

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

State Inventory No. 09-00752 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 Morris, John and Ruth, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 323 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) 45 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

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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 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 09 Asbestos

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
1894 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1976

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 1888 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1880s through the 1910s. The property was transferred from Mary Dailey and husband in 1892 to William Smith. A house with a similar footprint appears on the 1894 Sanborn Map. William Smith was not documented as residing here in the 1899 city directory or the 1895 Iowa State Census, however. The first couple to be documented as residing here was Ruth and John Morris following their purchase of the house in December 1912. Given this information it is likely that the house was built in ca. 1894 or a few years earlier.

This frame dwelling is an example of a Gable-Front and Wing 2-story house form. The Morris House has a smooth finished concrete block foundation that suggests the house was elevated on to a new foundation some years after construction. The walls are clad in asbestos shingle siding. The house has a moderate-pitched, intersecting gable roof with moderate width eaves and a gabled wall dormer on the front slope of the south wing. A shed-roofed porch fills the left hand ell. The porch construction was modified when the new foundation was installed resulting in the installation of a block foundation and concrete deck for the porch with wrought iron posts for roof supports and a decorative wrought iron balustrade in place of the previous wood trim elements. Window openings in the main house include widely spaced single and paired 1/1 double-hung window units.

A detached 1-story front-gabled frame garage is located at the rear opening on to 3rd Ave NW. It has a double-bay width with wide clapboard-style siding on the walls and channel-cut siding in the gable ends. The front of the garage extends forward supported by angled braces. According to Assessor records it was built in 1976.

Alterations: foundation replacement and elevation; asbestos siding, undated; porch modifications, undated; garage, 1976.

8. Significance

The John and Ruth Morris House at 323 4th St NW was built in ca. 1894 and is an example vernacular Gable-Front and Wing 2-story house form. A number of similar forms were built in the same neighborhood during the 1890s, each featuring a gabled wall dormer on the side-gabled wing. 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 Mary Dailey and her husband in 1892 to William Smith. A house with a similar footprint appears on the 1894 Sanborn Map dating this house's construction before that date. Although William Smith held the house until 1901, he was not documented as residing here in the 1899 city directory or the 1895 Iowa State Census. Eliza Laird purchased the house in 1901 and held it until 1912. The first couple to be documented as owners residing here was Ruth and John Morris following their purchase of the house in December 1912. The 1913 city directory lists them here but with neither Ruth or John employed. In 1920 the house was

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transferred to Henry Raecker. He and his wife Antonia held the house until 1924 when it was sold to John Piersdorf and his wife Sophia. She sold it in 1935 to Martha Hay who transferred it with her husband in 1943 to Renetta Meier. The house changed hands frequently following World War II – to John and Edna Burman in 1945, to Carl Oetting in 1946, and to Wilhelminia Sweet in 1948. It is presumed that the house was being used for rental purposes.

9. Sources

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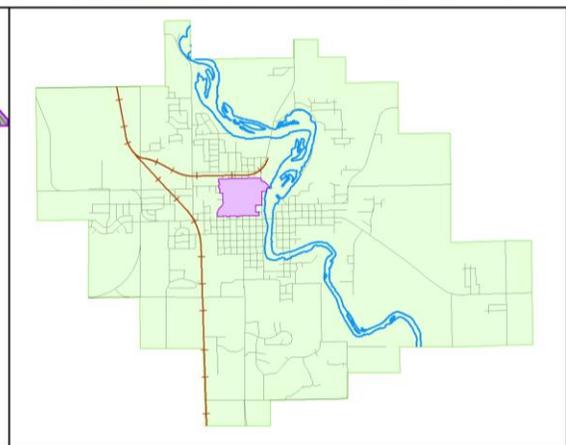
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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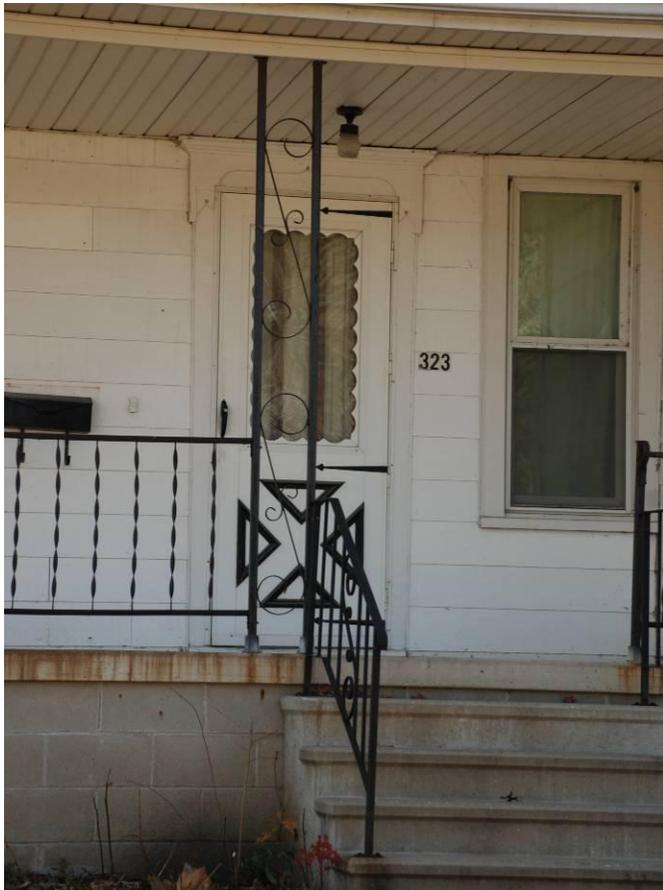
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Floor plan, 323 4th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903239005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/11/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com