

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (November 2005)

State Inventory No. 09-00631 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00621
 Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
 National Register Status:(any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE
 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____
 Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Schell, Henry and Mabel, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 614 1st Ave NW

city or town Waverly vicinity, county Bremer

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision M.N. LeValley Add. Block(s) 60 Lot(s) E 60' Lot 6

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).
 Title Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

01A Single Dwelling 01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage 01C05 Garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) **Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

09A06 Hipped Roof, 2-story (American Four-Square) foundation 10A Concrete Block

_____ walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard

_____ roof 08A Asphalt/Shingle

_____ other _____

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | A | Property is associated with significant events. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | B | Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | C | Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | D | Property yields significant information in archaeology or history. |

County Bremer
City Waverly

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Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

02 ARCHITECTURE

Significant Dates

Construction date 1914 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____

Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet # _____	Frame/slot # _____	Date Taken _____
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- See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.
- Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
 - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
 - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1915 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built before the World War I period. Various news accounts date the construction for this house to 1914. It was designed for the H.G. Schell family by Waverly architectural designer, John F. Leitha. A construction date of 1914 is consistent with public records.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a Hipped Roof, 2-story house form known as the "American Four-Square" that became popular in Iowa prior to World War I and continued to be built into the 1920s in Waverly. The house has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with narrow wood clapboard siding and corner board trim. A moderate-pitched hipped roof has a hipped roof attic dormer on the front slope. Wide eaves on the house and dormer are lined with vertical trim boards at the edges simulating exposed rafter tails. An exposed reddish-brown colored brick chimney pierces the eave on the west facade. The flat-roofed front porch spans the full south façade and has similar trim boards along the cornice. Full-height fluted piers on concrete block pedestals are at the outer corners and adjacent to the entrance steps at the east end opposite the off-set entrance door and side-light. Both the door and window have vertical lights in their tall windows. A pediment supported by knee-brace brackets extends over the entrance steps with the tympanum finished in stucco and rectilinear wood cross-moldings. The low porch balustrade is composed of closely spaced square spindles and the skirting has narrowly spaced vertical slats.

Fenestration throughout the house includes widely spaced single 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes on the secondary facades with more decorative sash on the front façade. On the first floor, a variation of a cottage window with twin units containing horizontal sash over large rectangular single-light fixed sash, is located to the left of the front entrance. The entrance door has tall and narrow vertical lights that are matched in the adjacent side-light. The widely spaced double-hung units on the upper level of the front have simple geometric patterns in the upper sashes. The dormer contains a group of three closely spaced, small 1/1 double-hung windows.

A detached frame 1-story garage is located at the rear of the property. It has matching siding and retains its original form and detailing.

Alterations: no major changes.

8. Significance

The Schell House at 420 1st Ave NW built in ca. 1915 is an example of an American Four-Square house form from the post-World War I period. It is typical of several other Four-Square houses built as in-fill housing during the years before and after the war in this neighborhood. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C and the garage is considered contributing as well.

According to the current property owners and numerous newspaper accounts, the original owner/builder/occupants of this house were Henry G. Schell and his wife Mabel. Henry owned and

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operated the H.G. Schell Grocery at 223 W. Bremer St when the house was built in 1914. A biography for Henry Schell taken from Joseph Grawe's *History of Bremer County, Iowa Vol. II* (1914) appears below:

"Henry G. Schell, a successful and enterprising representative of business interests in Waverly, is the proprietor of a grocery store and also handles flour, feed, etc. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Bremer County, his birth having occurred in Washington Township on the 14th of December, 1872. His parents, Jacob and Louisa (des Granges) Schell, were both natives of Germany, the former born in Baden on the 27th of June, 1827 and the latter on the 17th of January, 1833. Jacob Schell, an agriculturist by occupation, emigrated to the United States in 1849, locating near Buffalo, New York, where he continued to reside until after the close of the Civil war. The lady who became his wife crossed the Atlantic to America in 1854. In 1866 Jacob Schell came to Bremer county, Iowa, and for a time cultivated a tract of rented land in Warren township. Subsequently he purchased a small farm east of Waverly and resided thereon for a period of forty years. His demise occurred on the 27th of January, 1912, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 7th of April following. They had gained many friends in the community during the long period of their residence here, and their passing was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Henry G. Schell, the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, obtained his early education in the Goodspeed School of Washington Township and subsequently continued his studies in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. When a youth of seventeen he began clerking in a grocery store at Waverly, remaining in that position for about six years, on the expiration of which period he pursued a year's commercial course at Fayette. He then entered the grocery store of H.L. Haase and at the end of about six months embarked in the grocery business on his own account, opening a store in the building which adjoins his present establishment. In 1907 he purchased the lots adjoining and erected the building in which he has conducted business since the 27th of October, 1908. He carries an extensive line of staple and fancy groceries and also handles flour, feed, etc., enjoying an enviable and liberal patronage because of his straightforward methods and reliable dealings. He is a stockholder in the sugar factory and also in the State Bank of Waverly.

On the 28th of March, 1900, Mr. Schell was united in marriage to Miss Mabel A. Chapin, a native of Fremont Township, Bremer County, and a daughter of Lyman and Orpha (Gleason) Chapin, natives of New York. They took up their abode near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and thence came to Iowa in the early '60's, the father devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits in this state until he passed away on the 18th of December, 1910. The demise of his wife occurred on the 7th of May, 1913. Lyman Chapin served in the famous Crocker brigade from Waverly. Mr. and Mrs. Schell have a daughter, Marion Ruth, who was born on the 2d of July, 1905, and is attending school.

In politics Mr. Schell is an independent republican and at the present time is ably serving as a member of the city council. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is identified with the Maccabees and the Woodmen. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Bremer County and enjoy the friendship and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact."

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9. Sources

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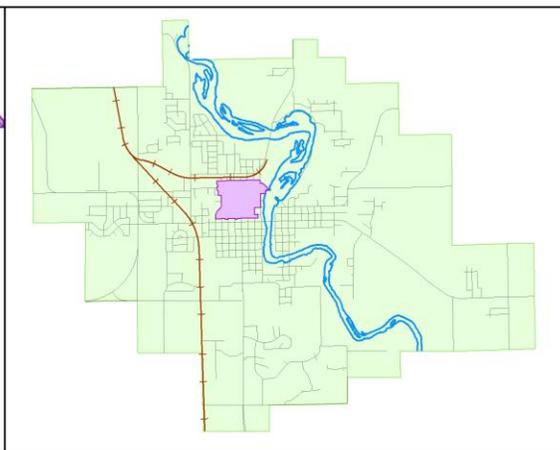
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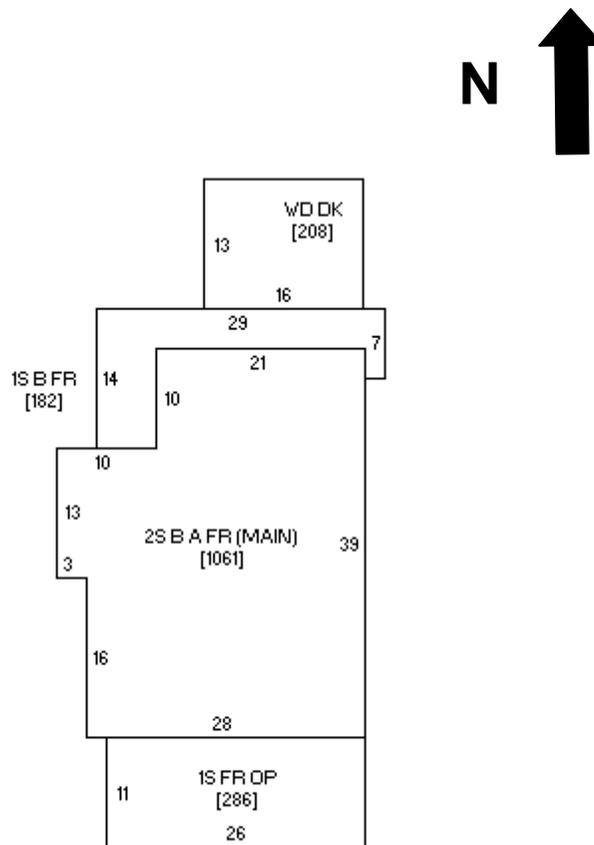
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 614 1st Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903241014&index=0&size=0>; accessed 9/26/2012.



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