

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

State Inventory No. 29-00091 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03522
 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 Ewinger Plumbing and Heating
 other names/site number Ewinger Supply Company, 2009-10 Survey Field Site #WH-31

2. Location

street & number 115 North 3rd 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) 363

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 Survey of the "warehouse district" in Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base Number 29-029

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>10G01: Industrial Warehouse (plumbing supply)</u>	<u>02G01: Café or Diner</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>04: Stone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Asphalt / Rolled</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 115 North 3rd Street Site Number 29-00091
City Burlington District Number 29-03522

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
17: Industry

Significant Dates

Construction date 1885 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation c.1925, c.1950s

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 two-story, three-bay, brick building used as a plumbing and heating wholesale house through the middle of the 20th century. The construction of the building appears to date to around 1885, with a paint factory located here in 1886. The façade appears to have been updated in or after 1925, when Ewinger Plumbing and Heating acquired the building. The storefront appears then to have been updated later by Ewinger Supply Company, perhaps in the 1950s. The storefront is clad in permastone, with a entry on the south and large windows. The brick and detailing of the second story brick façade suggests the 1920s date, with simple brick detail along the parapet. The one-over-one-light double-hung window have flat stone lintels. No openings are found on either side of the building, as the building originally sat within a block of brick buildings.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Ewinger Plumbing and Heating appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building in the Manufacturing and Wholesale Historic District centered on 3rd Street from Valley to Elm streets. The building appears to have been originally used for a paint factory, and the current appearance dates to use by Ewinger Plumbing and Heating, later known as Ewinger Supply Company. By 1932, the company shifted to solely a wholesale business of plumbing and heating supplies. The building does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C.

An earlier house appears to have sat on this lot, prior to the construction of the current two-story building. C. White and his wife owned the property in 1869, followed by Charles Starker. He is listed here in the 1879 and 1883 city directories, and he was retired per the 1880 census. The 1886 Sanborn map shows Burlington Paint and Color Works here, with storage in basement, packing on the 1st story, and paint on the 2nd story). Thus, this building appears to have been constructed by 1886. In June 1887, the newspaper reported: "Messrs. Thomas Wilkinson & Co. have sold out the Burlington Paint and Color Works to the Omaha Oil and Paint company, and the business will be assumed and operated by the purchasers for a time at least....The paint works have been one of Burlington's best institutions. They have built up from a small beginning until they have reached their present proportions and enjoy a trade second to that no similar enterprise in this portion of the country. We hope to see them remain among the manufacturing institutions of our town ("Paint Works Sold," *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, June 17, 1887, 3). The Burlington Paint and Color Works is the earliest identified non-residential use for this property, though the façade appears to date to the 1920s.

A number of businesses operated here over the next 40 years. John Blaul operated his wholesale grocery immediately south at 113 N. 3rd Street from 1880 to 1892 (Antrobus 1915, Vol. 2: 157), and he used this building as overflow space (indicated in city directories and on the 1892 Sanborn map). E.F. Tuttle has a agricultural implements and buggy business here in 1900. The city directory lists Kate Burnham here in 1902. On December 10, 1910, J.W. Brooks and wife bought this property. The 1913-14 city directory lists J.W. Brooks and wife, as well as Western Enamel Paint Works, at this location.

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They sold the property in 1915 to A.M. Taeger. The 1920 city directory lists the Manford Garage; owner, Ray Taeger.

On August 11, 1925, Henry Ewinger Plumbing and Heating purchased the building. The family continued to operate their business here and own the property through 1960. Based on the style of the façade and the longevity of the company at this location, it appears that they remodeled the façade and building, either around this time or at a later date. The company is listed here in the 1930 city directory. On January 31, 1932, a notice appeared in the *Hawk-Eye*: "The Henry Ewinger Plumbing & Heating Company hereby announce their discontinuance of all plumbing and heating contracting. They will hereafter conduct a strictly wholesale business of Plumbing and Heating Supplies known as The Ewinger Supply Company." (page 5). Ewinger Supply Company then appears in city directories at this location until 1960. On October 10, 1953, the renewal of the corporation was published, listing officers: "President. H. W. Ewinger. 115 No. Third Street. Burlington, Iowa; Vice President James W, Ewinger, 115 No. Third St., Burlington, Iowa; Secretary-Treasurer William.F. Ewinger. 115 No. Third Street. Burlington, Iowa. These officers and Tillie Ewinger and Lena Klindt shall constitute the Board of Directors" (*Hawk-Eye Gazette*, October 10, 1953, 11). Thus, it continued to be a family business.

On May 27, 1960, the estate of Henry Ewinger transferred the property to the National Bank of Burlington, which appears to have assisted in sorting out title. On December 12, 1977, Ewinger Supply Company sold the property to the Alexandropolis family for Napoli's Pizza, and they continue as the current owners. However, they plan to move their business soon. The train track "quiet zone" has closed north 3rd street south of their restaurant, restricting traffic on the street.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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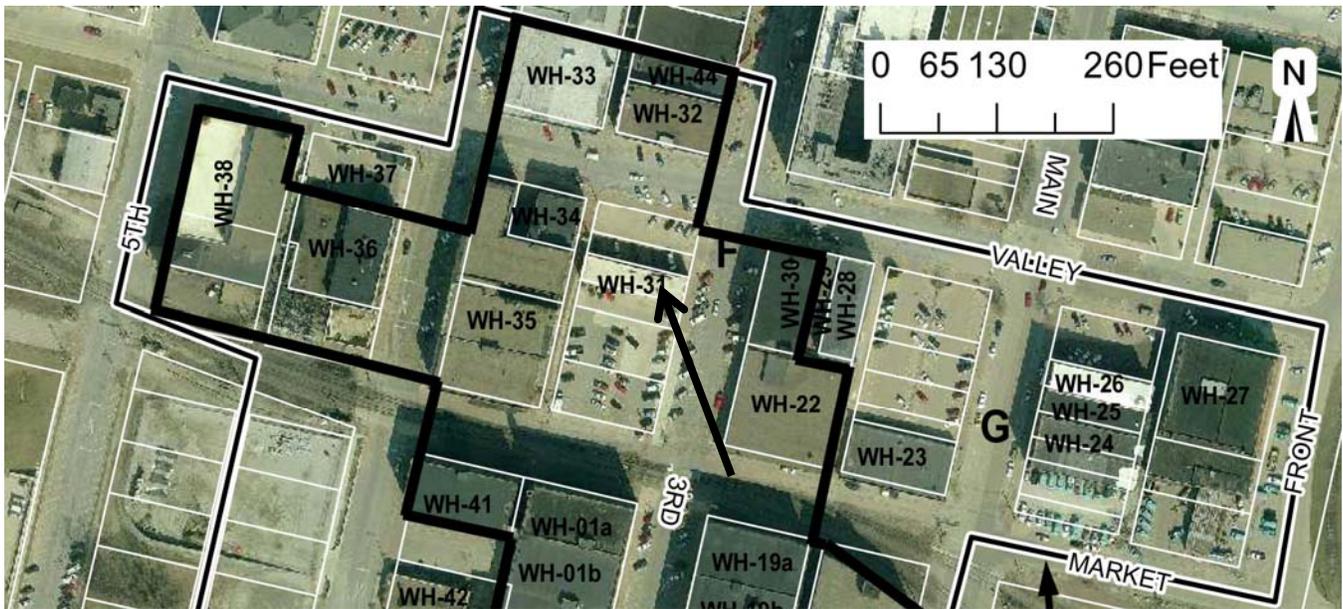
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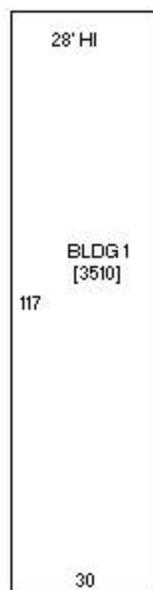
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Location map



Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic photograph



c.1900 - building is two-story building on right, second from corner (Burlington Heritage Trust)

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Photograph (digital image)



**Building, looking southwest
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