

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

State Inventory No. 29-00259 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03685, 29-00001
 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-Lee Farm Implement Company
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # J-134

2. Location

street & number 317 N. 6th 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 part of Original City Lot 798 Block(s) _____ Lot(s) Starr & Starr Sub – N 27' of Lot 1

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 N/A Historical Architectural Data Base Number _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02A07: Commerce / implement dealer</u>	<u>02E: Commerce / specialty store – janitorial supplies</u>
<u>02E01: Commerce / auto showroom</u>	_____
<u>02E: Commerce / specialty store – janitorial supplies</u>	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>10B: Concrete</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Rolled Asphalt</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 317 N. 6th Street Site Number 29-00259
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 1913-14 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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7. Narrative Description

This is a one-story, three-bay, brick commercial building constructed in 1913-14 on the west side of N. 6th Street. The lot slopes mildly north-south and more drastically east-east, with a one-story appearance on N. 6th Street and a full basement accessed by the alley at the rear. The multi-color brick work and simple geometric details are typical of 1910s buildings, and the building provides an excellent example of this modest style. The entry and windows have been replaced, with paneling across the top of the three openings. The prism glass transom windows were relocated to the bulkhead areas and covered with paneling in 2013. The single-door central entry is flanked by sidelight windows, and a pair of large display windows are found to each side of the entry. Each of the three bays are distinguished on the frieze by a brick outline of a rectangle, with stone accents on the inside corners and a center stone diamond accent. The cornice/parapet has a soldier brick course with a rowlock course above and below it. The raised center of the parapet repeats this detail with a second course of soldier brick. The north and south side have no windows, and a building constructed to the south after this building has been demolished. A mural was painted on the south wall in 2009.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Ewinger-Lee Farm Implement Company building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed in 1913-14 for the company, though they only operated here for a short time. The building is an excellent example of a one-story brick commercial building from the 1910s and 1920s. The Nash-Koch Company operated here for about 20 years from the early 1930s to early 1950s, selling Nash automobiles. The longest occupant is the present business, Ebert Supply Company, who moved into the building in 1957. This history contributes to the significance of the historic district. The building may also be individually eligible under Criterion A for its association with the Ebert Supply Company. Further research and assessment of the interior would be required for full individual evaluation. The building is currently listed as contributing in the West Jefferson Street Historic District (1991, #29-00001).

Lots 797 and 798 at the northwest corner of Jefferson and 6th Street were subdivided as part of the Starr & Starr Subdivision in the early 1870s. W.E. Starr and C.A. Hadley sold Lot 1 in the middle of the block along 6th Street to O.M. Burrus on March 15, 1892. O.M. Burrus started a marble cutting business in 1886, joined by his brother R.R. Burrus in 1904. The 1900 Sanborn map shows a house at 309 N. 6th Street, and the Sanborn maps show a stone yard to the west of the house and cutting shed to south behind Burrus' address of 606 Jefferson. They were noted as the largest plant for granite monuments west of the Mississippi in 1915, with their main plant at Jefferson and Valley (Antrobus 1915, Vol. 2: 268). Burrus apparently demolished this house for development of commercial buildings, and a historic photograph shows a long two-story building with "O.M. Burrus and Brother Monument Works" through the center of the lot, facing 6th Street.

An article in the *Hawk-Eye* on November 23, 1913 notes that the Ewinger-Lee Farm Implement Company was building a 32 by 117 foot building that will adjoin the Burrus property to the south, with

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the thought that another building would be constructed there within the year (likely the one depicted in the historic photograph). Contractor Henry Beck was working on the footings, which were built 21 feet deep for a solid ground. The building would be one-story facing 6th Street, with a full basement as a second level. The south wall was designed with the building to be built to the south in mind ("Buildings Under Way," *Hawk-Eye*, November 23, 1913, 10). In February, the newspaper reported that the Ewinger-Lee Company building was among the fine improvements in Burlington in the last year ("A Fine Improvement," *Hawk-Eye*, February 24, 1914, 10). The north 27 feet of Lot 1 and the adjacent 5 feet to the north were sold by Burrus to W.O. Ewinger on February 20, 1917.

The Ewinger-Lee Farm Implement Company apparently was a short-lived company, as they were not listed in the 1916 city directory. However, the business may have just evolved as the directory then lists the Reliable Water Motor Manufacturing Company here, run by W.O. Ewinger, president, and J.H. Jacoby, secretary and treasurer. The Reliable Garage, managed by Frank Breitenstein, is also listed here. However, it was also short-lived, and listings through the 1920s showed new occupants with each directory. The 1920 city directory lists the service station of Overland Burlington Company (Harry J. Lytle) at 317 N. 6th, with their salesroom at 319-321 N. Main. The Burlington Cadillac-Velie Company (G.L. Kine) is then listed here in 1924, and the Barton Overland Company is here in 1926. C&S Motor Sales Company is here in 1928, and the Hawkeye Chevrolet Company is here in 1930. The 1929 Sanborn fire insurance map shows as auto sales and service, and it is one story with a basement. It stretches the full depth of the lot from 6th Street to the alley.

By 1932, Nash Koch Company (D.M. Koch) moved into this building, and they continued to be listed here until 1947. An ad for the company at 317 N. 6th Street appeared in the *Hawk-Eye* on December 31, 1932. A larger ad on January 28, 1933 notes five groups of cars for 1933 for the Nash Company, four "Eights" and a "Six." The company's goal was maximum quality at a minimum price (*Hawk-Eye*, January 28, 1933, 5). By 1951, the business evolved to Koch Motor Company, still run by Delmer M. Koch. The property transferred from William O. Ewinger to William F. Ewinger et al on November 28, 1942. In 1955 and 1957, Dehner Seed & Supply Company is listed here.

George H. Ebert bought the property from the Ewinger family on April 10, 1957 (Transfer Book 10, p. 378). He then transferred it to Ebert Supply Company in December. The 1960 city directory lists Ebert Supply Company, with George H. Ebert, president; Mrs. Lillian Ebert, vice president; Henry E. Ebert, secretary and treasurer. They are noted as selling shipping room supplies, sanitary cleaning, and janitor supplies. The same officers and products continue to be listed in 1963 and 1965. By 1968, they shifted to sanitary cleaning and janitor supplies, with C.A. Ingram, president; W.E. Pietzsch, vice president, and R.W. Benson, secretary. Ebert Supply Company business continues to operate here in 2014.

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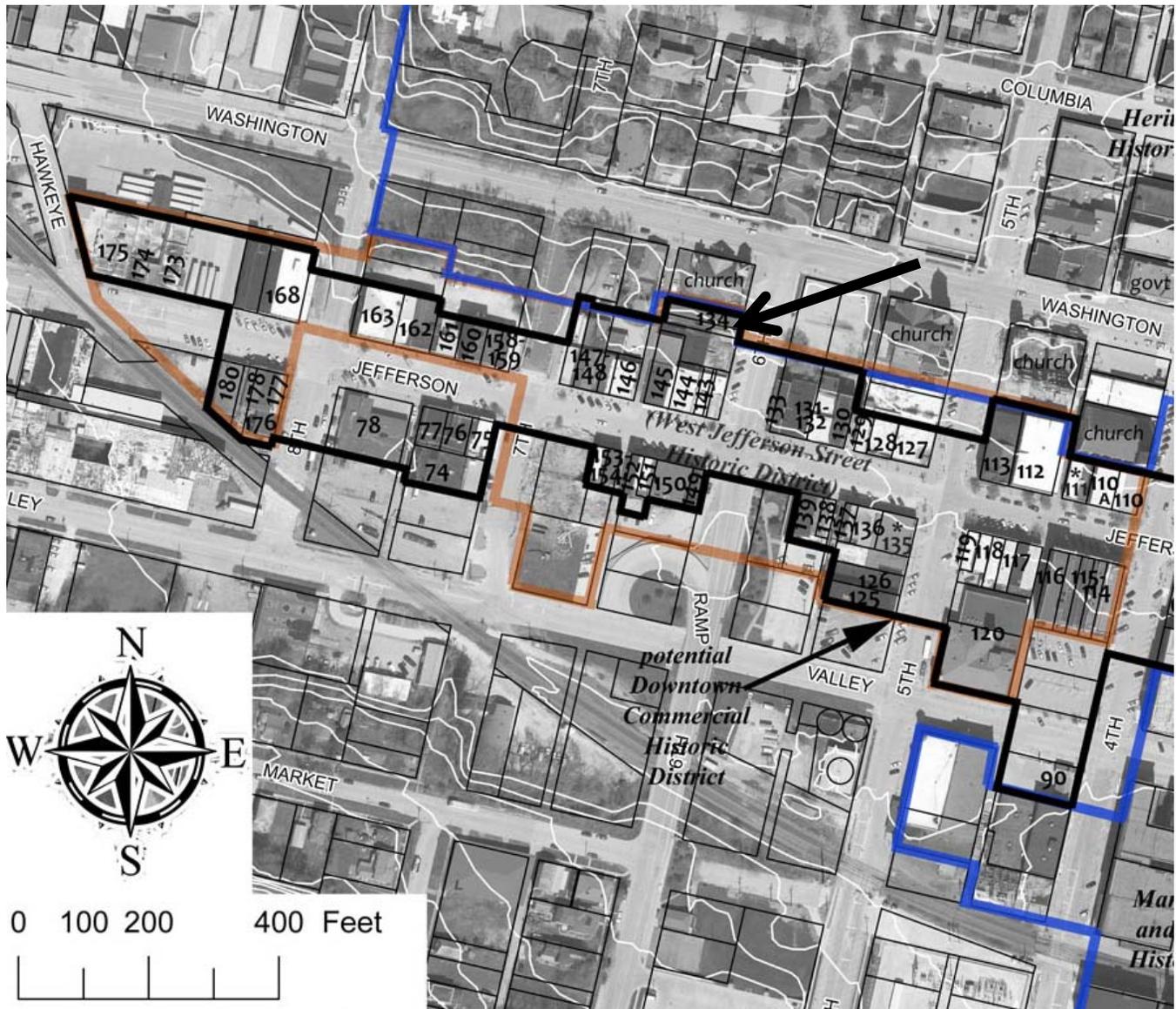
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Location map



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

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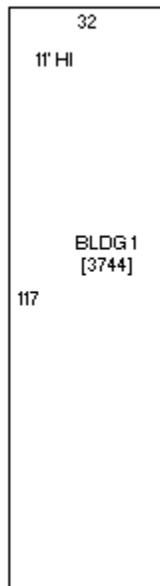
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-00259-001 – South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, July 7, 2013).