

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00732**  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 Mueller, Ewald and Katharina, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 402 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Harmon & LeValley Addition Block(s) 43 Lot(s) Lot 8, N To Section Line

**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**

<i>If Non-Eligible Property</i>		<i>If Eligible Property, enter number of:</i>	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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

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01C05 Garage

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**7. Description**

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

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

09A05 Pyramidal or Hipped Roof (1-story)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 05E Aluminum

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)

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|--|---|--|
| <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*  
1928  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
1928 - garage

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

**Architect/Builder**

*Architect*

*Builder*

Blain, George; John Poorman & Son

**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 1925 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from ca. 1900 through the 1920s. Property transfer records show this property sold to Ewald Mueller from John Pries in March 1927. The following year a newspaper account listed Ewald in connection with a house on 4<sup>th</sup> St NW – the intersecting street for this house at 402 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. The 1927 Sanborn Map does not depict this block so the house's construction prior to that year cannot be confirmed. The 1931 telephone directory lists Ewald Mueller at this house. Public records make it likely that the house was completed in 1928, several years later than the estimated Assessor's date. Contractors were George Blain for the masonry work and John Poorman & Son for the carpentry (*Bremer County Independent*, 8/2/1928).

This 1-story frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form. The Mueller House has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with dark red mortar and wide aluminum siding on the walls. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with wide eaves and hipped roof attic dormers on the front and slopes. This plan variation has a cut-away or recessed porch beneath at the southeast corner. The porch has a matching concrete block foundation and a closed balustrade with a single square pier at the outer corner, all clad in aluminum siding. The entrance steps are lined with matching concrete block.

Fenestration includes a mix of single and paired 3/1 double-hung windows and several replacement casement windows in original openings. The dormer has a group of three square windows each with three vertical lights. Together, the Craftsman windows suggest the house may have had other Craftsman Style design elements prior to the siding and porch modifications.

A detached double-bay frame garage is located north of the house opening on to 4<sup>th</sup> St NW. It has a low-pitched hipped roof with a replacement overhead door. It was constructed in 1925 according to Assessor records and has clapboard-style aluminum siding.

Alterations: siding and porch changes, undated; some window replacements, undated.

## 8. Significance

The Ewald and Katharina Mueller House at 402 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW was built in ca. 1928 and is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house. The house is also an example of a number of houses built in the Harmon and LeValley Addition by Bremer County farms as investment properties, sometimes used as rental dwellings and eventually occupied as retirement homes. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show this property sold to Ewald Mueller by John Pries in March 1927 after Pries held it for 11 months. Ewald Mueller was a farmer in Bremer County at the time he and his wife Katharina acquired this property. He also served as the president of the Waverly Farmers Exchange prior to his retirement. A front-page newspaper account on 8/2/1928 talks about Ewald Mueller and a

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house on North Locust St (4<sup>th</sup> St NW) which was the corner house numbered as 402 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. A copy of the short article appears below:

**EWALD MUELLER TO BUILD  
NEW HOME ON NORTH LOCUST**

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Mueller will build a modern home on North Locust street, work on the basement to start Aug. 16. It will be of the bungalow type, 32x40 feet, and will be equipped with every modern convenience.

The building will be a frame structure and the interior finishing will be quarter-sawed white oak. George Blain has the contract for the mason work and John Poorman & Son will do the carpenter work.

The couple was residing here in 1931 according to the telephone directory for that year. Ewald died in 1936 but the house remained in the family until Katharina's death in 1951.

The house then passed to Helen and Arthur Roloff briefly in 1952-1953 and then was sold to Theodore and Millie Krueger who resided here during the 1950s according to telephone directories. It passed to Lavern and Leona Krueger in 1960 and then to Romane and Helen Krueger in 1981.

## 9. Sources

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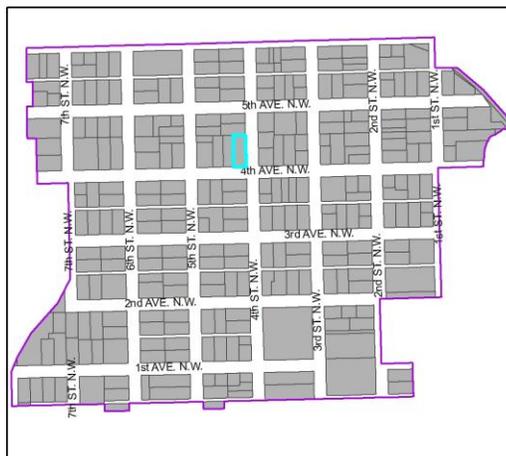
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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**Photographs:** 402 4th Ave NW, looking southwest and west, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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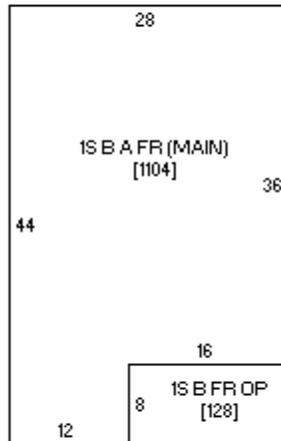
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**Floor plan**, 402 4th Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903229004&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/3/2013.



Sketch by [www.camavision.com](http://www.camavision.com)