

1017 Washington

WILLOUGHBY HOME

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Street
Cedar Falls,
Iowa

Edward Townsend had a prominent career in Cedar Falls as a banker, Lumber company owner, mayor, school board member, county supervisor, state senator and Iowa State Normal School trustee. He built this house during the 1878-84 period, after the death of his wife. They had previously lived in the Knapp-Townsend House at 224 West Third Street.

The house was built in the Italianate, or bracketed, style, but it has a number of characteristics that reflect middle European designs. A Gothic spire rises above a Tuscan roof, for example. There are open cross beams on the gable below the spire, and the window moldings are carved in an unusual manner. The ironwork that once graced the gables has been removed.

Inside, the house features 11-foot ceilings, parquet floors, fireplaces in nearly every room, a walnut staircase, and elaborate door knobs and hinges. A stained glass window overlooks the staircase, and hand-blown glass is found in windows throughout the house. The interior shutters are original, as is the intercom system from the maid's quarters to the master bedroom. The house is a private residence but has been remodeled to include an upstairs apartment.

This is one of Cedar Falls' most distinctive houses. "The genteel old lady," as described by the Waterloo Courier in a 1976 article, "is tall but dainty with many small decorative touches in unexpected places." The gingerbread beneath the eaves suggested "petticoat lace under a Victorian lady's skirts," and the steeple seemed like "a folded parasol."

The Willoughby family purchased the home in 1961 and are the 5th family to ever live in the home.

Cedar Falls Historical Society

Through the Years Tour of Homes

Sunday April 26th 1987 1-5 p.m.

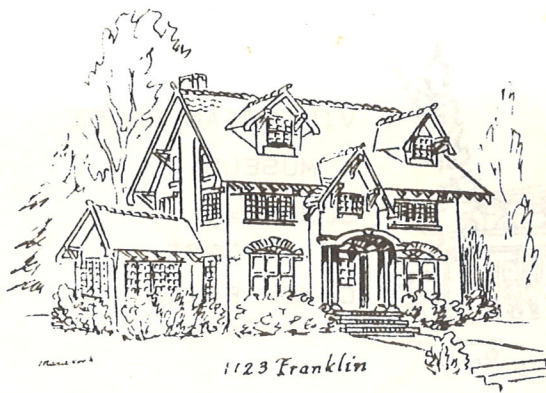
Willoughby Residence ~	1017 Washington Street
Sawyer Residence ~	1105 Merner Avenue
Diamond Residence ~	1123 Franklin Street
Kelly Residence ~	4419 South Main Street
Duncan Residence ~	2229 Greenwood Avenue
Victorian House ~	303 Clay Street
Wyth House ~	303 Franklin Street

Cost ~ \$5.00 per person

Refreshments served at the Victorian House & Wyth House

in celebration of the Society's 25th Anniversary





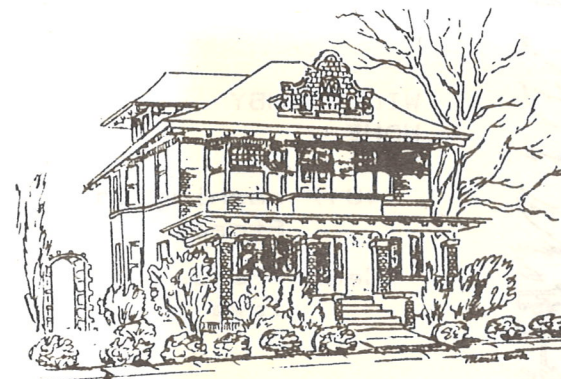
DIAMOND HOME

1123 Franklin
Street
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The red brick home at 1123 Franklin Street was built in 1920-31. Mortimer Cleveland was the architect who designed the home and George Pepin was the contractor. These brick homes with tiled roofs were a distinctive trademark of Cleveland. Paul Diamond and his family moved in during 1931. He remained until his death in 1975. Saul and his wife Joan are the present owners.

Behind the brick walls are hollow tiles which are the insulation, the wiring, even in the beginning has been substantial for today's use. The house is a box of 30x40 feet, with a sun room and garage added on the first floor; a kitchen, dining room and large living room, and four bedrooms on the second floor, plus there are two more attic rooms with finished floors. The windows are all of the type which unwind outward. Each section contains 8 panes of plate glass, 8x12 inches. Only two have ever been broken.

Saul tells of remembering falling to sleep watching the light on the old water tower in earlier years. He now shares his family home with his wife Joan. Both have an avid interest in collecting. Joan's collection of molds and tins is a feature of the kitchen.



GEORGE WYTH HOUSE

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VIKING PUMP
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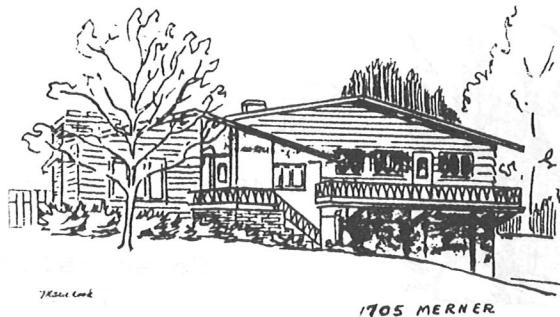
George Wyth achieved his greatest prominence as a founder and first president of Viking Pump Company. Along with P. C. Petersen and Dr. Will Hearst he formed the company in 1911 to manufacture a rotary pump invented by Jens Nielsen of Cedar Falls. Today the company is Cedar Falls' largest private employer.

Wyth retired as president in 1944 and was succeeded by his son, Robert. Both men were extremely active in local community affairs. George Wyth was instrumental in establishing the Cedar Falls parks system. He was elected to the first Park Board in 1919, when the city had just two small parks. By 1937 the city had 250 acres of parkland, including riverfront areas and a golf course. George Wyth Memorial State Park between Cedar Falls and Waterloo was named in honor of this outstanding supporter of public recreation areas.

The George Wyth House was built around 1907 by F. W. Paulger. It was originally a white frame structure. The brick veneer was added as insulation in 1925 after Wyth purchased the house.

The house was given to the Cedar Falls Historical Society by George Wyth's daughter, Dorothy. The Society is renovating the house with funds provided by her will. When completed, the house will feature an art deco interior, popular during the early part of this century. Also featured in the house will be a Viking Pump museum.

For more information about the George Wyth House, or to arrange a tour, call 266-5149 or 277-8817.



1705 MERNER

SAWYER HOME

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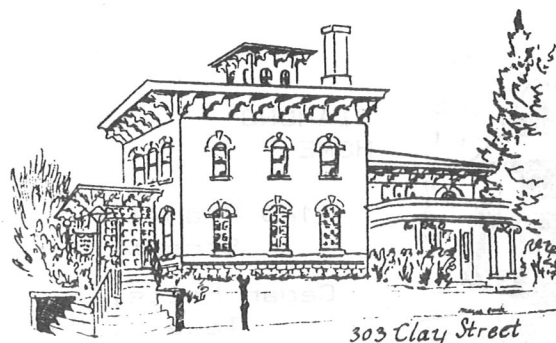
Dale Creeden and his wife Kathryn (Mrs. Paul Nelson) purchased the land in Sunset Knolls from Jim O'Neill and built their family home in 1955-56. Jim and Jane Sulentic bought the home in 1964. They added the family room and the swimming pool in 1967-68.

Upon Jane's death and later Jim's, the children: Anne, Jim, Tim, and Sara lived in the home until it was purchased by Sue and Gary Sawyer in the summer of 1983.

The Sawyers have just finished remodeling the kitchen area and are planning other changes in the near future.

This beautifully decorated home is full of conveniences for an active, energetic family.

Refreshments are available at the Wyth House and the Victorian House Museums.



303 Clay Street

VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM

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The Cedar Falls Historical Museum contains many treasures, not the least of which is the house itself. It was built in 1861 by A. D. Barnum, a building contractor whose local projects included the Iowa Soldiers' Orphan Home (later the Iowa State Normal School and now UNI).

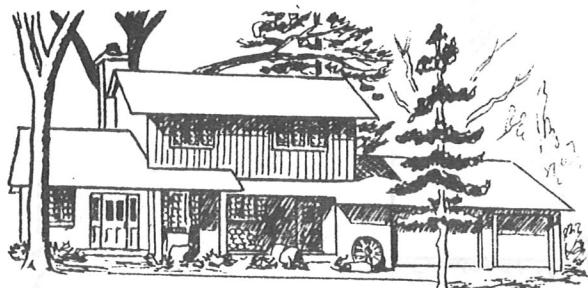
Barnum lived in the house until 1874. It was later purchased by William Bryant, who occupied it with his family until 1919. The final residents, John and Myrna Dempster, sold the house to the Cedar Falls Historical Society in 1966. It has been maintained as a museum since 1968.

The Barnum-Bryant-Dempster House is a striking example of the oncepopular Italianate style of architecture. The interior has been remarkably well preserved. The long windows topped by arches are typical of the Italianate style and are set in walls that are 18 inches thick. The inside shutters (with vertical louvres) are original, as are many of the door knobs and other fixtures.

The belvedere atop the Tuscan roof is a Cedar Falls landmark. It afforded an excellent view of the Cedar River when the house was first built, and may also have served as a lookout against hostile Indians.

The Museum collection includes antique furniture and clothing, an authentic 1890s parlor, a research library and an extensive collection of Cedar Falls artifacts and information.

The House and Museum are maintained by the Cedar Falls Historical Society, a non-profit corporation founded in 1962. The Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Free tours may be arranged by calling 266-5149.



2229 Greenwood

DUNCAN HOME

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The Duncan home at 2229 Greenwood Avenue is located in an area referred to as 'Cedar Heights.' The land originally was purchased by Samuel Rownd (who was the owner and builder of the Kelly residence on South Main Street).

In 1909-10, William Galloway purchased the first 250-300 acres of land from Rownd and later held all the land from Rainbow Drive to Cedar River between Belle Avenue and Parrish Street.

The land was platted and building began. Cedar Heights was an incorporated town with a mayor/council form of government. William Galloway was the first mayor.

Cedar Heights was annexed to Cedar Falls at a Special Election in 1935, with a large celebration held September 12, in 'Cedar Heights Park' on the bluff overlooking the Cedar River, "with a mock wedding marrying 'Miss Cedar Heights' and 'Mister Cedar Falls', a band concert and fireworks."

Don and Uyntha chose this quiet neighborhood and built their home in 1980. Family activities were an important consideration as they planned their home on this wooded lot. They have incorporated a family woodworking shop where they may each be working on projects. A setting for family 'treasures' that Uyntha has collected was a major concern. Of special interest are the pine and oak furniture and some treasured family pictures.

The Duncan's interest in all antiques is reflected in their home.



4119 South Main

KELLY HOME

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Samuel Rownd, Sr. first came to what is now Cedar Falls in 1850. He liked the area and began to acquire land. By 1859, when he moved his family to Cedar Falls and settled permanently, he owned 4,000 acres. He and his family eventually owned nearly all of what is now College Hill and Cedar Heights, as well as additional land to the south of town.

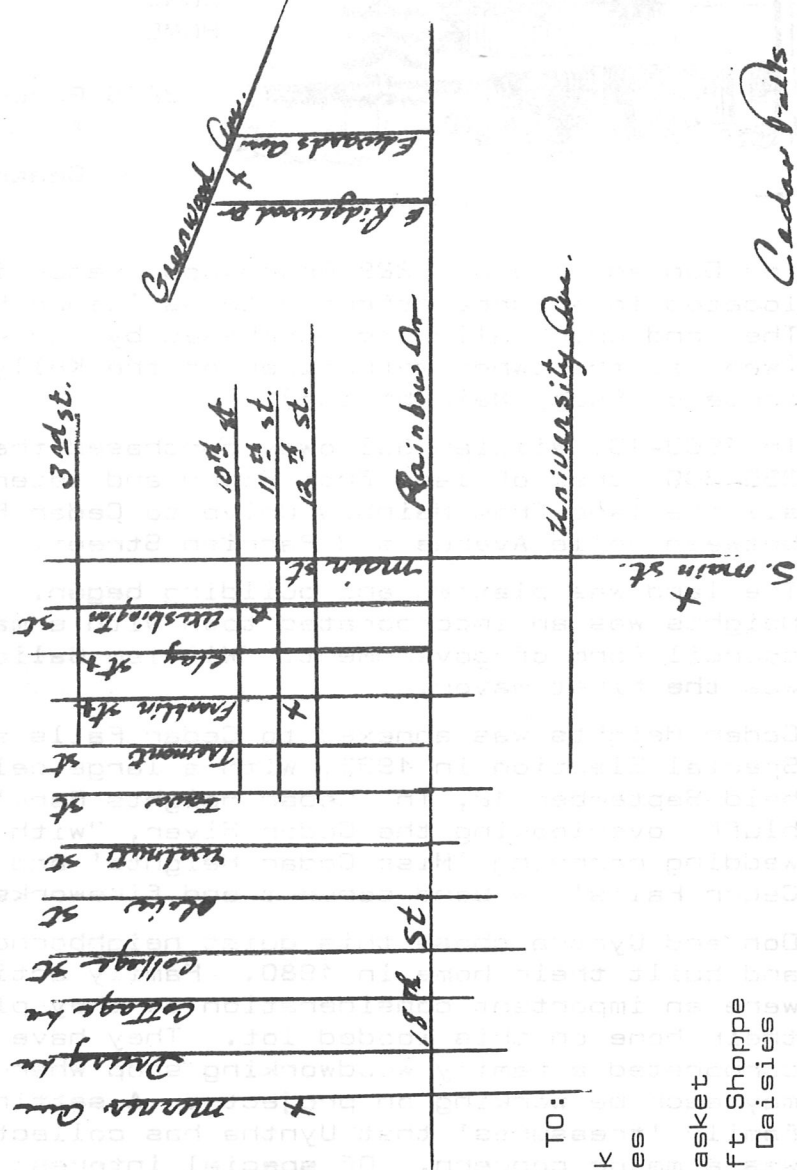
Rownd began building the house in 1865. It was expanded and modified during the next 30 years, reaching completion by 1895. The presumed foundation of an earlier house can be seen in back of the existing building. The house was built of limestone (possibly quarried at 18th and Main in Cedar Falls) in the Queen Anne style. The two-story house features four bedrooms and oak woodwork.

The house remained in the family until 1945, when Dr. Cecil Adamson purchased it from the estate of Kathryn Rownd Kreger, a granddaughter of Samuel Rownd, Sr.

The home was purchased in 1986 by Bill and Sharon Kelly. Extensive refurbishing has taken place since that time. Bill and Sharon are happy to share the old Rownd home and the history that they treasure as a part of Cedar Falls.

North

East



Cedar Falls

South

West

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