

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

State Inventory No. 09-00790

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 Folkers, Virgil and Catharine, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 615 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 Knott's Addition

Block(s) 57

Lot(s) 3

**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

1      — buildings  
 —      — sites  
 —      — structures  
 —      — objects  
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 03 Single Dwelling with attached garage

01A 03 Single Dwelling with attached garage

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\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

10B Minimal Traditional

foundation

10A Concrete/Block

\_\_\_\_\_

walls (visible material)

15B Synthetic/Vinyl

\_\_\_\_\_

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 615 5<sup>th</sup> NW

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District Number 09-00621

**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  
1948  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:

|                          |                    |                  |
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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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| Folkers, Virgil and Catharine, House | Bremer  |
| Name of Property                     | County  |
| 615 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 1948 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built following World War II and during the 1950s. Property transfer records show this lot was sold by Lawrence Carver in October 1948 to Virgil H. Folkers. By the 1949 Virgil and his wife Catharine were listed in the telephone directory at this address. A construction date of 1948 or 1949 appears to be accurate.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular 1-story Minimal Traditional house form. This variation has an attached garage at the east end, a projecting front-gabled wing in the center and a bedroom section in the west end. The house has a concrete block foundation covered with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding that is also on the walls. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with shallow eaves. A broad, front-gabled wing is centered on the front with vinyl fish-scale style shingles in the gable and a wide cornice board beneath all of the eaves.

Fenestration includes single 1/1 double-hung windows of several sizes – all replacement sash. The front wing has had its Chicago window group replaced with a combination of tall and narrow fixed sash and casement windows. The garage wing at the east end contains a single bay with a replacement overhead door and a front door that leads into the wing.

Alterations: vinyl siding (undated); window replacements (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Folkers House at 615 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW was built in 1948 or 1949 and is an example of 1-story Minimal Traditional house form the post-World War II period. The house is similar in design to the Bruns House at a block away at 509 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show this lot was sold by Lawrence Carver in October 1948 to Virgil H. Folkers. Virgil was employed as a general agent at Lutheran Mutual Insurance Co. at the time. He and his wife Catharine resided here from 1949 through the late 1960s. During that time, Virgil also held positions as sales director and assistant director for agencies marketing.

## 9. Sources

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

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Address

City

**Photographs:** 615 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, looking south and southwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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**Photographs:** 615 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, gable, window, and chimney details, Marlys Svendsen, IHSEMD, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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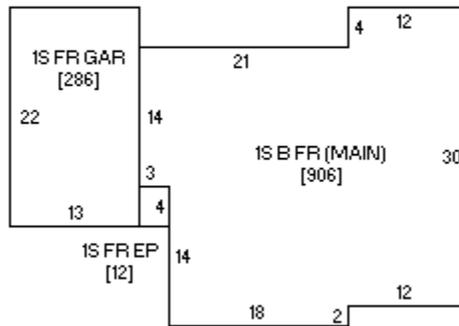
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 615 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0534490002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 10/22/2012



Sketch by [www.camavision.com](http://www.camavision.com)