

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

**State Inventory No.** 29-01084  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03685  
 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 Eklund's Ready to Wear  
 other names/site number Ransom Block, Downtown Survey Map # DT-54

**2. Location**

street & number 213-217 Jefferson  
 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) 253 (exc W 40') & N 1/3 of Lot 254 (exc W 40')

**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:	
	Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	—	buildings	<u>1</u>	— buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	—	sites	—	— sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	structures	—	— structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	objects	—	— objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	—	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 Intensive Level Historical and Architectural Survey of "East" Downtown Burlington, IA Historical Architectural Data Base Number 29-034

**6. Function or Use**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E03 dry goods – clothing store</u>	<u>02E specialty store</u>
<u>11D03 doctor and dentist offices</u>	<u>02A01 office building</u>
<u>11D01 pharmacy</u>	<u>02B04 insurance office</u>

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>08: Modern</u>	foundation <u>04C limestone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>05E Aluminum grille, 03 brick</u>
_____	roof <u>05C01 rubber membrane</u>
_____	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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 213-217 Jefferson St. Site Number 29-01084  
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 ca 1862; 1871  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation 1965 metal grille work installed over façade of both

**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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city or town Burlington state Iowa zip code 52601

**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

The aluminum façade was applied to the front of the three-story 1871 Ransom Block at 215-217-219 Jefferson as well as the earlier and slightly shorter three-story Ransom Building at 213 Jefferson in fall 1963. It was praised as part of the efforts to improve downtown in 1966: "The forward look in downtown Burlington is given thrust by the modern exterior at Eklund's Ready-To-Wear, 217 Jefferson. The silver-toned façade accents a spirit which has spread to many businesses along the downtown area's major retail artery" (*Hawk-Eye*, July 13, 1966, 11). The earlier storefront remodel from the late 1940s or early 1950s with maroon glass tiles for Eklund's Ready-To-Wear at 217-219 Jefferson created a single entry for the combined storefront. The large glass windows angle back to the double-door entry offset to the west/219 side. A single pole supports the front beam. This design is visible in a 1950s photograph of the building. The storefront at 213-215 appears to date to around 1963, when the combined storefront space was divided back into a 213 and 215 space. The alley/east side of the 213 building shows that it was historically shorter than the three-story building to the west. The second story windows were filled with brick when the floor height was raised to the second story height of the adjacent building to the west for combined interior space in the 1940s. The third story windows are covered on the alley side. The one-story 10-foot section to the south was built on the side of the rear of the east side of the 215-217-219 building to the west, insuring alley access for these storefronts.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Eklund's Ready-To-Wear, formerly the Ransom Block, appears to contribute historically to the Downtown Commercial Historic District. The application of the aluminum façade in 1963 reflects a period of downtown remodeling to modernize the 19<sup>th</sup> century appearance of the buildings. Eklund's Ready-To-Wear was a significant ladies clothing store at the time, operating here from the 1930s until the end of the 1970s. The double-storefront at 217-219 Jefferson was home to a clothing store from the middle of the 1870s to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Carson's Credit Clothing Company also operated at a combined 213-215 space through the 1940s and 1950s. The Ransom Block behind the aluminum façade at 215-217-219 and the adjacent shorter Ransom Building at 213 Jefferson have earlier historic and/or architectural significance with the Downtown Commercial Historic District as well. The 213 building is one of the oldest in downtown Burlington, as is the Ransom Block constructed with a stone façade in 1871. These facades under the aluminum cladding appear to be left intact.

Later remodeling and the aluminum grille façade cladding combined two historic buildings. The 1886 Sanborn map shows the configuration of the property, which sits overall on the east 80' of Lot 253 and east 80' of the north 20' of Lot 254 to the south (thus roughly 80' by 80'). The small three-story, three-bay building at 213 Jefferson extends south for 56 feet on the lot. The large three-storefront, three-story building to the west at 215-217-219 Jefferson includes a separate section at 215 and a combined 217-219 double space. Stairs extend to the second story offices between the 215 and 217 storefronts, creating the overall 10 bay façade design of Ransom Block. The 215 section is roughly 70 feet deep and has a one-story rear/side addition, extending east from the south end of the east side of the building to provide access to the alley to the east behind the building at 213. The 217-219 section extends the full depth of 80 feet to the rear (including the north 20' of the lot to the south), with a 10-foot

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side addition from the south end of the east side to provide access to the alley to the east behind the building at 213 and section of this building at 215. Historic photograph shows the three story building at 213 was substantially shorter than the three-story building at 215-217-219, indicating that it is an earlier building than the larger one.

The three-story section at 213 Jefferson appears to have been built in the late 1850s (between 1856 and 1862) by Dr. Seth Sheldon Ransom. He is noted as the original owner of Lot 253 at the start of recordkeeping in the transfer books. S.S. Ransom was an early settler of Burlington, arriving here in 1837. He was a very successful doctor, and two of his sons then also became physicians in Burlington, Horace B. and James J. Ransom. The 1856 Iowa Census lists S.S. Ransom (47), with wife Matilda, sons H.B. (21) and J.J. (16), and daughter Hatty (13). The old street address for 213 was 37 Jefferson. The 1862 city directory lists Charles Starker & Co., a retail grocery, in the first story commercial space, with Dr. S.S. Ransom, as well as Drs. H.B. and J. Ransom in offices on the upper stories. The *Hawk-Eye* on April 18, 1871 includes a note on the construction of the Ransom block on Jefferson, which appears to be the larger building at 215-217-219 Jefferson. The note on August 4, 1871 confirms it is this building, as the "fine stone front of the Ransom Building makes a very handsome appearance" (*Hawk-Eye*, August 4, 1871, 4).

The Ransoms were exceptionally prominent leaders in Burlington's early years. The 1866 city directory lists Dr. S.S. Ransom, as well as Drs. H.B. and J. Ransom. They remained with offices here until the completion of the section to the west at 215-217-219 Jefferson in 1867. S.S. Ransom died in 1873 ("Obituary," *Hawk-Eye*, December 24, 1873, 4). The property then transferred to Matilda B. Ransom on July 3, 1874. The sons are then listed at 215 Jefferson in the 1876 city directory. H.B. Ransom was vice president of the Des Moines County Medical Society when it formed in November 1873, and J.J. Ransom was an initial member. The 1879 county history lists H.B. and J.J. Ransom as physicians and surgeons at 215 Jefferson. The 1879 city directory, however, then again lists H.B. and J.J. Ransom with offices at 213 Jefferson. The 1880 census lists Horace Ransom (44) with wife Ida S. and son William O. (18), with brother James Ransom (39) living with them. They remain listed at 213 Jefferson as physicians in 1883 and 1886. Dr. James J. Ransom was on the board of directors at the organization of the German American Savings Bank in 1874, and he became president in 1887 (*Portrait and Biographical Album* 1888: 770). Dr. James J. Ransom was also active in other community endeavors. In 1896, he was on the board of directors for the Burlington Improvement Company, Burlington Gas & Fuel Company, and Burlington Electric Street Railway Company (*A Souvenir of Burlington* 1896: 89). He remained president of the German American Savings Bank in 1915 (*Antrobus* 1915, Vol. 1: 359-360). Horace and Ida Ransom died in 1894 and 1895. The family – James J. Ransom and sister Hattie Ransom Meller – retained ownership of the 213 and 215-217-219 Jefferson buildings. The 1900 census lists their son William in real estate at age 39, and the 1902 city directory lists him as a capitalist with an office at 213 Jefferson. This is the last listing for the Ransom family in the building. James married Katherine in their later years, and she is noted as having no children in the 1920 census. Horace's son William O. Ransom married Emma in the early 1900s, and she is noted as having no children in either the 1910 or 1920 census records. While the Iowa State Savings Bank expressed interest in buying the block in 1919, the Ransom family wished to retain ownership ("Oldest Iowa Bank Loses Its Identity," *Hawk-Eye*, August 15, 1919, 6). William Ransom died in 1937, after serving many years as police sergeant. He was noted as the last of the Ransom family. James

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Ransom died in 1928, though his will made no provision for division of his real estate and it remained in the courts for several decades. In 1950, Emma Ransom and the seven heirs of Hattie Mellor were cited as eligible for a share of the estate ("Ransom Estate Value is Listed at \$1,089,112," *Hawk-Eye*, January 27, 1951, 2). In 1966, the Estate of James J. Ransom finally sold the full property – 213-219 Jefferson, now unified behind a common 1963 aluminum façade – to Farmers and Merchants Building Corporation.

The storefront of 213 Jefferson was occupied by a series of businesses in the 1860s, prior to completion of the larger block in 1871. In 1872, C.R. Wigert was listed at 37, and he was then noted at 213 Jefferson in 1876 as apothecary, chemist, and druggist. He remained here through the 1880s. The 1872 directory lists Fix & Connor (silver and plated ware, watchmakers, and jewelers) in 39 Jefferson, with the retail and wholesale clothing store of A. Kaiser in the double storefront of 41-43 Jefferson. In February 1874, Stewart & Hayden, plumbing and steam/gas pipe fitting, advertised at 39 Jefferson Street in the Ransom Block. In 1876, dentists were listed at 215 and R.M. Raab & Bro is listed at 217-219 Jefferson, merchant tailors and manufacturers, wholesale, and retail dealers in clothing. R.M. Raab & Bro continued to be listed here until 1892. This menswear business continued until R.M. Raab retired in 1896, and it was succeeded by Strause Bros. (J. Strause had been a partner in Raab & Bro.). Various stores operated at 213 and 215 through this period, with W.O. Ransom then opening a drug store at 215 Jefferson, listed at 213 with Nauman & Held as managers in 1896. Obadiah H. Denise also had a dentist office at 215 ½ from 1876 through 1908.

In 1902, the Naumann-Held Drug Company is then listed at 213 Jefferson, with dentists on the upper stories. No listing was noted for 215, though dentist offices continue to be located on the upper story here as well. The clothing store at 217-219 became Strause Bros by the 1896 city directory, listed here through the 1910s and 1920s. The drug store at 213 evolved to E.L. Naumann Drug Company by 1907, and it remained here through the 1910s. Dr. L.A. Naumann had a dentist office in 213 Jefferson during much of that same time period. E.M. Glick & Company, ladies ready-to-wear, opened at 215 by 1910 and they remained here through the 1910s as well. In 1920, they are then listed at 213-215, expanding to the east to occupy a double-storefront space. Strause Bros, clothiers and merchant tailors, remained at 217-219. These two clothing stores occupied the buildings through the 1920s, and they remain listed here in 1930. The 1930 Sanborn map shows that 217-219 had iron column down the center, with no wall between it and 215 on the upper stories. 213-215 had no dividing wall on the first story, but the upper stories remained divided. In 1933, 217-219 is noted as vacant, with Glick still at 213-215. The Great Depression is well illustrated by the change in store names and marketing approaches in the early to mid 1930s in this block. In 1937, The Mart is listed at 213-215 Jefferson and The Economy Store / The Economy Shoe Store is listed as moved to 217-219 Jefferson. Glick's and Strause Bros. were replaced by Carson's Credit Clothing Co. and Economy Shoes/Eklund's Economy Store by 1940.

In 1940, 213-215 is then Carson's Credit Clothing Company, and 217-219 has listings for the Economy Shoe Store and Eklund's Economy Store (women's clothing). These listings continued through the 1940s. By 1947, the name at 217-219 has shifted simply to Eklund's Ready-To-Wear (women's clothing). The 1952 Sanborn indicates that 213 Jefferson has been modified from 3 stories to 2 stories, though remaining at a 36-foot height. In addition, the exterior staircase to the second floor is no longer

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indicated. A historic photograph from the 1950s shows that second story windows are filled in, with a storefront remodel extending partially up to this story. It appears that the floor height was shifted to align it with the second story of the taller 215-217-219 building, thus creating a two-story building in the former three-story space. Eklund's also has a full storefront remodel by this date. Carson's Credit Clothing Company is listed at 213-215 Jefferson and Eklund's Ready-To-Wear is listed at 217-219 Jefferson through the 1950s. Carson's is last listed here in the 1960 directory.

Efforts to improve and modernize downtown Burlington, particularly by major retail businesses, continued through the middle of the 1960s. 213-215 was listed as vacant in the 1963 city directory, and it appears that it was redivided into two spaces at this time. Eklund's Ready-to-Wear clad their 19<sup>th</sup> century façade in October 1963, incorporating the smaller building to the east at 213 behind the aluminum screen façade that stood out about a foot from the building. The building was also home to Evan's candy shop and Streedbeck's shoe store at the time (*Hawk-Eye*, October 9, 1963, 11). It was praised as part of the efforts to improve downtown in 1966: "The forward look in downtown Burlington is given thrust by the modern exterior at Eklund's Ready-To-Wear, 217 Jefferson. The silver-toned façade accents a spirit which has spread to many businesses along the downtown area's major retail artery" (*Hawk-Eye*, July 13, 1966, 11). On the block to the west, Riepe-Peterson Clothing Company remodeled the façade at 315 Jefferson in early 1964 with the installed of large square concrete panels and smaller square windows (extant) (*Hawk-Eye*, February 25, 1964, 11). This remodel was likewise noted as a major improvement to the earlier Romanesque building. The Snyder & Hertzler shoe store at 212 Jefferson was bought out by the statewide Brown Shoe Fit Company in February 1965, with this façade clad in concrete (later removed), and they moved from their earlier location at 506 Jefferson. Page Jewelry likewise was remodeling in the 600 block ("Three Ways to Look at Our Downtown," *Hawk-Eye*, November 27, 1966, 17; "Shoe Store is Purchased," *Hawk-Eye*, February 28, 1965; "Building Permits," *Hawk-Eye*, August 17, 1965). Efforts at remodeling were recognized and appreciated with the city mailing 22 letters in October 1965 to businesses and owners to thank them for their efforts, with a total of 50 business locations improved downtown by July 1966 ("New Store Fronts Added Across City," *Hawk-Eye*, July 13, 1966, 11).

The 1965 city directory continues to list Eklund's Ready-to-Wear at 217-219 Jefferson, with Evan Jewelry at 215 and Streedbeck Shoes at 213. 213 and 215 were then vacant in 1968 and 1970, with Eklund's Ready-to-Wear at simply 217 Jefferson with the combined storefront. Wise Jewelry was then in 213 for most of the 1970s, with the Sandwich Shoppe operating at 215 from 1976 into the 1990s. Eklund's Ready-to-Wear is last listed at 217-219 in 1976, with Eklund's B A B, Inc. here in 1977 and 1978. Eklund's was succeeded by Brinck's by 1980, which lasted here through the end of the century.

Farmers and Merchants Building Corporation bought the properties in 1966, also owning the bank building to the west. Farmers & Merchants still owns the properties and uses the upper floors for office space and storage, accessing them from the interior of 223 Jefferson. 213 Jefferson is currently Natural Inspirations, featuring collector and decorator minerals, fossils, geodes; custom made jewelry and jewelry repair; and fine art photography and art by local artists. 215 Jefferson has been an insurance office for the last decade. Yoga for You and Boutique operates at 217-219 Jefferson.

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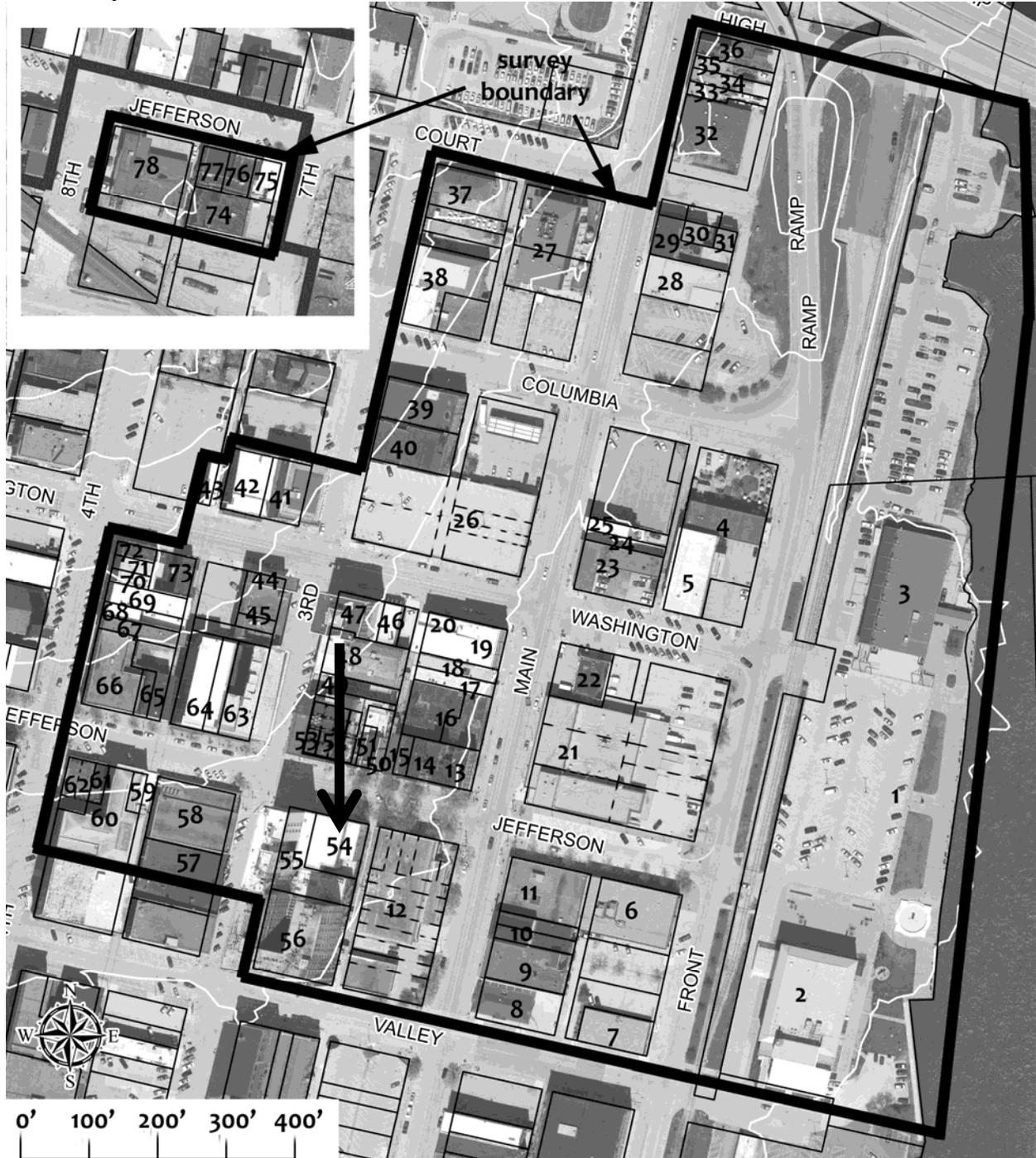
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## Location map



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

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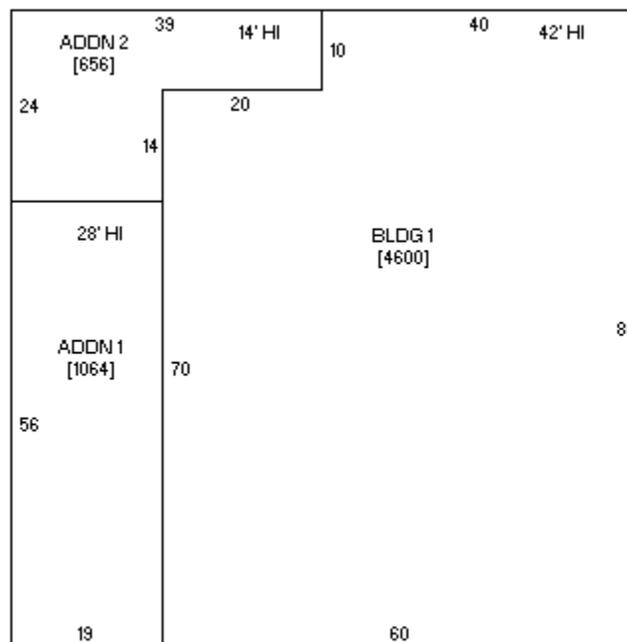
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



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**200 block of Jefferson around 1889, looking east from Third (Downtown Partners collection).**

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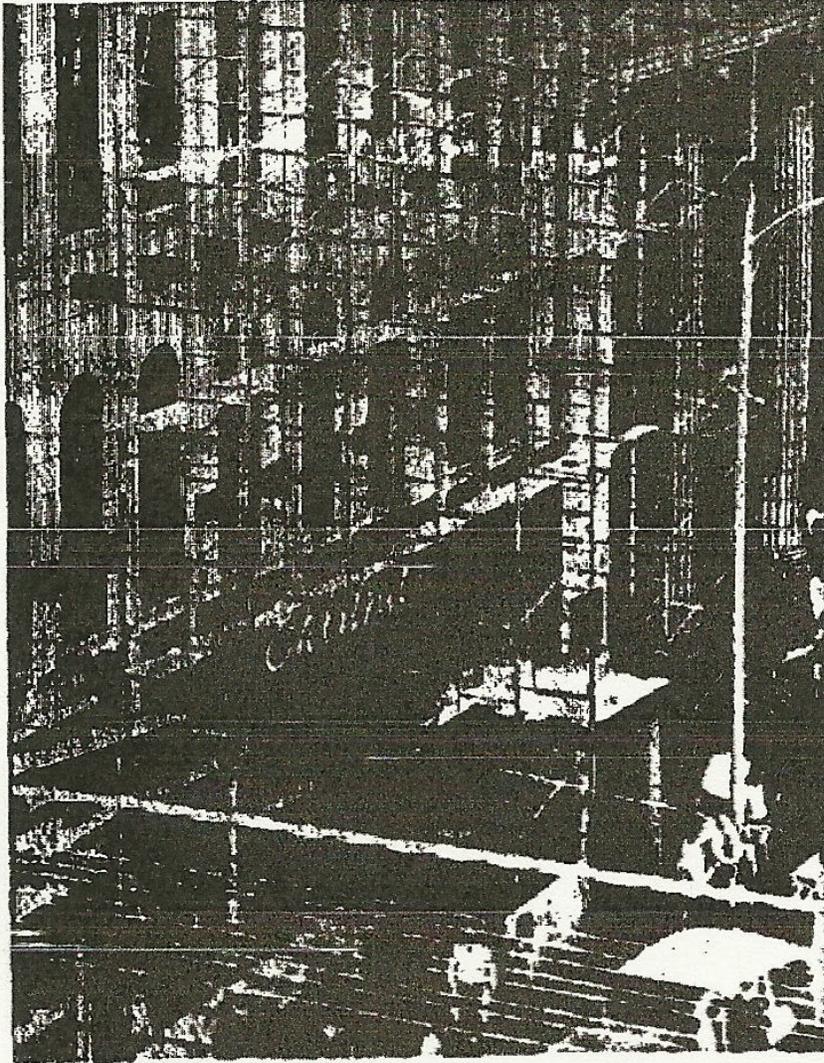
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A NEW FACE is in store for Eklund's clothing store, Evan's candy shop and Sireedbeck's shoe store on Jefferson street. An aluminum front that stands out about a foot from the building is being added. Photo of scaffolding in front of stores was taken from National Bank building.

(HawkEye, October 9, 1963, 11)

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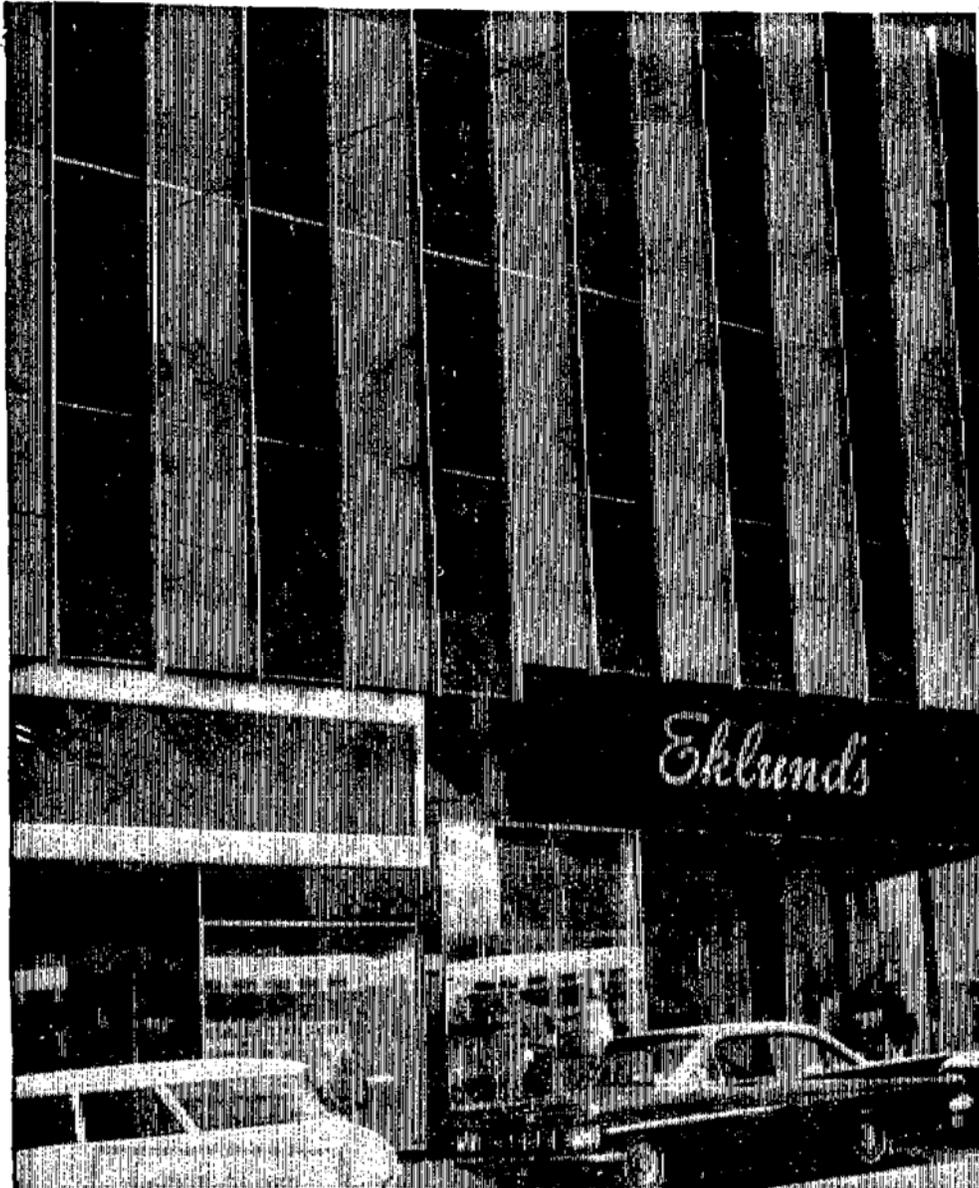
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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 29-01084-001 – East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, November 15, 2012).

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Photograph 29-01084-002 – North elevation, looking south (McCarley, November 15, 2012).

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Photograph 29-01084-003 – Detail of Eklund's storefront at 217-219, looking south (McCarley, November 15, 2012).

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Photograph 29-01084-004 – East elevation, looking southwest (Morton, January 22, 2013).

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Photograph 29-01084-005 – East elevation of wrap around one-story rear section, looking northwest (Morton, January 22, 2013).