

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

State Inventory No. 09-00777

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 Thoren, Christian and Amelia, House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 311 5<sup>th</sup> 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 J.J. Smith Addition

Block(s) 4

Lot(s) Lots 2,3 & W 8' Lot 1

**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                      1 buildings  
 —                      — sites  
 —                      — structures  
 —                      — objects  
2                      1 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

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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01C05 Garage

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A05 Hipped Roof, 1-story

foundation

04 Stone (parged)

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)

- 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

Address 311 5<sup>th</sup> NW

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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  
1896  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
Garage – 1923

**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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**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:

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| 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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| Thoren, Christian and Amelia, House | Bremer  |
| Name of Property                    | County  |
| 311 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW          | Waverly |
| Address                             | City    |

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## 7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1896 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from ca. 1890 through the 1910s. Property transfer records show this property was sold by Charles O. Smith to Christian Thoren in July 1896. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings as occupied by John C. Pries who acquired the house from Thoren's widow, Amelia, in February 1910. A construction date of ca. 1896 appears consistent with public records.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular Hipped Roof, 1-story house form. The house has a parged stone foundation with asbestos shingle siding on the walls. A low-pitched hipped roof has no dormers and narrow eaves. A small enclosed entrance bay with a low-pitched front-gable roof was added to the front façade sometime after publication of the 1952 Sanborn Map, most likely at the same time as installation of asbestos shingle siding. Fenestration throughout the house includes widely spaced single and paired 1/1 double-hung windows. A single horizontal window is located in the enclosed entrance bay.

The property has two garages. One was built in 1923 according to property transfer records. It is located east of the house and has a single bay, beveled wood siding with a hipped roof, and 2/2 double-hung windows. The second garage located southeast of the house has vertical metal siding with a double-bay overhead door and wide front-gable roof. The first garage is a contributing resource and the second is noncontributing.

Alterations: asbestos siding (undated); enclosed front entrance bay (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Thoren House at 311 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW built in ca. 1896 is an example of vernacular Hipped Roof, 1-story house form. It is typical of similar houses built at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C. One garage built in 1923 is considered contributing and the other noncontributing.

Property transfer records show this property was sold by Charles O. Smith (relationship to subdivision platter J.J. Smith unknown) to Christian Thoren on July 9, 1896. No house appears to be occupied by Chris Thoren and his wife, Amelia, when the 1899 city directory was published, however. In 1904 Christian Thoren, likely a farmer in Warren Township, died and his wife, Amelia, followed in 1910. John C. Pries acquired the house from Amelia Thoren in February 1910, and was listed as occupying the house with his wife, Dorothea (Dora), when the 1913 city directory was published. No occupation was listed for John suggesting he may have been retired at the time. He also may have owned or worked at one of the several Pries farms near Waverly.

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9. Sources

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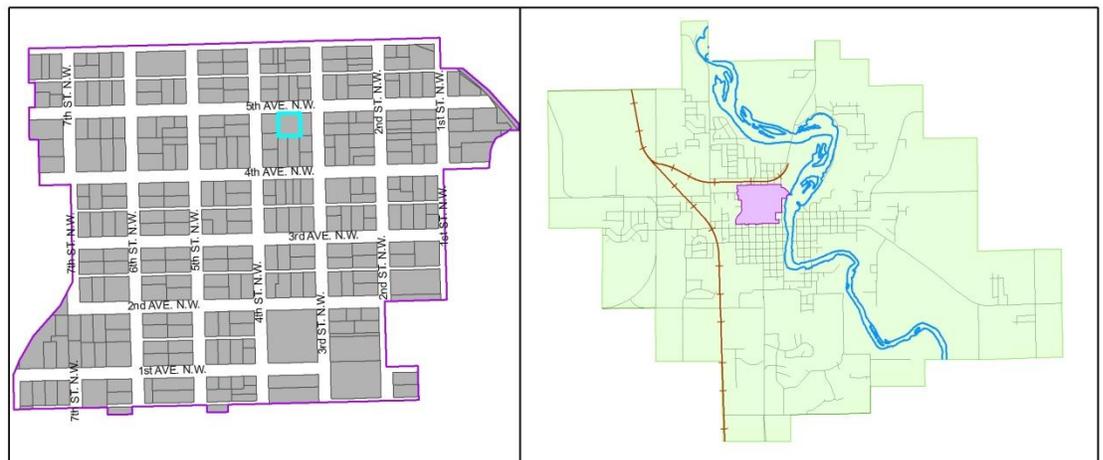
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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**Photographs:** 311 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, looking southwest, and garage, looking southeast, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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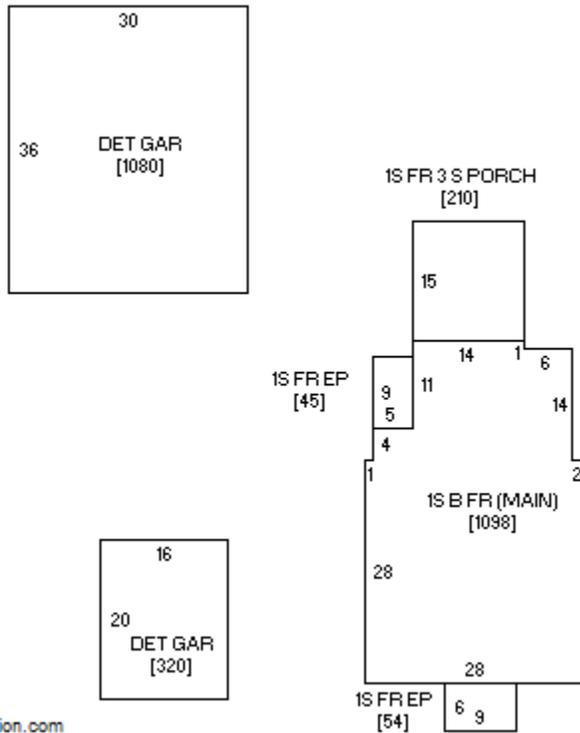
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 311 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0535365001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 10/05/2012.



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