

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

State Inventory No. 09-00808

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 Ellison-Mundfrom House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 422 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) 44 Lot(s) 4

**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		If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> 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

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

07E Bungalow/Craftsman

foundation

10A Concrete/Block

06D Tudor Revival

walls (visible material) 02A&02B: Weatherboard & Shingle; 06 Stucco

\_\_\_\_\_

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.

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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*  
1916  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
1968 - Garage

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

**Architect/Builder**

*Architect*  
Leitha, John (attributed)  
*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

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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 1914 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the years leading up to World War I. No house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings. Property transfer records show this lot passed from Ida Lutz to Martin Ellison in September 1915 when it is believed there was no house on the site. Ellison held the property until September 1917 when it was purchased by Louisa Mundfrom. Based on the design of the house and those of other similar local house designs, it is believed this house was built sometime during the ownership of Ellison or Mundfrom. A construction date of ca. 1916 appears to be more accurate.

This 1½-story frame house occupies a prominent corner lot and is an example of a well-preserved Bungalow/Craftsman Style dwelling from the pre-World War I period. The house has a concrete block foundation (not visible) with a combination of square-cut wood shingle on the lower section of the walls, flaring out over the foundation and extending to ground level. The mid-wall section has narrow clapboard siding. A wide belt course or story board separates the clapboard band from the stucco filling the upper wall and gable ends; rectilinear half-timbering is in each of the gables. A moderate-pitched front-gabled roof has shed-roof dormers on the north and south slopes with plain stucco on their walls. On the front façade, a contiguous front-gabled porch wraps the north corner and a front-gabled oriel window wraps the south corner. The house has wide width eaves that are lined with knee-brace brackets at purlin points of the main gables; exposed rafters are along the north side and on the sloped edges of the porch and oriel gable. The front porch takes up about one-third of the front facade and was originally open above the closed, shingle-clad balustrade. Now these walls are enclosed with pairs of 1/1 windows above the balustrade. Short piers rest on tall shingle-clad pedestals at the outer corners. A course of widely spaced dentils lines the porch's cornice.

Fenestration includes a range of window designs in various sizes positioned to meet the needs of the interior spaces. For example, three small 1/1 double-hung windows are grouped in each of the wide dormer spaces to provide ample lighting. Craftsman Style double-hung variations include the large 6/1 windows (vertical lights in the upper sashes) in the oriel windows on the southwest corner and a group of four tall and narrow 4/1 windows in the rectilinear bay on the south façade. On the front façade, a pair of sashes with four vertical lights is in the gable peak. On the north façade, a pair of 4/1 windows is centered beneath the dormer and horizontal windows with vertical lights provide light for the basement.

The house has a detached double-bay frame garage opening to the south. It was completed in 1968 according to Assessor records and has a low pitched front-gabled roof, narrow clapboard siding, and tongue-and-grooved siding in the gable peaks.

Alterations: porch enclosure (undated); garage (1968).

## 8. Significance

The Ellison-Mundfrom House at 422 5<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1916 and is an example of well-preserved Bungalow/Craftsman Style dwelling from the pre-World War I period. It is typical of several

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other houses built as this section of the Harmon and LeValley Addition developed before the war and may have been designed by John F. Leitha, architectural designer who resided two blocks to the south on 5<sup>th</sup> St NW. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C. The garage is considered noncontributing.

Property transfer records show Lot 4 passed from Ida Lutz to Martin Ellison in September 1915 and two years later it was purchased by Louisa Mundfrom. The 1913 city directory shows now house at this address at that time but it is believed the house was erected sometime between 1915 and 1917. In 1922, the house passed to William Kehle and a short time later to Emil Rausch, a minister. In 1934 the house passed to Ernest Muller and 1945 it transferred to Ernst and Marie Mueller.

## 9. Sources

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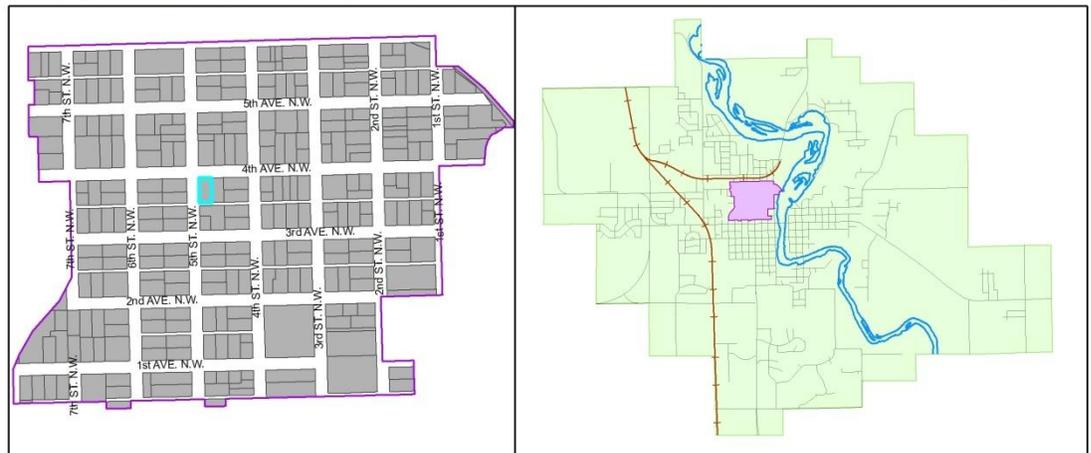
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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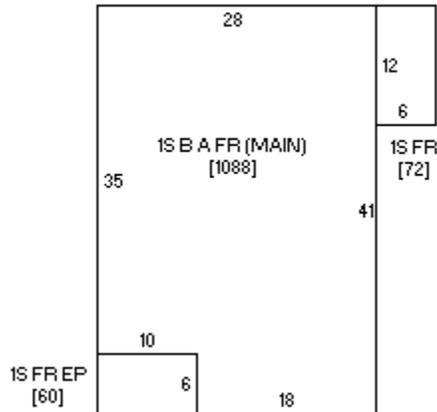
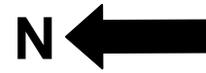
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 422 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903234001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/6/2013



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