

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

State Inventory No. 29-01122 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03685, 29-00001
 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 William Ihrer Grocery

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # J-149

2. Location

street & number 601 Jefferson Street

city or town Burlington vicinity, county Des Moines

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

(If Urban) Subdivision Original City Block(s) _____ Lot(s) east 20' of Lot 796

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>	— 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 N/A Historical Architectural Data Base Number _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E11: Commerce / grocery

02G02; Commerce / bar

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02B04: Commerce / insurance office

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

05B: Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04: Stone

walls (visible material) 03: Brick

roof 08B: Rolled Asphalt

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)

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|--|---|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | D | Property yields significant information in archaeology or history. |

County Des Moines Address 601 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01122
City Burlington District Number 29-03685

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)

05: Commerce
02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1874 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

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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William Ihrer Grocery

Des Moines

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7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story three-bay Italianate brick building. The storefront has been remodeled, and it currently has an entry at the right and large display windows. The second story has replacement one-over-one-light double-hung windows with segmental brick arch lintels and keystones. The cornice has brick details under a line and triangular brick "brackets." The east side along Jefferson Street has two double hung windows on either side of a second story entry to the apartment. Two chimneys extend above the roofline on this side.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

William Ihrer Grocery appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed in 1874 for a grocery store, with William Ihrer moving here in 1878. His sons took over the business in 1894, and it continued to operate here into the 1930s. This history contributes to the significance of the district. The building may also be individually eligible under Criterion A for its association with the Ihrer grocery. Further research on groceries in Burlington and assessment of the interior would be required for full individual evaluation. The building is currently listed as contributing in the West Jefferson Street Historic District (1991, #29-00001).

The east 77 feet of Lot 796 (601, 603, 605, & 607 Jefferson) was originally bought by Thomas Hedge. Mr. Hedge sold the east 20 feet (601) to Frank Ost on December 10, 1873. The building is then believed to have been built by Frank Ost, and the first business was Frank Ost grocery. An article on May 16, 1874 notes that Frank Ost was moving his grocery into a new building at this corner, just completed ("The New Grocery," *Hawk-Eye*, May 16, 1874, 4). On May 11, 1875, the *Hawk-Eye* announced that the Patrons of Husbandry for Des Moines County would establish a Grange store in Ost's building, which had been built since the great fire of 1873. They had leased the building from Frank Ost as well as buying his stock of goods. The concept of the cooperative store was to eliminate the middleman, with two Grange agents acting as direct buyers for grocery and household goods sold in the store. Their office would be located in a room in the basement ("The Grangers," *Hawk-Eye*, May 11, 1875, 8). The Hedge-Howard Block to the west (603-607 Jefferson) was noted as planned to be built in the coming year, and thus this corner building is slightly older than the block to the west.

On October 24, 1877, this building at 601 Jefferson was sold by a sheriff's sale to Anthony Barger. An article in the *Hawk-Eye* on April 25, 1878 notes that W. Ihrer has moved his grocery to Jefferson and 6th Street, formerly occupied by the Grange Store. Barger (through his referee) then sold the building on June 21, 1883 to Wm. Ihrer. The 1886 Sanborn map shows a grocery store at 601 Jefferson, with a flour and feed store to the west at 603. The Grangers had run the adjacent store previously, and Ihrer appears to have taken over the flour and feed business around 1886. He is listed in the 1890 city directory at 601 and 603 Jefferson, selling groceries as well as flour and feed. The 1892 Sanborn map continues to show groceries at 601 and flour/feed at 603. In 1892, A.G. Warth lived above 601 Jefferson and had a fancy grocery at 607 Jefferson. Due to his health, William Ihrer sold the grocery business to his sons, William Jr and Fred C., in 1894, and he retired to a farm in Union Township. By

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1896, William Ihrer & Sons is listed as a grocery store at 601-603 Jefferson, and this business continued to be listed here until 1930. William Jr. lived on Washington St. and seems to have been more active in the family grocery business than Fred C., who became president of the Iowa Soap Co. in 1903. The 1912 city directory continues to list William F. and Fred C. as running William Ihrer & Sons grocery, with Charles A. Ihrer then added in 1916. Starting in 1916 through 1930 when the business dissolved, Charles A. Ihrer is listed as a manager. William appears to have died in the early 1920s and Fred died on November 8, 1925. Starting in 1926, only Charles A. Ihrer is listed as associated with the store, and he continues to be listed as manager in 1930.

On October 11, 1928, H.A. Ambler, a court referee for the Wm. Ihrer estate, transferred the 601 Jefferson property to Lydia Brust. Lydia Ihrer Brust was a daughter of Wm. Ihrer Sr. and sister to Wm. Ihrer Jr. and had been married to Edward Brust. On October 14, 1928, Lydia Brust, single, sold 601 Jefferson to W.D. Kreitchbaum, trustee. Four days later, on October 18, 1928, W. D. Kreitchbaum transferred the property to the American Savings Bank. On May 24, 1929, W.D. Kreitchbaum trustee et al transferred 601 Jefferson St. back to Lydia Brust on a warranty deed. Thus, she ended up in possession of the property once everything was settled. William Ihrer & Sons Grocery continued to be listed here in the 1930 city directory, run by Charles Ihrer. On December 14, 1933, Lydia Brust (single) sold the property to Louise B. Kastlin, and then it transferred to John Kastlin & Katherine K. Backer on November 29, 1937. Charles Ihrer (Lydia's brother) then shifted businesses, with Charlie's Tavern listed here in the 1935 city directory, as well as 1937 and 1940. Charles Ihrer died on January 12, 1943. The second story was used as an apartment in this period. The 1935 city directory lists E. J. Crowell, a division head for Sears and Roebuck Co., at 601 ½ Jefferson St. By 1937, Henry Moberg, a cabinet maker, moved into 601 ½ Jefferson St. On July 15, 1939, he married Lydia Ihrer Brust. They then lived there until his death on May 4, 1959. On July 5, 1944, John & Wanda Kastlin et al transferred the property back to Lydia Ihrer Brust Moberg on a warranty deed. She then owned it until 1973.

According to the 1942 city directory, Cleo A. Gabeline had a real estate office at 601 Jefferson and Jacob B. Gabeline operated The Gabeline Co. selling Dexter washers, Detroit Jewel gas ranges, Zenith radios, Norge refrigerators, Hoover Special vacuum cleaners, and Coleman oil heaters here as well. Kiehne's Hardware was then listed at 601 Jefferson in 1945, and they continued to be listed here through the 1960 city directory. Frank C. Kiehne was noted as the owner-manager in 1945 and 1947, with Mrs. Grace M. Kiehne as manager in 1951 through 1960.

In 1963, Matthews Land Co., a realtor specializing in land, city property, farm lands and general insurance, was listed at 601 Jefferson St. John & Mary Linneman opened the Shangri La tavern here by 1965, and it was continued by subsequent owners here until 1982. Nettie B. Schmidt bought the property from the Ihrer family on September 29, 1978. According to the 1979 city directory, JoAnn Ramsden took over the Shangri La Tavern and moved into the apartment above. She closed the Shangri La Tavern in 1983. The building sat vacant until Sherry Yard opened the Subs and Suds restaurant in 1986. It closed in 1992. Carlos Capdevilla opened American Family Insurance at 601 Jefferson after buying the property in October 1992, and that business continues to operate here with an apartment upstairs.

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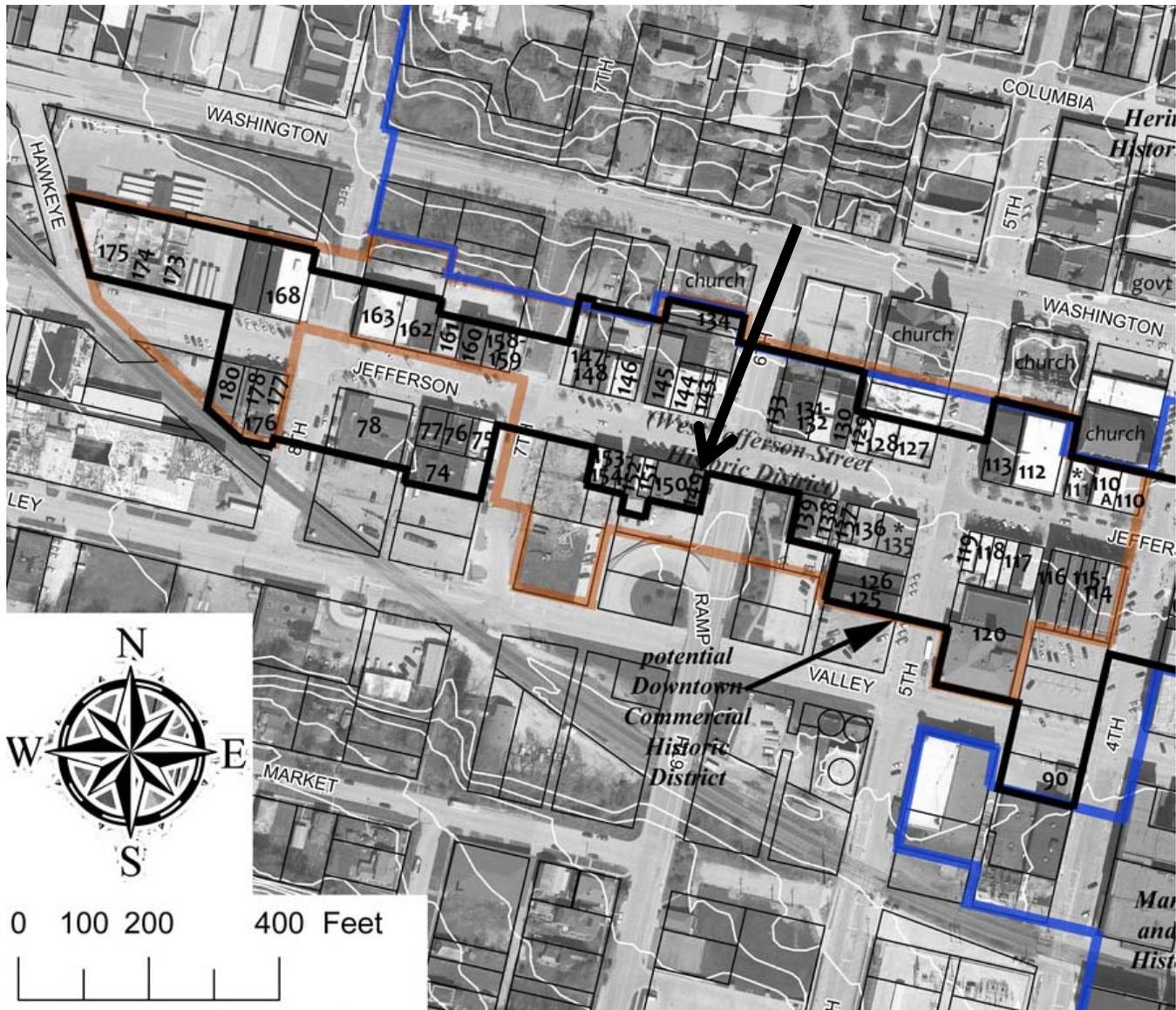
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Location map



Base aerial photography by Aerial Services Inc for Des Moines County GIS Commission, March 2010.

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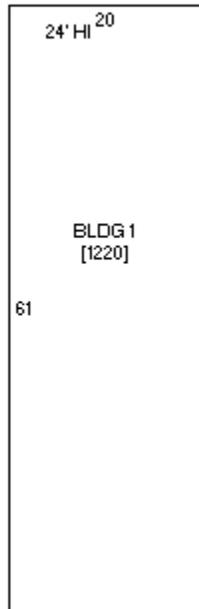
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Wm. Ihrer, grocery (Downtown Partners)

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South side of 500 block of Jefferson in 1977 (Downtown Partners)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01122-001 – North elevation, looking southwest (McCarley, July 17, 2013).