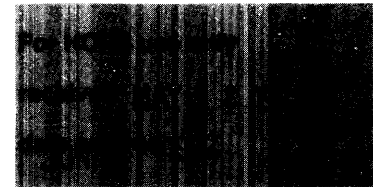


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Ferdinand C. Hartwig House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 908 Country Lane not for publication

city, town Watertown vicinity of congressional district second

state Wisconsin code 55 county Dodge code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N/A</u>	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Kirby E. Brant and Judith F. Brant

street & number 908 Country Lane

city, town Watertown vicinity of state Wisconsin 53094

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dodge County Title and Abstract Company

street & number

city, town Juneau vicinity of state Wisconsin

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Wisconsin Survey of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date October 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison vicinity of state Wisconsin 53706

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Sited on a rise overlooking part of the original farm on the northwest fringe of the city of Watertown, the Ferdinand C. Hartwig house is a rectangular two-story Italianate-style building with attached ell. It is constructed of cream brick manufactured from clay deposits found on the original farm and built on a coarsed rubble stone foundation. The thirty-eight foot by forty foot main block is five windows wide and three windows deep with pedimented window heads over square-timber lintels above the four-over-four sash windows. A twenty light cupola tops the low pitch hip roof, but the wide eaves typical of the Italianate style show no evidence of bracketing. The built-in gutter system was covered with asphalt shingles when the house was reroofed in the 1970s by a previous owner. A single interior chimney straddles the ridge of the cupola. The twenty-eight foot by twenty-three foot ell is attached to the west wall of the main block and is set back from the frontal plane. Four "eyebrow" windows above the ell's open porch light the attic floor on the front, and a single (non-functioning) exterior chimney protrudes through the asphalt shingle hip roof on the west.

Within the central, one-bay porch of the main block, the glazed main door is surrounded by a transom and sidelights. Single front rooms of equal size flank the entrance hall; these provide access to the two rooms at the north and then to the ell, resulting in complete inter-connection around the stairwell and entrance hall. The original single flight staircase lighted by the cupola opened onto four upper floors of approximate equal size on the second floor; the single upper floor room of the ell has remained unfinished. The basement of the house, with its brick floor and large south windows, originally contained the kitchen and daily eating area.

Between 1928 and 1979, a previous owner made numerous structural and interior alterations to the house. In the 1930s the second story window above the main entrance was converted into an exterior doorway providing access to the "balcony" on the porch, and four double-hung windows were installed to replace the two originals to each side. The remnants of shutter hardware remain on all windows. The two interior chimneys on the south slope of the roof were removed at that time and the two rear interior chimneys were removed during the 1970s when the house was reroofed. A frame two-car garage constructed in 1979 is attached to the rear of the ell by a breezeway of the same roofline. In order to add interior plumbing and modern kitchen facilities, the original single flight stair was altered to dog-leg, the cupola closed, and several of the larger rooms were divided. The basement kitchen also was removed during this period. The present owners are in the process of restoring most of the interior to its original form, although the modern kitchen will remain in its present location in the former vestibule at the far west end of the ell. They also plan to replace the pedimented frames over the lintels and restore most of the rest of the fenestration.

Until the 1950s the house was surrounded on the north and the west by barns, stables, and other outbuildings. These buildings were razed during the next quarter century, the last of them in 1979 by the developer who purchased the remainder of the farm in that year. Since then the land south and below the house has been subdivided into lots and partially developed, although the acreage north of the house is still cultivated.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1864¹ -- c. 1900 Builder/Architect Ferdinand C. Hartwig, builder²

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ferdinand C. Hartwig house, built in 1864, is significant for its historic association with the early development and improvement of registered Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle herds in the Watertown area.

AGRICULTURE: Ferdinand C. Hartwig immigrated from Prussia in 1848 and settled in Watertown in the 1850s. The title abstract shows that he acquired the farm property upon which he built the house soon after marrying the widow of John F. Bonners, the previous owner and an early Watertown resident, in 1861. This property formed the far northwest corner of the Dodge County portion of the city of Watertown. Hartwig also owned considerable additional property in individual city lots in this ward. The house was completed in 1864, doubling the assessed value of the acreage surrounding it, and quickly became the center of the farming operation as well as principle residence for family and hired hands.³

In the ensuing decades Hartwig became an active local politician (he was elected alderman ten times and held other local offices), wealthy farmer, and prominent livestock breeder. By 1870, the Hartwig farm had become one of the wealthiest in the area, and by 1880, despite having three sons old enough to help work it, the labor of three additional hands and a servant were required on the farm. (Their annual wages of \$830 was ten times greater than the second highest amount paid by any other area farmer.) Although he raised a substantial quantity of crops, Hartwig primarily concentrated on sheep and cattle production. In 1879, when almost no area farmers bought or sold any cattle, he alone traded thirty-two. While these probably were dual-purpose Durham (shorthorn) cattle, by 1890, the year he purchased three registered purebred bulls and a registered purebred cow, Hartwig was committed to the breeding of single-purpose Holstein-Friesian cattle, as strongly advocated by long-time dairy leader, William Dempster Hoard. Cattle from the Hartwig stockfarm formed the basis of many local Holstein-Friesian dairy herds at a time when the polemical debates over the relative value of single- versus dual-purpose cattle was still thirty years from resolution. During the last decade of the nineteenth and into the early twentieth century, as Hartwig enlarged his herd, his son, Adolph H. Hartwig, later Wisconsin state veterinarian under Governor Francis McGovern and the veterinarian editor for Hoard's Dairyman, operated a purebred Percheron horse farm on the premises.⁴

(See continuation sheet - "Significance")

1. Assessment Rolls, City of Watertown, Wisconsin, Fifth Ward, 1861-1872, passim, especially 1865.
2. Ibid. Abstract of Title to part of outlots 21, 22, 23, and 24, Original Fifth Ward, City of Watertown, Wisconsin. Dodge County Title and Abstract Company, Juneau, Wisconsin. Fire destroyed the public records in 1877. John Ott, History of Jefferson County, p. 167.
3. United States manuscript census, population schedule, Dodge County, Wisconsin, 1850, 1860; Abstract of Title, entries 13, 14, 15, 16; Assessment Rolls. Oral interview with Mrs. Arzberger, granddaughter of Ferdinand C. Hartwig, by Evelyn Rose, Watertown, Wisconsin, transcript.
4. United States manuscript census, population and agriculture schedules, Dodge County, Wisconsin, 1870, 1880; Ott, History, pp. 163-171; C.W. Butterfield, History of Jefferson

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 John Ott, History of Jefferson County, Wisconsin (Chicago, S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1917)
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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre NOT VERIFIED
 Quadrangle name Watertown, Wisconsin NOT VERIFIED Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	1 6	3 5 8 1 9 10	4 7 8 14 8 14 10	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 22, Mary Knoll subdivision, being in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T9N, R15E, City of Watertown, Dodge County, Wisconsin

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization _____ date 9 November 1981

street & number 2210 Rusk Street telephone (608) 244-2515

city or town Madison state Wisconsin 53704

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Richard Mery date 4/19/82

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Alloria Byers Entered in the National Register date 6/17/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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The farm property remained in family hands until 1928. Between 1919 and 1925, when it was owned by another son, Reinhart Hartwig, it was known as the Bull Moose stock farm. In 1928, it was sold to F.C.C. Lunde and remained in the Lunde family until 1979. The current owners are in the process of restoring the exterior and interior of the house which, despite the loss of outbuildings and the encroachment of a modern subdivision, retains much of its original character. ⁵

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- County, Wisconsin (1879), pp. 446-453; Holstein-Friesian Herdbook, volume 7 (1890)---
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