

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

State Inventory No. 09-00910 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 Truax Rental House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 503 3rd 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 Jacob Hess Addition Block(s) _____ Lot(s) S 62' N 190' 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)	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 with attached garage</u>	<u>01A03 Single Dwelling with attached garage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>10C Rambler/Ranch</u>	foundation <u>10A Concrete Block</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>05E Aluminum</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

Address 503 3rd Street 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 1948 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: _____

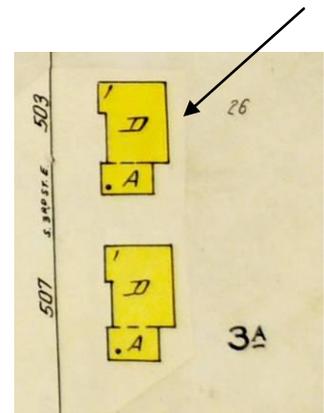
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7. Description

This 1-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1948 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the post-World War II years. It is depicted on a copy of the update for the 1927 Sanborn Map completed in 1952

This frame house is an example of a vernacular 1-story Ranch/Rambler house form. This variation and that for the identical house next door at 507 3rd Street SE have a shallow U-shaped plan with the attached garage wing at the south end projecting forward slightly to balance the projecting section of the main living quarters at the north end. The house has a concrete block foundation, wide clapboard-style aluminum siding on the walls with a solid-color cream brick used for the recessed center wall on the west facade. The house has a very low-pitched hipped roof in three sections – the largest over the main center section with smaller hipped roof sections over the garage and north wing. The roof has deep eaves with a widened section serving as the entrance hood in the north wing.



Fenestration includes two of the classic window groups for Ranch Style houses – Chicago window groups and corner-wrapping window groups. In this house the Chicago window group is centered on the front façade to the right of the entrance. A large square fixed-light window is flanked by narrow 2/2 double-hung windows with horizontal lights in each half. On the outer northwest corner, a pair of 2/2 double-hung units with horizontal lights wraps the corner providing longer clear walls for interior furniture placement. Corner windows were first introduced in the 1930s and 1940s in commercial buildings and later adopted in domestic designs

The attached single-car garage is at one end of the horizontal house plan, another feature typical of Ranch Style designs. In this case the garage projects forward to break the front plain. It was built at the same time as the rest of the house in 1948 according to the County Assessor's records. The overhead door is on the west façade with a short access drive-way to 3rd Street. It is a replacement.

Alterations: aluminum siding (undated); garage door replacement (undated).

8. Significance

The Truax Rental House at 503 3rd Street SE is an example of a vernacular 1-story Ranch/Rambler house form from the final development phase in this neighborhood during the post-World War II period. It is typical of the handful of houses built as in-fill housing during this period. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C.

According to a newspaper headline from October 1948 – “Waverly Making Progress Toward Easing Serious Housing Shortage” – at least 32 residences were completed or under construction during the year. The article noted that the most serious local housing shortage came in late 1947, which was

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about two years after WW II ended. Waverly experienced a construction boom during the next including more than \$10 million of work. The construction was considered an indication that population was continuing to head up. The federal census figures show Waverly's population rising 25% during the decade of the 1940s from 4,156 in 1940 to 5,124 in 1950 and another 24% or 6,357 by 1960. Construction of infill housing in the neighborhood north of the Cedar River such as this house accompanied additional growth across the river to the south.

By 1946 this parcel passed by referee deed as part of a larger parcel to W.R. Leary and a year later it was resold in February to Joe and Grace Truax. The adjacent lot passed to George and Florence Hollar at the same time. Truax and Hollar were in partnership as "Hollar and Truax" and it appears that Hollar managed their business investment – "Farmers Friend" – a restaurant-bar located at 108 E. Bremer Avenue that also housed a billiards parlor. It appears that the two men built identical houses in the same year and that the Hollars moved into one of the houses at 507 3rd Street. The Truaxes did not reside in the other house 503 3rd Street SE so it is likely that it was held as a rental and possibly managed by the Hollar family who lived next door.

City directories from 1948 through the 1950s show George Hollar as the operator of the restaurant-bar named the "Farmers Friend" that was located at 108 E. Bremer Avenue. The business also maintained a billiards parlor. It appears that the two men built identical houses in the same year and that the Hollars moved into their house and continued to reside here at least until the mid-1950s. A newspaper account on 11/21/1947 describes the construction work on the Hollar House.

9. Sources

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

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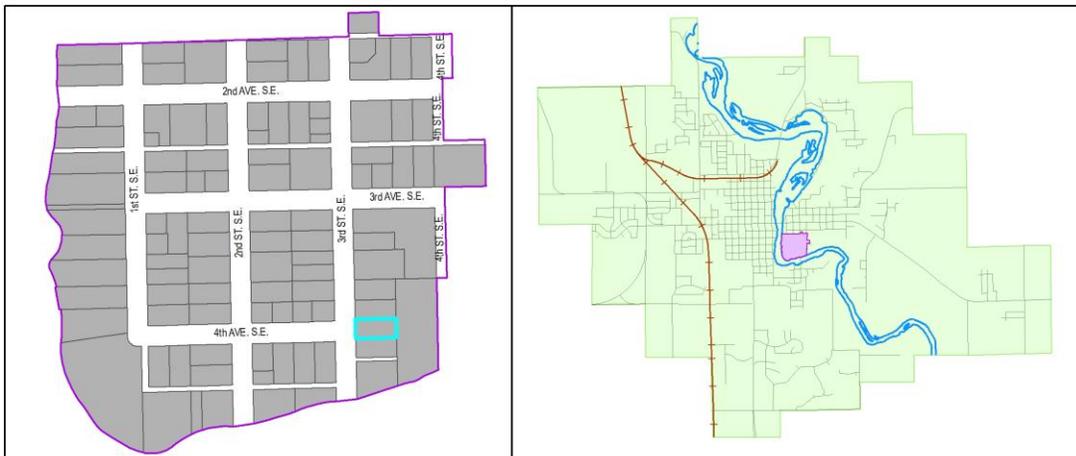
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.

**503 3rd St SE
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Photographs: 503 1st St. SE, looking northeast and southeast, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/3/2011.



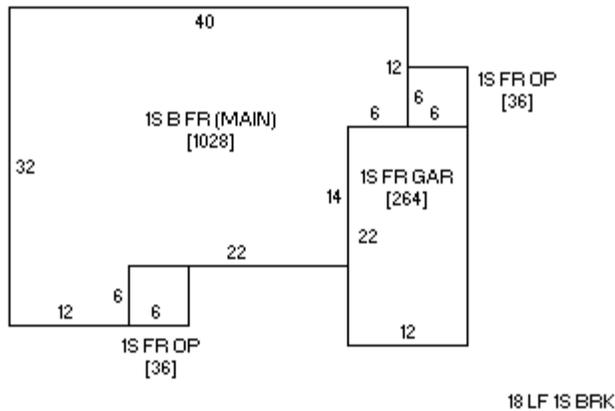
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Floor plan, 503 3rd St. SE, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0902331003&index=0&size=0>; accessed 3/18/2012.



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