

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

State Inventory No. 09-00839

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 Ramker-Nichols House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 508 6th St. 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 & LeValley Addition Block(s) 52 Lot(s) 5 & 6 Ex. S 88' & N to Section Line

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'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)

01A Single Dwelling

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01C05 Garage

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A03 Side-Gable Roof, 1-story

foundation 03 Brick

walls (visible material) 15B Vinyl

roof 08A Asphalt/Shingle

other 05E Aluminum (garage)

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
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- 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 508 6thth St 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
1952 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
Garage - 1952

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

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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 single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1952 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built from the 1950s to the 1960s. The property was transferred from Hugh Mooney to Robert and Roberta Ramker in March 1952. Bob Ramker was a building contractor and two years later in October 1954, the Ramkers sold the house to Jesse and Mable Nichols. The 1957 telephone directory shows the Nichols family residing elsewhere so it is likely the house was held as a rental dwelling. These public records suggest the house was constructed in ca. 1952.

This frame house is an example of a vernacular Side-Gable Roof, 1-story house form that was popular during the mid-20th century in Waverly. This example has a brick-faced concrete lock foundation with narrow clapboard-style vinyl siding on the walls. The house has a broad, moderate-pitched side gable roof with narrow eaves on the front and rear and no eaves on the gable ends. Fenestration includes double-hung windows of various sizes with 2/2 configurations (horizontal lights). On the front façade, paired windows of slightly different sizes flank the off-set entrance door. A second entrance is on the south side facing the drive-way.

The property has a frame garage single-bay garage located along the south property line. It has a broad front-gable roof, wide aluminum siding on the walls, and an off-set overhead wood-panel door. It estimated to have been built in 1952 by Assessor records.

Alterations: vinyl and aluminum siding, undated.

8. Significance

The Ramker-Nichols House at 508 6th St NW was built in ca. 1952 and is an example of a Side-Gable Roof 1-story house form that became popular in the mid-20th century. The house was built and occupied by a Waverly homebuilder at the beginning of his 50 year career. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C. The garage is considered noncontributing.

According to property transfer records, the parcel was transferred from Hugh Mooney to Robert and Roberta Ramker in March 1952. Bob Ramker was a builder and two years later in October 1954, the Ramkers sold the house to Jesse and Mable Nichols. The 1950s were a decade of brisk development and home construction in Waverly. Ramker officially opened his contracting business in July 1956 and was still in operation 50 years later. In 1972, he added a building supply business. The 1957 telephone directory shows the Nichols family residing elsewhere so it is likely the house was held as a rental dwelling.

9. Sources

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

508 6th Street
Parcel ID # 0903228001



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Photographs: 508 6th St NW, looking southeast and northeast, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer, 11/15/2011.



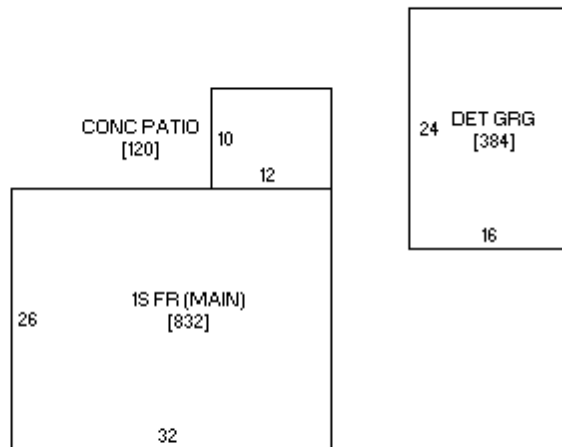
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Floor plan, 508 6th St. NW, Bremer County Assessor website; available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/PhotoEngine/Sketch.aspx?appid=330&keyvalue=0903228001&index=0&size=0>; accessed 7/05/2013.



Sketch by www.camavision.com