Site Inventory Form New Supplemental State Inventory No. 09-00911 State Historical Society of Iowa Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 09-00962 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 Hollar, George A. and Florence, House other names/site number 2. Location Range No. Section Quarter of Quarter Block(s) Lot(s) <u>S 62' N 262' 26</u> (If Urban) Subdivision Jacob Hess Addition 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: ☐ district Enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing □ site buildings buildinas 1 structure sites sites □ object structures structures obiects objects 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 MPD 09-028 6. Function or Use **Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions) **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions) 01A03 Single Dwelling with attached garage 01A03 Single Dwelling with attached garage 7. Description Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Materials (Enter categories from instructions) 10C Rambler/Ranch foundation 10A Concrete Block walls (visible material) 05E Aluminum roof 08A Asphalt/Shingle other **Narrative Description** (
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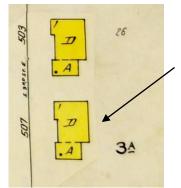
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7. Description

This 1-story single-family house is estimated to have been built in 1948 according to Bremer County Assessor records. The house form and style are consistent with houses in Waverly built during the post-World War II years. It is depicted on a copy of the update for the 1927 Sanborn Map completed in 1952

This frame house is an example of a vernacular 1-story Ranch/Rambler house form. This variation and that for the identical house next door at 503 3rd Street SE have a shallow U-shaped plan with the attached garage wing at the south end projecting forward slightly to balance the projecting section of the main living quarters at the north end. The house has a concrete block foundation, wide clapboard-style aluminum siding on the walls with a solid-color cream brick used for the 18 foot recessed center wall on the west facade. The house has a very low-pitched hipped roof in three sections – the largest over the main center section with smaller hipped roof sections over the garage and north wing. The roof has deep eaves with a widened section serving as the entrance hood attached to



the north wing. The entrance steps are a combination of brick soldier courses on the risers and concrete steps and landing. The roof overhang is supported by a decorative wrought iron post with a wrought iron balustrade for the deck and railing.

Fenestration includes two of the classic window group types for Ranch Style houses – a Chicago window group and q corner-wrapping window group. In this house the Chicago window group is centered on the front façade to the right of the entrance. A large square fixed-light window is flanked by narrow 2/2 double-hung windows with horizontal lights in each half. On the outer northwest corner, a pair of 1/1 double-hung units wraps the corner providing longer clear walls for interior furniture placement. Corner windows were first introduced in the 1930s and 1940s in commercial buildings and later adopted in domestic designs

The attached single-car garage is at one end of the horizontal house plan, another feature typical of Ranch Style designs. In this case the garage projects forward to break the front plain. It was built at the same time as the rest of the house in 1948 according to the County Assessor's records. The overhead door is on the west façade with a short access drive-way to 3rd Street. It is a replacement.

Alterations: aluminum siding (undated); garage door replacement (undated).

8. Significance

The Hollar House at 507 3rd Street SE is an example of a vernacular 1-story Ranch/Rambler house form from the final development phase in this neighborhood during the post-World War II period. It is typical of the handful of houses built as in-fill housing during this period. The house qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criterion C.

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According to a newspaper headline from October 1948 – "Waverly Making Progress Toward Easing Serious Housing Shortage" – at least 32 residences were completed or under construction during the year. The article noted that the most serious local housing shortage came in late 1947, which was about two years after WW II ended. Waverly experienced a construction boom during the next including more than \$10 million of work. The construction was considered an indication that population was continuing to head up. The federal census figures show Waverly's population rising 25% during the decade of the 1940s from 4,156 in 1940 to 5,124 in 1950 and another 24% or 6,357 by 1960. Construction of infill housing in the neighborhood north of the Cedar River such as this house accompanied additional growth across the river to the south.

By 1946 this parcel passed by referee deed as part of a larger parcel to W.R. Leary and a year later it was resold in February to George A. and Florence Hollar. The adjacent lot passed to Joseph and Grace Truax at the same time. Truax and Hollar were in partnership as "Hollar and Truax." City directories from 1948 through the 1950s show George Hollar as the operator of the restaurant-bar named the "Farmers Friend" that was located at 108 E. Bremer Avenue. The business also maintained a billiards parlor. It appears that the two men built identical houses in the same year and that the Hollars moved into their house and continued to reside here at least until the mid-1950s. A newspaper account on 11/21/1947 describes the construction work on the Hollar House.

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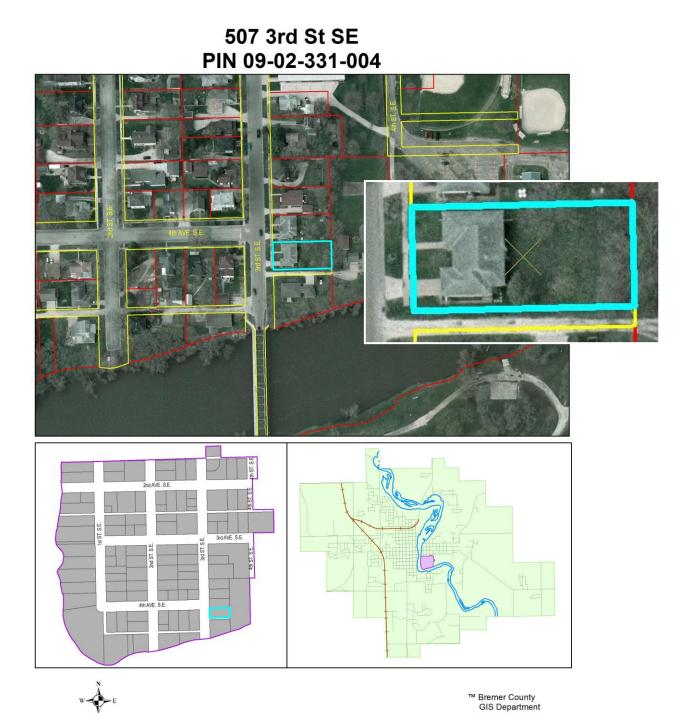
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Site Map: Bremer County GIS Department, 12/2011.



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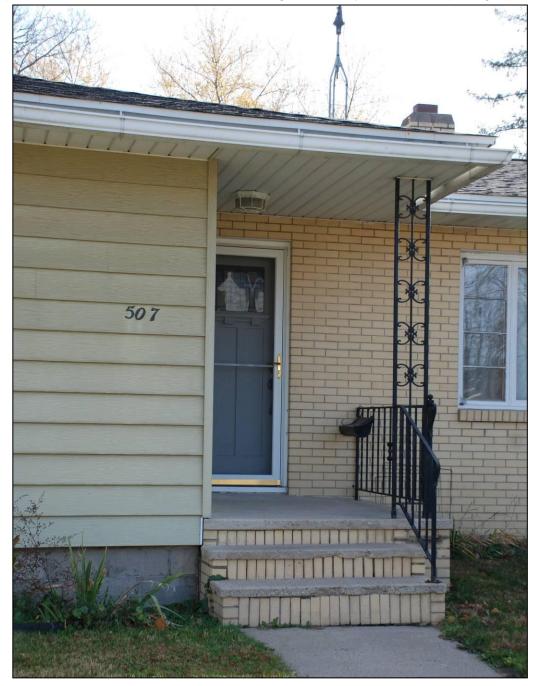




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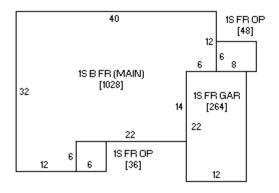


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