

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

State Inventory No. 09-00716 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, Silas E. and Annis, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 623 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) 5 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

<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

01C05 Garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A05 Pyramidal or Hipped Roof (1-story)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 10A Concrete Block

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)

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|--|---|--|
| <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
1910 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1998 - garage

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder
Blain, Silas 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

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 1905 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built before World War I. The house is 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 owned all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 beginning in March 1900. By 1913, he had developed the north half of the lots for a personal residence according to the city directory published that year. Construction of the nearly identical house on the south half of the lots came sometime after 1913 and before 1920 when 617 3rd St NW was sold by Blain. An account in the *Bremer County Independent* in March 1913 suggests that the new house that Blain was building was on his "lot in the Second ward." Since the 1913 city directory already listed him as residing at 623 3rd St NW, it is likely that this article is referencing the second house adjacent to his current residence. Two other houses were likely used by S.E. Blain as rental dwellings (616 and 618 3rd St NW). He sold the south half of Lots 1 and 2 in 1920 but continued to reside in the north half at 623 3rd St NW. A likely date of construction is sometime after the formation of the Blain Cement Co. in ca. 1905 and before publication of the 1913 city directory or ca. 1910.

This 1-story concrete block dwelling is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form. The Blain House has a concrete block foundation and concrete block walls that featured beveled, rock-faced finishes attributed to manufacture by the Blain Concrete Company. The foundation and walls are separated by a smooth finished concrete block watertable; the corner block are a slightly lighter shade of gray and are set as quoins. A distinct reddish mortar found here is also used for block walls and foundations in other Blain homes in the neighborhood. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with wide eaves and gable wall dormers on each of the slopes – near the front façade on this house and near the rear wall on the adjacent Blain-built house. The dormers have returning cornices and are finished in fish-scale wood shingles. The low-pitched hipped roof porch extends across the full front with a pediment centered over the entrance steps. The tympanum is clad in matching wood shingles. The porch has a concrete block foundation and concrete deck with matching block pedestals at the outer corners and at the entrance steps. The balustrade is made up of narrow block with alternating voids. Smooth concrete half-height columns rest on each of the pedestals. Wood screen panels fill the areas above the balustrade with a wood screen door installed at the centered steps.

Fenestration includes several feature windows and widely spaced 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes. The cottage windows featured on the front façade to either side of the entrance have clear single lights topped by wide horizontal sash with matching leaded light designs. One identical cottage window is found on the south façade and another pair on the north façade. One cottage window on the north has a clear upper horizontal light. All of the window openings feature long smooth finished block for lintels and sills with rock-faced lighter colored block stacked as quoins on the sides of the openings. The original 1/1 double-hung units remain in the three wall dormers. The basement level openings are filled with glass block and the rear entrance porch retains a row of four-light fixed-sash.

A detached double-bay frame garage is located west of the house opening onto 5th Ave NW. It has a broad, low-pitched front-gable roof with a double-wide overhead door in the gable end. It was constructed in 1998 according to Assessor records and has clapboard-style vinyl siding.

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Alterations: screen panels on front porch, undated.

8. Significance

The Silas E. and Annis Blain House at 623 3rd St NW was built in ca. 1910 as the first of four houses built in the 600 block of 3rd St NW before and after World War I. It is a well-preserved n example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form built using locally manufactured concrete block and trim products. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

According to property transfer records, S.E. Blain acquired a pair of lots along 3rd St NW in 1900 while he was employed as a painter and paper hanger. By the 1913 city directory lists Blain as residing at 623 3rd St NW with his wife Annis. Another member of Blain's family, George Blain, had established a cement block factory by ca. 1905 and was selling and building concrete block houses, commercial blocks and factories. An account in the *Bremer County Independent* in March 1913 suggests that Blain was building another house in the Second Ward adjacent to his current residence at 623 3rd St NW. It is believed that this ca. 1913 house is the property at 617 3rd St NW. It was likely used by S.E. Blain as a rental property until he sold the south half of Lots 1 and 2 in 1920 to Gustav and Louise Hoppenworth.

S.E. Blain continued to acquire nearby property and build houses for rental and eventual resale or transfer to presumed family members. These included two 2-story front-gable houses at 618 and 616 3rd Street in place by 1924 and 1928 respectively. They were transferred to members of the Osterholm family presumed to be a daughter (Anice Osterholm and her husband William) and granddaughter (Myrtle Osterholm) of the Blains before and after World War II.

In 1919 Silas and Annis Blain sold their property at 623 3rd St NW and relocated to a house at 902 W. Bremer Ave. New owners of the Blains' former home in 1919 were George and Mary Ultch. They held the house briefly transferring to August and Amelia Nolte in 1922. The Noltes appeared to have rented the house at 617 3rd St NW to occupy themselves during the 1920s while leasing out the former Blain House at 623 3rd St NW. By 1939 after Amelia's death in 1935 and August's death in 1939, the property was transferred to Mayme and Fred Mauer. They transferred the property in 1956 to Floyd and Anna Bowdish who held it briefly, transferring it in 1960 to Edward and Bonnie Kukral.

Biographical information for Blain family members prepared by Waverly historian Mary Meyers is contained at the end of this site form.

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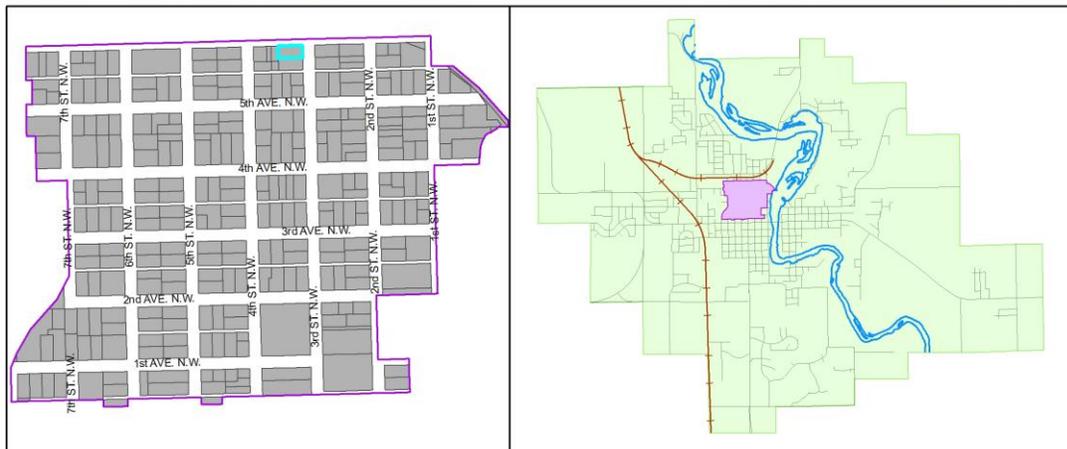
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 623 3rd St NW, looking west, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



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Photographs: 623 3rd St NW, looking west and northwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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Photographs: 623 3rd St NW, looking southwest and south, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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Photographs: 623 3rd St NW, looking southeast, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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Photographs: 617 and 623 3rd St NW, looking northwest and southwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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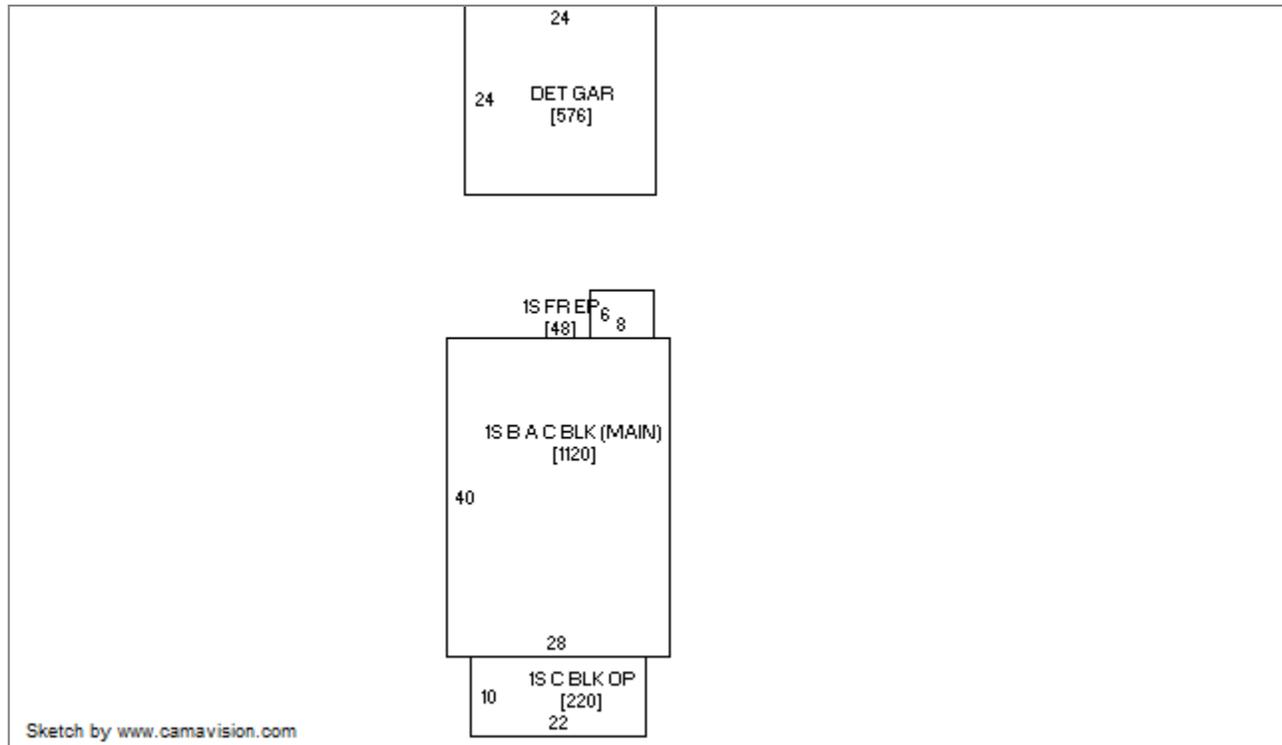
623 3rd St NW

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Floor plan, 623 3rd St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0535360002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/24/2013.



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Blain Family Biographical Information prepared by Mary Meyers 10/2013

George E. (Elmer) and S.E. (Silas Ellsworth) Blain were brothers, sons of William and Eliza Curtis Blain. The father, William, was a carpenter and owned Lots 1 and 2 of Blk 50 in the Harmon & LeValley addition. Presumably the cement block house at 323 5th St NW was built for him.

William and Eliza had 6 children including a third son William. He married late in life and did not appear to own any of the cement block homes or to have lived in any of them except when he was single and living with his parents.

There were also three daughters in the family; I have found the married names for two of them. One lived in New Hampton and died in 1905, so I can't connect her with any of the houses. The second was Margaret Felcher (also known as Margaret Black). She was married and divorced from William Walter Black (and presumably also someone named Felcher), and later lived in Milwaukee. Those would be names to watch for in the transfer pages.

George E. Blain married Maude M. Boveia in 1892. They had two sons, Claude Henderson Blain and Floyd Curtis Blain. Claude's occupations have been listed variously as a mason and brick layer; in 1913 he was single and working at the Blain Cement Co. His WWI draft registration card still shows him as single but doing "mason work" for Blain and Knapp. That would probably be Lloyd Knapp who had a partnership in 1913 with John Perkins in a cement contracting business known as Perkins and Knapp. I have found no information so far to indicate Claude's involvement in the management of Blain Cement Co. He also does not seem to have owned or lived in any of the cement block homes.

Floyd was a plasterer but I don't know what his involvement might have been with the company either. He was married with one son Ellsworth (Bud) but was divorced by 1940. He later moved to California where he died in 1962. I haven't found that he owned any of the cement block homes.

Silas Ellsworth (S.E.) Blain, however, seems to have owned at least two cement block homes as did his son-in-law, Fred Osterholm. S.E. married Annis Louisa Butts. They had a son who lived only 4 days in 1895 and then adopted a daughter, Myrtle Fleet Trowbridge. Myrtle married Fred A. Osterholm; they also adopted a daughter, Carol Jean Osterholm. Fred was a mail carrier in Waverly. He and Annis moved to California some time after 1940 and are buried in Santa Ana, Orange Co.

There seems to be some confusion between Fred and his brother, William Alford Osterholm, who married Anice Myrtle Butts (her father was Thomas Butts). This couple is buried in Harlington. The similarities in the names Anice and Annis, two Myrtles and also the surname of Butts, suggest there might be other family relationships here but I don't know what they are at this point.

But back to S.E. Blain and his son-in-law Fred Osterholm. They seem to have often either lived together or side-by-side; it is sometimes impossible to tell from the census records. They appear to have lived in two adjacent cement block houses at 617 and 623 3rd St NW; both of those houses are still standing. And then it seems they may have built adjacent cement block houses at 902 and 908 W Bremer. 908 W Bremer still stands and was owned by Dr. Melvin Brye by 1940 (S.E. and Annis had both died). Fred and Myrtle still lived at 902 W. Bremer in 1940. It has now been demolished to make a parking lot but I remember it as a cement block house as well. My family lived on that block in the 1950s.

That should give you an idea of the family relationships for George Blain. I'll look for more information about the business this week at the library.

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Blain Family Member House Information

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Bremer County Independent, Dec 22, 1892, p8c5
George Blain has commenced to build him a new house on his lots.

Bremer County Independent, Feb 2, 1893, p8c2
George Blain has commenced work on his new house in the 2d ward.

Bremer County Independent, Mar 16, 1893, p8c2
George Blain will move this week into his new home.

Bremer County Independent, Jan 4, 1894, p1c2
George Blain, house, \$500.

1899 City Directory
George lives on N. Oak St. (5th St. NW) and S.E. lives on W. Fulton St. (5th Ave NW)

1900 Federal Census
George lives on N. Oak St. (5th St NW) and S.E. lives on W. Fulton St. (5th Ave NW)

Waverly Republican, Jan 9, 1902
George Blain will build on the lots he recently bought in the 2nd ward and Henry Arns has bought two lots in the 5th ward, just north of the Hines' property where he will build in the spring.

Bremer County Independent, Mar 5, 1903, p8c3
George Blain has a new barn on his lots in the Second ward about completed and will begin work on a new house as soon as possible.

Real estate transfers: George E. Blaine to Tabitha H. Cane, 1 lot, Waverly 2nd ward \$1387.50.

Bremer County Independent, Nov 28, 1907, p7c3
George Blain, the contractor, has just completed a large building on his lots in the Second ward, in which he will manufacture cement blocks, fence posts, etc. during the winter months. Cement and cement products are coming into universal use and Mr. Blaine will make up blocks during the dull season for use when needed.

1910 Federal Census
George lives at 608 Fulton St. (5th Ave NW) and S.E. lives at 623 N. Linn St. (3rd St. NW)

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Bremer County Independent, May 23, 1912, p1c2

Oak Street north from Bremer Avenue is looking up and will shine before the end of this summer. Henry Arns is giving his house a new coat of paint. George Seekatz has his new house inclosed. George Blain has the foundation finished for his new cement block house. John Lutz has built new walks, porch, and has improved the looks of his place all round. Joe Grawe is painting his house. Joe Russell's new house, 28x32, 2 stories on a good cellar, is ready for the roof. Up to where the second story begins it is built of cement blocks and the walls of the second story are of Gladbrook brick. That's the house that's different and will look all right when finished.

Waverly Republican, May 23, 1912

Real estate transfers: A.L. Lindner to Geo. Blain, part of 2 lots, Waverly 2d ward, \$363.

Waverly Republican, May 30, 1912

Work on the foundation of Geo. Blaine's new cement block residence on North Oak street was completed last week and the construction on the building proper is now in progress. When completed it will be the handsomest residence on that street.

Bremer County Independent, Dec 5, 1912, p8c3

H.K. Wedeking has bought of Geo. Blaine the new cement block house finished this fall, on Oak St North, for \$2750. Mr. Wedeking takes possession March 1, 1913.

1913 City Directory

George lives at 608 Fremont St. (4th Ave NW) and S.E. lives at 623 N. Linn St. (3rd St. NW)

Bremer County Independent, Mar 13, 1913, p8c2

S.E. Blain has the cement blocks on the ground for the walls of a new residence he is going to build on his lot in the Second ward.

Waverly Republican, April 24, 1913, p5

Work has begun on George Blain's and Fred Osterholm's new houses. Aug Miller is moving a house to his own lots. Knapp Bros. have started to build one of their flats. Herman Bunth is building a residence on the Dutkewitz lots. W.W. Saylor has moved the Reith house from State street to lots in the 3rd ward.

Bremer County Independent, May 1, 1913

S.E. Blain has workmen busy on the foundation of a new house on his lots in the Second ward.

George Blain will build himself a fine new house on his lots in the Fifth ward.

Waverly Republican, Dec 17, 1914, p1

George Blain, house \$1,500.

S.E. Blain, house, \$3,800.

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Waverly Republican, Jun 11, 1914, p1

S.E. Blain has commenced work on the laying of cement blocks for a handsome two-story residence on the corner of North Linn and Penn street to be occupied by himself and wife.

Bremer County Independent, Jan 7, 1915

George Blain, residence, \$2,700.

Bremer County Independent, Jun 24, 1915, p7c2

George Blain has sold his house and lot in the Fifth ward and will build a new house on the lot now occupied by his mother.

Bremer County Independent, Oct 14, 1915, p10c3

George Blain and his workmen are putting the finishing touches on his fine new residence on North Oak St., and when completed George and his family will have a beautiful home.

Bremer County Independent, Oct 21, 1915, p10c2

George Blain has bought a lot two blocks north of the Publishing House and expects to erect thereon a modern residence.

1920 Federal Census

George lives at 323 N. Oak St. (4th St NW) and S.E. lives at 502 W. Fulton St. (5th Ave. NW)

Bremer County Independent, May 12, 1922, p8c2

George Blain has the foundation walls up for the new residence he is building on Fulton Street. The house will be modern in every respect and will be a fine addition to that part of town.

1925 State Census

George lives at 614 Fulton St. (5th Ave NW) and S.E. lives at 914 W. Bremer Ave.

Waverly Independent Republican, Mar 25, 1926, p4c4

S.E. Blain has moved the barn from his place on North Linn street, where he will remodel it into a modern residence. The house will be modern throughout and the exterior will be pebble dashed and Mr. Blain says it will be a credit to that end of town.

1930 Federal Census

George lives at 401 S. Locust St. (4th St SW) and S.E. lives at 902 W. Bremer Ave.

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Bremer County Independent, Dec 25, 1930, p1 & 7

S.E. Blain, house, \$4,500

George Blain, cottages, \$1,500

S.E. Blain, house, \$3,000

1940 Federal Census

George lives at 610 4th St NW; S.E. has died.

Bremer County Independent, Dec 4, 1946, Sect B p1

NEW CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSE IN WAVERLY (includes a photo)

Shown above is the new home of Mr. and Mrs. George Blain at 216 Eighth avenue N.W. Started late in April the house was nearly complete last week, and Mrs. Blain said that then was the first time she really felt settled. George, who has long been familiar with concrete construction, did much of the work himself. It is the eighth house of that type which he has erected in Waverly, Mrs. Blain said. It has five rooms, a bath and sunporch, and a complete basement, which is painted with a special waterproof cement paint. Interior is finished in pastel shades. Chief detail lacking at present is a complete hardwood floor, which won't be laid until material becomes available.