

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00856**  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 Auner, Dr. Jay Frank and Daisy O. (Denison), House

other names/site number VanDerveer, Guy and Jeannette, House

**2. Location**

street & number 429 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jacob Hess's Addition Block(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) S ½ Lots 1 and 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 MPD Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

01A Single Dwelling

01C05 Garage

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof, 2-Story

06C Classical Revival

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04 Stone

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)

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|--|---|--|
| <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 1901  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation post-1927 – front porch

**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 2-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1901 according to Bremer County Assessor records. This date is consistent with the design and form of the house as well as newspaper accounts dating from the 1900 construction season.

This Auner House is a turn-of-the-century Classical Revival 2-story Front-Gable house form. It has a moderate-pitched front-gable roof with narrow eaves and a pent-gable end facing the street. A cross-gable arrangement has 2-story, angular projecting bays set back along the north and south facades. A low-pitched front-gable roof is tucked in the shallow recessed area at the northwest corner of the main block. It features clusters of three full-height Ionic columns and capitals at the front corners, a set of wide entrance step, and balustrades composed of narrowly spaced square spindles and a railing curved up at each end. The skirting panels have narrowly spaced intersecting rods. On the south side, the angular bay is wide with a shed roofed rectilinear bay window set on the center section trimmed with dentils along the cornice. The angular bay on the north side is smaller and set back further than the bay on the south.

The house has a stone foundation and narrow-width clapboard-style vinyl siding on the walls. It is likely that application of the siding and trim boards replaced Classical moldings, dentils, and other trim. Fenestration includes cottage windows and double-hung windows of various sizes. On the front façade the three windows were all originally all cottage windows with short horizontal lights over tall rectangular single-lights. The two upper level cottage windows remain but the lower window has been replaced with a single light sash. Two Classical Style windows include the small double-hung window to the left of the entrance that features patterned diamond and square lights. The second Classical Style window is the oval window with keystones located on the north façade.

The house has a detached 1-story double-bay garage with a broad, low-pitched front-gable roof and matching vinyl siding. According to Bremer County Assessor records, the garage was erected in 1980.

Alterations: porch vinyl siding (undated); and window changes (undated).

## 8. Significance

The Auner House at 429 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE is an example of a 2-story Hipped Cross-Gabled Roof Classical Revival house form built during the 1900-1901 construction season by Dr. Jay Frank Auner and his wife Daisy. The house was part of the main wave of homebuilding in the neighborhood that extended from the 1880s through the post-World War I years. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C and the garage is considered noncontributing.

Dr. Jay Auner married Daisy O. Denison in 1898 while the couple were residing in Osage. In 1900 they relocated to Waverly where Auner maintained a medical practice until moving to Des Moines in 1916. In 1912 he was one of seven physicians with Waverly practices. When he relocated to Des Moines, his practice focused on skin diseases and dermatology. A brief biography published in 1914 prior to the Auners' relocation to Des Moines appears below:

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Dr. Jay Frank Auner, an able and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Bremer county, has continuously practiced his profession at Waverly since 1900. His birth occurred in Shellrock, Butler county, Iowa, on the 23rd of September, 1872, his parents being John Sturgis and Helen Mary (Allen) Auner. The mother, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1842, passed away on the 7th of June, 1907. John S. Auner is a native of St. Joseph county, Michigan, where his birth occurred on the 22d of January, 1843. His father, Philip Auner, preempted a farm from the government in Bremer county, Iowa, in 1842, at which time the nearest railroad was at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. John S. Auner attended the first 4th of July celebration here, being at that time a lad of eight years. He was given some small change with which to buy candy but as there was no confectionery to be procured, he purchased ten cents' worth of brown sugar. When a young man he ran away to join the army, being obliged to take this step because of the opposition of his older brothers, who wished to spare him the hardships and trials of a soldier's life. He became ill in the service and returned to Iowa. About three years later he went to Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and there met his future wife - a music teacher. She went to Osage, Iowa, to which place he followed her and there they were married. Subsequently he removed to Shellrock, where he became general agent for a fire insurance company, proving so successful in this work that he was made chief adjuster and for a number of years traveled over the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. He remained a representative of insurance interests until the time of his retirement and is now spending the evening of life in well earned ease at Shellrock, Iowa. At one time he ably served in the capacity of justice of the peace.

Jay Frank Auner, the only child of his parents, obtained his early education at Shellrock and for two years taught in a country school. Later he attended Cornell College at Mount Vernon and in preparation for his chosen profession entered the College of Physicians and surgeons at Chicago, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1897. Thus as a young man of twenty-five years he began the practice of medicine in Osage, Iowa, where he remained for three years and then came to Waverly, which city has since remained the scene of his professional labors. His practice has steadily grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. He keeps in close touch with the progress of the profession through his membership in the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society, the Bremer County Medical Society, the Austin Flint Medical Society and the Cedar Valley Medical Society. Dr. Auner recently sold his farm property in Washington township.

On the 27th of April, 1898, Dr. Auner was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Denison, whose birth occurred at Clarion, Wright county, Iowa, on the 18th of July, 1877, her father being John D. Denison, a farmer by occupation. Her parents were born in the east and became comparatively early settlers of Clarion, Iowa, which town was built on the Denison farm. John D. Denison passed away in 1910, but his widow still resides on the old homestead. He served in the Civil war as a member of an Iowa regiment. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Auner served with the rank of colonel in the Revolutionary war. She was one of a family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of a son, Joseph Sturgis, who was born on the 22d of June, 1899.

In his political views Dr. Auner is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He now serves as insane commissioner of Bremer county, also acts as secretary of the board of pension examiners and as city health physician of Waverly and is making a creditable and commendable record in these connections. He has held to high standards in his profession, has sought public welfare in his endorsement of progressive public measures and at all times has

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endeavored to conform his life to those principles which make for honorable manhood. (*History of Bremer County, Iowa Vol. II* 1914, maintained online at <http://iagenweb.org/boards/bremer/biographies/index.cgi?#256257>)

After the Auners relocated in 1916, the house was sold to Guy and Jeannette VanDerveer. Guy was the head cashier for the State Bank of Waverly when the couple purchased the house. He was a highly respected local banker who rejected offers for the State Treasurer of Iowa, Superintendent of the State Banking Commission, and head of the State Highway Commission. In 1935 he was named president of the State Bank of Waverly, a position he held until his death in 1954 at which time he was the oldest active banker in the state.

### 9. Sources

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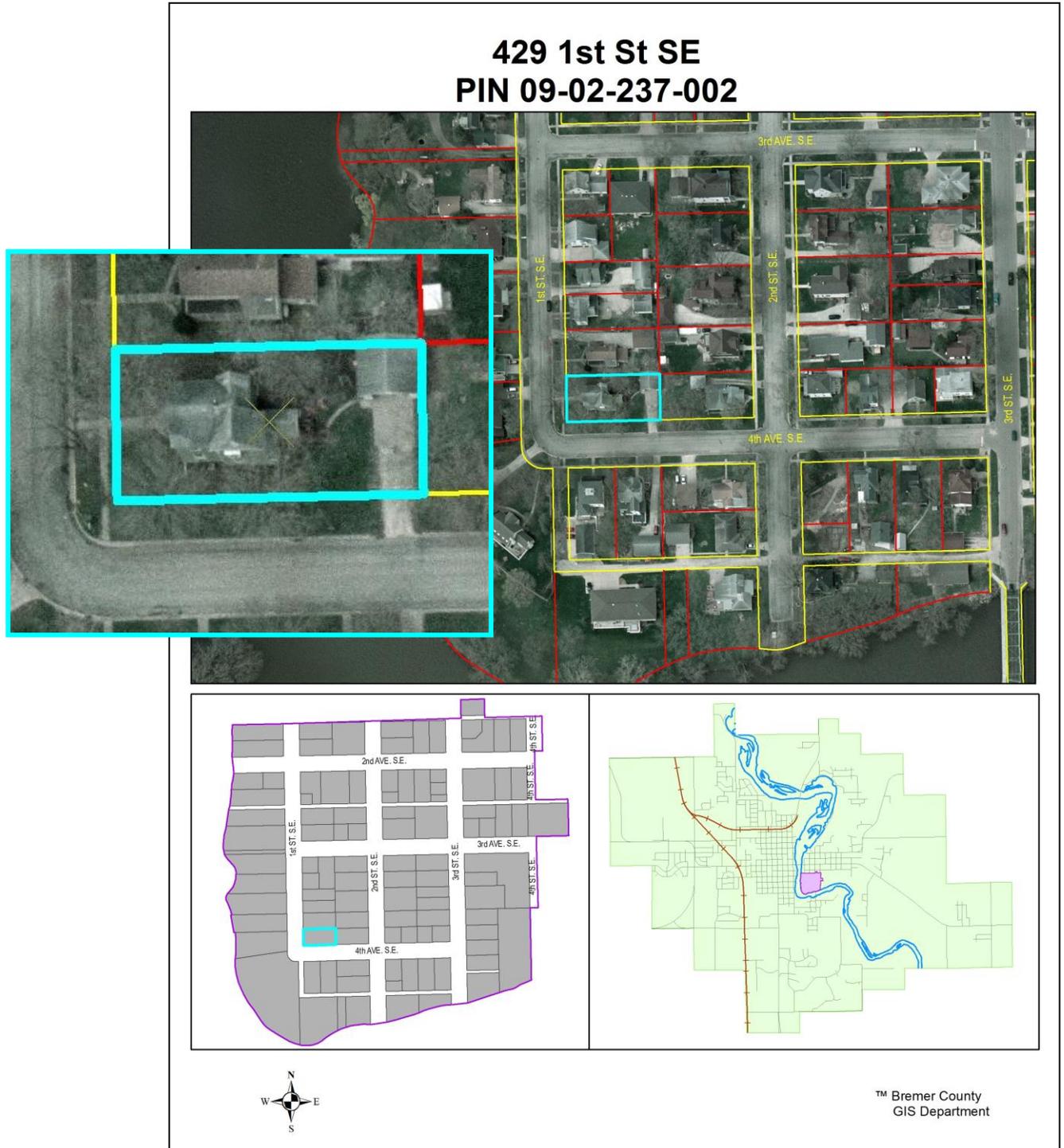
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.



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Photographs: 429 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE, looking northeast; porch window detail, looking east; foundation detail, looking north, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 429 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE, looking southeast, and garage, looking northeast, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: looking east and front porch details, looking northeast and east, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



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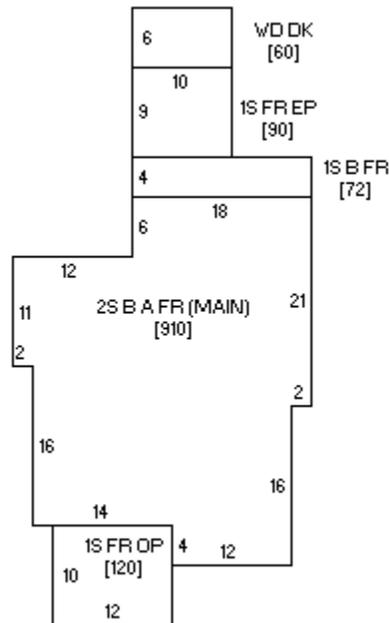
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 429 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&Q=701546573&KeyValue=0902327002>; accessed 1/16/2012.



Sketch by [www.camavision.com](http://www.camavision.com)