

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

State Inventory No. 29-03659 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 Shell Service Station

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-22

2. Location

street & number 324 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) 84

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)

14D07: Gas station

14D09: Automotive service or repair

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

14D09: Automotive service or repair

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F: Commercial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B: Concrete, poured

walls (visible material) 10A: Concrete block

roof 15C01: Rubber membrane

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 324 N. Main Street Site Number 29-03659
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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1930 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1976, 1998

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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Shell Service Station	Des Moines
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324 N. Main St	Burlington
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7. Narrative Description

This is a one-story concrete block gas station. The original station here was built in 1930 for Shell. The station by 1952 consisted of the main corner office section with the three service bays to the south. By 1989, the rear/east service bay was also added. The construction of the building is clad in vertical wood paneling. There is pent shingle roof along the west and north sides, a typical design element from the 1970s. In the corner office area, there are two large picture windows, one on the west and one on the north. The three service bays to the south have roll-up garage doors. The current doors are not original to the building. The south wall has two four-over-four-light windows, and a steel door on the newer addition. The rear/east of the building has no openings. The rear service bay was not original to the structure, and that section features a ceiling one foot higher than the original building. The roof is rubber membrane over wood.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Shell Service Station falls within the recommended boundary for the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District, but it is counted as a non-contributing building within the district. While the gas station history would contribute to the significance of the district, the later exterior cladding and addition of the pent roof around 1976 has impacted the historic integrity of the building. With these changes, it does not retain sufficient integrity to be counted as contributing within the district.

This building was erected in 1930 by the Shell Petroleum Corporation ("1930 Proved Big Building Year in Burlington," *Hawk-Eye*, Jan 4, 1931, Part One, Page 7). It replaced four previous buildings with storefront on Main south from the corner, including the Salvation Army, Mid-West Tire and Battery company, Craftsman Press, and Gazette Engraving Company ("Shell Petroleum Corporation Buys Main St Building," *Hawk-Eye*, June 11, 1930, 4). In July 1930, a permit was issued to demolish the buildings and for Shell Petroleum Corporation to build a fireproof service station, with two underground tanks (City Council Minutes, *Hawk-Eye*, August 27, 1930, 9). The Shell "superservice" station officially opened on November 15, 1930, the same day as the large new Bennett Tire and Battery Company at Jefferson and 7th Street ("Crowds Attend Openings Here," *Hawk-Eye*, November 16, 1930, 8). The first known leaseholder, Orville Boyd, took over operations in March 1931. Interestingly, the 1931 Sanborn map still shows the older buildings at this corner.

While always affiliated with the Shell company, the name of the station evolved as the owners-operators changed. The 1937 directory lists Palmer Service Station here. Eddie's Super Service was here in 1945, running by Edward Whitham who was listed as manager also in 1940 and 1942. Moore's Shell Station is then listed here in 1947 and 1951. The 1952 Sanborn map shows the footprint of the current building. It became Rohrer's Shell Service by 1954, and Lyle's Shell Service Station in 1955. In 1957, it was Don's Shell Station, and then in 1960 it was Nordstrom Shell Service. By 1963, it was listed as Main Street Shell Station. A building permit was issued for the building in January 1976 to remodel the building by adding new siding and a mansard/pent roof, extending around the building and for two feet on the south. A new Shell sign was also installed at the same time.

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Ronald Billups, the current owner, purchased the building in 1980, expanding his Goodyear Service Center from across the street at 400 N. Main ("Luck, need to survive were secrets of success," *Burlington Hawk Eye*, February 28, 1993, page 1H). In approximately 1989, Billups added a rear service bay to the building (Building permits, *Burlington Hawk Eye*, November 13, 1988, page 2D).

9. Major Bibliographical References

City Directories, Burlington, Iowa, various dates. On microfiche at the Burlington Public Library

Deed records, per transfer books at Des Moines County Auditor's Office.

Downtown Partners, Inc., a Division of the Greater Burlington Partnership, Burlington, Iowa. Collection of collected historic photographs of downtown Burlington.

Newspapers, various titles and editions. Particular special editions utilized:

Burlington Evening Gazette, March 24, 1906

Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette, September 2, 1938

Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette, August 4, 1942

Burlington Hawk-Eye, July 10, 1962

Burlington Hawk-Eye, July 4, 1976

Sanborn Map Company. "Burlington, Iowa," Fire Insurance Maps. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1886, 1892, 1900, 1931, 1952.

Vertical files. Files on business/industry as well as individual businesses. Burlington Public Library, Burlington, Iowa.

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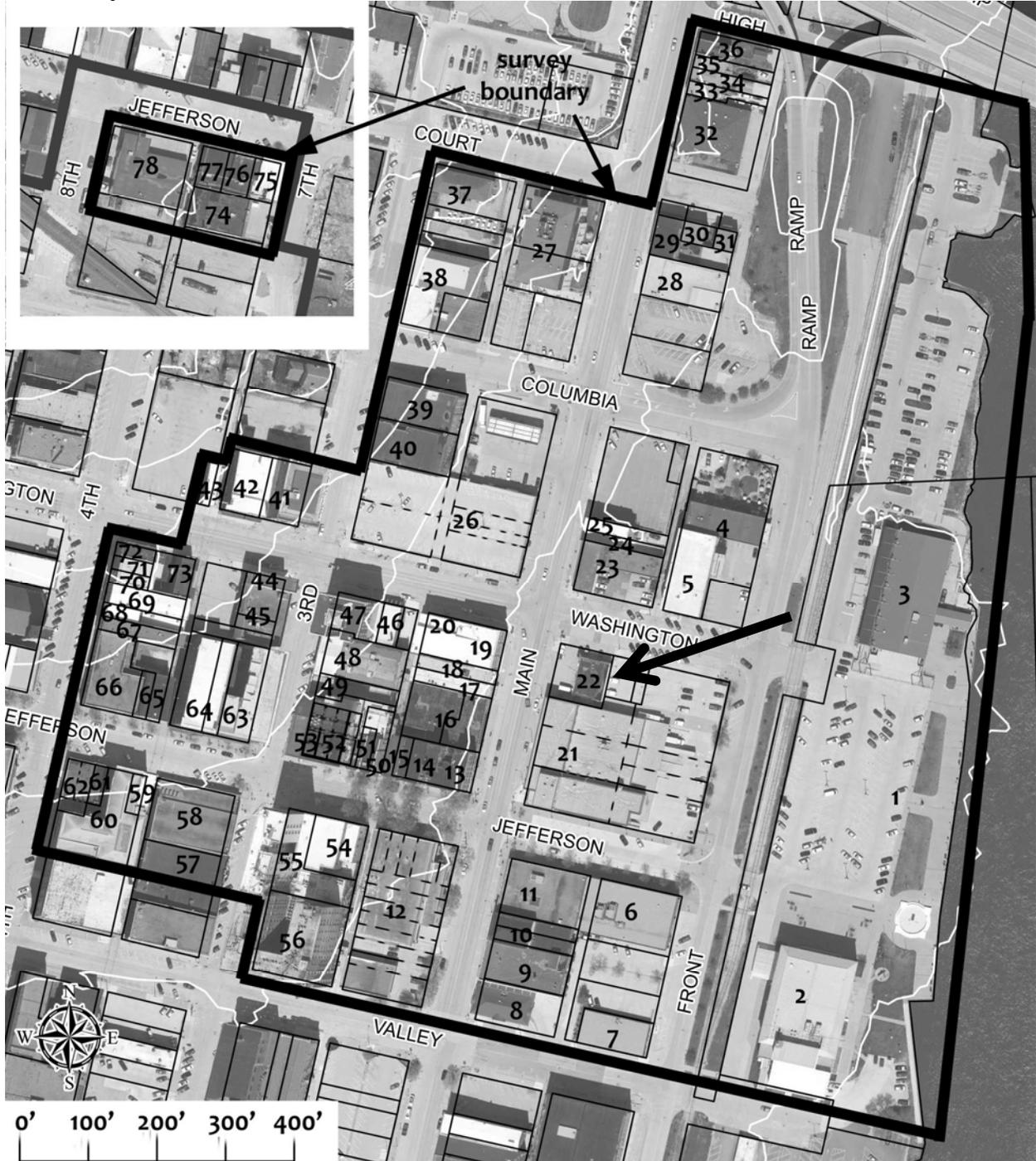
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Location map



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

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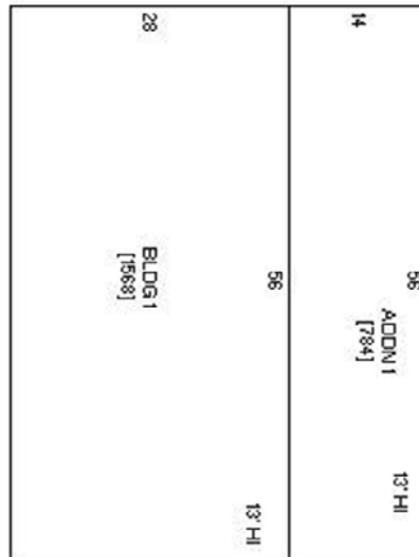
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Building around 1977 (Downtown Partners collection).

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-03659-001 – West elevation, looking east (McCarley, June 20, 2012).

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Photograph 29-03659-002 – North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012).