

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

**State Inventory No. 09-00637**  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00621  
 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 Rausch, Anna M., House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW

city or town Waverly  vicinity, county Bremer

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

(If Urban) Subdivision Harmon and LeValley Add. Block(s) 62 Lot(s) Lot 3

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	<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>	<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 Survey Historical Architectural Data Base Number 09-028

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A Single Dwelling</u>	<u>01A Single Dwelling</u>
<u>01C05 Garage</u>	<u>01C05 Garage</u>
_____	_____

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A14 Side Gabled Roof (1-story)</u>	foundation <u>03 Brick</u>
<u>10B Minimal Traditional</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 715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW

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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  
1938  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
garage - 1938

**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  
 street & number N3834 Deep Lake Road zip code 54870  
 city or town Sarona state WI

**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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715 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave NW	Waverly
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## 7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1938 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form is typical of late 1930s and 1940s infill houses in Waverly. In April 1939 Bremer County Property Transfer Records show Anna M. Rausch acquiring this property making it likely the house was built just before acquisition or after it occurred. Therefore, a construction date of ca. 1938 is consistent with public records for this property.

This 1-story frame house is an example of a vernacular Side-Gable Roof house form typical of small house plans introduced during the 1930s and 1940s by pattern book and plan bureaus seeking to provide economic housing designs. This house has a brick faced/concrete block foundation with walls clad in wide clapboard-style aluminum siding. The house has a steeply pitched side-gable roof with narrow eaves along the sloped sides and no eaves on the gable end. Two gabled attic dormers are symmetrically placed on the front roof slope. The enclosed gabled entrance vestibule is centered on the front and projects slightly. Fenestration includes single and paired 3/1 double-hung windows of various sizes with vertical lights in the upper sash. A pair of windows is on each side of the entrance vestibule and a single window is in each of the dormers. Paired and single sash appear on both levels of the gabled ends. The original front door with four vertical lights in the upper window remains in use.

The property retains a 1-story frame garage southwest of the main house. It was built in 1938 according to Assessor records. It has a front-gable roof, narrow siding, exposed rafter tails, and a single overhead garage door facing the avenue.

Alterations: Aluminum siding (undated); a metal awning extends over the front steps.

## 8. Significance

The Rausch House at 715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW built in ca. 1938 is an example of a vernacular Side-Gable Roof house form typical of the economical and efficient plans introduced during the 1930s and 1940s by pattern book and plan bureaus seeking to provide creative small house designs for the Great Depression and World War years. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C while the garage is considered noncontributing because of integrity issues.

Anna M. Rausch acquired this property in April 1939 from Anna Roever. It is likely the house was built just before acquisition or after it occurred. Rausch retained the property until April 1955 when her estate transferred it to Laura Richman who in turn passed it to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. St. Paul's held the property until June 1961 when it was transferred to Emma Engelbrecht, widow of August Engelbrecht. Emma worked as the secretary for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and later retired while residing here. She transferred the property to Wartburg College in October 1993.

## 9. Sources

*Atlas of Bremer County, Iowa.* Waverly, Iowa: Waverly Publishing Company, 1917.

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Waverly Business News Index (database), Waverly Public Library.

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

Waverly Historic Photo Collection, Waverly Public Library.

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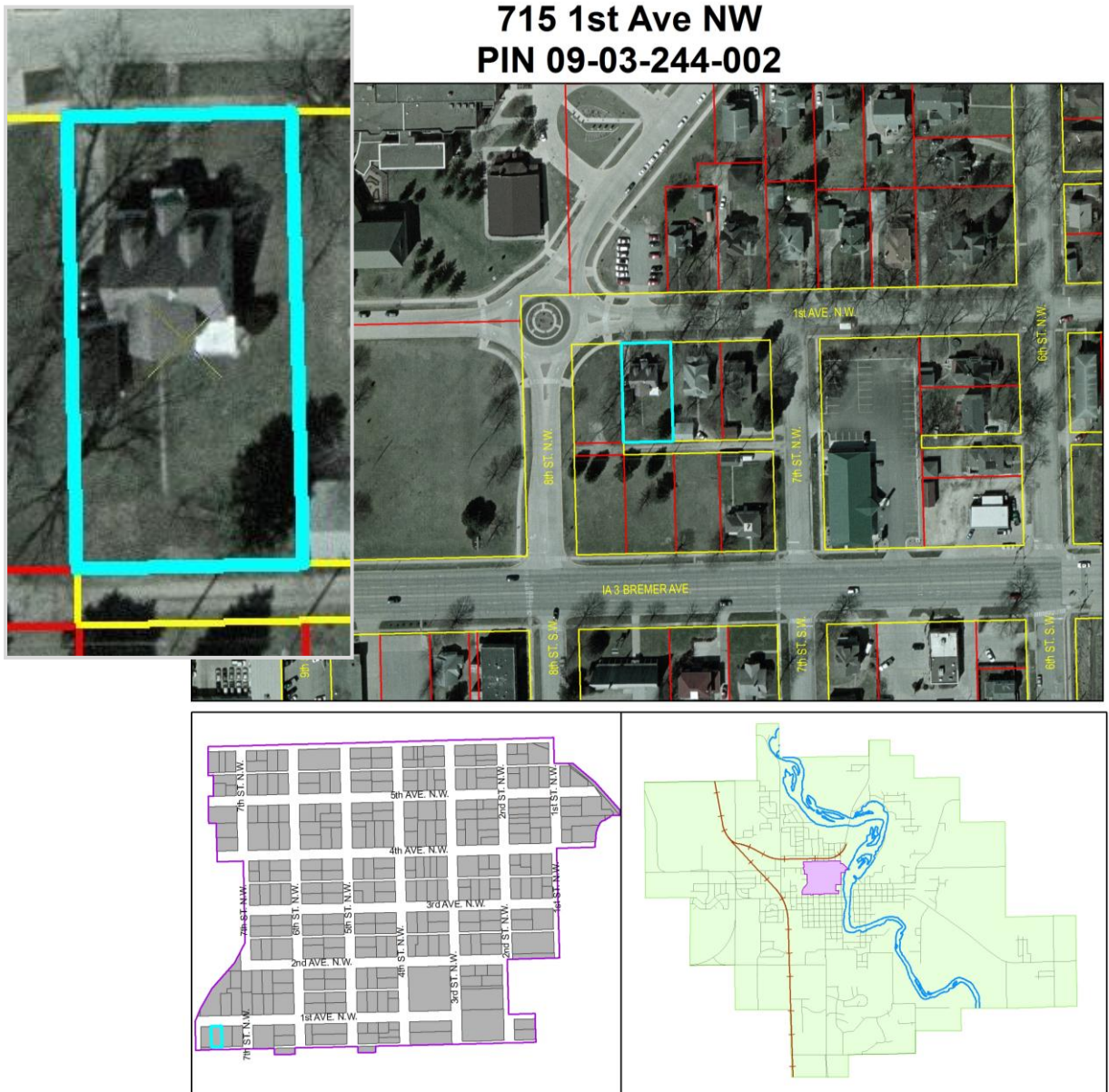
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**Site Map:** Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.





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**Photograph:** 715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, house and garage, looking southeast, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/3/2011.





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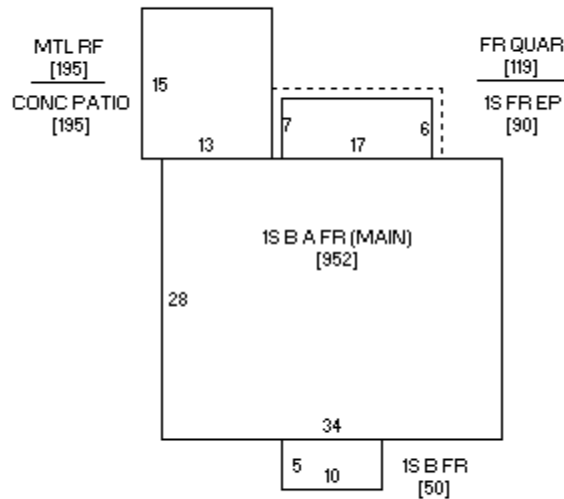
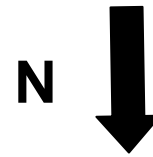
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Additional Information:

Floor plan, 715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903244002&index=0&size=0>; 10/13/2012.



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