

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00831**  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 Kenney, Frank and J. Belle, House

other names/site number Vosseller, Atlana M. , House

**2. Location**

street & number 415 6<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) Subdivision Harmon & LeValley Addition Block(s) 58 Lot(s) S 1/2 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**

<i>If Non-Eligible Property</i>		<i>If Eligible Property, enter number of:</i>	
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)

**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)

09A03 Side-Gable Roof, 1½-story

foundation 04 Stone (parged)

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)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <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. |

County Bremer  
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*  
1903  check if circa or estimated date  
*Other dates, including renovation*  
Garage - 1942

**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 1898 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1890s to the 1910s. The property was transferred to J. Belle (Cady) Kenney from her father Chester Cady's estate in 1903. She and her husband, Frank Kenney, built this house on the property in 1903. On 5/7/1903 the *Bremer County Independent* reports that "Frank Kenney has the foundation wall completed for a new house on the lot just south of Mrs. Cady's house in the Second ward." This is a reference to the south half of Lots 1 & 2 in Block 58. Three years later in 1906, J. Belle Kenney transferred the house to August Selinsky and on to Atlana M. Vosseller two years later. The 1913 city directory shows the house at 415 Aspen St (6<sup>th</sup> St NW) occupied by Mrs. A.M. Vosseller. These public records suggest the house was constructed in late 1903.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular Side-Gable Roof, 1½-story house form that was popular from the 1890s to 1910s in Waverly. This example has a parged stone foundation with asbestos shingle siding on the walls. The house has a broad, moderate-pitched side gable roof with a steeply pitched wall-dormer with returning cornices at the far right of the front façade. A low-pitched shed roof 1-story wing extends on the south façade. The house has a small gabled entrance porch centered on the front façade added between 2009 and 2011. Square posts and replacement balustrades line the north and south sides. Fenestration includes 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes. On the front façade, the windows take the form of cottage style windows with larger single-light lower sash and narrow, horizontal single-light upper sash. These windows flank the entrance, are centered in the wall dormer peak, and façade the south. On the north façade, large vertical sash surrounded by stained glass squares are placed at stair-step heights. The 1-story wing has continuous rows of 1/1 sash lining the walls and facing onto the deck.

The property has a frame garage single-bay garage located along the west property line. It has a front-gable roof and was estimated to have been built in 1942.

Alterations: Transite (asbestos) siding, undated; entrance porch (ca. 2010); stone foundation parging, undated.

### 8. Significance

The Frank and J.Belle Kenney House at 415 6th St NW was built in ca. 1903 and is an example of a Side-Gable Roof 1½-story house form that became popular in the decades before and after to the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. 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.

Research on the background ownership for this property was completed by Waverly Historic Preservation Commission member, Mary Meyer. Property transfer records show that J.Belle Kenney acquired this parcel by quit claim deed from her mother Brittanica Cady in 1903 following the death of her father, Chester C. Cady. Chester died on 2/13/1903 after having suffered a stroke four years earlier. Two quit claim deed transfers occur in 1903 after Chester's death and the end result is that Britannia, the widow, owns the N 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2 and Belle, the daughter, owns the S 1/2. Brittanica Cady resided on the north half of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 58 and her daughter and son-in-law built a new house on the south half of the lots during 1903. Belle was the only child of Chester C. and Brittanica Wheeler Cady. Both Frank Kenney and his father-in-law owned small farms just northwest of the Waverly city limits. Chester, however, had purchased Lots 1 and 2 of Block 58 shortly after he came to Waverly in 1866 and lived there for all but eight years when he was farming, according to his obituary. He was listed in various census records as a brick mason or plasterer.

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According to property transfer records, the parcel was transferred from J.Belle Kenney to August Selinsky in 1906 and on to Atlana M. Vosseller two years later. The 1913 city directory shows the house at 415 Aspen St (6<sup>th</sup> St NW) occupied by Mrs. A.M. Vosseller, a widow, at the time. In 1921, the property passed from Vosseller to Martin Clary who held it until December 1925. He transferred it to F.H. Hartmann. It passed from the Hartmann family to Edward and Bertha Nacke in 1945. In 1973, Bertha passed the property to Roman and Shirley Fuerstenberg.

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

415 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
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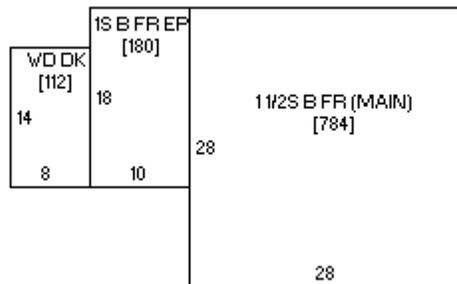
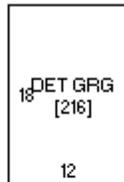
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**Floor plan**, 415 6th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903232005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 7/01/2013.



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