Site Inventory Form New Dupplemental State Inventory No. 09-00789 State Historical Society of Iowa Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00621 Relationship: 🛛 Contributing 🗌 Noncontributing (November 2005) 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 Vogt, Henry and Louise, House other names/site number "Blain Cement Block House" 2. Location street & number 614 5th 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 Knott Addition Block(s) 56 Lot(s) 6 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 \boxtimes building(s) If Non-Eligible Property If Eligible Property, enter number of: Enter number of: ☐ district Contributing Noncontributing □ site buildings buildinas 1 1 structure sites sites □ object structures structures obiects objects 1 Total 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 Survey 09-028 6. Function or Use **Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions) **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions) 01A Single Dwelling 01A Single Dwelling 01C05 Garage 7. Description Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Materials (Enter categories from instructions) 09A05 Hipped Roof, 1-story foundation 10A Concrete/Block 07E02 Craftsman walls (visible material) 06 Stucco; 10A Concrete Block roof 05 Metal other **Narrative Description** (IZI 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 Property is associated with significant events. Α \Box Yes \boxtimes No \Box More Research Recommended В Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. С Yes No More Research Recommended Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. □ Yes ⊠ No □ More Research Recommended D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

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7. Description

This single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1914 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built prior to World War I and similar to other houses built by the George Blain Cement Block Company. A house at this address appears in the 1913 city directory listings as the "Blain Cement Block House" with no occupant. George and Maude Blain owned this lot from January 1902 until September 1927 when property transfer records show this house sold to Henry Vogt. Together these public records suggest that the house was erected between and ca. 1914 but sold to the Vogts as owner-occupants in 1927.

This 1-story concrete block and stucco dwelling is an example of a Craftsman Style house built using the Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form. The Vogt House has a raised rock faced concrete block foundation with dark red mortar set between alternating rows of tall and short block. The distinct red mortar found here is also used for block walls and foundations in other Blain homes in the Harmon and LeValley neighborhood in northwest Waverly. A belt course consisting of mottled tan, brown and red-colored brick separates the foundation and upper walls that are clad in stucco. The block was manufactured by the Blain Concrete Company factory located a block north and east of this house site. The house has a low-pitched hipped roof with wide flared eaves on the main block and a short wing offset to the west edge of the front façade with a moderate-pitched front-gable roof also with flared eaves.

The wing contains an enclosed porch with a continuous row of 4/1 double-hung (vertical light) windows above the raised block foundation. The entrance steps exit the front wing east into the right-hand ell. The gable end is clad in matching stucco with radiating half-timbering and a louvered vent inset beneath the peak. The porch has tall matching brick pillars at the outside corners with short battered piers serving as roof supports for the wide architrave. The 4/1 porch windows do not match the Craftsman Style 5/1 windows in the main house suggesting that the porch was originally open but enclosed soon after construction. Fenestration includes a mix of single, paired and groups of three 5/1 double-hung windows in the main block. On the west façade a feature window group has a 5/1 window was originally flanked by short multi-light sash aligned with the upper edge of the center window. At an unknown date, the short windows were infilled with stucco panels. Horizontal basement windows have three vertical lights.

A detached single-bay frame garage is located northeast of the house and opens onto 5th Avenue. It has a broad, low-pitched front-gable roof with flared eaves and a single-wide overhead door and passage door in the gable end. It was constructed in 1998 according to Assessor records and has clapboard-style vinyl siding.

Alterations: porch window enclosure (undated); west window changes (undated); garage (1998).

8. Significance

The Vogt House at 614 5th Ave NW was built in ca. 1914 and is a well-preserved example of a Craftsman Style house built using the Pyramidal or Hipped Roof house form during the pre-World War I

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period. It also is an example of a house clearly identified as having been built by George Blain using products from his Blain Cement Block Co. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

A house at this address first appears in the 1913 city directory listings as the "Blain Cement Block House" with no occupant. George and Maude Blain owned this lot beginning on January 8, 1902 prior to the official formation of the Blain Cement Block Company when George Blain began manufacturing cement block and related products for retail sale and use in houses for which he provided contracting services. Located within a short distance of the block factory, the house may have served as a "model house" when originally constructed. In September 1927 property transfer records show this house was sold to Henry Vogt. He and his wife Louise were confirmed to be owner-occupants by the time the 1931 telephone directory was published. The couple had three daughters, Leslie, Luella and Lucile. Henry died in 1932 but Louise continued to reside here and own the property into closer to her death in 1971.

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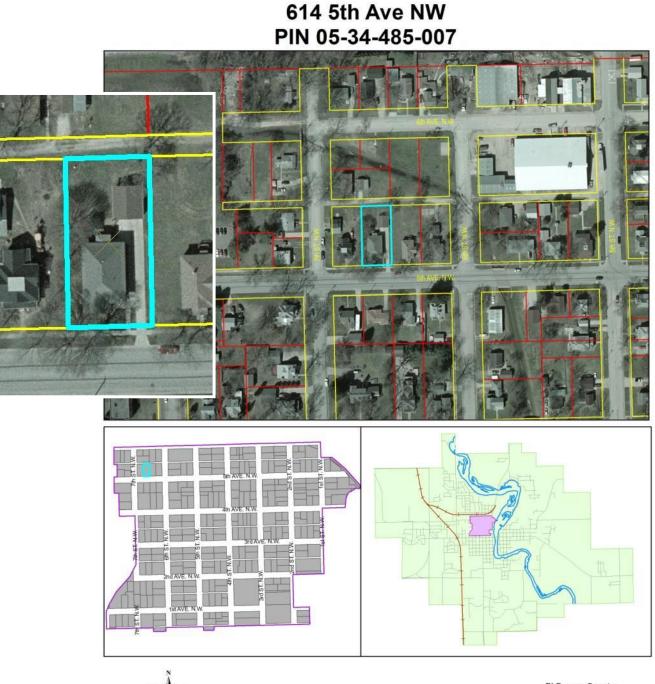
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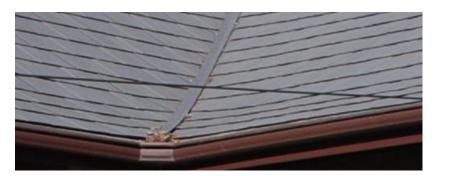




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