

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

State Inventory No. 09-00746 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 Simmons, Nona Verne and Elmer, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 211 4th 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 Addition Block(s) 46 Lot(s) N 48' Lot 8

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

2 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
2 — 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)

09A05 Hipped Roof (1½-Story)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

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)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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 1912 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____

Builder _____

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 1908 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the turn of the 20th century to the 1920s. The property was transferred from Cornelia Bailey who lived next door at 203 4th St NW with her husband Charles to Nona Verne Bailey in July 1912. A newspaper account from the *Bremer County Independent* on October 24, 1912 identified Elmer Simmons, Verne's new husband, as building a house in the 2nd ward. By 1913, the city directory published that year lists Verne Simmons and her husband Elmer, a carpenter, residing at 211 Locust St (4th St NW). Given this information it is likely that the house was built in ca. 1912.

This frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof 1½-story house form. The Simmons House has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding. The house has a moderate-pitched hipped roof with five gabled dormers. Three are large wall dormers centered on the roof slopes on the west, north and south facades. One is a smaller attic dormer on the front with the fifth a gabled wall dormer off-set to the north also along the east façade. In each instance the dormers have wide cornice returns. A rectilinear hipped roof bay window is centered beneath the east wall dormer. Immediately to the south, the original open porch recessed beneath the house's main hipped roof is now enclosed. The porch has the balustrade and piers clad in matching vinyl siding with a continuous row of 1/1 windows in the upper walls. The porch entrance door is located opposite the house's original front door. Window openings in the main house include an angular bay window to the left of the front entrance inside the enclosed porch, windows in the rectilinear bay including two very narrow 1/1 sash on the north and south sides, and both single and paired 1/1 sash elsewhere. The front wall dormer has a short 1/1 double-hung window with a pediment shaped lintel decorated with a crown molding, keystone block, and scalloped trim. Other feature windows include a group of three horizontal sashes on the south façade with geometric leaded patternwork.

An attached single-bay frame garage is located on the west side of the house with a detached frame garage further to the rear. It has a broad front-gable roof with wood clapboard siding and a bypass door opening facing east. It was original according to Assessor records.

Alterations: siding, undated; porch enclosure, undated.

8. Significance

The Nona Verne and Elmer Simmons House at 211 4th St NW was built in ca. 1911 and is an example vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof 1½-story house form. The form features five gabled wall and attic dormers. 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 Cornelia Bailey who lived next door at 203 4th St NW with her husband Charles to Nona Verne Bailey in July 1912. A newspaper account from the *Bremer County Independent* on October 24, 1912 identified Elmer Simmons, Verne's presumed new husband, as building a house in the 2nd ward. The article stated "Elmer Simmons is this

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week excavating for a cellar for his new house which he will build on the fractional lot just north of Charles Bailey's house [203 4th St NW] in the Second ward. He expects to have the building completed by spring." By 1913, the city directory published that year lists Verne Simmons and her husband Elmer, a carpenter, residing at 211 Locust St (4th St NW). The couple lived here for five years selling it in January 1918 to Lena and W.E. Swift who resold it later that year to Alfred Knott. Sometime during the next several years, Knott sold the Simmons House to W.H. Betts who resided there with his family until selling it to G.O. VanDerveer in 1938. In 1942 the VanDerveers saw the property transferred to W.M. and Sophie Ducker. In 1976 the house passed from Erwin Ducker to Ronald and Irene Evans.

9. Sources

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

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PIN 09-03-243-005**



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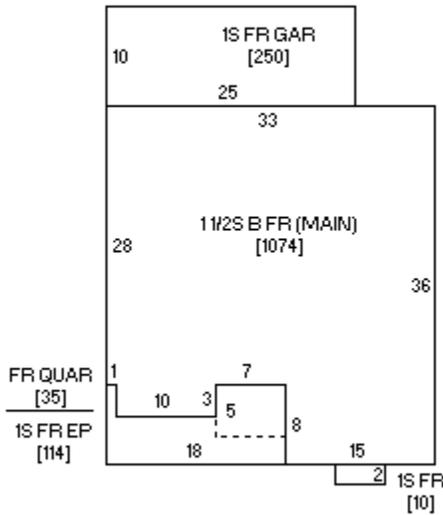
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Floor plan, 211 4th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903243005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/08/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com