

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

State Inventory No. 29-01140 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03685, 29-0001
 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 Gabeline Implement Building

other names/site number Burlington Implement Company, Downtown Survey Map # J-162

2. Location

street & number 712-714 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 47'2" of south 79' of Lot 925

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

Enter number of:

— buildings
 — sites
 — structures
 — objects
 — Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

1 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
1 — 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)

02E: Commerce / specialty store - implements

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E: Commerce / specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

06C: 20th Century Revival / Classical Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 17: Tile block

walls (visible material) 03: Brick / Tile Block

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)

- 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 Des Moines Address 712-714 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01140
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

Significant Dates

Construction date 1912 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 is a three-story commercial building constructed in 1912 of tile blocks with a brick façade. The building is three bays wide, though non-symmetrical with a wider west bay. The four original brick storefront columns with quoins remain, with storefront windows and doors dating to a later remodel. The storefront frieze has inset brick rectangular panels. The upper story windows appear to retain original wood sashes and transoms. The west bay on both upper stories has a set of three windows while the middle and right bays have a set of two windows. Both stories have continuous stone sills and no lintel detail. The second story windows have one-over-one-light double-hung wood sashes with shared prism glass transoms. The third story windows have one-over-one-light double-hung wood sashes. The small stone cornice line on the frieze remains, but historic photographs show a broader stone cornice above it was removed prior to 1956 (perhaps exposing or resulting in the yellow brick). The east side of the building is set west of the property line to provide vehicular access to the center door at the base of the elevator. First story windows have been boarded up on this side, but the multi-light metal upper windows remain visible.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Gabeline Implement Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed in 1912 for the implement business of Jacob B. Gabeline. An implement / farm machinery business then occupied this building through the end of the 1930s. By 1947, Sears Roebuck & Company opened their farm store in this building, maintaining their department store at 515 Jefferson. The building is an excellent example of a simple three-story brick building from this period. 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 Gabeline Implements or the Sears Roebuck Farm Store. 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).

Per the 1900 fire insurance map, earlier small buildings sat on the south section of Lot 925, spanning the west half of the north side of the 700 block of Jefferson. Samuel C. Scotten owned this entire lot, and he teamed up with Jacob B. Gabeline to construct a three-story building for Gabeline's implement business in 1912 ("Scotten Building," *Hawk-Eye*, November 28, 1915). Construction was started in July 1912, and the building was occupied by February 1913 (*Hawk-Eye*, July 15, 1922, part 2, page 7; *Hawk-Eye*, February 19, 1913, 10). On February 19, 1913, the *Hawk-Eye* ran an advertisement for J.B. Gabeline's New Implement and Buggy House at 712-714 Jefferson. The Orchard City Automobile Company advertised their 1913 models in their new permanent showroom in the New Gabeline Implement Building at 712-14 Jefferson on March 21, 1913 (page 3). The 1916 city directory lists Jacob B. Gabeline selling agricultural implements at 712-714 and also serving as president of Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank.

The 1920-21 city directory then lists Burlington Implement Company at 712-714 Jefferson, run by G.C. Darnall and G.R. Swem. They continue to be listed here in 1924. By 1926, the name has evolved to

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Burlington Farm Machinery Company, managed by R.M. Gregg. Burlington Farm Machinery Company is then listed here in 1928 and 1930, run by George L. Schweizer. The 1930 Sanborn map shows the three-story building, constructed of tile block with a brick face. "Agricultural implements" is indicated as the use. George L. Schweizer continued to run the business here through the 1930s, though the name listed changed. In 1933, the listing is for Burlington Farm Machinery Company and International Harvester. In 1935, it was the McCormick Deering Store and International Harvester. The 1937 city directory simply lists Burlington Farm Machinery Company, with George L. Schweizer as president. The building was then vacant in 1940. In 1942, the National Youth Administration is listed at 712-714 Jefferson. Northrup Hatchery is then listed here in 1945.

Sears Roebuck and Company then opened their farm store in this building by 1947. Street listings indicate the Sears Roebuck Farm Store at 712-718 Jefferson, with the department store at 515 Jefferson. In 1951, the Sears Roebuck Farm Store is then listed at 714-718 Jefferson, indicating space in this building as well as the east half of the building to the west at 716-722 Jefferson. The 1951 directory then lists the Sears Roebuck & Co service station at 712 Jefferson, which appears to be the one-story building to the east (currently 708 Jefferson). Directories throughout the 1950s and into the 1960s show the same address listings, with Sears Roebuck & Company Farm Store at 714-718 Jefferson and the service station at 712 Jefferson. By 1968, Sears Roebuck & Company is simply listed at 712 Jefferson.

It is currently occupied by Five Flags, a company that provides janitorial, pool, and spa supplies to the area.

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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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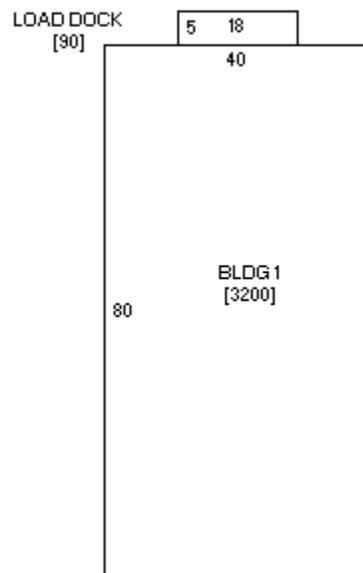
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Building in 1930s (on display at Heritage Center, Burlington)

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Looking east from the 800 block to 700 block of Jefferson in 1956 (cropped/enlarged) (Downtown Partners)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01140-001 – South elevation, looking northwest (McCarley, July 13, 2013).