

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

State Inventory No. 09-00813

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 Menti, Otto and Nellie, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 524 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) 43 Lot(s) North 66' of 3 & 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 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 Hipped Roof

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04 Stone

walls (visible material) 09 Asbestos

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 524 5th 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
1898 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1997 - Garage

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

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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 1898 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1890s through the 1910s. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings as occupied by Otto Menti and his wife Nellie. The couple acquired the property in March 1912 from Elizabeth Thompson. It is likely the house pre-dates their purchase as the foundation is made of stone – a features o Waverly houses usually built prior to 1905. Together these public records suggest that the house was erected in ca. 1905.

This 1-story frame house is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof, 1-story house form that was popular in Iowa from the 1890s to the 1910s. The house has a parged stone foundation with wide asbestos shingle siding (Transite siding). A low-pitched hipped roof has a flattened peak with no dormers and narrow width eaves. A small open flat-roof porch is centered on the front and has square posts for the roof supports, a replacement balustrade composed of diagonal “X” boards, and lattice skirting. Original scroll-cut brackets are at the porch rough edge at the house. Fenestration throughout the house includes widely spaced single and paired narrow 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes.

A detached frame garage is located east of the main house. It has a moderate-pitched front-gabled roof with wide vinyl siding. The double-wide overhead door opens onto 6th Ave NW. According to Assessor records, the garage was built in 1997.

Alterations: asbestos siding (undated); porch enclosure and concrete block installation (undated).

8. Significance

The Menti House at 524 5th St NW was built in ca. 1905 is an example of a vernacular Pyramidal or Hipped Roof, 1-story house form. This small house form was built for several decades at the turn of the 20th century in the Harmon and LeValley Addition. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C and the garage is considered noncontributing.

Property transfer records show Elizabeth Thompson, a widow, sold this lot to Otto Menti in March 1912. It is likely the house was built before 1905 during Thompson’s ownership. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings Otto Menti and his wife Nellie residing there after the couple acquired the property in March 1912 from Elizabeth Thompson. Otto worked at the Waverly Gas Company in 1913. In March 1915 the house was transferred to Ida Corlett. Ida and her husband, Curtis, resided here through 1939 with Curtis working at the Grassfield Shoe Store on East Bremer Ave. initially. In August 1939 the property was transferred to Herman and Anna Scharp where the couple resided. Anna maintained ownership into the 1970s with house transferred in 1972 to Harold and Vera Collins who held the property until the mid 1990s.

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9. Sources

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Waverly Historic Photo Collection, Waverly Public Library.

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

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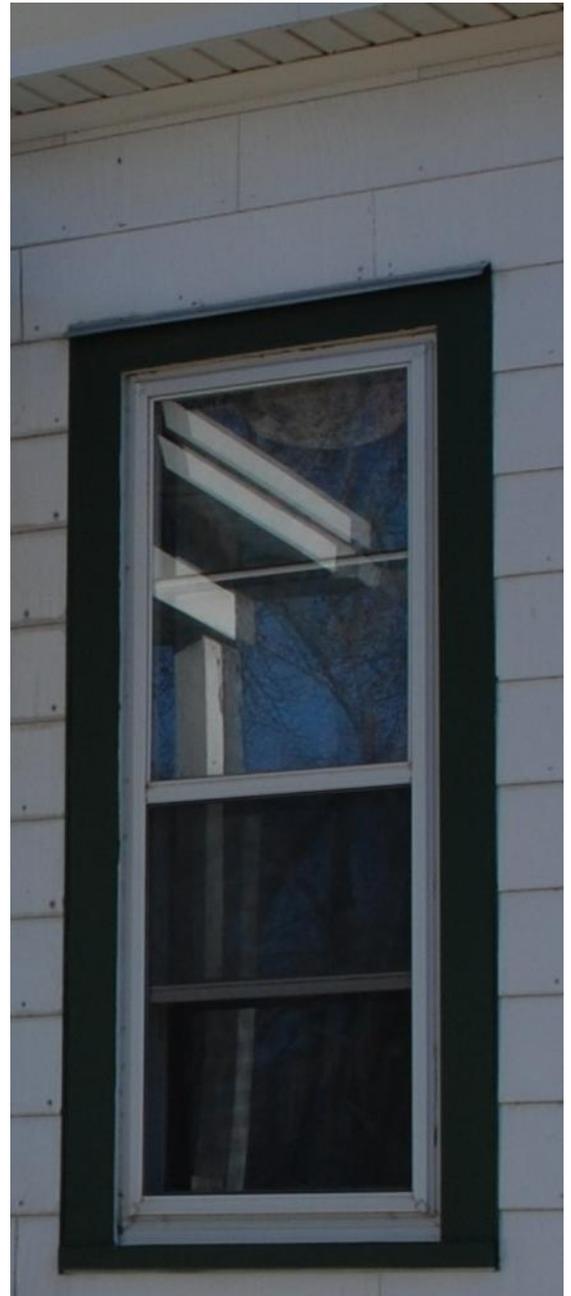
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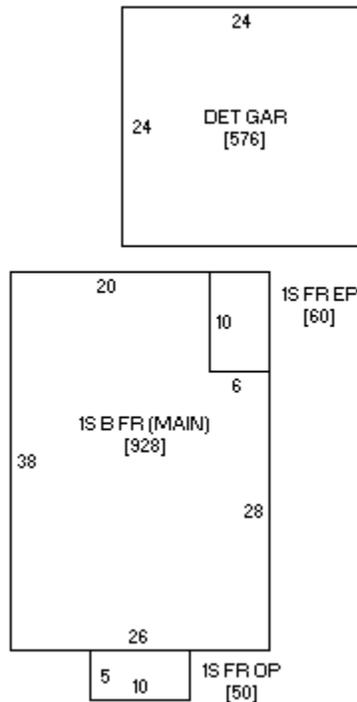
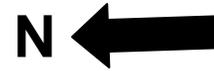
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 524 5th St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0534492001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/8/2013



Sketch by www.camavision.com