

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

State Inventory No. 09-00796

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 Knapp, Henry and Annie, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 217 5<sup>th</sup> 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) South 1/2 of Lots 1 & 2

**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

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01C05 Garage

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing (2-story)

foundation 04 Stone

05D Queen Anne

walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard; 02B Shingle

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 217 5<sup>th</sup> St 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

**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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## 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 during the 1880s to 1910s. This vacant lot was transferred from Isaac "Ike" Woodring, a building contractor, to Henry Knapp, another building contractor, on Oct. 31, 1894. The two built houses on adjacent lots on N Oak St (5<sup>th</sup> St NW). No house appears on this lot on the 1894 Sanborn Map but Woodring's house to the north was already in place at that time. A house at this address appears in the 1899 address and 1913 city directory listings as occupied by Henry Knapp. The 1915 Sanborn Map shows both houses in place. Together these public records suggest that the Knapp House was completed in ca. 1895.

This frame dwelling is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing house form with Queen Anne trim. Its plan is similar to a number of houses in the neighborhood including the house across the street at 220 5<sup>th</sup> St NW. The Knapp House has a stone foundation with narrow wood clapboard siding on the walls, corner board trim and fish-scale wood shingles in the gable peaks. The cross-gable roof has a moderate-pitch with narrow width eaves. The front slope of the north wing is extended into the right hand ell. The east and south gable wings have canted walls on the first floor with decorative scroll-cut brackets above the angled window openings. The original porch filling the right-hand ell and wrapping the north wing remains in place. It has a combination hip and flat roof supported by a square posts. The porch has a closed balustrade clad in matching clapboard siding with a continuous scroll-cut molding along the cornice, and 1/1 storm panels above the balustrade. The porch roof may have had an ornamental railing.

Window openings in the balance of the house are generally tall and narrow with 1/1 double-hung units in singles and pairs. An exception is the wide 1/1 double-hung window on the first floor of the front-gable wing. Another feature window is the large diamond shaped window on the second floor of the north façade of the north wing.

An attached double-bay frame garage is located at the rear of the house. It was built in 1960 according to Assessor records. It has a flat roof with a pair of overhead doors facing south onto the driveway.

Alterations: porch enclosure (pre-1940); garage (1960).

## 8. Significance

The Knapp House at 217 5<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1895 and is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front and Wing house form with Queen Anne trim and finishes. The house features a common vernacular form in the Harmon and LeValley neighborhood of northwest Waverly. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property records show that this lot was transferred from Isaac "Ike" Woodring, a building contractor, to Henry Knapp, another building contractor, on Oct. 31, 1894. The two built houses on adjacent lots on N Oak St (5<sup>th</sup> St NW). No house appears on Knapp's lot on the 1894 Sanborn Map but Woodring's house to the north was already in place at that time. By the time the 1899 city directory and the 1913

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city directory listings were published, the address sat 217 N Oak St (5<sup>th</sup> St NW) as occupied by Henry Knapp and his wife Annie. Henry was listed as a bridge contractor in both directories. He served in this capacity for Bremer County as well as private projects. Among his more important bridges was the Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Northern RR Bridge across the Cedar River at the west edge of Waterloo at Sans Souci Island. In 1906 Henry was elected to the office of Sheriff for Bremer County, a position he held for eight years. After serving as sheriff, he went back to road building for the county. During his working career he also served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward City Councilman for 20 years. He died in January 1929. Children of Henry and Annie included Pyrlle Russell, wife of Joseph Russell who resided next door to the south at 213 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

After Henry Knapp's death, the house was transferred to his widow, Annie. In 1930 she transferred the house to E. J. Bartlett and his wife. They held the property until 1944 selling it to John Milius who held the house until his death in 1951. It passed to his heirs who retained the house until 1956 when Evelyn and Bernard Smith, Jr. acquired it for a personal residence. In 1968, the Smiths sold the house to Mac Klossowsky and then to Harold Klossowsky in 1972 who continues as the house's owner in 2013.

## 9. Sources

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

**217 5th St NW  
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**Historic Photographs:** 217 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, 1940s (above) and 1998 (below), looking southwest and west, Waverly Public Library Photo Collection.



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**Photographs:** 217 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, window and siding details, Marlys Svendsen, IHSEMD, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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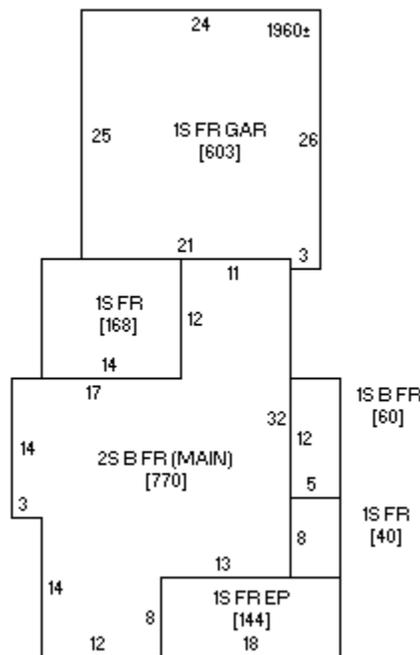
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 217 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903242006&index=0&size=0>; accessed 10/30/2012



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