

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

State Inventory No. 09-00759 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) 2010

1. Name of Property

historic name Gerberding, William and Amanda, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 508 4th 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) Fr 2 Lot(s) N 66' NE COR SEC 3 E of 4th St NW & Lot 20 N of SEC LINE "EX N 101'

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 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
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
Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural MPD

Historical Architectural Data Base Number
09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09A04 Side-Gabled Roof, 2-Story

06B Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10 Concrete

walls (visible material) 09 Asbestos

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
1936 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

Stenzel, Leo (contractor); Russell, Ralph (mason)

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 house is estimated to have been built in 1935 according to Bremer County Assessor records. This date is consistent with the design and form of the house as well as newspaper accounts dating from October and November 1935 when William Gerberding, new owner of the property, is mentioned in news accounts in the Bremer County Independent as constructing a house on 4th St NW. Gerberding and his wife Amanda formally acquired the property in May 1936 from Lena Homann. A more accurate date for the house would be 1936 given this public information.

The Gerberding House is an example of a Colonial Revival Side-Gabled 2-Story house form. The house has a concrete foundation, asbestos shingle siding with wavy, lower edges on the walls, and wide corner board trim. The house has a moderate pitched side-gable roof on the main 2-story portion of the house and a slightly lower ridge on the 2-story sunroom and sleeping porch addition on the south end. The attached 1-story garage at the north end has a combination flat-shed roof profile. The main house roof has very narrow eaves. An entrance portico is centered on the front façade. It features a vaulted pediment roof with a semi-circular arched vault and a paneled fanlight above the door. Paired square columns are at the outer corners and a single matching pilaster frames the door. A wrought-iron Colonial style pendant light is centered in the vaulted ceiling with wrought-iron balustrades on each side of the portico landing.

Fenestration includes single and grouped double-hung windows of various sizes with six or eight lights in the upper sashes and a single light in the lower sash. The groups of three windows in the south wing, first floor have tall single-light lower sashes and short four-light upper sashes. The windows on the upper level of the wing have been replaced by single-light fixed/casement sashes. The final Colonial style window treatment is found in the north gable peak where a semi-circular six-light window is on the attic level.

The house retains its original single-bay attached garage at the north end. According to Assessor records, the present garage was built at the time the house was constructed in 1935.

Alterations: window replacements in south wing's second level, undated.

8. Significance

The William and Amanda Gerberding House at 508 4th St NW is an example of an example of a Colonial Revival Side-Gabled 2-Story house form. The house was built during the Great Depression as the 2nd Ward continued to experience infill housing in the Harmon and LeValley Addition. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as an individually significant property under Criterion A and C and as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C.

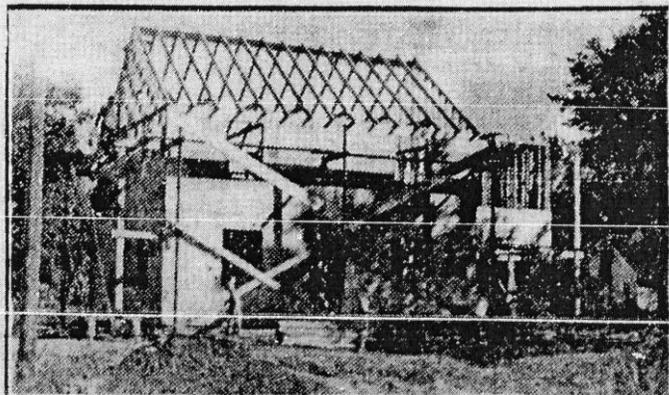
William and Amanda (Homan) Gerberding acquired this parcel in May 1936 from Lena Homann, Amanda's mother. Work had begun on the house the previous fall according to news accounts in the *Bremer County Independent* in October and November. Mrs. Gerberding's brother, Carl Homan, had earlier that same year built a home across the street at 521 4th St NW. The contractor for both homes was their uncle, Fred Flege.

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According to Carl Homan's daughter, Mary Meyer, "Mr. Gerberding (1895-1967) came to rural Bremer County from Illinois as a young man to work as a farm laborer. When he returned from military service after WWI, he married Amanda Homann (1898-1986) of Douglas Township in 1919; the couple moved to Waverly in 1920. In 1922 he began working at the Carnation Company (now Nestlé) where he was the Chief Engineer until he retired in 1960. Mr. Gerberding was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, American Legion Post 176, the Waverly Fire Department and the Waverly School Board. He was also associated with the Boy Scouts for many years. The home remained in the Gerberding family until after Amanda's death in 1986." (email interviews with Mary Meyer, Carl's daughter and Waverly Historic Preservation Commission member) Copies of two articles and photos of the house under construction appear below. Contents of an email interview with Amanda Gerberding's niece is also contained below.

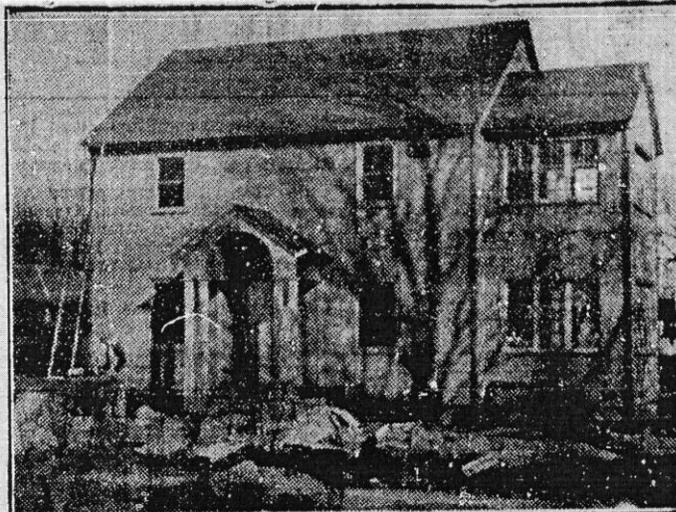
Speed Work on Gerberding Home



From the *Waverly Democrat* of October 4, 1935, page 1:

With cool weather approaching work is being speeded on the new frame residence which Wm. Gerberding is erecting on Fourth St. N.W. in Waverly. Fred Flege is the contractor. The house is almost directly across the street from the residence built this summer for Carl Homan.

Gerberding Home Near Completion



From the *Bremer County Independent* of November 13, 1935, page 3:

The residence being constructed for Wm. Gerberding on Fourth St. N.W. is now nearing completion. Plastering work has been ended and finishing work is now underway.

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Relationship of Homan family members from Mary Meyer, Amanda's niece and Lena's granddaughter, (email from Mary Meyer to Marlys Svendsen, 3/20/2013):

"Lena Homan(n) was my grandmother and lived in my house at 315 2nd St NW from 1922 until she died in 1965. After my grandfather died in 1920, she stayed on the farm in Douglas Township north of Waverly for about a year and a half, and then sold it and moved to town. She is buried in a country church cemetery in Douglas Township.

She had three living children in 1922: a daughter Hilda Fischer, also a widow, who lived with her here; a second daughter Amanda who married William Gerberding; and my father, Carl Homan.

Lena, Hilda and Carl lived together in my house until my father married his first wife, Ila Johnson, in 1923. By that time the Gerberdings were also married and living in Waverly. Children soon followed, two sons for my father and three daughters for his sister Amanda.

What I recall my father telling me (more than 40 years ago) was that Lena gave him \$5000 and also gave that amount to Amanda to build the houses on 4th St [508 and 521 4th St NW]. The idea was that they would pay the money back gradually and she would thus have an income in later years (she was nearly 60 at this time). I didn't realize until recently that her name actually appeared in the two property transactions.

Fred Flege, the contractor for the two houses, was Lena's brother. They were born in Germany and came to this country with their parents and three siblings in 1883. Fred was a carpenter like his father..."

9. Sources

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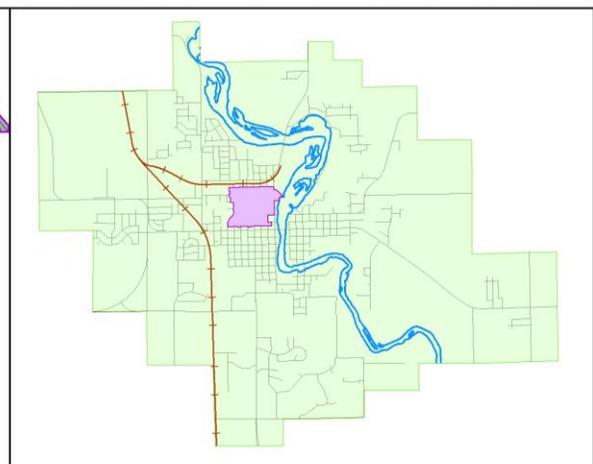
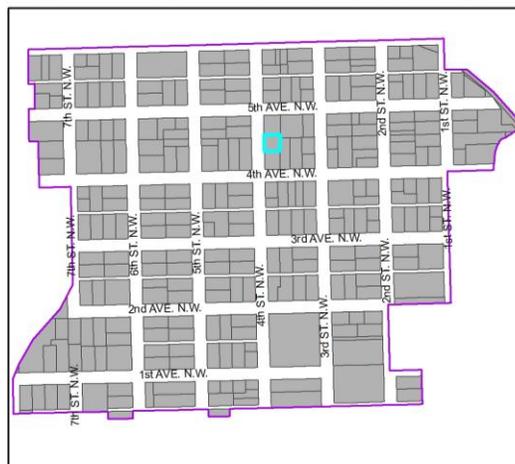
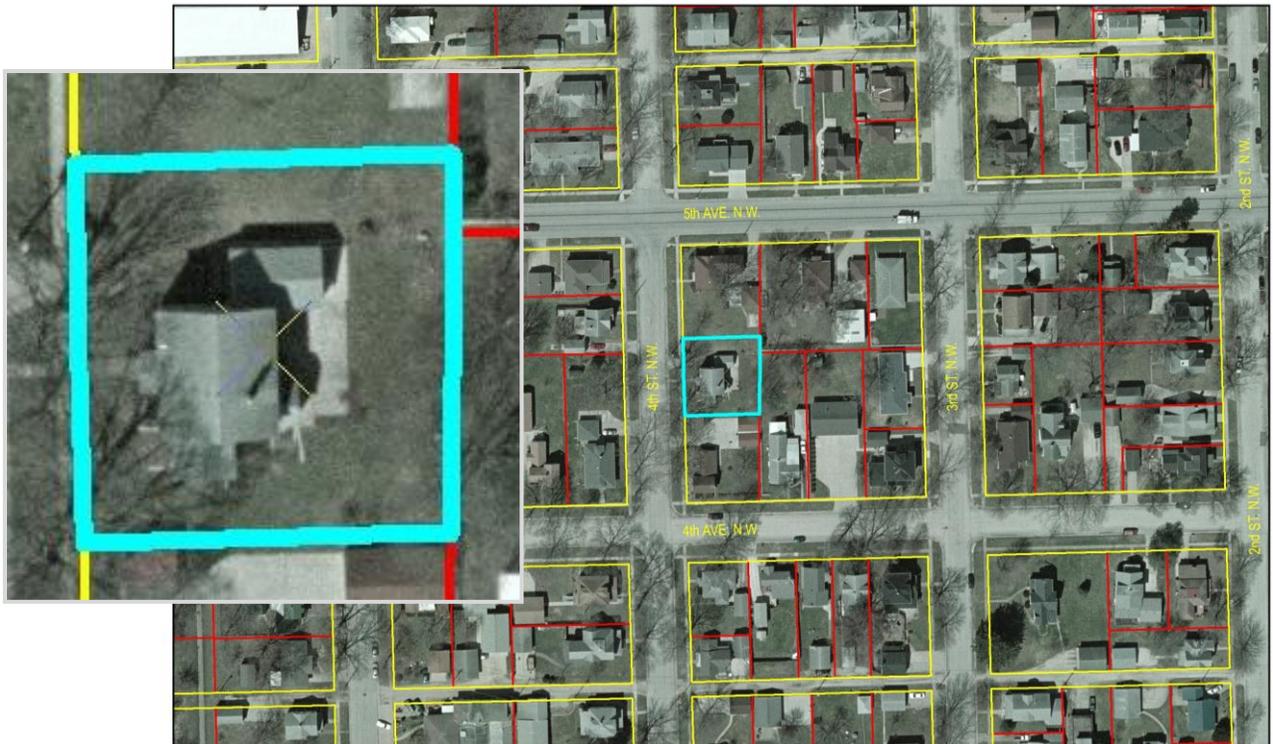
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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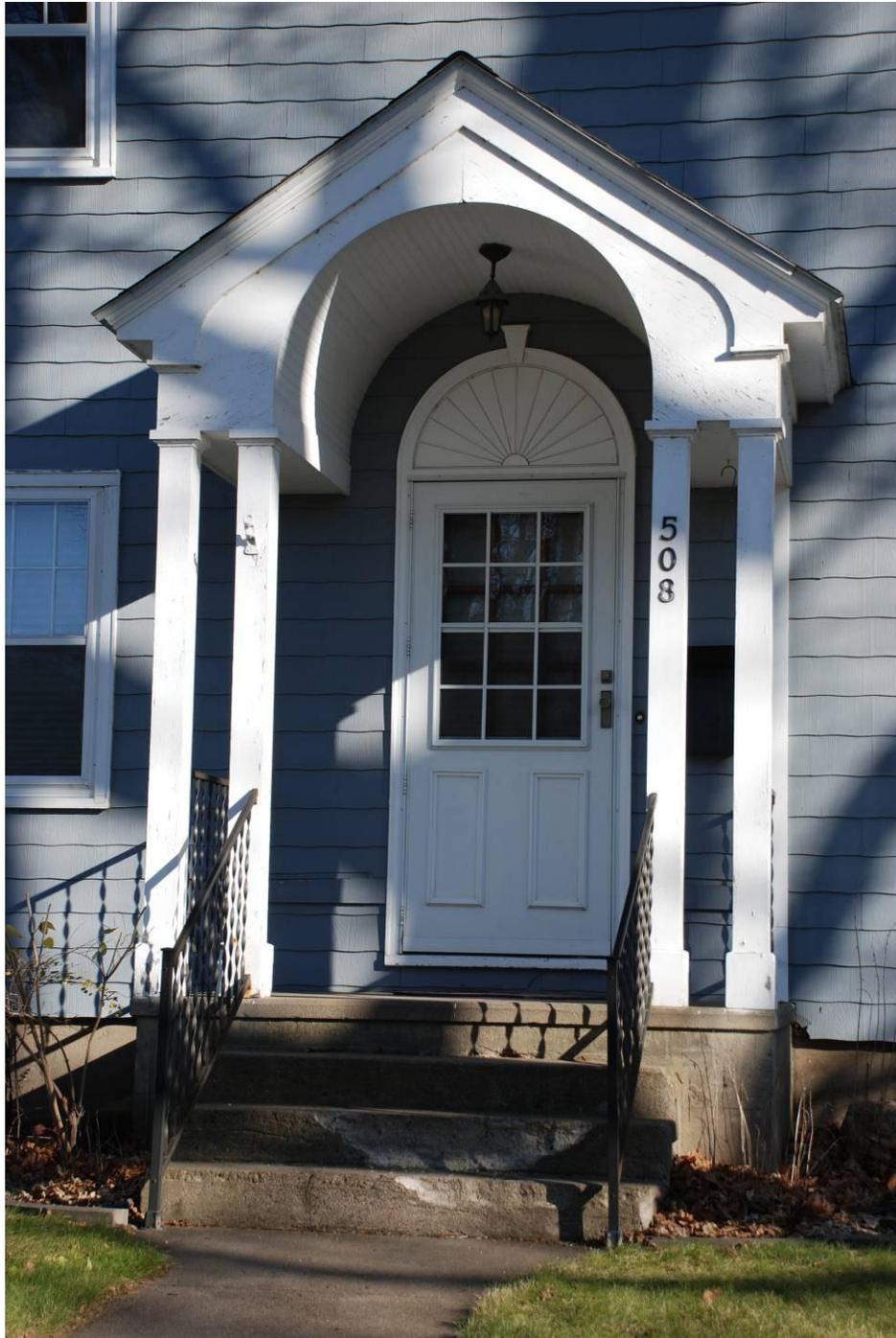
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Photograph: 508 4th St NW, entrance detail, looking east, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/15/2011.



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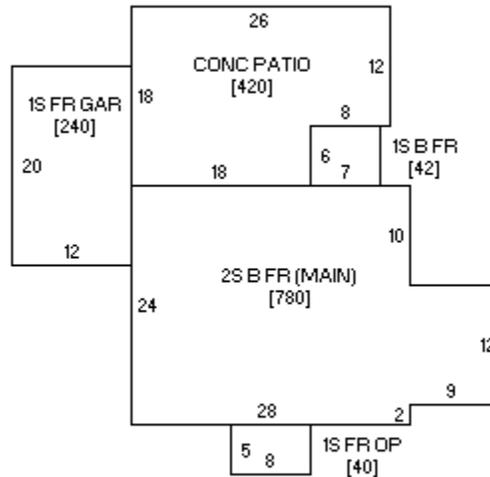
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 508 4th St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903230003&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/17/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com