

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

State Inventory No. 09-00812

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 Rental House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 523 5<sup>th</sup> Street 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 Knott's Add Block(s) 52 Lot(s) EX S 51' Lot 1 and E 2' N 62' Lot 2

**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		If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>2</u>	— buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>2</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)

09A05 Hipped Roof, 2-Story

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04 Stone

09A14 Side-Gable, 2-Story

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)

- 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

Address 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW

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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  
1900  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
1930 - Garage

**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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523 5 <sup>th</sup> St NW	Waverly
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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 during the 1880s to 1910s. No house appears at this location in the 1894 Sanborn Map, but one is listed at this address in the 1913 city directory listings as occupied by Henry Mattke, a carpenter, and his wife Emma who were tenants. Property transfer records show the house was owned by Viola C. Bruns and her husband Anton, Sr. between 1899 and 1941. Together these public records suggest that the house was erected between 1900 and 1912 and was occupied as a rental property for much of that period. A construction date of ca. 1900 appears to be more accurate.

This 2-story frame house is an example of an uncommon vernacular form that combines a Hipped Roof, 2-story main block with a Side-Gabled, 2-story wing. The house has a parged stone foundation with wide aluminum siding. A moderate-pitched hipped roof has a flattened peak with broad gabled wall dormers on the front and north facades; a side gabled south wing has a steeply pitched gabled wall dormer as well. Two sections of shed-roofed porch centered on the main block's front façade and tucked in the left-hand ell are linked by an open deck. Turned posts and widely placed spindles and lattice skirting appear on the deck. Fenestration throughout the house includes widely spaced single 1/1 double-hung windows with a few replacement windows that are shorter in size.

A detached frame single-bay garage is located immediately south of the house and opens onto 5<sup>th</sup> St NW. It has a very small foot print with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding, a front-gable roof and a replacement overhead door. Assessor records estimate that it was constructed in 1930

Alterations: aluminum siding (undated); porch and deck reconstruction (undated); garage siding (undated); foundation parging (undated); applied shutters (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Bruns Rental House at 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1900 and is an example of a vernacular form that combines a Hipped Roof, 2-story main block with a Side-Gabled, 2-story wing. It is an example of a larger scale rental property held by one of the families in the neighborhood that held a number of rental dwellings. 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 garage is considered noncontributing.

Property transfer records show this property was owned by Viola C. Bruns and her husband Anton, Sr. between 1899 and 1941. Earlier in the 1890s, the Anton was identified in a number of newspaper accounts as building houses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, including several Gable-Front and Wing houses. No house appears at this location in the 1894 Sanborn Map, but one is listed at this address in the 1913 city directory listings as occupied by Henry Mattke, a carpenter, and his wife Emma who were likely tenants of the Bruns family. It is also possible that Mattke participated in construction of the house.

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In April 1941, Viola and Anton transferred the house to A.T. Bruns, Jr. and his wife Alice. They held the house until 1949 when they sold it to Mae and Emil Ackmann who resided here for a number of years.

### 9. Sources

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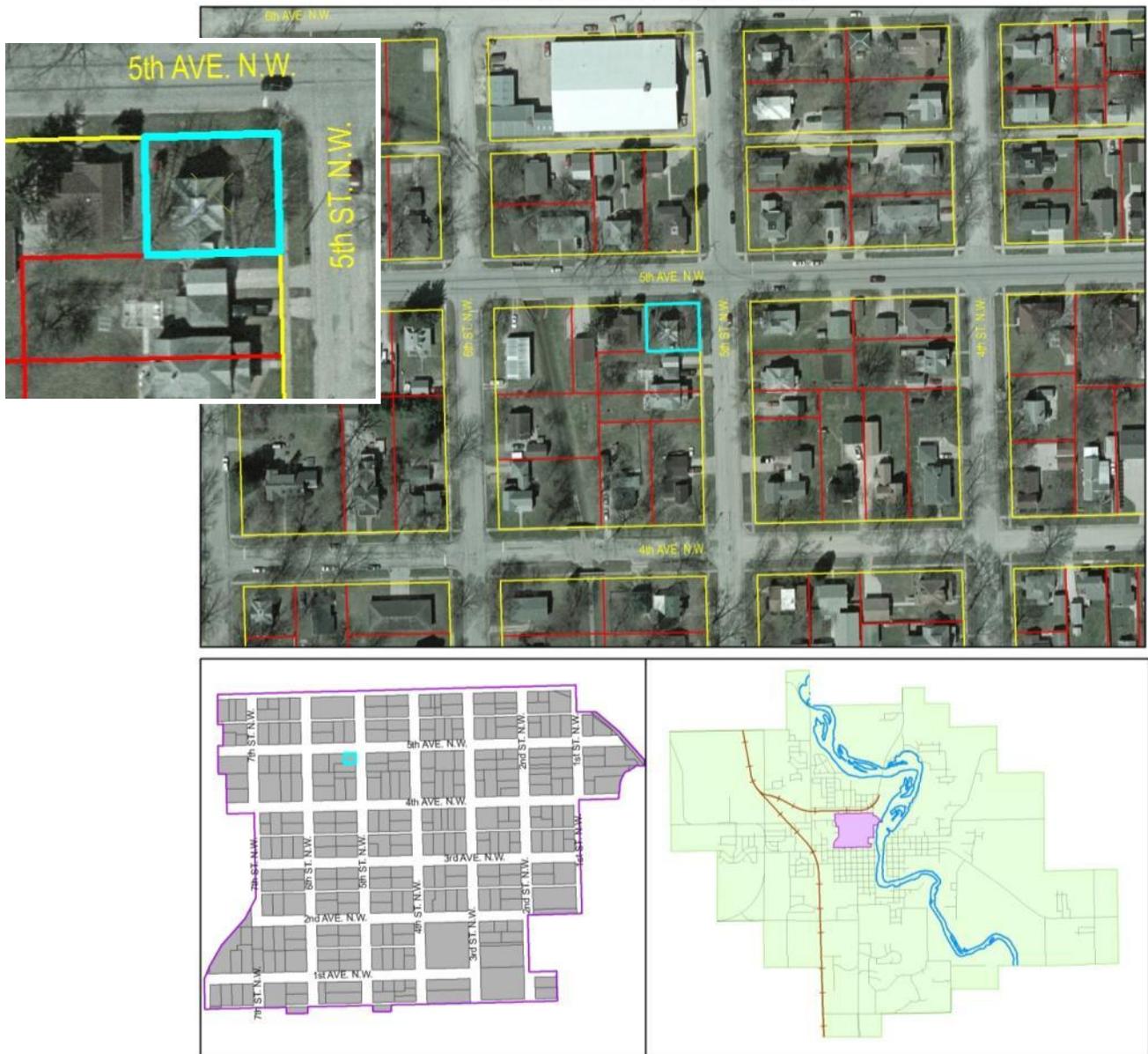
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**Site Map:** Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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**Photographs:** 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, looking west and southwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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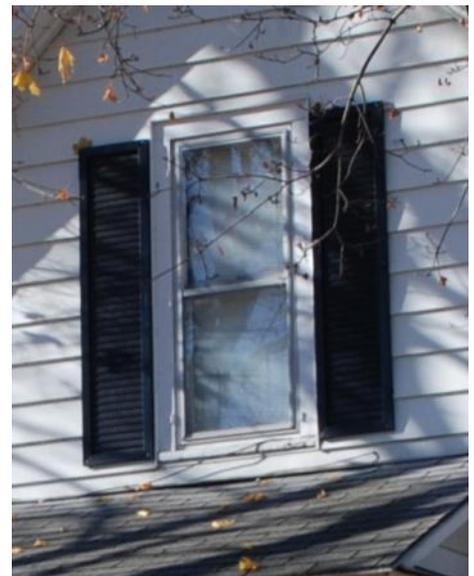
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**Photographs:** 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, roof, window, and foundation details, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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**Photograph:** 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, house and garage, looking west, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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**Photographs:** 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, looking northwest and southwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 523 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0534491003&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/8/2013

