

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

State Inventory No. 09-00845

New Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00962

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 Ruddick, Judge George W. and Estella, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 321 1st St SE

city or town Waverly vicinity, county Bremer

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

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Town Block(s) 17 Lot(s) S 1/2 Lots 5 & 6

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>2</u>	— buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>2</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 MPD

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)

Late Victorian/Queen Anne

foundation 10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 02A Weatherboard; 02B Shingle

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
1892 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1923- 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 2-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1900 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Property transfer records show the property acquired by G.W. Ruddick in April 1886 when he purchased the south half of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 17 of the Original Town from Lina Herman and her husband. Newspaper accounts from January through September 1892 reference Ruddick's construction of a house in the 4th Ward including one on January 5, 1892 showing the house to be valued at \$3,000.

This frame house is an example of a Queen Anne Style Gabled Roof, 2-story house form referred to as Spindlework sub-type. It has a broad front-gable roof on the main block with a pent-gable peak and two shallow, hipped roof 2-story projecting wings set midway along the north and south facades. A 1-story hipped roof enclosed porch is located on the north façade. The moderate-pitched front gable extends on the south slope over the 2-story entrance area and stairs. The Ruddick House has a parged concrete block foundation with narrow-width wood clapboard for the first and second levels and cove-cut wood shingles in the gable peaks and for the attic dormer walls. The front gable also has sunburst quarter panels to either side of the windows. The house has a mix of narrow and wide eaves and a belt separating floors. A moderate-pitched hipped roof entrance porch is tucked on the left side of the front façade projecting slightly from the front wall. The narrow eaves are lined by small brackets and originally had heavy turned posts, a spindled frieze and geometric patterned balustrade. The current porch elements include turned roof supports with a balustrade consisting of slender turned replacement spindles. The geometric pattern of the original skirting has been replaced with solid channel-cut panels.

The front door has a multi-light storm door and has a short and wide double-hung window with small square lights surrounding a larger light in the upper sash to the left. The door is opposite the wide entrance steps. Fenestration includes large cottage windows on the front façade with single lights in the upper sash. A group of three stair-step windows with square lights in the upper and lower boarders appear along the stairs on the south façade. Elsewhere single and paired double-hung windows have short upper sash. Decorative sash include a pair of multi-light leaded light sash in the front gable peak set beneath a bracketed overhang and horizontal sash with a perimeter of square lights in the attic dormers and in the front wall above the hipped porch. The projecting bays on the north and south sides have angled bay window groups. The north enclosed porch has a continuous row of 1/1 double-hung windows.

The house has a detached 1-story hipped-roof garage located southwest of the main building. Built in 1923 according to Bremer County Assessor records, it is clad in narrow wood clapboard siding and narrow corner board trim with multi-light windows extending along the side walls. The entrance bay opens to the south

Alterations: porch element changes, (undated).

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8. Significance

The Ruddick House is an example of an 1890s-era Queen Anne Style house form with spindlework detailing and a 2-story, gabled roof form. The house was part of the main wave of homebuilding in the neighborhood that extended from the 1880s through World War I. Its owners, Judge George Ruddick and his wife Estella, built the house in 1892. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places individually under Criterion C and the garage is a contributing resource.

George W. Ruddick immigrated to Iowa from New York state in 1856. He opened a law office in a small building near the bridge along East Bremer Avenue. His courtroom appearances became legendary and in 1857 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Bremer County. In 1859 he married Estella Strickland; the couple had two sons, Julian and B.S. Ruddick. Later terms in office included representative in the Iowa General Assembly in 1860-1861 and positions as county judge, circuit judge and district judge for the 12th District. He served in the latter position for more than two decades retiring in 1892, the same year that George and Estella's house was completed. George resumed the practice of law upon retirement from the 12th District. On December 12, 1905 Judge Ruddick died at home having lived his entire adult life in Waverly. A brief biography from Gue's *History of Iowa* appears below:

GEORGE W. RUDDICK was born in Thompson, Sullivan County, New York, May 11, 1835. He worked on his father's farm until fourteen, when he spent two years at an academy in Kingsville, Ohio, supplementing this with a similar course of instruction at Monticello, New York. At eighteen he began the study of law graduating from the Albany Law School in 1856. He then came to Iowa, locating at Waverly which became his permanent home. In 1857 Mr. Ruddick was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Bremer County, holding the office until the adoption of the new Constitution. In 1859 he was elected Representative in the House of the Eighth General Assembly for the district composed of the counties of Chickasaw and Bremer, serving in the regular session of 1860 and the war session of 1861. He was elected county judge in 1862, serving two years; in 1867 he was elected circuit judge and two years later was chosen District Judge of the Twelfth District, serving from 1870 to 1892. At one time he received strong support for Judge of the Supreme Court, as he always ranked high as a jurist.

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



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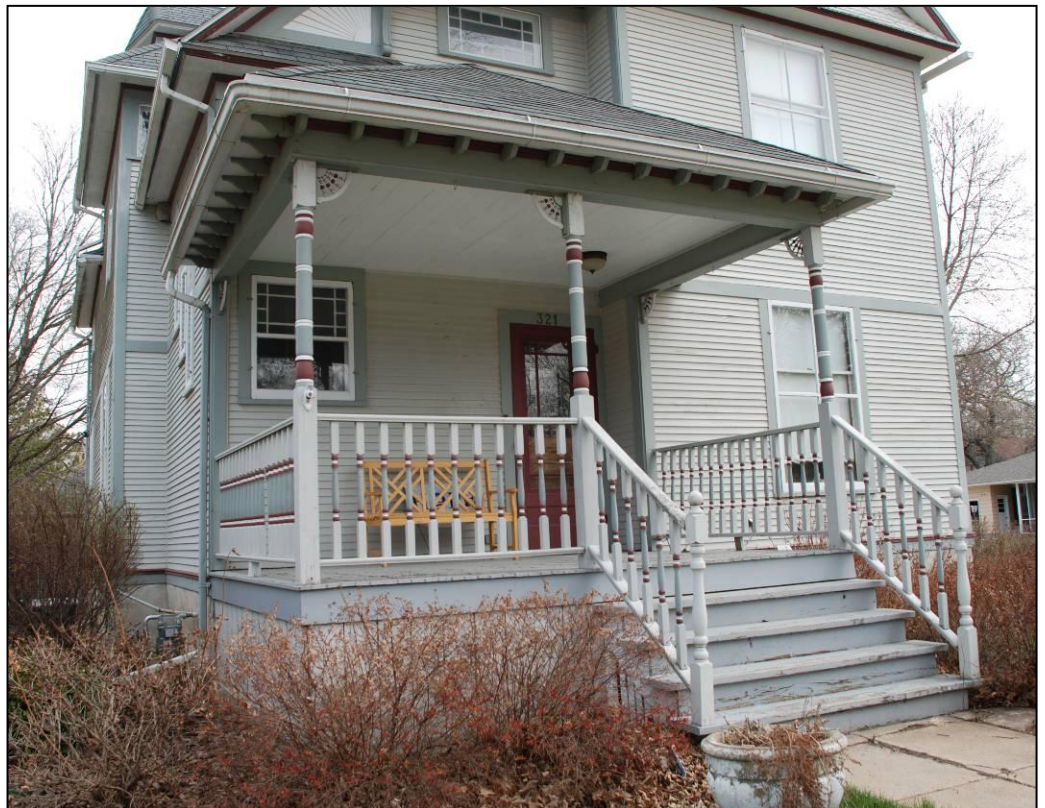
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Photographs: 321 1st
St. SE, porch and
sidewall stair-step
window details,
looking east and
southeast, Justine
Zimmer, IHSEMD,
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Historic Photographs: 321 1st St. SE, looking northwest, ca 1909 by postcard photographer – F.W. Mueller; undated photo, Mrs. Ruddick on porch and Florence Fletcher by bike (Waverly Public Library Historic Photograph Collection).



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