

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00754**  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 Koch, William and Wilhelmina, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 411 4<sup>th</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) 44 Lot(s) S 1/2 Lots 7 & 8

**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)

09A06 Hipped Roof, 2-story (American Four-Square)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

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)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <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. |

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 1913 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1910s through the 1920s. The property was transferred from Catherine Shanewise (who owned the property to the north as well) to William Koch in March 1920. No house is shown at this address in the 1913 city directory. A *Bremer County Independent* news account on 5/20/1921 discusses a sun porch underway by William Koch on an existing house. Given this information it is likely that the house was built sometime before 1920.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular 2-story Hipped Roof form known as the "American Four-Square" that became popular before WW I. This example has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding and wide corner board trim. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with wide eaves and hipped roof attic dormers centered on the west and front slopes. The front porch has a flat roof and its width nearly spans the front façade. The south half of the porch is enclosed with vertical lath patternwork in the skirting and continuous 1/1 windows above the matching vinyl siding on the balustrade. The right half of the porch has a single block pedestal at the outer corner with a half-height wood pier supporting the roof. A short span of closely spaced balusters is along the north side.

Fenestration includes a mix of single and paired 1/1 double-hung units, widely spaced on the first and second floors. An entrance on the north façade accesses the main level and the basement stairs. The dormers have a single small 1/1 window.

A large detached side-gabled garage likely built as two buildings and joined together at a later date extends along the west edge of the property. It contains several double-bay overhead doors, has matching vinyl siding, and several passage doors. According to Assessor records it was built in 1928 though the design and finish suggest more recent construction.

Alterations: garages, undated.

### 8. Significance

The William and Wilhelmina Koch House at 411 4<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1921 and is an example vernacular 2-story Hipped Roof house form referred to as an American Four-Square house. It became popular in Waverly before and after World War I. A number of similar houses were built in the same neighborhood during the 1910s and 1920s. 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 parcel was transferred from Catherine Shanewise to William Koch in March 1920. There were a number of Koch family members in Bremer County who were farmers so it is possible that William was an example of the many pre-retirement and retired farmers who built houses in northwest Waverly. A May 20, 1921 news account in the *Bremer County Independent* appears at the right, identifying the Koch House as already constructed.

The 1924 telephone directory shows William and his wife Wilhelmina living at 411 N. Locust (4<sup>th</sup> St NW). In August 1938, the couple sold their house to Paulus Graening and his wife. They sold the house four

**—Among the many improvements that are being made on local homes this spring one that is not to be overlooked is the convenient and commodious rest and sun porch erected by Will Koch at his residence on North Locust street.**

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years later to Sam and Flora Norman who resold it a short time later to Theo Krueger and his wife Millie. In 1952, the Kruegers passed the house to Gertrude and Agnes Harrington who retained the property until 1968 selling it to Phillip and Marvel Lee. The Lees held it briefly, transferring it to Russell and Marie Rohwedder in 1969. They held it for at least thirty years.

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

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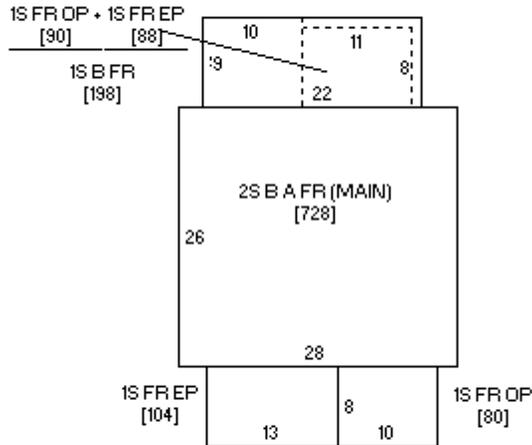
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**Floor plan**, 411 4th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903234008&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/13/2013.



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