

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

State Inventory No. 29-01094 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 Burlington Federal Savings & Loan (1)
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-61

2. Location

street & number 319 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) 446 E 1/3 (20") of W 1/2 (Lot 446 A)

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:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	— buildings	<u>1</u>	— buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	— sites	—	— sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	— structures	—	— structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	— objects	—	— objects
	— 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>02D02 bank</u>	<u>02E06 jewelry store</u>
<u>02E06 jewelry store</u>	

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>08A Moderne</u>	foundation <u>not visible</u>
	walls (visible material) <u>05E aluminum</u>
	roof <u>not visible</u>
	other <u>04C limestone</u>

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 319 Jefferson Site Number 29-01094
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 1904 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation 1952, 1963

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 one story commercial building on Jefferson Street that was originally the first story of a three story building. Being landlocked on three sides by other buildings, only the front (north) side is visible. There is a recessed entry door towards the left (east) side of the storefront, and the entry floor is tiled. The left side display window projects slightly. The area below the display windows is clad in uncoursed, irregularly sized rectangular limestone blocks. A historic photograph from the mid-1960s shows that the area behind the current black commercial sign is clad in the same stone. Polished ribbed stainless steel trim frames the sides and top of the storefront, as well as extending across as a slightly projected canopy and framing the entry. Visually, this is the dominant storefront material. Above the storefront, there is a trim band of ornamental, terra cotta and several courses of tan brick. This is a remnant of the original three story building.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Burlington Federal Savings & Loan Association (1) appears to contribute historically and architecturally to a potential Downtown Commercial Historic District. The top two stories appear to have been removed within the period of significance, and the 1952 storefront remodel for the Burlington Federal Savings & Loan Association defines the remaining building. This remodel was historically and architecturally significant at the time, related to the updated of downtown buildings, particularly those associated with financial institutions. Only one other downtown building is noted in the survey with stainless steel trim in downtown Burlington, added likely during the 1947 remodel by the Thomas Motor Company (300-306 N. 3rd St). With the demolition of the earlier top stories, this remodel and history remain intact. Thus, the building appears to retain sufficient integrity as a contributing building in a historic district. However, with the partial demolition and the construction of the building to the west for the Burlington Federal Savings & Loan Association, this building does not appear to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places at this time. In the future, however, the significance of Law's Jewelry should be assessed (here since 1972), as its history reaches the 50 year mark.

Sanborn maps show a three-story building here in 1886, 1892, and 1900. The 1890 city directory shows George Whipple's hardware store on the site. However, fire struck the adjacent Wyman & Rand building at 315-317 Jefferson in early 1904, and it appears this building was then rebuilt at that time as a three-story brick building likely on the earlier stone foundation. Historic photos show that it largely matched the Wyman & Rand building adjacent to the east, though this building was owned by G. Woellhaf rather than the Rand family (John L. Corse to Sarah A. Corse and then Corse heirs to William C. McArthur in 1892, who then sold it to G. Woelhaff (Woellhaf) in 1898, owned by son F.W. in 1927). There was a large rectangular window on the second story in a slightly different pattern than the Wyman & Rand building, three arch windows on the third story, and a brick cornice. There was simple terra cotta banding below the second floor window. A succession of shops operated from the building, with millinery shops operated by Carrie Williams and then Anna Harter in the early 1900s. Eric Anderson, a jeweler, located his shop there in 1924 (*Hawk-Eye*, April 4, 1924). Anderson's business was a successor of Burlington pioneer jeweler Charles Waldin. By 1928, the firm was known as

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Baumle-Anderson; they were located at 319 until going out of business in 1937 (*Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette*, December 8, 1937, p. 10).

Burlington Federal Savings & Loan purchased the property in 1938 (Transfer Book 7, p. 441). In October 1919, the Burlington Building & Loan Association formed with Frank Nebiker as the secretary-treasurer, operating from an office in the Iowa State Savings Bank. Edward L. Hirsch served as president starting in 1921. Under new federal savings and loan laws, the former Burlington Building and Loan Association was reorganized in 1934 as the Burlington Federal Savings & Loan Association, with Frank G. Nebiker continuing as president ("Burlington Federal Savings & Loan Has Moved," *Hawk-Eye*, August 8, 1963, 7). The 1935 city directory lists the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank and First National Bank, along with the Burlington Federal Savings and Loan Association. In 1938, the Mississippi Valley Savings and Loan was then organized, providing a local alternative. Burlington Federal Savings and Loan Association also moved to large quarters at 319 Jefferson in 1938. The two savings and loans - Burlington Federal Savings and Loan Association and Mississippi Valley Savings and Loan Association (in the Medical Arts Building at 3rd and Washington) had combined assets of \$525,732.25 in 1940 (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1940: 15). By 1947, the Burlington Federal Savings and Loan Association (319 Jefferson, Map #61) and the Mississippi Valley Savings and Loan Association (enlarged space in the Medical Arts Building, Map #47) had \$2.7 million in assets (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1947: 16).

Illustrations in post-war ads show a storefront at 319 Jefferson had the same general layout as today, though it was then clad in black structural glass (*Hawk-Eye Gazette*, November 26, 1946, p. 10), also shown in a 1946 parade photo. At that time, the Burlington Federal sign was mounted on the slightly projecting canopy, and the upper portion of the storefront was still visible. There was an interior remodeling in 1949 (*Hawk-Eye Gazette*, April 14, 1949, p. 11); however, the ad illustration is the same, and the news story about the open house only mentions interior changes. A November 1952 photograph shows the current first story design and notes that Burlington Federal Savings & Loan has been undergoing remodeling since early spring. Remodeling included a new facing of stainless steel and stone, finished a few weeks ago. Interior remodeling also included new office and directors' meeting rooms on the second story. The second and third stories remained at this time, with a vertical sign mounted on the second story for the business ("Buildings Improved," *Hawk-Eye Gazette*, November 28, 1952, 7). A November 1956 parade photo shows the storefront with its current design and materials as well. The combined assets of the two savings and loan institutions continued to grow to \$14.2 million by 1957 (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1957: VI). By 1954, assets of the two institutions grew to \$8.9 million (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1954: 15). In 1960, the combined assets of the Burlington Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Mississippi Valley Savings and Loan Association increased to \$17.8 million in assets (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1960: VII).

In 1963, Burlington Federal Savings & Loan purchased the two buildings to the west, demolished them, and built their new modern building at 323 Jefferson (*Hawk Eye*, August 8, 1963, p. 7) (see Iowa Site Inventory #29-01096). It appears that the upper floors of 319 were not demolished until after the new building was constructed (photo, 315 Jefferson 1960s). The revised 1963 Sanborn map has a notation of "1" for the height, though it almost appears that the number of stories (3) is written over and turned into a "1" on the map. Other pencil notes on the map date to after 1963, so if this was later changed

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the date is unknown. Burlington Federal Savings & Loan is noted as spanning both buildings on the map. Other than the small remnant of brick and terra cotta above the Moderne storefront, there is no visible sign of the three story building or its earlier design.

In 1965, the Neumode Hosiery Shop was the only tenant in the building. It was vacant in 1968, and in 1970 it was home to Financial Programs, Inc.

The current tenant, Law's Jewelry, has been in the building since 1972. The top two stories were removed prior to this date. Its sign and background covers the stone wall above the storefront, but otherwise the façade of this building looks virtually unchanged since its 1952 remodeling. Law's Jewelry has been the building's longest tenant, operating here now for 40 years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Antrobus, A.T. *History of Des Moines County Iowa and Its People*. Chicago, IL: S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1915.

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Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette, September 2, 1938

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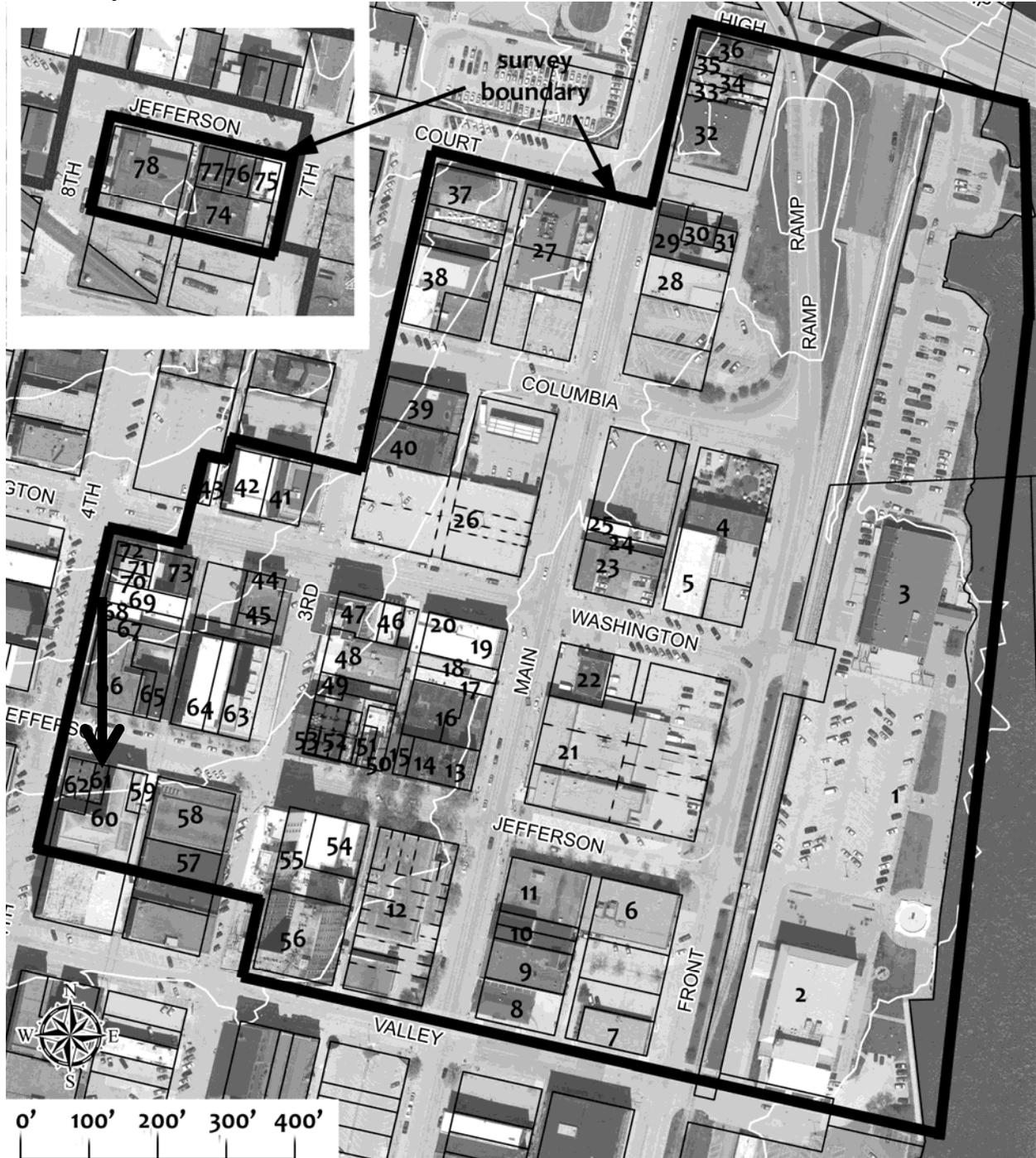
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Location map



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

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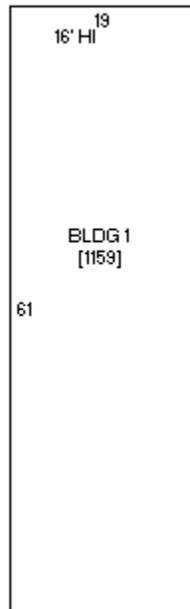
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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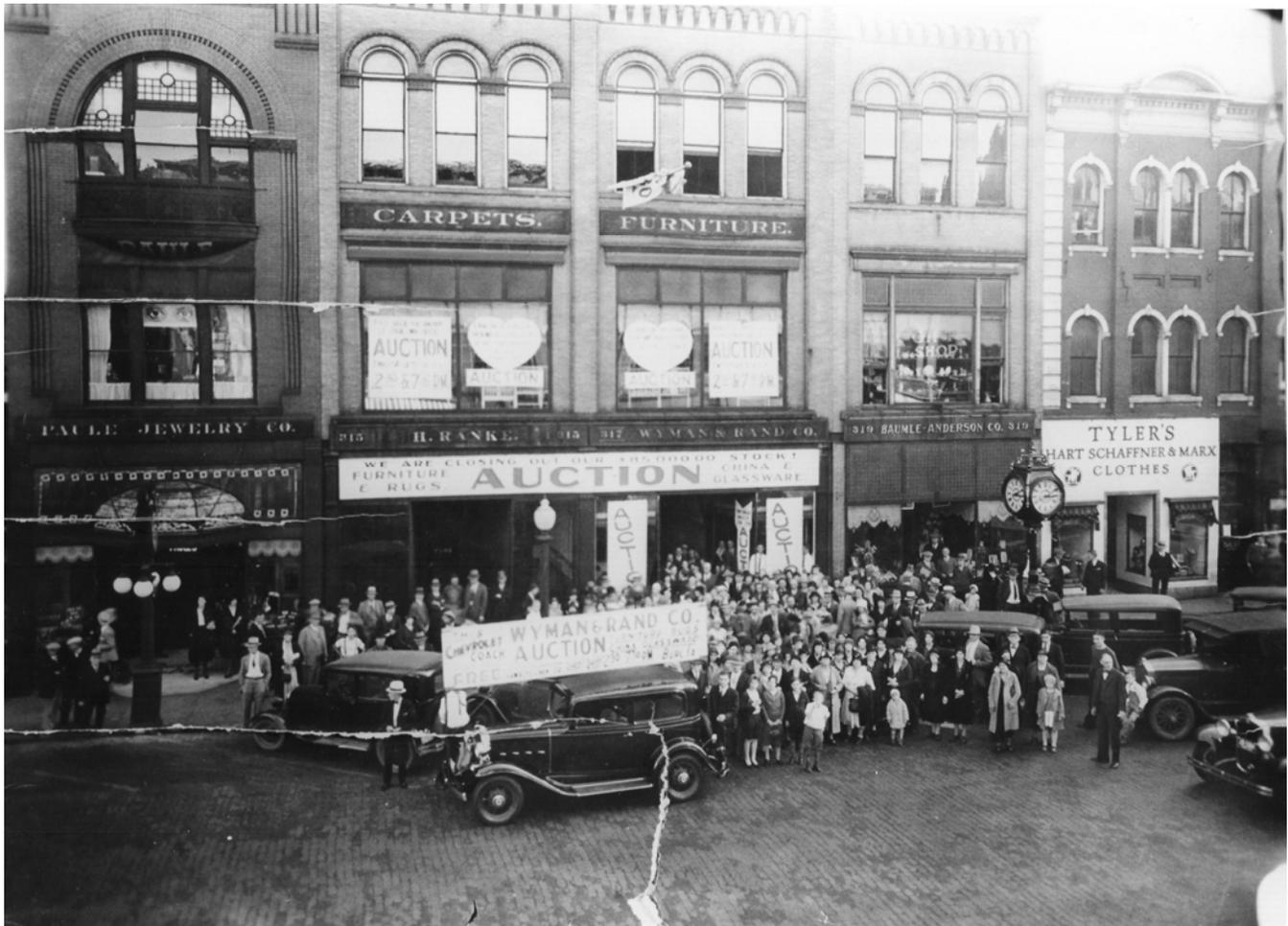
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Historic images



South side of 300 block of Jefferson in middle of 1930s (Downtown Partners collection).

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South side of 300 block of Jefferson during 1946 parade (Downtown Partners collection).



South side of Jefferson after 1952 remodeling (Downtown Partners collection).

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South side of Jefferson after 1963 construction of corner building (Downtown Partners collection).

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01094-001 – North elevation, looking south (McCarley, June 20, 2012).