



Weaver House was once home of James B. Weaver

Former Presidential candidate's home offers overnight stays

The eerie sensation that a wispy black shadow is gliding through the house or the mission clock near the fireplace in the dining room always stops at 2 p.m. might be that General James B. Weaver is out guarding the Historical Weaver House.

General Weaver bought the land for the house in about 1865, and it is believed that it was erected about 1867. Weaver lived in the home with his family until 1890 when they moved to Des Moines.

Weaver was a Bloomfield lawyer, Civil War general and two-time Presidential candidate. The striking two-story, pink brick structure was Iowa's 12th national landmark, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Today, Joyce and Ronald Gaston own the home. They purchased it in 2005.

The residence is described as an inverted L-shaped, two-story, red brick structure with a single story rear ell. The house is supported by a massive sandstone foundation that is original. The most distinctive features of the home are the one-over-one, center-pointed sash windows on the two-story portion. All are topped by denticulate, brick hoodmolds, and each first-story window is matched by an identical second-story opening. The home features 10 pairs of windows like this.

The two-tiered porch was restored by former owners but continues to be a unique feature of this home. The porch originally covered the main entrance to the home. The porch features custom-built porch rails to match the originals.

While previous owners have made changes, such as removing most of the fireplaces and adding bathrooms and a sunroom, the original

floor plan is pretty much intact—including 12-foot ceilings throughout the house.

Step into the main foyer and you're facing the beautiful wooden staircase.

"Come spend a night with us and go back to a genteel, gracious time when garden strolls and elegant appointment made for the most wonderful visits. Step into the past when life was spent savoring the surrounding beauty and sharing special quiet times to be forever cherished.

"All this can happen when you stroll through one of the fragrant flower gardens on the rambling one and one half acres.

"Climb the massive staircase and you will find one of the original nine-foot mirrors, leading to the elegant guestrooms and the balcony overlooking the breathtaking grounds.

"Whether you are looking for a warm and inviting experience, wanting to get away from it all, or romance your significant other in this comfy, quaintly charming, alluring yesteryear, the Weaver House is the place to visit," stated Joyce Gaston, owner.

The Gastons handle the stately presence of the Weaver House as a place of inspiration, delight and personal pride. Since owning the home, the Gastons have remodeled and re-decorated each room, putting it back to the charm of Colonialism. Joyce is the hostess of the home while Ronald enjoys the challenges of continual restoration efforts.

The Weaver House is a happy warm home where visitors are indulged in luxury and jovial, warm hospitality. They have kept the colonial charm, but yet mixed some 21st century luxury such as high-speed wireless Internet.