

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

State Inventory No. 29-03667 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 Des Moines County Health Center
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-37

2. Location

street & number 400 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) 241

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>11B: Health/Medical Clinic</u>	<u>11B: Health/Medical Clinic</u>
<u>03C01: Facility of public service organization</u>	<u>04E: Government office</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>08: Modern</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</u>
	roof <u>08A: Asphalt</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 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 522 N. 3rd Street Site Number 29-03667
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)

29 Social history
29: Politics/government

Significant Dates

Construction date 1942-44 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 one-story building facing 3rd Street to the west, erected on a steep hillside towards the east. The west/front leads into the upper/first story of the building. The brick is primarily red, though dark and gray bricks are mixed in, providing some color variation. The bonding has six stretcher courses to one header course, also providing some brick detailing. No other decorative architectural features are noted on the building. The front entry is elevated from the street and reached by a zig-zag concrete ramp starting at the north end, added for handicap accessibility in the 1980s. The brick wall and glass block entry vestibule were original, with the ramp replacing the steps at the south end shown in the 1977 photograph. A hip-roof awning also then replaced the original flat aluminum awning. No windows are found on the west side, with a building directory board mounted on the wall. The north and south sides are two-stories in height, with the upper/first story and the lower/basement story both visible. A stair/elevator tower extends out on the south side, with horizontal bands of windows on either side. The basement story has a band of three windows, then a band of four windows, and then a single window to the left/west of the stair tower. The upper/first story has a band of six windows and then a band of three windows to the left/west of the stair tower, and it has a band of five windows also to the right of the tower. All the windows have one-over-one-light double-hung sashes, and the groups sharing a brick tilted sill and stone lintels. The west section of the basement/lower story on the north side is partially below grade, with seven single one-over-one-light double-hung windows extending back to the side entry. They are set in concrete window wells. The lower/basement level of the building can be accessed from Court Street via this clear glass commercial door with a sidelight. There is a flat overhang above this door which extends to the left to be even with the band of windows on the first/upper story above it. The first/upper story has three bands of six windows. All the windows have one-over-one-light double-hung sashes, and the groups sharing a brick tilted sill and stone lintels. With the exception of the concrete ramp on the west, replacement awning, and elevator/stair tower on the south, the building appears altered little since construction.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Des Moines County Health Center appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its significance in promoting public health in Burlington and the surrounding area. The center was established in 1930, and funding for this building was secured in 1942, a joint city-county effort. The Des Moines County Health Center monitored several health issues for the county, provided medical services, and held educational classes and proper sanitation training for local residents. In 1950, it had expanded to include mental health concerns, one of six mental health centers in the state at the time. The Des Moines County Health Center continued to occupy a prominent role in health issues for the county through the 1950s and 1960s. The Des Moines County Health Department continues to operate from this building.

At this time, the Des Moines County Health Center has not been included within the recommended boundary for the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District. It is located at the far north end of the potential district boundary, somewhat removed from the core of downtown. Its governmental use is similar to the Des Moines County Courthouse immediately to its east and the City Hall, which is located

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within the Heritage Hills Historic District. Both are excluded from the Downtown Commercial Historic District, which is focused more on the commercial/retail sector of the downtown. Further information on the Downtown Commercial Historic District can be found on Iowa Site Inventory Form #29-03685.

This building was built in 1942 to house the Des Moines County Health Center. The United States and Des Moines County governments purchased the property in 1942 from the Burlington Sanitary Milk Company. In the 1942 city directory, this address is listed as vacant. The health center was organized in Burlington in 1930, starting in an office in the courthouse and then moving to City Hall and then back to the new courthouse when it was completed to the east of this site in 1940. They received a government appropriation of \$35,000 for their own building. Bids for the new facility were due in August 1942. The site at the southeast corner of Court and 3rd Street to the west of the courthouse was bought jointly by the county and city ("Soon Occupy New Quarters," *Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette*, August 4, 1942 sec 1, p19). The 1943 city directory lists the city health administration in a new \$50,000 health center. They had trained staff cooperating with Des Moines County Board of Health and Medical Society, schools, and hospitals (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1943: 16).

The 1945 city directory lists 522 N. 3rd Street as the Des Moines County Health Center, and it also housed the Visiting Nurses Office. The health center auditorium was used for classes and lectures on various topics related to public health. The center also enforced the city health code, particularly monitoring restaurants in town and offering food sanitation classes for them. By 1947, the Iowa State Tuberculosis Association had moved into the building as well. Dr. E.C. Sage was in charge of the health center until 1948 when he took a job as assistant director of the San Francisco Health Department.

By 1950, the County Mental Health Center operated in this building, one of six mental health centers opened in the state since 1946. They offered services as well as providing a community education program on mental health issues ("Co. Mental Health Center Office Wide Area of Advice," *Hawk-Eye*, September 9, 1950, 7). The 1957 city directory lists several offices in this building: Des Moines County Health Center, Des Moines County Mental Health Center, Des Moines County Public Health Nurses, Des Moines County Tuberculosis and Health Association, and Des Moines County Visiting Nurses Association. The 1957 directory continues to recognize the \$50,000 health center as the modern location of the city's health administration (*Polk's Burlington City Directory* 1957: VIII).

This building continues to house the Des Moines County Health Department in 2012.

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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:

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, 1963.

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

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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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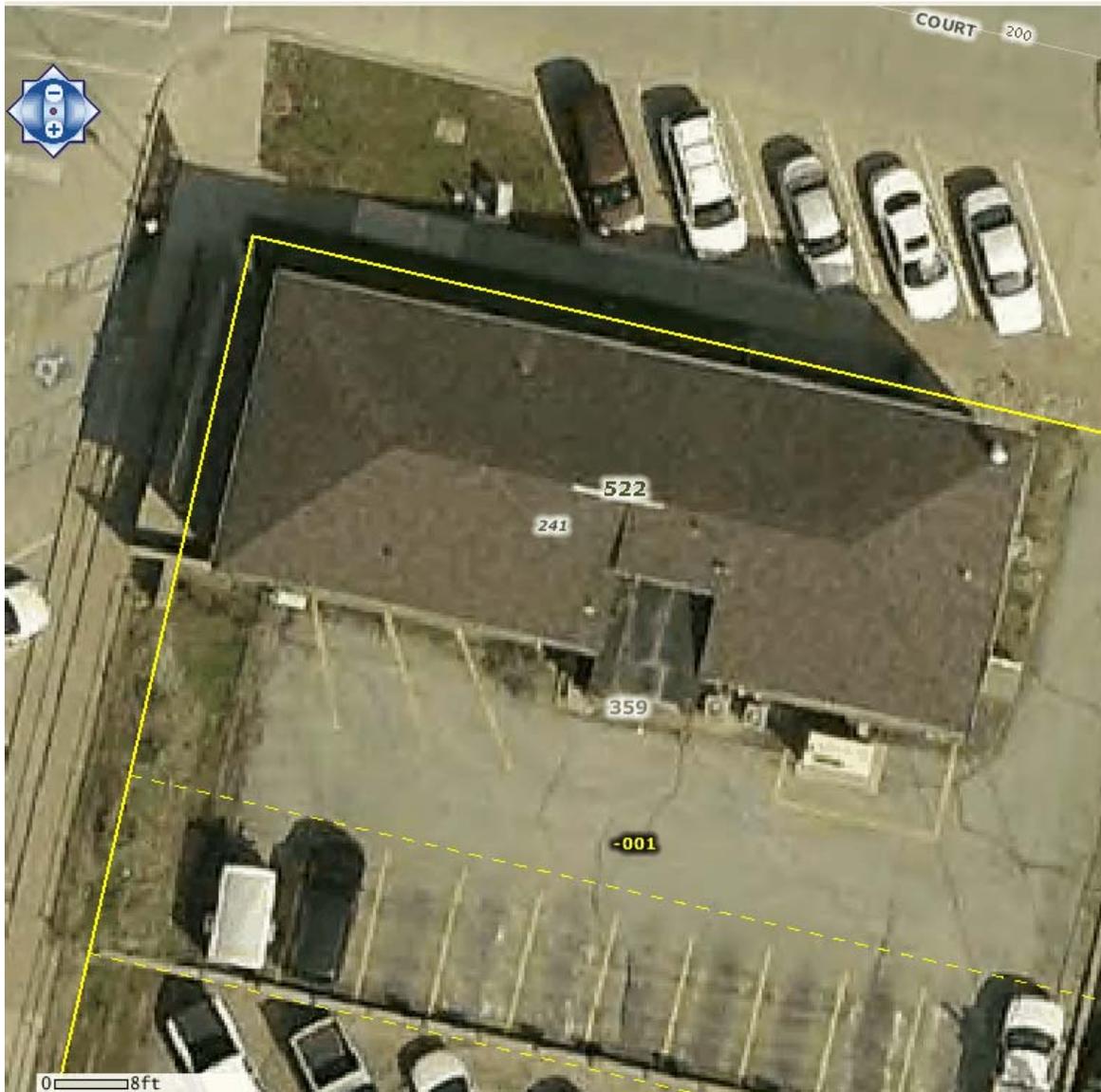
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Building in 1977 (Downtown Partners collection).

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-03667-001 – North and west elevation, looking southeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012).

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Photograph 29-03667-002 – West and south elevation, looking northeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012).

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Photograph 29-03667-003 – South elevation, looking northeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012).