

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

State Inventory No. 09-00747 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 Nolte-Willis House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 217 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) S 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)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>2</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 01A Single Dwelling

01C08 Carriage House/Barn 01C05 Garage

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) 05F Steel

_____ 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
1905 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

11. Form Prepared By

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 organization for City of Waverly, Historic Preservation Commission telephone 715/469-3300
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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 from the 1890s through the 1920s. The property was transferred from Margaret Young, resident to the north, to Aldia Nolte in 1905. The property was transferred four years later to Mary Willis and her husband Albert. Given this information it is likely that the house was built by either the Nolte family or the Willis family between 1905 and 1909. In the 1913 city directory, the Willis family resided at this address.

This frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Front-Gabled Roof 1½-story house form. The Nolte-Willis House has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with narrow clapboard-style steel siding on the walls and vertical board-and-batten style steel siding in the gable peaks. The house has a steeply-pitched front-gable roof with hipped roof wall dormers centered on the north and south slopes. A flat-roofed porch extends across the full front and is now enclosed. The porch has the balustrade 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. An uncovered wood deck is located on the south side of the house.

Window openings in the main house include a shallow angular bay window on the second level of the front façade beneath the gable peak. On the first floor inside the enclosed porch, cottage windows with narrow horizontal upper sash over large square lower sash, are located to either side of the centered entrance door. Elsewhere, 1/1 double-hung window units are of various sizes in singles and pairs.

A detached 2-story side-gabled frame carriage barn is located along the rear property line west of the house perpendicular to the alley. It was originally built without the shed-roofed step-out designed to handle the size of automobiles. It has beveled wood siding and corner board trim with a by-pass door made of tongue-and-groove vertical boards in the step out addition as well as an overhead door. It was undated according to Assessor records.

Alterations: siding, undated; porch enclosure, undated.

8. Significance

The Nolte-Willis 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 Margaret Young, the owner/resident of the house to the north, to Aldia Nolte in 1905. The property was transferred four years later to Mary Willis and her husband Albert. Sometime in between the house was likely built. The Willis family occupied the house in the 1913 city directory. At that time Albert was not employed but their Mary and Albert's daughter, Ida, worked at the Waterloo Skirt & Garment Co. above 301 E. Bremer Ave in the downtown. Mary Willis' estate transferred the property to Grace Young in 1935.

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She and her husband Arben, an attorney, resided here at least until the 1950s. Grace sold it in 1982 to Kurt and Anna Meyer. Following her husband's death in 1985, Anna held it until 1991 selling it to Dennis and Cynthia Oleson. They transferred it the same year to James and Tammy Marie Dickinson who remain the owners in 2013.

9. Sources

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

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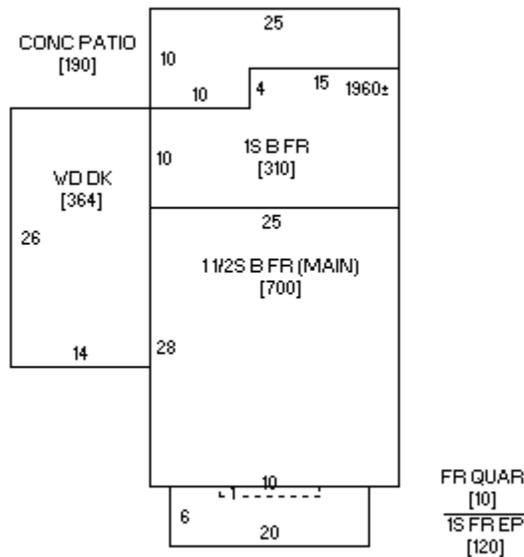
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Floor plan, 217 4th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903243004&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/08/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com