

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

State Inventory No. 29-01145, 29-01146 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 Dankwardt Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # J-178, 179

2. Location

street & number 803-805 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) west 29' of Lot 943 and east 10'8" of Lot 943A

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)

02G02: Commerce / saloon

02G01: Commerce / restaurant/cafe

02E08: Commerce / barber

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E: Commerce / specialty store

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)

- 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 803-805 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01145
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 1893 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 two-story, two-storefront, late Italianate, brick building. Each half was previously surveyed separately (#29-01145 and #29-01146). Since it was built as a double storefront building and has been historically jointly owned, the full building is then included on this single form. Both 803 and 805 Jefferson retain several original storefront elements, and they appear to have historically been mirror images. Metal beams with rosettes span each storefront, resting on a center brick column and iron columns at either side. The 805 west column retains a name plate for Murray Iron Works, a local manufacturer. The center of the beam is then supported by a round metal column. The east half of the 803 storefront has a flush entry with transom area covered. The window to the west and two windows on the west half are tall, divided light windows, rather than the large window with transom found on the 805 half. This window configuration appears to be shown on the 1908 photograph. The 805 half has a recessed store entry and recessed upper story entry on the west half, with angled display window to the east half. The east half has a large window with transom. Signage is located above the storefront metal beams and below the continuous stone sill of the second story windows. This sill line extends across the full width of the building. Each half of the building has three one-over-one-light double-hung windows with segmental arch brick hoods with stone keystone and end blocks. The decorative metal cornice extends across the width of the building, with end and center brackets.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dankwardt Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed in 1893 by E.T. Dankwardt. Frank J. Schlager's liquor store and café opened in 1894 at 805 Jefferson, later moving to 803 Jefferson. Saloons and restaurants were the common early uses of both halves of the building. By 1904, a barber shop opened in the 803 half, and a barber shop operated here through 1955. Restaurants and groceries continued to operate in the 805 half. The building is an excellent example of a late Italianate building in downtown Burlington, reflected in the arch windows with hoods and the decorative cornice. Additionally, the building retains several original storefront elements. This history and architecture contributes to the significance of the historic district. The building may also be individually eligible under Criterion C for its architecture. 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).

The 1892 Sanborn map shows two earlier small one-story frame buildings on this site, a saloon and a meat market. On August 24, 1892, Christian and Eliza Reppert sold all of Lot 943 (this site plus 801 Jefferson to east and land to the west and south) to E.T. Dankwardt. Dankwardt advertised several properties for rent on January 7, 1893, including a butcher shop at 805 Jefferson (*Hawk-Eye*, January 7, 1893, 3). He apparently then decided to replace these buildings, as well as building to the south of the corner building at 801 Jefferson. On September 28, 1893, the *Hawk-Eye* reported that the old frame buildings on Jefferson just west of 8th street are being torn down and replaced by a large brick building with a section along Jefferson and along 8th Street (page 3). While they may have been constructed at the same time, the building at 217-219 N. 8th St. appears to be a separate building (see

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#29-00448), with doors connecting into the back of both 801 and 803 Jefferson. The *Hawk-Eye* noted on October 5, 1894 that Frank J. Schlager's liquor store and café was holding a grand opening in their new quarters (page 3). Mr. Schlager was also the local Val Blatz Brewing Co. agent. He previously operated at 804 Valley St. (due south across the railroad tracks). The original tenant in the 803 half was not identified, but Charles Swander, who operated a saloon at 801 Jefferson, lived on the upper story of this building from 1894 through 1912. By 1898, Frank J. Schlager moved his business into the 803 half, and Rogers Produce Co. occupied both 805 and 807 Jefferson with a wholesale fruit business.

The 1900 Sanborn map shows a saloon at 803 and a saloon at 805, as well as a saloon at 801. The 1902 city directory lists H.C. Anschutz, agent for Leisy Brewing Company, at 803 Jefferson. No business is listed in 805 Jefferson. In about 1907, Lena Swander opened a restaurant at 803 Jefferson. She operated here until 1913-14, when she relocated the restaurant and her residence to 205 North Main St (as a widow). 805 ½ Jefferson turned over frequently, serving as residence to bartenders, blacksmiths, and even a cook for Swander's restaurant. In the 1904-05 directory, Oliver Beebe opened a barber shop in 803 Jefferson. Henry H. Hagemeyer joined him in 1906, relocating next door to 805 in the 1907-08 directory. In October 1908, The Burlington Realty Company acquired 803-805 Jefferson, as well as the buildings on the remainder of Lot 943.

Per the 1913-14 and 1916-17 city directories, David L. Butcher ran a restaurant at 803 Jefferson. On September 27, 1916 the property was transferred from the Burlington Realty Co. to Barney Niemann and John F. Beckman. The 1918-19 directory indicates a fish market owned by Herman H. Niemeyer. A June 9, 1918 article in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye* reported that H.H. Niemeyer and a Charles Lightfoot were arrested, charged with bootlegging. They were alleged to have been selling liquor at 803 Jefferson. "A case of whiskey and a barrel of beer was found in the place." By the 1920-21 directory, 803 Jefferson was again a restaurant, operated by Robert F. Coon. However, an August 30, 1921 article in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye* reported that "Charles Gallagher, proprietor of a restaurant at 803 Jefferson Street, [was] arrested...on a charge of maintaining a nuisance [bootlegging]..." Then in 1922, the restaurant was run by Junkerman and Raines, and from 1924-1926 just A. Fred Junkerman. In 1930, Theo W. Beckman sold his undifferentiated half interest in the property to Henry Korf, and another restaurant, Shadley's Café, was listed at 803. In 1933, an ad announced the opening of the Beverage Exchange at 803 Jefferson. Following a couple of vacant years, The Model Creamery & Grocery was listed here in 1937 and 1940. Clover Farm Store was here in 1942 and then 803 was again listed as vacant in 1943. In May 1938, Barney Niemann transferred his half of the property to Eleonara Niemann et al.

The business next door at 805 Jefferson was more stable through the first half of the 20th century. By 1908-09, H.F. Hagemeyer opened a barber shop in 805 Jefferson, remaining through 1940. Beginning in 1930, the barber shop was known as Hagemeyer Bros. Carl W. Frey took over the barber shop at 805 Jefferson by 1942 and he remained here through 1955. The 1930 Sanborn map shows the barber shop in the front half of 805 Jefferson, with a kitchen in the rear half for the restaurant at 803 Jefferson. Thus, the first story had overlapping uses between the two halves.

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In 1945, Rieke's Hatchery was listed at 801-803 Jefferson, moved here from its previous address out on Mt. Pleasant St. The following directory (1947), the hatchery was listed at 801 Jefferson, and Clarence A. Rieke had opened a studio and photo supply shop in 803. By 1951, 803 was the Jacob Korb shoe repair shop, and in 1955, Pet Land was listed at 803. This business change happened around the time of the next property transfer, from Eleonara Niemann et al and Edward Korf to Harry D. Herman (1955-56). Harry D. and Bessie Herman then flipped the property to Bert R. and Gertrude F. Calhoun on June 1, 1956. Pet Land lasted here through 1965.

After the barber shop closed at 805 Jefferson, Bert R. Calhoun opened the Ideal Fix-it Bicycle Shop in 805 Jefferson per the 1957 city directory. The Calhouns lived upstairs in 805 ½ Jefferson. By 1969, the Ideal Fix-it Bicycle Shop was replaced by Kemp's Bicycle Shop, with Mrs. Gertrude F. Calhoun still living upstairs that year. By 1970, Alan J. Kemp had replaced Gertrude in that residence. From 1966 through 1969, Strombecker Raceways Hobby Shop was located in 803 Jefferson. By 1973, Alan J. and Eileen Kemp were residing on North Gunnison, but continued to manage the Bicycle Shop at 803 Jefferson. The Kemps acquired 803-805 Jefferson from the Gertrude Calhoun on April 1, 1976. The bicycle shop closed in 1977, and in 1978, 805 was a temporary home for App's House of Music following a fire at its previous location. In 1970, Kemp's Surelock Keys was located at 805. The next few years was characterized by brief stents as Cleland's Antiques, vacant, then as Candy Creations, and then vacant. The property was again transferred in February 1981 to George G. Coffin and Ralph Guy.

From New to You, a used clothing store, operated in 805 Jefferson from 1986-1989. In 1992, Acorn Antiques, followed by Clelands Antiques (again) in 1995. The Hobbycraft Shop moved from 801 Jefferson into 803 Jefferson in 1995. In 1998, Daniel M. Hoffman bought the property, along with 801 Jefferson.

Since about 1987, the several of the buildings in the 800 block east of the railroad tracks, including 800, 801, 803-805 Jefferson, and 217-219 N. 8th St. have been considered the West Jefferson Antique District, with cooperative building and business owners, including Mr. Hoffman, who have worked to revitalize this area around the theme of antiques.

Currently, The Hobbycraft Shop continues to operate at 803 Jefferson and Big River Popcorn Company operates at 805 Jefferson.

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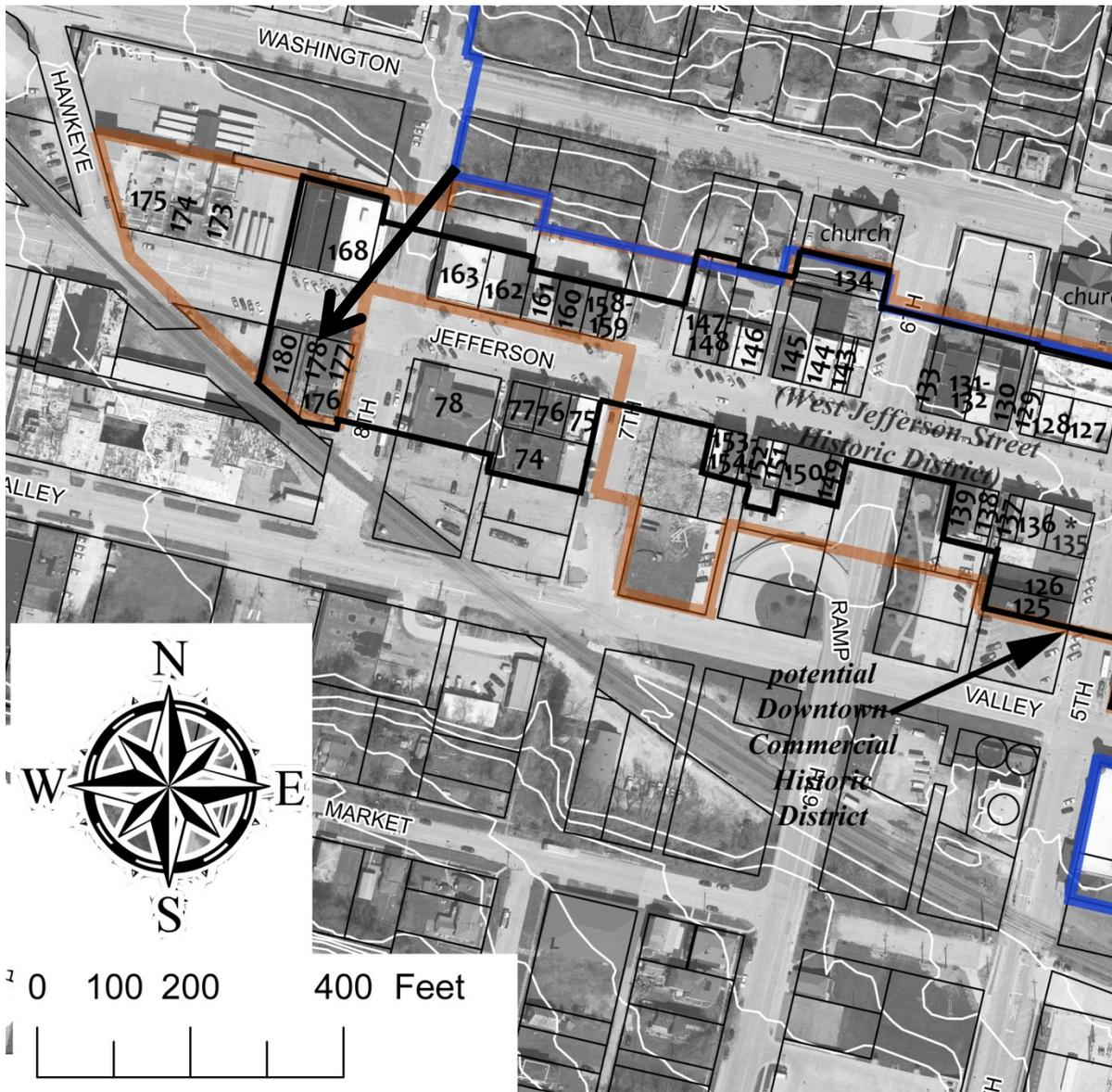
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Location map



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

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Building in September 1908 during William Taft's campaign visit (Downtown Partners)

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

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01145-001 – North elevation, looking south (McCarley, July 17, 2013).

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Photograph 29-01145-002 – Detail of 803 storefront, looking south (McCarley, July 17, 2013).

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Photograph 29-01145-003 – Detail of 805 storefront, looking south (McCarley, July 17, 2013).

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Photograph 29-01145-004 – Detail of Murray name plate on 805 storefront column, looking south (McCarley, July 17, 2013).