

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00871**  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 Laird, Ralph and Laura, House

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

**2. Location**

street & number 209 3<sup>rd</sup> Street 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) 10 Lot(s) S 1/2 Lot 4 & W 30' of S 1/2 Lot 3

**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)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing      Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<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)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage</u>	<u>01A03 Single Dwelling w/ attached garage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>07E01 Bungalow</u>	foundation <u>10A Concrete Block</u>
<u>06B Colonial Revival</u>	walls (visible material) <u>02A Weatherboard; 02B Shingles</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt/Shingle</u>
_____	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 1909  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation \_\_\_\_\_

**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 1925 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with similar houses in Waverly built using this form from ca. 1900 to 1920. Property Transfer Records show this parcel acquired by Laura Laird in March 1909 from Charles Kohagen who had planned to build a house on the lot five years earlier. The Lairds proceeded with construction of their home during the summer of 1909 according to newspaper accounts. By 1913, city directory listings show the house at 207 Harmon Street (3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE) occupied by Ralph and Laura Laird. The correct year for construction for this house is ca. 1909.

This house is an example of a blending of the Colonial Revival and Bungalow styles using a Side-Gable 2-story house form. The 1927 Sanborn Map (right) incorrectly identifies the house as 1-story. It has a broad moderate-pitched side-gable roof with a recessed open porch extending across the full front façade. Sometime between 2009 and 2011, photographs show that the porch was restored to its current appearance through the removal of infill windows. The massive clapboard clad piers at the outer corners and the low clapboard clad balustrade remain. Three square wood columns were added on each side of the entrance steps to support the wide, open span of the porch's upper edge and the eave. The porch restoration revealed the extant original entrance door with its oval beveled glass and carved frame. The building's rear has a 2-story hipped roof section and a 1-story attached garage.

The Laird House has a tall rock-faced concrete block foundation with narrow-width wood clapboard siding on the walls. The front façade features a large gabled attic dormer on the front slope with a recessed balcony. The exterior flared walls are clad in square-cut shingles and the interior walls of the balcony are covered in clapboard siding. A low balustrade composed of square spindles extends across the front of the balcony. The dormer has a closed gable peak, also clad in square-cut shingles, with a small oval window centered in the gable. The recessed rear wall of the dormer/balcony has an entrance door centered between large 1/1 double-hung windows. The door has a single-light in the upper half.

Fenestration includes mostly single and grouped 1/1 double-hung windows of varying sizes and widths on the first and second floors. On the front façade, lower level a feature window group left of the entrance consists of a wide 1/1 double-hung window in the center flanked by narrow 1/1 double-hung units. The north and south gable peaks include oval windows with four keystones carrying on the Colonial Revival design. On the north façade, a cottage window opens off the parlor on the lower level. Another feature window group is the angled bay window on the south façade with short 1/1 double-hung units likely surrounding a window seat. The multi-light upper sashes in the outer angled sides have starburst patterns – another Colonial Revival motif.

The attached double-bay frame garage dates from 1988 according to Assessor records. It has a twin doors along the south slope of the gabled addition and is clad in vinyl clapboard-style siding. A deck has also been added along the south side surrounding the bay window with a multi-light French door and matching panels providing deck access. The deck has a square-spindled balustrade.

Alterations: garage addition (1988); porch restoration (ca. 1910); deck added (undated).

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### 8. Significance

The Laird House at 209 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE was built in 1909 and is an example of a well-executed blending of the Colonial Revival and Bungalow styles using a Side-Gable 2-story house form. The builders of the house were Ralph Laird, a farm implement dealer, and his wife Laura. The house qualified individually for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

Ralph Laird (1876-1940) and his wife Laura (1883-1940) acquired this parcel in March 1909 from Charles Kohagan. Ralph grew up in rural Bremer County and formed a partnership with his brother in an implement business. By 1913 after the Lairds built this house, Ralph was in partnership with A.B. Coddington as "Coddington & Laird" selling coal, ice, grain, wood and implements. In 1929, Coddington died. The business reorganized as Laird's Incorporated continuing implement sales and adding automobiles. The 122 West Bremer Avenue building burned in a major conflagration in 1933.

### 9. Sources

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Waverly Heritage Days historical walking tour brochures for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Waverly Newspapers: *Waverly Republican* – 3/19/1903; 4/1/1909; *Bremer Independent* - 7/15/1909.

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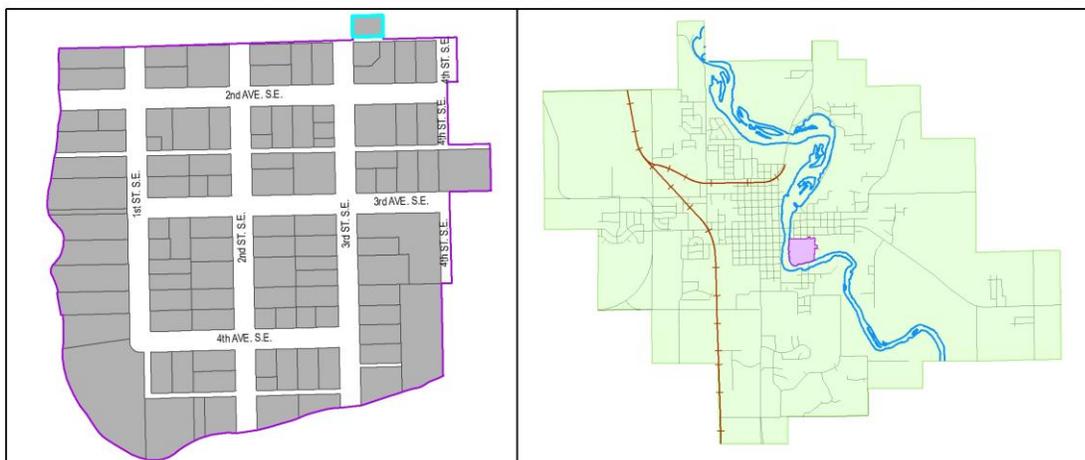
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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**Photographs:** 209 3rd St. SE, rear facade and garage addition, looking northwest; bay window and deck detail, looking northwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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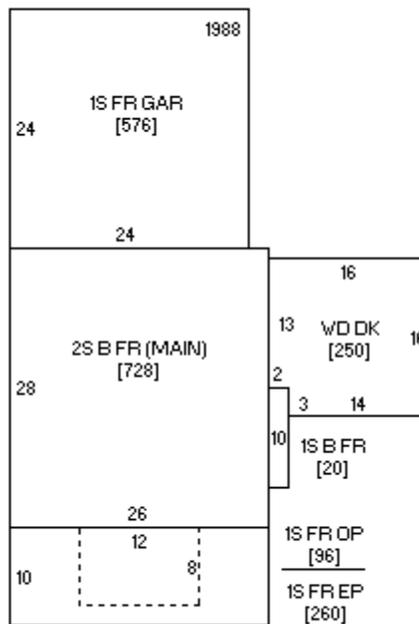
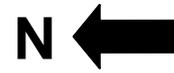
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 209 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902183002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/3/2012.



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