

**City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission**

**Most Endangered Buildings List 2018**

Residential Properties

208 Salisbury



The home at 208 Salisbury was built in 1894, was converted to a duplex at some point, and currently sits in a severely dilapidated state. The building sits in the Smokey Row section of Waterloo that the city has just received two grants to do historic surveys of the area to that could possibly lead to a historic district in the neighborhood.



## 218 Salisbury



218 Salisbury was originally built 1914 by the Illinois Central Railroad and is unique because for having two cabins located behind the main building. There are stories that the building use to be used for illegal activities and the area was referred to as blood alley. Recently the building was purchased at a tax sale by an out of state Limited Liability Corporation so fears are that the buildings will most likely be demolished losing this vital piece of Waterloo history. The buildings are in the Smokey Row section of Waterloo that the city recently received two grants to do historic surveys of the area that could lead to the area being declared a historic district.



### 307 Sumner



This is one of two homes on the 300 block of Sumner that is owned by the City of Waterloo and facing demolition due to their dilapidated state. This home was built in 1894 in a Gable Style type. The building sits across the street from Smokey Row which the city has two grants to do a historic survey however, the buildings are part of the larger Triangle section of Waterloo that was both an important area for recent immigrants to the United States and a large number of African-Americans that immigrated from Mississippi in the 1910's to work for the Illinois Central Railroad.

### 335 Sumner



The second of two homes on the 300 block of Sumner that the City of Waterloo took via Iowa Code 657A that new face demolition. This home appears to be in better shape than the one at 307 Sumner. This home was built in 1914 in a four square style that shows Craftsman Style influences.

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## 411 8<sup>th</sup> Street



The Home at 411 8<sup>th</sup> Street is currently owned by the city and is facing demolition when the city has the funding to do it. The building was built in the 1890's. Not considered individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the home does stand in a part of the city that has lost a large amount of its buildings over the last 50 years.

928 Mulberry



This home was built in 1892 with a Queen Anne style but is currently owned by the City of Waterloo although demolition has been stayed due to the efforts of David Deeds. When surveyed in both 1985 and 1994 the building was classified as individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

According to Karen Bode Baxter when she surveyed the building in 1994 the building is an early example of Commodious Box Type with Folk Victorian styling. She noted the use of fish scale and diamond shingles in the recessed arched gables, the mansard shape to the porch roof, the turned and bracketed porch columns, the spindle work support to the shed roof over the side entry and bay window, and the colored glass framing the attic windows. The porch has collapsed and was removed over a year ago.



### 1325 West 4<sup>th</sup>



The home at 1325 West 4<sup>th</sup> was constructed in 1910 in Neoclassical style. In both 1985 and 1994 the building was surveyed as being individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. As Karen Bode Baxter noted in her 1994 the home is one of the few examples of Neoclassical styling in the city of Waterloo and “features large full height pedimented entry porch supported by four massive ionic columns, the symmetrical façade, the second floor balcony under the main porch roof and the side lighted entry”. During the survey the only modifications noted on the structure was Aluminum Storm Windows, Doors, and Wrought Iron Rails on the Steps.

In the early 1990's the owners of the building at that point received grant financing to make improvements to the building due to its historic nature.

The building is currently empty and needs a large amount of work to get it habitable again. In addition the building's current owner has lost 2 buildings to the city under Iowa Code 657A after they had fallen into severely dilapidated state due to the lack of maintenance.

5643 Kimball



5643 Kimball Avenue is located adjacent to Orange Elementary School is currently owned by the Waterloo School District and is scheduled for demolition. In previous historic survey's the building was listed as an "A" property indicating that it is individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places which is the highest designation for a structure.



## Non-Residential Properties

### 54 Lane/1428 Mulberry



The Vienna Bakery Company/Alstadt & Langlas Baking Company sits at the corner of Mulberry and Lane. Sadly a portion of the building has already been lost but there is still a significant portion of the building that is both architecturally and historically significant.

In 1903 the Alstadt & Langlas Baking Company who was a leader in industrial baking in Waterloo purchased the Vienna Model Bakery. The company soon outgrew their facilities and started construction of this building in 1905. The building was expanded several times between 1908 and 1926. From this baker building the company would deliver products on 28 routes totaling 4,000 miles.

A portion of the building may currently be used for storage but was empty when it was surveyed in 1984. The building would need extensive work to bring it back even to a reasonable state of repair and continues to deteriorate

### 1721 & 1729 Mulberry



1721 & 1729 Mulberry was originally known as St. John's Church and School which was first opened in 1923. In 2001 three schools were consolidated at St. Mary's school which was nominated in 2017 to Waterloo's Most Endangered List and to the 2018 State of Iowa's Most Endangered Buildings.

The church was subsequently consolidated the next year and the school was eventually sold to Ambassadors of Christ Church. The Ambassadors of Christ Church has been trying to sell the building for more sometime and the building is not currently being used. While the building is not currently in danger of demolition the longer a building sits empty the greater the danger of demolition.

There appears to be good news here as there is currently a sale pending on the site and the potential owner has applied to the City of Waterloo's Community Planning and Development Office to have the property rezoned which is on



their May 1<sup>st</sup> agenda, and will allow the parishioners to use the church portion of the building while the remaining would be turned into a variety of uses.