, was replaced by another synthetic material. Waverly House presently serves as a display museum for the Bremer County Historical Society, and there is some sentiment in favor of restoring it to its original form, primarily through the restoration of the porch.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1863

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waverly House is significant as a well preserved example of 19th century commercial architecture and as a building which has long been important to the community in its several adaptive uses.

It was built in 1863 and served as a stage-coach stop for about ten months. The coming of the railroad to Waverly in 1864 made its further use as a stage stop unnecessary, and it was converted into a hotel, in which capacity it served for the next twenty years. At that time it was again converted, this time into an apartment house.

In 1905 the CaPhenin Chemical purchased the building and used it for the manufacture of pills. When the CaPhenin Company terminated its use of the building in 1960 the city planned to raze the Waverly House and use the lot for parking space. Citizen support saved the old structure from demolition, however, and the Bremer County Historical Society has since used it for a museum.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Butler and Bremer Counties - 1883 (page 1265)

Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory Form, Rod Kruse, Iowa State University, 1972.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	542920	4730300
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. W. Lynes, President

ORGANIZATION

Bremer County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

February 2, 1971

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Plainfield

STATE

Iowa

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE August 10, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Jerry R. ...

DATE 12/12/96

DATE 12/6/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER