

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

State Inventory No. 29-01639 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 Electric Appliance Store
 other names/site number 2009-10 Survey Field Site #WH-29

2. Location

street & number 217 Valley
 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) 257(W80'EXC W59.3") 258(W80'EXC W59'3" & S10'E38)

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>	—
<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	sites	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	structures	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> object	—	objects	—	—
	—	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>02E10: Commerce / appliance store</u>	<u>02G04: Commerce/Tavern</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>08A: Modern Movement / Moderne</u>	foundation <u>04: Stone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>16: Other (structural glass)</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 217 Valley Site Number 29-01639
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
02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1902 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation c.1944

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 brick building with a structural glass façade likely installed in the 1940s, while the Pettigrew family owned this building. The coral tiles are accented by a burgundy band across the parapet wall. The burgundy tones are utilized in the storefront as well. Large plate glass windows and a glass door characterize the storefront. The second story windows are large plate glass windows as well, measuring four by four tiles. This design of the façade likely required a complete removal of the original artistic brick front, permitting this façade to sit flush with the adjacent buildings.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was significantly remodeled around 1944 with the installation of the modern façade. This remodel reflects a move toward modern design in downtown Burlington that would be reflected in additional façade and storefront remodels through the 1950s and into the 1960s. Retail businesses (Electric Appliance Store, Highlander Camera Shop) then operated here in the 1940s and 1950s. This history and architecture contributes to the significance of the historic district. Additionally, the building appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for the c.1944 remodel of the façade. The use of the coral structural glass is characteristic of “modernizing” façades in this period, and this building appears to be the most elaborate use of this material in Burlington.

The 1900 Sanborn map shows this building as a one-story saloon at 219 Valley. Thus, it appears to be an earlier building on this site. The address of 217 was then associated with the building to the east (213-15, or 215-17).

LL and Geo. Unterkircher purchased the property (west 20' of east half) in 1901. The Unterkircher undertaking business, and the addition of a chapel in 1902 are also mentioned in the obituary of George. Per the 1915 county history:

George L. Unterkircher and his brother conducted business under the firm name of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher, and soon erected a fine new building at Third and Valley streets, which they occupied in 1896. This building was put up at an expense of sixty-five thousand dollars. Forty thousand dollars was invested in stock, of which thirty-five thousand dollars was particularly devoted to acquiring the highest class of equipment and animals for their livery, which was modern in every respect. Their undertaking establishment also was one of the largest and most up to date in the state. In 1902 they added a large and artistically decorated chapel with a seating capacity of two hundred.

In a historic photo of this building from the early 20th century, it appears to be the Unterkircher chapel built in 1902, with an artistic front.

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1920s – middle building (Des Moines County Historical Society)

In 1920, the property was sold to Schramm & Schmeig. On the 1931 Sanborn map, the two story building was listed as a "sample room" at 217 Valley. The 1930 city directory lists it as part of Schramm & Schmeig, located at 217-221 Valley.

An ad for Giles Funeral Service at 217 Valley on July 7, 1934 shows this building, with the original artistic front (*Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette*, page 9). Thus, the front was remodeled after this point. In 1940, Giles Funeral Service was here. It is unlikely that they remodeled the building as the original use/appearance would have been compatible with their use. The 1943 city directory lists Schramm & Schmeig factory at 217 and 219 as vacant, which may be a reversal.

The property was sold to R.E. Pettigrew in 1943 and then to Valley Street Realty a few years later. Valley Street Realty was organized by R.E. Pettigrew and Margaret Ann Pettigrew in 1947 (*Hawk-Eye Gazette*, November 26, 1947, 22). The Pettigrew family owned the property until 1976. R.E. Pettigrew was the owner-manager of Hotel Burlington, as well as Hotel Union and Hotel Hawk-eye, known as the

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"Pettigrew Hotels" in 1947 (*Hawk-Eye Gazette*, March 8, 1947, 5). He sold the Hotel Burlington in 1955.

It was likely at the time of Pettigrew's purchase or the Electric Appliance Store's move into this building that the façade was remodeled to reflect a more commercial appearance. The panels are also typical of this period. The 1945 city directory lists the Electric Appliance Store at 217 Valley. Fred G. Strassheim was manager. They advertised Hot Point electric kitchens, radios, refrigerators, ranges, ironers, water heaters, washing machines, etc. An ad in 1946 also indicates that the Electric Appliance Store was at 217 Valley (*Hawk-Eye Gazette*, November 11, 1946, 11). They continue to be listed here in 1947.

In 1951, Highlander Camera Shop was here, according to city directories. On the 1952 Sanborn map, the two story building was listed as a "store" at 217 Valley. Highlander Camera Shop continues to be listed here through 1957. The building was vacant in 1958 and 1958. In 1960, Burlington Sporting Goods is listed here.

A restaurant/bar has operated here in recent years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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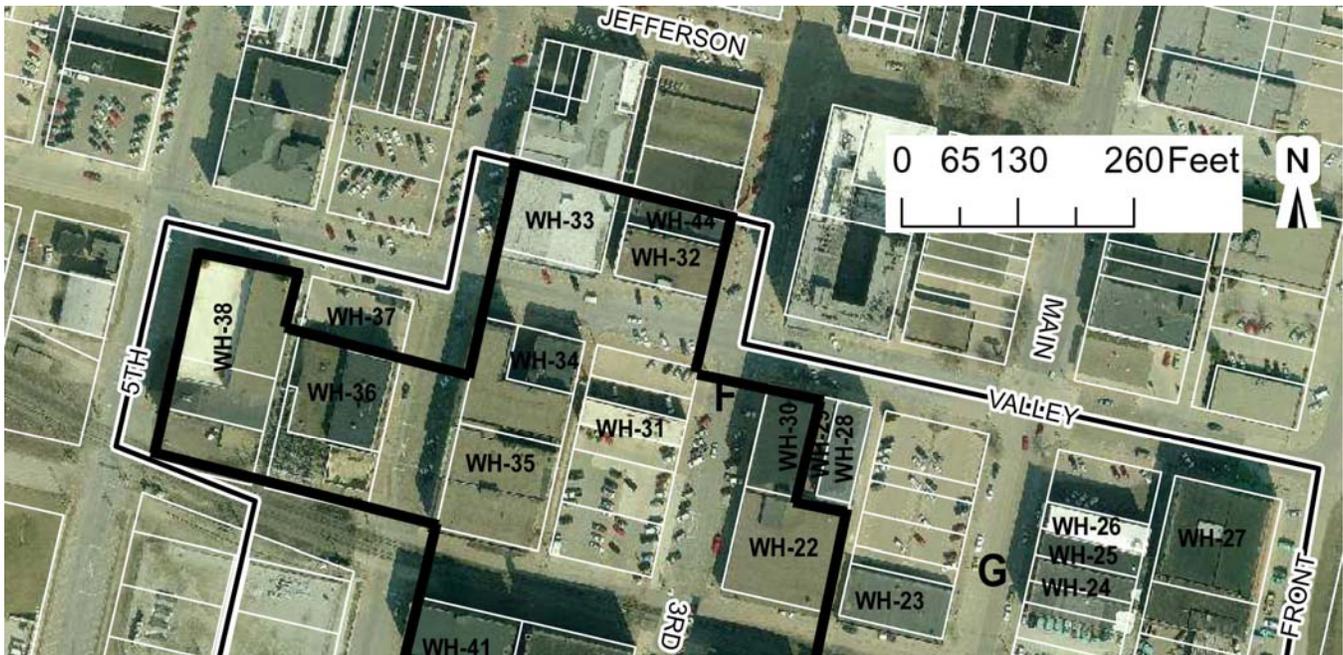
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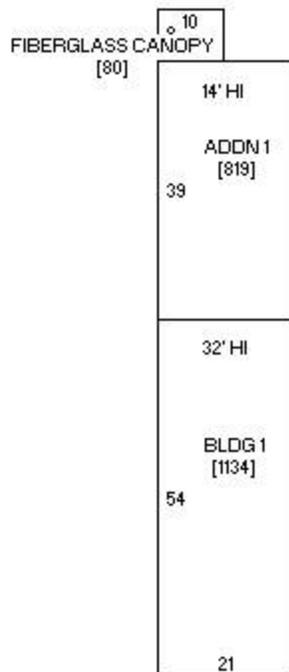
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Location map



Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Façade of building, looking south
November 2, 2009
R.L. McCarley

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Photograph (digital image)



Photograph 29-01639-001 – North elevation, looking south (McCarley, January 14, 2014).