

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

**State Inventory No.** 29-00146  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 Langerbeck Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-72

**2. Location**

street & number 322 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St

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) 26 Lot(s) 442 N 20' w 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 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)

02E – Specialty store – grocery

02G – restaurant

11D03 – dentist office

03C01 – public service organization

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

foundation 04 Stone

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 322 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St Site Number 29-00146  
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 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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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

This is a three-story brick commercial building with an angled corner that faces the intersection of N. 4<sup>th</sup> and Washington streets. This clipped corner has the entry on the first story, French doors on the second story, and a six-light window on the third story. The west (4<sup>th</sup> St) side is three bays in width. The first story has large storefront windows and an arch entry to the upper stories. The second and third stories have tall six-light windows. Windows throughout the building have segmental arch lintels and stone sills, with the windows set within a recessed course of brick. Inset brick detail is found under the stone sills. The decorative brick cornice wraps around the north and west sides of the building, and it has been painted an accent color to emphasize the detail. On the north (Washington St) side of the building, there are three large windows and a rear entry at the east end of the first story. Three angled bay windows are centered on the second story, with narrow double-hung windows on each side. Paired six-light windows are found to the west, and a single six-light window is found to the west. The third story windows align above the second story windows, with no bay windows on this story. Two chimneys are found above the cornice on this side as well. The rear elevation has a high stone foundation, taller than the 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St building to the south. No openings are found on the first story. A large segmental arch opening, likely a door converted to a window, and a smaller window are found on the second story. Two windows are found on the third story, both with two-over-two-light double-hung sashes.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Langerbeck Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District. The building was constructed in 1874 with the development of this corner, with a grocery occupying the first story and a dentist office on the second story for many years. The building retains decorative brick detail around the windows and across the cornice of the building, as well as historic wood windows. 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. The corner lot – 20 by 59'9" – was bought by Max Langerbeck for \$2,700 (*Hawk-Eye*, May 19, 1874, 4). He quickly made plans to build this three-story brick building, with his grocery store to be located on the first story (*Hawk-Eye*, June 14, 1874, 5). Perley Hale, Jr., local architect, drew plans for the building, and contract was let to D. Bokenkamp for construction. Drs. Cochran and Smith, dentists, were planned for office on the second story, and the residence of Hale was planned for the third story (*Hawk-Eye*, July 21, 1874, 8). Work was progressing quickly by September, with excavation for two buildings to the south started as well, built for the two other purchasers of these lots (see #29-00144, #29-00145) (*Hawk-Eye*, September 29, 1874, 8). Voter registration records show Perley Hale living at 324 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in February 1875, indicating that the building was complete and occupied (*Hawk-Eye*, February 25, 1875, 8).

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It is unknown if Max Langerbeck opened a grocery initially in this building, but the 1876-77 city directory and newspaper ads in December 1876 indicate that George Niemann & Co grocery operated at the corner at 322 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The business is listed here in the 1879 *History of Des Moines County* as well. The company dissolved in March 1878, with Theodore Niemann then operating a grocery in this building. He is listed here in the 1886 city directory, with dentists W.H. Baird and H.M. Baird operated on the second story. The Baird brothers advertised their dentist office in this corner building on January 27, 1889. In the 1893 directory, T.W. Niemann continued to operate a grocery here, with Dr. William H. Baird on the second story, and dressmaker Alice Moreau on one of the upper stories as well. In October 1893, Mrs. Ferris moved to Moreau's old location at 4<sup>th</sup> and Washington (*Hawk-Eye*, October 28, 1893, 5). On June 11, 1895, Laura Langerbeck sold the property to August Brodt for \$3,500.

The 1900-01 city directory list William L. Nelius as a grocer at 322 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, with the grocery known also as the Colonial Cash Grocery in the early 1900s. Dr. W.H. Baird continued as a dentist on the second story. Nelius is listed as the grocer on the first story through the 1916 city directory, and Baird continues listed as a dentist on the second story through 1916 city directory as well. Frank J. Riling bought the property from Paul and Emma Bufe on April 24, 1913, and he then sold it to Sam and Harry Weinrep in September 1920. Harry transferred his interest to Sam and Pauline Weinrep then in December.

The 1920 city directory lists John Korb, shoemaker, on the first story, with Lee Albright and Samuel Weinrip living on the upper stories. The Weinrep family sold the property to Harry W. Schauenberg on March 31, 1925, who then sold it to H.T. Kriechbaum in December. Interest in the property was split among the Niehaus family in 1926. The 1926 directory lists the first and upper stories as vacant. The 1930 Directory indicates the Artscraft Gift Shop on the first story with the Artscraft Studio on the second story and two residents on the third story.

The Niehaus family then sold the building to The Salvation Army on September 2, 1930. By 1935, the Salvation Army is listed here. They continue to be listed here in 1940, 1945, and 1951. 322 ½ is occupied by various individual renters.

The Salvation Army then sold the property to Ray W. Baxter on April 8, 1953. In 1955, Lauth's Kiddie Corner, a children's clothing store was listed on the first story 322, listed here through 1963. 322 ½ is occupied by various individual renters until 1963 when the directory lists it as vacant. In 1964, Trends, Inc. bought the property, owning it until 1983.

Currently a French restaurant, the Bistro 322, is operating in the building.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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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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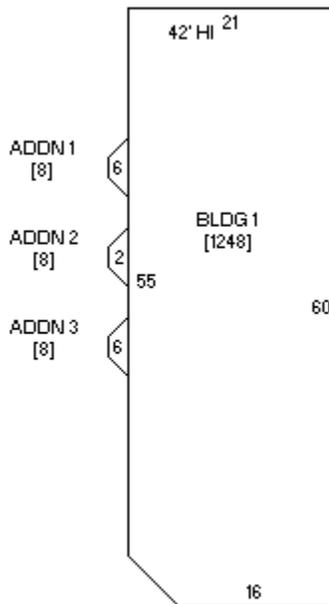
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



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**Historic images**



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

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 29-00146-001 – North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, November 15, 2012).

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Photograph 29-00146-002 – East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, November 15, 2012).

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Photograph 29-00146-003 – East elevation, looking west (McCarley, November 15, 2012).