

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

State Inventory No. 09-00715 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 Blain Rental House #2/Osterholm, Myrtle, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 618 3rd 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 J.J. Smith Addition Block(s) 6 Lot(s) N 1/2 Lots 3 & 4

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

<i>If Non-Eligible Property</i>		<i>If Eligible Property, enter number of:</i>	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	<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

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01C05 Garage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof (2-story)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

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)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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
1924 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1924 - garage

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder
Blain, Seth E.

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 1924 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built before and after World War I. The house appears to be one of several built in the early decades of the 20th century by members of the Blain family, owners of the Blain Cement Co. S.E. Blain and Annis Blain owned all of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 6 in November 1918. Blain and his family resided across the street at 623 3rd St NW and he also owned a rental property at 617 3rd St NW until 1920. If this house was completed in 1924, it was likely used as a rental prior to being transferred to Myrtle Osterholm in 1941 by Annis Blain's estate. S.E. Blain was listed in at least one newspaper account of 1925 as having completed a "pebble dash" stucco barn confirming his work in stucco during the early to mid 1920s. The construction date of ca. 1924 appears to be consistent with other public records for this property.

This 2-story concrete block and stucco dwelling is an example of a vernacular Front-Gabled Roof house form. The Osterholm House has a rock-faced concrete block foundation built using Blain Cement Co. block with stucco walls. The house is one of a pair of nearly identical houses constructed next to one another on 3rd Street NW that are attributed to Seth E. Blain. The house has a moderate-pitched front-gabled roof with medium-width eaves, wide cornice boards and no dormers. The low-pitched hipped roof enclosed porch extends across the full front with the entrance steps at the south end. The porch has a matching concrete block foundation with the top row a short-height version of the main block used. The porch was originally unenclosed with a stucco clad balustrade and battered piers at the outer corners. At an unknown date the walls above the balustrade were enclosed with contiguous 1/1 double-hung windows. A side-gable 1-story addition with narrow clapboard-style siding is located on the north side of the house set back from the front façade.

Fenestration includes widely spaced 1/1 double-hung windows of several sizes on primary and secondary façades. The porch entrance is flanked by narrower 1/1 sash. A second entrance is located along the south façade. Windows in the north addition are shorter 1/1 double-hung units.

A detached single-bay frame garage is located south of the house. It has a moderate-pitched front-gable roof with a single replacement overhead door in the gable end. It is clad in matching stucco finish and was constructed in 1924 according to Assessor records.

Alterations: infill porch windows and wall enclosure, undated.

8. Significance

The Myrtle Osterholm House at 618 3rd St NW was built in ca. 1924 and is an example of a vernacular Front-Gabled Roof house form. Its construction and that of an identical house to the south are attributed to Seth E. Blain who was related to George Blain, owner of the local concrete block factory and concrete block contractor. S.E. Blain resided across the street where he built two other concrete block houses. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

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According to property transfer records, S.E. Blain sold this house to his wife Annis Blain in 1938. It remained in her name until 1941 when her estate transferred it to Myrtle Osterholm, possibly a niece or grand-daughter. Myrtle Osterholm continued to own the property until 1950 when it was transferred to Fred Osterholm. It passed out of the Osterholm family in 1962 with a transfer to Ronald and Mary Louise Homann.

9. Sources

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

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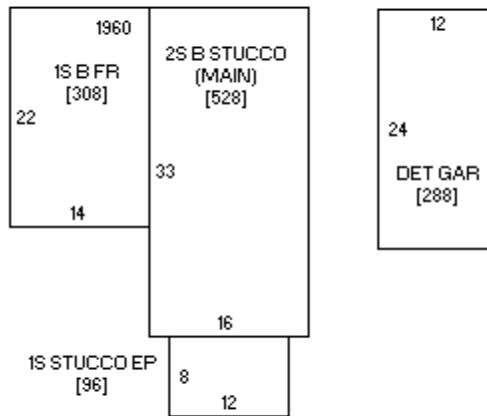
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Floor plan, 618 3rd St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0535361001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/23/2013.



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