

Record No. 52-29

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INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Name of Property: Harris House  
Address: 202 W. Wood Street  
City: Barneveld

Owner: Blanche Harris 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 Harris House

\*200 Level of Significance local

\*190 District Classification \_\_\_\_\_

\*210 Applicable Criteria (C) Architecture

\*215 Criteria Considerations \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\*220 Area of Significance

architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_

230 Period of Significance circa 1885-1893

60 Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_

Block 13, Lot 1, Original Plat  
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70 USGS Quad Map Barneveld

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

16/263815/4766430

85 Listed Acreage less than 1 acre

340 Review Board Date 7-18-86

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ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] c. 1885-1893(A)

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

460 \_\_\_\_\_

480 Builder [source] -

\* 490 Designer Type (a) -

490 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

500 Designer Name [source] (a) -

500 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

\* 510 Style or Form Queen Anne

510 \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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 rectangular

\* 570 Number of Stories 2 plus attic

\* 580 Roof Shape gabled with dormers

590 Additional Description Distinctive

590 window trim and porch detailing

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\* 620 Condition excellent

\* 650 Related Buildings \_\_\_\_\_

650 \_\_\_\_\_

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HISTORY

430 Current Name Harris House

435 Current Function residence

440 Historic Names [source] -

440 \_\_\_\_\_

440 \_\_\_\_\_

660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) Jones, David &

660 (b) John

665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) c. 1890-1910

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) -

685 (b) \_\_\_\_\_

\* 687 Cultural Affiliation -

688 Cultural Subgroup -

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DESCRIPTION

The Harris house is a clapboard Queen Anne with two stories plus attic. The roof is gable, and a wall dormer is located centrally on both side walls. The frames of all the windows of the house have pedimented lintels with carved ornamentation. All windows are double hung, with leaded diamond-shaped muntins in the upper attic windows. Two first floor windows are further elaborated with a wide central window flanked by narrow side lights. Fishscale shingles in all gable ends are the only other decorative feature. The shingles are painted brown, in contrast with the overall cream and white color scheme. The entrance to the first floor living quarters is by either of two doors protected by an east-facing porch. The roof of this porch, supported by four milled wooden posts, forms a second story balcony surrounded by a modern black wrought iron railing. An entrance in the south-facing gable end of the house leads to the upper level living quarters. It is sheltered by a smaller mansard-roofed porch, also supported by milled wooden posts.

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE

This is the largest house remaining in Barneveld, reflecting its origin as the home of the owner of the local lumberyard. Other than hotels, this is probably the only multiple dwelling built in Barneveld during the 19th century. Both the second floor and attic level were divided into separate bedrooms on speculation that a nearby mineral springs would attract tourists to the village. Although the predicted spa did not materialize, the house was never converted into a single family dwelling, but rather into two flats, with separate entrances for each. Although the house is rather simple in form, its size and setting on its large lot give it an air of majesty.

The house suffered only minor tornado damage to the exterior, primarily roof and windows. Water damage to the interior was extensive enough to require redecorating, however, with the loss of some of the original woodwork. Much of the first floor woodwork and all of the second floor woodwork remains. The second floor also retains the original light fixtures.

690 BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

- (A) Abstract of deed, in possession of owner, Mrs. Blanche Harris
- (B) Helmenstine, John F. Weehaukaja: A History of the Village of Barneveld and the Town of Brigham, Vol. II, 1977, p. 73.
- (C) Mrs. Blanche Harris, interview.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Examination of the Abstract of Deed indicates that the Harris house was built between 1885, when the property was sold to Griffith Jones for \$125, and 1893, when it was sold to David Jones for \$825. According to oral history, the house was constructed with the owner's living quarters on the first floor and rental rooms on the second floor and attic level. At the time it was built, it was anticipated that a nearby mineral spring would draw tourists to the village. (C)  
In 1907, the house was owned by John D. Jones, first president of the village after its incorporation in 1906. (B)

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