

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 09-00827

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 Oppermann, Earnest F. and Deleva, House

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

## 2. Location

street & number 414 7<sup>th</sup> St NW

city or town Waverly

vicinity, county Bremer

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name \_\_\_\_\_ Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

(If Urban) Harmon and LeValley Add.

Block(s) 58

Lot(s) S 1/2 Lot 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*

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)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A03 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)

09D13 Shed Roof (1-story)

foundation

10A Concrete Block

08B International Style

walls (visible material) 15B Vinyl

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*  
1952  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
Garage - 1952

**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 1952 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Bremer County Property Transfer Records show E.F. Oppermann and his wife Deleva acquiring the property in April 1952 from Emma A. Fredrick. The house was constructed a short time later and the couple occupied it until 1991.

This 1-story frame house is an example of a contemporary International Style, Shed Roof house form that is a derivation of the earlier International Style and was a favorite for architect designed residences from ca. 1950-1970. The house has a concrete block foundation with wide clapboard-style vinyl siding on the walls. Vertical channel-cut style vinyl siding frames the entrance and the recessed window area to the right of the door. The house's simple design has a nearly flat shed-roof with narrow eaves on the rear and side facades and a deep eave across the front above the entrance and recessed window area. A support panel composed of narrow wood posts and staggered horizontal cross pieces supports the eave adjacent to the entrance. The entrance itself is centered on the front façade and the original slab door contains a series of large, vertically stacked square lights, each with a different decorative clear class pattern. An exposed reddish-brown brick chimney is located on the south façade.

Fenestration includes a large feature window to the right of the entrance along a recessed area. It has six large horizontal lights arranged in two columns with a louvered panel beneath each column. Elsewhere windows include a pair of three-light casements to the left of the entrance and sliding horizontal windows on the side facades.

A detached single-bay garage is at the rear, to the east of the house. It retains its original very-low-pitched gable roof with siding matching the wide vinyl installed on the house. The glass and wood paneled overhead door appears to be original. The garage was built in 1952 according to Assessor records at the same time as the house was completed.

Alterations: siding (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Earnest and Deleva Oppermann House at 414 7<sup>th</sup> St NW was built in 1952 and is an example of a contemporary Shed Roof house form that is derived the International Style of several decades earlier. The owners both worked for Wartburg College following World War II as a coach and telephone operator. The house and garage qualify for the National Register of Historic Places as contributing resources to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Property transfer records show E.F. Oppermann and his wife Deleva acquiring the property in April 1952 from Emma A. Fredrick. The same year, they completed construction of this house which stood near the Wartburg College campus where they both worked. Earnest was a baseball coach from 1948 to 1982. He also served several years as the basketball and football coach. Deleva worked as the chief telephone operator for the college retiring in 1984. In 1991 the couple transferred the house to Wartburg College.

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### **Biographies for Earnest F. Oppermann and Delva G. Oppermann**

Deleva Grace (Fredrick) Oppermann of Waverly, died Friday, March 12, 2010. Deleva was born Sept. 16, 1917, on a farm near Strawberry Point, daughter of William and Emma (Baumgartner) Fredrick. She was the third child in a family of ten children. After high school graduation, Deleva taught rural school until her marriage to Earnest Frank Oppermann on Aug. 1, 1939, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Strawberry Point, where she had also been baptized and confirmed.

Earnest's teaching and coaching career took them to Popejoy and then Hampton, until Earnest was called into military service. Deleva and Earnest moved to Waverly in 1948 where both were employed by Wartburg College. Deleva was the chief telephone operator for 27 years retiring in 1984. In 2001, Deleva was honored with The Wartburg Medal for her years of dedication, support, and continued interest in Wartburg College. (*Waverly Democrat*; available at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/waverlydemocrat/obituary.aspx?n=deleva-oppermann&pid=140769886>, accessed 6/26/2013)

Earnest Oppermann '38, Wartburg College  
(deceased)

Oppermann coached baseball at Wartburg from 1948 to 1982, winning more than 350 games, six Iowa Conference championships, three District NAIA titles and one Area IV NAJA championship. In 1964, his team went 2-1 in the NAIA World Series. He was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1980. Two years later, he was named Coach of the Year for District V in Division III of the NCAA. He served on several NAIA baseball rules committees and was a frequent guest speaker at Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association clinics. He was the Knights' head football coach in 1951 and head basketball coach during the 1955-56 season. Oppermann died of cancer in 1996. (available at: <http://www.wartburg.edu/halloffame/members/oppermannearnest.html>; accessed 6/26/2013)

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**Site Map:** Bremer County Assessor's property map, 6/2013.



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**Photographs:** 414 7th St NW, looking east and northeast, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/16/2011.



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**Photographs:** 414 7th St NW, garage, looking northeast, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/16/2011.



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**Photographs:** 414 7th St NW, looking southeast and east, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/24/2009.



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**Photographs:** 316 7th St NW, looking northeast, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/24/2009.



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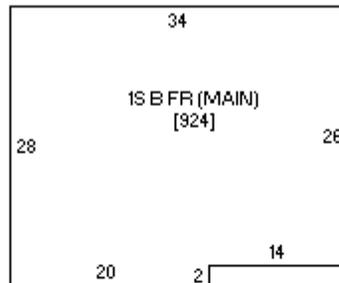
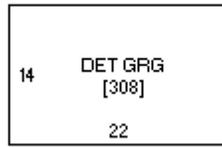
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 414 7<sup>th</sup> St NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903232004&index=0&size=0>; 6/26/2013.



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