







SIGNIFICANT DECORAH PROPERTIES (Not on the National Register)












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A great many Decorah buildings are in some way distinctive, and even more are worthy of preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation.

But the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission began this more restrictive list in order to identify and prioritize research on Decorah properties that might be "significant" under the definitions of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The NRHP has four criteria for "Significance" (A. History, B. Associations, C. Architecture, D. Archaeology) seven aspects of "Integrity" (Location, Setting, Design, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, Association), three "Levels of Significance" (Local, Statewide, National), and typically has the "Age" requirement that properties be at least fifty years old. All these elements are incorporated within the Iowa Site Inventory format used as this project's research template.

This list generally excludes properties already individually listed on the National Register or included within a local National Register Historic District (whether a "Contributing" or "Noncontributing" property). It includes properties previously described in a Site Inventory, whether or not formally filed with the State Historic Preservation Office. It may include properties described in published local resources (e.g., George Knudson's 1971 *Self Guiding Tour of Decorah* and his 1976 *Decorah Trails and Trolls*, Pamela Jo Buresh's 1982 *Nineteenth Century Home Architecture of Decorah Iowa*, Mary Klimesh's 1982 Bucknell Inventory, the WCHPC 1985 "Historic Site Survey of Winneshiek County, Robert Davis's 1996 *Decorah Visitor's Guide*, Elizabeth Einspahr Lorentzen's 2010 *Vera Harris' Old Decorah Houses and Their Stories*, David Anderson's 2010 *Planning for Preservation*, the 2015 *Walk Into the Past* signs, the 2021 Winneshiek County Stone Structures [WCSS] survey, or the DHPC's 2022 *Charles Altfillisch Tour*), although DHPC may not further document those properties when it seems redundant. In general, a property can be included if it seems probable that it would be considered "contributing" within a hypothetical NRHP historic district. For properties after 1900, we have included only representative examples of the major building styles. In the end, inclusion is a DHPC judgment.










Photo	Address	Street	Original Owner	Date	Property Type	Builder/Architect	Significance (and dating)	Integrity	Additional Notes and sources
	1101	Pleasant Ave.	James E. Simpson, et al	1859	Cemetery		The 1859 Simpson, Montgomery, and Goddard cemeteries were incorporated into the Phelps Cemetery in 1896. The new Phelps Cemetery Association hired Arthur Hobart, landscape gardener of the Minneapolis Lakewood Cemetery, to draw plans for the expanded cemetery. Includes many notable graves and a 1901 Phelps Chapel/Mausoleum. (Date included on cemetery sign and in newspaper articles.)	High	Davis, 91.
	2388	Siewers Spring Rd.	St. Benedict	1863	Cemetery		First permanent Catholic Decorah cemetery, which includes many prominent graves and several distinctive gravestones. (Kath dates cemetery to 1863-67 during Fr. Lowery's pastorate. Davis notes that the earliest graves date to the 1860s.)		
	326	Pershing Ave.	Lutheran	1869	Cemetery		Includes many old and important graves, and the 1914 Bedford stone Anundsen Chapel, built by A. R. Coffeen in his first year of business, with a design by A. S. Hanson (Coffeen records). (Davis provides the date and lists many significant burials [95]).		Davis, 95.
	520	W. Water St.	Vesterheim Museum	1852	Civic		In addition to six NRHP buildings, Vesterheim Heritage Park includes a number of other highly significant buildings. Because the Vesterheim Heritage Park is open to the general public, we label this a "civic" property. (Vesterheim dates the Egge cabin to 1852.)		
	900	E. Main St.	Winneshiek County Fairgrounds Grandstand	1927	Civic	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive civic architecture, designed by Altfillisch and built by A. R. Coffeen. (Altfillisch and Coffeen records provide date.)	Well-preserved in its original location and continually used for similar purposes.	Altfillisch tour (not in brochure)
		Twin Springs Rd.	Iowa Fish Hatchery; City of Decorah	1930	Civic		Concrete remnants of Iowa Fish Hatchery established in early 1930s? with work done by CCC after purchase of land in 1924. Stone pond wall. 2022 stone bench. (Dates in various sources.)	CCC ponds used into 1960s.	Knudson, 22; Davis, 20; Anderson, 34.

		Ice Cave Rd.	City of Decorah	1930	Civic		Palisades Park is a natural limestone palisades area that was shaped by the addition of CCC stonework in the 1930s.		
		Pulpit Rock Rd.	City of Decorah	1930	Civic		In addition to natural areas and a nearby campground, Will Baker Park includes an impressive CCC trail that weaves up around Pulpit Rock. The stonework has recently been refurbished and an historic sitting area recovered.		
	400	Claiborne Dr.	City of Decorah	1960	Civic	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive architecture, major public building, by important regional architect. (CA research date.)	High.	Altfillisch project research.
	401	Heivly St.	Decorah Post Office	1963	Civic	Midwest Texas Contracting Company of Dallas	Major civic, but controversial, Midcentury Modern building. (Newspaper date.)	Well preserved, although lack of landscaping limits the site's feeling.	Altfillisch "non-Altfillisch" tour
	701	Mound St.	George Winship	1855	Commercial		Winship Tin Shop. Early vernacular masonry. (WCSS reaffirms date.)	Strikingly original in massing and detailing.	SHPO 96-00790. WCSS 098-08-19-01. Davis, 90.
	203	Quarry St.	Diedrich Addicken	1857	Commercial		Kline Brewery Beer Vaults significant as surviving remnant of important early Decorah business. (WCSS reaffirms date.)	Although the brewery has been demolished, the surviving vaults have strong associations.	SHPO 96-00791, WCSS 96-00791
		Fifth Ave.	Tavener	1869	Commercial		Stone and concrete remnants of dam, mill, and bridge constructed by Tavener. (Knudson <i>Trails</i> dates to 1872, Davis to 1869.)		Davis provides a history (87).
	207	Washington St.	A.A. Chandler	1875	Commercial		Architecturally complete remnant of 19th century Washington St. commercial area. Chandler and son sold and serviced farm windmills, along with plumbing and heating equipment. Two "ghost signs" on north wall advertise the Chandler business and the "Henry George, 5 cent cigar". (Winneshiek County Historical Society research in 2022 yielded dates 1875-79.)	High integrity, especially after careful 2010-22 restoration.	Winneshiek County Historical Society research dates 1875-79.
		Locust Road	Ernest Halse	1880	Commercial		Human built storage cave with unclear history. (Date approximate.)	Considerable integrity, especially after 2021 exterior work.	WCSS 098-08-06-01
	103	1st St.	Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad terminal (in 1903 became the Rock Island Railroad)	1884	Commercial		Two-story wood-frame combination passenger/freight depot, with living quarters upstairs. The property had a turntable by which trains could be turned to leave the Decorah. The open area in front of the depot was converted into the Mary Christopher Park in 1970. (Arrival date of railroad from Anderson [57] and Davis [83].)	Low integrity because converted to single-family home, but of great historic importance.	Photo of BCR&N depot in Picturesque Decorah book published by Public Opinion, 1899. Photo on same page as the CM&STP passenger depot photo.
	302	Washington St.	William B. Ingvaldstad and partner E.K. Hovden	1898	Commercial		The site includes the last remaining intact Decorah nineteenth century lumber shed. The interior includes what may be the last remaining railroad track in the city. (SI date. Davis, 88.)	Despite front elevation siding and lack of upkeep, the building retains its historic massing.	Davis, 88. SI 96-xxxxxx

	Sumner St.	Ice Cave Mill; City of Decorah	1874	Commercial/ Civic		Wold Park remnants of concrete intake and outlet gates of of the flour-exclusive Ice Cave Mill on canal channeled from Upper Iowa River behind a dam opposite Ice Cave. (2022 Luther College student geophysical survey date. Knudson Trails,45. Anderson, 35. Davis,22. Picturesque Decorah 1899 photo.)		Knudson Trails, 45. Anderson, 35. Davis, 22. Photo in the 1899 Picturesque Decorah. LC student geophysical survey, 2022.
	906 S. Mill St.	City of Decorah	1894	Commercial/ Civic		An important remnant of early civic/commercial architecture, built as the city's water pumping plant. After 1933 converted to headquarters of important local contractor A. R. Coffeen. Purchased by New Minnowa Players 1981. (Davis, 54. Newspaper 9/20/1894)	High integrity	Davis, 54. Decorah Republican newspaper 9/20/1894.
	1400 Oneota Dr.	Diedrich and Gretchen (?) Addicken	1865	Commercial/ Residential		In 1865 the house, a brewery and flour mill were on site. The two businesses were powered by water from Twin Springs Creek. The original mill structure was later demolished. But the brewery building has served as a chicken coop and as storage for a construction business. The house continues as a private residence. (Davis, 90. Decorah Journal 6/29/1944 p.1, historic article.)	Brewery and house are much modified, but retain the feeling of the site's rural setting.	Davis, 90. Decorah Journal 6/29/1944 p1.
	203 Quarry St.	Joseph and Elisa (Addicken) Klein	1872	Commercial/ Residential		Two-story Italianate brick home associated with Joseph Klein (or Kline), the second owner of the first brewery business in Decorah, built after his 1872 marriage to Elisa Addiken. Klein operated the brewery until Iowa "went dry" in 1882. (Iowa 1875 Historical Atlas date.)	Well-preserved, and retaining the feeling of the brewery's semi-rural location near Dunning Springs.	Iowa 1875 Historical Atlas
	309 E. Water St.		1900	Commercial/ Residential		Distinctive brick Federal Revival home, with the first floor being used since at least the 1980s for various businesses. The original entryway, with side lights and a semi-circular, curved-muntin fanlight above, is unique in Decorah. (Assessor date, likely incorrect.)	High	
	301 Pershing Ave.	Dr. Leo C. and Helga (Christiansen) Kuhn	1937	Commercial/ Residential	Lars Seim	"The most modern home in Decorah" (Decorah Journal 8/5/1937 p.2) built as combination doctor's office and home, with distinctive features designed by owner. (Assessor date. newspaper articles.)	Walls and distinctive glass block and corner windows well-preserved, with modern gabled roof. Built next to the Decorah Hospital.	Altfillisch tour of "non-Altfillisch" buildings
	204 W. Main St.	Luther College	1863	Educational		Significant building created as college housing, constructed with bricks made on the Luther campus. Informally called "Hututu." (Dating from Davis.)	Low integrity because of stucco surface, but included because of its historical significance.	Davis, 25.
	408 John St.	Immaculate Conception Academy	1908	Educational		Early Roman Catholic school building, originally a convent for the Sisters of Mercy, replacing the original convent (a converted inn) after damage by fire in 1907. The building is brick veneer masonry construction with Indiana Limestone trim blocks and a random rubble native limestone foundation, retaining its exterior structure and window openings. The original school building connected to the brick convent by a second floor passageway. (Decorah Republican, May 28, 1908; Decorah Public Opinion, October 13, 1909)	"A wonderful example of diverse masonry elements. A rare find with a stable veneer."	Kath, <i>A History of St. Benedict Parish</i> ; Kevin Lee, January 21, 2012 description of The Sisters School.
	301 Center St.	Decorah Schools	1939	Educational	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive architecture, major public building, by important regional architect. The 1954 addition doubled the size, but duplicated the architecture. (SI date.)		Altfillisch tour includes details, including SI by David Anderson.
	402 Rural Ave.	St. Benedict School	1963	Educational	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive Midcentury Modern building, and an important part of Roman Catholic Decorah history. (blue prints)		Altfillisch tour

	506	Broadway	St. Benedict Parish Rectory	1875	Religious		First free-standing St. Benedict parish rectory, sited just west of the original 1864 stone church (later demolished). (Kath date.)	Moderate integrity.	Kath, <i>A History of St. Benedict Parish</i> (1992).
	701	Iowa Ave.	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	1958	Religious	Sovik and Associates, Northfield, MN(1958); Architectural Design Group, Rochester, MN(1988)	Spacious Midcentury Modern building, with major 1988 addition. (Davis,89. Roger W. Anderson, <i>Celebrating 50 Years: 1958-2008.</i>)	High	Davis, 89. <i>Celebrating 50 Years: 1958-2008</i> , Roger W. Anderson
	720	W. Main St.	August Schrubbe, John Weineth	1872	Commercial/ Residential		Very early commercial building turned residence. Constructed in 1872 along former millrace as the Decorah Soap Factory by August Schrubbe and John Weineth. Business was initially good, but the factory failed by 1881. (Decorah Republican May 17,1872, and other newspaper references.)	Good integrity. Basic 2-story brick structure unchanged except for location of some doors and windows.	Decorah Republican May 17, 1872 and other newspaper references.
	602	W. Main St.	John Ammon	1850-60	Residential		Brick Greek Revival style house probably built by John Ammon who partnered in a farm implement business. Later home owned by George Bernatz who operated the stone mill now part of Vesterheim complex. (Vera Harris, p 63.1850-60 date).		Vera Harris, 63.
	308	Leif Erikson Dr.	Luther and Catharine Griswold	1856	Residential		Prominent Gothic Revival house built by attorney L. W. Griswold and wife Catharine as part of their 'country estate' . In 1862 they sold the house and 6 lots to Luther College president Vilhelm Koren. (building date approximate.) (Davis,105. Vera Harris, 80.George Knudson, 8.)	High	Davis, 105. Harris, 80. Knudson, 8.
	701	Fifth Ave.	Ruth Salls landowner in 1856. Or Jacob and wife Agnete Pedersdatter Vaerhaug Schaub landowners in 1877	1856? 1877?	Residential		Very early Gothic red brick home, construction date uncertain, 1856-1877? Owned 1883-1925 by Jacob Schaub, who dealt in horses. (Vera Harris 89.)	Original house exterior has high integrity. Addition to west side around 2017 used materials mimicking brick, making addition difficult to distinguish from original.	Vera Harris,89.
	112	Riverside Ave.	William and Elizabeth (Thompson) Day	1860	Residential		Original home of Decorah's founding family, the building has been changed considerably since the first section was built before Day died in 1860. (Harris. p 19. pre-1860 date.)	Red brick two story. Maintains much integrity despite several remodelings over the years.	Elizabeth Lorentzen, Vera Harris, 19.
	602	W. Main St.	John and Mary Ammon	1860	Residential		Associated with both Ammon and George Bernatz, prominent agri-businessmen in Decorah from the 1860's into the early 1900's. Bernatz addition 1894. (Harris 1860s date.)	Brick, painted, built in Greek Revival style and well preserved.	Elizabeth Lorentzen, Vera Harris, 63.

	306	Decorah Ave.	Possible first owner John F. Day	1861	Residential	John F. Day, per Janis Mineart, home owner in 2023	This may be one of the earliest Decorah homes, if builder was indeed Day, a son of William and Elizabeth Day, the town's founding family. (Buresh lists Anthony Bernatz as builder before 1877, but Bernatz didn't come to Decorah until 1886.) (Build date and owner need confirmation.)	Integrity somewhat diminished by the fact that home was moved a short distance within block in 1923; windows and front door have been replaced, though in similar style to originals, and exterior was sided with aluminum between 1986-2007.	Current owner Janis Mineart, newspaper articles
	401	E. Water St.	Ole Engebretson	1864	Residential		Rare surviving early local stone residence, lived in by prominent citizen and his even more prominent son Richard Engebretson. (WCSS date.)	Well-preserved, including later carriage house.	SHPO 96-00792, WCSS 098-08-13-01
	208	Leif Erikson Dr.	John Driggs	1865	Residential		Well preserved example of Italianate architecture. Also associated with Luther College as one time home of Luther president Laur Larsen. Belvedere rebuilt in 1990's by Stan and Lorraine Fullerton using an old engraving to guide restoration. (Harris date.)	High	
	601	Maple Ave.		1865	Residential		Large brick house. Inclusion dependent on further research. (Assessor date.)		
	209	Fifth Ave.	Charles W. and Ida Burdick	1865	Residential	Radcliff	Well-preserved Italiante style home built by banker/businessman C. W. Burdick. Dates to 1883 when Burdick bought smaller home on lot and had it enlarged by St. Paul, MN, architect "Radcliff," at a cost of \$2500. (Assessor 1865 date; Harris 1883)	High integrity.	
	513	Locust Road	B. O. and Margaret Dahly	1866	Residential		Colonial Revival farmhouse of B. O. Dahly family, prominent early business people. The accompanying land was developed in the 1954 for the first major Decorah subdivision. (Assessor date.)	Siding reduces integrity, but the overall massing remains, and provides a useful historical contrast with the great majority of the 1950s Dahly subdivision homes.	
	902	Maple Ave.	Simeon Leach	1866	Residential		Distinctive Gothic Revival home, built by immigrant from New York state. (Assessor date and David Faldet research.)	The front bay window, back addition, and renovated porch are early twentieth-century changes, but the gables, distinctive windows, and brick are well-preserved.	SI 96-00482 David Faldet research
	309	Center St.	Ira Ward	1867	Residential		Vernacular Style architecture. Home occupied later by Luther College professor/administrator Oscar A. Tinglestad. (Harris date.)	Well preserved. Questionably significant enough.	
	210	East St.	Bernard Kornmeyer, Sr.	1867	Residential		A substantial early brick home built by German immigrant Bernard Kornmeyer, Sr., who founded a brick company continued by his two sons. The Kornmeyers used local clay and provided brick for many important local buildings up to the late 1920s. (The date is approximate. Kornmeyer advertised the house for sale in 1868.)	Well-preserved in its original spacious West-side setting, although the house has been expanded at various times, the brick is painted, and it is likely that some detailing has been removed. The house has been turned back into a single-family residence after having been subdivided into four apartments.	

	601	W. Main St.	William T. Baker	1869	Residential	H. O. Ball?	The large Italianate home of English settler Col. William T. Baker, who used house as a social center for the young Englishmen, perhaps designed by H. O. Ball (Vera Harris, 59; van der Linden Decorah Newspaper article on Ball). (Harris pre-1869 date.)	Problematic integrity, given the later stucco finish and a third-story addition, but the broad north porch is an impressive period feature, the house interior and north side retain strong associations with the English colony, and the likely architect was for a short time an important Decorah figure.	
	409	E. Main St.	Archa and Mary Dennis	1869	Residential		Recently thoroughly-restored example of folk-style "I-House." Wadsworth website: https://wadsworthconstruction.com/historic-restoration/Wadsworth approximate date.)	Site of largest European Larch tree in Iowa, planted in 1875 by Julia and Knut Thompson (Winneshiek County sheriff) the year they purchased the home. They added the two story addition to the south.	NRHP SI for tax eligibility by Jan Full.
	312	Day St.	Jacob Ammer	1874	Residential		Very well-preserved Gothic Revival house. (Assessor date.)		
	912	Maiden Lane		1875	Residential		Red brick Gothic Revival home included in 1899 <i>Picturesque Decorah</i> . Daubney was the owner from 1889 (Buresh 35). (Date from Buresh)	Moderate integrity. The side addition is modern, and the distinctive L-shaped porch with ballustrade above was modified after 1899.	
	1006	River St.	John T. Baker	1875	Residential		Two-story house modeled after the one-story bungalows of India, where Baker had served with his brother and after his father in the British army. (Harris and newspapers date to mid/late 1870s.)	Retains its thick, limestone first-story walls, second-story verandah, and hipped roof, but compromised by first-story and second-story siding. Strong associations with the Decorah English "colony" in the neighborhood and the family's Indian service.	Harris, 64-65. Midge Kjome, DGA.
	909	Pleasant Ave.	Samuel Aiken and Elizabeth "Eliza" Burt Aiken	1875	Residential		A well-preserved brick house built on Eliza's family farm south of what was Decorah's city limits. Samuel was a dealer in cattle and horses. The horse barn and blacksmith buildings are currently on the property. Around 1885 the large attic story with two dormer windows was added and the main entrance moved to the east side. Since 1995 current owners made stylish additions.		
	815	Maple Ave.	Luman L. and Anna (Johnson) Cadwell	1876	Residential		Distinctive Gothic Revival home, built by Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor winner.	Low exterior integrity, with Gothic windows being removed and used for garage at 902 Maple.	SI 96-00481
	302	Fifth Ave.	J. H. Mackenstadt	1876	Residential		Brick, Italianate architecture. Association with well-known tailor of late 1800's, whose tailor shop was located over the kitchen in the wing projecting from the back (north side) of the house. Frame addition on west side. (Harris and newspaper date. DR 2/16/1877: "Mackenstadt is finishing up his brick house in West Decorah.")	Good integrity, although original front porch replaced.	Also see Buresh, 46.
	501	Fifth Ave.	James T. Relf, most likely	1876	Residential		Modest single-story, Italianate home, constructed most likely by James T. Relf in 1876. He ran a photography business in the family building at 128 W. Water St., and is believed to have added a third story to the downtown building around 1890.	Well maintained and preserved.	

	901 Maple Avenue	Joseph and Mary Grinselle	1876	Residential		Two story frame Italianate. (Assessor date) According to Winneshiek Title and Abstract, mechanics liens on property by Finn Brothers (builders?) and Sheriff's sale indicate construction may not have been completed until 1879 by Henry A. Hurlbut.	Retains some notable Italianate detailing.	Winneshiek Title and Abstract
	812 Maple Ave.	George Pennington ?	1877	Residential		Prominent brick "Italianate" on large property, the long-time home of prominent English pioneer business Montgomery family. (Assessor and SI date.)	The 1984 SI says that the north extension, the frame addition, the west dormer, and the wrap-around porch are additions, and that Italianate roof brackets have likely been removed. Still, the house in its current state is very well-preserved and makes a strong statement on its large lot.	SHPO 96-00480, 1984. Davis, 13.
	814 River St.	Carl Lyder A. and Trine (Brandt) Siewers	1880	Residential		Oslo University classmate of Laur. Larsen and Henrik Ibsen, Luther College professor (1863-1877), Decorah Posten editor (1877-1907), namesake of Siewers Springs, lived here 1901-1907. (Assessor date.)	Moderate integrity.	John Christianson, "The Dream of a Norwegian University in America: Luther College 1861-2011."
	707 E. Broadway		1880	Residential		Prominent red brick house with compatible addition that replaces an earlier addition of similar style. The new garage is constructed of logs from local nineteenth-century buildings. House may have connections with the founding Day family. (Date uncertain.)		
	408 Mechanic	Jens Christopher	1881	Residential		Italianate brick home of Fred Biermann (newspaper editor, WWI soldier, U.S. Congress for six years during New Deal, U.S. Marshall, parks commissioner) from 1888-1968. (Assessor and SI date.)	Well-preserved. One-story "Fred's Dining Room" added to south by Biermann. Garage added ca. 1997-98, windows added to rear second story porch ca. 2000	SI 96-00646 provides full biographical and architectural history.
	404 W. Main St.	Christian Wulfsberg	1890	Residential		Nineteenth-century brick house.	Not well preserved.	Davis, 25.
	501 E. Main St.	Nell Landers Porter	1890	Residential		Pre-1900 gable front brick house, 2 light over 2 light windows, front porch, and siding recently restored by Wadsworth Construction with historic color palette. Built by Frederick and Sarah Landers for their 7th child, Nell, as a wedding gift. (Assessor date.)		
	605 E. Broadway		1890	Residential		Beautifully maintained red brick bungalow with hip roof and contrasting light brick window caps. (Assessor date).		
	709 E. Main St.	B. Anundsen	1891	Residential		Well-preserved Jacobean Revival brick home with cast-iron picket fence. Lived in by two generations of the Anundsens who founded and published the Decorah Posten (George Knudson Self-Guiding). Buresh says it was "built around a smaller structure" (68). (Buresh date.)		SI 96-00479
	404 Fifth Ave.	Axel Christian Smith	1892	Residential		Italianate style frame home associated with significant local people. Residence from 1892-1946 of two Norwegian doctors, both of whom also served as Luther College physician. The second was also Iowa's Norwegian vice consul from 1917 until 1946. As vice consul he hosted many prominent Norwegian dignitaries, including the Crown Prince and Princess of Norway in May, 1939.	High integrity outside, some original features retained inside. Contrasting one-story Modernist addition to the NE.	See Site Inventory to be submitted to SHPO in 2023.





	608	River St.	A. W. Grow	1894	Residential		Distinctive nineteenth-century one-story brick house with Mansard roof and spindled wrap-around porch. Called "Neo-Baroque" by George Knudson. Property owned from 1875-1906 by A. W. Grow, a Decorah egg-packing business owner. (Assessor date, but house is very probably pre-1894.	Well-preserved architecture.	
	918	Pleasant Ave.	E. W. D. and Effie (Aiken) Holway	1894	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Well-preserved large-scale house, evidently an expansion and remodeling by W. S. Bucknell of an earlier home (Buresh 76), lived in by Ben Bear, a prominent businessman, and Holmberg Meats family. (Assessor date. Buresh provides a full architectural description and dates to 1897.)		
	105	East Pearl Street	Thomas Hutchinson	1920	Residential		1 1/2 story Craftsman-style stucco bungalow with distinctive enclosed arched front porch and second floor dormer. The extended Hutchinson family, including prominent grocer/wholesaler H. J. Hutchinson, owned the home into the early 1970s.(Assessor date, verified with 2023 owner.);	The original speckled green/white stucco has been painted over, the kitchen has been enlarged to the rear, and the original garage was replaced in 2012, but the street facade, including the porch's distinctive rounded windows, has good integrity.	Winneshiek Title and Abstract; Decorah Public Opinion (3/31/52), Decorah Journal (7/30/64 and 6/2/66)
	406	Center Avenue		1895	Residential		Substantial two story frame Victorian, with side porch and front porch with pediment. (Assessor date.)	Generally well-preserved.	
	507	W. Main St.	Arthur F. and Mabel Anundsen	1896	Residential		Built for son of B. Anundsen. Buresh gives a full description and classifies the house as Neo-Jacobean (79), but the upper stories suggest Shingle-style influence. (Buresh dates to 1894, Assessor to 1896)	Well-preserved.	
	702	River St.		1896	Residential		Unusual Gothic-style house with gothic dormers on north and west sides. (Assessor date.)		
	1000	Prospect Pl.	Albert C. and Maude Baker	1897	Residential		According to Phyllis Leseth, the May 1897 newspaper quotes Baker as saying he "intends to possess best residence in the city." Built on "Centennial Hill." Seven kinds of interior woods (Buresh 67). Well preserved by later owners, with new matching stone garage built in early 2010s, using Sioux Falls Quartzite from original quarry. Moved carriage house. Expanded south-facing kitchen. Raised interior doorways. (Assessor date.)		SI 96-00495
	405	W. Main St.		1897	Residential		Unique Gothic/Stick Style revival house, with several high-pitched gables and tower. (Assessor date.)		
	705	Winneshiek Avenue	Joseph E. and Mary A. Andrus	1897	Residential		Substantial two-story Victorian house with open front porch. (Assessor dates 1890, but records at Winneshiek Title and Abstract indicate the house was built after 1897, when the land was purchased for \$150. Possible build date 1898.)	Well-preserved.	Winneshiek Title and Abstract
	409	Center Ave.	Christian and Antonia "Tonny" Hoeg	1898	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Distinctive Queen Anne home with square turret lived in by Hoeg family until 1974. The Sand families were presented the 2010 DHPC Preservation award for their restoration. (Buresh, Assessor, and Award newspaper date.)	High integrity, inside and out, partly because of the exemplary, award-winning 2008 restoration.	
	503	Center St.	Frank Sayre	1898	Residential		A Queen Anne with distinctive shingle-patterning. Includes the original carriage house with cupola. (Assessor and Buresh date.)	High integrity, despite changes to porch and some changes to carriage house.	Buresh, 98. Notes from 2022 owner.
	601	Center Ave.		1899	Residential		Queen Anne style home distinctive because of its red block construction. (Assessor date.)	High	

	614	W. Water St.	Edward J. and Mellie (Marsh) Curtin	1900	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Significant for its architect, its well-preserved architecture, and for its builder, E. J. Curtin, a prominent local Irish-American banker. (1900 construction date independently verified from Assessor's date.)	High integrity, inside and out.	Current 2022 owner has architectural drawings, photos and blueprints.
	408	Day St.		1900	Residential		Home of English entrepreneur and philanthropist George Phelps, who came to Decorah in 1854. (Assessor date)		Vera Harris 66.
	312	W. Main St.		1900	Residential		Well-preserved brick house used as law office and other businesses. (Assessor date.)		Davis, 25.
	108	Rural Ave.	E.C.Shaw	1900	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Three story Queen Anne with distinctive detailing, including moon gates on three sides. (Assessor date. Actual 1898 or 1901?)	Generally well preserved. Front porch lacks spindles and has a later foundation.	Klimesh Bucknell Inventory
	207	E. Broadway		1900	Residential		Substantial Victorian brick house with turret, lived in for many years by the Thornton Feed Mill family. (Assessor date.)		
	501	E. Water St.	Ammi and Elizabeth Smith	1900	Residential		Two story frame vernacular with pediment above front porch; 1920 barn converted to garage. Owned by prominent Oxley family for 80 years, and then by only two other owners. (Assessor Date)	Well-preserved house and barn.	
	606	Jefferson	Sumner W. Matteson	1900	Residential	William S. Bucknell	An unusually broad Dutch Colonial design, with curved supports on wide roof dormer. (Assessor date.)	Front porch redone with red brick pillars, and new patio addition on east side.	Klimesh Bucknell Inventory
	506	E. Main St.	Anton L. and Margaret (Fulsaas) Haakenson	1901	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Prominent Queen Anne house with turret built by Winneshiek County Clerk of Court Anton L. Haakenson. Sold in 1905 to Dr. Philo M. Jewell, early Winneshiek County physician and surgeon, county coroner, two term State Representative and area State Senator until his death in 1914. Jewell, his wife Ester "Nama" (Livingston) Jewell, and/or their three children, Effie, Milton "Dana" (also a local physician) and Gladys, lived in the house until 1950. (Date from Abstract. Assessor date 1890.)	Part of original wraparound porch removed on the east side. Well-maintained, with original barn now used as storage/garage.	Klimesh Bucknell Inventory
	509	Decorah Ave.	E.A. and Cora M. (Wheeler) Barsch	1901	Residential		Two-story front-gabled red brick house with contrasting light brick quoining and window and door trim. Barsch was Decorah Street Superintendent and later night police officer. (Assessor date 1890. <i>Decorah Public Opinion</i> 5/15/1901 states E.A. Barsch moved house onto lot in Park Addition.)	Well-preserved.	
	303	Decorah Ave.	James Thomas	1902	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Three story Queen Anne with original wraparound porch and distinctive gabling and dormer.	Well-preserved.	Klimesh Bucknell Inventory
	610	Center Avenue	Otto and Emma Drexel	1903	Residential	William S. Bucknell	Two story Queen Anne Revival with cupola and original horse-tie-up. Builder Otto Drexel was a distributor for a LaCrosse brewery and later an accountant/business manager for Decorah Produce. In 1925, the house went back to the bank. Second owner: Conrad Rosendahl, a Decorah mayor and owner of The Sugar Bowl restaurant. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved, with restored front porch.	Information from 2023 owner Elizabeth Lorentzen
	308	Sanford Street	William Bernhard and Sophie (Larson) Ingvolstad	1903	Residential	Borger Hanson	Two story frame Queen Anne with 3 story turret and open front porch. Owned by long-time Decorah lumberman W.B. Ingvolstad, built by Borger Hanson, who built a number of Decorah homes on Washington St. and in the Park addition. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved exterior. More recent additions and garage on the east side. Converted back into single family home after being subdivided into three apartments.	Winneshiek Title and Abstract, Decorah Public Opinion, 8/19/03

	208	Center St.	Oscar and Anna (Evenson) Bauder	1904	Residential		Somewhat unusual low equilateral-hipped/cross-gabled roofed folk Victorian home. Perhaps Decorah's oldest active businessman, for 65 years until his death, Oscar was a partner in a Decorah plumbing and heating firm. Childhood home of Helen (Bauder) Carlson. Property includes a 1910 two-story carriage house (assessor date), with notable 1980s Gothic church window addition. (Assessor date confirmed by 2023 owner, Adrienne Coffeen, and newspaper.)	Distinctive design on a prominent round-corner lot. Exterior and interior well-preserved. Rear addition being added in 2022.	
	206	W. Main St.	Emma Duffy	1904	Residential		Substantial brick house facing Courthouse, used by two generations of Lynch family lawyers for their office. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved in its original location facing the Courthouse. The house probably had a belvedere, and the second-story screen porch is likely not original.	Davis, 25.
	610	Franklin St.		1910	Residential		Important for associations with Lovina "Mother Benedict" Blackmarr Benedict, a Quaker who championed women, especially prostitutes and unwed mothers, in all 99 Iowa counties, and who had a home for unwed mothers in this property. (Assessor date.)	Architecturally insignificant, and stuccoed, but important for its associations.	Elizabeth Lorentzen, "Woman's Work for Woman," WCHS Newsletter Sept 2022.
	308	Day St.	L. G. Helgesen	1910	Residential		Sears one-story, front-gabled "Argyle" #2018 bungalow.	High integrity, with much exterior and interior detailing matching the Sears "Argyle" catalog description. Expanded and renovated kitchen to the rear.	
	505	Fifth Ave.	Klemet Haugen	1900	Residential		Well-preserved or replicated Italianate architecture and home of K. I. Haugen, proprietor of the "Big Daylight" store, now the Decorah Furniture building, 311 W. Water St. (Date from owner Constance Johnson.)	Home's Italianate features carefully restored 2005-2015 using photographic evidence by Constance Johnson, former owner. She constructed the carriage house in 2016 on the footprint of the original barn, although it is more ornate than the barn. Constance Johnson said home was originally 1-story built around 1877. Haugen added 2nd story and maids' wing around 1900.	
	720	Washington St.	George and Helene Johnson	1915	Residential		Sears kit home called "The Osborn" delivered by train and ready to assemble. Kit cost \$2,192. Built by co-owner of his father's historic "Peter Johnson and Sons Plumbing and Heating" business. (Assessor date.)	Street elevation is well preserved, including an overlay on the original chimney. The major second-story addition to the rear is well integrated, including imitation of barge boards and gable detailing.	Adrienne Coffeen, using information from her mother Phylis (Johnson) Leseth who grew up in the home.
	207	Hollihan St.		1916	Residential		Claimed to be a Sears home, although 2020 addition didn't surface any new proof. (Assessor date.)		
	206	Fifth Ave.	A.R. and Ida (Olson) Coffeen	1917	Residential	A.R. Coffeen	Substantial brick Four Square home and garage, with Prairie/Mission detailing, designed and built in a prominent location by and for A. R. Coffeen, a former city engineer who developed a major local, regional, and national construction business. (Assessor date 2018.)	High integrity in all ways, including the tile roof and the prominent setting at the head of Fifth Ave.	
	510	North St.	William "Billy" and Amelia (Schust) Sihler	1920	Residential	William Sihler	Home with unusual construction of double-wall--with air space between--solid concrete blocks molded on-site by the owner/builder and his Luther College students. Sihler was a prominent Luther German teacher who served in multiple capacities from 1890-1940. (Assessor date.)	Original block home is unchanged. A major 2014 addition to the rear (north), including an attached garage, doubles the house's size. the prominent wrap-around second-story porch is probably not original.	Notes from 2023 owners Ruth Caldwell and Uwe Rudolf.

	204	Rural Ave.		1920	Residential		Substantial two-story front-gabled house with Craftsman style eave and porch braces, and second-story Shingle style cladding, with original matching garage.	Well-preserved, with new 2022 limestone walls that highlight the elevated corner lot location.	
	305	Fifth Ave.	Charles and Leila (Marsh) Altfillisch.	1921	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Fairly well-preserved first home of important regional architect. (Newspaper and CA research date. Assessor date 1925.)		Altfillisch project research.
	401	E. Broadway	Frank H. and Bess (Jones) Germann	1921	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	First residential design by Hanson and Altfillisch. (Newspaper and CA research date.)	Well preserved, including freestanding garage	Altfillisch project research.
	704	W. Water St.	Adolph and Frances (Young) Leytze	1922	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	1892 Baptist church converted into residence. (Newspaper and CA research date.)	Well preserved.	Altfillisch project research.
	302	North St.		1922	Residential		Early two-story, side-gabled bungalow on a visible lot. (Assessor date.)	Unsure if stucco is original.	Owners: Harland Nelson (ca. 1963-68), Dennis Jones, etc.
	103	Rural Ave.	Lars A. and Sylvia (Bidne) Seim	1929	Residential	Lars A. Seim	The personal family-owned home of local builder/architect Lars Seim in the side-gabled Tudor Cottage style.	Original location, footprint, and window openings. Stucco finishing may be original—the 2023 owner has seen wood siding underneath the front porch stucco, but doesn't know if it extends throughout the house exterior.	Newspaper article ca. construction.
	722	Day St.	Oscar and "Minnie" (Olga Nelson) Monson	1930	Residential		Colonial revival house with distinctive ground-story brickwork, including flat-arch windows and a unique door surround. (Date Assessor)	Well-preserved. May have been built by Berge brothers. Purchased in 1940 by Roy Berge.	
	407	E. Main St.	Fridolph and Edna (Hanson) Peterson	1930	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Early Tudor Revival Cottage, with original stucco in place.	Well preserved	Altfillisch project research.
	110	Pleasant Hill Dr.	Einar and Lully (Hansen) Lund	1931	Residential	Lully Lund	Distinctive clipped-gable house (named "Solihoegda") built by Norwegian-American editor of Decorah Posten, designed by his wife Lully Lund, perhaps based on Norwegian gentry houses. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved exterior. Interior French doors may have been removed in 2010s.	John Christianson, George Knudson
	500	Fifth Ave.	Edwin J and Virginia (Amsden) Goen	1932	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Well-preserved, distinctive Colonial design with spacious frontage, designed by important regional architect. (CA research date.)		Altfillisch project research.
	606	Vernon St.	Hjalmar Carlson	1936	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	One-of-a-kind Decorah International Style duplex, an early experiment with full concrete construction	Well preserved	Altfillisch project research.
	702	Center Ave.	Frank C. and Sofie (Klatt) Kochendorfer	1938	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive architecture. One of a handful of International Style Decorah buildings. (CA research date.)	High, including attached garage	Altfillisch project research.
	212	High St.	Roy and Helen (Bauder) Carlson	1938	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Striking International Style house, moderately well-preserved. Part of the important Carlson/Altfillisch family nexus.		Altfillisch project research.

	101 Pleasant Hill Dr.	John J and Angela (Moore) Blodgett	1938	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Colonial revival distinctive for the horizontal and vertical board siding	Stone garage addition is major, but compatible	Altfillisch project research.
	309 Pershing Ave.		1938	Residential	Lars Seim	Distinctive Moderne box built by progressive Decorah architect	Both this home and the similar 319 Pershing appear well preserved.	Altfillisch tour of "non-Altfillisch" buildings
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	414 North St.	Hamlet and Thelma (Olson) Peterson	1939	Residential		Colonial style house on a distinctive sloped lot with curving stone stairway designed by William Lockard and Charles Altfillisch. Built by important Luther College coach. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved	Altfillisch tour of "non-Altfillisch" buildings
	100 Pleasant Hill Dr.	Lester and Helen (Kersten) Larson	1940	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive Colonial Revival, Cape Cod home by important regional architect.	Well-preserved, including new cedar shingle roof.	Altfillisch project research.
	313 East St.		1941	Residential		Cape Cod smooth-faced concrete block house, with lighter block corner quoins, with original matching garage. Material and style in national vogue during the 1930s, but one of few Decorah examples. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved	
	900 Pleasant Ave.	Everett and Eva (Nelson) Reardon	1942	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive English Cottage on an expansive site, designed by important regional architect.(Dating by Altfillisch blueprints)	Well-preserved	Altfillisch project research.
	220 Riverview Dr.	Donald and Ilene (Meyer) Moore	1947	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive "three-stage" Ranch House design by important regional architect.	Well-preserved	Altfillisch project research.
	601 North St.		1948	Residential		Smooth-face concrete block home with some International Style window detailing, with original tuck-under basement garage. Material and style in national vogue during 1930s, but one of few Decorah examples. (Assessor date.)	Well-preserved	
	603 North St.	Oivind and Harriet (Knutson) Hovde	1948	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	One of two mirroring Usonian Midcentury Modern houses designed by important regional architect. (Dating by Altfillisch records and family.)		Altfillisch project research.
	605 North St.	Adrian and Orene (Madson) Docken	1948	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	One of two mirroring Usonian Midcentury Modern houses designed by important regional architect.		Altfillisch project research.
	905 Vernon St.		1949	Residential		Construction of concrete block "embedded with crushed stone" (Anderson 77). (Assessor date.)		
	301 Pleasant Hill	William and Ivanelle (Schlake) Lockard	1953	Residential	William Lockard	Midcentury Modern Ranch home designed by local architect William Lockard for his family, and open for a 1954 Woman's Club tour because of its modern features. (Newspaper date; Assessor 1954 date.)	Well-preserved.	Newspaper research by Cindy Womeldorf
	217 Riverview Dr.	Carl and Eleanor (Field) Nichols	1956	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Distinctive, midcentury ranch home with adjoining yard. (Dating by Altfillisch blueprints.)	Very well-preserved.	Altfillisch project research.

	629	Center St.	Ole and Corinne (Hellie) Davidson	1957	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Striking Midcentury Modern design by important regional architect. (Dating by Altfillisch records and family.)	Well-preserved main architectural elements. The exterior siding was replaced in 2010.	Altfillisch project research.
	901	Park St.	John and Jean (Baker) Sproatt	1957	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Midcentury Modern Ranch, with impressive view, designed by prominent Midwest architect. (Date confirmed by family.)	Well preserved from street and interior, with distinctive recent patio at rear	Altfillisch project research.
	801	Mound St.	Charles and Leila (Marsh) Altfillisch	1957	Residential	Charles Altfillisch	Architecturally significant second and final home of important regional architect Charles Altfillisch. (CA research date.)	Well-preserved, including many rooms inside and some furniture.	Altfillisch project research.
	1303	Skyline Dr.	Lowell and Audrey (Stephenson) Erdman	1962	Residential	Lowell Erdman	Ultra-modern Midcentury Modern home designed by City Engineer Lowell Erdman (1955-1990), built by McKernan, an early Minowa Heights developer, and childhood home of subsequent City Engineer Lindsay Erdman (1990-2018). One of the first homes in Minowa Heights subdivision annexed by the City of Decorah. Has a notable view over the valley. Lowell Erdman responded to Charles Altfillisch's ad for the City Engineer position. Cement yard ornament is from the upper part of the bank that is currently BMO (Bank of Montreal).	Well-preserved. Original owner and designer passed away 5/26/23.	Lindsay Erdman