

124 N. Water St.

Listed as a Local Landmark August 1, 2016



Significance

Built in 1853, the house at 124 N. Water St. is the oldest surviving residential structure in Warrensburg. The home is historically significant due to its relation to the development of the original town portion of the community. Throughout the years, many of the old town structures have been lost to redevelopment or neglect. When the current property owners bought the house in 2012, it was in desperate need of repairs. The property has been modified through an addition and remodel projects, but the main form of the original structure remains intact. The addition was done in such a way as to complement the original structure and does not overshadow or detract from its historic significance. The home is also known to be the former residence of Colonel Roberts, a veteran of the Civil War.



When inventoried as part of the 2007 Cultural Resource Survey, the home was in danger of being lost due to the extensive repairs needed.



While making repairs, the property owners kept as many of the historic features as possible. The mantels on the lower and upper level fireplaces are original. The decorative filigree was added.



The ceiling joists were left visible for aesthetic purposes, but no longer provide the structural support for the upper floor. Notice the mortise and tenon joints comprised of the cavity (mortise) and tongue (tenon) that connect the joists where they meet at a 90 degree angle.



Today, the home is about 1,200 sq. ft. and contains a living room (pictured), 1 bedroom, 2 modern bathrooms, a modern kitchen, and small den space.



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