

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

State Inventory No. 09-00674

☒ 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 Miller, Harmon B. and Atta, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 503 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) Fr. 2 Lot(s) S 49' Lot 11 & S 49' E 46' Lot 12

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 1 buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

1 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 Survey

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)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A06 Hipped Roof, 2 stories

foundation

04 Stone

06B Colonial Revival

walls (visible material) 06 Stucco

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.

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended

B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended

D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

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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

1890 ☒ check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovation

1979 – garage; stucco and porch – early 1950s

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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Bremer

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7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1900 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the 1880s and 1890s in Waverly. Property transfer records show the parcel was acquired by H.B. Miller from H.A. Fahnstock in February 1885. The 1894 Waverly map shows the building in place and the Miller family appears in the 1895 Iowa Census near this location but was not listed in the 1885 Census. Together this information confirms that the house was in place sometime between 1885 and 1894. A construction date of ca. 1890 is consistent with this information.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a Hipped Roof, 2-Story house form with Colonial Revival detailing. The house has a stone foundation with stucco cladding on the walls. According to the 1927 Sanborn Map, the house originally was clad in wood siding and had a different porch that spanned the full front. The house currently has a low-pitched hipped roof with a flattened peak, narrow eaves and no dormers. The flattened peak may have originally been lined by a balustrade that is no longer extant. The stucco finish was likely added at the same time that the front porch was replaced by owners J.D. and Lenore Williams with the present one; this was done in the early to mid-1950s. The front façade has a Colonial Revival design for the porch and entrance bay that projects slightly from the front wall. The flat roof has a wide cornice lined by dentils and supported by square fluted columns at the outer corners. The concrete deck is faced in brick. The classical design for the entrance has fluted pilasters that match the porch columns flanking sidelights with four lights and a tall panel below. The entablature is also lined by fine dentils and a crown molding. At the rear-west end, the house has a gable-roofed, 1-story wing with a pent-gable end. It, too, is clad in stucco and has an entrance on the south façade.

Fenestration throughout the house includes a mix of replacement single-light sash and single 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes. On the front façade, single-light windows flank the centered entrance and on the upper level, two widely spaced, narrow 1/1 units are present. On the south façade, an angular bay window with a flat roof is present with narrow 1/1 windows on the sides and a pair of 1/1 units on the wide front. The rear wing has 8/8 double-hung windows.

A detached frame 1-story garage is located at the rear of the property west of the house. It has a low-pitched front-gable roof, single-bay overhead door, and wide wood clapboard siding. The building was constructed in 1979 according to Assessor records. The garage is considered noncontributing because of its recent construction.

Alterations: stucco (undated); porch replacement (undated).

8. Significance

The Harmon B. and Atta Miller House at 503 2nd St NW was built in ca. 1890. It is an example of a Hipped Roof 2-story house form that was modified during the early 20th century with Colonial Revival features and finishes. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C but the garage is considered noncontributing.

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Property transfer records show the parcel was acquired by H.B. Miller from H.A. Fahnstock in February 1885. H.B. Miller was Harmon B. Miller and his wife was Atta. The 1894 Waverly map shows the house where the couple resided in place and the following year the Miller family appears in the 1895 Iowa Census. Harmon was 46 years old at the time having been born in Ohio; he was serving as the Bremer County Treasurer at the time. By 1899, the city directory lists him as retired. Atta Miller was 32 years old and had been born in Pennsylvania in the 1895 census. The couple had two sons, Harold and Ray.

In 1917, Harmon transferred the property to his wife Atta. Harmon passed away in 1931 and Atta in 1951. After Harmon died, Atta continued to reside here with her son, Harold W. Miller, living next door to the north. In 1950 Atta transferred the house to Bonnie Tietje and Melva Osincup, likely her daughters. The following year after Atta's death, the house was transferred to C.F. and Mary Carstensen who held it briefly reselling in 1953 to J.D. and Lenore Williams. According to local historian Mary Meyers, the Williams family had the stucco work and new porch installed sometime in the early-to-mid-1950s.

9. Sources

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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.

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GIS Department

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Photographs: 503 2nd St NW, looking west and northwest, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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Photographs: 503 2nd St NW, front porch detail, looking west, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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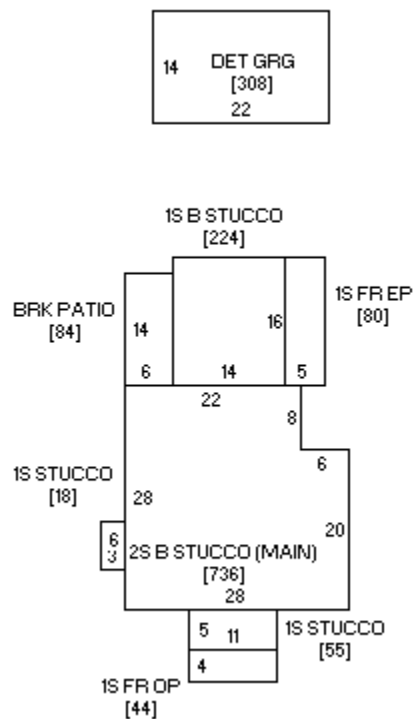
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 503 2nd St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902102006&index=0&size=0>; accessed 11/28/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com