

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

State Inventory No. 09-00874 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00962
 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 Bucknell, J.D. and Dora, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 403 2nd St SE

city or town Waverly vicinity, county Bremer

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Town Block(s) Fractional Block 8 Lot(s) Lot 6

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)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ 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 MPD 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 01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage 01C05 Garage

7. Description

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

05D Queen Anne foundation 04 Stone

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof (two stories) walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard; 02B Shingle

_____ 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. |

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
1898 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:

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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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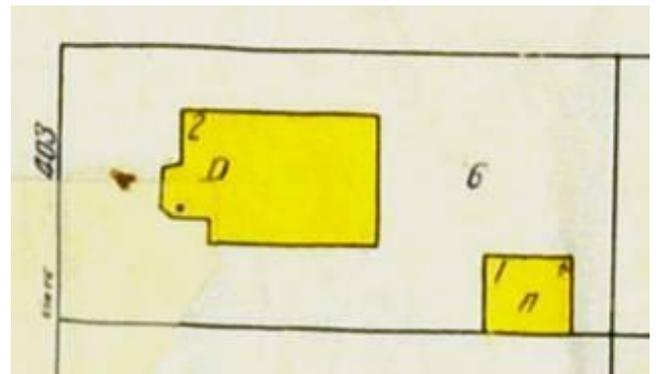
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7. Description

This 2-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1898 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Property transfer records show the property acquired by Dora Bucknell, wife of J.D. Bucknell, in May 1893 from Olivia Taake and her husband. Newspaper accounts from February through July 1899 reference the Bucknells' construction of a house in the 4th Ward. The Bucknell family was listed in the 1899 city directory at this address and was not listed as residing in the 4th Ward in the 1895 Iowa Census. Together, this information confirms a likely date of construction of 1899.

This 2½-story frame house is an example of a Queen Anne Style Front-Gable Roof form referred to as a "Suburban Cottage" in the vernacular typology developed by Jan Jennings and Herbert Gottfried in *American Vernacular Design*. It has a moderate pitched front-gable roof that overhangs a 2-story bay window on the right half of the façade and the wide entrance steps on the left half. A cross-gabled roof of similar proportions forms a shallow wing on the south façade and a gable wall dormer on the north façade. The rear roof is a hipped design. A 1-story flat roof enclosed porch extension located on the north façade was added sometime after publication of the 1927 Sanborn Map (right). It is likely that the original recessed entrance porch at the northwest corner had a clapboard clad pillar at the outer corner that was incorporated into the new porch extension to form an L-shaped porch (see plans at the end of the form).



The Bucknell House has a stone foundation with narrow wood-width wood clapboard for the first and second levels, a simple belt course separating the levels, and square-cut wood shingles in the gable peaks and for the attic dormer walls. The applications of these materials in this house are particularly unusual in several instances. For example on the front façade, matching clapboard cladding is used on the three oversized modillions evenly spaced beneath the gable overhang. Smaller modillions under the north façade's gable wall dormer have a similar finish. On each level of the house the narrow clapboard flares at the lower edge. Several less common practices were used in the installation of the gable shingles. In each gable the shingles are affixed to a flared wall and in each gable, the window opening has curved walls on each side with the shingle application matching the wall curves. The post-1927 north porch has a simple design that uses clapboard walls for the closed balustrade that extends to ground level. A row of continuous 1/1 window units now extends along walls of the L-shaped enclosed porch with small, simple modillions marking the original porch opening.

Fenestration includes various sized single 1/1 double-hung windows. In most cases the windows vary in size to fit the proportions of the walls on which they are located. The belt course and cornice board serve as window lintels. The only exception in window configuration are the pairs of small double-hung windows in each gable where 9/1 units are used.

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The house has a detached 1-story hipped-roof garage located southeast of the main building. Built in 1930 according to Bremer County Assessor records, it is likely a few years earlier since it appears on the 1927 Sanborn Map. It is clad beveled wood siding and narrow corner board trim with widely spaced 1/1 double-hung windows extending along the side walls. The entrance bays open to the north.

Alterations: porch element changes, (post-1940s).

8. Significance

The Bucknell House is a well-preserved example of a turn-of-the-20th century Queen Anne Style Front-Gable House or Suburban Cottage. The house was part of the main wave of homebuilding in the neighborhood that extended from the 1880s through World War I. Its owners, J.D. Bucknell and his wife Dora, built the house in 1899. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places individually under Criterion C and both the house and garage are contributing resources in the historic district.

In 1886 J.D. Bucknell, a native of Michigan, married Dora (Medora) Rice of Bremer County. The following year in 1887, Bucknell opened a harness shop after having partnered in another business for a number of years. He was joined by his brother Walter in the business until Walter died in a drowning accident in 1892. A brief biography of J.D. Bucknell published in 1914 appears below:

J.D. Bucknell, a well known business man of Waverly, controlling a large patronage as a successful harness maker, was born in Livingston, Michigan, April 22, 1860. He is a son of Henry and Bessie (Padler) Bucknell, natives of England, where the father learned the shoemaking trade, conducting a shop in Yorkshire for some time. As a young man he came to America and located in Kent City, Michigan, moving from there to Livingston county, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife survives him and makes her home in Michigan.

J.D. Bucknell is the fourth in a family of five children. He spent his boyhood in his native state and after laying aside his books learned the harness-making trade. In 1882 he moved to Illinois and after a short time to Waverly, where he purchased the harness-making business of U.C. Hilcomb & Company. For a number of years he was in partnership with his older brother, Walter J., and their association proved very beneficial, for their business grew rapidly, branch stores being soon opened in Clarksville and Albert Lea. Walter J. Bucknell had charge of the latter enterprise and he continued active in its conduct until 1892, when he met death by drowning at the age of thirty-three years. He was a man of remarkable business ability, energetic, enterprising and capable, and his death was widely and deeply regretted by his many friends. J.D. Bucknell has also another brother, Henry, who has remained in Michigan, where he is now an extensive landowner and prosperous farmer, cultivating about three hundred acres of land. His family now resides in Los Angeles, California, where his son is a successful contractor.

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After the death of Walter J. Bucknell, Mr. Bucknell of this review continued to conduct the harness-making establishment alone and he is still active in the management of his enterprise. He carries a complete line of harness and other goods such as is usually found in an up-to-date store of this character and his patronage is large and representative, for his prices are reasonable and his business methods beyond question.

In 1886 Mr. Bucknell married Miss Medora Rice, of Bremer county, her parents being W.A. and Myriam (Garrison) Rice, the former a native of Rochester, New York, and the latter of Wisconsin. Mr. Rice came to Iowa in the '50s and took up his abode among the earliest settlers of Butler county, while in 1870 he removed to Bremer County. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits but was also engaged in the grocery business and at one time served as superintendent of the county poor farm, an important position in those days. He passed away at the venerable age of eighty-two years, the community thus losing one of its most highly esteemed and successful citizens. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, Mrs. Bucknell being one of twins, the youngest children born of this union. Her twin sister is now deceased. Mrs. Bucknell is the mother of a son, Harland R., who after completing his education joined the navy, serving four years, during which he took part in the trip around the world. He has just married and expects to join his father in the harness-making business.

Mr. Bucknell is one of the best known business men of Waverly and in the course of his long residence here has made many valuable contributions to its commercial advancement, winning at the same time an individual success which places him among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in the community. He is one of the stockholders of the beet sugar company and, in fact, was instrumental in the establishment of this enterprise, in connection with E.C. Moore. Fraternally Mr. Bucknell is very prominent, being a member of Tyrrell Lodge, No. 116, A.F. & A. M; past high priest of Jethro Chapter, No. 24, having held this office for twelve years; a member of Baldwin Commandery, of Cedar Falls; and also of El-Kahir Temple, of Cedar Rapids. Moreover, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. (Grawe, *History of Bremer County, Iowa Vol. II, 1914*)

On May 23, 1893, Dora Bucknell acquired Lot 6 in Fractional Block 8 in the Original Town of Waverly from Olivia Taake for \$1,500. The use of the wife's name on the acquisition and ownership of real estate was typical in this time period. A series of newspaper articles published in 1899 indicate the house was likely built that year. Another clue to its date includes the signature of a workman on a wall in the basement in the fall of 1898 indicating the first firing of the furnace. By the time the city directory of 1899 was published the Bucknells were listed as residing on South State (2nd St SE). In 1913 the couple continued to reside at this location and J.D. Bucknell's Harness Shop was at 91 E. Bremer Avenue.

In the early 1920s with the advent of the automobile and motorized agricultural equipment on the horizon, the Bucknells retired and moved to California. The house was sold to Joseph Drexler, a merchant, and his wife Louise in 1923. The Drexlers resided here until 1949 when it was sold to Martin

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and Anna Fritschell. In 1977 it passed to James Erwin and Barbara Fritschell. It is likely that sometime during the Fritschell's ownership, the house was converted to an up-down duplex.

In 1989 the house was sold to Mark and Jean Schloemer who returned the house to a single-family residence. Mark worked as a plumbing distributor and Jean was an administrative staff employee at Wartburg College. In 2011 the Schloemers sold the house to David Frerking, an engineer at Terex, and his wife Laura, who works as a teacher and librarian.

9. Sources

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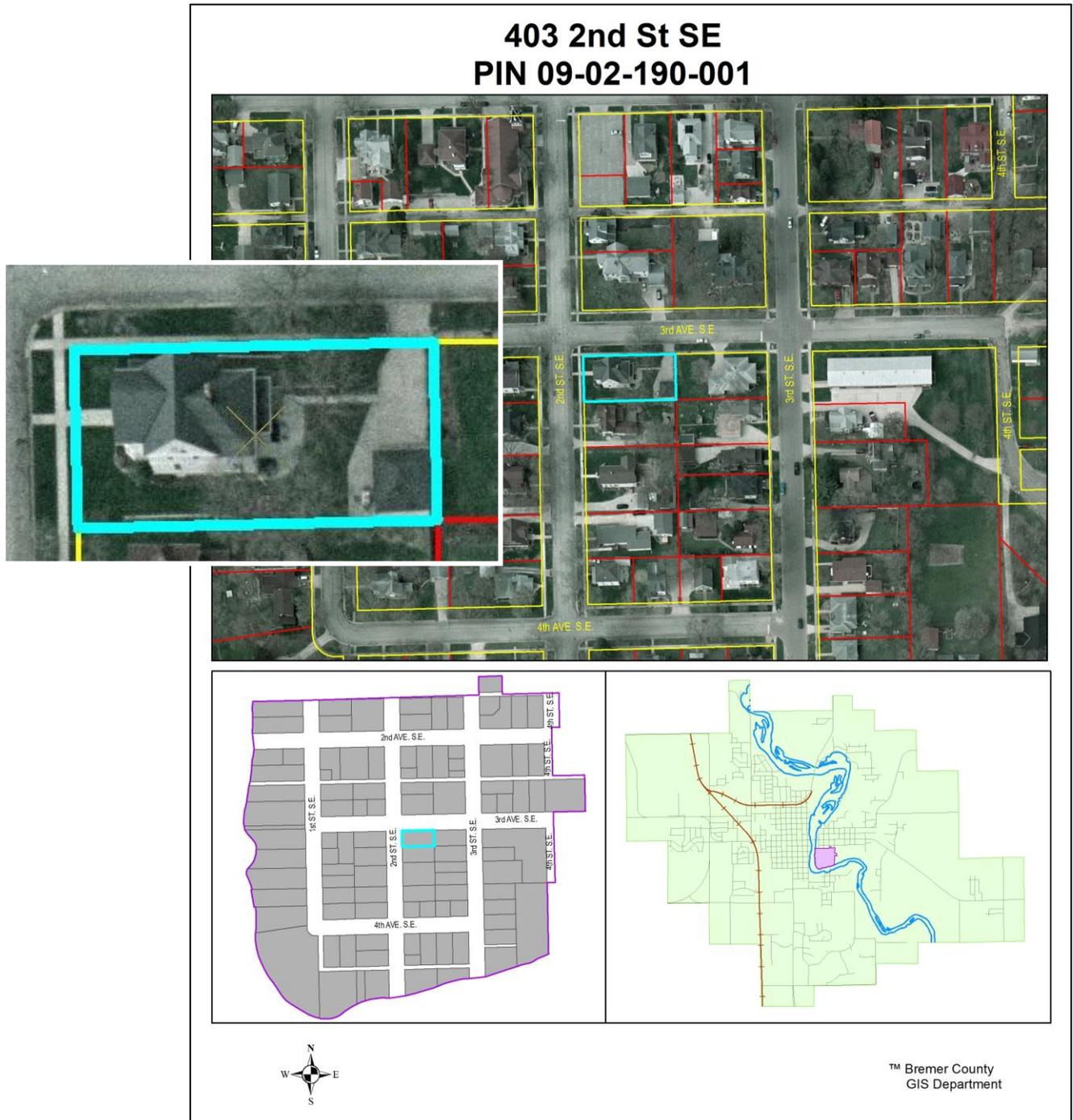
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.



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Photographs: 403 2nd St. SE, front gable and entrance details, looking east; side porch, looking southwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011



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Garage, looking south (below) and east (right)



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Floor Plan: Bremer County Assessor's website; available at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902190001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/12/2012.

