

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

State Inventory No. 09-00833

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 Korth-Nicolaus House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 503 7th 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) 66 Lot(s) S 84' Lots 7 & 8

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
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
—	—
—	—
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

buildings
 sites
 structures
 objects
 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)

09A06 Hipped Roof, 2-story (American Four-Square)

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard

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
1973 - Garage

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

Korth, Gustav

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 1916 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1910s through the 1920s. The property was transferred from C.E. Lashook to G.H. Korth on December 19, 1906. The 1913 city directory shows no house at 503 7th St NW but does show Korth residing in the house numbered as 511 Cherry St (7th St NW). Korth, a contractor, was listed as building a house in the 5th ward in the *Bremer County Independent* on June 20, 1907, which was likely the house north of this one. The house to the south at 503 was likely also built by Korth in ca. 1916 and transferred to J.J. Nicolaus according to property transfer records in December 1919. Together, these public records suggest a construction date as early as 1916 and as late as 1919.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular 2-story Hipped Roof form known as the "American Four-Square" that became popular before WW I across the country and in Waverly. This example has a rock-faced concrete block foundation with narrow wood clapboard siding and wide corner board trim on the walls and with square-cut shingles on the dormer walls. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with wide eaves and hipped roof attic dormers featuring exposed rafter tails centered on the slopes. The front porch has a low-pitched hipped roof and its width spans the front façade with concrete entrance steps set at the south end. The foundation is constructed of concrete block with three tall matching block pedestals at the outer corners and centered on the front and a concrete deck. The balustrade has narrowly spaced square spindles with two squares containing multiple diagonal designs evenly spaced along the continuous front balustrade. With the concrete entrance steps set in the south end, a larger seating area is available in the balance of the porch. The concrete block products and design found in the porch suggest the material was manufactured and installed by George Blain & Co., a cement products company that was located in northwest Waverly and has been documented building similar porches in the Harmon & LeValley Addition.

Fenestration includes feature windows on the front façade's lower level and a mix of single and paired 1/1 double-hung units, widely spaced elsewhere. The front façade's first floor has Queen Anne cottage windows flanking the centered entrance. The matching cottage windows have large square single lights topped by wide horizontal upper sash containing geometric patterned leaded glass designs. A hipped roof projecting bay on the south façade features three single-light vertical sashes that may be original. The front entrance opening has a multi-light door and a second entrance set at ground level on the north façade accesses the main level and the basement stairs. The dormers have pairs of small 1/1 windows and a pair of replacement single-light casement sashes on the north side.

A detached double-bay garage with twin doors is located north of the house and opens onto 7th St NW. It has a moderate-pitched front-gable roof with wide clapboard-style synthetic siding on the walls and channel-cut siding in the gable end. According to Assessor records it was built in 1973.

Alterations: garage, 1973; casement sashes, undated.

8. Significance

The Korth-Nicolaus House at 503 7th St NW was built in ca. 1916 and is a well-preserved example of a vernacular 2-story Hipped Roof house form referred to as an American Four-Square house. This house is among the examples that became popular in Waverly before and after World War I. A number of similar houses were built in the same neighborhood during the 1910s and 1920s. Gustav Korth was a building contractor who resided next door to the north with his family have constructing that house slightly earlier than the Korth-Nicolaus House. This particular example has masonry materials attributed to George Blain & Co., a cement products company

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located in northwest Waverly. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places individually and as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C. The garage is considered noncontributing.

According to property transfer records, the parcel was transferred from C.E. Lashook to G.H. Korth on December 19, 1906. A house is shown at 511 Cherry St (7th St NW) occupied by Korth and his wife, Mary, in the 1913 city directory and is likely the present day house to the north at 511 7th St NW. Korth, a contractor, was listed as building a house in the 5th ward in the *Bremer County Independent* on June 20, 1907, most likely the house to the north. The Korths held the lot at 503 7th St NW until December 1919 when the property passed to Jacob J. Nicolaus and his wife Elizabeth. It is likely that the house was built by Korth as early as 1916 and rented before being sold to the Nicolaus family in 1919.

After Jacob Nicolaus's death in 1925, Elizabeth passed the house to William Leisinger the following year. He and wife, Hedwig, resided here according to the 1931 telephone directory and after William's death in 1936, the house passed to his wife in 1937. Ten years later, the house passed to Kurt and Anna Meyer.

9. Sources

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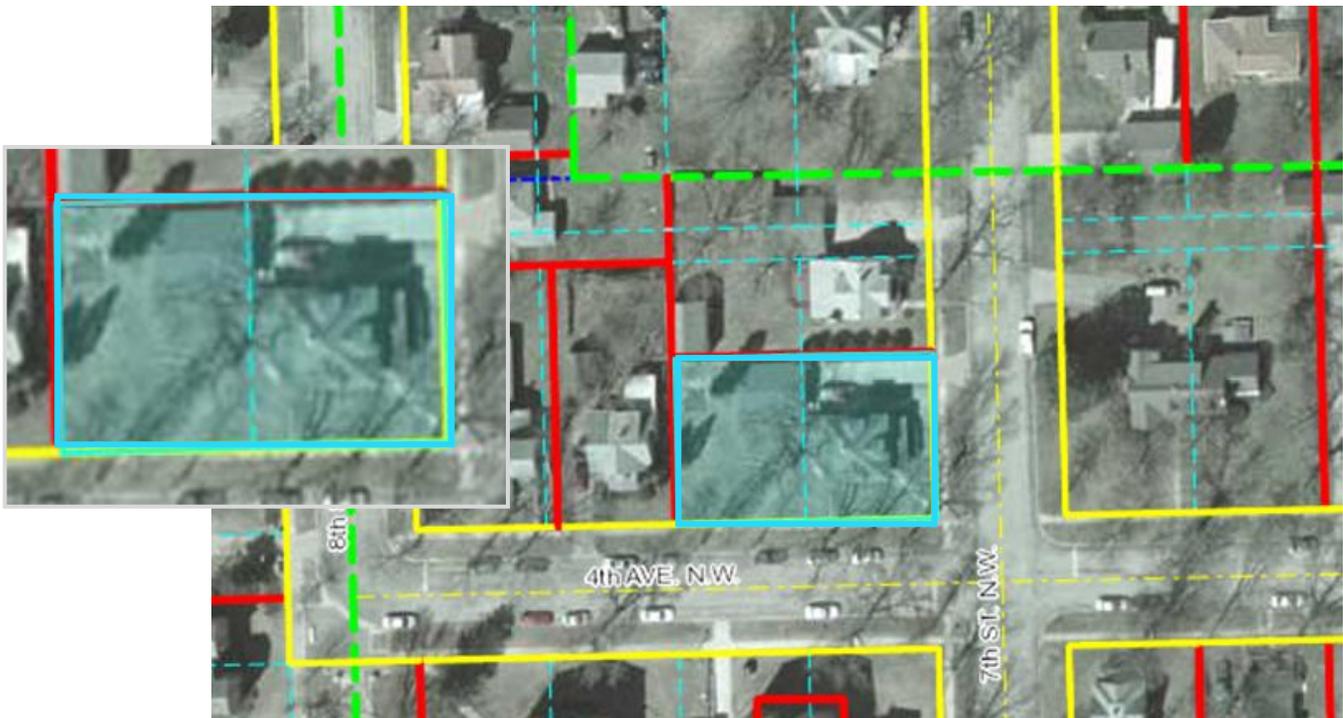
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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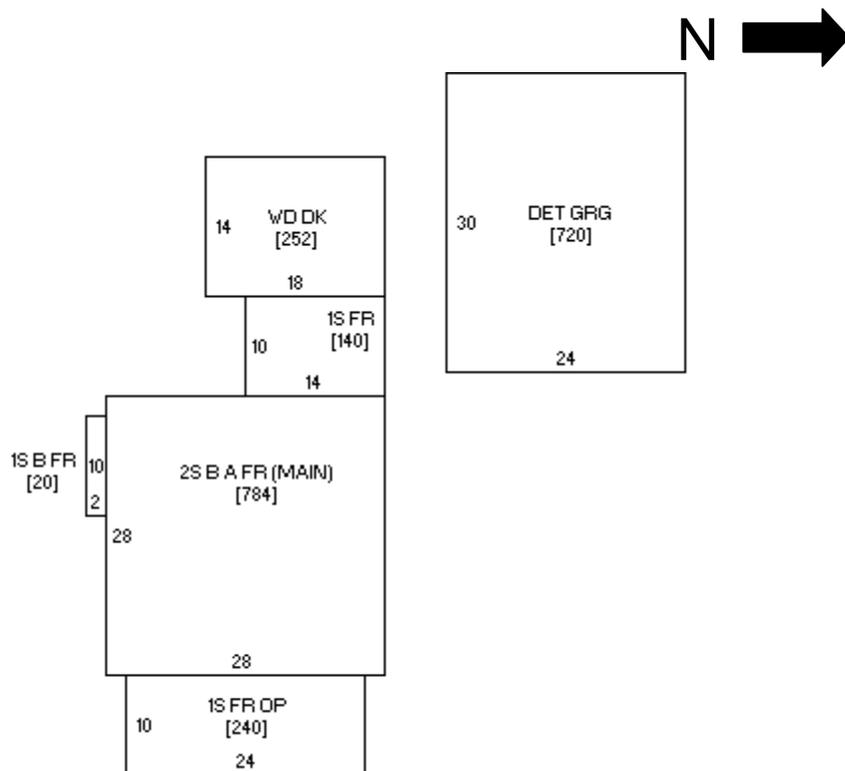
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Floor plan, 503 7th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903226005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 6/29/2013.



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