

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

State Inventory No. 09-00666

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 Wile, A.J. and Eva, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 321 2<sup>nd</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 Add. Block(s) 34 Lot(s) N 1/2 Lots 1 & 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>1</u>	— buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<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

01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A09 Cross-Gabled Roof, 2-story

foundation 04 Stone

05D Queen Anne

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*  
1901  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
2009 – attached 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

**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 1901 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the late 1890s and early 1900s. Property transfer records show A.J. Wile acquiring the parcel in January 1899 from James Fletcher. In October 1901, the *Bremer County Independent* reported that the Wile family was moving into their new residence. The year 1901 is consistent with public records for the construction of this house.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a Late Queen Anne Style house. Architectural historians Virginia and Lee McAlister describe the subtype for the house as the "Free Classic with Hipped Roof and Lower Cross-Gables." The house has a stone block foundation with narrow wood clapboards, cornerboard and story board trim. The clapboards flare above the belt course boards along the lower edge of the middle wall section. Ornamental shingles and sunburst molded panels are on the walls of the gable peaks. A steep hipped roof on the main block has large pent-gabled wall dormers on the front, north and south slopes. Octagonal-cut shingles form the flared pent roof sections in each gable with the molded sunrise molding panels used for two upper bands in each gable. The front dormer is off-set to the south, extending above a recessed balcony on the upper level. A wrap-around porch extends across the front wing and along the east half of the north side. The curved corner section has a conical roof topped by a decorative ornamental finial. The porch originally had full-height, smooth finished, tapered columns along the front edge. Deterioration at the base of the columns resulted in their replacement with square wood pedestals though the battered forms of the upper halves of the columns remains visible. A photo taken in 1990 shows the full height columns and an earlier set of widely spaced, turned spindles. The porch skirting panels have a diagonal lattice pattern.

Fenestration for this house is its most significant design feature. Windows include grouped, paired and single 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes and feature windows that incorporate leaded, beveled glass patterns and stained glass. On the first floor's front (east) façade, cottage windows appear on both sides of the entrance, each containing a large single-light topped by a horizontal sash with leaded, beveled glass patternwork. A narrower version of this window is found on the first floor's north façade near the second entrance and on the south façade at the staircase landing between levels. In both cases, the windows have a raised height lower sash with similar leaded and beveled light patternwork in the shorter upper sash. The landing level window opening is further embellished with a window surround that has a crown molding and dentil work. A variation of these windows is the horizontal window on the south façade in the entrance area. The entrance doors have a single light in the upper half. Other feature windows include the square fixed sash in the three gables, each including a large clear light surrounded by alternating light and dark blue stained glass squares. The balance of the windows are large 1/1 double-hung units widely spaced on each of the facades.

The current attached frame 1½-story garage is connected to the main house along the west façade; its twin overhead doors open onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW. This garage replaced the original 2-story detached single-bay gable roof barn in approximately the same location. It was damaged during the flood of 2008 and the new garage was completed in 2010. It has a raised poured concrete foundation, a gable roof facing 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, a double-bay width with twin overhead doors, medium-width wood clapboard siding, and

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corner board trim. Unlike the original barn, the new garage has pent-gable ends that match the gable designs of the main house.

Alterations: porch column and spindle changes (post-1990); balcony spindle replacement (post-1990); attached garage (2010).

## 8. Significance

The Wile House at 321 2nd St NW built in 1901 is a well preserved example of a Queen Anne Style house that uses the Free Classic, Hipped Roof and Lower Cross-Gables subtype. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as an individually eligible and contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show A.J. Wile acquired this parcel on January 19, 1899 from James Fletcher. On October 17, 1901, the *Bremer County Independent* reported that "A.J. Wile is this week moving into his fine new home in the Second Ward. Mr. Wile has in his new residence one of the finest houses in the city."

A.J. Wile was born in Bremer County in 1861 and married Eva Thies in 1883. A.J. worked for the Woodring brothers in their furniture and cabinet factory for ten years during the couple's early marriage. In 1891 he formed a partnership with W.F. Maaser to open a furniture store and funeral home. In 1910 they built a new building on Bremer Avenue that housed the funeral home on the upper level and the furniture store on the first floor. A.J. and Eva Wile resided at this location for nearly 40 years passing to surviving nieces and nephews in the early 1940s. In 1946 Vida Harman acquired the property and at one time the house held the Wartburg College Vollmer House Fraternity for male students from the college. In 1978 it was purchased by Barry and Franny Kline who restored its use as a single-family home and its interior features.

## 9. Sources

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*History of Butler and Bremer Counties, Iowa.* Springfield, Illinois: Union Publishing, 1883.

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Vertical file collection, Waverly Public Library.

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*Wile & Maaser Furniture Store:*

- 1910 -Brick work underway, *Bremer County Independent*, Aug 4 p8c2
- 1910 -Brick work about done; carpenters hard to get, *Bremer County Independent*, Sep 15 p10c3
- 1910 -new store with picture WD December 8 p4c3-4
- 1916 -25th anniversary, *Bremer County Independent*, April 20
- 1916 -25 years, history of company, *Waverly Democrat*, Apr 19 p1c3
- 1919 -Big fire sale, *Bremer County Independent*, Nov 25 p1c1 and *Bremer County Independent*, Dec 2 p1c3
- 1919 -photo and article, *Waverly Democrat*, Aug 13 p7c2
- 1919 -Photo and article, *Waverly Democrat*, Aug 13 p7c2-3
- 1920 -hired embalmer, *Waverly Democrat*, Apr 28 p3c4
- 1920 -Music store, *Waverly Democrat*, July 14 p2; acquired Edison phono stock from
- 1921 -Sold to Waverly Furniture Co., *Bremer County Independent*, Dec 16 p1c7
- 1921 -Retire sold bus. , *Waverly Democrat*, Dec 15
- 1921 -Fire damaged bldg Nov 8, *Bremer County Independent*, Nov 11 p1c1; *Waverly Democrat*, Nov 10
- 1921 -30 years in business, *Bremer County Independent*, April 22 p1c7

Waverly city directories, 1899 and 1913.

Waverly Heritage Days historical walking tour brochures for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

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**Site Map:** Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011. (Aerial photo prior to 2009 when garage was built)

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**Historic Photograph:** Photograph Accession Number 93C0112, October 1990 - the A.J. Wile House at 321 2nd St. NW, Waverly Historical Photograph Collection, Waverly Public Library.



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**Photographs:** 321 2nd St NW, looking southwest and west, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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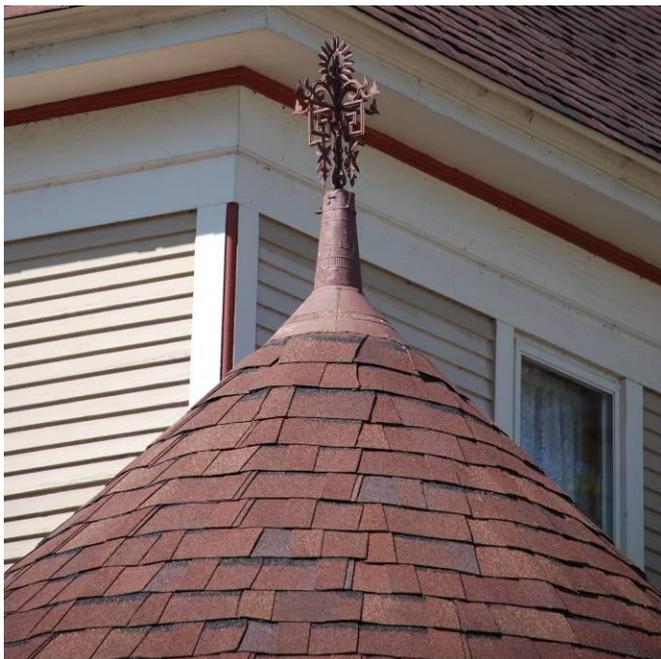
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**Photographs:** 321 2nd St NW, looking southwest; porch finial details, looking southwest and west, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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**Photographs:** 321 2nd St NW, looking west and porch tympanum, looking west, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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**Photographs:** 321 2nd St NW, looking northeast and south, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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**Photographs:** 321  
2nd St NW, gable  
detail, looking south  
and porch entrance,  
looking south,  
Justine Zimmer,  
IHSEMD,  
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**Photographs:** 321 2nd St NW, barn (nonextant) detail, looking southeast and southwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.

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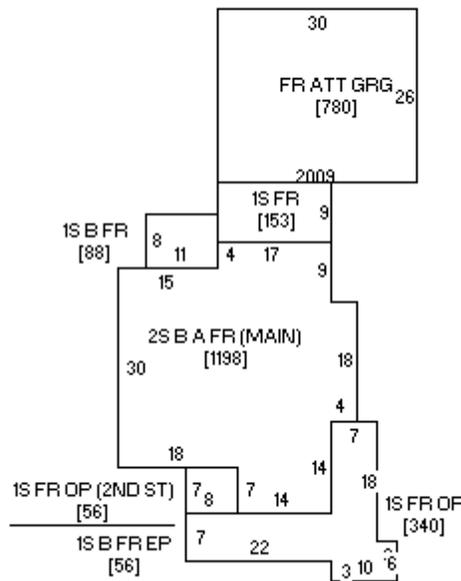
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 321 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902110005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 11/17/2012.



Sketch by [www.camavision.com](http://www.camavision.com)