

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

State Inventory No. 29-01253  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 Rowhouses at 610-612-614-616 N. Main  
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-33

**2. Location**

street & number 610-612-614-616 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) 73 and N 20' of Lot 74 (except E58' S7.8)

**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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	— buildings	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	— sites	—	— sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	— structures	—	— structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	— objects	—	— objects
	— Total	<u>4</u>	<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>01A02 Rowhouse</u>	<u>01A02 Rowhouse</u>
<u>02G01 restaurant</u>	<u>02E specialty store</u>
<u>02E10 appliance sales and service</u>	

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>04C Limestone</u>
<u>03B: Federal</u>	walls (visible material) <u>03 Brick 02 Wood (Back Porch)</u>
	roof <u>08 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.

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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)

15: Settlement

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1841  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation c. 1848, c.1849

**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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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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 group of four side-gable, two-story, brick rowhouses. The two center rowhouses appear to have been originally constructed, with adjacent rowhouses to the north and south then constructed within the 1840s as well. The three rowhouses to the north retain their original three bay configuration, with a newer brick façade on the south rowhouse at 610. The roofs retain portions of the connected double brick chimneys, reflecting the Federal style. The brick houses sit on stone foundations.

The south rowhouse is located at 610 N. Main (north 20' of Lot 74). This façade was likely modified in the late 1920s, though it may not have been altered until the middle of the 1940s. New façade brick was incorporated on the front (west) wall, and the openings were reconfigured. The entry is located at the right/south of the façade. The remainder of the first story has a large storefront picture window with a canvas awning. The second story windows were historically altered from three separate windows to a group of three double-hung windows with a shared sill and no lintel detail. The original brick remains visible on the south side elevation, with evidence of openings filled later with brick. A single square chimney extends above the roofline on this side. The rear of this building has two-story porch that has been enclosed with siding. A rear entry is located on the first story.

The next rowhouse is located at 612 N. Main (south 20' of Lot 73). This rowhouse appears to have been originally built with the one to the north at 614. The single-door entry with transom window is located at the left/north of the façade, which is a mirror image of the rowhouse at 614. There are two double-hung windows on the first story with sashes with decorative edge details. The windows and entry have a soldier brick lintel, and the windows have rowlock brick sills. The three windows on the second story have the same replacement sashes. They retain rowlock brick sill, but the area above the windows appear to have been rebuilt, removing the lintel detail and parapet wall. The south wall extends up into a joint chimney wall, with the chimney extensions removed. The rear of this rowhouse has a two-story wood porch facing the river. A large gable-roof dormer has also been added on the roof on the rear.

The next rowhouse at 614 N. Main is the most historically intact (middle 20' of Lot 73). The single-door entry with a transom window is located at the right/south on the first story with two six-over-six-light double-hung windows to the north. The second story windows also retain six-over-six-light double-hung wood sashes. The windows appear to have stone lintels and sills, though it could be stucco on brick to mimic this look. The north wall retains joined brick chimneys, with a low wall between the two chimneys. The façade/west also retains a small parapet wall. It appears that this wall continued to 612 to the south but was removed. The rear of this building has a two-story wood porch facing the river.

The north rowhouse is located at 616 N. Main (north 20' of Lot 73 and south 10' of Lot 72). This rowhouse was built after the rowhouses to the immediate south, with its south wall as a party wall. The roofline of this rowhouse is a lower pitch than 614 to the south. The first story was modified for a separate second story entry and commercial space on the first story, likely in the early 1930s. The south/right entry with transom window is the original building entry, with a window to the north in the center converted to a first story entry. The north/left first story window was then converted to a larger picture window, with a row of brick under the original stone lintel. The three second story windows

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have one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows, stone lintels, and stone sills. This rowhouse is the only one with decorative brick detail on the cornice across the top of the building. The north wall extend up into a joined chimney wall, with the east chimney remaining above the height of the wall. The north side has two one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows on each story. The two-story porch on the rear/east of the rowhouse facing the river appears to have been historically enclosed with wood siding and a series of windows on each story. A small gable-roof dormer with two double-hung windows is located on the roof of the rear/east. A small gable-roof, concrete block garage sits at the rear of the lot along the east alley. This is the only rowhouse with a garage. The garage would be non-contributing to the historic significance of the group of rowhouses.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The brick rowhouses at 610-612-614-616 N. Main appear eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a small historic district related to the settlement period in Burlington. Historic images show that rowhouses were common in the 1840s, 1850s, and 1860s in the block near the river. These blocks were largely later redeveloped with commercial properties. Other rowhouses and single dwelling residential properties from the settlement period have been demolished due to their condition. Thus, settlement period resources are fairly rare, though not unknown, in Burlington. Only three other extant rowhouses have been identified: the Abiathar and Nancy White House in the block to the north at 713 N. Main (c.1850) (State Site #29-01254) and two brick rowhouses at 401-403 S. Main with similar characteristics (State Site #29-01267). Thus, this group of rowhouses is the largest group representing the settlement period in Burlington. While modifications have been made to each rowhouse, overall the group continues to convey the feeling and association of this early type of residential property in Burlington. While the rowhouses are also architecturally significant, the modifications may preclude individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Further assessment of the interiors and comparison with the other identified properties is recommended to solidify these determinations.

According to the 1915 *History of Des Moines County*, Samuel Smith, the original owner of the Lot 73 in the 600 block of N. Main Street, arrived in Burlington in 1833. According to the *Hawkeye* newspaper on January 25, 1844 relating to a mechanics lien after his death in May 1843, the contract for carpentry work for a brick house on Lot 73 was made between Samuel Smith and W.E.H. Rodman in spring 1841. The work was finished in October 1841, with balance for the work due by May 1843. Smith mortgaged the property to Mr. Littleton on November 5, 1842, and paid part of the balance to Rodman with the remainder due on May 1, 1843. He then died on May 8, 1843, with a mechanics lien then filed against his property and estate for the remainder. Joseph Jeffers also petitioned for a lien for the remainder of the balance on plastering. Thus, the "brick house" on Lot 73 was completed in 1841. Based on physical evidence and later notes, it is believed that this "house" included the two middle rowhouses at 612-614 N. Main. Mrs. Harriet Smith, Samuel's widow, continued to own and live at 614 until she sold that section in the 1860s.

On November 19, 1845, the lawyer team of Postlewait and Creegan purchased, in a sheriff's sale, the north 20' of Lot 73 (site of 616). Harriet Smith then transferred all of Lot 73 and Lot 63 (except her

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residence at 614) to the lawyers Postlewait and Creegan on August 7, 1848, for \$100. On August 8, 1848, Postlewait and Creegan sold the north 1/3 of Lot 73 (616 N. Main) to James Wells for \$250, including the "privileges of joining a brick wall on the south side". Thus, this rowhouse at 616 N. Main may not have been built until 1848, with Smith originally building only 612-614.

The 610 (south) rowhouse is the one rowhouse property never owned by Samuel Smith and may be older as the deed books state that William M. Devoe transferred the north 20' of Lot 74 to his son, Thomas B. Devoe, on February 1, 1840 for \$300, who then sold it to Thomas Roberts on October 18, 1843 for \$250. The connection with the other row houses continues when Thomas Roberts sold this property to the lawyer team of Postlewait and Creegan in June 1849 for \$300. Postlewait and Creegan then appear to have owned two of the rowhouse properties again. Then, in January 1850, Postlewait and Creegan sold two properties to Charlotte DuBois, the north 1/3 of Lot 74 (610 N. Main) and south 1/3 of Lot 73 (612 N. Main) for \$1,700. This price may indicate the rowhouse at 612 was built but the 610 property was still a vacant lot, or more likely reflects the price of both rowhouses. Thus, 610 was likely built in 1849.

Thus, in 1850, Charlotte DuBois owned the 610 and 612 properties, Harriett Smith continued to own her house at 614, and James Wells owned the 616 property. Despite the note on the original use on the 1976 site inventory form, there does not appear to be any evidence that all or part of the four rowhouses were originally used as an inn in the 1840s or 1850s, and no citation is noted on the 1976 survey form. A large boarding house did operate across the street on the west side of the block by the 1880s and into the 1900s.

Charlotte DuBois sold the 610 N. Main rowhouse in October 1852 to Hemphill Haws for \$625, including the shared wall to her current residence at 612 N. Main. Thus, 610 is confirmed to have been built by this date. On March 9, 1863, Hemphill Haws sold the 610 property to Julietta and Ada Bell Hillhouse and William Hillhouse, a captain of a steamboat. The Hillhouse family continued to live at 610 into the 1890s. The 1880 census lists William Hillhouse (age 59, retired steamboat captain), living at 610 N. Main with wife Martha (age 45) and daughter Julia (age 21, teacher).

Charlotte DuBois continued to own 612 N. Main, apparently marrying Edward Thomas. Her estate (E.H. Thomas et al) then transferred the property to George A. Thomas on December 4, 1866 for \$2,500. George then sold the property to J.H. Power for \$2,300 in 1868. The next transfer noted is from M.J. Ross to D.J. Agnus and wife on September 24, 1887. No resident was identified here in the 1880 census.

Mrs. Harriet Smith continued to live at 614 through the 1850s. On April 26, 1860, she transferred some interest in the property to Angeline Wyman for \$800, while retaining some rights to the building. On May 31, 1867, she and Angeline and John Wyman sold the 614 rowhouse to Rebecca Edwards for \$2,600. Mrs. Edwards husband, George W., is listed in the 1859 and 1866 city directories as a banker for the firm of E. & Beardsley. In March 1872, George W. and Rebecca Edwards sold the 614 rowhouse (middle 20' of Lot 73) for \$3,100 to Patrick McDermott, a local grocer whose business was located at 216 Washington. The 1880 census lists Patrick McDermott at 616, but a 618 is also listed which would have actually been the current 616. Patrick McDermott is a 52-year-old grocer born in Ireland living

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here with wife Johanna (42), son Bernard (19, store clerk), son John (11), and son Charles (8). A second family is also listed at 616, widow Mary Wadsworth (45) and her daughter Florence (18). The McDermott family then lived here into the 1910s.

On October 4, 1852, James Wells sold 616 rowhouse property to James Garner for \$1,200. Property values then jumped with the arrival of the railroad, and Garner then sold it to Charles Mertz for an inflated \$2,400 on March 31, 1856. Charles Mertz sold 616 to John Egnolf in April of 1862 for \$1,200.00. Two years later he sold 616 to Hannah Egnolf in June of 1864. Anna Egnolf owned it until 1888, but the family apparently did not live here. The 1880 census lists Louis Dupris (spelling?) at 618 N. Main, which appears to be this rowhouse with McDermotts listed at 616. Louis was a 39-year-old miller born in Prussia, living here with wife Mary (38), son Frederick (14, works in mill), daughter Urtilia (9), son Louis (7), daughter Anna (5), and son George (9 months). They also had a servant, Tillie Schaffer (17), and boarder Charles Leder (26, laborer).

The 1886 Sanborn map shows the four connected rowhouses at 610-612-614-616 N. Main. The buildings are all noted as dwellings, with a two-story rear porch on 612-614-616 and a one-story porch on 610. Interestingly, the notations seem to indicate that 610 and 616 are separate from 612-614, further supporting that this center section was the original "brick house" built by Samuel Smith. Similar notations appear on the 1892 Sanborn fire insurance map. Also, 612-614 are noted as 28' in height at 2 stories, with 610 and 616 noted at 26 feet, though 2 ½ stories. Outbuildings are found behind each rowhouse at the rear of the lot along the alley. The 1900 Sanborn map shows the same height distinctions. The north rowhouse at 616 has acquired the 10' of Lot 72 to the north, with a large two-story outbuilding roughly 30 by 30 at the rear of the lot extending onto this property to the north.

The south 610 N. Main rowhouse was sold by William and Martha Hillhouse to Louise Epstein on August 29, 1894. Triff Bouvia is listed as living at 610 in city directories from 1892 to 1903. On April 20, 1905, Louise Epstein sold the 610 property to Estella R. Carpenter. She is then listed as living at 610 in city directories from 1906 to 1926. She is listed with boarders in several years. The 1910 census lists Stella Carpenter (44, widow) at 610 N. Main with her mother Catherine A. Toothaker (69, widow), and roomers John Groham (60, divorced, elevator laborer) and W.F. Moor (40, widow, meat market teamster). The 1920 census lists Stella Carpenter (53, widow) with daughter Florence Carpenter (31, single) and roomer Lee Adair (24, divorced, truck chauffer). In January of 1927, Estella R. Carpenter, now a widow, sold the 610 rowhouse to Ralph Nunn, a real estate agent. It may have been at this time that the new façade brick was installed, with a grouping of second story windows. He was unable to keep the property as a sheriff deed transferred the property to E.W. Wishmeier on November 7, 1930. According to the 1930 city directory, the property was vacant, and no listings were noted for the 1930 census either. However, Ralph Nunn is again listed here in 1933, 1937, and 1940, an insurance and real estate agent working out of his house.

D.J. Agnus purchase the 612 N. Main property in September of 1887. Three years later, he sold it the John R. Hagerty on October 1, 1890. City directories show Hagerty was a worker for B,CR,&N railroad. He is listed as living here in the 1892, 1896, 1900, 1902, 1906, 1913, and 1916 city directories. The 1910 census lists John R. Hagerty (43, Elks Hall janitor) at 612 N. Main with wife Susie (45), daughters Katherine (15) and Ruth Ann (12) and roomers Selig Lehman (68, widow) and Morris Lehman (46,

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single, butcher shop driver). On April 19, 1920, Hagerty sold the 612 rowhouse to Fred Bouvia. The 1920 city directory shows he rented the property, with Harry Knapp listed here. The 1920 census also lists Harry Knapp (33, engine hostler) here with wife Maria (31), sons Albert (11), Harvey (9) and Virgil (6), and boarders Theo Richmond (68, stable foreman) and Earl Ricketts (22, truck chauffeur). The 1924 and 1926 city directories list Edward B. Dunn renting this rowhouse. On March 7, 1927, Bouvia sold the 612 rowhouse to Edward B. Dunn, who would live there through the 1930s, 1940s, and into the 1950s. The 1930 census lists Edward B. Dunn owning 612, which was valued at \$3,500. He was a 37-year-old machinist in the railroad shops, and he lived here with wife Minnie J. (35).

The 614 N. Main rowhouse remained owned by Patrick McDermott into the early 1900s. The 1910 census lists Patrick McDermott (84, widow) with son John (27, grocery salesman), housekeeper Mary McCabe (56), and roomer Patrick Smith (22, grocery salesman). This property passed to his son Bernard McDermott in November 1913, who then used it as a rental property. Patrick Smith is listed as living here in the 1916 and 1920 city directories. The 1920 census lists Patrick Smith (32, born in Ireland, immigrated in 1902, grocery salesman) as head and renting 614, with aunt Mary McCabe (67, single), cousin John McDermott (48, shop laborer), and roomer Mary Mitchell (21, buttonworker). Bernard then sold the 614 rowhouse on October 10, 1919 to Ellen McMahan-Smith. Interestingly, the H.M. Cordell is listed as living here in 1924 and 1926. By 1930, Patrick Smith is again listed here, with a tenant also listed at 614½ N. Main. The 1930 census lists a number of people living at 614 N. Main. Mary McCabba (70, single) is listed as head and renting, with nephew Patrick Smith (40, single, grocery salesman). Both were born in North Ireland. John G. Van Blaracom (50, fisherman) is listed as renting for \$10/month, with wife Lillian (45), father Warren (80), and step-daughter Alice McIntire (15). Henry (21, fisherman) and Ida (17) Tobias are listed as living with them, with son George (4 months). Patrick Smith continued to live here through the 1930s. The 614 property then passed from Ellen McMahan-Smith (single) to Patrick Smith on September 16, 1940. Patrick Smith is then listed as living here through the 1940s and into the 1950s. This 614 rowhouse was owned by the McDermott-Smith family from 1872 to 1965.

Anne Egnolf sold the 616 rowhouse to W.H. Moore on May 16, 1888, who with his wife and Hannah Egnolf, sold it to Mary V. Myers on March 10, 1892. W.J.D. Myers and Mary Myers are then listed as living here in the 1890s through the 1900 city directory. Mary V. Myers and husband then sold the 616 rowhouse on March 31, 1900 to John R. Hagerty, who owned and lived in 612 rowhouse. The 1902 city directory lists Fred and Emma Julius renting 616. Hagerty sold it in 1904 to Mrs. Jennie Hopkins. The 1906 city directory then lists Dr. A.G. Hopkins and wife Jennie living here. They continue to be listed here in 1910, 1913, and 1916. The 1910 census lists Alfred Hopkins (60, doctor) with wife Jennie (45, no children), and sister-in-law Eliza Auston (34, nurse). Dr. Hopkins then died, with widow Jennie Hopkins continuing to be listed here in 1920 and 1924. Walter Hall is listed at 616 in 1926, and two renters are listed here in 1930, Ross Jennings and A.P. Hiltz. The 1930 census lists Ross Jennings (33, electric lineman) and wife Florence B. renting for \$35, while Arthur P. Hiltz (32, city mechanic) and wife Bernice apparently rented a smaller portion for \$17 per month. Jennie Hopkins sold the 616 rowhouse to James and Marguerite Hall on January 22, 1931, and, in August, James transferred his interest to Marguerite. The 1933 city directory lists Mrs. F.M. Hall at 616 and 618 N. Main. The 1937 city directory lists the Travelers Tea Room restaurant at 616 with Mrs. Florence Hall living at 616 ½

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Main. Then, the 1940 city directory lists Gifford K. Brown at 616 and the Travelers Tea Room at 618. These same listings are found in 1945 and into the 1960s.

The 1931 Sanborn map continues to show the four connected rowhouses at 610-612-614-616 N. Main. The roof structure is noted as separate on 616, again suggesting this one was constructed after 612-614 N. Main. A small garage has been built behind 616 by 1931, replacing the earlier large outbuilding. Smaller buildings remain behind the other rowhouses as well. With increased traffic on the McArthur Bridge at the north end of the block, the 600 block of N. Main Street underwent a transformation by 1952. With the exception of these four rowhouses, all of the earlier 19<sup>th</sup> century dwellings and buildings on the block were demolished. The 1952 Sanborn map shows that while 612 and 614 remained residential, 610 was converted to commercial use and 616/618 was noted as a restaurant. A large auto sales and service building was constructed to the north at 620-624, and a gas station was built to the south at 602. Two gas stations were also located on the hill on the west side of the block. These uses on the block continued to be depicted on the 1963 Sanborn map.

As noted, Ralph Nunn was listed in the 1940 city directory as an insurance and real estate agent working out of his house at 610 N. Main. American Savings Bank gained title to the property from F.W. Wishmeier in April 1941, and then they sold it to Edward C. Johnson on November 14, 1941. The property was vacant in 1942, and then Mrs. Christina Johnson was listed here in 1945 and 1947. The property was then transferred to Burlington Motor Sales on June 18, 1947. While it seems more likely that the new façade brick and second story windows were installed earlier, the work may have been done at this later date. Folk Equipment Company was then listed here in 1951, selling refrigerator equipment. They continued to be listed here in 1953, 1955, 1957, and 1960. Burlington Motor Sales sold the 610 property to Fred C. Dehn and Whitford Niehaus on December 24, 1957. They owned it until Dehn's death in 1975. In 1965, the Shining Trail Council of the local Girl Scouts was listed at 610 N. Main. The building's purpose switched to union activities as the U.A.W Local 807, Inc. became the new owners in 1975. This continued in October 1984, when The International Union United Auto Aerospace and Agriculture Implement Union took over the deed. Finally, the current owners, Charles H. and Bev Siekman purchased the property on May 31, 1988. Currently, it is being used by C.U.R.E. Solutions, a computer repair and service company.

Edward B. Dunn lived in the 612 rowhouse into the 1950s. He is last listed here in 1955. The building is then vacant in 1957 and 1960. The deed books show that Edward B. Dunn and wife sold the property to F.C. Dehn and Ed Niehaus in May 1962. They then sold it to Elmer and Mary Jones. The 1965 directory shows an accounting firm, Jones Park & Co., at 612 N. Main. It was then vacant again in 1968. In December of 1974, the property was transferred to Nola Archer. Her estate transferred it to its current owner, John Archer, in 1997. The building is currently a residential rental property.

Patrick Smith lived in the 614 rowhouse into the 1950s. He is last listed here in 1955. In 1957, Robert L. Smith is listed as living here. Bernard Smith (single) transferred the property to Robert Smith and Don Prickel on November 4, 1958. The 1960 directory has Robert Smith living here and a listing of Burlington House Antiques. On February 1, 1965, Smith and Prickel sold the 614 rowhouse to Earle, Janet, and Emma Tristy. The property is listed as vacant in the 1965 city directory. Earl Freitag, Jr. is listed as living here in 1968. In February 1995, Steamboat Stop Country Store, Inc. sold its property to

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Robert and Nancy Pilger. The Pilger's transferred the rowhouse to Michael and Diane Leftwich in 1995 who sold the property to its current owner, Sharon M. Rowan, in 1999. The building is currently a private residence.

The north rowhouse at 616 was the first converted to partial commercial use, with the Travelers Tea Room restaurant listed here in the 1937 city directory with Mrs. Florence Hall living at 616 ½ Main. Then, the 1940 city directory lists Gifford K. Brown at 616 and the Travelers Tea Room at 618. The 1952 Sanborn map shows both 616 and 618 addresses for this property, likely with the second entry added on the first story in the late 1930s. Gifford K. Brown continued to live at 616 and the Travelers Tea Room be listed at 618 in 1945 and into the 1960s. Fred and Florence Dreckmeier sold the 616 rowhouse to Gifford and Frances Brown on November 10, 1949. The estate of Gifford Brown then sold it on June 10, 1987 to Charles and Bev Siekman, the current owners, who also own 610 N. Main. The current use appears to be for storage.

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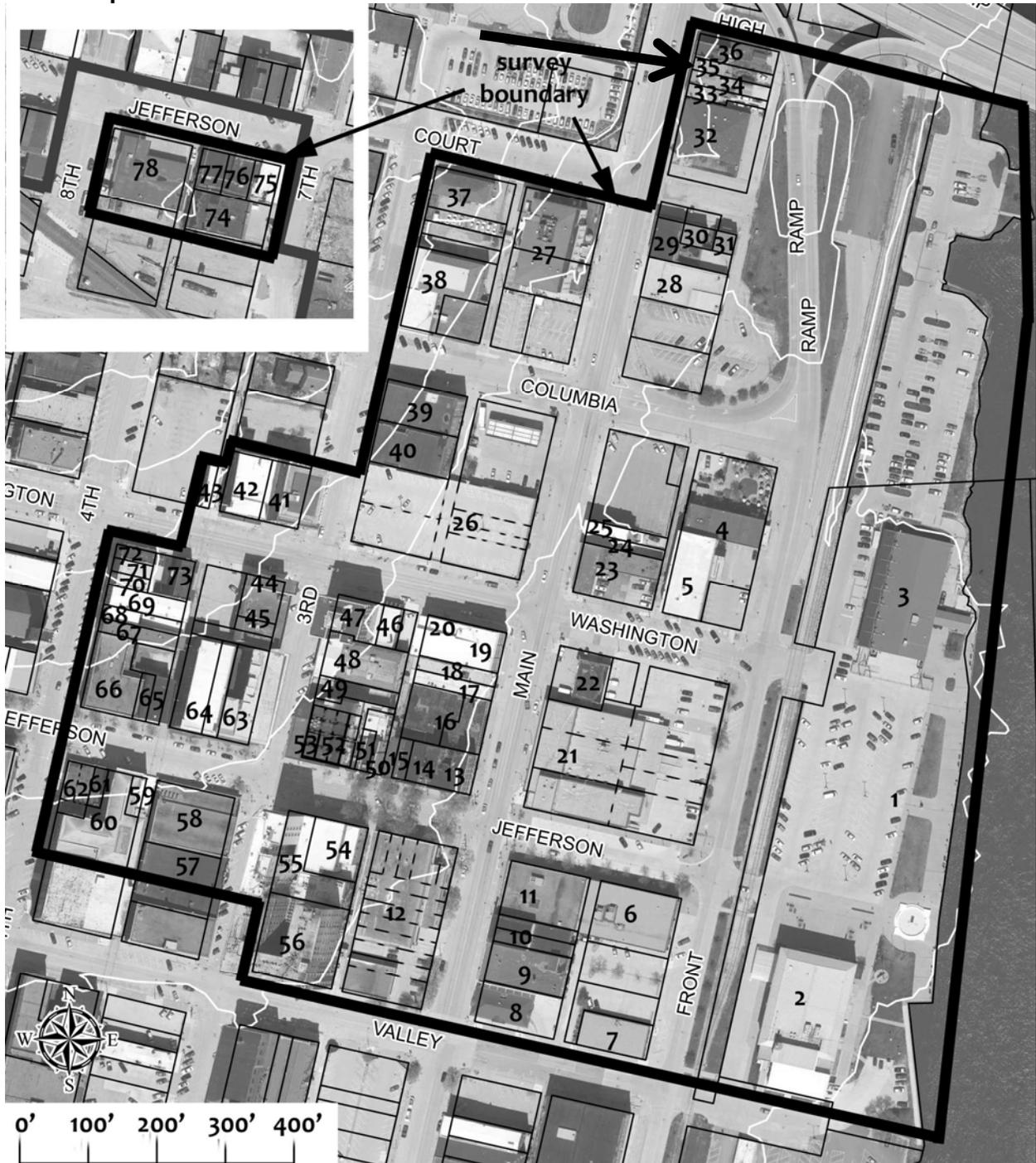
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**Location map**



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

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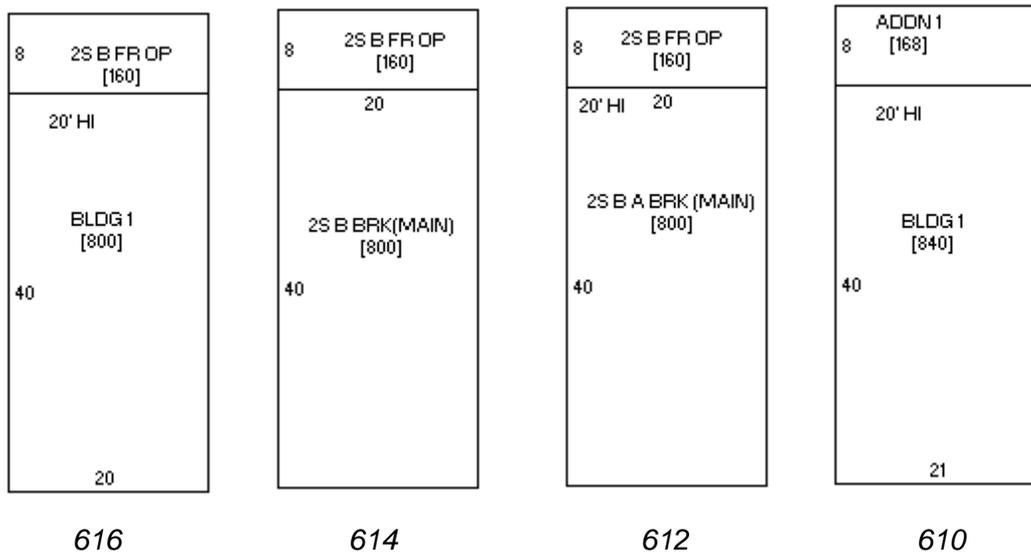
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



## Historic images

none identified

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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 29-01253-001 – Rowhouses at 616-614-612-610 N. Main, looking northeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012)**

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Photograph 29-01253-002 – Rowhouses at 610 N. Main, looking east (McCarley, June 20, 2012)

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Photograph 29-01253-003 – Rowhouses at 614-612 N. Main, looking east (McCarley, June 20, 2012)

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**Photograph 29-01253-004 – Rowhouses at 616 N. Main, looking southeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012)**

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**Photograph 29-01253-006 – Rear (east side) of rowhouses at 610-612-614-616 N. Main, looking southwest (McCarley, June 20, 2012)**

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**Photograph 29-01253-007 – Rear (east side) of rowhouses at 610-612-614-616 N. Main, looking west  
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Photograph 29-01253-008 – Garage at rear of 616 property, looking southwest (McCarley, June 20, 2012)