

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

State Inventory No. 09-00668

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 Muehling, William H. and Helen, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 409 2nd 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) 33 Lot(s) N 1/2 Lot 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

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

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural MPD

09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

10C Rambler/Ranch

foundation

10A Concrete Block

10B Minimal Traditional

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 409 2nd 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
1955 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

Ramker, Robert

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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 organization for City of Waverly, Historic Preservation Commission telephone 715/469-3300
 street & number N3834 Deep Lake Road city or town Sarona state WI zip code 54870

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 1-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1955 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Property transfer records show William and Helen Muehling acquiring the property in June 1956 from Robert Ramker, a contractor, and his wife Roberta who held the property for just one year while the house was under construction by Ramker. Telephone directories for 1955 and 1956 confirm the Muelings residing at a different address in 1955 than in 1956 when they were listed at 409 2nd St NW. Therefore, the construction date of ca. 1955 is confirmed by various public records.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular 1-story Ranch/Rambler house form. This variation has an attached single-bay garage and overall narrow width plan that makes it suitably sized for this lot. The house has a concrete block foundation and medium-width aluminum siding. The house has a low-pitched side-gable roof with shallow eaves and a standing-seam metal roof. The front entrance at the north end of the front façade is set beneath a shed awning supported by turned supports.

Fenestration includes a Chicago Window group centered on the front façade to the immediate left of the front door. The window group includes a large, single-light fixed-sash flanked by replacement narrow casement windows. Short 1/1 double-hung windows of various widths appear elsewhere on the house with applied louvered shutters for each opening.

As noted above, the house has an attached garage setback along the north gabled end. It was built at the same time the house was constructed in 1955 according to the County Assessor's records.

Alterations: aluminum siding (undated); window modification (undated; overhead garage door (undated; metal roofing (undated).

8. Significance

The William and Helen Muehling House at 409 2nd St NW is an example of a vernacular 1-story Ranch/Rambler house form from the post-World War II period. It is typical of houses built as in-fill housing during this period. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C.

The Muehling House was one of the first built by Robert Ramker in 1955-1956 who began his contracting business in 1955. He went on to have the business for more than 50 years. William and Helen Muehling acquired the property on June 15, 1956 from Ramker and his wife Roberta who had held the property for just one year while the house was under construction. The mid-1950s marked a peak for a post-war building boom in Waverly with nearly 300 hundred new homes built by late 1955. Telephone directories for 1955 show the Muelings living elsewhere and by 1956 residing at this address. By 1961, city directories show William employed as a maintenance man at the Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company with offices in downtown Waverly.

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9. Sources

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Waverly telephone directories, 1955, 1956 and 1957.

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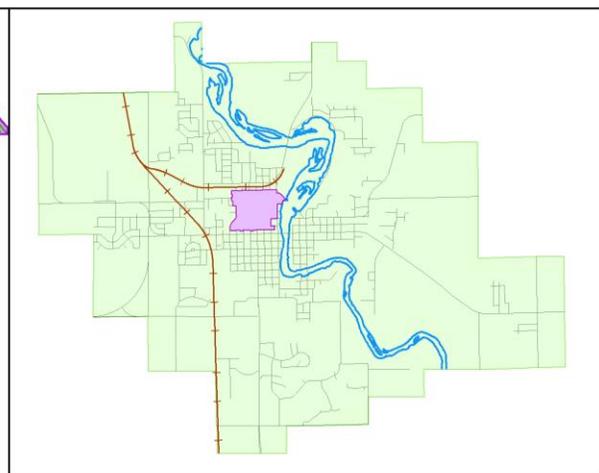
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 409 2nd St NW, looking west and southwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photograph: 409 2nd St NW, looking southwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



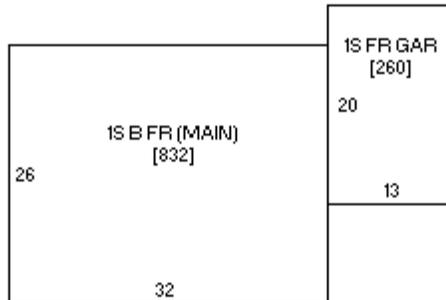
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Floor plan, 409 2nd St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902106009&index=0&size=0>; accessed 11/24/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com