

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

State Inventory No. 09-00734

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 Ecker, Robert and Winifred, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 415 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) Harmon and LeValley Add.

Block(s) 44

Lot(s) Lot 3

**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

1      1 buildings  
 —      — sites  
 —      — structures  
 —      — objects  
1      1 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

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural Survey

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)

09A14 Side Gabled Roof (1-story)

foundation

10A Concrete Block

10B Minimal Traditional

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*  
1948  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
Garage - 2003

**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

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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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Ecker House	Bremer
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415 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW	Waverly
Address	City

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## 7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1948 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form is typical of the small and compact infill houses in Waverly built during the late 1930s and 1940s. In June 1945 Bremer County Property Transfer Records show Robert and Winifred Ecker acquiring this property making it likely the house was built soon after acquisition. Therefore, a construction date of ca. 1948 is consistent with public records for this property.

This 1½-story frame house is an example of a vernacular Minimal Traditional Side-Gable Roof house form. In this case the house has salt-box shape with the rear half 2-stories in height and the front half having only one story with an extended slope. This house has a concrete block foundation with walls clad in narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding. The house has a moderate pitched side-gable roof with narrow eaves. The entrance is recessed and set slightly off center. Fenestration includes single, paired and triple single-light casement windows of various sizes that are undated replacements. The house retains its original front door with three short vertical lights above a pair of tall panels.

The property has two frame double-car garages south of the main house. One was built in 1994 and the other in 2003 according to Assessor records. One is attached and the other is detached but both have front-gable roofs, matching siding, double-wide overhead garage doors. One of the garages likely serves as storage for the Ecker Greenhouse/Florist Shop located to the south on Block 44.

Alterations: Aluminum siding (undated); a metal awning extends over the front steps.

## 8. Significance

The Robert and Winifred Ecker House at 415 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW built in ca. 1948 is an example of a vernacular Minimal Traditional Side-Gable Roof house form typical of the economical and efficient plans introduced during the 1930s and 1940s by pattern book and plan bureaus seeking to provide creative small house designs for the Great Depression and World War years. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C while the garages are considered noncontributing because of recent construction dates.

Robert and Winifred Ecker acquired this property in June 1945 from John P. Wright and his wife Bess. This followed a sale the previous year when the Wrights sold the Waverly Greenhouse business to the Eckers as well. In July 1948, Robert and Winifred sold 415 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to Theodore Ecker. It is not clear whether Robert and Winifred or Ted Ecker built this residence but after 1948 and into the 1950s, Ted and his wife Barbara resided here. Various members of the Ecker family continued to hold the property at least into the 1990s.

## 9. Sources

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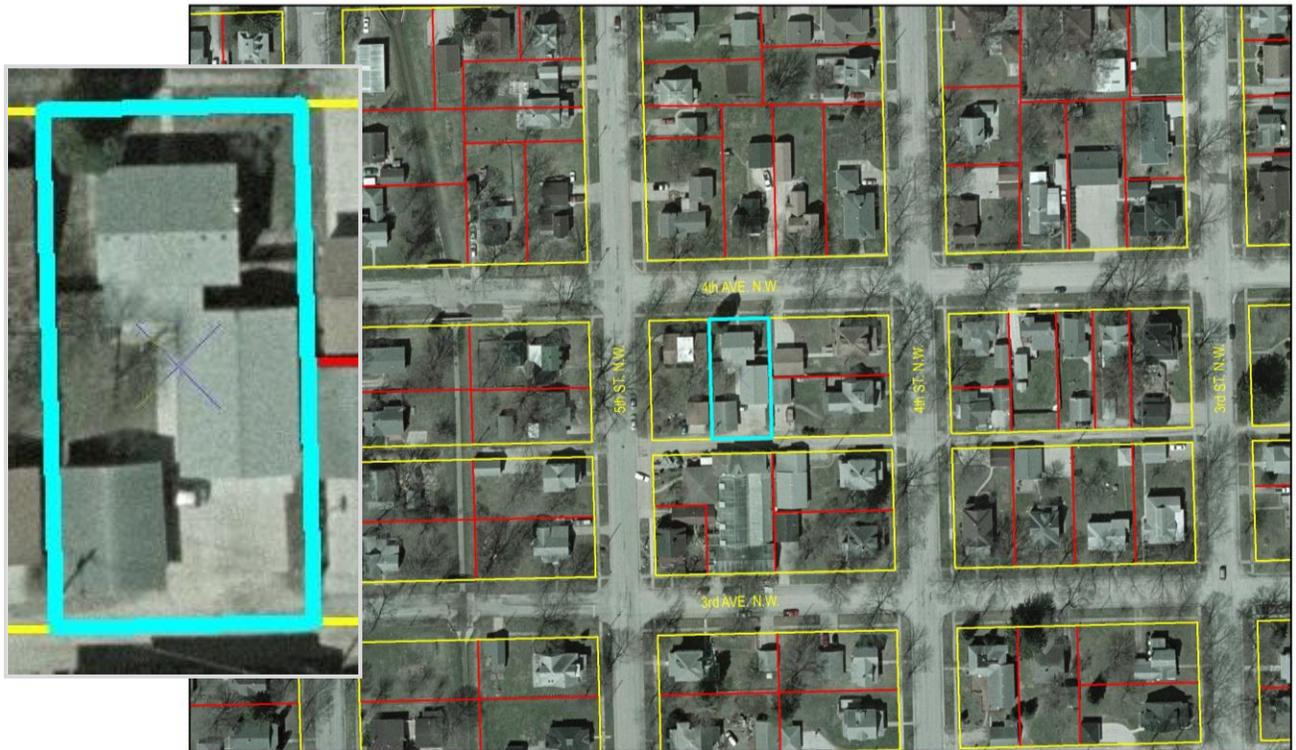
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**Site Map:** Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

**415 4th Ave NW  
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**Photographs:** 415 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, looking southeast and southwest, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/3/2011.



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**Photograph:** 415 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, looking southwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/24/2009.



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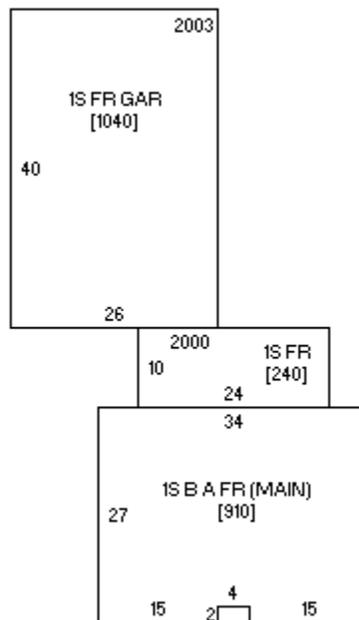
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 415 4th Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903234010&index=0&size=0>; 3/5/2013.



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