

# CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

**Historic Name:** John A. O'Brien House

**Address:** 306 West Olive Street

**Current Owner:** Rivertown Inn

**Inventory No.:** WA-SWC- 150

**County:** Washington

**PIN:** 11580-2050

**City/Township:** Stillwater

**Review/Compliance No:**

**Township:** T30N **Range:** R20W **Section:** NW SE 28

**U.S.G.S. Quad Map:** Stillwater, Minn-Wisc., 1967, photorevised 1980

**U.T.M.:** 15 514865 4988740

**Architect/Contractor:**

**Style:** Queen Anne

**Date Built:** 1882 (CA) (RTR 1988)

**Photo Number(s):** Roll: 012958

**Frame(s):** 21, 22, 23

**Survey Name:** Stillwater South Hill Survey

**Form Prepared by:** Thomas R. Zahn and Norene Roberts

**Date Surveyed:** February-June, 1996

## Physical Description:

This house mixes Queen Anne with Italianate paired brackets, and a Classically-inspired front porch. The property has a gazebo, and an iron fence.

## Significance:

306 West Olive Street

☐ is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Date listed on the National Register:

☐ is not preliminarily eligible to the National Register

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☐ Insufficient information to make a determination.

This study is a preliminary determination because it is only the second of the Stillwater neighborhoods to be surveyed.

**Statewide Historic Contexts:** St. Croix Triangle Lumbering, 1843-1914; Early Agriculture and River Settlement, 1840-1870.

**Local Historic Contexts:** Development of Residential Neighborhoods in Stillwater, 1850s-1940s.

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Address: 306 West Olive Street

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Present Use: commercial, bed & breakfast

**Zoning District:**

<b>Integrity:</b>	<u>      </u> Excellent	<b>Condition:</b>	<u>  X  </u> Excellent
	<u>  X  </u> Good		<u>      </u> Good
	<u>      </u> Fair		<u>      </u> Fair
	<u>      </u> Poor		<u>      </u> Poor

Stories: 2 1/2

Roof style/shape: gabled

Structural System: wood frame

Windows: 1-over-1 wood frame double-hung

Foundation: stone

Wall Treatment: weatherboard

Alterations: stairway added, new carriage house constructed on site (1 1/2 story with one-bay garage)

<b>Legal Description:</b>	Plat	Block	Lot
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**Historic Information:**

Barrett's 1887 city directory (p. 176) does not list John A. O'Brien at this address, but the Polk city Directory, 1892-93 (p. 219) lists him as living here.

**Sources:**

RTR Tour Book, 1988.  
House Vertical File, Stillwater Public Library  
Peterson & Thilgen (1993), p. 19.  
Barrett, 1887 city directory, p.176.  
Polk city directory, 1892-93, p. 219.

Open to the public:        Yes        No   X   Limited