

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

State Inventory No. 29-01125 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 Great A & P Tea Company

other names/site number A & P Food Stores, Downtown Survey Map # J-144

2. Location

street & number 604-606 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 part of Original City Lot 798 Block(s) _____ Lot(s) Starr & Starr Sub – Lots 4 & 5

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 store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

70: Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10: Concrete

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)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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 604-606 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01125
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 1928 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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7. Narrative Description

This two-story brick building was constructed in 1928 for the Great A&P Tea Company by local real estate developers Mark and Charles Walsh. A recessed double-door entry is flanked by large display windows. A prism glass transom (now painted) surmounts the display windows, and the entire storefront windows are framed by a band of terra cotta (also now painted) around the top and sides. There are three sets of three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with transoms, shared sills, and shared lintels. Terra cotta accents on the frieze provide the main ornamentation for the building, along with the stepped parapet capped in terra cotta. There is a prominent painted sign for the former Dehner's business at 608 Jefferson painted on the second story of the east wall. The second story on this side also has six two-over-two-light double-hung windows. Windows on the second story of the rear have been filled in. The rear one story addition built of clay tile block sometime between 1930 and 1952 (per Sanborn maps) extends to the rear of the property. An extension from this area to the west, behind 608 Jefferson, has a ramp to allow access to the building from the alley.

One interesting feature is that the interior of the second story of the building is completely inaccessible from the ground floor. Mark Dehner, whose family had owned 608 Jefferson next door, explained that for many years his family had leased the second floor of 604/606 from A&P for additional storage and work space. The interior stairway at 604/606 was removed, as was the common wall between the two buildings on the second floor. The 1930 Sanborn map appears to show a second story connection already by this early date after the original construction.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed in 1928 for the company, and they continued to operate here through the late 1960s. Three other locations for the company operated in Burlington, but this was the longest running location and only location from the 1940s to 1960s. The building is an excellent example of a two-story brick building from the 1920s. The dark brick is accented by white terra cotta, providing simple and refined style for the building. This history and architecture contributes to the significance of the historic district. The building may also be individually eligible under Criterion A for its association with the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Further research 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).

Lot 4 (west 19'3") had been bought by O.M. Burrus in June 1888, associated with 604 Jefferson. Lot 5 had been bought by W.F. Hayden in May 1886, associated with 606 Jefferson. They owned the earlier buildings on these lots. The 1900 Sanborn map shows a one-story repair shop at 604 and a two-story building for Burrus' marble works at 606. Burrus acquired Hayden's property in 1920. Burrus then sold the 19'3" of Lot 3, Lot 4, and the 5 feet of the alley to the north to D. L. Parsons on January 18, 1929.

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This two story building was built in 1928 for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, opening on July 28 of that year. Charles and Mark Walsh (Walsh Bros) were the developers (owner/operator of Peoples Gas and Electric Company and real estate developers). The opening article notes that the store was more than a grocery, with a complete line of meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and bakery goods as well as groceries. It was noted to be the finest store for A&P in this section of the state. At that time, the company had 150 stores in Iowa ("Splendid New Food Shop to Be Opened Tomorrow by A&P," *Hawk-Eye*, July 27, 1928, 2). The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company were listed at 611 Jefferson and 910 Maple in the 1926 city directory. In 1929, company history notes that A&P had 15,418 stores nationwide, with \$1 billion in sales (<http://aptea.com/our-company/our-history>). The 1930 Sanborn map shows the new building here, a tile block and brick faced building with iron columns. The second story appears connected to the building to the west (608-610 Jefferson) already by this date. The 1930 city directory lists the Great A&P Tea Company at 604-606 Jefferson, as well as 217 N. Main and 910-912 Maple. The grocery store chain was based in New York, opening their first "supermarket" in 1933 (large store without clerks). The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company was listed here throughout the 1930s, along with the other two Burlington locations. In 1940, the name shifted to A&P Food Stores, and they were listed at 604-606 Jefferson as well as 217 N. Main. By 1942, they closed the Main Street location as well, and they were only listed at 604-606 Jefferson. The A&P Food Store continued to operate at this location through 1968, with Harold Carter's Meat Market co-located there beginning in 1955.

The property transferred from D.L. Parsons Company to Frank H. Warren on February 27, 1931. His estate then transferred the property back to the T.L. Parson Corporation on December 4, 1951. The property then was owned by the Walsh family from the 1960s to the present. At this time the building is vacant.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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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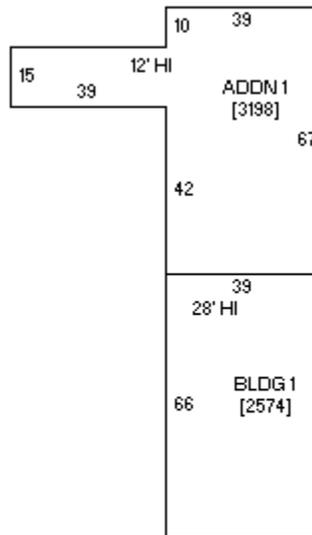
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Looking towards 600 block of Jefferson in 1970s (Downtown Partners)

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North side of 600 block of Jefferson from east end in 1977 (Downtown Partners)

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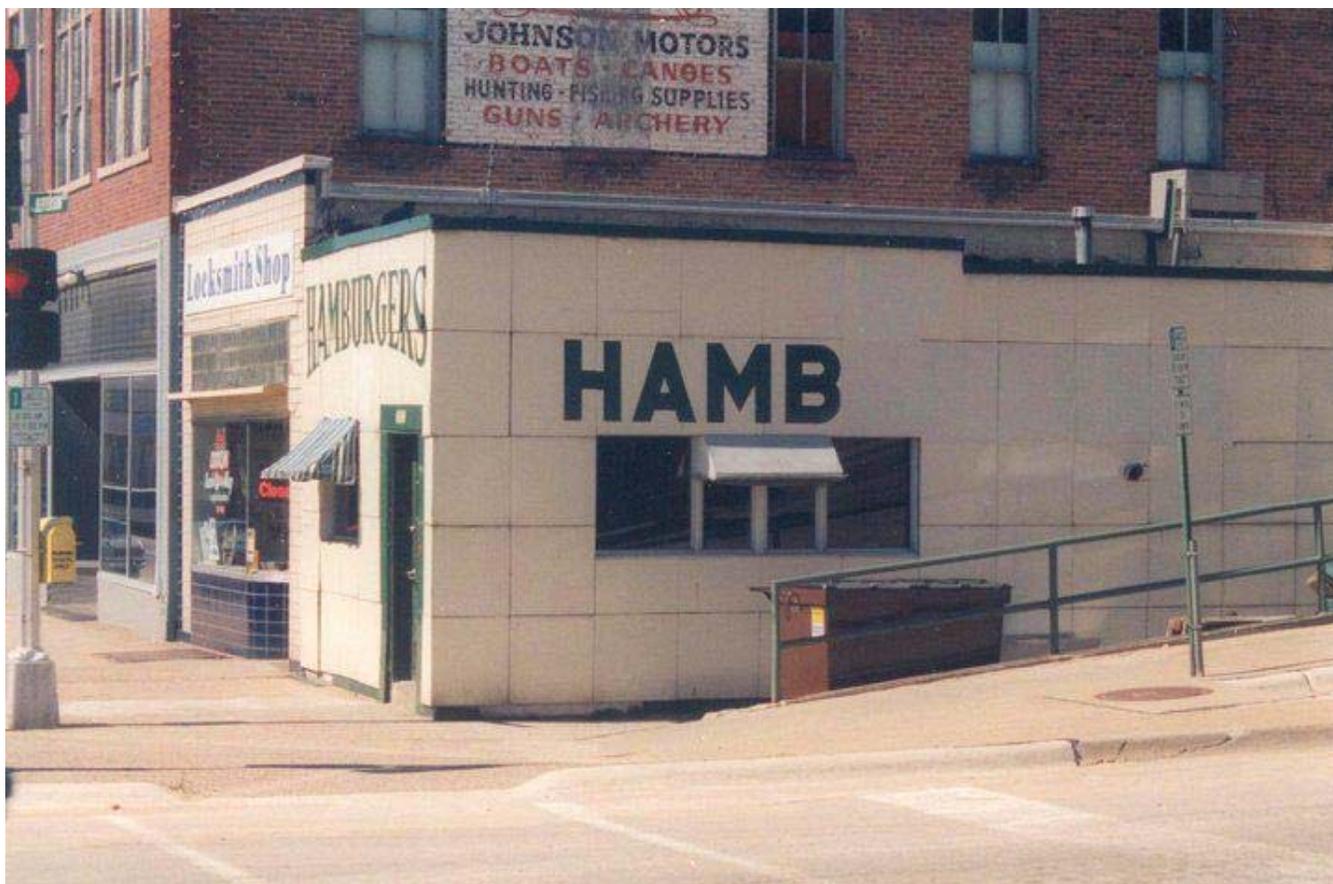
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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01125-001 – South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, January 14, 2014).

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Photograph 29-01125-002 – Detail of terra cotta, looking north (McCarley, January 14, 2014).

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Photograph 29-01125-003 – North elevation, looking southwest (McCarley, January 14, 2014).