

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

State Inventory No. 09-00783

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 Seekatz-Buehrer House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 508 5th 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 Knott Addition

Block(s) 53

Lot(s) 7

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)

09A06 Hipped Roof, 2 stories (American Four-Square)

foundation

10A Concrete/Block

walls (visible material) 15B Synthetic/Vinly

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 508 5th 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 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

11. Form Prepared By

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 organization for City of Waverly, Historic Preservation Commission telephone 715/469-3300
 street & number N3834 Deep Lake Road city or town Sarona state WI zip code 54870

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 1925 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from before World War I through the 1920s. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory street listings as occupied by Otto and Emma Buehrer and according to listings elsewhere in the directory as occupied by George Seekatz and his wife Jane who owned the property. George was employed as a carpenter and likely built the house on speculation. The Buehrers purchased the property in 1920 suggesting their first 7 or 8 years of occupancy were as tenants. The house was likely built in ca. 1912 by George Seekatz who purchased the lot that year. A construction date of ca. 1912 appears to be more accurate.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a Hipped Roof, 2-story house form known as the "American Four-Square" that became popular in Iowa prior to World War I and continued to be built into the 1920s. The house has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with wide clapboard-style vinyl siding. A moderate-pitched hipped roof has a gable wall dormer on the front slope with moderate width eaves. A 1-story hipped roof addition is on the west façade. The front porch has a low-pitched front-gabled roof and has been enclosed with a combination of 1/1 windows with the balustrade area covered in matching siding. Fenestration throughout the house includes widely spaced single 1/1 double-hung windows with the dormer opening filled with a louvered panel.

The property has two detached garages. The oldest was built in 1925 according to the Assessor at the time the house was constructed, more likely in ca. 1912. The second garage dates from 1976. The older garage has a single bay with a front gable roof and narrow vinyl siding. The second garage has two bays.

Alterations: vinyl siding (undated); porch enclosure (undated); west addition (undated); second garage (1976); first garage changes (undated).

8. Significance

The Seekatz-Buehrer House at 508 5th Ave NW built was built in ca. 1912 and is an example of a Hipped Roof, 2-story "American Four-Square" house form from the pre-World War I period. It is typical of several other Four-Square houses built as in-fill housing during the years before and after the war in this neighborhood. The house's proximity to the railroad station would have been welcomed by its early owner, Otto Buehrer, who was a commercial traveler. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C. The garages are considered noncontributing because of alterations and age.

Property records show this house was held for about a year during 1912 and 1913 by George Seekatz, a carpenter, before both he and his wife Jane resided here along with Otto and Emma Buehrer. Both families are listed at this address in the 1913 city directory listings. Otto was employed as a commercial traveler or traveling salesman at the time. The Buehrers eventually purchased the property in 1920 suggesting their first 7 or 8 years of occupancy were as tenants. In 1925 the Buehrers appear to have relocated out of Waverly and sold the house to Myrtle Osterholm.

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9. Sources

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Waverly city directories, 1899 and 1913.

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Waverly Historic Photo Collection, Waverly Public Library.

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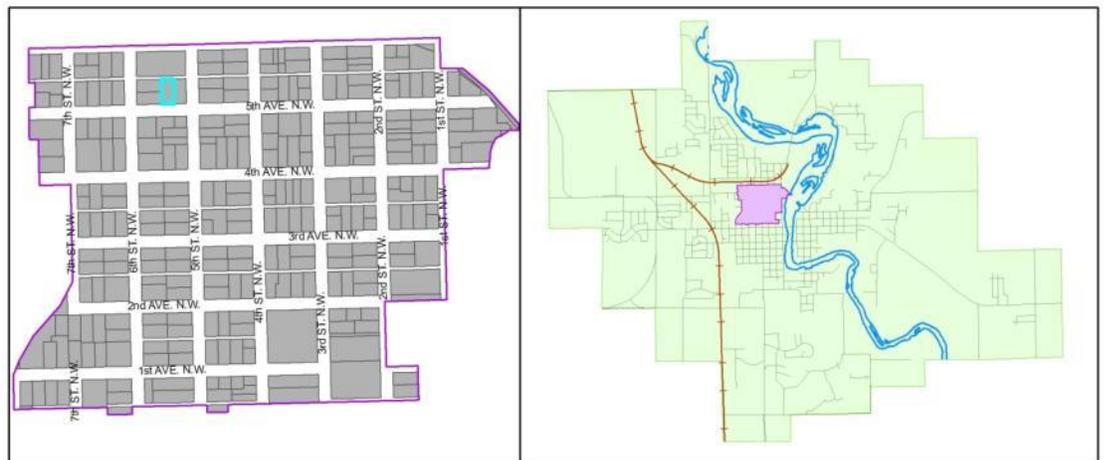
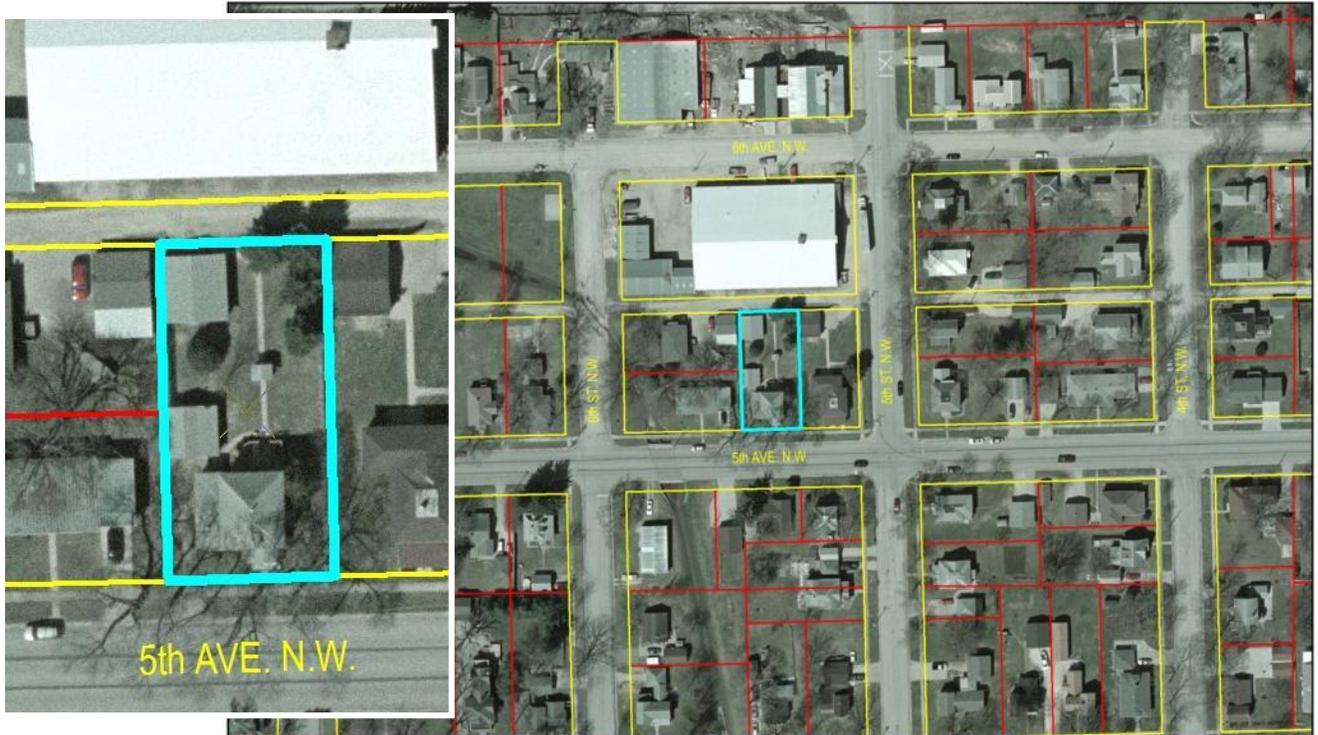
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 508 5th Ave NW, looking north and northeast, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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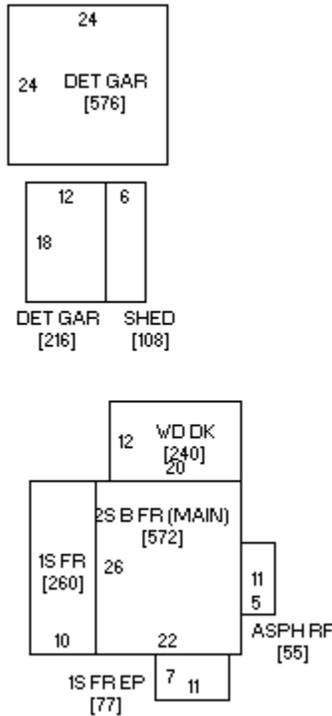
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 508 5th Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0534486004&index=0&size=0>; accessed 10/09/2012



Sketch by www.camavision.com