

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

State Inventory No. 09-00675 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, Harold W. and Lillian, House (first)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 507 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) N45.34' of S94.34' Lot s11 & 12 and W 20' S 49' 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)	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 Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A Single Dwelling</u>	<u>01A Single Dwelling</u>
<u>01C05 Garage</u>	<u>01C05 Garage</u>
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>07E Bungalow/Craftsman</u>	foundation <u>10A Concrete Block</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>02B Shingle</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt/Shingle</u>
_____	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
1915 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1915 - garage

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect
Leitha, J.F.
Builder
Miller, Harold W.

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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7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1916 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the pre and post World War I years in Waverly. Property transfer records show the parcel was acquired by H.W. Miller from H.B. Miller, his father, in November 1914. Newspaper accounts published in the *Bremer County Independent* on 1/7/1915 reported substantial progress on construction of the “western style bungalow” and on 4/22/1915 reported that Harold Miller had nearly completed construction of his residence on Elm Street (2nd St. NW). A construction date of 1915 is consistent with this information.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a Bungalow/Craftsman Style, 2-Story house form. Because of Miller’s occupation as a homebuilder during this time, it is likely that he or his company participated in its construction. The house has a low, rock-faced concrete block foundation with square-cut wood shingles laid in “thick and thin” rows on the walls. A wood belt course extends along the window sill line with shingles installed below the belt course laid in a flared pattern. The house has a broad, moderate-pitched side-gabled roof with wide eaves lined with inverted stair-step brackets. Stickwork geometric pattern designs are in the gable peaks. A low-pitched front-gabled attic dormer is centered on the front slope. The house has a porch across the full front with a low-pitched shed-roof that ties back into the front slope of the main house’s roof. Modillions line the front wide eaves of the porch front and reverse stair-step brackets are on the north and south ends. The porch’s closed balustrade is formed by a single course of matching concrete block with the balance of the balustrade and foundation constructed of reddish-brown brick. A course of soldier brick is set on top of the block with the balance of the balustrade laid in running bond. The porch has massive brick columns at the outer corners that flare at the base and a concrete cap along the brick balustrade. The entrance steps are lined by a brick balustrade that features a cap with a curving upper edge. Matching brick is used for the exposed chimney that pierces the eave on the north side of the house.

Fenestration throughout the house includes a variety of window configurations. On the front façade, the centered entrance is flanked by sidelights. Craftsman Style cottage windows with large single light lower sashes and topped by horizontal windows with four vertical lights are set on each side of the entrance. The dormer has a segmental arched opening filled with four, narrow 1/1 double-hung windows on the east face and three 1/1 windows on the north and south faces. A continuous horizontal trim board forms the lintels for the window groupings. On the south façade, shed-roofed rectilinear oriel with flared siding applied below the belt course. The three windows in the south face have tall lower sash and vertical lights in the upper sashes. The shed roof is lined by exposed rafter tails. A second feature window group on the south façade has two tall and narrow 3/1 windows flanking a wide multi-light window with vertical lights that together form a continuous band of Craftsman Style vertical lights. Two double-hung units with multi-light vertical upper sash are in the gable peaks of both the south and north facades. Craftsman Style windows of a different configuration flank the exposed chimney on the first floor of the north façade – each pair of windows has a grid of small panes surrounding a taller center light. Elsewhere in the house, Craftsman Style double-hung windows with vertical lights in the shorter upper sashes are found in singles and pairs.

A detached frame single-bay garage is located at the rear of the property west of the house with access to 4th Ave NW via a drive-way along the west edge of the parcel at 503 2nd St NW previously owned by

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Harold Miller's parents. The garage has a moderate pitched front-gable roof with wide eaves lined by inverted stair-step brackets and exposed rafter tails. The walls are clad in matching square-cut shingles with a belt course and flared shingle installation on the lower walls. The garage door is replacement. The building was constructed at the same time the house was built in 1915. The garage is considered contributing because of its unique design that matches that of the main house.

Alterations: no major changes noted.

8. Significance

The first Harold W. and Lillian Miller House at 507 2nd St NW was built in 1915. It is a well-preserved example of a Bungalow/Craftsman Style house designed by Waverly architect, J.F. Leitha. A contemporary newspaper account states that this was the first "western style bungalow to be built in Waverly." Both the house and the garage qualify for the National Register of Historic Places individually and as contributing resources to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show the parcel was acquired by Harold W. Miller from H.B. Miller in November 1914. Harmon B. Miller and his wife Atta were Harold's parents and resided next door at 503 2nd St NW. According to census research completed for the Millers, in 1920 Harold and Lillian lived at 507 N Elm (2nd St NW) and his occupation was house contractor. In 1930 he lived at the same address and was a casket manufacturer. And in 1940 they had moved into a new house several blocks to the east at 510 1st St NW and he was employed as an insurance salesman. (Biographical research for Harold B. Miller compiled by Mary Meyer, Waverly Historic Preservation Commission member, 11/18/2012) A newspaper account of the house's construction from 1/7/1915 is reprinted below.

9. Sources

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Vertical file collection, Waverly Public Library.

Waverly building histories, miscellaneous bound volumes in reference collection, Waverly Public Library.

Waverly Business News Index (database), Waverly Public Library.

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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Waverly newspapers: Waverly Democrat, 1/7/1915 and *Bremer County Independent*, 7/27/1893, p.8, col.5.

Waverly Democrat, January 7, 1915

H. W. MILLER RESIDENCE.

The residence of H. W. Miller is the first real western style bungalow to be built in Waverly. it is practically all built on the first floor. There is a real large living room, dining room, kitchen, bath room, two bed rooms, and a hall on the first floor, and it is so arranged as to utilize every foot of space.

In the basement there is all that is necessary to make a modern home, such as vegetable rooms, laundry, cistern, boiler room, and coal bin.

The second floor has one very large room and a sleeping porch.

There is in this home all the things a person thinks of when he contemplates building a home, (but what he most generally leaves out after he gets his estimate as to the cost). these are all left in this home, and are such things as plate glass windows, a large brick fire-place, smooth slab doors, quartered white oak trim, tiled bath room, a large ingle nook, built in fixtures in the kitchen, etc.

The exterior is of brick and shingles and with its low sweeping roof and large veranda makes a delightful combination, and it is one that every person who likes a bungalow will take a keen interest in.

The work is being done under the supervision of Mr. Miller himself. J. F. Leitha is the architect.

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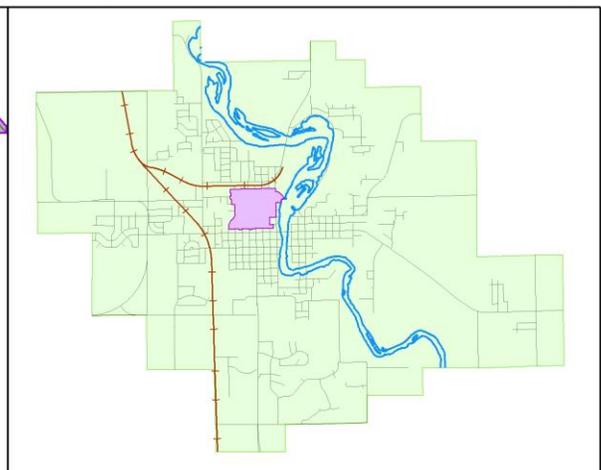
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 507 2nd St NW, looking northwest and shingle siding detail, looking northwest, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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Photographs: 507 2nd St NW, looking northwest along 500 block, and looking northwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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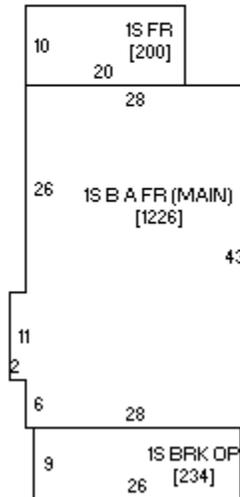
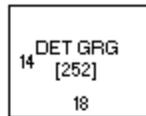
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 507 2nd St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902102005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 11/29/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com