

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

State Inventory No. 29-00092 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 Schramm and Schmeig Dry Goods
 other names/site number 2009-10 Survey Field Site #WH-32

2. Location

street & number 201-205 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) Lot 365

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:	
	Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	—	buildings	<u>1</u>	—
<input type="checkbox"/> district	—	sites	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	structures	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	objects	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> object	—	Total	<u>1</u>	—

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>02E03: Commercial / Dry Goods</u>	<u>10E02: Print Plant (Craftsman Press Inc.)</u>
<u>10A02: Industry / Factory</u>	

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>07B: Early 20th Century Commercial Style</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 201-205 N. 3rd Street Site Number 29-00092
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 1908 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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Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods

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7. Narrative Description

This three-story brick building was constructed in 1908 for the wholesale dry goods business of Schramm & Schmieg. The style of the building is a restrained classical/craftsman style indicative of this period of construction. The façade faces 3rd Street to the east, and it is designed in a three part form. The center bay consisted of the entry, flanked by a series of storefront windows on either side. The original storefront has been replaced with smaller windows and wood paneling. The upper stories of the façade have a series of three windows in each of the overall three bays of the design. The second story windows share a stone stringcourse that also serves as the sills. The third story windows have shared stone sills for each of the three sets of windows. The original one-over-one-light double-hung wood sashes have been reduced in size by wood paneling and smaller windows. The bracketed cornice extends across this façade and around the corner of the building on the Valley Street side. This side elevation is also divided into three main parts, with the center bay raised at the top to further distinguish the offset windows serving an interior staircase. Three sets of paired windows are found on the east end and west end on each of the three stories. The windows have similar details to the façade, with the stone stringcourse serving as the second story sills extending across the majority of this elevation as well. Larger basement windows are also found on this elevation.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods appears to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building in the Manufacturing and Wholesale Historic District. It contributes historically and architecturally to this historic district. The building is one of the large factories that opened shortly after the turn of the 20th century in this area within two blocks of the railroad tracks. They operated their wholesale dry goods business from this location from 1908 to 1947. The business is significant within the history of Burlington, and products were shipped across the country. The building also appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A. The history of the company is significantly within the local history of Burlington. While the architecture of the building is an excellent example of early 20th century commercial design, the modifications to the windows detract from the integrity as an individually eligible building. The building design is similar to the Churchill Drug Company (100-114 N. 4th Street, State Site #29-00136), reportedly designed around the same year by the same architect, which retains more intact windows.

This property (lot 365) was purchased by Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods on February 4, 1907. They began plans to construct a new building here, moving from their previous location at 110 N. Main (State Site # 29-01240). In 1908, Schramm & Schmieg Wholesale Dry Goods constructed a large building at Third and Valley that was to be the first reinforced concrete building in Burlington. They thought it would serve the needs of the business for years ("Woman is Executive Chief of Business," *Hawk-Eye*, September 20, 1920, 33).

The 1948 obituary of architect Harry Irvin Goddard notes that he arrived in Burlington in the early 1900s, and he designed several large notable buildings. He was credited with the designed the south wing of the Burlington hospital, Schramm & Schmieg building, McConnell building, Waterworks office

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building, Central fire station, West Burlington bank building, several Chittenden & Eastman buildings, Churchill Drug company, and a number of smaller buildings and residences. Around 1910, he moved to Kansas City where he continued to practice as an architect until he retired. He later moved to Missouri and then back to Burlington ("Former Prominent Architect Dies," *Hawk-Eye Gazette*, February 17, 1948, 2).

In 1909, Schramm & Schmieg bought the overall business of O'Connor Merchantile Company. Arthur Scramm moved west in 1910, and Frederick Schmieg died in 1912. His niece Margaret Teuscher became president. In 1918, Schramm & Schmieg began to manufacture gloves and mittens as they bought out the Peterson business ("Woman is Executive Chief of Business," *Hawk-Eye*, September 20, 1920, 33). City directories through this period list Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods at this location. They were listed under "dry goods – wholesale" in the business directory.

By 1920, their new building was crowded, and the building at 219-223 Valley became a factory for Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods, located diagonally across the street (State Site #29-01640). Per Margaret Teushner in September 1920: "last February the company had bought the Unterkircher building across the street, that it was being remodeled for a factory to be occupied and working by November 1st, and that a great deal of the present congestion would be relieved" in the current building at the northwest corner of Third and Valley ("Woman is Executive Chief of Business," *Hawk-Eye*, September 20, 1920, 33). The fourth story of that building appears to have been added at this time. They continue to operate their main office and wholesale house at 201-205 N. 3rd Street. The 1931 Sanborn map indicates that wholesale dry goods and notions were available here along with fire-proof construction features to the building. Each floor is noted to have wholesale dry goods. Their shirt and overall factory was located diagonally across the intersection at 219-223 Valley.

Schramm & Schmieg operated here until 1947, when the Aspen Grove Cemetery purchased the property. At this time, they moved one building west to the old McConnell building, where they continued their operations through 1960. According to the Sanborn map of 1952, Burlington Instrument Co was located at 201-205 N. 3rd Street, and they made electrical instruments. The city directory also lists Kramer and Hanna insurance here. A number of businesses operated here over the next decade.

In 1966, Harry and Doris Kuhlemeier founded Craftsman Press, located in this building. He has a history in the printing business, most recently working for Acres Blackmar for the previous eight years. The company continued to be operated at this location by Harry until he retired in 1986 and sold the business to son Russ Kuhlemeier and longtime employees Floyd Cousins and Gib McKinzie ("Craftsman schedules open house," *Hawk-Eye*, July 6, 1986, 18; "Craftsman Kuhlemeier retires," *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, September 7, 1986, 18). Craftsman Press continues to operate in this building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Burlington Hawk-Eye, various articles and dates. On microfilm at the Burlington Public Library.

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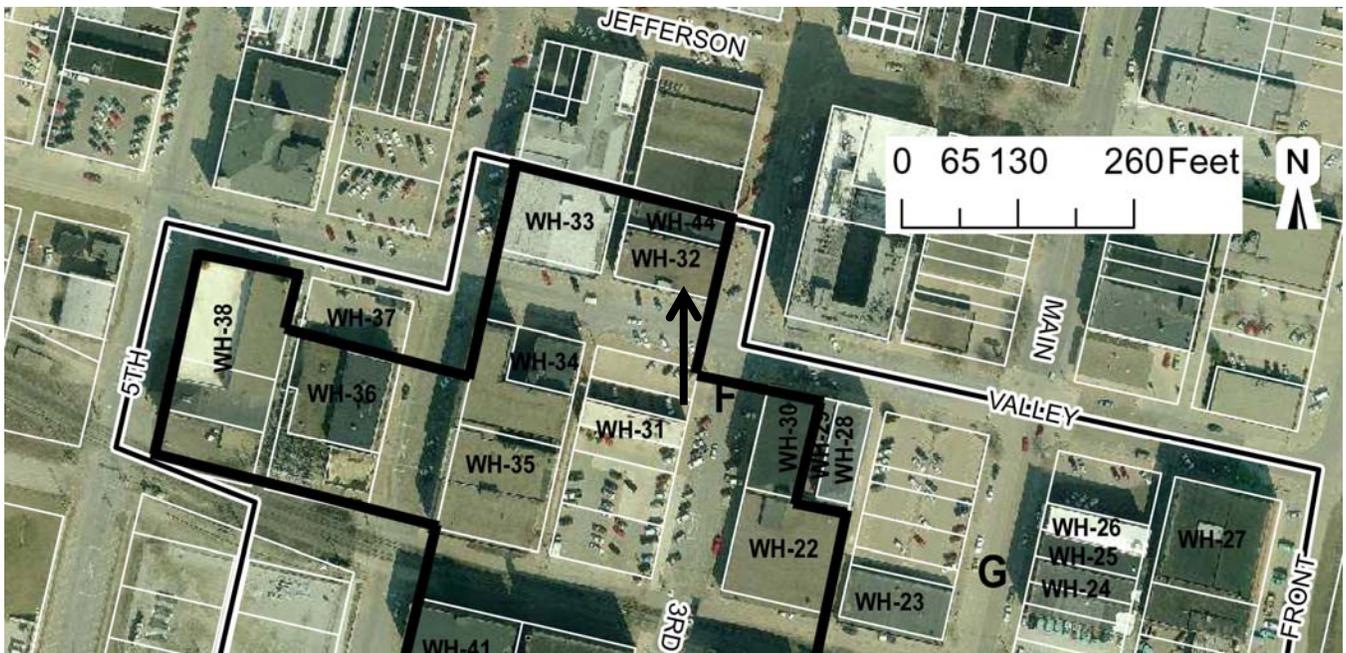
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Location map



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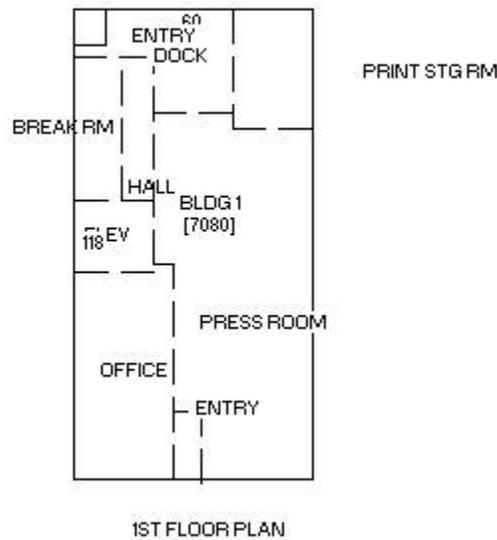
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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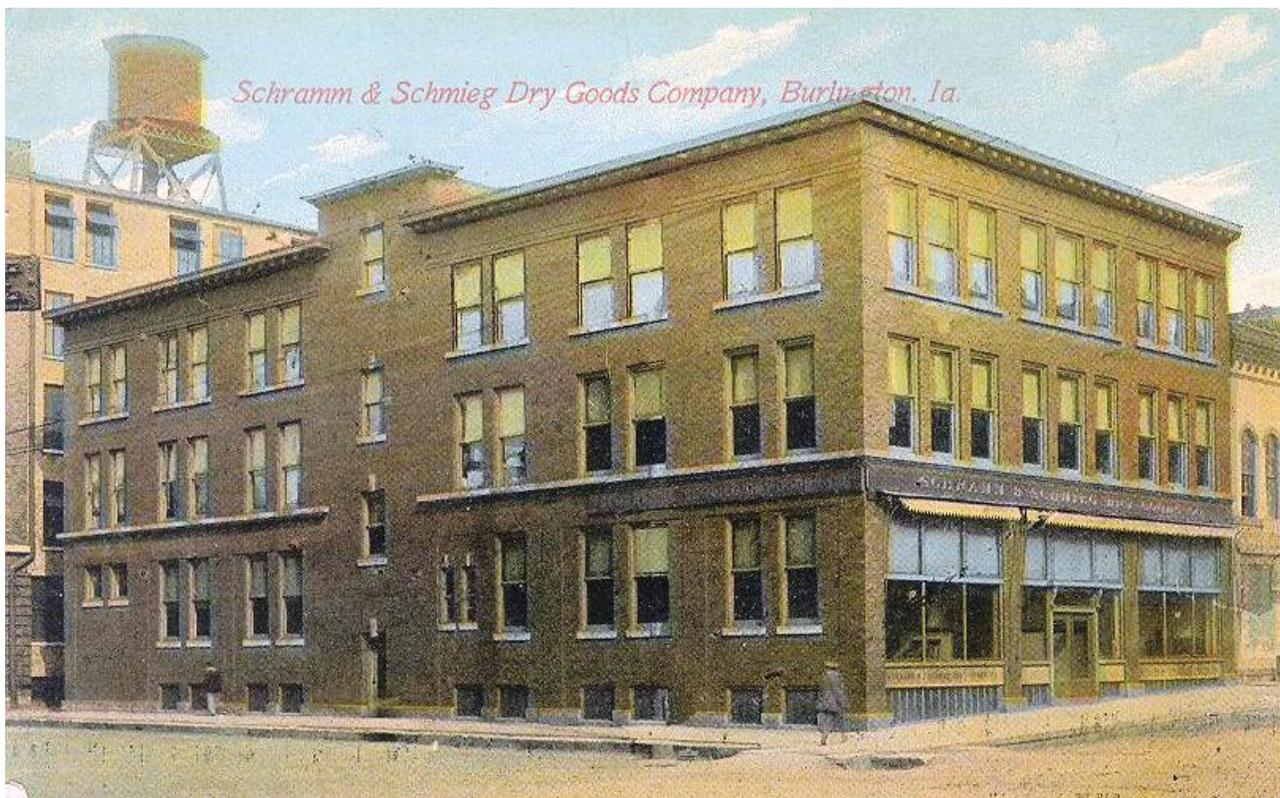
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Historic images



Postcard of building, c.1910s (Burlington Heritage Trust)

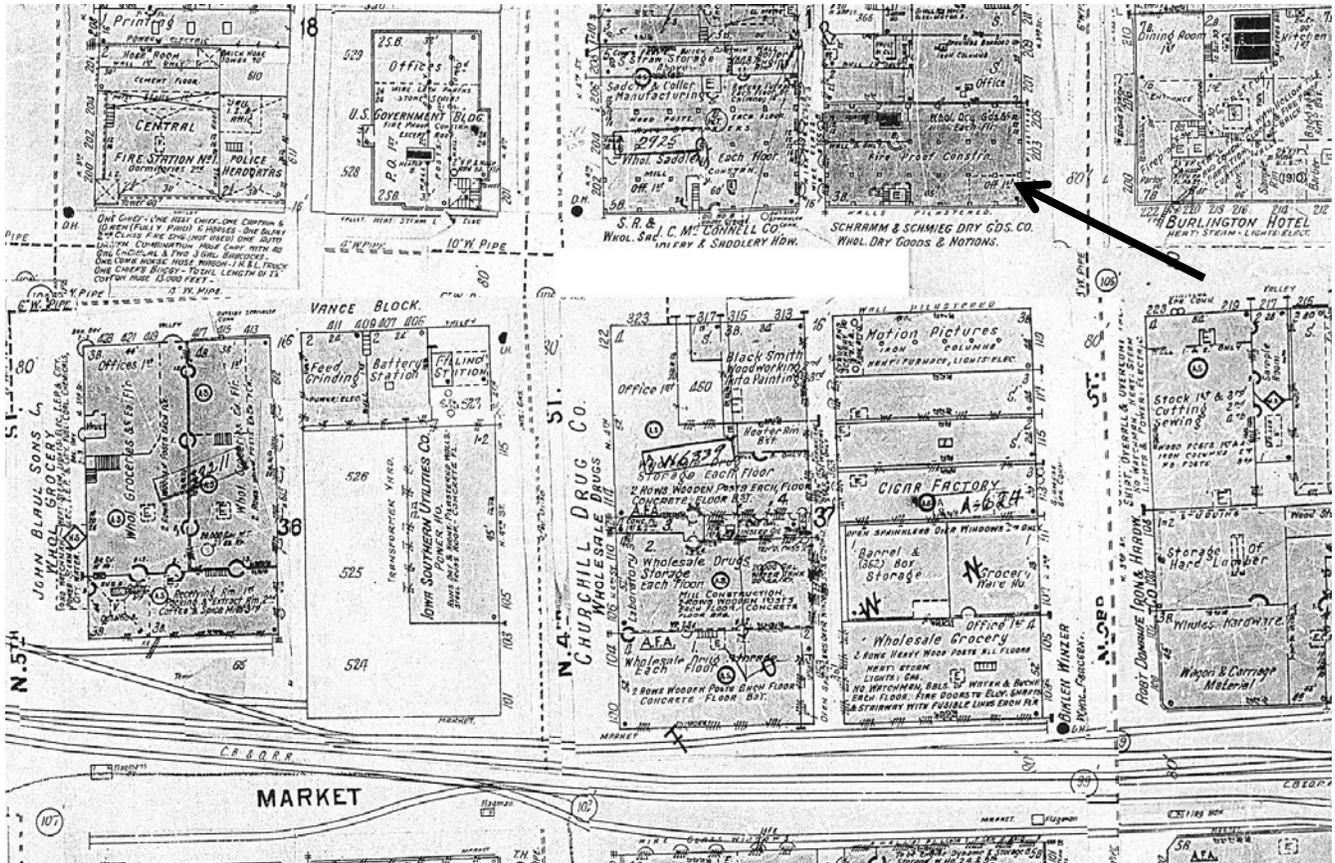
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Building on 1931 Sanborn fire insurance map (Sanborn Map Company).

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Photographs (digital images)



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