

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

State Inventory No. 09-00899 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 Donahue, John and Margaret, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 323 3rd 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) 15

Lot(s) S 78' W 64' of 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 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
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

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

Waverly's NW & SE Neighborhoods Historical & Architectural MPD

09-028

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A03 Single Dwelling with attached garage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

07E02 Craftsman

foundation

10A Concrete Block

walls (visible material) 03 Brick

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 1925 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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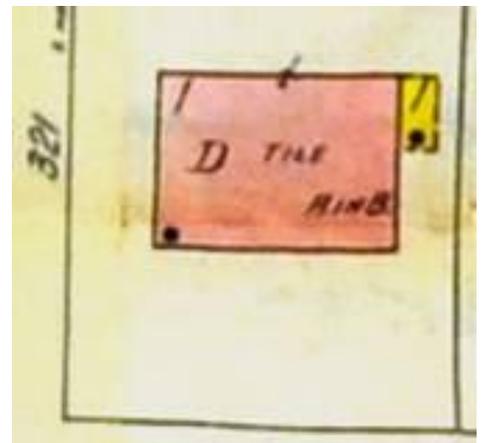
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7. Description

This 1-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1925 according to Bremer County Assessor records. It is located on the last section of land developed in a four-lot parcel acquired by Francis Schlutsmeier in 1889 from W.M. Woodford. By 1913 the city directory listed Henry and Francis Schlutsmeier living at 309 Madison St. (3rd Ave. SE) with their son Ernest and his wife, Beulah, next door at this house at 315 3rd Ave SE. A third house had been built at 317 3rd Street. This lot was the last developed in 1925 when newspaper accounts report Jack Donahue was building on S. Harmon (3rd St.). The 1926 phone directory shows him residing at this address and the 1927 Sanborn Map depicts the house in place. The 1925 date appears accurate.

This 1-story brick house is an example of a Craftsman Style Clipped-Gable Bungalow with an underground single-car garage bay. Its plan likely derived from a patternbook or plans promoted by the manufacturer of the brick tile used in the house. It has a low-pitched clipped-gable roof with a low-pitched hipped roof porch and clipped gable rear wing. The eaves are wide for the main house and along the porch roof. The 1927 Sanborn Map view (right) does not show the porch though it is undoubtedly original.



The Donahue House has a concrete block foundation with multi-colored red, gray and brown brick for the walls. The bricks are a mix of standard and Roman brick (10 to 12 inches in length) and were likely manufactured by one of the Mason City brickworks that was producing at their peak during this period. The house has a low-pitched side-gabled roof with wide clipped gable ends to the north and south. The rear of the building has a matching clipped-gable section of similar proportions. All of the roof sections have wide eaves and a narrow cornice. The building's small front porch is centered on the west façade and features a broad clipped-gable roof like the main house gables. It has a matching brick foundation with a row of standard sized soldier brick at the ground level, a low brick balustrade across the front, square brick columns at the outer corners and a concrete landing accessed by matching sets of stairs from the north and south. The steps have brick balustrades with concrete caps and short brick walls with concrete caps mark the edges of the concrete landings at each end. A massive exposed brick chimney is on the north side of the house.

Fenestration includes a variety of window types and placements. On the front façade, groups of three tall multi-light casements flank the porch with a pair of similar fixed-sash on each side of the centered entrance door. Other windows appearing in groups three, singles and pairs were 4/1 double-hung units with vertical lights in the upper sash. On the north side of the house, a rectilinear bay window with a shed roof and exposed rafters has three such windows. A single horizontal fixed sash to the right of the chimney has a similar Craftsman Style vertical-light window configuration. The basement level windows have three vertical lights and the horizontal gable sash on both the north and south facades

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have five vertical lights. For most of the window openings, the sills are composed of header brick with no special brick arch.

The house has a single-bay garage in the basement level with poured concrete retaining walls lining the access drive that opens onto 3rd Ave SE. The replacement overhead door has a wood and glass paneled door. An additional parking pad has been established alongside the very narrow tunnel-like access drive connecting to the basement car space.

Alterations: porch enclosed (post-1927); garage built (1977); gambrel peak window closed (undated).

8. Significance

The John and Margaret Donahue House at 323 3rd Street is a good example of a Craftsman Style Clipped-Gable Bungalow. Built of the type of brick manufactured in Mason City brickworks several counties to the west, the house was part of the homebuilding efforts that comprised infilling vacant lots in the neighborhood during the decades following World War I. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places both individually and as a contributing resource in the historic district under Criteria A and C.

John "Jack" Donahue and his wife Margaret built this house on a small corner lot at the intersection of 3rd Street and 3rd Avenue. Jack had worked as a clerk at the Hiller Clothing Store a decade earlier according to the 1913 city directory. The Donahues were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in the neighborhood and continued to reside at this address into the 1950s. Both were buried at St. Mary's Cemetery upon their deaths.

9. Sources

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Vertical file collection, Waverly Public Library.

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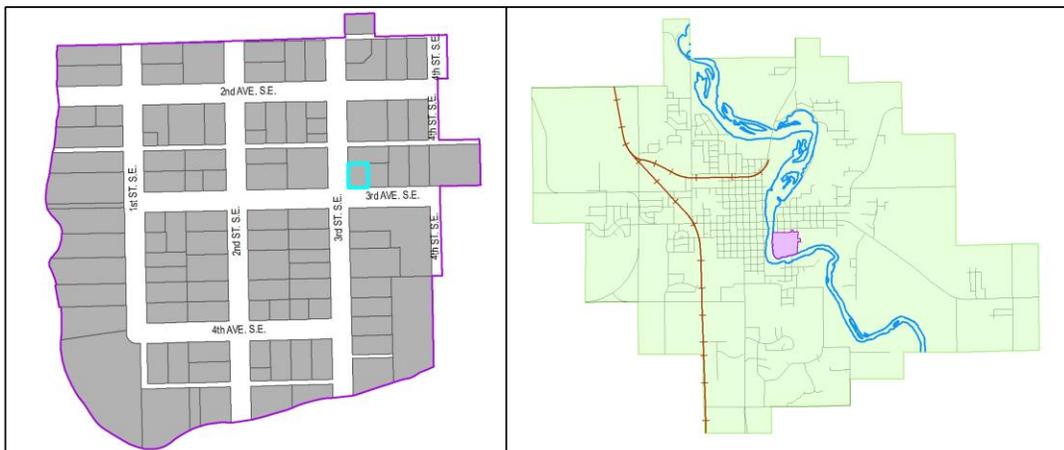
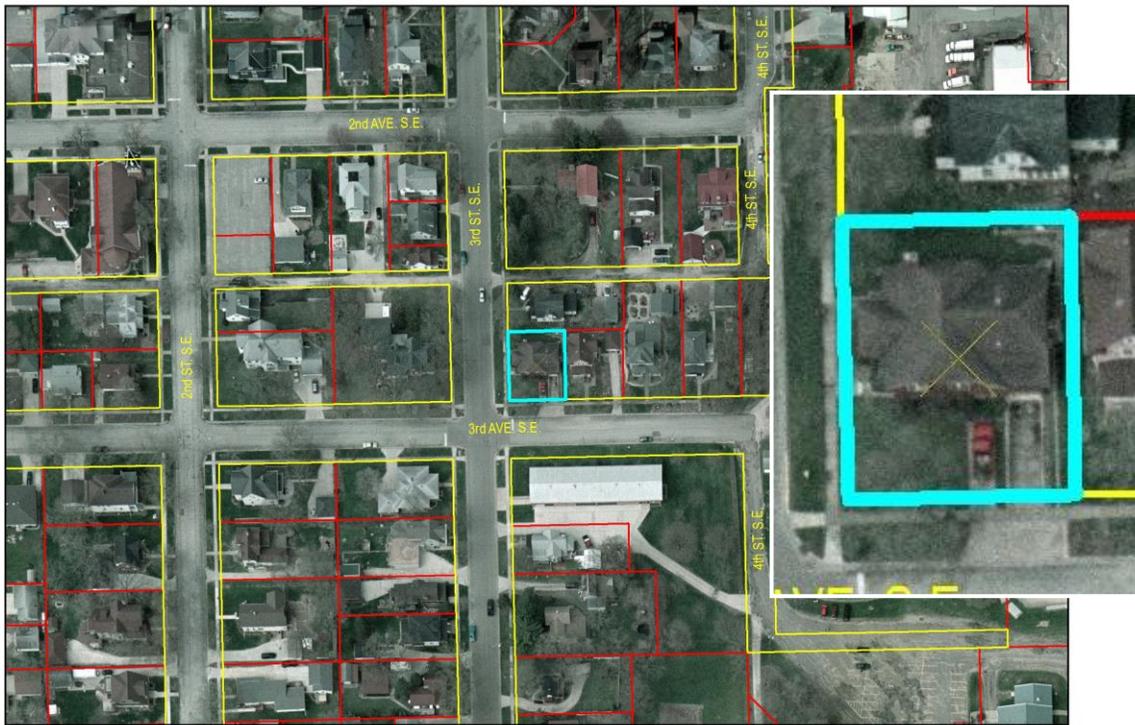
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Floor Plan: Bremer County Assessor's website; available at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902187005&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/7/2012.

