

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

State Inventory No. 29-00142 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 Isaac Prugh & Son Undertaking

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-69

2. Location

street & number 316 N. 4th 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) N 1/2 (30') of Lot 443

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

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E: Commerce / Undertaker

07C02: Funeral home

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02G Commerce / restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04C Limestone

walls (visible material) 03 Brick

roof _____

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 316 N. 4th Street Site Number 29-00142
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 1892 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

A two story brick commercial building retains its original storefront configuration and iron columns. The main entrance is centered and recessed under a transom window. A second story entry is located at the far left (north). The large storefront windows have more recently wood bulkheads and retain transom windows, though the south one is used as part of the interior restaurant ventilation. The iron columns remain intact, with "Murray Iron Works Co. Burlington, Iowa" noted on the base of the larger columns within a shield emblem. The second story has five double-hung windows with replacement sashes, segmental arch brick lintels, and stone sills. Brickwork extends across the parapet, which is capped in stone and has a raised center section. The façade was painted by a 1950s photograph, with paint removed in 1992.

Interesting, the raised center section of the parapet on the façade is reflected on the rear (east) elevation as well. The slope of the lot provides direct access into the basement from the rear alley, which was utilized by the undertaking business. A pedestrian entry and two windows are also found on the basement level. The second story has four replacement double-hung windows with segmental arch brick lintels and stone sills. The window openings on the third story have been modified. Windows are present on the north and south side elevations as well, above the adjacent buildings.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Isaac Prugh & Son undertaking establishment appears to contribute historically and architecturally to a potential Downtown Commercial Historic District. The building retains its simple brick detail and original storefront columns and configuration. Isaac Prugh operated here from 1892 until his retirement in 1910, and the business was then continued here by his son Burton A. Prugh from 1910 into the 1930s until it was fully moved across the street to 317 N. 4th Street to the funeral chapel that he built in 1924. Prugh Funeral Home continues to operate there in 1912. The building may be individually eligible under Criterion A and/or B for its association with the prominent undertaking business of Isaac Prugh and Son, with additional research on the significance of this building and their subsequent building across the street. It is likely not individually eligible under Criterion C for architecture, though it does retain a 19th century storefront.

An earlier one-story building appears on the 1886 Sanborn map. This two-story brick building appears on the 1892 Sanborn map, which indicates "Undertaker" with stable indicated in the basement at the rear of the building. In 1893, the City Directory identifies the address as that of Isaac Prugh, and in 1902-03 the listing reads Isaac Prugh & Son, Funeral Directors and Embalmers. In his 1913 obituary it states: "In the early years of the town, Mr. Prugh purchased the lot now occupied by the Prugh & Son's business on North Fourth Street. At that time it was a stone quarry and the approach to the lot was on Third Street. About 21 years ago, he erected the present brick building and moved his undertaking business to the same. He paid \$250 for the property originally and after filling the lot it cost him in all \$1,000. In later years before building he could have sold the lot for \$5,000." This would have put the construction date at 1892, in agreement with the Sanborn map. Isaac Prugh retired in 1910 and died in 1913. His obituary notes that he came to Burlington in August 1852 as a cabinetmaker and dealer in

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furniture, and he added undertaking to his business. He built a brick building at the corner of High and Main for his business, and then built this building on the site of a former stone quarry around 1892. It was estimated that he had overseen 13,000 funerals over the course of his career ("Isaac Prugh, Pioneer Business Man Died Today," *Hawk-Eye*, February 4, 1913).

Burton Prugh shared that George Prugh, (1867-1895) operated a bicycle shop in the lower level of the building. George died at the age of 28. The Des Moines County Historical Society included mention of this bicycle business in their recent cycle display.

In 1910, the business was taken over by his son Burton A. Prugh, continuing under the name Prugh & Son with his son Norval Prugh. The property transferred from Isaac Prugh to Burton A. Prugh on February 19, 1910. In 1924, the Prugh family built the Classical Revival funeral service chapel across the street at 317 N. 4th Street, designed to complement the architect of the new City Hall and fraternal buildings on the hill to the north. They continued to use this older brick building as well for a period and then shifting operations into that building. The 1931 Sanborn map continues to identified this building as occupied by an undertaker with a garage for automobiles in the basement at the rear. In 1956, the property transferred from the estate of B.A. Prugh to Norval Prugh.

The 1951 city directory identifies Harold White Interior Decorators on the main level and Flint Hills Specialty on the 2nd level. These businesses remain in the building into the 1960s. In 1962, the property transferred from Norval Prugh to other Prugh family members. By 1963, the main floor tenant is identified as Interiors Inc. According to Burton Prugh, Flint Hills made a product called "Make a Toy" that was sold to Marshall Field's Stores. Also, a newsletter was published by Mary Anne Ahrold, called Heather House, and the business sold novelty items throughout the Midwest. In 1979, the Prugh family sold the building to Betty June Guy.

In 2007, LaTavola, an Italian restaurant, opened at 316 N. 4th Street, and they continue to be located here.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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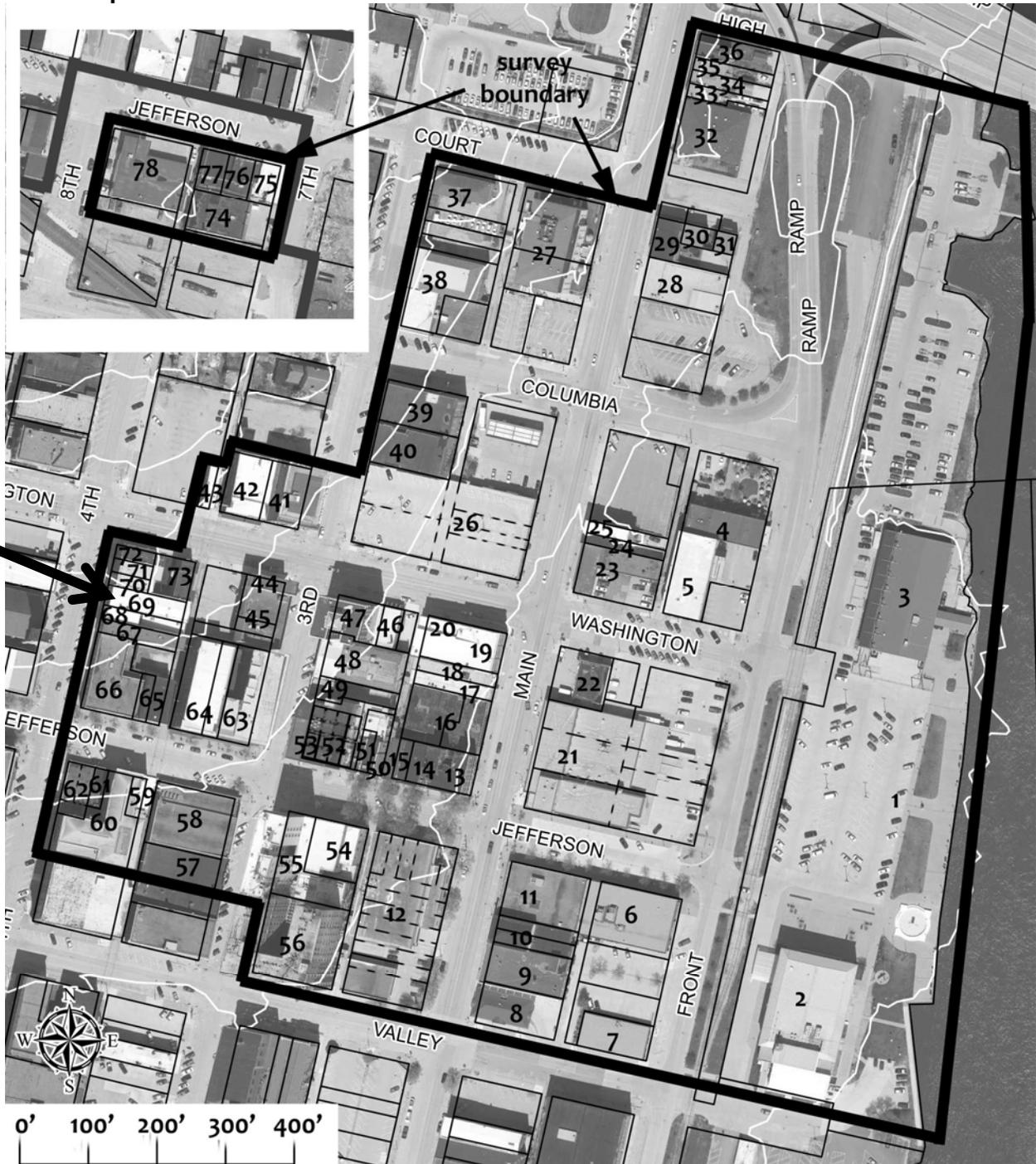
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Location map



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

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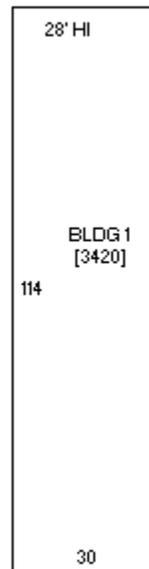
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



Historic images

none identified

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-00142-001 – West elevation, looking east (McCarley, June 20, 2012).

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Photograph 29-00142-002 – East elevation, looking northwest (McCarley, June 20, 2012).