

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

State Inventory No. 29-00137 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 S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company
 other names/site number 2009-10 Survey Field Site #WH-33

2. Location

street & number 312-322 Valley Street (also 200-208 N. 4th 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) S39'9" Lot 448 & Lot 449

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>10A02 – Industry / Factory</u>	<u>70: Vacant/Not in Use</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 / Roller</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 312-322 Valley Street (also 200-208 N. 4th Street) Site Number 29-00137
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 1907 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

Significant Person
(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder
Architect Harry I. Goddard
Builder William F. Dannies

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 five-story brick building is a good example of an early 20th Century commercial building displaying the influence of the Renaissance Revival style. The rounded corner reflects the 1896 Unterkircher building at the southeast corner of Valley and 3rd Street. However, the three part vertical design appears to have been an original design element in this building. The entry is located in the rounded corner at the northeast corner of Valley and 4th Street. Historically, the address for this entry alternated between 200 N. 4th Street and 322 Valley Street. The first story on the south side along Valley Street has an entry roughly centered on the building. The six bays of this elevation place the entry with a window in the third bay from the west. The large windows on the first story are individually units rather than unified storefront windows, indicating the original non-retail use of the building. The windows have stone sills and three-light transom windows. The six bays are divided by brick quoins. This first story design carries over into the first story of the west elevation along 4th Street as well. The side is divided into five bay, with the south bay smaller than the remaining bays. Historic photographs shows a more traditional storefront in the north bay at 208, where a retail business operated historically. The next two bays to the south historically consisted of the four-light transom windows only, which had stone sills. At some point, these windows were enlarged remodeled to reflect the design of the larger first story windows. It appears that the stone sill were removed and reinstalled. The second through fourth stories on the south and west are differentiated from the lower and upper parts of the building by continous stone bands that also function as the sills of the second story and fifth story windows. The six bays on the south for these four upper stories have paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows with shared stone sills. This pattern is repeated in four bays on the west side, with the south fifth bay as a single window. The fourth story windows have stone jack arch lintels with keystones. The parapet of the building has brick bands, brick dentils, and stone coping.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company building 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. S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company (wholesale saddlery) operated here from around 1908 to 1945. Then, Schramm & Schmiege (wholesale dry goods) operated here until 1960. The building also appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The history of S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company is significantly within the local history of Burlington, and the architecture of the building is an excellent and generally intact example of a wholesale house and factory from this period.

The S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company was located on the northeast corner of 3rd and Valley Street in 1907. They had assembled most of the property one block to the east and made plans to construct a new facility. By 1908 they had moved to 200-206 North 4th Street and it is therefore assumed that the present building was constructed in 1907. They also owned property to the south. The Hotel Burlington was then constructed on their former site at 208 N. 3rd Street at the northeast corner of 3rd Street and Valley (State Site #29-00093, Listed on NRHP in 1983) in 1910-11.

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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 & Schmeig building (1908, immediately east at 201-205 N. 3rd Street), McConnell building (this c.1907 building at 312-322 Valley), Waterworks office building, Central fire station, West Burlington bank building, several Chittenden & Eastman buildings, Churchill Drug company (c.1907, a block south at 100-110 N. 4th Street), 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). The 1915 biography of William F. Dannies noted that he engaged in general contracting work and built the store of S.R. & I.C. McConnell.

The S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company dates back to 1864 in Burlington. James McConnell moved from Ohio to Burlington in 1864, and he began a leather business. In 1865, son I.C. McConnell joined his father in the business. In 1871, son S.R. McConnell also joined the business. At this time, the business became James McConnell & Company. James died in 1878 and the sons continued the business (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Des Moines County* 1888: 523-24). The business evolved as a wholesale saddlery company, with the name becoming S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company. By 1908, the officers of the company were Samuel R. McConnell (who lived at 1015 N. 6th Street), President and Treasurer; I.C. McConnell (wife Willie J., lived at 1001 North 5th Street), Vice President; G.J. Holstein, General Agent, J.G. Kriechbaum, Secretary; and H.A. Meyer, Superintendent.

The 1910 city directory lists S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company at 202 N. 4th Street and 322 Valley. They were manufacturers and wholesale dealers of leather, saddlery, and saddler hardware. The 208 storefront had a saloon. In 1913, 208 North 4th Street, former location of the saloon, is now home to Fred W. and Anna L. Busers "Kodaks and Pictures" store. In 1915 the Kodak Store is replaced by the H.F. Droegmeyer Shoe Store operated by Harry F. and Olive F. Droegmeyer, who lived at 517 North Main Street. In 1916, the Hawkeye Shoe Company (wholesale shoes) was also listed at 322 Valley, with McConnell. This shared quarters continued through the 1920 city directory. The H.F. Droegmeyer Shoe Store continued at 208 through the 1920s and 1930s. In 1937 Elmer Lawson Shoe Repair Shop joined the 208 North 4th Street address. Mr. Droegmeyer is dropped after 1939, and McConnell and Lawson continue to be listed here through 1945. Charles A. Schlichter became president of S.R. & I.C. McConnell Company in 1938, after working for the company since 1934. They continued to deal in harnesses and saddles as well as luggage ("C.A. Schlichter, 83, Is Dead After Stroke," *Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette*, August 25, 1948, 1). The Southeast Iowa Motor Club (AAA) is listed at 206 in the 1942 to 1945 city directories. Elmer Larson Shoe Repair continued at 208 through the 1947 city directory.

This manufacturing and wholesale facility and the Schramm & Schmieig building to the east then have linked histories over the next few years. From 1942 to 1945, McConnell continues to be listed at 312-322 Valley. On the 2nd story of 316 Valley, the Burlington Instrument Company is listed in 1942 and 1943. In 1943, Schramm & Schmieig acquired this building from McConnell. The Burlington Instrument Company then appears to have moved to their old building as they began moving to this building. After 1945, McConnell Co. moved its location to 113 Washington Street where it had a factory, warehouse,

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and shipping room. They dealt in "Leather, Saddlery. Saddlery Hardware, Horse Clothing, Whips, and Shoe Findings, Retail Trunks, Bags, Suitcases, and a Complete Line of Leather Goods." This building has been demolished. In 1947, Schramm & Schmiegl were listed at 312-320 Valley as wholesale dealers in dry goods and manufacturers of work clothing, cotton gloves, and mittens. They had operated at 201-205 N. 3rd Street (State Site #29-00092) from 1908 until this time. They would remain here until 1960, listed as wholesale dry goods and manufacturers of work clothing.

The storefront spaces continued to see a variety of tenants from the 1950s and into the 1960s. In 1951 and 1955, Pohren Electric is listed in 208 North 4th Street. In 1957, they are replaced by National Studio Photography, who continued to be listed at 208 through at least 1962. In 1962 Burlington Insurance Services moves to 206 North 4th Street, and in 1963 the Billiard Hall "Triangle" is listed at 320 Valley Street (220 North 4th Street). Bennett & Dooley Furniture is listed at 200 N. 4th Street in 1962.

Michael and Diane Darnall bought the building in 1993, and the Darnell family is working on plans to rehabilitate the building.

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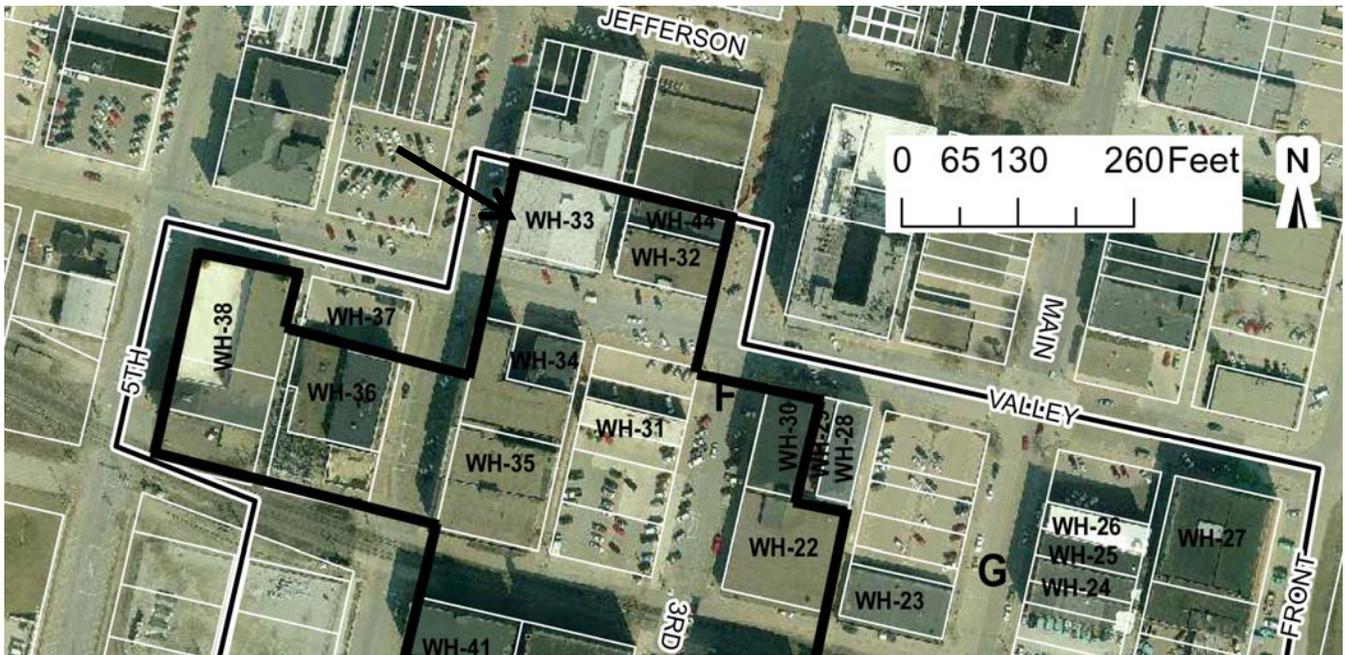
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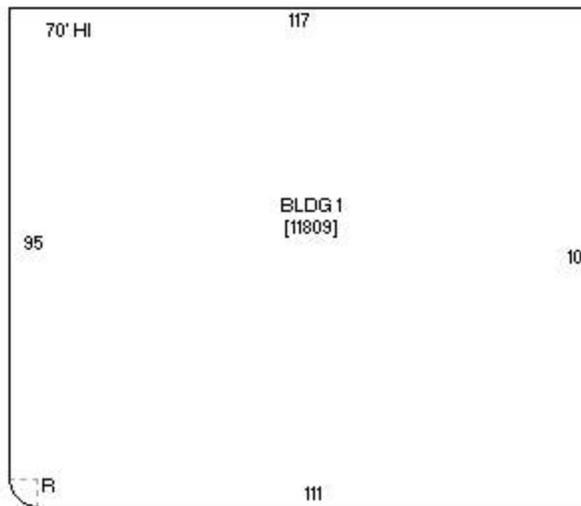
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Location map



Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Postcard of building in early 20th century (Todd Darnell).

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Building at left in early 20th century (Des Moines County Historical Society).

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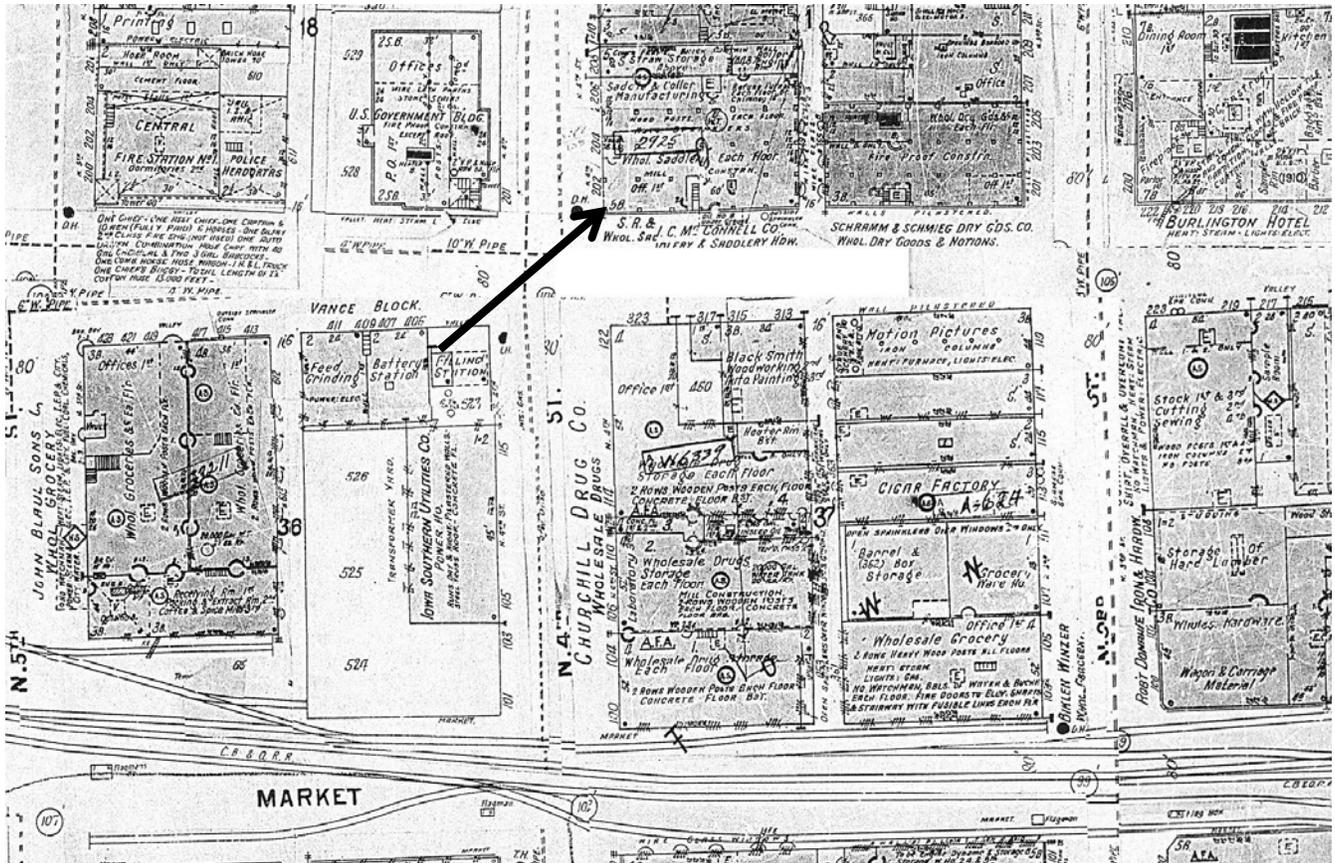
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Building on 1931 Sanborn fire insurance map (Sanborn Map Company).

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Photographs (digital images)



Building, looking northeast
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**Building, looking north
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