

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

State Inventory No. 09-00735

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 Bruns-Meyer House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 416 4th Ave 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) 43 Lot(s) North to Sec Line E 46' of Lot 6 & W 10' Lot 7

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

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)

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing (2-story)

foundation

04 Stone

walls (visible material) 15B Vinyl

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 416 4th Ave 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
1894 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
Garage - 1995

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

Bruns, Anton

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 1893 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1880s to the 1910s. The property was transferred from Daniel Dean to Anton Bruns in April 1893. Anton sold the property in Dec 1896 to John Meyer. The house was likely built sometime after the 1893 acquisition by the Bruns and before the 1896 transfer. A news account in the *Bremer County Independent* on March 15, 1894 identifies Anton Bruns as building "another house in the Second ward." This reference makes a slightly later date of ca. 1894 consistent with public records.

This frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing house form. Its plan is a reverse of the house located next door to the east at 406 4th Ave NW suggesting both houses were built by the same contractor. The Bruns-Meyer House has a parged stone foundation with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding. The front-gable section has a moderate-pitched roof with moderate width eaves and the side-gabled east wing has a similar pitch with a large gabled wall dormer on the front slope. The original porch filling the right-hand ell remains in place with a flat roof, turned porch posts and small scroll-cut brackets. Original window openings have 1/1 double-hung sash in singles and pairs. There are no feature windows.

A detached double-bay frame garage is located on the north side of the house. It is clad in matching vinyl clapboard siding and was constructed in 1995 according to Assessor records. It has a low-pitched front-gable roof with a single overhead door. The drive parallels that of the house at 406 4th Ave NW.

Alterations: vinyl siding, undated; garage, 1995.

8. Significance

The Bruns-Meyer House at 416 4th Ave NW was built in ca. 1894 and is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing house form. The house is one of a pair of nearly identical reverse-plan houses belt next to one another in the same block. 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, the property was transferred from Daniel Dean to Anton Bruns in April 1893. Bruns sold 406 4th Ave NW to Albert Bruns (his son possibly) in December 1893 and sold 416 4th Ave NW to John Meyer in December 1896. A news account in the *Bremer County Independent* on March 15, 1894 identifies Anton Bruns as building "another house in the Second ward," likely this house. On June 6, 1894 during the heat of summer, the newspaper reported that "Anton Bruns was overcome by the heat Monday afternoon while working on his new house in the Second ward and was compelled to retreat to the shade. He is better again."

The 1899 city directory shows John Meyer as residing on W. Fremont (4th Ave NW) and employed as a miller. In 1903 Meyer and his wife (unidentified) sold the house to August Boeckman (alternate spellings in transfer records and 1913 city directory - Backman and Bocken). He and his wife Louisa (Louise) resided here until his death in 1923. The 1913 city directory lists August, age 63, without employment suggesting he was retired. In 1924, Louisa and her heirs transferred the property to

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members of the Westendorf family who held it until January 1938 when it passed from Erna Westendorf Steege to Esther and Elmer Buls; they in turn passed it to Minnie Buls a few months later. In 1951 the house was transferred from Buls to Catherine and Paul Tharp who resided there during the 1950s. In 1969, Catherine transferred the house to Nora Anna Siemering.

9. Sources

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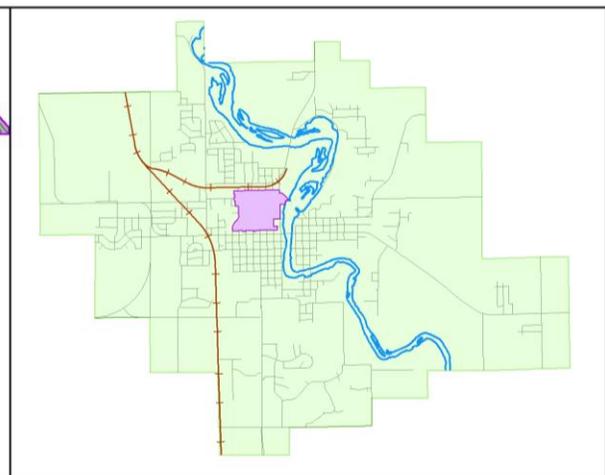
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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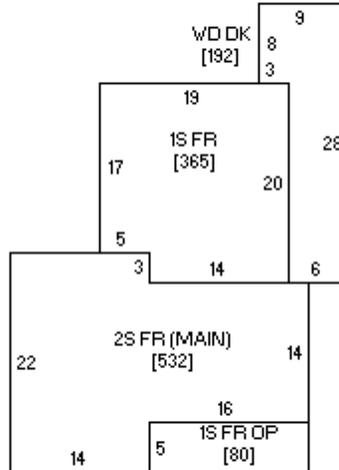
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Floor plan, 416 4th Ave, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903229002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/05/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com