

Site Inventory Form State Inventory No. 09-00942 New Supplemental: photos & map

State Historical Society of Iowa Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00961

(November 2005)

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 Schweer, Connie and H.F., House

2. Location

street & number 208 3rd Street SW

city or town Waverly vicinity, county Bremer County

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision Wm. Sturdevant's Addition Block(s) 8 Lot(s) S half Lots 1 & 2

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		If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
—	buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	<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 SW Quadrant Hist. & Arch. Survey

Historical Architectural Data Base Number HADB 09-031

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A01 Single Dwelling: residence

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01C05 Garage

01C05 Garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A04 Side-Gabled Roof, 2-Story

foundation 10 Concrete

07E02 Craftsman

walls (visible material) 03 Brick; 06 Stucco

roof 08 Asphalt

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 208 3rd Street SW

Site Number 09-00942
District Number 09-00961

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)

Rohlf, Dr. William A.

Architect/Builder

Architect unknown
Builder unknown

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 Svendsen Tyler, Inc. for the Waverly HPC 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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7. Description

The house at 208 3rd Street SW is estimated to have constructed in 1925 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. This date is consistent with the building's form and design. Property transfer records show the property passing to H.G. and Mabel Schell in 9/10/1924 by referee deed suggesting a contested ownership issue. The Schells were listed in both the 1924 and 1926 telephone books living at a different address in the same neighborhood suggesting that if they undertook the house's construction it was for rental purposes. In March 1928 the property passed to Connie Schweer and her husband, H.F. Schweer. The 1931 telephone directory lists H.F. Schweer at this address. Based on this information the house was likely built in ca. 1925 as a rental property with its first owner occupants being the Schweers in 1928.

The house is an example of the Craftsman Style Side-Gabled Roof, 2-Story house form. The house has a brick clad concrete foundation with matching mottled tan and brown-colored brick walls with stucco on the dormer and garage walls. Bricks are laid in running bond with a soldier course set at the water table height on the main building and the front porch with a rowlock course set about 18" higher, just beneath the window sills of the main building. It has a broad, moderate pitched side-gabled roof with wide low-pitched shed roof dormers on both the front and rear slopes. The roof has deep eaves with filled brackets widely spaced on the gabled ends and the sides of the shed dormer. A low-pitched gabled porch is centered on the front. It was originally built as an enclosed porch with brick extending from the balustrade to ground level, brick piers at the outer corners, and stucco cladding for the tympanum. The porch entrance faces south with the steps lined by a matching brick sidewall. An exposed chimney constructed of matching brick is located on the north façade

Fenestration includes 1/1 double-hung windows of various sizes. To either side of the porch, paired windows have cast concrete sills. On the upper level and in the gable ends, widely spaced shorter 1/1 windows are used with the dormer featuring a narrow 1/1 sash flanked by slightly wider 1/1 sash. The house retains its original detached garage located close to the main building's southwest corner. The garage has a broad front-gabled roof, wide eaves, stucco walls and brick corners on the front. The garage though sized for one vehicle has an oversized opening with a replacement overhead door.

8. Significance

The Connie and H.F. Schweer House at 208 3rd Street SW derives individual significance under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a Craftsman Style residence built using the Side-Gabled, 2-Story house form. The building's well-executed masonry work and high level of integrity adds to its significance. The garage is considered a contributing resource. The house is also significant as a contributing resource in the Sturdevant SW Historic District under both Criteria A and C. The historic district qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a well-preserved collection of mid and late 19th century and early 20th century architectural styles and vernacular house forms located in Waverly's southwest residential neighborhood. The neighborhood developed as a middle class and working class residential district from the late 1850s through the mid-20th century.

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Historical Background for Waverly¹

Waverly was established in 1853 along the Cedar River in Waverly Township located in southeastern Bremer County. It was designated as the county seat for Bremer County the same year that the county was officially organized and was formally incorporated in 1859. Like most Iowa towns established before the Civil War, growth during the early 1860s was deferred until after the war came to a close. Waverly's first railroad, the Cedar Falls and Minnesota Railroad was extended to Waverly in 1864. Eventually track was also laid for other branch lines and an electric interurban. By 1917 track for branch lines was absorbed by the Chicago and Great Western Railroad and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. Track for the electric interurban – the Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and Northern – was laid in 1910 but usage was never as substantial as predicted.

Waverly grew in the manner typical of other Iowa county seats in the late 19th and early 20th century. Its commercial center extended along the east-west route of Bremer Avenue on both sides of the Bremer Avenue Bridge that crossed the L-shaped course of the Cedar River as it passed through the center of town. The county courthouse was located outside of the commercial area on a slight prominence at the east end of Bremer Avenue. Residential districts grew up in the four quadrants formed by the intersecting main street and river. The broad, generally flat profile of both the business district and early residential neighborhoods saw the regular occurrence of flooding resulting in the gradual replacement of most first generation frame building stock. German immigrants were among the largest ethnic group to populate Waverly during the 19th century establishing religious institutions with ethnic affiliations such as St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the northwest quadrant, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in southeast quadrant, and the German Methodist Church.

Bremer County and its county seat of Waverly prospered during the late 19th and early 20th century becoming a retail and professional services center for Bremer County and sections of adjacent Butler County. The county's standing as the "Dairy Spot of Iowa," gave rise to a number of dairy industries including a manufacturing plant operated by the Carnation Milk Products Company for the production of condensed milk in the 1920s. Population stood at 16,300 people in 1900 before the growth rate slowed before World War I. By 1930 population topped 17,000. Expansion of a Lutheran seminary in Waverly first located in the community in 1879 through the relocation of Wartburg College to the community in 1939 was a cultural and economic stimulus for the community. Waverly continued to add a 1,000 people per decade until 1950 when the post-War boom saw growth accelerate to more than 21,000 by 1960. During the past 50 years population has slowed somewhat topping out at 23,325 in 2000.

Historical Background for the Schweer House at 208 3rd Street SW

The Schweer House is located in the southwest quadrant of Waverly that includes additions platted by early Waverly settlers, Ira Sturdevant and his son William Sturdevant. The Sturdevant family moved to the unsettled area along the Cedar River in the mid-1850s. Ira received a 40-acre federal land grant based on his military service in the War of 1812. William acquired 80 acres of adjoining land to the north of his father's 40-acre parcel. In 1857 the William Sturdevant's Addition was laid out and in 1860 the Ira Sturdevant Addition was platted. Growth remained relatively slow in these subdivisions until after the Civil War.

¹ The historical background information is largely drawn from the *Waverly, Iowa: An Architectural Heritage*, (Waverly, Iowa: City of Waverly), 1977.

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Additional Information:

Waverly Southwest Quadrant Historical and Architectural Survey Map (Bremer County GIS Department, 3/26/2014).

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PIN 09-02-155-008**



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Full Legal Description: WM STURDEVANT'S ADDITION SOUTH 1/2 LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 8.

Site Map

Aerial map available at Bremer County Assessor's website at: <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=1&PageID=2344&Q=736284867&KeyValue=0902155008>; accessed 12/19/2010. Historic resource is designated by the red star.



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Photograph and Sketch Plan: Bremer County Assessor website photograph and map available at:
<http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&Q=838661515&KeyValue=0902155008>; accessed **12/19/2010**.

