

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

State Inventory No. 09-00733

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 Bruns, Albert and Pauline, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 406 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) E 56' Lot 7 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**

*If Non-Eligible Property*

Enter number of:

— buildings  
 — sites  
 — structures  
 — objects  
 — Total

*If Eligible Property, enter number of:*

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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)

01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage

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

01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage

**7. Description**

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

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing (2-story)

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04 Stone

walls (visible material) 15B Vinyl

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.

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*  
1893  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
Garage - 1960

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

**Architect/Builder**

*Architect*

*Builder*

Bruns, Anton

**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 1893 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1880s to the 1910s. The property was transferred from Daniel Dean to Anton Bruns in April 1893. Anton sold the property the following December to Albert Bruns, likely his father. A *Bremer County Independent* news account on January 26, 1893 identifies Anton Bruns as having “commenced building on the lots he recently purchased of Dan Dean.” On February 16, 1893, another account said that “Anton Bruns has his new residence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward enclosed.” Then yet another account in the *Bremer County Independent* on April 6, 1893 identifies Anton Bruns as building a good new house in the Second ward.” The house was likely built sometime soon after the 1893 acquisition by the Anton Bruns making the ca. 1893 date consistent with public records.

This frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing house form. Its plan is a reverse of the house located next door to the west at 416 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW suggesting both houses were built by the same contractor. The Bruns House has a parged stone foundation with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding. The front-gable section has a moderate-pitched roof with narrow eaves and the side-gabled west wing has a similar pitch with a gabled wall dormer on the front slope. The original porch filling the left-hand ell has been removed and replaced with a hipped roof awning over the door and windows but no deck. A rear entrance addition has been added at the northwest corner of the house. Window openings may have been modified when the house was sided. Current window units are 1/1 double-hung sash in singles and pairs. There are no feature windows.

A detached single-bay frame garage is located on the north side of the house. It is clad in matching vinyl clapboard siding and was constructed in 1960 according to Assessor records.

Alterations: siding and windows, undated; rear entrance addition, ca. 1970; garage, 1960.

## 8. Significance

The Bruns House at 406 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW was built in ca. 1893 and is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing house form. The house is one of a pair of nearly identical reverse-plan houses built next to one another in the same block. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

According to property transfer records, the property was transferred from Daniel Dean to Anton Bruns in April 1893. Bruns sold 406 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to Albert Bruns (his son possibly) in December 1893. The 1899 city directory shows both Anton Bruns, retired, and Albert Bruns, co-owner of Bruns & Nichols, windmill dealer, living across the street at 407 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, which was likely a street numbering mistake. Anton Bruns died in 1900. By 1913, the city directory published that year shows Albert, retired, residing with his wife, Pauline, at 406 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. Anton, son of Albert and Pauline, resided here and worked at the Waterloo Skirt and Garment Co. Their daughter Mary, not employed, also resided with the family.

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It is likely that the Bruns family was involved in the construction of both 406 and 416 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW based on the various accounts of construction during 1893 and 1894. It is most likely that 406 4<sup>th</sup> Ave was the first of the two built next to one another.

### 9. Sources

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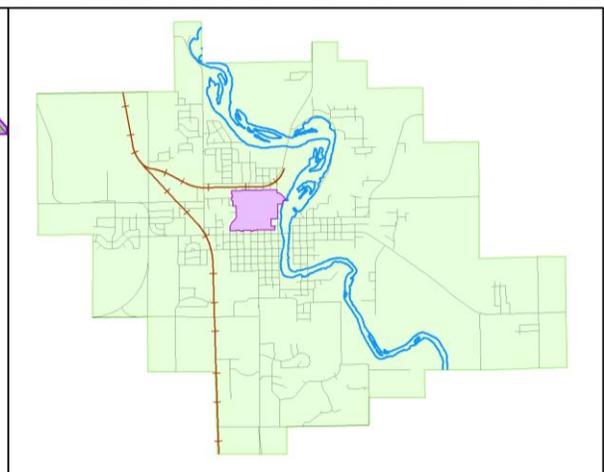
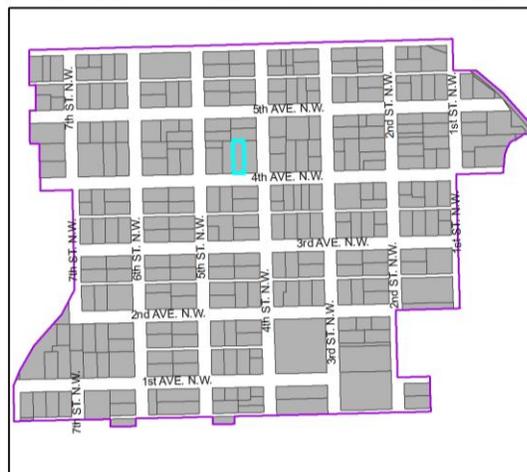
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

**406 4th Ave NW  
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**Photographs:** 406 4th Ave NW, looking northeast and northwest, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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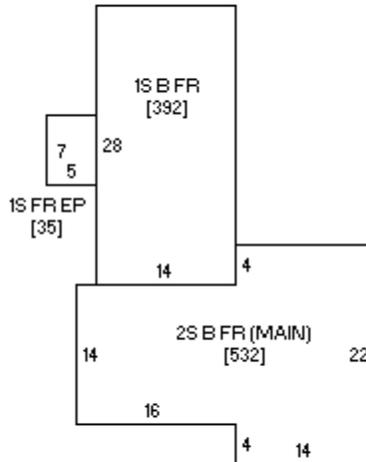
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**Floor plan**, 406 4th Ave, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903229003&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/04/2013.



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