

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

State Inventory No. 09-01447 New Supplemental: photos & map
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) **09-00961**
 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 Becker, Grant E. and Margaret C., House
 other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 200 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) N half Lot 1 & N half of E 6' Lot 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)	Number of Resources within Property		
	If Non-Eligible Property	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
	_____ 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 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)
<u>01A03 Single Dwelling: residence w/ attached garage</u>	<u>01A03 Single Dwelling: residence w/ attached garage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A04 Side-Gabled Roof, 1½-Story</u>	foundation <u>10A Concrete Block</u>
<u>07E02 Craftsman</u>	walls (visible material) <u>02A Weatherboard</u>
_____	roof <u>08 Asphalt</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 200 3rd Street SW

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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
1941 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

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

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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 Grant and Margaret Becker House at 200 3rd Street SW is estimated to have been constructed in 1941 according to the Bremer County Assessor's records. Newspaper accounts and property transfer records confirm that construction of the house was under way during the fall of 1941 and winter of 1942 confirming the Assessor's date of 1941. This date is also consistent with the building's form and design.

The house is an example of a late Craftsman Style influenced Side-Roofed, 1½-Story house form built on the eve of WW II. The house has a concrete block foundation with wide wood clapboard siding on the walls and dormers. It has a broad, moderate pitched side-gabled roof with two tall gabled attic dormers on the front slope and a large shed roofed wall dormer on the rear slope. Craftsman detailing is evidenced in the deep eaves, which have exposed rafter tails along the sloped edges and purlins widely spaced on the gabled ends marked by square moldings on the fascia board. The enclosed front entrance is centered between the dormers and it has a front-gable roof with an extended slope on one side; exposed rafters and purlin detailing match the main house cornice features. A 1-story side-gabled porch at the north end of the house is enclosed with a continuous row of windows above a closed balustrade wall. An exposed reddish brown brick chimney is centered in the south gable end.

Craftsman Style window treatments include a combination of large 5/1 double-hung sash with tall vertical lights on the front façade, smaller 3/1 double-hung units in the gable peaks and dormers, and 4/1 windows in the north screen porch. The front entrance door includes tall lower recessed panels with three short vertical light sash above the panels. At the rear of the house, the small lot contains a front-gable roofed garage with a broad moderate pitched roof and a pair of overhead doors in the gable end facing 1st Ave SW. The garage is connected to the house with a shallow gable roofed door hood over pedestrian doors opposite one another on the two buildings.

8. Significance

The Grant and Margaret Becker House at 200 3rd Street SW derives individual significance under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a late Craftsman Style residence built using the Side-Gabled, 1½-Story house form. The building's high level of integrity especially the retention of its original Craftsman Style double-hung windows adds to its significance. 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. The garage is considered contributing because it was built contemporary with the house and retains its original elements and finish.

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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 Grant and Margaret Becker House at 200 3rd Street SW

The Grant and Margaret Becker House at 200 3rd Street SW, an excellent example of a late Craftsman Style house built at the beginning of World War II. Newspaper accounts confirm that construction was under way during the fall of 1941 through early 1942 for Grant Becker and his wife Margaret. Grant died shortly before or after the house was completed but Margaret continued to hold the house until 5/16/1951 when she and the other heirs sold it to Frank and Sarah Lageschulte. Frank died in 1969 while the couple resided here but Sarah continued to hold the property into the 1990s.

9. Sources

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).

**200 3rd St SW
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Full Legal Description: WM STURDEVANT'S ADDITION NORTH N 50' LOT 5 BLOCK 6.

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=2075419998&KeyValue=0902152007>; accessed **12/16/2010**. Historic resource is designated by the red star.



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Photographs: 200 3rd Street SW,
looking west, **5/15/2014**, Marlys
Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler,
photographer.



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Photographs: 200 3rd Street SW, looking southwest and northwest, **5/15/2014**, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, photographer.



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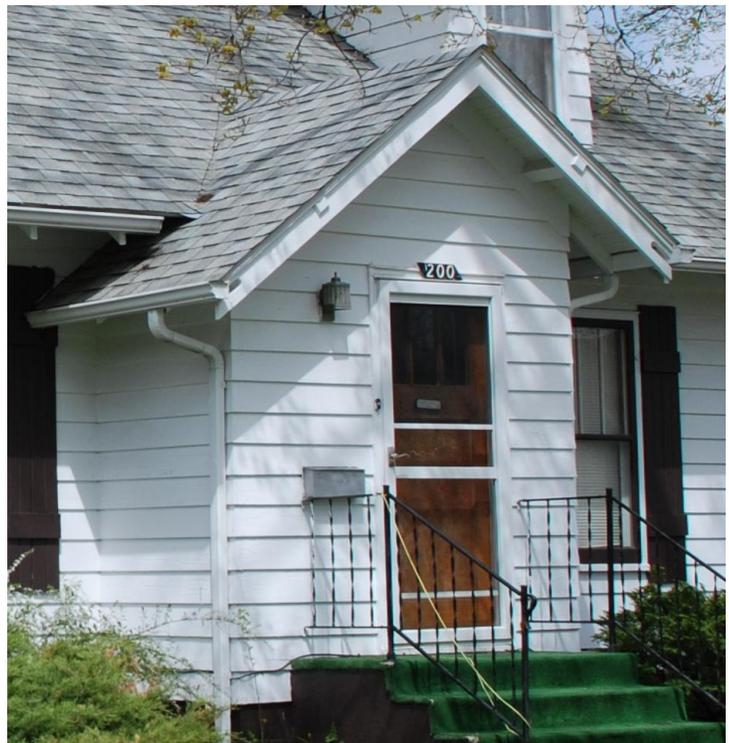
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Photographs: 200 3rd Street SW, looking southeast, 12/06/2010, Marlys Svendsen, IHSEMD, photographer



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Photograph and Sketch Plan: Bremer County Assessor website photograph and map available at:
<https://beaconbeta.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=330&LayerID=3621&PageTypeID=4&PageID=2342&Q=98556524&KeyValue=0902155007>; accessed 5/25/2015.

