

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

State Inventory No. 09-00742

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, George and Maude, House (first)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 608 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) 57 Lot(s) Lot 7 & N to Section Line

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		If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>2</u>	—
—	sites	—	—
—	structures	—	—
—	objects	—	—
—	Total	<u>2</u>	—

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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01C08 Carriage House (Barn)

01C08 Carriage House (Barn); used as 01C05 Garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A06 Hipped Roof, 2-story (American Four-Square)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 10A Concrete Block; 02B Shingle

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

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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
1908 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1908- Barn

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect
Blain, George
Builder
Blain, George

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 1911 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 period. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings for the owner of record, George Blain (Blaine). The *Waverly Journal* (7/21/1938) published an account of the 30 year business history for Blain's concrete products company with a photo of this house identified as "built more than 30 years ago," which would suggest a slightly earlier date of 1908.

This 2-story concrete block house is an example of a Hipped Roof, 2-story house form known as the "American Four-Square" that became popular in Iowa prior to World War I and continued to be built into the 1920s. The house has a concrete block foundation with the block featuring a rock-faced surface and beveled edges; the walls use various block styles manufactured by the owner's company at the time and red mortar. Smooth finished extended length block are used for the water table, belt course between levels, and window sills. Another block has the shape of a jack arch and is used for lintels. A moderate-pitched hipped roof has gabled wall dormers with returning cornices on the slopes with their walls finished in alternating bands of saw-tooth and scalloped wood shingles; scroll-cut gable motifs are in each dormer peak.

The rear wing (original) has a stucco wall finish with a horizontal belt course and water table matching the house and gable treatment similar to that of the dormers. The front porch spans the full front and features a matching rock-faced block foundation, wide smooth finished block top course and a concrete deck. Matching block pedestals are at the outer corners and centered steps with fluted columns serving as roof supports. The narrow screen panels were added in 1994 according to the current owners and feature decorative scroll-cut brackets at their corners. The house originally had a stucco balustrade on the porch roof. That has been replaced by a balustrade composed of closely spaced square spindles. The roof access door is centered on the front beneath the intact square

Fenestration throughout the house includes widely spaced single, tall and narrow 1/1 double-hung windows. Smaller square openings in the attic level wall dormers have been replaced with louvered panels on the secondary facades with the front gable retaining its original single-light sash with applied scroll-cut detailing over the glass pane. The only other atypical window is the horizontal window on the east façade that likely is along the staircase. A small balcony faces east and features a matching porch roof balustrade.

A detached 2-story frame carriage barn converted to a garage is located at the rear of the property. It has a front-gable roof facing east. According to the Assessor's records, it was built in 1911.

Alterations: porch screen enclosure (1994); rear addition (1996); porch roof balustrade replacement (undated); east balcony balustrade replacement (undated).

8. Significance

The George and Maude Blain House (first) at 608 4th Ave NW was built in ca. 1908 and is a well-preserved example of an American Four-Square house form from the post-World War I period. It is

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typical of several other Four-Square houses built as in-fill housing during the years before and after the war in this neighborhood. What makes this house stand out is its early use of concrete block manufactured by building owner, George Blain. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C and the 2-story former carriage barn is considered a contributing resource.

A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings for the owner of record, George Blain (Blaine) and his wife Maude. The *Waverly Journal* (7/21/1938) published an account of the 30 year business history for Blain's concrete products company with a photo of this house identified as "built more than 30 years ago," which would suggest a slightly earlier date of 1908. George Blain and his manufacturing and contracting business became a significant development force in the Harmon and LeValley Addition as well as other areas of Waverly. A summary of articles relating the history of the Blain concrete products company appears below. His factory was eventually located several blocks north near the Chicago and Great Western Railroad route but this was given as his contracting business's address in the 1913 city directory.

In 1913 Lewis and Sarah Trumpower purchased the property from the Blains. The couple resided here together for nearly 20 years and Sarah continued here after Lewis' death in 1933. Sarah's estate transferred the property in 1942 to Eva Soldwisch who sold the house later that year to Sylvia Schroedermeier.

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

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.

Waverly Historic Photo Collection, Waverly Public Library.

Waverly newspapers:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Article, Newspaper and Day/Page Information</u>
1907	George Blain built cement block factory, <i>Bremer County Independent</i> , Nov 28 p7c3
1926	Article, <i>Bremer County Independent</i> , Jan 7, p. 6
1938	Article (photos), <i>Waverly Journal</i> , July 21 p. 6 – Contains photo of George & Maude Blain House)
1946	Sold to Ed Minnaert, <i>Waverly Democrat</i> , Dec 13
1946	Ed Bodecker bought out, <i>Waverly Democrat</i> , May 24. Known as Waverly Cement Block
1952	Article on Geo Blain (sidewalks), <i>Waverly Democrat</i> , Mar 7

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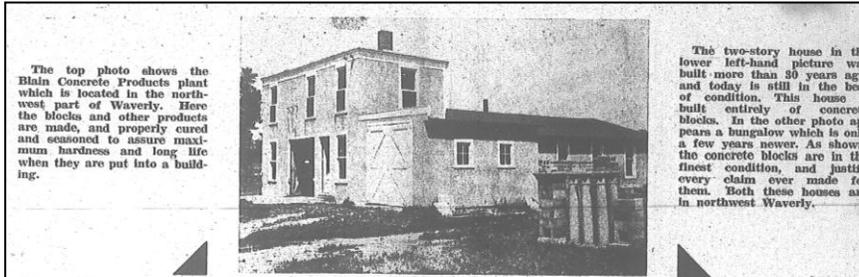
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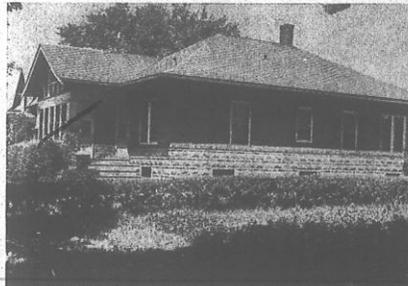
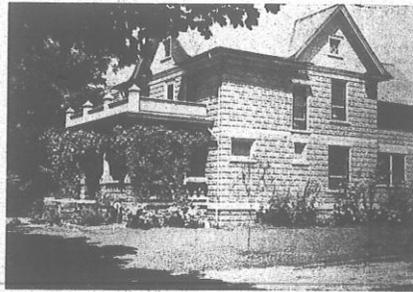
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The top photo shows the Blain Concrete Products plant which is located in the northwest part of Waverly. Here the blocks and other products are made, and properly cured and seasoned to assure maximum hardness and long life when they are put into a building.

The two-story house in the lower left-hand picture was built more than 30 years ago, and today is still in the best of condition. This house is built entirely of concrete blocks. In the other photo appears a bungalow which is only a few years newer. As shown, the concrete blocks are in the finest condition, and justify every claim ever made for them. Both these houses are in northwest Waverly.



Waverly Journal, July 21, 1938, p. 6.

Blain Concrete Block Company Specializes In Production of This Type of Material

A way to stop the wastes from fire is explained by George Blain whose Concrete Products company manufactures fireproof, in-structible concrete blocks for use in construction work of all kinds. The Blain concrete block business was started by Mr. Blain in Waverly about 35 years ago, and since his beginning, he has manufactured large quantities of the blocks for a variety of uses.

Mr. Blain's interest in this kind of work began when cement blocks were a brand-new type of building material, and he has developed some satisfactory methods of his own in the years between his start and the present time. The cement block plant is in the northwest part of Waverly, and is pictured above. Mr. Blain is usually on hand at the plant with his helpers.

Standard size cement blocks are 8 by 8 by 16 inches and are easy for one man to handle, both in making and in use as a building material. In the early days of cement block manufacture, very large and clumsy blocks were made with the idea, the larger the block was, the stronger would be the wall constructed with it. This idea has been disproved since, however, and now the blocks are made in sizes more convenient to ship, store, handle and use in building.

The Blain works makes, in addition to blocks, rounded porch pillars and special columns, and other building accessories, some of them to special order. Bird baths and fountain pieces and other articles for public grounds may be made at the Blain plant.

Making of the cement block is an interesting process. Raw materials used in their preparation are sand, gravel and crushed rock, brought to the plant in trucks. These raw materials are combined with Portland cement and clean water in an open mixer especially designed to meet the particular requirements of concrete products plants. After the ingredients are mixed thoroughly, the mixture is placed in sturdily-constructed block machines and tamped repeatedly with automatic tampers to insure smoothness.

Unless the aggregate, or raw material, and the Port-

land cement are mixed in correct proportions the blocks will not be solid and substantial. It is equally important that the consistency of the mixed concrete be blended thoroughly to avoid trouble in the finished block.

After the block units are removed from the forming machines they are placed on racks in the curing room. Here they undergo daily spraying during the curing process. This daily spraying with moisture during the curing period insures the crystallization which is necessary in the making of all concrete products.

When the curing process is completed the blocks are transported by means of a gravity conveyor, to outside platforms where they are stored for a second curing period. During this storage time the blocks continue to grow stronger and stronger, taking on more stony qualities, which justify the faith which builders place in them. This type of block is, when cured properly, almost indestructible, and insures useful long life for any type of building.

Most of the blocks are of a plain light gray color, but occasionally special "batches" are prepared. For the blocks used in certain house construction, for instance, granite chips were added to the mixture with the result that finished blocks had the appearance of glittering with mica in the sun.

Uniform high quality of concrete products from the Blain products plant, believes Mr. Blain, is the dependable result of using the best of raw materials and devoting time and attention to the important little details of the work. These small details are the ones, Mr. Blain believes, which are of utmost importance to the successful manufacture of any fine piece of merchandise.

Care and thoroughness, good tools and tested materials combine to make the Blain concrete products economical and dependable. As a pioneer in the industry, Mr. Blain points out, he has made use of time and experience to learn how to build permanence, beauty and economy into every house of concrete masonry construction.

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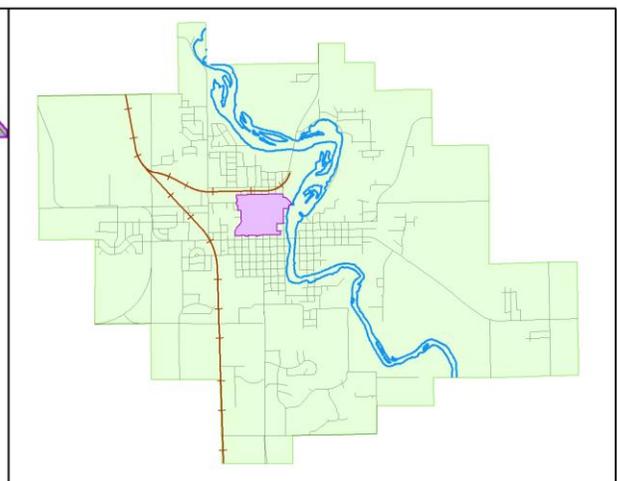
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 608 4th Ave NW, looking north and northeast, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 608 4th Ave NW, along alley, looking southeast and northeast, Marlys Svendsen, IHSEMD, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 608 4th Ave NW, looking northeast and northwest, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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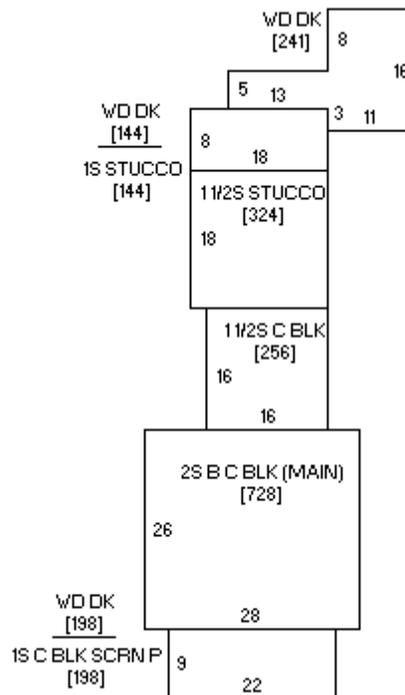
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 608 4th Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneider.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903227002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/7/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com

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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

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.