

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

State Inventory No. 29-03655 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 Raynolds and Churchill Drug Store
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-18

2. Location

street & number 317 N. Main 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) Lot 196 - North 20' & Lot 197 - South 6"

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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, 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)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>11D01: Health care / drug store</u>	<u>02B Commercial / professional office</u>
<u>02A: Commercial / business - plumbing</u>	_____
<u>02G: Commercial / restaurant</u>	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>04: Stone</u>
<u>05B: Italianate</u>	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Asphalt / rolled</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 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 317 North Main Street Site Number 29-03655
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 1870 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 _____

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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 brick Italianate building. It is the last one intact in a series of six Italianate buildings/storefronts that spanned the middle of this side of the block into the 20th century. Today, the entire building exterior has been painted tan with white accents. A concrete base has been poured along the sidewalk at the base of the storefront. One must step up on a stone slab to enter this building. The entry is slightly recessed with two doors on the left, one to the upper stories and one to the storefront. The south door is solid wood and goes up to the second level. The main entry door to the first floor is largely glass with metal trim. There are two large storefront, metal trimmed, glass windows to the right, which have a wooden bulkhead with kick panels below. There is a green and tan striped canopy over the entire first floor façade. The second story has three tall, arched windows with keystones. Pilasters are positioned between the window and at the edges of the building, with simple capitals below the arches. The arch was filled with brick by the early 20th century, likely converting two-over-two-light double-hung arch windows to rectangular one-over-one-light windows. The current one-over-one-light windows are much smaller, with the upper sections of the windows boarded over with a center vertical line painted. The space below the windows and above the canopy is now a flat surface. The three arches have a center keystone. The frieze has simple brick banding and dentils. A small bracket supports the simple cornice at both ends.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Raynolds & Churchill Drugs building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District. The building was constructed by Samuel Jones, who financed the construction of several other buildings in downtown Burlington in the late 1860s and 1870s. The first identified occupant was Raynolds & Churchill, who started their drug store in this building in 1875. They would remain here for a decade prior to moving and later incorporating as Churchill Drug Company in 1889, growing to one of the largest wholesale drug companies in Iowa. The building is the last to maintain its 19th century design in this block, representing this early development of the block. At this time, the building does not appear individually eligible under Criterion A, B, or C for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It is believed that the later buildings associated with Churchill Drug Company are likely better associated with their significant history, though this was the original location of the forerunner of the company. Additionally, other Italianate buildings exist in town that have fewer modifications than this building.

The building was likely constructed in the late 1860s or early 1870s. Samuel H. Jones was owner of the property (all of Lot 196 – 313-315-317) in this period, and he was listed as a capitalist in the 1879 *History of Des Moines County*, working from an office in his new 1876 building at 4th and Jefferson and living at 222 Court. The early businesses at this location have not been identified. In January 1875, Francis E. Churchill moved from Waterloo to open a drug store in Burlington (*Hawk-Eye*, January 19, 1875, 8). Raynolds and Churchill then were advertising various drugs sold from their location at 317 Main Street (*Hawk-Eye*, March 18, 1875, 8). It was the offices for Raynolds & Churchill Drugs in the 1883 city directory. The company then moved next door to 319-321 N. Main Street by 1886, known as the Main Street Drug Store (see #56-03656). The company merged with C.

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P. Squires & Company in 1889 to create Churchill Drug Company. They would grow to one of the largest wholesale drug companies in the state (Antrobus 1915, Vol. 2: 228-29).

The 1887 city directory then lists Burlington Candy Works at 317 N. Main Street. A November 1890 ad notes that Burlington Candy Works is run by C. Hornung & Co, and they were confectioners and wholesale dealers in oranges, fruits, nuts, etc. and wholesale agents for Doxler-West Celebrated Crackers at 317 N. Main Street. The business appears to have been short lived. The 1892 Sanborn maps shows the property as a vacant store. No businesses have been identified then here through the 1890s and into the 1900s. Ann McCord purchased this property from the Sam H. Jones heirs on September 1, 1899. The property went through a handful of owners over the next few years, ending up in the hands of John T. Remey, acting a trustee, in 1907. He then sold it to Charles G. Bosch Company on May 22, 1915.

Charles G. Bosch Plumbers started on November 1, 1883 a few doors down at 313 North Main, where it also was in 1900. They are first listed as moved to 317 N. Main in 1909. There were five plumbers in Burlington by 1910. By 1920, Bosch Plumbing was still here, at a time when there were now 10 plumbers listed in the city directory. The company was still here in 1930.

It appears the business closed and the building had gone into receivership as it was apparently sold at a tax sale by the county treasurer in January 1933 to John Hale. However, the receiver for the American Savings Bank and Trust retained some ownership with title finally transferring to John Anadoetes in October 1935, who owned it until July 1947. He operated a restaurant at 323 N. Main from 1933 until he moved into this building. The building was listed as vacant in 1933. By 1940, Wallace J. Gobert operated a tavern at this site. There were 49 taverns in Burlington at this time. John's Café is listed here in 1945 and 1947.

The property was sold to James E. Lewis on July 16, 1947. Jim's Café was listed here in 1951, and Emma Lewis lived in an apartment over the restaurant. The property transferred to Dorothy Lewis, widow, on April 8, 1953. It was vacant in the 1954 city directory. It was then sold to William A. Witte in May 7, 1954, who ran the large drug store to the south at 206-208 Jefferson. Alden's Catalog Store was here in 1955, followed by Dunn's Sporting Goods in 1957. Dixie Cream Donut Shop occupied the first story with the owner Chas C Green living above it in 1960, at a time when there were 39 restaurants and no other donut shops mentioned in the city directory. Mutual of Omaha Insurance was then listed here in 1963 and 1965. The property transferred into the family company, John H. Witte & Son Inc in January 1965.

Curley Printing occupied the building in 1970. There were 6 Commercial Printers and 2 Lithographic Printers listed in the city directory and Curley Printing was on both lists. William J and Melva M Curley JT purchased the property from the Witte estate on April 19, 1979 with William becoming the sole owner on June 23, 1981. Paul H. and Duane D. Lee bought it from the Curley estate on August 30, 1985 and sold it to Charles H. & Beverly J. Siekman on May 5, 1989.

The current owners are Troy Myers and Clay Johnson, "two guys at F&M Bank," who made their purchase on December 30, 2009. Currently, Edward Jones Investments occupies this building.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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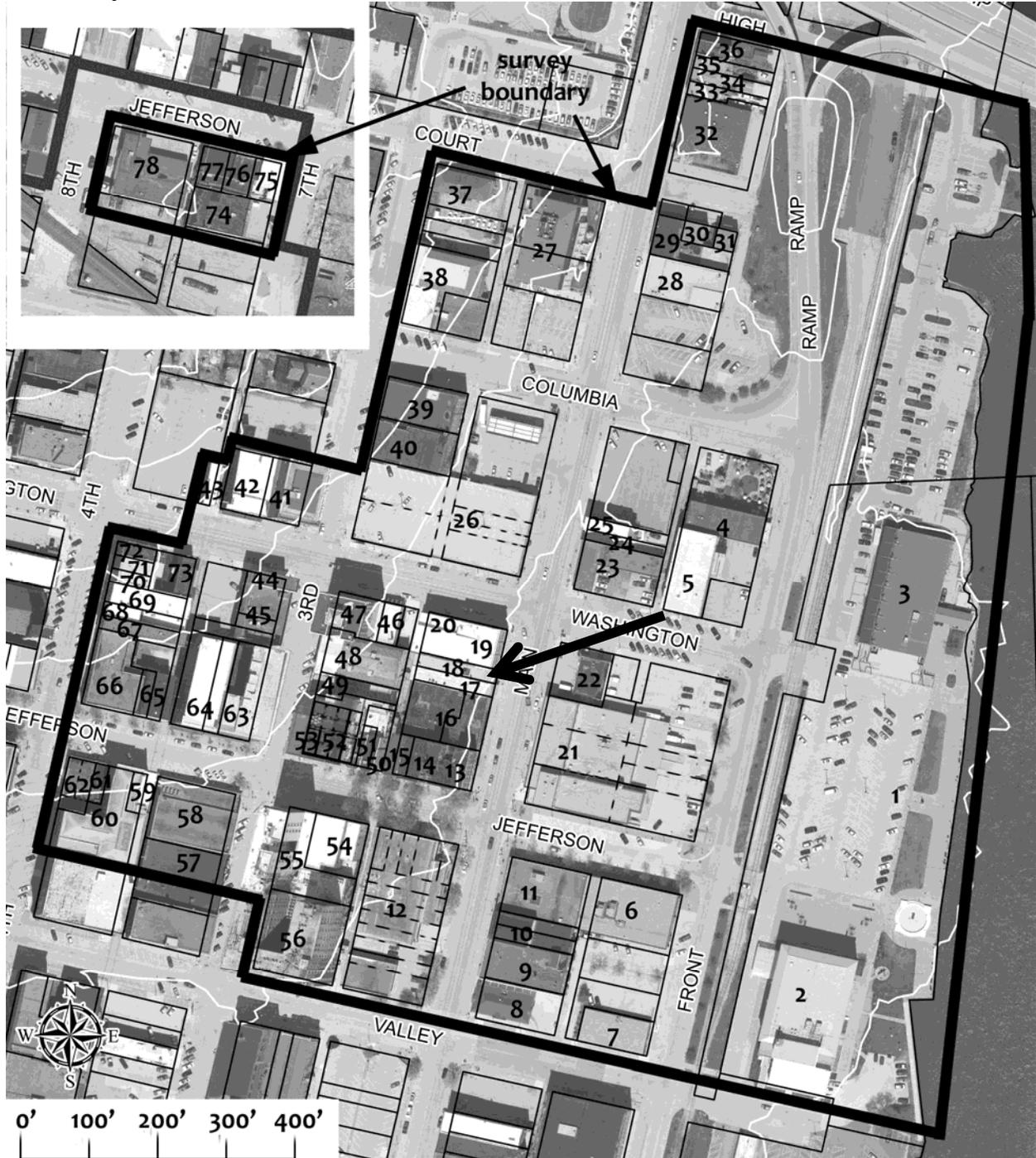
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Location map



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

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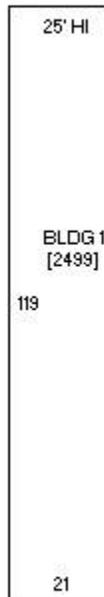
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



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View of building from around 1920s (Downtown Partners collection).

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View of building in November 1966 (from Carleen Nollen, Burlington, IA).

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View of building in late 1970s (Des Moines County Historical Society collection).

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-03655-001 – East elevation, looking west (McCarley, June 20, 2012).