

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

State Inventory No. 29-00145  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries 29-00005 (listed), 29-03685 (potential)  
 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 Bonar Building  
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT--71

**2. Location**

street & number 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> 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) 442 - middle 20' of west 1/2

**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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E: Specialty store</u>	<u>02A: Business (night club)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>04 Stone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Site Number 29-00145  
City Burlington District Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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 1874  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 three-story building built at the same time as the building to the south by another owner, and immediately after the building to the north. The entry is recessed to the left/north of the large storefront windows, which have been replaced. A metal beam extends across the storefront area. The second story windows were changed, likely in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, from tall segmental arch windows like those to the north and south to two wider two-over-two-light double-hung windows with rectangular transoms. The sills were also altered at this time. The two narrow third story windows appear to retain original wood six-light windows, and they have the same brick detail under the stone sills as the buildings to either side. The 20' width of this building extends to immediately next the closest windows to the south/right, with the entry/staircase within that building to the upper stories shown as shared with this building on the historic Sanborn maps. The cornice/parapet has been rebuilt with buff brick on this building, perhaps updating/modernizing the appearance in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The rear/east elevation is distinct from the buildings on either side, further emphasizing their independence. The stone foundation is lower on this building than the building to the north, and it is the full 60' deep of the lot, unlike the building to the south. The first story has a one-over-one-light double-hung window, with six-over-six-light double-hung windows centered above it on the second and third stories. These windows have original segmental arch openings. Two six-over-six-light double-hung windows have been added to either side on the second story, and a small window has been added on the third story.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Bonar Building appears to contribute historically to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District. The building was constructed in 1874 along with other development at this corner, with various businesses occupying the first story and offices on the second. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as contributing within the Heritage Hill Historic District in 1981.

P.F. Unterkircher owned all of 442 by early 1874, living in the earlier brick house on the east 40' at 313 Washington. On May 18, 1874, he divided the vacant land to the west into four lots, three along 4<sup>th</sup> Street and one west of his house on Washington. This middle lot – 20 by 59'9" – was bought by Wesley R. Bonar for \$1,720 (*Hawk-Eye*, May 19, 1874, 4). Max Langerbeck built first on the corner lot in summer-fall 1874, engaging Perley Hale, Jr., local architect, to draw plans for the building, and contract was let to D. Bokenkamp for construction (*Hawk-Eye*, July 21, 1874, 8). It is unknown but perhaps likely that he also designed these two buildings to the south. Work was progressing quickly by September on the corner building, and an article notes that excavation for two buildings to the south had started by the two owners of those lots. They are noted to be three stories, corresponding with the building on the corner (*Hawk-Eye*, September 29, 1874, 8). Wesley R. Bonar was a wealthy farmer outside of Burlington per the 1870 census. He was involved in development and construction of other buildings in Burlington in the 1870s and 1880s as well.

Business changed frequently in this building. The first business identified for this building is in the form of a newspaper ad for Mrs. C.A. Johnson's hair goods at 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. On June 3, 1879, there is an announcement from L. Weisenhavern that he has established a ruching and ruffle manufactory at

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320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street (*Hawk-Eye*, p2). Then, on March 28, 1880, H. Droegemeyer's boot and shoe store is advertised as located here (*Hawk-Eye*, p4). He is listed here for a few years. The 1881-82 city directory notes that he has been a shoemaker for thirty-two years, a dealer in boots and shoes for ten years, and has a complete furnishing and repairing department. The 1886 Sanborn map indicates a flour and feed store here, and W.E. Tomlinson & Co advertised as located here on July 30, 1886, selling flour, feed, produce, and fruit. The 1892 Sanborn map continues to show flour and feed as the use, with offices across the second story of all three buildings. The 1893 city directory lists C.S. Ingersoll as dressmaker and hair dresser in this building. Dr. P.C. Naumann is noted with an office at 320 ½ in the 1898 city directory.

The 1900 Sanborn map simply indicates store here. The 1900 city directory lists George W. Potter at 320, a collection and general agency. He is then noted as living at 320 ½ in 1904, working as a collector for the *Gazette*. The 1902 and 1904 city directory lists plumber John H. Ewinger here. Mrs. S.M. Wood, confectioner, is then here in the 1907-08 city directory. G.W. Potter and Dr. P.C. Naumann are still listed with offices on the second story through 1913, with two tenants living on the third story. By 1913, P.C. Naumann, Jr. is also listed as a dentist on the second story. In 1916 and 1920, the Artscraft store of Arthur Hawksworth is listed at 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St, with the family living on the upper story. A.L. Hawksworth and Miss E.J. Hawksworth are in the building until 1930. The City Directory classified business listings show Miss E.J. Hawksworth as Artist and A.L. Hawksworth under Artist Materials.

The Caldwell family owned the building in this period, with interests owned by Clara Caldwell and Ina Caldwell. They appear to have continued to own it until their deaths, with the property transferring from the estate of Ina C. Jones to Paul Jones in 1977. Two long-term tenants finally moved into the building by the 1920s. Jacob Korb, shoe repairs, is listed at 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street starting in the 1924 city directory through the 1945 city directory. By 1951, Marshall's Office Equipment Company was listed here, and they continued to be listed here through the end of the 1960s.

The building is currently occupied by The Blue Shop, a night club and concert venue.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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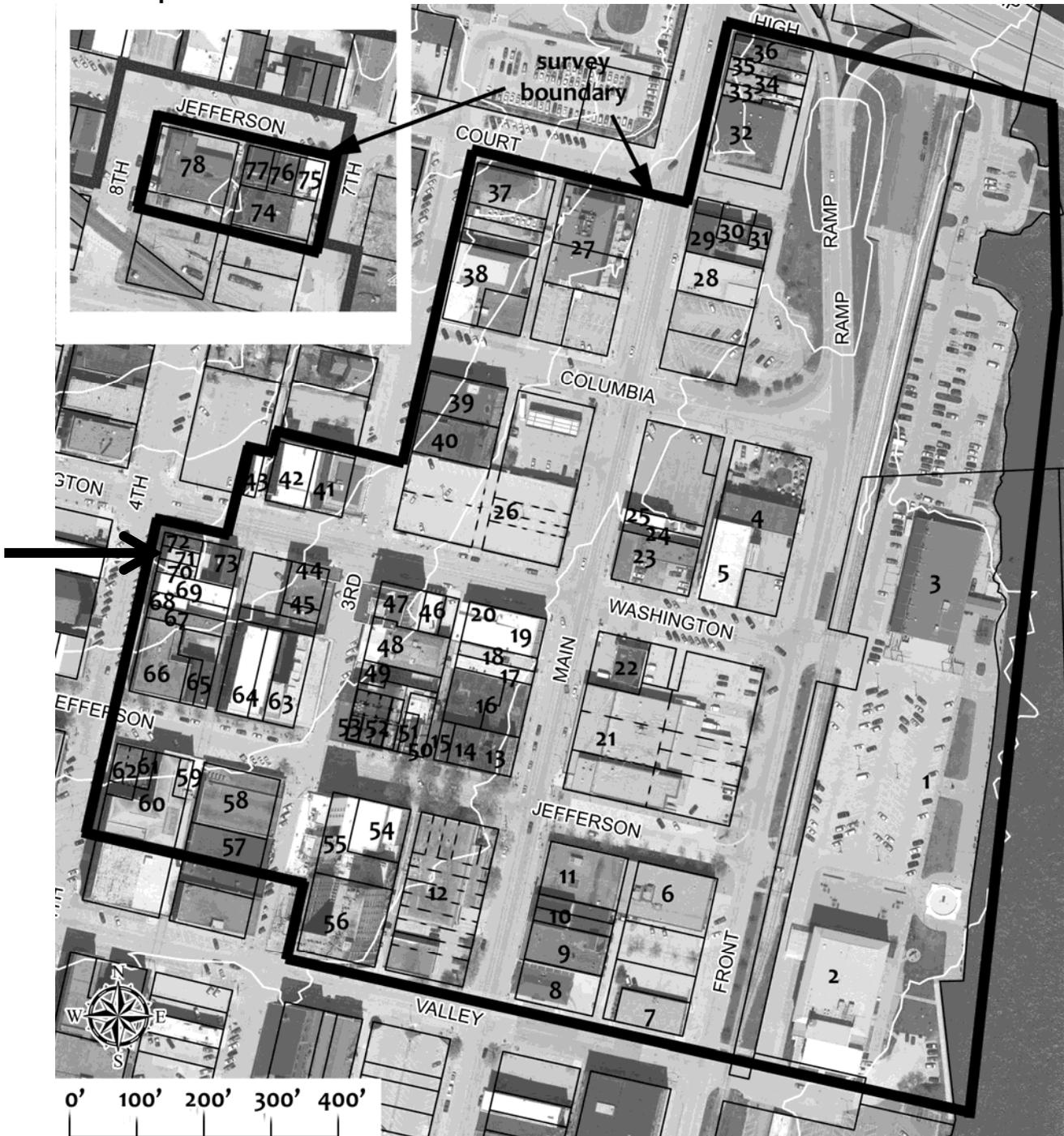
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## Location map



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

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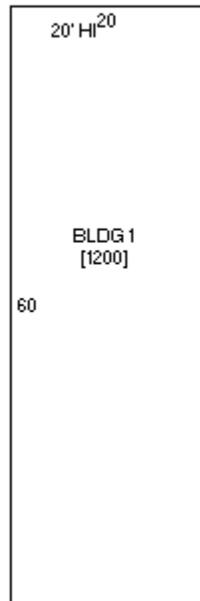
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



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**Historic images**



**Building in 1977 (Downtown Partners collection)**

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 29-00145-001 – West elevation, looking east (McCarley, November 14, 2012).

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Photograph 29-00145-002 – West elevation, looking east (McCarley, November 15, 2012).

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Photograph 29-00145-003 – East (rear) elevation, looking southwest (McCarley, November 15, 2012).