

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

State Inventory No. 09-00875

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 Morse, Stephen H. and Lidie F., House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 411 2nd 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) Fractional Block 8

Lot(s) Lot 5

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

1 1 buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
1 1 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)

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing (two stories)

foundation

04 Stone

walls (visible material) 02B Shingle; 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)

- 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.

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
1890 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1992 - 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: _____

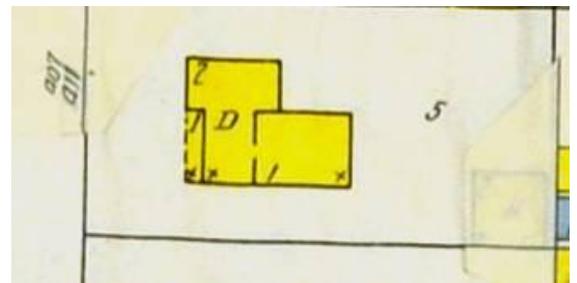
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7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1920 according to Bremer County Assessor records. Property transfer records show the property acquired by S.H. Morse in 1869 from William Wright and his wife. The 1885 census shows the Morse family residing on Lot 3 in Fractional Block 7, two houses away. By June 1893, a newspaper reports that the house was present and being remodeled. A more recent newspaper report suggests the date of construction was 1888. The 1899 and 1913 city directories both show the Morse family in residence. Together, this information confirms a likely construction date of ca. 1890 rather than 1920.

This 2-story frame house is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing form with Queen Anne decoration. It has a moderate-to-steeply pitched intersecting gable roof on the main block and gable roofs on two rear additions. The main house two gabled wall dormers on the front slope of the right-hand ell and a hipped roof wall dormer on the north slope of the front-gable wing. Because of the way the two wings join, the north gable end forms a triangle where it rises above the ridge of the east-west wing. As the house appeared in 1896, a shed-roofed porch filled the right-hand ell with a second level walk-out balcony near the inner corner. Its roof was formed by an extension of what is now a gabled wall dormer. On the first level of the original porch, a pediment appeared over the porch entrance steps in front of this balcony. After the porch was cut down to its current size (date unknown), the balcony was removed and the gable roof extension cut back to the wall dormer present today. The pediment was likely removed at the same time. The outline for the original porch appears on the 1927 Sanborn Map (right).



The Morse House according to newspaper accounts from 1893 has gone through several changes. It has a stone block foundation likely put in place when the foundation was raised and its walls are covered with medium-width clapboard-style vinyl siding. Decorative shingles are retained for the gable ends and shingles or molding designs are used for the gable dormers. The large west and south gable ends have a combination of cove-cut and diamond-cut shingles laid in horizontal bands. The right front wall dormer has diamond-cut shingles above the window and small fan motifs at the lower corners of the gable. The left front wall dormer was originally a projecting gable roof for a small porch roof balcony. That balcony was removed sometime prior to 1990 with the gable fan molding pattern reset in the wall dormer opening. It is likely that this was the same time that the shed roof porch that filled the ell was reduced in size. A low shed roof was retained and the enclosed walls clad in matching vinyl siding.

Fenestration includes mostly original double-hung windows and a few replacement units. Tall and narrow 1/1 double-hung windows seen in an 1896 view of the house are evenly spaced on the north wing. The upper level window on the front gable end has a perimeter of square lights. A pair of tall casements has replaced an original window tucked in the balcony wall of the front gable wing. After the porch balcony was removed, the balcony door was replaced with a small 1/1 sash in the left wall

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dormer. A 3/1 double-hung sash replaced a 1/1 unit seen in an 1896 view of the house. On the south façade, an original angular bay window was replaced by a rectilinear bay with tall and narrow 4/4 sash including a pair in the south face. Windows elsewhere include a mix of double-hung sash, a semi-circular fixed sash in the south gable end, and at least one horizontal awning window in the north wall of a rear addition.

The free standing garage has a double-wide front-gable with wide wood clapboard siding on the walls and channel-cut siding in the gable end. According to Assessor records it was constructed in 1992. It has a single double-wide overhead garage door.

Alterations: siding, porch element changes, and window changes (undated, likely post-1960); garage (1992).

8. Significance

The Morse House is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing form built in ca. 1890 that retains some of its Queen Anne finishes and decorative elements. The house was part of the main wave of homebuilding in the neighborhood that extended from the 1880s through World War I. Its owners, Stephen H. Morse and his wife Lidie, had the house built and remodeled during Stephen's tenure as a county official, abstractor and insurance agent. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the historic district. The garage is considered noncontributing.

In 1869 Lot 5 in Fractional Block 8 of the Original Town was acquired by Stephen H. Morse. During his career Stephen was first employed as an apprentice at the Sidney H. Curtis & Sons hardware business. He later worked at the Bremer County Court House in several positions – perhaps spurred on by his former employer, S.H. Curtis who chaired the Board of Supervisors in 1873. Morse was deputy treasurer, recorder and eventually elected county auditor. He also continued his abstracting and insurance business, Morse & Munger Abstract Co. at 306 E. Bremer Avenue. He died in 1914 passing the business to his son-in-law Frank Munger, husband of his daughter Grace. Lidie held the house for five years after his death selling it to Henry G. Schell and his wife Mabel in 1919. Henry operated Schell's Grocery Store at 223 W. Bremer Avenue.

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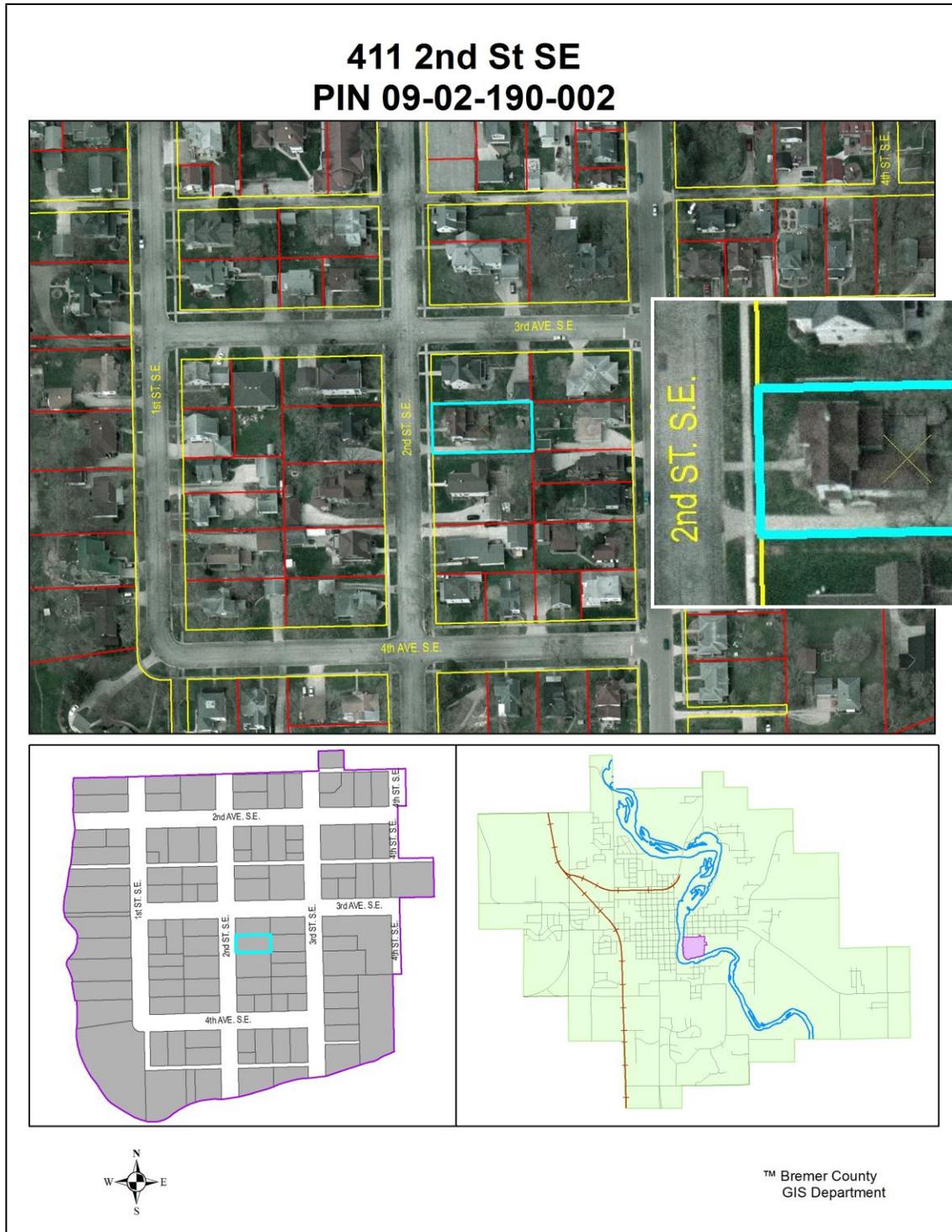
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.



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Historic View: Stephen H. Morse House pictured in *Semi Centennial Souvenir of Waverly*, 1896
(Waverly Public Library Historic Photograph Collection)



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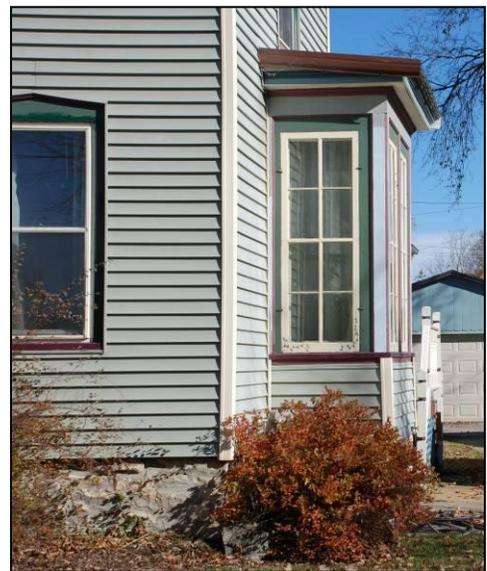
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Photographs: 411 2nd St. SE, looking east at front gable, foundation, and south bay window, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011



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Floor Plan: Bremer County Assessor's website; available at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902190002&index=0&size=0>; accessed 2/16/2012.

