

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

State Inventory No. 09-00699

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 Korth, Gustav H. and Mary, House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 316 3<sup>rd</sup> St 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 Harmon & LeValley Addition

Block(s) 34

Lot(s) S 58' 3 & 4

**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)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

*If Non-Eligible Property*

Enter number of:

- buildings
- sites
- structures
- objects
- Total

*If Eligible Property, enter number of:*

Contributing Noncontributing

- 2 buildings
- sites
- structures
- objects
- 2 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

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01C05 Garage

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**7. Description**

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

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

09A04 Side-Gabled, 2-story (with center gable)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 06 Stucco

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)

- Yes  No  More Research Recommended

- A Property is associated with significant events.
- B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
- C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
- D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

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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*  
1920  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
1940 - garage

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

**Architect/Builder**

*Architect*

*Builder*

Korth, Gustav H., 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

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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 1920 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the 1890s to 1920s. Property transfer records show the parcel was acquired by G.H. Korth in February 1920 from John Graening. A newspaper account from the *Bremer County Independent* on February 20, 1920 describes Korth's purchase of an existing house on N Linn St (3<sup>rd</sup> St NW) and plans to build one or two houses on it. Korth was a building contractor and likely built this house. He and his wife Mary resided at this address according to telephone directories until selling it in 1933. A construction date of 1920 is consistent with public records.

This large 2-story stucco house is an example of a vernacular Side-Gable, 2-story house form sometimes referred to as a "Center Gable House" because of the inclusion of a gable wall dormer centered on the front façade. Most examples of this style in Iowa date from the 1860s to the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Korth House has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with stucco walls; diagonal stickwork is in the tympanum of the broad, front-gabled screened porch. The moderate pitched side-gable roof has deep eaves with a centered wall dormer on the front façade. Knee-brace brackets are at the purlin points of the dormer and the end gables. The porch spans the full front façade with square, half-height concrete block columns with battered piers at the outer corners. The balustrade is closed with matching stucco cladding and a concrete-block foundation in lieu of skirting. A continuous row of 1/1 double-hung windows fills the space above the balustrade with the entrance at the center.

Fenestration throughout the house includes 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes with a pair of windows in the front center gable dormer, second floor. Elsewhere, 1/1 units are asymmetrically placed on walls in order to accommodate internal room usage and staircases. The front door has a tall sash with geometric shaped lights.

A detached frame double-bay garage is located at the rear of the property east of the house. It has a broad, moderate-pitched front gable roof and a single-bay overhead door and service entrance facing 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW. It is clad in asbestos shingle siding (possibly original) with 4-light fixed sash windows. The building was constructed in 1940 according to Assessor records

Alterations: garage (1940).

## 8. Significance

The Gustav and Mary Korth House at 316 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW built in 1920 is an example of a Side-Gable, 2-story house form popular from the 1860s through the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century known as a "Center-Gable House." The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C. The garage is considered contributing because of its early construction and the retention of its integrity.

According to newspaper accounts, this house was one of two houses built on Lots 3 and 4 in Block 34, Harmon and LeValley's Addition after Gustav H. Korth acquired the "Houghton place" on 2/20/1920. Korth was a "builder of new houses" according to the 1920 Federal Census; he built this house for his

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wife, Mary, and family. A second house was planned but never built immediately north leaving the Houghton place there until it was razed in ca. 1993. The property was first sold separately from the original parcel, which included lots 3&4, on 5/3/1919 by W.E. Krumholz to John Graening for \$1250.

John Graening then sold it to Gustav Korth, again for \$1250, on 2/11/1920. The Korths resided at 316 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW until they sold the property to Emma Beck on 10/30/1933 for \$4200. Emma held the property until 1950 when she transferred it to Friendship Haven, Inc.

### 9. Sources

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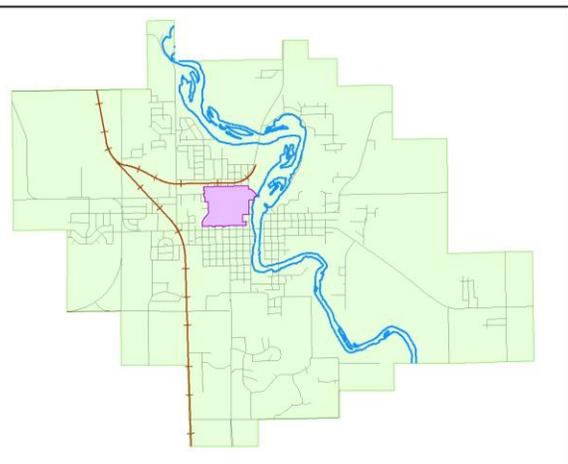
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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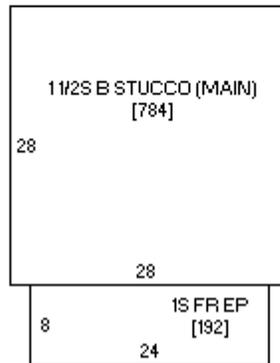
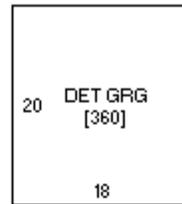
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Floor plan, 316 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902110002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 1/5/2013.



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