

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00811**  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 Tegtmeier, Aaron and Augusta, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 519 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 Knott's Add. & Harmon & LeValley Block(s) 52 Lot(s) S 51' Lots 1 & 2 and S of sec. line & alley 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

2 — buildings  
 — — sites  
 — — structures  
 — — objects  
2 — 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*  
Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural Survey

*Historical Architectural Data Base Number*  
09-028

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

01A Single Dwelling

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

09A05 Pyramidal or Hipped Roof

09A10 1½ Story

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10A Concrete/Block

walls (visible material) 10A Concrete/Block

roof 08A Asphalt/Shingle

other 06 Stucco

**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)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | A | Property is associated with significant events.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | B | Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | C | Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | D | Property yields significant information in archaeology or history. |

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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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**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 1908 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built before World War I. The house is one of several built in the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by members of the Blain family, owners of the Blain Cement Co. Viola C. Bruns owned all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 52 of Knott's Addition beginning in October 1901. In October 1911 she sold the property to A.L. Lindner who sold off the south portion of the lots to George Blain, a builder of cement block houses, in 1912. The house is first listed in the 1913 city directory. It appears the house was likely built by Blain in 1912 when a number of news accounts in the *Bremer County Independent* and the *Waverly Republican* refer to George Blain having houses under construction on N Oak St (5<sup>th</sup> St NW). At least two other nearly identical houses (617 and 623 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW) were built by George Blain during this period. In March 1913, Blain sold the house. The likely construction date for the house is ca. 1912 for this house.

This 1-story concrete block dwelling is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form. The Bruns Rental House has a concrete block foundation and concrete block walls that feature beveled, rock-faced finishes attributed to manufacture by the Blain Concrete Company. The foundation and walls are separated by a smooth finished concrete block watertable; the corner block are a slightly lighter shade of gray and are set as quoins. A distinct reddish mortar found here is also used for block walls and foundations in other Blain homes. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with wide eaves and gable wall dormers on each of the slopes. The dormers have returning cornices and are finished in diamond-cut wood shingles. The low-pitched hipped roof porch extends across the full front with a pediment centered over the entrance steps. The tympanum is clad in matching diamond-cut shingles. The porch has a concrete block foundation and concrete deck with matching block pedestals at the outer corners and at the entrance steps. Smooth concrete half-height columns rest on each of the pedestals. The entrance steps are lined with multicolored brick balustrades capped in concrete.

Fenestration includes several feature windows and widely spaced 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes. The Bruns House differs from the two houses on 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW with the windows flanking the centered entrance being simple 1/1 double-hung window units rather than cottage windows. Given the dimensions of the south opening, it is possible that the current double-hung window originally contained a cottage window (a large square single light topped by a wide horizontal sash). All of the window openings feature long, smooth finished concrete blocks for lintels and sills.

A detached single-bay stucco garage is located north of the house. It has a moderate-pitched hipped roof with exposed rafter tails along the eaves and a replacement overhead door facing 5<sup>th</sup> St NW. It was constructed in 1908 according to Assessor records and based on dating for this house, was more likely constructed in ca. 1912.

Alterations: cottage window replacement (undated); garage door replacement (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Aaron and Augusta Tegtmeier House at 519 5<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in ca. 1912 and is a well-preserved example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form built using locally

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manufactured concrete block and trim products. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

According to property transfer records, Viola C. Bruns owned all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 52 of Knott's Addition beginning in October 1901. In October 1911 she sold the property to A.L. Lindner who sold off the south portion of the lots to George Blain, a builder of cement block houses, in 1912. In March 1913, Blain sold the completed house to H.K. Wedering and his wife Christina. A short time later, Henry died and Christina rented the house to Aaron Tegtmeier. The house is first listed in the 1913 city directory with Tegtmeier and his wife Augusta in residence. In March 1915, the Tegtmeiers bought the house. Aaron was a clerk in the family clothing business at the time, Tegtmeier & Mether.

In March 1919, the house was transferred to George Prottengeier where he and his family resided during the 1920s according to telephone directories. In September 1928, Viola C. Bruns received a referee deed on the same property indicating that she and her husband H.F. Anton Bruns, Sr. resumed ownership and likely began renting it. In April 1941, Viola and Anton, Sr. transferred this property to A.T. Bruns. He and his wife Alice held the property until 1949 when it was transferred to Mae and Emil Ackmann.

### 9. Sources

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*History of Butler and Bremer Counties, Iowa.* Springfield, Illinois: Union Publishing, 1883.

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Waverly Historic Photo Collection, Waverly Public Library.

Waverly Newspapers: *Bremer Co. Independent* - 5/23/1912, p1c2; 12/5/1912, p8c3; *Waverly Republican* - 5/23,30/1912.

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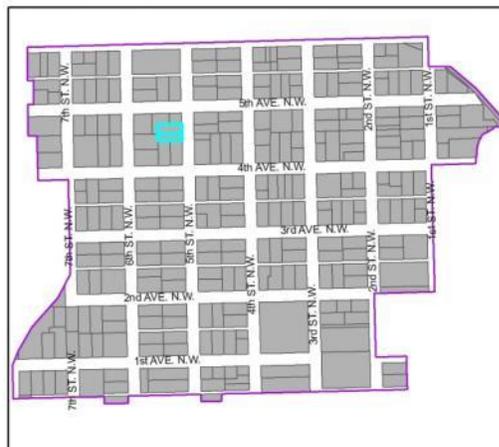
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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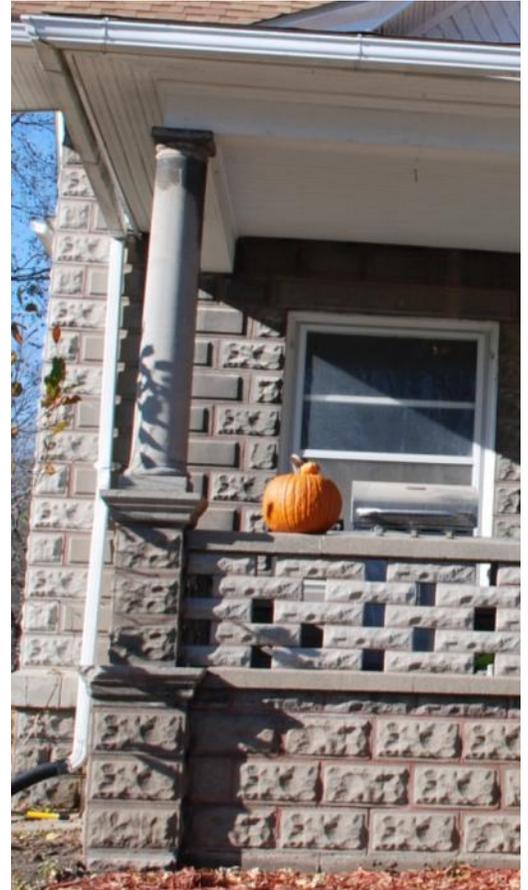
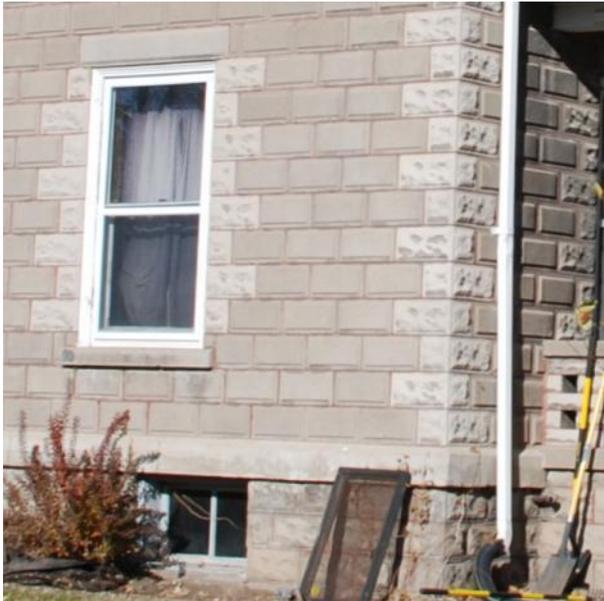
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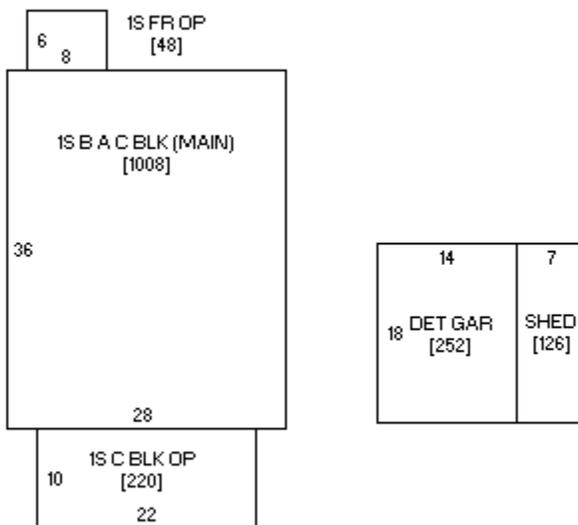
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 519 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0534491004&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/6/2013



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