

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

State Inventory No. 09-00795

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 Russell, Joseph and Pyrle, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 213 5th Street 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) 49 Lot(s) North 1/2 of Lots 7 & 8

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 Single Dwelling

01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

07E Bungalow/Craftsman

foundation 10A Concrete/Block

walls (visible material) 03 Brick; 10A Concrete/Block

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

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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
Garage - 1960

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

Russell, Joseph

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 1910 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in the years leading up to World War I. Property transfer records show the parcel transferred on May 23, 1912 from S. Page to Joseph H. Russell. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings occupied by J.H. Russell and his wife Pearl (Pyrle). Russell was employed as a general contractor so likely completed the construction for this residence and may have participated in its design as well. A construction date of ca. 1912 appears to be more accurate for the house.

This 2-story concrete block and brick house is an example of a well-preserved Bungalow/Craftsman Style Front-Gabled Roof dwelling from the pre-World War I period. The house has a concrete block foundation and raised first floor with red brick for the upper level walls and stucco with half-timbering in the gable peaks. The concrete block was likely manufactured by George Blain Cement Block Co. located in northwest Waverly and consists of alternating rows of rock faced 8-inch and 4-inch block. The red brick used is a solid-color variety. A steeply pitched front-gabled roof has rectangular and diagonal half-timbering in the attic level above a wood belt course. Gabled wall dormers with stucco cladding are centered on the north and south slopes. The moderate-width eaves are lined with knee-braced brackets at purlin points in the gables and exposed rafter tails along the slopes. The flat-roofed porch spans the full front facade and remains open. Matching red brick is used for the porch foundation, closed balustrade and full-height square piers at the outer corners. Cast concrete is used for the balustrade caps, decking and wide front steps that set between red brick balustrades. A short, curved solid bracket-like molding lines the porch's architraves at each end; paired modillions are at each corner.

Fenestration includes a range of Craftsman Style window designs in various sizes positioned to meet the needs of the interior spaces. For example, four tall double-hung windows fill a shed-roofed rectilinear bay centered on the upper level of the front façade. The window units have a short four-light upper sash with vertical lights and a tall single-light lower sash. To either side of the bay window group smaller variations have a 3-light upper sash over a taller single-light lower sash. The windows in the gable peak include a pair of 20-light fixed sash. On the first floor, two feature windows include cottage window variations. Left of the off-set entrance, a 4-light upper horizontal sash is over a large single-light sash. To the right of the door, a slightly smaller cottage window of the same configuration has tall fixed-sash with diamond lights.

On the north façade a side entrance leading to the main floor and the basement level is centered between similarly configured large and small 4/1 windows with taller lower sash. The dormers have a pair of 12-light fixed sash centered above a pair of narrow 3/1 sash with taller lower sash. On the south façade, the dormer is set lower on the wall leaving room only for two 3/1 double-hung windows. On the main level a horizontal window has divided lights while a larger cottage window has a 6-light upper sash in the front room.

The house has a flat-roofed single-bay garage attached at the rear of the house. According to Assessor records, it was built in 1960. The building is clad in tongue-and-groove siding and a rock-faced concrete block foundation. It has a single-width overhead door opening to the north.

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Alterations: porch enclosure (undated); garage addition (1960).

8. Significance

The Russell House at 213 5th St NW was built in ca. 1912 and is a well-preserved example of Bungalow/Craftsman Style house form from the pre-World War I years. The house gains additional significance as an example of an important Waverly masonry contractor. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places individually and as contributing resources to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show this parcel transferred on May 23, 1912 from S. Page to Joseph H. Russell. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings occupied by J.H. Russell and his wife Pearl (Pyrle). Russell was employed as a general contractor but was known for his masonry work. He worked in partnership with his brother Charles as "Russell Brothers." It is likely he completed the construction for this residence and may have participated in its design as well. The house is a testament to the skills of its masonry contractor and the design that can result from the use of well-selected masonry materials. The building uses concrete block that most likely came from the Blain Cement Block Company that was located several blocks to the north along the Chicago and Great Western Railroad.

Following Joseph's death in 1953, the Russell House was passed by probate dead the next year from the Russell family to Edward and Phyllis Droste. They held the house until 1968 when they sold it to David and Mary Sweet. In 1972 the Sweets sold the house to Thomas and Margaret Hubbard who resold it three years later to David and Virginia Brown. In 1979 the Browns sold the property to Martin and Beverly Vollmer.

9. Sources

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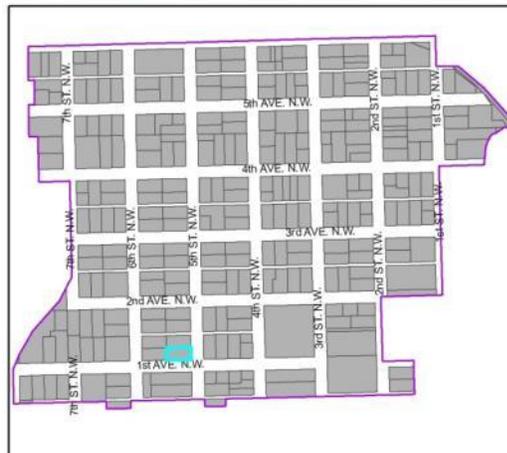
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

**203 5th St NW
PIN 09-03-242-008**



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Photographs: 213 5th St NW, looking west and southwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 213 5th St NW, looking northwest, looking west, Justine Zimmer, photographer, IHSEMD, 4/23/2009.



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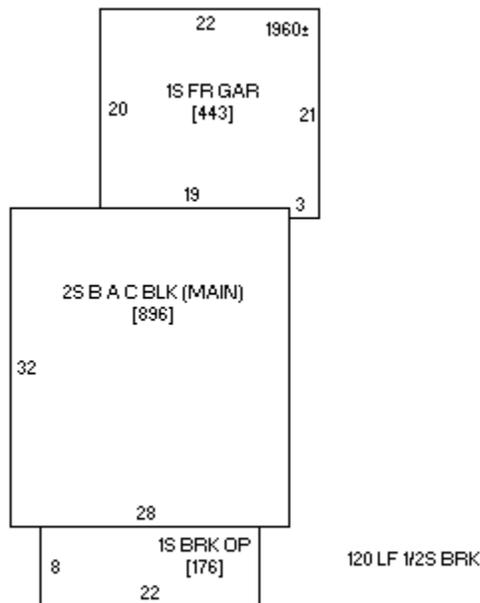
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 213 5th St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903242007&index=0&size=0>; accessed 4/25/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com