

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

**State Inventory No.** 29-03681  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 Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store  
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-78

**2. Location**

street & number 715-723 Jefferson 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) 924F & N 39'7" of Lot 924E (N½ of W½ Out lot 924)

**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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02A: Commerce/tire sales &amp; service</u>	<u>02A: Commerce/tire sales &amp; service</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
_____	foundation <u>10B: Concrete</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</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 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 715-723 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-03681  
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

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1934  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation c.2002

**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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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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Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store

Des Moines

Name of Property

County

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715-723 Jefferson

Burlington

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## 7. Narrative Description

This is a brick building constructed in 1934 for Firestone to sell tires and complete automobile service. The footprint of the building as shown on the 1952 Sanborn map is identical to the existing, including the presence of a canopy at the west end of the north (front). The brick walls and older windows visible on the south and east elevations confirm this is a historic building. The façade (north) has been remodeled and clad in metal siding, though the configuration of service and sales appears to be historic. The building has a concrete foundation. The north side currently consists of six bays for car repair with overhead doors. On the west is the office, which has two large display windows, one on either side of the front door, which is aluminum framed. There is a canopy that extends out from the office section. There is a 10 foot section of blue aluminum which extends across the top of the north side and around the canopy with the Expert Tire Company signage. The roof is covered in a rubber membrane. Metal siding continues around the west side facing 8<sup>th</sup> Street as well. The south elevation, exposed due to the location of the railroad tracks to the south, has six large windows. The brick walls of this side and the east side are exposed, though they are painted. The east side has three large metal windows with a high metal window near the rear.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store appears to contribute historically to a potential Downtown Commercial Historic District, which would also include the adjacent block that are listed as part of the older West Jefferson Street Historic District. This block was excluded due to its primary development in the 1930s and 1940s. While the façade of the building has been clad in modern siding and colors, the overall footprint of the building and canopy remain identical to the 1952 Sanborn map. The original brick walls and metal windows are visible on the south and east elevations. Thus, it appears to retain sufficient integrity to convey the historic development of this site from an early lumber yard to an auto supply and service business in 1934. With the alterations, the building would not be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sanborn maps show that this site was part of Gilbert, Hedge, & Co lumber yard from 1886 through 1931, with their main office at the corner of Jefferson and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The company dated its history to 1851, with the incorporation in 1865. In the 1883 Burlington city directory, it lists a Gilbert & Hedge lumber yard at 715 and 723 Jefferson Street. In the Sanborn map of 1886, 715 Jefferson is the Gilbert & Hedge & Co. lumber yards and 723 Jefferson is the office for the Gilbert & Hedge Co. lumber yard. In the 1930 city directory, 715 Jefferson was listed as Gilbert & Hedge Lumber Co. and 723 Jefferson still was Gilbert & Hedge Lumber Co. office.

On August 4, 1934, Chas. S. Gilbert & wife sold the property to Firestone Realty Co. (Transfer book 7, p. 245). The August 3, 1934 *Hawk-Eye* announced the plans of Firestone Tire & Rubber Company to buy the property and build a \$75,000 super-service station on the corner lot with a tire depot. Construction was to start soon, and it would be one of the major building projects in Burlington for the year ("Firestone Co. to build here," *Hawk-Eye*, August 3, 1934, 2). Then on October 10, 1934, Firestone Realty transferred the property to Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. In the 1940 city directory, 715

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Jefferson and 723 Jefferson are both listed as Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store. In the 1951 city directory, 715 and 723 Jefferson is listed as the Firestone store with Stan Werner as manager. In the 1951 city directory there were 13 auto accessories & parts stores listed in Burlington. The 1952 Sanborn map shows this large concrete block building with a canopy over pumps on the west portion of the north (front) elevation along Jefferson. In the 1960 city directory, 715 and 723 Jefferson were listed as Firestone stores with John Waters, mgr. In the 1970 city directory, 715 and 723 Jefferson was listed as the Firestone stores with James H. Hughes as manager.

On June 23, 1986, Firestone Tire & Rubber transferred the property to Firestone Real Estate Leasing Co. On November 30, 2001, Firestone North American Tire, L.L.C. sold the property to B.F.S. Retail & Commercial Operations. This is the company that today is located at 715 and 723 Jefferson and is listed in the current city directory as Expert Tire.

## 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.

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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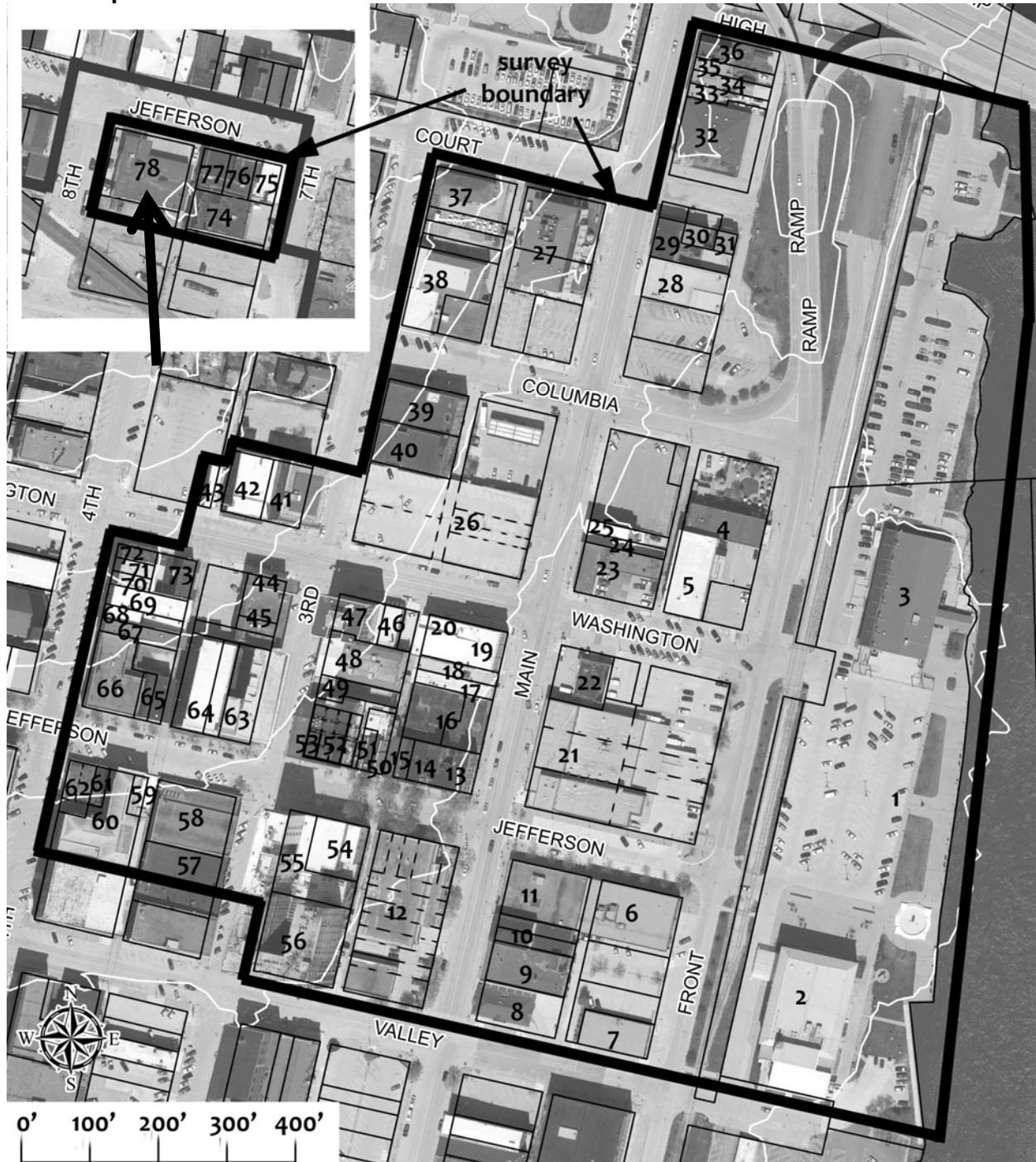
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**Location map**



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

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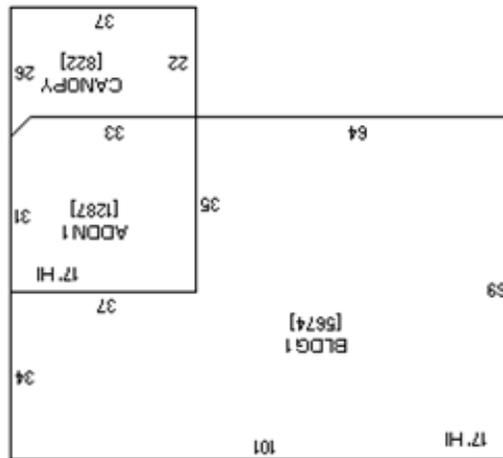
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



## Historic images

*none identified – same footprint as above on 1952 Sanborn map*

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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 29-03681-001 – North elevation, looking south (McCarley, June 20, 2012).**

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Photograph 29-03681-002 – West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, June 20, 2012).

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Photograph 29-03681-003 – South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, June 20, 2012).