

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

State Inventory No. 09-00907

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 Behrens, Eli and Sophie, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 423 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 Jacob Hess Addition Block(s) _____ Lot(s) N 66' Lot 26

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)

09A02 Gable-Front and Wing

foundation 04 Stone

walls (visible material) 03 Brick (vener over clapboard)

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

Address 423 3rd St SE

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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 1895 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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organization for City of Waverly, Historic Preservation Commission telephone 715/469-3300
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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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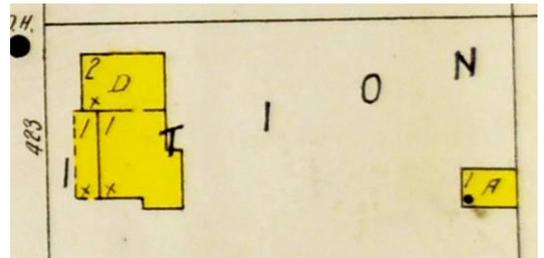
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7. Description

This 2-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1900 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The 1894 *Atlas of Bremer County* includes a house with a similar footprint. The 1913 city directory lists Eli and Sophie Behrens residing at 423 S. Harmon Street (3rd St. SE) suggesting that a house was in place at this time. The 1927 Sanborn Map clearly includes this house. Together, this information suggests a construction date of ca. 1895 or slightly earlier for the original building rather than the Assessor estimate of 1900.

This frame house depicted in the Sanborn Map for 1927 (at right) is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing house form. It has L-plan for the original building and since it was built appears to have had a 2-story front-gable wing and a 1-story side-gable wing with low pitched gable roof slopes. These slopes suggest that they may have been flattened at some point in the life of the building. The house has narrow eaves with no cornice and no dormers. A ventilated cupola is centered on the ridge of the 1-story wing.



The original porch that filled the right-hand ell has been removed and replaced with a small enclosed entrance vestibule and flat roof overhang supported by a decorative wrought iron post. The house has a concrete block foundation with narrow clapboard style vinyl siding for wall cladding. The enclosed entrance vestibule is clad with the same finish. Fenestration includes various sized 6/6 double-hung windows widely spaced on the walls. The 1-story wing has a feature window consisting of narrow 6/6 units flanking a large 20-light fixed sash. Applied shutters are at all of the openings. The house has a single-bay garage in the basement level accessed from the rear of the 2-story wing.

Alterations: vinyl siding (between 2009 and 2011); porch removal (undated); replacement windows (undated, at the time the previous aluminum siding was installed).

8. Significance

The Behrens House at 423 is an example of a vernacular Gable-Front-and-Wing house form. The house was part of the main wave of homebuilding in the neighborhood that extended from the 1880s through World War I. Its first owners have not been identified but Eli and Sophie Behrens resided here before World War I. The house is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for the historic district as a contributing resource.

Available property transfer records do not provide a clear record of early ownership. In 1913 city directories show the house occupied by Eli and Sophie Behrens. Eli was a partner in the firm, Behrens & Kaiser Garage located at 110 W. Bremer Avenue. In later years the Behrens Garage survived but it was no longer operated by Eli.

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9. Sources

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Waverly Historic Photo Collection, Waverly Public Library, two historic views before and after 1927.

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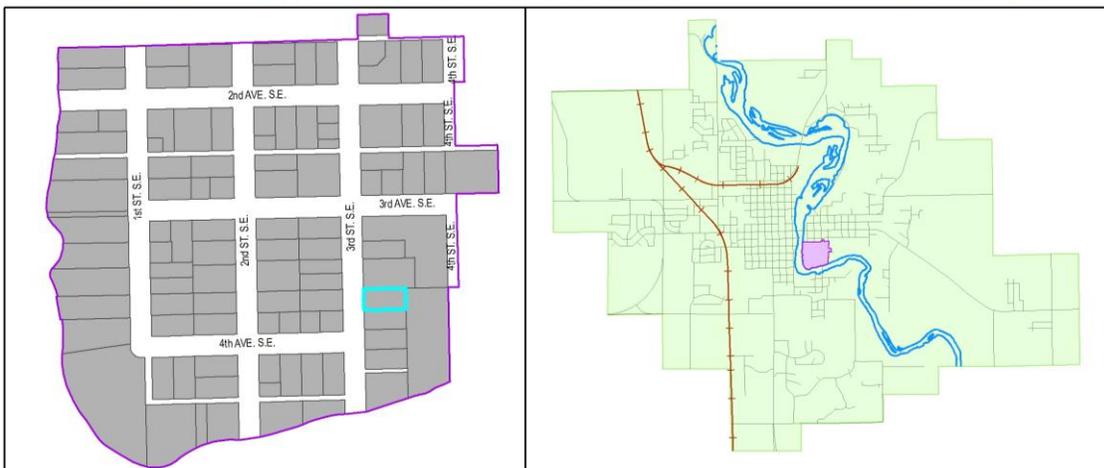
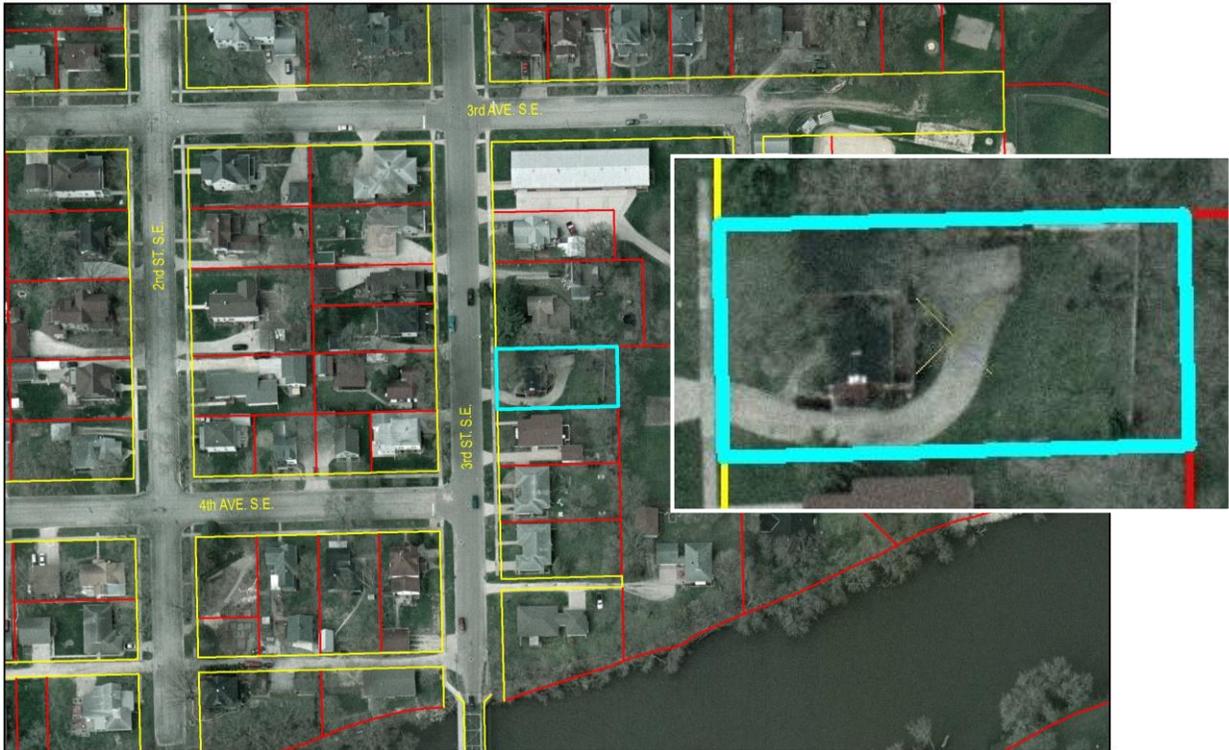
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

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Photographs: 423 3rd St. SE, looking east and northeast Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



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Photographs: 423 3rd St. SE, looking southeast and east, Justine Zimmer, IHSEMD, photographer, 4/23/2009.



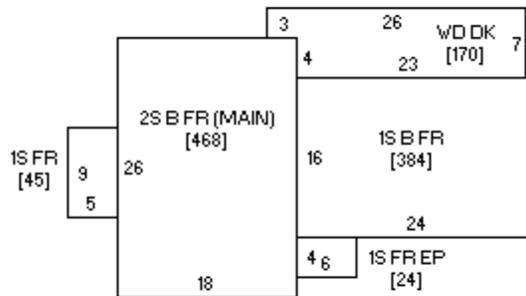
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Floor Plan: Bremer County Assessor's website; available at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902331001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/16/2012.



Sketch by www.camavision.com