

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00761**  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 Roloff, Mary, House  
 other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 522 4<sup>th</sup> 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) Block Fr 2 Lot(s) N 101' Lot 20

**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:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</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>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 MPD Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A01 Single Dwelling</u>	<u>01A01 Single Dwelling</u>
<u>01C05 Garage</u>	<u>01C05 Garage</u>
_____	_____

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A05 Pyramidal or Hipped Roof (1-story)</u>	foundation <u>10 Concrete (parged)</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>15B Vinyl</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt/Shingle</u>
_____	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  
1895  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

Woodring, Peter

**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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**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 house is estimated to have been built in 1888 according to Bremer County Assessor records. This date is consistent with similar house forms built between the 1890s and 1910s. A newspaper from October 11, 1894 identifies Peter Woodring as building a house in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward on the lot he bought from Darwin Leet. Woodring had acquired Lot 2 from Leet in September 1894 and held it until May 1895 when it was sold to Mary Roloff. The 1899 city directory lists her as residing at 514 N. Locust St (4<sup>th</sup> St NW). A more accurate date for the house based on this information would be ca. 1895.

This 1-story frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form. The Roloff House has a parged foundation with narrow-width clapboard-style vinyl siding on the walls. The house has a steeply-pitched hipped roof with narrow eaves and a single gabled roof attic dormer on the north side slope. The original windows appear to have been paired 1/1 double-hung but most of the units have been replaced with single casement and fixed sash or hopper sash. The house currently has no porch.

A detached double-bay frame garage is located east of the house opening on to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. It has a low-pitched hipped roof with a replacement overhead door. A screened porch extends along the west side of the garage. It was constructed in 1923 according to Assessor records and has clapboard-style vinyl siding.

Alterations: siding, undated; window replacements, undated; likely front porch removal, undated.

## 8. Significance

The Mary Roloff House at 522 4<sup>th</sup> St NW is an example of an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form. The house was built during the decade of the 1890s, the decade that Waverly saw the greatest growth by percentage in population. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the Harmon and LeValley NW Historic District under Criteria A and C and the garage is considered noncontributing.

According to property transfer records, Peter Woodring owned this property between September 1894 and May 1895 when it was sold to Mary Roloff. A newspaper account from the *Bremer County Independent*, 10/11/1894 identifies Peter Woodring as “commencing building a new house on the lots he bought from Darwin Leet in the Second Ward.” Woodring first purchased Lot 20 on September 3, 1924 from Leet and had eight months to complete its construction before selling it to Mary Roloff. By the time the 1899 city directory was published, Mary Roloff was listed as residing at 514 N. Locust St (4<sup>th</sup> St NW). It is likely that this house was the same one built by Woodring. Mary Roloff was listed in the 1899 directory as a widow and Emma Roloff was listed at the same address working as a dressmaker.

In 1901, Mary Roloff sold the house to Peter Dalton and his wife Sarah, a retired couple. By the time the 1913 city directory was published, Peter had died and Mary resided here as a widow. She sold the house the same year to Alvina Holm and her husband, Herman, who worked at the Waverly Brewing

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Co. They held the house until 1919 when it was sold to H.A. Murray, a real estate agent, who passed it to Louis Gabe a short time later.

### 9. Sources

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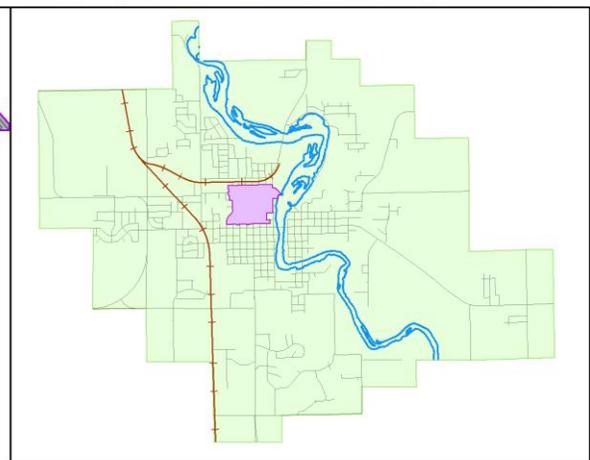
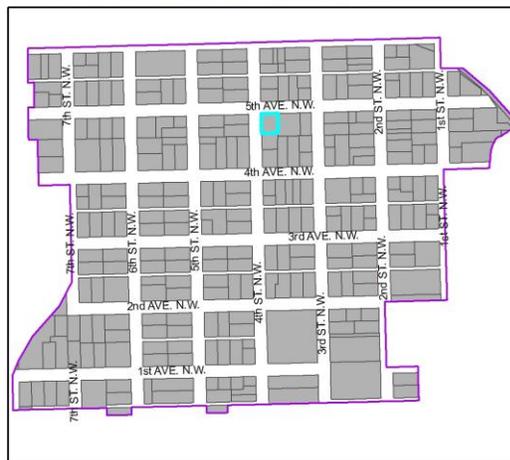
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 522 4th St NW, looking northeast and southeast, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/15/2011.



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Photographs: 522 4th St NW, garage, looking south and east from 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mary Svendsen, photographer, 11/15/2011.



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Photograph: 522 4th St NW, looking southeast, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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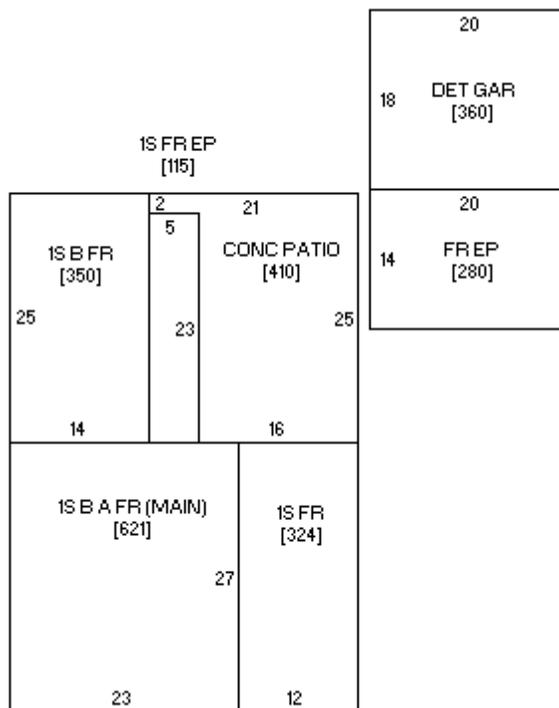
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 522 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0534493002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/20/2013.



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