

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

State Inventory No. 29-03663 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) _____
 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 Wallin Motor Sales Company
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-28

2. Location

street & number 514 N. Main 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) _____ Lot(s) 77

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	<u>1</u> buildings	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> site	— sites	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	— structures	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> object	— objects	—	—
	<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>14D09 automotive service or repair</u>	<u>14D09 automotive service or repair</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>10 Concrete</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03 Brick / Tile block</u>
_____	roof <u>15C01 Rubber membrane</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 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
City Burlington

Address 514 N. Main St

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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 1928 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 one-story brick commercial building built for an automotive dealer in 1928. The building is tile block construction with a brick façade. It has a concrete foundation and flat rubber roof. Historic photographs show that the stepped detail of the parapet has been removed since 1977, removing a key architectural feature of the building. Large multi-light windows have been replaced with two garage doors as well. The two entry doors at each side of the front remain. The south side is clad in aluminum siding. The tile block construction is visible on the east side. The east/rear is painted white, with a door into the original tile block portion. Sanborn maps show the southeast corner was three stories and associated with the Burlington Paper Company to the south. There are no windows in this building at this point.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Wallin Motor Sales Company building does not appear to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Place individually or as contributing within a historic district. The parapet change and conversion of the front windows to garage doors has significantly altered key characteristics of this historic building. Thus, it does not appear to retain sufficient integrity either as an individual historic building under Criteria A, B, or C, nor as a contributing building in a potential historic district. As this building is separated from the main core of the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District by several vacant lots, it also does not appear that this building would fall within the boundary for the district (see Iowa Inventory form #29-03685).

Earlier Sanborn maps show a livery and feed barn on this lot and the lot to the south. The Burlington Soap Company was formed in 1905, and they operated in a new three-story brick building at 508-14 N. Main by 1915. They manufactured toilet and laundry soaps (Antrobus 1915, Vol. 2: 117). In November 1917, Burlington Paper Company acquired the two lots owned by the Burlington Soap Company for \$35,000, and they remodeled the three-story building for their purposes. The property is described as 120 by 120' with a 60' by 120' three-story building ("\$35,000 Real Estate Deal," *Hawk-Eye*, September 22, 1917, 8). The 1920 city directory lists the company at 508-518 N. Main, which would include the main three-story building at 508-512 as well as this section at 514-518. The Burlington Paper Company continued to be listed at 508-518 N. Main in 1926 and 1928. The Burlington Paper Company was the successor of the Hyde Paper Company, which had taken over the business of the firm of Hyde & Starker, which was established about 1896. The Burlington Paper Company was organized in 1902 by John Blaul and his sons. It was then incorporated in the fall of 1909, with John P. Zurawski, president; Oscar Riepe, vice president; C. E. Weiss, secretary; and E. C. Jordan, treasurer. In 1915, the company conducted a wholesale business in the sale and importation of toys, dolls and Japanese and Chinese goods. They handled wrapping paper, wax and parchment papers and stationery of all kinds. Their stock also included notions of all kinds (Antrobus 1915, Vol 2: 351). The exact use of the section at 514-518 N. Main is unknown, but if a building was here, it appears to have been an earlier building.

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An article on September 21, 1928 announced that Wallin Motor Sales had moved into their new home at 514 N. Main. The 60 by 120' building was constructed by Burlington Paper Company (508 N. Main – demolished) for Wallin Motor Sales Co, designed specifically for automobile service and sales. Plate glass windows on Main Street side permitted viewing of the Studebakers in the spacious show room. The rear was devoted to the shop and service department, with equipment installed by Robert Donahue Co. Paul Wallin began as a Studebaker representative ten years ago in Illinois. He moved to Burlington in 1921, first located on N. 5th Street and then moved to Main and Columbia (listed with another company at 500 N. Main in 1926 – demolished). The successful business then required more space. The company also included Whitford Newhouse (credit), A.W. Klein (sales), and Guy Stanbury (head of repair shop). Paul Wallin was noted as the “Studebaker czar,” dealing in eights and sixes instead of fives and tens (“Wallin Motor Sales Opens New Building Today,” *Hawk-Eye*, September 21, 1928, 6). Wallin Motor Sales Company was then listed at 514-516 N. Main in the 1930 city directory. The 1931 Sanborn map shows three-story building of the Burlington Paper Company at 508-512, with a three-story storage corner section to the northeast within the footprint of the one-story building at 514-518 N. Main, which is noted as a garage with capacity of 35 cars. The 1930 city directory lists Wallin Motor Sales Company with Mrs. Grace W. Walling, president; W.S. Niehaus, vice president; and Paul W. Walling, secretary-treasurer. Wallin Motor Sales is still listed here in 1933. In the 1937 city directory, Burlington Motor Sales is listed here, with A.W. Cline, president; G.H. Stanbary, vice president; and W.S. Niehaus, secretary-treasurer and manager. Thus, there appears to have been a connection to the earlier company. They are simply listed as offering automobile sales and service. Burlington Motor Sales continues to be listed here in 1940 and 1942.

On May 27, 1943, the Burlington Paper Company sold the building to Joseph F. Skerik. The 1945 city directory then lists Skerik Parts Service Company at 512-516 N. Main, and they continue to be listed here into the 1970s. The property transferred from the estate of Joseph Skerik to Elizabeth Skerik in 1971.

On January 2, 1973, Elizabeth Skerik sold the building to Des Moines County. They then converted it to their vehicle storage and maintenance shop. It continues to be used for this purpose.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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

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

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Burlington Evening Gazette, March 24, 1906

Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette, September 2, 1938

Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette, August 4, 1942

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Burlington Hawk-Eye, July 4, 1976

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

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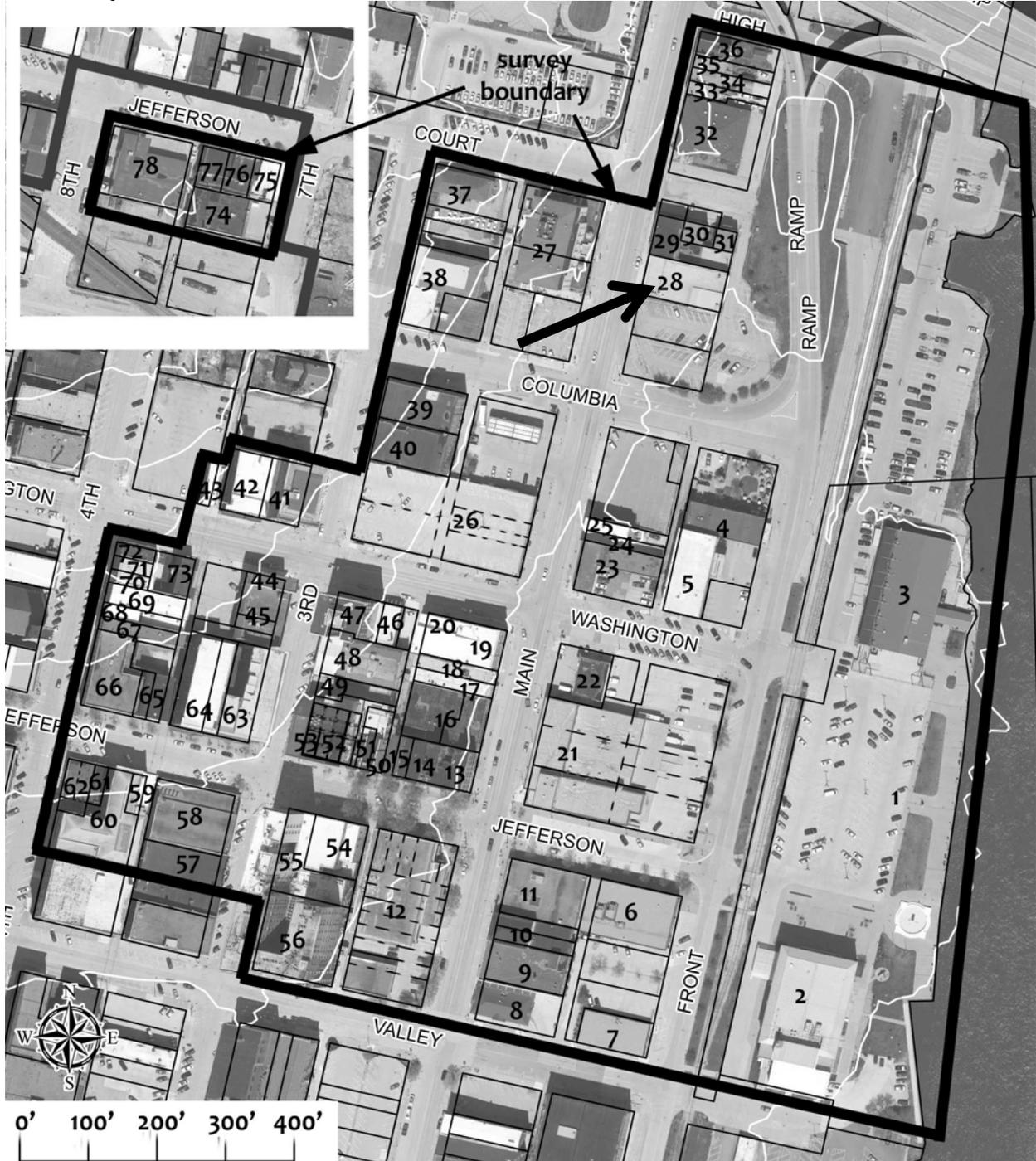
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Location map



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

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Garage building in 1977 at right (Downtown Partners collection)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-03663-001 – West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012)

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Photograph 29-03663-002 – East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, June 20, 2012)